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## WEATHER



MONDAY  
High: 62F / Low 41F



TUESDAY  
High: 66F / Low 43F



WEDNESDAY  
High: 69F / Low 42F

## ON CAMPUS

**TUESDAY**  
Distinguished Lecture Series: Jonathan Kozol. Student Union Jordan Ballroom. 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Kozol, a National Book Award winner and educator, will speak on "Federal Intervention in Public Education: Facing the Challenges." Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

**THURSDAY**  
Values and Ethics in America." Student Union Hatch B Ballroom. 1:40 to 3:30 p.m. Learn about the decline of American values and ethics with philosophy professor Andrew Schoedinger as he discusses both liberal and conservative views.



BY JESSICA CHRISTENSEN  
Assistant News Editor

Former attorney Bill Colby, who represented the family of Nancy Cruzan in the first right-to-die case heard by the United States Supreme Court, spoke to an audience of about 60 people last Wednesday in the Jordan Ballroom of the Student Union Building. Colby examined some of the difficult choices families must face before and after the death of a loved one.

Jamie Watson, a Boise State student, found it beneficial to hear Colby's lecture.

"As a radiology student, I might be faced with some of these issues. Maybe not directly, but it's helpful to know about," Watson said.

Death and dying has changed. Commonly in history, people died quickly upon onset of an illness or injury, living their last days at home cared for by family members. More frequently, people live longer and are more likely to die of chronic illness. Medical providers now interact with dying people and their families frequently, and as a result providers play a larger role in decisions and care at the end of life.

In 1983, 25 year-old Missourian Nancy Cruzan was in a serious car accident, pronounced dead at the

scene by police, then resuscitated by paramedics. A conflict between Cruzan's parents and the facility caring for Cruzan began years later when the facility insisted on a court order for the feeding tube to be removed. On June 25, 1990, the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed the right of the State of Missouri to demand clear and convincing evidence of a person's expressed wishes made while competent. After Cruzan's physician changed his mind in favor to remove the tube, and further testimonies were heard from witnesses who spoke of Cruzan's desire to not be treated if in a vegetative state, authorization was given to remove the feeding tube.

"A story that started out ordinary enough in the beginning - the car wreck, the phone call - in the end wasn't ordinary at all. Eleven days after her feeding tube was removed with her family gathered around her, Nancy Cruzan died," Colby said.

Colby spoke of the experience in representing the Cruzans.

"The court did say in Cruzan for the first time that all of us conscious, competent adults have a right under the Constitution of the U.S. to make decisions about our own med treatment including if we choose refusing medical treatment. Court also said artificial nu-

tritional and hydration (a feeding tube) was a medical device like a respirator, like dialysis - technology that has taken place of a natural function that's been lost, typically intended to serve as a bridge to recovery of that function." A similar, more recent case in United States is the Terry Schiavo case. With many nearly-identical cases occurring frequently, a "trigger" is needed to make it national news. According to Colby, "It [the "trigger"] was the U.S. Supreme Court accepting the case. With the Terry Schiavo case it was the Florida legislature becoming involved and ordering the tube reinserted in what the media soon called "Terry's law."

According to the Center for the Study of Aging, people today are more likely to discuss end-of-life issues, perhaps due to recent media coverage and public policy debates.

The Center for the Study of Aging at Boise State University has collaborated with the A Better Way Coalition in an effort to gather Idaho-specific data about views on end-of-life issues.

The objective of the project was to capture information that can help Idaho service providers and policy makers better understand the preferences and needs of people as they near the end of life.

In 2002 Idaho received a "D"

in a report that graded each state on end-of-life care. The report was titled "Means to a Better End: A Report on Dying in America Today" and was produced by the Last Acts program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundations. These low-ratings and highly-publicized cases, combined with personal experiences, inspired many individuals and organizations to take action.

Physician Joanne Lynn spoke about transforming the culture of dying.

"More than anything else, we need reliability. We need a care system that we can count on, not just a virtuoso performance in a hospital operating room or an elegant diagnostic procedure, but enduring competence from onset of serious illness through to death. We need home care, doctors, hospitals, pharmacies, hospices, nursing homes and caregivers to work as one system," Lynn said.

The survey showed people in Idaho are comfortable talking about death and they are familiar with advance healthcare planning. Ninety-two percent are very comfortable or somewhat comfortable talking about death, and 98 percent have heard of living wills for end-of-life healthcare preferences.

The survey revealed 64 percent have talked with family about

wishes for care near the end of life, but 80 percent want family members to initiate a conversation regarding end-of-life issues.

"What if just once in that six years for three minutes Terry Schiavo had sat down with those three people she loved - her mother, her father and husband - and talked about Nancy Cruzan. Would she have spared those people she cared about all the public strife we saw them go through? We don't know," Colby said.

The Center for the Study of Aging at BSU found people in Idaho are willing to thoughtfully consider a wide range of issues related to death. They are talking with family and friends and want them, alongside professionals, to initiate conversations with them about dying and death. Nearly all respondents want to die at home. Most are familiar with hospices and would consider their care.

Colby reminded the audience, "The law can help. The black and white of a piece of paper or a statute can help, but if you really want to prepare your loved ones you've got to do more and talk with them about your views and values. And if there is a better case study about the limited reach of the law in this area in the case of Terry Schiavo I don't know what it might be," Colby said.

## Student health insurance goes up for bid

BY BARRY FRANKLIN  
News Writer

Through a campus survey e-mailed to everyone registered with the Student Health Insurance Plan, students will get a chance to influence the program's coverage.

Boise State is at the end of its current contract with United Healthcare - the university's health insurance provider.

Ferdinand Schlapper, executive director of Health, Wellness and Counseling Services on campus sees the present as a good time to change services.

"We're at the end of those [contract] extensions. We can't do it forever, so now we have to go out and bid this," Schlapper said.

In conjunction with ASBSU, the Health, Wellness and Counseling Services wants to know what students would like to see change in regard to the health care plan.

According to Schlapper, it is the

students' plan and they should have a say in it.

In the next few weeks, students enrolled in SHIP should expect to see a survey in their e-mail account asking what they would like to change about their insurance plan. Schlapper is looking at different companies and seeing which offers the best package. He would like to keep premiums low, but provide comprehensive service.

"Those two elements are on the opposite ends of the spectrum. Is it more important to have certain benefits, or keep it very minimal and low cost?" Schlapper said.

Schlapper and the Health, Wellness and Counseling Services want to know what students think about vision, dental, premiums and co-pay. How willing are you to pay extra for more services?

Pat Branson is the Student Health Insurance Plan manager. From time to time she gives a presentation on campus about SHIP.

"A lot of students on campus

are just uninformed about what is available to them, and then if they do take the insurance what exactly they have available," Branson said.

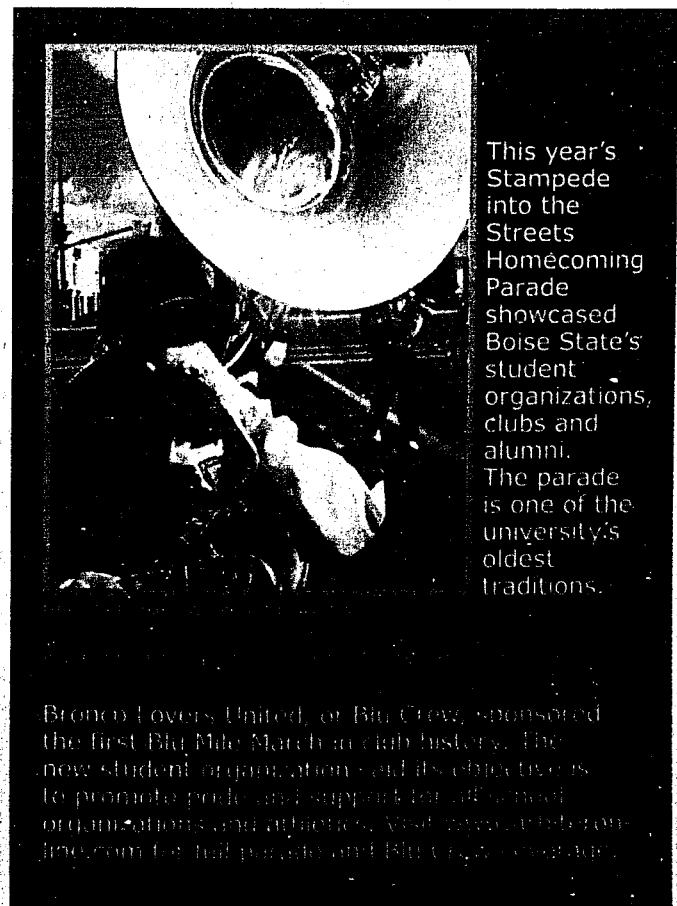
The Health, Wellness and Counseling Services, located on the south side of University Drive across from the Administration Building, has an entire wall dedicated to SHIP. Cards, pamphlets and brochures present a multitude of data. The problem lies in interpreting the information.

The Student Health Insurance Plan is mandatory and costs students \$496 per semester.

If a student can present adequate health insurance from another source, they have the option to waive SHIP.

Paying \$496 for SHIP, students receive a maximum benefit of \$100,000 per semester. Benefits refer to the most amount of money United Healthcare will pay on a claim.

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This year's Stampede into the Streets Homecoming Parade showcased Boise State's student organizations, clubs and alumni. The parade is one of the university's oldest traditions.

Bronco Lovers United, or Blu Crew, sponsored the first Blu Mile March in club history. The new student organization said its objective is to promote pride and support for all student organizations on campus. Visit www.blucrew.com for full page and Blu Crew coverage.

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# THE HEADLINES

## WORLD

### Archaeologists work to salvage giant Buddhas

The supervisor halted work - another suspicious piece of metal had been uncovered. As 50 workers stood amid the remains of two giant Buddhas carved into the cliffs of this serene valley, a munitions expert examined the rubble for unexploded bombs. This time they were safe.

This mess is what the Taliban left behind when they blew up the monuments in March 2001. From the volume of twisted shrapnel mixed with the dust and rocks, it's clear the Taliban used an arsenal to bring down the 174 foot and 115 foot statues.

1,500 years ago, Buddhist monks spent decades building the monuments.

The Taliban, who declared the statues idolatrous and un-Islamic, required only a few weeks to blow them up. Five years later, experts are still making an inventory of the fragments - slowed by stoppages every half hour or so to look for buried bombs, grenades and mines.

"We're concentrating now on preservation of what is left, collecting the physical remains," said Georgios Toubekis, a German architect from Aachen University who is supervising the work for the International Council on Monuments and Sites.

Toubekis hopes the recovery is not an empty exercise. "It makes no sense to just collect the pieces and not do anything afterward with them," he said. "You have to think about what to do with them."

That big question remains unresolved: What to do with thousands of tons of Buddha bits, some the size of small automobiles, but most of it dust. Some people want to reassemble the fragments and rebuild the Buddhas. Others suggest the Buddhas could be reconstructed in new material. Still others argue that the Taliban's iconoclastic act is now part of Bamiyan's history and must be acknowledged.

"The destruction of the Buddhas by the Taliban in the 21st century - it

is history also," said Nasir Mudabir, the site director for the Afghan Ministry of Information, Culture and Youth. "If you reconstruct them, you destroy the history."

"Basically we're getting pressure from everywhere that we have to rebuild them," said Omar Sultan, deputy culture minister. "But as an archaeologist, I can't imagine we could go reconstruct a Buddha from concrete or something. Those artists who did it 1,500 years ago had another feeling for it."

Sultan, however, does not object to some type of anastylosis, a reconstruction technique in which original fragments are pieced together in new material in such a way that the missing parts are obvious. The challenge for anyone repairing the Buddhas is that not much of the debris can be easily identified. The statues were carved from a cliff of conglomerate - an amalgamation of rounded rocks and sand. When the soft rock fell, much of it was pulverized. Because conglomerate would not hold small details, the original artists covered it with a thick layer of plaster, which allowed them to add the fine shapes and paint the surface. The plaster was attached to a matrix of hemp rope and wooden pegs hammered into the rock, and the plaster was bonded together with ox hair.

Much of the plaster surface had already eroded long before the Taliban trained its guns at the Buddhas. What's left did not withstand the bombardment well: Most of the surviving pieces of painted plaster are the size of matchbooks.

## NATIONAL

### Bush launches aggressive attack on Democrats

With control of Congress up for grabs in November and Republicans mired in an ugly sex scandal, President Bush is ripping into Democrats as never before. His message: They're dangerous to America.

Bush unveiled the aggressive line of attack this week during a fund-raising tour that set the tone

for what's sure to be a bruising run-up to the November elections. Republican loyalists cheered him at every stop, but they acknowledged their anxieties after the applause died. "There's certainly tension in the air in this congressional election," said Russell Armstrong, a mortgage broker who drove five hours from his home in Mission Viejo to see Bush at a congressional fund-raiser in Stockton. "There's always risk in politics because there are always wild cards that you don't expect." At a stop in Scottsdale, Ariz., he said Democrats who voted against his warrantless eavesdropping program "don't think we ought to be listening to the conversations of terrorists."

