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Parking fees expected to increase 15% this fall

BY JESSICA WIGLEY
News Writer

Currently, students are paying \$69.00 for a general parking permit and \$189.00 for a reserved permit. These rates are scheduled to change over the next two years, according to a proposed 15 percent fee increase for the 2006 - 2007 school year. As of fall 2006, students pay \$80.00 for a general permit and \$218.00 for a reserved permit.

"This increase is mostly needed because we are building a parking structure, improving some lots, and adding some security features to the garages," said Jared Everett, director of Parking and Transportation.

Although this is the first increase in permits since 2003, Everett explained that had the increase been implemented, students would be paying more than a 15 percent increase these next four years.

Comparing BSU to its peer institutions, the average price students are paying at other universities is currently \$214.60.

According to Everett, there are about 6800 parking spaces on campus, of which roughly 40 percent general 30 percent reserved and 30 percent other (residents, visitor and disabled).

Due to the desire to fill parking lots to capacity, parking permits are oversold. The number of permits sold this past school year was unavailable

from parking services. "This is the standard in the industry and we can do it because most students are not here every day for eight hours," said Everett.

Rejecting the proposed increases would leave Boise State with limited options. Some changes might include restricting freshmen from bringing vehicles to campus similar to the policy at Portland State University, limit employee and faculty parking, or limit event audience parking.

"Rather than deny some customers the opportunity to park on campus, we would prefer to bear the burden of a rate increase and continue to provide parking," said Everett.

Boise State is preparing to become the (need of official title: Distinguished University of Arts and Sciences), the campus is aiming at restructuring the buildings; and in doing so, include parking services available to the current and anticipated BSU community.

"As the university grows, more facilities are needed to accommodate the research and teaching missions...with that, BSU needs to build up, not out," said Everett.

The proposed plan suggests that more educational buildings be built as close to existing buildings as possible. Everett said in order to keep the walking distance between classes short and more convenient for students; buildings are going to replace parking lots.

As a result, the proposed parking structure on Belmont and Lincoln, one block south of the SUB, will have 750 parking spaces plus 8500 square feet of office space. How the office space will be utilized is undetermined at the time.

"While 15 percent seems like a large increase for one year...as you compare rates to the City of Boise and our peer universities, Boise State parking is still a good value and low cost," said Everett.

Other services will continue to be provided for students, staff and faculty. These include the free bus pass for the Boise City Bus, free jump start and lockout services, and a free shuttle in the Boise State vicinity.

Other options include utilizing the vanpool and carpool systems within the university or becoming a member of Commuteride.

For more information, contact parking services at 426-PARK.

New rates for fall 2006:

Student General: \$80
Student Reserved: \$218
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Nobel Prize Winner Stiglitz visits Boise State

BY JESSICA WIGLEY
News Writer

Nobel prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz filled the Jordan Ballroom of the SUB Wednesday night with his "Economics of Information" lecture.

This new branch of economics that Stiglitz helped create explores the consequences of information asymmetries.

His work has explained, in simple terms, the circumstances in which markets don't work well and how government intervention could help.

His theory is utilized by many theorists and political analysts.

President Bob Kustra opened the lecture with the aim of the event.

"The distinguished lecture series strives to select speakers from a variety of disciplines and

backgrounds who have played a role on the national and international stage," Kustra said.

Stiglitz has done so through his various global contributions made throughout his economic career.

Beginning as a member of the high school debate team, Stiglitz found interest in public policy at an early age.

He then pursued a career in economics at MIT where he earned a Ph.D at the age of twenty-four.

Three years later he was a professor at Yale.

In 1979 Stiglitz was awarded the John Bates Clark Award, recognizing Stiglitz for being an economist under 40 who had made the most significant contribution to the field that year.

While teaching courses at various institutions throughout the

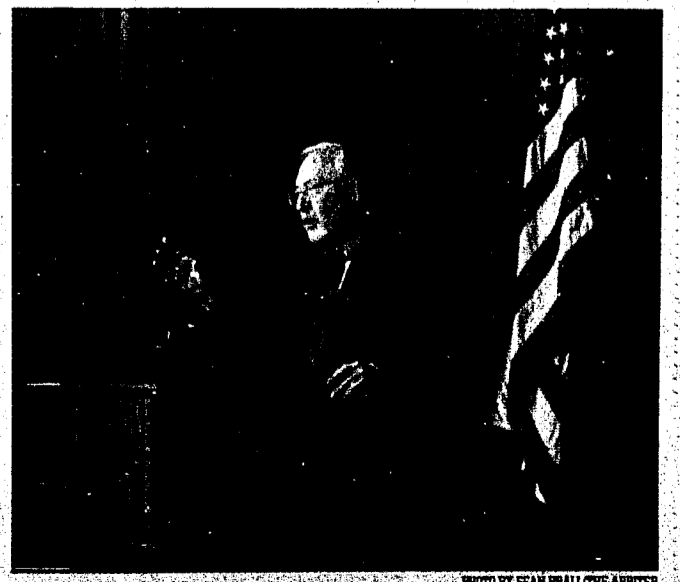
1980's, he also shed light on international institutions and the role they play in economic development.

Since Stiglitz was taught under the paradigm of a virtually perfect economic system at MIT, the outdated standard models being taught changed his agenda.

"They actually said that there was no such thing as discrimination, unemployment. Obviously there was something wrong with that theory."

He said he then knew that he had to become an economist and address those issues more accurately.

"The theories that I've developed about the government based on economics are more likely to lead to a stronger economy not only in the U.S. but in other countries," said Stiglitz, as he ended the lecture.



Nobel Prize winning economist Joseph Stiglitz spoke about the economics of information Wednesday night at the SUB.

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Christians, Muslims on alarming path

LONDON — In the past three months, Muslims around the world have rampaged against cartoons in a Danish newspaper deemed to be mocking Islam, and an Afghan faced the death sentence for converting to Christianity. Meanwhile, two popular Christian preachers in the U.S. stoked the flames by labeling Islam as an evil or violent religion.

The list of provocations from both sides appears to have grown by the day since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington, and fears are mounting that the world's Christians and Muslims could be heading toward an irreparable split.

Religious leaders on both sides acknowledge that the trend toward extremism is worrying but insist that a clash of civilizations is neither imminent nor inevitable. They do warn, however, that those advocating moderation and dialogue need to raise the volume internationally or risk being drowned out by the fanatics.

"Somebody has to start the process. Somebody has to take the lead," said Sheik

Ibrahim Mogra, a leading member of the British Council of Muslims, who meets regularly with Christian leaders, including the archbishop of Canterbury, in an effort to keep the two communities communicating.

"It's time to 'turn up the volume,'" he said. "The silent majority has been quiet for far too long."

British Muslims and Christians initiated efforts to improve communication well before the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, but religious leaders said the task gained a new sense of urgency after the bomb attacks last summer on London's transportation network by a group of Muslim extremists.

At a local level, communication remains strong and cordial between Christians and Muslims, the sheik said, but such a dialogue is severely lacking at the international level, where it is most needed.

Not everyone is optimistic about

the prospects.

"I'm not trying to be inflammatory against the Muslim people at all. I just sense that there is such a diverse difference of theological understanding and difference between their beliefs and our beliefs," said Ed Ethridge, director of missions of the conservative North Texas Baptist Association.

national

'Shadow campaigns' put millions into political races

WASHINGTON — The Democratic and Republican organizations charged with getting candidates elected to Congress this fall are preparing to wall off parts of their staff and form separate entities, allowing them to pour tens of millions of dollars into individual campaigns, a move that otherwise would be illegal.

The tactic, which both parties also used in the 2004 election, takes advantage of a provision in campaign finance law that allows operationally independent groups, unlike the parties themselves, to spend unlimited amounts on behalf of specific candidates.

But critics say the entities are independent in name only. Their office space is usually no more than a short walk from party headquarters, they get all their cash from the party and are usually run by senior operatives intimately familiar with the party's strategy, priority and tactics. One operative likened them to "shadow campaigns."

"It's the type of distinction that's built on legal technicalities," said Anthony Corrado, a government professor at Maine's Colby College who specializes in campaign finance. "You're basically just taking a piece of the organization and putting up a legal drywall to separate them for four or five months."

But Democratic and Republican officials say they will scrupulously follow the law and keep a careful distance from the groups they create. The new organizations plan to

set up their own computer systems, hire their own pollsters and, spokesmen said, meticulously avoid any communication on strategy with candidates or party officials.

Never mind that in some cases, the very operatives directing those independent expenditures helped recruit the candidates in the first place and plotted their early campaign strategy. This year, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, the party organization that assists Democratic House candidates, is considering tapping Executive Director John Lapp to run its "independent expenditure" group. During the last election, the National Republican Congressional Committee, the Republican equivalent, turned the task over to its own communications director.

The money at stake carries great weight. Particularly so in the struggle for control of the House, where campaign costs typically are lower than the Senate because districts are smaller, and where the balance of power hangs on the outcome in just a few dozen races.

The Federal Election Commission has never charged a political party with breaking the rules governing independent expenditures, said spokesman George Smaragdis.

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BSU Prof speaks on using golf to teach life skills

Linda Petlichkoff, a professor of kinesiology at Boise State University and former president of the American Academy of Applied Sport Psychologists, will present a lecture titled "Teaching Life Skills Through Golf." The talk, which addresses the impact of the First Tee program on the life skills and golf skills of young female participants, is at 10:45 p.m. April 25 at the Salt Palace Convention Center Downtown, Room 250EF.

