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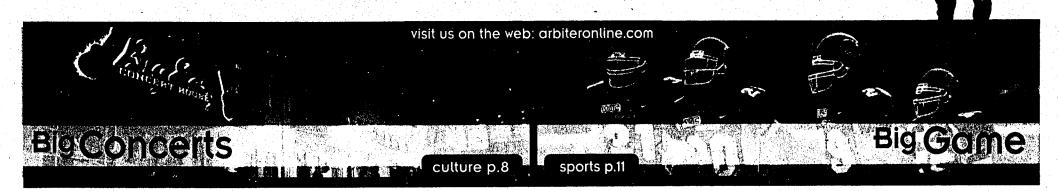
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Volunteer Services Board seeks ASBSU, student participation

BY TESSA SCHWEIGERT **Assistant News Editor**

As mid-November approaches, the Boise State Volunteer Services Board is spotlighting poverty issues and is asking students to participate.

Hunger and Homelessness Week will be held Nov. 12 to 18 and will include several events relating to local and global poverty.

VSB Director Taylor Newbold said BSU students and employees can donate to an ongoing food and clothing drive that directly benefits locals in need.

Items can be dropped off in the Student Union Building near the Associated Students of BSU offices.

sure they go to the appropriate agency," Newbold said.

As part of Hunger and Homelessness Week, VSB will provide a free hunger banquet on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

The interactive banquet will place attendees into three categories - lower-class, middle-class and

based on the class system. Lowerclass meals may consist of only rice, while the upper-class diners will be something more hearty:

"It's not a typical banquet," Newbold said. "I wouldn't recommend showing up hungry."

On Friday, Nov. 18, VSB will show the documentary "Born into

"We'll take [donations] and make upper-class. Meals are determined Brothels" at 7 p.m. in the Hatch C Ballroom of the SUB.

The Oscar-winning documentary focuses on children who are the product of prostitution in Calcutta.

Newbold invited ASBSU senators to Hunger and Homelessness Week events in their Tuesday meeting, and also encouraged participation in VSB's other events.

Service Saturday begins at 9 a.m. this Saturday.

It's the last Service Saturday for the fall semester, and is a program where BSU students throughout volunteer Boise community.

"If you're a good-hearted student or senator, please show up," Newbold said.

'04 candidate for president to visit BSU

BY MICAH MCLAUGHLIN **News Writer**

2004 Libertarian presidential candidate Michael Badnarik will speak at Boise State Thursday Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 12, about the United States Constitution and constitutionality.

The lecture will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Student Union Building's Jordan Ballroom. Admission is free. There will be an opportunity for questions after he speaks. Saturday's seminar will last longer will be held between 1 and 5 p.m. in the Barnwell Room of the SUB. The seminar is available to those who have registered; the price \$50 and includes a book.

The lectures will focus on the intent of the Founding Fathers in writing the U.S. Constitution, according to Robbi Kier, adviser to Students for Liberty.

The seminar will also provide an in-depth discussion of implications of the Constitution, said Kier. Students can expect to gain "a heightened awareness of what our country was based on and a more real idea of what the intent was," said Kier. That is, Badnarik will be speaking about the reach and scope of the Constitution.

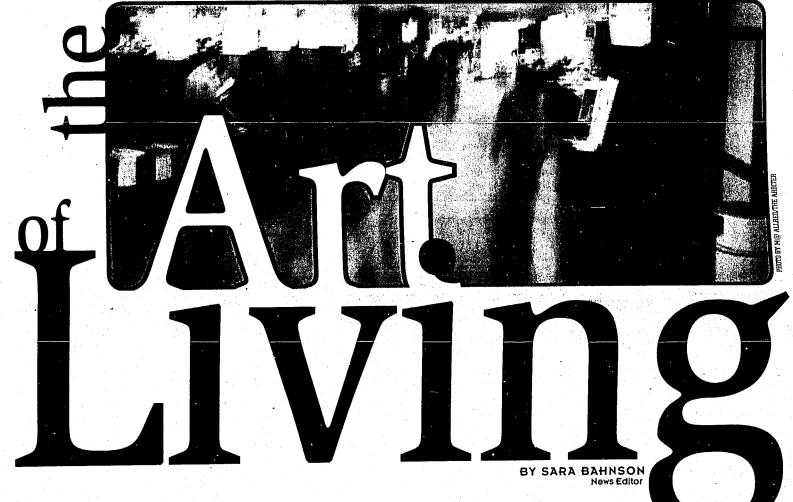
"I do believe that it would be [from] a Libertarian standpoint. However, I think it's a very valuable class because [Badnarik is] ... very educated" and an expert on the U.S. Constitution, Kier continued.

According to Kier, the lectures are of particular value to political science, economics and pre-law students. However, anyone with an interest should find these lectures informative.

Badnarik's visit is sponsored by BSU's resident Libertarian organization, Students for Liberty. Students for Liberty is a student organization advocating the reduction in government size and the expansion of individual rights.

Badnarik, an independent computer consultant since 2001, has been studying the Constitution. since 1983. He was the Libertarian candidate for the Texas House of Representatives in both 2000 and 2002 for the Austin area. The Libertarian Party nominated him as its presidential candidate for the 2004 elections. He won less than one percent of the popular vote during that election. Currently, he is the Libertarian candidate for Texas Congressional District 10, according to his Web site.

SPEAKER INTRODUCES STUDENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO



he BSU International Student Association hosted "The Art of Living," a six-day workshop aimed at reducing stress through breathing techniques, at Boise State Nov. 3-8. The seminar, in which millions of people have participated internationally, ended with a graduation ceremony for 27 students and community members Tuesday night.

"Stress is like a veil that prevents people from living life at its fullest," said Jani Koka, the leader of The Art of Living seminar at BSU. "People pick up so much stress and it builds up as emotional garbage."

Koka said he uses the experiential workshop to teach practical tools to eliminate stress and "give the feeling of lightness." Koka said he has personally felt reduced stress and a greater quality of life in using the program, which includes breathing exercises, yoga, meditation and knowledge.

Koka, who currently is based in improved and that he "got his smile

San Francisco but was brought up in London, said he first learned about the Art of Living during graduate school at the University of California at Santa Cruz. He said he took the course in May 1995 and has been experiencing the benefits since then.

Koka said the techniques he learned in the Art of Living workshop gave him clarity of mind and a better attention and retention span during school.

"I felt a shift right away. [The course] helped me focus much more. I didn't need to study so much, but I got better grades," Koka said.

Koka said he continued to use The Art of Living tools when he entered the business world.

12 hours a day in Silicon Valley, and the breathing techniques gave me mental stamina," Koka said. "I was able to have fun at work."

Koka said his relationships have

back." He said smiling for children is natural; it's as if their "joy was beaming out."

"That smile starts to wear off as we become adults, and the workshop helps people get [their] youthfulness again," Koka said.

Koka said he has been teaching the Art of Living course for four or five years. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar founded the Art of Living Foundation in 1982 and introduced the Sudarshan Kriya, the breathing technique central to the course. Koka said the Kriya has been helpful for people with anxiety, depression and sleep disorders.

Koka said the Art of Living course "I worked as a software engineer for is particularly beneficial for college students and the stress of school they experience.

"So many students have anxiety and depression at such a young age,"

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Authorities search for tornado victims



A tornado ripped through Kentucky and Indiana, killing 22. Authorities drained a lake Monday, searching for victims

Bush's torture policy under fire



Nearly 19 months after reports of abuse in an Iragi prison, the Bush administration's torture policy is under fire.

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world

Riots in France intensify; restoring order is a priority

PARIS — As violent disturbances intensified Sunday in cities across France, President Jacques Chirac said restoring public order and security was his government's "absolute priority."

Chirac, who has been nearly invisible during 11 days of the worst unrest France has experienced since the student protests of 1968, warned that "those who want to sow violence of fear, they will be arrested, judged and punished."

But his words did little to deter the angry young men who live in the squalid housing projects that ring the outskirts Paris, Nantes, Orleans, Rennes, Rouen and other cities. As darkness settled, they were out again in force, setting fire to cars, buses and shops, terrorizing their neighborhoods and reveling in self-destructive violence.

Rioters armed with bricks, baseball bats and Molotov cocktails clashed with police in the southern city of Toulouse.

In St. Etienne, a city in central France, rioters attacked a bus, forcing the passengers off before setting it on fire. The driver and one passenger were injured. City officials announced that they were shutting down public transport until further notice.

Near Paris, the violence spread to the southern suburb of Grigny, where rioters allegedly shot at police with hunting rifles, according to French television. Two policemen were reported to have been hospitalized with serious injuries.

Since the trouble began, at least 800 people have been arrested and 3 500 to 4,000 vehicles have been

torched, mostly in the outlying districts of Paris, according to the unofficial tallies of various news outlets.

By midnight Sunday, another 95 people had been arrested and another 528 cars had been set ablaze around the country, according to police.

Residents of some communities hit by the violence have started to set up neighborhood patrols to protect schools and businesses.

"We are at the point now where we have to call in the army," one beleaguered shopkeeper in Paris told French television.

The rioting was triggered by an Oct. 27 incident in which two immigrant teenagers who thought they were being chased by police were electrocuted when they tried to hide in a power substation in the Paris suburb of Clichy-sous-Bois.

national

Tornado rips across Kentucky, Indiana, killing at least 22

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Hearing the winds whip outside his mobile home and the sound of breaking glass, Dustin Watts ordered his wife to get in the bathtub and then went to get his sons, ages 5 and 2.

Watts, 28, doesn't know what happened next. But he thinks the tornado that killed at least 22 people when it struck northern Kentucky and southern Indiana early Sunday tossed his home into the air.

"I don't know if it flipped over but it felt like it did," Watts said as he sat on concrete steps that used to lead to his trailer but on Sunday afternoon connected to nothing. The frame of his trailer sat about 20 feet away in Eastbrook Mobile Home Park outside Evansville, Ind. Though one of his boys suffered head injuries and was hospitalized, Watts and the rest of his family were relatively lucky compared to their neighbors in the trailer park, the site of the most fatalities from the tornado. By Sunday evening, Vanderburgh County officials estimated that at least 17 people had been killed in the trailer park, where 144 of the 350 mobile homes were either obliterated or left uninhabitable. Five other people died in nearby Warrick County, Ind.

"If we're lucky that's going to be it, but I've got a feeling it's going to go up," said Don Erk, Vanderburgh County coroner, who said three children were among the dead found so far.

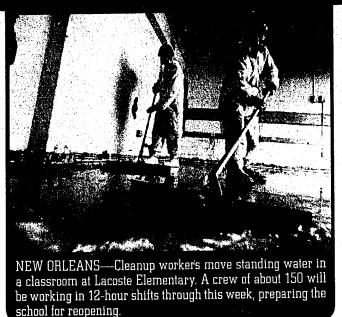
The death toll from Sunday's tornado, which struck around 2 a.m., was Indiana's worst since 1974, when a string of twisters hit 13 states and southern Canada, killing 351 people, including 47 in Indiana, according to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

Sunday's tornado more than tripled the U.S. tornado death toll for the year. Until Sunday, only 10 people had been killed in tornadoes this year, according to the National Weather Service.

EPA cites factory for choco-pollution

CHICAGO — The sweet smell of chocolate wafting through down-town Chicago isn't fattening, but it could be bad for you anyway.

Considered by many to be an olfactory delight, the Blommer Chocolate Co. factory is being accused of releasing too much chocopollution while grinding roasted cacao beans for 10-pound candy bars and other delectable treats. Someone apparently isn't cuckoo for cocoa powder lingering in the air.



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sent an inspector to check out the factory after a neighbor complained about the aroma of burnt chocolate. The unidentified person didn't care for the powder-filled plume churning out of a roof duct, either.

Based on what the inspector saw during two mornings in early September, the EPA cited Blommer on Thursday for violating limits on opacity, or the amount of light blocked by the factory's grinder dust. Environmental regulators measure opacity to help determine if factories are releasing too much pollution that can trigger asthma attacks and harm people suffering from heart and lung diseases — whether those tiny particles are soot from a power plant or cocoa dust from a candy grinder.

But the EPA rarely cites companies just for violating the limits. The agency's decision to take action against Blommer comes amid repeated complaints that the agency has failed to address opacity violations at coal-fired power plants in the Chicago area.

local/bsu

BSU offers music, theater study tour to New York City

Boise State music Professor Del Parkinson will lead an educational music and theater study tour of New York City March 27-April 2, 2006.

York City March 27-April 2, 2006.

Parkinson has led more than a dozen previous study tours to New York City and London. The trip is organized through BSU's Division

of Extended Studies.

Participants will attend worldclass performances of carefully selected music and theater productions, enriched by informal discussions tailored to accommodate all
levels of interest.

Shows will include "Wicked,"
"Monty Python's Spamalot,"
"Disney's Tarzan" and "The Odd

Couple," starring Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick.

