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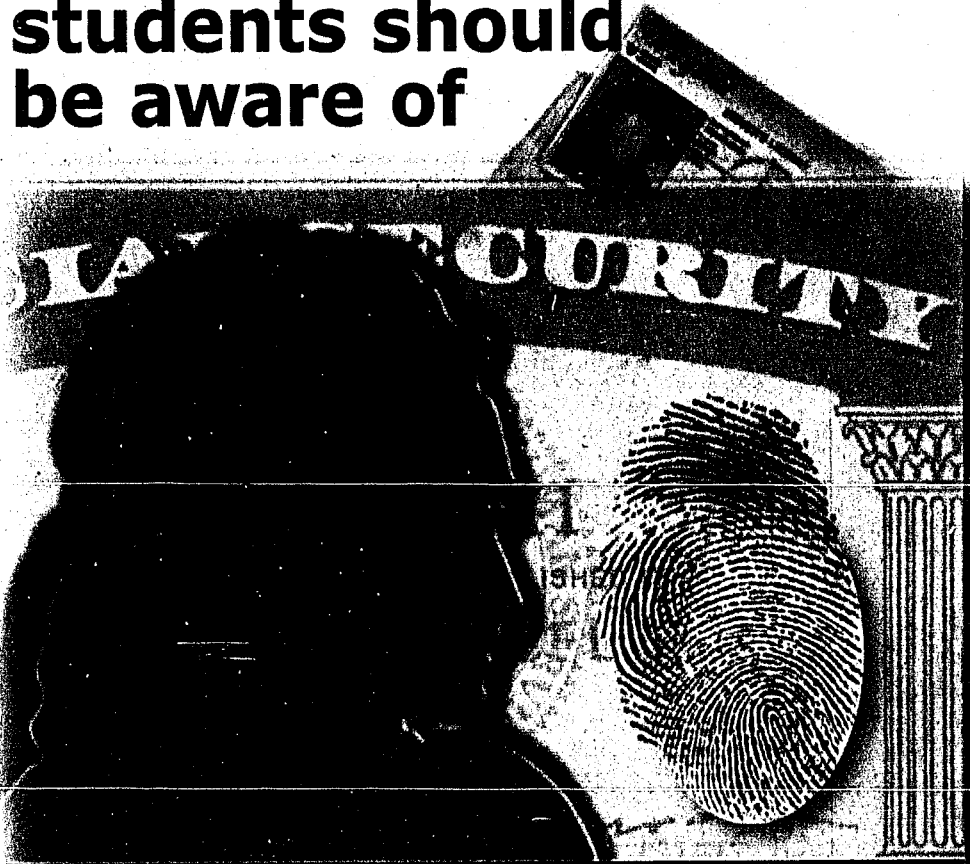
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Identity theft: a concern all students should be aware of



BY MARTEE ORTIZ
News Writer

Innumerable questions and concerns plague students' minds throughout the school year. Will I have enough money for rent this month? I think I can make it to school on the gasoline vapors still in my tank. Do these jeans make me look fat? Hey, which one of you ate the noodles with my name clearly marked on it? Booze or food... Booze or food? Oh snap, I'm late for class!

But how many students worry about the real traumas such as identity theft?

According to the Federal Trade Commission, identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes. They have three simple steps to help guard oneself from the theft of identity: Deter, detect and defend.

Deter is a precautionary step in which one safeguards any personal information. Detect is a personal responsibility of checking financial records and billing statements on a regular basis. If all else fails, defend is the step one takes after the theft has occurred.

Within the past year, colleges have teamed up with the Federal Trade Commission in the fight against identity theft. Most colleges and universities have removed social security numbers from campus identification cards, but thieves find other ways to get personal financial information.

Authorities also recommend that students take the necessary precautions and shred any pre-approved credit cards and only purchase items off the Internet through secure websites.

In addition to these precautionary

steps, insurance companies have also made identity insurance readily available to anyone interested through homeowners' insurance policies.

According to the Better Business Bureau: "Whether to purchase identity theft insurance [or not] is a personal decision.

Keep in mind that whether insured or not, victims are usually not held responsible for fraudulent charges incurred by identity thieves.

It is out-of-pocket losses that can be a consideration. A new survey conducted for Nationwide Mutual Insurance which focused on 10 metropolitan areas found that ID theft victims paid an average of \$587 in out-of-pocket charges for legal fees, copying charges, telephone calls and lost wages."

Although some people may believe that identity theft isn't a constant problem and couldn't possibly happen to them, it is important to realize that identity theft has occurred at Boise State University. Faculty member Peter Collins experienced a theft of his identity over the Internet.

Collins reviewed his bank statements one day while in college, and found purchases not recognizable. After contacting his bank immediately, Collins filled out tedious paperwork and changed his credit card number.

All funds were reimbursed. Collins has not experienced identity theft since. Taking preventative measures could help one avoid these endless amounts of paperwork and financial stress.

Though this problem could be over-exaggerated by the media, identity theft has proved itself to be a nuisance and quite a headache for the unlucky victims.

By being informed and taking action, more people can avoid the likelihood of this happening to them.

If you decide in favor of purchasing insurance against identity theft, the BBB suggests the following:

- Check first with your insurance agent or your homeowners' insurance company to find out if they offer identity theft insurance. Ask what they would commend for your situation.
- Be cautious before investing money in a new product being offered by an unknown company. Make sure you are dealing with a reputable organization. Contact the BBB for a reliability report or visit www.bbb.org.
- Ask about the deductible, coverage limits (some policies place a dollar limit on retaining legal assistance or on the amount of lost wages that will be covered), and any restrictions on how the money for expenses is to be spent.
- Have a clear understanding of the services and assistance you would receive in the event of identity theft when comparing product costs. For instance, some third-party insurers reimburse out-of-pocket costs and offer investigators to help victims wend their way through the process of working with creditors, law enforcement, credit bureaus and the like.

Preventing identity theft (from the National Crime Prevention Council)

- Remove your social security number from personal checks, drivers' licenses and school identification cards. Securely store your SSN card in a place other than your wallet.
- Never give out your personal information over the phone or internet unless you have initiated the contact.
- Use only secure websites for Internet transactions.
- Retrieve mail from your mailbox promptly. Thieves can "shop" mailboxes for information that can help them assume your identity.
- Check your credit report once a year with the three major credit bureaus.
- Properly dispose of documents with financial information.

Boise State receives \$23.8 million for research and sponsored projects

BY CEAN SIEGEL
News Writer

Research at Boise State University received a financial boost for the fiscal year 2006, totaling \$23.8 million: the second highest total in BSU history.

BSU has seen a substantial increase in external funding through the past 20 years, with totals doubling from 1999 to present day, and multiplying by nearly 10 times since 1985.

The funds come from varying sources including grants from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Idaho Department of Education and a number of businesses and private foundations as well as several other federal and state agencies.

The largest award was for \$3.17 million from the EPA. Funds will be used to develop and test multi-purpose sensors to identify and evaluate contaminants and to develop hydrogeophysical-imaging technologies that facilitate the mapping of contaminant movement in the subsurface.

During the State of the University Address August 16, BSU President Bob Kustra spoke

about the importance the research from BSU plays in the surrounding area.

"As this region's metropolitan university, we have the responsibility to supply the creative energy, discover tools, technology platforms and research methodologies that align to produce what one commentator has called the 'creative class' of the 21st century," Kustra said.

Watershed investigations, asthma studies, cancer studies and bird migration surveys are several examples of the large number of research projects funded in fiscal year 2006.

"Boise State researchers are pursuing funded projects that bring many benefits to our students, our state and our region," Jack Pelton, interim vice president for research said. "By conducting hands-on research, students have opportunities to apply what they've learned in the classroom. The research serves as a catalyst for economic development and also helps train a workforce for the high-tech jobs of the future."

The wind energy research project will provide students hands-on research run by John Gardner, chair of the Department of Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering. The

grant, totaling \$435,000 from the U.S. Department of Energy, will be used to develop new technologies to reduce the expenses of producing electricity from wind farms.

"We will be looking at technology to make mid-range windmills more efficient," Gardner said. According to Gardner, using both theoretical and real research, the project should last about a year, with faculty and students working together.

Todd Shallat, director of the Center for the Study of Idaho History and Politics also received funds to be used toward the cost of the public policy journal "Idaho Issues Online," which can be viewed at www.idahoissues.com.

"What we try to do is take research that people are doing about important issues and showcase it by publishing popular versions in common language," Shallat said.

As with a number of projects, "Idaho Issues Online" would not be able to operate without grants from external sources.

Additional questions regarding the research money received can be directed to Jack Pelton, interim vice president for research via e-mail at jpelton@boisestate.edu or at 426-5732.

Students sweat through military workout

BY RYAN RASMUSSEN
NEWS WRITER

Boise State students and staff were given the opportunity last Tuesday to test their fitness level on the Military Fitness Challenge, an inflated obstacle course set up by the ROTC program and Idaho National Guard. Students were challenged by how many push-ups and full sit-ups they could do in two minutes. Upon completion, students had the opportunity to run or race through the 62-foot long, 17.5-foot high inflated obstacle course.

The challenge ran from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the intramural field by the Student Union Building. BSU student Ben Do completing 115 push ups in the 120-second span. Andrew Stubblefield completed 87 sit-ups to lead, and Lacey Williams achieving 64 sit-ups and 52 push-ups.

"It was tough. I got 22 push ups and 27 sit ups," student Nikki Johnson said.

Students who participated in the challenge received a t-shirt, key chain and other prizes, as well as the opportunity to learn more about the ROTC and National Guard and measure their fitness level.

"We have had a lot more out to participate in this than expected, showing that army is not just for the all ready really fit people, but shows we will help people get to the fitness level they want

and its great to get all the kids out here," Major Darren Blagburn said.

A scoreboard was kept for the highest numbers in push-ups and sit-ups, while the military crew had someone counting for and cheering the students on.

"I like this, its great PR for them, I like that they're trying to get people involved, I'm a big advocate of fitness," student Andrew Book said.

The inflated obstacle course directed participants through a hole in an inflated wall with vertical posts that bounced and pushed them around. They then had to crawl under horizontal bars and dive through or struggle over a stack of bars.

The final stage of the course contained an incline that required a rope to scale the apparatus. Students were offered water and a shaded area to rest if needed and could go though the challenge as much as they desired, to race other friends or even military personal. Student cadets going to and from classes stopped to participate and show their support, and race against a fellow soliders and classmates.

"We're getting great PR with this about the ROTC Program and were promoting fitness," Terri Shafer of the Military Science Department said.

Students interested in pursuing fitness and looking for a good workout are advised to take Military Style Fitness through the Kinesiology department.

Students had the opportunity to test their physical skills Tuesday in the obstacle course provided by the ROTC department.

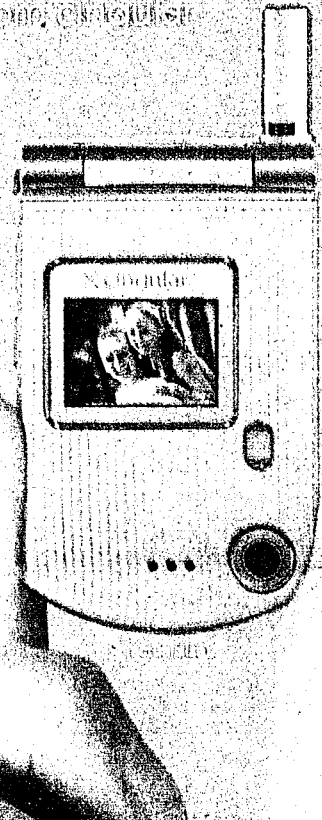
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world

Cluster bombs threaten civilians in southern Lebanon

Leftover explosives from Israeli cluster bombs have claimed the lives of at least 13 people and wounded 46 more in southern Lebanon since a cease-fire ended fighting between Israel and Hezbollah more than two weeks ago, according to United Nations officials.

