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ON CAMPUS

Boise State University Invites students to stay 'Up All Night.'

The Boise State University Student Programs Board will host the annual "Up All Night," a late evening of fun and games, to welcome back students from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Aug. 25 at the Student Union Building. Admission is free for students with ID and \$5 without; each student is allowed to bring one guest.

"Up All Night" will take place on the first floor and patio of the Student Union. This year's theme is "Endless Summer Nights," and scheduled events include a screening of the hit movie "Pirates of the Caribbean," live music on the patio, volleyball games, a hula hoop contest, speed dating, a raffle, other games and food.

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Kustra has strategic plan for Boise State

BY CHAD MENDENHALL
News Editor

Boise State University President Bob Kustra addressed students, faculty members and politicians in his annual "State of the University" address on Wednesday, August 16 in the Student Union Building.

Kustra's vision for Boise State University includes a campaign that will require the community and university to respond in order to make successful students and citizens.

"A great city and what it produces is made possible and is reflective of the university that serves as its foundation," said Kustra.

He also said Boise's location offers BSU and the community an opportunity to advance as a metropolitan research school by capitalizing on local business relationships like Micron and the Shakespeare Festival.

"This region is home to Boise State University. From both an efficiency and effectiveness standpoint it only makes sense for the home university, with its campus in the heart of the region, to play the leading role in the education of its citizens and the research that serves as the foundation for our economy and our communities," said Kustra.

At the forefront of Kustra's campaign are the four themes of Boise State: academic excellence, public engagement, vibrant culture and exceptional research.

BSU reported its two best fundraising years in 2005 and 2006, but that does not change the university's priorities for the 2007 Legislative session, which involves securing money to develop faculty recruitment and retention, need-based scholarships and loans and a permanent campus building fund.

"We can't expect out students to be building all of our new buildings," said Kustra.

He called himself a "digital immigrant" when describing the growing need for BSU and its faculty to adapt to technology and create new, progressive methods to the learning needs of its students.

Kustra said the Interactive Learning Center, which is currently under construction, would help meet these requirements.

"The center will showcase the ways in which a metropolitan uni-

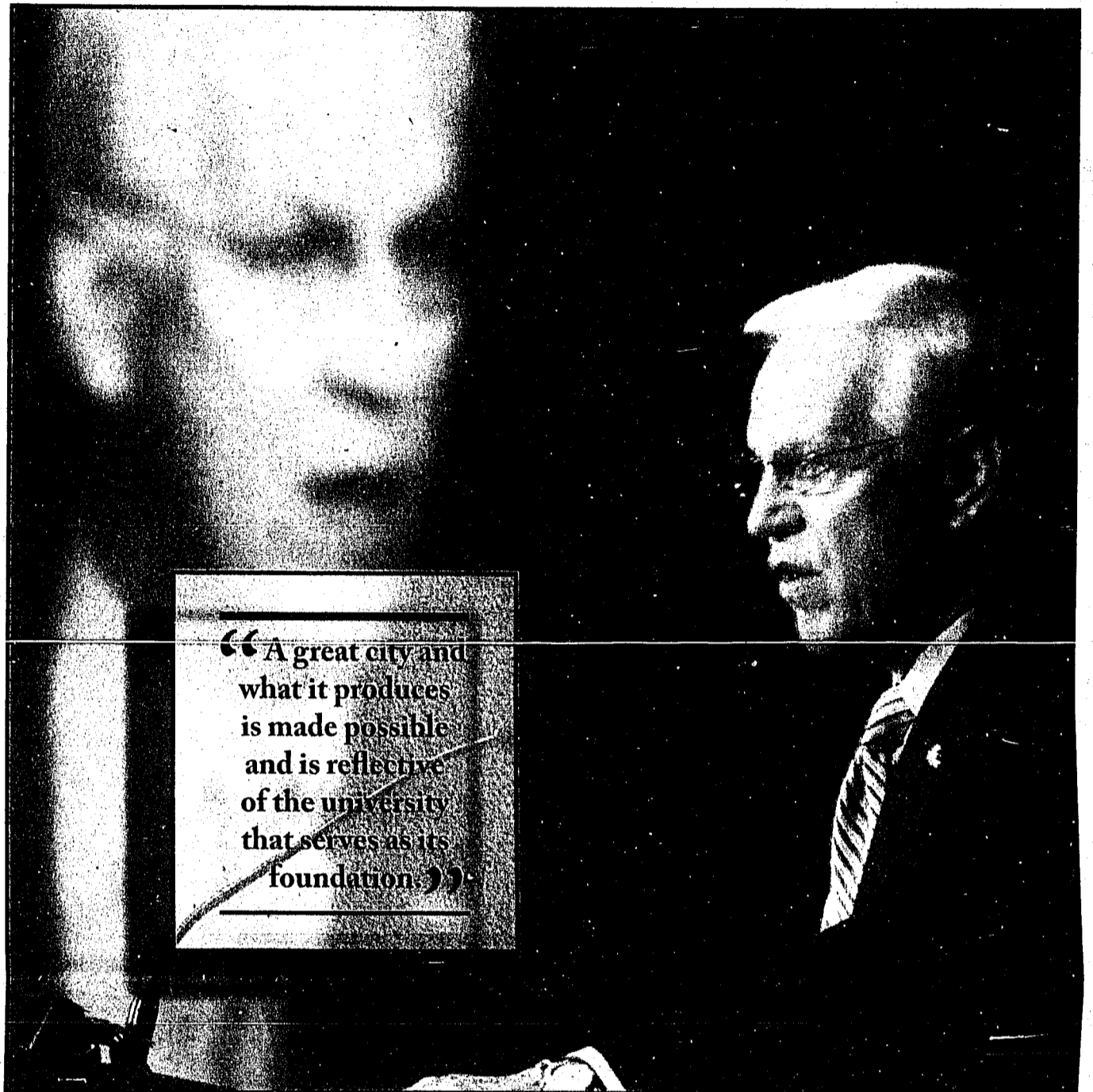


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Boise State University President Bob Kustra outlines tentative plans for BSU in his address.

versity can best respond to the changing needs of the students, including open learning environments that will accommodate self-directed learning and transform the teaching role from that of lecturer to facilitator," said Kustra.

The \$13.5 million, 54,000-square-foot building is adjacent to the Multipurpose Building and is

scheduled to open next June.

Included in Boise State's strategic campaign to transform itself into a metropolitan research university is the creation of a community college, but according to Kustra unresolved issues between funding and governments have delayed the progression indefinitely.

"An independent community college makes sense for Boise State... this state's most productive regional economy has the potential to improve and expand work force preparation which will create more jobs, increase the earning power of our citizens and bolster more economic development in the region," Kustra said.

"If our students don't succeed, nothing else we have done here really matters."

This is his fourth year as president of Boise State University, replacing President Charles Ruch as the sixth university president on July 1, 2003.

Cheney visits Boise to support GOP



PHOTOS BY RICHAE SWANBECK/THE ARBITER

Approximately 200 protesters lined Front Street to demonstrate their disapproval for the war in Iraq and the Republican Party as Vice President Dick Cheney addressed an equal number of supporters at the Boise Centre on The Grove.

BY CASSIE GUTIERREZ
AND CHAD MENDENHALL
Arbiter News Staff

Vice President Dick Cheney made a brief visit to Boise on Wednesday, Aug. 16 to lend his support to First Congressional District Candidate Bill Sali.

Cheney addressed nearly 200 people at the Boise Centre on The Grove despite an equal number of protesters lining both sides of Front Street.

Supporters for Democrat opponent Larry Grant dressed in hunter-orange and passed out flyers depicting various species of birds.

"The fact that the vice president has to make a trip to Boise to try to beat me is a clear demonstration they realize their candidate is in trouble in the First District," Grant said.

A common opinion amongst other protesters was that the U.S. does not belong in Iraq.

"I would rather risk getting blown up or shot by a random terrorist for different reasons than have my government have complete control over me," protester and Boise State student Chad Harber said.

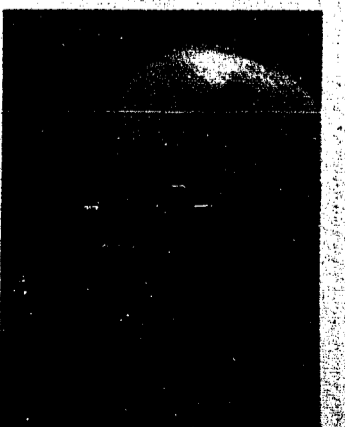
"It's not our job to police the rest of the world. We have a lot of problems here in our own nation that we need to spend our time and money

and resources on."

"It's kind of a sticky situation," said Harber. "I mean, on one hand, we really don't belong there because we just started another fight just like we did in Iran and everywhere else. But on the other hand, if we pull out now, we're going to make it even worse."

College Republican President Brandon Stoker said he believes Cheney's visit was a definite boost for the GOP.

"The vice president's visit to Boise put the nail in the coffin for the Grant campaign. Cheney certainly has an interest in keeping the House in Republican control," Stoker said.



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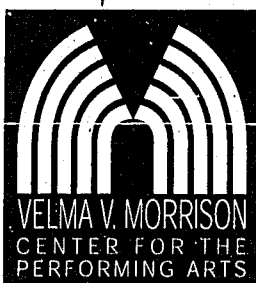
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world

Support for war may aid some extremists

British Prime Minister Tony Blair's support for wars in Iraq and Lebanon provides "ammunition to extremists," according to an open letter published in newspapers and signed by leaders of prominent British Islamic groups.

The letter, endorsed by three members of Parliament and three British peers, in addition to the 38 organizations notes: "The debacle of Iraq, and now the failure to do more to secure an immediate end to the attacks on civilians in the Middle East, not only increases the risk to ordinary people in the region, it also provides ammunition to extremists who threaten us all."

While urging Blair to "do more to fight against all those who target civilians with violence, whenever and wherever that happens," the writers contend that "current British government policy risks putting civilians at increased risk both in the UK and abroad."

"I have no doubt that there are many issues which incite people to loathe government policies, but not to strap explosives to themselves and go out and murder innocent people," Foreign Office Minister Kim Howells said. "There is no way of rationalizing that. I think it is very, very dangerous when people who call themselves community leaders make some assumption that somehow there's a rational connection between these two things."

In other developments, Home Secretary John Reid said that while authorities believe the main suspects have all been found, they are not to a point where they "can or should stop searching. That is why the alert level remains at critical."

"All of us know that this investigation hasn't ended," Reid said.

Beginning to become evident is how deeply into normal British life the apprehended were.

local/bsu

Fifty-one new faculty members join BSU

Fifty-one new faces will join the ranks of the Boise State faculty as the university prepares to start the 2006-2007 academic year.

They include 18 from the College of Arts and Sciences; eight from the College of Education; six from the College of Health Sciences; five each from the College of Applied Technology, the College of Engineering and the College of Business and Economics; and three from the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs.

Some are adjunct instructors promoted to full-time status.

A few enter academia from successful careers in the private sector.

Several are younger scholars fresh out of Ph.D. programs.

Some are veteran educators and researchers, joining the university from some prestigious institutions.

"These newcomers are an impressive group who will play a vital role in Boise State University's growth into a metropolitan research university of distinction," said Sona Andrews, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

"Along with the excellent faculty and staff who already work here, our newest cohort of faculty members will undoubtedly help the university move forward."

The effective teaching and innovative research of our faculty members are part of the foundation on which Boise State University is built.

Our new professors will expand the university's capacity to help our students gain the knowledge and skills they need for twenty-first century jobs and provide expertise in expanded academic offerings across the curriculum.

what the?

Why would you say something like that?

After crashing his car into the bedroom of a sleeping couple in Alice Springs, Australia, at two in the morning, a drunk driver freed himself from the wreckage, pulled a brewski from his vehicle, and told the stunned homeowners, "I'd better have another beer. I'm going to jail for sure."

This is a stick-up ... oh, no, don't ... BLAM!

A man went into a gun shop in Auckland, New Zealand, with robbery in mind.

Alas, he had armed himself only with a machete.

He was immediately shot.

I've got you now ... hey, wait, no ... WHAM!

A convicted rapist in Oregon tried to kidnap a woman at knifepoint, but made the mistake of attempting his crime near a construction site.

As soon as she screamed, a crew of very burly hard-hatted men were all over him.

Yes officer, I'm positive that is the Smurf I saw

Two 19-year-old men stole a trampoline from a back yard in Dunedin, New Zealand, at one in the morning, then boldly walked down the sidewalk carrying it.

A neighbor saw them and called police. The two dropped the trampoline and tried to flee through several back yards when the cops arrived, but they were easy to spot because they were heavily intoxicated and dressed as Smurfs.

They were arrested.

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Breeding like bunnies

BY CHAD MENDENHALL
News Editor

The nation's population is expected to reach 300 million sometime this year.

Celebrating this milestone without recognizing the first European born in the Americas wouldn't be right.

Virginia Dare's claim as the first European born in what is now the U.S. began in August 1587 when she was born on Roanoke Island, an island in the outer banks of North Carolina. Her parents had been among the approximately 120 settlers who left England on an expedition supported by Sir Walter Raleigh.

Oddly, Virginia never personally made this claim because, as an infant, she vanished with all the other colonists on Roanoke.

Shortly after her birth, Dare's grandfather left the colony to secure additional assistance in England. After a three-year delay, he finally arrived on Roanoke only to find the word "croatoan" carved on a post. His granddaughter had disappeared along with any other traces of the colony.

It is said that the colonists had designed a code that should they leave the island, they would carve their new location on a post or tree. For this reason, some suppose that the colonists were absorbed into the Croatoan Indian tribe.