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Tour members will also have the opportunity to visit several cultural sites, including Rockefeller Center, the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, the New York Stock Exchange and the backstage of the Metropolitan Opera.

Cost is \$2,900, which includes round-trip airfare from Boise, six nights of hotel accommodations in the theater district, tickets to theater and music performances, admission charges, guided tours, additional sightseeing and activities, selected meals and credit or noncredit fees.

Space is limited. For more information or for a complete itinerary, contact the Division of Extended Studies at 426-3293 or (800) 824-7017, ext. 5.

An additional study tour to Paris will run from May 21-28.

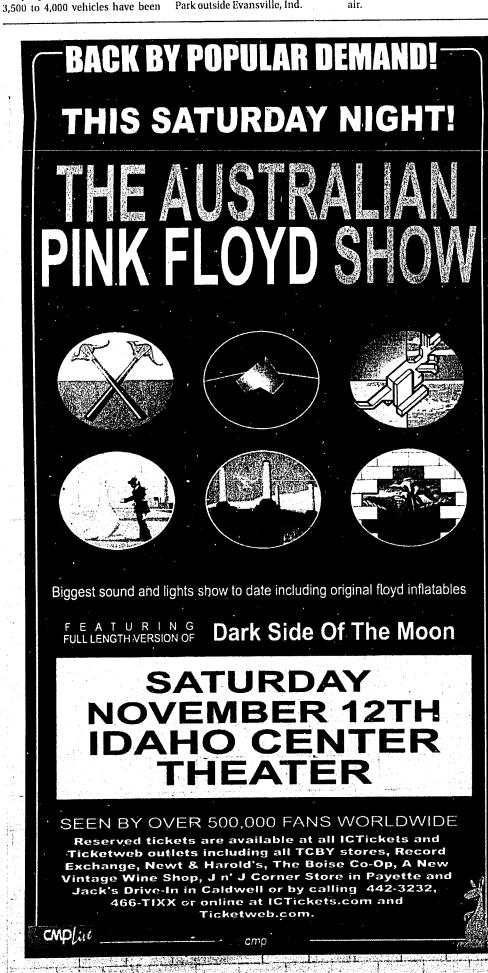
what the?

Just where do you think you are, lady, in Finland!?

A Finnish woman visiting Pushkar, India, took a naked swim in a lake the locals consider holy, then walked, still in the nude, back to her hotel. Citizens were outraged. The police charged her with indecency.

Is there a problem, Your Honor?

A man came to court in Benton, Ark., to appeal his second drunken driving conviction. He showed up drunk.







Allison Cox, a bartender at a club in Orlando, Fla., will hand out the Rejection Hotline number when customers persist in getting hers.

Dial 'R' for rejection

BY ALINE MENDELSOHN The Orlando Sentinel

It's an age-old mating ritual, not unlike a courtship ceremony you might see on the Discovery Channel.

The male species puffs out his chest, struts over to the female, fumbles through some conversation, perhaps buys her an Appletini, and, if all goes well, scores her cellphone number.

After the respectable three days have passed (remember the movie Swingers?), the male calls the female. But if she has given him the number (407) 970-8278, he is in for a rude surprise.

"You've reached the Rejection Hotline!" a cheerful voice says. " ... Unfortunately, the person who gave you this number did not want you to have their real number." Then the voice rattles off a host of reasons for the rejection, arrogance, body odor,

a "psycho-stalker vibe." The man behind the voice, Jeff Goldblatt, originated the Rejection Hotline four years ago. He was at an Atlanta bar and observed a man flirting with an uninterested woman, who ultimately told the man to get away from her.

Even the man's friends were laughing at him. There had to be a less humiliating way of rejecting someone, Goldblatt figured.

So he recorded a Rejection Hotline message, first as a joke, but then word spread. Today, about 1.6 million callers dial the number each month, Goldblatt says. Local numbers are available for about 30 cities. Goldblatt, an MBA student at Emory University, also runs rejectionhotline.com, a site that makes a profit through advertisements, sponsorships and products for sale such as Rejection Hotline under-

Goldblatt estimates that 98 percent of callers dial for fun.

As for those who take it seriously, Goldblatt says, "We like to think it's a public service." (By "we," Goldblatt is referring to himself and his tribe of unpaid interns.)

He says it's a service to both sides, particularly the reject, who saves face instead of enduring a public rejection.

Nice it is not.

Receiving the number could be crushing, says Elayne Savage, author of "Don't Take it Personally! The Art of Dealing with Rejection."

"You don't know someone's history, and you don't know how they may have been hurt in the past," Savage says. "You don't know what kind of reaction someone might

She adds that the hotline could dredge up painful memories, perhaps childhood traumas.

There are classier ways to do a

decline," Savage says.

John Fuhrman, author of "Reject Me, I Love It! 21 Secrets for Turning Rejection into Direction," recommends offering a reason for rejecting someone. Constructive criticism, if you will.

You could tell a person, What I'm really looking for is X, and you are not that.

There's always the cop-out, It's not you, it's me.

But when faced with a particularly obnoxious person, Fuhrman doesn't rule out a direct, You know

"There is definitely a need for it (the hotline)," says Fuhrman, who is known in some circles as "Mr. Rejection." "If you've got someone you can't shake off, absolutely, use the number."

Allison Cox has done so several times.

Cox, a bartender at Universal Orlando's CityWalk, once was pursued by a man wearing a shirt that read: Hi, You'll Do.

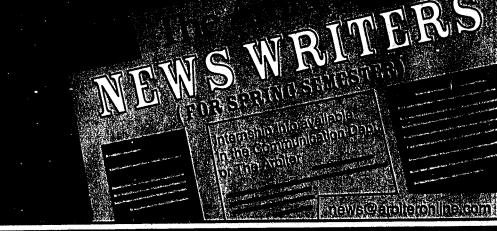
Charming.

He wouldn't take the hint/so she gave him the number.

"I thought I would never see him again," Cox says.

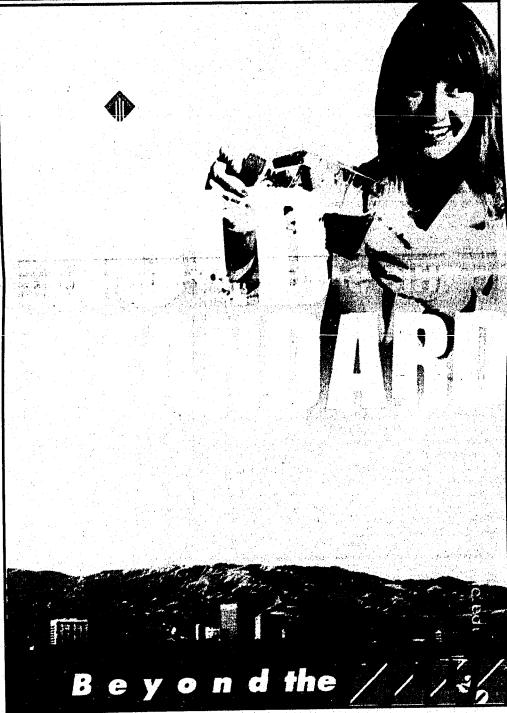
She thought wrong. He came to the bar again and told her that giving the rejection number was really mean. It hurt his feelings.

And then he asked for her number again.



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Faculty recognition deadline extended

BY TESSA SCHWEIGERT **Assistant News Editor**

The deadline for faculty recognition nominations is extended to

The 20th Annual ASBSU Faculty Recognition Dinner will take place Tuesday, Jan. 24 instead of Dec. 8. ASBSU Senator Katie Jo Rupert

invited students to nominate faculty who are worthy of recognition. Rupert said only about 30 applications had been received as of this

past Tuesday's ASBSU meeting.

"We hope to get a lot more applications," Rupert said.

She said the more applications they receive, the more meaningful it is to the winners.

Nomination forms can be accessed at the ASBSU Web site, www.asbsu.org.

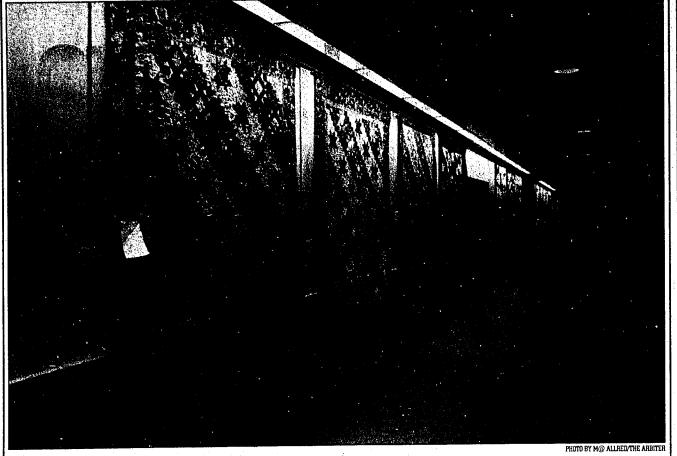
Students can nominate professors and adjunct faculty from the Larry G. Selland College of Technology, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of

Business and Economics, the College of Education, the College of Engineering, the College of Health Sciences and the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs.

Once completed, nomination forms can be turned in to the ASBSU offices, located in the Student Union Building.

For more information, contact Mike Williams, ASBSU Director of Student Affairs, at 426-1440 or MJDubya05@aol.com.





Patchwork Quilt Show Second Floor of the Library

The annual PieceWorks quilt show featuring quilts made by BSU employees will continue until the end of semester.

College carries a cost in Ohio, Idaho

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS With reporting by Emily Poltevin

Idaho differs from other states in the fact that it costs more for students to attend private schools than it does for public schools. According to the Albertson College of Idaho's Web site, students pay an average of \$15,200 a year in tuition and fees at the college, regardless of whether or not they are Idaho residents. Out-of-state students at Boise State University pay \$11,280 a year to attend. In general, the costs of attending a public institution in Idaho are similar no matter which college or univer-

Overall, however, the cost of attending a college in Idaho, regardless of whether it is private, is much lower in comparison to other states, such as Ohio.

Those were findings in the College Board's annual Trends in College Pricing survey released last week.

David Creamer, vice president for administration at Kent State University, said he wasn't surprised that Ohio has the sixth most expensive public four-year colleges and the fifth most expensive public two-year colleges in the 2005-06 academic year.

State support for higher education has stabilized or dropped in recent years, tipping more

"When we look at the total costs we spend for a student, it's a matter of the state share that makes the difference," Creamer said.

While the state share of per-student funding has dropped \$1,611 over the last three years, the student share has grown by \$1,311, said spokesman Bret Crow of the Ohio Board of Regents, the coordinating body for higher education in the state.

"There's almost a direct relationship between state support and the amount that students pay," he said.

Regents Chancellor Rod Chu said Ohio's costs 'have always been up there in the top quarter of the country" and in the top 10 for the last several years.

The College Board said students at four-year public colleges in Ohio are paying an average of \$7,040 this year; students at Ohio's two-year colleges are paying \$3,650.

Ohio's private colleges did better when compared with their peers, although such schools' costs still are much higher.

The average tuition cost of \$18,910 was well below the national average of \$21,235.

That put the state in 18th place in the rankings, which weighted tuition prices by the insti-

Idaho's average tuition costs of \$3,890 for public schools and \$13,330 for private residents are also well below the national average. The cost of attending a public university or college in Idaho increased by nine percent from the year before, and the cost of attending a private

university or college increased by six percent. This was the first year the not-for-profit membership organization in New York City provided

state averages.

Although the published price for college can seem shockingly high, most students don't pay that amount, the report pointed out.

Sixty-two percent of full-time U.S. undergraduates received grants and federal tax credits and deductions for higher education last year, according to the College Board's companion report, Trends in Student Aid.

Those subsidies can dramatically lower the cost of a private education.

At the College of Wooster, for example, the, typical incoming freshman got \$20,440 in aid this year, said Derek Gueldenzoph, dean of ad-

At \$35,290 for room and board, tuition and fees, the cost to attend the Ohio college is one of the highest in the state. More than 90 percent of Wooster students get some type of award.

At the same time, many students are borrowing more money to pay for their education, according to the College Board.

While undergraduate funding via grants dropped from 50 percent to 46 percent over the last three years, the percentage in loans rose from 43 percent to 46 percent.

"If they continue on the current track, loans will exceed grants in coming years," said Sandy a senior policy analyst at the College

Some of that debt may come with high interest rates. As many as 25 percent of students may be relying on credit cards to finance their educations, the College Board said.



Jani Koka led the recent Art of Living seminar at BSU.

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Koka said. "[The course] really helps people who feel like they don't have time [to] get things done more efficiently."

The Art of Living workshop also focuses on eliminating the anxiety people feel about past hardships, Koka said.

"When you think of an event from the past, you feel like you're feeling it again," Koka said. "The Kriya breaks the bridge [from the past to the present]."

Those who take the course learn a 10 to 15-minute breathing routine to do at home.

