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Students of Boise State University

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WEATHER

MONDAY
High: 52F / Low 39F

TUESDAY
High: 45F / Low 34F

WEDNESDAY
High: 51F / Low 42F

ON CAMPUS

THURSDAY
Great American Smokeout The Quad. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Student Union Building 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free quit kits available, giveaways, tobacco cessation services and information on the effects of smoking.

SATURDAY

Boise State Football vs. Utah State Aggies. Bronco Stadium. 1 p.m.

SUNDAY

Hymns of Thanksgiving Taco Bell Arena. 7:30 p.m. This community event celebrates the uniquely American holiday with music and narration focused on the themes of Thanksgiving. Music directors Jim Jirak and Linda Berg will conduct the choir, and Marcellus Brown will conduct the orchestra. Gov. Jim Risch and First Lady Vicki Risch will provide narration.

Students rally



against hate

PHOTOS BY RICHAE SWANBECK/THE ARBITER

Do you feel safe on campus?

"I think being alone at night when you're a girl can be pretty scary anywhere."

Amanda Rodgers, BSU student

"I've never felt unsafe to be honest. I can certainly see how women can feel unsafe."

Jake Lyman, BSU student

"I do to a certain extent, but I have a night class which makes me nervous to be walking alone."

Becky Armbruster, BSU student

BY BARRY FRANKLIN AND CEAN SIEGEL
Arbiter Staff

Students, faculty and community members flocked to the Quad Tuesday for the "No Oppression Tolerated" rally, and listened to student representatives speak out against hate and oppression.

Associated Students of Boise State University, in conjunction with other organizations put on the rally in response to an attack last week in which a student on the Boise River Greenbelt said he was assaulted because of his sexual orientation.

Other recent reports of discrimination and intolerance on campus also prompted Tuesday's event, organizers said.

ASBSU Pro Tem Amy Ortmann, challenged students and administration to be involved in creating a safe environment on campus.

"I realize you are hurt, I am here. I am willing to be part of the solution," Ortmann said.

The messages from nearly all the

speakers were similar. However, Senior Resident Advisor Sean Connolly felt the individuals who needed the message most were not in attendance.

"It's the people who aren't here today who are the ones who are causing this violence, who are causing this hate," Connolly said.

Whitney Johnson, member of the Organization for Gender equality and education, spoke out against the current lack of policy regarding student safety.

"A gag must have been placed over our administration's mouths also, since it had to get to this point before anything was done or heard of, of the extreme hate here at Boise State University," Johnson said. "The slogan 'No Oppression Tolerated' are just words, we must change our policies, our actions and our stance as a university."

Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Laliberte said the faculty has been working on the rally since its inception. He thinks students look to the faculty for maternal support, and urges students to take action.

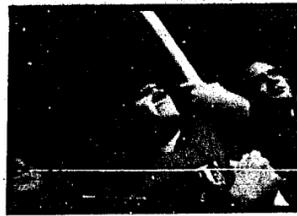
"Take your campus back," Laliberte said.

Laliberte said the BSU staff is also working on a panel discussion where University President Bob Kustra will be involved. The panel is set to take place the week of Nov. 27, and students are invited to participate. Additionally, BSU radio, the University Pulse, is interested in providing another opportunity for discussion.

"As far as Student Radio is concerned, we want an open forum on hate on campus," Robert Ormond, general manager of Student Radio said. "We have certain rights that are ours to demand... citizens' rights, and citizens' responsibilities, for all and not just for ourselves."

Despite the tension on campus, third year student Juan Morales said he still maintains a positive attitude about diversity at BSU.

"When I see this campus, what I envision is different cultures, different languages, different people coming together, standing for what it is that they feel is right," Morales said.



Tuesday's rally packed the Quad with hundreds of community members, faculty members and students including Michael Hinman, left, who said, "It's a good start, but one rally is not going to do it. As long as they [ASBSU] follow through, this will be a good thing."

Michael Laliberte, Vice President of Student Affairs

ASBSU unanimously passes two pieces of legislation

BY BARRY FRANKLIN
News writer

Legislation that passed

ASBSU senators passed two pieces of legislation Tuesday unanimously. Senate Bill Number 11, titled "Funding For 'Voices for a Solution,' a Candlelight Vigil" is a direct product of recent events concerning intolerance and racial ignorance.

The legislation asks for ASBSU to give \$350 to help fund a student-organized candlelight vigil in conjunction with "No Oppression Tolerated" on campus.

Senator Dawson said students need a forum to be able to get together and talk about these issues. Dawson hopes students will continue to openly discuss issues regarding student safety on the Boise State Campus.

Senate Bill Number Seven, titled "Poetry Slam and Poetry Workshop,"

calls for \$2,000 from ASBSU and will sponsor the poetry slam event and educational workshop featuring Shihan and Boise State University Students on Jan. 18, 2007.

Shihan was the National Poetry Slam Champion in 2004 and has placed in the top five since 2001. He will lead a two-hour workshop and "promote diverse communities that foster faculty, staff and student interaction."

Senator Getecha said the poetry slam would be both educational and entertaining for students.

Legislation sent to committee

Senate Bill number 10, titled "Amendment to Article X ASBSU Senate Rules of Procedures," was sent to the Internal Committee of Ways and Means. Sen. Cyndi Blue,

Sen. Kayla Davis, Sen. Mark Getecha and Sen. Amy Ortmann sponsor it. Sen. Blue said the bill is a response to how ASBSU is perceived on campus. She said the issue of a conflict of interest has come up continually.

The purpose of Bill Number 10 is to "significantly reduce the confusion caused by having Senators work, intern or be actively involved in organizations or student newspapers." The amendment to Article 10 of the ASBSU constitution is proposed to add another section.

It states that "a senator of ASBSU may not work, intern, or be actively involved in organizations or student newspapers that create an atmosphere where students do not feel represented."

Senate Bill Number Eight was sent to the Internal Committee of Budget and Finance. The bill calls for ap-

proximately \$425 over two semesters. Its purpose is to, "use money from [the] Senate Discretionary [fund] to provide coffee, hot chocolate and hot tea during the Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of finals week each semester of the 2006-2007 school year at Late Night in the Library."

Sen. Terry Gorseth is the sole sponsor of this bill and feels that students deserve a break during finals week. Senate Bill Number Nine was also sent to the Budget and Finance Committee. This bill asks for \$4,000 to fund the creation of more No Oppression Tolerated T-shirts, like the ones that ASBSU handed out at Tuesday's rally on the Quad.

Sen. Ortmann spoke on behalf of Senate Bill Number Nine and said it is time for ASBSU to step up and take a stance on campus.

BSU anthropology professor to study northern cultures

BY CEAN SIEGEL
News Writer

Siberia and northern Canada are not places a typical person might want to visit, but for Boise State University anthropology professor John Ziker, these destinations could answer some important questions about northern indigenous households.

Ziker, along with a number of other researchers will spend the next few years studying the use of portable skin lodges, and the use of space within these dwellings, funded by a three-year, \$375,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

"It is widely acknowledged that despite a century of state-sponsored research in the Arctic, we have a poor understanding of the demographics of northern families," Ziker said.

The grant is part of a much larger \$2 million project involving researchers in five other countries — Norway, Sweden, Finland, Canada and the United Kingdom. The project, called Home, Hearth and Household in the Circumpolar North, seeks to improve understanding of the dynamics of northern indigenous households and their resource sustainability in a changing world. Findings will also document and support the reinvigoration of traditional knowledge about caribou-skin lodges held in the collections of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

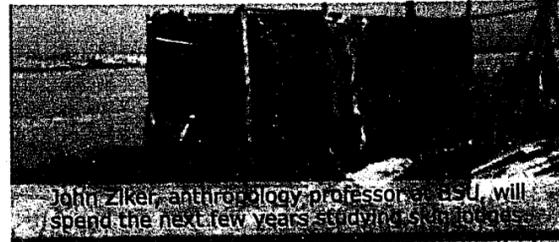
"Recent revitalization projects have noted that we know very little of the craftsmanship and broader social relationships embedded in these complex structure," Ziker said. "The proj-

ect brings together native craftspersons from Canada and museum anthropologists to document and revitalize knowledge of mobile dwellings of the north."

The central concepts of home, hearth and household were chosen for this joint project for their significance to indigenous people across the Arctic. Ziker's work will expand on his long-term research in Russia's Taimyr region on topics of land and resource use, demography and cosmology.

Working with Ziker are archaeologists from Irkutsk, Russia, as well as anthropologist Patricia Nietfeld from the Smithsonian and ethnographer Oksana Dobzhanskaya from the Taimyr region, as well as a number of principal investigators from around the world.

Ziker's co-workers at BSU recognize the magnitude of



John Ziker, anthropology professor at BSU, will spend the next few years studying northern cultures.

PHOTO COURTESY JOHN ZIKER

this opportunity.

"Dr. Ziker's new project will have international implications and is quite notable in that it is extremely rare for even very senior anthropologists to receive funding from the NSF much less for a program of this magnitude," Mark Plew, Department Chair for the Department of Anthropology said.

Working on major research projects is nothing new for Ziker.

Recently the findings of a study called "Costly Punishment Across Human Societies" Ziker conducted with other professors from across the country was published in "Science" magazine. The study researched how punishment was viewed in different cultures.

"His recent publication in 'Science' is a truly impressive accomplishment for someone at this point in their career," Plew said.

THE HEADLINES

WORLD **NATIONAL** **LOCAL/BSU**

Shiite ministers resign from Lebanese Cabinet

The prospect of renewed chaos loomed over Lebanon on Saturday after the Hezbollah movement and its Shiite allies quit the government, plunging the country into a political crisis that could quickly spill into the streets.

The resignations of all five Shiite ministers - two from Hezbollah, two from the Amal movement and one independent - from the Cabinet of Prime Minister Fuad Siniora were announced hours after the collapse of high-stakes talks aimed at soothing rising sectarian tensions in the wake of last summer's devastating war with Israel.

It also coincided with the finalization of a draft of a UN resolution that will establish an international tribunal to investigate those responsible for the death of former Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri, whose Feb. 2005 assassination was widely blamed on Syria. Lebanon's Cabinet is due to meet Monday to approve the draft.

Siniora later said he would not accept the resignations, leaving unclear the fate of the U.S.-backed government elected to office in the wake of the popular anti-Syrian uprising that followed Hariri's assassination.

According to the Cabinet's rules, eight ministers would need to resign to topple the government.

But the withdrawal of the Shiite ministers effectively ended Shiite representation in the coalition governing the country, threatening Lebanon with a period of renewed political uncertainty and potential civil strife at a time when it is still struggling to recover from the ruin inflicted during the summer war.

In a joint statement read on Hezbollah's television station Al Manar, Hezbollah and Amal said their ministers had resigned "to pave the way for the majority to practice what it wants freely."

Ground broken for Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial

Ordinary folks and mega-stars gathered on a muddy patch of the National Mall on Monday to break ground on a memorial honoring slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

President Bush shared the stage with former President Bill Clinton, Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) talk show host Oprah Winfrey, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Rev. Al Sharpton to launch the first memorial at the Mall dedicated to an African-American.

"Today we see only these open acres, yet we know that when the work is done the King Memorial will be a fitting tribute, powerful and hopeful and poetic, like the man it honors," Bush told a mostly African-American crowd of 5,000 people. "As we break ground, we remember the great obstacles that Dr. King overcame and the courage that transformed American history."

Scheduled for completion in the spring of 2008, the \$100 million crescent-shaped memorial will stand on prime real estate: four acres of land along Washington D.C.'s Tidal Basin between the Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln memorials.

The location is symbolic and significant. Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, is a founding father of the country. Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared freedom from slavery.