As many as 100,000 pieces of unexploded ordnance litter southern Lebanon, and 75 percent of the population lives in areas where unexploded munitions remain a threat, the officials estimate.

Cluster bombs have long been controversial. The munitions, which can be dropped from the air or fired from artillery, are designed to scatter hundreds of small explosives over a wide area to kill enemy soldiers. But because all the smaller explosives, or "bomblets," frequently don't explode, civilians returning home after a battle often are killed or wounded by them.

On Wednesday Aug. 30, the senior U.N. official in charge of humanitarian affairs blasted Israel for using cluster bombs, particularly in the last days of the fighting.

"What's shocking - and I would say, to me, completely immoral - is that 90 percent of the cluster bomb strikes occurred in the last 72 hours of the conflict, when we knew there would be a resolution," said Jan Egeland, the U.N. undersecretary-general for humanitarian affairs. "Every day people are maimed, wounded and are killed by these ordnances."

Israeli officials defend their use of the munitions. "All the weapons and munitions used by the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) are legal under international law, and their use conforms with international standards," the Israeli Defense Ministry said Thursday in a statement faxed to McClatchy Newspapers.

Neither the Defense Ministry nor Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev would comment on Egeland's claim that most of the munitions were dropped when an end to the fighting was in sight. Regev said he couldn't talk about specific military operations.

A report by Human Rights Watch shortly after the cease-fire went into effect quoted a farmer in Kfar Roumanne, where unexploded munitions were found, who said Israel had fired four projectiles into the area after Hezbollah militiamen fired rockets. In 1982, the United States suspended sales of cluster bombs to Israel for six years after finding that they'd been used against civilians during Israel's invasion of Lebanon that year.

The State Department is investigating whether Israel's use of U.S.-made cluster bombs during the most recent fighting violated the Arms Export Control Act, which requires that U.S.-made weapons be used only against legitimate military targets.

"The department takes very seriously its responsibility that United States-provided weapons are used properly and for purposes authorized under U.S. law," said Edgar Vasquez, a State Department spokesman. "We're seeking more information regarding alleged improper use of the cluster munitions by the Israelis. Based on the information we gather, we will take appropriate action."

national

Bush says Iran must face 'consequences' for nuclear program

In his toughest language to date, President Bush warned Thursday Aug. 31 that "there must be consequences" for Iran's "defiance and delay" in ignoring international demands that it stop enriching uranium. Bush stopped short of mentioning military action in remarks to the American Legion convention. But his comments, on the day of the U.N. Security Council's deadline for Iran to halt its enrichment program or face international economic sanctions, made it clear that his patience with the Tehran government is wearing thin.

"It is time for Iran to make a choice," the president said. "We've made our choice: We will continue to work closely with our allies to find a diplomatic solution - but there must be consequences for Iran's defiance, and we must not allow Iran to develop a nuclear weapon." Bush warned that the world faces a "grave threat from the radical regime in Iran" that extends beyond its nuclear ambitions. He described Tehran as the main supplier of weapons and cash for the militant Islamist group Hezbollah in its deadly confrontation with Israel in Lebanon and as a destabilizing force in Iraq.

"The Iranian regime interferes in Iraq by sponsoring terrorists and insurgents, empowering unlawful militias and supplying components for improvised explosive devices," he continued.

"The Iranian regime denies basic human rights to millions of its people. And the Iranian regime is pursuing nuclear weapons in open defiance of its international obligations."

Iran ignored the deadline to stop enriching uranium and clear up questions about other activities that have fueled suspicions that it's intent on acquiring nuclear arms.

The International Atomic Energy Agency reported that Iran on Aug. 24 resumed feeding uranium hexafluoride gas into a system of centrifuges that are designed to produce purified uranium. Enriched uranium can be used to operate civilian nuclear-power plants, but uranium that's more than about 90 percent pure can fuel nuclear weapons.

The report by the IAEA, obtained by McClatchy Newspapers, also cited other troubling findings, including the August discovery of trace particles of highly enriched uranium on a storage container at a facility in the city of Karaj.

The IAEA said it "remains unable to make further progress in its efforts to verify the correctness and completeness of Iran's declarations with a view to confirming the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program."

Iran says its nuclear work is for peaceful purposes, and that it won't give up its sovereign right to conduct such research. "The Iranian nation will not accept for one moment any bullying, invasion and violation of its rights," President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was reported as saying Thursday Aug. 31.

Iran's defiance triggers an intense round of diplomacy aimed at levying sanctions, although no immediate action is expected.

European and U.S. officials said that European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana was expected to meet next week with Ali Larijani, Iran's point man on the nuclear is-

sue. Those talks presumably would focus on Iran's Aug. 22 offer of wide-ranging negotiations. However, it refused to halt uranium enrichment as a condition for talks.

local/bsu

Caldwell man dies of the West Nile virus

BY CHRISTIN RUNKLE
Idaho Press-Tribune

After battling West Nile virus for more than a month, W.E. "Bill" Bicknell of Caldwell succumbed to the disease on Aug. 27.

The 77-year-old is Canyon County's first resident to die from the mosquito-borne illness.

Bicknell is the sixth Idahoan to die from complications linked to West Nile. A 12-year-old Massachusetts boy also died in Idaho from West Nile virus and Rocky Mountain Spotted fever.

Raised in Vancouver, Wash., Bicknell moved to Canyon County from Spokane, Wash., about 15 years ago, according to his brother Richard Bicknell. Bill Bicknell drove a truck for Armor Meat Co. and hauled mobile homes for Morgan Drive Away before he retired.

Bicknell's stepson, Steve Roedel, described the Caldwell man as someone who liked traveling, spending time outdoors and playing pinocle. "He was kind," Roedel said of the retiree who enjoyed raising rabbits, chickens and pigeons.

For about the past seven years, Bicknell was married to Helen, whom he met at the Nampa Senior Center where the two played cards. The pair traveled extensively together, most often to the Oregon Coast, and they had planned to take a cruise to Alaska next month.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare confirmed the first Canyon County death linked to West Nile infection.

"We offer our sympathies to his family," Deputy State Epidemiologist Leslie Tengelsen said. "We continue to see widespread infections across southern and eastern Idaho and urge people to...protect themselves."

Richard Bicknell said his brother was a very strong man before he became ill. "He rode his motorcycle, he rode the treadmill," Richard said. "He wasn't weak at all before he got the virus."

Bicknell spent 30 days in the hospital after he started showing symptoms 10 days earlier. He had some promising moments, but doctors decided to send him to a rehabilitation center when they realized nothing could be done.

A total of 440 Idaho residents have been reported with West Nile infections this year, and 77 of those suffered from neuroinvasive illnesses that typically require hospitalization.

Of the six deaths of Idaho residents, the others were in Elmore County, where three people have died from the mosquito-borne disease, and one each in Lincoln County and Minidoka County.

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It's the police-open up!

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Non-newsworthy news



BY CHAD MENDENHALL
News Editor

Comparing apples to apples

About this time in grade school, kids all over the United States are taught about our pioneers. The Pilgrims, Daniel Boone, David Crockett and Johnny Appleseed are only a few of our prominent pioneers discussed in school.

More than 230 years ago Johnny Appleseed was simply known as John Chapman, and it's only fitting the legendary apple baron was born in the same month as one of the largest apple harvests - September.

Chapman earned his nickname because he traveled the Midwest with a bag of apple seeds, and upon finding a ripe plot of land, would proceed to purchase the land, clear it and plant orchards.

His nurseries varied from simple one-acre lots to rows and rows of apple trees spanning acres and acres of fertile land.

He didn't merely wander the wilderness and randomly scatter seeds, but rather, Chapman consciously moved ahead of the early settlers and planted his apple trees, allowing him to sell or give his trees and apples to traveling pioneers.

Chapman's religious beliefs taught him to refrain from alcoholic beverages and adhere to a vegetarian diet, which is why many historians believe he carried a pot or kettle with him so he could cook potatoes, corn meal, nuts and other various items he would gather in his travels.

This is most likely why he has been described wearing a pot, like a hat, on his head.

Most illustrations of Chapman depict him with worn out clothes, no shoes and a shaggy appearance.

This idea seems accurate, as most historical stories about Johnny Appleseed tell of a generous man that always helped anyone in need.

Indeed, Chapman is said to have trudged the wilderness barefoot, even in the frosty winter.

His religious convictions caused him not only to spread apples, but the gospel as well.

Chapman was a missionary for his church, spreading the Swedenborgian gospel wherever he traveled.

Swedenborgianism is a system of beliefs based on the Biblical interpretations and writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, a Swedish philosopher, scientist and theologian.

Chapman's love for God and Biblical ideals not only made him a devoted humanist, but an animal lover as well. One particular story said Chapman saved a horse from being put down by purchasing the animal and a couple acres close by to see if the horse would recover.

When it did, he gave the horse to someone in need with a charge to be humane with the horse.

The city of Fort Wayne, Ind. celebrates the life of Johnny Appleseed with a festival every September when apples are harvested.

Today, apples remain one of the most important and popular fruits in the world economy.

In 2002, 45 million tons of apples were grown worldwide, with leading apple exporters all across the world - from China to Turkey, France, Argentina, Italy, The United States and South Africa.

More than 60 percent of the United State's apples that are commercially sold come from Washington State.

Apple trees are a member of the rose family, and there are thousands of different apples. About 85 percent of an apple is water.

It is estimated more than half the apples grown are eaten fresh, while the rest are dried, frozen, baked into pies, juiced and canned.

Perhaps Chapman's religious fervor gave way to a little prophecy, because when he died in 1845 his apple estate was worth millions.

For law interns, work comes with big perks

BY NATALIE SINGER
The Seattle Times

Jerry Taylor was all nerves before he started his summer internship at the Seattle law firm of Garvey Schubert Barer. He worried about the workload, whether he would impress his superiors, whether the other attorneys would be tough on him.

As a 23-year-old student with two more years of law school ahead of him, he was under a lot of pressure.

But Taylor's anxiety melted away when he arrived at the law firm and was ushered into his private office with sweeping views of Puget Sound and a nameplate on the door. The lunches, parties and recreation

trips that followed helped, too.

"I love this company," said Taylor, a Seattle University student.

Welcome to the high-pressure yet perk-filled world of summer law internships, where firms compete to lure "summer associates," who can walk away with \$100,000-a-year job offers more than a year before they graduate.

Every summer, law-school students from around the country file into the hushed, high-rise interiors of Seattle law firms for what seasoned attorneys refer to as a "12-week job interview."

As in most major cities, dozens of Seattle firms rely on this constant succession of fresh brainpower to build their permanent ranks.

The experience, by most accounts, is part legal boot camp and part social junket.

The programs allow students to spend the summer writing memos, doing legal research, conferring with clients and soaking up everything they can from veteran attorneys.

Interns also devote a chunk of their time lunching at Seattle's top eateries, cruising the region's waterways, trekking to company retreats and tipping back gratis martinis.

Contrary to the intern stereotype, summer law associates are not treated as lowly hangers-on, sent to pick up partners' dry cleaning or lattes.

Firms compete for top students after meeting them on annual recruiting trips at law schools around the country. A typical summer associate at a midsize Seattle firm earns the weekly equivalent of \$100,000 a year.

"It's a very exciting time for the firm when the summer associates show up. These are the best from America's law schools," said Craig Miller, partner and chair of the hiring committee for the Seattle office of Davis Wright Tremaine, which is bankrolling 12 summer associates this year.