If the people of the United States don't think we ought to be listening in on the conversations of people who could do harm to the United States, then go ahead and vote for the Democrats," Armstrong said. "If you want to make sure those on the front line of protecting you have the tools necessary to do so, you vote Republican, for the safety of the United States."

## WHAT THE?

### Wakey-wakey Mr. Robber

A male teenager, dressed only in ladies panties for some reason, broke into a video store in Durham, N.H., in the dead of night. He was discovered by store employees the next morning because he had wrapped himself in the drapes and fell asleep on the couch.

### Heh, heh, heh, they'll never catch me now

To counteract a rash of auto thefts, police in Pawtauket, R.I., have come up with a decoy vehicle equipped with hidden cameras and a global positioning device - which they park in high-crime areas in hopes that a thief will steal it. Once the thief does, the cops remotely shut off the car and lock the doors trapping him inside.

## BGLAD Presents the 2nd Annual GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL/TRANSGENDER



# DIVERSITY WEEK

October 9th through October 13th

at BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

### Monday, Oct. 9th

- All Mondays 10:00 AM 2:00 PM Opening event on Brava Stage  
 events are in the Barnwell Room 2:30 PM 4:00 PM Alan Virta-Gay History of Idaho  
 4:00 PM 5:00 PM Idaho Votes No Campaign Update and Information Workshop  
 6:00 PM 8:00 PM Marriage Amendment Debate

### Tuesday, Oct. 10th

- All Tuesdays 2:30 PM 4:30 PM Immigration Issues in the United States Debate  
 events are in the Farnsworth Room 5:30 PM 8:30 PM Diversity in the Workplace and the Community Discussion Group

### Wednesday, Oct. 11th

- All Wednesdays 9:40 AM 10:30 AM Asst. Prof. Lisa McClain-Women's/Lesbian Issues  
 events are in the Barnwell Room 10:40 AM 11:30 AM Prof. Errol Jones History of Latino's in Idaho  
 11:40 AM 12:30 PM Janet Lawler -Hate Biased Crimes and the Boise PD's Actions  
 12:40 PM 1:30 PM Don & Susan Curtis-Heterosexism  
 1:40 PM 3:30 PM Dr. Jeanette Ross-Challenging the Language of Discrimination

### Thursday, Oct. 12th

- All Thursdays 9:40 AM 10:30 AM Asst. Prof. Leslie Martin-Low Income Housing Policy  
 events are in the Hatch B Ballroom 10:40 AM 11:30 AM TBD  
 11:40 AM 12:30 PM Ahnliah Selene Homosexuality and Disabilities?  
 12:40 PM 1:30 PM TBD-LGBT Youth in Trouble  
 1:40 PM 3:30 PM Dr. Andrew Schoedinger Values and Ethics in America

### Friday Oct. 13th

- All Fridays 9:40 AM 10:30 AM Coach Sam Sandmire Womens Equality in Athletics  
 events are in the Jordan A Ballroom 10:40 AM 11:30 AM Prof. Claudia Peralta-Nash Immigration issues faced by LGBT and Straight Int'l Students  
 11:40 AM 1:30 PM Ro Parker The Impact of the 'N' Word  
 1:40 PM 2:30 PM Prof. Dawn Craner Women and Men Talking Together  
 2:40 PM 3:30 PM Judy Cross, MCC-Faith and LGBT  
 7:00 PM 11:00 PM Youth Alliance Dance

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Non-newsworthy news



A flood of words and definitions

BY CHAD MENDENHALL  
News Editor

Students, educators and especially The Arbiter staff members have reason to rejoice and celebrate the saving month of October. The reason is simple; Noah was born in October. This particular Noah did not load hundreds of animals into a ship and survive a fierce flood. Instead, this Noah crammed over 70,000 words into a book that was eventually known as "Webster's Dictionary."

Noah Webster served in the American Revolution; practiced law; pioneered standardized American spelling and became an editor, political writer, teacher, lexicographer and author.

The poor educational standards he faced as a teacher prompted him to compose textbooks that would preserve the English-American language by establishing standardized spelling, grammar and reading. In an effort to distinguish "American English" from "British English" and support American nationalism, Webster's textbooks and dictionaries set the standard for the American language.

In 1783, Webster wrote "A Grammatical Institute of the English Language," a textbook that, for more than 100 years, taught children how to read, enunciate and spell. Benjamin Franklin used Webster's book to teach his granddaughter how to read.

In 1806, Webster published his first dictionary, "A Compendious Dictionary of the English Language." Then, at the age of 43, he embarked on a 27-year operation that would prove to be his greatest accomplishment - creating the first "American" dictionary.

In 1828, when Webster was 70 years old, "An American Dictionary of the English Language" was finally published. His dictionary included the definitions of 70,000 words, and introduced American words like "squash" and "skunk."

His desire to Americanize the English language caused him to change the spellings of many words. Webster established spellings like "music" instead of "musick," "color" instead of "colour" and "center" instead of "centre." Many believe Webster's dictionary helped create the popular contests recently viewed on ESPN and ABC known as spelling bees.

After Webster's death in 1843, George and Charles Merriam purchased his publishing and revision rights and continued to edit and revise his dictionary. The "Merriam-Webster Dictionary" is not the only dictionary that carries his name, as other publishers like Random House and John Wiley & Sons use Webster's title.

Today, the "Merriam-Webster" company publishes a cluster of dictionaries, ranging from international dictionaries to Basic English dictionaries, pocket dictionaries to (yes, it's true) a Garfield dictionary.

The longest word in "Webster's Third New International Dictionary, Unabridged," is pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis, containing 45 letters. It is defined as a disease of the lungs caused by inhaling very fine irritant particles.

The process a single word must go through in order to be accepted in a "Merriam-Webster Dictionary" can be rigorous. Usage, citation, establishment, meaning and currency are all considered when judging a word's worthiness.

"Webster's Third New International Dictionary," and "The Oxford English Dictionary" report around 500,000 entries, but it has been estimated that the English language may contain between one to two million words.

An 1888 advertisement for "Webster's Dictionary" read, "Webster's Unabridged Dictionary: a library in itself."

Noah Webster's legacy seems to be a webbed lexicon or word-book of well-defined words whose name has won synonymy with "dictionary."

# Getting colleges to pass the test

BY JAMES M. O'NEILL  
The Dallas Morning News

College students who still have fresh memories of sweating their way through the SAT testing process and the angst-ridden college application ritual might have justifiably let out a snicker of delight last week.

Imagine their pleasure at the thought of having the tables turned on those same colleges that forced them through that painful judging process. That could be the case if U.S. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings gets her way.

In a much-anticipated speech at the National Press Club in Washington last week, Spellings highlighted a five-point plan to put a fire under the American higher education establishment to start a process of what she called "long-overdue reform" to ensure American colleges don't lose their global competitive edge.

One of the more controversial aspects of Spellings' broad plan is to make public universities measure the value they add for students by having standardized testing. The idea is to give consumers - parents, prospective students and the taxpayers who pay for these schools - a better and more reliable measure of their performance than the highly suspect rankings that exist currently, such as those produced by U.S. News & World Report, which don't really get at how much a school teaches its students.

Spellings pushed the idea by noting - correctly - that "no current ranking system of colleges and

universities directly measures the most critical point: student performance and learning. We absolutely should."

Good idea - but with a catch. Schools are so different that it would be hard to make comparisons.

I've always thought that when you get right down to it, community colleges - the often forgotten sector of the academic world - arguably boost their students' academic proficiency more than elite schools like Harvard and Yale. Consider: The elites have a rigorous process to weed out all applicants except those who already show great academic proficiency.

Community colleges, on the other hand, must take all comers. So they often are helping students make far greater strides academically than the progress of the already academically polished elite school students. That makes this testing idea somewhat suspect.

On the other hand, some measure of college performance beyond the silly U.S. News rankings would be welcome, given the huge financial investments that taxpayers - and families - make to send students to college. Are colleges really that efficient in how they use taxpayer and tuition money?

It makes you wonder when you hear what some college presidents say on the subject. At one hearing earlier this year hosted by the 19-member panel established by Spellings to come up with her reform proposal, Tufts University President Larry Bacow had this to say, according to the online publication Inside Higher Ed: "Our costs are complete-



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"No current ranking system of colleges and universities directly measures the most critical point, student performance and learning. We absolutely should."

Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education

ly beyond our control." Talk about passing the buck on how you spend the bucks.

Many elite schools also talk a lot about the need for a diverse student body - and yet when it comes to economic diversity, they fail miserably.

Look at the number of enrolled students at these elites who come from families with incomes low enough to qualify for federal Pell Grants. The percentages are often in the single digits. That's unconscionable. So greater accountability - whether through testing or more information for parents when selecting a school - would be a welcome improvement, and help make sure money is spent wisely.

But Spellings disappointed some student advocates when she didn't

promote one of the other recommendations made by her advisory panel, the Commission on the Future of Higher Education. It had taken a hard look at the government's own role in helping reduce costs for students, especially through the grossly underfunded Pell Grant program.

Over decades, Congress and various presidents have failed to increase the budget for the Pell Grant program to keep pace with rising tuition costs. As a result, the Pell's value has eroded substantially. And more students have reluctantly turned to the private loan industry to help pay for college - taking on debt and the interest they must pay back. President Bush's own budget request for 2007 called for keeping the maximum Pell Grant flat (at

\$4,050) for the fifth straight year.

Spellings' commission has proposed increasing the value of the Pell Grant over five years so that it would cover 70 percent of the average in-state tuition at a public four-year college - up from 48 percent in the 2004-05 school year. The average Pell Grant is currently \$2,445.

During her speech, Spellings briefly touched on the need to address student aid, saying that Congress "must increase need-based aid," but didn't raise the specific Pell Grant proposal, disappointing many.

Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy was most vocal on this point after Spellings' speech, saying she should push the president to immediately raise the maximum Pell Grant amount.

## Insurance

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SHIP offers the option for catastrophic coverage, which raises the maximum benefit to \$500,000 for a year and costs an extra \$200. Students over 25 must pay an extra \$400 for catastrophic coverage.

Another point both Schlapper and Branson want students to be very clear on is the difference between the Health, Wellness and Counseling Services, a health care

provider in the network and a health care provider out of the network.

Visits to Health, Wellness and Counseling Services on campus don't require a deductible. The deductible is the portion of your benefit that you must satisfy before your insurance kicks in.

Visits to an in-network provider off campus, also covered by United Healthcare, have a deductible of \$250. Providers out of the network, not covered by United Healthcare have a deductible of \$500.

Prescriptions do not affect the

deductible. SHIP offers a \$10 co-pay for generic prescriptions and a \$20 co-pay for non-generic prescriptions.

This means any prescription will cost a student either \$10 or \$20 out-of-pocket. SHIP covers prescriptions up to \$400. SHIP does not cover vision or dental.

Branson would like to make sure the first thing students tell a health-care provider is who they are covered by.

Katie Giffis and Terry Hurless are Boise State students. Giffis is an

athlete (gymnastics) and registered with SHIP, Hurless is not.

Griffis thinks the biggest insurance issue facing students is that they do not understand SHIP.

"How many students do you know that would go out of their way to find out about health insurance?" Griffis said.

Being an athlete, she is aware of the greater risk of potential injuries and sees the importance of having insurance. Griffis would like vision and dental covered by SHIP and is willing to pay a higher premium for

the extended coverage.

Hurless, although not registered with SHIP, would like the mandatory policy dropped.

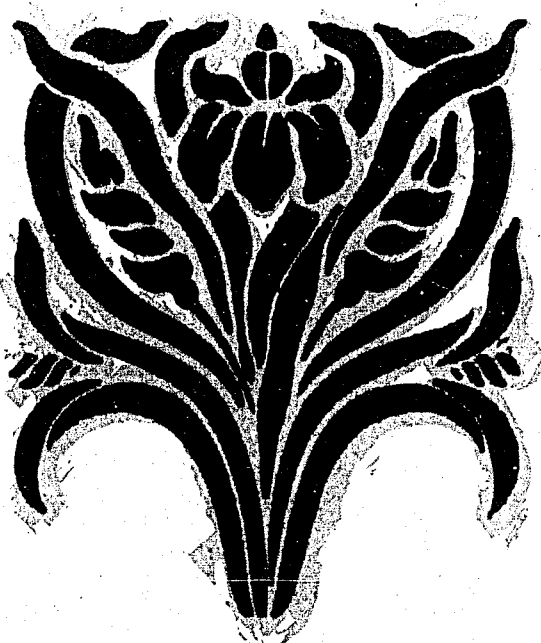
"Unless you have a significant injury or illness it's pretty stupid for insurance to be mandatory," Hurless said.

According to Taylor Newbold, ASBSU secretary of public relations, the survey is still being reviewed by institutional assessment to assure it will get the desired information, but it should be sent out within the next two weeks.

