ASBSU chief of staff Flaherty leaves, pursues other projects

BY TESSA SCHWEIGERT

Senior Staff Writer

After serving as Associated Students of Boise State University chief of staff since May 2004, Tim Flaherty resigned from the position Tuesday. Flaherty said he's getting on good terms with ASBSU President Joe Holladay, who appointed him chief of staff in early October. Flaherty cited personal reasons for his resignation.

"There's a lot of things I've been wanting to do," Flaherty said. He said he just didn't provide the time to do those things. Other projects Flaherty said he wants to work on include several community-related activities. Flaherty said he wants to focus on helping his fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, become a chartered organization. He said he will also work with stu-
dents in their campus club that promotes outside school or campus
events. Flaherty said he also plans to work in conjunction with student veterans to build a veteran resource for the BSU campus. Flaherty said a BSU veteran resource
center was created 15 years ago when

Though the U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled affirmative action programs on college campuses unconstitutional, Flaherty said he supported the Supreme Court's decision. He said affirmative action policies in the hiring and admission process must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

CTU survey shows unions gain

A recent survey conducted by the College Teachers Union shows that college and university teachers have gained union membership since 1996.

The National工会 files suit

The National Union of College Teachers and Professors has filed suit against the American Council on Education to block the University of California from requiring faculty members to go through arbitration instead of mediation.

The CTU survey finds that union membership increased from 7.4% in 1996 to 13.9% in 2004. The union said the increase was due to the growth of new tenure track positions.

"We see an upward trend of new tenure track positions," said Shawn Smith, CTU president. "We're glad to see that teachers are recognizing the need for union representation."
U.S. Iraqis troops conduct sweep in search for Saddam's top deputy

BAGHDAD, Iraq - U.S. and Iraqis troops that down the town near their Black Hawk on Monday in a search for Saddam Hussein's top deputy, Ali-Douri, were said to have arrested at least 11 people who's no relation to...
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Our editors have generally interpreted the court ruling to mean that they can no longer offer race-conscious programs designed specifically to help minority students.

University, however, have been released to exchange fellowships and other programs tied to financial aid that could make a difference in where a student chooses to attend. "For there are schools out there who are still retaining race-specific scholarships," they probably are not. The largest university systems have amended their programs to make them race-neutral," Martin said.

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The Sensible Environmentalist

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"I hope to fill the position as soon as possible," Holladay said. Patrick@SensibleElIlIironmental.com

Holladay said he hopes to have the position filled within the next three weeks. Three appli- cants have been chosen at ASBSU which will now be going to the next step, those appli- cants will present their resumes in a in- vention, forests are in a constant

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Forget Generation Y, we've created Generation 'Prostitot'

BY DREW MAVES

I can personally tell you there is nothing scarier than looking a few blocks ahead and thinking you see a really good-looking woman coming your way. So, you gin with, you want to be cool and try to get her attention but you're really nervous. You're thinking things like, "Man, she looks really hot, look at that skirt and those long black boots."

How can I get her to notice me? Should I 'accidentally' bump into her, no... what am I thinking, that would be rude. Just make eye contact and give her a smile."

But then the nerves become greater those nerves become between shame and disgust because that's the generation of prepuces, the generation of preteens and media attention on shows like Oprah, radio stations in my car to add variety to my daily commute. It never fails to bellow me when a sweet, seemingly innocent young girl calls in to a pop station requesting a song like "My Humps." I think to myself, "Gee, this is some weird Disney song about that bunchedup character in Notre Dame." Sore disappointment quickly ensues as my jaw hits the floor. I can hear the little girls and her friends singing along to the lines: "What a job!" do with all that ass? All that ass inside them make you scream "Cus' of my hump, my hump... our lovely lady humps." Vhree, came the generation of pseudo-sensate nymphomaniacs, America! Where did we go wrong?

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However, Boaz, please realize that many people live off of tips.

It has been customary to tip for so many times now. To the cleaners, bellhops, moving guys, restaurant servers, bartenders, etc. And those brave souls who work late at night.

For the most part the couple of dollars less is a bit of a part of the paycheck. For example, a server typically gets $3.80 for their hourly wage, but doesn't really pay the bills.