Having students on staff for three months helps revivify a law firm's atmosphere, and most attorneys find satisfaction in helping train the next generation, Miller said.

"It's like buying a suit at Nordstrom and then picking it up two weeks later after the alterations. It's just great to have them around. We get a buzz out of it."

Firms want law students to get real-life experience, but they don't require frequent all-nighters and weekends at the office, say summer-program organizers.

"We want them to strike a balance. We don't want them to just grind away," said Bob Howie, hiring chair at Riddell Williams, which has three summer associates.

Still, some interns say they have found themselves basking in the computer glow at 3 a.m., perfecting the memo an attorney is expecting the next morning or working on the pro-bono case for which they have begun to feel a passion.

"You're paid what you're paid

for a reason," said summer associate John Peterson, a University of Washington student who has worked this summer with corporations, nonprofits and a Central American youth seeking asylum. "It's a client business, and however you have to meet those needs, you do it."

Students say they appreciate the summer perks, but that those aren't the highlights.

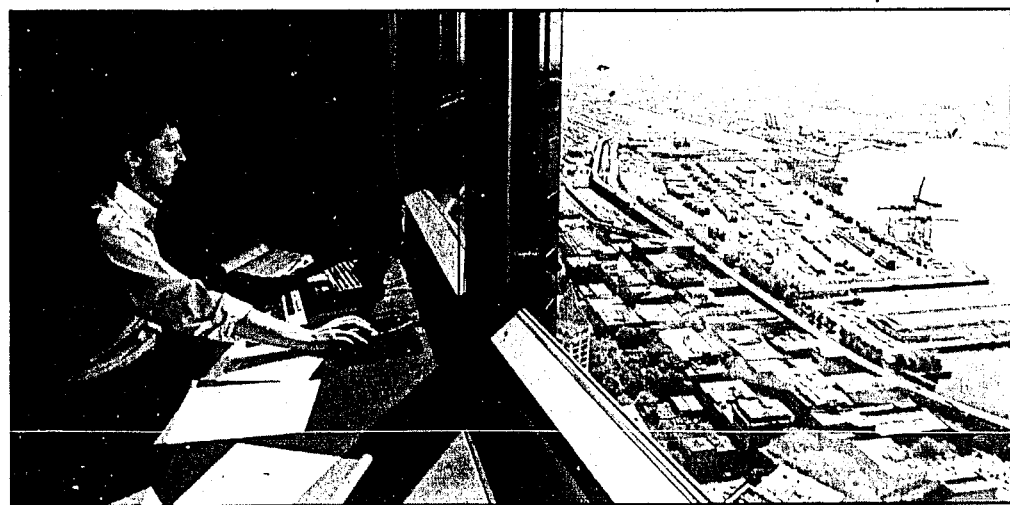
Hunter Ferguson, who has one more year at the University of Chicago, said his best day at Heller Ehrman was when he was hard at work on a project with a firm attorney, and both were struggling to craft an argument.

"I was starting to get nervous that I wasn't going to be able to see anything, and then all of a sudden I found the argument that drove our point home," the 28-year-old said.

"I felt like I was doing real lawyering. The best experience wasn't a social event or any of the so-called perks, it was real work, and feeling like, 'Yeah, I can really do this.'"

The students are not coddled. Their work is critiqued by the firms' attorneys, and more than one intern recalls a memo being returned with harsh red markings for oversights as seemingly innocuous as a misplaced comma.

"I've gotten thrown right in on some projects and done real, substantive work. In the long run it gets me a better chance of landing in the right place," said Ben Potter, 30, a student at the University of Michigan, who is in his second summer interning at Heller Ehrman.



Ben Potter, a summer law intern at Heller Ehrman, drafts a memo in his office high atop Columbia Center in Seattle, Wash., August 16.

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Back to school: the economics of education

BY SHERRY SQUIRES
BSU Communications

Cha-ching! Back to school time is big business for retailers. National data shows businesses that sell clothing, electronics and school supplies can expect a spike in sales during August, the only time of year besides the holiday season that they will see a noticeable increase.

Idaho businesses will fall in line with national numbers, according to Don Holley, a professor of economics at Boise State University.

The good news for parents of young children is that while prices for gasoline and other consumer items have risen drastically in recent years, what they will pay for clothing and general school supplies has not.

Retailers will see their clothing sales rise about 25 percent over their monthly average in August. But the overall cost of clothing for consumers is down. Parents will pay about 2.2 percent less for children's clothing and 3 percent less for shoes than last year, according to numbers from the U.S. Department of Commerce. While the cost of general school supplies - items like pencils, paper and crayons - is up slightly, parents aren't likely to feel the increase. Because competition among retailers is common, parents can expect to see sales and "super sales" for back-to-school items.

One recent ad offered 12-packs of pencils and report covers for a penny. A limit on how much a consumer can purchase is a signal that retailers don't expect to make anything on the items, Holley said.

"The seasonality in sales tells you with the increased demand at this time of year for clothing and school supplies, that prices ought to go up," Holley said. "But retailers have discovered that they can't afford to be out of the market. If one retailer offers discounts, the others must follow to stay competitive."

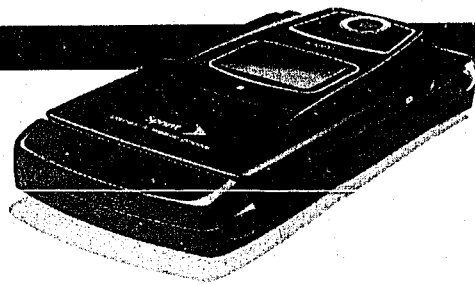
The news is not so good for parents who are sending a child off to college. "Tuition and books have seen greater inflation in recent years than even medical care," Holley said. "They have gone up faster than most any other element of the Consumer Price Index."

For comparison, health-care costs have risen about 4 percent annually for the past 10 years. College tuition and fees have risen about 6.1 percent each year, and campus housing costs by about 5.2 percent annually. The Consumer Price Index has averaged about a 2.5 percent annual increase over the same 10-year period.

"Parents and college students are going to pay more than ever for a college education," Holley said.

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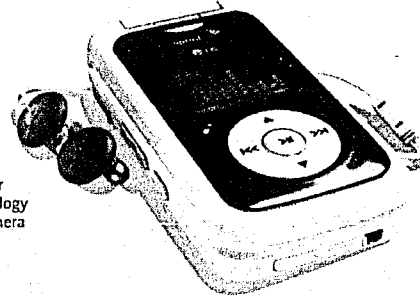
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LOCALLY GLOBALLY

WHAT'S HOT WHAT'S NOT IN ENTERTAINMENT



BY DANIEL KEDISH Culture Editor

Globally

HOT Paramount drops Cruise, YES! We've seen him jumping on furniture, riding around New York on fire trucks and covering the pages on every entertainment magazine, but finally Tom Cruise gets what he deserves from overexposure and his ridiculous behavior.

Last Tuesday, Paramount, which worked closely with Cruise for 14 years, announced it would no longer work with Cruise after Mission: Impossible III tanked at the box office.

There is also concern due to Cruise's multiple displays of abnormal behavior and his preaching of scientology.

The next move for Cruise appears to be comedies, which leaves me asking God, "Why?"

All I can say is seeing Cruises face everywhere is not cool, but when a company drops his ass, that's hot.

NOT

Survival of the races

Segregation: a negative prejudice ideal. Reality Show: a fun secretive addiction you can't help but enjoy. Segregation + Reality Show = the latest season of the most watched reality show, Survivor.

That's correct, the smash hit in its new season splits teams up into four groups: blacks, whites, Hispanics and Asians.

Host Jeff Probst is quoted in Entertainment Weekly saying, "We decided, let's try to have the most ethnically diverse cast in the history of TV."

Part of the reason for this sudden spin on racial separation comes from letters from fans asking for more ethnic representation, but isn't this taking the matter a little too far?

While the show may continue to bring in the ratings, this season's team division is surely not hot.

Locally

HOT

Ice Blocking season opens

It's a sometimes dangerous, but mostly exciting sport perfect for college students and those in need of some winter fun, without the snow.

Ice blocking: the wonders of sliding down a hill on a block of ice. May sound ridiculous, but this popular activity is making a scene in entertainment.

While not known to some, ice blocking is done all over the United States and as far away as Australia. Once featured on the MTV series Jackass, it influenced one university to actually hold an official ice-blocking contest.

The best place in Boise to get into this sport is Simplot Hill, a.k.a. the Governor's yard.

With the steep slopes and short grass, you can catch great speed for a night of fun.

Only warning: one girl died. Have fun!

NOT

No pool, not cool

Living in Boise, the end of summer comes with major changes, the worst: closing the pools down.

While we all try desperately to hold onto our golden tans with lotion and continue to wear the shorts and T-shirts, it's inevitable that we are heading into the whitest and coldest part of the year.

So while we sadly look back to the warm free days of summer lets not forget that there is always an alternative: fake tans and hot tubs. Bring on winter!

Harry Potter podcast makes 17-year-old a star

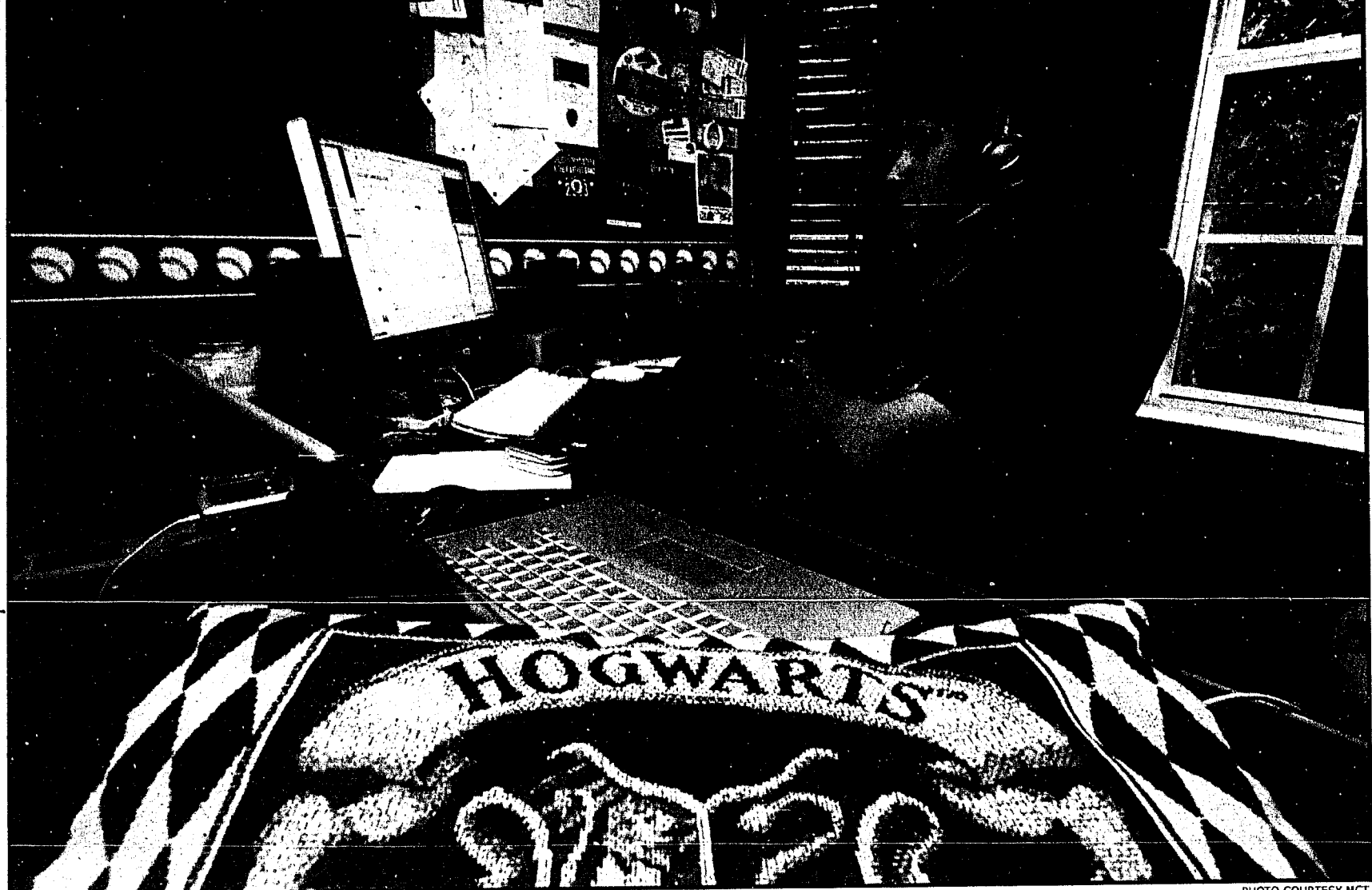


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While other 17-year-olds work fast food and focus on relationships, Andrew Sims creates a movement in the Harry Potter world through podcasting; landing him a television spot on "Regis and Kelly" and the No. 3 spot on iTunes.