The steps of the Lincoln Memorial are also where King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in the summer of 1963, capping a massive civil rights march on Washington D.C.

"We give Martin Luther King his rightful place among the great Americans honored on our National Mall," Bush said. "And by its presence in this place it will unite the men who declared the promise of America and defended the promise of America with the man who redeemed the promise of America."

Talkin' Broncos rally for eleventh consecutive win

The Boise State debate and speech team rallied on the final day of competition to win the 32nd Annual Red River Classic, hosted by Louisiana State University and Louisiana Tech in Shreveport, La., Nov. 10, 11 and 12.

The University of Alabama built a sizable lead in individual speaking events early in the competition, but the Talkin' Broncos answered with a dominating performance in the championship brackets of the debate competition.

Boise State finished with 358 team points to outdistance second-place William Carey University of Mississippi with 200 points, third-place University of Arkansas with 156 points and a field of 27 other teams from 11 states.

The victory extends the Talkin' Broncos' winning streak to 11 consecutive tournaments.

Seven Broncos were named to the 12-person All-Tournament Team:

Barton Jackson (who was also named the tournament MVP), Katy Jibben, Sean Watson, Chad Judy, Wayne Rysavy, Travis Walker, and Regan Charlton.

WHAT THE?

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CLUB SIN	SAT	11-25
JOHN EDDIE	MON	11-27
CLUB U	WED	11-29
LEMONHEADS	THU	11-30
KRYTERIUM	FRI	12-1
OVERCOME BENEFIT	SAT	12-2
CLUB SIN	SAT	12-2
SPITALFIELD	SUN	12-3
SALIVA	WED	12-6
CLUB U	WED	12-6
FARMDOG/EQUALEYES	FRI	12-8
SENSES FAIL	SUN	12-10
SWOLLEN MEMBERS/TGR FILM	MON	12-11
MEN OF LAS VEGAS	FRI	1-5
MEN OF LAS VEGAS	SAT	1-6
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Boise State helps MetaGeek succeed

BY CASSIE GUTIERREZ
News Writer

Ryan Woodings is a recent client of the Boise State Technology and Entrepreneurial Center and is the head of his company (also referred to as "Chief Geek").

Woodings founded his company, MetaGeek, while working for another company.

"I was working at a software and computer chip company doing wireless mice and keyboards and I was getting interference while doing it," Woodings said. "From that, I kind of came up with the idea of Wi-Spy to see what is going on."

Wi-Spy shows the visibility of the network and shows the wireless signals so people can see the cause of the interference.

MetaGeek started selling Wi-Spy in Dec. 2005. Wi-Spy is now being distributed in Europe and Canada, as well as in the U.S. and

Online at www.metageek.net.

In Aug. 2006, MetaGeek became a client of the TECenter to help the company grow. Woodings said that being a new client has been beneficial toward his company.

"We have a lot of good processes and procedures that I would never have thought of doing," Woodings said. "Like mapping out your product versus your competitor's product, along with other features and pricing."

Although Woodings said he might have made it without the TECenter, the process would have been more difficult, riskier and longer.

"[We want to] help the entrepreneurs reduce their risks associated with developing their venture and help them maximize their reward by increasing profitability," Director of the TECenter John Glerum said.

MetaGeek's goal is to expand its

business and resources.

"I want to grow it to a couple of employees, expand the product line and kind of become the company for wireless visibility," Woodings said.

Woodings has appreciated the help of the TECenter so far. He has met with the TECenter every two weeks to go over ideas and procedures.

"John has a lot of experience with the real world so he can give me some of that experience because my experience is all in the Engineering development side, not on the business side," Woodings said.

The TECenter has six student teams that help their numerous clients with marketing plans and competitive analyses and by bringing different perspectives to projects. One of the teams works with MetaGeek.

"I think [the student teams are]

a very important part of the relationship between the entrepreneurial community and the business development and the university," Glerum said.

"They have a unique value. Quite honestly, it's not easy to get somebody from the outside looking in taking a fresh look at it and seeing if it makes sense. They just add a very important dimension."

According to Glerum and Developmental Services Coordinator at the TECenter Sarah Pokorney, students that are on the teams tend to be more likely to get a head start on their business careers.

"Some of our students have now become our clients at the TECenter by starting their own business," Pokorney said. "So, they have a resource and they kind of already understand the way that we work and the services we provide."

Local businesses develop bird flu preparedness plan

BY JOSLYN SALOW
News Writer

Boise State University received a \$20,000 grant from the Central District Health Department to develop a planning strategy for assuring business continuity during a possible avian influenza (bird flu) pandemic.

The project will address the needs of small to mid-sized companies in the Treasure Valley. In a collaborative effort between the College of Health Sciences and the College of Business and Economics, professors Uwe Reischl and Sandy Gough are currently under way in their exploration of ideas for preparedness plans that would assist businesses in maintaining basic operations during a potential pandemic.

The World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention anticipate that the H5N1 influenza virus will reach the United States in the near future.

Gough explained that they are targeting small, local businesses because larger companies are already planning on a greater scale.

"The companies that we would target for our study would be mid-size and considerably smaller in scale and they would not have the same kind of resources," Gough said.

The first step in the project is deciding which companies they will team up with.

"Homeland security has identified the 'bottom up' approach

in the planning process as being critical. Washington, D.C., will not be able to determine what a good plan is for individual companies because each company, like a family, is unique," Reischl said.

"We are looking for a financial institution, we are looking at a supply type of an organization like a grocery store that would be involved in providing sources of food, we are interested in a company that produces widgets, some sort of technologies, and then we are looking for a governmental agency or public service type organization that may have to play a major role during a disaster," Reischl said.

Reischl explained that a community could normally rely on outside help to recover in a flood, hurricane, fire or earthquake. He said that is not the case with the bird flu because outside communities may potentially be affected and unable to help. This is why he calls the bird flu a very "unique" disease.

"Bird flu is an 'equal opportunity' disease so it could affect all healthy individuals, it doesn't pick on the low-level employees, it could pick on the top level as well. It does not differentiate in terms of social status ... it would target, principally, from what we know now, the young and healthy," Reischl said.

Gough and Reischl said that in order to run a business there needs to be three components: suppliers, employees and customers. They said if one of these is missing from the equation then the business would no longer function correct-

ly. The one component they plan to focus on in these businesses is its work forces.

They plan on doing this with a certain type of "game."

This game would help them look at the flow process in the company and decide what impact the absenteeism would have on the company and then decide what to do if certain people get sick.

According to Gough and Reischl, there will always be pandemics because history tells us so.

"The public is really becoming aware of the potential consequences of bird flu ... historically we know sooner or later there is going to be a pandemic, it may not be the H5N1, it may be a totally new virus," Reischl said.

"Of the human cases associated with the ongoing H5N1 outbreaks in poultry and wild birds in Asia and parts of Europe, the Near East and Africa, more than half of those people reported infected with the virus have died. Most cases have occurred in previously healthy children and young adults and have resulted from direct or close contact with H5N1-infected poultry or H5N1-contaminated surfaces," CDC reported on their website.

According to a statement made by James LeDuc, Ph.D., on the Department of Health and Human Services website, it is likely that the virus will spread.

"CDC and scientific colleagues throughout the world generally agree that as the influenza virus continues to evolve, and influenza

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November 8, 2006

- 11/8/06 - Grand Theft Motorcycle - Motorcycle was taken from the Taco Bell Arena. Report taken.
- 11/9/06 - Harassment - Crude/Insensitive comments written on a bathroom stall. Report taken.
- 11/9/06 - Aggravated Battery - A victim was battered by unknown suspect(s) behind Taylor Hall and the Library. Report taken.
- 11/10/06 - Theft - Victim's backpack with his laptop inside was taken from the Student Union. Report taken.

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- 11/10/06 - Harassment - Offensive words were scratched into a vehicle parked in the Towers parking lot. Report taken.
- 11/10/06 - Theft - Unknown suspect(s) cut lock and took a bike parked at a rack outside the Education Building. Report taken.
- 11/10/06 - Grand Theft - Unknown suspect stole a wallet from the Taco Bell Arena. Report taken.

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Dorm rocking 101: Guide to home stereos

BY DAVE MATHEWS
Young Money Magazine

Like any other technology product, the lowly home stereo has gone through many a revolution since it was introduced as a piece of furniture in the 1960s.

It grew up from tubes to transistors, then from two to four channels with Quadraphonic sound — the rage in the 1970s.

In 1990, Dolby Surround, a modern version of Quadraphonic, took the lead in the "must have" category. These days we have mp3 playback driving the cool factor of home stereos with "small and shiny," replacing the "big and bulky" of yesteryear.

If you only listen to mp3s, Internet radio or music from the online music stores, your computer makes a decent playback device. Make sure you have good speakers with a subwoofer attached and plan to leave the machine on all the time. (Though waiting for a PC to boot for four minutes before you can play a four-minute song doesn't sound like fun to me.)

For a great, and free, program to manage your music download try iTunes from Apple.com.

You can "rip" CDs into your computer (import as an mp3 at 160kbps) and manage your library with a great interface. Playlists are a party's best friend and Apple automatically tracks your favorite songs, too!

Audio-only stereos

If you still have a collection of mix-tapes that you don't want to part with or just love the character of local radio, then you need a stereo system. There are two main

flavors of the smaller "shelf audio" systems — ones that are audio-only and a new category called "home theater in a box," which play back DVDs in addition to CDs.

Due to their small speakers and low power range, style is the primary driver of the shelf audio systems. Glass CD doors, silver finish and blue backlighting make these look extremely cool on your desk. Just make sure that the audio quality matches the looks. You do not want an underpowered, shiny paperweight on your desk.

If your tape library is important to you, this category of player is the only one that will play cassettes, but not all units have that capability.

If the stereo you fancy includes a tape deck, then make sure that the remote will control that portion of the unit, too.

Some systems will only control CD and tuner functions remotely. Mp3 playback is an option and multi-disc playback can be found on some units as well.

Expect to spend around \$150 to \$250 for a good quality unit. My favorite systems come from Aiwa and Panasonic.

Home theater in a box

Home theaters in a box came on the scene to ease the endless cable nightmare that traditional home theater components created.

These combination CD/DVD players have at least single disc capability and can sometimes hold a handful of discs. Mp3 playback is nearly always included, as is an AM/FM tuner.

These systems all include five satellite speakers — three for the front of the room and two for the

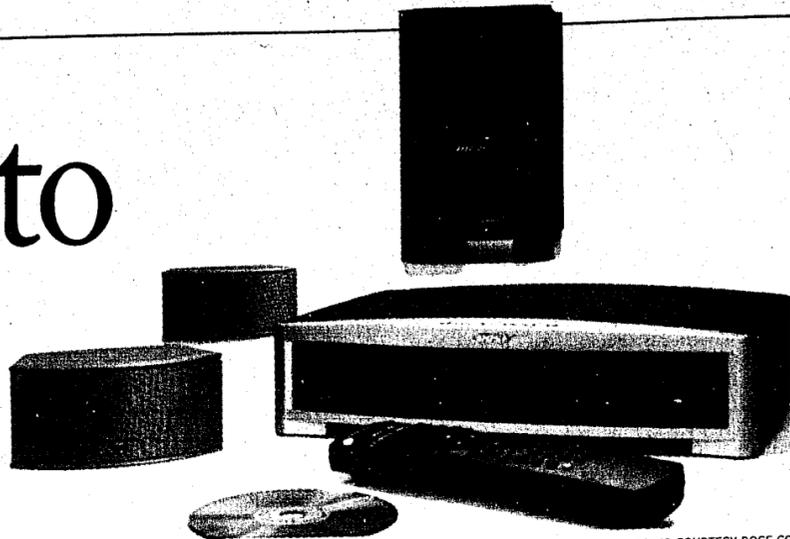


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rear — as well as a subwoofer for the corner to produce low-end bass.