"When people finish the course, they ask how they can feel like this all of the time," Koka said. He said the home practice breathing routine will continue beyond the seminar to dramatically decrease emotional toxins that build up from stress.

"I find myself waking in the morning and being excited to get up and face the day. Difficulties don't seem so difficult any more and I seem to be taking everything as it should be taken; with a centered thought, and a stress free mind," said BSU students on Koka said the next Art of tended the course.

Koka said the rhythm of the breathing techniques are particularly important.

"Your emotional state effects the rhythm of your breath and the rhythm of your breath can effect your emotional state," Koka said.

TheArtofLivingFoundation teaches on courses for the general public, youth, corporations and prisons.

"Prisoners go through a real transformation because they're not so violent and have less negative thoughts," Koka said. "We help them reintegrate into society."

Koka said his vision for the Art of Living is to develop a stress-free, violence-free America.

"Stress is the real core and that stress for some people causes violence," Koka said. "If there's peace of mind on an individual level, it can eventually effect people on a global level."

The Art of Living course has been taught in 144 countries to six million people, Koka said. The Art of Living Foundation is the largest volunteer-run non-profit organization in the world and is United Nations-charted. The Art of Living course fees fund service projects that have benefited 25 million people, Koka said.

"We're inspired in the spirit of service," Koka said.

Sara Fix, coordinator for the Art of Living Foundation, said she was impressed by the number of students who were interested in the course. She said 60 students expressed interest in only four days of tabling in the BSU Student Union Building.

Antonio Bommarito who at- Living course at BSU will be Jan. 31 to Feb 5. It is a six session course and you must ! attend all six sessions. The weeknights will be 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. and the weekends will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. More information is available by calling (888)760-3970 or by emailing idaho@artofliving.

"When everything goes well, it's easy to be happy and smiling," Koka said. "We work on developing the unconditional smile."

Analysts concerned about gender imbalance on college campuses

BY ROCHELLE RILEY **Detroit Free Press**

The irony was overwhelming. Newspaper reports heralding a

drug that could extend the lives of women suffering from breast cancer competed for attention with reports expressing concern that the number of men attending college continues to decline below the number of women.

At a time when women are fi-

nally making some headway in a society that has treated them as instruments for male superiority; at a time when women are in positions to ensure that medical research more effectively extends to women's illnesses; at a time when a woman is the U.S. president's secretary of state and could possibly mount a viable campaign for president in three years — there is an outcry that perhaps the nation has done too much for women, that America may have gone too far.

About 57.4 percent of college enrollees eligible for federal student aid two years ago were women; 42.6 percent were men. The gender imbalance has some college administrators, according to USA Today, wringing their hands as they figure out what to do.

Initially, this may seem like an overreaction, until one reads the words of Jim McCorkell, founder of a college-preparatory program for

low-income kids in St. Paul, Minn., who was concerned that only 30 percent of his clients were boys last

"We actually did a little affirmative action," he told USA Today. "If we had a tie (between a male and a female), we gave it to a boy."

Analysts are concerned about the future of boys, whose careers were made in blue-collar jobs. Those have dried up in the dust of technological advancements that require

college experience for many jobs that once didn't have such a learning curve.

McCorkell wondered why there isn't more of an outcry. Perhaps, it is because there is nothing wrong.

Perhaps, instead of concentrating on the differences between boys and girls and whether more girls are going to college, America could concentrate more on children in elementary school. One college professor suggested that, if the gap persists, preferences should be given to will men. Such ill-advised action might # " help a few boys. But it also might first harm the future career of the woman who discovers a cure for breast 2018 cancer. And that would set America 1871 back by quite a few decades.

Boise State University reported a 11 11 greater amount of gender imbalance 11211 in 2004 than previous years. In 2004, 112 the ratio of male to female applicants in was 46 percent to 54 percent.





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Every counts

BY LIZ HUERTA HALE **Opinion Writer**

Living in today's society is very expensive. It doesn't help that minimum wage hasn't increased from \$5.15 in more than eight years. I wasn't around during the Great Depression, but it's starting to feel like we're headed that way again. I mean, I remember when I used to cruise the streets all day, every day and be happy to pay 88 cents for a gallon of gas. It's a huge difference today because it hurts every time I have to pay almost \$3 per gallon of gas.

As if gas wasn't the only thing hurting my pockets; food, entertainment, rent and everything else is getting pricier, too. Going to the movies can break your little bank. It's almost \$9 to watch a movie, and I'm not even going to mention the cost of snacks because they're ridiculous.

I've noticed that while prices on everything keep going through the roof, now just about everywhere I go, the receipt includes a blank for a "tip." Are you kidding me? I don't mind tipping a waiter, but this tipping thing has gotten out of control! Like the other day I picked up a pizza at a Pizza Hut and when I went to pay, the receipt included a spot for a tip! Call me cheap, but I thought tips only applied for the drivers when they actually make a delivery.

It's almost like you're forced to pay more money for a pizza because if you

don't include a tip, you either get a dirty look or feel like a cheap dirtbag. But this isn't the only place that has

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caught my eye. Places like George's Deli, Pollo Rey and Shanghai China Express make it a point to include a blank for a tip when you pay with your debit or credit card. Yes, these are places where they serve your food, but you're the one who has to get up and pick it up from the counter. It's not like the personnel are waiting your table.

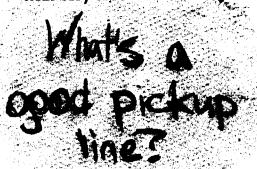
These places are just slightly above a fast food joint; why should I add a tip?

The last time I checked, the people who make the food are already earning a decent wage. People making ice cream somehow think they deserve a tip, too. At Cold Stone, all they do is mix your ice cream goodies on a stone and pile the blob into a foam cup. The ice cream's already pricey as it is, so you're pretty much tipping for the "show."

Hell, even the emissions testing van I went to had a huge sign that flat-out asked for tips. It's as if everybody's out to make a quick buck; it's crazy.

I know most of us students are on a tight budget. So next time you purchase anything from places like the ones mentioned above; look at your receipt before you sign it. Every dollar adds up and things aren't getting any cheaper. It's so sad that today's economy has forced us to be such pennypinchers and coupon-clippers.

Sound dating advice from two guys with very different sex lives



BY DREW LOWDER **Guest Opinion**

Isn't it funny what people will say to you as a pick-up line these days? I mean, who actually thinks that telling someone they are better-looking than a new set of snow tires is a desired feature.

When I hear pick-up lines in a bar or at work, I just can't help but laugh. It is too much of a desperate attempt to break the ice of conversation. Though pick-up lines usually get the words across between two people, the converstation never seems to turn out the way we

want it to. Most of the time, just the honest truth is the best pick-up line available. For example, "Hi, my name is John Doe, and I just couldn't help to comment on what a great smile you have!" Honesty is simple, smooth and most important ... honest!

The only way that I have ever witnessed, or yes even myself, been successful with one those cheesy pick-up lines is just to make them into a joke.

Getting them to be so far out there, and then laughing at yourself for saying it seems to work some of the time. This usually does what a pick-up line is supposed to do, break the ice.

The important thing is just to be yourself. Don't say anything that isn't you, because it is true what they say - first impressions mean a lot.

BY DREW MAYES Opinion Editor

Pick-up lines remind me a lot of bad Valentine's Day gifts. Somewhere, somebody convinced you that she really did want a vacuum cleaner for the special day. After all, it's practical and gets the job done.

Well, somehow guys seem to think pick-up lines are also practical and get the job done because it breaks the ice and gets you in the door. But much like the Valentine's Day vacuum gift, you'll quickly realize you were wrong, very wrong. Take a page from Nancy Reagan and 'just say no' to the pick-up line

However, if you're a girl, pick-up lines will work just fine. A couple of weeks ago a girl came up to a friend of mine and said, "Hey, do you know how much a polar bear weighs?" I guess she knew he was confused because he just stared blankly ahead; so she killed the suspense and said, "Just enough to break the ice. Hi, my name is the girl who is way out of your league." OK, she didn't say that last part, but it was true.

See, when a girl drops the pickup line it comes off as cute, even brave and a little adorable. Yeah, I know it's a double standard fellas, but it's something we will have to deal with for now. It might help if we don't act like we just got picked first for tee-ball when a girl actually talks to us first.

Questions for Team Drew? Too bad because we're not writing anymore.

The long lost art of witty insults

Your momma jokes were never phat

BY BRANDON NOLTA Opinion Writer

Whatever happened to the bon mot, the well-turned phrase of insult? Such phrases used to be par for the course in politics; if you don't believe me, get thee to the library and look up some of the journalism from a century or more ago. Those whiners on both sides who think the media is biased one way or the other would be surprised and perhaps appalled; some of the political rhetoric of the 19th century, if applied to modern politicos, would simultaneously curl the hair and summon a bunch of slavering lawyers for the ensuing libel suits. Although campaigns in the United States are often dirty by modern standards, you have to turn to the English to find good (i.e., witty) insulters. Winston Churchill immediately springs to mind in this regard; supposedly, the Lady Astor once told the great English bulldog,

"Winston, if you were my husband, I'd poison your coffee." Churchill replied, "Madam, if I were your husband, I'd drink it." And this is one of his milder zingers; Churchill once out civilization in between." declared of the British Navy, "The real traditions of the British Navy are rum, buggery and the lash."

But Churchill does not stand alone in the glorious pantheon of insulters. John Wilkes, a British radical and journalist of the late 1700s, once responded to the Earl of Sandwich's declaration, "I do not know whether you will die on the gallows or of the pox," by saying, "That will depend, my Lord, on whether I embrace your principles or your mistress." During an election campaign, a member of Wilkes' district said he would rather cast his vote for the devil. Wilkes responded, "And if your friend decides against standing, can I count on your

And then, there's the king of British wit in insult form: Oscar Wilde. Some scholars might give George Bernard Shaw the edge here, but Wilde had it down to a science. Plus, Wilde had the knack of making his insults short, sweet and eminently quotable.

Of his fellow countrymen, he declares: "To disagree with three-fourths of the British public is one of the first requisites of sanity."

Of America: "America is the only country that went from barbarism to decadence with-

Of God and humanity: "I think that God in creating Man somewhat overestimated his ability.'

Wilde probably was smart in dying relatively young; another few years with that mouth and attitude, and he would have had some serious trouble.

There's hope, though, for American politicians. Sure, most of our wit and insults come from our commentators and columnists, but every now and then, a good one slips past a politician's internal censor. In 1983, Bob Dole said of a Washington social event, "History buffs probably noted the reunion at a Washington party a few weeks ago of three ex-presidents: Carter, Ford, and Nixon — See No Evil, Hear No Evil, and Evil." See, now you know why he got that Pepsi gig.

Keep all this in mind, especially during any election season, and remember, as H.L. Mencken once said, "Democracy is the theory that the common people know what they want and deserve to get it good and hard."

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Sorry, but Weis vs. Willingham is no comparison

I was a big fan of Willingham but his teams never improved, especially on offense. Many of those loses were just not acceptable, getting destroyed by USC for 3 straight years comes to mind. His 8-0 start in 2002 was very misleading because that team couldn't score touchdowns if their life depended

What Weis has done in 8 games is simply amazing. Notre Dame is playing with NFL level confidence and the offense is breaking records left and right every game. His team could/should be 8-0 right now and in the top 3, but everyone keeps saying "Ty started 8-0" and didn't get anything in return.

> Jason Uhl Sioux City, IA

Willingham didn't win enough

If Ty Willingahm had won two more games in 2004 he would still be the coach at Notre Dame. I am sure the University of Washington will extend his contract at the end of the year.

Joseph F. Dobos

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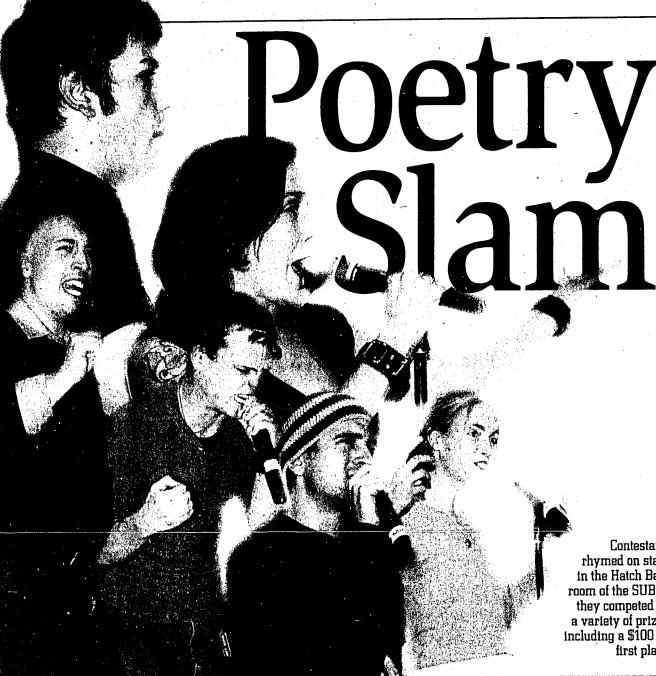
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Contestants rhymed on stage in the Hatch Ballroom of the SUB as they competed for a variety of prizes, including a \$100 for first place.

