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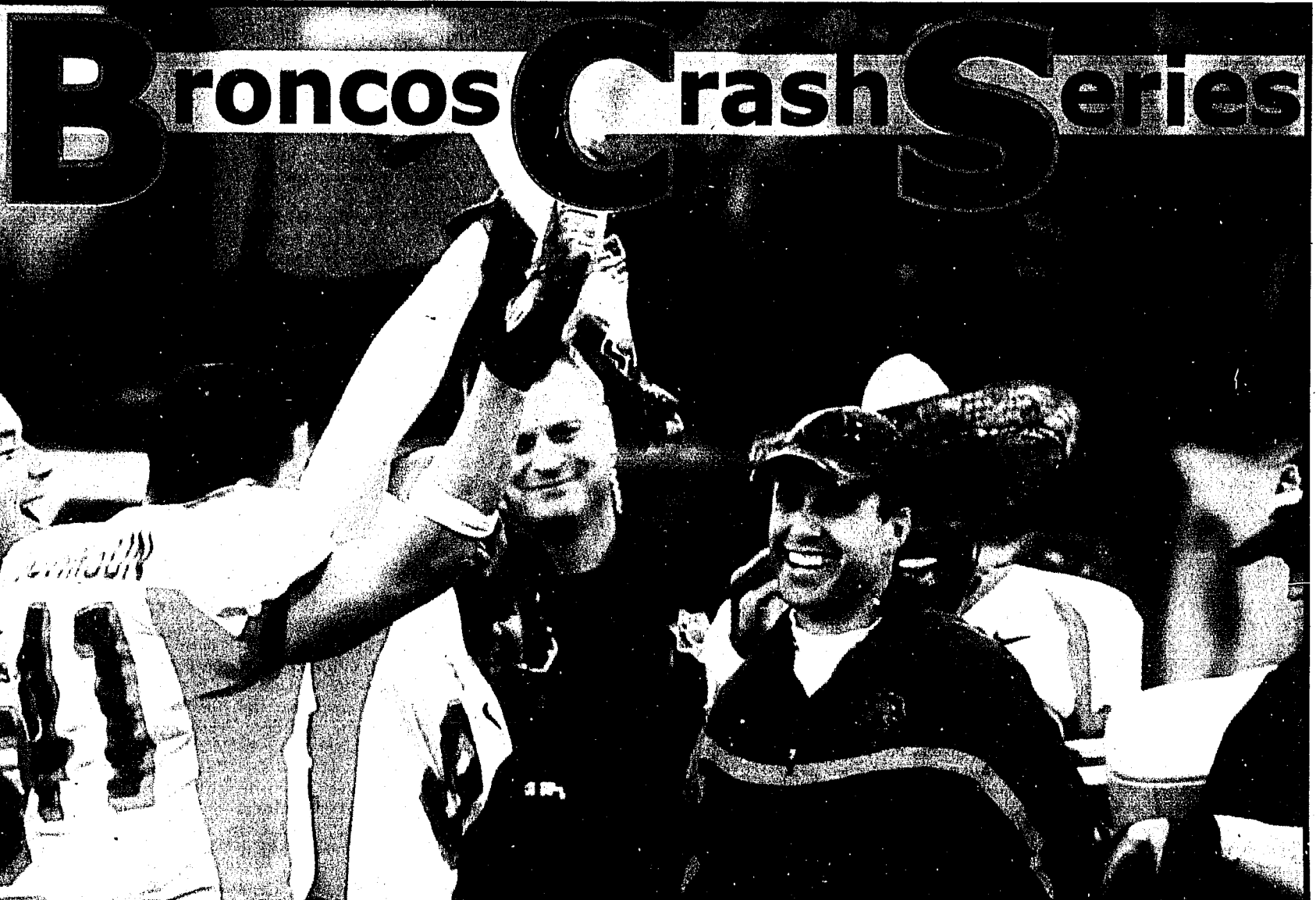


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BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Managing Editor

Can you believe it?

All those dreams and goals and anticipatory punctuations of Bowl Championship Series invitations and national attention came from the cupboards of doubt onto the plates of reality Saturday.

"Our emotions are all high and all positive," BSU quarterback Jared Zabransky said. "This is unbelievable. We needed to come in here and be intense. I don't think you could have wrote a book with a better story."

The story is one of tradition and change. Boise State has won national championships at every collegiate level it has played. The team won the Division I-AA championship in 1980. It won the NJCAA national championship in 1958 under Lyle Smith.

This season the Broncos will not even get a chance to play for the national championship. But they will be part of the series. The win Saturday put the Broncos in a great position to be chosen to play in either the Orange Bowl or the Fiesta Bowl. Representatives for both teams were at the game Saturday.

The Bronco football team finished its regular sea-

son undefeated (12-0, 9-0 WAC). The lambasting of Nevada on the road 38-7 likely sent the team to Glendale, Ariz. for the Fiesta Bowl. They are certainly welcome.

"There's 119 teams that play Division I-A football," Fiesta Bowl Chairman and CEO John Junker said in an address to the team in the locker room after the Nevada game. "There are two teams that are undefeated in Division I-A football. The Boise State Broncos are one of those two teams. We wanted to congratulate you, Mr. Bleymaier, Coach Petersen. We've got to wait until Sunday to see what the BCS says, but I tell you that you deserve a BCS Bowl."

The set of seniors on this team, the fifth-year guys, have gone 38-1 in the WAC in that five year span.

"This is the most dominant team in Western Athletic Conference history," WAC Commissioner Carl Benson said.

To say the win was important is like saying fire is hot. It was quite simply the biggest game in the history of the BSU football program.

"For me it's simply overwhelming," Korey Hall said. "To be the kid I was five years ago and to be in the situation I am in now, there's no better feeling in the world than right now. We get to go to a BCS game and

represent Boise State."

Hall and the Broncos could be playing the winner of the Big XII championship game, either Oklahoma or Nebraska.

"We'll play whoever," Hall said. "It doesn't matter."

If the Broncos had lost, they would have gone to the MPC Computers Bowl, which is nice for Bronco fans, but only pays about \$700,000. The team and the Western Athletic Conference would get around \$15 million to play in the Fiesta Bowl.

