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View the online slideshow of Hadley Rush's mummification process she underwent receiving an Energizing Body Wrap.

WEATHER



FRIDAY
High: 61F / Low 37F



SATURDAY
High: 58F / Low 37F



SUNDAY
High: 62F / Low 41F

ON CAMPUS

FRIDAY
MFA Reading Series. Student Union Lookout Room. 7:30 p.m. Author Joan Frank will speak. She is the author of "Miss Kansas City," which won the 2006 Michigan Literary Fiction Award. Her stories and essays have appeared in the Antioch Review, the Baltimore Review and more. The MFA Reading Series brings nationally known authors and poets to Boise State University.

SATURDAY
Armchair Football. Student Union Brava! Stage. 2 p.m. Watch the Broncos play University of Idaho on a big screen and enjoy free food and prizes.

Athletics budgets for growth, builds a winning tradition

Uniforms, helmets, road trips, equipment, trainers and staff, coaches and assistants, recruiting, spirit squads, memberships and dues, bowl games, marketing promotion, meal tickets, books and student aid = \$17,241,930.

Being able to pay for 70 percent of it yourself, priceless.

You can't really put a monetary value on a winning football program - a winning Intercollegiate Athletics Department is nearly impossible.

You can see the ticket sales and suppose the return investment in contributions from the alumni, but there is no budget line decrying, "this is what you get when you win games."

Check out the numbers below.

"The more successful we are, the more funds we can generate," Boise State Athletics Director Gene Bleymaier said. "The more we generate, the more we can put into our program and the more successful we can be."

It's an age-old question, what came first - the Bronco or the Blue?

Either way, they're both here and both are thriving.

"Athletics is a window to the university," Bleymaier said. "It can be positive and beneficial to campus life. It establishes an

esprit de corps in students. It activates student, school spirit. It also provides alumni and community members the opportunity to take pride in the university. All you have to do is be here on a Saturday to see what athletics does for the community."

But athletics is not just about sports. It is about giving opportunities and education to athletes.

"I think athletics can be an integral part of the overall collegiate experience," BSU President Bob Kustra said. "Athletics can be a source of school spirit, a point of community pride and a bond to your alma mater after graduation. We are fortunate to have a first-class athletic program at Boise State. Our student-athletes excel in the classroom with above-average GPAs and on the field of play, winning the Commissioner's Cup for best all-around program in the WAC last year."

The program has a cause/effect relationship with the university.

Revenue and expenditures

Of the \$17 million-plus expenditures, large chunks come from ticket sales (\$3,482,430) and contributions from members of the Boise athletic community and the Bronco Athletic Association (\$2,599,233).

athletic department. The athletic department's budget is \$17.2 million, which is 1.5 percent of the university's total budget.

The Bronco Athletic Association, which was founded in 1933, is the largest contributor to the athletic department's budget. The association's revenue comes from membership dues, which range from \$10 to \$50 per year. The association also sponsors various athletic events and provides financial support for the athletic department. The department also receives revenue from ticket sales, which are a significant portion of the budget. The department's revenue is used to cover the costs of equipment, travel, and other expenses. The department's budget is a testament to the support of the Boise athletic community and the Bronco Athletic Association.

The department uses its marketing campaign and sponsors (COCA-COLA, Taco Bell, the Northwest Dodge Dealers, US Bank and Verizon Wireless) to reel in a projected \$1,825,814 in royalties, advertisements and sponsorships.

Every time you buy a Bronco T-shirt, sweater, winter coat, hat, ball, scarf, banner - anything with the team's logo attached - the department gets a cut.

The program expects to take in \$403,245

in revenue from the athletic department.

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"BSU students do give part of their tuition to the athletics programs. This fiscal year, we actually were asked to pay an increase in student fees to Intercollegiate Athletics. The program asked for a \$5 increase in funds from every student on campus, but only got a \$3 raise."

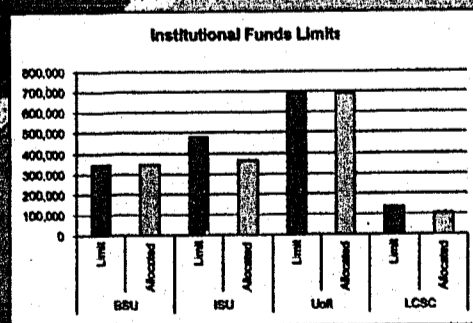
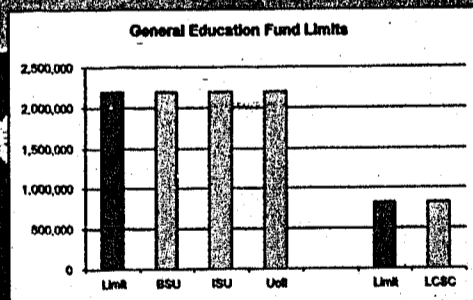
"When we go to students, all that does is keep us even," Bleymaier said.

Overall, every semester you pay a \$93 full-time fee or a \$5 part-time fee to assist in the budgetary planning of the department. You pay a total of \$2,077 per semester in tuition.

Last spring, when the BSU athletic director came to the Associated Students of Boise State University to ask for a raise in funding, he said that the raise was only required to keep pace with inflation, that the department needed just a little bit more to

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The bar graph on the left shows the amount of funding available to athletic departments at Idaho universities. The three major universities in Idaho all receive equal general education funding, but BSU is allocated fewer institutional funds. The graph on the right shows how small a percentage of the BSU budget goes to the athletic department.



Egg harvesters solicit students for donations

BY RYAN RASMUSSEN
News Writer

Female college students are now faced with new money-making possibilities and chances to impact complete strangers' lives. The new cash-driven medical procedure, called 'egg donation,' has controversy written all over it.

The Department of Health in New York describes egg donation as a treatment option for women who do not produce enough normal eggs but are otherwise able to become pregnant. Some women opt for this treatment because they have malfunctioning ovaries or have entered menopause at an early age.

Clinics conducting egg donation have profiles of women usually be-

tween the ages 19 and 30. "It's a great thing for infertile couples," Dr. Vincent J. Serio III of the Boise State Health and Wellness Center said. "More and more people are waiting and putting off pregnancy for school or careers, and after age 30 fertility drops off."

Profiles contain a picture and detailed information about the donors, ranging from psychological analysis to detailed family history. If the recipients are looking for certain genetic traits, similar to those of the mother such as blonde hair or green eyes, they can choose a donor that fits the specific criteria.

"Adoption is really great - I wish more people would look into it," BSU student Jessica Martin said. Martin is part of the Organization

for Gender Equality in Education (OGEE). The OGEE agrees egg donation is an interesting subject with pros and cons on both sides of the issue. Recruiters go searching for potential donors for clinics. Scouts usually look for females in college that fit a certain ethnic profile and level of attractiveness.

The thought of 19 and 20 year-old women recruited for egg donation has had some negative reactions.

"I think it's a little troubling ... it's fine to put the information out there, but it's a little manipulative," Martin said.

Donors, on average, are paid \$3,000 - \$5,000 for their first time with all expenses paid for by the couple seeking the donation.

The procedure entails a thorough

psychological evaluation, blood tests and heavy questionnaires about personal and family history. Donors are required to sign a binding contract drawn up by a lawyer. The donor then takes hormones via injection into the abdomen and buttocks over the course of a month. These hormone injections cause the ovaries to produce a larger quantity of eggs. Donors attend weekly medical visits to ensure all is going according to plan. When time has come to harvest the eggs, a medical procedure is performed. Each procedure requires the donor to be put under with anesthesia. The eggs are extracted through a needle. Between 15 and 30 eggs can be extracted at one time.

During the treatment period, re-

strictions are placed on the donor. Former donor and BSU student Amber Twiford gave insight and opinion on the procedure.

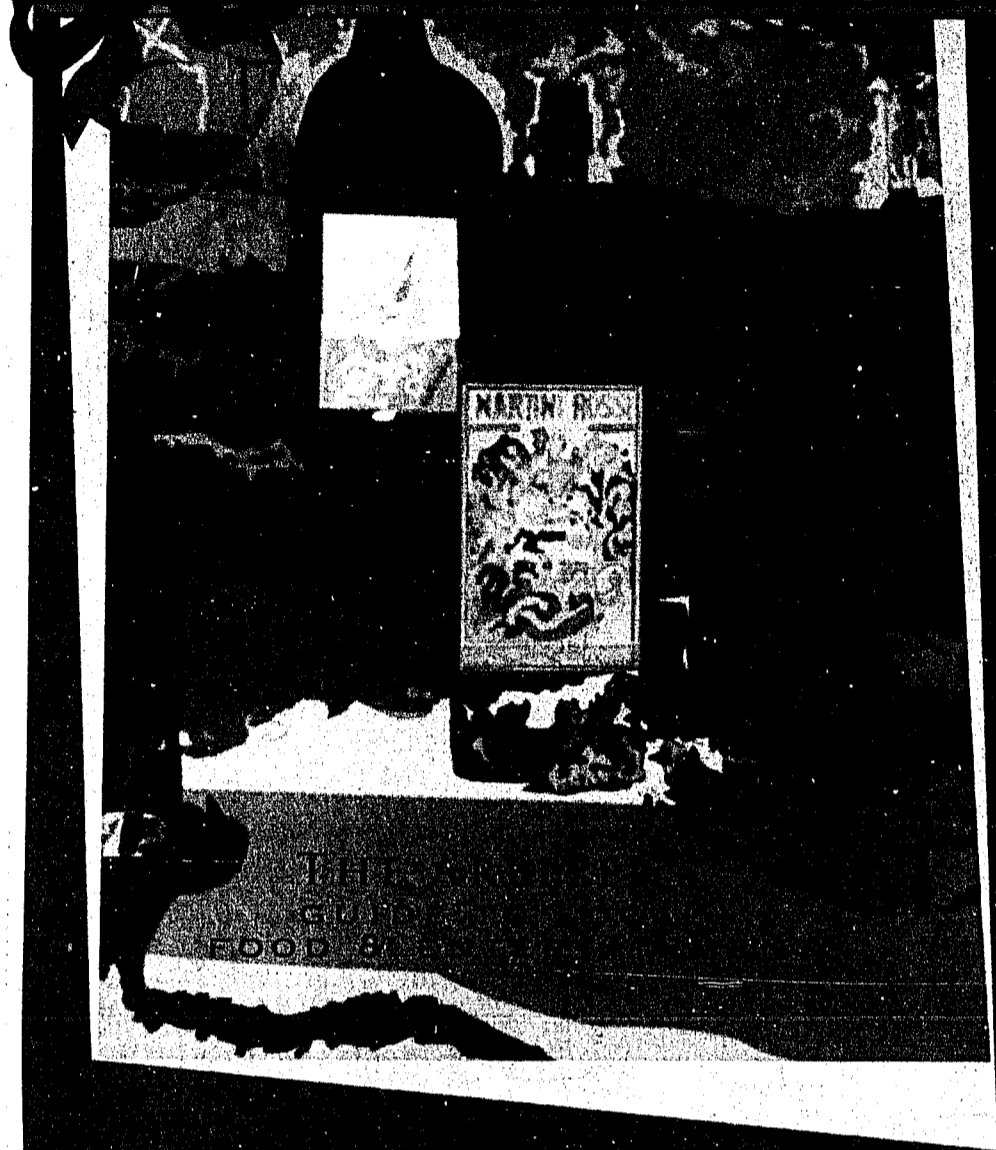
"It let me experience what to expect when you are pregnant, with all the precautions you have to take," Twiford said. "You can't exercise, can't swim. I couldn't wear certain clothes, couldn't have sex and couldn't take any medicine that will harm your eggs. I took a lot of hormones and prenatal pills. You actually feel it toward the end. Because the medication inflates you around your ovaries to help protect your eggs."

Twiford mentioned that for a period of time after the procedure she

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THE HEADLINES

NATIONAL

Bush signs bill on detainee interrogation

President Bush signed legislation Tuesday, Oct. 17 establishing new rules for interrogating and trying suspected terrorists, but the fight over how to deal with detainees is far from over.

The new law is already under attack in court, and no one is likely to be brought to trial under the new rules anytime soon.

Even some lawmakers who voted for the legislation questioned its constitutionality.

Although the law's future is uncertain, critics and supporters agreed that its enactment marks a major shift in the nation's approach to terrorism and some legal principles. Programs that Bush launched in secret now have the full support of Congress.

The Military Commissions Act of 2006 clears the way for the CIA to resume aggressive interrogations in secret prisons and denies suspected terrorists the right to challenge their detentions in civilian courts. It also permits the use of evidence obtained through coercion and lets the president draw the line between acceptable interrogation techniques and impermissible torture.

While Bush hailed the legislation as a potent weapon against terrorists, critics called it a stain on America's reputation as a champion of human rights and civil liberties.

"It is a rare occasion when a president can sign a bill he knows will save American lives," Bush said at a crowded White House signing ceremony. Shortly after Bush signed the legislation, CIA Director Michael Hayden told agency employees that the law "ensures that we can detain and interrogate key terrorist figures" without fear of prosecution for war crimes.

The American Civil Liberties Union called the new law unconstitutional, un-American and "one of the worst civil liberties measures ever enacted." Most of the provisions in the law apply only to non-citizens who have been declared "unlawful enemy combatants."

"The president can now - with the approval of Congress - indefinitely hold people without charge, take away protections against horrific abuse, put people on trial based on hearsay evidence, authorize trials that can sentence people to death based on testimony literally beaten out of witnesses and slam shut the courthouse door for habeas petitions (challenging the detentions)," said Anthony Romero, ACLU's executive director.

LOCAL/BSU

Eight-car pileup kills Treasure Valley woman

A violent chain-reaction crash involving eight vehicles in the pre-dawn hours Monday, Oct. 16 took the life of a Boise woman.

Deborah Mae Neilsen, 50, was struck by another vehicle after she got out of her vehicle and was standing along the interstate near the Broadway Ave. exit.

Idaho State Police investigators said the driver of a pickup had been towing another vehicle with a tow chain in the westbound lanes of I-84 at about 5:50 a.m.

The towed vehicle also had a utility trailer behind it - and troopers said it could not be seen by other drivers on the dark freeway.

"The towed combination was not lighted and thus was not clearly visible in the pre-dawn hours," ISP Spokesman Rick Ohnsman said.

"The driver of a large commercial vehicle did not see the towed vehicles and crashed into them."

After that crash, other vehicles - including tractor-trailer rigs and passenger cars - careened into the wreckage from the initial crash.

Neilsen had gotten out of one of the vehicles involved in the fray and was standing along I-84 when oncoming cars were not able to stop in time to avoid the first crash and the subsequent pileup occurred.

Ohnsman said Neilsen was

struck by one of the vehicles involved in the chain reaction and died at the scene.

Even though eight vehicles were involved in the accident, no other injuries were reported.

Westbound freeway traffic was diverted off at Gowen Rd. while officers from ISP, the Boise Police Department and crews from the Idaho Transportation Department responded to the scene and coordinated removal of the wrecked vehicles.

Normal traffic was not restored until nearly six hours later - at about 11:30 a.m.

Idaho State Police officers were still investigating the series of events late Oct. 16 and no citations had yet been issued.

Courtesy Idaho Press Tribune

WHAT THE?

Nice look, and functional

A 24 year-old woman, involved in a violent car crash in Ruse, Bulgaria, was saved from serious injury by her massive breasts that had been expanded to size 40DD by means of silicone implants. A police spokesman said, "They worked just like airbags."

Uh Chief, the guy seems to be sniffing himself a lot

A drunk driver in Middlesbrough, England, was sentenced to home confinement and fitted with an electronic ankle bracelet to monitor his movements and make sure he stayed there. He cut off the bracelet, put it on his dog and went out drinking with his friends.

My pants? Funny story...

After engaging the services of a prostitute one evening, a Florida man refused to pay up. The woman stole his pants.

Police later arrested the man for indecent exposure.

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SAT. 11-4 BIG EASY

PEPSI CONCERT CALENDAR
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QUEENSRYCHE	WED 10-18
CLUB U	WED 10-18
THE FOLD	THU 10-19
JUPITER HOLIDAY	FRI 10-20
SWITCHFOOT	SAT 10-21
CLUB SIN	SAT 10-21
CLUB U	WED 10-25
LYRICS BORN	THU 10-26
SILVERSTEIN	SAT 10-28
CLUB SIN	SAT 10-28
HINDER	SOLD OUT MON 10-30
EODM/SUGARCULT	TUE 10-31
CLUB U	WED 11-1
ARI HEST	SAT 11-4
GWAR	SUN 11-5
ANATHALLO	MON 11-6
REEL BIG FISH	TUE 11-7
ULTIMATECAGE FIGHTING	THU 11-9
BOB SCHNEIDER	SUN 11-12
FROM FIRST TO LAST	MON 11-13
NORMA JEAN	TUE 11-14
KILL HENRY SUGAR	THU 11-16
ZEBRAHEAD	FRI 11-17
RAY LAMONTAGNE	SAT 11-18
ONESIDEZERO	WED 11-22
KILLSWITCH ENGAGE	SAT 11-25
LEMONHEADS	THU 11-30
OVERCOME BENEFIT	SUN 12-2
SPITALFIELD	SUN 12-3
SENSES FAIL	SUN 12-10
REVEREND HORTON HEAT	THU 1-11

WAVES
SUN. 11-5 BIG EASY

SATURDAYS AT THE BIG EASY
ITS A HELL OF A TIME
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Non-newsworthy news



Close encounters

BY CHAD MENDENHALL
News Editor

UFO sightings, strange lights or unexplained phenomena may seem a farce on a collegiate campus, but the millions of people that listen to the "Coast to Coast" AM radio station with George Norry might argue the contrary.

The "National UFO Reporting Center" has a database with more than 27,000 UFO sightings listed in just the past ten years.

One of the first UFO reports appeared in a London paper in 1762 where there appeared "a bright light in the form of a straight line eight moon-diameters long, one diameter wide."

The first documented UFO encounter in the Pacific Northwest happened in 1893 when a number of fisherman said they were awakened late in the evening by a peculiar craft that they described as an "electric monster."

In World War II both allied and axis pilots observed eccentric lights that demonstrated aerial maneuvers that had never before been witnessed. At the time, both sides thought the lights were secret weapons, but it was later learned that neither the axis nor allied powers had the technology sufficient to account for such sightings.

Colonel L. Gordon Cooper, a Mercury and Gemini astronaut said he had both seen and chased UFOs over Germany in the 1950s.

Many people believe the Bible narrates numerous past and future alien encounters:

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Revelation 16: 13-14).

Riery clouds in heaven, Satan's reptilian race, the star that stood over the baby Jesus and the Tower of Babel that may have attracted beings from other worlds all point to alien communication with Earth, to many enthusiasts.

A strange phenomenon took place in the early morning hours of Oct. 16, 1957 that would forever change the way people view the extraterrestrial argument.

Antonio Villas Boas, a farmer in Brazil, was minding his own business attending his crops when he saw what he explained as a descending red star.

As the star approached, it became apparent it was an egg-shaped vessel.

Boas said the craft landed in his field, where three five-foot beings came forward and forced him inside.

While inside the vessel, Boas was probed, examined, stripped of his clothing and seduced by one of the female "humanoid" abductors.

This encounter is the first-ever reported alien abduction.

Other UFO sightings had been reported prior to Boas' experience, but his was the first abduction.

A 2002 "Roper Poll," prepared for the "SCI FI" channel revealed that 2.9 million Americans say they have experienced events that would constitute an alien abduction.

According to the poll, one in five Americans believe that abductions have taken place and more than half of the public think that UFOs are authentic, while 48 percent believe UFOs have visited Earth in some form.

Finally, one in seven Americans said they or someone they know has experienced at least one "close encounter."

Before October 1957 people merely experienced alien phenomena by observing lights, disks and crafts in the skies, but Boas' experience elevated the playing field from observation to abduction.

VSB adjusts budget to compensate for mistakes

BY JESSICA WIGLEY
News Writer

Boise State's Volunteer Services Board ended the 2005-06 year in the red. Due to an overspending of the allocated monies through student fees, the program had to take out a \$10,000 loan from the Student Union Board of Governors.

Many expenditures from advertising and other expenses were posted to PeopleSoft, BSU's accounting service, late in the semester. These expenditures contributed to the over-draft, according to Taylor Newbold, former VSB Director.