Simply plug the receiver/amplifier into the speakers then into the Television set and you can have full audio and video with surprisingly good sound, considering their small size, thanks to the subwoofer.

Expect to spend between \$200 and \$500 for the feature-packed units. Sony and JVC make some of my favorite systems.

If space is at a premium (and when is it not in a dorm room or apartment) keep in mind that the bookshelf systems are tall and skinny with only two speakers.

The HTIBs are typically wide and low, much like a VCR and they are suited to be placed on top of your television.

You'll enjoy having four more speakers with the HTIB, which will sound great for movies, but don't even try to attempt surround sound on your music. You might get dizzy from the extra reverb effects.

Bring a favorite CD to use for a test play before going shopping for a new stereo.

Also, take along a list of features that are important to you like easy access FM presets, cassette playback, or multiple CD capabilities.

Remember to stick to your budget and don't get overwhelmed by the features and buzzwords while shopping.

Good luck and rock on!

NEW STEREO SHOPPING CHECKLIST:

- Bring a favorite CD.
 - Write down options that are important (Multi-CD, mp3 capability, etc.)
 - Stick to your budget.
 - Don't be afraid to ask questions.
 - Choose the best player between two or three units.
- ### WHAT TO LOOK FOR:
- Auxiliary input: RCA input jacks for your PC/mp3 player or satellite radio.
 - Easy to use remote: Tiny buttons are a pain to use in the dark.
 - Full-function remote: Make sure your remote does more rather than less. AM/FM tuner: Some HTIBs do not include a radio tuner.
 - Mp3 playback: Burning mp3s on a CD-R disc gives you 10-plus hours of music.
 - Good bass: Subwoofers or ported speaker cabinets offer rich deep sound.

A case for retirement saving in college

BY BRANDON STOKER
BizTech Editor

If you were offered an investment opportunity that would produce a 700 percent return on your investment, would you be interested? It's called retirement savings and the best time to invest is now.

For most of us retirement is something to be grappled with in the very distant future.

The pressing financial concerns of today — textbooks, tuition, bar tabs — hardly lend us the freedom to invest in anything but the here and now.

Consequently, most students pass up the valuable opportunity to capitalize on long-term retirement savings when the time for investment is prime.

"It will be easier to save when I've graduated, am making more money and am out from under my student loans," many argue.

Sure, it will be easier tomorrow... when you have three children, two car payments, a 30-year mortgage

“ The only way to ensure that your golden years are not spent in a geriatric sweatshop is to begin planning now. ”

and dozens of bills to manage.

Truthfully, saving for the future is never easy — not now, not in 20 years. It is a habit that must be forged through sacrifice and self-discipline.

Selling students on retirement savings is even more difficult because it entails the deposit of precious monthly income into an investment account whose fruits will be not reaped for decades.

Needless to say, it's much easier to convince a middle-aged adult of the virtues of long-term savings.

For people our age, saving for retirement is more important than ever.

The days of social security and corporate pensions ensuring a comfortable retirement are over.

The only way to ensure that your golden years are not spent in a geriatric sweatshop is to begin planning now.

There's a secret to investment on which everyone should capitalize: compounding interest.

Bankers and financiers know full well the lucrative return on interest-bearing loans and investments — that's why the largest buildings in any city belong to banks and credit card companies.

Interest is the cash cow of capitalism and you can get a piece of this action with a retirement savings account.

Indeed, the secret to successful long-term investment is maximizing the effect of compounding interest. Money invested now will

accumulate interest over a very long term, delivering a sweet return at retirement.

A good retirement fund doubles every seven to nine years. This means an investment made in your early 20s will double seven times, an investment in your late 20s will double only six times, an investment in your early 30s doubles only five times and so on. The difference on your return could be in the millions.

Consider this: If you contribute just \$100 per month to a retirement account beginning in your early 20s and retire at the age of 65, you could walk away with close to \$1,000,000.

If you begin the same retirement program in your mid-30s the return would only be \$225,000. The difference is significant!

Start saving now and let compounding interest work its magic. No contribution is too small. Begin with \$50 per month, then build up to \$100 or \$200 or \$500.

Just think — every dollar you invest between the ages of 21 and 25

will yield up to \$10 when you retire. That measly \$50 investment will pay for a round-trip airline ticket to Europe in 2050.

The most important thing is to begin investing early and make it a persistent habit.

There are several options to begin saving for the future, including a 401K retirement plan (usually sponsored by an employer) or an individual retirement account, more commonly referred to as an IRA.

Both 401ks and IRAs offer a variety of mutual funds to choose from, some with aggressive growth, some with slow but stable growth and still others that specialize in international development, environmentally-friendly businesses and many other themes.

If this is new to you, be sure to consult a professional investment advisor. It sounds complicated but with a good advisor saving for the future is painless.

For more information about retirement savings, visit www.choosetosave.org.

Web site of the week: Gamefly

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BY ERIC GOODWIN
McClatchy-Tribune

With new console game titles priced as high as \$60, a pop, video gaming can be an expensive hobby.

Fortunately, Gamefly (<http://www.gamefly.com>) can put the hottest games in your hands without burning a hole in your wallet.

Like the popular movie rental service Netflix, Gamefly lets you select video games to rent and mails them to you.

As long as you are a member, you can keep a game for as long as

you like.

When you're ready for a new one, simply mail the old game back to the company.

Shipping and returns are included in your subscription, and there are no late fees.

With more than 4,000 titles that cover all the major consoles (including PlayStation 3, Xbox 360 and Nintendo Wii), finding a game to play shouldn't be too difficult.

There are four different membership plans to choose from — ranging from \$14.95 a month for the one-game rental

plan to \$35.95 a month for the four-game plan.

Your membership also allows you to purchase some pre-played games at a significant discount.

To help you decide which titles are worth your time, Gamefly provides reviews from respected industry magazines like Gamespot and IGN as well as critiques and ratings from other Gamefly members.

Videos and screenshots also are included as well as game instructions.

For the avid gamer, Gamefly is a dream come true.

ARBITERONLINE.COM POLL RESULTS

Did you vote in last Tuesday's elections?

Response	Votes
Yes, of course it's the future of our country we're talking about here.	91%
No, I had better things to do with my time than vote.	9%
Why vote — it never makes a difference.	0%
I'm not old enough to vote.	0%

Total Votes: 73

OPINION

The way we see it ...

Football makes the heart grow fonder

There are many serious issues facing this university right now. But this Saturday, for about three-hours, you have a chance to forget all of the negative stuff happening around campus and emerge yourself in something positive happening right now at Boise State.

For years now, the BSU football team has been a spear, thrown by the university into living rooms across this country. It has struck home.

Does the team help the school win hearts and minds? Perhaps. Perhaps it is merely the fact that this valley itself has become a juggernaut for growth, both in terms of quantity and quality. But there is no argument against the assistance a winning football program can provide. More than anything, it creates a sense of camaraderie within the members of the school and the community. We can unite under a banner of common pride. We can all call the Broncos "our team" and mean it.

We're not saying, by any means, that football cures problems. It is no remedy to social ills, no elixir to ward off oppression or unsubstantiated hatred. It is just a game. But at this school, it has become more than a game. It has become a label head. It has become the outreaching hand to those looking for an education or a better place to live and learn.

A BSU football game is the only event in this city, which can gather 30,000-plus people into one place, with one common goal, one motivating purpose. And that is merely to cheer together, to come together as a people united.

There is only one more Bronco football game this season at Bronco Stadium. The team plays Saturday at 1 p.m. against Utah State. Then it goes to Nevada and then to some other pasture for a bowl game, be it a Bowl Championship Series game or something else. This is the last opportunity to go out and join the masses in congratulating the Broncos on fine season.

We won't beg you to go. It is your right to instead attend a poetry reading or go to the mall or sit drinking mochachinos in an easy chair talking to your friends about the lives you lead. We merely attest to the fact that you can go to the game, you can cheer. You can be part of something historic. Few times in the course of a team's voyage will it ever come to crux like this. If the Broncos win Saturday - they win the Western Athletic Conference for the fifth consecutive time. If they win the next week at Nevada-Reno, they win it outright and would most wondrously receive an invite to arguably the biggest game in the history of the university.

You may not like football. You might even despise it because you wish the face of this university not be hidden behind a mask and under a helmet. But you ought to respect what those young men are doing on the Blue. They play for themselves and their futures, but they also play for each other and at least on some level, they play for you.

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 Sherec Whiteley, lead copy editor.

Boise State needs more class

BY FREDERICK AREHART
Opinion Writer

Leah Barrett, executive director of Student Involvement recently published an opinion in The Arbiter entitled "Boise State Needs Civility."

In seeking to lower tempers and the frustration level among students of opposing opinions, her article is a fine start on what Boise State needs in order to have honest, civil debates on issues.

Name calling and verbal intimidation of student writers are causes of a great deal of social frustration.

These crude tactics are resorted to when logic or fact are not present to be argued or the abuser is not objective or smart enough to recognize them if they are.

Our administration must focus on the elimination of all racial epithets, name calling, slurs and ad hominem, personal attacks by anyone or any position.

Another reason for social frustration is when students feel their speech rights receive less-than-equal treatment or fear that they will become restricted.

An example is the administration's use of trendy activist jingles like "No Oppression Tolerated

— Not On Our Campus" that in itself express a politically-loaded viewpoint.

Who decides who the 'oppressed' are?

The rally should be to stop all types of violence.

Every victim hurts - not just the political.

Another example of initiating this fear of losing freedom is the shrill tone and sheer hate expressed in the recent opinion article by Mike Esposito.

Writing as the Assistant Director of Student Activities, Mr. Esposito doesn't bring credit to himself or his office.

He feels that people who disagree with him on a variety of topics are all "hate-mongers."

Mr. Esposito asks the question, "Sure, free speech still exists, as it should; but do I have to sit and listen to it?" No, as an individual he doesn't; but when on the job he needs to focus on the work he was hired to do and not his politics.

We have been bombarded with print and talk labeling the people he disagrees with being intrinsically bigoted, racist, hateful, etc.

Now he wants them to be silenced and to use his job to help do the deed.

Esposito's words unfounded and unprofessional

BY THE NETWORK OF ENLIGHTENED WOMEN
Guest Opinion

In response to Monday's article entitled "Staff should no longer stand by in silence" by Mike Esposito, the assistant director of student activities, members of the Network of Enlightened Women would like to address his intolerant and patently false statements.

Though he never named any conservative group specifically, he described many activities in such detail as to leave very little to the imagination.

We affirm the right that all people have to express their opinions, a right that Esposito indisputably enjoys.

While he has this freedom, what Esposito cannot escape is his title, his responsibilities as an administrator and the consequences of his actions.

The primary impact of Esposito's impassioned article is that many students now feel unwelcome at university-sponsored activities in which he is intimately involved.

Esposito holds a supervisory position over all student organizations - including our own - and we fear unfounded retaliation or discrimination at his hand as an administrator. Indeed, he has pledged to "not stand by in silence" and what this implies leaves great room for concern.

Furthermore, Esposito's finger-pointing does not foster an atmosphere of peace and respect

at our university - he only fuels the raging inferno of contention. We surmise that this is why his supervisors discourage faculty and staff from getting personally involved in student affairs.

This is an important professional boundary that Esposito fails to understand.

We do not pay Esposito with student fees to instigate malicious attacks against students who articulate any viewpoints different from his own.