Further indications of the Croatoan tribe's adoption of the "lost colony" are found in an English explorer's observations of the Hatteras Indians in 1709: "Several of their ancestors were white people and could talk in a book as we do, the truth of which is confirmed by gray eyes being found infrequently among these Indians and no others," said English explorer John Lawson. The Hatteras Indians are descendants of the Croatoan tribe.

In the 1880s a man named Hamilton MacMillan believed the Pembroke Indians, located at a settlement in North Carolina, were descendants of the "lost colony." MacMillan said the Pembroke tribe shared the last names of many of the lost colonists and spoke Anglo-Saxon English. According to MacMillan, the tribe had fair eyes and light hair.

Still today, Dare's life remains a mystery, as no one really knows what happened to the colony.

A lot has changed since 1587. Every day in the U.S., more than 11,000 babies are born.

Had Dare's colony actually relocated, or joined the Croatoan tribe, she probably would have been expected to live between 33 and 37 years. In contrast, the 2006 life expectancy is 77.8 years.

Her parents, as well as the rest of the colony, were all foreign-born inhabitants. According to the U.S. Census, the number of people today that were born on foreign soil is 34.3 million, making up 12 percent of the total population.

The United States, while still in its infancy, conducted the first national census in 1790, counting 3.9 million inhabitants. Families then averaged six persons per household. Today, the typical household averages 2.6 people.

The nation's population reached 100 million in 1915 and 200 million in 1967.

As of August 18, 2006 the official U.S. population was 299,507,252 and the world's was 6,535,461,872.

The world population reached 6 billion on October 12, 1999. Populations are expected to arrive at 7 billion in 2013, 8 billion in 2028 and 9 billion in 2054.

Roanoke Island is pasted with American history and adventure. Pirates ruled its seas for nearly a decade, the island became a critical outpost on the Atlantic Coast during the Civil War, and in WWII German submarines constantly patrolled its coasts, but perhaps the most poignant and unnoticed detail is that of a lost girl.

West Nile Virus linked to another local death

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Ada County officials announced that they will begin aerial spraying for mosquitoes that carry the West Nile virus today. Canyon County may soon follow suit.

Meanwhile, West Nile is believed to have contributed to the death of an Elmore County man in his 60s. His marks the fourth death linked to the virus so far in Idaho.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare reported 299 human cases of West Nile virus last Thursday, 74 in Canyon County and 73 in Ada County.

Weather permitting, aerial spraying over specific sections of Ada County along the Boise River and other strategic locations in southwest Boise will begin today at approximately 9 p.m. and continue for about four hours. The plan calls for repeat spraying over the same 50,000 acres Tuesday evening.

Aerial applications will not take place in conditions of rain or winds that exceed 10 mph within the designated spray zone.

In Canyon County, Mosquito Abatement District workers are being paid by the county to spend part of this week surveying areas of the county to see what regions most require mosquito abatement to control West Nile.

Canyon County officials followed Ada County officials by declaring their county a disaster area last week because of an epidemic of West Nile virus. Canyon County Commissioners will make a decision next week as to how the county will approach combating West Nile.

The Ada County Mosquito Abatement District will use the chemical Dibrom Concentrate during its aerial spraying operations. Dibrom appears on the Idaho Department of Agriculture's approved pesticide list and will be applied according to state and federal law. As prescribed, Dibrom is not harmful to humans, pets, birds or fish. Airplanes will spray the pesticide into droplets 30 microns in size approximately 300 feet above the ground.

While this microscopic dose of pesticide is enough to kill mosquitoes, it is not expected to widely harm larger insects within the designated spray zone. Officials say the pesticide is active for only a short period of time and will likely be inert by morning.

Ada County Weed, Pest and Mosquito Abatement officials have supplied the company in charge of the aerial application with global positioning system data that will prevent pilots from spraying any pesticide over Ada County's four registered organic farm operations. Mosquito Abatement officials have also sent written notification to known local beekeepers about the

The Facts

Idaho's West Nile toll Aug. 16 confirmed humans cases: 234

32 additional people have been reported with serious infections requiring hospitalization.

- Canyon County: 48
- Ada County: 45
- Gem County: 10
- Owyhee County: 8
- Payette County: 12
- Washington County: 6

Note:

Although the Idaho Department of health and Welfare updates the numbers of newly documented West Nile infections on a daily basis, some fluctuation in those numbers occurs as some cases are reclassified.

For example, if a Canyon County resident is first treated in a Boise hospital, the case may add to Ada County's infection numbers.

When authorities learn that the person is from Canyon County or most likely contracted the virus in Canyon County, the statistics are adjusted accordingly.

aerial spraying operation.

Local officials expect a 90 percent kill rate on adult mosquitoes within the spray zone. As a follow-up to aerial spraying, Ada County Weed, Pest and Mosquito Abatement workers will also increase their larvaciding efforts at area ponds and lakes to kill mosquito larva before they hatch into flying adults.

This two-pronged approach will significantly impact the area's mosquito population and greatly reduce the risk of any further human West Nile infection, Ada County officials said.

Vector Disease Control, the company hired for Ada County's aerial spray operation, has dispatched two twin-engine Piper Aztec airplanes to perform the mosquito control operation. Each plane will carry approximately 60 to 75 gallons of the pesticide, which is capable of covering approximately 10,000 to 15,000 acres.

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Property taxes take a shake, Flaherty shakes hands

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY, Managing Editor

From the Student Union to the Statehouse steps, former Associated Students of Boise State University presidential candidate Tim Flaherty is still speaking for his causes.

Flaherty is campaigning for the District 17 seat in the Idaho State Senate.

Sunday, Flaherty and his supporters held a brief press conference on the Idaho Statehouse steps to declare his support for Idaho Governor James E. Risch's proposed changes to the state property tax laws.

The only people who showed up to the conference, other than Flaherty's supporters, were representatives of The Arbitrator.

"There's been some misinformation in my district about the tax plan," Flaherty said. "We're here to set the record straight. This is a working-families tax cut. This will help every Idahoan who owns a home."

Gov. Risch called a special session of the state legislature, which will convene Aug. 25, to discuss and change the law.

To see the Property Tax Relief Act of 2006, check our Gov. Risch's website http://gov.idaho.gov/property_tax_relief_info.html.

"I'm looking forward to our special session on the twenty-fifth because I think this is a chance for us to protect homeowners, to give a little property tax relief to people who are on a fixed income, to families who have bought a home-fulfilled the 'American dream' but have a mortgage and are being taxed on their debt to support the schools," Idaho State Senator for District 12 Curtis McKenzie said at the press conference. "Education has always been a state function under our constitution and I think the money for it should come from a state source, like the general fund. I'm glad that we'll have a chance to help Idahoans and support our schools with this bill."

The Bill would set aside \$100 million and place it into what Flaherty termed a "rainy-day fund" for education. The monies would be set aside in case a future decrease in educational funding arose and the monies were needed to assist in supporting education.

"Education is important in our state," Flaherty said. "I would say the most important thing in our state. And this plan protects education better than any other plan that I have seen in a long, long time. It sets aside \$100 million in a 'rainy-day' account in case there's any hiccups or a slumox in the economy-any sort of slow down, if you will."

The monies will come from a one-cent raise of Idaho state sales tax (making it 6 cents on the dollar).

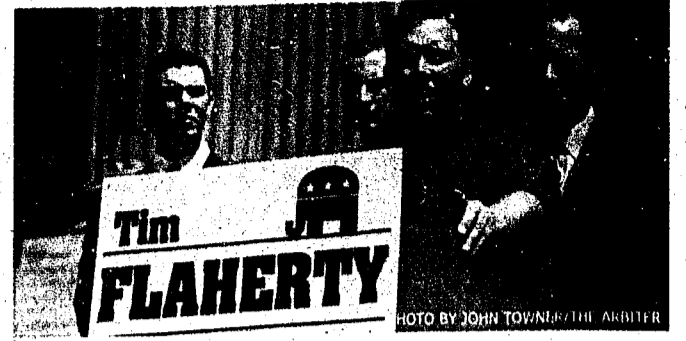


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Tim Flaherty, 17th district state senate candidate, announces his support for Gov. Risch.

The purpose of the bill is to lighten the load on homeowners and businesses in Idaho, both of which are faced with rising property taxes. Some of the funding from property taxes goes to education. By raising the sales tax, which goes toward education as well, logistically the state government could divert the funds and slow the rise of property taxes.

The main reason property taxes are rising so fast in the Treasure Valley is because the cost of living and property values are rising rapidly, so much so that some homeowners have been pinched by the costs.

Students at BSU may not have to worry so much about this proposed act, but their landlords do. Flaherty said that landlords can pass the rising costs of property taxes on to their renters.

"Renters benefit under this plan as well," Flaherty said.

As for students... "It's going to help students because of education," Flaherty said. "Their future is going to be safeguarded. Boise State has a high population of non-traditional students and students above the age of 30, most of whom have families and own homes. This is going to be a benefit to them."

Flaherty hits the campaign trail

In his bid to win the 17th District Senate seat, Flaherty has been campaigning the old-fashioned way.

"We've been working hard all summer long, meeting with people; we've knocked on a good 5,000 doors, maybe even more," Flaherty said. "We're in a really good position to win. Our fundraising efforts have

been right on. I really feel confident. "We've been shaking hands and talking to people about things they want in their state legislature and what it is they see that can be different and better. We try and work with them on how it is on how we're going to make things better in the next year."

Flaherty is an incoming senior at Boise State University.

"It's going to be really great working with students and constituents," Flaherty said.

But he has to get elected first, in the November 7 state elections.

Flaherty lost the ASBSU presidential election to Wyatt Parke by a mere 31 votes.

Since Flaherty is a student, education is one of his more-focused campaign platforms.

"I grew up in Idaho schools," Flaherty said. "So I know exactly what the needs are of students in this state. We think education is key in the state."

Sen. McKenzie seems to have Flaherty's back.

"One of the reasons I'm out here is because I want to support Tim, and having worked with him at the state convention, I think he's the right man for this job," McKenzie said. "I think he's articulate, intelligent and I think he'll do a great job in the senate."

Flaherty is 24 years old; he turns 25 before the election.

All residents of Idaho above the age of 18 are legally allowed to vote, unless their privileges have been revoked. If BSU students truly want their voices heard on issues, they can do it on November 7 at the ballot box.



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8/4/06 - Grand Theft - a laptop was stolen from the Science Nursing Building. Report taken.

8/8/06 - Illegal Consumption - two juveniles were drinking at Juanita & University. Report taken and citations issued.

August 13, 2006

8/8/06 - Bike Theft - locked bike was taken from a bike rack outside the Rec Center. Report taken.

8/9/06 - Theft - box of personal information was taken from the Student Union Building. Report taken.

8/13/06 - Bike Theft - unlocked bike was taken from a bike rack outside of building A of the University Square Apartments. Report taken.

Come Honor Jade Bar-Shalom

Co-founder of the Books for Israel Project

Memorial Service to be held on August 27th at 3:00 p.m.

Student Union Building - FREE parking SUB visitor lot & Bronco Circle

Jade Bar-Shalom, co-founder of the Books for Israel Project, tragically died in Israel of brain cancer on August 2nd. She will be missed dearly.

Rev. Dr. Leland Hunefeld, pastor of the Meridian United Methodist Church, and Rabbi Dan Fink of Synagogue Ahavath Beth Israel will officiate the ceremony and all are invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, please bring a single reading book that could be used in public schools by students through the twelfth grade. These books will be graciously presented to Jade who will symbolically present them to the Israeli students. All books will be given to the Books for Israel Project.

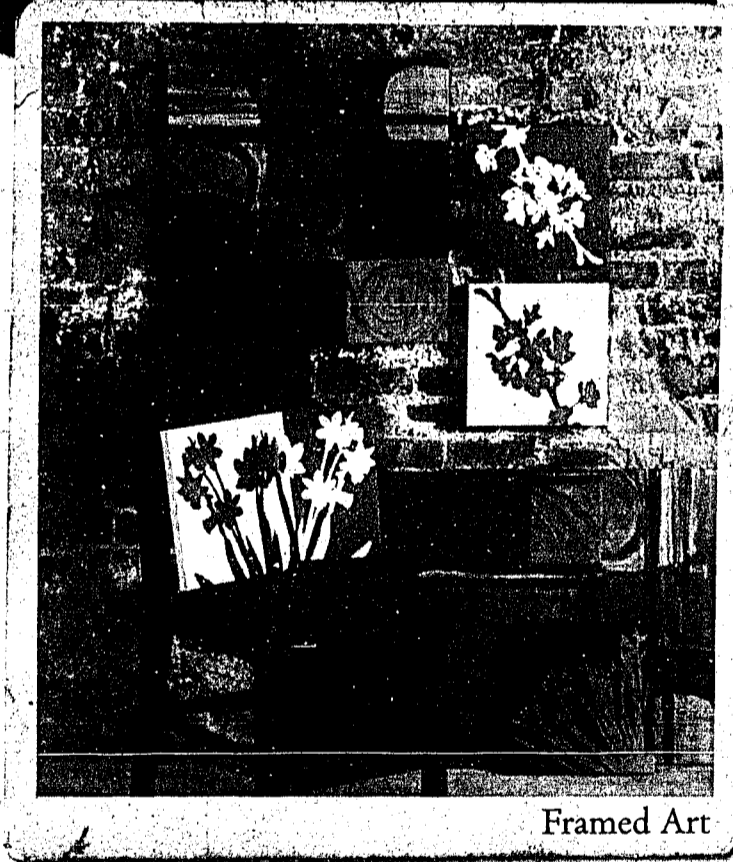
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OPINION

The way we see it ...