BY TONI CALLAS The Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)

Jeff and Heidi Sims thought their oldest son, Andrew, would become a computer tech. After all, he's taken apart the family computer more times than they can count.

Then they thought the Shawnee High School senior might become a television producer.

"We used to call him Gelman, like on 'Live With) Regis and Kelly,' because he spent so much time at the school's television studio," Heidi Sims said, referring to the show's ever-present producer, Michael Gelman.

But now Andrew Sims is testing a new career possibility: professional podcaster.

Barefoot in his bedroom in Medford, Pa., this 17-year-old, ruddy-faced teen reaches more than 45,000 Harry Potter fans each week

with MuggleCast.com, an hour-long podcast in which Sims and six co-hosts chat about theories and story lines surrounding author J.K. Rowling's boy wizard.

The venture has gained them fame, a little fortune, and a handful of free trips.

"We've been to Las Vegas and New York City this summer, and we are going to England and California next month," Sims said. "It's a lot of fun, and I get paid. Other kids work at restaurants for the summer; I do this."

With 52 episodes under their belts, Sims and "we" teen co-hosts Ben Schoen in Kansas, Jamie Lawrence in England, Laura Thompson in Georgia, Kevin Steck in Connecticut, Micah Tannenbaum in New York and Eric Scull in Pennsylvania are part of a booming trend in which a group of unknowns can become under-

ground stars.

"It's crazy," Heidi Sims said. "We go to these book signings, and there are these girls screaming at them like they are celebrities, wanting their autographs."

Podcasting seems a natural fit for these Generation Y-ers, but everyone from Gen X-ers to baby boomers has a hand in it, said Ted Demopoulos, a Fortune 500 business and technology consultant.

"There's a podcast for every niche, from Harry Potter to knitting," said Demopoulos, who also is the author of "What No One Ever Tells You About Blogging and Podcasting" and creates in-house podcasts for businesses. "It can be produced so cheaply and easily, and most anyone can do it. All you need is a microphone, software and access to the Internet."

Chris Cavallari, founder of the fledgling New Jersey Podcasters

Association, called podcasting the great equalizer. "Before, if you wanted to get your message out, you needed print or radio or broadcasting mediums," he said. "Most people don't have access to that. With podcasting, people can say what they want. And, yes, there is a lot of junk out there, but it's going to change the way we view the Internet."

Sims came up with the MuggleCast idea and launched it last summer. He pitched it to the founder of MuggleNet.com, where for three years he volunteered as Web-site manager. Emerson Spartz, 19, a University of Notre Dame student who launched MuggleNet when he was 12, told Sims to go for it.

"I can't lie; at first I thought it was a bad idea," Spartz said. "I just didn't think anyone would want to listen to a bunch of kids talk-

ing about Harry Potter. I was dead wrong."

MuggleCast is doing well. While many podcasts earn almost nothing, Demopoulos said, MuggleCast earns revenue. It makes money through T-shirt sales, after a printing group out of Georgia saw how well the podcast was doing and offered to design T-shirts for the show for free. Now, the hosts get \$6 on each \$15 shirt sold.

The site also garners about \$750 a month from reading advertisements for GoDaddy.com, an Internet domain-name broker. Sims and Schoen also earn \$800 a month for maintaining the site.

Visibility is high, too. This month, the show is No. 3 on the Apple iTunes top-100 list of "Arts" podcasts. And it's enjoying an over-

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Laugh it off at "eBaum's WORLD"

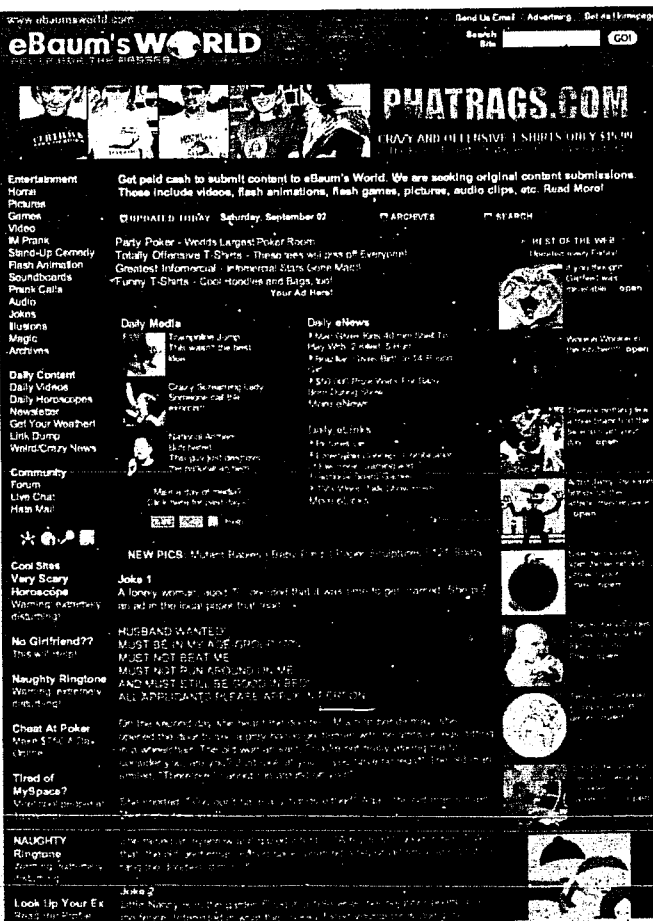


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Prank your friends and find sweet jokes at eBaum's World: a must for college students.

BY FRANCY MARCOTTE Culture Writer

Looking for funny news stories? How about a video featuring an angry kitty or a link to "totally offensive" T-shirts? Or maybe you just need a break from the real world. All this and more can be found on a website called eBaum's WORLD.

Described on the site as "Media for the Masses," eBaum's WORLD houses a plethora of media and entertainment items including audio, videos, stand-up comedy, jokes, pranks, soundboards and pictures. The content is light-hearted, humorous and edgy.

eBaum's WORLD was created in 1998 by Eric Bauman.

The website's title is a playful spin on his name. Then a high school student and renowned class clown, Bauman used the website as a creative humor outlet.

It didn't take long for both Bauman's classmates and the outside world to catch on to his creation.

"A lot of it started with Eric, but now we have all these different departments," Mike Parker, Lead Projects Coordinator of eBaum's WORLD said.

"We have a great content section and a new stand-up comedy section. Games is one of the most popular sections and videos have

become more popular."

Parker was hired as a full-time eBaum's WORLD staff member in February 2005. Before that, he wrote for the site's sports page. Undoubtedly he's impressed with the site's impact.

"We get 1 to 1.2 million hits per day," Parker said, "As we look in the future, we want to get it as big and as user-friendly as possible."

A user-friendly atmosphere ranks high on the site's priorities. Besides providing humorous entertainment, eBaum's WORLD also gives site users opportunities to connect to each other.

"We have a forum that has thousands of members," Parker said, "The same core group of people post there."

In addition to the forum, Parker included that eBaum's WORLD sends out a weekly newsletter to fans and users of the site.

Parker also praised eBaum's WORLD's celebrity soundboard. This feature lets users put together random lines from celebrities like Tom Cruise and Napoleon Dynamite to make their own prank telephone calls.

"Soundboards are a really great idea that really started the site," Parker said, "It just kind of blew up. People definitely do their own prank calls all the time."

Users can send in their prank

calls and the most comical ones are displayed on the site.

Parker said eBaum's WORLD is updated both weekly and daily. Daily updates consist of three new "wacky and crazy" media pieces and weekly updates are what Parker called the "Best of the Web."

These are quality additions to the website that the eBaum's WORLD staff considers "the best out there."

Despite the site's massive fan base, Parker admits that not everyone may walk away from eBaum's WORLD smiling. Some of the jokes, videos, pranks and other features could be considered offensive.

"There are going to be people who dislike certain things," Parker said, "We try to push the envelope without crossing the line."

Therefore, everything sent in to the website is carefully reviewed by the eBaum's WORLD staff.

"If we feel it's in bad taste, we won't put it on the site," Parker said, "We won't put up pornography."

However, Parker insisted that the site does more good than harm. "I think it's an escape from normal media," he said, "It gets people away from TV and radio."

If you haven't been to eBaum's WORLD yet, check it out at http://www.ebaumsworld.com/.

But be aware; this site may cause extreme and uncontrollable laughter.

Silversun Pickups release album with eyes on Boise

BY ANDREA OYARZABAL
Culture Writer

Just in time for heated summer romances to end and melancholy and heart break to set in, L.A.'s Silversun Pickups released a new c.d. Carnavas by Dangerbird Records, mixed by Tony Cotter who also mixed albums by Beck and Belle and Sebastian.

Comprised of a group of friends, Brian Aubert (singer/vocalist), Nikki Monniger (bass/vocalist), Christopher Guanlao (drums), and Joe Lester(keyboards), Silversun Pickups brings something new and loud, but still with depressed qualities to the world of "sad bastard" indie music.

Carnavas is the second release by Silversun Pickups following the e.p. release Pikul in 2005.

Scheduled to tour with indie rocker's Viva Voce beginning September 28, Silversun Pickups (SSPU to fans) compares to the likes of great rockers before them, My Bloody Valentine.

Brian Aubert's voice embodies an androgynous quality that makes it mesh well when singing alongside Nikki Monniger.

The video for "Well Thought Out Twinkles," the second track on the c.d., will air on MTV2's Subterranean on Sunday, September 3rd.

One of the more mellow tracks on the album, "Checkered Floor," expresses complex lyrics that could or could not be about love. "Meanwhile another scene/ tracking mud while blood letting/ we've been so proud/ watch how our star behaves/ we'll all roll in our graves/ sink with every word/ while all their backs are turned."

The fourth track from the album, "Little Lover's So Polite" shows the band as tight musicians. Brian Aubert sings "So much for the light show/ pissing on while pissing off/ sucking in a smokescreen/ selling all the loose knit dreams."

On the Silversun Pickups myspace page, www.myspace.com/silversunpickups, a video for "Kissing Families" from the previous release Kikul appears.

In the comedic video lead singer Brian Aubert shows off a seemingly inexplicable black eye, but the reason soon becomes apparent after watching the antics of Nikki Monniger.