The talk is sponsored by the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport as part of the national conference of the American Alliance for Health, Physical

Education, Recreation, and Dance, held in Salt Lake City from April 25-29. To register for a one-day conference session to attend Petlichkoff's address, visit www.aahperd.org/convention. Petlichkoff earned a Ph.D. in kinesiology with an emphasis in sport psychology from the University of Illinois in 1988. She accepted an appointment to a tenure-track position at Boise State in the department of Kinesiology in fall 1987. She has published numerous articles on issues related to participation in and withdrawal from sport, competitive anxiety, achievement goal profiles, coaching children, goal-setting techniques, and self-regulation skills. Her current interests focus on youth development through sport and self-regulation. Currently, Petlichkoff serves as a developmental consultant for The First Tee® (www.thefirsttee.org) life skills curriculum.

Before returning to school, Petlichkoff taught secondary mathematics and coached a number of sports for 10 years in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools in Wayne, Mich. and was the head women's volleyball coach at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, Mich.

For more information, call Portery or Pam at 1-800-213-7193, ext. 453.

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Honey, I think we need counseling

Two months after meeting her in Hong Kong in 2001, a New York millionaire married a woman who turned out to be a great disappointment. For example, she apparently enjoyed having sex for money at their luxurious home while he was at work, and used \$1 million of his money to buy a brothel back in China.

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Parke delivers '06-'07 ASBSU budget

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Arbiter Staff

Associated Students of Boise State University President Wyatt Parke gave the ASBSU Senate the first draft of his proposed budget for the fiscal year 2007 last Tuesday.

The Senate met Saturday to discuss the budget in an open meeting. The Senate is allowed to make changes to the budget, which allocates an approximate \$483,061.50. The number is approximate because it comes from student fees gathered next year. Since the fees have yet to be collected, the total amount given to ASBSU is unknown.

Parke was given \$5,000 less to budget for, since ASBSU no longer owns the contract from Coca-Cola to pay for conservation (recycling) on campus.

The Facilities Operations and Management Department (FOAM) will take over conservation on campus next fall. This, though removing \$5,000 from the ASBSU budget, actually allows Parke to save money that he would have spent on conservation. He doesn't need to hire a conservation coordinator or pay for products, distribution or collection.

"Conservation is like its own budget," Parke said. "Those projects will be handled 10 times better by FOAM."

Parke also moved a lot of money around from the budget presented for fiscal year 2006 by former Pres. Joe Holladay. The president is allowed to change the budget, but other things are required to remain, such as money awarded to the 200-plus clubs and organizations on

campus.

The Senate is given the right to edit the budget according to the checks and balances in the ASBSU Constitution.

Parke lowered the number of staff members he intends to employ next year.

He said he would rather pay a smaller number of employees more money, than pay a larger number less.

"I want people who will work hard, apply themselves, less volunteerism and more professionalism."

His budget affords for four positions and a chief of staff. The chief of staff is slated to get paid \$4,730.00 next year. Three of the staff members would be paid \$3,570.00 and a fourth position (a lobbyist whom would only work during the legisla-

tive session next year) would get a total of \$840.

Parke also has \$10,000 slated to go toward his Discretionary Fund, with which he will pay for things that come along.

He also has money for trips to attend State Board of Education meetings, training seminars, summer lobbying, the ASBSU Web site, posters, supplies, food, awards, the Hall of Fame Awards, etc.

He also has money set aside to handle women's issues, international students issues and legal affairs.

Parke put \$8,000 into the Grant Fund, which gives money to clubs and organizations which didn't budget for the need for such funds.

The ASBSU budget also gives money to The Source, a multitude of awards on campus, the Election

Board and every ASBSU position.

The proposed budget does not give a raise to the salaries of senators. If the Senate wants a raise, it must change the budget and have it approved before the third-to-last meeting of the semester.

Parke also set aside to complete the projects he proposed during his election campaign, including a textbook library, the Veteran's Memorial, AIDS Memorial, and Finals relief, as well as a co-sponsorship for Leadership Quest.

"The object is to accomplish these things," Parke said. "We moved a lot of money. We had different objectives."

The Senate meets Tuesdays in the Student Union Forum. Any student may have a copy of the proposed budget at the reference desk at ASBSU.

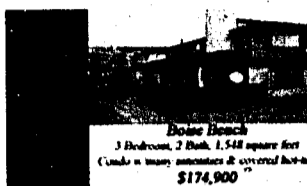
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MBA students field flurry of job offers

BY IEVA M. AUGSTUMS
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - With graduation about a month away, a number of Southern Methodist University MBA students still haven't lined up jobs.

It's not because of a bad economy - it's because of a good one, says George Johnson, assistant dean of MBA career management at SMU's Cox School of Business in Dallas. "They are waiting for a better offer, keeping their options open," he says.

The job market for graduates with master's degrees in business is strengthening rapidly after several sluggish years, according to a survey of corporate recruiters by the Graduate Management Admission Council.

And starting salaries are climbing, too.

"Everything is definitely better than last year," says David Wilson, the council's president and chief executive. "Bottom line is, every way you look at it, the boom is back on the MBA."

That news sits well with MBA students, including SMU's Thomas Mitchell.

Mitchell, like many other prospective graduates nationwide, hopes his MBA will give him that extra edge employers seek.

"The closer I get to graduation,

the more attractive of a candidate I am," says Mitchell, 26, who is still entertaining job offers. He's looking at database marketing companies and is keen on landing a position as a marketing research analyst.

Other students, such as Farah Ali, 28, have already found their post-graduate jobs.

When Ali departs Texas Christian University in May, she will join Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp. in Fort Worth, Texas, as an assistant manager in the finance department's special projects group.

"There are a lot of recruiters that come to campus, and there are always opportunities on your own," says Ali, who has worked for KPMG LLP. "Sure, they say the economy's better, but you still have to find the best fit for you."

Corporate recruiters are growing increasingly optimistic about the economy, projecting more job openings for MBA graduates in 2006 than a year ago.

About 63 percent of the graduate admission council's survey respondents said the economy is "not weak." The figure was 45 percent in 2005 and 18 percent in 2004.

With more than 416,000 jobs added in January and February, this year's 1.4 million college graduates should enjoy the best entry-level job market since the dot-com collapse in 2001, according to an

annual outlook released by global outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc.

"The market for grad students - especially those with marketable skills in the private sector - is great," says John A. Challenger, the consultancy's chief executive.

This year, employers are most interested in hiring MBAs to fill finance-related positions, the GMAC study found. Other popular employment sectors for new MBAs include consulting, general management, human resources, information technology, operations and logistics.

"It's more competitive than before among the companies for talent," says Shirley Rasberry, director of TCU's Neeley School of Business graduate career center in Fort Worth. "Consulting and IT are coming back this year, I can tell you that."

The average recruiter visited about nine campuses this year, compared with eight in 2005.

"There are fewer MBA candidates out there than there were five years ago because companies are hiring more," says American Airlines Inc. spokesman Tim Wagner, whose company sent recruiters to 15 schools this year. He said the airline is recruiting the same number of MBAs as in the recent past.

Many employers are looking for

well-rounded MBA candidates.

A majority of survey respondents said MBAs receive sufficient training in such "hard" skills as quantitative reasoning and analytical thinking, but many lack "soft" skills

such as leadership, interpersonal and communication abilities.

"The notion is that having the soft skills doesn't guarantee you the job, but not having them puts you at real risk of not even getting an offer,"

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Poll reveals college students more invested in religion

BY JENNIFER MARTINEZ
Knight Ridder Tribune

WASHINGTON - A majority of U.S. college students say religion is important in their lives and that they're concerned about the country's moral direction, a finding that could influence the way they vote in upcoming elections, according to a Harvard University Institute of Politics poll that was released Tuesday.

In a telephone survey of 1,200 American college students, 7 out of 10 said religion was somewhat or very important in their lives, and 1 in 4 said they'd become more spiritual since entering college.

Fifty-four percent said they were concerned about the moral direction of the country.

Students who were surveyed said abortion policy, stem cell research and gay marriage provoked questions of morality. In a finding that surprised the institute, 50 percent said the U.S. government's response to Hurricane Katrina raised questions of morality.

Sixty-two percent of students who identified themselves as Republicans said religion was losing its influence on American society, while 54 percent of Democrats said it was increasing its influence. Most agreed, however, that a candidate's religion wouldn't affect how they voted.

Jeanne Shaheen, the director of the Institute of Politics, said in a statement that the findings showed that "religion and morality are critical to how students think about politics and form opinions on political issues."

"Students have gone from the 'me' generation, Generation X, to

the 'we' generation," Shaheen said. The poll results make it hard to define college students as liberal or conservative, based on the traditional definitions of those political views, the institute found.

While 44 percent of the student population could be considered traditional liberals and 16 percent traditional conservatives, 25 percent could be considered religious centrists and 13 percent fall into the secular centrist category.

American college students could play a major role in upcoming elections.

Eighteen- to 24-year-olds cast 11.6 million votes in the 2004 presidential election, 3 million more than in 2000, according to the institute.