A Night of Spoken Word

BY HEATHER FLYNN **Culture Writer**

On Monday night, the Student Union Hatch Ballroom became an open forum of discussion on topics as varied as homosexual rights, medieval battlefields and erotic infatuations with the produce section of the grocery store. Student Activities presented the BSU Poetry Slam, a chance for local poets to demonstrate their talented presentations of the spoken word, and compete for a \$100 grand prize.

What is a poetry slam? Poetry slams are poetry competitions emphasizing the role of the speaker and the sound of a poem. Contestants read an original, selfwritten poem, and qualified judges score their performance on a one to 10 scale. The highest scoring poets move on to a more competitive round. There are no style or subject regulations, and poetry slams are open to any poet who dares to brave the spotlight. The audience plays an active role in expressing their approval or disapproval of a poet's performance, and at this particular poetry slam, most of the audience members doubled as contestants.

While all of the contestants offered a fresh and talented performance, the most notable poet was certainly Kate Neal, who placed first in the competition and walked away with the \$100 grand prize. Her lyrical, rap-style poetry broadcasted her ideas about homosexual rights and gay pride with po-

tent, terse phraseology. Coupled with her dominant stage presence, Neal's poetry induced roaring approval from the audience, as well as the top score in the final round, a 29 out of 30. Scoring only a halfpoint lower than Neal were the two second-place contestants, Casey

O'Leary and David Baker. O'Leary presented a total of three r the course of the eve ning, her first being a calibration poem, a performance intended as a warm-up for the judges, and not a competitive piece. Her two competitive pieces varied markedly in subject matter.

Her round-one performance, a lucid and humorous description of an erotic experience in the produce section of a grocery store, effectively used double-entendre, wit, alliteration and extraordinary oratory skills to present the only performance of the night that scored a perfect 30.

Her final-round piece concerned a more politically and ethically charged subject, focusing on the central image of the monstrous, superfluous SUV as opposed to the charming, simplistic imagery of the speaker riding a bicycle.

O'Leary would have swept second place, but David Baker's fast-paced and politically-charged poem entitled "Individual Sovereignty" scored high enough to earn him a spot in the final round, where he presented his poem on sex, religion and procreation. A powerful subject and a strong presentation complete with bursts of crescendo and a quick, demanding pace, led him to tie with O'Leary, with a score of 28.5 and a \$75 prize.

Erik Leavitt won third place. His round-one poem responded to the quintessential English assignment, "describe your relationship to literature in 500 words or less." By personifying literature and transforming it into the schoolvard bully who was pushed in the mud, or the frightening backyard neighbor whose fence is as intimidating as the Berlin Wall, Leavitt presented a unique piece of work that was certain to please and entertain the audience full of poets and English students. His final-round piece was read as a plea to the judges, and like his first poem, made strategic use of humor, as well as insight into the difficulties and purposes of the cre-

ative literary process. Though Neal, O'Leary, Baker and Leavitt walked away with the most tangible rewards, cash and honor, the audience and all participants were treated to the performance of the feature artist (not a competitor, but a special guest), Cheryl Madlena. This talented slam poet presented several pieces, mainly discussing the female body and its many roles, as well as the angst of motherhood. Her poetry and oration was energized, concise and intelligent, an entertaining interlude between competitive rounds.

Only four poets won prizes, but poetry slams can be highly subjective. Many talented poets presented pieces that kept the event dynamic and engaging. John Volk's poem, "Fallout," displayed a young daughter hiding from the uncertain future, the "fallout," under a sheet of tinfoil, evincing the speaker's disgust with today's situation and tomorrow's future, and earning him a 26.5. Suzette Snyder presented the audience with a narration of a medieval battle scene, and, using vocal crescendo and decrescendo, as well as rhythmic tempo variances, effectively mimicked the pace and pulse of such a battle.

Bernice Olivas presented a poem entitled, "I am," about the speaker's experience as the daughter of a migrant worker. Through repetition and amazing expressive reading, she moved the audience to wild applause, and earned a score of 25. Roughly 20 poets participated, and each brought a unique style and experience onto the stage, not one of them scoring below a 21, and all of them greatly appreciated by the audience.

Regular poetry slams are held on the third Tuesday of every month at the Funny Bone. On Nov. 15, special guest Christa Bell, the highest-scoring poet from the 2005 National Poetry Slam, will present her poetry.

Anyone 21 and older is welcome to come watch, and is also encouraged to participate. Come see your fellow students and Boiseans show off their skill with the spoken word, or come flaunt your own amazing oratory talents!

Nine times what equals what? But it's seven-fréaking-a.m.! TRAVIS ESTVOLD

Did you know that nine times 17 equals 153? Can you do that calculation in your head? Can you do it quickly? How about when you first wake up? OK, now ask me.

Culture Columnist

Yes, yes, yes and yes. How, you ask? How am I able to accomplish such a feat? It's easy. I have an alarm clock - with a snooze alarm.

According to clockhistory. com, and in quite possibly the most detrimental action ever accomplished by human beings, developers at General Electric, back in 1956, revolutionized the alarm clock: they installed a button on their company's models that would forever make every single person in the western world late, every morning, for the rest of their natural lives. And how did the population atlarge react to the unveiling of the most damning product the universe has ever known? What else would they do - they bought

it like crazy! There is a powerful duality to the relationship I maintain with my snooze alarm. On one hand, the bar on my clock is one of my best friends - not that it really contributes anything to our friendship, though. It's more like one of those pals who calls you up, knowing full well you're on a diet, and insists you go get fast food because they are hun-

You can never have enough friends like that - oh wait, yes you can. And yet, this button is really only an enabler, one that I use over and over and over again (sometimes up to 17 times in a single morning) to make me feel like I'm sleeping in - and getting away with it.

Unfortunately, my trouble with timepieces doesn't end at these little, evil, black, recessed pieces of plastic.

In addition, and against my better judgment (I think), I set my alarm clock 15 minutes fast. I think I revel in the idea that if I ever were to forget that my clock was fast, I would arrive 15 minutes early everywhere I'm expected. However, in reality, I wait until I was supposed to be someplace 20 minutes ago, then leave in a hurry because I know I'm five minutes late.

Apparently, I'm not as good at tricking myself as I thought I would be. The funny part is if I were to reset my clock back to normal time and tell a friend to sneak into my room randomly to set it fast again, on the day it was sped up, I would be pissed off.

I don't want to show up to things 15 minutes early! I don't even want to be one minute ear-

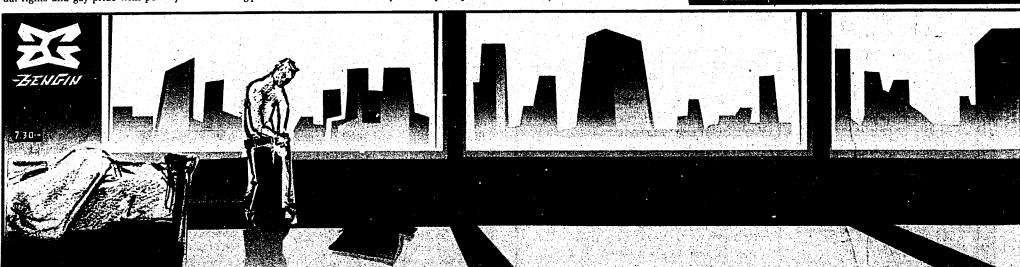
These questions, then, beg to be asked: Why the mind games? Why the relentless attempts to trick myself when I don't even want to, and am unable to, be tricked? And why the heck do I smack my alarm clock every morning when I could just get up and out of bed, or better yet, set

my alarm later in the first place? I think the answer can be summed up in one word: control. Though I seemingly have control over my bedtime, it invariably pushes itself to some two-plus hours later than I schedule it every night.

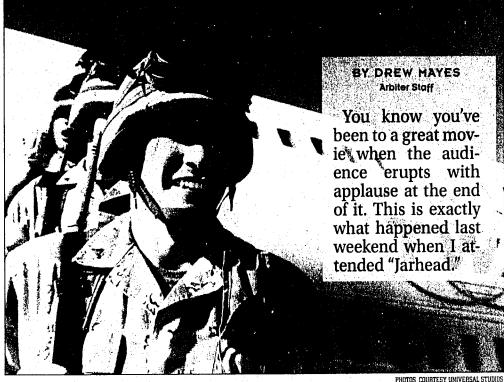
However, when I wake up, I am firmly in control of what happens. I can smack my alarm clock as many times as I want. Heck, I can smash the thing with a hammer if it makes me happy.

So, anyway, the psychology of interaction with - and manipulation of - one's alarm clock might never be fully understood. But ... in the meantime ... somebody figure out why in God's name my clock goes off every nine minutes instead of 10. I'm tired of doing calculations in my head when I first wake up. Thank you.





Drew=Review



Jake Gyllenhaal plays Anthony Swofford and Jamie Foxx plays his staff sergeant in Sam Mendes' "Jarhead" now out in theaters.

Jarhead gets Drew approved

The movie, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and jamie Foxx, was based on the memoirs of Anthony Swofford's best selling book, "Jarhead," which takes place in the Persian Gulf focusing on what it is like to be a marine. What's so different about this movie is it does what no other war movie has had the balls to do; it focuses on the relationships of soldiers.

Instead of doing another playedout war movie that has some hero defying all odds against an evil regime, "Jarhead" gives a much more accurate representation of the training, waiting, training, waiting, more training, and more waiting followed by a few minutes of sheer terror and utter horror that these

Directed by: Sam Mendes Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal,

Peter Sarsgaard, Jamie Foxx Rated: R, for strong lan-

guage, violence, sexual situa-

Jarhead

Consequently, the characters become more humanized and the end result is a better product. This humanization of a character is never more evident than with Swofford's near obsession with what his girlfriend might be doing while he is

The filmmakers should be applauded for avoiding the typical blood and gore that audience members are forced to sit though during most war movies.

It's much more difficult to tell a good story that can hold an audiences attention for two hours than to just blow something up, and this film was able to do just that.

My only complaint with the

movie is the ending seemed a little rushed and left out some explanations of how the characters got to where they are now.

However, this minor flaw does not detract too much from an overall great movie.

On a personal note, I cannot begin to explain to you how poetic watching this movie was for myself with my friend, Alex Dorais, by my side. Two days after watching the movie with some of his closest friends, Alex left to join the Navy.

For those of you do not know the former Boise State grad, just imagine 6 feet 4 inches of pure heart and the kindest man you will ever meet in your life.



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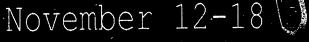
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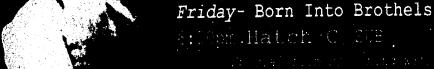
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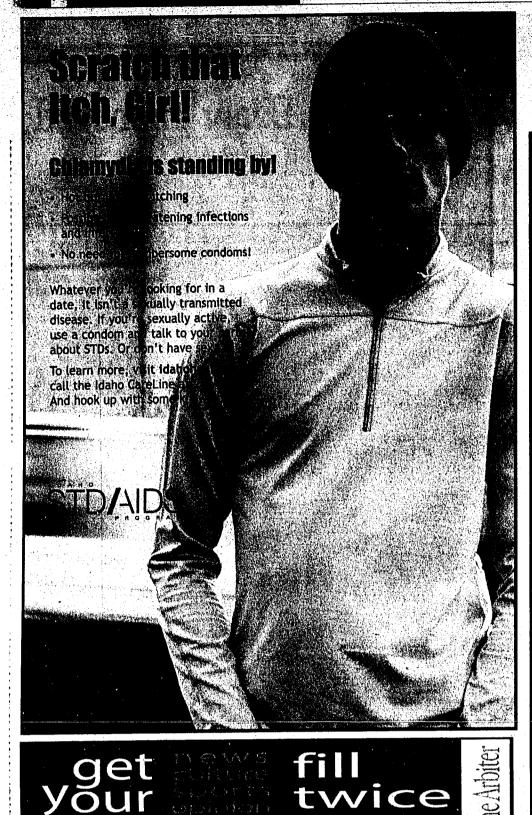