There are times where you tip more. How much a tip affects a server's wage, and many times it is the only gratuity that they receive throughout the night. Truth is, in majority of servers have to tip out the rest of the staff, meaning the bar boy gets rite, the bartenders, the cooks get part of their tips. refinery stations $8-$10 tip means you have left no tip for them.

Some restaurants tip out more than others but normally it's a way between 10-15 percent of a server's tips.

However, tipping is not customary in all places that have tips jar and just because they have a tip jar in the corner doesn't mean that you should not add anything. Normal tip jar has are left there as ways in which a server can make their money.

Think about the way your parents bartered so that they made you a strong drink and got you fast, or why wouldn't you tip their bartender?

There is no question, that works at a coffee shop have more in do with your double late than your bartender. But with prices and coke, in other times it doesn't matter.

This includes hostess, bar, hair stylist, tattoo artist, delivery drivers, take out servers, and if you are not sure of to tip or not have a near tip jar. For example shoe salesman, grocery cashiers, and places similar it is not necessary to tip.

It doesn't hurt to read up on tipping etiquette either. There are many books available that go into depth on how much and where to tip. In a restaurant, when you don't have a gratuity because tipping is service charge you can still tip $.20 per item, you don't just shut your servers, you're starting the mini bar, you're giving them the tip jar, you're putting it under the control of the server. And think about it, a person that works at that place, one day they will have a half day without taking a cut, so you're not sending a server that is working 10 hours just to read up on tipping etiquette.

Amanda Burgess is a marketing major at Boise State

ONE MORE THING

DO YOU THINK PREETEEN GIRLS ARE DRESSING MORE PROVOCATIVELY THAN IN THE PAST?

"Yeah they are, but it's more the parents' fault than the young girls. Their parents need to get more involved." Dawn Keevauger International Business

"I think so: These boys need to realize that people use first impressions to judge you and you don't want to be judged like that." Ray Mutha

"Yes I think they are and it's really too bad. I wouldn't want my daughter to dress like that." Nikki Spurling Criminal Justice Administration

"I've got a tip for you"

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Junior 6'2"  
Center

Thompson, Jackie  
Freshman 5'11"  
Forward

Lee, Jackie  
Sophomore 5'11"  
Forward

Nadja, Begay  
Sophomore 6’0"  
Guard

**Men's Starting Five**

Banks, Tez  
Sophomore 6’9”  
Forward

Bauscher, Matt  
Sophomore 6’2”  
Guard

Karl, Cole  
Junior 6’4”  
Forward

**For the women, it's a clean slate**

**Editors' Note:**

The Boise State women's basketball team is going to have something like a season that was lacking going into the 2004-05 season: returning players at key leadership roles.

"I'm hoping that our experience will help us get off to a good start," coach Gordy Presnell said. "It's not always the case, but our guys feel more comfortable starting and in their roles, instead of being out there for the first time.

Last season, the bulk of the returning players was moved into new roles. Now, players like Eric Lane, Coby Karl and Tez Banks are returning to the same roles they had last season.

"I think that makes a huge difference. It was even new for them last year. They had to be new leaders last year, and now they've been all of the roles and hopefully they can help smooth the other guys along and feel comfortable with their positions," Presnell said.

The Broncos begin the 2005-06 season Friday night at the Taco Bell Arena against Montana at 7:35 p.m.

"It's fun to have a home opener and start to put our things together in a real game," Presnell said. "We have the freedom to do what we want to do, but we're going to try.

For the Boise State women's basketball team, there are a lot more returns than in the 2005-06 season.

"We're trying to put in a different offense," Boise State head coach Gary Parrish said. "We're working on being a little more up-tempo.

"I think we're trying to make some changes with these things moving forward. In the past, BSU has been sort of a system offense. Now we're trying to be more of an up-tempo, quick hitter offense. What we're going to try to do is get more fast-break opportunities and not rely too much on our half-court programs." Obviously we can't do that all the time, but we're going to try," Parrish said.

Parrish brings his fan-powered offensive game, along with a proven track record of success. The Idaho native comes to BSU from Seattle Pacific University, where he amassed 396 victories and 127 defeats. In 2004, Parrish was honored with his second consecutive NCAA Division II coach of the year award — even though his Seattle Pacific Falcons lost the NCAA Division II national championships.

"We're trying to get better every game," Parrish said. "Every game is another opportunity to do better. It's a different game every night. Players have already shown the difference.