"This is our payoff," BSU tailback Ian Johnson said. "We put so much pain and suffering into the summer. We work so hard and this is our payoff. Everything we were told we could do if we worked as hard as we could, we did."

Johnson has been instrumental to the team's success this season. He set a BSU record for single season rushing yards on his final carry at Nevada, a 3-yard plunge. He rushed for 1,613 yards this season.

A few questions have yet to be answered. The Broncos won't know the final BCS rankings until Sunday, Dec. 3. A lot of people are still uncertain whether or not this undefeated team from the WAC

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With a win over Nevada Saturday Boise State became eligible for a Bowl Championship Series game with a 12-0 record. An official announcement of BCS teams will be made Sunday Dec. 3. BSU is currently No. 8 in the BCS rankings.

Reported Greenbelt victim retracts statement - claims attack never happened

BY DREW MAYES
Editor-in-Chief

Boise Police recently said the Boise State University student leader who claimed he was attacked because of his sexual orientation confessed to detectives he fabricated the report.

Investigators said the student admitted using a stick and his fists to self-inflict his injuries and that other evidence connected to his initial report had also been fabricated. Police spokeswoman Lynn Hightower said the student's confession of a false report is consistent with evidence uncovered by detectives during their investigation.

Boise Police expended many

valuable resources investigating the initial report. When completed, the investigation on filing a false report will be forwarded to prosecutors for possible charges," Hightower said. "Filing a false police report is a misdemeanor with a penalty of up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine."

The student claimed last week a white male struck him from behind with an object while using anti-gay expletives and proceeded to hit him in the face several times, causing him to lose consciousness.

The student said the incident occurred somewhere between Taylor Hall and Friendship Bridge on the Boise River Greenbelt. According to Associated Students of Boise State University officials, at some point the student made his

way to the Student Union Building where an ambulance was called.

The student was then transported to the emergency room. The falsified attack quickly prompted student and administrative organizations around Boise State to sponsor a "No Oppression Tolerated, Not On Our Campus," rally last Tuesday and a candlelight vigil Wednesday night in the Quad.

Several student representatives and BSU administrators stressed tolerance and the need for civility on campus at the rallies and for days after. Hundreds attended the rallies.

As a result of the report, the Boise Police Department added officers to the Boise State campus. Officers increased their presence in the Student Union Building

and on the Greenbelt. Officers had been working on the investigation for more than a week. Shortly after his confession to police, the student sent out e-mails to members of the media asking they not give the incident any more attention, saying he "wanted it to go away."

Hightower said Boise investigators are aware of claims about the student's motivation for making the false report, but "those claims are part of the ongoing investigation and not available for release at this time."

Frank Zang, Boise State's director of communications, said the series of events has served as a difficult time for the campus community. "We are supporting the student

any way we can with counseling services and through the help of his friends, family and university staff," Zang said. "It is a relief to know that this assault did not take place on the Greenbelt near campus. The BSU administration remains committed to a safe and secure environment for its students, faculty, staff and visitors," Zang added.

"The campus community and the Boise Police Department took this report seriously and investigated it as a suspected bias incident," he said, recalling the actions that took place in response to the purported attack. "The administration recognizes that its efforts need to be ongoing to further develop a campus climate of respect and inclusiveness."

THE HEADLINES

WORLD

Kyoto bans flashing neon ads, rooftop billboards

In a move to protect the aesthetic value of the ancient capital, the municipal government of Kyoto, Japan, is to ban advertising billboards on top of buildings and flashing electric ads in the entire city.

Kyoto officials claim that ads on top of buildings block the magnificent view of the mountain range that surrounds the city, while flashing ads ruin the elegance of its world-famous ancient streets.

The city government will revise the municipal regulation on outdoor advertisements this fiscal year, and implement the ban as early as the next fiscal year.

The ban applies to the whole city area of 827 square kilometers, and Kyoto will be the first city in the nation to restrict ad displays on such a large scale.

There are about 15,000 outdoor ads in Kyoto, according to the city government, which has the authority to approve the placement of outdoor ads.

The approval is effective for three years under the current system, and advertisers will be allowed to renew their permits only once after the ban is implemented - thus all designated ad displays will disappear from city streets within six years at most.

Also, the municipal government will lower the upper height limit of buildings by two meters to 16 meters in areas near 14 world heritage sites and 30 percent of urbanization-designated areas. The new upper limits will be eight to 31 meters.

In areas within a 500-meter radius of all world heritage sites, including the famous Kiyomizudera

temple, colors of building walls and shapes of roofs will be restricted to be in harmony with the surrounding environment.

"Scenery is a public asset," said a Kyoto official in charge of the ad display ban. "We must impose strict regulations now, or we will fail to pass on the distinguished scenery of the ancient city to future generations."

Meanwhile, the Federation of all Japan Outdoor Advertising Associations (a Tokyo-based organization of ad companies) voiced opposition to Kyoto's plan.

"We doubt the legitimacy of the idea that frames ads to be the only villain," a spokesman said.

NATIONAL

FBI offers reward for information on missing Minnesota boys

Alicia White pleaded Friday for help from anyone who "knows anything or has seen anything about the whereabouts of my babies."

The young brothers have been missing since Wednesday.

"They were just playing outside," she said, surrounded by other family members at a news conference outside the Red Lake Criminal Justice Complex. "That's the last I saw them."

Earlier Friday, the FBI announced a \$20,000 reward for information that might help them determine what happened to the boys.

They were last seen about 9:30 a.m. Wednesday as they played outside their home in the heavily wooded Walking Shield area.

Despite extensive ground searches by more than 100 professionals and about 45 members of the extended family and other Red

Lakers, authorities said they still hadn't found any sign of Tristan A. White, 4, or his two year-old brother Avery Lee Stately.

Alicia White said that Tristan "loves water. And Avery, he just follows his brother."

She said that Tristan sometimes wandered off when the family lived in Redby, another town on the Red Lake Reservation, "but we always found him. This is the first time we didn't find him."

She said that she feels "lost - my babies are gone out there in the cold by themselves."

She said that Tristan has a medical condition and did not take medication the morning he disappeared.

She said that she and other members of the family continue to hope that the boys will be found OK.

"I'm preparing for the worst, too," she said. "I'm trying not to think the worst, but it's been so cold out there and people have been searching all over and can't find them."