# OPTIMAL

## HEALTH SCREENING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 10:00AM-2:00PM  
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This screening opportunity will bring together the best practices in integrative medicine today to inform employees and students about how to take responsibility for their healthcare.

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WHAT'S HOT  
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BY DANIEL KEDISH  
Culture Editor

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**HOT**  
**Bringing fear to the movies**  
Halloween is almost here, but that's no reason why the movies can't come out earlier. Kicking off the blockbuster month of horror is "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning," which debuted on the silver screen last Friday. Giving audiences the history behind Leather Face and how he came to be a living nightmare are supposedly all explained in this full-feature flick. "The Grudge 2" also makes its mark in theaters on the ultimate day of horror, Friday Oct. 13. Starting up where the first movie left off is sure to bring back the fear those crazy Japanese spirits caused a couple of years ago.

While Halloween is just around the corner, there's nothing better to prepare with than a couple of the newest horror films coming to theatres this month.

**NOT**  
**House of Burnouts**

While the E Channel isn't particularly known for providing exquisite programming, the station is known for providing audiences with ever-addicting shows and news programs covering all things celebrity. However, there does come a time when you can't handle anymore, especially their newest show, "House of Carters."

Following the lives of Nick and Aaron Carter, along with their other siblings, the show is overwhelmingly Emo, with an overload of emotional material, crying and Nick preaching to his brother and sisters about life and his disappointment in his family.

While the show may have looked interesting from previews, the reality is quite different. Every line seems scripted into an after-school special and in less than five minutes viewers become annoyed by the constant "bitching" by the family. We all have issues with our folks, and making a show to document how whiny and immature you handle such issues is far from hot.

LOCALLY

**HOT**  
**Boise's VIP experience**  
Enjoying the club/bar scene of Boise has its perks, especially if you get to enjoy all things VIP.

With a quick phone call to a DJ at 93.1 FM, people can get access to the VIP floor of China Blue in downtown Boise. While the club offers a great place to kick back with a few drinks, the upstairs is quite different. With comfy black sofas, a higher-grade bar and views looking down at the rest of the crowd, going VIP can be a great time with friends, not to mention the cheaper drinks making any weekend night at the club that much hotter.

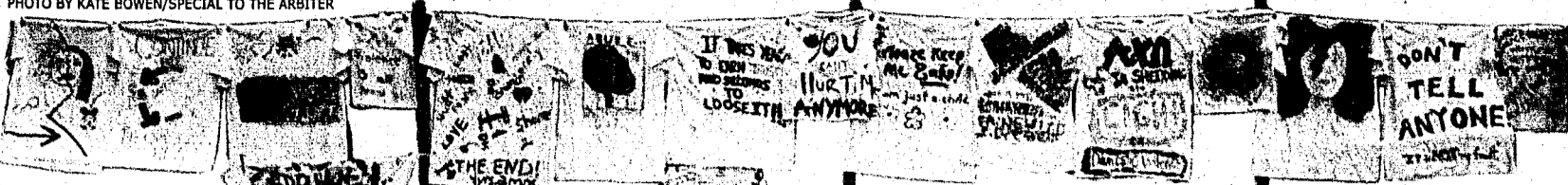
**NOT**  
**Homecoming without the dance**

While homecoming week offered its dose of entertainment and fun this year with activities such as the Toilet Bowl and one awesome football game against La Tech. One aspect of the homecoming experience did not appear this year: the traditional homecoming dance.

Instead of fulfilling the ritual of dances, the planners of the week's activities decided to hold back the funds by offering blue and orange sno cones in the Quad instead. Excuse me, but how much fun is a cup of flavored ice compared to a dance? While the week may have had its high points, this year's homecoming was definitely a disappointment with the lack of traditional elements, and definitely not hot.

# Clothesline Project

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Last week, the Women's Center, accompanied by the Women's and Children's Alliance of Idaho brought Boise State the Clothesline Project, promoting greater awareness for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The event also featured a T-shirt decorating session for others wanting to get involved.

## helps raise awareness

BY FRANCY MARCOTTE  
Culture Writer

While students hustled and bustled through the Boise State University Quad last week, they may have noticed a collection of hand-painted T-shirts fluttering on a clothesline.

On Oct. 5 and 6, the Women's Center and the Women's and Children's Alliance of Idaho hosted the Clothesline Project on the Quad from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event also took place at the BSU West Campus in Nampa Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Clothesline Project takes

place every October to raise awareness for domestic violence.

According to Bev La Chance, director of social services at the WCA, the project originated in Massachusetts before it spread to Idaho. The WCA operated the project alone for several years before joining with the Women's Center.

"We collaborate quite a lot on a variety of things," said La Chance. "I am so pleased with our partnership."

The Clothesline Project displayed T-shirts strung on a clothesline. These weren't just ordinary white T-shirts; survivors

of physical, sexual and emotional violence painted their individual stories of abuse on them.

"It allows those individuals who have been victimized by violence to have a canvas," said La Chance. "It creates awareness." However, the display was not limited to victims. The Clothesline Project invited anyone to come down to the Quad and decorate a T-shirt.

There wasn't any charge to participate, art supplies were provided and every T-shirt received a spot on the clothesline display.

"It's very much a public art

exhibit," said Women's Center Coordinator Wanda Viento.

Art and individuality proved to be a definite focus of the exhibit. Each T-shirt had its own message concerning abuse.

Several of the shirts displayed straightforward phrases like "There is hope after abuse. Believe," and "It takes years to earn trust and seconds to lose it." Others contained complex images and personal poetry. The shirts also ranged from child to adult sizes to portray that abuse can affect anyone.

Viento said the decorated T-shirts gave a new outlook on do-

mestic violence.

"When a situation is presented in a different way, people pay attention to it," Viento said.

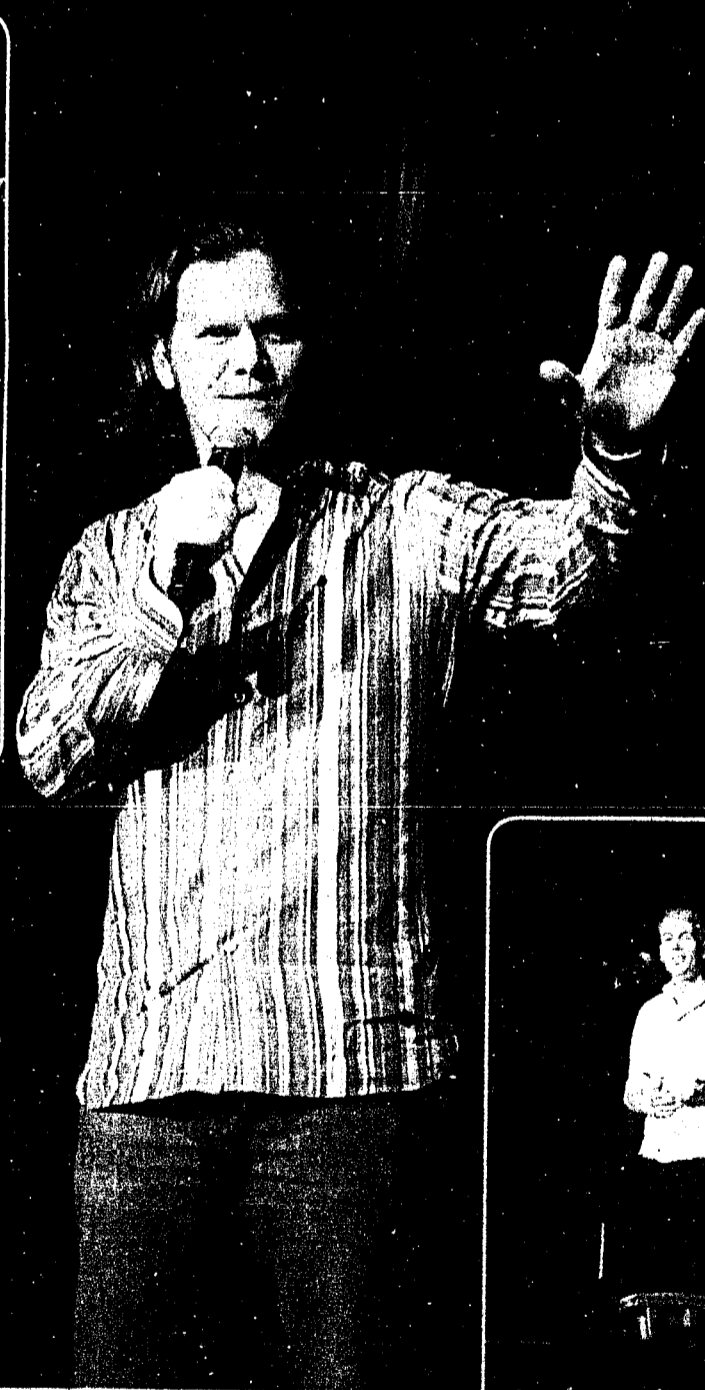
La Chance agreed with this. "I think the T-shirts are very effective," La Chance said.

"People stop and they ask questions and start a dialogue. We need to keep that dialogue going."

Viento and La Chance also supported the project's role in the Homecoming Parade on Saturday. Volunteers wore the T-shirts and marched in the parade under the motto "make coming home safe."

"I think it's a very powerful event," Viento said.

# Poetry Slam exhilarates audiences



Last Thursday night, local poets and featured guest/professional poet Taylor Mali voiced their verses in a poetry slam held at the Student Union. While winners of the event won prizes, the audience enjoyed a night of poetry involving diverse subjects and witty humor.

PHOTO BY JOHN TOWNER/THE ARBITER

BY MATTHEW BOYLE  
Culture Writer

Going into this event, I thought what most college students would think: This is going to be lame. The preconceived notions I had included the idea that this event would be about extremely serious topics and that the only people that would perform would be intensely into poetry.

About 45 minutes into the event, ideas were proven absolutely incorrect. Poems ranged from serious to funny, from sexual to pointless, and anything in between. I lost count of all the four-letter words that were dropped in poems throughout the show.

Poems were performed in different ways by different performers. Some of the poems were read in verse like traditional poetry, others were rapped and all poems were given the writers' touch while performing.

Although attendance of the event was only about 50 people, the energy in the room was exhilarating. The first part of the Poetry Slam consisted of a bunch of amateur poets performing their work on stage in a competition.

Each poet had three minutes to perform their poem and then five volunteer judges gave the poets scores on a scale of zero to 10. The high and low score for each poet were dropped and

the middle three scores added together, amounting to the final score. Most poets' final score ended up in the 20s range. The winning poets received prizes - mostly coffee.

The types of poems that each poet performed were different. One poet, a man in his late thirties, performed a poem about the shriveling up of the certain part of his male body at a certain point in his life.

Another young man performed a poem concerning illegal drugs, which was actually quite entertaining. One girl performed a poem on the subject of her sexual orientation and another girl performed a poem concerning her love life.

There were a few poems performed concerning the issue of identity. There were also poems performed in which poets explained about their drunkenness. Other poets rapped so fast that I thought I was at a concert.

The second part of the poetry slam was performed by the professional poet Taylor Mali. He was amazing. He changed my views of poetry that I had gained in the classroom in years past. He made poetry interesting. He performed poems that were both deep and also hilarious. His diction was perfection and he was an all-around incredible performer. Many of his poems were funny and contained sexual content.

Many others were about his experience as an eighth grade history teacher.

The Poetry Slam was much more than I had made it out to be from the beginning. Imagine a cross between a comedy show and a rap concert, and you get a Poetry Slam.

There is another Poetry Slam coming up Monday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Funny Bone Comedy Club.

Although there is a charge to get in, it would be a well-spent \$5.

The Poetry Slam was spectacular, and definitely not an experience to be missed. Come and see, your preconceived notions be blown to bits.

# Now serving: ethnicity



PHOTO BY JOHN TOWNER/THE ARBITER

Boise State students and faculty met Sept. 3 for the monthly Ethnic Luncheon, which provides international and minority students with a forum for cultural discussion and a variety of food.

BY JULIA C. ARREDONDO  
Culture Writer

Every month, Boise State University administrators, faculty and staff host a luncheon for international, minority and other underrepresented BSU students.

The e-mail invitation that students received announced the event as an opportunity to "promote cultural awareness, understanding and cooperation among students, faculty, staff, administration and the general public."

At every luncheon, students have an opportunity to present their concerns directly to the administrators who have the ability to make changes happen.

It's a chance for individual voices to be heard and for issues to be brought to the attention of such administrators as Dr. Michael Laliberte (vice president for Student Affairs) Dr. Sona Andrews (provost and vice president for Academic Affairs) and Dr. Sharon McGuire (associate vice president for undergraduate studies).

The Sept. 3 luncheon provided a great opportunity for students, faculty and staff to mingle over good (free) food and discuss what they all have in common - being a part of BSU - and what their experiences on campus have been like.