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BY SABRIN JOHNSON

BRTC sports writer

The volleyball season is wrapping up for the Broncos as the team heads into its final two conference matches of the 2005 regular season this weekend. Boise State will host the Coyotes tonight at 5 p.m., and Fresno State on tomorrow at 7 p.m. Both games will take place inside Bronco Gym.

Boise State State and Fresno both have a lot at stake with three games left for the Broncos. In the last match-up the Broncos won both games, losing three of their past five matches. According to team member Kim Fenneman, Boise State is hoping to put both teams away the second time around. “We’ve been working hard preparing for these matches, getting two sets before the WAC meet,” Fenneman said. “We would really like to give us some momentum.”

The team has currently ranked sixth of nine teams in the WAC, while State is in seventh place this season. The Broncos are 11-11 overall and 3-6 in the WAC. At home, they average 14.60 kills, (13.19 avg), 10.26 digs, 12.16 blocks per game. Fresno has 14.99 kills, 14.89 digs, 11.91 blocks per game, hitting .314. Fenneman said that Fresno is a solid defensive side, pushing as an offensive and defensive force.

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New York Dolls captured on film

**BY TRAVIS ESTYLO**
Culture consultant

Has your cell phone ever vibrated? Have you ever lived in a basement and smelled pancakes, then woke up, and saw a bottle of syrup on the counter? You never lived in a basement. But when you woke up, it wasn't your roommate, watching television in your game chair like 'he is connected to one of the most mandatory sleuth accessories'.
England has always abounded with singing prodigies; from Coldplay to U2, the Beatles to Sting. Enter yet another - James Blunt. Blunt's new album, "Back to Bedlam," boasts an assortment of musical beauty, from schmaltzy love songs, to energetic piano ballads. You may have heard Blunt's melodic, luscious voice in his debut hit "Beautiful," on the radio. The song gives his account of seeing a beautiful woman who smiles at him on a subway. They exchange a sort of connection, but not before he realizes the beautiful woman is standing with another man... "You're beautiful it's true/ I saw your face in a crowded place/ And I don't know what to do/ 'Cause I'll never be with you."

In "Goodbye My Lover," Blunt sings a song that verbally punctuates the end of a relationship, hitting on all the emotions and thoughts of anyone who's been through a tumultuous breakup. "You touched my heart/ You touched my soul/ You changed my life and all my goals... shared your dreams, and shared your bed/ I know you well, I know your smell/ I've been addicted to you."

Blunt said he recorded this poignant song in the bathroom of an actress he lived with - where she kept an old piano - when he moved to L.A, to record his album in September 2003.

In "So Long Jimmy," it seems Blunt is referring to his juvenile self, "Jimmy." The song gives an account of his life, before anyone knew who "James Blunt" was... "So long Jimmy, so long/ Though you only stood a moment/ We all know that you're the one singing/ So long Jimmy, so long/ But we're glad for the experience/ We wish you were that you've gone."

"Billy" is a song with a dance-rapping beat. It gives an account of a man (Billy) who's done something in his life he regrets, and always seems to be waiting for tomorrow to come.

"Oh admits it took too long to admit he was wrong/ Tomorrow comes, sorrow becomes his soul mate/ The damage is done, the prodigal son is too late."

Though Blunt's album was released in 2004, he's just beginning to be recognized as the wonder he is.

On www.iamjamesblunt.com, Blunt tells fans some of his songs were inspired by Jim Morrison and Jimmy Hendrix, while others, he says are completely his own, and he sings simply because "You can get away with murder in a song."
Jared: Let's close this door here because I want to say something we don't anyone else to hear.

Torno: Exactly.

Jared: You know, college girls.

Torno: Describe your sound and style in five words.

Jared: Epic, organico, theatrically, that's my brain.

Torno: What are the differences between your first album and "A Beautiful Lie"?

Jared: Well, there are a lot. There are a lot of ways that have passed between the first and the second album. So we changed a lot of people. I think that’s reflected creatively in this record. We wanted to do something that was a complete departure from the first album so we had to throw a lot of past away in order to move forward as artists and as people. It was kinda like starting over in a lot of ways.

Torno: Jared: It’s a very personal record. When I was three-years-old I started playing the violin and rock music came much, much later. I was already pretty well versed before I even heard my first rock song. So, it’s just more about the freedom. Classical music is all about the notes. With playing music that you create yourself, it’s free and you can do whatever you want. That’s what I like about it. I just like the music. I don’t really care what kind of genre it falls into.