You should know the State of The Arbiter

Last week Boise State University President Bob Kustra gave his third annual State of the University address to the faculty, staff and students of BSU where he addressed his vision of where the university is going.

While we have all year to write, talk, analyze, discuss and debate where the administration is taking BSU - we thought we'd take this first issue of the fall semester and give you, our readers, the State of The Arbiter.

In case you've been working in some \$8 an hour job to afford the yearly astronomical rise in tuition - The Arbiter has already undergone significant changes from the graduation issue you may have picked up last spring.

If you're reading this article (and why wouldn't you be?) then you already know something is different.

Instead of just having a bunch of individuals from differing ideologies yelling back and forth at each other like school children (don't worry, we'll still have that) we're also giving you a strong-willed, highly versatile staff editorial that would just as soon slap the taste right out of your mouth as it would give kudos to those deserving.

The editorial board has representatives from all of the varying departments within The Arbiter who meet before each issue, and present this editorial, "The way we see it," which is more or less the newfound "voice" of The Arbiter.

As shown (or will be shown) by the staff editorials, you can also expect the content you read in here to be a little more ... edgy. Our summer orientation issue raised some heads, er - eyebrows, so much so that a local news station made The Arbiter and its content this year their lead story on an evening newscast. You can view their report by searching the orientation archives of our website.

Speaking of our website, arbiteronline.com has undergone a face lift that would make even Michael Jackson's plastic surgeon say, "wow - that's different." We've made a commitment to be one of the few college newspapers in the country to venture into the strange new world of multimedia.

What this means is you will now have the option to listen to the interview we did with Coach Petersen, or President Kustra in addition to reading the story about it. You can now watch the video of the news report Channel 6 did on The Arbiter instead of just reading about it.

Finally, you can also listen to a variety of student and staff podcasts on our website. The first one is scheduled to go online this Tuesday with a special "Editors' Show." If you've got questions or comments about The Arbiter, now is the time to let us know so we can address them publicly in this monthly show by Editor-in-Chief Drew Mayes. Check back frequently though as new shows will be appearing online almost daily.

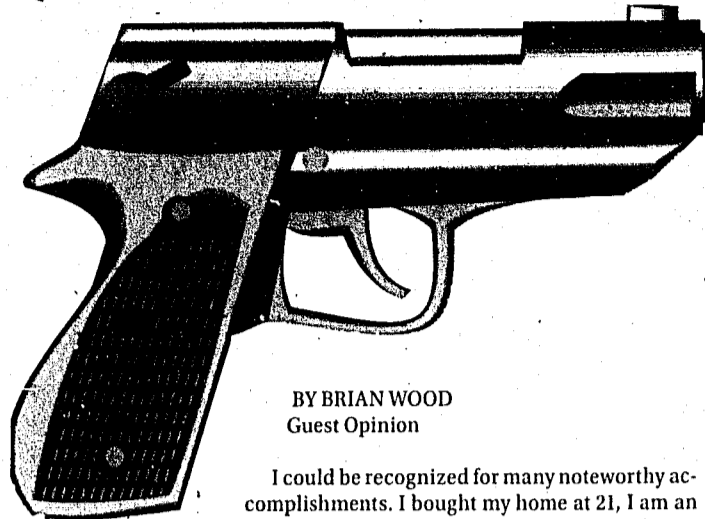
Want your own show? Let us know. Because no matter how edgy our content is or what unique features we have online we still need you, the reader, to get involved.

If you don't like what we're doing, tell us. Write a letter to the editor, post your feedback online, have your very own podcast to rant and rave on whatever topic you'd like. We've got one on professional wrestling coming up for crying-out-loud, so odds are whatever you want to talk about is fine with us.

What we're trying to say is this, be a "participation-er." That's a word we made up this summer because ... well, we can. If you think it's bullshit, then come do something about it.

The way we see it is based on the majority opinions of The Arbiter editorial board. Members of the board are Drew Mayes, editor-in-chief; Marcus Hackler, business manager; Heather English, production manager; Dustin Lapray, managing editor; Brandon Stoker, opinion editor; and Hadley Rush, multimedia producer

Callin' out the cops



BY BRIAN WOOD
Guest Opinion

I could be recognized for many noteworthy accomplishments. I bought my home at 21, I am an Eagle Scout, I earned a Congressional Medal from the United States Congress for community service

and I am a National Merit Finalist.

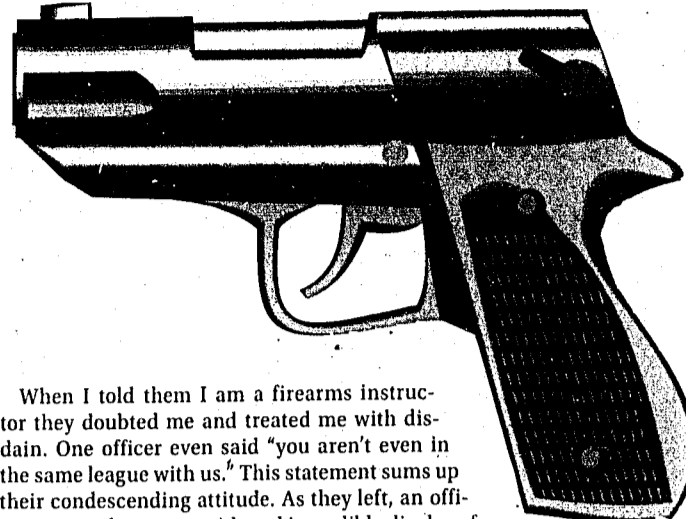
I find myself in the news not for a personal achievement, or even for something illegal, but rather for the simple fact that I legally carry a gun. I am the man with a gun as reported in the July 26 issue of The Arbiter.

First, several corrections to the original article. I live in Boise, Idaho, not Florida. I was carrying one legally concealed weapon and one fully exposed firearm. My gun wasn't "hanging out from under my shirt" but rather it was in a holster on my belt with my shirt tucked in (exactly how many Law Enforcement officers carry their sidearm).

In July I was detained by Boise Police Department officers for carrying a gun at BSU.

I had broken no law. The officers disarmed me. Through the entire incident I was very cooperative, polite and reasonable. Even so, the three primary officers were very unpleasant and unprofessional.

It became obvious that this wasn't about whether I had broken a law or not; they were just bent out of shape that I would dare to carry a gun. They tried to intimidate me by saying that I was trespassing and that my concealed weapons permit was invalid (both statements are false).



When I told them I am a firearms instructor they doubted me and treated me with disdain. One officer even said "you aren't even in the same league with us." This statement sums up their condescending attitude. As they left, an officer returned my guns with an incredible display of unsafe gun handling.

Do I hold resentment against law enforcement? I don't. My family has a long history of military and law-enforcement service. My uncle Harvey holds the national record for being the oldest living active-duty sheriff.

I work part-time at a nationally recognized firearms training institute where most of my colleagues are law enforcement.

This is why I am concerned about Boise PD's unprofessional handling of this particular situation - because unprofessional law enforcement officers give the rest a tarnished name.

This event was handled in an unsafe and unprofessional manner, so I would like to extend an offer to the three primary officers involved. I offer my firearms training services to you free of charge. I will work with you personally to bring your firearms safety, gun-handling and marksmanship up to industry standards.

To the officer who said that I am not even in the same league as him, there is nothing honorable about such a statement. I would like to give you the opportunity to prove it publicly.

I challenge you to a shooting competition open to the public, particularly BSU students.

Contact The Arbiter to obtain my contact information.

Right-wing coup d'état?

The future of The Arbiter's Opinion section

BY BRANDON STOKER
Opinion Editor

Warning: a hatemongering jingoist has taken over the opinion section! It will soon be reduced to machinery of conservative indoctrination. Nothing Left of Ann Coulter will be published. All hope is lost!

This is what people are saying, anyway, in reaction to my new position with The Arbiter. An outspoken conservative is now managing the Opinion, Business and Technology sections and people react as though aliens have invaded the planet. Perhaps they have—a conservative editor at a student newspaper? That is about as alien as it gets.

Despite the weeping, wailing and

gnashing of teeth, all is not lost.

The naysayers are not as much afraid of intellectual intolerance as they are of intellectual diversity and a fullness of perspective.

It might surprise some to know that I have printed every article sent to me in the last four months, regardless of the article's content.

This year, the opinion section will be brimming with controversy.

Think of it as a battleground in the war of ideas. We need participation from all ends of the spectrum. If you feel passionately about something, chime in on the discussion.

Intellectual homogeneity—much like what you find in student organizations, political parties and the Cultural and Women's Centers—

makes for a drab learning environment. What fun is it debating those with whom you agree?

It's like conversing with a mirror. And without exposure to the refining fire of controversy, your tempered edge on any argument will be lost. So jump in the fight! If you have something to say, send it in.

While most newspaper editors operate under a fall pretense of objectivity and neutrality, Arbiter readers have the benefit of my full disclosure—I'm conservative. I might not agree with you, but I respect other opinions and will do my best to present an ideologically balanced perspective for the opinion section.

As William Borah once wrote, "I

look upon those who would deny others the right to urge and argue their position, however irksome and pernicious they may seem, as intellectual and moral cowards."

There are several ways to contribute your opinion.

First, guest opinions between 300 and 500 words can be submitted via e-mail to letters@arbiteronline.com.

Second, letters to the editor up to 300 words in length can be submitted to the same e-mail address. Finally, to respond directly to content published in the opinion section, readers can post comments on-line at www.arbiteronline.com.

Get involved and voice your opinion.

F-word headline distasteful and very unprofessional

BY RUSSEL WILLERTON
Guest Opinion

I am writing in response to your issue dated July 26, 2006, and your use of vulgar language.

Twice you used an abbreviated form of the "f-word" in complaints about the heat; the most prominent instance was in the headline, in giant type.

Vulgar language (a.k.a. cursing, profanity, obscenity) is unprofessional and should have no place in a col-

legiate publication; the AP and UPA stylebooks will tell you as much.

Try leading off a job interview with that headline, or submit it for the next round of Pacemaker awards and see how far you get. If you can't think of any non-vulgar adverbs to help describe the heat, consult a thesaurus.

Your feigned f-bomb headline comes at a time when many prospective students (and their parents) are on campus for cheerleading camps and other activities.

That's a great recruiting boost—for U of I, NNU, and all other universities attempting to offer students in this a state a "higher" education. Do the university a favor and save the foul language for your own Myspace ages and blogs.

On page 3 of that issue in "The way we see it," you ask for new work space because your current space is set to be demolished. Sorry, but I think the giant, abbreviated f-word on the front page undermines your credibility. I

suspect that you shared a few chuckles around the newsroom when developing that headline.

However, the administration of this university probably are not amused to see it, and it will be harder for them to take you seriously when they consider your plight.

Russel Willerton is an assistant professor in the English Department at Boise State University

you should know

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The price of freedom

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There are times when my life as a Boise State University student seems very remote. A few weeks ago was one of those times.

Along with one hundred or so other airmen, I paid my last respects to a soldier who was killed in action. He was working convoys, and an IED got him.

I didn't know him, but thought it would be appropriate to honor him by participating in the simple ceremony, loading his body into the C-130 that would take him back to the States.

The Army didn't bring any pallbearers with them, so some of the Air Force men carried the coffin.

We marched in solemn silence, forming a double line from the truck carrying his flag-draped coffin to the plane, stood at attention and held a salute.

I stood there, the hot desert sun beating down, the sand-filled wind howling by, and watched the red, white and blue covered box that my buddy Swat was carrying move slowly towards the aircraft.

I thought about how, like me, Specialist Joshua Ford must have assured his family not to worry, because he would be home in a few months.

And now he was going home, but there would be no joyful reunion with family, no homecoming celebration, just tears and anguish.

I looked around at the desolate desert sand, the crumbling buildings of Ali Base. What here was worth dying for? I thought back to a conversation that I had several weeks before with an Iraqi engineer I sometimes work with, whom I'll call Mahmoud. He lived and went to college in Baghdad before the war, and spoke excellent English.

"Before the Americans came," he told me, "we had two newspapers. One said Viva la Saddam and the other one said Saddam la Viva." Mahmoud smiled at his own joke, then grew serious again.

"Now," he said proudly, "we have over two hundred newspapers. We put up TV satellite dishes to get real news. Under Saddam, the penalty for owning a TV satellite dish was five years in prison."

"Some people say that things are not much different than when Saddam ruled. What do you think?" I asked Mahmoud.

He just laughed bitterly. "I was arrested four times for nothing," he said. "The police stopped me while I was walking down the street to school, and asked for my ID. I gave them my ID, and they said it was no good without even looking at it."

I spent a week in jail before the police commander released me. Saddam's police had to arrest a quota of Iraqis every week, so they just grabbed people off the street and charged them with false crimes. It is not like that now."

Mahmoud was far more optimistic about the future of Iraq than most Americans.

"Democracy is inevitable," he said. "Iraqis want to be free. It cannot be stopped. The reason they (foreign insurgents) fight so hard is because they know that democracy will spread from Iraq."

What happened after Eastern Germany was freed?" he asked, then answered his own question. "Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, Poland, all those countries, they all became democratic."

The same thing is happening here. Iraq is already influencing the countries around it," Mahmoud said proudly.

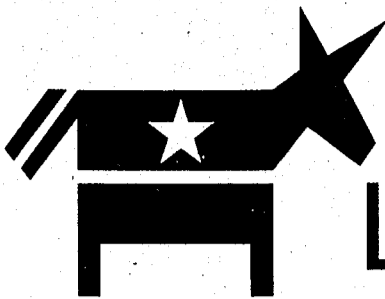
"Last year, Iraq had a vote, and this year, Kuwait had a vote. Even women voted. One day we will all be free."