LOCAL/BSU

Idaho resorts celebrate new snow, others still wait for their own powder

Some Idaho ski and snowboarding areas have opened, particularly in the northern part of the state where storms have deposited more than a foot of snow on resorts in recent days.

Meanwhile, other ski areas across the mountains toward the southern desert continue to look to the skies for signs of powder, even though snowmaking equipment has allowed areas such as Sun Valley Resort to fire up some lifts.

Idaho's western border runs 479 miles from Canada to Nevada. With plenty of rugged terrain in

between, storms sometimes leave a portion of the state dry, even when other areas see heavy snowfall.

"We're totally jammed," said Jim Schreiber, a spokesman at Lookout Mountain on the Montana border where Interstate 90 intersects Idaho's northern panhandle region.

The ski area has received 18 inches in two days, for a total of nearly five feet.

"When the people fill up the entire parking lot and start parking on freeway entrance ramps ... it's nice to see."

Meanwhile, Brundage Mountain near McCall and Bogus Basin 15 miles north of Idaho's capital city have yet to get enough snow to begin lift operations.

April Russell, a spokeswoman for the 45 year-old Brundage resort overlooking Payette Lake, said managers are hoping for wetter snow that will pack tightly beneath grooming machinery to cover vegetation, not the powder snow that skiers and boarders will inevitably covet later in the season.

It might sound whimsical - adults tilting their heads back in anticipation of flakes tumbling from the heavens.

But in Idaho, skiing and snowboarding at the state's 18 total ski areas are big business, making up between \$210 million and \$225 million annually of the \$3 billion tourism economy in the form of tickets, lodging, equipment and other related sales.

"Ski area managers are nothing less than snow farmers," said Carl Wilgus, assistant deputy director at the State Department of Commerce and Labor. "Unless they get a good crop of snow, it's hard to sell a product."

Silver Mountain, west of Lookout Mountain along Interstate 90 in the traditional mining town of Kellogg, and Schweitzer Mountain (above

Sandpoint) have opened large portions of their ski areas following hefty storms this month.

"We opened with 15 inches of fresh snow," said Stephen Lane, spokesman for Silver Mountain.

At Schweitzer, this is the first year the resort has been able to open for the Thanksgiving weekend since 2003.

Sun Valley Resort, the 70 year-old central Idaho destination founded by Union Pacific Railroadman W. Averell Harriman to help boost western ridership of his trains, is offering five lifts on its two mountains, including top-to-bottom runs on manmade snow on the main Baldy Mountain.

"They've got the guns going," said Hans Muehleger, the director of the Sun Valley Ski and Snowboard school. "I skied from the top to bottom down Warm Springs and top to bottom down River Run. It was just great."

Pomerelle Mountain, just north of the Utah border, opened a week ago and has all three lifts running. That's a big improvement over last year's late start - especially for a resort accustomed to being one of the first in the state to open, with its base elevation a relatively lofty 8,000 feet.

"They're skiing everywhere and loving it," said Spokeswoman Jody Burrows, following five inches of new snow overnight.

A few terrain park features have been attracting local snowboarders, but Tamarack Resort Spokeswoman Jessica Flynn said what the resort really needs is cold, wintry weather.

"We're on hold until the temperatures start falling," Flynn said.

The same goes for Bogus Basin, where warmer temperatures near Boise have melted what had been more than a foot of snow to now about seven inches.

The mountain generally opens

between Thanksgiving and Dec. 1, though lifts didn't start operating last year until Dec. 2 in what ultimately became a good snow year, said Spokeswoman Gretchen Anderson.

"It all depends when the big storm rolls in," Anderson said of 2006's prospective opening day.

"We're hoping it's soon. We've got a storm forecast for Saturday, and early in the week as well, and the temps are expected to be low."

Courtesy Idaho Press-Tribune

WHAT THE?

Oh yeah? Well, you just try and stop me ... Wham! Blam! Kapow!

A man smashed the front window of a beauty salon in Saskatchewan, Canada, in the dead of night, intending to burglarize the place.

But the business, he was soon to find out, is right next door to the Champion Fight Club in the same building.

To make matters worse, the owner (a world kickboxing champion) was on the premises, preparing for a big match. It wasn't pretty.

I don't know about you, but it sure looks like a win-win situation to me

An Ontario man tried to hire a hitman to kill his wife so he would not have to continue paying child support.

The hitman turned out to be a cop, and the man was sent to jail.

He is now arguing that, since he is incarcerated, he is unable to pay the child support he was trying to get out of in the first place.

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belongs among the likes of the big schools. Coach Petersen, though proud, doesn't think his team has proved it yet.

"No, I don't think they have and I think we have to get to this next game and prove it there," Petersen said.

But he will give his team time to finally enjoy the prestige of an undefeated season.

"For our seniors, for five years, how they hard they worked and some of the hard lessons they learned, you have to take a little time to smell the roses," Petersen said.

What it means
The Broncos' expected berth into a BCS bowl will broaden the exposure of the university.

"Boise state University is a university that is being transformed before our very eyes," BSU President Bob Kustra said. "Today we've seen one of the major transformation stages."

"Academics and athletics are going to go right up the ladder at the same time, right alongside each other. Our plans for expansion, for capital development, academic excellence, are all right alongside the athletic program."

Pres. Kustra often refers to the football team as a window to the university. If that is so, the blinds

have been pulled opened. The Broncos will be on network television, nationwide.

"This is spectacular, that's all I can say," said an emotional Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier. "I can't say enough about this team. We had this dream, the coaches the payers and the community. And this crowd was incredible today, giving us the lift we needed. It took everybody to make this happen. This is a history making day for our university."

If there was any question about the Broncos fans' ability to travel to support their team, just ask the Nevada fans who were out-shouted by roughly 6,000 screaming members of Bronco Nation.

"Whether it's been in Boise or away, the crowds have been unbelievable," Kustra said. "It's an incredible bunch of people. It's the whole town of Boise. It's the whole state of Idaho. We're Idaho's team. This is a great thing for the state of Idaho and I know the people back there are going to be very proud of us."

If the Broncos get a berth to the Fiesta Bowl, they will be offered to purchase about 17,000 tickets. The tickets will become available beginning Nov. 28. Students can purchase tickets Dec. 9.