Torno: On being tour with Audioslave and 30 Seconds to Mars, have these experiences influenced other bands who you’ve given as you in a band?

Jared: It’s a great privilege.

Torno: We’ve played some huge places and arenas, which we’ve done before in the past and it’s always kind of exciting to see what’s in store for you in the future.

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Jared: It’s right at my threshold if note where they’re just about to move off. So that’s an exciting place to be in a performance and to witness a performance when an opera singer is at the note where they’re just about to break, and that’s what that song is like.

Torno: What does the name 30 Seconds to Mars mean?

Jared: That’s when we make you fall in love right now because we’re being answered all the questions. You make up an answer and then write it down. You can think about it.

Torno: Handicapped. That’s what we prefer.

Jared: I will say this. It describes the sound of our music in a very unique and appropriate way. It has very little to do with space, but you should use the answer you made up yourself. From the very beginning, just from the very name of the band we made efforts to not be different, to be ourselves. We didn’t want to be part of the typical scene band experience. We wanted to find something new and unique. I find that 30 seconds in rock bands – the investing in the band.

Jared is a vibrant front man who unleashes the energy of the whole band into the crowd. Climbing all over the stage and submerged himself into the hands of the audience, Jared delivered a truly epic performance. 30 Seconds to Mars will be headlining their own tour next year and Bono has been promoted a stop by the Leto’s, Mike, and Chester. As for what 30 Seconds to Mars means, check out a show and come to your own conclusion, for the Culture desk, indeed. However, it was a transcontinental trip to a parallel reality.

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Today's Birthday (17-45-9)
How much do you know them?
From whom? And how much can you, and pay for them? This is the game you'll go to play this year, and hopefully, get to know the advantage, check the day's rating for the best time of the day, or my most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 7 - Continue temporarily urges. Be very cautious now, or you'll waste the entire day and not get anything done.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 7 - Watch for the advice that turn not to benefit somebody else more than you. Also check your pocket books, and don't take away from your wallet.

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Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 7 - You have a secret advantage. You'll step when some one doesn't help them out on track.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 7 - You want to go, but it might be better to have some one visit you, or make your contacts electronically. That's not.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 7 - Go over your paperwork to determine what you have and what you need. Make your shopping efficient time and work effectively.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 7 - Helps if you get a plan and everyone knows what they should do. That give you a structure, as you all improvised.

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Running Back
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Aiken, SC

Ben Chuckovich
Linebacker
6'0'', 217lbs
Vancouver, Wash.

Chris Barrios
Linebacker
5'11'', 220lbs
Upland, Calif.

Cole Clasen
Wide Receiver
5'9'', 190lbs
Lake Oswego, Ore.

Daryn Colledge
Offensive Tackle
6'5'', 298lbs
North Pole, Alaska

Alex Guerrero
Defensive Tackle
6'1'', 293lbs
Brea, Calif.

Cam Hall
Safety
6'1'', 209lbs
Kennewick, Wash.

Robby Jones
Safety
5'8'', 188lbs
Phoenix, Ariz.

Lee Marks
Running Back
5'7'', 179lbs
Reseda, Calif.

Jason Murray
Wide Receiver
6'0'', 187lbs
West Covina, Calif.

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The Broncos are at a point where the team hasn't been in a long time; getting ready for a game following a loss in the Western Athletic Conference.

"They're not used to it and neither am I. So we are going to work to get it right," Head Coach Dan Hawkins said.

The Broncos (7-3 overall, 5-1 WAC) get the chance to get it right Saturday at 1:05 p.m. against Idaho (2-7, 2-4 WAC).

The Broncos are seemingly attempting to use more energy in the game plan for practices to get back to an other win column.

"No matter what you are doing, whether it's your marriage, your job or football - if you always do what you've always done, you always get what you've always got. That's a pretty old axiom right there. It's a case of throwing a little more energy there," Hawkins said.

It's not as if this team has had a horrible season. There was the national preseason ranking for Boise State. Something the program has never had before. The Broncos have won the games the team is supposed to win, and losses those three that they were underdogs in.

"We didn't want to lose, and that is disappointing," quarterback Jared Zabransky said.

The streak
Despite one major streak down, there is still an equally impressive one still in progress. Boise State has won 30 straight home games.