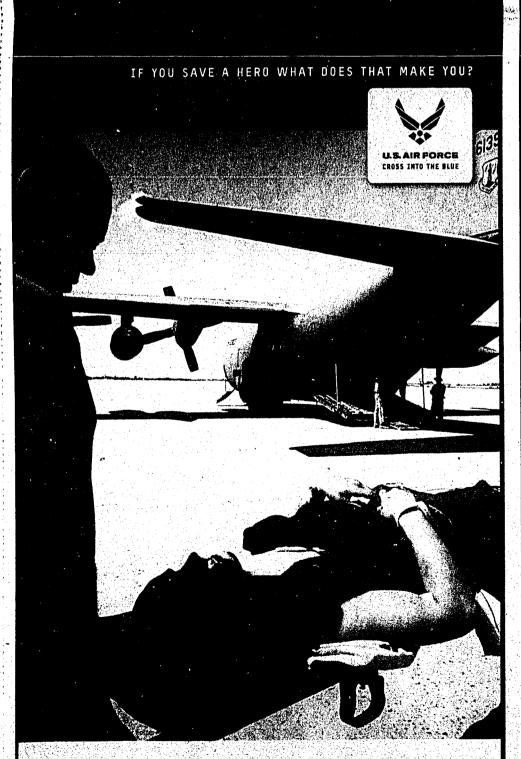
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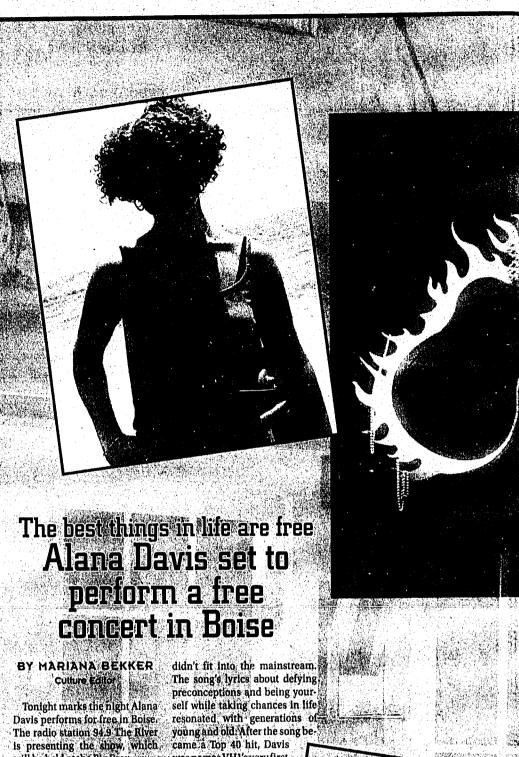




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will be held at the Big Hasy,

"Blame It on Me" that was released in 1997. Eight years later, Davis is still producing unique, independent music with her new recording company she started, Tigress.

Davis is the daughter of jazz planist Walter Davis, Jr. and jazz singer Anamari.

Davis, Jr. is regarded as one of the most creative and influential jazz sidemen of his generation, playing with such musicians as Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie.

∴His strides as an African American musician inspired many newcomers to the jazz scene, including his daughter. Being the daughter of an interracial couple is a primary reason

why Davis doesn't identify with so she ended any one particular racial group. 👵

"I'm an individual," she says with the label so she decided to start her own record company cultures and neither at the same and make her new aloums of the control of the time. I figure I exist as an ergser. herow for the lines that are diployable and ACS (tween the release Shie considers) cided to her music an extension of this. Tigues

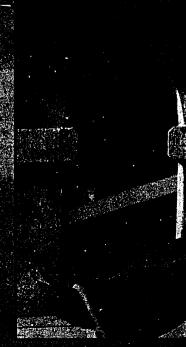
was names VH1/s very first Inside Vack Artist After sile me attention received from ther first album, Davis went back into the studio in 2000 to record her sophomore album.

According to Davis, she felt she had connected with hundreds of thousands of people in a deep meaningful way, and she was eager to release an album that was representative of her natural evolu-

However, Davis had some artistic differences with Elektra about the direction of her next album the relationship







jamnin' to live rock



Post has revam from former label Beyond Music, and they are now touring across North America for the first time. since 2001's "Lovelest," Another Views this tour as her be first is a Veruca Sait sight in Boise. Accompanying Post on the Sunday night, Oct. 13, the Big Basy Concert House will be primerible the raw and inxurrous sounds of the said o Veruca Salt

Veruca Salt.

Post, (a singer, songwriten and guitarist, has been focusing son her physical and spiritual health. over the last few years and said to the she is so happy to be back on the road connecting with old and no fans." Post has been road tripping across the U.S. for the last month a present at to the day. The four got off to an exercise, the

Views this tour as her of

Being back on the road has been at. Post said that so far Boston with fresh perspectives and Oklahoma Gity have stuck
With new management are on the most, but it was outside of
tunes and new members the hard realhit their stride. "The beginning 2005 of the tour [in Arizona, Texas and
the Hirridal we were smoothing edgrour, said Post. Halloween in
Pennsylvania was where the tour

> wa left. Post is excited to see and perform in Boise for the first

Post fell in love with rock 'n' roll when she first heard "Abby Road," winch was a present from her brother on her accepts birthday, the David Bowies, Changes 1"

Fans can expect to hear some new material mixed in with the more familiar, cherished songs of

more familiar, cherished songs of the past three albums," according to S/T/C Entertainment. Fans can thank Post shooking agent for her upcoming appearance in Boise.

Dig felly will be opening up for Veruca Sair on Sunday night and the Big Basy will be under the gentlement of some the and heavy rock. It is just a tight full on yock show. I am doing what I probably show. I am doing what I probably

chased tickets and to provoke those who haven't. Sunday hight & will be full of the raw, heavy lux jurious, epic, and delicate sounds, of Veruca Salt.

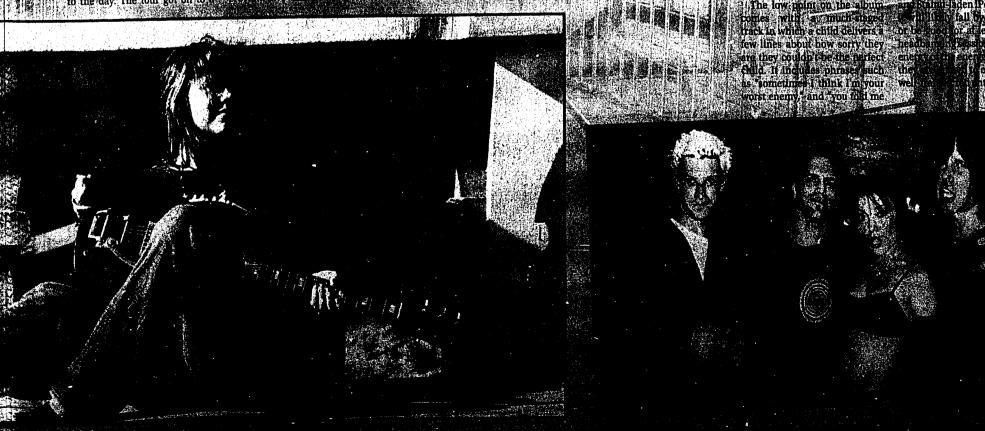
opinion sounds good then you're in luck because Dig Jelly will be in town with Veruca Salt Nov. 13 at the Big Easy.

I won't say they are not talnted or that I didn't start nodging my head to a couple songs, but overall this album lacks a touch of originality. The Gwen Stefani-esque lead singer Rayko has a nice but misplaced voice. The anger that should presumably be all over this album is all but missing. The lyrics echo some real catharsis but the music does not back up the frustration and disappointment of the ion and disappointment of the childhood-gone-wrong stories. This music works, just not with the vocals provided.

The low point on the albumations with a much single of the control of the subject of the control of the subject of th

(think "One"), they do succeed. at producing some hard-lifting funk and rock. Most song do good job of building up to a point and either abruptly end (which is a nice effect) or musically spin or ral downward to a depths of design spair type finish.

The biggest overall disappointment of the album is the predictability. During my first listen I could tell when a song was about to build in order to the anguished screaming to gin. I knew when a soft plan heavy ballad was going to a interrupted by cymbal crashb and pick sliding metal ma to some this album may re perfect addition to a Linking



Mark DeCarlo attempts to fit into his new neighborhood in "Mobsters & Mormons."

Mobsters 0 Mormons

The only thing they have in common is the family

Courtesy HaleStone Distribution

When forced by the FBI to rat out mob boss Angelo Marcello (Michael Kagan), Carmine "The Beans" Pasquale (Mark Decarlo) is a wanted man being hunted by hit man Little Nicky Cappuccio (Joe Maruzzo). Taking along wife Gina (Jeanette Puhich) and son Vincent (Clay Taylor), Carmine enters the Federal Witness Protection Relocation Program and is given a new home and a new identity.

Now known as The Cheeseman Family from Omaha, Nebraska, these former East Coast mobsters are relocated to the middle of a church-going, straight laced Mormon neighborhood in Utah. Much to Carmine's frustration, he can't even find a decent cup of coffee let alone a horse track.

Life for the locals of this conservative suburbia becomes anything but normal once the Cheesemans move in. Many of the neighbors are wary, if not outright afraid of these slightly off-color and rough outsiders, while others go to exasperating lengths to try and embrace them. Despite the efforts of well meaning neighbor Michael Jaymes (Scott Christopher) to help Carmine feel welcome, Carmine can't help but wonder if being this much of a fish out of water is any better than sleeping with the fishes.

As his wife and son attempt to fit

in, Carmine cannot help but stand out; and aching for his former life, away from the monotony of 40hour weeks and boring neighbors, Carmine instigates a plan to get himself out. Stopped only by an experience that makes him recall his relationship with his father does Carmine start focusing on the one thing that truly matters - the family. But this time, it isn't mobsters he spends his time with, it's his own family.

Despite his newfound family-focusing efforts, most of their neighbors cannot shed their prejudice against the Cheesemans. And though the Jaymes' and the Cheesemans come to realize that true friends can come in all faiths and sizes, the neighborhood's biases eventually extend to Michael Jaymes, who becomes guilty by association. Carmine realizes this neighborly conflict can only end one way - by taking it to the mattresses. Carmine takes a stand and defends the Jaymes' reputation.

About the filmmaker:

John E. Moyer (Writer, Director and Producer): While attending school at Brigham Young University, John Moyer took first place in the Vera Hinckley Mayhew Screenwriting Competition. Ironically enough, that same week the clean-cut BYU graduate

also won the Anhueser Busch Stand Up Comedy Competition. Since then John has performed at comedy clubs and colleges throughout the United States and Canada. In the summer of 2000 John started working on a script called "The Singles Ward" which was based on John's own life experiences as a stand up comic and a single member of the LDS church The success of "Singles Ward" allowed John to establish himself as a produced screenwriter leading to several more of his scripts being produced, with "Mobsters and Mormons" marking John's directorial debut.

About the cast:

Mark DeCarlo (Carmine "The Beans" Pasquale):

Mark DeCarlo has an extensive background in comedy and talk show hosting. He has acted in television shows like Seinfeld; Boy Meets World; Evening at the

Improv; Curb Your Enthusiasm and The Ben Stiller Show. He is most known for his voice characterization of Hugh Neutron in the Academy Award Nominated film (& TV series) "Jimmy Neutron, Boy Genius." Within the last several years DeCarlo has appeared in movies such as "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" (1992); "Raising Helen" (2004); "Black Hole" (2002); and "Mobsters and Mormons" (2005).

He is currently shooting the series

"Taste of America" for the Travel Channel.

Scott Christopher

(Michael Jaymes):

Scott Christopher was born in Michigan and moved to Utah at age 11. He began acting at age four and went on to win the Irene Ryan National Acting Scholarship while attending Brigham Young University. Long-time radio and television veteran, Christopher was the voice of KJZZ TV and former morning show personality on K-96, Q99, KKAT in Utah and KDON in Salinas, CA. Christopher has appeared in several local movies such as Clubhouse Detectives in Scavenger Hunt (2000); Singles Ward (2002); The Best Two Years (2003); The RM (2003); Down and Derby (2004), Mobsters and Mormons (2005) and Joseph Smith: Prophet of Restoration (post-production). Christopher has had several recurring TV roles in television shows such as Everwood; Promised Land and Touched by an Angel. Christopher currently resides in Orem, Utah with his wife Elizabeth and their five sons.

"Mobsters and Mormons" opens in Boise tomorrow at Edwards Cinemas 21 movie theaters.

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Battle for the WAC



Boise State (7-2, 5-0 WAC)

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Date	Opponent	BSU-Opp
Sept. 3	@ Georgia	13-48 L
Sept. 10	@ Oregon St.	27-30 L
Sept. 21	BGSU	48-20 W
Oct. 1	@ Hawaii	44-41 W
Oct. 8	Portland St.	21-14 W
Oct. 15	* SJSU	38-21 W
Oct. 22	*@ Utah St.	45-21 W
Oct. 29	* Nevada	49-14 W
Nov. 5	* NMSU	56-6 W
Nov. 10	* @ Fresno State	
Nov. 19	* Idaho	
Nov. 26	*@ La Tech	

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Rushing	Yards	1,971	942
Avg. Per	Game	219.0	104.7
Passing	Yards	2,045	2,303
Avg. Per	Game	227.2	255.9
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Kickoff F	Ret. Avg	25.1	19.2
Punt Ref	t. Avg.	8.9	5.6
Punt Av	g.	40.7	39.4
3rd Dow	n Conv.	49.6	34.3
4th Down	Conv.	50.0	31.6
Time Of	Poss.	32:40	27:20
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Bulldogs favored, but the Broncos are still the champs

BY TREVOR HORN Sports Editor

This is it.