"There's no question, the Boise State fans are a traveling bunch and they'll go anywhere for this game," Kustra said. "Phoenix is just a hop skip and a jump."

The Petersen effect

First-year Bronco head coach Chris Petersen is undefeated as a head coach. He has taken his team to a BCS bowl. He has been stable, calm, candid and venerable. He is humble. He is a players' coach. He is a football coach.

"I just think that the Boise State experience continues to grow," Petersen said. "All the guys who came before me, especially coach Hawk. I just say that I am just a small part of this. The assistant coaches do all the hard work, the players make the plays and I just get water dumped on me."

Talk about ... yeah ... this guy just has it.

"To take over and assemble the staff he assembled ... it shows the mark of a great leader to surround yourself with good people," Bleymaier said. "It speaks for itself, 12-0, first year, these guys are only going to get better."

Bleymaier was asked if he thought Bronco fans would travel to the BCS game. He said it was so unique an experience that people would flock to the ticket office.

"This is all new," Bleymaier said. "I think everybody is going to want to be a part of it. This is one of a kind, so out of the ordinary, I think everybody is going to want to be a part of it."

The Tostitos Fiesta Bowl will be played Jan. 1. The FedEx Orange Bowl will be played Jan. 2.

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The way we see it...

Congratulations for the football team are in order

For the last several years, the Boise State football team has been a source of pride for this university. The team has not only put the school, but the entire community on the map in a positive way.

In arguably the biggest game in the history of the program, with the entire country watching, the Broncos came out and destroyed the University of Nevada to complete an undefeated regular season and put themselves in position for a Bowl Championship Series game.

The significance of a BCS game cannot be understated. Instead of splitting up its share of \$750,000 from the Boise-based MPC Computers Bowl - the Broncos will take home the lions share of the \$15 million payout for a game like the Fiesta Bowl.

Equally as important to the money, the Broncos will play in front of a national audience for the first time ever on network television. Millions are likely to see the "Beyond the Blue" commercial that highlights many of the positive attributes the university has, beyond athletics. Millions of people will be exposed to Boise State for the first time ever.

The implications of all of this are huge. The publicity, the money - none of it is possible without a successful football program. Every time the Broncos step onto the field in front of a national audience, it's like one big commercial for Boise State University.

And a BCS commercial like that attracts better students and faculty to the university.

Research has consistently shown that public universities who have strong athletic programs tend to have strong academic programs as well.

Don't believe it? Take a look at the two top-ranked college football teams right now - Ohio State University and the University of Michigan. Those two schools traditionally rank among the best in the nation academically.

One giant leap toward Boise State's goal of becoming a "research university of distinction" was made last Saturday in Reno, Nev. It's ironic that it just happened to be on the shoulder pads of the football team.

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

Fake 'hate crime' victimizes Boise State

BY MICHAEL J MCLASKEY
Opinion Writer

As an American, I don't like to feel bad for people because it disrupts my normal motif of apathy, but this entire last week I've felt terrible that some jerk-off bigot committed what appeared to be a hate crime against a member of the Associated Students of Boise State University. Last Tuesday I attended the "No Oppression Tolerated on Our Campus" rally on the steps of the Administration Building and wondered how the perpetrator of this vile act got away with his crime, especially in broad daylight.

Then the perpetrator came forward. Actually, the investigating police skunked him out. The supposed hate-motivated crime (I'd call it a hate crime, but Idaho has no such legislation) was nothing but smoke and mirrors - a fraud.

Instead of a "hate crime," we've been duped by sleight of hand. The supposed victim here is also the oppressor, as this member of BSU student government admitted that he fabricated the police report, punched himself in the face and hit himself with a stick.

This wasn't an attack on himself so much as it was an attack upon the sensitivities of BSU's entire student body. The backlash cost student government more than \$4,350 - the monies approved by ASBSU: \$4000 for the red "No Oppression Tolerated" T-shirts, \$350 to fund the candlelight vigil held later that evening and the unjustified human cost of volunteers. People believe fervently in diversity and they threw themselves behind Mr. Anonymous's case and worked to bring the rally together under the banner of an orchestrated lie. Shame on you, charlatan.

Speaking of which, isn't it amazing that although this self-induced victim has thus far been kept anonymous, he has been identified as a gay male working for ASBSU? I'm sure there are people on campus who know this "victim" and therefore can point a finger toward reimbursing the student body. If he isn't charged with filing a false police report, the liar - confused or not - at least needs to make restitution.

Now, instead of feeling sorry for this "victim," I'm outraged by his behavior and irritated that I fell for

it. Sure, we were in the middle of a heated political season with one of the biggest issues on the ballot being the anti-gay marriage initiative, and people's passions run high when it comes to such controversial issues. In my mind a bigot going nuts on a "queer" sounded like the Idaho I moved to 17 years ago, and it made me sick.

Does that excuse him from falsifying reality in order to gather support for his cause? Absolutely not. Actions such as those of our anonymous liar disenfranchise people from the cause.

I know that we Americans typically treat our votes as sacrosanct, but I'm not afraid. I voted against bigots in this last election because I believe that everyone has a right to be happy - whether through civil union or marriage.

Life is hard enough for everybody. To be told by the institutions supposedly responsible for the protection of your civil rights that you're going to spend the rest of your life alone just because you're gay is awful.

Idaho's new anti-gay marriage law only further perpetuates the stereotype that people are essentially different and easily reduced into separate demographics, lifestyles, ethnicities, etc. Although this complete fakery isn't going to keep me from supporting gay and lesbian civil rights in the future, it will provide me with a shadow of skepticism the next time I hear someone complaining about being "oppressed."

What's worse is that BSU students are going to be put off by anybody saying they're being oppressed because the impetus for our rally in this liar's cause was completely fallacious.

As sensitive, caring people, we were gulled by this charade and made to feel that our campus is unsafe. Perhaps there is an atmosphere of oppression on campus, but it's going to be a lot harder for anyone to make that case now.

It's time for your cloak of anonymity and victimhood to fall away, Mr. Anonymous Self-Assaulter.

It's also time for a public apology press conference and, of the utmost importance, it is time to resign your post in ASBSU.

People like you have no business in politics, and you know it.

The way you see it...