The conference winning streak was very impressive, but when you add the non-conference games at Bronco Stadium against teams like Iowa State, Oregon State and BYU - the home streak is just as impressive.

"I think the biggest thing is this game. Then when this game gets over, you move on to the next one," Hawkins said.

The players also agree.

"We are just trying to stay on the task at hand, and that's U of I right now. The streaks really don't matter that much to us," senior Jeff Carpenter said.

The running back is one of seven Broncos trying to finish their careers without a loss at home.

The rankings
Three losses or not, and being in a non-BCS conference, the Broncos are still getting love from the national polls. In both the AP and USA Today Coaches Poll, the Broncos still received one vote in each poll.

The drought
The Broncos were held to the lowest point total since the opening game against UCLA in 1999. For a team that has been the highest scoring program this century, this is something that is not common for the players.

"At times we are just a step short or a foot long with the ball," Zabransky said. "It just seems like when we really need to get something rolling, it hasn't happened for us."

Even though the Broncos are leading the WAC in rushing, the absence of the explosion play has been the biggest change from years past.

"I think you have to hit on explosive plays, and the tendency for explosive plays is the long ball," Zabransky added. "At Oregon State we had a couple of them, but Fresno State, we didn't have any. You got to get the ball down the field."

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A small class of seniors has a lot at stake

Eleven seniors are leaving the Boise State program following this season. Barring an invite to the MPC Computers Bowl, Saturday will be the final time these guys will play at Bronco Stadium.

Seven of them have played their entire collegiate careers as Broncos. One has been around the program for over half a decade. One waited four years to become a dominant starter this season. Three came in from junior college and one is playing in his first and only season as a Bronco.

They all are different in their own ways, but they all share one common bond—they are all Broncos.

For someone like Ben Chuckovich, his time at Boise State has been marred by injuries to a player that is a menace in the weight room.

"There have been times where it's been frustrating being injured. But the whole experience has just been awesome. I wouldn't trade it for the world," Chuckovich said.

The senior from Vancouver, Wash. was part of a three-way rotation at SAMlinebacker, but was sidelined with an injury in 2004, and again this year, Chuckovich had an opportunity to start in place of Colt Brooks against Georgia, but another injury kept him out of the lineup.

So far this season, he has been able to make some plays in backup roles. He has an interception against Nevada and a fumble recovery against New Mexico State.

"It felt good to get out there and make some plays. The whole Georgia thing was frustrating. It was nice to get out there and do something," Chuckovich said.

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Getting to Know: Mike Dominguez

Part of a four-man rotation at left end, junior Mike Dominguez (74) has made the most of his time this season, as he is tied for the lead with four sacks. A former standout wrestler at Rio Mesa High School in Oxnard, Calif., Dominguez is proud that he has quieted talk about his lack of drive and his long, curly hair.

Q: Before the season you were slotted to start. Some player movements moved you back in the depth chart. You now have four sacks, tied for the most on the team. How has your progression been?

A: I think just the coaches have put me in certain situations where I have been able to participate and be able to be productive on the field when I get the opportunity.

Q: Some of your teammates said before the season that you had the talent, but lacked inner drive. Why do you think they said this?

A: Probably because I played pretentiously. I never played with confidence. I was always behind Julius Roberts and he was more of a mentor to me. I think I just paid more attention to Julius than to myself. But at the same time just watching Julius, I have learned a great deal from that guy.

Q: Have you quieted that talk this season?

A: I think I have. But, at the same time I know I can be a lot more productive and that's something I am still striving for. I'm still striving to get better everyday.

Q: Did your time as a wrestler in high school help you as a pass rusher?

A: I think it does because I am pretty flexible to be in some weird awkward positions and also just being quick and being able to adjust as quick as possible. I think wrestling compliments football, and football compliments wrestling.

Q: A 7-3 season means there is still a chance for 10 wins. Is there a sense of urgency or worry within the team?

A: I wouldn't say any worry at all. I think we are just trying to show that we are a really good team. Yes, it is a disappointment because we don't lose around here. It's not something we do around Boise. Just having that whole mentality is just unacceptable. One lose is unacceptable.

Q: After a loss to Fresno State, is playing Idaho make it an even bigger game for you?

A: Every game is big. You got to treat every game is a championship game. It just so happens that it's Idaho, and we don't like those at all.