With the vast array of colleges, departments and administrative positions available at Boise State, it was not surprising to see faculty getting acquainted with one another for the first time.

At one table Dr. Sharon Wei, who teaches for the Modern Language and Political Science departments, introduced herself to Dora Ramirez, an English department adjunct instructor.

The process of meeting one of

the thousands of faces on campus daily repeated itself at every table, until conversations about "cross cultural borders" and classes filled the room.

After at least half an hour devoted to letting the attendees eat and converse, Dr. Laliberte stood and asked for the everyone's attention.

He thanked everyone for attending and proceeded to introduce Dr. Sharon McGuire, the new associate vice president for undergraduate studies.

McGuire spoke about her goals of helping students become successful, of providing academic support and her want to connect with students as the university tries to meet their changing needs.

The floor then opened up to questions. Bakh Mirkasimov, an RA in Taylor Hall and ASBSU senator, was one of the first of several who participated in the question and comment session. His first concern was on behalf of many students living in the dorms and their difficulties with taking MATH108 online.

Dr. McGuire's response expressed her concern with finding and solving the "it" that was causing the problems and not just treating "symptoms."

Ro Parker, the Cultural Center coordinator, shared her account of the annual Cultural Center retreat to McCall. She reminded everyone that the retreat is open to anyone who would like to participate and that this year was a great success.

Representatives from Housing, The Arbitrator and other student organizations benefited from the retreat's promotion of respect for differences of opinion.

For more than half an hour, students and faculty stood, asked questions and made comments pertinent to their BSU experiences.



Juan Martinez, instructor at the Center for Construction Technology, was curious about the results of a Campus Climate Study conducted at least a few semesters ago and asked if it had been dropped.

Dr. Laliberte explained how the steps in gathering the survey's results and converting them into an understandable analysis was a long process; but he did say that a data analysis of the findings could be ready in as little as a month.

People commented on issues like: does the university offer diversity training for faculty?; why aren't there enough study areas available throughout campus?; and individual experiences with ill-equipped undergrad advisors.

Some also took the opportunity

to express positive feedback and gratitude. Martinez shared with everyone how proud he was that there are seven women in his program this semester - a high number in comparison to past years.

Kate Neal, a BSU student, stood and thanked Laliberte and the administration, for putting the luncheon together and expressed how she felt activities like this build community.

The luncheon ended a success after an hour and a half. Students and faculty got the chance to interact with one another and have their concerns addressed.

The final luncheon of the semester will be held Monday, Nov. 6 in the Lookout Room in the Student Union Building from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

# 'Employee of the month,' not much of an honor

BY KATRINA L. SAVITZ  
Assistant Culture Editor

Dane Cook and Dax Shepard play two semi-losers who work at a wholesale retailer similar to Costco. Shepard plays a hot-shot over achiever, while Cook slacks off and only completes the bare minimum of what is required.

The two are seemingly rivals, but that title intensifies to enemies once hottie Jessica Simpson is transferred to their store. Cook and Shepard access Simpson's personal file and learn that she holds a special attraction for men who are named the employee of the month.

Cook decides he must become the employee of the month to win Simpson's heart, while Shepard must retain his position as employee of the month to get into Simpson's pants and keep Cook down.

The two produce predictable ways to destroy each other, and the only original means of sabotage comes in the scene when Cook manages to sell Shepard's car, referred to lovingly as "Piece o' shit Toyota." That was classic!

I cannot recall much of what happened after that, since I could hardly keep my eyes open through the film. I finally regained alertness when the

two were tied for employee of the month.

At a celebration dinner hosted by management, Simpson overhears Andy Dick reveal that Simpson is an employee of the month groupie. Simpson walks off, humiliated. Cook follows her and she tells him that she did date the employee of the month at her old job, but that he was in fact her long time boyfriend. Audiences then learn that the rumors about Simpson's character are false.

I don't feel the need to go on any further, since the plot is pretty much self-explanatory.

Don't get me wrong, this film definitely had some comedic scenes, but they were not anything special. The best part of this film was Cook and Shepard's witty dialogue. These two guys are truly funny. However, for now I think they should stick to their day jobs.

As a comedian, Dane Cook provides his audiences with amazing punchlines and tearful laughter. "Employee of the Month" did not allow him to show the audience his full potential. That also applies to Shepard. Audiences loved him on MTV's "Punk'd," but his spontaneity was hindered in this film. I must confess, however, Shepard definitely plays a perfect villain; he con-

vinces audiences that he can really be a jerk.

As for Simpson ... Gosh, I don't even know what to say. She is definitely beautiful, but her talent is questionable. I think she should stick to reality television. She's much more gifted in that realm of entertainment.

This film will be a huge rental success, but I hope it will not discount Cook's and Shepard's talents. The guys are funny, but "Employee of the Month" is just not their cup of tea. I look forward to seeing more of these men, hopefully under better circumstances.



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# OPINION

The way we see it ...

## Cell phones don't give you an excuse to be a jerk

In the last decade, we as a society have evolved immensely in the world of technology. We've gone from cassette tapes to CDs to mp3 players, and from pagers to cell phones with a vast array of capabilities. Sadly, our manners haven't evolved alongside our technological advances.

Cell phones are enabling us to become even more antisocial. Instead of chatting with the cashier at the checkout stand, we're yammering on with our best friend about where to go to dinner. We're taking calls at the dinner table, while driving, when out on dates and during the 10-minute walk from the Multipurpose Building to the Student Union Building - all to avoid having to talk with the people right next to us.

That's not to say that everyone should be smiling and waving at everyone that they see, and engaging in full-fledged conversations at every turn (that would just be exhausting) but is there really a reason for the five-minute hey-I-just-got-out-of-class conversation, besides avoiding having to give more than a head nod to acquaintances that you'll inevitably see in passing?

Sure, it's great to have access to a phone whenever you need it - stranded on the freeway after a vehicle malfunction, important business calls, catching up with a friend that you haven't really had time for lately, lost in the woods with an axe-murderer at your heels - but calls should be taken at the right times. Ringtones are cool, text-messaging is a fabulous invention and showing off the pictures that you took last weekend via camera phone is exciting, but - just like all things in life - moderation is key.

Chit-chatting away while walking to class can also be hazardous to your health. Close calls with bicyclists and pedestrians glued to cell phones are frequent at Boise State. Avid talkers and text-message addicts tend to not pay attention to the longboarders, bicyclists and fellow pedestrians, causing near-collisions. It's true - that brand new Razr could land you face down on the sidewalk right out front of the Business building. Even worse, the terribly-annoyed waitress that has been back three times to get your order because you won't get off of your phone could end up showing you her amazing right-hook. The safety issues of driving and talking have been brought to light in recent years, and some states now have lanes that drivers can pull over into when wanting to take a call. Personal safety should be a great incentive to hang up. And what about the learning environment? Students aren't paying thousands of dollars to hear P-Diddy announce that you have a call.

Shut off your phone in class. Your professor will like you more, your fellow students will greatly appreciate it and, who knows, you could end up acing your midterms. Let's end this disturbing trend in our society right now. Be courteous and hang up.

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# Musharraf's plight:



## Al-Qaeda vs. the United States

BY MICHAEL J MCLASKEY  
Opinion Writer

As far as Pakistan is concerned, no other ally in the West's fight against Al-Qaeda is more pivotal. Between the porous mountain region dividing Pakistan and Afghanistan - purportedly Osama bin Laden's refuge since the Tora Bora campaign - and the ongoing Taliban insurgency in Afghanistan, it makes sense to me that Pakistan should be our Number One ally in our War on Terror. So it surprised me last week when President Musharraf came out against our State Department, saying that the former deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage threatened to send Pakistan back to the Stone Age, if they didn't cooperate in our War on Terror.

Admittedly, Musharraf is in a tough position; rebels have taken refuge in the largely inaccessible province of Waziristan, and every attempt by Pakistan's military to take them out has led to many dead troops. This in turn

led to widespread social criticism, the least of which lambasting General Musharraf for kowtowing to Western powers. On the other hand, as the head of state for Pakistan, he did make a pledge to the United States to help stamp out global terror. Maybe these conflicts - foreign vs. domestic - are what informed his new bestseller "In the Line of Fire."

While I envy his publication credit, I wouldn't want to be in Musharraf's shoes right now. Should he shrug off his commitment to western powers and appease his people or should he ignore what his people want and eradicate the mujahiddin that have holed themselves high up in the mountains? And now, he must fend off Indian reports that his intelligence agency was behind the 7/11 Mumbai train blasts. On top of all of this, the Kashmir factor is always at play, threatening to bring India and Pakistan back to the war table - yet again.

Dealing with terror at home is much harder than dealing with it abroad; reductive terms like "for us

or against us" only work when dealing with foreign threats to security. By using Armitage as a puppet, the State Department was able to secure a reluctant ally in our global fight for security. But for how long? Recently, Musharraf signed a peace treaty with the Waziristan rebels, and was accused thereby of giving Osama bin Laden safe haven, if he were to be found.

Politics in the terror arena is not a fun game. If Musharraf were to either send in massive battalions, or allow the United States to cross the border to conduct massive air strikes, the General would have civilian casualties on his hands either way.

My suggestion to him is to allow the United States to conduct bombing raids and to also deny that he was aware of it. That way, he would retain popular support based on the premise that the United States does what it wants in the Islamic world. Unfortunately for us, if the mission fails and we can't get bin Laden, we would lose an ally in Pakistan, and would still be stuck between Iraq and a hard place.

## Free speech is for everyone, even pro-lifers

BY SHEPPARD LUSK  
Guest Opinion

Students have brought up some interesting points on the recent abortion display which was, sadly, argued against on this campus sounding like a form letter. I wish to reply in a sensible, sane manner. We may not agree but I hope you will take what I say to heart.

First of all, I want to ask: Have you ever watched surgery on television? Not the "Scrubs"/"Grey's Anatomy" surgery, but the TLC surgery? It is gross and disgusting but it is a medical procedure. Just like abortion, which is a medical procedure. Abortion can be appalling. But don't be mad at the man on campus. Be mad at whoever did that to those children. A lot of people think of it as a medical procedure, which it is, but the reality of it is sometimes harsh.

Abortion is not a typical procedure performed by Dr. McDreamy, sitting around discussing his dog with his as-

sistants from afar so we don't have to see what he is doing. It is a child being killed. The reality portrayed by those pictures is shocking.

I usually stand around and street-preach at such demonstrations, but that day I hung around and talked to people. I was surprised at the discussion going on. It was real-life discussion, not yelling, or name calling. I want to thank all people involved on both sides. I felt it was handled with real maturity. As for the demonstrators' children, it is up to parents to raise them, and casting judgment about their mental health is irresponsible.

And finally, I want to ask - as one who takes the free speech idea for a test-drive every Thursday - what should be banned, only things that contract your opinion? Should there be a committee? We are on a campus of higher learning - we should be exposed to ideas.

I don't agree with Tom Cruise telling me the ghost of dead aliens make him do bad things

and in order to be happy he must pay the church to get rid of them with a machine they invented. But he is welcome to come here and preach his Scientology as long as I am able to preach my love for people and how God wants to save them from the chains of sin.

Where does the abolition of free speech end? First abortion, then Scientology, homosexuality and women? Then the Quad would be a real exchange of ideas, mainly yours.

In this country we can get up say whatever we want. Recently, Rosie O'Donnell called all Christian fundamentals terrorists and I got a big e-mail saying that I should write the network demanding an apology.

Why? She can call me a terrorist as long as she likes, and I can call her a bad talk show host who is practicing sexual perversion. It works both ways. I hope you have a good day and may the Lord bless you.

*Sheppard Lusk is a history major at Boise State*

### Correction

Last week's guest opinion in The Arbiter "Free speech has its limits," listed Gretchen Jude as the author of the article. The article was actually co-written by Gretchen Jude and Dana M. Wilson. The Arbiter apologizes for the mistake.

# The way you see it ...

## Vote no on oppressive HJR2

If it deeply disturbing and vexing how a religious right-wing authoritarian zealot like "Pastor" Casey Reynolds uses the "militant" homosexual agenda to promote his own militant and hateful agenda. It also disturbs me how many of these so-called "Christian" denominations have become institutions of intolerance. First and foremost, people like Reynolds should be ashamed to be able to call themselves people of God. Secondly, they should be ashamed for providing such a narrow and misinformed view of HJR 2. Yes, I have read over HJR 2 and find its wording biased and segregating. It not only targets homosexuals, but anyone, either gay or straight, who disagrees with the religious-right's views.

The problem with people like Reynolds is they see life in black and white - there is no room for compromise, no grey area, just black and white. If you don't see it "their" way you're a godless communist. If people like Reynolds had their way, those of us who disagreed would be targeted and sent off to internment camps for "re-education." HJR 2 goes beyond defining marriage between one man and one woman. It goes to the point where it violates civil liberties by prohibiting any institution other than marriage. The resolution would not allow civil unions, domestic partnerships or common law spouses and will not recognize those from other states. Marriage will be the law of the land.