When it comes to football games in the Western Athletic Conference over the past five years, no others compare to Boise State versus Fresno State, and that is no different this season.

Five games into conference play, both Boise State (7-2 overall, 5-0 WAC) and Fresno State (7-1, 5-0 WAC) are the lone undefeated teams in the conference. That will all change tonight as the two teams battle in Fresno at 6:00 p.m. (MT) on

"It's a big game, definitely. I'm just looking forward to it," Boise State running back Lee Marks said.

Just looking at the records is not enough to solidify that these are the two best teams in the conference this season, emphasis on the use of the word team.

Of the 29-team statistical categories, Boise State and Fresno State are in the top three in 14 of them.

Fresno State is the top scoring team in the conference at 41.9 and Boise State is averaging 37.9 per

The biggest category is running the ball.

The two teams are the best at running the ball, yet are the best at stopping the run also.

"There is going to be a lot of runs," Jared Zabransky said.

See Broncos (page 15)

[7-1, 5-0 WAC]



Fresno State (7-1, 5-0 WAC)

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Date	Opponent	FSU-Opp		
Sept. 10	Weber St.	55-17 W		
Sept. 17	@ Oregon	34-37 L		
Sept. 27	Toledo	44-14 W		
Oct. 8	*@ NMSU	37-7 W		
Oct. 15	5 *Utah St. 53-21			
Oct. 22	*@ Idaho	40-10 W		
Oct. 29	*@ Hawaii 27-13 \			
Nov. 5	* SJSU 45-7 W			
Nov. 10	* Boise State			
Nov. 19	@ USC			
Nov. 26	*@ Nevada			
Dec. 2	* La Tech			
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Team Stats	FSU	OPP
First Downs	164	153
Total Offense	3,181	2,456
Yards Per Game	397.6	307.0
Rushing Yards	1,397	941
Avg. Per Game	174.6	117.6
Passing Yards	1,784	1,515
Avg. Per Game	223.0	189.4
Kickoff Ret. Avg.	25.9	17.6
Punt Return Avg.	26.6	3.2
Punt Avg.	35.2	36.1
3rd Down Conv.	55.2	34.7
4th Down Conv.	33.3	35.0
Time Of Poss.	30:39	29:21
Turnovers	11	14
Sacks By	24/151	10/71

Player Stats

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	Fernandez	1	22.6	5-113
	Smith	2	63.0	3-189
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	Marshall *	0.	34.0	5-170
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	Marshall	2	6 .	0
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Fresno forces challenge

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY **Assistant Sports Editor**

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The class of the Western Athletic Conference plays tonight to decide which team, the Boise State Broncos or the Fresno State Bulldogs, is the

The WAC has no championship game, but tonight's contest is the most a fan could ask for: two teams, undefeated in conference and with only three losses between them, both having dispatched of every other WAC team either of them has played in 2005 and both at the top in nearly every category in the league.

Check out the Dogs...

- Fresno State enters this week having won 13 of its last 14 games dating back to last

Season, the only loss was a 37-34 falling at No. 14 Oregon. - In those 14 games, Fresno

State is averaging 47.3 points per game and has won 10 straight WAC games.

- The Bulldogs' defense has been equally impressive, allowing just 17.1 points per game. This season, the Fresno State defense ranks 10th in the NCAA in scoring average (15.8 points per game). - In WAC games, the Bulldogs

allow just 11.6 points per game. Fresno State is 21st nationally in total defense, allowing just 307.0 yards per game.

- For the season, the Dogs have allowed a WAC-low six rushing touchdowns while leading the WAC with a 3.4 yard-per-rush average.

- Fresno State is 12th in the NCAA with 25 quarterback

- The Bulldogs are averaging 41.9 points per game this sea-That's good for fifth amongst NCAA teams.

Fresno State is 21-2 in regular season games after October, including wins in 20 of the last 21 overall.

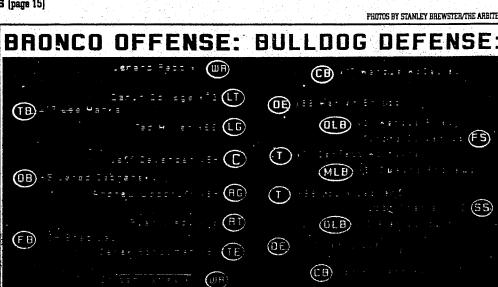
The Bulldogs are N o. 1 in the nation in converting third downs with a 55.2 percent conversion rate. Last season the Bulldogs ranked sixth with a 49 percent success rate.

- The Bulldogs are No. 1 in the WAC in (NCAA ranks are in parentheses): scoring offense, 41.9 ppg (5), scoring defense, 15.8

See Bulldogs (page 15)

BRONCO DEFENSE: BULLDOG OFFENSE: (WR) =1 Paul Williams Gerald Alexander #2 (CB) (RT) = 79 Chris Denman Mike G. Williams +96 (DE) Wendell Mathis +22 (TB) (RG)=77 Ayan Wendell Colt Brooks .51 (OLB) FS ×20 Marty Tadman Andrew Browning +57 (T) C .59 Kyle Young Korey Hall =25 (MLB) Alex Guerrero -99 (T)

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BSU wrestling grapples at Cowboy Open

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Assistant Sports Editor The Boise State wrestling squad begins the 2005-04 season ranked No. 21 in the nation by the WresltingMall.com web site. Four

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY

Bronco wrestlers are also ranked in their respective weight classes. The Broncos open their season Sunday at the Annual Cowboy

Open in Laramie, Wyo. The Broncos finished 33rd at nationals last season and took second in the Pac-10 Conference.

Oklahoma State and Oklahoma are ranked No. 1 and No. 2 respectively. The Cowboys visit the Broncos in a dual match at 7 p.m.,

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Bell Arena. match That will be the first home match of the season for BSU. OSU is the defending national champion.

Arizona State University and Cal Poly are the only other Pac-10 teams in the top 25. The Sun Devils are No. 9 and Cal Poly No. 22.

Bronco senior Scott

Jorgensen is ranked No. 8 at 133 pounds, Ben Cherrington is No. 17 at 157 pounds, K.C. Walsh is No. 20. at 184 pounds and Casey Phelps is No. 18 at 197 pounds.

Earlier this week Wrestling International Newsmagazine (W.I.N.) released its pre-season ranking with Jorgensen also No. 8 at 133 pounds, Cherrington No. 9 at 149 pounds (the weight class he competed in last year) and Phelps 19th at 197 pounds. Walsh was not ranked by W.I.N., while Bronco heavyweight Eric Smith was 16th. TheWrestlingMall.com did not rank Smith.

Four Boise State University wrestlers have received 2005-06 preseason rankings in their respective weight class from Wrestling International Newsmagazine (W.I.N.). They include Scott Jorgensen at 133 pounds, Ben Cherrington at 149 pounds, Casey Phelps at 197 pounds and heavyweight Eric Smith.

Jorgensen and Cherrington are defending Pac-10 Conference Champions. Both advanced to the NCAA National Championships last year. Phelps and Smith are also returning NCAA national qualifi-

Jorgensen posted an overall record of 30-8 last year and won his second straight league title. He also advanced to this second straight NCAA National Tournament in

Cherrington, a senior from

The BSH wresting team takes the meider Hit Arel time this seeson at the Carchay High

Granby, Colorado, while ranked ninth at 149 pounds, will move up a weight class this season to 157 pounds. He won the 149pound crown at last year's Pac-10 Conference Tournament, and made his third straight appearance at the NCAA National Championships. His record last year was a teamhigh 34-8.

Phelps placed third at last year's conference tournament to advance to his first NCAA National Tournament.

Smith will not be eligible to compete until the second semester. He was one of the surprises of the 2004-05 season for the Broncos, placing third at the Pac-10 tournament and advancing to his first national intercollegiate tournament, posting an overall record of 27-11.

Boise State University wrestler Andrew Hochstrasser was named the Pac-10 Conference's Freshman of the Year for the 2004-05 season. Competing as a true freshman last season, Hochstrasser posted an overall record if 29-8. He placed third at the Pac-10 Conference Championships in late February, and advanced to the NCAA National Championships March 17-19 in St. Louis, Missouri. Hochstrasser won his first two matches at nationals, before losing his quarterfinal match to Nick Simmons of Michigan State. He was knocked out of the tournament in his first consolation bracket match by Bobbe Lowe of Minnesota. Hochstrasser placed second at the Cowboy Open last season.

Boise State Wrestling Squad

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Tacoma, WA Former Bronco in camp for Stampede

Tacoma, WA

K.C. Walsh

Patrick Walsh

Arbiter Sports Staff

The Idaho Stampede will open training camp with at least 10 roster players and a busy week of player transactions on the horizon. The initial camp roster includes former Denver Nuggets guard Eric Washington, who played with the Stampede late last season.

Local players have garnered some of the training camp positions, including Franco Harris from Boise State University.

Harris played two season at Boise State. Last season, Harris averaged 8.6 points as a part-time starter for the Broncos team that advanced to the Western Athletic Conference tournament championship game.

The 5 foot, 11 inch guard from Richmond, Calif., was the most accurate three-point shooter for the Broncos. Before plying at Boise State, Harris played at Diablo Valley Junior College.

joined by former Idaho Vandals Tyrone Hayes, Lionel Davis and Dandrick Iones.

Another former WAC opponent of Harris' that is in training camp for the Stampede is former SMU star Justin Isham.

Jefferson Sobral also with signed Idaho, it was announced. The former LA Lakers signee hasplayedinthe NBDL as well as the professional league in his home country of Brazil.

Stampede also announced signing Chenowith.

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A former collegiate standout at Kansas, Chenowith was selected in the second round of the 2001 NBA

Draft by the New York Knicks. Chenowith completed his career at Kansas as the second leading shot blocker in Jayhawks history

with 242. He averaged 9.2 points and 6.7 re-

Recently, Chenowith worked out with the Denver Nuggests and

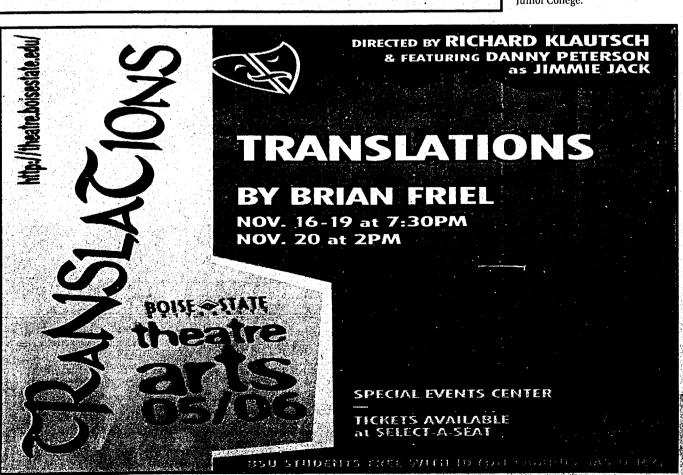
Former Bronco basketball player, Franco of center Eric Harris is in fall camp for the Idaho Stampede.

also played for the NBDL Roanoke

Dazzle. Other players in camp for the

Stampede include Jermaine Boyette from Weber State, Terry Smith-Harris from Minnesota and Nick VanderLann from Concordia.

Opening night for the Idaho Stampede at Qwest Arena (formerly Bank of America Centre) is Saturday, Nov. 19, against the Yakima Sun Kings at 7:10 p.m.





Women's basketball begins Presnell era



Gordy Presnell coaches his first game as the women's basketball head coach tonight vs. NNU.

Courtesy Broncosports.com

As the Boise State University women's basketball team enters its fifth season as a member of the Western Athletic Conference, the Broncos also will mark 2005-06 as the beginning of a new era in the program.

In June of 2005, Idaho native Gordy Presnell took the reigns of the Boise State women's basketball program.

He is the Bronco team's sixth head coach in its 36 year history, replacing Jen Warden who returned to her own home state to be named Colorado State's head coach in May of 2005.

Presnell returns to his home state after coaching at NCAA Division II national Presnell and the Broncos open the exhibition season tonight with a home game against Northwest Nazarene at 7 p.m.

Presnell guided powerhouse Seattle Pacific for the past 18 seasons. At Seattle Pacific, Presnell guided his teams to an overall 396-127 win-loss record for a winning percentage of .757.

Seattle Pacific also accumulated an

impressive home court history under Presnell, going 221-29 and recording five unbeaten home seasons in his ten-

Presnell guided the Falcons to 13 postseason tournaments and reached the NCAA Division II Elite Eight three times. Just last season, Presnell's team advanced to the 2005 NCAA Division II national championship game.