"We do care, we are involved and we do vote," said Caitlin Monahan, 20, a Harvard government major who helped formulate the poll questions and collect data for the survey.

The institute also found that: - College students' opinions about potential 2008 presidential candidates Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and John McCain, R-Ariz., are split. Forty percent said they'd vote for Clinton, and another 40 percent favored McCain. The remaining 20 percent said they were unsure which candidate they liked best.

- Only one-third approved of the job President Bush was doing, while 59 percent disapproved. Eight percent were unsure.

- 59 percent said they thought the country was on the "wrong track," 30 percent said it was on the right track and 12 percent said they didn't know.

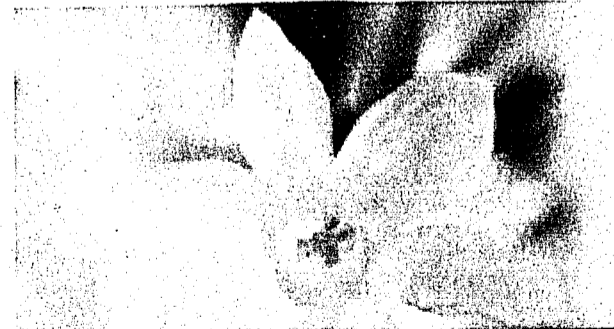
- Seventy-two percent said the United Nations, not the U.S., should

lead in international crises and resolve conflicts.

Sixty-six percent said the U.S. should deploy troops in cases of genocide or ethnic cleansing.

Sixty percent said the U.S. should begin to withdraw troops from Iraq.

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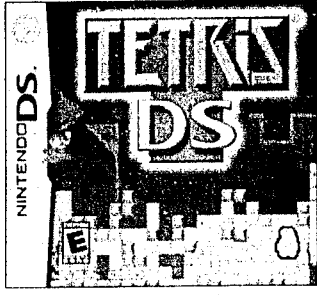
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EDITOR'S PICK:



New video game release Tetris DS For: Nintendo DS

The single-player game in "Tetris DS" doesn't quite measure up to what "Tetris DX" gave us: It's a bit more sluggish early on, ramps up in speed a little too quickly and compensates that spike with a cheap "endless rotation" trick that allows you continually flip and move a piece that's touched down until you're satisfied enough to "set" it. Endless rotation - which, frustratingly, cannot be toggled off - allows you to cheat death in ways that require almost no skill. It absolutely does not ruin the experience, but the handholding is annoying nonetheless.

Fortunately, there's no room for endless rotation in "TDS" multi-player component, which allows up to four and 10 players to go at it online or wirelessly, respectively. This, as well as a multitude of other new interpretations that involve playing "Tetris" in reverse (touch mode), psychically (puzzle mode), Jack Bauer-like (mission mode), in tug-o-rope-style (push mode) and, um, "hard to describe" (catch mode) is where "TDS" really shines.

CELEBRITY NEWS:



Tori's freedom...

... comes this Thursday, the day when the dissolution of her 15-month marriage (guess it's better than Ali Landry's seven-week first marriage) to Charlie Shahan will be official. Just in time for the 32-year-old "Beverly Hills, 90210" alum to enter the state of semi-holy (to have and to hold till reality do us part) matrimony with fiancé Dean McDermott, who has two kids from his first one and only, Mary Jo Eustace.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY TIP:

Use iPods carefully to avoid damaging hearing

In the age of the iPod, where the music never stops, how can users of personal stereos ensure their ears don't give out?

By turning down the volume, taking breaks from listening or using noise-canceling earphones.

And as of last week, those who have Nano or video-capable iPods can download software that limits the top volume of the units.

Although the unregulated volume of Apple Computer Inc.'s iPods can reach more than 115 decibels, 85 decibels is the "line of demarcation." At that level, listeners can use the units continuously for eight hours.

For each increase of 5 decibels, users should cut listening time in half.

Few listeners, however, will be able to determine where 85 decibels is on the volume dial. So use the "three-foot rule" as a guide: If you're standing three feet from someone listening to a personal stereo and you can hear what's playing, the music is too loud. If you're listening to a music player and you can't hear someone three feet away speaking to you, lower the volume.

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'Touch'

connecting with a



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Theatre Arts Department prepares to open new production

BY FRANCY MARCOTTE
Culture Writer

On April 19, the Boise State Theatre Arts Department will open its most recent production - "Touch," a play that will surely stir up thoughts and become a hot conversation topic for those who view it.

The play is directed by Theatre Arts Major, Liberty Leeds, who chose the script, and describes it as a "very contemporary."

"Touch" was written by Toni Press-Coffman, an author of 20 plays and receiver of numerous playwright awards. The play was originally produced in Arizona in 2000. It also ran off-Broadway in 2003, and featured Tom Everett Scott ("That Thing You Do!") as the lead character, Kyle. A recent version of the script has just been published this year.

Because the play is particularly new and might not be familiar to most, there are bound to be many questions concerning its

content. What's "Touch" about? Will it be entertaining? Here's a heads up.

"It is about a man who has to deal with inexplicable tragedy," Leeds said. "He is an astronomer, and the play shows how science and religion come together to help him cope with this tragedy."

"Touch" traces Kyle's journey through a deep personal world of terrifying unanswered questions and memories of the rarest, deepest love and explores the miracle and fragility of human connection.

Leeds continues by saying that the play starts out as a one-man show featuring the main character, Kyle. The three supporting characters, Bennie, Serena, and Kathleen are introduced throughout the course of the play.

The fact that a student is directing "Touch" makes it an intriguing show before it has even opened.

"This is the first time in a long time, if ever, that the department has let a student

direct," Leeds said, who admits she was excited at the opportunity.

So what can audiences expect from this highly anticipated production? Leeds insists it will be like nothing they have ever seen.

"It is very different," she said. "I want people to walk away talking about it."

What about the significance of the one-word title? Well, lean in a little closer...just kidding. Unfortunately, I can't tell you that. Choosing to be cautious, Leeds won't give away all the twists the play contains.

I guess we'll just have to find out everything once it opens

"Touch" opens on Wednesday, April 19 on Stage II in the Morrison Center, and will run through April 22. Tickets are available through Select-a-Seat, and are free for full-time BSU students, faculty, and staff.

If interested, get a ticket right away, as shows are bound to fill up with inquisitive viewers.

If you want to read up on "Touch," visit the Theater Arts website at: <http://theatre.boisestate.edu/>

Recipes of the week: Cheesy polenta and spinach salad

BY AMBER FUGER
Culture Writer

As the end of the spring semester winds down, final projects, exams and papers loom over the heads of most every college student. Inspired by a peer, this week's recipe is designed with scrutinized time in mind. Quick and easy meals are the best way to obtain nutrition without cutting into precious study sessions. Some might go for pizza, others frozen dinners, and some might give in to the luxury of convenience and grab meals to go from local restaurants, delis and, dare I say, fast food joints.

Coming up with healthy meals on a tight budget and condensed time schedule may be last on the to do list of this final stretch of the semester, but a delicious and nutritious meal can be only minutes away with a little planning.

I came up with this recipe after sampling cheesy polenta at one

downtown restaurant and a sweet and tangy spinach salad at another. Taking time off work didn't make either affordable, recreating at home gave not only my taste buds ultimate satisfaction, but my mind and body as well.

For the cheesy polenta, begin by boiling one and a half cups of water in a medium-sized saucepan. Substituting chicken broth for the water is a great way to add some flavor to the dish. Once the water is boiling, stir in the polenta and reduce heat. Polenta, other wise known as corn grits, is a great pasta substitute. Stir the polenta occasionally and once the liquid is soaked up and the gritty texture is smoothed out and slightly creamy. Then add whatever type of shredded cheese your craving. Smoked Gouda and Parmesan are a great combo, but classic cheddar and mozzarella are great as well.

Spinach is a great source of iron and this leafy green vegetable

incorporates crisp texture and light taste into any salad. Salads are great because you can add pretty much whatever you want to them to create a meal. I like to add roma tomatoes, mushrooms and deep fried goat cheese balls. Deep frying cheese is simple. Crack an egg in one bowl, pour some Italian breadcrumbs in another and begin rolling the goat cheese into balls. Dip the balls in the egg one at a time then roll around in the breadcrumbs until evenly coated. In a frying pan heat about one third cup of olive oil. Let the cheese balls fry until golden brown. Take out and place on a paper towel lined plate to get rid of any excess oil. Lemon or raspberry vinaigrette is a great dressing to serve with this light yet slightly rich salad. To make the lemon vinaigrette squeeze the juice of one lemon into a bowl and add about two tablespoons of olive oil. To sweeten, add a teaspoon or two of honey. Season

with salt and pepper and a little garlic then whisk and pour over spinach and toss.

Simple, nutritious, and delicious meals don't have to take hours to prepare and don't have to cost a bundle.

Ingredients:

Spinach salad-
Bundle or bag of spinach
Goat cheese, herbed or plain
1 roma tomato
2-3 mushrooms
1 lemon
Extra virgin olive oil
1-2 teaspoons honey
1 clove garlic
Salt and pepper

Cheesy polenta
1 cup polenta per 1 1/2 cup broth or water
1/2 cup grated cheese, any flavor per 1 cup polenta
Salt and pepper to taste



The Chic Chick

Fashion's hits and misses

Yet another reason to love Harry Potter

BY MARIANA BEKKER
Culture Columnist

The "Harry Potter" book series is quite possibly the hottest collection of stories about wizard and witches since...well, since ever.