Freedom for the people of the Middle East. That's what Specialist Ford died for.

That's what's happening here. Mahmoud could see it. The people here who have been set free realize the importance of what America is doing, not only for Iraq, but for the entire region.

The coffin settled into place and I dropped my salute, feeling along with the sadness an immense pride in the men and women around me; we volunteered to fight this war, knowing that we might have to pay the ultimate price.

Specialist Ford had paid that price, so that Mahmoud and his people might someday live in freedom.



BY DAN SIGLER
Guest Opinion

The right claim that the mainstream news media is almost entirely liberal, and run by neo-communists.

The left claim that mainstream news media is almost entirely conservative, and run by far-right wing fundamentalists.

Maybe the media is more balanced than we thought (at least in terms of liberal and conservative).

The left thinks the problem with the right is that they are completely closed-minded, impossible to reason with and more committed to dogma than facts.

The right thinks that the problem with the left is that they are completely closed-minded, impossible to reason with and more committed to their socialist ideals than to

the facts. The left thinks the right wants to push their rigid and narrow Judeo-Christian values on the rest of society, and in doing so they violate the separation of church and state.

The right thinks the left want to push their progressive, liberal values on the rest of society, even the churches, and in doing so they violate the separation of church and state.

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The right thinks the left continually produces flawed and biased research studies to support their views. Both sides only accept the studies that fit their views, and disregard those that don't.

The left attributes everything good that has happened during the current Bush administration to rollover from the Clinton administration.

The right attributes everything good that happened during the Clinton administration to rollover from the Bush and Reagan administrations.

Interestingly, both condemn the values portrayed by Hollywood (i.e. objectification of women, gratuitous violence).

How the left view themselves: Champions of the poor and oppressed, a coalition of peacemakers, a lone force against the corruption of corporate America, unwaveringly committed to protecting human rights for all.

How the right view themselves: Champions of the working class and poor, protectors of the rights of individuals against the corruption of big government, a coalition to preserve morality, advocates against government oppression of religion.

How the left view the right overall: Corrupt, big business war mongers committed to

making a profit from every available bit of virtual slave labor and natural resources still available both in the U.S. and overseas, and will use "morality" as the smoke screen to hide the true motivation for their corrupt actions, which range from low wages to full-on war.

How the right view the left overall: Power hungry, aristocratic elitists committed to government control of every aspect of social and private life, who are determined to stamp out every hint of moral and religious conscience in this country and replace it with the values of Marx, Lenin, and Stalin, and who use "human rights" as the Trojan horse to gain control of every aspect of human life, from government to schools to churches.

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Oliver Stone gets tasteless again

MICHAEL J. MCLASKEY
Opinion Writer

In American film, it seems that we have no sacred cows. Oliver Stone's latest movie "World Trade Center" is no exception, following in a recent line of movies that not only reek of impropriety, but fill this viewer with a sense of moral outrage.

When the movie "United Flight 93" came out, I was incensed.

Even though the victims' families came out in support of the film and no matter that 10 percent of the proceeds went to the families of those who died trying to stop the hijackers, the very idea of making a movie, a thing of entertainment, about something as horrific as the tragedy of September 11, makes me angry enough to spit.

Oliver Stone is now throwing his tasteless hat into this awful mash; not that he's any stranger to the offensive.

His movie "Natural Born Killers"—albeit one of my all-time favorites—stirred up controversy when his lead character Mickey Knox unapologetically killed no less than twelve police officers.

Stone's detractors accused him of glorifying mass-murderers, even though the real point of the movie was how American culture itself glorifies horrific violence through the media.

As in key with his ethos as ever, Stone returns to horrific violence yet again, casting Nicholas Cage as a police officer in "World Trade Center."

I think by now, most of us have seen movies like "Saving Private Ryan" and "Pearl Harbor," and the difference between those movies and this new batch is that the wounds represented by those movies are more than 50 years old.

The worst thing about this WTC movie is that there are thousands of people who will have to re-live the experience of losing their loved ones in the buildings' collapse.

With "Flight 93," the permission of the victims' families green-lighted production, but I doubt Stone has received the blessing of three-thousand-plus families; such an undertaking would be as difficult, if not more so, than making a movie.

Some of America's brave veterans who saw "Saving Private Ryan" experienced a mild

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form of post-traumatic stress disorder during the viewing.

That was limited, however, to the men on the ground in WWII.

September 11 affected every American, and for Stone to show us something that we all vividly remember isn't just callous, it's dangerous.

With Ground Zero still barely more than a gouge on America's soil, Stone expects us to welcome his adaptation of events less than five years old with open arms?

Not this consumer.

I'd rather watch more romantic comedy shtick, because at least the slapstick trials of finding love aren't impinging upon the memories of brave men and women who've died in senseless tragedy.

When "Pearl Harbor" went into production, the war with the Japanese was long over. We still have an enemy in al Qaeda, and we're still at war.

Worse than forgetting the people who died in the World Trade Center that day is cheapening their memories by turning the tragedy into spectacle for money.

Marriage in glass houses

BY SHANNON MORGAN
Arbiter Staff

Marriage.

What kinds of feelings and thoughts do you experience when you hear that word?

I recently went to a friends bachelorette party to celebrate one of her last nights as a single woman.

When you say the word marriage to her she lights up with excitement and is quite simply radiant.

The word marriage to me brings about an entirely different feeling that I can safely say makes me in no way radiant.

Not by any stretch of the imagination. Having just begun my divorce proceedings I have a completely different perspective on this cultural staple in our society.

Ask a child what the word marriage means to them.

Children whose parents have divorced have higher rates of suicide, exhibit more health, behavioral and emotional problems, are involved more frequently in crime, are more inclined to abuse drugs and alcohol, and are more likely to be the victims of abuse.

These facts are haunting considering the percentage of marriages that end in divorce in our country is almost half.

Marriage is also being thrown around in the political arena, as everyone is up in arms over the possibility that gays and lesbians will be extended the right to marry.

It seems some feel this is an abomination to the institution of marriage.

It occurs to me that this country needs to

be less concerned with how gays and lesbians will dirty the sanctity of marriage and more concerned with how we have done a fine job of that ourselves.

More than half of the families with children who experience divorce move into poverty.

I write this as I'm sitting in my non-air-conditioned subsidized apartment. This statistic hits closer to home than I would like to admit.

I should ask all of the other single Moms who attend class with me how drastically their lives have been affected by the dissolution of their families.

If you could be a tear drop in the eye of one of the children who blame themselves for their parents' divorce and are uprooted and moved away from their friends into sub-

sidized apartments, you would see just how un-radiant the word marriage can be.

I can't help but feel that the microscope we have focused on marriage right now is zooming in on the wrong petri dish.

Could it be that we are looking for a way to distract ourselves from dealing with more pressing issues in our society?

Perhaps our attention should not be focused on what is happening in Bob and Steve's bedroom and with what's happening in our own. If we don't want to go there then perhaps we should turn our spotlight more to the war in Iraq, the health care crisis in our country or any number of other blaringly more pertinent issues.

Perhaps those who live in glass houses should refrain from throwing stones, and promptly locate a bottle of Windex.

You can't just ignore West Nile virus threat

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Personal responsibility is key to protecting yourself from infection. Have you taken West Nile seriously? Are you taking steps to keep yourself and family members virus-free? Not too many people have considered the mosquito-delivered illness a real health threat.

But you need to. Idaho holds the distinction of having the most confirmed human cases in the nation.

A week ago, Idaho had close to 100 confirmed cases where humans had contracted the West Nile virus. That number is up by 50 percent in a week. The statistics in Canyon County more than doubled — from 18 to 40 — in the same time period.

Brace yourself. Because those stats are bound to climb even more in the next few weeks. It's also important to understand that health officials estimate that the reported cases represent probably 20 percent of the actual cases. That means there are probably more than 200 people who either have or have had the virus. It's also logical that several folks have had the virus but

didn't know it. Others may have suspected it, but didn't feel bad enough to seek medical help and a subsequent test.

Ed Burnett, director of the Canyon County Mosquito Abatement District, which only covers 24 square miles near the Lake Lowell area, said Friday "We're in an epidemic — probably the first year of one."

Southwest District Health Director Gene Gunderson says Canyon County is "certainly not approaching anything that could be considered a public health emergency."

But Mosquito Abatement District Board President Dr. D.W. Wingard says the problem is that people don't understand how important this is because they "are not being told this is a serious disease."

Canyon and Ada counties appropriately declared emergencies Thursday and Friday, and Gov. Jim Risch has answered the call. Some help may be on the way. But in what form, how and when is unclear.

No one should wait for the county or state to solve this problem. If you don't want to get this virus that can

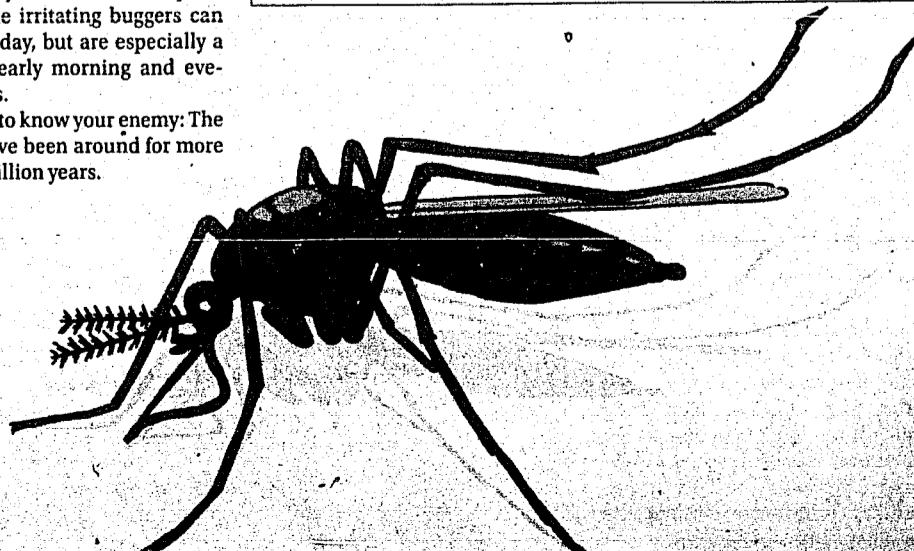
make you mighty miserable, and can kill, then you must take precautions for yourself and your family.

Infected mosquitoes don't discriminate when they seek their prey. They just bite and deliver.

Officials want you to take this "epidemic" seriously. Carry spray with DEET in the event you are suddenly "outside," where you could be bitten by an infected mosquito. Those little irritating buggers can be out all day, but are especially a threat in early morning and evening hours.

And get to know your enemy: The insects have been around for more than 30 million years.

- Protect yourself — DEET isn't the only answer. Wear clothing that covers your arms, legs and ankles.
- Fix your screens at home to keep the pesky bugs outside. They are attracted to sweat, body odor and heat.
- They breed in water — especially quiet, standing water. Their life span ranges from a week to more. The female — with her long proboscis — bites mammals to gather blood (protein) for laying eggs. Males have short mouth parts and live on plant nectar.
- Get rid of standing water. If you have a pond, stock it with fish that eat the larvae. Goldfish are affordable and effective.
- There are some chemical treatments that will work in water, but they could kill your fish, so be careful.



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BY DANIEL KEDISH
Culture Editor

Globally

HOT A Fall Full of Movies

Jessica Simpson, terrorist weapons, horror flicks and more. No, I'm not talking about what I did over the summer, but what's to be expected this fall in the next wave of box-office wonders.

James Bond is back with a new face, that of Daniel Craig. The movie "Casino Royal" is expected to be the next big hit since "Pirates," after "Superman Returns" tanked at the box office with lower-than-expected sales. Comedy continues to manifest as well, with the hopeful "Employee of the Week," starring Simpson and Dane Cook. With a mixture of blond jokes and Cook's witty humor, this one is sure to win crowds over.

Zach Braff is back this fall too, with his latest film "The Last Kiss," making crowds pleased after the hype over his last film "Garden State."

Also look for "Saw III," "The Grudge 2," and actors Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman and other Aussies tearing up the screens this season.

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Do we really need another hero?
Superman, Spiderman, The Incredible Hulk. They have all swept across the masses in the last few years, but it's time to move on. Although these characters generated great profits for corporations, some television programming is taking the interest in superheroes a little too far.

The SCI FI Channel's latest television show "Who Wants to be a Superhero?" makes a mockery of this sudden interest in superheroes and brings it to an unpleasant-to-watch tier. Not only do people run around in tights performing outlandish maneuvers, but some actually believe they are really superheroes. I'm sorry, but I don't care how powerful one may feel. If I need help I'm calling the true professionals: BSU Security.

Locally

HOT

School's back and the Peeps

Now that school is back in session, it's time to unwind, join up with friends and catch up-which, figuratively speaking, means that parties are underway.

It has been a few months since some have journeyed back to campus, but the weather is still great for summer floating on the Boise River and dips in Lucky Peak. While school is still number one on the priority charts, activities on and around campus make getting back into the swing of things that much easier. From outdoor concerts and movies shown in the Boise State Amphitheatre, there are plenty of things to do that are easier than going to class. So when you aren't throwing mass amounts of money at the Bookstore cashiers or being lectured in the classroom, hit the scene before finals creep on up.

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Longer Lines Downtown

With school starting, it's hard not to notice the increase in the population around campus and in town.

Living in Boise during the summer has its advantages, and one of those is the shorter lines downtown and around campus. Unfortunately, that's not the case anymore. If you plan on going out, expect to stand in line for a while and plan ahead to ensure you're on time. From the bars and movie theaters to the Bookstore, a stint in line is guaranteed.