"PeopleSoft is not to blame, but rather the timing of bills being posted, many in a small amount of time that amounted to a large amount deducted from the account," Newbold said.

Newbold served as VSB director for the 2005-2006 school year. He was provided monthly statements of expenditures from the Student Union Business Office and in turn

was required to provide receipts to office for accounting purposes.

Although VSB has been provided approximately the same budget each year, Newbold said he had been informed in April that VSB had a surplus of funds. This miscommunication led to the overdraft that the current VSB director, Maria Rollins, is responsible for repaying and adjusting in this year's budget.

When establishing a revised budget for the 2006-2007 school year, Rollins figured the repayment of the loan into the budget by making cuts and increasing fundraising.

A new internal accounting system was also established by VSB. It is currently conducting the trial run by tracking expenses using a financial tracking system similar to a checkbook.

"Every member of VSB is required to submit their expense reports after every event," Rollins said. "That way they know how much they have in their budget."

The event coordinators are al-

lowed to use the VSB account on campus. If outside vendors are needed, the VSB must approve the expense and use of the P-card, a credit card used for off-campus expenses. There is not currently a treasurer or single staff member who is responsible for the entire budget. Each of the six coordinators are accountable for their spending, and event budgets vary in amount.

The VSB eliminated the assistant director position to reduce administrative costs. Funding for events was reduced. According to Rollins, small amounts were deducted from the various events to supplement costs to repay the loan. Simultaneously, the six VSB event coordinators are continuously fundraising.

"[The coordinators] are going to be helping fundraise about \$500 per event and then will be distributed to different events when needed," Rollins said.

According to Rollins, the only event cut out of the budget completely is the Angel Tree project.

That executive decision was made by the Volunteer Services Board as a result of lack of involvement last year. Rollins said there are many other places in the valley that promote Angel Tree, so VSB decided not to participate this year.

All of the other events VSB participated in last year are scheduled

again for this year. A recruiting event was added, but has not been funded yet. VSB is also working with campus departments and other organizations to provide volunteer work for donations in return. United Way and BSU Service learning are among the organizations that have contributed monies thus far.

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ASBSU passes zero legislation

BY BARRY FRANKLIN
News Writer

The Associated Students of Boise State University still have not passed any legislation as of Tuesday. ASBSU will have a booth set up to raise funds for Amber Howard, a Boise State employee for more than three years and Senator Katie Jo Rupert has been appointed as the assistant Pro Tem. No legislation was brought to the table for first or second reading Tuesday for ASBSU senators to vote on. To date, ASBSU has only sent two pieces of legislation to a second reading and passed nothing.

ASBSU Senators Cyndi Blue and Jennifer Stolley, in conjunction with

ASBSU as a whole and Boise State students are trying to raise money for Amber Howard's family.

Blue circulated a memorandum to all present at the meeting Tuesday calling for ASBSU and Boise State students to "show that Broncos care."

The booth will be set up in the quad located between the Administration Building, the Business Building and the Math and Geosciences Building Oct. 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

According to Blue, Howard's husband was killed in a motorcycle accident Sept. 11, 2006. Howard was the administrative assistant for ASBSU.

"There will be a sympathy

card there for everyone to sign. Please come and show your support of a fellow Bronco," read the memorandum.

Senate Pro Tem Amy Ortman announced Senator Katie Jo Rupert's appointment to assistant Pro Tem Tuesday.

ASBSU senators voted to cancel their meeting Thursday Oct. 19 because they will all attend a training function in the Lookout Room located in the Student Union Building at 4 p.m. Oct. 19. The meeting is expected to last two hours.

Ortmann challenged all senators to come up with some good ideas for projects that ASBSU can discuss during training Thursday.

Eggs [from page 1]

experienced some abdominal pain but had no other side effects.

The after effects of putting one's body through this type of treatment remain solid counterarguments against egg donation.

While women can donate several times, Twiford did it only once and would not do it again, because she became aware of the physical effects on her body.

"I've seen some heart-breaking things in my 20 years of practice," Dr. Jeffery Welker of Boise Valley Sports Medicine said. "I've seen women suffer a variety of problems and some do really well after these donations."

Vanessa Cardiel, a student at the College of Southern Idaho, was approached by one of the scouting agencies for the egg donation process as the recruiter asked her to meet at a local coffee shop to explain egg donation process and requirements for donation.

"I've really thought about it," Cardiel said. "It's a way to make some quick money and help people, but I want to wait a few more years 'till I'm more sure of me. I mean I'm only 19, I have a lot more to learn about myself."

"I really didn't want her to do it," Rose Cardiel, Vanessa's mother, said. "Mainly because these are my grand-babies in a sense that will be walking around that I

will never know." Dr. Welker said he likes to present his patients who are considering this procedure with the facts and encourages them to research it before jumping in.

"The majority of women, after doing more research, decide not to do it," Dr. Welker said. "It also goes into ethics, as well as a spiritual side. The donor will feel a loss, much like when one loses a family member or a female has an abortion. They still feel that loss and that can be hard. I've been there, paying for school. Every dime helps, and I understand... I've seen women devastated both physically and spiritually."

"I talked to my mom about it and really gave it a lot of thought," Twiford said.

Twiford said she would advise women who are considering egg donation to understand what they are getting into.

"Egg donation is really kind of a last resort for couples, but may be coming up sooner due to time restraints," Serio said. "It's a really good thing overall... people that I know, it has been a blessing for them."

"You are helping people who can't have children, it's easier to do it through egg donation, than for the women to under go in vitro, because the reason they are doing this in the first place is that the woman has difficulty getting pregnant on her own," Twiford said.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE DONATED EGGS?

- No embryos may be formed. This may be due to a sperm problem, the condition of the eggs or a problem in the laboratory. Immature or unfertilized eggs can be discarded as medical waste or used in research.
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- The recipient may become pregnant with more than one fetus. She and her doctor will decide how many embryos to transfer at one time. Pregnancies involving two or more fetuses are at higher risk of various complications, including miscarriage, premature birth and infant death. If the recipient becomes pregnant with a dangerously high number of fetuses, she may choose to undergo multifetal pregnancy reduction. In this procedure, a lethal chemical is injected into one or more fetuses to lower the number that continue to develop and decrease the risk that the entire pregnancy will be lost or end prematurely.
- More embryos may develop in the laboratory than can safely be transferred to the woman's uterus. The remaining embryos may be frozen and kept in storage for later use. You cannot be certain when a genetic child of yours may be born - it could be nine months, or even years after your donation.
- The eggs may go to more than one recipient. One or more women may conceive using your eggs, even years from now. Genetic pregnancies may occur.
- The recipient's consent may have to be obtained if embryos are transferred to another woman.



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Lab technician Alisha Scott fills a container with liquid nitrogen that will be used to store human eggs.

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Medical Researchers Evaluating Investigational Flu Vaccine

What do you know about the flu? According to the Centers for Disease Control, between 6% and 20% of Americans are affected by the flu each year. But you can lessen your chance of getting the flu with an annual flu vaccine. In an effort to ensure that flu shots will continue to be widely available in the coming years, local doctors are evaluating an investigational flu vaccine as part of a medical research study.

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balance its budget. That budget is balanced - not a penny is unaccounted for.

Bleymaier said that the department needs to raise about \$250,000 each year just to keep up with rising costs, such as tuition for athletes, travel and inflation.

"It's been a challenge for us," Bleymaier said. "We look at all our sources. We're not off-loading this on students. Most of the money comes from elsewhere."

As a student body, we are expected to give athletics \$2,510,052 this fiscal year. Our tuition pays about 13 percent of the overall budget.

Another large piece of the athletic pie comes from the university. The Idaho State Board of Education takes into account the amount of money each program in the state creates through revenue and then limits the amount each school can give to its athletics programs. This is done to ensure that each state university does not overspend its athletics budgets and lower the overall learning experience of attending college.

"(The state board's) first concern is that (the athletics budget) doesn't negatively affect university finances," Boise State Vice President of Finance and Administration Stacy M. Pearson said. "I view (athletics) as an asset to the university ... how

it competes with academics." Boise State chooses to give the maximum \$2,201,052 to the department. The BSU administration also gives a maximum of \$344,500 in direct institutional support.

That funding goes directly to paying coaches' salaries.

"At minimum, to have a sport you must have a coach," Pearson said. The rest of the program costs must come from elsewhere.

Because the amount allocated to athletics is regulated by the state board, the Athletics Department is forced to work with the administration.

The program could encounter problems if the football team (the athletic department's main source of revenue) goes into a winning drought. Should that occur, the regulations would still be in place, revenue would be lower, the team could have a large budget deficit and would have to cut programs.

"We're more dependent on winning than (other Idaho universities) are," Bleymaier said, "so we're more at risk."

Check out the graph to the right to see the disparagement in institutional funds allocated to Idaho universities.

Even though the football program is a winner, it cannot overrule administrative decisions.

"In a lot of schools athletics is king," Pearson said. "The (athletic director) can do whatever he wants, but we (at Boise State) work together ... our primary focus needs to be on academics."

Complying with Title IX

Athletics will also receive \$467,872 in FY-07 to help create more women's sports programs at BSU to create gender equality at the institution. The athletics department is not yet in compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972. The act states a prohibition against discrimination on the basis of sex.

There must either be a gender proportionality (percentage of female athletes at a given school must be the same percentage of female students enrolled in the school as a whole) or a continuing history of a program's attempts to comply with the underrepresented sex. About 54 percent of Boise State Students are female, but with the large number of male athletes on the football team, there is a disparity between male and female athletes.

The BSU intercollegiate athletic department has 345 student athletes. 195 are male (57 percent) and 150 are female (43 percent). 210 of those students have full scholarships, Bleymaier said.

According to the law, Boise State must add a women's sport to its program every five years. The department will add softball in 2008, and has added swimming and diving this season to work on its compliance. The ski team was disbanded. Skiing is a co-educational sport and, because BSU only had a female team, it could never win an event or a championship. Bleymaier said that fact was lauded against BSU when recruiting prospective skiers.

The swimming team can use the facilities in the Kinesiology Building or at the West YMCA. The university will need to build a softball field.

"It's going to be hard for us," Bleymaier said.

Footing the bill

The problem is that many of the women's sports at Boise State (and many of the men's sports) simply do not generate revenue - most of the sports actually lose money.

Men's tennis and golf generate zero revenue.

Women's soccer, golf, tennis, softball, skiing, swimming and diving don't generate any revenue. Few of the teams make money through ticket sales and endorsements.

The track and field and cross country teams (men's and women's) generate \$2,936 combined.

Women's gymnastics and men's wrestling generate a healthy sum, much of which is created when the two sports team up each winter for the Beauty and the Beast event. Gymnastics generates \$6,524 and wrestling generates \$2,446.

Women's basketball is set to add \$12,650 in FY-07.

All above-listed sports generate a total of \$24,556.

Men's basketball, which went 14-15 last season, generated \$510,230 - all through ticket sales.

Not surprisingly, the Bronco football team is the bread-winner, bringing in an expected \$3,354,512 in FY-07. Most of that funding comes from ticket sales at Boise State home games. Another \$300,000 comes from game guarantees. Game guarantees are monies given to visiting teams, in essence paying them for making the trip. This season, the Broncos expect to get paid more than they have to give out in guarantees. Bleymaier said it is rare for any other sport besides football to make a profit off of the guarantees.

The football team may also earn extra revenue depending on which bowl game it goes to. The bigger the game, the more money in guarantees the department will earn.

The team became bowl eligible when it won its sixth game of the season.

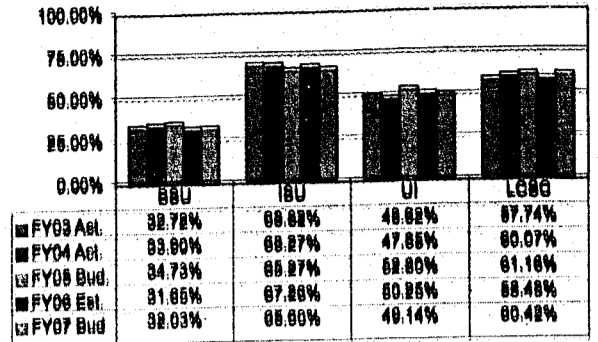
"Football supports the rest of the sports," Pearson said. "If you want to have a vibrant intercollegiate environment, you have to have more than football."

Pearson added that the home football schedule greatly determines the ticket sale revenue. If the Broncos don't have big home games, they may not sell-out and hence might not reach the maximum revenue for ticket sales. With new NCAA rules allowing 12-game seasons, the Broncos are now guaranteed to have six home games. In years past, they may have only had five games on the Blue.

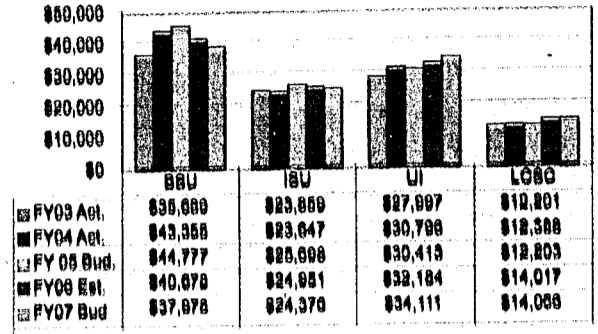
Also, it can be discerned that winning teams put fans in the seats. Fans buy tickets, and that money funds the team. In essence, the fans really are giving back to the team simply by coming to the game and cheering on the Broncos.

"If we didn't have a winning football team, we wouldn't make as much money," Bleymaier said.

Reliance on Student Fees and State and Institution Support



Expenditures per Participant



* FY 2006 Actuals not available due to change in report format under NCAA guidelines
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Because Boise State creates more revenue from its athletics program, it is less reliable on student fees and state support to finance the athletic teams.

University growth and the athletics correlation

There is no way to prove that there is a correlation between the intense growth at Boise State University and the success of its football team.

"Is there a direct correlation? Who knows?" Pearson said. "Social life impacts academics. Students are looking for that idea, to round out campus involvement."

The football team has been termed as a 'window' to the university.

"A highly-rated football program brings unprecedented exposure and positive publicity through the national media that is incalculable," Kustra said. "The newfound attention raises the profile of the university and helps people discover there is more to cheer about than touchdowns. Prospective students, parents, faculty, staff and donors are introduced to Boise State through football, and then we have the opportunity to tell them about our academics, research and campus life. As we often say, excellence at Boise State extends beyond the Blue."

Every time the team gets television coverage, especially on the national level, the face of the university is displayed in living color.

"It just makes people know about Boise State," Pearson said. "It can attract students. I would never say it's the only thing that attracts them."

Prospective students and student athletes can see the Blue. They can see the intensity of the crowds and they may ask themselves: "Is this a place I want to go to college?"

Boise State is the fastest-growing university in Idaho. It is now the largest school in the state with almost 19,000 students. But there is no way to say if that is solely because of the winning football program.

"The hope they (students) look beyond athletics," Pearson said. "People do. What's important to you? What do you want to study? It is also the vibrancy of campus life, being so close to downtown Boise,

Bogus Basin and the Boise River.

The university is nestled along the river. Downtown is a 10-minute walk. Bogus Basin is a ski resort a mere half hour drive up the mountain.

Besides all the extra-curricular education at BSU, there is a heavy need to offer a high-quality curriculum as well.

"Amid the excitement of a successful season," we never forget that our core purpose is to educate the leaders of tomorrow," Kustra said. "We work every day on making this university a better place to learn and discover. We recruit great faculty. We enroll the highest academically qualified student body among public institutions in Idaho. We have nationally ranked undergraduate programs, and we are adding graduate programs to meet the needs of the state and the communities we serve. We involve our students in more than 200 student organizations for campus involvement. We're building state-of-the-art classrooms for the digital era, such as our new Interactive Learning Center. Our commitment to student success is foremost in our mission as a public university."

Students need more than football - they need an education. They need to work to gain sustenance.

"More and more students need to work," Pearson said. "It helps an urban institution better than a rural institution because there are more job opportunities."

The Treasure Valley is by far the fastest-growing area in the state and BSU is the major institution in the valley. Boise is the biggest city in the state, arguably the only real city in the state of Idaho.

"I think our growth has a lot to do with being centered in the Treasure Valley," Pearson said. "It's the big city in Idaho. If you're a student in rural Idaho, you may want to come to the big city."

No matter how you slice it, the university is growing and the football program is winning. Both are positives for this school and the City of Trees.

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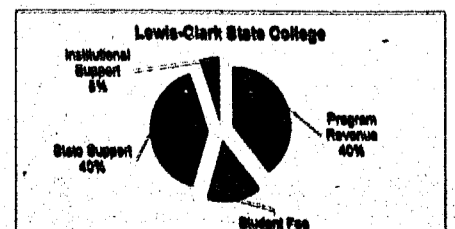
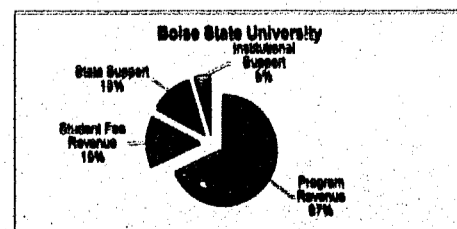
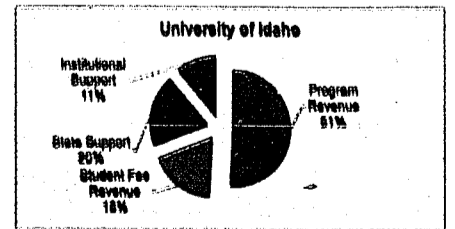
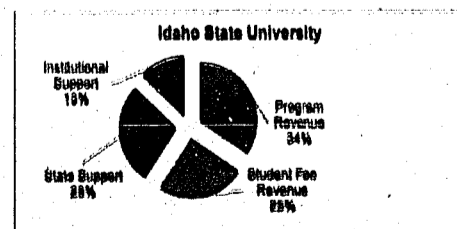


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Intercollegiate Athletics
FY07 Revenue by Source by Institution



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Boise State Intercollegiate Athletics generates more revenue from ticket sales than any other university in Idaho. Other Idaho universities receive a higher percentage of their funding from the state and students because they do not generate enough internal funding to pay for their activities. Boise State generates more than two-thirds of its own budget through endorsements, ticket sales, community contributions and royalties from media outlets.

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2,337.15 (-7.80)

S&P 500
1,3665.96 (+1.91)

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25.47 (-0.08)

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53.81 (+0.13)

Micron Technology (MU)
14.48 (-0.08)

Hewlett Packard (HPQ)
39.01 (-0.05)

Washington Mutual (WM)
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Qwest Communications (Q)
8.12 (-0.14)

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Microsoft Corporation (MSFT)
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23.64 (-1.21)

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FUN

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American Eagle (AEOS)
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NKE, Inc. (NKE)
89.01 (-0.74)

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48.35 (+0.07)

McDonald's Corp. (MCD)
41.47 (-0.13)

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USD to Yen (JPY)
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- \$2.79—Shell (Boise Fairview)
- \$2.79—Stinker (Apple St)
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Apple, Motorola paint the world

VGA ZOOM 4X

(RED)
BY HARSH MANTRI
Arbiter Staff

Apple Corporation recently announced the iPod nano (PRODUCT) RED Special Edition. (RED) was created by U2 lead singer and humanitarian rocker Bono (along with Bobby Shriver) to fight against AIDS in Africa.

They gave the world's most iconic companies a chance to make uniquely-branded products. The new iPod nano (PRODUCT) RED comes in a strikingly beautiful red aluminum enclosure, features 24 hours of battery life, Apple's innovative Click Wheel and its trademark incredibly thin and light-weight design.

The iPod nano (RED) is exclusively available online or in Apple retail stores. The nano is similarly priced as its \$199 cousins and went on sale Friday.

Apple plans to donate \$10 from the sale of each iPod nano (PRODUCT) RED to the Global Fund to help fight HIV/AIDS in Africa.

"We're ecstatic that Apple is giving their customers the choice to buy a red iPod nano and help women and children affected by HIV/AIDS in Africa," said Bono.

"It's wonderful to see this incredible level of commitment from companies that are willing to lend their creativity in the fight against AIDS in Africa, the greatest health crisis in 600 years."