With the seventh addition due out in a year or so, and the fourth movie already out on DVD, fans of Harry and his magical friends are up to their ears in Potter wonderland.

Author J.K. Rowling sure knew what she was doing when she created these lovable kids who happen to have a knack for magic and for saving the world. She's turned the fantasy book genre from geeky to chic. It's more than trendy to be into "Harry Potter" and everyone who is anyone knows all the supernatural happenings that have been occurring at Hogwarts. Rowling, therefore, has become the hottest novelist out there. We love to hang on to every word she utters about all things English, and currently all things celebrity.

Recently our beloved Rowling launched an attack on the uber-skinny models and actors that have seemingly taken over the world (seriously, can you go anywhere without seeing Lindsay Lohan on the cover of some magazine?).

The lady with a knack for magic has criticized these waif-like stars, calling them "empty-headed, self-obsessed, emaciated clones."

Rowling said she was inspired to write about the growing problem on her website after reading a magazine featuring photographs of a thin woman who was "either seriously ill or suffering from an eating disorder (I got 10 bucks that 'woman' was Lohan).

Apparently, our bestselling author was struck with horror at seeing this woman on the front cover of the magazine, and then even more appalled when she noticed how often women constantly talk about how fat they are.

So Rowling, being the trendy hipster writer that she is, did the fashionable thing and posted an online rant - a blog if you will - entitled "For Girls Only, Probably..."

She said a driving force for doing so was the fear that her two daughters would be forced to follow the same line of thinking.

"I've got two daughters who will have to make their way in this skinny-obsessed world, and it worries me, because I don't want them to be empty-headed, self-obsessed, emaciated clones," she stated.

"I'd rather they were independent, interesting, idealistic, kind, opinionated, original, funny - a thousand things, before 'thin'."

I gotta say, this lady rocks. Not only is she an intelligent woman who makes millions of dollars, but she's got some common sense - and that's more stylish than any starving model out there.

So that's the message from this chic chick today. Ladies, it's way sexier if you work on being super intelligent than working on being super skinny. I am not really sure why anyone would consider Lohan a role model, but some people do (I'm guessing they didn't watch "Herbie Fully Loaded").

So here's some advice: make Rowling your role model and let Lohan wither away. Sure Lohan is the one with all the cool Louis Vitton bags, but Rowling has sold over 300 million books worldwide making her a multi-millionaire. And she didn't even have to lose weight for the part.

Local artist on the rise

BY DANIEL KEDISH
Assistant Culture Editor

Making your way to the "Big Time" is not an easy journey; and while some musicians reach their desired threshold, others topple at the bottom of the ladder to success. However, one local Treasure Valley artist is giving it his all and making a name for himself with his acoustic sound, emotionally inspired lyrics and entertaining concerts.

As the rain sprinkled across the sweeping foothills and flatlands surrounding Eagle's Rembrandt Coffee House, Nate Fowler brought an atmosphere of comfort, openness and fun to many students, parents and others with a set full of originality and the occasional familiar hit Friday night on April 14.

Not one seat appeared open as the guitarist/vocalist/drummer kicked off the night with help from fellow drummer Troy Sereduk.

While audience members sipped down their Chai teas, mochas, lattes and other popular café beverages, the high ceiling coffee house, with its velvet red curtains, various forms of furniture, hardwood floors and walls lined with artwork for sale, set the stage for what became a night of music any Howie Day or

Damien Rice fan would appreciate. Opening with an original piece, "Untitled," the 20-year-old dressed in a grey shirt, faded jeans, black hat and ear piercings showed off his skills in sound mixing, guitar playing and vocal ability.

With four different groupings of pedals the colors of green, white, grey and black, the equipment created a two foot wide sound-mixing studio before his feet.

Fowler recorded various cords and lyrics to play back while creating songs of depth and substance - skill one-man acts find difficult to achieve.

Moving along throughout the show, the atmosphere remained light as friends chatted on couches and families played cards around the various tables placed throughout the shop.

Every time Fowler switched back into a cover song, audiences bobbed their heads while others sang along, showing their support. Such pieces included "The Blower's Daughter" by Damien Rice and Howie Day's "Collide."

The level of musicianship Fowler embodied showed when performing his favorite song, according to an interview with the performer. The song, "Can You Feel," which

appears on his soon to be released CD, "The Crashing" EP, radiates the qualities of a hit. With chilling lyrics about separation from a best friend accompanied with mellow rhythms, the song can move any listener in one way or another.

Keeping with the easy-going environment as people soon returned to the baristas for seconds on their drinks, Fowler related to his audience with personal experiences concerning a previous trip to India, jokes and the occasional ad-lib song inspired by the audience's comments.

One song discussed eating chicken sandwiches while watching Mr. T fighting to hold onto this career. The areas where Fowler took time to converse with the public gave the show a comfortable feeling many artists today lack at their shows.

If you haven't heard of Fowler, you're not alone, since he plans to enter the limelight next month. "The Crashing" EP plans to go on sale throughout the area on May 27 with a release party concert scheduled the same day.

To learn more about Fowler, his music and what inspires him, check out myspace.com/natefowler. The official Web site should be up in the near future.



Local musician Nate Fowler performed Friday night at Rembrandt Coffee House in Eagle.

Poets Rosmarie and Keith Waldrop drop in on the Hemingway Center

POETRY REVIEW
BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Arbiter Staff

A fine wine?
American History ex.

But they are still together.

Rosmarie and Keith Waldrop read their personal words to an audience of about 34 individuals in the Hemingway Center Gallery Friday night.

Keith, with his long white beard, and Rosmarie, with her gentle voice, stood on the stage reading from recent works, with the pipe organ reaching to the ceiling behind them.

This reporter showed up late (something about a scrimmage and full-contact drudgery), missed Rosmarie altogether,

interrupted Keith in the middle of his explication of the ideas and visions of one Jacob Delefon.

Delefon, a fictionalized character, saw wandering lackeys, drifting continent lists, the genesis of cat's response to the rats, those raised as rat killers, tended to kill rats, those orphaned sometimes killed rats and the vegetarianism in the rat-killing cats only applied to eating them, not killing them.

How the exclamation "Good God!" is probably an oxymoron.

"I guess (Jacob Delefon) must not live too far from me," Keith Waldrop said.

Keith's humor surprised me, coming from a man who looks like he needs change.

But I laughed with my poet audience and sat stunned when he said that Adam and

Eve were not doomed to die, but to sweat and give birth. They were condemned to live.

How, Jacob Delefon thinks Aristotle had problems and how he had heard the term "Keep out of reach of children" and tried his best.

A day in a park with a squirrel hiding just on the other side of a tree, just out of eyelines, and how many other things hide from me the same way.

The wooden floor creaked under my boot steps and I couldn't get a decent shot in the low light, I am a piss-poor photographer.

So I sat down and listened in reverence, cuz my ma always told me to sit and listen to my elders. They will teach, she said.

The humor slid from Keith's mouth and I laughed aloud.

How Jacob tried to think of the things he could do when he was younger and compared them to things he could do now, and only "He can, never now, die young."

I too confuse what I mean to say only by saying more than I mean.

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Under the phrase, "Shit man, I can't dance." It defines the statement as merely something to say.

I missed Rosmarie's reading, but she forgave me when she signed my book, her book, "Blindsight," by sighing, "That is life" and a German quote I adored, "You can't go to two weddings with only one ass."

I agreed and she later told me how each audience is different and she learns, for

good or bad, how her words affect people when she gets to read them aloud.

She has 15 books of poetry listed, two fictions, more than 20 translations and one on my shelf.

She blushed when I told her my poetry class has spent an entire period on 20 lines. I give you two, for you missed it and there isn't another until next fall.

"Clearly on the dissecting table the reason for parts and position acquainted entire the fabric of nature"

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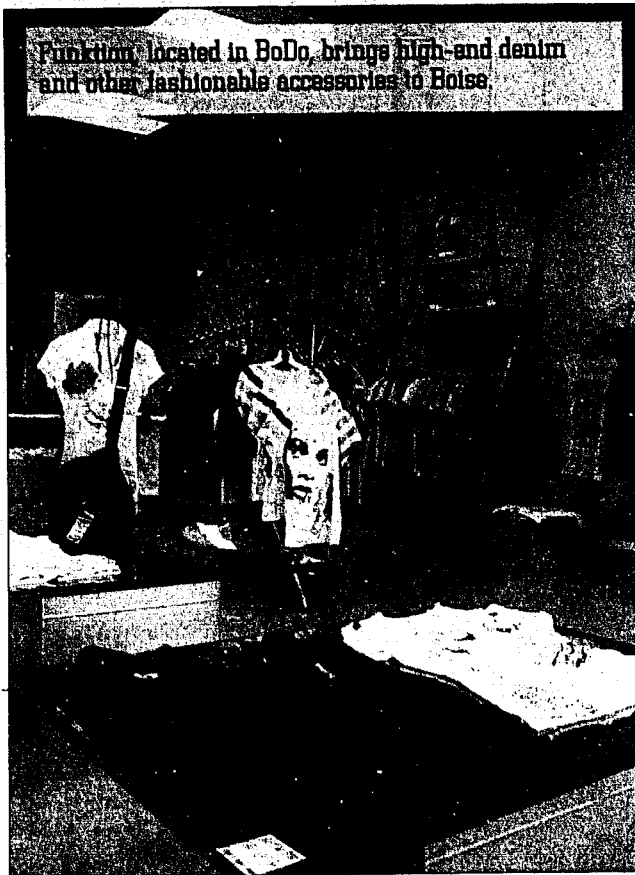


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Boise fashion has Funktion

BY MARCUS OGAWA
Special to The Arbiter

Tucked amidst the hustle of national retail chains and mainstream corporate cuisine at the new BoDo development downtown, resides the only store in Boise that is visually in line with upscale clothing boutiques found in bigger cities.