For the record, I do love this country. I served in its military for 10 years, and I will not let an incompetent zealot like Reynolds tell me I hate America because I disagree with him. I have woken up, and that is why I will be voting no on HJR 2 on November 7.

*Gregory K. Funk, Boise, ID*

## Thanks for pumping up the Homecoming spirit for everyone

I want to commend the article written to bring awareness about the Homecoming events. As I walked to and from class this week, and I couldn't help but notice all the colorful blue & orange decorations celebrating Homecoming.

With the free snow cones, and long lines in the SUB to purchase game tickets, you could hear and feel the buzz, mainly about the football season. My question ... why isn't it this way across campus for all the athletic events, especially the football games? If you've been to the games, then you may have noticed that our student involvement is sort of low compared to other schools with our size and status. The day before and the day of each game, events such as BBQs and SUB patio concerts should be put on to raise more interest, and the blue & orange should be displayed proudly all over campus.

The hype and camaraderie leading up to the game is all part of the fun of college football. Go Broncos!

*Joey Shelby, Boise, ID*

## Gays relaunch McCarthyism

Stop. Cover your children's eyes and plug their ears, because I am about to mention a word that will cause them to have nightmares for nights to come. That word is McCarthy. But why, you ask, would I be so bold as to refer to the grainy black and white images of post-modern witch hunts? Because we are faced with a new type of McCarthyism which is being showcased, in part, by the pro-homosexual agenda in our country. Take me up on my word. Suggest to the pro-homosexual lobby that homosexual marriage is empirically destructive to the institutions of family and marriage. Instead of refuting your assertion on the grounds of merit or logic, opponents will accost you with ridiculous assertions to the effect that you are a "homophobic hatemonger."

As an online commenter remarked, the homosexual advocacy movement has created a new era of McCarthyism where people are being asked, "Do you know, or have you ever known a homophobe? Give us names," and "Are you a homophobe?" Forget intelligent debate of the issue, this is a game of mob-politics and name calling. "Of course," they argue, "nobody could possibly disagree with homosexual marriage except on the grounds of bigotry and hatred." Indeed, the homosexual advocacy movement is working overtime to curb free discussion - it's easier to beat a straw-man than win an argument through free and informed discourse.

*Alexis Manfred, Boise, ID*

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Sunday  
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**Men's Golf**  
Monday-Tuesday  
District VII Fall Shootout  
TBA  
Las Vegas, Nev.

**Women's Golf**  
Monday-Tuesday  
Bronco Fall Invitational  
TBA  
Boise

**Women's Soccer**  
Friday  
University of Nevada-Reno  
7 p.m. (PT)  
Reno, Nev.

**Men's Tennis**  
Friday-Sunday  
Midland Classic  
TBA  
Midland, Texas

**Women's Tennis**  
Friday-Sunday  
Midland Classic  
TBA  
Midland, Texas

**Volleyball**  
Monday  
Hawaii  
7 p.m. (HT)  
Honolulu, Hawaii

[SIDE LINES]

Former WAC coach joins Stampede

The Idaho Stampede announced the hiring of 2003 WAC Coach of the Year Ray Lopes as assistant coach for its inaugural season in the NBA Development League. Prior to his NBA experience, the 1987 Albertson College graduate was head coach at Fresno State University, compiling a cumulative 50-37 record over three seasons. In addition to his Coach of the Year award, he was also named CBS Sportsline Rookie Coach of the Year in 2003 and guided the Bulldogs to the WAC regular season title.

Prior to his stint in Fresno, Lopes spent eight seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Oklahoma under then-coach Kelvin Sampson. The Idaho Stampede franchise is entering its ninth season as a new member of the NBA Development League, and an affiliate of the Utah Jazz and Seattle SuperSonics. Individuals and businesses interested in season tickets, starting at \$175, should call (208) 388-4667 or visit idahostampede.com for more information about the upcoming season.

Shields' All-American run comes to an end

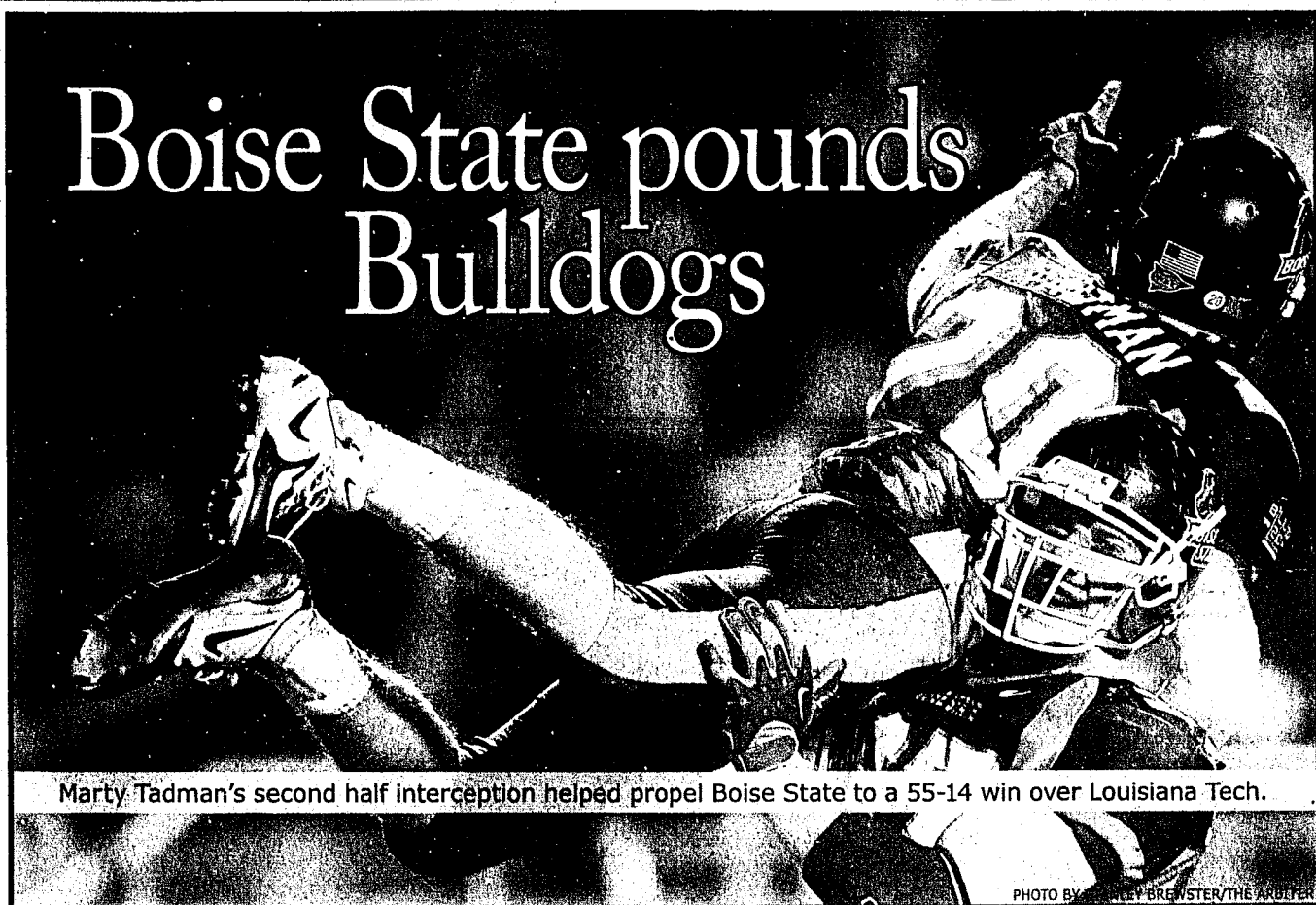
In the quarterfinals of the Polo Ralph Lauren All-American Tennis Championships last week, Luke Shields of the Boise State University men's tennis team lost in a match against 2006 NCAA singles finalist Somdev Devvarman of Virginia.

With a spot in the semifinals on the line, Shields battled the nation's No. 4 ranked player, according to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, to a tie breaker but dropped it 7-5 to lose the set 7-6. In the following set Shields could not overcome Devvarman and eventually lost the match 7-6 and 6-2.

Boise State moves up to No. 19 in 'USA Today'

Following its 55-14 trouncing of La Tech, Boise State moved up two spots in this week's "USA Today" poll to No. 19. The Broncos stayed put at No. 20 in the AP Poll. The Arkansas Razorbacks went from unranked to No. 17 in the AP after their impressive road victory against No. 2 Auburn. Auburn fell from No. 2 in the AP to No. 11 and dropped to No. 10 in the "USA Today" poll after being previously ranked No. 3. Boise State has no remaining games in its regular season against a team ranked in the top 25.

Boise State pounds Bulldogs



Marty Tadman's second half interception helped propel Boise State to a 55-14 win over Louisiana Tech.

PHOTO BY STANLEY BREWSTER/THE ARBITER

BY JAKE GARCIN  
Sports Editor

The Boise State football team posted a 55-14 blowout over Louisiana Tech Saturday night at Bronco Stadium. The win came despite an early scare from the Bulldogs.

La Tech struck so quickly BSU found itself down 7-0 just 1:05 into the first quarter. Bronco kick returner Quinton Jones fumbled the opening kick off, which was recovered by La Tech at the Boise State 14-yard line. The Bulldog offense found the endzone four plays later on a 1-yard run by Patrick Jackson.

"I don't know that it woke us up," BSU Head Coach Chris Petersen said. "The games never go like you think they're gonna. There's always some phase that happens certainly different than we predicted. I think in the long run when you come out ahead they're good for us."

The quick Bulldog strike proved to be the only one for the next 58 minutes of the game.

Following the Jackson touchdown, Boise State's defense wouldn't allow another point until 00:34 to go in the fourth quarter. Meanwhile, the Bronco offense rallied off 31 unanswered points to garner a 31-7 halftime lead.

The first BSU points came after a 9-play, 76-yard drive. Quarterback Jared Zabransky capped the drive with a 2-yard option keeper to even the score at 7-7. The first Bronco drive took just 3:42 and was based around the running of Ian Johnson and Vinny Perretta. Johnson broke a 29-yard run on the drive. Perretta broke a 17-yard run of his own on the fourth play of the series.

The second La Tech offensive possession showed little sign of life. La Tech was forced to punt after three consecutive incomplete passes by Zac Champion. Boise State took over on its own 34-yard line but was held to three plays and a punt. On the ensuing Bronco punt the ball bounced off the back of La Tech corner Anthony Moss.

It appeared Moss had no idea he was near the bouncing ball when it hit him. Boise State linebacker Josh Bean recovered the muffed punt, which set up the Bronco offense at the Bulldog 28-yard line.

It would only take six plays for BSU to find the endzone for the second time of the night. Ian Johnson

punched in a 2-yard run to give the Broncos a 14-7 lead after the first quarter.

Boise State continued to capitalize on short La Tech offensive drives. BSU racked up 17 points in the second quarter, which kept the Bulldog defense on its heels all night long. Zabransky found Drisan James for a 42-yard reception to put the Broncos deep in Bulldog territory at the 23-yard line. Zabransky finished off the drive with a 1-yard keeper just 02:15 into the second quarter.

Zabransky found Jerard Rabb for a five-yard touchdown pass to give the Broncos a 29-7 lead in the second. Rabb was flagged twice following the play for excessive celebration and was tossed from the game by ruling on the double flag.

Rabb led the team in receiving with four catches for 48-yards and a score, despite only playing one and a half quarters. Anthony Montgomery finished off the first half with a 30-yard field goal to give the Broncos their 31-7 halftime lead.

The second half went in a similar fashion for both teams as Boise State jumped back on the scoreboard just over five minutes into the second half. Zabransky found Brett Denton for his second touchdown pass of the game.

Denton opened on a screen pass that broke open into a 24-yard touchdown run. Denton scored again in the fourth quarter on a 1-yard run that capped a 15-play drive for the Bronco second string.

Boise State safety Marty Tadman provided the play of the night, intercepting La Tech quarterback Zac Champion on the BSU 2-yard line.

Tadman returned the pick 98-yards up the right sideline for a touchdown. The interception was Tadman's second of the year.

"That's longer than I've run in a long time," Tadman said. "The guys, Kyle Gingg and Quinton Jones, blocking up there, that was the only reason I got there. I got tired about 60-yards into it."

La Tech scored a touchdown with less than a minute to play to close the gap slightly. However, the final score showed just how well the Broncos could avoid any midseason letdowns.

"I think if you put the work in during the week and you know what you're doing, you prepare in your mind as you go," Petersen said. "We

just don't believe around here you can show up excited on Saturday and play good."

Offensively, Zabransky and Johnson led Boise State.

Zabransky threw just 18 passes, but completed 11 for 184 yards. He also threw two touchdown passes and scored two rushing touchdowns. Johnson rushed the ball 14 times on limited carries for 92-yards.