"Now customers can buy the best music player in the world and do something to help the world at the same time," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "We're honored to work with Bono and this team to contribute to an incredibly important initiative and help change the way people think about AIDS in Africa."

The announcement of the iPod nano (RED) is part of a cross-brand promotion called (PRODUCT)RED. A number of other companies like The Gap and Motorola are selling (PRODUCT) RED items and will donate proceeds from the sale of those items to the Bono-associated Global Fund.

Motorola and Sprint also announced the nationwide availability of the RED MOTORAZR V3m, a new wireless phone exclusively designed to support the (PRODUCT) RED campaign. Motorola, as the worldwide exclusive wireless partner for (RED), is developing unique products to help fight the HIV/AIDS in Africa.

"Motorola is honored to be associated with (RED), The Global Fund and now Sprint in the drive to help those in Africa with HIV/AIDS," said Ron Garrigues, president of Motorola Mobile Devices.

The (RED) MOTORAZR is the first in the series of products in U.S. that will directly benefit The Global Fund.

"We are delighted to offer our customers (RED) MOTORAZR as a way to make a difference in this very important effort," said Mark Schweitzer, chief marketing officer for Sprint.

Microsoft to ship 'Windows Vista' on schedule

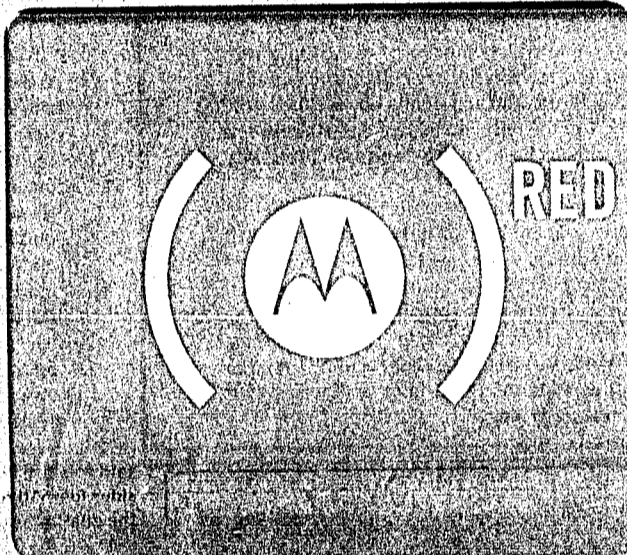
Microsoft announced Friday that it was on track to ship its flagship operating system, "Windows Vista worldwide." This follows concerns from the European Commission and Korea Fair Trade Commission, which Microsoft addressed following "constructive dialogue" with the anti-trust regulators.

"We are excited to bring the security enhancements and innovative new features of 'Windows Vista' to our customers and partners around the world, and we are committed to adhering to local law in every region of the world," Chief Executive Officer of Microsoft Steve Ballmer said.

The software giant also announced that it would ship volume licensing or corporate copies of "Windows Vista" in November and customer or end-user copies by January, which are on track with the company's previous announcements.

Microsoft Corporation modified the operating system in several areas to allay concerns of fair-trade competition by European anti-trust regulators. It has also incorporated changes in "Windows Vista" in Korea to comply with its legal obligations there, said Microsoft General Counsel Brad Smith.

"We welcome the constructive discussions we have had with governmental authorities around the world, and we are committed to continuing this type of dialogue in the future," Smith said.



"Google Docs and Spreadsheets" released: What's next 'Google Office'?

Google released another new product into beta this past week - that was a no-brainer, right?

The new product, "Google Docs and Spreadsheets," is not actually a brand new product - it is actually a mash-up of two services: "Writely" and "Google Spreadsheets," which were both separately released earlier this summer.

The product follows a new company-wide initiative called "Features, not products" that co-founder Sergey Brin has been leading. The initiative was started after Google executives noticed the multitude of products, being released in the 20-percent time allocated to Google engineers to work on something different than their daily work, were confusing the end-users.

"Writely," a web-based word processor created by software company Upstartle, was acquired by Google earlier this year and released in the summer. "Google Spreadsheets" was also released as a limited test product earlier this summer. Both of these products have now been incorporated into the new "Google Docs and Spreadsheets."

The new program offers an online solution to completing a set of important tasks individually. All that is needed to access "Docs and Spreadsheets" is a Google Account and a compatible web browser.

Simply put, "Google Docs and Spreadsheets" is focused on providing users with an innovative and efficient way to create and share information on the Web.

Users can now easily create, manage and access documents and spreadsheets in a single, secure location. The so-called "it" feature (which makes it a Google product) is the ability to collaborate online with others and in real time. Sharing them with other people is as easy as making the file view-only. Another cool feature is the ease of exporting to and importing a wide variety of file formats. As with all Web 2.0 products, users can easily publish their information to a blog or can make it an HTML page.

Users can check out the product at <http://docs.google.com>.

Why I prefer Windows

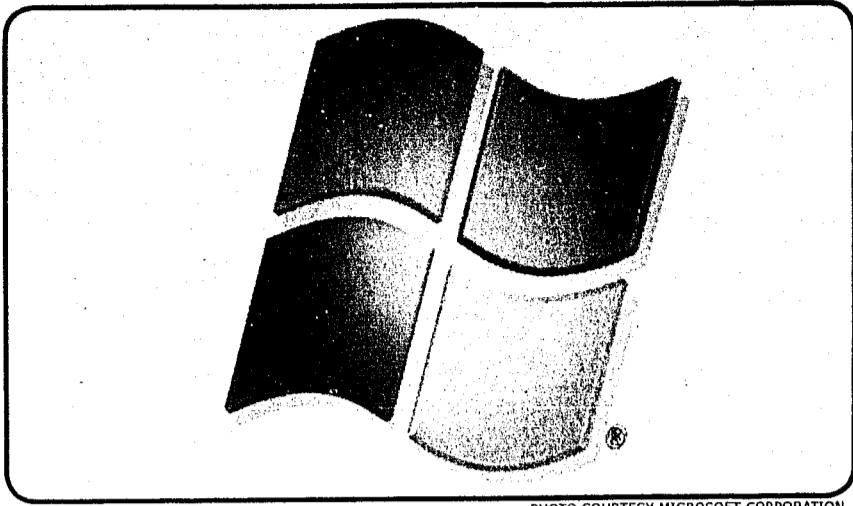


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BY HARSH MANTRI
Arbiter Staff

So what does it take to buy a Mac? Oh let me guess, a hot supermodel in a short dress. Seriously what's with the Mac commercials?

Most people associate Apple with its line of iPod's and iTunes. Only about two percent of the population also associates the company with the Mac OS X operating system.

OK listen up Mactards.

Why are all you Mac users so insecure? Is it because you started using Macs way back in high school and just haven't made the transition to any other operating system? Are you just too cool for a real computer? Or is it because you just like to be different?

Why do mac users need to validate their existence? Oops - I forget they're a minority! Add to this Apple's brilliant marketing techniques like the recent "I'm a Mac" commercials, which naturally entice their limited fan-base into falling for their cheap gimmicks.

One of my biggest issues with the Mac operating system is the lack of applications available out there. Freeware applications are more readily available for PCs and also have much better quality when compared with that of a Mac. Not every software application or package comes in a Mac version; however, there is always a PC version. Which is easier - playing Halo on a PC or a Mac?

I always hear people talking about how "Macs are good for graphics." This is not entirely true. If you're going to spend that much money on a Mac, you might as well go out and get an Alienware Pentium 4 machine, which

will do circles around your Mac.

Another thing that I never really understood about Macs is the placement of the CD/DVD eject key on the far-right corner of the keyboard. Evidently Papa Steve didn't think having it right on the DVD door was cool enough.

I love the nifty F9 - F11 in the Mac OS X, but you know they do not really make my experience that much better. I really like the fast searching "spotlight" feature, but that also doesn't really impact the operation.

There is no easy way to file share, and if I want to get some context menus I have to hold down the control key and then click with that single-button mouse. The mouse is so uncomfortable, imprecise and slow.

If I want to open up another window in my browser I can't go the simple way and double click on the icon, because no that just brings up my current window. I have to use the cloverleaf key + N to open up another window. To close a program I have go through this unnatural and utterly worthless process of using the cloverleaf and some other key combinations, rather than the natural and simple way of clicking the red x in the top right corner. Sometimes I feel I just don't have enough fingers for all the Mac key combos.

Other than the pretty slick graphics-user interface, I don't understand why Mac users shell out \$130 for something that is based on a free nix core like BSD or Linux. Oh and don't even get me started on the mighty blue apple.

I've got two words for you Mac users, "Windows Vista," and that's coming from the online editor at The Arbiter, who works with Macs all day long.

Why I prefer Macintosh

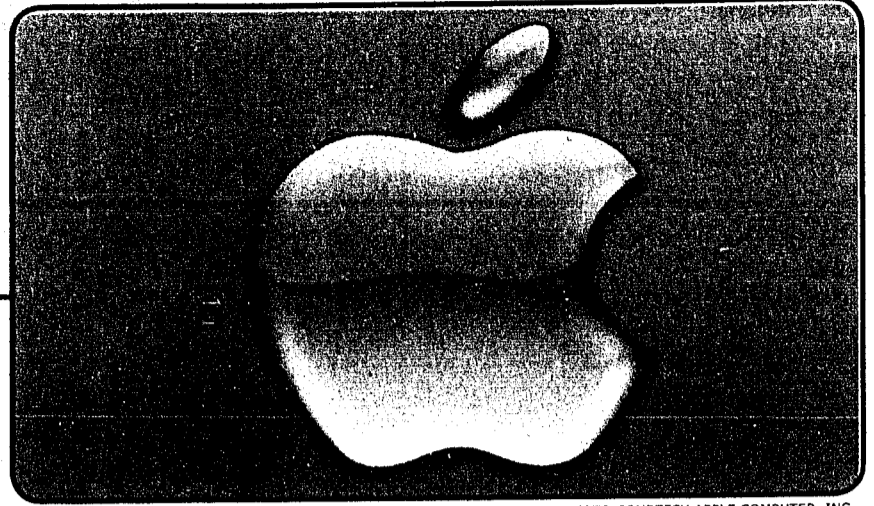


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BY BRAD ARENDT
Arbiter Staff

Ah, Windows. The wonderful piece of software which infects... err, inhabits the majority of computers around the world. What I don't get is why the masses put up with this junk.

Virus, malware and spyware oh my! Fact: tens of thousands of Windows' nastiness lie and wait for you to just connect your computer to the Internet. Oh, you don't have to do anything - just plug it in and watch your machine get infected.

Many companies specifically prohibit you from connecting a new computer to the Internet before they manually upgrade and install a multitude of patches, anti-spyware and malware. Heaven help you if should want to play with your new toy right out of the box - I mean that literally. There aren't any atheists in foxholes or when you're reinstalling Windows.

I also love how Windows users need a big START button. What does it START anyway? It certainly doesn't start my digital camera so I can import the photos I just took. No, for that I need a wizard. On my Mac, I plug the camera in and iPhoto opens, allowing me to sort, crop, touch up and print photos, books or publish them to a Web Page. I understand I can do this on Windows, but I have to buy more software and hope it plays well with the brand of camera I own. Certainly there are more software titles for Windows - what do you expect when you own 90 percent or more of the market? Do I really need 1,000 different poster/card creation programs? Perhaps not, but many people seem to want games. Since game titles are limited on

the Mac, buy a PS2 or Xbox.

The true irony is these same pimple-faced game geeks are the first to claim Macs cost more than a PC. To emphasize their point, they highlight the hourly special at Dell or the dollar store and scream from the top of the mountain how Apple and Papa Steve are ripping off all Mac users. Of course these "dollar delights" are nowhere close to what any of these gamers would even consider buying for their own personal use, because it could barely run the operating system - let alone any programs.

You aren't going to find a new Mac for under \$400 with a monitor. What you will find is a good computer that is comparable to other systems running Windows. The old adage "you get what you pay for" holds true with computers. A cheap computer is a cheap computer no matter what operating system you have.

I will also let you in on a big secret - Apple makes the hardware and the software. When your computer is under warranty, the Apple support rep can help you if your power supply bites the dust or if you have some major problem with the operating system. Last time I tried this with a Windows computer, Dell told me to call Microsoft and Microsoft told me my warranty didn't cover the operating system, so I had better call Dell back.

But who cares if I don't prefer Windows? I challenge you to try a Mac. Honestly, try it for at least two to three months.

What are you out? After all, it only takes about two to three months for a new PC to become bogged down by spy/malware, requiring a new purchase in another six months, so it's not like you are really out any money in the long run.

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The way we see it ...

It's time for an ASBSU report card

Mid-term season has arrived — time for students to wake up, redouble their efforts and prepare for an intense performance evaluation. In that spirit, we'd like to evaluate our leaders in the Associated Students of Boise State University. After eight months in office, it's time for an update on their performance.

Executive:

When Wyatt Parke and Molly George campaigned for office they promised to "stop the plus/minus grading system, put a textbook library on campus, make sure every [student organization] is assigned an advisor, increase student involvement and unite student government." How have they done?

We know from the spring election that 80 percent of students oppose the plus/minus grading system, but this didn't dissuade Vice President of Academic Affairs Sona Andrews from commencing the program. What have Parke and George done to stop this? Last spring they passed a resolution in opposition of the new grading system, but since then we don't know. They haven't held any press conferences or submitted letters to The Arbiter. Their reluctance to act earns them a "D."

A beta version of the textbook library appears to be up and running, though it has fewer than five percent of textbooks currently in use by the university. Hopefully we'll see more next semester. They deserve a "B" for effort.

As for providing student organization advisors, increasing student involvement and uniting government — the cliché campaign jargon, akin to Miss America's "world peace" pledge — we haven't noticed any real improvement. We'll give them a "D."

On a positive note, the executive did revive the flat-screen message-board system after the original screens were stolen from the Student Union Building. They are now affixed to walls throughout campus waiting to enlighten students in high definition. We give them a "B" for salvaging the program. Final Grade: "C"

Senate:

This year the ASBSU Senate seems more like a soap-opera than a legislative body, what with the Sawmiller fiasco and Senate Pro-Tem Greg Wilson's multiple resignations. Aside from its entertainment qualities, the Senate has done little to justify the \$25,000 we have paid them in service awards. To be fair, several senators created a financial prize to encourage student organizations to compete in the food drive against the University of Idaho. Senators also created a new service award in honor of Debbie Flores, former assistant to student government. And, umm ... they ... sometimes sit straight in their chairs at the twice-weekly Senate meeting. All of that in eight months!

At the bare minimum, we expected the Senate to get involved in the parking situation — this was, after all, a major campaign issue for many senators. What have they done to ease our suffering, to quell the rise of parking fees, shrinking lots and expensive parking citations? Nothing. No senate resolutions, no protests and no campaigns for voting privileges on the parking board. For obvious reasons, we give the senate an "F" on parking. On overall performance, we give them a "D" — while they do show up for Senate meetings, even a room full of monkeys could provide better entertainment. Final Grade: "D"

The way we see it is based on the majority opinions of The Arbiter editorial board. Members of the board are Drew Mayes, editor-in-chief; Troy Sawyer, business manager; Heather English, production manager; Dustin Lapray, managing editor; Brandon Stoker, opinion editor; Harsh Mantri, online editor; and Sheree Whiteley, lead copy editor.

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COMMON GROUND

BY DREW MAYES
Editor-in-Chief

For the better part of 10 years we have wined, cried and complained about the Republican dominated Congress.

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on voter apathy among students

Yet nothing will change if apathetic college students continue to sit on their asses and do nothing but complain about the current political climate in our country and in our state. Take these next few weeks to get informed about the local candidates that are running for state and district offices.

Gather information on the propositions and amendments that are being proposed and take your responsibility as an American citizen seriously by getting your lazy butt to the polls and voting.

How do you feel about the prospects of your future Governor with a DUI and a "Mr. Tight Jeans," championship on his resume? You decide.

How about a Congressman that could only get three of 104 Idaho legislators to attend an event with Vice President Dick Cheney to support his candidacy? You decide.

What about an Idaho governor or congressman with no real political experience whatsoever? You decide.

Do any of these things even matter? Or is it all about the issues? Who says what and which sides of the political line in the sand a candidate falls on? You decide.

Do you think you should pay extra money in sales tax when you buy your groceries or a ticket to the movies to support public education? Or should public education be budgeted in some other way? You decide.

What about property rights and protecting your future house? Should the government be able to tell you what to do with the home you just paid \$250,000 for? Or should your neighbor be able to turn his estate into a shooting range or strip club without regards to what it will do to your property value? You decide.

You also get to decide if there should be an amendment added to the Idaho constitution to ban gay marriage.

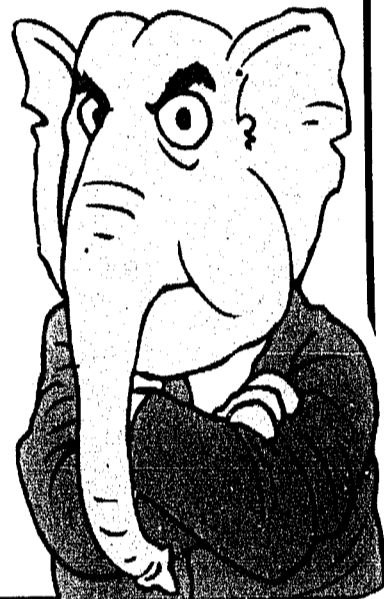
November 7, you get the opportunity to decide all of this. You get the opportunity to shape your local district, the opportunity to shape our state and the opportunity to shape our country.

Or you can take this opportunity that people have died for to give you, the same opportunity that countries across the world continue to go to war and die trying to get — you can take this opportunity and make your voice heard by going to the polls and actually do something by voting.

Or you can do what most college students have done in the past — you can sit on your ass and complain afterwards about the outcome. You decide.

BY BRANDON STOKER
Opinion Editor

Few things terrify me as much as Nancy Pelosi and her treasonous band of cowards commanding the House of Representatives. At a time when we need principled leadership, true fiscal conservatism and meaningful reform, we are faced with radical degeneration. November could be a pivotal moment for our country — a step in the right direction, or a plunge into massive regress.



ONE MORE THING
Giving the Arbiter readers the last word

Are you going to vote in the 2006 elections?

	"Yes! But I don't know when they are." Vanessa Lemus Freshman Major: Nursing		"I would, but I'm not a citizen." Edina Terzic Sophomore Major: Undecided
	"I'm still deciding." Kaylene Bishop Freshman Major: Secondary Education / Psychology		"No. I'm from Montana, it's too difficult." Tanya Lalicker Junior Major: Mathematics / Material Science Engineering

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The way you see it...

Yeah! More indoctrination in the halls of Boise State University!

I'd just like to thank ASBSU, the SUB and President Kustra for all of those lovely think screens in the hallway.

I like nothing more than to be constantly bombarded with video of what I should think or do. The black event screens are not nearly as bad as the grey "big ticket" ad screens, but they are still gross ... it's not even like you are going away from fliers to promote events, so what's the point?

I hope others will speak up on this too ... this makes the Taco Bell Arena decision look classy.

John Barrie
Boise, ID

I'm just a girl in the world, but know I am actually a woman

Thank you for covering the poetry slam last week, I enjoyed Matthew Boyle's article, "Poetry Slam exhilarates audiences."

I know The Arbitrator is a student run paper and I appreciated the learning curve but I am a poet so I get a little hung up on words.

The author describes the male poets as "man" and "young man," however, the female poets are referred to as "girls."

Why is that? I am almost thirty, so call me a "woman" or a "young woman"

I don't really care which but please be fair.

Oh, I just checked my calendar and it's not 1950 anymore. Editors, are you awake?

"Girl," a.k.a. Amanda Faye
Boise, ID

Have we helped education? The governor sure didn't

Our temporary governor, Jim Risch, pushed through legislation that hurts public education.

Initiative 1 was designed to increase the sales tax by one percent and those added funds were to be used only for public education. But did the special session increase the sales tax for education?

No, all it did was move the funding for education from property tax to the sales tax.

Risch already knew this initiative was going to be on the ballot and the organizers of the initiative thought it was good-to-go since the legislative session adjourned.

What are the repercussions of Risch's special session? For one, the people of Idaho are not going to agree to another sales tax increase, especially when they think this recent increase does the same thing—consequently, it will probably not pass.