But at the same time, you have to learn to respect every opponent. You have to play every game like it's your last.
Rivalry week heats up

BY TREVOR HORN
Sports Editor

The Boise State-Fresno State game may be the marquee match up for the Western Athletic Conference, but to the Broncos, the Vandals are the big rivals.

“We want to beat the Vandals whether it’s out of conference or in conference,” senior running back Lee Marks said. “Especially around here with and the fans in the community, the Vandals is the biggest week.”

Idaho leads the series, 17-16-1, but it’s been near domination on the side of Boise State over the last six seasons.

Idaho beat Boise State 36-35 in overtime in 1998, but that was the last time the Vandals have come out the victor.

On the field, over the last six seasons, the average score has been Boise State 47, Idaho 15. Off the field, the fans just want a win against the hated in-state rival.

Just kids walking around, they say, ‘you have to beat the Vandals,’ Marks said. “This is a big week. People say, ‘as long as you beat Idaho, that’s all we care about around here.’ That’s not what it’s all about, but of course beating Idaho is big for us.”

For the first time since 2000, the game is a conference match-up.

The Broncos left the Big West following the 2002 season, and the game as been an early season game played in September.

Now it’s rivalry week, and the Broncos need a win.

“It’s still a big game for us. We may still be in the hunt for a WAC championship if Fresno loses one. But this is still a great opportunity to win one,” Marks said.

Coming off the first conference loss in four seasons for the Broncos, there is a sense of urgency to not only stay in the hunt for the WAC title, but to keep the domination going against Idaho.

“I think definitely there’s some energy there. Given what happened last Thursday it needs to be there,” Head Coach Dan Hawkins said.

The Vandals have struggles this season with just two wins, but Idaho has put up big points while splitting the last two games.

“What I saw was a gutsy team that plays it’s heart out and has got some talent and does some really good things,” Hawkins said.

Regardless of the level of play for either team, this long rivalry finally gets the feel of a rival game, now that it’s back to a late November game.

“I think it adds to the rivalry. It actually exemplifies it as a rivalry game having it late in the year. We are excited whenever we get the chance to play these guys, whether it’s the first or last game of the season,” quarterback Jared Zabransky said.

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If the Broncos can win both games, there is still a very strong chance the team will get a berth into a bowl game—maybe even right here at the MPC Computers Bowl. Wins in each of the games would give the Broncos 10 wins. Despite some criticism about this season being of a let down, most teams in the nation would love to have double digit wins—in one season, let alone four straight.

“It’s tough when things don’t start off the way you want to. You just got to find a way to bounce back, and we feel very strong about the rest of our season. If we win out and win a bowl game, that’s 10 and three. That’s better than 95 percent of the team’s in the country’s record.”

The classroom

Defensive end Nick Schlekeway and punter Kyle Stringer have been named to the 2005 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District team.

Schlekeway and Stringer were two of 24 student-athletes from district eight named to the team. The team was selected from a vote of district eight members of the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Schlekeway, a sophomore from Eagle, Idaho (Eagle HS), was named as a defensive lineman with an overall grade point average of 3.90 in business. Schlekeway is a starting defensive end for the Broncos and has made 22 total tackles this season. He also has one quarterback sack and 1.5 tackles behind the line of scrimmage for a loss of nine yards. Nine of his 22 tackles were unassisted.

A junior from Humble, Texas (Humble HS), this is the second straight year Stringer has been named as the punter of the all-district team. Stringer currently has an overall GPA of 3.41 in finance. This is the third season Stringer has been the Broncos’ punter and he is currently leading the WAC averaging 42.4 yards-per-punt.

He is also ranked 28th nationally. Stringer’s longest punt this year is 64 yards, and six of his punts have been downed inside the 20-yardline.

Schlekeway and Stringer will now have their names added to the national ballot. The 2005 All-America team will be announced in early December.
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### KEYS TO THE GAME

**Handle the passing game:**
The only real scoring threat the Vandals own is an aerial attack that ranks No. 3 in the Western Athletic Conference. The Broncos have been suspect this season at times in the secondary and Vandal quarterback Steve Wichman has proven a savvy gunner. The Broncos have the best rush defense in the WAC and the Vandals have the worst rush offense in the WAC.