End the assault on free speech

Even with the attack on a Boise State student ending up being fake, the following N.O.T. rally left me with some concerns about the general tone of the speeches presented there.

First, I want to say that what happened to that student was tragic and despicable and that whoever did it should be punished.

However, I think that the solutions that were posed at the rally were at best useless and at worst dangerous.

One of the speakers at the rally was an RA who, among other things, said that one of the ways we can combat "oppression" is to tell people to stop saying things like, "that's gay" or "that's retarded" and that if any of us at the rally heard someone using this language we should tell them to knock it off.

I strongly disagree with this position. Not only do I think he's wrong in assuming that this specific type of pejorative language promotes hate, I resent that what he is advocating is essentially the limiting of free speech on campus through intimidation.

If we are serious about combating oppression, what we need to do is start with ourselves. College is a time to explore ideas, find your passion and, yes, be offended by others.

That's what makes it fun. It's when any group or person begins to believe that they have the right to silence or even destroy those who offend them that oppression begins to take root. In this increasingly partisan age, tempers and passions run increasingly higher. That is what we need to counteract. Rather than changing policies or trying to limit what some perceive as "hate speech," what we all need to do is take a step back.

We need to try to foster a spirit of open academic discussion - not argument - on campus. There needs to be a greater awareness that all points of view, even those that some might deem offensive, are valuable. Limiting free speech for any reason is a thousand times more oppressive than anything else we have seen.

Naomi Washburn
Boise, ID

Hasty conclusions and impulsive responses are simply ridiculous

Thanks for the great lesson in the hate crime incident - the lesson being it is unwise to jump to conclusions before all the facts are known. So the mentally ill homosexual had the whole campus in an uproar and made a fool out of all the people that rallied in support of him. Nice going Associated Students of Boise State University. And my money supports this organization. What a shame.

Joseph Covert,
Boise, ID

Stop trivializing the word hate

Hate is a word that has been thrown around far too much. In Mike Esposito's recent opinion article, for example, the word was used over a dozen times. By the end of the article, it had lost all meaning.

And that is precisely the real issue. Mr. Esposito arbitrarily designates anything that he disagrees with on certain controversial issues as "hateful." In particular, he cites dialogue over the gay marriage issue as being directly related to the recent greenbelt attack.

Because one idiot used his convictions as a reason to attack someone, everyone else who peaceably holds those same convictions (and indeed the convictions themselves) are now hateful. Mr. Esposito: that does not follow.

For in fabricating this connection between disagreeing and hating, Mr. Esposito has placed his own values, beliefs and convictions above everyone else's. Yet I, with most of this state, am capable of disapproving of homosexuality, disagreeing with the reasoning to legalize it, while still not hating homosexuals.

There is no "monologue of vitriol," the political climate of this campus is much more comfortable for a liberal than for a conservative. While there are dozens of sociology, psychology, gender studies and other professors that have openly supported gay marriage during class, how many professors would feel comfortable doing the opposite? When Mr. Esposito whines about being silenced, I wonder: "What is he talking about?" Does he not realize that his political bent has power on this campus? And yet, that is still not good enough.

Aaron Vandenbos
Boise, ID

Demand justice in diversity of thought

BY FREDERICK AREHART

Opinion Writer

Our Boise State University President, Dr. Bob Kustra, wants to lead us into becoming a "metropolitan research university of distinction." This role fits very well with our ideals and expanding population. Frankly, I don't know anyone who thinks this goal is unworthy or inappropriate.

Although Dr. Kustra is still forming his staff (check the big turnover in management positions this year), there is an issue which might warrant a pause for reflection by our university's president.

I think Dr. Kustra foresees the future of Boise State as it being a great campus of objective learning and not a place of indoctrination. I just hope his staff is not following the coastal universities in implementing this vision.

My concern is prompted by recent events and the deliberate efforts to make the administration an instrument of a single viewpoint.

Contrary to the feelings of Assistant Director of Student Activities Mike Esposito, for administrative staff to use their positions to further personal agendas as well established in administration code as unethical. Such actions warrant discipline up to and including termination.

At Boise State, "free speech" should mean more than just the going price of a ticket to a propaganda-filled activity.

An example of the perhaps inadvertent institutionalization of prejudicial opinions is the appearance of high-profile guest speakers on campus.

We have had presentations from Gloria Steinem (Women's Center) and Carlos Mencia (Office of Communications and Marketing), with Al Gore (Frank Church Center), Al Franken

and the Reverend Jesse Jackson (Office of Communications and Marketing) still to come. Can you see a pattern here? These speakers are all of what one might term a radical left persuasion.

Human rights, global warming and sovereignty are indeed important issues of concern to debate - the operant word being debate. "To debate" presupposes that two differing opinions are presented. I am glad that these people have or are going to come here.

Such speakers enhance our stature. However, Boise State would likely not be turned down if it were to invite speakers of other perspectives as well. Have we even tried? We need to sign up Phyllis Schlafly, J.D. Hayworth, Michael Creighton and Bill Cosby, or other speakers of their stature and positions, as well.

If we want to be a "university of distinction" for anything other than football, we first and foremost need to distinguish ourselves through dedication to objectivity.

Both visible and hidden voices are trying to manipulate our sense of objectivity to their own purposes.

I have heard that the administration feels such radical left intervention is "necessary" to balance out what people "hear" in the general community ... Huh? How arrogant and condescending.

Again, I hope Dr. Kustra is following his instincts and not listening to these social elitists. In point of fact, they are a source of anarchy against his goals and need to go.

Students of all perspectives need to insist on high expectations for administrative objectivity and decorum in debate.

These are essential for justice in the free exchange of diverse ideas in higher education; to do less than this would reduce us to being indistinguishable from the coastal universities, i.e. places of lower social education.

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IN ENTERTAINMENTBY DANIEL KEDISH
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Globally

Hot
Here comes another round
of holiday movies

Christmas is just around the corner and that means another group of holiday movies to unwind with is due to hit theatres.

From a cheerful comedy to a slasher film, this December has it all for those seeking festive entertainment.

"The Nativity Story" kicks things off Dec. 1 with the classic tale of Mary and Joseph and their epic journey to deliver Jesus.

"The Holiday," starring Kate Winslet, Cameron Diaz, Jude Law and Jack Black, is also set to debut this December. What may be a cheerful Christmas story looks like the ultimate "chick flick" this winter.