I am very mad. A state that is ranked 45th in the nation for public education needs the boost proposed by Initiative 1.

Moving funding for public education from property tax was wrong. Coming up with a better plan regarding property tax and thinking through funding for education would have been better.

I have been a moderate Republican for most of my life but the recent actions by our temporary governor and legislators have me wondering if I'm in the right camp.

Gregory Funk
Boise, ID

Vote to protect your property rights or lose them altogether

When the supreme court issued its controversial Kelo decision last year, it awoke Americans' realization that our property rights are on shaky ground. We saw how the government could come in, seize our property against our will and leave us high and dry and without any legal recourse for collecting just compensation for our losses.

Thank goodness for Proposition 2. It will secure our property rights and restore the rightful place of eminent domain so that it can be used only for legitimate public projects.

It will protect property owners from government abuse and ensure that they get a fair deal if the government absolutely has to take their land.

Prop. 2 is extremely timely. I look forward to voting in favor of it Nov. 7.

Eric McGilip
Troy, ID

Thanks Jonathan Kozol

I would like to thank Boise State University Distinguished Lecture Series for bringing Jonathan Kozol to our attention.

He hit a home run in the ballpark of my universe. I am a student at BSU, majoring in communication.

My main interest is helping end the suffering of all children in our world, through film and video.

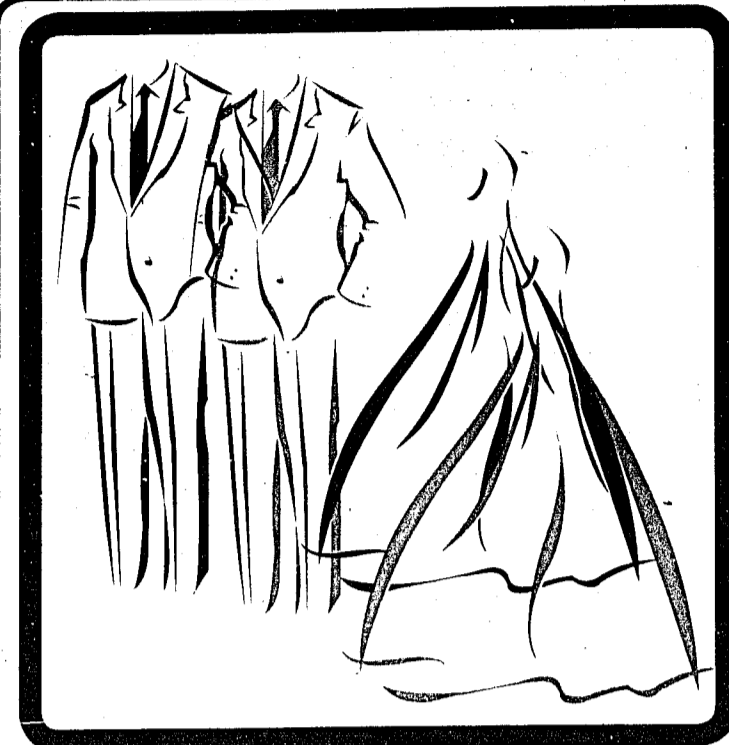
His lecture has helped me to understand where and when to take action. Thank You.

I have produced the His Holiness The Dalai Lama Childrens Day Event Documentary, and I am working on Idaho's Compassionate Children. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely with love and gratitude Saandra Steinfeld.

Saandra Steinfeld
Horseshoe Bend, ID

The marriage debate



Marriage is more than a proposition

BY FREDERICK AREHART
Opinion Writer

The "Marriage Amendment" will not fix the high divorce rate, nor will it ease the difficulties for children being cared for by a single parent. What it will do is help ensure against further erosion of the institution of marriage by the careless powers in government, the media and academia who want to continue radical experimentation with the lives of young women, men and their children.

Since the 1960s an odd alliance has occurred between sex-seeking males, radical feminists, scholars seeking excitement and greedy marketers. Each uses twisted logic to pervert the personal empowerment fostered by the development of female-controlled birth control. Slick, politically correct sophistry — "marriage is legal rape," no-fault divorce is good for women, etc., — and the anarchy of the "tune in, turn-on and drop-out" counter-culture have wounded the institution of marriage.

These ideologues con too many people into accepting the notion that marriage "is just a piece of paper." Women especially have been exploited by this nonsense. Substitute efforts at "family" are as old as civilization. There will always be people who pretend in order to qualify for the status or benefits of marriage.

Marriage is indeed more than a piece of paper. Reality is screaming out the time-proven family concept that a married man, woman and their children is the configuration that holds the greatest promise for

the general well-being of both family members and society. It is not a guarantee, but it is by far the most consistent and likely arrangement to benefit all concerned.

The certainty of the relationships within a family is subject to the machinations of the human condition. This is why society at every level needs to support the efforts of the family to maintain their bonds as much as possible. Marriage is a societal, personal and often a spiritual means to achieve and maintain the necessary certainty in the sense of two becoming one, having children and being role models for them.

We are indeed all equal, but all lifestyles are not the same. Individuals of the same sex, heterosexuals shacking-up, polygamists, etc., need to see the honor in not claiming their arrangements to be something they are not and never can be. They have a plethora of other legal means to insure the relationship they desire. Society cannot afford to give the same support to every living arrangement someone invents and still support marriage as it should. As we continue to try to do this, it is clear that critical help is being taken away from marriage. Society in general and children in particular suffer from this leap of logic that is a cultural cheat.

Some people claim that the concept of marriage between one man and one woman is a failure. This is akin to proclaiming, "The operation was a success although the patient died." We should not blame the time-proven institution for the consequences of arrogant, ideology-driven social engineers.

Vote no on HJR2

BY JAMES R. RODRIGUEZ
Opinion Writer

Our legislature has finally done its part to beat back the scourge of gay marriage, and we get to cast our votes in the upcoming election to finish the job. Afterwards we'll send a message to those homosexuals that they can't expect to visit each other in hospitals when one or the other is sick, or pass their belongings on to their "partner" after death. I know that Idaho's proposed amendment says nothing about limiting either of these so-called "rights" but amendments like this in other states with similar wording have been used to do just that. We will not rest until homosexual persons have no more ability to protect or care for each other than two strangers do.

While we're at it, we'll push things back to the good old days when police officers could bust into the rooms of suspected homosexuals on a whim. Since a majority of Americans believe in an almighty God, I'm sure most of them won't mind the same police force peaking into their bedrooms from time to time just to keep the righteous righteous.

Besides, if we allow these people to marry each other what's to keep a man from marrying a dog, or a box turtle? Sure we could amend the Constitution to say that marriage is between two consenting human beings, but we may as well put those godless homosexual heathens on the same level as animals, lower since animals are actually useful.

Gay marriage is a matter of equality

BY PETER MUNDT
Guest Opinion

Remember the phrase, "we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness?" It was written in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776.

What citizen of this great nation will assert that the right to Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness does not include the right to live with the person of their choice and form a loving, stable, committed and tax-paying household?

America is a land filled with the stories of millions who have yearned to breathe freely in a country where we are not judged by the color of our skin, the God we pray to or the creeds we hold dear.

Dr. Martin Luther King's dream of an America where society judges us on the content of our character is still alive and well — this same dream for equality and fairness applies to our genetic sexual orientation.

Idaho's homosexual citizens seek no special protections or rights. We simply desire the same state-granted rights, protections and obligations enjoyed by our heterosexual brothers and sisters.

The rights to mutual property, hospital visitation and health insurance — among other rights — fundamental and basic to healthy, committed relationships.

Heterosexual couples take these protections for granted because they are afforded them with the swift stroke of the county clerk's stamp on a marriage certificate.

However, same-sex couples are denied that stamp and are forced to retain the services of an attorney to draw up a series of complex and costly legal documents that in the end only achieve a fraction of the protections

granted to heterosexual couples.

The fact that some people in our society cannot or will not accept or understand the reality of homosexuality in the human population simply does not give the government the right to mandate that this class of citizens jump through an entirely different, confusing and costly set of hoops to achieve a lesser end as another group.

That's called government-sanctioned discrimination.

The fathers of our government framed a society that enshrines the rule of fair and equal constitutional law for all our citizens — black or white, rich or poor, Christian or Buddhist, Republican or Democrat, heterosexual or homosexual.

They guaranteed the freedom of the church from the government and equally the government from the church.

Our religious institutions are free to discriminate at their choosing and rightly so — but our government simply cannot.

It is the duty and obligation of all fair-minded Idahoans who cherish the values of our Constitution to join together and enter into heartfelt discussion with their family, friends and neighbors about the intent and purpose of this dangerous piece of needless legislation.

When will this constitutional tinkering stop and which class of citizens will be the next to be deemed unacceptable by the Legislature?

When we cast our ballots this November, each of us will be faced with a choice on HJR2 — a choice to formalize constitutional discrimination against a specific class of citizens, or to remember the words of wisdom enshrined in our Declaration of Independence that all men are created equal.

Peter Mundt is a student at Boise State University.

'Second-class citizen' ploy is a shameful farce

BY BRIAN LINDSAY
Guest Opinion

Proponents of homosexual marriage argue that without legal recognition of their relationships they are denied rights essential to human happiness — they are "second class citizens."

Even casual inquiry into this argument will reveal many half-truths and out-right lies designed to play on voters' emotions.

This fact was made evident in the rather amusing BGLAD-sponsored debate between proponents of and opponents to the proposed marriage amendment.

Opponents shamelessly deployed the "we are denied thousands of rights without legal recognition" line even after being routed by a panel of legal experts schooled in legal procedure and Idaho statutory code.

The most common argument advanced by the corps of radical social engineers is that "partners cannot visit or make important decisions for others incapacitated in hospitals." This is true of all unmarried couples and most families.

Hospitals are responsible for the care of patients, and thus have a responsibility to limit visitation and medical decisions to those who can prove association to the patient. Anyone can easily satisfy this requirement with a living will and durable Power of Attorney.

These forms can be printed off the Internet, obtained from the Idaho secretary of state or purchased through an attorney. Such documents empower anyone of legal age to visit you and make medical decisions on your behalf.

Any hospital that denies these rights is liable for breach of contract and should be sued for a ridiculous sum of money.

Another common argument is that "homosexuals cannot share and bequeath property with their partners." Rubbish! Again, this is an obvious problem for all couples — even married couples — that have not put their

legal affairs in order. What you need is a last will and testament specifying the beneficiaries of your estate.

You can bequeath wealth and property to whomever you please — a homosexual partner, your favorite tele-evangelist or that friendly street performer downtown.

These documents are also available online, through the Idaho secretary of state or through an attorney.

As to the other "thousands of rights" denied to homosexual partners, few are made evident in any intellectual discussion. Is it the right to vote they are worried about, or perhaps the right to earn wages and own property? No. Maybe it's the right to a fair and speedy trial or the ability to secure life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? Wrong again. These "other rights" denied to homosexual partners are truly elusive, likely another shameful ploy of lies.

Homosexual partners enjoy every liberty to which any American is entitled. Even homosexual parents have specific certain rights and privileges over their children. Through appropriate documentation, they can make medical decisions, hospital visitations, transfer property and enjoy all other rights of citizenship in our fine nation.

Marriage — as it has been traditionally defined — is an essential component of safe and stable families and meddling with this institution through radical redefinition is empirically dangerous to children and societies at large. Idahoans know what's right for families. The question in November is not whether we will vote to protect the family, but whether that vote will be in the 60 or 70 percentiles. In the meantime, the "second-class citizen" propaganda is not fooling anyone — it is a patently absurd play on emotion, rooted in lies, to swindle support from the American people. Really though, we're not that naive.

Brian Lindsay is a psychology student at Boise State University

NO ONE'S INNOCENT



Even Arbiter readers

BY HADLEY RUSH
Culture Columnist

With the territory of being an amateur columnist and a local D-list-celebrity (in a flickering, more dim version of the proverbial spotlight) come both the token adoring-readers and the readers who love to hate and have proven themselves to be at fault in more than one respect.

The Arbiter readers who are not innocent have been found guilty of the following:

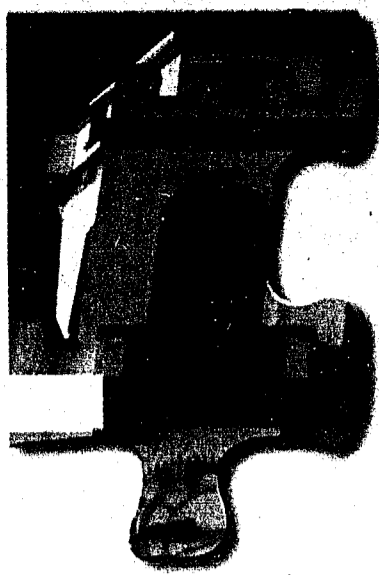
1. Becoming infuriated with articles and columns printed in The Arbiter and in a wispy defense, pounding out page-and-a-half letters to the editor full of aesthetic errors, typing oversights and errant, sinful grammar. Dear readers, when sending a letter to the editor, it would be in your best interest to proofread.
2. Being too frightened to post their comments and real names on The Arbiter's website when commenting on stories and instead creating false e-mails (like my personal favorite "Hadleysucks@hotmail.com" no joke) to tell us just how much they hate or disagree with what we wrote.
3. Accusing us of using thesauruses to sound more well-read and then writing nasty letters to the editor and using the word "plebiscite." Huh? Just because some readers have to look up the words we use doesn't mean our writers are nostril-deep in thick books looking for words to make us sound more sagacious. Writers just know how to, ahem... write, with words, really big words. Like stentorian, unequivocal, ephemeral and impertinent. I hope that wasn't too onerous for you thesaurus-guilty Arbiter readers to apprehend.
4. Writing anonymous letters to the editor, then give fake phone numbers, (like for their gynecologist office) yes, that really happened. When we call to verify the number, we don't want to talk to the M.D. who treats your H.P.V. We want to say "hey, thanks for reading."
5. Thinking we don't have access to their e-mail addresses, even when they post online as a contemporary gay poet from an e-mail address that looks very similar to one our editor in chief may have. One of our ASBSU readers who posted an un-named, nasty comment wasn't aware that we savvy Arbiter folk have a multi-media system advanced enough to trace e-mails and IP addresses back to their office.
6. Not understanding the difference between the "plastic people" I wrote about in my Sorority column and "plastic surgery."

When I called people plastic, that means they're backstabbers. When readers called me "plastic" it means I have a nice rack. So um, thanks.

7. Not being able to discern the difference between a newspaper column and a newspaper article. "Where's the damn research?" asked one irate Arbiter reader. That's like asking a cab driver, "Where's the damn porthole?" Wrong vehicle, folks.
8. Not being able to enjoy entertainment. My column along with other columnists are not politically correct because, well, they're not political. It's not meant to change the world, or cure disease, or even enlighten. It's for entertainment purposes only. So laugh already damn it.
9. Lacking the testicular fortitude to send in letters to the editor or post online - yet have no problem hiding behind a screen name on an anonymous Boise State message board. Well, guess what? Your militia-like members always sell you out and send us a copy.
10. Finally, calling me and the other staff at The Arbiter "not innocent" is a double negative. I've already addressed that; after all, "no one" includes us as well.

And like Harry pointed out in "Dumb and Dumber," you can't triple stamp a double stamp, people. You'll have to come up with a better insult than that.

Arbiter readers are not innocent. No one is innocent.



Downtown Boise is missing some metropolitan pieces

BY JULIA C. ARREDONDO
Culture Writer

Although many people laugh or simply roll their eyes when they read that Boise State is part of a growing "metropolitan" city, no one can deny that Boise is in fact growing. With hundreds of people moving into the town every month, the constant construction throughout the city doesn't seem to be enough.

On any given morning you'll find any of the numerous coffee houses downtown packed with regulars. And on the weekends bars and dance clubs (depending on the time of the semester) pulse with energy and customers. Though there seems to be enough going on, this isn't about what's already there - it's about what's missing in downtown Boise.

Though buildings and businesses can sometimes pop up almost overnight, there are still plenty of Bosleans that would like to see more than what's already here.

In an unofficial survey conducted in the heart of the area, 71 people were asked what they thought was missing in downtown Boise. Some were able to answer the instant it was asked, as if they'd been thinking about it for some time, while others had to ponder the question a little before responding. Nevertheless, everyone was able to provide at least one suggestion. Many times the initial response led to other ideas and before they knew it they were listing what they feel would make downtown livelier and friendlier.

So what is missing in downtown Boise? The first answer to the question came from a 23 year-old resident who just moved to the city this summer. "A male strip club," she said without hesitation. And there were plenty more ideas for new nightly entertainment, which included Latino clubs, new gay clubs and a wider variety of ethnic dining (Mexican and Chinese, more specifically).

A middle-aged couple standing in line for a book signing at The Egyptian Theater started slow in answering, but once they got to thinking the suggestions flowed. A few of the things missing according to them: easier parking, more reading and lecture series, and a Trader Joe's - a store similar to the Boise.Co-op. This same couple, as well as several others, also suggested an easier mode of transportation "like a light-rail rapid transit system, or something."

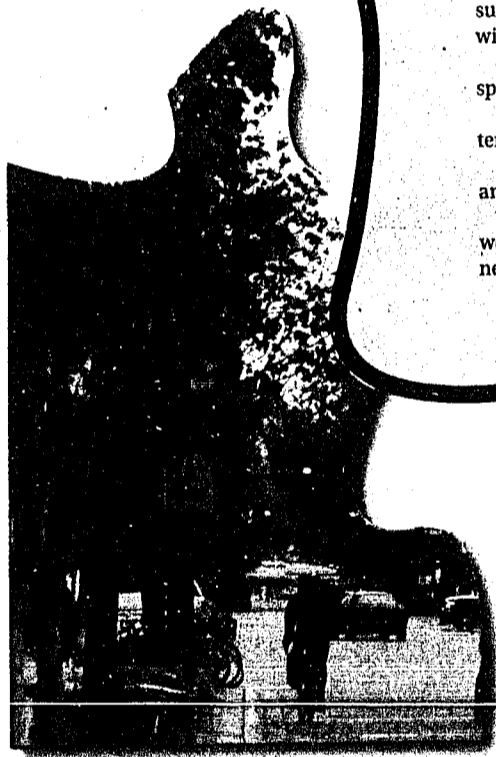
But is downtown really big enough for something like that? Obviously no, not yet; however, suggestions like this point to the kind of vision people have for the area - a vision complete with a variety of entertainment possibilities.

Several people feel there's a lack of family-friendly places, and their suggestions were very specific - like a park with rides and cotton candy for kids, a bowling alley and an arcade.

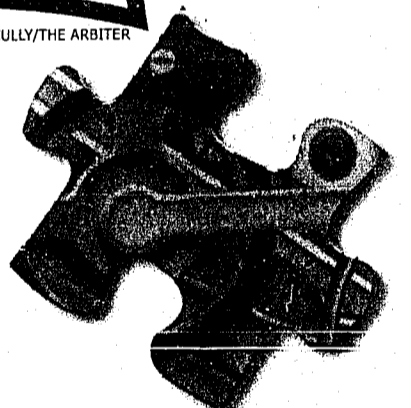
One participant said that she would like to see specialty clothing boutiques that would cater specifically to petite and short women. "I hate never finding clothes that fit," she said.

Other coffee house patrons proposed a 24-hour cyber café, a 24-hour convenience store and affordable clothing boutiques.

So what is it you'd like to see go up next in downtown Boise? What's missing for now, but would make it perfect in the future? Don't hold your breath, but think about it - maybe the next time the person who's asking has the power to make it happen.



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Feel the prick of tattooing, a permanent trend

BY KASHA GLYNN
Culture Writer

Just two days after her 20th birthday, Boise State University sophomore Sarah Hansen sat anxiously in a tall black chair. Her hands trembled. Was she going to go through with it? It would be with her for the rest of her life. Just as she was reconsidering her first adult decision she felt the needle piercing her right shoulder - no turning back now, her tattoo was underway. It was not too long ago that a tattoo was considered rebellion. Only those with extreme personalities displayed the permanent body art, but within the last five years what was once considered a faux pas is now viewed as creative self expression.

"For me, my tattoo was about leaving behind my teen years. I was scared, but it turned out great and I still really love it," Hansen said.