Key to success for freshman is finding college niche

Charlene Leigh Drew, 18, center, spends time with her mother Betty, left, and father Charles, July 19, 2006. Charlene will be going to Eastern Kentucky University in the fall, leaving her parents with an empty nest.

BY CHERYL TRUMAN
McClatchy Newspapers

What happens when a child leaves home for college?

Does the child get the benefit of being sans-parents? Will the empty-nested parents be traumatized?

Or does everybody suffer a little and gain a little?

Betty Drew has had kids in her house for 35 years.

But soon Drew, 53, will have an empty nest. Her youngest child, Charlene Leigh Drew, who recently graduated from Harlan's Cawood High School, will move to start life as a freshman at Eastern Kentucky University.

After five kids, Drew is worried about the empty house.

Charlene is excited to be starting college; she'll be rooming with her hometown best friend and, she says, there will be about half a dozen other buddies on campus. That's one of the reasons she chose Eastern, she says - she knew she would have a community of familiar faces on site.

It's that annual rite of late summer: thousands of parents realize their homes are going to be emptier as their kids troop off to the mixed pleasures of college and dormitory life. Meanwhile, thousands of teens realize that Mom and Dad are no longer

just around the corner (that's true in most cases, but not all: Some parents who want to give their offspring the benefits of on-campus life will put them into dormitories even if the school is in the same city. However, we do still expect them to do their own laundry).

But most students are going to feel at least a twinge of homesickness at some point.

"We certainly hear that from students: 'Oh my gosh, I really miss being at home,'" said Mary Bolin-Reece, director of the University of Kentucky Counseling and Testing Center.

For some students, homesickness hits early-triggered by, say, missing the family dog, a birthday or a valued event like the high school homecoming football game - and vanishes quickly.

"For others, they'll have a very different experience. They'll start out gangbusters. Then it's not until later in the semester that they'll have that experience," said Bolin-Reece.

Some students, for example, can't make their first home visit until Thanksgiving.

Not that three months on a college campus is a bad thing: while the time estimated to acclimate to college life varies, most agree that students should plan to be on campus without a home visit for at least the first month (others say six to eight weeks to grow fully acclimated to college life without resorting to the comforts of home cooking, unlimited

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WHAT EVERY NEW FRESHMAN SHOULD KNOW

These tips for incoming college students and their parents come from Mary Bolin-Reece, director of ECU's Counseling and Testing Center:

Top priority: Get plugged in someplace. College is your new home.

Get involved in a living/learning community, a residence hall or a faith-based community. Some students will find a set of friends with fraternity and sorority rush; some might take longer to find a niche.

The important thing is not to fall into the routine of dorm-to-class. A university is its own small town. Take advantage of its opportunities.

Look at college as your job, and learn time-management skills.

As a first-time college student, you have an unprecedented degree of autonomy over what classes you select, whether you

even show up for class, and how well you manage your time and effort.

But you also have a much higher reading load, more challenging courses and no parent or high school counselor as a backstop when you don't get the work done.

What does your average work week include? Budget time for going to class, writing papers, putting in time with your adviser, keeping up with reading and work. Even plan when you're going to bed because most dorms have students coming and going 24/7 (and no parent yelling at you that 3 a.m. means lights out or else).

E-mail. Most parents will have gone through college with the phone as their only lifeline. Today's students have e-mail, cell phones with text messaging and MySpace.com.



The Red Hot Chili Peppers rock the Taco Bell Arena

music scene in the mid-1980s, The Red Hot Chili Peppers have drawn in music lovers with their blend of funky tunes and edgy lyrics.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers (referred to fondly as just the 'Chili Peppers' by their fans)

clearly have a variety of friends in Boise. While roaming through the crowd inside the Taco Bell Arena, I noticed people of all ages chatting in small groups, staring at their ticket stubs wondering where their seats were and paying a cool \$35 for band T-shirts. Kids were even there with their parents. Why I never!

I slid into my assigned \$60 seat only to pop right back up and cheer with the rest of the crowd as the lights went down.

A purple spotlight shone down on the band as they began to play. They rocked, they rolled, but they were not the Red Hot Chili Peppers. They were The Mars Volta, the opening band. The audience gradually sank

back down in their seats. I decided they must have been saving their energy for the main act, so I joined them and attempted to enjoy The Mars Volta.

My only prior experience with The Mars Volta was when I got on their Myspace profile (<http://www.myspace.com/themarsvolta>) and listened to a small selection of their songs.

For the most part, I liked what I heard. They had a rough, edgy sound that was fresh to the ears.

But something didn't connect at the Taco Bell Arena. Their sound was too chaotic and lead vocalist Cedric Bixler-Zavala was incomprehensible. I couldn't tell where one song ended and another began.

But props to Bixler-Zavala on his dance moves. It takes a lot of skill to dance around like a chicken with its head cut off.

The band members also did not talk to the audience at all. No "Hey what's up Boise?" or even "Thanks for coming out to listen to us." Many people in my section got bored with this lack of communication and left the arena.

The Mars Volta exited the stage, leaving me with nothing but a headache. As the stage was being set up for the Chili Peppers, I hoped that my \$60 had not gone to waste.

The lights went down again. The audience members sprang to their feet.

One by one, the Chili Peppers took the stage, making the audience scream louder each time. They opened with their 2002 hit "Can't Stop," and followed up with songs from

their newest album "Stadium Arcadium." These included "Dani California," "Charlie" and "Tell Me Baby."

Despite the recent release of "Stadium Arcadium," the Chili Peppers paid homage to many of their older hits. Along with the rest of the audience, I was pleased to hear radio favorites like "Scar Tissue," "By the Way" and "Give it Away."

But the Chili Peppers did more than play their hit singles. Flea, Frusciante and Smith each played solos on their instruments and performed jam sessions for the audience.

Kiedis also had several shining moments throughout their set.

Let's just say his balletic dance moves were far superior to Bixler-Zavala's. Oh yeah, and his voice was right on. Whether it was rap or rock, this guy's pipes could handle anything.

The elaborate special effects enhanced the fact that these guys were rock stars. Huge video screens on the backdrop displayed close-ups of each band member during the concert and spotlights circled around the audience.

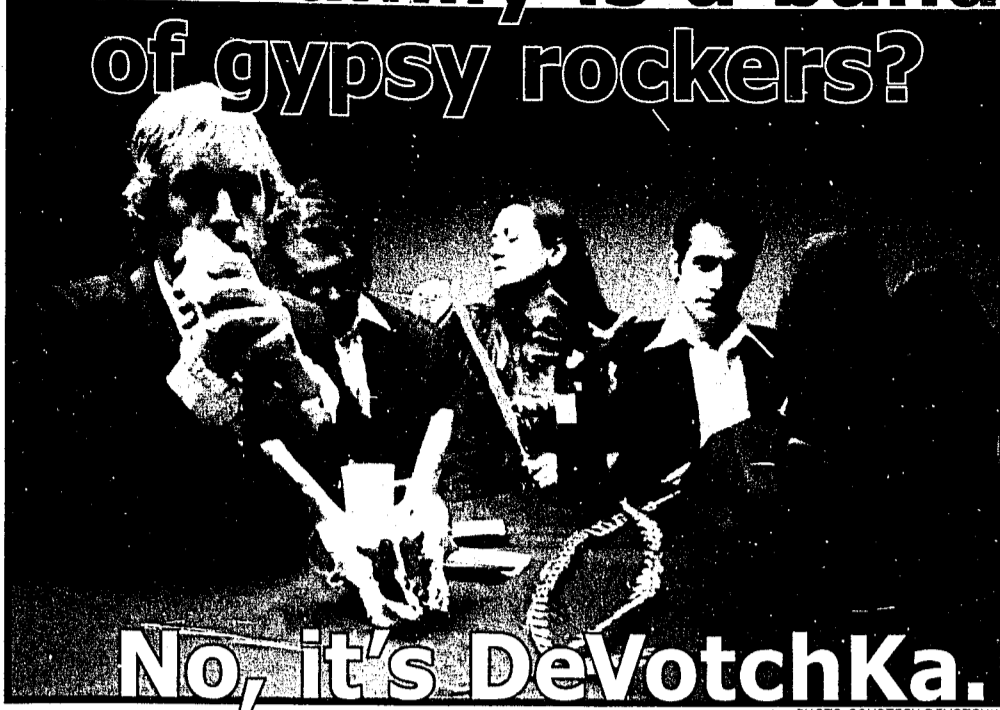
The concert ended with the audience wanting more.

The Chili Peppers could have played for another eight hours without overstaying their welcome. It was that good, folks.

My only disappointment regarding this concert was that undoubtedly I will have to wait a few more years to see the Chili Peppers live again.

When that day comes, those funky rockers will be welcomed back with open arms.

Your family is a band of gypsy rockers?



No, it's DeVotchKa.

PHOTO COURTESY DEVOTCHKA

BY ANDREA OYARZABAL
Culture Writer

On August 10, the NeuroLux looked like home for a group of fans seemingly still celebrating the World Cup Tournament. At other points it looked like somebody's Eastern European family reunion was taking place, but I assure you, this was not the case.

Even though it looked like your Uncle Tom was playing the accordion with Uncle Nick singing along, Denver band DeVotchKa had actually hit the stage in full force and had fans singing all night.

DeVotchKa has been described as a mix of immigrant dance music, circus rock and gypsy indie rock, and is one of the most musically talented and diverse bands in America in the last decade.

DeVotchKa formed in Denver, Colo., and released their first album, "Supermelodrama" via Cicero Recordings in 2000.

Comprised of vocals, sousaphone, accordion, strings, theremin

and drums, DeVotchKa has found a comfortable niche that could make even the most conservative soccer moms tear up during songs like "How It Ends."

After releasing two more albums, "Una Volta" (2003, Cicero Recordings) and "How It Ends" (2004, Cicero Recordings); DeVotchKa finally made it to Boise during the late summer of 2005 to perform free at the Tour De Fat Festival (a festival put on by Fat Fire beer producers New Belgium) and again the next day at the NeuroLux.

This time after their 2006 release, "Curse Your Little Heart," vocalist/guitarist Nick Urata had an even more intense and mesmerizing vibe.

His dark eyes, dark suit and throaty vibrato could make girls and boys alike completely melt. Nick has an uncanny stage presence that resembles Morrissey, the power to make an audience silent on command and dance as if there were firecrackers exploding all over the floor.

Tom Hagerman (violinist/accordion player) has the look of your uncle, but can play the violin like a finely-tuned heart.

Drummer Shawn King has incredible rhythm for backing up the band.

The true heart of the band for most fans is Jeanie Schroder. Jeanie plays the bass and sousaphone. Jeanie is small in stature, but huge in noise.

The sousaphone is covered in red Christmas lights that lit up while she played. Donning a huge flower in her hair as tradition, she bounced up and down with the music while the crowd sang and clapped along.

The show was sold out and the crowd was mainly dancing singularly, but on each other's feet.

If you missed the show, hopefully you get another chance to see DeVotchKa, as it's worth any asking price.

Check them out online at www.devotchka.net and sample their music on Myspace at www.myspace.com/devotchkamusic.com.

"Accepted" into the teen movie hall of fame

BY KATRINA L. SAVITZ
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Imagine you applied to eight colleges and received rejection letters from all eight-what would you do? Probably apply to a trade school, join the military, or just get a job and apply next year, right? Well, Bartleby Gaines (played by Justin Long who appeared in 2004's Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story) had another idea-create a college to fool his parents.

When Bartleby tells his parents that he was denied admission to college they provide him with the whole song and dance about the importance of getting a degree. After you graduate high school "you go to college!" If you don't, you've basically thrown your life away (how many times have we heard that?). Determined to make his parents proud, Bartleby makes a fake acceptance letter to a school that doesn't exist, called the South Harmon Institute of Technology (S.H.I.T.).

Bartleby asks his computer-geek friend Schrader to create a website that was so authentic that it not only cons his parents, but convinces every local college reject too. He employs three of his fellow losers to renovate an old abandoned psychological center to appear as the S.H.I.T. campus. After the whole scheme is complete and the 'rents are satisfied, the teen's relaxation

period becomes interrupted by hundreds of students that have also been accepted to South Harmon and are ready for orientation.

After speaking to several students, Bartleby realizes that these students are just like him; slackers, that just really want to go to college, make their parents happy and perhaps "get a good job with a good starting salary." Bartleby make a rash decision and allows the students to stay. He hires Uncle Ben (played by Lewis Black) to act as the faculty and Dean of S.H.I.T.

Bartleby visits neighboring Harmon College to see what a real college is like in hopes of applying some of its qualities to South Harmon. He finds himself in a stressful environment, where students are so paranoid and burned out that they have lost their rationale. In overflow classes there are no instructors, just a speaker from 1955 in front of class emitting the class lecture, and there are academic advisers who counsel Photography Art majors not to take photography courses.

This experience leads Bartleby to realize that Harmon College "is for pussies!" and "at South Harmon we say yes!" He initiates a "sign up for your own classes" board where there are "no tests, no essays and no required reading." Courses include skateboarding, meditation, making stuff blow up with your mind, or you can just major in bumper

stickers.

The South Harmon Institute of Technology's mascot is the S.H.I.T. Sandwiches and all the students (S.H.I.T. heads) are enjoying their college experience, that is, until the Harmon College Frat boys ruin it all and the truth about South Harmon comes out. They are forced to shut down and appear before the State Board of Education.

In an elaborate speech about never letting go of your dreams and giving the losers a chance, Bartleby convinces the board to give South Harmon one-year accreditation as a provisional. The students return to S.H.I.T. and continue their journey through higher education, even if it is Slacking 101.