However, for those in search of some good ol' fun on the blessed day, check out the gruesome movie "Black Christmas," which is sure to make audiences scream with delight. Whoever said Christmas had to be all about cheer anyways?

Not
What gives with Hallmark
Christmas CDs?

This shopping season, those browsing the selves of the local Hallmark store will encounter the next thing in the wave of overdone Christmas jingles, performed by George Strait, who was also featured in the many Hallmark commercials that aired during Thanksgiving.

I can't help but want to run out of the room screaming everytime I see him singing "I Wish You a Merry Christmas" with his silly smirk and junked-up Ford truck.

Come on! Does he really drive such a vehicle, and who in their right mind would actually lean up against a truck in a snow storm and sing deliriously happy holiday tunes? Someone heavily medicated - that's who.

All I have to say is Christmas tunes have their place, as well as Mr. Strait: in a retirement community.

Locally

Hot
Get in the mood with
seasonal decorations

Now that millions of turkeys have been slaughtered and devoured across the nation, it is time to rejoice in all things Christmas - and what's better than enjoying one spectacular lighting display, whether offered by city officials or created by yourself. Putting a few sparkling touches on the house or around a tree can lighten up the mood this season and get those "bah humbugs" out of the way just in time for Jesus' birthday.

Not
Avoid the dangers of
holiday shopping

It is easy to get swept up in the mad rush that occurs this time of year, with thousands of shoppers swarming from store to store looking for that perfect gift. While the festive excitement around Christmas may bring a redefined sense of selflessness while purchasing for others instead of oneself, there are still those selfish individuals out there lurking to ruin any fun offered around the holidays.

Remember to watch how you use your plastic, cover up the gifts in the car and leave all expensive purchases at the end of the day.

Here's to great/safe shopping this Christmas season!

The Stones:

Still rolling and rocking, even in Idaho

BY DREW MAYES
Editor-in-Chief

From British invasions to Super Bowl halftime shows, The Rolling Stones have seen and done it all. After their performance at the Idaho Center, they've officially played everywhere.

In the concert that nobody thought they'd ever see, The Rolling Stones jugged, jagged and gyrated to the delight of more than 11,000 screaming fans for more than two hours. Speculation the concert would be canceled no sooner than it was announced reached a fever pitch three days before the show when lead singer Mick Jagger's father died of pneumonia.

But The Stones showed up in every sense of the word. The show kicked off with legendary guitarist Keith Richards appearing onstage from seemingly nowhere, with an abundance of smoke filling the dark Idaho Center. Jagger followed close behind, blaring "Jumpin' Jack Flash." Jagger showed no signs of the sore throat that caused the band to postpone recent shows.

After the first song, Jagger looked to the sold-out crowd and yelled, "Good evening Boise!" Just once I'd like to see somebody in the back tell the performers they're actually in Nampa when playing at the Idaho Center and at best Boise is about 30 miles east and two towns over.

Geography mistakes aside, all was forgiven after a classic rendition of "Let's Spend the Night Together," and a conversation between the crowd and 63-year-old Jagger about Boise State football.

"Ten-and-Oh ... Can't get much better than that," Jagger said to the delighted crowd. "Two more, right?" Jagger asked in reference to Boise State's undefeated season and possible Bowl Championship Series berth.

With the mass of humanity still in a frenzy (and sweat-

ing profusely), The Stones settled things down with "Streets of Love."

Just when it looked like the band was headed for the home-stretch with "Miss You," a large portion of the stage lifted the group high into the air and onto the catwalk that separated the floor crowd into two sections. The stage moved The Rolling Stones all the way to the back of arena where fans in the not-so-cheap seats were treated to "Rough Justice" (from their new CD) and classic Stones songs like "Start Me Up" (in case you were wondering - yes, there we're several grown men crying at this point of the show) and "Honky Tonk Woman."

And just when the crowd (ranging from seventh graders to senior citizens) thought the night was over and the Stones had perhaps rolled their way to the biggest concert "Boise" had ever seen, a two-song encore hit.

An 11,000 strong sing-along to "You Can't Always Get What You Want" seemed to be exactly what the people wanted right before the Stones closed the show with "I Can't Get No ... Satisfaction."

For years the entertainment-starved Treasure Valley market could never get exactly what it wanted. But for one night - with arguably "The greatest Rock and Roll Band in the World" headlining - Idaho's thirst for entertainment was finally satisfied, even if it resulted in a sore throat.



Adding Idaho to the many states The Rolling Stones have played in over the years, Mick Jagger and the group brought down the Idaho Center in what many fans are calling the best concert to come to the land of potatoes.

An altar doesn't have to alter friendships

BY CINDY ARORA
The Orange County Register

No one bothered to tell me that shortly after buying the \$300 bridesmaid dress and giving a tipsy-but-heartwarming champagne toast in front of hundreds that I was going to lose my friend to marriage.

Had I known, I definitely would have taken advantage of the open bar a bit more.

The loss began subtly. Phone calls tapered off. Weeks would pass before I saw her. She skipped lunches, brunches and any other food-related get-togethers.

But the greatest clue? The awkward conversations.

These included a lot of forced giggling while she regaled me - at length - about her crazy weekend at Home Depot because, you see, she and her husband (a.k.a. a friend thief) were preparing the spare room for - you guessed it - the anticipated baby.

This was the same woman who taught me how to take a tequila shot without ever touching the glass with my hands and now she was Mrs. So and So and well, we didn't have all that much in common anymore.

I lacked a husband, I didn't own

a townhouse in one of those multi-concept urban villages, and I wasn't taking prenatal vitamins.

Things had changed.

We were both struggling to find a way to maintain our friendship without giving up and heading to our respective corners of single-with-cat this way and married-with-kids thatta' way.

Asking around, it turns out that this is not uncommon for friends who now stand on opposite sides of the marital fence.

Nadine Fluty, 28, saw six of her friends get married last year. Nearly all of them have changed in some way, she said.

"I used to pick up the phone and call them all the time. But now I'll call someone else - mainly because I just can't relate," said Fluty, of Costa Mesa, Calif. "Everything totally revolves around the new marriage, complaining about the mother-in-law, house decorating and things I don't really want to talk about."