The art of tattooing dates back more than 5,000 years ago. An ancient man was found preserved in a block of ice with a small cross behind one knee and a series of lines above his kidneys. It has also been noted by scholars that ancient Egyptians tattooed each other more than 3,000 years ago. From "Tattoo You," by Steve Wind, featured in "Off Duty Hawaii Magazine's" Oct. 1992 issue, "The first western reference to tattoos didn't come until 1771 when Captain Cook brought the word to

Europe after seeing the art form in Tahiti."

Tattoos were associated with the lower class and criminal elements in Britain and America until the early 1900s when, drawn by a sense of rebellion, freedom, decadence and sexual liberation, the upper classes began acquiring them as well. The word "tattoo" comes from the Tahitian word "tatau," which was onomatopoeic for the sound their tattooing instrument made. The word was brought to Europe and America by Captain Cook. Today, displaying a tattoo is viewed as a form of artwork and personal expression. Parents show love for their children with sentimental family tattoos and people also show loyalty and patriotism toward their country through this art form.

For others, getting a tattoo was the biggest mistake they ever made. Take BSU senior Marcus Ogawa. Ogawa has two different tattoos.

"I got my first tattoo when I was eighteen, mostly out of rebellion because I was a legal adult," Ogawa said.

His other tattoo was the product of a very heavily intoxicated vacation in California.

"When I got my second tattoo it was a spur of the moment decision and sounded like something crazy to do while on vacation," Ogawa stated.

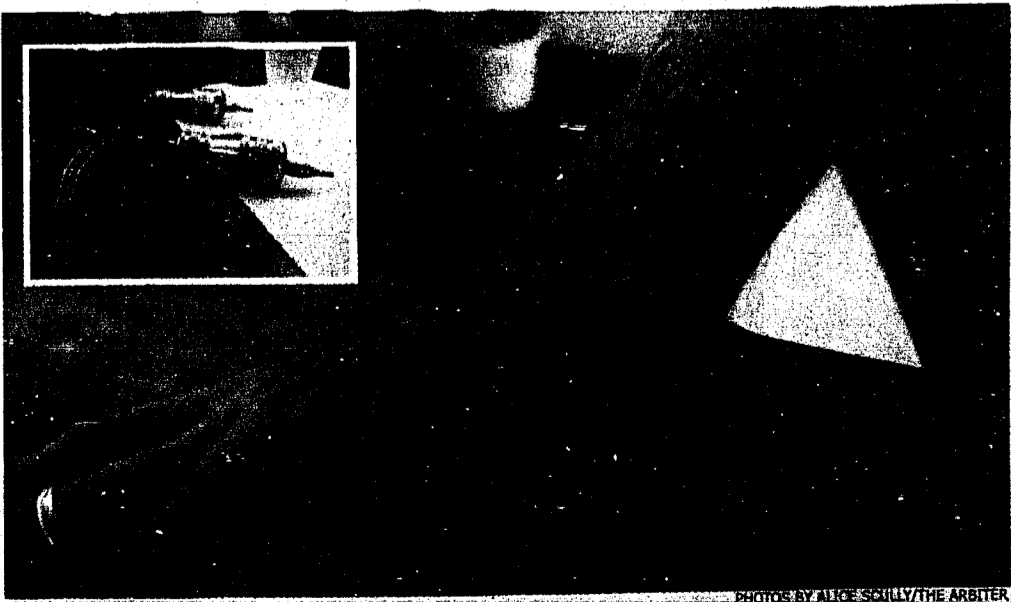
Ogawa regrets both tattoos and

says that being several years older he is now able to realize the permanency that accompanies a tattoo. Almost every tattoo studio within the treasure valley had the same advice. The professionals in the city of trees recommend that a person considering a tattoo should take time and think about the kind of statement they want to portray, because it is a very permanent decision. It should also be noted that four of the

six tattoo studios visited in preparation for this article would not engage in tattooing a person under the influence of alcohol. In addition to impairing a person's judgment, alcohol also thins the blood - which could be very dangerous when injecting ink through vibrating needles into the body.

Tattoos have become a very socially accepted way for individuals to communicate their passions in

life. Those in favor of tattoos describe them as addicting. According to the local professionals, the most popular location on the body for a tattoo is the back. Women tend to display theirs on the lower back and men on the upper back in the shoulder region. The professionals also agree that tattooing feet has become very popular in the last couple of years, although it is said to be a very painful place to receive a tattoo.

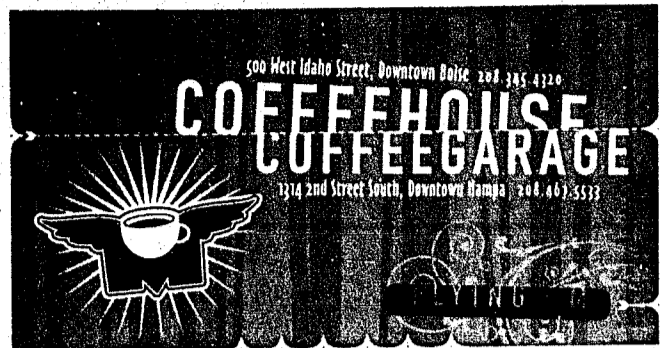


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For more than 5,000 years, tattooing has been a means of expressing originality and a sense of rebellion. Tattoos have become more widespread in recent years.


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BY FRANCY MARCOTTE
Culture Writer

Zach Braff had the right idea. When he made "Garden State," Braff integrated every bit of Hollywood magic possible for a romantic comedy. A feel-good plot paired with a talented, good-looking ensemble of actors? Check. A killer soundtrack? Triple check. Braff hand-picked each song featured in "Garden State" according to how he felt at the time.

"Essentially, I made a mixed CD with all of the music that I felt was scoring my life at the time I was writing the screenplay," Braff said in an article on multimedia site IGN Entertainment.

Apparently, Braff's feelings were right in line with "Garden State" fans.

That movie featured an appropriate song for nearly every scene. Take the part where soon-to-be lovebirds Sam (Natalie Portman) and Andrew Largeman (Braff) bury Sam's deceased hamster. As the scene fades out, a song entitled "I Just Don't Think I'll Ever Get Over You" by Colin Hay plays softly, emphasizing Sam's grief over the loss of her beloved hamster.

Or how about the scene where Sam, Largeman and their friend Mark (Peter Saarsgard) climb on top of an abandoned tractor and shout into the "infinite abyss?" The incident represented a new-found independence for the characters. Iron and Wine's rendition of "Such Great Heights" highlighted their elevated station, both literally and figuratively.

"Garden State" proved the right music can enhance different experiences and make them memorable. If a movie can have a kickin' soundtrack, real life events like the college experience should also have a set of sweet tunes.

What if college had a soundtrack like "Garden State" that contained songs to represent every all-night study session, frat party, mushy ro-

mance and teary break-up?

Boise State University students have their own ideas on what the ultimate college soundtrack should sound like.

Sophomore Lacey Megorden said it should have a song that alludes to the challenges students face in college.

"It would definitely have to have 'One More Road to Cross' by DMX on it because of all of the bumps in the road we have to go through throughout our college experience," said Megorden.

The hip-hop song's chorus does reflect hardships and the notion "keep on trucking." The chorus to "One More Road to Cross" goes "One more road to cross/ One more risk to take/ Gotta live my life/ like there's one more move to make."

"One More Road to Cross" also features an upbeat tempo to give dance parties a little kick.

On the other hand, English major Conor McGee feels that a song's simplicity adds just as much to a college soundtrack as its message.

"Iron and Wine's 'Jezebel' has to be my number one dorm room song. It's the perfect chill music for studying or reading. It's just got that pleasing tone and it stays in the background," said McGee.

"Jezebel" begins with an upbeat, folk guitar sound followed by these whispered lyrics "Who's seen Jezebel/ She was born to be the woman I would know/ And hold like a breeze half as tight as both eyes closed/ Who's seen Jezebel/ She went walking where the cedars line the road/ Her blouse on the ground where the dogs were hungry, roaming."

Way to keep that chill atmosphere.

This opposes communications major Clayton Cox's pick. While McGee chills, Cox feels the heat with his college soundtrack choice.

"I would have to pick 'Under Pressure' by

Freddie Mercury and David Bowie," said Cox. "I'm always under pressure to do everything! School, work and be fabulous."

The David Bowie and Queen combination opens with these lyrics: "Pressure pushing down on me/ Pressing down on you no man ask for/ Under pressure/ That burns a building down/ Splits a family in two/ Puts people on streets."

Like Cox, psychology major Gavin Whitney also feels constant pressure. Pressure getting to those early morning classes that is. For his ultimate college soundtrack pick, Whitney chose a tune called "You've Made Us Conscious" by The Audition.

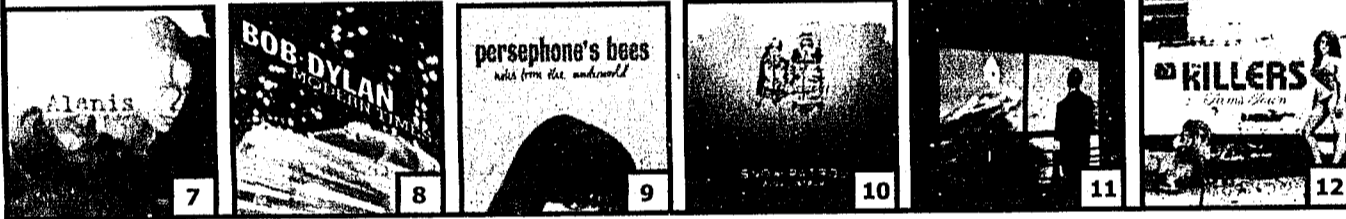
"I listen to it every morning when I'm going to school. It's just a really upbeat and fast-paced song that gets me going," Whitney said.

Like Megorden's pick, Whitney's punk-rock choice creates a fun, danceable atmosphere. The lyrics are also catchy.

"Oh oh oh/ Look at what we've all tried not to become/ another fabricated self-portrait/ Oh oh no/ Take another glance and remember we're the ones/ Setting you up to take our fall."

From hip-hop to folk, classic and punk rock, one thing can be said for sure about the ultimate college soundtrack: it would be diverse and, just like "Garden State," except in real life.

1. "Is it Any Wonder?" by Keane
2. "Road Trippin'" by The Red Hot Chili Peppers
3. "My Apartment" by Ben Kweller
4. "Extraordinary Machine" by Fiona Apple
5. "All Nighter" by Elastica
6. "Pressed in a Book" by The Shins
7. "You Learn" by Alanis Morissette
8. "The Times They are a-Changin'" by Bob Dylan
9. "Nice Day" by Persephone's Bees
10. "Chocolate" by Snow Patrol
11. "Such Great Heights" by The Postal Service
12. "For Reasons Unknown" by The Killers



Bound and determined: Energetic Body Wrap

BY HADLEY RUSH
Culture Writer



Looking like a mummy may not seem glamorous, but with an Energetic Body Wrap, individuals can say goodbye to those pesky inches and hello to sexy curves.

Lose six to 30 inches in two hours. Not possible you say? Au contraire. I heard about Energetic Body Wrap from a radio advertisement after gorging myself on a too-healthy portion of pasta one evening. I was instantly intrigued. Being regarded as someone who's "wrapped up" in my image (excuse the pun) I decided to see if this spa treatment was merely new-age mumbo-jumbo or if it was my way to holistic-homeopathic happiness.

After scouring the Energetic Body Wrap website I learned the wrap wasn't health-hazardous, nor would it dehydrate me. I called right then and made an appointment with the spa's Owner Julie Peach, whose demeanor was as sweet as her name.

Upon walking in, I looked around to see airy white curtains, crystals hanging from windows, pale-pink walls and relaxing music strumming faintly in the background.

Peach had the sort of warm smile and taut-youthful physique of someone who'd lived a long but contented life. I learned she was newly a grandmother, though she had the skin and bone structure we all hope for when we're grandparents - the kind of face people less fortunate naturally than Peach pay thousands for.

I was handed a shot glass full of "body balance," and after gulping it down I was instructed to strip down to my bra and panties (I wore hot pink). I was given a white cotton bathrobe and told to leave my clothes and belongings in a small basket in the bathroom. I walked out to find Peach waiting for me.

"It's time to weigh you and take your measurements," she said as she ushered me into a small room and pulled the curtain closed. I stood there, nearly naked on the daunting scale - quite possibly one of the most horrifying things one could ask a woman to do. Peach just smiled and asked questions about my eating habits, my cravings and my exercise preferences.

"How about breakfast?" Peach said. "What do you eat then?"

I laughed. "A triple Venti Americano - black," I said.

"Eggs," Peach said. "You should eat eggs."

After she weighed me in at 107 lbs (we'll call that a white lie) she took measurements from under my chin to my ankles and everything in between.

Peach told me her clients usually lose six inches or more, total, from their entire body. She reminded me that this was not a water-weight loss, but that it was toxins being released from my body.

I was then led into the wrapping room where a metal tub filled with ace bandages soaked in "homeopathic" liquid. I took off my robe, and Peach began wrapping my feet, legs and thighs in the wet bandages. She made polite chit chat and chuckled as she wrapped, referring to herself as a "sculptor." I told her to go right ahead and sculpt away my cellulite (Not that I have any).

Peach then explained to me that,

based on my cravings and where I store weight, I most likely had a "gonadal" type body. Gonadal types usually hold their weight in the lower portion of their bodies, and crave greasy/spicy foods as well as butter, sauces and red meats. After my body-type diagnosis, Peach gave me paperwork and a grocery list for the types of food that best suit my body.

After my lower body was wrapped, Peach put clear plastic bags on both my feet and secured them with rubber bands around my ankles. She told me these bags would catch the runoff toxins, and we'd repeatedly empty them out into the sink. Next, Peach wrapped my torso and arms and then stopped, looked me in the eyes very gravely and asked if she could wrap my head.

"Sometimes clients are a little claustrophobic and don't like their heads wrapped," Peach said. I told her I wanted the full treatment - so she kept right on wrapping my head, but left my face exposed.

After my entire body was swathed and bound Peach put plastic bags on both my hands. I waddled behind as she led me into another room. In one corner was an infrared sauna, in another there was a mini trampoline and next to it stood a gigantic vibrating machine called the "Excellerator."

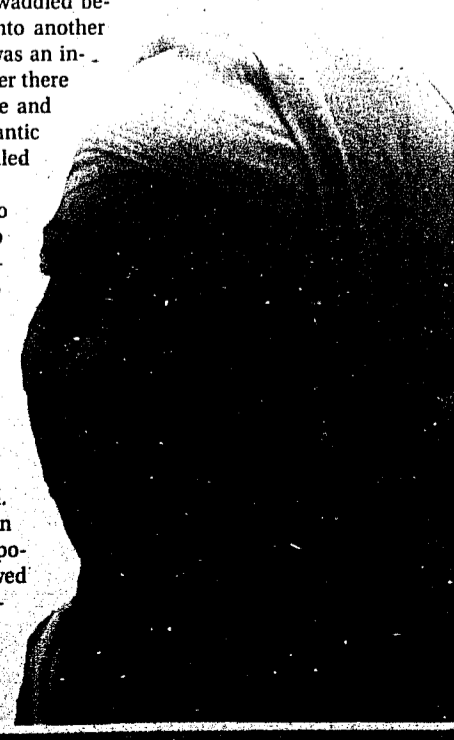
Peach helped me into a rain poncho (to "keep in the heat") and instructed me to jump on the trampoline for 10 minutes while visualizing the toxins leaving my body.

After six minutes of jumping without bending my bound-up limbs, I was exhausted. Peach helped me down from the mini trampoline and then showed me how to use the vibrating machine (insert joke here). She showed me how to hold it in a hug-like

position, and even told me to wrap my legs around it. She instructed me to stand up against it, lean all my body weight on it, and told me to let it jiggle the toxins from my system. After I was done jiggling the toxins out, she led me into the sauna and told me to "relax, meditate or pray for about 15 minutes."

When the treatment was over, Peach handed me a cold "electrolyte" beverage, and started unwrapping me. She gave me a warm bathrobe straight from the dryer and then took my measurements once again. I had lost a total of 7.25 inches off my entire body and felt more energized than I can possibly articulate.

When I pulled my jeans back on, I noticed they were substantially looser and my razor-blade hipbones were visible once again. Those interested in having an Energetic Body Wrap can find more information at www.energeticbodywrap.com or call Julie Peach at (208) 353-6379 for an appointment.



Dieting does not have to be so difficult

BY KATRINA L. SAVITZ
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College students are known to have the worse dieting habits of all people in America.

Class schedules, part time jobs, and being away from home are all common factors. Startling research as added, that college students are also trying to maintain the "ideal" figure similar to those in the entertainment industry.

The Facts

While dangerous dieting among college students continues to rise, some of the methods students attempt are found to have higher risks than ever imagined. A recent study performed by Brenda M. Malinauskas, of the depart-

ment of nutrition at East Carolina University in North Carolina has shown that 83 percent of college women are dieting, regardless of their current weight.

Meanwhile, according to Malinauskas, 58 percent of the women claim that social demands from peers, media, and their own self image force them into dieting. Some of the dangerous techniques used to lose weight include, "skipping breakfast and smoking," not to mention laxatives and vomiting after meals.

Another practice used among college students similar to anorexia is called "The Restrict/ Binge cycle." Jane Jakubczak, RD, LDN, Nutritionist and Julie Parsons, LCSW-C, Social worker, explain that students often skip meals throughout the day, resulting in eating too

much at night. This pattern does not stop there; Jakubczak and Parsons add that, "student[s] on this cycle typically feels guilty for over-eating and starts the next day by restricting foods all over again to compensate."

This constant behavior ultimately causes a person to gain weight instead. They explain that limiting the number of calories ingested results in the slowing of an individual's metabolism. Jakubczak and Parsons emphasize that, "the more one restricts, the more one tends to binge and the cycle gets out of control."

What you can do

So now that you've survived mid-terms and gained five pounds in the process, before you cut a meal out of your day, hit the gym for an intense workout, or worse buy a bottle of diet supplements, here are a few healthy

ways to lose those fall semester pounds and keep them off.

1. Dr. Joel Fuhrman, author of many dietary books including "Cholesterol Protection" and "Eat to live," maintains that one of the common fallacies associated with obesity is that people are just eating too much.

Fuhrman says that's wrong, in fact "eating large amounts of the right food is your key to success." So forget about what people are saying and eat!

2. Connie Diekman, the director of nutrition at Washington University in Missouri recommends making changes to your diet slowly. Sudden adjustments, especially those that are too hard to keep may hinder weight loss.

3. Yale-New Haven Hospital recommends adding a fruit or vegetable portion to every meal.

4. And lastly, work that body! Exercise is the leading way to weight management. Take the stairs instead of the elevator or ride your bike to school. Even BSU's Parking Services cares about your health, by making parking on campus impossible, you are forced to park miles away and hike to school. Keep in mind, with the holidays approaching and the smell of Mom's turkey is already making your mouth water, not to mention those Christmas chocolate chip cookies that have your name written all over them temptation can be harder than you think. So, before you start tying the napkin around your neck, stop and ask yourself should I really be doing this?

On-campus weight management resources

Visit www.boisestate.edu/healthservices/wellness/info/fitness is a site for Table Rock healthy choices and external resources for additional health and diet info including health tests and a calorie calculator.

Weight Watcher's Program on campus, Wednesdays noon-1p.m. in the SUB.

Get a -consultation from a registered dietician at the Health and Wellness Center.

Take group exercise classes at the REC.

Local boutiques bring new style to Boise

BY SHEREE' WHITELEY
Arbiter Staff

There are few things better than strolling down the picturesque streets of downtown Boise, Starbucks in hand, crunching the leaves in beautiful fall shades with fabulous stilleto heels. However, something is obviously absent on this serene autumn afternoon - the stores. This leads one to wonder, can true "Vogue" addicts get their fashion fixes in the City of Trees? Or are we (gasp) destined for the typical Boisian/college student sweatshirt/jeans/T-shirt/Abercrombie/Gap uniform, only to end up clothed in the typical corporate attire? Is it possible to avoid the mainstream and the mall?

Spend a day perusing the boutiques downtown, and rest assured that all is not lost.