With its uber-industrial urban flair and striking attention to angular detail, Funktion is a breath of fresh air for those consumers looking to add flair to their wardrobe or just find a funky accent piece to boost their basics.

Owner and fashionista Leah Butler, who appears to be the love child of Madonna and Gwen Stefani, opened Funktion in December 2002. A graduate of Boise State, Butler left a lucrative marketing career in Ketchum after 11 years to follow her true passion: fashion. She decided to bring something different to Boise, and fill a niche mar-

ket she considered to be untapped.

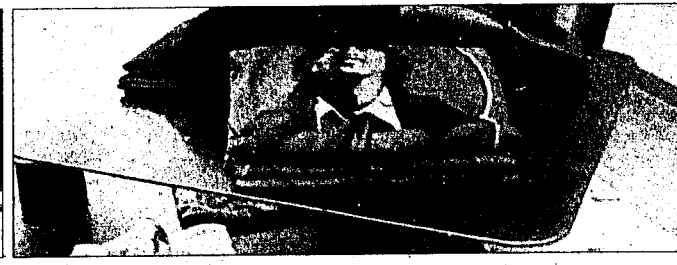
Knowing that Boise, in general, is slowly catching up to bigger city fashion, Butler is creating a regional retail awakening. She stocks A-list brands such as 7 For All Mankind, Citizens of Humanity, GSUS Industries, and other hard to find upscale labels. She finds pieces that are unique to Boise, yet are often carried by finer department and specialty stores in larger metropolitan areas.

Butler said she realizes that "the college-age market for fashion-forward apparel is growing, and younger people want nicer denim for going out." She also said, "People want to differentiate themselves. They want to go out without seeing 10 other people in the same shirt as them at the bar."

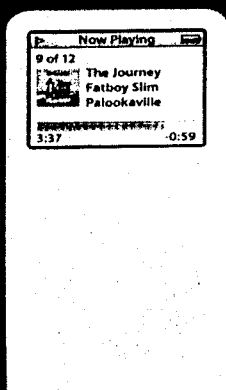
For this reason, Butler has made it one of her business philosophies to keep orders limited to only six of one piece, making any purchase an investment in individuality and fashion.

Mitchell Thompson, owner of the swanky downtown restaurant, Pair, is drawn to Funktion because of its stark neo-industrial urban nuance and sartorial sensibilities. A self-proclaimed "urban-sexual minimalist" (think stylish manly man), Thompson believes it's important to be fashion-forward without looking like you're trying too hard.

An avid traveler, Thompson was once only able to update his wardrobe in metropolitan areas. Shops like Funktion are rampant throughout areas like San Francisco and Seattle, and Thompson appreciates the fact that he can find the same quality and experience without having to leave downtown Boise. With four years of success in Boise, Butler believes that her business will only get better. Clients like Thompson and many other Boise hipsters already realize the value of having an asset like Funktion so close to home. Finally, Boise fashion meets Funktion.



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The celestial experience of 30 Seconds to Mars

A BEAUTIFUL LIE

Album delves deep into the band's emotions

APRIL RUMORE
Culture Writer

I'm not gonna lie, 30 Seconds to Mars is quite the toe tapper. Their 2005 CD release of "A Beautiful Lie" is an awesome conglomerate of angst, passion and deep feelings. Emotions run rampant with classic breakup lyrics of "come break me down....I'm finished with you" and life observational lyrics of "do you live and do you die?" Flashbacks from Linkin Park's song mixes of a harmonic ballad chorus, to a rapid transition to screaming words of pain and emphasis encompass the songs.

Lead singer Jared Leto, with the help of the band's guitar player and bass player, wanted to create his music to be honest and pure reflections of life, personal experiences

and the genuine consequential feelings that resulted from them. "We wanted to focus on the insides of the song," Leto says. "To cut away anything extraneous. To get the truth of it all...As dark as some of the moments can be, there is always a huge sense of optimism and celebration."

Leto actually wrote the songs from "A Beautiful Lie" throughout the tour of the band's first CD. Amongst the traveling and bus rides in five different countries of four different continents, the bluntly honest and personal lyrics were brewed. It was in Capetown of South Africa, where the title track plus three other hits were born. Here, his band members joined him in coming up with the name of this record.

Living in a house overlooking the ocean, "that was breathtakingly beautiful," much of Leto's lyr-

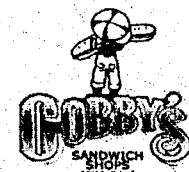
ics were also nurtured and transpired. "A Beautiful Lie" encapsulated many hardships that he and his band trudged through before and during the production of the record.

They have been touring from east to west coast of not only America, but worldwide. Just last night, they humbly reached Boise's the Big Easy. But don't let that get you down. If you missed this priceless concert experience, you can road trip it to Las Vegas for their April 21 concert this week. Or you can celebrate the semester coming to an end in Atlantic City for their May 12 show. Nonetheless, their CD is only a short drive to the Record Exchange away.

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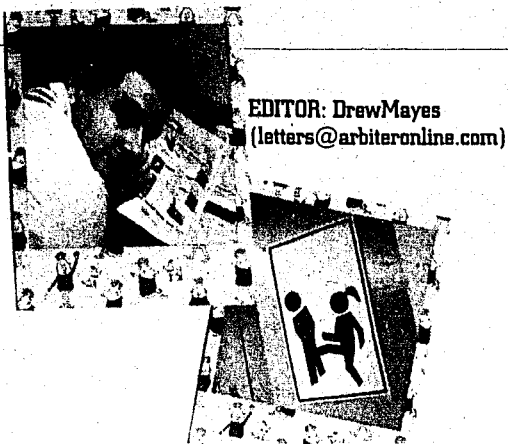
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America's feeling a little... gassy

Exxon Mobil overtakes Wal-Mart as Americas top business

BY JACOB GOOD
Opinion Writer

It's the King of Crude! It's the Prince of Profit! It's the God of Gas! Stand and applaud for the new Number One on the Fortune 500 list - Exxon Mobil!

That's right; an oil company has replaced Wal-Mart as the top American business. What a shock! We may continue to buy useless crap in bulk but we still need oil to maneuver our Hummers sideways into two or three parking spots at Wal-Mart.

Last year Exxon Mobil earned one billion dollars a day and amassed 36 billion dollars in profits, a 42.6 percent increase from 2004. This was due largely to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which annihilated much

of the Gulf Coast. I guess there's nothing better than American tragedies to pique the interest of American greed and corruption.

In the wake of the hurricanes the country was left with the worst inflation of oil prices since the 1973 oil crisis. Back then the rise was due to a religious conflict in the Middle East; today it's due to corporate malfeasance.

You may think I'm completely off because companies were only following the code of ethics upon which they had suckled since their inception as Standard Oil in the early 20th century. Surely I can't complain about a practice as American as apple pie and baseball! It's well-known that free market capitalism advocates a hands-off approach to business, especially when those

hands belong to the government. No CEO should sit by idly while Congressmen sift through their financial records, right? And if a company is earning its profits legally then what is there to complain about? I think I'll complain about profits in that free market society.

I was certainly not surprised when prices skyrocket after two devastating hurricanes, but I don't understand how this could give record profits to oil companies. Under normal conditions if I sell my product for two dollars per gallon and natural catastrophes cause my prices to rise, they should rise only in relation to the profits I was making before the disastrous events.

To earn a 42.6 percent increase in profits, a company would need to gouge consumers desperate for a necessary product. The only problem is when this logic is factored into our unregulated business economy. Logic and compassion are crushed under the weight of American cor-

porate greed and excess, especially when a business' stockholders are sitting in Congressional seats. It doesn't help matters when those same Congressional members are allowed to partake in the illegal practice of insider trading.

The queen of crafts, Martha Stewart, is a registered felon because she received information about the decline of a stock she held before she proceeded to sell her shares, but Capitol Hill's motley members are allowed to dictate the status of their portfolios with a little help from their friends, and nobody seems to care. So, it's really no surprise that when the price of a barrel of oil reaches Beanie Baby levels nobody says a word, except to raise their hands and surrender their wallets to the gods of the gas tank. But we do need to fill our SUVs for the big trip to Wal-Mart, right?

So I propose a solution to our problems. It doesn't involve decreasing our overblown oil con-

sumption, although that's a really good idea. It doesn't involve stringing up the oil executives like Mussolini, although ... never mind. It does, however, involve changing our views on unregulated businesses and the people who would regulate them.

I propose that the UN should send inspectors into our corporate headquarters to peruse the documents pertaining to weapons of mass destruction. Either that or we send bullies to turn over the executives and shake them until their lunch money and corporate donations fall to the ground.