"If we continue to give that guy (Johnson) the ball 30 times every game he might not be with us for the whole entire season," Petersen

said. "We need to feed that guy. We're gonna continue to do that."

Korey Hall led the BSU defense with nine tackles for the night. Tadman chipped in with seven tackles to go along with his interception return. The Bronco defense forced seven punts by Louisiana Tech.

Boise State travels to New Mexico State Sunday, Oct. 15. The Broncos will look to extend their record to 7-0 and continue moving up the national rankings. New Mexico State is 2-3 for the season, 0-1 in Western Athletic Conference play.

Louisiana Tech vs. Boise State

La Tech	7	0	0	7	14
Boise State	14	17	17	7	55

First Quarter

TECH- Jackson 1 run (Horwedel kick), 12:55  
BSU- Zabransky 2 run (Montgomery kick), 09:02  
BSU- Johnson 2 run (Montgomery kick), 03:03

Second Quarter

BSU- Zabransky 1 run (Montgomery kick), 13:45  
BSU- Rabb 5 pass from Zabransky (Montgomery kick), 06:10  
BSU- Montgomery 30 FG, 1:32

Third Quarter

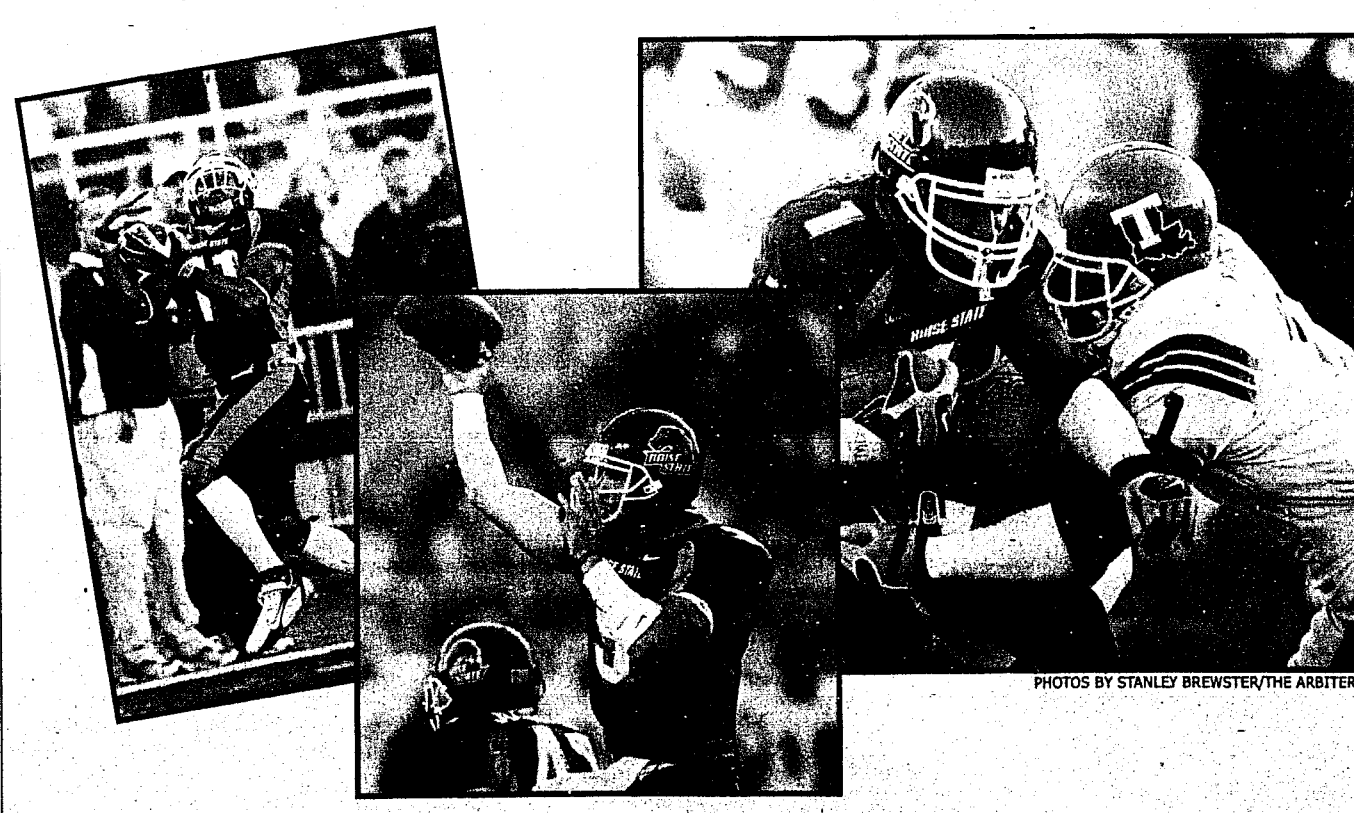
BSU- Denton 24 pass from Zabransky (Montgomery kick), 09:03  
BSU- Montgomery 39 FG, 03:05  
BSU- Tadman 98 INT return (Montgomery kick), 00:59

Fourth Quarter

BSU- Denton 1 run (Montgomery kick), 14:11  
TECH- Porter 1 run (Horwedel kick), 00:34

Game Stats

	TECH	BSU
First Downs	20	24
Rush Yards	141	265
Pass Yards	163	224
Att-Comp-Int	35-17-1	23-15-0
Sacks by/yards	0-0	3-33
Punt Returns-Yard	1-1	3-5
Kick Returns-Yard	9-184	2-38
Punts-Average	7-37.3	1-43
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-3
Penalties-Yards	9-80	6-62
Time of Possession	30:46	29:14



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Bronco fans beware

BY JAKE GARCIN  
Sports Editor

I've said it before but I'll say it again. College football is the best spectator sport in the world. As the college season is nearing the midway mark, the highlights and upsets thus far have left me wondering how can it get any better?

Just this weekend unranked Arkansas and former BSU Head Coach Houston Nutt traveled to No. 2 Auburn and knocked off the Tigers 27-10. Who would have predicted that one? There are some things that are possible and others that are improbable. Arkansas beating Auburn, at Auburn, is downright improbable. Before the game I would have bet there was a better chance Jessica Alba would start responding to my love letters. However, now that the improbable has happened I'm going to be checking my mail a little more closely.

The beauty of college football is the unpredictability, unmatched by anything else in sports. To compare, it's almost as unpredictable as your first time. Not exactly the same, but with both there is no telling if it's going to be a blowout or a nail-biter.

So where does all this unpredictability leave Boise State fans in 2006? More than likely it will leave fans in Boise pulling out their hair until the end of January. With six games left on the schedule, the Broncos appear to be in control of their Bowl Championship Series destiny. However, as we learned on Saturday, there are no gimmicks in college pigskin.

Former Boise State Head Coach Dan Hawkins took his winless Colorado Buffalo squad to No. 10 ranked Georgia two weeks ago and led the Bulldogs until 1:00 left to play in the game. Hawkins is dealing with a real bad news bears bunch in Boulder and even they were able to manhandle Georgia for 59 minutes.

There is no way to explain how Colorado fell at home to Division I-AA Montana State, yet played with one of the top teams in the country just four weeks later. I've kept up on the Buffs and trust me they aren't getting that much better. If Hawkins is lucky, his win column at year's end will equal the number of fans disappointed to have coach Pete rather than Hawkins: 1.

So despite Saturday's decisive win on homecoming against a La Tech team that is one of the worst in the country, there is a lot of work left to be done for Boise State. While the cumulative record of the Broncos' remaining schedule is 13-19, no one should be getting comfortable just yet.

Boise State must travel to New Mexico State to face the nation's top passing quarterback and the highest scoring offense in the country. A week later the Broncos will travel upstate to face a struggling, yet rival Idaho Vandal team led by legendary coach Dennis Erickson. BSU will also face 3-1 San Jose State on the road and will finish the year at Nevada. There is a game in there against the hapless Fresno State Bulldogs as well.

While the records don't send fear to many BSU fans, the truth is there are still six very capable teams the Broncos must get through to have any hope of making a BCS game. I don't want to concern fans by saying I'm picking against BSU, but the Fiesta Bowl should be the last thing on everyone's mind at this point in the season.

My recommendation is to enjoy every week as if it were the last game of the year. Can you imagine how bad those Auburn fans feel that chose to miss Saturday's game? After all, it was only Arkansas. The Tigers WERE pushing for a national championship prior to that debacle. The last thing any BSU fan should do is take for granted the October atmosphere.





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Toilet Bowl Champion "Penguins" won four games to capture tournament crown.

BY JAKE GARCIN  
Sports Editor

No one knows for sure how long the Toilet Bowl has been a Boise State University tradition. The co-ed intramural flag football tournament disappeared for about 10 years during the mid 80s, but has been brought back as a trademark of homecoming week at BSU. While the details on the tournament's history are vague, one thing is for sure: The Toilet Bowl is back and better than ever.

This year the tournament was held on opening day of homecoming week at BSU. The tournament was comprised of 16 teams. Due to the growing popularity of the event, however, three teams were turned away from competition this year. The 16 teams that did make registration competed in a single-elimination tournament for the title of Toilet Bowl Champion.

Perhaps the biggest appeal of the Toilet Bowl is that it is played on the blue turf in Bronco Stadium.

The tournament always turns extremely competitive as the games go on with bragging rights on the line. This year's champions were the Penguins. The Penguins managed to win three games by two points or less. The final game ended with a 22-20 win over Team Manny.

Strategy is one of the biggest factors in determining how far a team can go in the tournament. The co-ed format dictates that there must be four girls out of eight players on the field at all times. A girl is also required to touch the ball on every other play from scrimmage whether it is by throwing or catching a passing. The strict tournament rules make all players important to a team's success.

Alain Rodrigue, of the BSU Recreation Department, is in charge of running the tournament every year. Rodrigue said the Toilet Bowl production wouldn't be without the help of Boise State students. In fact, it takes approximately 15 students to put on the tournament each year.

The Toilet Bowl is currently the biggest intramural event that the REC puts on during the school year. As it has continued to grow over the years, there remains a vision of bigger growth for Rodrigue and the rest of the recreation staff.

"I would love to see it grow to 32 teams," Rodrigue said. "We would like to get more media coverage and even more student and campus involvement."

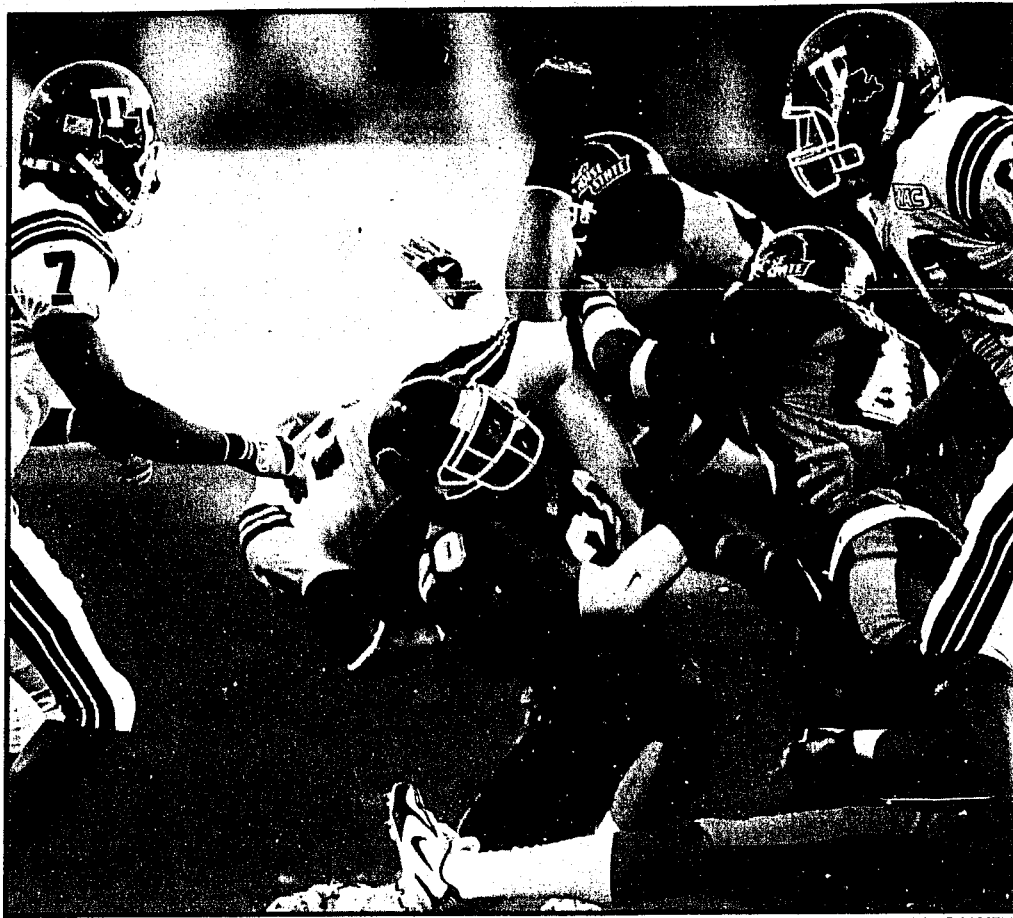
Rodrigue also would like to see Bronco Stadium used for the tournament on an even larger stage sometime down the road.