A quick glimpse around the newly-developed BODO complex on 8th Street will yield a vast array of stores: Office Depot, P.F.Chang's, Edwards Nine Cinemas, Maggie Moos Icecream, etc. But for those craving individual style, this area is a source of life.

Surprisingly, some of the greatest stores to be found around BODO existed prior to its development. Funktion - a boutique featuring many high-end denim labels, Michael Stars basics, funky T-shirts and accessories - opened its doors four years ago.

"I was trying to offer Boise things that you couldn't get here at the time - like the popular denims that they will not sell in the mall," said Leah Butler, owner of the boutique.

Many stores have opened in Boise in the last few years and are greatly contributing to the vast array of options available to apparel-connoisseurs in Boise. However, progress

has been slow.

"I think people are afraid here and I don't know why," said Butler. "Even when I go out and see a lot of college-age kids, it's like they're afraid to break out and be who they could possibly be or differentiate themselves just a little bit with their style. I don't know why it is here."

Another fabulous boutique can be seen from the gigantic glass doors that house Funktion. Shoez (a store that specializes in -duh-shoes) is adjacent to Funktion and offers a vast assortment of fancy foot gear, ranging from Hale' Bob stilletoes doused in glitter to Via Spiga flats. It was in this store that I found my true love (Betsey Johnson wedges boasting black polka-dots and bright bows) and added to my understanding of the benefits associated with boutique shopping.

"The beauty of [boutique shopping] is that we don't buy cases and cases, so the chances of you seeing somebody in town with your unique piece are much, much less - and I like that," said Jennifer Green, general manager of Shoez and Piece Unique. The two stores share an owner and general manager, as well as a unique style.

Piece Unique will celebrate its ninth anniversary Nov. 9, and many things have changed since the store first opened its doors.

"I think Boise has grown a lot within the last 4-to-5 years," Green said. "I think that more people are becoming accustomed to the price point. A lot of it, I think, has had to do with the jeans industry. People aren't as shocked when they see \$150 price tags - and now we're up to \$350 price tags - on a pair of jeans. People are willing to pay a little bit more to get a lot more. We're not New York or Paris, but we're getting there. I think we

have enough economy in this city that people get out and about and understand what boutiques are, so that when they do have a need they know where to go locally. No, we're not New York, but we're not small town anymore either."

Music to the fashion-addict's ears.

Located next door to Shoez is Miss Molly, a boutique that has also seen major change during its two-and-a-half year existence in downtown Boise. Miss Molly also works to keep up with the styles evolving out of New York and L.A., and offers consumers many of the major labels that bigger cities have, available, such as Juicy Couture and Trina Turk.

"We're looking at the same designers as boutique owners in L.A.," Emily Edmundson, manager of Miss Molly said. "When we go to showrooms, we're sitting with people that own boutiques in downtown L.A. or downtown San Francisco. We get to see the same things that everyone else sees at the same time. A lot of people think that we get things later than, say, Nordstroms, but we get the same shipments - sometimes sooner."

As the availability of higher-end fashion continues to develop in Boise, the consumers are changing too.

"We're getting more and more male clientele in here that are caring about what they're wearing, and also a lot more corporate people that are being more casual but are needing to have a certain style and a look while they're in their casual environments at work, which has changed a lot in the last few years here," Butler said.

Hefty price tags are the thing most often associated with the phrase "boutique shopping."

Building a wardrobe with a limited amount of disposable income is possible, and yes, you can still shop in boutiques.

"It's important to start off with one thing that you're going to base everything around. Maybe it's a new pair of jeans or a dress that you can use over jeans or with leggings and dress it up or dress it down," Butler said.

Knowing when and in what to invest some serious cash is crucial to building a truly unique, stylish wardrobe.

Avoiding the mall can be a worthwhile experience. The atmosphere of boutique shopping is simply unbeatable. Friendly, knowledgeable people are more likely to be found in local boutiques than in gigantic department stores or malls, and you're much more likely to be in the presence of the person who picked the pieces for the stores. Not to mention, the likelihood of seeing your twin out on the street is minimal.

"[Boutique shopping] is more fun. It's a more personal experience," Edmundson said. "We limit most things to three to six pieces, so you know that only six people are going to have that shirt in town instead of 55."

Boise has grown leaps and bounds in the past few years, and the BODO complex is a great representation of that growth. Take some time to peruse the gorgeous Nanette Lepore pieces at Miss Molly, the fabulous Seven jeans at Funktion and the Laundry by Shelli Segal heels at Shoez. You'll be helping the local economy and giving Boise a boost into the future of fashion.



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2006 BASKETBALL



Bronco Men's Basketball Preview

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

The 2006-07 men's basketball season officially kicked off Oct. 11 as the Western Athletic Conference held its annual media day. The conference was held in Salt Lake City, Utah this year. Head Coach Greg Graham and seniors Kobe Kiri and Eric Lane represented BSU at the event. The conference was the first opportunity to size up the Broncos next to the rest of the WAC.

This season Graham is returning the most experience of his five years at Boise State. The Broncos return five players that started more than five games for the team last year. In the preseason conference coaches and

media polls, Boise State was voted number six out of nine. Despite expected depth for the newest Broncos, the WAC as a whole may turn out to be the best group of teams the conference has ever seen.

"I think overall the WAC is the best in the five years I've been here," Graham said. "Our preseason schedule is very challenging. Probably the best top-to-bottom schedule Boise State's ever had in basketball."

Included in the preseason schedule are games at Wyoming, Washington State, Colorado State and Montana. The Broncos will host BYU, Sacramento State and a second meeting with Colorado State. If coach Graham can get his team through the first two months of season with some success, the sixth place ranking may not last for long.

"Obviously that's the best rankings since I've been here," Senior point guard Eric Lane said. "We're obviously moving up, but those things don't come right half the time. It's good to know where they see you standing, but

Bronco Women's Basketball Preview

BY KYE JOHNSON
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Boise State Coach Gordy Presnell knows how to win basketball games. With a lifetime winning percentage of .743 (411-142), the Broncos have one of the top coaches in not only in the Western Athletic Conference, but the western region of the country. In his first year, his Bronco team only went 6-10 in WAC play and finished up right in the middle of the pack.

"When you come into a program, you try to chance the culture," Presnell said. "This is how they did it then and this is how we're going to do it now." How they do it now will hopefully boil down to winning games.

"We're battling some tradition," Presnell said. "Boise State was very good in the early nineties and hopefully we can become good again. We want to be in that top four every year. But right now we're fifth and knocking on the door."

The guard play of Nadia Begay and Jessica Thompson could largely dictate how well the Bronco season goes. Begay and Thompson led the Broncos in scoring last season, both averaging over 12 points a game.

Fresno State

The Fresno State Bulldogs are looking to expand on an 8-8 WAC finish in 2005-06. Despite leading the conference in scoring (73.8), three-pointers (9.46), turnover margin (+2.39) and steals (8.18), Fresno was out of postseason contention for the third consecutive year. However, Fresno does return all five starters from a year ago.

Senior's JaVance Coleman and Quinton Hosley will lead the offense. Hosley (6-6, 210) led the team in scoring a year ago, averaging 18.6 points per game. Coleman was second on the team in scoring last season with 17.5 points per game. Both Hosley and Coleman will be expected to shoulder the scoring again this year with no real inside presence for the Bulldogs.

"Hopefully this group has learned what it's gonna actually take to compete for a championship in this conference," Cleveland said. "Certainly we need to be a lot better defensively. If we can get better defensively and do a better job rebounding, take care of the ball, and have some of those experiences we had last year, then I think we can be competitive."

Hawaii

The 2006-07 Hawaii Warriors will be powered by a pair of tall, experienced guards who are both returning from medical red shirt seasons. Matt Gibson and Bobby Nash both entered last season on the starting roster, but by season's end both Nash and Gibson were sidelined with season ending injuries.

Head Coach Riley Wallace will rely on Gibson to lead the Warriors back to postseason play in Wallace's twentieth season at Hawaii. Gibson (6-5, 180) started 21 games at the point guard position in 2004-05, averaging a team-high 13 points per game. Nash (6-6, 195) was a part-time starter in 04-05.

Senior Ahmet Gueye (6-8, 235) will be the anchor of the Warrior inside game. A junior college transfer from Dakar, Senegal, Gueye averaged 12.2 points, 7.7 rebounds and 31.7 minutes per game last season. Gueye is the only returning big man for the Warriors. However, he will be accompanied inside by four junior college or Division I transfers. Hawaii has a total of six transfer players on roster this season.

Idaho

The Idaho Vandals may be picked last in the preseason WAC coaches and media polls, but first-year Head Coach George Pfeiffer isn't too concerned. After taking over a program that won just 12 games in the last two years, Pfeiffer can hope it will only get better from here. Senior guard Keoni Watson is the returning leading scorer. Watson averaged 10.4 points per game last season and started all 29 games for the Vandals. The next offensive threat for Idaho drops to junior forward Mike Kale, who started 12 games and averaged six points per game.

Pfeiffer has brought in nine college transfers from both junior colleges and other four-year programs. Inexperience will be a factor for the Vandals this year, but the team will have an older group of players, which could help start the turnaround in Moscow.

"We're definitely gonna be a work in progress," Pfeiffer said. "Just because we have to discover what some of these guys can do. But I think it's an exciting time. It's an exciting time at the University of Idaho and we're looking forward to the adventure."

Louisiana Tech

The biggest challenge for Louisiana Tech this season will be finding a replacement for forward Paul Milsap, who left college a year early for the NBA draft.

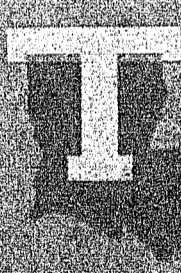
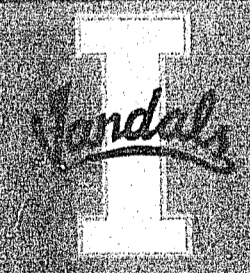
Milsap led the nation in rebounding in all three of his collegiate seasons.

The player most likely to fill the rebounding void will be senior Chaz McKenzie. McKenzie was sidelined early last season with a foot injury.

In the backcourt for La Tech, Jerome Richardson returns with some experience as anybody of the team.

Richardson started the first games for the Bulldogs last season. He averaged 5.9 points per game. Richardson posted a season high of 14 points against Utah State last season.

"There's some real mystery to our team this year," Head Coach Keith Richards said. "But it's a team that I'm excited to coach because we do have eight returning players, six seniors. We have a lot of experience. They're anxious to prove they can play too. With the loss of Paul, they want to create their own identity."



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Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Louisiana Tech
2. Fresno State
3. Nevada
4. Hawaii
5. Boise State
6. San Jose State
7. New Mexico State
8. Idaho
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Fresno State

Senior guard Jasmine Marshall thinks this might be the year that Fresno State finally ousts La Tech out of that No. 1 spot in the WAC.

"We have a lot better of a defensive team and the offensive firepower so we can get over them and get that WAC championship, we've been looking for the last couple years," Marshall said. "We came close, but not close enough." The Bulldogs went 24-8 overall last season and even won two games in the women's National Invitational Tournament before losing to eventual runner Kansas State.

Head Coach Adrian Wiggins enters his third season at Fresno State. The Bulldogs have an impressive 21-3 record in WAC play under his direction over the past two seasons. The Bulldogs have also won 22 of 23 games played at home under Wiggins, including a 15-1 record this season.

Along with Marshall, guards Chantelle Davis and Tera Wilson will lead the Bulldogs this season.

Hawaii

The Hawaii Rainbow Wahine started off on a hot streak last season, but faded as the season went on. Head Coach Jim Bolla knows they need to improve on that mark.

Hawaii returns four of their five starters from last season and may very well be one of the teams to beat in the WAC conference.

Senior Wang Jamevia Taylor leads a Hawaii team that brings back nearly all of its key contributors from a year ago. Taylor is the leading scorer among returnees and she also led the team in assists and steals last season.

Senior post Brittany Grice will give Hawaii one of the best inside threats in the conference. Grice, who was named to the All-WAC defensive team last season.

Hawaii has two of the best players in the conference on their team in Amber Lee and Nicole. Look for the Wahine to be a dark horse contender in the conference this season.

Idaho

The Idaho Vandals may be affected by player loss more than any other team in the WAC coming into this season. The Vandals only return two players of real significance from last season: senior wing Karly Felton and junior post Jessica Summers, both of whom were starters last season. Head Coach Dave Divilbiss still likes the outlook on his team, regardless of the fact that his team was decimated by key losses.

"We're just in a really good place right now," he said. "We're real excited about what we're doing and how hard we're working. Our kids are really together. That's something that wasn't the case in the past." But with the loss of their top two scorers from last season, the Vandals may need someone to step up their scoring in a hurry.

"The only goal I have for us right now is to play together, to believe in each other and not complain when somebody has more points than you do. That's what it's all about to me," Grice said.

Louisiana Tech

Louisiana Tech has dominated women's basketball in the WAC recent years. The Lady Techsters have played in the past five WAC championship tournament games and they've won four of the Second-year Head Coach Chaz Long continued the tradition of winning ways of La Tech in his first season, leading the Lady Techsters to a 28-5 overall record and a WAC championship. He also led La Tech to its twenty-fifth straight appearance in the NCAA tournament and to WAC Coach of the Year honors.

La Tech returns three of their five starters from last season. Lead the way will be senior forward Sienna and Ty Moore. Both were national second team All-WAC last season. Ty Moore led the team in shooting percentage (.430) and was third in the team in scoring average with 10.1 points per game. Sienna Moore had a similar production, she averaged 10.1 points per game and five rebounds per game. Moore is a team high jumper from the free-throw line.

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also good to prove people wrong. Show them who you are." Lane is part of the senior class that will anchor the Boise State backcourt this season. Alongside preseason All-American candidate Coby Karl, the two provide the most experience on the team and will be called upon as leaders by Graham. Last season, Lane was second on the team in scoring (11.4 ppg) and averaged 3.1 assists per game.

Karl used his junior season to assert himself as a premier player in the conference and in the country. Karl boosted his scoring average to 17.2 ppg last year. He also led the team in assists with four per game to go along with his 5.1 rebounds per game. With the final season on the brink for Karl and Lane, both hope to make their senior year their most memorable.

"I want a championship," Karl said. "There's no doubt about it. Individual accolades don't mean anything to a guy in a team sport. If you

get a championship ring and share it with your team, it's more special than anything."

Karl and Lane will be supported by a battle-tested group of guards and a new group of big men.

Junior Matt Bauscher started 20 of 29 games as the third perimeter player last season.

Bauscher was third on the team in scoring (8.5 ppg) and also provided a hard-nose effort on both ends of the floor.

Coach Graham is also expecting big things from his post play this year. The Broncos do return two experienced forwards with Seth Robinson (6-6, 209) and Tyler Tiedeman (6-7, 210). Tiedeman actually spent most of last season sharing minutes with Bauscher on the wing, but is capable of posting up and using his size.

The most anticipated new comer may be transfer Matt Nelson. Nelson

was the Big Sky Freshman of the Year at Eastern Washington University. Nelson spent last season as a redshirt due to NCAA transfer rules.

Rounding out the talented group of big men is Reggie Larry (6-6, 225), a very athletic junior college transfer from the College of Southern Idaho. Larry led the Golden Eagles in rebounding and was second in scoring in route to the team qualifying for the NJCAA national tournament.

"This is the first time since three years ago, or two years ago, that we've had some veterans back and some guys that have been in the program for a while," Graham said. "The key for us is our maturity. Last year we were in almost every game. Hopefully our maturity will take care of some of the unforced turnovers and mistakes that cost in those games."

The Broncos open the 2006-07 season on Nov. 2 at home with an exhibition game against Western Oregon.

The Broncos first preseason game is at Wyoming on Nov. 11.

"We've got pretty good senior leadership," said Presnell. "And we've got a lot of experience. But we're still relatively young."

Presnell obviously wants to win ball games starting this season, but understands that coming to a new program and building it is definitely a process.

"Just last year was the first year we've had a non-losing season since the late nineties," he said. "It's going to take some time, it's going to take some depth and it's going to take some commitment from everyone. Hopefully we can get there, I think we're on the right track. This year will be a step forward for us, so we'll see."

The Broncos will find out early how good they really are, with some tough pre-season games to gear them up for WAC play.

"I think we have some games that we're capable of winning, I think we have some games that are going to be a real challenge for us, that are kind of benchmark games. We play at the University of Oregon in a tournament there with Pittsburgh and Utah. I mean, Utah was an elite eight team last year," Presnell said.

Personnel wise, Presnell feels like his team is very capable of winning ball games. "I think (Jessica) Thompson is going to do well," he said. Thompson was the lone Bronco to receive post-

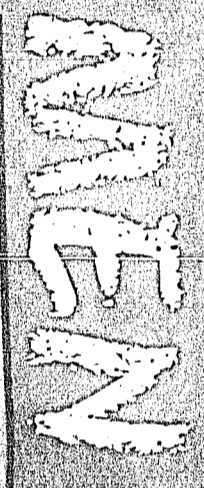
season honors last season, as she was named to the all-WAC freshman team.

"Michelle Hessing has to establish post play for us," Presnell said. Hessing averaged 25.7 minutes of playing time per game last season, while contributing the most blocked shots for the season and ranked third on the team in rebounds.

"Tasha Harris, Jackie Lee and Nadia Begay are real strong for us in the back-court," Presnell said. "I think we have a real strong back-court, hopefully our front-court will improve and Hessing can be healthy and hopefully we'll challenge some people and surprise some people."