Why Don't You Get A Job?

BY BRANDON NOLTA
Opinion Writer

Semester's end is only a few weeks away, which means summer is nigh upon us. The hot months of the year may provide respite from academic toil, but damn near all of us will find ourselves, at some point, in need of money, which means getting a job (I know there are exceptions, but I'm not talking to them).

Some of us unfortunates who have to support a family already have one or more, but some of you in Electric Readerland may not have one yet, and are maybe wondering what to do.

Fortunately, between the Internet and the work of countless students before you in the same boat, there are options. One easy-peasy resource is Boise State's very own Career Center, over in the Alumni Center building. Those folks live to help students find work; just ask them. If you're not into personal visits or have strong spiritual reasons for not going over to that side of campus, visit their Web site at career.boisestate.edu.

They've got all sorts of fun stuff to play with, including BroncoJobs, BSU's very own job board. I know how that sounds, but they have plenty of off-campus, decent-paying opportunities listed.

Some of you may aim a little higher, or want to broaden your scope, whether you've graduated or decided you've got enough education for now. For those folks, a visit to one of the state's Department of

Commerce and Labor offices—the agency formerly and frequently known as Job Service—may be in order.

They specialize in employment and training services, job placement, unemployment claims and, according to rumor, karaoke on Wednesday afternoons.

Plus, many employers like to hold job fairs at various offices. There's a bunch scattered around, but the Internet delivers us from actually going there; visiting cl.idaho.gov will get you started on that merry path. From there, you can find out about jobs with the state of Idaho, the feds or even specialty fields.

Most companies now have their own Web pages, and maintain their own job listings as well. How often they get updated depends on the company and how interested they are in e-applications, but most of them do well in this regard. For summer internships and jobs, your best bet is to go through the academic department you're part of, as virtually all departments on campus make an effort to provide work experience to their students and cheap labor to companies that

might donate money for stuff...er, help provide the tools to educate students and make them into productive citizens.

However, it's a good idea to check listings of companies you might want to work for to get a handle on what type of workers they need and what skills they seek.

If you're not already aware, big local employers include Micron, HP, Albertsons, Washington Group International, Saint Alphonsus and St. Luke's.

There is a bunch more, but those will get you started. But, for the best jobs, you need to turn to the best resource at hand: people you know. It's been estimated that 80 percent of all jobs are never advertised, and it's that 80 percent you want to get your hands on. How do you get those jobs?

Network, network, network: call your mama, call your friends, call your dad's old drinking buddy. Talk to people, make yourself known. The early schmoozer gets the expense account or something like that.

Anyway, something to keep in mind while you're pounding the pavement. Good luck and enjoy what's left of the semester.

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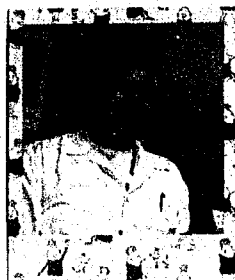
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[SIDE LINE]

Shields named WAC player of the week

Boise State's Luke Shields has been named the Xbox Live Western Athletic Conference Men's Tennis Player of the Week for the week of April 12.

Shields, a sophomore from Grand Junction, Colo., led Boise State, ranked No. 23 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, to three wins last week. The Broncos knocked off Santa Clara (7-0), Idaho (6-1), and Montana State (6-1).

Shields, the nation's 29th ranked singles player, went 3-0 in each of his matches at the first position. Shields knocked off Santa Clara's Jan Macek, 6-4, 4-6, 10-4, Idaho's Tim

Huynh, 6-3, 6-3, and Montana State's Federico Ueltschi (No. 122), 6-4, 7-5.

Shields and senior Thomas Schoeck, 2005 All-Americans and ranked No. 18 by the ITA, also went 2-0 in doubles this weekend. The duo defeated Santa Clara's McQuaid and Shields, 8-2, and Montana State's Gebicki and McDonald, 8-2. Shields is now 23-8 this season in singles and 18-9 in doubles with Schoeck.

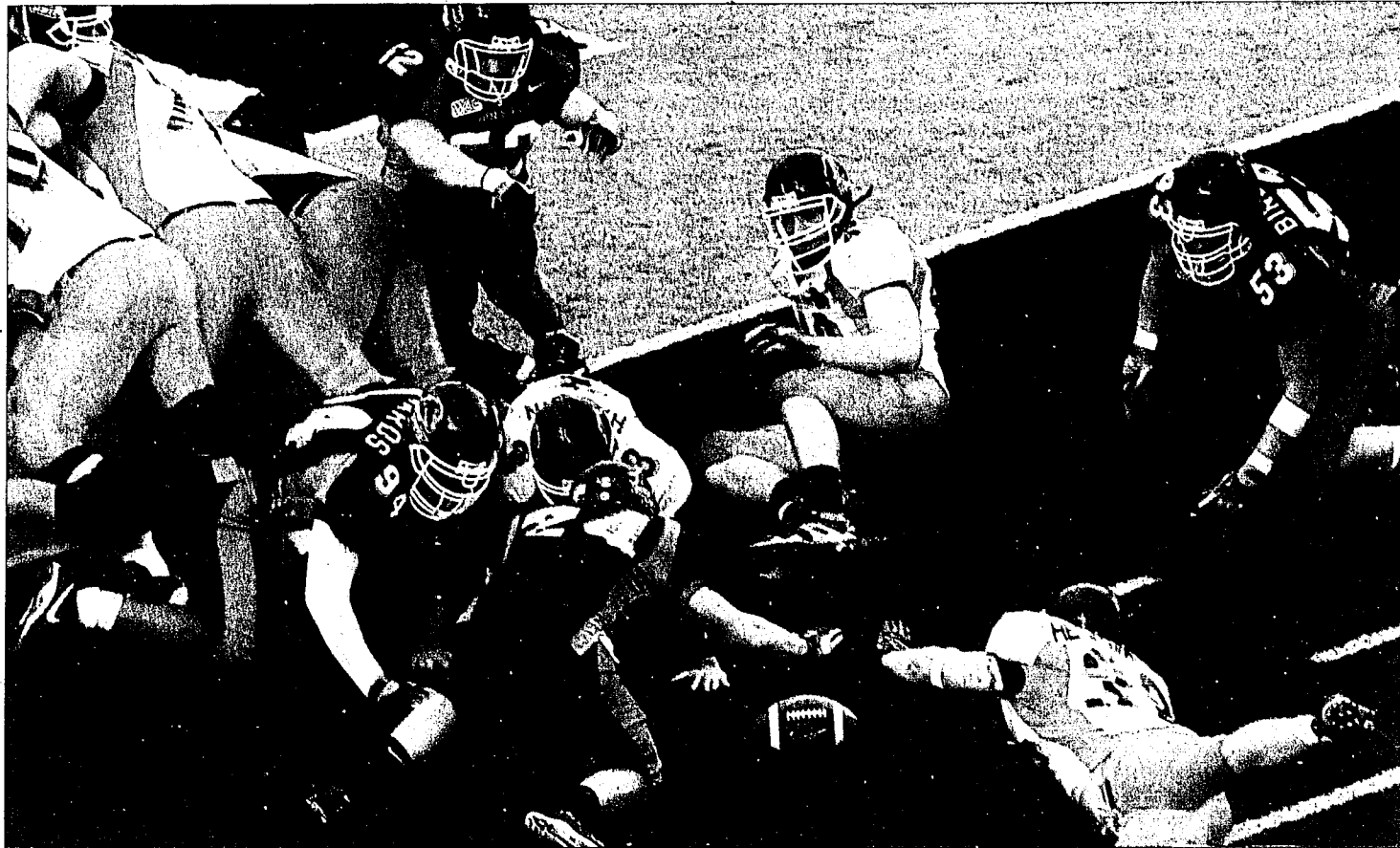
Sampson Basketball tournament

The 6th annual Kelvin Sampson 5 on 5 Spring Basketball tournament will take place on the campus of Montana Tech April 28th - 30th. A men's division, a women's division, and a high school boy's division and girl's division. The cost is \$150 per team for both men's and women's divisions and \$125 for the high school division. Depending on the number of teams, the tourney will be set up in a double elimination tourney or round robin play. Each team will play a minimum of three games. Certified refs will be available and all NCAA college rules will be in effect, except for a shot clock. The tournament will feature players from Montana Tech, Carroll College, Western Montana College, Rocky Mountain College, MSU - Northern, and other colleges from Montana, Idaho, and Washington. Please contact Mike Bauer, Men's Basketball Coach at Montana Tech for more information at (406) 496-4205 or mbauer@mtech.edu or Chase Tait, Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at Montana Tech at (406) 496-4531 or email at ctait@mtech.edu

Correction:

Greg Patton is the head coach for the Boise State men's tennis team, not Greg Graham, as reported in the Arbiter, April 10. Graham is the head coach of the BSU men's basketball team.

White team wins B&O



Mayhem erupts as Bush Hamdan, No. 3, fumbles the snap on third and goal. Hamdan had led the White team on a march from the 2-yard line before turning over the ball. The White team won the scrimmage 7-6. The game was scoreless through three quarters of play.

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Sports Editor

Spring football is over at Boise State. The team will continue to study and lift weights, but NCAA regulations won't allow the Broncos to put the pads back on until late summer.