Nikki, portrayed as the spindly band klutz, traps her cat under an empty laundry basket, drops her guitar pick and almost knocks a piece of furniture onto

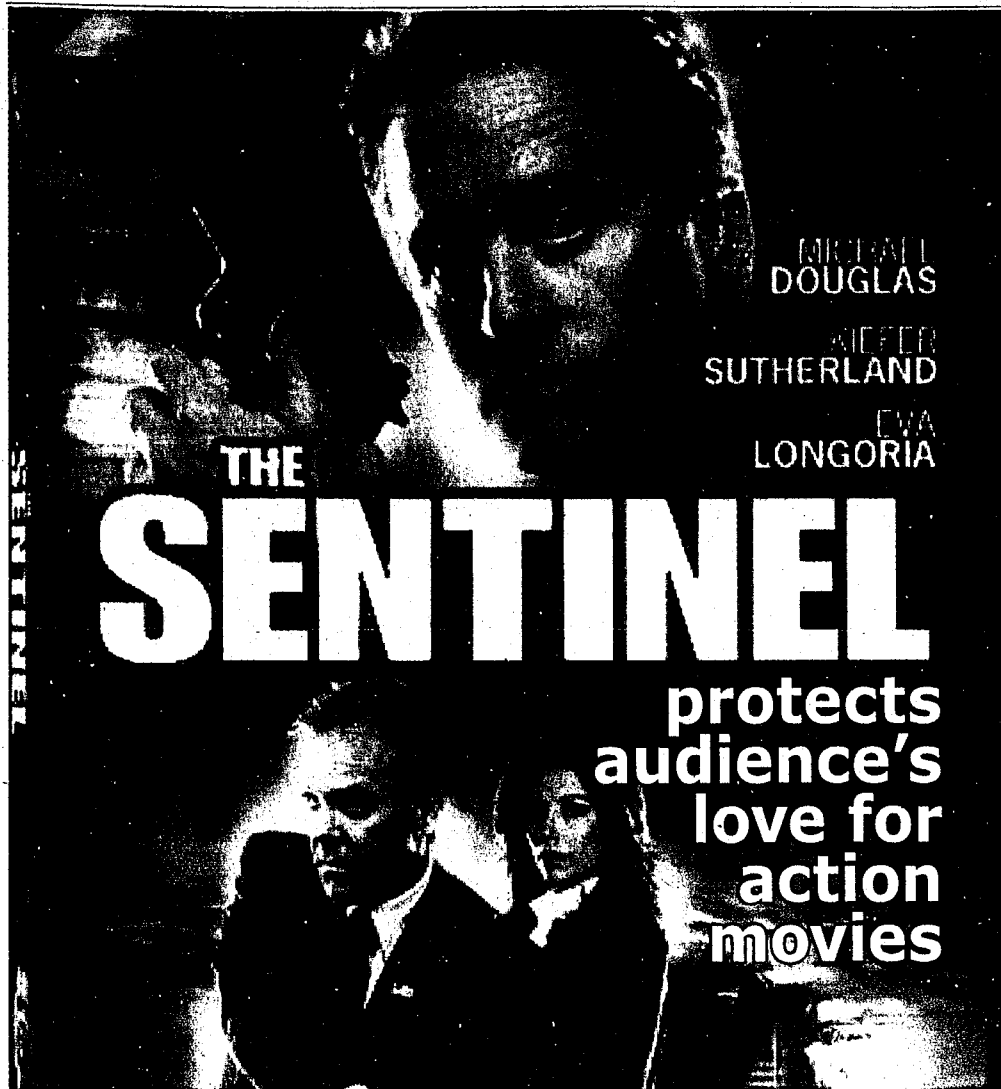


Christopher the drummer, almost takes off the keyboardist, Joe's, head with the neck of her guitar, knocks a mug of beer on a power chord which all the band's equipment is plugged into while starting some grilled cheese sandwiches, forgetting about them, and catching them on fire.

Lastly, she gets tangled in the band's power chords and falls out the window, knocking the band over, and almost taking all the equipment with her. She lands with a giggle.

Silversun Pickups plans to play the NeuroLux along with Viva Voce on Thursday, October 26th. It proves to be a good show, but be sure to watch out for Nikki.

Check out Silversun Pickups at www.silversunpickups.com.



BY KATRINA L. SAVITZ
Asst. Culture Editor

I want to start off this review with a confession, I am not much of an action movie fan, but films such as "The Fugitive" and "Face off" hold a special place in my heart. "Sentinel," which is based on the novel by Gerald Petievich should live up to every action film enthusiast's yardstick. The Non-stop action and smart tactics should keep viewers on their toes.

"Sentinel" surrounds the life of a secret service agent, played by Michael Douglas, who is on a mission to try to clear his name after being suspected for collaborating on a plot to kill the president of the United States. Keifer Sutherland, taking a page out of his 24 character, portrays the secret service agent assigned to the investigation of Michael Douglas. Flash images of presidential hate mail share with the viewer the intense surveillance and investigations the secret service engages in during their daily lives.

The director doesn't hide the

turns this movie will take with the constant fear of terrorist attacks on America. With this, the film becomes more relatable to viewers, especially when the hit men use a short distance missile to take down Marine One.

In the same vein as many other action movies, in which men are trying to establish their innocence, two of the similarities are:

The first, every man on the run has the split-second pause... Douglas and Sutherland engage in a dialogue, resembling that of The Fugitive's, stars Harrison Ford and Tommy Lee Jones. The tunnel scene just before Ford takes his leap into the water; Ford tells Jones that he didn't do it and Jones replies, "I don't care." The only difference - Jones didn't take a shot and Sutherland does. Why? Perhaps, Sutherland's role as 24's Jack Bauer prepared him to take a more ballsy approach.

The second, every man on the run makes a slip-up or runs into a close call. In "Sentinel," Douglas finds one of the hit men. After shooting him, he finds passports,

cash, and access into an event in which the president is scheduled to appear. Instead of taking all the evidence with him, he leaves it and tips off Sutherland. Ultimately, the hit man's partners arrive at the apartment before Sutherland and take all the potential evidence. Now, why would he do that? In the words of Michael Douglas himself, "I haven't figured it out yet." It just seemed like a stupid move. I hope the writer chose to put that in to show that Douglas is in fact human, and sometimes makes mistakes, regardless of the severity of the situation.

Aside from the formulaic action sequences, numerous scenes of forensic science may thrill audiences. I sure am captivated; I nearly contemplated changing my major.

The star studded cast was flawless. A surprising yet excellent performance by Eva Longoria put an end to her sultry reputation she gained from her role on Desperate Housewives.

"Sentinel" will hold a space in my DVD collection; I believe it will hold one in yours as well.

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all rank of 46th out of tens of thousands on the same site.

Podcast Alley, a directory of podcasts nationwide, ranked it No. 2 on its top-10 list. The show also has been nominated for the Nickelodeon Australia's 2006 Kids' Choice Awards, and is a nominee for the 2006 Podcast Awards People's Choice Award.

The show also is beating its competition. PotterCast, its closest rival, gets 30,000 downloads on average, host Melissa Anelli said. With an older staff of 20- and 30-somethings, PotterCast appeals to an older audience and offers a more news-oriented format with celebrity interviews.

MuggleCast hopes to beef up the latter for its audiences in the future. Sims will do celebrity one-on-ones next month when he and Anelli

go on a trip, paid for by Warner Bros., to the England film set of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," due out next year.

"Getting interviews is hard," Sims said. "We did one with Warwick Davis (Professor Flitwick in "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"), and we are trying to get a couple of others.

We do know that Ivanna Lynch, who plays Luna Lovegood (in "Order of the Phoenix"), listens to the podcast. So we hope to get an interview with her when the filming is done."

In the meantime, there's a new show to record. A new podcast is aired every Sunday, usually before midnight.

On Wednesday evenings, in a tidy room surrounded with remnants of his boyhood, Sims greets his on-

line crew and they read over what they call "rebuttals" of the previous week's theories from listeners as far away as Australia. They spend up to two hours taping, and Sims spends an additional six to eight hours editing, he said.

Downstairs in the family kitchen, Dad, a postal inspector, and Mom, a teacher's aide, speak proudly of their boy wonder. Yet they can't help but worry about the hours he keeps. He sometimes edits into the wee hours.

He tells them he has no time for a girlfriend and barely uses the car they just bought him. But they like that he is committed, and with college choices soon to be made, it's comforting to see that he's made a business of his Potter prowess.

"I guess every kid has to find his gift, his niche," Jeff Sims said, watching his weary son make his way into the kitchen after taping. "Looks like this is his."

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OPINION

The way we see it ...

Bike thieves are the scum of the Earth

Bike thieves are the bastard children of derelicts and demons. Anyone who would steal a bicycle deserves a tortuous hell that includes climbing ridiculous inclines on flat tires and wobbly rims.

The bicycle is Boise's answer to rising gas prices, parking debacles at Boise State University and our physician's pleas of "Exercise, Please!"

You little jerks who steal bikes ruin that attitude of change reverberating across the quad and around the thoroughfares of BSU.

We shake our fingers at you. College students don't have the money to go out and buy a new bike. They never forget how to ride and they never forget how their bikes ride. There is a familiarity found in owning a bicycle. When stolen, that familiarity becomes a funeral possession, on foot.

There are a lot of people riding these days. The city and the school are getting healthier as students and citizens walk and ride to class and work.

We are sick and tired of rising fuel costs and the hassle of finding a parking space on campus, near campus or at least hopefully in the city of Boise.

So we ride. Stealing our bikes is just rude. Buy your own. Get a job. Go to school.

Drop that joint and shape-up you little twerps. You think stealing a bicycle is cool? It is not. It is detrimental to the owner's lifestyle.

Stealing, itself, is against the law. But stealing from people who cannot afford to be stolen from is even against the code of thieves.

You cross the line. There ought to be a thieves union coming after you for tarnishing the titles of thieves everywhere. They will come after you and steal your hands.

Cycling is good for the heart and great for the soul. It makes men faster. It cuts travel times in half. It lets you race, and cruise and perform stunts on video cameras for your friends to laud.

When you steal a bike, you deprive the rider of the release from the earth balance that a bike provides.

You cyclists who don't want your bikes stolen, don't leave them places! Don't expect strangers to respect your belongings chained to a fence or rack. Any jack-ass with a pair of bolt cutters can snap a chain in a jiffy.

At night, park your bike in your living room, in a lighted space.

Don't chain it up around some corner behind a bush where a thief can get away with ease.

Leave your bike in main thoroughfares where these pussies dare not make their moves.

But do not live in fear, for cycling is a sport which alleviates fearful thoughts. It ought to be used as a method to ease travel and pocket books. Think about it: to refill your bike's gas tank, all you have to do is eat lunch and drink a bottle of water. You would do that anyway.

The moral of the story is obviously to not steal bikes.

Jesus is watching you. Instant karma is gonna getcha. Steal bikes and you steal livelihoods.

Don't be a jerk.

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

It's your choice to put on a happy face

BY SHANNON MORGAN
Arbiter Staff

Being happy isn't a condition that has to be given by someone else, it's not something that another person will make you or that you have no control over.

Being happy is a choice you make moment to moment, all throughout your day.

Will you choose to let anger consume you, or will you choose to forgive?

Will you choose to see your failures or the lessons you have learned?

Will you see the magnificence in yourself?

Will you cherish your body, feed your mind, and try to grow as a person, or will you eat another handful of Oreos, keep trying to charge your happiness on your Visa or love someone who is not worth your love because they don't value you?

You have significance, you are unique and you do have something to offer and something to teach that no one else can.

However, there's also a choice on whether you take care of your body, your mind and your heart so that you are able to teach them.

Choose to see yourself as happy; choose to remember how you overcame obstacles in your life instead of becoming a victim to them.

Think only of the things you want for yourself and visualize them happening.

Never give your attention or your thoughts to the things you don't want. You give your power of creation to the things you give your attention to.