If Esposito believes anyone has participated in "hate speech" he knows how to prosecute the perpetrators through both administrative and criminal protocol. The lack of administrative action on these "hateful activities" speaks volumes about the nature of his subjective bias on the matter. Esposito spoke of "hate" toward "gays, Latinos and women," presumably in reference to any activity lead by conservative students.

Aside from his patently ridiculous use of the word hate, Esposito shows great hostility to free expression and political speech, in effect labeling anything he finds controversial as criminal and hateful.

For example, an outspoken senator's article in favor of traditional marriage as defined by the HJR2 amendment initiative is described as "hateful and homophobic."

Celebrating the fall of communism and publishing exposé fliers about Che Guevara's killing squads is "hate against Latinos." It is difficult to imagine some ac-

tivity that would not fit Esposito's paradigm of "hate mongering." The "hate toward women" that Esposito cites was presumably our protest of "The Vagina Monologues."

Imagine that - a women's group protesting a vile charade of radical feminist propaganda constitutes hate speech against women.

Is Esposito - a man - the final arbiter of whom stands for and against women, or an ideological apologist for all things liberal? It is our opinion that this performance objectifies and does nothing to combat violence against women.

We resent Esposito's attempt to waive aside a perfectly reasonable objection to the play as "hate speech."

Esposito's criticism of conservative students as "venomous," "hateful," "hate-filled," "completely uninformed" "hate-mongers" is the most immature diatribe of ideologically-driven disparagement we have ever seen from a so-called professional.

His unfounded attack creates an environment of hostility where there should be open dialogue, cooperation and impartiality on the part of administrators who are employed to foster student involvement.

We encourage Esposito to apologize for using his administrative position to denigrate students who have as much a right as anyone to be involved, express their opinions and enjoy impartial support from public employees at Boise State University.

The way you see it

Lighten up on the football ad

I am writing in response to Dan Scott's letter about The Arbiter's football ad. Now, I could have written about America's continuing homophobia, or the slight bit of vomit that fills my mouth whenever I hear the words "Congressman Sali," but you won, buddy, so listen to my words.

Lighten up. I'm glad that you are concerned about women's rights, but surely there are bigger fish to fry. Despite the deeper meanings you are seeking, this is a silhouette. Indeed, it is of a sexy female, but what is wrong with that?

To be degrading, I believe that more is needed than a bit of sex appeal. This ad didn't call the girl a whore, didn't imply that her figure made her any less intelligent. It just implied that she was sexy - like Bronco football.

Now, if you want to look at every negative angle, you could say that this ad was offensive because there was no matching male shape for the ladies.

Or you could point out that it might be nice for a change to have a sexy silhouette of a big, beautiful woman, say a Camryn Manheim type. But I see no condescension or hostility.

There is indeed sexual innuendo, but is that really so bad? I hang out with hippies mainly, girls with hairy armpits and unshaven legs who don't typically wear makeup. But they still think of themselves as sexy.

I will always support the women in my life if they feel degraded or insulted. But every day we become more sanitized, a plastic wrap culture where schools are banning tag for fear of injury and college professors are outraged over a "young, fit, desirable and sexually available" outline that stopped over on her break from filming the new James Bond film to stump for the Broncos.

So dude, I'm sorry that you're so sensitive. It must be hard to watch television or look at things with advertising.

But until the women of this campus show an inkling that they might be bothered, take a deep breath. I can't tell you not to be offended. But don't be offended for me.

John Barrie
Boise, ID

Responsibility of an editor

I am curious to know your view. Does an editor have the power to allow - and the accompanying responsibility for allowing - hate communication, if that communication results in not just the suppression of freedom of the targeted victims, individuals or groups but actual emotional or bodily harm?

If a publisher wants an article published, can the editor influence its appearance if it violates the editor's moral values (as in the example above) and responsibilities?

One's support of the notion of freedom of speech - a person's right to say whatever they wish - cannot be extended to giving an individual the right to support or incite third parties to harm others - whether it targets a group or an individual.

Hate speech has been presented as acceptable. Surely you cannot be validating the consequences that hate communications can lead to the infliction of emotional or physical harm upon innocent individual(s) or groups.

Arguments supporting freedom of speech have been made.

However, should not your paper also need to qualify that right, otherwise the newspaper, publisher and editor need to take responsibility as willing participants in allowing the communication of the printed words and their consequences.

Or are everyone's personal responsibilities absolved and justified simply as the employees of the communications medium - under some protection equivalent to diplomatic immunity?

Others with different values than your own or the newspaper's may abuse their right to "freedom of speech."

Where it then leads to is the suffering of innocent others - when that right is taken advantage of by those who misuse their strength or power over another.

Unfortunately this occurs every day in all aspects of our lives. However, at least we must stop it when it results in injury to others.

And this has to be independent of professional roles and/or employment. We all need to take on personally the responsibility to protect each other.

Suffering is too extensive already in our world, our burden to help is already enormous (whether Darfur or Muzaffarabad) for us in our daily lives to allow additional infliction of pain on others.

Rene Purdo
Ontario, Canada

you should know

Guest opinions of no more than 500 words may be submitted for publication on any topic. Letters to the editor must not exceed 300 words and must include the writer's full name, city, state and major (if applicable). All submissions are subject to editing. Both

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'Opinions are the blind alleys of lazy or stupid people'

BY SHANNON MORGAN
Arbiter Staff

Some people confuse what we write in this section with what real journalists do — reporting news.

I'm not a journalist; in fact, no one that writes for this section is.

We write our opinions and my reasoned discourse professor made a point of quoting T.H. White at the beginning of this semester to illustrate how dangerous opinions can be when he said, "Opinions are the blind alleys of lazy or stupid people."

I think if you read some of the things that get printed in this section you would agree with that sentiment. I know I do.

If you want unbiased and objective writing, I would promptly refer you to the news section; The Arbiter journalists deliver just that.

You are in the wrong place if you think you're going to find it here.

I write opinions because I'm a passionate person who wants to change the world and leave it a better place than I found it.

Most of us here at The Arbiter share in that mission which is why we do what we do, but we have very different ideas on how to go about doing it.

I thought about the huge responsibility that came with the power of my pen when I started writing for The Arbiter.

How the words I write will affect people and that I have a responsibility to make sure what I am trying to communicate in my articles, and what people actually get out of what I write, is the same thing.

That's not as easy as it sounds and I've made mistakes, as have other opinion writers that leave their mark on this page, whether they want to admit it or not.

The opinion section can offer you perspectives from the ideologies of the people who write the articles found here.

In the mission statement of my podcast show "On the Flip Side," I say, "This is a place where we will respectfully discuss important issues of our time in an effort to achieve a better understanding of our world and how we fit into it."

As humans, we are driven by our passion, our instincts are to defend that which we hold true because it's the foundation of who we are. This is why we are willing to fight and die for what we believe in.

I live by the philosophy that there are no wrong opinions; people believe what they believe because they make judgments based off of the information they have assimilated as truth throughout their lives.

This is why we must never stop learning and expanding upon our own personal truth.

The purpose of this show is for us to ask each other the tough questions with the understanding it's OK we don't always agree.

We are here at Boise State University to receive an education not only from our books but also from each other.

What can we learn by opening ourselves to new possibilities and perspectives?

The opinion section of this newspaper should give you exactly what I am trying to articulate in the mission statement of my podcast show.

It should offer you a new perspective into different ways of thinking.

You should never base how you vote, how you love or how you feel about something solely off of things you read in this newspaper or listen. But you should most definitely experience them.

You should experience multiple forms of communication and leave yourself open to hearing the perspectives of those you encounter throughout your life.

Ignorance is not bliss, and great minds do not think alike.

However what's great about our country are the differing viewpoints and clashing ideologies that make us so strong and is the cradle of our success.

I felt the need to point this out in a very critical time on campus, in our community, and in our world.

We should all think about the power in our words and actions and how they will be perceived and affect those we have influence on.

But hey — that's just my opinion.

Let's work toward mutual understanding

BY CRYSTAL YOUNG
Guest Opinion

The recent attacks on the Boise State campus have sent a clear message that Idaho isn't too great for hate after all. At least one student has received death threats, while others have received harassing phone calls regarding their ethnicity.

Another student was chastised and later badly beaten for his sexual orientation.

This deplorable behavior should not be tolerated ever on this campus.

Boise's community is too valuable to withstand such violent and oppressive actions by any

individuals filled with ignorance and hate. It should be our single goal to seek out and punish these individuals by holding them accountable for their abusive and reckless behavior.

It can't be said enough — no oppression tolerated: not on our campus, not in our city. Decent human beings do not dominate over one another but rather help and embrace each other in empathy, compassion and friendship. With a better knowledge and understanding of the issues that face Boise State at present, students, faculty, staff and community leaders can work together in finding solutions.

First and foremost, we must raise awareness. The issue of hate crime should not be swept under the rug or disguised as a one-time incident

or occurrence.

We need to face the facts — hate crimes are happening in our beloved city, right here on the BSU campus — an institution that upholds some of the most progressive thinking in the state. If this is happening in Boise State's backyard, it's happening everywhere.

We need to raise our voices loudly and speak up against those who participate in abusing others and protect those who are being abused. The abuse stops now.

We the public and campus community need to take action as a collective to stop this behavior from continuing.

We can shout from the rooftops of the injustices and social failures of our world, but until we become proactive in seeking justice, it will

only be making noise. I implore this community to get involved by joining organizations or groups that are making strides to halt hate crimes.

Attend Associated Students of Boise State University Senate meetings, contact local and state agencies — for that matter, contact the media in attempts to put the spotlight where it is needed.

Reach out to as many people who will listen and assist in raising awareness; it is our best chance in informing the masses of the brutality that is taking place in Boise.

Are we going to allow hate crimes to happen? Are we going to sit back idly and watch as these thugs tear our city apart?

I certainly hope not, because no one is free while others

are oppressed.

Finally, we need to stay in the loop. If these crimes are to ever to come to an end, it will only be because we continued our fight against hate and racism.

We need to keep the fire lit under these issues, careful to stay focused and diligent in bringing the deserved justice to anyone who has ever struggled in these oppressive conditions.

It is our most basic human element to provide assistance, love and understanding to our fellow man, woman and child.

Without this support, we would only crumble as a community, as a race. This I believe.

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Where's the 'Sen. Larry Craig Is gay' story?

BY BARRY C. LEWIS
Opinion Writer

Gay activist-blogger Michael Rogers felt confident he had "outed" Idaho's Republican Senator Larry Craig on national radio in mid-October. Rogers claimed ownership of "100 percent solid evidence" that Craig had had sex with four men in the Northwest and in Washington, D.C.

"I won't say he's gay. Maybe he's bisexual," said Rogers.

Pocatello, Lewiston and Spokane newspapers published articles and columns. The online blogosphere buzzed with posts both pro and con.

But not one word came out of Boise. All Treasure Valley media chose total silence.

What stunned me nearly as much as Rogers' assertion was how quickly the story faded from public discourse.

Craig's press secretary (Sid Smith) called the story "ridiculous, almost laughable ... it has no basis in fact."

Is this the end? Not quite.

Early this month Pat Walters at Poynter.org traced the story's history from Rogers' initial claim to the newsroom debates and editors' meetings around the state. He found contrasting journalistic viewpoints and investigations still

in progress.

Some editors published the assertions because a lot of people were talking about them and Craig deserved a public forum for denial.

Others decided that without independent, documented proof (Rogers offers none) there's no story, only rumors.

The elections came and went. Editors at Boise and Idaho Falls newspapers told Walters they'll now restart their investigations. Publicly, Craig still appears calm, confident and unflappable.