The final actions of the Broncos this season were caught by the eyes of more than 5,000 Bronco fanatics Friday night at Bronco Stadium, under the lights, in the blasting rain, in the Blue & Orange Game, a scrimmage.

It should be the Blue & White game, since the White team did prove victorious, by the slimmest of margins.

The White team (the No. 2 offense and the No. 1 defense) won the shortened game 7-6 over the Blue team (the No. 2 defense and the No. 1 offense), on the strength of a 5-yard touchdown strike from Bush Hamdan to Iona Key at the 5:37 mark of the fourth quarter. The game had been scoreless up to that point.

The key to victory was the leg of Kyle Brotzman, a local kid from Meridian High, who hit the extra point try.

The touchdown was set up by a 28-yard interception return by Quinton Jones that gave the White the ball on the Blue 21-yard line.

Jones also recorded two tackles and ran the ball four times for 15 yards.

A 16-yard scamper by Jon Helmandollar got the White to the five, where Hamdan did his thing.

"I can throw the rock; that's what I bring to the table," Hamdan said.

He finished the scrimmage with 121 yards on 11-of-18 passing and the touchdown.

"I just have to get better," Hamdan said. "That's my focus, just get better and better. I've definitely gotten more comfortable with the offense. I got around some guys who really play well around me."

Nick Lomax also got some work on the White team, throwing for 50 yards on 4-of-5 passing.

Helmandollar and Key each had three receptions. Steven Tracy, Tanyon Bissell and Nick Harris each had a pair.

"A lot of the guys I was rolling with were guys in my class," Hamdan said. "They really came through for me tonight."

All wasn't rosy for the White though. Hamdan fumbled a snap on the 1-yard line, turning the ball over to the Blue. Hamdan had led the White on a 97-yard 17-play drive that ate up an entire 8-minute quarter. The quarters were shortened to 8-minute apiece.

The Blue team then charged down the field behind the arm and legs of starting quarterback Jared Zabransky. Zabransky hit Drisan James three times on that drive, including a 44-yarder.

James led all receivers with six catches for 86 yards. Zabransky also hit Brett Denton on a 9-yard pass on the final drive of the half.

He had three receptions and nine carries for

22 yards.

The drive didn't truly stall, it just ended. Zabransky took off on a run with the half winding down, but got tackled at the 1-yard line as time expired in the half.

Those two drives lasted more than ten minutes of game clock.

BSU tackle Andrew Woodruff played both sides Friday night, wearing blue pants, but switching jerseys to get the maximum amount of time on the line. He was on the White on the drive from the 2-yard line to the one, and with the Blue from the one to the one.

Basically, Woodruff, the biggest player on the team, was involved in 195 yards of offense consecutively and didn't see a score on either side.

"I just got a lot of work in at tackle," Woodruff said. "I need to get better at that position. 98 yards, that happens, you just have to come back and do it again. I've got to get better either way."

Zabransky was anything but spectacular Friday night. He did lead the team with 44 rushing yards, and he did complete all his passes to Broncos, but two of his five passes were intercepted by teammates. He went 3-for-5 for 54 yards.

The Blue team's score came from the hand of Taylor Tharp, the No. 2 quarterback. Tharp was 6-for-7 on the scoring drive, hitting Legedu Naanee on a 5-yard slant with 1:14 remaining in the game.

Tharp was 8-for-9 passing in the game

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Broncos sweep Barbara Chandler Classic

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Sports Editor

If momentum was a meal, the Boise State Women's tennis team would be into the 12th course. The Broncos take a 12-match winning streak into the Western Athletic Conference Championship Tournament next weekend at the Appleton Tennis Center. In the course of said streak, the Broncos have won every doubles point. Since losing the doubles point for only the second time this season March 5, at Washington State, Boise State has won 36 consecutive doubles matches.

"Our doubles is really good," BSU head Coach Mark Tichenor said. "It gives you such a huge advantage."

In the Barbara Chandler Classic, the Broncos won three duals, downing Utah State 7-0, Nevada 5-2 and knocking around rival Idaho 6-1 Saturday, the final regular-season dual.

"The matches have been good," Tichenor said. "We got to play everybody again, so it's always fun when you get everybody involved. I think it was a great preparation for the WAC tournament."

The dominating win over Idaho left little doubt that the instate rivalry belongs in the Broncos' pockets.

"It's supposedly supposed to be a rivalry, but we've always beaten them," BSU senior Megan Biorkman said. "I don't know why they keep calling it a rivalry when they really haven't made it into a rivalry."

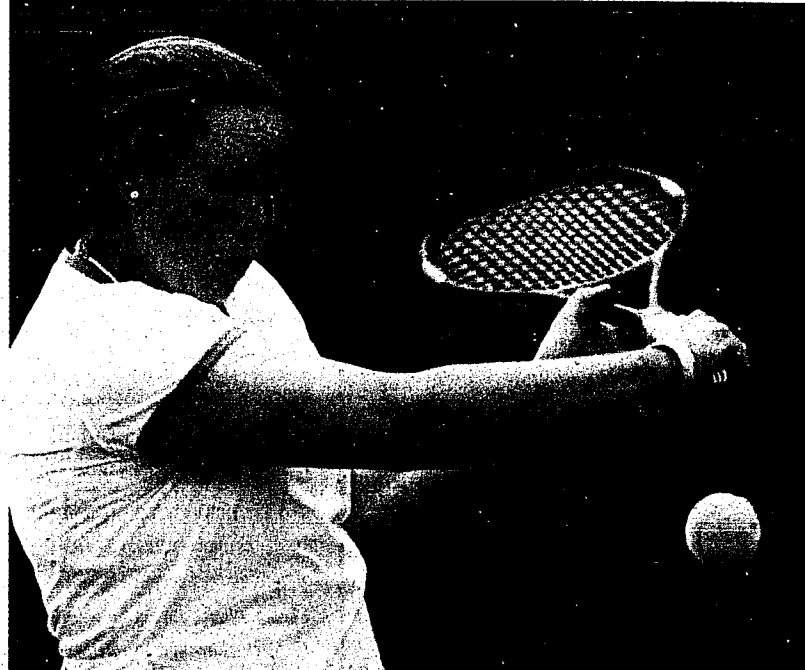
The Broncos, ranked No. 63 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, completed the regular season with a 20-3 record.

"A 20-3 season doesn't happen a lot," Tichenor said. "The girls have worked so hard, from the first day they got here. They deserve all their success."

The success of the team is an extended measurement, climaxing next weekend, when the Broncos host the WAC tourney at the dynamic Appleton Tennis Center (which those close to the sport consider the best facility in the WAC).

"It's going to be a huge advantage, playing on our home court," Tichenor said. "We always get good crowds. We just have to play well. We've got to use it to our advantage too. We have to be ready and prepared. Hopefully

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Hadley MacFarlane and the Broncos prepare for the WAC Championships.

DeLaet finishes tied for second place

COURTESY BRONCOSPORTS

PROVO, Utah -- Boise State University senior Graham DeLaet finished tied for second at the PING Golf Cougar Classic, April 15, leading the Broncos to a 12th place team finish.

Heading into today's final round, DeLaet was tied for fourth at 136 (-8). After posting a final-round 3-under 69, DeLaet moved up two places, finishing four strokes back of the tournament champion. With a three-round total of 205 (-11) at the par-72, 7,001-yard Riverside Country Club, DeLaet missed tying his own school record for lowest three-round total by two strokes.

DeLaet has finished in the top 25 in each of the Broncos' 10 tournaments, a mark that ties his own school record for top 25 finishes in a season.

The feat has only been accomplished three other times since 1997 (DeLaet in 2003 and 2004 and senior Adam Choy in 2004).

The finish also puts him in sole possession of second place for top 10 finishes in a season with seven.

With a three-round total of 866, the Broncos finished in 12th place as a team. This was the Broncos' final regular-season event before hosting the Western Athletic Conference Championships, May 1-3.

PING Golf Cougar Classic

Boise State Results

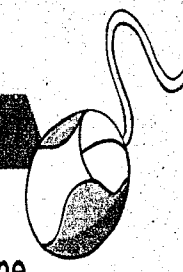
T2. Graham DeLaet (69-67-69*205, -11), T38. Brian Smith (73-72-71*216, E), T45. Matt Hastings (71-76-71*218, +2), T72. Jason Williams (76-74-78*228, +12), T79. Adam Choy (81-79-77*237, +21).

Team Results

1. Brigham Young (828), 2. Charlotte (829), 3. Weber State (838), 4. UNLV (839), 5. Nevada (841), T6. Fresno State (842), T6. Colorado State (842), 8. Hawaii (858), 9. Wyoming (860), 10. Utah (864), 11. Utah Valley State (865), 12. Boise State (866), T13. Southern Utah (869), T13. Air Force (869), 15. Utah State (879), DNF * UTEP.

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COURTESY BRONCOSPORTS

BERKELEY, Calif. -- Freshman Eleni Kafourou was a double winner, and Keron Francis posted the second best collegiate mark in the men's javelin this season, as Boise State University won a total of four events at the annual Brutus Hamilton Track and Field Invitational on the University of California campus.

A native of Athens, Greece and competing in her first collegiate season, Kafourou won the long and triple jumps posting NCAA regional qualifying marks in both events. She won the long jump with a mark of 19-7.00 (5.97m) and the triple jump with a leap of 41-7.25 (12.68m). Her long jump was the first time this season she had surpassed the regional qualifying standard, while her triple jump performance marked the second straight week she went over qualifying mark. Kafourou's triple jump was also the third best outdoor mark in school history.