"But I understand. People evolve and enter new chapters of their life," she said. "I'm very independent and very single. So I have a hard time relating to married people. So, I found a new group of friends."

Murray Kaufman, a licensed marriage and family therapist based in Santa Ana, Calif., said that, like most relationships, there are peaks and valleys that people must weather. But he does encourage married people to keep their circle of friends active, and this includes their single friends.

"There is a feeling in society that when you get married, your life becomes focused only on your marriage," he said. "Sometimes there is a sense that now their needs are going to be met by that one person. And that is a myth."

It is expected that married folks are going to want to focus on their spouse and their new life path, Kaufman said, but having outside friendships and interests from the primary relationship is key to a full and balanced life.

"There are only so much of your needs that can be met in a single relationship," he said. "It's important for all of us to have different support groups, so we can make ourselves happy in life."

Support and understanding are what send married people veering toward others with similar lifestyles. Suddenly life is not about getting reservations at the new res-

taurant in Newport Coast, Calif., or taking a weekend jaunt up the coast. It's about family.

Cordelia Stark, 30, married with two children, is a member of the North Huntington Beach Mothers Club, a group she sought out after she lost touch with most of her single friends.

"We just don't have a lot in common anymore, and they don't understand," Stark said. "They call out of the blue and want to go out, and I have kids."

They think that just because we are the same age I can still go out drinking and clubbing."

Jennifer Edmonds understands.

"Your old life is over," she said. "I can't go out to the clubs anymore because I have to get up at 6 a.m. no matter what, and who wants to wake up with a hangover?"

"With other moms and married women you can talk to each other and commiserate together," she said. "We have the same learning curve."

But friendships don't have to end. They just have to evolve.

Compromise and communication - the hallmarks of any good relationship - appear to be what it takes to move with the tides in

these vacillating friendships. And if it turns out your friendship is worth it, so are the adjustments.

Christy Cornelison, 32, of Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., said she and her group of friends have stayed close throughout the years even as some got married and others stayed single.

She was one of the first in her group to get married, but said she made it a priority to stay in touch with everyone.

"You have to find a middle ground. You please your single friends by going out and maybe you can bring your husband. And then the single friend comes over and watches a movie with you."

Now all of her friends are married and have kids, and they have formed a group they fondly call "Hot Mamas."

As for my friend and I, we did find a solution to make our friendship work.

These days I go to her house, where we gossip and giggle mercilessly in front of her husband, who takes care of the baby and makes us dinner and drinks while we take time to catch up.

It's different, but definitely a compromise I can live with.

A game like none other, starring America's favorite mob family

BY KATRINA L. SAVITZ
Assistant Culture Editor

As a huge fan of the award-winning HBO series "The Sopranos" and owner of season 1-4 (don't worry, I'll pick up the next two soon), I just couldn't resist picking up the PlayStation video game, "The Sopranos - Road to Respect."

The game's storyline follows the life of Joey Bonpensiero as the newest recruit to the New Jersey

mob family. Joey, the son of the late Sal Bonpensiero, finds himself robbing cars for petty ends, that is, until Tony Soprano takes him under his wing.

For those who are not familiar with Bonpensiero, here's some background - He was once Tony's best friend, but turned FBI rat. Tony and his crew took care of him and now he "sleeps with the fishes."

Bonpensiero's reputation is a

constant reminder for Joey that he needs to prove to Tony that he can be trusted - thus he's on the "Road to Respect."

As the player, you help Joey earn some respect and cash doing Paulie's dirty work, like taking lunch orders, beating up random guys in the bathroom and dumping bodies in the Atlantic.

The fight scenes are the best, although they don't compete with those

on the show. The best two fights include a urinal and a file cabinet - enough said.

Players are able to choose whether the dialogue between Joey and the other guy will be tough or smooth, and you control all the fight scenes. Players even experience a lap dance.

After each task is complete, a dialogue box appears and gives the player directions to the next objective. And when you lose (yes, I lost!)

you can hear great lines from the show like the one from Paulie, "The guy killed 10 Czechoslovakians and he was an interior decorator."

If your handy with the controller this game will be a breeze. However, if you don't have any previous knowledge of "The Sopranos" you'll be lost.

Don't even try to watch an episode or two because that won't do the trick-Capisce. Cugines (according to the mob speak glos-

sary of the University of Tampere, Finland, the term means "young tough guys looking to be made") may get lost in the lingo and/or overwhelmed by the bloodshed; make sure you do your homework before committing yourself.

Other than the ridiculously long load time, this game can entertain you and relieve your "Sopranos" craving until the extended season six episodes begin (when-ever that is).

'Casino Royale' falls short of Bond caliber

BY MATTHEW BOYLE
Culture Writer

"Casino Royale," the new James Bond movie starring Daniel Craig, portrays the beginning of Bond as a double 0 agent. The movie begins shortly after Bond (Craig) has been promoted to 007 status. Bond is sent to Madagascar to find, capture and interrogate a known terrorist. The young (and surprisingly rogue) agent finds the terrorist and chases him back to an embassy where the young Bond makes the first of his many mistakes throughout the movie: he kills the 'innocent prisoner' and causes a major explosion in order to escape. All the mistakes are captured on the embassy's security camera. Despite M (Judi Dench) and the entire MI-6 (Bond's intelligence organization) being displeased with his work in Madagascar, the newly promoted 007 continues on a lead to the Bahamas, where he finds that Le Chiffre (Mads Mikkelsen), who has been known to fund terrorists, is plotting to hold a high-stakes poker game in the Le Casino Royale in Montenegro to raise money for a terrorist organization.

Upon hearing of the poker game, M sends Bond to the game with money from the British Treasury. The Treasury also sends Vespa Lynd (Eva Green) - a beautiful girl with a lot of smarts - with 007 to the poker game.

M makes it clear to Bond that if he loses the game, the British government will be directly funding terrorism. Vespa has a sense of doubt as to whether he will win the game, but as one can expect with Bond, he wins over her heart.



The problem with 'Casino Royale' is that it lacks certain necessary Bond characteristics. Q, a major character throughout the Bond saga who supplies 007 with the latest technology, is missing from the movie. Sometimes the most exciting parts of the movies are when 007 uses the highly-advanced watches and gadgets that Q supplies him with, but "Casino Royale" is devoid of these scenes and gadgets. The scenes with Q in the other movies usually offer a few laughs as well.