"It would also be great to have the championship game played at half-time of an actual game," Rodrigue said. "Have the game announced and on the jumbo-tron."

While Rodrigue and his intramural crew continue to strive for bigger and better things, the focus of the tournament remains the same.

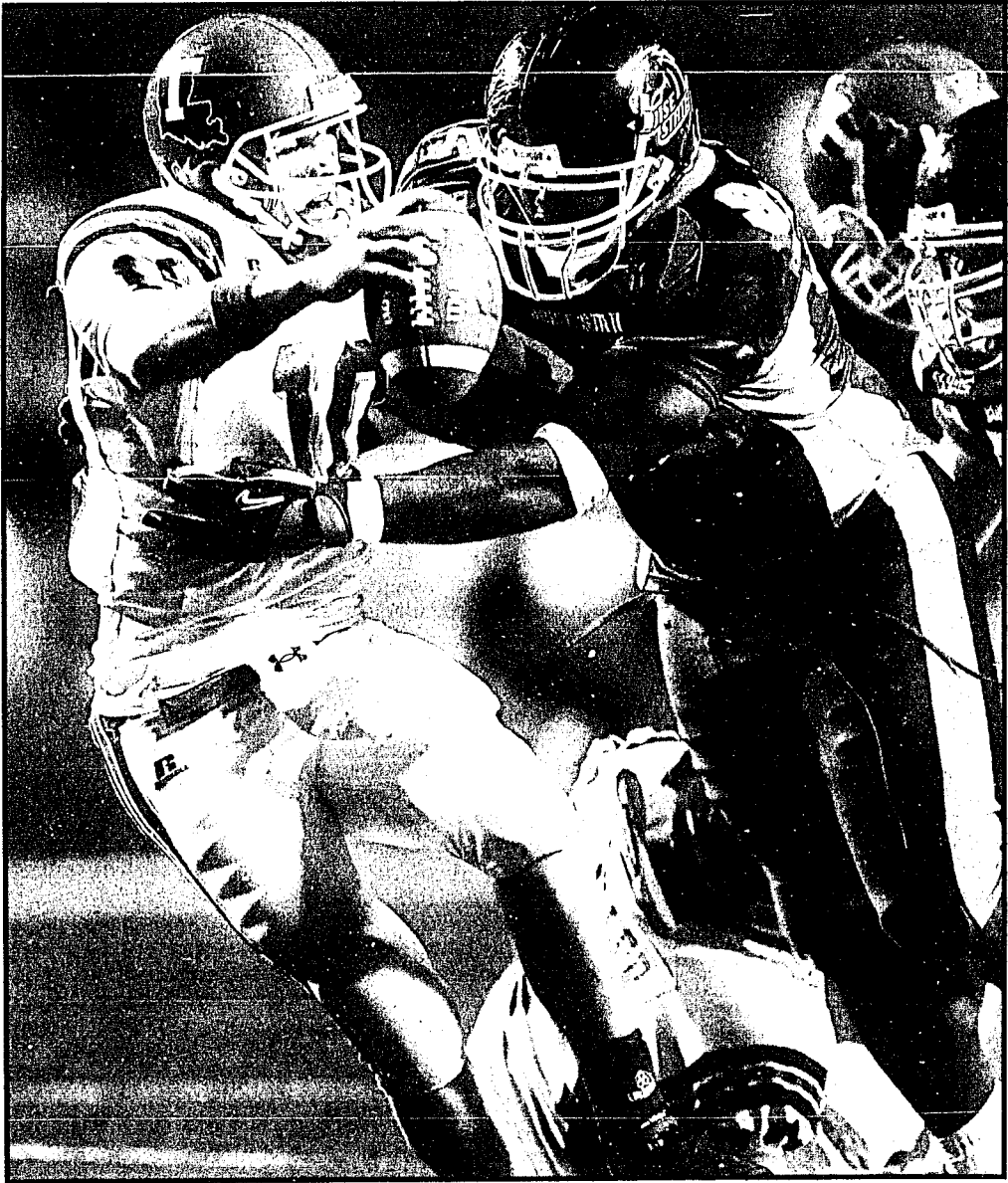
"It's all about the students," Rodrigue said.

# Bronco defense stays hot



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Boise State's defense held Louisiana Tech scoreless for 58 consecutive minutes Saturday night. BSU entered the game only allowing 12.5 points per game in '06.



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Opposing offenses are quickly learning how good the Boise State defense is.

So far this season the Broncos' defense has only allowed one opponent to score more than 14 points in a game.

It came, justifiably, against a Hawaii offense that lives and dies by throwing the football all over the place and makes a living off putting up huge offensive numbers.

Saturday's homecoming game for Boise State was no different.

Louisiana Tech capitalized off a Bronco fumble on the opening kickoff to score the first points of the game. The Bulldogs found the end zone only two minutes into the game and then ran into that aforementioned Bronco defense for the remainder.

"They're playing at a very high level," BSU Head Coach Chris Peterson said about his defense. "We've got good players that have played in a lot of games for us. That coupled with our defensive coaches doing a fabulous job putting them in the right places to make plays, it's nice to watch those guys go to work."

With under a minute to go in the third quarter the Louisiana Tech offense looked as if it was going to

reach the end zone for the second time of the game.

Bulldog quarterback Zac Champion was intercepted at the 2-yard line by junior Safety Marty Tadman, who returned the interception 98 yards the other direction for a touchdown giving Boise State a 48-7 lead.

"Well Marty's such a good football player," Coach Peterson said. "I mean he looks like he should be mowing my lawn. He's just not very big, he's not very tall, but the guys' got great instincts, he's tough and he just makes plays."

"He'd be a really good offensive player for us too if he wasn't playing defense," Petersen said. "I just love that guy, I mean he's totally what we're all about. You know they don't have to look all great getting off the bus, but they just go out there and make plays."

Tadman's interception was his second of the season and the eighth of his career. Tadman also tallied seven tackles for the game.

"Good thing I got one ball at least thrown to me this game, but that was it," Tadman said. "The new defense we're running is a little different and I'll make plays when I get chances to and, like tonight, I'm glad I made the one play I got. You just got to take them when they come."

Tadman's interception and

a blocked field goal were the Broncos' two turnovers they forced on the night.

However, the stat of the night may be the fact that La Tech was faced with 15 third downs. They converted only six.

The Bronco defense only gave up 163 passing yards, far less than La Tech had been averaging coming into the game.

Senior defensive lineman Dennis Ellis had a big night too. Five tackles, one for a loss of yards and two big sacks helped the Bronco defense punish La Tech all night long.

"It feels good just to go out there and know that I was able to contribute, to help our team be successful, you know that's the most important thing," Ellis said.

The Broncos' defense will be tested again next week against New Mexico State, a team that throws the ball as much as 70 times per contest. The Boise State defense will surely get a little flashback of the Hawaii game.

"Well I think it will be good," Coach Peterson said about next weekend's game. "I think maybe it'll put a chip back on our defense's shoulder. Because that's a little bit more like Hawaii, throwing it more than Hawaii. We're going to be tested like we were a few weeks ago and we'll see how much progress we've made."

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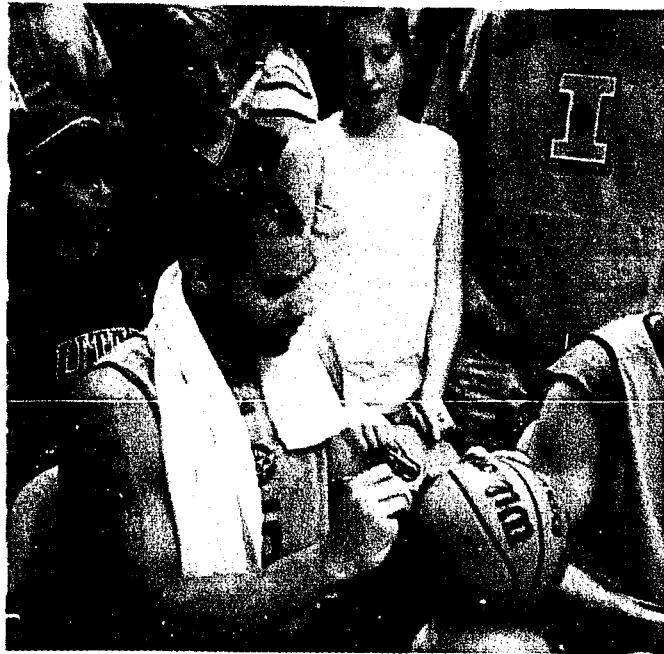


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Forward Carlos Boozer was one of many Jazz players who took time to greet fans after Friday's scrimmage.

BY ANDREAS KREUTZER  
SPORTS WRITER

The Utah Jazz held its training camp at Boise State University's Taco Bell Arena last week (Oct. 3-7). The training camp featured two daily practices including an open practice Friday night. The Jazz opened the doors to fans and media with an inter-squad scrimmage to showcase this year's talent.

After holding the training camp in Boise last year, Utah Jazz head coach Jerry Sloan was happy to return to the BSU campus.

"We've been here before and we liked this arena," Sloan said. "It's a comfortable place; the hotel we stay at, everything is fine here."

With seven rookies on the training camp roster fighting for a spot on the team, Sloan also wants to give his players a chance to focus on practice and on playing basketball.

"We wanted to get out of town a little bit," Sloan said. "We have a lot

of young guys and I think it is good for them to get away from Salt Lake, so they hopefully can concentrate on basketball."

Rookie Brian Chase was one of the biggest standouts in Friday's scrimmage. Chase had 13 points, two rebounds and five assists. The Washington D.C. native made a strong case for being on the team's season opening roster.

"We brought guys in that people said, they wouldn't have a chance," Sloan said. "A guy always has a chance when he works hard. It's hard to cut people that work hard every day. We saw that from (Chase) this summer (in summer league), when he sat on the bench, he never got into the game and we played other guys in front of him. The game might be about over, he went out there and did what he is supposed to do. He just went out and executed when he had an open shot; he's a very good shooter."

Another rookie on the team trying to find his way is Dee Brown. Brown

was a second round pick in the 2006 NBA Draft. He averaged 14.2 points in 33 games for the Illinois Fighting Illini in 2005. Brown said he liked coming back to a University setting at BSU.

"It's been fun just to come here and be able to play and enjoy the arena," Brown said. "(It allows me) to go to places I've never been. I've never been to Boise, so it's good to see it and it's good to see the people come out. I miss school. I miss college. I love college, so to be back on campus is pretty fun."

Brown is not the only player on the team who has never been to Boise. Derek Fisher, a 10-year NBA veteran made his first trip to the City of Trees for training camp this year.

"I haven't had a chance to travel to this part of the country before," Fisher said. "It's just beautiful; beautiful people and the landscape with the water and the trees. I was born and raised in Little Rock (Arkansas), so these kind of places hit home for me. It's a great campus. I wish that when I was in school, we could have had facilities like this. Everybody here on campus has been very gracious with their time and allowing us to come here and work. They made us feel welcome and at home, so it's been a good week."

Fisher, who had seven points and one assist in Friday's scrimmage, made the playoffs in all of his eight years with the Los Angeles Lakers. He won three consecutive NBA Championships with the team (2009-2002). After not making the post-season with the Golden State Warriors in the last couple of seasons, Fisher hopes he can help the Jazz recover from a 41-41 season in 2005 and go to the playoffs.

"I spent two years not making the post-season and it's not a lot of fun," Fisher said. "I love to compete on the biggest stage and I think we have the personnel and the talent to compete on that stage."

All-star forward Andrei Kirilenko sees Fisher as one of the most important additions to

this year's team.

"Everybody knows him in the league; everybody respects him," Kirilenko said. "He's a sharpshooter and a pretty good defender. We had some problems from the perimeter last year, especially when (Gordon) Giricek was out. With Fisher and Giricek back and C.J. Williams improving a lot, we will become a three point threat."

Kirilenko had 10 points and one assist in Friday's scrimmage. Other players that stood out were second-year guards Deron Williams, (18pts, 3reb, 2ass) and C.J. Miles (14pts, 2reb).

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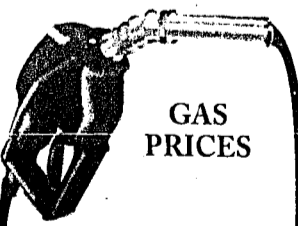
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BY DAVE MATHEWS  
Young Money Magazine

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get everyone together to chat. You will then need software to capture this audio.

Mac users can check out virtual audio cables like Audio Hijack Pro or Ecamm's Call Recorder while PC users can use PrettyMay.net or HotRecorder, some create a file that you can edit and others let you capture that audio directly into an editor.