Presnell assembled his coaching staff quickly over the summer, retaining Bronco assistant and 1995 Boise State graduate Heather Sower, and then adding two St. Mary's (Calif.) graduates in J.R. Payne (1999) and Toriano Towns (1998).

They were welcomed by a group of seven returning players, who despite an overall record of 10-19, showed steady improvement in the very difficult WAC season highlighted by an incredible upset victory over perennial national stalwart Louisiana Tech (62-59 on January 27 in the Broncos' Taco Bell Arena).

The Broncos have a large stable of ds. At that position, the Broncos have

returning players Nadia Begay, Benita Buggs and Tasha Harris, as well as newcomers Jenna Galassi and Jessica Thompson.

At Forward

At forward, Boise State has three athletes who are true forwards - one junior, one sophomore and one freshman. They also have a couple of players who are capable of moving into the positions when needed.

The junior is Jackie Thompson, a 5-11 junior college transfer from Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Jackie Lee is the one returning player in the group of forwards.

The 5-11 sophomore averaged 4.2 points and 3.2 rebounds in 17 games in 2004-05 as a freshman.

Freshman forward Rebecca Kepilino rounds out the group of forwards. Kepilino graduated from Edison High School in Huntington Beach, Calif., in the spring of 2005.

In addition to those three, there are two other athletes who will see time at the forward positions. Sophomore Amanda Stewart will play both the power forward and her primary position as a center. Freshman Jenna Galassi will also split time at two positions. She is primarily a two-guard but ** A has the talent to play small forward as

At the Post Position

The Broncos have the most experience at the center position. Leading .. that group is 6-2 junior Michelle and Hessing and 6-2 senior Heather Little. 6-13

Six foot, three inch sophomore Amanda Stewart is another returning center for Boise State who came out of her redshirt year when Hessing went down with injury.

She played in nine games as a freshman, all in the Western Athletic Conference season, and averaged 3.0 points and 3.1 rebounds per game.

Boise State also has a junior college transfer in 6-5 sophomore Camila Nass.

She is a transfer from Cowley County Community College and is the first Brazilian ever to sign with Boise State from Joinville, Sao Paulo, Brazil. At 6-5 she is tied for the tallest player ever to put on a Bronco jersey.

Broncos will solidify rotation, 'tighten the screws' in final exhibition game

BY TREVOR HORN Sports Editor

It's easy to build off of exhibition games when a team plays well. The entire Boise State men's basketball team did that against Albertson last Thursday.

"I think the big thing is we played well, but there is still a lot of things to clean up and polish," Boise State Head Coach Greg Graham said. "I think a big part of our success this year is how well we pay attention to details and get better at what we do because the (WAC) is good and the preseason schedule is good, we just need to continue to get better."

The Broncos had 16 assists on 35 made field goals en route to a 91-64 victory over the Coyotes last week. Saturday, the Broncos will host Concordia Saturday in the Taco Bell Arena at 7:30 p.m. The game will be the final tune up before the regular season opener against Montana at home on Nov. 18.

The starting lineup should be stay the same for the Broncos, according to Graham. Forward Seth Robinson played just six minutes last week

sprained ankle, but he is expected to start.

expect him to play Saturday,' Graham said.

If Robinson is not ready to Graham play, says sophomore Tyler Tiedeman will start in his place. Tiedeman played 25 minagainst Albertson and scored 13

like Robinson,

Tiedeman is a lanky guard/ forward. The difference between the two is Robinson is more of a forward, and Tiedman is better on the wing. But, Graham says that he is confident with a lineup that consists of four guards.

"I am comfortable with it. I would like to have (Kareem Lloyd) back in



Sophomore Tyler Tiedemann may start Saturday for BSU.

there because he gives us another guy on the front Graham said. Lloyd was suppose to be part of the starting lineup this season, but is sidelined with a broken toe un-

beginning December. Graham said that he wants to solidify the rotation Saturday

around

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night in preparation of the season opener the following Friday.

"The minutes may change some this week because we need to start to get our group together that's going to get most of the minutes and kind of get our rotation down a little bit better," Graham said. "Some of the guys who got extra minutes last time, they won't be there for them

this time. We need to get the flow ready to play."

Meaning players like freshman Anthony Thomas and Jordan Keck probably won't see much, if any playing time.

A huge lift for the Broncos last week was the play of two big freshmen. Centers Colin Hallberg and Kurt Cunningham combined for 19 points and six rebounds.

"I was very pleased with the way they played because freshmen tend to be nervous and kind of panic on the floor and I thought their composure was very good," Graham said.

But in order to solidify the rotation, Hallberg and Cunningham's minutes should be reduced so senior Tez Banks can log in more minutes and get ready for Montana. Banks was 0-5 shooting against Albertson, but did pull down nine rebounds in 18 minutes.

Junior guard Coby Karl was happy with the Broncos play but said the team needs to, "work on some kinks in our offense and do some things we haven't been doing and just come together as a team and just tighten the screws."

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Villanova Oklahoma

Louisville Gonzaga

Kentucky

10. Arizona 11. Boston College 12. Memphis

Stanford

14. West Virginia 15. Alabama

Syracuse
 Illinois

18. Wake Forest 19. UCLA

20. Iowa 21. George Washington

22. Nevada

23. Indiana

24. Maryland 25. Iowa State

Others Receiving Votes: Washington 144, Texas Tech 142, Kansas 96, N.C. State 74, Ohio St. 74, Wisconsin 56, LSU 54, Georgetown 46, Charlotte 44, North Carolina 38, Michigan 24, N. Iowa 21, Miami 16, Oklahoma St. 16, Old Dominion 13, Florida 6, Bucknell 5, Ohio 4, Arkansas 3, S. Illinois 3, Cincinnati 2, Utah St. 2, Wis.-Milwaukee 2, California 1, Hawali 1, Houston 1, Notre Dame 1.

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Others receiving North Carolina State 76; Ohio State (20-12) 72; Washington (29-6) 57; Kansas (23-7) 56; Wisconsin (25-9) 52; Texas Tech (22-11) 51; LSU (20-Texas Tech (22-11) 51; LSU (20-10) 45; Michigan (13-18) 35; Charlotte (21-8) 34; Oklahoma State (26-7) 34; North Carolina (33-4) 16; Old Dominion (28-6) 13; Georgetown (19-13) 10; Florida (24-8) 7; Northern Iowa (21-11) 7; Miami (Fla.) (16-13) 6; Vanderbilt (20-14) 3

Five schools to watch this college basketball season

DUKE BLUE DEVILS LAST SEASON: 27-6

THE BUZZ: The Blue Devils have lacked depth and size in recent seasons, but that shouldn't be a problem this season. In SG J.J. Redick and C Shelden Williams, Duke which opens in the Preseason NIT next week - may have the best inside-outside combination in the nation. Freshman Josh McRoberts will help Williams on the inside. Sophomore swingman DeMarcus Nelson looks ready to explode into a prime contributor. This is an experienced group - five seniors, including three who should start - and Coach Mike Krzyzewski always gets his team to play intense desense. One concern: Is there enough pe-

KENTUCKY WILDCATS **LAST SEASON: 28-**

BUZZ: The THE Wildcats look, far and away, to be the class of the Southeastern Conference. As usual with Tubby Smithcoached teams, the Wildcats are going to play lockdown defense. If CRandolph Morris develops as he should, he would be a formidable presence in the lane. The backcourt of Rajon Rondo and Patrick Sparks isn't big, but both are gritty. Sparks has great range, and Rondo could become one of the best point men in the nation. Depth looks mighty good. The Wildcats will be balanced offensively, but the big question is can a team without a premier go-to scorer win it all?

MICHIGAN ST. **SPARTANS**

LAST SEASON: 26-7

BUZZ: The THE Spartans lost in a national semifinal to eventual national champion North Carolina last season, and lost a formidable trio of players in Alan Anderson, Chris Hill and Kelvin Torbert. But four starters return, including the athletic duo of G Maurice Ager and swingman Shannon Brown, and the Spartans should be the class of the Big Ten. Senior C Paul Davis never has quite lived up to expectations. If he and sophomore PG Drew Neitzel play to their capabilities and the Spartans find some more perimeter shooters, Coach Tom Izzo could get his second national-title ring. The Spartans beat Florida in the

TEXAS LONGHORNS LAST SEASON: 20-11

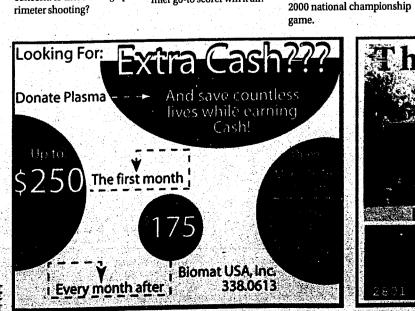
THE BUZZ: The Longhorns lost two starters from last season, but it's what Rick Barnes' team is gaining that's more important. F P.J. Tucker returns from academic ineligibility that cost him the second half of last season. Sophomore_C LaMarcus Aldridge had surgery on an injured hip and missed the latter part of the season. Those two and Brad Buckman make for a nice frontcourt. If sophomore F Mike Williams gets it together, the frontcourt will be lethal. PG Daniel Gibson will be one of the three best in the nation at his position. There's a solid group of newcomers. And Barnes is an underrated X's-and-O's guy.

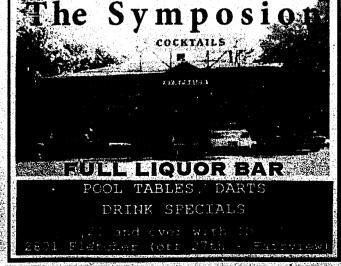
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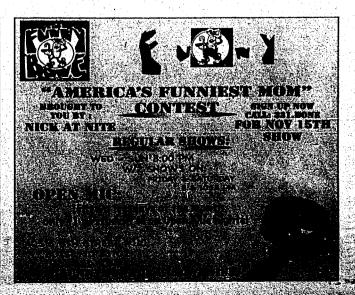
THE BUZZ: If having the best group of big men in the country is enough to get you a national title, go ahead and ship the trophy to Storrs, Conn. Consider: There's sophomore SF Rudy Gay (who may be the nation's best player), junior F/C Josh Boone, senior C/F Hilton Armstrong, senior PF Ed Nelson, senior swingmen Denham Brown and Rashad Anderson (from Lakeland Kathleen) and freshman SF Jeff Adrien. But it may not matter if PG Marcus Williams, who hasn't dazzled folks with his on- or off-court decisions, doesn't provide a steady hand. If he struggles, UConn is in trouble, even with all those big guys.



Looks like these may not be on the faces of Duke players if the preseason polls have anything to say about the 2005-06 year.











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Owens embodies all that's bad about pro sports

BY KEVIN B. BLACKISTONE The Dallas Morning News

The thing about Leon Lett was that Leon was a joke whom we looked forward to for a good

"Leon's whole career is like a highlight reel, baby," Leon states on his Web site maintained by his sponsor, Budweiser. "My personal favorite moment came during the 1995 playoffs. We were down 14-10 in the final two minutes of the game and who gets the call? Leon. It was a call from my publicist, Tina, who had just landed a sweet photo op with me and the cheerleaders after the game."

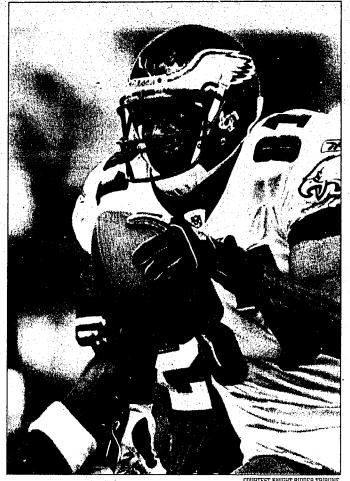
The thing about Leon's real-life alter ego, Terrell Owens, is that he's just a joke, period.

It is difficult at this moment to think of a more conceited character in the egotistical history of the self-absorbed world of professional athletics than the narcissistic fellow we've all come to know as T.O., which, come to think of it, rhymes with pee-oh. He has taken self-indulgence to a level not even Leon could've invented.

No wonder his latest employers, the Philadelphia Eagles, announced Monday that they'd had enough, kicking the attentionstarved wide receiver off the team for the rest of the season, if not for good. What got Owens riled most recently? Was it his team's surprising struggles during the season's first half? No. Was it the momentum it lost coming off last season's Super Bowl? No. Was it even an understandable bout with ego, like the team wasn't calling his number enough and he felt he could help more? No.

It was that the club didn't recognize to his satisfaction the 100th career touchdown reception of his career.

"It just shows a lack of class they have," Owens railed on ESPN. com last Thursday. "My publicist talked to the head PR guy, and they made an excuse they didn't recognize that was coming up. But that was a blatant lie. Had it



Terrell Owens will not play again this season after being suspended by the Philadelpia Eagles earlier this week.

been somebody else, they probably would have popped fireworks around the stadium."