"Accepted" is a light-hearted, funny film that reenacts nearly every 80's college film. Don't expect anything new or innovative; this film reminds me why I love the 80's. "Accepted" probably would have been more successful if released in the spring around graduation time, when the pressures of being accepted or declined from colleges would make it easier to relate to. However, it is still easy to enjoy and highly entertaining.

I recommend this film to those who want a quick laugh, and enjoy movies that don't necessitate a lot of in-depth brain function. If you don't make it to the theatres, this would be a great rental to share over some pizza and brew.



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A humorous delight, "Accepted" brings a whole new perspective to an alternative plan when rejected from college.

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Tuning in to an iPod means tuning out the world around you

BY ABIGAIL LEICHMAN
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she said. "But it's not helping us with social skills. It's alienating us from other people."

Adams, who has downloaded 2,300 songs into his own iPod, admits he used the device to duck conversation in high school. These days, he says, he's plugged in less often.

"Being in college promotes being more social," he said. "Now I normally listen when I'm going to school or coming home, to make the time go by. But if someone asks me something, I always answer them. I don't have it on so loud that I can't hear the people around me."

Many users of portable MP3 players say the devices help them relieve stress or (particularly at work) concentrate.

A New Jersey manufacturing foreman says that even 40 years ago, many of his plant's employees listened to music during work. Some of them still prefer radios to MP3s. Younger workers' iPods keep the music from bothering others, he said, yet may be distracting to the user.

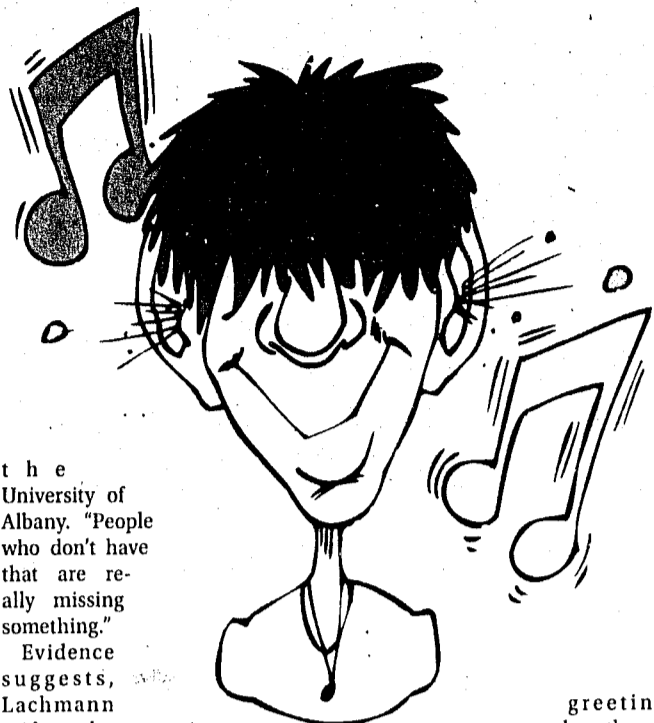
"The younger people are more wrapped up in their music rather than using it as background," he said. "We've encouraged iPods if they do want to listen to music, but they have greater concentration if they don't."

If MP3 players help you tune out noisy co-workers or help you relax while waiting for a doctor's appointment, then what's the harm in cocooning inside your own technological bubble?

The danger, says one sociologist, is that we start losing touch with the people in our lives, even if it's just the cashier, because we won't get off the phone or take off headphones to exchange pleasantries.

Studies show that these mini-conversations with the same woman at the coffee shop each morning or the regular banter with the guy who owns the gas station are important to our psychological well-being.

"If you have a regular routine and you go back to the same places, your day can be filled up with these short contacts with people you see regularly," says Richard Lachmann, Sociology professor at



the University of Albany. "People who don't have that are really missing something."

Evidence suggests, Lachmann said, that these interactions help us cope with the stresses of everyday life and give us a feeling of community that is "as much good as having a bunch of cousins who live nearby."

"If people lose that," Lachmann said, "it's going to become a big problem."

Still, the fuss about the iPod strikes some as much ado about nothing.

Although he admits that "we go around in a kind of fog of technological insulation," cultural historian Timothy Burke says most Americans already avoid making eye contact on planes, trains and especially elevators.

"Before the iPod, in subways or on buses, people carried books or newspapers. Or they looked at the ground," said Burke, a professor at Swarthmore College.

"In that way, there's nothing novel about the iPod. It's just one more way of controlling the social space around you."

Bruce MacKenzie, 44, argues that iPods allow that phenomenon to be taken to extremes.

Riding the ferry to and from Hoboken every day, he notes, "Everybody's in their own world, with those things in their ears blocking out the sound. Often I give a

greeting and there's no reaction because they don't even realize I'm sitting next to them."

He prefers to use his own iPod to enhance already allocated "alone time."

But while MacKenzie dislikes the way MP3 players "silo people rather than making them part of a collective," he relies on the devices more and more in his work as senior vice president for entertainment marketing at Manning, Selvage & Lee.

"We're finding it's impossible to reach target markets anymore through traditional means," he said.

"We're using alternative media, whether iPods or cellphones, to deliver branded messages in ways that interest people."

He finds it ironic that one of his projects, the federal government's VERB anti-obesity campaign, encourages kids to turn off their iPods and computers for one hour a day of physical activity - but must use those very devices to deliver the message.

"That's where (kids) spend their time," MacKenzie said with resignation. "Even in the golden age of television, potentially you'd interact with those around you. Now you're in your own little universe."

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cable TV, sibling spats and having your laundry delivered and folded by a parental unit). Different students might take various amounts of time to figure out their way around, master schedules, start organizing a study routine and learn that there are many other people and activities available for campus interaction.

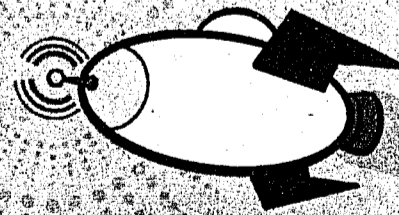
For parents, the key is to be sympathetic but not smothering, or as Bolin-Reece puts it, "For parents to allow students to know that the support is there, but to challenge the student to be independent." There's a safety net available, but college students need to make and take responsibility for their own decisions. Parents can, however, ask students what they would do differently in the future whenever a particularly rotten decision, bad grade,

disciplinary misstep or overspending hits home.

This is a good news/bad news scenario for both sides. Parents don't lose their kids, but they have to learn to pick their opportunities. Students don't lose a home; they just learn it's no longer their primary residence.

"My mom's kind of taking it hard...they're freaked out, but they know I have to go to college," said Charlene Drew.

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[SIDE LINE]

Merritt signs with Broncos

Boise State University Men's Golf Head Coach Kevin Burton announced the signing of Troy Merritt to a valid financial aid agreement Thursday.

Merritt, a native of Fridley, Minn., is transferring from Division II Winona State University and will be a junior this season.

Merritt garnered Golf Coaches Association of America Division II PING All-America honors his sophomore season at Winona State, and Division II PING All-Central Region honors in each of his two seasons.

A winner of eight tournaments in two seasons at Winona State, Merritt earned Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference MVP and Central Region MVP accolades.

Merritt was also a Super Regional Medalist last year and named to the Freshman All-America team two years ago.

BSU introduces "Olympic Sports Pass"

Boise State Athletics introduces the "Olympic Sports Pass" for 2006-07.

The cost of the pass is \$50 and entitles the owner admission to all home events for the following sports: soccer, volleyball, women's basketball, gymnastics and wrestling.

Individual game prices for these five sports this season are as follows:

- Adults: \$5 per game
- Seniors (62 years of age minimum): \$3 per game
- Child (high school and younger): \$3 per game

All tickets and passes can be purchased at the Boise State University Athletic Ticket Office or at each event. Tickets may be purchased by calling 426-4737.

Note: Exclusions to the Olympic Sports Pass include basketball double-headers and post-season competitions (all sports).

Broncos hire assistant swim coach

Preparing for the inaugural season of the Boise State University Women's Swimming and Diving Program, Head Coach Kristin Hill has announced the hiring of Laurel Hill (no relation) as assistant coach on August 7.

Laurel Hill was a four-year letter-winner at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she served as team captain her final two seasons and was named to the Scholastic All-Conference team each of her final three seasons.

Hill has 30 years of swimming experience, serving as an instructor for the past 25 years. Most recently, Hill served as the head coach, CEO and president of the Golden West Swim Club in Huntington Beach, Calif.

"I am really excited to be working with Kristen to bring collegiate swimming to Boise State," Hill said.

"My husband and I are looking forward to getting to know the community and discover all the great things it has to offer our family and the young women we will be recruiting."

Broncos hold final open scrimmage

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Managing Editor

BOISE - It wasn't anything spectacular, earth-shaking. But it was clean and it got the fans out of their seats.

Those fans got their glimpse of the Boise State Football squad Friday night at the team's final open fall scrimmage. The Broncos scrimmage next Friday as well, but that is closed to the public and the media.

BSU Head Coach Chris Petersen held out a handful of his starters Friday, to give them rest and keep them healthy.

"This is the last time that some of the young guys are really going to get a chance to play (in front of any people at least) so we wanted to give those guys a good shot," Petersen said.

In all, the team only scored 17 points, but put together some long drives and featured a much-improved game by senior starter Jared Zabransky.

Zabransky scored one of the Broncos' two touchdowns on a one-yard sneak. He rushed for 45 yards on eight carries in the scrimmage.

"(Zabransky) has been doing a great job in camp," Petersen said. "He's a weapon. He's got to be one of the faster QBs in the country in terms of his foot speed. If he can continue to make good, smart decisions, with that foot speed we'll be in good shape."

Zabransky also went 7-of-14 through the air for 95 yards in his limited action.

"I think he's being smart," Petersen said. "He has to be two things: an accurate thrower and a good decision maker. He's been working on that for a year solid and you can see his decisions are getting better. He's not going to be perfect, nobody is, but as long as we're making progress and getting better, we're happy with that."

Zabransky was perhaps shown up again by backups Bush Hamdan (3-for-3, 100 yards) and Nick Lomax (6-for-7, 91 yards, TD).

Zabransky has a bad habit of tucking the ball after his first read on the defense and running downfield. But he is making better decisions. Rather than risking a loss or throwing a bad pass, like he may have done in the past, the senior has learned to throw the ball out of bounds when needed.

"He still likes to think he's Brett Favre on occasion and fire that ball in there," Petersen said. "He's doing a good job, being a smart QB, knowing when to run and when to throw it out of bounds and when to take a shot in there."

Lomax threw the game's only touchdown pass, a 25-yard drifter, which floated into the open arms of freshman receiver Aiona Key.

"I struggled a couple of days in practice," Key (6-4, 194) said. "Then I came out on top and showed up at the scrimmage. That was a good

thing."

Key was the highlight and the standout in the scrimmage, hauling in five catches for 108 yards.

"Aiona is a phenomenal athlete," Petersen said. "He really is. We're trying to figure out a way to get him on the field, we put him in on defense there at the end too. We're trying to make him a special team phenom. We're really trying to figure out how to get him on the field; he does make plays."

Key is part of a very deep receiving corps and probably won't get a starting spot, but he really wants a spot, any spot.

"If you ask any player, it would mean a lot (to start for BSU)," Key said. "Everybody on the team is really good, so if you can beat out another guy, that means you are really, really good."

Legedu Naanee, Drisan James, Jerard Rabb and Jeremy Childs are all on the depth chart ahead of Key. Friday may have been his best opportunity to catch the limelight. But Petersen will find a role for him, whether he plays safety or special teams, the man will take the field.

During the scrimmage, the Broncos worked on the backed-up offense and backed-up defense packages, designed to teach the team what it would be like to have that pressure in front of a crowd.

The team also worked on all of its special teams, including punts (two of which were blocked, one returned for a touchdown by Austin Smith). The Bronco longsnapper, Mike Dominguez had troubles with high snaps, but Petersen said he'd have that locked down. Dominguez has been the longsnapper for two years.

Overall, the Broncos looked good. They had fewer penalties and the defense is the main reason the offense can't get it going.

"We're not there yet, but we will be in two weeks," Petersen said. "We've got a lot of work left to do. We're now moving into the very-much detailed phase of our offense and defense. We'll start bearing down and get into our 2-deep stuff and then we'll start game planning."

The Broncos did get to work some of their situational plays.

"We tried to do a little backed-up offense and defense and do a little goalline," Petersen said. "It's important to practice those things when we get some more people in the stands. It changes the kids' anxiety level.

The more we can do those type of things, situational things, the better for us."

The Broncos are working through a few injury problems. Andrew Woodruff, the starting right tackle on offense, left the scrimmage with a leg injury, but Petersen said he would be fine. The Broncos have a lot of depth at certain positions, but have scattered depth at running back and in the defensive backfield.

"We feel OK right now," Petersen said. "But we can't keep losing guys like we have. Soon we will run out of that depth. You hate to lose anybody, at any position. If we can stay healthy from here on out, we'll be fine."

The Broncos open the season against Sacramento State Aug. 31 at Bronco Stadium.

PHOTO BY STANLEY BREWSTER/THE ARBITER

The view from up here



BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

The art of tailgating has become a sacred ritual, perfected by fans and passed down through the generations.

With temperatures at a wind chilled negative 46 degrees, 50,861 Packer fans stood tall as their team took home the '67 NFL championship.

After such a display of dedication, tailgating was changed forever.

Since then it has become common practice to pull a trailer down to stadium parking and plant your-self in a lawn chair for an entire Saturday all fall long.

Now Veteran tail-gaiters don't take their ritual lightly and neither should our faithful student body at BSU.

However, there are very strict dos and don'ts everyone should know before partaking in a day of college football.