What's at stake? Both the senator's legacy and voter support. Craig advocates for veterans as chairman of the Committee for Veterans'

Affairs. He sits on the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee and the National Rifle Association's board of directors. Craig fits Idaho's conservative and family values — values that include overwhelming support for an anti-gay marriage amendment to the state constitution.

In June he voted yes on a constitutional ban of same-sex marriage. He voted no in both 2002 and 2000 on adding sexual orientation to the definition of hate crimes.

Craig's rating with the Human Rights Campaign is zero.

If he is gay, his conservative voter support ends. What some call his "gay-bashing" voting record be-

comes hypocrisy.

Two decades of rumors and gossip in the Idaho gay community about his sexual orientation change overnight. The state loses a steady, hardworking senator in Congress.

If he's not gay, this kind of "sexual McCarthyism" — baseless, damaging allegations misrepresented as facts — may end his career anyway.

I value the open and uncontrollable arena that the Internet provides for expression and debate of ideas. I hardly believe as fact what I often read there.

In Craig's case, I'm counting on professional journalists to get the facts and make them known, wherever the story goes.

Don't believe us - go and do your own research

BY JAMES RODRIGUEZ
Opinion Writer

When you purposefully misrepresent statistics or you quote someone who is misrepresenting statistics, you do two things.

First, you help perpetuate the stereotype that The Arbiter, the so-called independent newspaper on campus, has but an inkling of journalistic respectability and should be scorned, or at best, ignored. Even opinion pieces should be factually supported, especially if you're advocating a constitutional amendment that would trample on the rights of a

small minority of individuals.

Second, by misquoting "facts" to prove your point, you help perpetuate another lie — one with more insidious consequences. If XYZ people are not to be treated like everyone else, then they are less than everyone else. That is, they are less than human. It becomes easier to hurt or destroy an opponent if that person is less than human. I fully support freedom of speech, but even the Supreme Court has ruled that you are not allowed to yell "fire" in a crowded theater. If your activities cause harm, you need to think about ameliorating that harm. That, I think, would

be the "compassionate" thing to do. Furthermore, writing opinions for The Arbiter makes you a target for disagreement. You have to expect that you will be called to the mat on lies and misplaced facts, both of which can hardly be taken as an attack on you or your particular point of view.

If you, the student, read anything from this opinion section, take whatever you read with a grain of salt. Don't believe it unless you've looked into it yourself. Don't believe Mr. Sawmiller or Mr. Stoker.

Heck, don't even take what I say at face value. If you haven't realized

this yet, each of us has an agenda. To get the true facts of the matter, you need to go out and do that whole research thing. What a novel idea on a college campus.

Now, I would like to take a moment to address the individual or individuals responsible for the attack on the gay student on Nov. 9. You attempted to silence us with fear, to push us back into the closets from whence most of us came.

Unfortunately, you failed in your endeavor. We will not be silent. We will continue to be a presence on this campus, and we will continue to fight the politics

that perpetuate your activities in this community and in Idaho. To my brothers and sisters who have felt the effects of hateful rhetoric directed in your direction, I will stand with you.

In the coming days and months I will work with you to expose the lies that have been called forth from the abyss to do you harm. Together we can end the violence that comes from destructive speech hurled into your midst.

This escalation of hatred in our environment must stop, and I look forward to working with you all to make that happen.

CULTURE

NO ONE'S INNOCENT



Even the ugly American

BY HADLEY RUSH
Culture Columnist

Ah, the French. Ask almost any American how they feel about this country and the people who reside in it and you'll probably get an abundant ear-full of their disdain for the beret-wearing, pencil-moustached, snail-eating, poodle-lovers.

Oui. But in retrospect, some believe the French hate Americans if not just as much, then a smidge more. And be it fact or fiction, they've even given us a name. "The Ugly American."

Now before your patriotism makes you leap from your seat in riot, consider that perhaps there's an bit of truth in our endearing nickname. Take for example the following story: One summer evening while my family was vacationing in France, we dressed in our finest attire, draped ourselves in jewels (mostly Cubic Zirconia) and made our way to the Paris Opera House to watch the famed Italian opera, "Rigoletto."

I was dressed in a pale-blue evening gown (one high school formal too many) and I'd piled my blonde hair on top of my head in little curls.

While I tripped and stumbled my way over the cobblestone streets in my strappy, matching blue heels, I felt chic. One of my family members was dressed equally as fancy, and completed her look with a pair of the largest zirconia earrings I've, to this day, seen.

After the soiree at the opera house, our formal-attired-group decided to go to dinner at the very fancy, tres prestigious restaurant Bofinger. (Pronounced bow-fon-jay.) It's commonly known that to even step a stiletto inside this restaurant, one needs a reservation literally months in advance. And a reservation, we did not have.

Maybe it was the gratis champagne we'd been drinking at the opera that made us believe we could get a table at this stuffy establishment, or maybe it was our elevated sense of self-worth given our fancy garbs, but we made our way through the crowd of people who actually had reservations, straight to the maitre d'.

"Is our table ready yet?" Zirconia-wearing family member asked the head waiter in French.

"Your name?" he asked blandly without so much as looking up. Zircon-wearer shot me a sideways glance that screamed "help." I stepped up beside her.

"Pardon," I said in French. "But we have a reservation for five people and we'd like to be seated now." Head Waiter looked up at me in my powder blue evening gown. I met his stare. Almost challenge-like. He shifted his gaze to the Zirconia-wearing family member standing next to me and blinked twice at her enormous faux diamond earrings.

"Ah, oui," Head Waiter said. "A reservation for five, here it is Madame" he said very politely as he pointed a boney French finger at someone else's reservation on the list he held.

"Jacque, seat this table at once," Head Waiter shouted in rapid French to a scared-looking, wiry man.

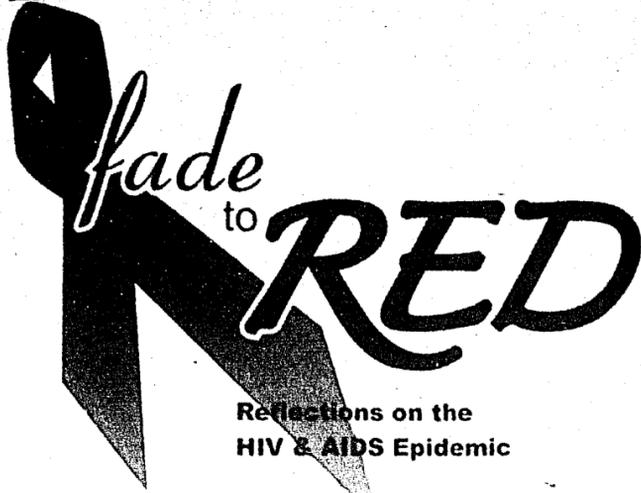
Zirconia-wearing family member smiled at me and adjusted an earring as the five of us followed Jacque to "our" table.

There we feasted on escargot, buttered sole, saucisson and crème brulee. And upon walking out the door, I saw another party of five yelling in irate French at the head waiter, conceding there was clearly a mix-up and that they did in fact have a reservation. I looked at Zirconia-wearing family member. Her earrings sparkled as we walked out the door.

The Ugly American is not innocent.

No one is innocent.

Artists aim for awareness with



Reflections on the
HIV & AIDS Epidemic

BY JULIA C. ARREDONDO
Culture Writer

The "Fade to Red: Reflections on the HIV and AIDS Epidemic" exhibit in the Boise State Student Union Gallery opened on Nov. 12 and will have its opening reception Nov. 17 at 7 p.m.

Those who care about the crisis will attend and able to view four different artists' work, a year-by-year timeline of the epidemic and short histories of past artists who strove for HIV/AIDS awareness throughout their careers and lives.

The timeline chronicles facts and information on how the disease has spread throughout our country and throughout the world. It begins pre-1981 and continues to 2006, and shows how far the epidemic has spread.

By 1992 — only 11 years after the first documented case — AIDS was the number one cause of death for United States men between the ages of 35 and 44, and the number-one cause of death for all Americans ages 35-44 in 1994.

The timeline states that early in the epidemic (1982) media and

health care professionals used the term GRID (gay-related immune deficiency) when referring to the disease. The timeline then ends with the First Annual National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in the U.S. in 2006. No one is safe, not even the daughters of America.

"Sex is not without danger," explains Sue Rooke in her artist statement on "Cat's Cradle" a sculpture made of clay, wood, string and wire. Her other sculpture on display, "Dialogue," urges communication about the epidemic. Both sculptures are of strong, sturdy figures looking

up and holding at least one palm open — perhaps asking "why?"

Artist Eric R. Moore has two sculptures on display. His piece, "Everyman," persuades everyone to take a look into each other's eyes and realize that we truly are all the same. He describes how "Harmony," Moore's second sculpture, "depicts the soul, precariously from and within the twisted cage that represents the victim's mind, body and soul."

Michael Thorstensen's "Dear Diarrhea (My Life on HIV Meds)" contains parts of journal entries,

images of a toilet, a roll of tissue paper, a candle and can of air freshener — all pieces of a very specific time in his life and illness.

Zella Bardsley's "Rick," a multimedia piece, was inspired by her friend Rick. The brilliant color interwoven with metal work and pictures explore and share with the viewer who Rick was.

The exhibit will be on display until Dec. 1 and provides information on other artists such as Robert Mapplethorpe (1946-1989), Keith Haring (1958-1990) and David Wajnarowicz (1954-1992).

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AIDS/HIV charity art gallery, "Fade into Red," brightens up Boise State. Located in the Student Union Gallery, the exhibit promotes awareness of the HIV and AIDS epidemics while incorporating the "Red" theme used by similar campaigns. The show closes Dec. 1.



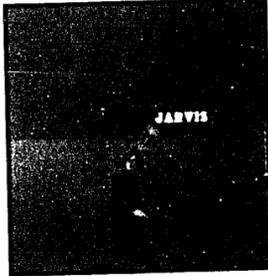
Finally, Jarvis is back: Pulp fans rejoice!

BY MEL TROUT
Culture Writer

Jarvis Cocker's self-titled solo album was finally released Tuesday, Nov. 14 from Rough Trade Records. Since Pulp's final album in 2001, fans of Sheffield's sexiest songster have been anxiously awaiting this moment.

Fortunately, Cocker doesn't disappoint. Jarvis is a fine blend of Britpop, American folk and retro 1970s rock that might just restore my faith in modern music.

Now mind you, most Jarvis Cocker fans would be delighted hearing his suave voice reciting from a telephone book. In fact, one of his recent projects includes reading fine literature like JD Salinger's "The Laughing Man" released on iTunes. But just because he could get away with it doesn't mean he should



allow lackluster lyrics to pervade his first solo project.

My favorite track on the album, "Quantum Theory," makes reasoning about the nature of reality sound as simple as sketching a dream. "Somewhere in a parallel dimension/happening now but not within your sight/the forces that bind our universe together/everything is going to be all right." As usual,

Cocker is brilliant but inviting as he passionately expresses alternative philosophies about the quality of being. If this all sounds too neoteric, don't fret.

Cocker didn't betray his shoe gazzer routes. "From A to I" sounds like a classic Pulp song fusing politically radical lyrics with a slick beat. "Like the Roman Empire fell away/let me tell you that we're going the same way... /it's the end." It's refreshing to find a modern musician whose civic understanding extends farther than the politics of dancing.

The hidden track, "Running the World," which was released as a video online this past summer, is both honest and hilarious in its interpretation of the current political climate. It's hard to decide what is more impressive — his expert use of the phrase "anthropologically unjust" or that he boiled down the

class war into the simple sentiment, "Cumts are still running the world." Clearly, Cocker has elected to retain his sharp, Wildean humor for this album.