And with Michael Irvin inexplicably egging him on in an ESPN television interview, Owens also continued throwing barbs at his quarterback, Donovan McNabb, for no good reason. After all, he'd caught 47 passes for 763 and six touchdowns from McNabb through seven games, which made him, once again, one of the most prolific and dangerous receivers in the game.

Along with a locker room fistfight Owens got into with former Eagles defensive end Hugh Douglas last week, the public tongue-lashing of his quarterback led to Owens getting suspended from Sunday night's contest at Washington. Their offense more hamstrung without Owens, the Eagles mustered just 10 points and lost the important division game by a touchdown.

Not that Owens cared. For if there is one thing he's made clear during his career, it is that he plays solely for himself.

He ought to be a golfer. A tennis player. A marathon runner. One of those adventurers who only does things by his or her lonesome.

The concept of team is anathema to Owens. He was one of those kids in kindergarten who got a check mark on his progress report next to "no" after the statement

"plays well with others."

Even Leon understood the importance of team play.

"I gotta step back once in a while and give other athletes some air time," he states. "Leon tends to steal the show. I mean, that's one day - you get Leon the other 364."

What is most mind-boggling about Owens is that so many people have, in fact, gone the extra mile just for him. He seems to have forgotten that he should be with Baltimore trying to catch passes from one of its lousy quarterbacks. That was due to a foul-, up by his original agent, David Joseph, who failed to file his freeagent paperwork in time, leaving him property of the 49ers, who then traded him to the Ravens.

Owens broke into a tantrum, not unlike a kindergartner, and after. a series of negotiations, he got his way, which was a trade to Super Bowl-contender Philadelphia to play with Pro Bowler McNabb.

Then Owens signed a sevenyear \$49 million deal against the advice of the players' union.

Earlier this year, Owens hired loudmouth agent Drew Rosenhaus and immediately announced he was unhappy with his year-old contract and needed a bigger deal to "feed his family." He threatened to hold out of training camp, and a confrontation with coach Andy Reid led to a one-week suspension before the season kicked off.

The Eagles, however, refused to renegotiate the deal Owens had just signed. Good for them. Now they're refusing to pay Owens \$800,000 in salary for the next four games, which is the most they can suspend him under the labor-management agreement.

They're willing, however, to give their royal pain in the gluteus maximus the rest of his salary, roughly \$1 million, and have him stay away. Given what we know of Terrell Owens, it's not having a platform that'll hurt him the

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Boise State is coming off the best overall and individual run games of the season.

The Broncos rushed for 303 yards and Lee Marks became the first Bronco to rush for over 100 yards in a game this season against New Mexico

"It's going to be a whole lot of hitting, a whole lot of smack talking and you know. It's going to be fun," Marks

But this isn't the Aggies, and this sure isn't just some football game.

"Fresno is a great team. They are in the national media, a lot like us and it's just definitely a very hyped game," Zabransky said. "I'm excited for it, and I'd be stupid to say that I was just as excited last week as I am this week."

There's good reason for that type of excitement for the Broncos.

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Bulldog senior quarterback Paul

Pinegar is 134-for-206 passing this

season for 1,735 yards, 16 touchdowns

and only four interceptions. His back-

up Tom Brandstater has come in for re-

lief in every game this season, except

The Bulldogs are 31-9 in games

Pinegar has connected with six play-

ers for multiple touchdowns this sea-

son. I. Jamison leads the team with 21

catches for 304 yards and two scores.

when Pinegar starts at quarterback,

the loss against Oregon.

including 3-0 in bowl games.

189.4 avg. (27).

both national polls and have only a 3point loss to No. 15 Oregon as a blemish on Fresno State's record this sea-

Not to mention the Broncos are seven-point underdogs, the first time Boise State has been an underdog in a WAC game since the last time the Broncos started their 31-game conference winning in 2001 at Hawaii.

"This is finally the big game, this is the showdown. It's going to be pretty hyped up. It should be. Two undefeated teams in the WAC. It will be a good game," center Jeff Cavender said.

It's also the biggest crowd other than Georgia that the Broncos have seen this season.

Their crowd is pretty hostile and it should be a hostile environment. It's primetime and everyone is pretty juiced for it," Zabransky said.

The Broncos were the darlings of ESPN for a long time, having won 15 The Bulldogs are ranked No. 20 in consecutive games on the television

network before losing back-to-back games in the Liberty Bowl and against Georgia to open the season. Some of the Broncos said this is a great chance to show the nation how the team has improved since the Sept. 3 loss.

"We are just wanting to show that we are improving and every week we think we've gotten better and done some things that we've wanted to do. So, it's another chance to go against a quality team," Daryn Colledge said.

The Broncos also know the target is still on their backs as the conference win streak is up to 31 games and Boise State has yet to lose to Fresno State as members of the WAC.

"I think we've earned it a little over the years, but it's another opportunity for us to play a very good football team and hopefully come out with a 'W'," Marks said.

But, the Broncos are still showing that this is just another game to the players and coaches.

Not taking anything away from Fresno State, but knowing rather that one loss, whether it is to the Bulldogs or anyone else in the conference, may mean the end to bowl game talks.

"Every game on schedule is a big game for us," Korey Hall said. "If we lose, then we are probably not going to a bowl game from here on out. I think Fresno even makes it a little sweeter. They are coming in here undefeated (in the WAC). It's definitely going to be a good game."

But, it still seems that despite how many games the Broncos win in the conference, Fresno State continues to get the national coverage over a team that hasn't lost a conference game since 2001.

"I'd say a team like Fresno State is a team that bugs me the most," Alex Guerrero said. "Every year is supposed to he Fresno State's best team, but it's going to be good to see how good they really are.'

And Joe Fernandez is a close second Marcus Rilev's 46 tackles. Dwayne with 20 receptions for 243 yards and Andrews and Rich Marshal each also

Senior running back Bryson Sumlin moved passed the 2,000-yard mark in his career this season and moved up to eighth on the Fresno State Top 10 list

a pair of TDs. Both Paul Williams and

Adam Jennings have caught three

for career rushing yards. Wendell Mathis leads the Bulldogs in rushing, with 811 yards on 135 carries and 12 touchdowns.

His rushing average is 6.0 yards per carry and he averages 101.4 yards per game. Sumlin is second on the team with 415 vards on 97 carries and 4 touchdowns. The Bulldogs average 174.6 yards per game on the ground as a team

The defense

For the second straight year, the Bulldog defense has been tops in the

Defensively the Bulldogs are led my

have at least 40 tackles.

The Fresno State defense has recorded 54 tackles for a loss, 24 sacks. seven interceptions, 35 pass breakups, seven fumble recoveries and three blocked kicks.

Three players (Tyler Clutts, G. McIntyre and Ikenna Ike) have four sacks and 14 Bulldogs have registered at least one sack.

Two of Fresno State's opponents this season were ranked in the NCAA top 10 in scoring offense, averaging better than 40 points per game. Toledo came into the game with the Bulldogs averaging 53 points per game, third-best in the nation.

FSU held the Rockets to 14 points. Over the last two weeks, the Dogs held their opponents to season lows in scoring, holding Hawaii to 13 points and San Jose State to seven. Hawaii's 13 points, were the second fewest

points it scored at home in the June Jones era.

The special teams

Senior Adam Jennings is the only player in the nation to be ranked in the NCAA top five in both kickoff return and punt returns. Jennings averages 30.7 yards per kickoff return, No. 3 in the NCAA, and 18.1 yards per punt return, No. 4 in the NCAA.

He averages 15.5 yards every time he touches the ball this season.

The Bulldogs' punt return team has blocked three punts this season and has returned four for touchdowns, gaining 505 yards in field position.

Fresno State is ranked No. 2 in the NCAA with a punt return average of 26.6 yards per return.

The Fresno State punt team has only allowed 16 yards on five returns this season. That is five punts returned by Bulldog opponents all

This is as good as you will find

COMMENTARY BY TREVOR HORN Sports Editor

So I have come to a con-

Football in the Western Athletic Conference isn't all that bad. If you look down the line, there are 58 players in the NFL from current WAC teams. Compare those numbers from nine WAC teams, to that of the 69 players from 12 Conference USA teams, and 39 players from 12 Mid-American Conference teams-yeah, the WAC does alright.

Only the Mountain West has more players per team in the NFL (72 players from nine MWC teams) than the WAC-thank you BYU, who has 18 players represented in the NFL.

But those geeky numbers aside, let me give you a run down on why tonight's game in Fresno is the best you will find outside of the big, bad BCS conferences.

First of all, there is no love lost between the two teams on the field. Yup, Boise gave much love to the Fresno State team last December in the MPC Computers Bowl. Why not? Who here wants an ACC team from Virginia to whoop up on their conference? Good for you Boise fans: however. Boise State is still the stomping ground for everything WAC football related, and until Fresno State, or anyone else of that matter beats them, the Broncos

Texas

are king.

That alone is big-time encouragement.

Next is the fact that this is the fifth time in a row that " one of these two teams are ranked in games they have played since Boise State entered the WAC-and began the domination of Fresno State. Wow, the list keeps going. Once again I report back to the geek numbers. Boise State and Fresno State were both ranked in the top 25 to begin the season. For anyone interested—the WAC was the only non-BCS conference with two teams in the polls to begin the sea-

Again, geek alert-Boise State is the only non-BCS team with two losses with votes in either major national poll. Oh yeah-the Bulldogs are No. 20 in both polis.

Anyone catching my drift?

This game is huge with a capital-if you aren't going to the game you need to be glued to your television watching ESPN tonight.

This is as good as you are going to find outside of USC-Cal, or Florida-Georgia-despite this season's 'largest outdoor cocktail party being a bore without Shockley.

Think anyone cares about Central Florida versus UTEP or TCU-BYU?

Nope.

But they like Boise State versus Fresno State.

USC, Texas lead BCS; undefeated Alabama barely ahead of Miami

BY MIKE HUGUENIN The Orlando Sentinel

USC and Texas remained first and second in this week's Bowl Championship Series standings, and they're pulling away from the field.

Alabama, the other unbeaten team in Division I-A, moved up to third in the standings, but the Tide trails the Longhorns by al-

most a full .0951 points. No. 4 Miami is closer to Alabama (.0009 points) than Alabama is to Texas.

Tech was .0435 points behind No. 2 Texas.

Tide players profess not to care about how far they are behind.

"It really doesn't matter right now because the bowls aren't Ryans said. "The season isn't over components counts one-third. yet, so being (No.) 3 or 4 isn't a big deal."

deal for Notre Dame, for the Fighting Irish become eligible for a BCS at-large bid if they win nine games and are in the top 12 in the final BCS standings.

The Irish (6-2) finish the season with games against Navy, Syracuse and Stanford, so the nine-wins criteria should be met.

The top 12 spot, though, bears watching. The Irish are 11th this. week, thanks to their ranking (seventh) in both polls used in computing the standings.

But the computers don't like the Irish as much: Their average computer rank is 18th.

The Fighting Irish look to be Last week, then-No. 3 Virginia a lock for the Fiesta Bowl if they qualify.

The three components of the standings are the USA Today coaches poll: the Harris Interactive poll, voted on by media members and by former playnext week and they're not this ers, coaches and administrators; week," Tide linebacker DeMeco and six computers. Each of the

The best and worst computer ranking are thrown out, and the Being No. 12 or better is a big other four are averaged to come up with the BCS standings' computer number.

isn't a separate BCS component, all six computers have a strength-of-schedule factor in team, at No. 14. their rankings.

for the Big East. West Virginia is the highest-ranked Big East

Remember that the only Each BCS league has at least BCS poll that really matters is

While strength of schedule one team in the top 10 except the last one, which will be released Dec. 4.

Teams first and second in the final BCS standings meet Jan. 4 in the Rose Bowl.

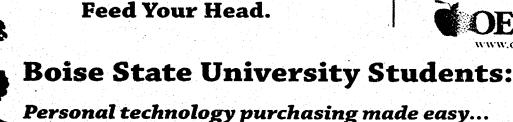


Alabama players have a lot to celebrate now that the Tide are ranked 3rd in the BCS.

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By Linda C. Black

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 5 - Finish up what you've already started. Don't begin anything new. The road ahead is blocked for a while. Wait before advancing.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 9 - Friends don't have to know what you won and lost in the recent game. Dispense information strictly on a "need to know" basis.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 4 - Important people are watching. You may be considered to take on more responsibility. Don't goof off now.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 10 - You're very lucky in love now, but also very busy. The challenge is in finding time for fun, without losing your job.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 5 - If you get a funny feeling, listen to it carefully. And don't try to solve a problem by throwing money at it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 9 - There's controversy in the air it's an argument waiting to happen. Hold your temper, especially when others are losing theirs.

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Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 10 - Conditions for romance and games are good. Conditions for gambling and shopping are not. So, only play for match sticks, in the privacy of your own home.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 5 - Not a good time to stir up trouble. Clean up messes, instead. Finish what you promised you'd have done by

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is an 8 - Investigate a new

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project. They won't appreciate

your efforts. Take care of your

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