**Dominate the kicking game:**
The Broncos have a handful of guys that can return kicks and punts with supremacy. Better returns translate into better field position and a more stable attack philosophy on both sides of the ball. A return for a score could make the crowd erupt and would eliminate any Vandal dreams of a win.

**Tie the series:**
The Vandals lead the all-time series 17-16-1. Boise State can force six years of domination to culminate in an all-time tie in the best in-state rivalry, the only in-state rivalry, in Idaho with a win. A win would mean the perpetuation of a season for the Broncos. A win would mean the salvation of a system for the Vandals.

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Vandals plan plunder on the blue

By Dustin Lapray
Assistant Sports Editor

When a team has an off season, when it cannot catch a break, when it misses a 54-yarder at home that would force overtime, when it has injuries, setbacks, borderline disasters and faces hardships beyond the realm of rational reality, it can still rejoice if it can beat its most hated rival on the road.

That is what the Idaho Vandals (2-7, 2-4 Western Athletic Conference) plan to do when they visit the Boise State Broncos (7-3, 5-1 WAC) on the blue Saturday.

"They're all big," Idaho Head Coach Nick Holt said, "but this is big. This is bigger than the big. In-state rivalry.

The Vandals lost their first four games, beat Utah State for homecoming, lost two games, beat New Mexico State on the road in double overtime, then lost a heartbreaker to Louisiana Tech at the Kiddie Dome last week 41-38.

The team has been devastated by injuries, losing 13 players for the season, seven starters, most on the offensive side of the ball.

"You lose seven starters in a program like ours, right now, in this moment in time, you're going to suffer," Holt said. "I know if we lost seven starters at Louisville and USC we would have suffered, too. It's hard.

But the Vandals are not USC or Louisville, they are Idaho, a team steeped in tradition, yet wallowing in mediocrity for a number of consecutive seasons.

The Vandals, though beaten, will not be kept down. They may lose games, but they don't quit games. Players have filled the missing roles.

"Sometimes we haven't played really well because we have some guys in there that are not ready to start but they've had to," Holt said. "We've developed some depth. Some guys have really stepped up. I think the assistants have done a really good job getting kids prepared and ready to play."

When a team seems to be given a raw deal, health-wise, it could be easy to lament, but Holt won't allow it.

"We never use injuries as an excuse," Holt said. "It's part of the game unfortunately. You have to battle with them. You hope you stay healthy. We just didn't do that this year but we've battled back and we'll be OK.

Injuries and losses aside, the Vandals now face their toughest opponent of the season in a raucous environment where there is almost zero love for their kind.

The Vandals have the No. 3 pass defense and the No. 9 rushing defense in the WAC. They have a quarterback efficiency rating of 123.39 and have connected on 58 per cent of his passes. He averages 251.2 yards per game and has thrown 13 TDs and 11 picks.

But the Vandals have had trouble turning that aerial attack into points, averaging just a little more than 21 points per game.

The reasoning in that differential lies in the rushing numbers, where the Broncos lead the WAC with 207 yards per game.

Idaho is last in the WAC, producing a meager 69.4 yards on the ground per contest.

That balance relieves BSU quarterback Jared Zabranksy of a lot of pressure to perform, a relief that Vandal quarterback Steve Wichman has known not of.

"Every week (Wichman)'s gotten better," Holt said. "He's still making mistakes like we all do. He's just playing with more confidence week in and week out. He's playing faster, knowing what to do. There's still a lot, a lot of room. What's great about that is he's willing to correct them and he keeps learning."

Wichman has improved as the season has progressed. The junior college transfer came in to replace beleaguered starter Michael Harrington and the man has taken this team upon his shoulders.

The Vandals, though, are last in the WAC, averaging 82.4 yards per game in penalties. They are No. 7 in the league, converting 35 percent of their third-down conversions and they reside around the middle of the pack in most of the statistical categories in the WAC.

"We can't beat ourselves," Holt said. "We can't turn over the ball. Like I say every week. There is no magic formula to beat anybody. You have to play good defense. You can't turn over the ball on offense. You have to run the ball effectively. You have to be good in the special teams and you have to tackle really well. If we do those, get some turnovers, we have a chance."

That Vandal defense is built on the mountain that is middle linebacker Cole Snyder, the man leading the nation in solo tackles per game with 9.22. He is also fourth in the NCAA with 13 tackles per game. He has 117 tackles through nine games this season, 12.5 TFLs, 4 sacks, two interceptions, two break-ups and a recovered fumble on his stat line.