The best example of this is "Fat Children," which inspires comparisons to punk-rock archetype The Clash. It's upbeat, raucous and strangely fun as he repeats, "Fat children took my life."

Like The Clash, it's not all fun and games as he describes a failed police force that is more concerned with "putting bullets in some guy's head for no particular reason" than protecting the inner-city community.

My only disappointment in the album was the lack of libidinous lyrics that were the linchpin of Pulp's sound.

"Black Magic" makes a decent effort and brings with it images of bare-chested guitar gods wooing

groupies with smooth licks and even smoother vocals. It cannot compare with his past work that had the ability to make me blush whenever I heard him wittily growl "I don't know where you got those clothes/but you can take them off/ if it makes you feel better." For this reason, I don't think this album could ever replace his past work.

It's true, Jarvis Cocker isn't Pulp. While this album retains most of the clever witticisms and shy sexiness he's known for, at 43 it's no surprise that his music appeals to a slightly more mature audience.

Nevertheless, one would be hard-pressed to find a finer example of an aging hipster. Rather than fade into pop-culture obscurity, Cocker delivers a solid performance that convinces me that he will remain an indie icon for many more years.

Praying for an 'A' might not impress your professor

BY JEFFERY WEISS
The Dallas Morning News

College professors aren't all godless heathens, but they are more secular than the general population, according to a new study. And the more elite the institution, the more secular the professors are likely to be.

The study was done by two sociologists — Neil Gross of Harvard University and Solon Simmons of George Mason University.

They contacted 1,471 professors at religious and secular colleges

and asked about politics and faith. The purpose of their report, released on the Internet, was to assess the observation by many religious conservatives that America's universities are "a haven largely freed from religious perspectives."

Among the notable results: Almost a third answered "none" when asked their religion — more than twice the percentage found in the general population.

Science professors were the least religious. Accounting professors were the most religious.

More than half the professors at

places other than so-called "elite" universities said they absolutely believed in God. About a third of the professors at elite schools took that position (the study used the U.S. News and World Report rankings to define elite institutions).

About 30 percent of community college professors considered intelligent design as a serious scientific alternative.

Fewer than six percent of professors at elite universities took that position.

In a much larger survey, released by the University of California, Los

Angeles, earlier this year, more than 80 percent of professors said they were "spiritual."

The studies indicate that spirituality affects how professors teach and interact with the world, said Jennifer A. Lindholm, the UCLA project director.

Her study concluded that the more spiritual professors were more likely to use cooperative learning techniques in the classroom, to use their scholarship to address community needs and to encourage students to perform community service.

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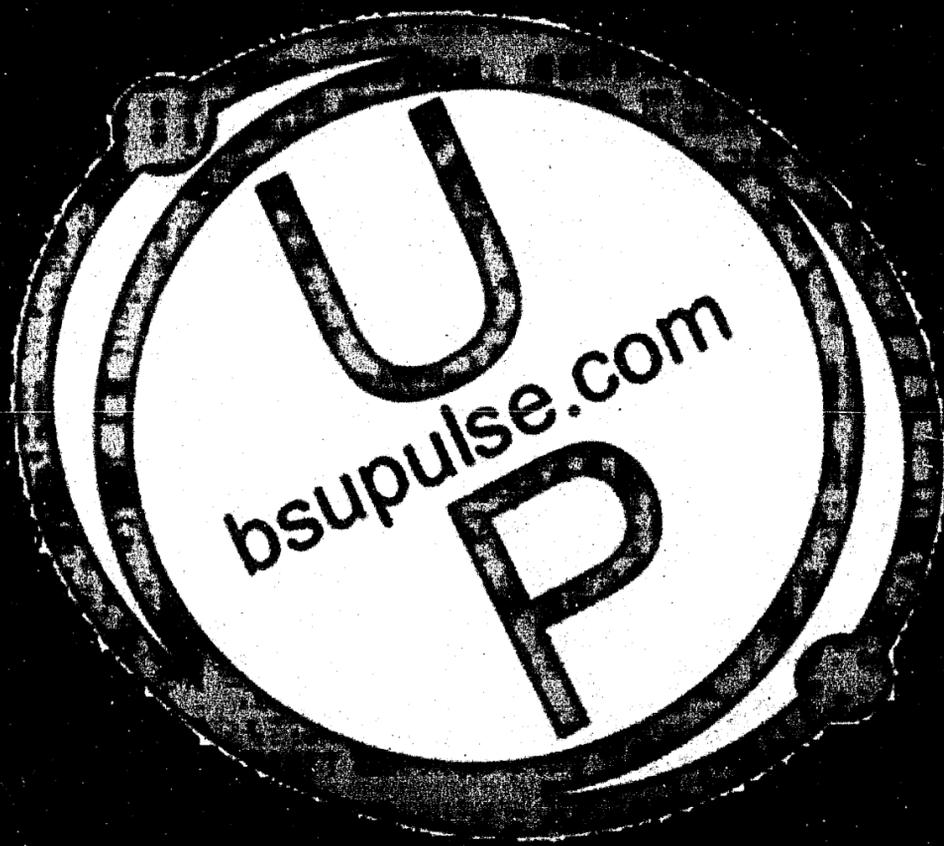
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Ian Johnson nominated to Walter Camp watch-list

The Walter Camp Football Foundation announced Monday the "Player to Watch" list for its 2006 Player of the Year award and Boise State University running back Ian Johnson is among the elite group.

A sophomore from San Dimas, Calif., Johnson currently leads the nation in scoring with 21 touchdowns and 126 points.

He is also the nation's fourth leading rusher with 1,466 yards and is fourth in all-purpose yards with 1,517.

He is averaging 6.6 yards per carry and 146.66 yards rushing per game.

The Walter Camp Player of the Year award is the fourth-oldest individual college football award in the country.

The award is voted on by the 119 NCAA Division I-A head coaches and sports information directors and will be announced live on the 6 p.m. (ET) edition of ESPN SportsCenter Dec. 7.

The winner will receive his trophy at the Foundation's annual national awards banquet Jan. 13, 2007, at the Yale University Commons in New Haven, Conn.

Johnson is one of two players from a Western Athletic Conference team named on the list. University of Hawaii quarterback Colt Brennan is the other WAC player.

The Big 10 Conference is the only league to have more players named to the list. Ohio State linebacker James Laurinaitis and quarterback Troy Smith are on it, along with Michigan running back Michael Hart.

The Big East Conference also has two players listed: Rutgers running back Ray Rice and West Virginia running back Steve Slaton.

The Walter Camp Football Foundation also selects an annual All-America team, which is voted on by division I-A head coaches and sports information directors.

The following is a complete list of players currently named to the watch list:

Ian Johnson, RB, sophomore - Boise State
Colt Brennan, QB, junior - Hawaii
Michael Hart, RB, junior - Michigan
Calvin Johnson, WR, junior - Georgia Tech
James Laurinaitis, LB, sophomore - Ohio State
Darren McFadden, RB, sophomore - Arkansas
Brady Quinn, QB, senior - Notre Dame
Ray Rice, RB, sophomore - Rutgers
Steve Slaton, RB, sophomore - West Virginia
Troy Smith, QB, senior - Ohio State

WAC names two BSU student-athletes player of the week

Making the game-winning field goal in Boise State University's 23-20 win over San Jose State University this Nov. 11 has earned the BSU football team's place kicker Anthony Montgomery the WAC Special Teams Player of the Week award.

A senior from Hanford, Calif., Montgomery made his game winning 37-yard field goal as time expired on the clock to give the undefeated Broncos their 10th win of the 2006 season.

Montgomery was also successful in his two other field goal attempts during the game from 24 and 27 yards.

Montgomery's award marks the 10th time this season a Boise State player has won the offensive, defensive or special teams honor.

BSU volleyball team libero Jackie Stroud has been named the Western Athletic Conference Volleyball Player of the Week for the week of Nov. 13.

This is the first career WAC Player of the Week award for the senior.

The Amarillo, Texas, native broke the WAC record for digs in a conference match, with 41 digs in a five-game win over Fresno State Nov. 11.

Stroud also set three Bronco records, reaching a career and season milestone and shattering a 10-year-old school record against Fresno State Saturday.

Stroud, who began this week ranked ninth on the WAC's all-time list for career digs, increased her career total to 1,403.

She currently ranks sixth in conference history.

Stroud also broke the Bronco single-season dig record with 433 this season.

Johnson remains hospitalized

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

As of Wednesday, Nov. 15, Boise State star running back Ian Johnson remained a patient at O'Connor Hospital in San Jose, Calif. Johnson suffered a partially collapsed lung during BSU's game at San Jose State Saturday, Nov. 11.

Johnson rushed for 149 yards on 29 carries with one touchdown against San Jose. Shortly after the game, however, Johnson was taken to the San Jose hospital. BSU was hopeful Johnson would be released Tuesday. His status was reported to be unchanged Wednesday. The BSU athletic department said he is in stable condition and working on his recovery under the supervision of San Jose State team doctors.

There has been no announcement yet as to when Johnson will return to the football field. Earlier in the week Bronco Head Coach Chris Petersen hadn't ruled out Johnson's return for the Utah State football game. As the week progresses, however, it is becoming less likely Johnson will pad up by the end of the week.

"It's just a matter of time," Petersen said. "The time-table we still don't know. You play the percentages, the guy's gonna get hit hard, he's gonna get hit a lot. That's been a concern of ours all year. It finally caught up with him a little bit."

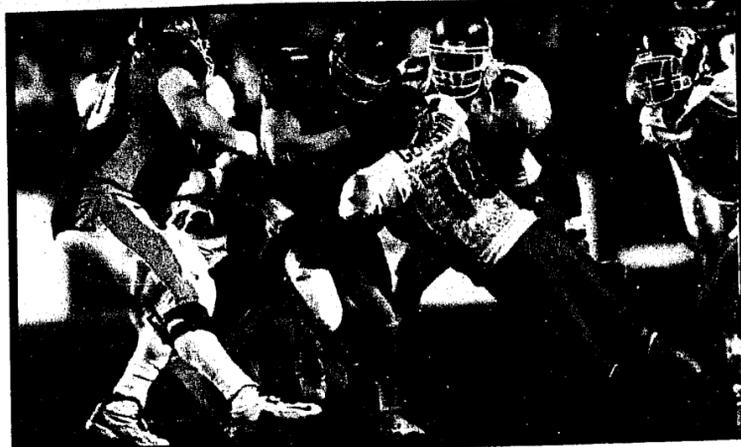
As for Johnson's injury, Petersen is uncertain in what part of the game it occurred. Petersen said there is speculation it may have happened during the second quarter of the game, but there is no way of knowing for sure.

If Johnson was injured during the first half he managed to carry the football nearly 20 more times. He would have rushed for a touchdown following the injury as well. Johnson also played a crucial role in helping the Broncos overcome an eight-point deficit late in the game.

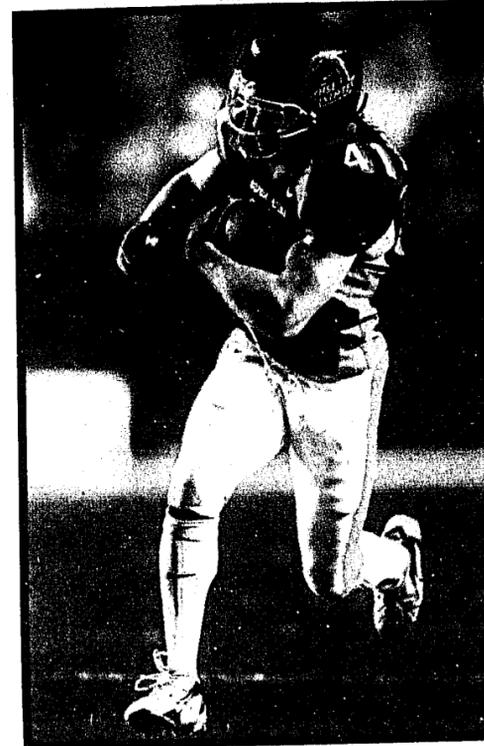
"I don't think anyone's ever doubted Ian's toughness. To play running back you've got to be one of the toughest guys, if not the toughest guy on the field. (Ian)'s an extremely tough guy. It gives us great hope that he'll be back in a short time."