3. For recording yourself with a microphone or editing your file, if you have a Mac the included software Garage Band is the place to start.

If you are on a PC, then Audacity is a free audio editing program that gives you an easy interface and recording time-line to tweak and cut a copy of your digital voice. Download it at <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>.

4. Once your audio file is edited and sounds great on your PC you will need to compress it into a format to make the file smaller to transfer. Now there are a lot of tricks and tweaks to this process but MP3 is the format of choice.

The thing to remember is that voice recordings can be output at or below 32kbps in mono to make the file smaller but music will sound better at that rate or higher in stereo.

After it is saved, you can right click on the file in the Windows Explorer interface and add descriptive tags under the properties field to name and explain your content.

5. Now you need to post the file

on the Internet where everyone can download it. To be a real Podcast, this has to be done via an automated process called Really Simple Syndication or RSS.

Even traditional blog and hosting sites like typepad.com or the annoyingly noisy godaddy.com can host your file and syndicate it.

If you want to host the media for free, check out ourmedia.org and talkshoe.com - but realize that you usually get what you pay for.

6. Once it is posted you need to get the word out that your content is available. Launch iTunes and submit your Podcast then hit up feedburner.com to publicize and tweak

your RSS feed.

Mac users can use a file called Feeder from Reinventedsoftware.com to automate the process of publishing and notifying the indexes.

There are many steps to building a Podcast and tons of tweaking that can be done along the way. Start out by creating short Podcasts then learning through trial and error for a few weeks before you start adding complexities such as Skype conferencing.

You may also want to add music clips at the beginning and end of the show to give it a more professional flair.

#### TIPS FOR A GREAT PODCAST

Share with others what you are passionate about. Let your love of aluminum foil balls, kittens or laser tag show through by speaking knowledgeably and with interest.

- Less is more. Don't rant on about nothing and change the subject when it gets stale.

- Saying "umm" frequently puts your listeners to sleep. Do not fall back on the use of crutch words.

- Editing is your friend. Use the software and timeline to cut your repetitive segments.

- Two's a party but ten is a crowd. Too many people chatting at once is confusing to the listeners.

- Scripted shows are boring but bullet points are a necessity. Think through the flow of your show.

## Answers to top student money questions: part 3

BY SANYIKA CALLOWAY BOYCE  
Young Money magazine

Thanks for taking me up on my offer to help you answer your questions about money, credit, debt, romance and finance and landing (or keeping) a job. For all of you who were courageous enough to ask your questions I applaud you and for those of you who still have questions that need answering I hope what follows will offer you some insight and direction.

#### MONEY

**Q. If I don't have any money, how do I start to save?**

**A.** Here's a challenge to get you to start small and allow your saving habit to grow along with your money.

Commit to saving all of your loose change for 30 days, as you break a dollar put the change aside and at the end of the day put all of it in a jar or bottle with a small neck that's hard to get your fingers into.

At the end of the 30 days take the jar to a CoinStar machine or some other change counter at the bank or grocery store; it'll spit out a receipt with the total of money you've accumulated.

Take the slip to the bank and

open a no-fee savings account (most banks offer them for students).

Starting small will allow you to build a habit of saving and once you see the money you're able to save with loose change you can commit to larger amounts.

Remember, it's not how much you save but that you start where you are and watch it grow.

#### ROMANCE & FINANCE

**Q. I'm thinking about getting married after college but my boyfriend/girlfriend is terrible with money, what should I do?**

**A.** RUN! OK, seriously -- opposites usually attract, but often the very thing that brought you together will drive you apart if you're not on the same page about how to handle it.

The tough part is that money is a touchy subject but if you're ready to make a big commitment such as marriage you have to be willing to discuss how you'll handle money and what steps you can take now to get in sync before waltzing down the aisle.

I'd suggest you both read, "Cents & Sensibility: How Couples Can Agree About Money" by Bethany and Scott Palmer.

It's a great way to get the dialog going and see how other couples have creatively coped with differ-

ences about handling money.

#### DREAM JOB

**Q. What should I do if I can't settle on a major that I really like?**

**A.** I can remember so much emphasis being put on choosing the right major that I switched mine three times before I "settled" on one.

The truth is a major is only really necessary if you're intent on becoming a lawyer, doctor, psychologist, or other highly specialized professional.

Have a plan for your college career, but be flexible enough to know that things don't always go according to plan.

So what if you're a business major and realize after three semesters that teaching is really what you have a love for? Then go for it.

I'm not suggesting that you switch your major every time the going gets tough; but what I do know, after having had more than five significant jobs before following my "calling," is that too many people choose majors for the money and stay in jobs they hate for all the wrong reasons. Forget the major—follow your heart.

Do you have a question for Sanyika? E-mail her at [questions@collegestudentusa.com](mailto:questions@collegestudentusa.com).

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"Rules are rules, he should have kept his credits up."	18

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# Micron Technology profit grows, stock tumbles

“What concerns us is that everything has gone right for Micron, and the company is still having difficulty generating much margin improvement.”

-Joe Osha,  
Merrill Lynch analyst

BY HARSH MANTRI  
Arbiter Staff

Micron Technology (NYSE:MU) shares slipped \$2.40 or 14 percent trading Friday as it came with fourth

quarter earnings report that fell short of analyst's expectations.

For Q4 2006, Micron earned a net income of \$64 million or 8 cents per diluted share on net sales of \$1.4 billion. Analysts polled by Thomson First Call expected earnings of 14

cents per share on net revenue of \$1.42 billion.

For the 2006 fiscal year, Micron earned net income of \$408 million or 57 cents per share on net sales of \$5.3 billion compared to net income of \$188 million or 29 cents a share on

net sales of \$4.9 billion for the 2005 fiscal year.

Micron's quarterly earnings disappointed Wall Street, which duly punished it. Shares of the semiconductor devices maker fell \$2.40 to \$15.14 chipping away at its robust gains this year including a 52-week high of \$18.65. Analysts appear divided at its future prospects.

Merrill Lynch cut the stock to neutral from buy, while American Technology Research downgraded the stock to sell from hold. Goldman Sachs reiterated its sell rating, and Citigroup cut its stock price-target to \$18.50 from \$20.50.

"Micron effectively executed its diversification strategy, resulting in strong performance for the year while strengthening its platform for future success" said Steve Appleton, chief executive officer and president, Micron Technology.

Micron has diversified its portfolio to include NAND flash memory, complementary metal oxide semiconductor (CMOS) image sensors to reduce its dependence on dynamic random access memory (DRAM) market. Micron started selling NAND flash memory around a year and half ago and recently acquired Lexar Media, Inc.

California-based leading manufacturer of NAND flash memory products like memory cards, USB

flash drives and card readers to strengthen its presence in the highly competitive flash memory market.

Irregular DRAM prices have hurt the company's sales in recent years mainly because of the fluctuations in the DRAM market.

According to some analysts Micron's diversification may have actually hurt its profits, as now it is not in a position to get enough profits from a DRAM market recovery.

Analysts also predicted a DRAM recovery mainly attributed to Microsoft releasing their new operating system, Vista in January of next year.

In previous years DRAM contributed to 90% of Micron's net revenue. In recent years with the diversification efforts, Micron has reduced its dependence on DRAM and has begun to realize profits from its NAND flash and CMOS image sensors.

DRAM sales only contributed to 50 percent of fourth quarter income.

According to press release from the company, in fiscal 2006, Micron began to realize benefits from its diversification strategy, especially with its CMOS image sensors.

Micron is now the world's leading provider of CMOS image sensors and it has doubled its sales of imaging products from fiscal year 2005 to fiscal year 2006.

Micron's sales of DDR and DDR2 memory products increased though only slightly for this quarter as compared to the third quarter.

Sales of its NAND flash memory also rose in the quarter.

"What concerns us is that everything has gone right for Micron, and the company is still having difficulty generating much margin improvement," said Merrill Lynch analyst Joe Osha. "If Micron can't blow out earnings in an environment like this, when can it?" he said in a note to investors.

Boise based semiconductor devices and memory chipmaker's spent \$45 million settling a outstanding NAND flash memory lawsuits with Toshiba, Inc. and its \$20 million acquisition of Lexar Media, Inc. also affected its income, company officials said in a statement.

This is the third straight year in a row that Micron has made money.

It has also for the first time since 1997 gone profitable for three straight years, Micron spokesman Dan Francisco said.

At the end of the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2006, Micron had \$3.1 billion in cash and short-term investments.

It also anticipates capital expenditures for fiscal year 2007 to be approximately \$4 billion.

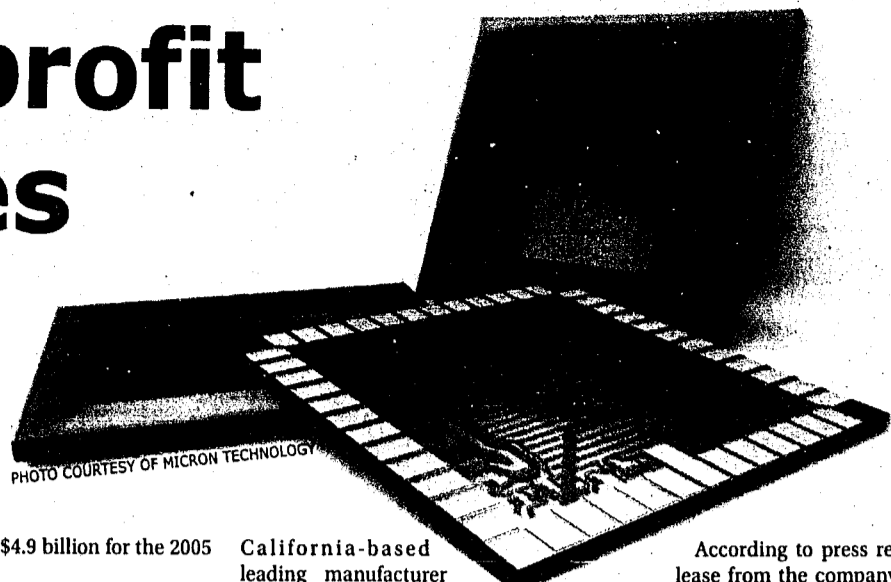


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**Web site of the week: Start There Go Places**

BY ERIC GOODWIN  
McClatchy-Tribune

You'll find scholarship and internship information on the site as well. Start Here Go Places proves that accountants do more than count money—there's more to the profession than meets the eye.

Raise your hand if you associate "exciting" and "visionary" with the world of accounting. Anyone? Sponsored by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Web site Start Here Go Places (<http://www.startheregoplaces.com>) aims to show there's more to accounting than preparing tax returns.

The site explores some of the career options available to certified accountants. Some will surprise you. For example, are you intrigued by the glitz and glam of the entertainment industry? CPAs play a vital role in managing the finances and investments of celebrities.

Start Here Go Places features an interview with Derek Ferguson, chief financial officer of Bad Boy Entertainment, whose job perks include attending album parties and fashion shows. Not a bad gig, eh? The site also features games that highlight some necessary accountant skills. In "The Case of the California Con" you play a forensic accountant (who knew?!).

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**Sudoku** By Michael Mepham

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Level: **1 2 3 4**

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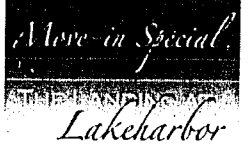
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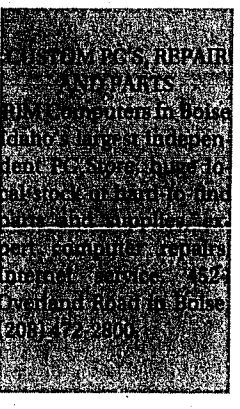
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**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** Today is a 6 - You want to provide what others want, of course. That's one way you succeed. Don't do it at a loss, however. That's ridiculous.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** Today is a 7 - An older person can help you sort the wheat from the chaff. Find out what's real and what isn't, before you make your choice.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Today is a 7 - You're starting to think of new projects you've never considered before. Find some private time, in a peaceful place, to ponder.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Today is a 7 - Get as much done as you can now, while you're in the mood. Even prepare food for next week, so you won't have to do that later.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Today is an 8 - Enjoy yourself, even though you can't afford everything your family wants to buy. Not a good time to gamble, either.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Today is a 5 - It's hard to get everyone to agree. In fact, it's not possible yet. Let them express their opinions for at least another day, without comment.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** Today is a 7 - Your confidence convinces others that you must be right. They might still have a few arguments, but those battles are easily won.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Today is a 7 - Caution is advised, but don't let it go at that. Figure out what you'll need and set it aside, so you'll have it later.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** Today is an 8 - Keep doing what you're supposed to be doing. Try not to draw attention. You have a deadline to meet, and there will be complications.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Today is a 6 - Don't expect to convince people without good reasons. And you may also have to apply some pressure.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** Today is a 6 - You'll be able to concentrate more intensely for a while, so study your financial situation. You might as well get rich.

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