Snyder has almost twice as many tackles this season as the No. 2 guy on the Vandal defense Josh Bousman, who has 59 tackles.

Vandal place-kicker Mike Barrow leads the WAC, hitting 16-of-19 field goals this season with a long of 53 yards.

He missed the 54-yard shot that would have tied Louisiana Tech last week.

The Vandals know that BSU is coming off a devastating loss at Fresno State and that the Broncos will want to exact revenge on them, but there is more to this game than revenge, there is rivalry.

"We don't go about it that way," Holt said. "We don't factor (the Fresno loss) in. We know they're a good team. We don't care who they played the week before or the week after. We want to play really well, regardless of who they've played."
He has lived the last three years with another fifth-year senior. Chris Barrios spent three years backing up Andy Avalos at linebacker. But now that the two-time All-WAC member has graduated, Barrios has made the most of his time this season, leading the defense in tackles.

These two seniors, along with five others, have a chance to become the first four-year seniors to never lose a game at home. "It means an awful lot. I can't tell you that it meant a lot to not lose a conference game. We are going to come out there and give it our best and it's going to be a whole lot of emotion," Marks said of the loss last Thursday that ended a 31-game WAC win streak for Boise State. "So, I tell you what. We are going to come out there and give it our best and it's going to be a whole lot of emotion. It's very important to me so when I look back on it when I have grandkids, I can tell them that I never lost a home game in my entire career at Boise State."

The streak began on Sept. 22, 2001 when Boise State defeated UTEP 42-17. The seniors are 26-0 at home in their careers. It is impressive to think that since this class only has the seven players that have gone through their entire careers as Broncos.

"It's been awesome. We are tough to beat at home and that's in large part to the fan base that we have here. They are very football savvy and they know when to cheer and when not to," senior running back Jeff Carpenter said.

Carpenter, along with Marks and Antwaun Carter, are all leaving this season. The biggest departure of any one position for the Broncos. "I've kind of been looking forward to this day because it's against U of I and it's going to be a lot of fun," Carpenter said.

The three have combined for 1,153 yards rushing and 17 total touchdowns. The only remaining running back with significant playing time left after the season is freshman Ian Johnson. "I started to realize how much this season and everything meant to guys last week after the game when I saw the other running backs crying," Johnson said. "That's when I knew I am going to miss these guys and it's going to be an awesome thing to see them play their last game here."

Another player who is playing his final game after four seasons as a Bronco is Cam Hall. Uncertain if he was going to play all this season with legal problems pending, Hall was added to the active roster prior to the Bowling Green game in late September and has been a vocal leader in the secondary.

The two seniors that should go on to play at the next level are guys that could also line up against each other some time down the road. Defensive tackle Alex Guerrero and offensive tackle Daryn Colledge are the two players that have the best chance to play in the NFL.

"They've obviously had a great career here," Head Coach Dan Hawkins said of the two seniors. "I think as you look at what they have done here, it's pretty phenomenal, I think you always want to end that right. That being said, hopefully those are two guys that will have an opportunity to continue to play."

Colledge has started every game in his career and has his name on just about every national watch list that an offensive lineman can be on. Guerrero is the only one of the seniors that played as a true freshman and has three 3.5 sacks this season.

Along with Carter, there are three other seniors that came over as college transfers. Safety Robby Jones has been a backup his two years for the Broncos. Receiver Jason Murray has over 100 yards receiving. Murray transferred from Sacramento State.

The only senior to play just one year at Boise State is receiver Cole Clasen. After spending three seasons at Oregon State, Clasen transferred to Boise State prior to the 2004 season and sat out because of NCAA rules. This year, Clasen is fourth on the team with 107 yards receiving, and one touchdown. For all of these guys, it is a day they have been waiting for. "They've obviously had a great career here, I think as you look at what they have done here, it's pretty phenomenal, I think you always want to end that right. That being said, hopefully those are two guys that will have an opportunity to continue to play," Marks.

And for Carpenter, it's got even a little more push to the emotion. Carpenter is the only senior from Idaho, and was not offered a scholarship. He walked-on prior to the 2001 season, and was not awarded a scholarship until after his sophomore year. "It's going to be pretty emotional," Carpenter said.