The Broncos host Utah State (1-9) Saturday and then travel to the University of Nevada-Reno for the season finale Saturday Nov. 25. Johnson's status will remain day-to-day as the university wants to assure his health before putting him back on the field.

"We've got a lot of other good players," Petersen said. "We'll just take him one day at a time."



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"Ian's an extremely tough guy. It gives us great hope that he'll be back in a short time."

- Coach Petersen, BSU Head Football Coach

Ian Johnson remained in a San Jose Hospital Wednesday and is being treated for a partially collapsed lung. Johnson suffered the injury during Boise State's game at San Jose State Saturday.

Arbiter football pick-Ems

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Utah State @#12 Boise State	BSU	BSU	BSU	BSU	BSU	BSU
#2 Michigan @#1 Ohio State	OSU	OSU	OSU	OSU	OSU	Michigan
#19 Virginia Tech @#14 Wake Forest	Wake	Wake	Wake	Wake	Wake	VT
#17 California @#4 USC	USC	USC	CAL	USC	USC	USC
Washington @Washington State	UW	WSU	UW	WSU	WSU	WSU
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Utah State searches for second win

BY KYE JOHNSON
Assistant Sports Editor

Sure, the Utah State Aggies are at the bottom of the Western Athletic Conference standings but that doesn't make their upcoming game with Boise State any less important.

"You've got to stop the run," Aggie Head Coach Brent Guy said on how to beat the undefeated Broncos. "You have to stop Ian Johnson from running the football. They're No. 1 in our conference right now and so you have to stop the run and obviously not give them a short field or do anything silly like that."

Utah State comes in with a 1-9 overall record and a 1-5 record in the WAC. The Aggies' lone win was against lowly Fresno State Oct. 7 and are currently riding a four game losing streak, including their two most recent losses to Hawaii and Nevada. But those losses weren't just any losses - Utah State was outscored 105-10 in the last two games.

Freshman quarterback Riley

Nelson (6-1, 195) has appeared in Utah State's last six games and was the starting quarterback in the Fresno State victory. Nelson is a local product for the Aggies. He is from Logan, Utah, the hometown for Utah State University. The true freshman was a standout player in high school, was named "Mr. Football" in the state of Utah and also received All-State and All-American honors as well.

Nelson got the Aggie off to a hot start once he landed the starting job. He comes into the Boise State contest with 834 passing yards but that is not his only threat: Nelson is also the Aggies' No. 2 rusher on the season and he's only played in little more than five games.

Nelson has thrown six touchdowns and five interceptions. He's kept his completion percentage around 57 percent but, like the rest of the team, Nelson's performance has cooled down in recent weeks. He's thrown three interceptions and zero touchdowns in the past two games for Utah State.

Nelson's favorite target has been

junior wide-out Kevin Robinson. Robinson (6-0, 195) has benefited from Nelson's emergence as the starter. His receiving stats have spiked to new heights during Nelson's time under center.

Against Louisiana Tech three weeks ago Robinson had six catches for 141 yards and two touchdowns. Despite the breakout, Utah State ranks last in the conference in passing and scoring offense. The Aggie rush offense isn't much better, coming in at No. 6 in the WAC and averaging a total of 115.2 yards per game rushing. Leading the way is junior running back Marcus Cross.

Cross (5-11, 209) is likely the biggest threat on the Utah State offense. Not only does Cross lead the team in rushing with 642 yards but he also has 26 receptions for 204 yards and a touchdown this season. He is the team's No. 2 leading receiver. However, Cross and the Aggie offense have, at best, been poor running the football. Cross is only averaging 3.7 yards per carry and he only has three touchdowns on the season.

Utah State's Achilles' heel this season has been its rush defense. The Aggie defense is allowing more than five yards per carry to opponents and has surrendered 18 touchdowns on the ground this season. The team's pass defense isn't in much better condition. The Utah State secondary has combined to intercept opposing quarterbacks five times this season - which is second worst in the WAC - and allowed the most passing touchdowns in the WAC this season with 25.

Some may ask, "Do the Aggies have a bright spot on defense?" Yes, they do have at least one. Junior safety Antonio Taylor (6-1, 214) has been the biggest asset to the Aggie defense. Even at safety, Taylor leads the team in tackles with 62. He has one interception on the season and also has four pass break-ups.

Utah State's season-long struggles will likely continue in the remaining weeks.

However, the Aggies will try to salvage what they can of their dismal season with a full effort against BSU.

The big eye in the sky



I feel like I'm taking crazy pills!

BY BRIAN LUPTAK
Sports Columnist

Disoriented: it's the only word I can think of to describe my level of confusion, frustration and utter annoyance. I feel like I am lost in a world that used to seem somewhat familiar to me. I'm scrambling to realize what happened and I can only laugh at myself. Because let's admit it, it is comical. It's like trying to walk down a hillside covered in ice. You start running with the momentum, hoping to gain control, the entire way down only to face plant at the bottom. Everyone else is laughing at you; you might as well join them.

At least I know I'm not the only one feeling like this. See, I used to think that I knew college football.

If I would have written down my pick for every NCAA Division I-A football game last weekend, I doubt I would've guessed half of them correct. I mean, was college football seriously that screwed up last week?

Not only did the events of week 11 pick on me, they did so in mass quantities. It all started a week ago. I knew that Rutgers was on the rise but so was Louisville. I honestly didn't think that the undefeated status of Rutgers was good enough to challenge the momentum of the Cardinals coming off of their huge victory against West Virginia. However, it was surprisingly easy to push the game aside without major damage to my ego. Little did I know that Saturday was to be open season on my self-esteem.

In my eyes, the schedule for the weekend was a little dry. I was looking forward to the Tennessee/Arkansas game, and of course Boise State at San Jose State but that was pretty much it.

With my two games of interest playing later in the day, I woke up just in time to watch the fourth, fifth, sixth and eighth ranked teams somehow struggle against mediocre challengers.

After witnessing the unexpected, I decided I wasn't dreaming and accepted the reality. I began to break the games down individually and search for excuses. Unfortunately, legitimacy was all that I could find.

Okay, so quarterback Colt McCoy from Texas got injured; so what? His backup, Jevan Snead, was neck and neck with him for the starting position all summer. Snead was fully capable of leading the Longhorns to a victory, especially over Kansas State. Auburn's own quarterback, Brandon Cox, threw four interceptions. You just can't throw that many picks and expect to win; I don't care who you are. In Cal's case, not only did Nate Longshore throw three picks, the Bears blew a 17-3 halftime lead.

I give up. There are no excuses to explain why Louisville and Texas dropped seven places or why Auburn plummeted from fifth to 15th. There are only the facts and the fact is that they didn't deserve to be there.

I made this realization while watching the fourth quarter of the highly contested game between BSU and San Jose State. I realized I had a different feeling than I did during the final quarter of those other three match ups: I never thought that the Broncos would lose.

I've come to the conclusion that it is impossible to underestimate any team, except for maybe Duke. At the same time, it is entirely too easy to overestimate every team regardless of their rank or record. Additionally, if Ian Johnson can play a football game with a collapsed lung, then he really is indestructible.

I'm not about to make my assumptions about the OSU/Michigan game coming up. However, I will forbid myself to even guarantee that the winner will be in the BCS Championship. With only two weeks remaining, I'm now open to anything happening. Except for Duke actually winning a game, of course.

Wrestling team hits the mat

BY ADAM ADER
Sports Writer

Last Saturday, Nov. 11, the Boise State wrestling team started its season in Laramie, Wyo. For the Broncos - a team filled with 14 freshmen and one injured senior - it was a tough learning experience. Many of the freshmen learned that high school wrestling and college wrestling are two very different stories.

Their introduction to college wrestling came at the Cowboy Classic, hosted by the University of Wyoming. The Broncos had four wrestlers place in the top three at the one-day tournament. Luke Smith was the consolation champion in the 165-pound weight class. Andy Patrick won the consolation championship for the heavy-weight division. Smith and Patrick competed in the Elite Division of the tournament.

In the Amateur Division Ryan Allen placed second in the 197-pound weight class. Levi Jones wrestled his way to a third place finish in the 133-pound weight class. Despite some individual successes at the tournament, Head Coach Greg Randall feels the team still has a lot of improving to do.

"We didn't wrestle that well," Randall said. "We got a lot of young guys wrestling for the first time. It might have been a shock to them how tough college wrestling is. Guys are much stronger and more physical. It opened their eyes a little bit."

"The biggest jump from high school is that you find yourself on

top of the mountain a little bit," freshman Levi Jones said. "In college every match is a 'Donny Brook.' It's going to be a close one."

Coach Randall wants his men to improve their way of thinking. He believes they can be a really good team. He feels that they work hard enough and are strong enough and fast enough to contend with high competitors. Coach Randall feels that the mental part of the sport is his team's biggest weakness right now.

"We did some good things," Randall said. "Right now I think we're looking for an easy win. They found out it's not that easy. It's more of a mental thing than anything. And that's part of the coach's job - to get them past that mental thing. They weren't prepared mentally enough. Physically we're fine. We do everything the right way; [we] lift hard, wrestle hard, run hard."

Randall expects his team to improve rapidly. He sees they have the passion, desire and will to win. He thinks it will show soon. He hopes the team will take every match to heart, especially the losses.

"They like to win, they hate to lose," Randall said. "Being as young as they are there's a lot of room for improvement over the course of the season. Hopefully we can start seeing that even after one week. I think we will because I think every time you lose you learn something about yourself."

The team is very young and inexperienced. They will get better in the future. These are the kind of statements Randall acknowledges but doesn't want to sit on because

he feels that the future is now.

"I hate to say we're rebuilding, because you never want to give anybody an excuse to lose," Randall said. "[If we] start talking about 'well, we're young, we'll wait till next year,' that's giving our guys an excuse to lose. We want to win now."

The close matches and the third periods are what concern Randall. Many of his men lost close matches that he feels they should have won, including Levi Jones who received third in the amateur division but lost 11-10 to Jimmy Savala of Chadron State.

The team is doing what the coach wants and taking in the experience.

"I ended up a little short," Jones said. "Wrestled six matches and in the fourth match lost in the semis. I was beating the kid and lost because I stopped wrestling. I learned I have some improvements to make, no doubt."

Boise State competes in the PAC-10 rather than the Western Athletic Conference like the rest of the Bronco athletics.

The school switched wrestling affiliations because of a lack of wrestling programs in the WAC. BSU travels to Medford, Ore., Saturday for the Best of the West Tournament.

Many people feel that the wrestling team is an up-and-coming program but has a lot of improvements to make.

"That tournament wasn't the toughest tournament and we didn't do very well," Randall said. "That tells you where we are."