The first piece of advice to lay down for tailgaters is the underrated art of pacing the pre-game festivities.

Take a look at the aisles around halftime of any game you get to this year. I'd venture to bet you'll see some poor drunk undergrad being carried down the bleachers and out of the stadium because they couldn't dictate how much fun to have before going to the game.

We're in college, but this isn't Animal House! There is plenty of time to celebrate college football Saturday in a more appropriate setting.

Let's face it; the whole drunk in public act isn't the most attractive look for a person anyway.

Now I don't want to be a buzz kill. Since I've given you some etiquette tips to wrap your brain around, it would only be fair to give you some alternatives to look forward to at the games.

One of my personal game day favorites is the smorgasbord of food that can be found around the stadium.

On a particularly lucky day some organizations will even set up booths and cook free hot dogs for BSU supporters.

Even if you don't have the eating passion that I do, who wouldn't get excited about the thought of a free meal. Football games may be the only way to receive enough proper nutrition for you to make it through the fall semester. After all, free food is something a college student should never pass up.

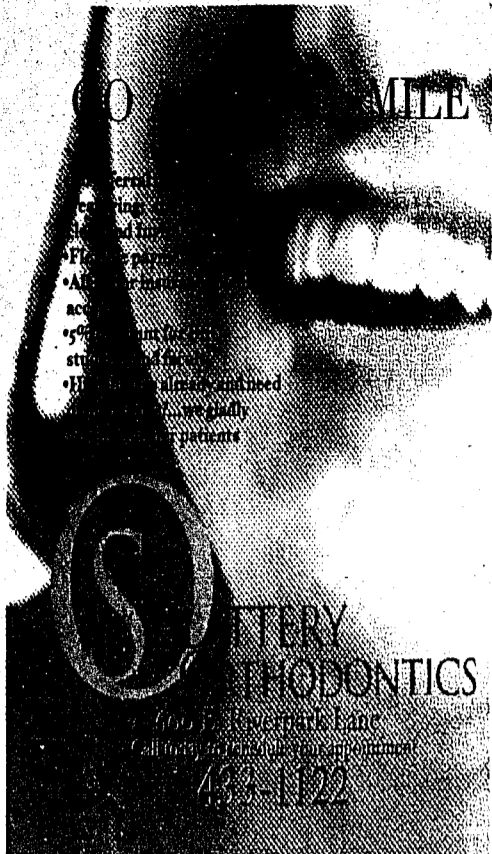
Now luckily for my readers I do have a passion for one thing more than food, and this happens to be a love of the opposite-sex.

In all honesty football Saturday's may be the best chance of the year to make new friends and mingle with cute co-ed's.

While a close game is never a given, I guarantee you'll have some eye candy to occupy those short attention spans. You never know, you may even meet your next whatever.

So whether you become a regular on Saturday's or only catch the occasional big game, you now have no reason not to take advantage of every aspect of the BSU football experience.

And if you behave yourself enough, you may even be able to remember the game come Sunday morning.



Bronco soccer players get warmed up for their upcoming season with a scrimmage against Northwest Nazarene University.

BY ANDREAS KREUTZER
SPORTS WRITER

With 16 upperclassmen, the Boise State soccer team has a great level of experience going into the new season. The six seniors on the squad are looking to lead the way in the upcoming season.

"The seniors want to be the best class that's ever left here," BSU head soccer coach Steve Lucas said. "They've been good, because those guys came in and played from the day they stepped onto this field. By the time they'll leave, they will have 78 to 80 games on their record. That means you played every game for four years. They have been a crucial part of what we're doing and they know that. They want to leave here on the right note; they want to leave their mark."

The team had a scrimmage against Northwestern Nazarene at the Boise State Soccer Stadium at the BOAS Tennis and Soccer Complex

Saturday to get into gear for its first game of the season Friday, August 25.

The Broncos were in control of the game for the full 90 minutes, which were split up into three 30-minute periods, and ended up beating the Crusaders 7-0. The non-traditional format and the fact both teams had unlimited substitutions made it easier for both coaches to give all the players their playing time. The exhibition game allowed the coaching staff to test the players and to make some final adjustments for the first game against Southern Utah.

"It gives us a good chance to see where we are, using everything that we've worked on in small groups over the course of the last ten days," Lucas said. "It just gives us a chance to see what we need to do to get ready for next week."

The scrimmage against Northwestern Nazarene has been part of the preparation for the BSU soccer season for the last few years.

"We've done this since I've been the head coach," Lucas said. "It helps them as well. We both get different things out of it."

The Broncos got off to a good start, scoring on a shot by senior captain Kristin Hall less than six minutes into the game. After that, the team failed to take advantage of its chances on several rushes on the wings. Three minutes before the end of the first period senior forward Annie Tom scored to give the Broncos a 2-0 lead.

Boise out-shot NNU by a wide margin, but could only record one more goal in the second period, a shot in the 50th minute by Kaylea Perenon.

The Broncos were able to blow the game wide open, scoring four times in the final stanza. Samantha Gambala scored a pair of goals in the third period (assisted by Sabrena Schwinn and Emma Boyack). Recent Borah High School graduate and two-time all conference forward Danielle Schwalbe scored in the 78th minute on an assist by Erin Wofford. Wofford, a transfer student from Santa Rosa Junior College, scored the final Bronco goal, assisted by sophomore Randi Baker.

Throughout the game, the BSU defense kept the NNU players away from the goal. They got help from the midfielders whom pressured the Crusaders, immediately preventing NNU plays from developing.

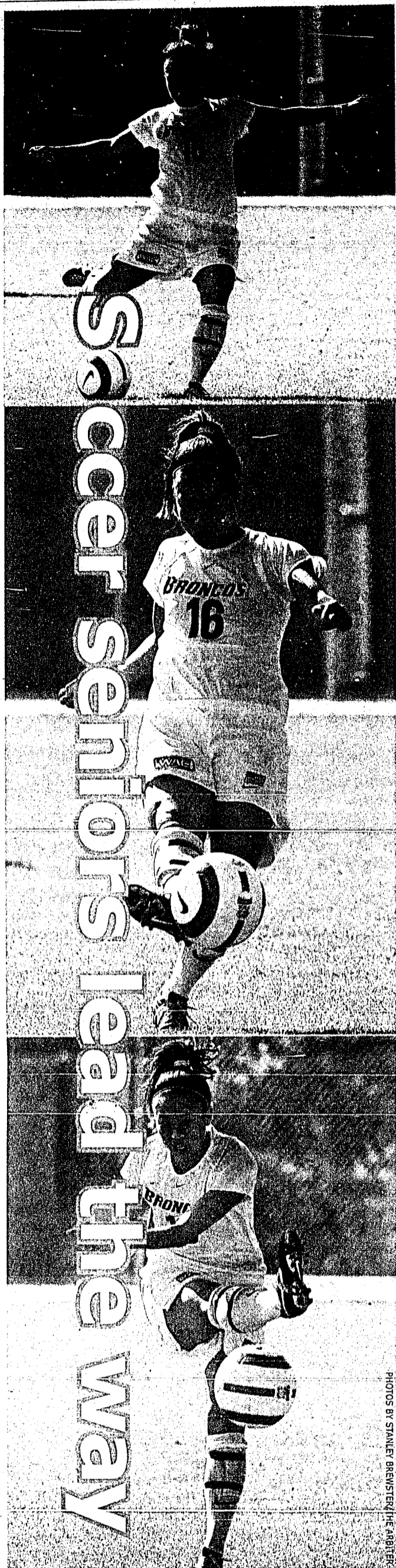
Having a strong defensive team to lead them to consecutive winning seasons the last two years, Lucas and the Broncos are looking to improve the offense this season.

"We got some speed, we got some strength and we got kids that can score goals," Lucas said. "Not that we didn't (in 2005), but we got some more of them. From 35 yards and in we've got to get going. It's hard to say, when you scored seven goals, but we're still not happy with the service we are getting."

The Broncos begin regular-season play when they host Southern Utah August 25 at the Boise State Soccer Stadium. The game begins at 5 p.m.

Saturday's Match
Scoring Summary

- 1. 5:48 BSU Kristin Hall (unassisted)
- 2. 26:27 BSU Annie Tom (unassisted)
- 3. 50:29 BSU Kaylea Perenon (unassisted)
- 4. 61:40 BSU Samantha Gambala (Sabrena Schwinn)
- 5. 62:57 BSU Samantha Gambala (Emma Boyack)
- 6. 77:50 BSU Danielle Schwalbe (Erin Wofford)
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Paterno, other coaches, are unhappy with new NCAA football rules

BY MARK WOGENRICH
The Morning Call

Joe Paterno says that he doesn't like the NCAA rules changes that will be put into effect this fall--but he just might have last year.

Consider this: With a four-point lead and 1:53 remaining in the game, Penn State kicks off to Michigan. The clock doesn't start until Steve Breaston fields the ball. Ten plays later, with one second left, Chad Henne hits Mario Manningham in the end zone for the game-winning touchdown.

But under the NCAA's new rules, the clock would have started as soon as the ball was kicked. Run off 3-to-4 seconds of hang time, and who knows how much time is left at the end for Michigan?

The NCAA approved several college football rules changes this offseason, including nationwide instant replay (with a coach's challenge) and a smaller tee for place-kickers. But two changes in particular have drawn questions, and scorn in some cases, from coaches.

Seeking to shorten televised games, the football rules committee adopted two measures that will restart the game clock more quickly after kickoffs and on changes of possession. On kickoffs, the clock now will start when the ball is kicked instead of when it is fielded.

And on changes of possession (punts, turnovers, failed fourth-down attempts), the clock will restart when the referee gives the "ready for play" signal. Previously, the clock didn't start until the offense snapped the ball.

The changes, NCAA officials said, could shorten games by up to 24 plays and 12 minutes. Last year, times averaged 3:20 for televised games, 3:03 for non-televised.

Dennis Poppe, NCAA managing director for football and baseball, said that college administrators have been asking the NCAA for years to address increasing game times. But coaches weren't troubled--though they are now.

Oregon coach Mike Bellotti said he is "appalled" by the changes, calling them "major and severe." Purdue coach Joe Tiller said he doesn't like "any rule that changes our game and makes us more like the NFL."

Paterno, a former rules committee member entering his 41st season as Penn State's head coach, dismissed the changes as the product of non-coaches.

According to NCAA projections, the new kickoff rule could shave between 45 seconds and 1 minute off game times, based on 10 kickoffs per game. The "ready for play" rule will have more far-reaching effects.

John Adams, secretary-rules editor of the rules committee, said the change could cut between 10 and 24 plays per game, depending on how quick offenses snap the ball. That would reduce game times from 5-12 minutes.

But which plays will be most affected, and how the rule will be enforced uniformly, has coaches most concerned.

On changes of possession, coaches will have to be quicker getting offensive plays and personnel in place, especially at the end of the second and fourth quarters. Timeouts will become even more valuable, since coaches might have to use one between possession changes in tight games. And fewer plays means fewer chances to score.

In addition, how officials determine "ready for play" could change from game to game or series to series. Picture a last-minute change of possession as a referee scrambles to place the ball and an offense tries frantically to get set.

Then there's the kickoffs. In 1982, Stanford kicked off to Cal leading 20-19 with four seconds left. The Bears' lateral-fueled return for a touchdown has become an iconic moment in college football.

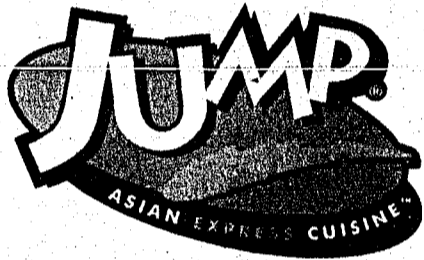
"They are doing it because of television, and that doesn't light me up," Paterno said. "I think that we (should) cut out a couple of commercials and never mind cutting out the way the game is played."