New Mexico State	Nevada	San Jose State	Utah State
<p>Second-year Head Coach Reggie Theus is looking to continue the turnaround at New Mexico State following a remarkable first season at the helm.</p> <p>Theus led the Aggies to a tie for the fifth-best turnaround in Division I basketball last season. New Mexico State finished the year 16-14, 10-6 in WAC play.</p> <p>The Aggies will be led by two All-American candidates: Elijah Ingram and Tyrone Nelson.</p> <p>Ingram, a senior guard from East Orange, N.J., has averaged over 10 points per game in each of his three seasons at NMSU.</p> <p>Ingram scored in double figures in 21 of 29 games last season. He also averaged 3.1 assists per game in WAC competition.</p> <p>New Mexico State has not qualified for postseason play since 2000. The Aggies haven't been to the NCAA tournament since 1999.</p> <p>Coach Theus returns four starters from last year's team.</p> <p>"There's a lot of factors in whether your team becomes a great team," Theus said. "We've got the opportunities, if those things come together, to be a great team."</p>	<p>Nevada enters the 2006-07 season with experience and star power after two-time WAC player of the year Nick Fazekas opted out of the 2006 NBA draft. Fazekas was a third-team Associated Press All-American in 2005-06, averaging 21.8 points and 10.4 rebounds per game. He also will be trying to lead Nevada to its fourth consecutive NCAA tournament appearance.</p> <p>Aside from Fazekas, Nevada returns an array of offensive weapons in the backcourt. Junior Marcelus Kemp led the WAC in free throw percentage (.851) last season and also chipped in 15.0 points per contest. Kemp is the most explosive scorer on the perimeter for the Wolfpack. Rounding out the backcourt are senior Kyle Shiloh and junior Ramon Sessions.</p> <p>"This is the youngest team we've had, that I can remember," Head Coach Mark Fox said. "We'll have lots of chronic pains with that group. Fortunately for them they do have some returning players in front of them that hopefully can show them the way and we'll be able to put those two groups together to make a fine team."</p>	<p>Second-year Head Coach George Nessman said his team will be better in 06-07, but with the strength of the WAC this season, the improvements may not be seen right away. Coach Nessman pulled an overhaul on the program in an attempt to move the team forward from its 2-14 WAC record last season. The Spartans return only one starter in center Menelik Barbary (6-9, 230). Barbary averaged 6.2 points and 4.6 rebounds per game in his junior season.</p> <p>San Jose State does return six players aside from Barbary, but it will be a process to find who is going to step into the other four starting spots. Julian Richardson has more experience than any of the other six returnees. Richardson started 11 games in 2005-06, yet only averaged 2.2 ppg.</p> <p>The Spartans should be improved in coach Nessman's second season, but the results may take a while to be noticed.</p> <p>"I think it will take time," Nessman said. "We can't go from where San Jose State's program was to where we want to be overnight. We do feel good about our team. We will be better."</p>	<p>Utah State enters its second season in the WAC looking to make its third straight NCAA tournament appearance.</p> <p>The Aggies have the fourth best win percentage (.778) in the country since 2000, trailing Duke, Gonzaga and Illinois.</p> <p>Over the past seven years USU has won more than 23 games in each season, leading to seven consecutive postseason tournament appearances.</p> <p>Junior guard Jaycee Carroll will receive the most attention from oppositions this season. Carroll averaged 14.7 points per game in 05-06 and has started 62 of 64 games in his first two seasons at Utah State. Carroll is USU's current career three-point percentage leader (.462) and fifth in three-point shots attempted and made.</p> <p>"We lost four of our top six players (from last season)," Utah State Head Coach Stew Morrill said. "It's a real challenge. The nature of our program, with recruiting a lot of JC transfers, is we'll have a high turnover. This year is uncharacteristically high though. One thing we do have is a high amount of tradition. Our guys expect to win."</p>
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New Mexico State	Nevada	San Jose State	Utah State
<p>6'1 junior Sherrell Neal is one of three returning starters for the Aggies who will try to help New Mexico State make progress this season and they don't really care how much progress that is. Last year, Neal averaged 6.5 rebounds and 6.5 points per game and 8.5 points per contest. It's a seventh-place regular season finish last year has Aggie faithfuls eager for a breakout season. The Aggies finished strong though, even after only going 5-11 in WAC play. In the conference tournament, the Aggies were seeded No. 7 but still went on to defeat Boise State in the semi-final game before finally being run out by champion La Tech.</p> <p>Coach Spence said, "We're going to really try to build on our end of our season last year with our WAC and tournament run." He added, "Our thing with our program is just to continue the pattern of growth. There's so many things that I've had to do as head coach for our program that our seniors and veteran guys have done for us."</p>	<p>If there is a team in the WAC this season that looks to legitimately have a shot at knocking off La Tech from the No. 1 spot you probably have to look at Nevada as that team. The Wolf Pack returns all five of its starters from last season and Head Coach Kim Gervasoni feels they have made huge progress this off-season.</p> <p>"The thing I notice the most with this team is the commitment level to the program, the dedication, the overall mentality of our program has shifted and changed in a much more positive direction," Gervasoni said. She was ultimately impressed with the dedication her players made this summer to get in better shape. "Our fitness level is off the charts. We're a lot stronger than we've ever been and a just a lot more fit overall. So I'm excited about that." Coaching the way is important guard Darnell Johnson. Named the WAC's best player of the year last season, Johnson led the team in scoring and steals as a freshman.</p>	<p>Greg Lockridge knows his team has a serious up-hill battle to fight this season. The loss of San Jose State's two best players - Lamisha Augustine and Amber Jackson left the Spartans with virtually no experienced players in the post. Lockridge also knows that attempting to fill the shoes of first-team all-WAC performer Lamisha Augustine will be very difficult to do.</p> <p>When asked if he feels anyone will be able to fill those shoes, he replied, "No and I don't think we want to try to approach it from that standpoint. We want to try to approach it from a team concept. There were things that we didn't do well as a team."</p> <p>"I see we're picked to finish sixth," he said. "That's probably generous. But we'll try to meet those expectations at least and we'll see what happens." Lockridge is the interim head coach at the moment and replacing the former coach who had to take a medical leave of absence this season.</p>	<p>Many people see Utah State as the cell-dweller of the conference this season and Head Coach Raegan Pebley understands.</p> <p>"Really, the big thing for our team this year is that we just want to be better," she said. "I'd love to come here in front of you guys and say that we're a great team. I don't know that we're a good team compared to our competitors right now we just want to be better than we were last year."</p> <p>Last year was a season that most Aggie followers would like to erase from their memory in a hurry. A 3-24 overall record and a 2-13 record in WAC play laid down the foundation for a program that has nowhere to go but up.</p> <p>Utah State returns three starters from last season - guards Taylor Richards and Danyelle Snelgro and forward Jerry Gross.</p> <p>Snelgro was an all-WAC freshman transfer last season, but Richards may be the best asset the Aggies have coming back.</p>



Racing to find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis:

Boise natives cycle to raise money for research

BY BRIAN LUPTAK
Sports Writer

A month ago, three bicycle enthusiasts set out on the trip of a lifetime. Not only would this adventure be a milestone in their own lives, but it will hopefully impact the lives of others as well. Beginning in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, the three riders embarked on a journey, with a destination 6,000 miles away: Key West, Fla. Their opponent: Cystic Fibrosis, the number one genetic killer among children in the United States.

Defective genes initiate CF, which causes thick mucus to build up in the lungs, potentially resulting in life-threatening lung infections. Approximately 30,000 children and adults in the country currently live with the disease. Although research is advancing quickly in favor of CF patients, there is still no cure. The goal of this cycling trip is to advance another step, even a small one, toward putting an end to the effects of CF.

Former Timberline High School classmates Keith Larsen, Rich Gardunia and Sarah Wagstaff are the riders on this dedicated expedition.

"It has always been close to our hearts," Sarah Wagstaff said. "[Keith] wanted to do something to raise

money and awareness about Cystic Fibrosis in memory of the loved ones that he has lost and also for the ones that are still hanging on and doing great right now. Plus we love biking."

Larsen, the team leader and initiator, began compiling the details of the ride a year ago while attending college at BYU-Idaho. Larsen's passion to carry through with his plan has been driven by the ways in which CF has directly affected his family.

In 1995, Keith and his family lost his 14 year-old cousin Lexi to CF and the complications that followed a double lung transplant. The transplant was an attempt to cure severe lung infections. Lexi's older sister, Sharli, who is now 27, is also fighting CF. Another sister and the oldest, Chelsea, did not grow up with the symptoms of CF. However, she was a carrier of the recessive gene and her two children, Benjamin and Lauren Alexis, have both been diagnosed with the disease.

Larsen made his dream a reality when he recruited his friends Gardunia and Wagstaff to accompany him on his bicycling attack against Cystic Fibrosis. The three were driving together on their way to another friend's wedding when the proposition was made.

"We were in the car when Keith

brought up the idea," Wagstaff said. "It was exciting right away."

Gardunia has accepted the title of equipment mechanic for the team while Wagstaff is keeping up with public relations. With the combination of the three teammates, the level of dedication and perseverance could not be higher.

The starting point of the trip was set 250 miles North of the Arctic Circle at Prudhoe Bay, Ala. The riders proceeded through the interior of Alaska to the coastline and entered into the Yukon territories of British Columbia, Canada. From there, they peddled down the coast of the Pacific Ocean and into the greater Seattle area eventually making their way into Oregon.

The riders recently rode through their hometown of Boise this past weekend, reaching a point a little over half way to their destination. From here, they will ride south into Utah, through Four Corners and along the Southern United States in the general direction of their final stopping point - Key West.

Many events have added speed bumps to their already demanding adventure. Over 30 flat tires, brake malfunctions, crashes, bear sightings and rain have all influenced the trip in their own ways. However, the team has shown their endurance by

maintaining an impressive pace of 70 to 100 miles each day.

Weather and landmarks have proven to be less of a challenge than the team first anticipated. The original route has been modified due to mild weather conditions and to accommodate riding through the familiar territory of the Treasure Valley.

"We wanted to come through the hometown and see family and friends again before we continued south," Wagstaff said. "We've had wonderful weather and we're hoping and praying for even more good weather as we go through Utah and Colorado."

While the Southern climate regions are in sight for the bikers, so are the Rocky Mountains, which may pose one of the greater tests of the excursion.

"We've got our route picked out," Wagstaff said. "We've actually changed it quite a bit since we originally started. We thought it would be too cold to come through the Rockies or even through Boise."

An even larger goal than the progression of the trip remains. The team's goal in completing this 6,000-mile trek is to raise \$100,000 toward finding a cure for CF. Thus far, the accumulated donations are at approximately \$2,000.

"We did a little bit of advertising before the ride and we will continue to do a bunch after," Wagstaff said. "We're not too concerned about where we're at right now. We still have a lot of people to reach. We would just love some help raising the money, whatever people can give."

Donations can be made in two different forms. One way is to donate a sum of money toward the expense of the trip itself. The estimated cost per rider is \$3,500 - a cost that each team member has absorbed individually. Another method is to directly submit a donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Either one of these contributions can be made on the team's website at www.alaskatoflorida.com and every amount can make the difference to potentially save lives. More information on the trip's events, the bikers, Cystic Fibrosis and this amazing cause can also be found on their website.

Keith, Rich and Sarah are aiming to complete this astonishing voyage in time to be home in Boise for Christmas. Conclusion of the biking tour will be a wonderful Christmas gift to themselves.

However, what these three adventurous people are hoping to give to the 30,000 people with CF will mean so much more.

International students balance tennis and Boise living

BY ANDREAS KREUTZER
Sports Writer

"Who are we? Boise State! Where are we from? BSU! What are we gonna do? Give our best! One, two, three - Broncos!"

If you've ever attended a Boise State women's tennis game, there is a good chance you have heard this cheer. Before every game the players on the tennis team express their team spirit and pump each other up for the upcoming event.

Among those players are German student-athletes Laura Baum and Bianca Jochimsen. Both attend Boise State University on tennis scholarships.

Baum, a communication major, is in her sophomore year at BSU and started playing for the team last year.

"I always wanted to study in the U.S.," Baum said. "I wouldn't have had the chance to combine tennis and studying in Germany the way I can do it here."

Jochimsen, a freshman out of Rodgau, Germany, made her decision to study and play tennis in the United States after listening to some friendly advice.

"I know a lot of people that have studied in the United States," Jochimsen said. "I talked to them and they told me how much fun they had, so I decided this was the right way to go."

Talking to Head Tennis Coach Mark Tichenor and getting to know the team helped Jochimsen to ultimately choose BSU.

"The team and our coach have been great," Jochimsen said. "I had some other Universities to choose

from. When you're that far away from home you want people you get along with and make friends, and I get that here."

Both players have to get used to the different system of play in the United States. College sports are not nearly as big in Germany as they are in the United States. Most sports are played in city club teams. The college sport system offers Jochimsen and Baum the opportunity to study and work on their tennis skills at the same place as well as compete with and against fellow students.

"The setting is totally different here," Jochimsen said. "We have team competitions in Germany, too, but we only have six or seven contests a year, and that's it. We don't develop that much of a team spirit in Germany."

On the other hand, the combination of school and sports also poses some problems that are new to the German players.

"Sometimes it's exhausting," Baum said. "We set great value on studying, but practice is extremely important too. A lot of people think that athletes have an easy life, but sometimes it is really hard to combine sports and school."

Practice, tournaments and studying make for a tight schedule for Baum and Jochimsen.

"On some days you don't even have an hour for yourself," Jochimsen said. "We have classes in the morning and go to practice directly after that. We get back at six o'clock, do homework and go to sleep."

One thing that impresses Baum about college athletics is the

enthusiasm people have for college teams here.

"There are a lot of families that support us," Baum said. "There are private people who attend our games regularly and help our team, such as Jack Taylor. He is one of our biggest fans and boosters."

Besides Baum and Jochimsen, there are four more international students on the tennis team. Jana Mackova (Slovakia), Stacey Housley (New Zealand), Tatiana Ganzha (Russia) and Polina Kokoulina (Russia) are part of the nine-player roster as well.

"It's great to get to know so many people from different countries," Baum said. "I made friends with people from all over the world. I would not have had the chance to do that in Germany."

Being on the same team with

fellow international students also helps players to cope with problems they might run into while being in a foreign country.

"The team is like a family," Jochimsen said. "We all know how it feels to be far away from home and we can help each other out. Having Laura and the other internationals on the team makes it a lot easier."

Last season the Broncos came close to winning a Western Athletic Conference championship. Baum was 9-0 in singles matches. Despite a strong showing a year ago, Baum is optimistic the team is even better this year.

"We have a very strong, balanced team," Baum said. "I think we have a shot at the title this year and that's our goal. That's what we work so hard for in practice."

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 - Scoff (at)
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 - They went ___!
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 - Apia's country
 - Pictures of illusion
 - Duck or dodo
 - John Cleland novel, "___ Hill"
 - One of HOMES
 - Alphabetical quintet
 - Wall climbers
 - Hair fashions
 - Climbing plant
 - "Bill ___ the Science Guy"
 - Double curve
 - Thin sounding
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HOROSCOPES

BY LINDA C. BLACK
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Today's Birthday (10-19-06). You've had to face some difficult realities recently. Don't despair. You're becoming much stronger, which will soon be apparent to you and everyone else. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 6 - Take care of the most important things first. Put your earnings in a safe place. More study is required before you can spend wisely.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 5 - Pay attention to the details. That's where you'll find the answer. Use something you might have thrown away, and you'll earn extra points.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 6 - Some of the stuff you've been saving has actually increased in value. Don't just toss it; find out what it's worth first.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 7 - This has not been an easy assignment. Soon you'll feel much better. Tell a loved one your wins and losses, and get on to the next project.

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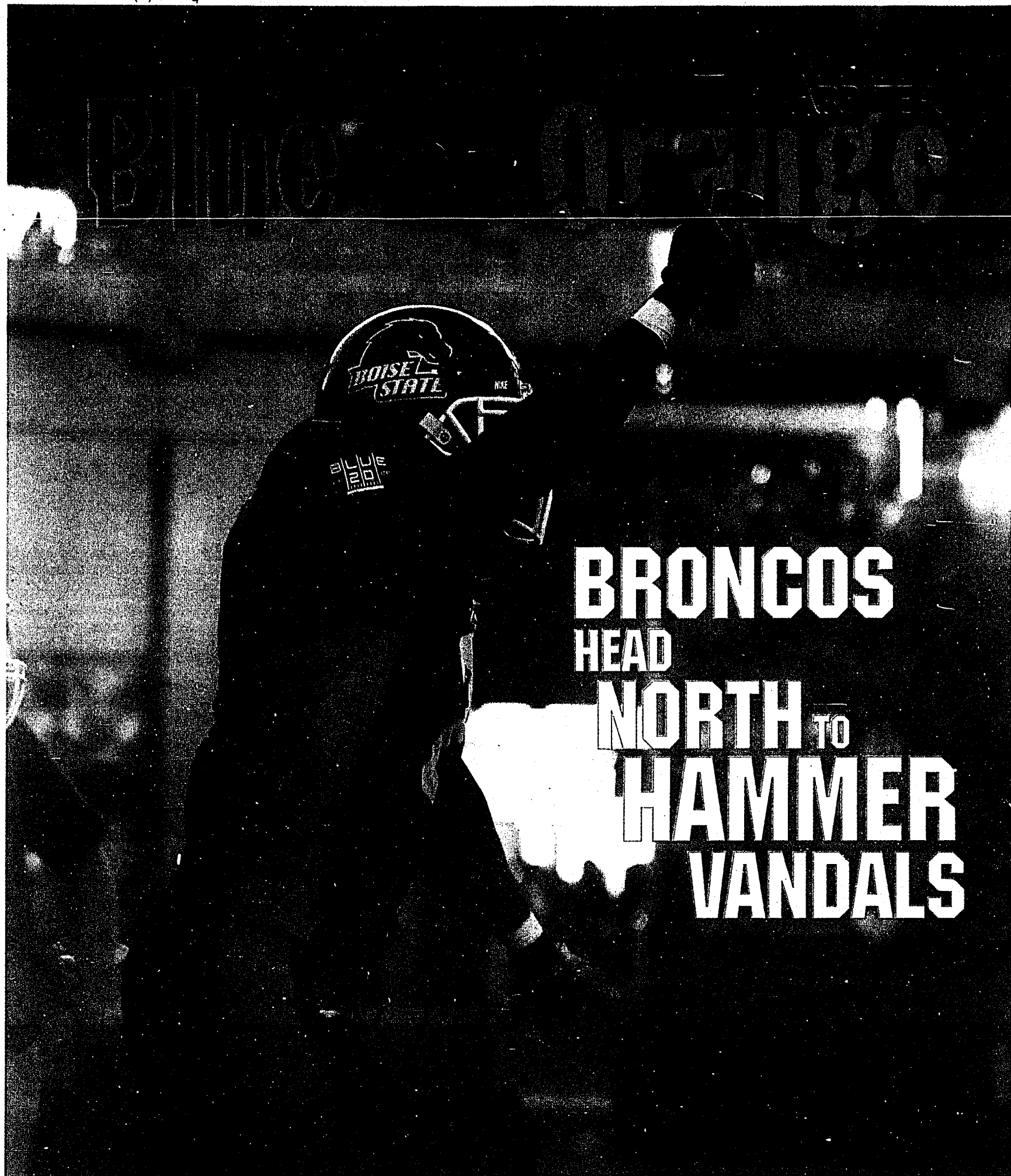
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Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 5 - If they think you're a lot, they'll naturally want you to share. That's why it's best for them to think you don't.

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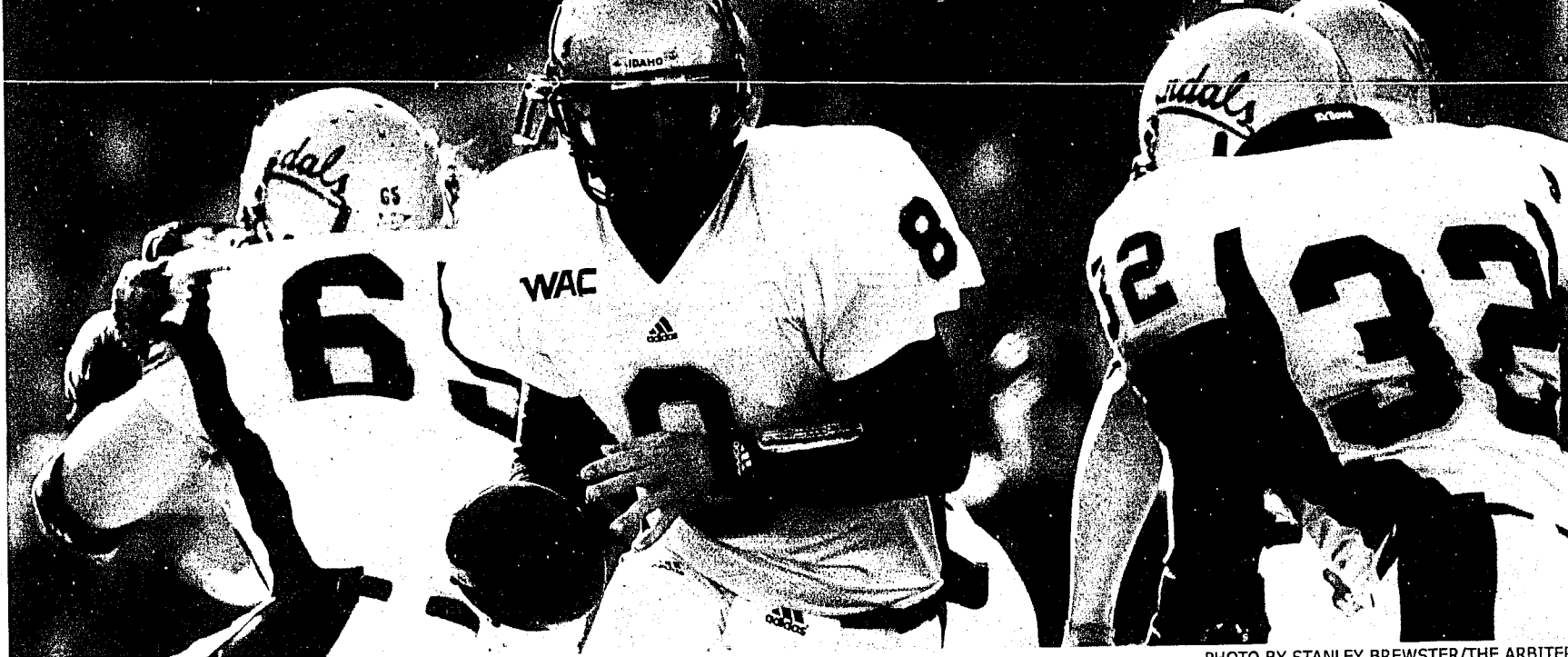


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BY KYE JOHNSON
Assistant Sports Editor

Don't look now but the Idaho Vandals are 3-0 in Western Athletic Conference play. Head Coach Dennis Erickson has his team playing consistent football in recent weeks, just in time to host the No. 17 nationally ranked Boise State.