In other words, if you see only negative things in your life that is what you'll train your mind to look for. You'll date the wrong people, stay at a bad job and continue the self-destructive patterns that are causing your discontent.

When you force yourself to start seeing your happiness as a choice, then you have to hold yourself accountable for that happiness.

Stop blaming your parents, your ex-lover or the people who



have wronged you for creating the discontent in your life. Recognize that your unhappiness is caused not only by your choices but also in the way you are viewing yourself and your world.

Give your thoughts the respect they deserve.

When you tell yourself that you are ugly, stupid, too fat, too skinny or unworthy of love that is what you will attract and manifest into your life.

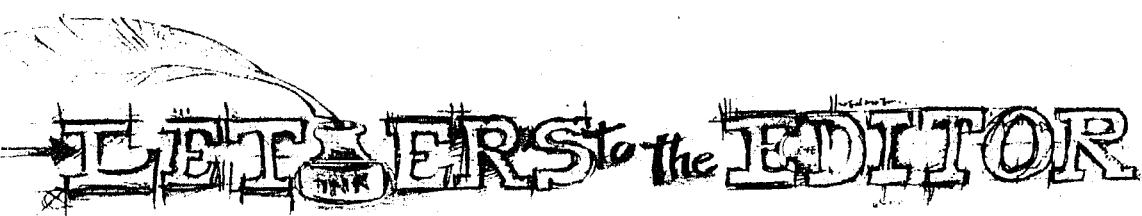
Our mind is a powerful, creative instrument that we use to produce our reality and perceptions.

It's up to each one of us what reality we live in and how we choose to feel about it.

What you do with your day is your choice, what you think about, how you feel, and how you let others affect you ... it's all a choice.

When you start to see it this way, you give yourself the power to create change in your world and bring about the contentment and happiness you so desire.

So get out there and make good choices. Choose to be happy and you will be.



Nobody at BSUCRU thinks you are going to go to hell

On the first day of school many of you observed the offensive, obnoxious display of some folks with huge signs who were convinced that everyone they saw at Boise State is going to hell. I'm sure I don't need to convince you that their attacks were counter-productive, but I do feel compelled to clear up some confusion.

I observed the whole scene from our Campus Crusade for Christ at Boise State University booth on the Quad. BSUCRU is an inter-denominational group of Christ-followers on campus. As people stopped by to grab some of our free stuff and a flier for our free barbecue, many wondered if we were associated with these religious demonstrators.

Well, we were told that we were going to hell just like everyone else, so what does that tell you?

Later in the day though, these demonstrators were associating themselves with us, which caused some confusion.

Please understand this: BSUCRU is not affiliated with the "huge sign people." You can distinguish us by our actions. They offered passers by a glare and condemning words.

We offered people a smile, free stuff and cold water. Our goal as a group is threefold: Love God (Matthew 22:37), Love others (Matt. 22:39), and make disciples of Jesus (Matt. 28:18-20). Love is key to all we do (though we're certainly not per-

fect at it). The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 13:1 "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal." Later in the chapter it says, "Love is kind ... it is not proud, it is not rude." The huge sign people were not treating you with love. If you'd like to meet some loving Christ-followers, check out BSUCRU - www.bsucru.com

Billy Mogensen
Advisor for BSUCRU

Textbook library article was unfair and inaccurate to publishers

The recent article by Jessica Christensen about textbook prices failed to provide an accurate understanding of the changing nature of today's college textbooks.

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Today, 54 percent of four-year college students

do not graduate in six years, dropping out and incurring increased debt. According to college admission test-maker ACT, only 22 percent of students entering college are prepared in reading, math and science.

Publishers are responding to this need by creating new instructional tools to help college students succeed, a role that traditionally belonged to postsecondary institutions. According to one survey, 75 percent of professors require or recommend that students use textbooks with these types of supplementary materials. Tuition and student fees have increased faster rate than the average new textbook price.

According to Student Monitor, an independent student research service, the average college student spent \$644 on textbooks during the 2005 - 2006 academic year, a cost that has remained generally steady over the past three years. Compare that to what most students spend annually on cell phones, instant messaging, music downloads, video games and dorm room furnishings!

As the cost of higher education continues to escalate, America's publishers are helping students get the most out of their tuition dollar by responding to changing needs and helping them do their best. Contrary to the image created by your article, today's college textbooks may be the best long-term investment a student can make.

Stacy Scarazzo
Assistant Director for Higher Education
Association of American Publishers

BSU cares about adjuncts

BY SONA K. ANDREWS
Guest Opinion

I am responding to the guest opinion regarding adjunct professors printed by The Arbiter on August 28 to provide additional information that will clarify the initiatives underway at Boise State University designed to improve the employment environment of our adjunct faculty.

We truly value the contributions made by our adjunct faculty and have made some demonstrable commitments in that regard. During this past spring semester, I met with several adjunct faculty who unofficially represented other instructors who were also concerned about compensation and campus environment for our part-time and full-time instructors.

We have already responded in three specific ways to their concerns and plan to do more:

The first response is the initiation of an Adjunct Commission that will be convened by the end of September to make recommendations for action on issues such as compensation, privileges and benefits, campus environment, professional development, and integration and support of our part-time instructors. I am confident that this will result in very real and positive changes for implementation as early as the spring semester.

Second, and contrary to the opinion piece headline, "Adjunct professors get the boot," BSU has initiated a process to immediately convert a number of part-time adjunct positions into permanent special lecturer positions. The goal here is to create full-time, permanent positions for employees who currently have temporary, part-time status. We identified about 40 instructors who had consistently taught both semesters and carried the heaviest loads during the past few years.

From this group, we identified departments with heavy reliance on adjuncts or temporary lecturers and worked with the deans and department chairs to select individual instructors to move into the permanent positions. The basis of selection at the department level took into account a number of factors including but not limited to instruction/class requirements (e.g. required courses), the areas in which adjunct faculty are qualified to teach and demonstrated teaching ability.

It is our intention to convert a number of part-time positions into full-time positions each year in a similar manner to the extent that funding allows.

Our third effort was to increase the minimum salaries of full-time instructors. We know this increase is still not where we want to be, but it is a start. We are also examining the rate paid to part-time instructors. As with all of our major initiatives and improvement efforts, positive change will occur incrementally. The university is motivated in these initiatives, as well as in starting the Adjunct Commission, to create teaching and learning conditions that promote student learning.

I hope I have been able to clarify both the initiatives, demonstrated actions and desires on the part of the University to create a positive teaching environment for our students and working environment for our instructors. We appreciate everything that all our instructors do for our university and students. They are important members of our Boise State University community and we look forward to their continued contributions.

Sona K. Andrews is the provost and vice president for academic affairs at Boise State University

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Thursday
Oregon State
5:30 p.m.
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Women's Soccer
Wednesday
Utah Valley State
5 p.m.
Boise

Friday
Eastern Washington
University
4 p.m. (PT)
Cheney, Wash.

Volleyball
Friday-Saturday
NAU Tournament
TBA
Flagstaff, Ariz.

[SIDE LINES]

Free agent tryouts set for Stampede

The Idaho Stampede will conduct open tryouts Saturday and Sunday, October 21-22, at the Boys and Girls Club, 610 E. 42nd St., in Garden City.

The tryouts include one session on Saturday, October 21 and another session on Sunday, October 22. The Saturday session will consist of two times, the day will begin at 9 a.m. with registration and conclude at 1 p.m. Part two of the Saturday session will begin at 5 p.m. and conclude at 7 p.m. Sunday's session is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club.

Applicants must be eligible to play in the NBA Development League and may pre-register by submitting the official registration, disclosure, and release forms, along with a \$150 fee by 5 p.m. on Oct. 13. Applications are available at idahostampede.com or the Idaho Stampede office located at 233 S. Capitol Blvd., Suite 100, Boise, ID 83704.

Tryouts will be limited and no incomplete registrations will be accepted.

Tamarack unveils expansion

Tamarack ski resort is unveiling 5,000 new acres of terrain for its third winter season. Under a special use permit from the U.S. Forest Service, Tamarack will offer guided backcountry services on the expert terrain to the north and south of the resort boundaries. This means Tamarack's skiing terrain is now five times larger than last year.

Also on tap for the winter: 250-plus acres of new gladed tree-skiing, three new runs, additional luxury lodging and a nationally televised premier snowboarding event.

US loses free-ride to Beijing

For the second time in as many international competitions, the United States came up short, this time with Friday's 101-95 semi-final loss to Greece at the World Championships in Saitama, Japan.

Foremost, this means there will be no cruising to the 2008 Beijing Olympics for USA Basketball.

Another exhausting off-season is on the horizon, with the United States now having to qualify for the 2008 Olympics at the 2007 Tournament of the Americas in Venezuela.

Considering only the top two finishers of that tournament will earn Olympic berths, the United States will have to accomplish something next summer that it couldn't in Japan or in Athens: advance to the title game.

If Team USA fails to reach the final, its last chance for a trip to Beijing is a qualifying tournament that runs from July 7 through July 13 in 2008.

Broncos sting Hornets

45-0

BSU got off to a fast start Thursday, running over Sacramento State to start their season 1-0.

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

Eight months worth of questions were erased in one single play Thursday night after an Ian Johnson touchdown that acted as an official introduction to 2006 Bronco football. On Boise State's first offensive drive of the game, a 19-yard touchdown run by Johnson electrified Bronco Stadium, giving new Head Coach Chris Petersen's squad a spark that would propel them into overdrive for the first 15 minutes of the game.

The first Bronco score came just 4:26 into the contest on a five-play opening drive, which gave way to two more rushing touchdowns in the first quarter. Senior quarterback Jared Zabransky found the end zone on a one-yard sneak up the middle at the 5:10 mark, shortly followed by a second Johnson touchdown with 2:46 still to play in the first. The score came on a four-yard punch that gave Johnson 61 yards rushing on just eight carries in the quarter.

The fast Boise State start was due in large part to BSU's control over the line of scrimmage early on. BSU's quick success on the ground also gave way to a more wide-open passing approach in the quarters to follow. Zabransky found Legedu Naanee for a three-yard touchdown pass on the opening drive of the second quarter, giving BSU a 28-0 halftime lead over the Hornets.

It took only 2:40 for the Broncos to strike again in the second half, when Zabransky found wide receiver Drisan James on a 52-yard hook up down the heart of the

Sacramento State defense. An Anthony Montgomery field goal from 33 yards out in the third and a one-yard Jon Helmandollar touchdown run with 1:18 left in the game sealed Sacramento State's fate, falling 45-0 to the overpowering Bronco attack.

The Broncos were able to amass 215 yards on the ground against the Hornets. Johnson led the way with 89 rushing yards on just 13 carries for the game. BSU did manage to balance out the attack in the later quarters, tallying 212 yards in the air. Zabransky completed 11 of 20 passes for 181 yards in just over three quarters of work. Zabransky gave a great deal of credit to his offensive line after the game, for making the offensive push possible.

"We knew what we needed to get done," Zabransky said. "You know a large part of that was execution. The first few times we touched the ball we moved it down the field and put it in the end zone. I felt very comfortable back there. It's easy to feel comfortable when you've got a great offensive line like we do, and the running backs are moving the ball down the field. It opens things up for you."

While Zabransky was satisfied with the team's overall performance, he remained hesitant to be too content with his individual outing. Zabransky gave himself a "B" grading on his performance, feeling there is still room for improvement before Oregon State next Thursday.

"There was a lot of throws in there that I could have made, a couple decisions I would have changed, but I feel I played good. Like I said, that's

easy to do when you get all day back there."

Coach Pete shared similar sentiments with Zabransky on his quarterback's opening night performance.