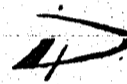
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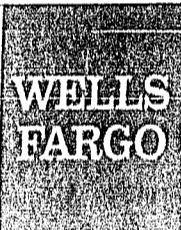


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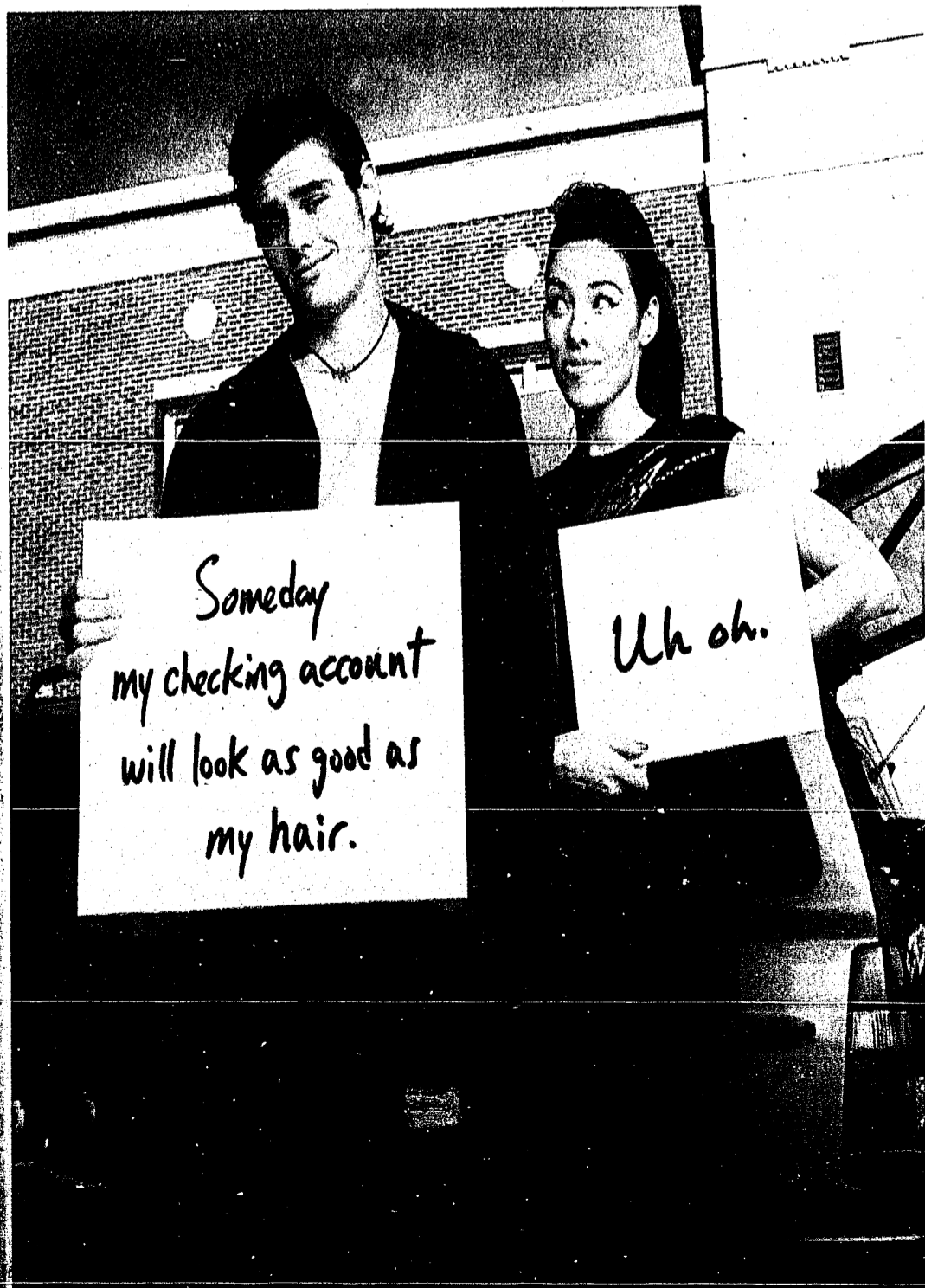


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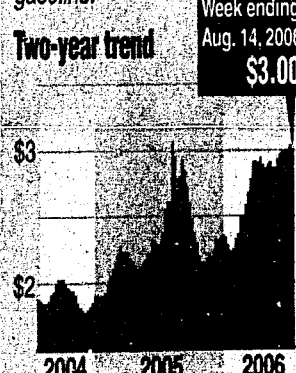
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MySpace is public space when it comes to job searching

BY HEIDI HANISKO
www.CollegeGrad.com

Entry level job seekers, it's time to reconsider the web. In a recent survey, CollegeGrad.com, a popular employment site, found that 47 percent of college grad job seekers who use social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook have either already changed or plan to change the content of their pages as a result of their newly ensued job search.

"There is a growing trend in the number of employers who are 'Googling' candidates to research for additional information," said Brian Krueger, president of CollegeGrad.com.

This trend has now spilled over to the use of Internet social networking sites for screening potential candidates.

MySpace has become the most popular social networking site in the world, with more than 95 million members.

It accounts for 80 percent of all visits to online social net-

working sites. And Facebook has the largest number of registered users among college-focused networking sites.

Are social networking sites private or public? It depends on who you ask.

"It violates the privacy of the applicants," said Shantice Bates, a Mass Communication major from Virginia Commonwealth University. "A person's MySpace or Facebook pages really have nothing to do with their work personality."

Yet the information is still in the public domain. Is it truly private?

"The thought of an employer reviewing your information can be a very scary thought to a candidate, especially in the case of a college student or recent grad," said Krueger.

"But as long as the information is posted publicly, it is available to others and could potentially be a liability to you in your job search. It could keep you from getting the job."

"My professional recommen-

dation is that individuals realize that the World Wide Web is exactly that, and personal information is a key click away," said Steven Jungman, division director of ChaseSource LP. "Common sense should prevail when someone posts something on the web that they would not put on a resume."

"Entry level job seekers who use MySpace and Facebook should update their pages to reflect their job search image. If you don't want information seen by employers, don't publish it publicly," said Krueger.

Those who have followed the prevailing advice and cleaned up their personal Web pages have been rewarded, sometimes using the Internet to their networking advantage.

Consider Catherine Germann, a 2005 Information Technology graduate from Rochester Institute of Technology.

While she was in the midst of her job search, she was contacted out of the blue by a recruiter. He had seen Germann's resume

on a job board and promptly 'Googled' her name, finding her personal website, and noticed that they had a mutual friend. Germann had already cleaned up her personal pages and adjusted the privacy settings to project a more professional image.

Her site helped her in a positive way to build a potential job connection.

"I always advise my friends to clean up their pages, even if they aren't using their name," said Germann. "There are plenty of ways to figure out who someone is even if they are hiding behind a nondescript screen name."

"Like it or not, MySpace and Facebook are public sites. Instead of posting information and photos from that all-night party, job seekers can stand out from the crowd by using these sites as an opportunity to generate a positive first impression. If you wouldn't put it in your resume, don't put it on the Web," said Krueger.

Following are the overall survey results:

Have you changed your content at MySpace or Facebook because of your job search?

No - 39.9%
Yes - 25.9%
No, but I plan to - 9.4%
I don't use either MySpace or Facebook - 24.8%

The survey was conducted nationally using an online poll placed on the CollegeGrad.com home page during June 2006. The results are based on more than 1,600 respondents.

Have a great idea?

Microsoft and Creative Commons have a new tool for easy copyright licensing

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Microsoft Corp. and Creative Commons, a nonprofit organization that offers flexible copyright licenses for creative works, have teamed up to release a copyright licensing tool that enables the easy addition of Creative Commons licensing information for works in popular Microsoft Office applications.

The copyright licensing tool will be available free of charge at Microsoft Office Online, <http://office.microsoft.com>, and CreativeCommons.org.

The tool will enable the 400 million users of Microsoft Office

Word, Microsoft Office Excel and Microsoft Office PowerPoint to select one of several Creative Commons licenses from within the specific application.

"We're delighted to work with Creative Commons to bring fresh and collaborative thinking on copyright licensing to authors and artists of all kinds," said Craig Mundie, chief research and strategy officer at Microsoft.

"We are honored that creative thinkers everywhere choose to use Microsoft tools to give shape to their ideas. We're committed to removing barriers to the sharing of ideas across borders and cultures, and are offering this copyright tool in that spirit."

"The goal of Creative Commons is to provide authors and artists with simple tools to mark their creative work with the freedom they intend it to carry," said Lawrence Lessig, professor of Law at Stanford Law School and founder of Creative Commons.

"We're incredibly excited to work with Microsoft to make that ability easily available to the hundreds of millions of users of Microsoft Office."

The goal of the Creative Commons licenses is to give an author a clearer ability to express his or her intentions regarding the use of the work.

The Microsoft Office tool allows users to choose from a variety of

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The full list of licenses available from Creative Commons is available online at <http://creativecommons.org/about/licenses/meet-the-licenses>. The tool also provides a way for users to dedicate a work to the public domain.

"Microsoft's openness in working with the Creative Commons is a very exciting because an author can now easily embed licenses to creative works during the process

of innovation," said Ian Angell, professor of Information Systems at the London School of Economics. "This is an important step in ensuring that each individual becomes aware of his or her own intellectual property rights — and those of others."

"Creative Commons licenses are essential for protecting my creative work and for sharing it with others. They help with copyright issues, which frees me to do my job: making movies."

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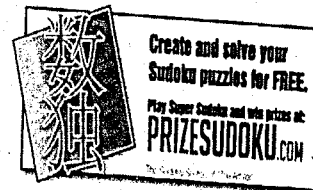
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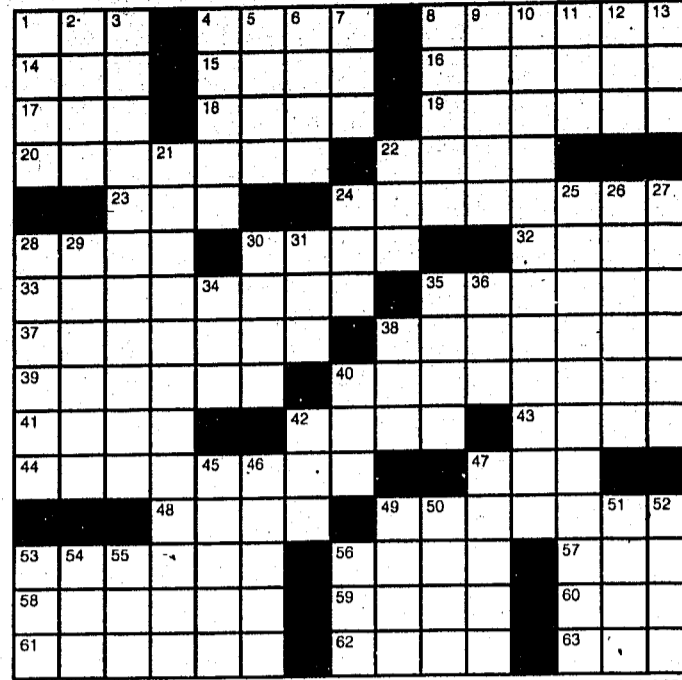
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ACROSS
1 Little bit
4 Monk's hood
8 On the go
14 Night before
15 Fencing item
16 Ladd movie, "The Blue ____"
17 Moray ____
18 Lively melody
19 Pitcher, slangily
20 Continue
22 Tree trunk
23 Scott novel, "____ Roy"
24 Some salmon
28 Buddy
30 Fraudulent event
32 Wild party
33 Occupant
35 Mount in the Cascades
37 Trap
38 More timid
39 Trues up
40 Reaped
41 Carnivore's choice
42 Loser to the tortoise
43 Bad actors
44 Equivalent words
47 Knightly address
48 Falsehoods
49 Composer Donizetti
53 New York prison
56 Steadfast
57 Passing fancy
58 Bass loudspeaker
59 Power unit
60 Fuss
61 Record keepers
62 "Typee" sequel
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DOWN
1 Far down
2 State categorically
3 Man from Minsk
4 Show-biz notable
5 Mayberry kid



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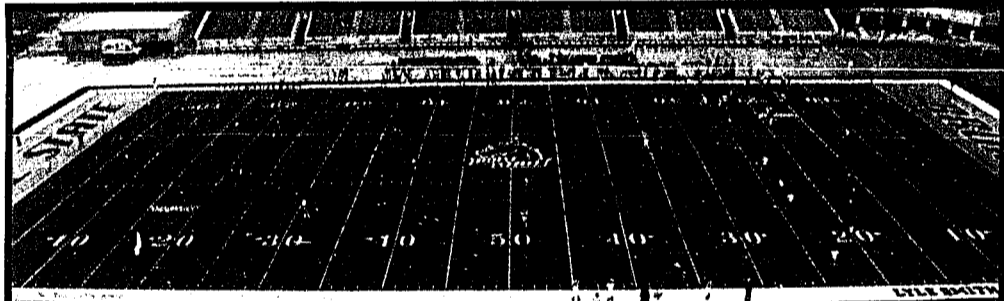
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| 47 Look after | 53 Barley bristle |
| 49 Metric unit of mass | 54 In addition |
| 50 Pilot or mobile starter | 55 Small child |
| | 56 Tango team |

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| <p>LET'S USE OUR PROCESS TO FIGURE OUT WHY PROJECT WOLVERINE FAILED.</p> | <p>THERE WAS ONLY ONE REASON: MANAGEMENT DISCOURAGES EMPLOYEES FROM VOICING OPINIONS.</p> | <p>MANAGEMENT DUTHCOURAGES UTH. BOO HOO!</p> |
| <p>I THINK WHAT WE SHOULD DO IS...</p> <p>WHOA!</p> | <p>GIVE ME A MINUTE TO INSTALL MY MANAGEMENT LISTENING CATHETER.</p> | <p>TELL ME ABOUT YOUR EXCELLENT SUGGESTION.</p> |

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Today's Birthday (08-21-06)
You're amazingly powerful this year, and creative. You're also intelligent, cute and persuasive. Get as far as you can. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 10 - You're exceptionally lucky now, in just about everything. Let others know what you want to accomplish and they'll help you do it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 6 - Meet with the whole family to explain financial matters. You'll get the debt paid off quickly when you all work together.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is an 8 - You're exceptionally smart now, due to extra-terrestrial conditions. Fill out all those crossword puzzles and take the Mensa tests.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is an 8 - Money is the theme now, specifically what you can spend on yourself. Don't fight the temptation to buy something you've been wanting for ages.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 9 - You're awesome now. You're so talented, witty and yet disciplined - you glow. You're hot.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is an 8 - Your first assignment is to set priorities. Some of the stuff on your list does not have to be done now. Some can be crossed off entirely. Start with that, and don't look down.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 6 - Gather with others and learn new ways to look at your situation. You're not alone, you're part of a team. Together, you're formidable.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 7 - You can increase your income soon, be watching for the opportunity. This is more about being in the right place than doing a good job. You've already done that.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 7 - While you're out there, give some thought to business. Figure out a way to make all this fun deductible.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 6 - The more you sort and file, the more treasure you discover. You'll even find valuable things you thought were lost forever.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 7 - You can learn a lot from a person who's demanding your attention. Listen and take notes, but also maintain your own good sense.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is a 7 - There's no way to avoid the chores now, they've turned into a mountain. Start by getting organized, don't just run head first into them.

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