BSU '06-'07 Wrestling Schedule

Home Schedule:

Dec. 14
7 p.m.
vs. Cal-Bakersfield

Jan. 1
7 p.m.
vs. Cal-Poly

Feb. 9
5 p.m.
vs. UC Davis

7 p.m.
vs. Stanford
(Beauty and the Beast)

Next Tournament:

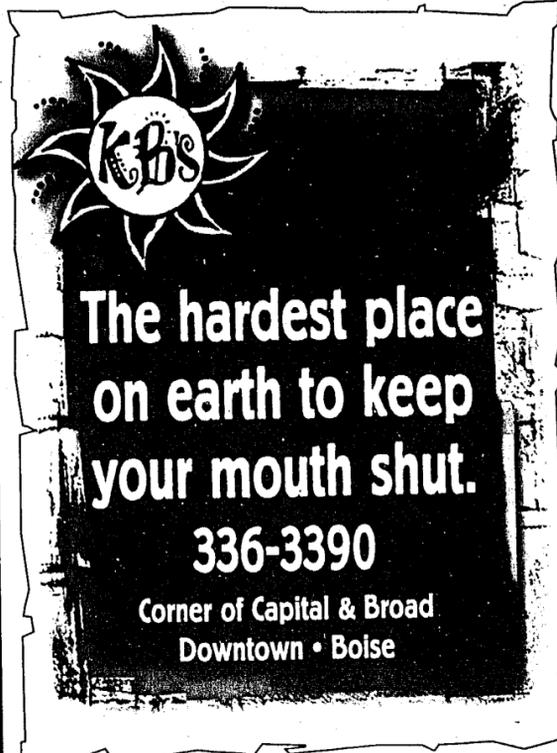
Best of the West Tournament
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NBDL season nears for Stampede

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

The Idaho Stampede is with-in a week of its opening game against the Colorado 14ers Nov. 24. The Stampede is entering the 2006-07 season with many new looks around the franchise. Head Coach Bryan Gates is back for his second stint with the team, but will be coaching in the National Basketball Development League for the first time.

Gates was with the organization for the first seven years of its existence. He did, however, spend the last two years away from Idaho pursuing other career ventures. Gates is excited about his second chance with the Stampede and couldn't be happier about being back in Boise.

"I went to school here - this is my home," Gates said. "I was with the team from day one. This is what I've waited for from day one."

The Stampede was previously affiliated with the Continental Basketball Association. Now they are working directly with the National Basketball Association. The NBDL is expected to present many new opportunities for Stampede players, who are all working on their dream of getting to the NBA.

"I think it's covered a lot more," Gates said. "I think it's scouted a lot more. I think when players are assigned from the NBA the higher-ups will come watch you. I think that's a bigger deal."

Because of the switch to the NBDL the preseason has been an adjustment for the Stampede, compared to years past. For the first time players drafted in the NBDL draft are required to start the season with their respective team. In previous years, players were often drafted and shipped somewhere else without ever playing a game in Boise.

Another aspect of the NBDL that is affecting a few players in Boise is the league's ability to place players in cities close to where they played college ball. The Stampede has two such players on the preseason roster this season: Jermaine Blackburn and Lance Allred. Allred graduated from Weber State University in Weber, Utah, in 2005. Blackburn played two seasons for the Boise State Broncos and was drafted by the Stampede in 2005 at the end of his collegiate career at BSU.

"It's good to be back in Boise," Blackburn said. "The fans are very supporting of me. Before anywhere else, I would like to come back and play in Boise. I feel more comfortable here. I have a good relationship with Coach Gates. Plus it's a great place to play."

Blackburn averaged 15.4 points per game as a senior at Boise State. Last season, for the Stampede, he averaged 10 points per game in just 47 games. Blackburn had been playing for the West Sydney Razorbacks in Australia before moving back to Boise during the early part of the 2005-06 season.

According to Blackburn, the transition to the NBDL is a great opportunity for players like himself. One of the biggest assets the league provides is the higher level of experience gained from players such as Randy Livingston, Eddie Robinson and Peter John Ramos.

"I try to watch things they're doing, pick up on things," Blackburn said. "I ask a lot of questions to where I can improve myself as a player. It's good to have older guys and guys that have played at the next level. They teach you a lot."

Livingston was an NBA journeyman with the Houston Rockets, Phoenix Suns, Minnesota Timberwolves, New Orleans Hornets, Utah Jazz and Chicago Bulls. Robinson spent the '05 season in the NBA with the Hornets and Bulls. Ramos is a 7'3" center

from Puerto Rico who spent the 2005-06 season on the Washington Wizards roster and also attended the Wizards fall camp in 2006.

Veteran experience will certainly help the Stampede prepare in their short preseason camp.

Coach Gates is optimistic about the 2006 draft class. He said he feels it was as good a group of draft picks as they could have hoped for.

"We had some big-time surprises and a couple disappointments," Gates said. "It's just the way it is. When you have a draft with that many players, not everyone is going to pick the players you think they are. We are excited to have Peter and Eddie as our first two. We thought that was a good start."

Gates and his staff began preseason camp with 17 players on the roster but have already cut the roster down to 13. The final number of players a team can have is 12, which means that the Stampede has one more spot to cut.

Players can be called up at any time by either NBA affiliate, the Jazz or the Seattle SuperSonics. If a player is called up to the NBA, the Stampede is able to replace him with a player from an NBDL talent pool.

While the uncertainty leaves a roster in limbo all season long, according to Gates it is all part of the job.

"If we had every one of our guys called up, that's what we're here for," Gates said.

The Stampede has three scheduled home games to open the regular season. The team will then hit the road for a seven game road trip. Gates is down to eight days to tip-off, which leaves his short-term goals very simple.

"I don't want to sound cliché, but I just want to win that first game," Gates said. "We have three at home and seven on the road. So that's what we're looking at. Then it's a process after that."

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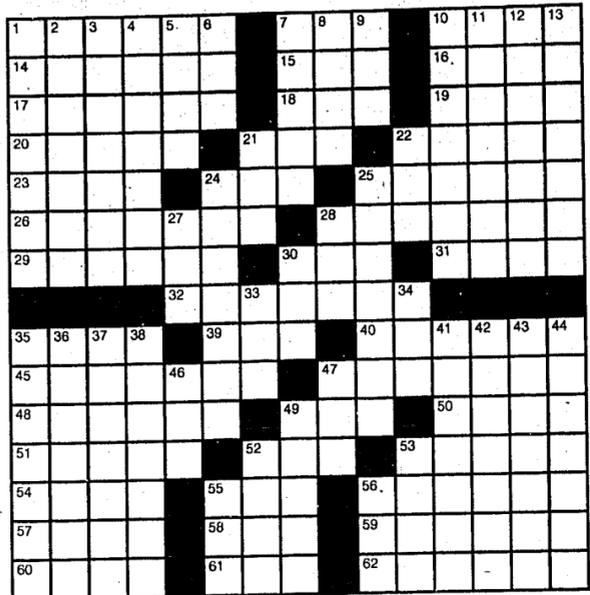
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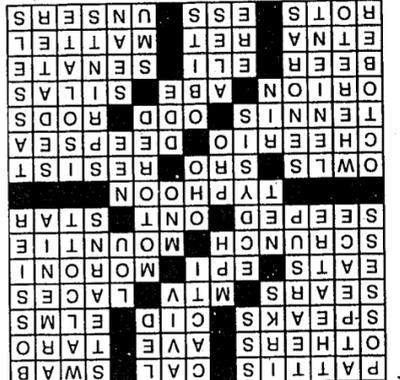
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 - Free from strife
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 - Supreme Court opening month
 - Cabby's query
 - Not severe
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Today is a 6 - Catch up on your reading. You'll find it relaxing and rejuvenating, as well. Study up on a topic you used to know nothing about.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is an 8 - An important person needs your assistance. You can provide the ways and the means. As you do, you become even more prosperous, by becoming indispensable.

Arles (March 21-April 19)
Today is an 8 - A partner is a nuisance you need. You'll do much better, more quickly, with the help of a good mediator. You're short on patience now.

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Today is an 8 - It should be easier to afford what you want for the next few days. This is good, because you're just about in the mood to shop hard.

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Today is an 8 - There's no point in buying what you can make better yourself. Less creative people do it all the time but not you. Get busy.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is an 8 - You're coming up with lots of good ideas. Don't follow through on them quite yet. Give yourself space to change your mind a couple of more times.

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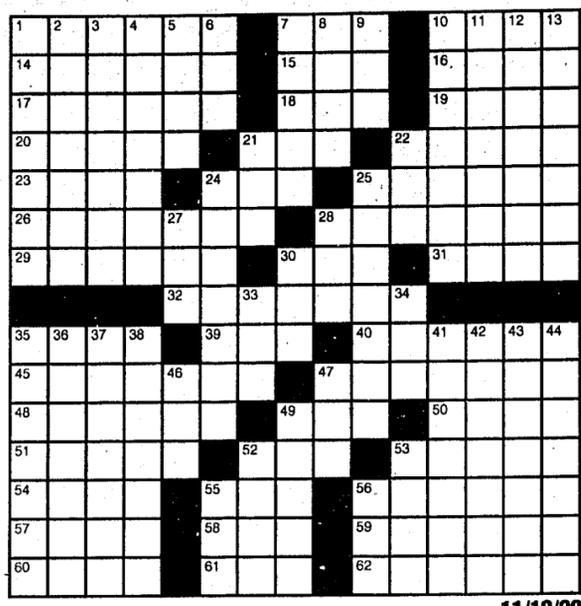
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ACROSS
1 Smith and Page
7 Coolidge's nickname
10 Q-Tip, e.g.
14 Leftover ones
15 Caesar's hail
16 Cocoyam
17 Gives one's address?
18 El ___
19 Shade trees
20 Chicago tower
21 Videos channel
22 Oxford needs
23 Devours
24 Cure starter?
25 Capital of the Comoros
26 Crumple and squeeze
28 Dudley Do-Right, e.g.
29 Oozed
30 Can. province
31 "A ___ Is Born"
32 Western Pacific hurricane



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DOWN
2 Take over
3 Free from strife
4 London stage
5 Shreds
6 Puncture sound
7 Desert growth
8 Tel ___ Jaffa
9 Headed up
10 Thomas ___ Eliot
11 Boxer Jersey Joe
12 Neighbor of Iran
13 More domineering
21 Speed stat
22 Rawls or Reed
24 Molting
25 Took the A-1 to London
27 Court divider
28 #6 on the dial
30 Expression of surprise
33 Paid athlete, for short
34 Born in Cannes
35 Supreme Court opening month
36 Cabby's query
37 Not severe
38 Guadalajara women
41 Short races

Solutions

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42 Set apart
43 Sleeping pill
44 Dangling ornaments
46 ___ Tin Tin
47 Presidential initials
49 Brief death notices
52 Tavern orders
53 Actor Astin
55 Afore
56 Dallas sch.

HOROSCOPES

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Today's Birthday (11-16-06)
This year is about cleaning out closets, and recycling old projects. You don't have to do them all, just check them all off your lists. Get on with your life.
To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 6 - Catch up on your reading. You'll find it relaxing and rejuvenating, as well. Study up on a topic you used to know nothing about.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is an 8 - It should be easier to afford what you want for the next few days. This is good, because you're just about in the mood to shop hard.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is an 8 - You're coming up with lots of good ideas. Don't follow through on them quite yet. Give yourself space to change your mind a couple of more times.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is an 8 - You have something of great value hidden away, or lost. You used to know where it was. Find it and cash it in.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 5 - It's important to know what the others think but don't let them change your mind. You don't have all the facts, yet.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is an 8 - Lucky for you, the best things in life are still free. You know what they are, too. Surround yourself with them.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is an 8 - An important person needs your assistance. You can provide the ways and the means. As you do, you become even more prosperous, by becoming indispensable.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is an 8 - Work on your plan, and don't be disappointed if it seems to be going slowly. There are a lot of things to consider, and now's the time to do it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is an 8 - Sort through your papers and figure out how much you have and what you need. You can do it the other way around, too. Make your list after you see your balance.

COMICS