"Well you're talking about one of the top ten teams in the country coming in here," Erickson said about this weekend's match-up. "And a program that's been unbelievable over the years and a program that we're all kind of trying to model at this time. You watch them play week in and week out and really [they] have not had a close football game. They're just well coached, they're experienced, they don't make a lot of mistakes and they've got a lot of weapons. I mean like I said they're one of the top teams in the country so we're going to have to play as well as we can to have a chance to compete."

Quarterback

Senior Steven Wichman is considered a good quarterback by every coach in the WAC. Opponents recognize his potential; it's just a matter of putting it all together. Wichman has thrown for 1,355 yards so far this season, with four touchdowns and eight interceptions. He is averaging 193.6 passing yards per

game, ranking him No. 4 among WAC quarterbacks.

Running Back

Sophomore Jayson Bird and junior Brian Flowers share the running load for the Vandal offense. The two backs combined have helped Idaho rush for an average of 119.6 yards per game, fifth best in the WAC. Bird, a native from Shelley, comes into the BSU game with 350 yards and five touchdowns. Flowers has 346 yards and four touchdowns on the season.

Although Bird is the feature back, Flowers has been just as effective, if not more. Bird is only averaging 3.4 yards per carry as opposed to Flowers' 4.6-yard average. Between the two of them and Wichman, Idaho is only averaging 3.3 yards per carry, which is fourth worst in the conference.

Receivers

If it weren't for teams like New Mexico State and Hawaii who are constantly passing the ball, you might be more familiar with the name Wendell Octave. With 19 catches for 243 yards and two touchdowns, Octave leads the Vandals in virtually every major receiving category.

The 6-1, 181 pound senior from St. James, La has had a very solid career at Idaho. He has 30-plus catches in each of his last two seasons, which made Octave one of the big-

ger threats on the Vandal roster this season. Wichman's second target has consistently been junior college transfer Marlon Haynes. Haynes has snagged 16 passes for 276 yards for an average of 17.3 yards per reception. Haynes' biggest game of the year came against Idaho State, where he had 88 yards on four catches, including a long of 39 yards.

Offensive Line

Tackle Nate VanderPol is the only senior on the Vandal offensive line. VanderPol and sophomore Kris Anderson, who started all nine games he played in last season, have been consistent starters at the tackle positions in 2006. Even though Vandal center Adam Korby is just a sophomore, there is little doubt he's the best lineman on the roster. Korby started every game last season as a freshman for Idaho.

At 292 pounds, Korby is agile enough to move around well. He was placed on the Rimington award watch list at the start of the season. That award is handed out to the nation's best center at season's end. Junior guard Marcis Fennell and red-shirt freshman Adam Juratovac make up the remainder of the Idaho offensive line. An overall experienced group of players will only get better as the season progresses.

Defensive Line

Idaho's rush defense ranks No. 4 in

the WAC, as they have accomplished 146.6 yards per game on the ground. Between the Vandals four starting linemen, they have only been able to muster up a grand total of three sacks this season. Defensive ends Josh Shaw and Charles Campbell lead the Vandal's linemen with 15 and 14 tackles respectively. Both also have one sack each this year.

Ryan Davis, the senior defensive tackle also has one sack and leads all defensive linemen in tackles for losses with three. The 293-pound junior Suia Musika has no sacks this season. Musika is the other starter at defensive tackle. He has three sacks total in his Vandal career. Prior to this season, Musika started in 18 games as an underclassman. The junior from Milpitas, California was highly recruited out of high school, after making 102 tackles as a senior.

Linebackers

Junior David Vobora (6-1, 214) has been absolutely stellar so far this season for the Vandals. The linebacker from Eugene, Ore. already has 82 tackles, eight for loss, leading the WAC in both categories. He's also forced two fumbles and intercepted a pass. Vobora was named the Vandals special team player of the year last season, after only contributing sparingly as a linebacker, and mainly spending his time on special teams. He had a total of 60 tackles for his career coming into

this season, a number he's already surpassed in seven games in 2007. Vobora is off to a great start and is a likely candidate for the WAC defensive player of the year.

Secondary

The Vandals secondary as a whole is giving up 232.6 yards per contest through the air, ranking them sixth in the WAC in pass defense. They are second in interceptions with 11, behind Boise State who leads the conference with 13. Junior college transfer Stanley Franks has been the brightest spot in the Vandal secondary so far in 2006.

Franks already has six interceptions through seven games, including a pick he ran back 98 yards the other way for a touchdown against Utah State in their WAC opener.

Special Teams

When pre-season All-American place kicker Mike Barrow went down with a career-ending knee injury earlier this year, the Vandals needed someone to step in and fill his place.

That person so far is Tino Amancio, the sophomore from Fontana, Calif., he has been solid thus far, connecting on 7-of-11 field goal attempts and converting all 18 extra point attempts. He even earned Special Teams Player of the Week honors earlier this month for his performance against Utah State.

Boise State overcomes imperfections

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

The Boise State football team may be 7-0, but the Broncos have demonstrated recently that they are not perfect. After giving up 526 passing yards against New Mexico State Oct. 15, BSU Head Coach Chris Petersen's crew appears to have plenty of room to improve by the season's end. Luckily for BSU fans, the Broncos don't appear to be peaking too soon in 2006.

With the win over Louisiana Tech on homecoming, the Broncos became bowl-eligible for the ninth consecutive season. However, while it only takes six wins in NCAA Division-I football to become eligible for postseason play, coach Petersen said his team has a long way to go before being guaranteed a bowl spot.

"I think with our bowl situation that doesn't necessarily make us bowl eligible. I think we have to get to 10 wins for anybody to say you're going to a bowl game. (If) we're in the Pac-10, we got our six wins, we're bowl eligible. Not here."

One of the things BSU will have to overcome to make it to the bowl-eligible plateau is cut down on the turnovers that have plagued the team in recent weeks. During the first five games of the season BSU recorded six turnovers. In the last two games Boise State turned the football over five times.

The recent barrage of turnovers it is one of just a few concerns for coach Petersen right now.

In fact, Petersen has managed to find some positives in BSU's game at New Mexico State.

"We did win the turnover battle, so I think that's a positive. I think if the offense would have held onto the ball two more times I do think it would have been a different game."

The Broncos will have to clean up the errors by Saturday when they meet an Idaho team that has forced 18 turnovers this season. Idaho is coming off a win at Louisiana Tech in which the Vandal defense caused eight turnovers. If the Boise State offense fails to hang onto the football Saturday, the Vandals could

"I think we have to get to 10 wins for anybody to say you're going to a bowl game."

- Coach Petersen

make a push to victory deep in the game.

"That's scary," Petersen said. "Eight turnovers, that's a great job by the defense. That's a season for some teams, so we're going to have to be extra careful this week and be prepared for that."

One of the other ways Coach Petersen is preparing his players for Idaho is by gearing up for a battle in the Kibbie Dome. Idaho plays its home games in the 16,000-seat indoor stadium.

According to Petersen, the Vandals also play on an Astroturf that is virtually unused in college football. However, thanks to the new indoor facilities at

BSU, the Broncos are able to prepare for the noise factor in the Kibbie Dome.

As they have done already this year, the Broncos will spend the week practicing indoors with artificial noise pumping through the sound system.

Coach Petersen hopes practicing with the noise will be a close simulation for the noise he's expecting Saturday.

"It's just an awkward, different place to play," Petersen said. "Nobody has that Astroturf anymore. Being indoors is a different feeling. It's loud. Last time we were there it wasn't even sold out and it was loud. So this time I'm sure it will be twice as loud."

Kick off Saturday is scheduled for 2 p.m. (PT).

While the Broncos are looking to improve their WAC record to 4-0 and take sole possession of first place in the conference, Idaho is looking to end an eight-year losing streak against Boise State.

With three more wins the Broncos will reach the coveted ten-win season coach Petersen is shooting for.

National College Football Polls

AP top 25 rankings

1. Ohio State, 7-0
2. Michigan, 7-0
3. USC, 6-0
4. West Virginia, 6-0
5. Texas, 6-1
6. Louisville, 6-0
7. Tennessee, 5-1
8. Auburn, 6-1
9. Florida, 6-1
10. Notre Dame, 5-1
11. California, 6-1
12. Clemson, 6-1
13. Georgia Tech, 5-1
14. LSU, 5-2
15. Arkansas, 5-1
16. Oregon, 5-1
17. Nebraska, 6-1
18. **Boise State, 6-0**
19. Rutgers, 6-0
20. Oklahoma, 4-2
21. Wisconsin, 6-1
22. Boston College, 5-1
23. Texas A&M, 6-1
24. Missouri, 6-1
25. Wake Forest, 6-1

Others Receiving Votes
Pittsburgh 73, Georgia 63, Iowa 61, Florida State 30, Miami (FL) 17, Virginia Tech 6, Alabama 4, Brigham Young 1, Purdue 1, Tulsa 1

Dropped From Rankings
Iowa 15, Georgia 16, Virginia Tech 22

USA Today top 25 rankings

1. Ohio State, 7-0
2. USC, 6-0
3. Michigan, 7-0
4. West Virginia, 6-0
5. Texas, 6-1
6. Louisville, 6-0
7. Auburn, 6-1
8. Notre Dame, 5-1
9. Tennessee, 5-1
10. Florida, 6-1
11. California, 6-1
12. Clemson, 6-1
13. Georgia Tech, 5-1
14. LSU, 5-2
15. Oregon, 5-1
16. Nebraska, 6-1
17. **Boise State, 6-0**
18. Arkansas, 5-1
19. Rutgers, 6-0
20. Oklahoma, 4-2
21. Boston College, 5-1
22. Wisconsin, 6-1
23. Georgia, 5-2
24. Texas A&M 6-1

Others Receiving Votes
Pittsburgh 105, Missouri 89, Wake Forest 59, Florida State 42, Virginia Tech 22, Miami (FL) 15, South Carolina 4, Penn State 3, Hawaii 3, Alabama 1, Brigham Young 1

Dropped From Rankings
Virginia Tech 17, Missouri 21

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#18 Boise State @Idaho	BSU	BSU	BSU	BSU	BSU	BSU
#5 Texas @#17 Nebraska	Texas	Texas	Nebraska	Texas	Texas	Texas
Iowa @#2 Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Colorado @#20 Oklahoma	Colorado	Oklahoma	Colorado	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Colorado
San Jose State @Nevada	San Jose	Nevada	San Jose	San Jose	Nevada	San Jose
#13 Georgia Tech @ #12 Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	GT	GT	GT	GT
NFL Carolina @Cincinnati	Carolina	Cincinnati	Carolina	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Carolina
NY Giants @ Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Giants	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas

Boise State-Idaho continues the tradition



BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

A good college football rivalry embodies the true spirit of the game. While most Boise State fans look at Fresno State and Oregon State as the biggest games of the season, a much bigger game lurks on the 2006 schedule.

On Saturday BSU will travel to upstate rival University of Idaho for the 36th gridiron meeting between the two schools. As the rivalry has grown through conference and NCAA division changes, parity has never been a problem for these two teams.

The series record currently stands at 17-17-1 for the two schools. With both teams coming into Saturday's game tied for first place in the Western Athletic Conference (3-0), there is much more than rivalry pride on the line.

"The Boise State-Idaho thing,

there's a lot of history there," BSU Head Coach Chris Petersen said. "When you've got two teams that are both doing well in conference, I think it throws another factor into the whole mix."

The grudge match will feature a first time head coach in Boise State's Petersen.

Petersen will be looking across the field at legendary coach Dennis Erickson. Erickson is in his second stint with the program, which makes the rivalry an old tradition for him.

"I know it's a big thing in the state for everybody," Erickson said. "For both the Bronco fans and the Vandal fans and you know this is what college football is all about. I know that our students are excited and it's going to be a sold-out crowd. I've had the opportunity to play in games like this before and it's what college football is all about, that's why guys

come and play."

In recent years BSU has owned the Vandals in the series. The Broncos haven't lost to Idaho since 1998, a game in which the Vandals prevailed 36-35 in an overtime thriller. A BSU win in Moscow this year would raise the win streak over Idaho to eight consecutive games.

Last year the Vandals gave Bronco fans a scare for two and a half quarters. Idaho evened the score midway through the third quarter, 21-21. However, Boise State managed to rattle off 35 unanswered points to finish the game with a 70-35 victory.

The win was the fifth game since '98 the Broncos had won by more than 30-points. The closest game in Boise State's seven-year run came in 2003 when the Broncos escaped Moscow with a 24-10 win.

"Well it's a great challenge for us obviously," Erickson said. "The last seven years we haven't play very well

in this game and have had it handed to us pretty convincingly. So the rivalry hasn't really been a close rivalry of the immediate past. But it's exciting for our players to get an opportunity to play against one of the best teams in the country and to get the opportunity to play them here."

After the inaugural game in 1971, the series went back and forth evenly until the 1982 season. In 1975 the series saw its only tie between the two teams. The '75 game ended in a 35-35 stalemate.

Despite recent dominance by the Broncos, U of I enjoyed its own streak of excellence during the 80s and 90s. From '82 to '93 the Broncos fell to the Vandals 11 consecutive times. With the eighth consecutive win on the horizon, BSU fans have plenty to enjoy while trying to bring the series lead back to Boise.

However, Idaho may not be the "push over" Bronco fans have come

to enjoy lately. Despite opening conference play with wins over teams who have a combined season record of 4-15, the Vandals return a strong core of players from 2005. With a little success in 2006, Idaho appears to be finding a rhythm and getting used to winning.

"I think that it's always good when the so-called rival does well," Petersen said. "I think it keeps you on your toes. I think it keeps pushing the envelope in your program. I think it will make us better in the long run."

With a conference race on the line and bragging rights for both teams at stake, the 2006 version of the Bronco-Vandal showdown is setting up to be a classic.

"Idaho's playing at a real high level and it's gonna be a great challenge for us," Petersen said. "Going up there in their neck of the woods, it's always hard to go on the road and win, but it's going to be a fun game."

Boise State has outgrown Idaho rivalry

COMMENTARY
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Who would have thunk it ... the Boise State Broncos vs. the Idaho Vandals - playing against one another in midseason for sole possession of first place in the Western Athletic Conference.

I can see you, Vandal Fan, puffing out your chest, talking about how "they're back" and reminiscing about the 1980s and the Big Sky conference. You very well may be back to where you were in the 1980s - squeaking out three point victories against Idaho State in the Big Sky.

Congratulations. After a decade in Division I-A football, you've finally gotten back to the level of play you were at 20 years ago.

And I know what you're saying, "We've beaten the same teams as you this year."

While that may not be the biggest Vandal lie told in the past few years (see University Place for that), your margin of victory wins over the same opponents BSU has played this year (La Tech and New Mexico State) is 18 points - whereas our combined margin of victory over those two schools is 53.

What amuses me most, Vandal Fan, is your cult-like following for

Head Coach Dennis Erickson. Sure, he's a great coach - I'll give you that. But he's not the personal savior of the Vandals program that you've made him out to be. Dennis Erickson does not equal Jesus Christ.

Sure he's worked a few miracles and brought you to above .500 for the first time in years at the midpoint of the season. And maybe that is like walking on water in Moscow, but let's be honest here - it'll never last.

Like Nick Holt before him - the coach that ran away from your program at the first chance he had so fast you would have thought he was on fire - Erickson will do the same thing.

You don't honestly think he's going to stay at a bush league program like Idaho when one of the big time openings comes up this season or the next, do you? You really think he's loyal to your "Vandal family" now?

Who knows, maybe he is.

I mean, it's not like he has a history of turning around a losing program fast and leaving to go to bigger and better places even faster. Just ask Wyoming, Washington State, Miami, Oregon State and who else... oh yeah, you! So while you're enjoying your .500 season of mediocrity like you're an undefeated Boise State team on a Bowl Championship Series run, try not to let the reality of the last seven

years sink in. You know the reality, which says you have been outscored 352 - 124 in the series since 1999.

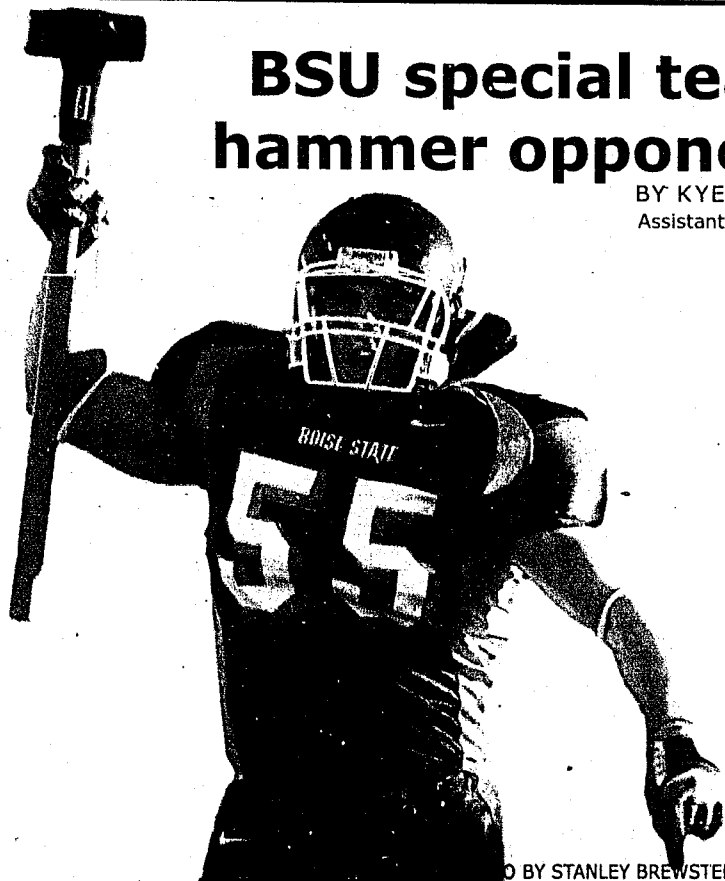
Boise State has outgrown the Idaho rivalry by winning 70 games since 2000. Vandals have posted 20 wins in the same time frame.

The reality is that your average defense won't stand up to Ian Johnson and the nation's sixth-ranked scoring and rushing offense.

The reality is this, Vandal Fan. Come Saturday, for the eighth year in a row - even with your own personal savior Dennis Erickson on the sidelines - you'll see just how far Idaho has fallen behind Boise State.

BSU special teams hammer opponents

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If you've ever wondered why Boise State football players run out of the tunnel before each game with a sledgehammer, there is a logical explanation. Boise State Special teams' Coach Jeff Choate wants to get his guys playing physical all the time, so he tries to find ways to promote physicality.

"Every year before football season starts, I go up to the hardware store and get a big 10-pound sledge and decorate it up with our team colors," Choate said. "Then each week the special teams hit of the week gets the hammer. They carry it for the week. They'll bring it out when they come out of the tunnel. They have their jersey numbers put on the hammer each week so they can see each guy."

The hammer made quite a commotion at home football games this year. However, the origin of the hammer didn't begin when Choate became the special teams coach at BSU.

"Well it's something that actually goes back to when I was a defensive coach," Choate said. "It's an award that we give each week, kind of to the 'hit of the week' or the most physical play."

Choate and the other staff members are always trying to find ways to acknowledge players for being physical. The award is geared for players who aren't always in the spotlight.

While seven different players have been awarded the hammer this season, only two defensive starters have won the award. Gerald Alexander and Korey Hall won the hammer in weeks five and six respectively. Aside from Hall and Alexander, a non-starter has won the hammer every other week of the season.

Austin Smith was the first Bronco player awarded the hammer for his performance against Sacramento State.

Following in Smith's footsteps were Tanyon Bissell, Garrett Tuggle, Josh Bean and Ellis Powers. As Choate had envisioned it, the sledgehammer has become a right of passage for players still fighting for playing time.

"As I became the special teams coordinator, we kind of took that idea and blended that into the special teams part of things," Choate said.

Choate mentioned that he feels the hammer has done great things for his unit. "I know they're into it because I can hear them talking about how they want to get the hammer each week," Choate said.

Coach Choate's system gives guys other than the kicker or the kick returner a chance to get some recognition.

"It's something they pride themselves on, being physical players," Choate said. "To get to carry the hammer is a nice honor."

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