"It was solid," Petersen said. "I know there was a couple things in there that he would like to do over. But, uh, we expect that guy to play perfect, that position to play perfect. I don't know if that's happened in the history of football, but we're going to keep trying. Trying to get that done. But I think he played well; played at a high level."

The BSU offense received a large load of support from the Bronco defense, which put overwhelming pressure on the Sacramento State offensive unit the entire night. The Hornets could only muster 82 total yards from scrimmage for the game. Senior linebacker Colt Brooks gave more than his share of big hits, including one ear-hole blast on a Quinton Jones punt return in the third, which sprung Jones for a 22-yard return up the sidelines. Brooks finished with eight tackles and one interception in the game.

"[The game] was pretty good for the defense," Brooks said. "The last two weeks we've been really focused on playing a different team. It's hard playing against the same people in two-a-days, stuff like that. Coach Pete was really excited to release us. He knows how talented our defense is, returning nine starters. Coach Pete is always talking about focusing on ourselves and not the other team. I think we did that tonight."

As for the man in charge, Petersen was thrilled with getting his first victory out of the way and looks forward to carrying the momentum into Oregon State. His transition to the sidelines appeared to be a smooth one, but according to "Pete" there is much more to it than meets the eye.

"There's a little less to do on the sidelines than there is in the press box," Petersen said. "I'm more of a cheerleader. Hawk and I used to joke about that all the time. He had about 50 jokes about what he's actually doing on the sidelines. I was feeling his pain out there today."

While Thursday's game is the type of start Petersen and his staff were looking for to begin the year, the road will only get more difficult. While a win is always nice, there is no denying the Broncos will need all the momentum they can get to carry into a much more intense Oregon State game on September 7.

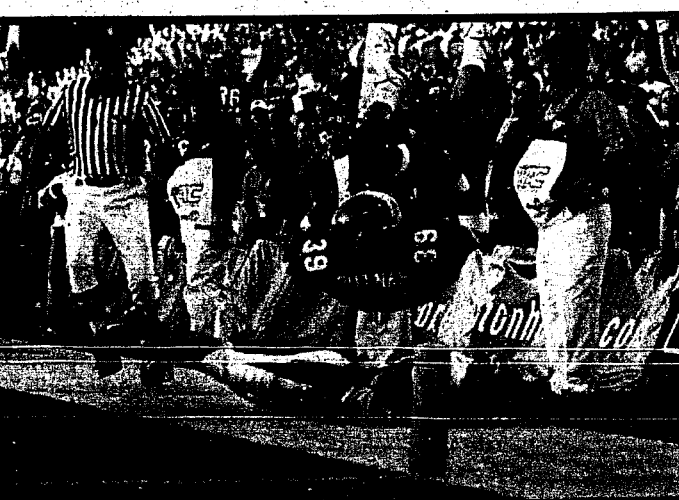
"There's a different animal coming to town next week," Petersen said.

"This is the fourth year in a row we've played those guys [Oregon State]. I was thinking about it the other day. I was thinking 'gosh, we used all our good plays on those guys; they've seen them all. We're gonna have to figure out some new ones.' But those guys are good. They [OSU] are a good program. They're a good team. It'll be a great challenge for us. But I know our kids will be looking forward to playing them."

Boise State-Sacramento State Stats

	Sacramento State	Boise State
Sacramento State	0	0
Boise State	21	7
	0	10
	0	7
	0	45

	SSU	BSU
First Downs	3	22
Rushes-yards	28-50	42-215
Passing yards	32	212
Return yards	137	70
Comp-Att	6-15	15-24
Punts	1-5	0-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-5	4-50.2
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	11-86	4-26
Time of Possession	28:42	31:18



USA basketball hits another roadblock

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

The United States of America has the greatest basketball players in the world. However, not since the 1992 Olympic games in Barcelona, Spain have we had the greatest team in the world. The original Dream Team is undeniably the greatest combination of players the US has ever put together for international competition. After Friday's loss to Greece in the basketball World Championships, it is becoming more apparent than ever that we may never again see a team of such caliber.

Behind the leadership of the NBA's youngest stars, America ran a seven game winning streak through exhibition games and the first two rounds of the tournament. However, LeBron, Melo and D-Wade showed their age against the Greeks, sending another shock wave through the American basketball system.

The US shot an embarrassing 9-28 from three-point range in the semi-final game against Greece. It also became apparent that our bigs were simply unable to match the power of the international post players. After losing in the last Olympics and World Championships, US fans are learning the hard way that the world is catching up; or is it?

Despite filling a roster with marquee young faces on this year's World Championships team, the best players in the NBA remain in America, uninterested in playing for their country. However, even with the likes of Shaq, Kobe and Kevin Garnett, I fail to believe all our problems would be solved. Instead, I think that our fixation on these non-participating superstars is providing us with a crutch. Giving us an excuse to explain this phenomenon.

Where the US needs to go from here is to a better selection process. This would take a tremendous amount of support from players in the NBA, ensuring that whom ever was selected would actually participate.

Critics complain that the US can't shoot the ball well enough to hang with International teams. I agree that the players we have sent aren't capable of doing so. However, you can't tell me in all sincerity that Ray Allen, Michael Redd, and even JJ Redick can't shoot with the best in the world. They play from a college length three-point line; if those guys can't knock down shots for us then we should just stop sending teams to international play all together.

One of the most popular ideas I've heard since the last Olympic debacle is that we should send which ever team that wins the NBA championship, to the Olympics that year. This wouldn't be a half bad idea in concept, because it would give us a team that has already played at least 90-some games together. Once again there is flaw to this plan, however.

With a great number of players from other countries comprising NBA teams these days, if a team like the Mavericks were to win the championship, we would automatically lose our best player: Dirk Nowitzki. Also, with free agency and off-season trades there is no telling who would be on roster by the time the Olympics came around. As it appears to be a decent concept, there is plenty of work to be done to ensure that it would work at all.

As for now all we can do is sit back and hope the American's can find bronze at the World Championships. We're also going to have to remember that anything can happen. After all, if it wasn't for upsets and surprises, why would we play sports in the first place?

Wide receiver jumps into spotlight



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Drisan James caught three passes for 125 yards and a touchdown against Sacramento State.

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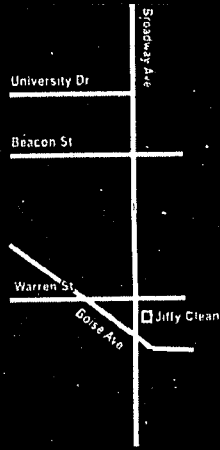
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BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

Drisan James has seen enough of the good and bad times at Boise State to understand his role on this year's football team. Prior to the Bronco season opener against Sacramento State, however, everyone else had yet to figure out exactly what his role was going to be. After two 50 plus yard receptions Thursday night, the picture is getting much clearer now.

One of the biggest question marks for Bronco fans during the off-season was who would step into the deep threat role from the BSU receiving corps.

In recent years, Boise State quarterbacks have had the luxury of having at least one marquee wide receiver to provide quick strike passing opportunities. Following a year in 2005 that gave no consistent downfield threat, coach Petersen was looking for someone to step into that role this year. After game one of the '06 season, it appears he may have found his guy.

James burned the Hornet secondary twice Thursday night; once on a 56-yard play that led to a Bronco touchdown, and once on a 52-yard touchdown pass from Jared Zabransky on the first BSU drive of the second half. James finished with only three receptions for the game, but totaled 125 yards and one touch-

down. James recognized after the game that he's just doing his job to help his team win.

"It gets the whole team started off like that," James said. "I mean, all the receivers actually see one receiver getting a 100-yard game, you know that's motivation factor for them to get another 100-yard game. It's gonna be an all-around performance, it's gonna push everybody. I was fortunate to have guys to help me out."

"I'm fortunate to have a good receiver inside, as well as a bunch of backups that are also good to run the inside route and bring the safety down to give me a one-on-one match up," James said.

The Sacramento State game proved to be a valuable learning experience for the entire team and staff.

Although no one claims they have been looking ahead to their match-up with Oregon State on September 7, James admits their first win is a step in the right direction to preparing for the Beavers. "Obviously last year things didn't turn out too good in Georgia," James said. "It kind of put us down a little bit. This year, we know that things are gonna happen, that not everything is gonna be pretty. Even though we did beat them (Sacramento State) by 45, we also feel we got to take it a game at a time. That's what we didn't

do last year; instead we took the season as a whole. Since we lost the first game our whole team went down into the slumps. This year we've just got to take things a game at a time."

While James appears to be willing to step into the spotlight this season, he also seems to be staying grounded. James accepts the credit, but isn't losing sight of the Bronco team concept.

The (offensive) line, hands down, was the best performance by far. If it wasn't for the line, I wouldn't be sitting here right now getting the post game interview."

As far as accolades are concerned, for James, the warm reception by the BSU fans is all the reward he needs. The Boise State faithful prides itself in being one of the best home crowds in the country; according to James, that's not far from the truth. "We love the crowd," James said.

"Whenever we hear that Boise State chant that gets everybody fired up. It gets the hairs on the back just sticking straight up. We love the fans. I wish that every time we score we could interact with the fans, but you know the refs are gonna throw a big hissy fit about it."

James' next challenge comes against a much more experienced OSU secondary, in a game that should give the entire BSU offense a chance to show their early season success isn't a fluke.

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Olympic torch unifies community

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

Boise was graced with the presence of arguably the greatest sporting event in the world this weekend. An event incomparable to a Roy Jones Jr. title fight or a Boise State football game; this truly was an event of olympic proportions.

Timberline high school was the host site for the opening ceremonies of the 2006 Idaho Special Olympics Friday September 2.

The ceremonies signified the beginning of a weekend of athletic competition for some of the most remarkable people in our community. Brought together through one common love, the 2006 Special Olympic games appeared to be off to another special start.

The ceremonies were ushered in by a 21-motorcycle caravan, which circled the track at Timberline's football field, giving an official start to the weekend. A great Olympic tradition shortly followed as the Parade of Teams presented family members and fans with all 22 competing teams from around the state. Idaho communities were represented from Priest River to Snake River and Greenleaf. However, no matter where the athletes were representing, they all shared a common joy for the event.

Guest emcee for the occasion was Boise radio's own Cory Michals of the weekday morning show on KQFC. Michaels has been involved with the Special Olympics for 25 years and could hardly put into words how important the event has become to him. "To see these athletes and to see the looks on their faces, to see the smiles and to see

the pride is more than you can put into words," Michals said. "The one thing that I could say is: these athletes, these kids, these young adults. For so many aspects of their life that folks say that there's things that they can or can't do. These are things that they absolutely can do. This is the true spirit of what we would like to emulate as a country and as a society."

Now an event of any size needs volunteers and the Special Olympics relies on them more than anything. One of the intricate persons of the preparation is director of communications Tam Baker.

Baker shared the same sentiments as Michals; being very appreciative of the community support, the support of the City of Boise to help host such an event. "[There's] tons of community support," Baker said. "It's wonderful. In fact most of the venues that we're working at have been donated or discounted substantially to help us. The community support around here is just phenomenal."

For both special volunteers, the hard work of their own time is all paid off with one smile from one athlete. The joy that the Olympians receive from being able to compete in the games every year makes the work well worth it for Baker.

"You can see this is the pay off," Baker said. "We work hard all year raising money and doing fund-raisers to get to this point. This is the payoff for the hard work."

The actual games kicked off Saturday, with events in aquatics, softball, basketball, track and field, cycling and golf. The games will conclude Saturday night with a "victory dance" for all competitors

“ This is the true spirit of what we would like to emulate as a country and as a society. ”

- Cory Michaels,
KQFC

and their families.