Francis, a 2004 NCAA All-American in the javelin and making his 2006 debut in the event, posted the second best collegiate throw in the country this year at 242-3 (73.85m) in placing first. Eric Brown of the University of Arkansas has the top collegiate mark at 245-10 (74.94m). Francis earned his All-American award with a fourth place finish in 2004. He red-shirted last year.

Freshman Simon Wardhaugh picked up the Broncos' other first place finish when he won the men's hammer with a toss of 189-0 (57.60m).

Boise State also produced two runner-up finishes on Saturday. Eleni Ypsilanti placed second in the women's hammer with a throw of 179-6 (54.72m), and Staffan Jonsson was second in the men's discus with a throw of 177-1 (53.99m). Both have posted better marks this season, which surpass the regional qualifying standard.

The Broncos return to Eugene, Oregon, for its next meet when they compete in the Oregon Invitational April 21 and 22 (Friday and Saturday).

Sweep [from page 8]

we play well."

For the players, especially the outgoing seniors, the opportunity to play for a championship in their own back yard is more than enough motivation to play well.

"With the home crowd, we'll definitely have an advantage to win it," Biorkman said. "It will be great, my last year, having the WAC tournament here. I'm really looking forward to it."

Biorkman and fellow senior Hadley MacFarlane are the No. 1 double tandem for the Broncos. They defeated Idaho's Patricia Ruman and Mariel Tinnirello 8-4 Saturday, improving their record to 28-6 this season and 19-3 in spring. Biorkman is now 20-14 this season. She has a career record of 44-34 in singles and 60-22 in doubles in her three-year Bronco career. MacFarlane clinched the Idaho dual for the Broncos, putting away Tinnirello in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2. She capped her final regular season home match on Senior Day with an ace for the final point, becoming the second Bronco to post 30 wins this season. MacFarlane has won her last 13 matches.

The Bronco's third senior, Alanah Carroll has just returned to the team, after missing a portion of the season due to a stress

fracture in her leg.

Tichenor said that her return has greatly improved the team. Although she did record the only loss against Idaho, she is getting back into form and should be ready for the WAC tournament. The Freshmen are getting it done too.

Tatiana Ganzha and Jana Mackova steamrolled their opponents Saturday, putting the Broncos in position to clinch the dual. Ganzha completed her match in 40 minutes, knocking off Efrat Leopold, 6-0, 6-0, to post her team-best 33rd victory of the year. Mackova also won 6-0, 6-0, defeating Karen Konishi to improve to 24-12 on the season.

"It was a good tournament," Ganzha said. "I started with a not so good match, but I did better the second day. And it went really well today."

Despite her success, Ganzha is a humble Bronco. "It's not that much my own," Ganzha said. "I didn't do it on my own. It's all about my coach, my teammates, great support, great coaching. I'm really thankful for them."

The Broncos play host to the WAC Championship, April 20-22, "I really think we're going to take it," Biorkman said. "We'll probably meet Fresno in the Finals. I'm looking forward to taking home that ring for my senior year."

Scrimmage [from page 8]

for 74 yards.

The Blue went for the two-point conversion and Tharp hit James, but the pass was broken-up with a hard hit by Orlando

Scandrick. He had four tackles in the game.

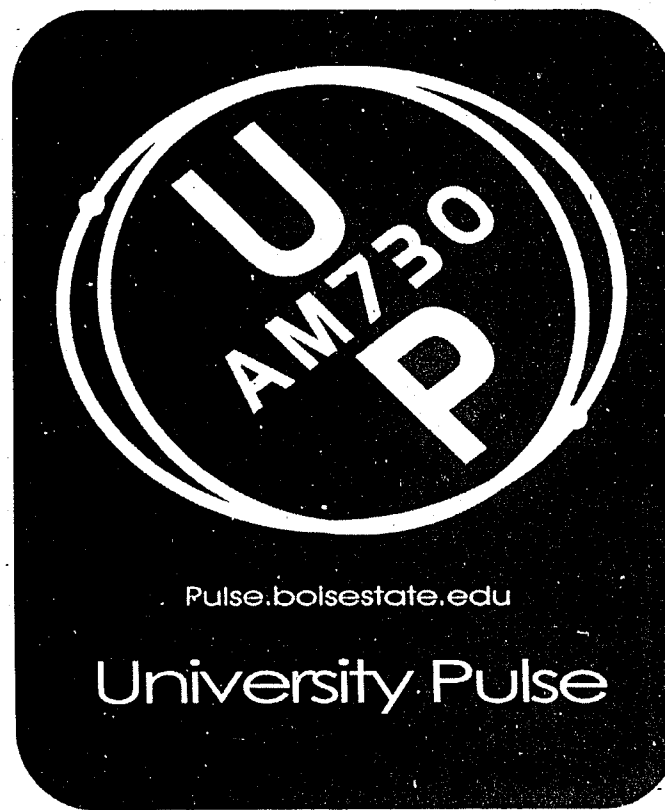
"We didn't have enough steaks for everyone so we had to go for two," BSU head football coach Chris Petersen said, referring to the pre-game stakes involving steaks.

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Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 9 - Decide now, to better the best you've done before. Go farther, faster, higher or whatever it takes to renew your faith.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 6 - Discussions about shared money, and how it should be spent, are lively and confusing. But there will be a happy ending.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is an 8 - There's somebody else in your life who has a magnificent idea. Don't be jealous, be supportive. As partners, you'll be even more powerful.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is a 5 - A difficult project may seem, at first, beyond your expertise. And at first, it is, but you can raise to the challenge. Meanwhile, your boredom will vanish.

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Today is a 6 - Offer suggestions. Write them down and send them to people in power. You will be well rewarded for cutting costs and increasing output.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is an 8 - Don't let the naysayers slow you down. Try to be reassuring. Endeavors begun now are favored to succeed, but there are rocky moments.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 5 - Upsetting information at first causes a problem. You may feel unprepared, but don't dismay. The truth will set you free.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is an 8 - Look here, look there, look everywhere. The answer that you're seeking isn't in either place. It's all over the place.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is a 6 - You're being tested to see if you can really do what you promised. If you've been thrifty with promises, you can, and you'll be well rewarded.

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I NEED YOUR HONEST OPINION ABOUT MY PROJECT PLAN. DON'T HOLD BACK.

YOUR PLAN LOOKS LIKE IT WAS WRITTEN BY A DRUNKEN LEMUR AS A PRACTICAL JOKE ON OTHER DRUNKEN LEMURS.

TODAY I LEARNED THAT PEOPLE DON'T LIKE DRUNKEN LEMUR ANALOGIES.

DILBERT SAYS MY PLAN WON'T WORK. I NEED A SECOND OPINION.

HYPOTHETICALLY, IF I SAY YOUR PLAN IS TERRIFIC, WOULD I END UP BEING THE ENGINEER WHO HAS TO IMPLEMENT IT?

MAYBE. YOUR PLAN REEKS OF INFEASIBILITY.

DILBERT AND WALLY REFUSE TO SUPPORT MY PROJECT PLAN. WILL YOU TAKE A LOOK AT IT?

GAAA!!! THE STUPIDITY IS LEAPING OFF THE PAGE AND BURROWING INTO MY BRAIN!!!

DOES ANYONE AROUND HERE KNOW HOW TO SAY A SIMPLE "THIS WON'T WORK"?

Crossword

- ACROSS
- Twig with leaves
 - "Camille" star
 - Gullible person
 - Oar holder
 - Native Alaskan
 - Id companion
 - Man in a scull
 - Radiation units
 - Construction piece
 - Flop
 - Hall & _____
 - Tentatively scheduled
 - Suffer defeat
 - Scam
 - Golfer Watson
 - Liquid appetizer
 - Feudal tenant
 - Hatch eggs
 - Muhammad _____
 - Playwright Pirandello
 - Comic Tim
 - Not obstructed
 - Gehrig or Brock
 - Weep
 - Puppy feet
 - Inexperienced
 - "The _____ and the Ecstasy"
 - Open container
 - Hopping mad
 - Exposes to public ridicule
 - Hilo hello
 - Diminutive creature
 - Kitchen appliance
 - Ballplayer Garciaparra
 - Library sec.
 - Came to a halt
 - Having prickles

- DOWN
- Divest
 - One who fears
 - Second crop of hay in one season
 - Of an intestinal obstruction
 - Like disinfectants
 - Fragrant bloom
 - In full hearing
 - Double-check text
 - Bread roll
 - Italian eight
 - Look after
 - "_____ of God"
 - Deputized group
 - Four qts.
 - Parking area
 - Election mo.
 - Kuala Lumpur populace
 - Nat'l. TV network
 - In favor of
 - Long period of time
 - Ticket info
 - Grippe
 - Big _____, CA
 - Knight's title
 - _____ of consent
 - Eye cover
 - Infuriated
 - Never _____ mind
 - Lingerie buy
 - Let loose
 - Printer input

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- Spry
- Author of "This Boy's Life"
- NBC classic
- Blockade
- Lowest deck of a ship
- Model Campbell
- Hawke of "Reality Bites"
- Sweetie
- Olden times
- Raced