Announced at the opening ceremonies was the proud news that Boise will be the host city for the 2009 International Winter Special Olympics. While the 2006 Idaho Summer Special Olympics were impressive in numbers, filling the football facilities at Timberline High School, the International Olympic games of 2009 is going to be a much larger-scale event. "It's much bigger," Baker said. "It will be the largest single event ever to be in Idaho. They compare it pretty closely to the Olympics in Salt Lake City, in size and in event. It will bring in, they estimate, \$40 million into this market over a two-week period."

Baker and Michals will both undoubtedly be a big part of putting together the Winter Special Olympics of 2009. For Michals, there is no doubt the support will only continue to grow with each Olympics that come to pass. "You know I have seen more and more every year," Michals said.

"I've seen more understanding, more pride in people of these athletes. More understanding that this is truly the athletes that we would want to emulate and that we should see in all athletics."

Tweaking the BCS - again

BY RANDALL MELL
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

Texas is the defending champion. Ohio State is No. 1 in the first Associated Press poll of the season. And Notre Dame's quarterback is the front-runner to win the Heisman Trophy.

The last time college football's stars were similarly aligned at season's start, bell-bottoms, pork-chop sideburns and mood rings were in fashion.

It was 1970 and Longhorns coach Darrell Royal was confounding his colleagues with his innovative Wishbone triple-option attack, the Buckeyes were rolling over defenses in "three yards and a cloud of dust" and Fighting Irish fans were rooting

for "Theismann, as in Heisman."

This season may begin with a retro feel, but Saturday's first full slate of games is pointed toward a newly designed finish in the desert.

The Bowl Championship Series gets another major tweak this year with the unveiling of the BCS National Championship Game as part of the new "double-host" championship format.

The Fiesta, Orange, Rose and Sugar bowls will all continue to be played as BCS bowl games, but the BCS National Championship game has been added as a fifth game in the series.

The Tostitos Fiesta Bowl will be the first to double host, with the BCS National Championship to be played Jan. 8, a week after the Fiesta

Bowl. Both games will be played at the new Fiesta Bowl site, Cardinals Stadium in Glendale, Ariz.

Here's a reminder of how last year's BCS matchups looked:

Rose Bowl: No. 1 USC vs. No. 2 Texas.
Sugar Bowl: Georgia vs. West Virginia.
Orange Bowl: Florida State vs. Penn State.
Fiesta Bowl: Ohio State vs. Notre Dame.

Below is your primer for working out how the new BCS format works. Here's how the games might have looked plugging the final BCS standings into the new selection format:

BCS National Championship: No. 1 USC vs. No. 2 Texas.

Rose Bowl: Penn State vs. Notre Dame.
Sugar Bowl: Georgia vs. Oregon.
Orange Bowl: Florida State vs. West Virginia.
Fiesta Bowl: Ohio State vs. TCU.

As part of the new BCS agreement, champions from Conference USA, Mid-American, Mountain West, Western Athletic and Sun Belt conferences are given greater opportunities to crack the BCS mix.

They will automatically qualify as an at-large pool team if they rank among the top 12 in the final BCS standings, or if they are among the top 16 and rank ahead of one of the six champs from the traditional BCS conferences (ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC).

TCU would be added to the pool in this model as a required pick by virtue of its No. 14 final standing, eight spots ahead of ACC champ FSU.

Shorter games are a bad move for fans

Other than sportswriters on deadline in the press box, who's complaining about the length of college football games?

What misguided group fought to change the rules remains a mystery.

The NCAA's decision to shorten games by running more clock this season shortchanges fans who don't want to see college games run

like the NFL.

Really, it isn't the action that runs too long, it's the commercials.

Adding fifth BCS game a mistake

Adding a fifth game to the BCS mix may prevent mid-majors from suing, but it doesn't seem likely to create more intriguing big bowl matchups outside the national title game. Instead, it threatens to dilute the pool of eligible teams.

The two new teams added to the mix will likely be lower-ranked teams that finish farther from national title consideration.

They're a threat to mess up more riveting matchups.

Preseason football polls are full of holes

BY WENDELL BARNHOUSE
McClatchy Newspapers

Pre-owned means "used."
Pre-nuptial means "lack of trust."
Preseason polls mean "college football."

The season's first full weekend kicked off Thursday night. Arizona State was one of the teams that won, beating Division I-AA Northern Arizona, 35-14.

The Sun Devils needed 21 fourth-quarter points to avoid a home upset.

That's No. 24 Arizona State, according to The Associated Press (and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram) preseason polls. Based on the out-

come, the Sun Devils are probably closer to 64 than 24.

Preseason polls are as old as bowl games and as traditional as homecoming. College football continues to survive and thrive as a crowd-pleasing and money-making sport even though it celebrates inertia and rewards perception over reality.

In college football, every team starts out 0-0, like all the other sports. But one team is anointed the "preseason No. 1." And 24 others are ranked in a top 25.

The other 94 Division I-A teams are also-rans (although some wind up "also receiving votes.")

All of this ranking is based on

a collection of voodoo spells that vary from poll to poll. But the bottom line is that the rankings are slightly more reliable than throwing darts blindfolded.

Votes matter in college football. It's as much a popularity contest as a sport. It's always been that way.

Why? Blame the media.

In 1936, The Associated Press wanted to draw attention to its news service. It started ranking college football teams based on the votes of sportswriters.

Then those rankings started coming out before teams had played any games.

TCU coach Gary Patterson votes in the coaches' poll. He said earlier

this week that it would make more sense to not have the first polls come out until a few weeks into the season.

Bingo. But we'll have a Division I-A playoff before preseason polls are extinct.

This season, Ohio State and Notre Dame start the season as the top two teams in the AP preseason poll. Voters who ranked the Buckeyes high remembered Ohio State's 34-20 victory in the Fiesta Bowl.

Voters who ranked Notre Dame high forgot the Irish lost in the Fiesta Bowl.

The Buckeyes have two game-breakers on offense in quarterback

Troy Smith and wide receiver Ted Ginn Jr., but they must replace nine starters on defense.

The Irish, who open the season tonight at Georgia Tech, have the leading Heisman Trophy candidate (preseason, of course) in quarterback Brady Quinn. But Notre Dame's defense allowed as many big plays as coach Charlie Weis has inches in his waist line.

Ohio State coach Jim Tressel, whose team opens Saturday against Northern Illinois, put it this way: "I don't think we know for sure who we are right now."

Nobody does. But Ohio State and Notre Dame get the coveted one-two poll positions to start

this season.

And the voting is based on depth charts, perceptions, schedule assessments and ... checking out where the preseason magazines have teams ranked.

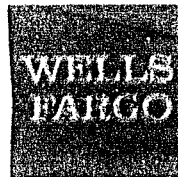
Does it matter?

In the eight years of the Bowl Championship Series, 10 of the 16 teams that have played in the championship game started the preseason ranked one or two.

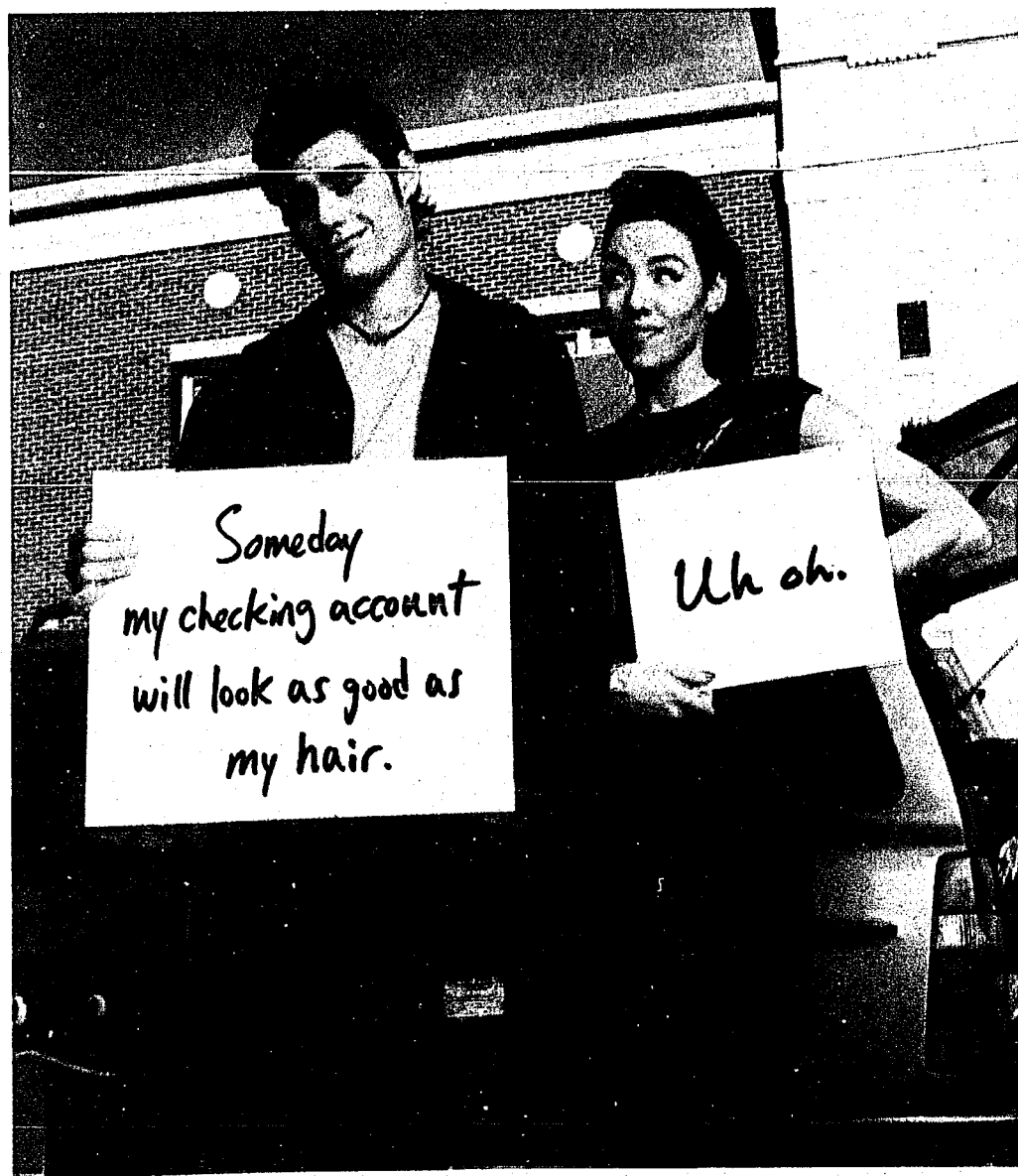
Of course, even the BCS title game matchups are based on a rankings system that relies on voters and computer rankings.

This year's national champion will be as mythical as any year.

That's college football.



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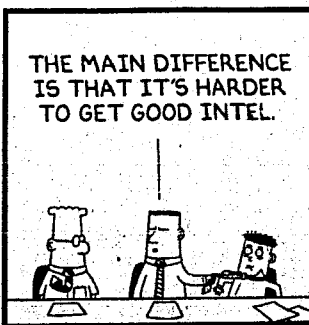
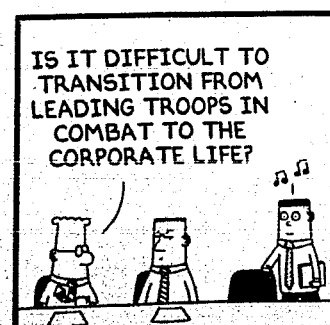
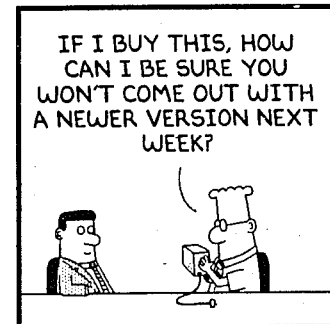
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