Another major problem with "Casino Royale" is the absence of Moneypenny, M's secretary. In the other movies in the Bond saga, 007 and Moneypenny engage in humorous flirting - an essential characteristic of the movies.

Furthermore, James Bond is supposed to be a refined, upper class

gentleman and Craig does not exhibit those characteristics. Also, 007 is supposed to have love for many women, and in 'Casino Royale' there is only one major girl he falls for. The characteristics that Craig exhibits throughout the movie are associated more with a rogue agent, still finding his identity and easily able to fall in love with just one woman.

Although "Casino Royale" cannot be considered one of the better movies in the Bond saga, it still is a great movie.

Those who are going to the movie, though, should not expect the ordinary characteristics of a Bond movie.

Director Martin Campbell claims that the film is intended to go in a new direction, starting from the beginning of Bond. This may be true, but I give the movie a 007/10.

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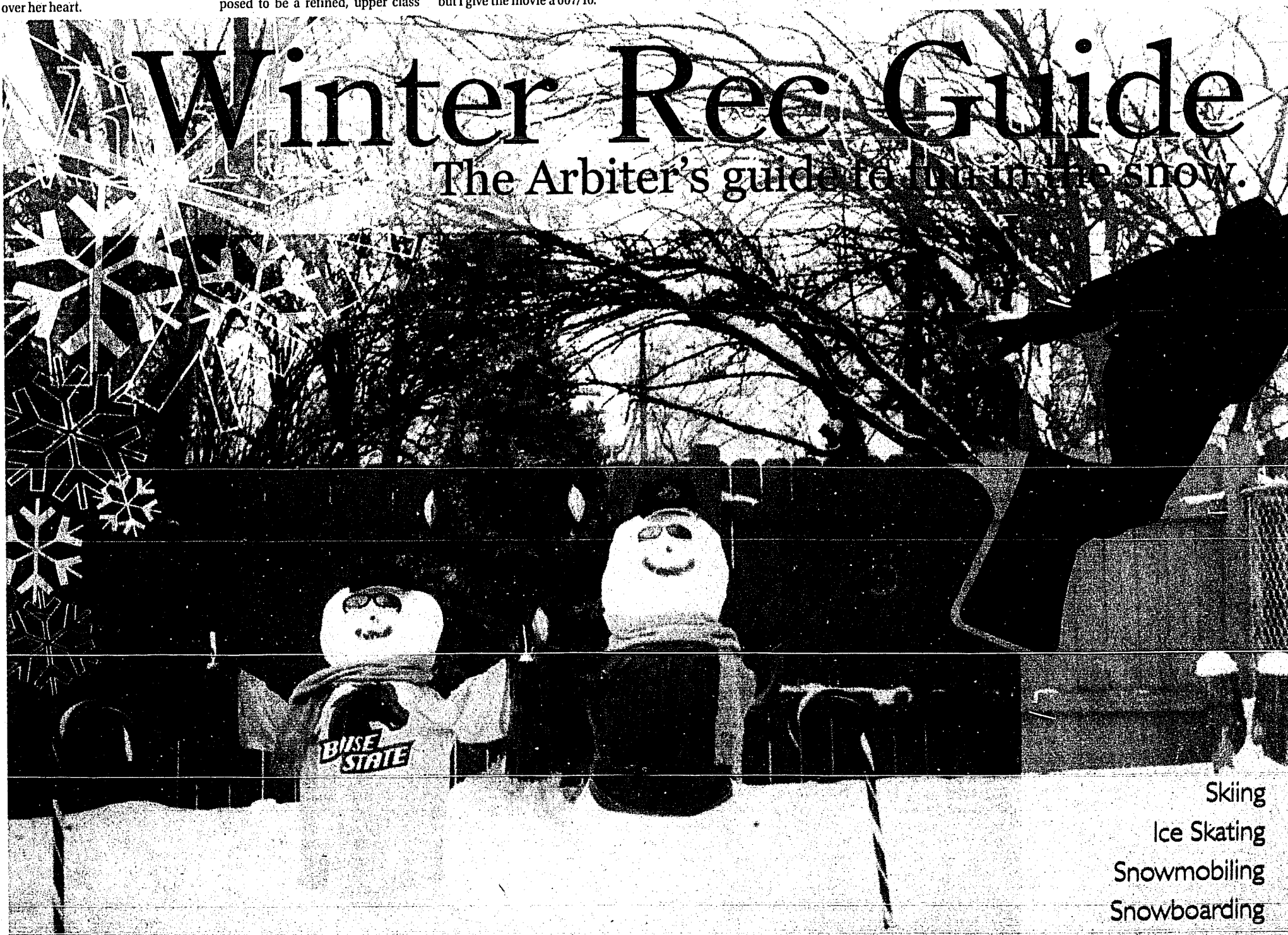
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Missoula, Montana

Women's Basketball
Wednesday
Utah Valley State
7 p.m.
Orem, Utah

Sunday
San Diego
2 p.m.
Boise

Swimming and Diving
Friday
Northern Arizona
7 p.m.
Flagstaff, Ariz.

Saturday
New Mexico State
TBA
Flagstaff, Ariz.

Northern Arizona
TBA
Flagstaff, Ariz.

Wrestling
Friday-Saturday
Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational
TBA
Stateline, Nev.

[SIDE LINES]

Men's basketball scares Washington State

Derrick Low scored 17 points and Daven Harmeling sank a pair of clutch 3-pointers late in the game to lead Washington State to a 65-63 win over Boise State on Saturday afternoon.

Kyle Weaver scored 12 points for Washington State (6-0), and Harmeling added 11.

Coby Karl led Boise State (1-3) with 19 points, but also had six of BSU's 21 turnovers. Reggie Larry scored 12 for BSU.

Boise State nursed small leads almost all the way until Harmeling buried a 3-pointer from the top of the arc to push WSU ahead 58-57 with 3:27 left to play.

A Karl 3-pointer and a Larry dunk provided the Broncos with their last two leads before Larry fouled Harmeling on a 3-pointer with a minute to go. Harmeling converted the free throw for a four-point play that gave the Cougars a 64-62 lead.

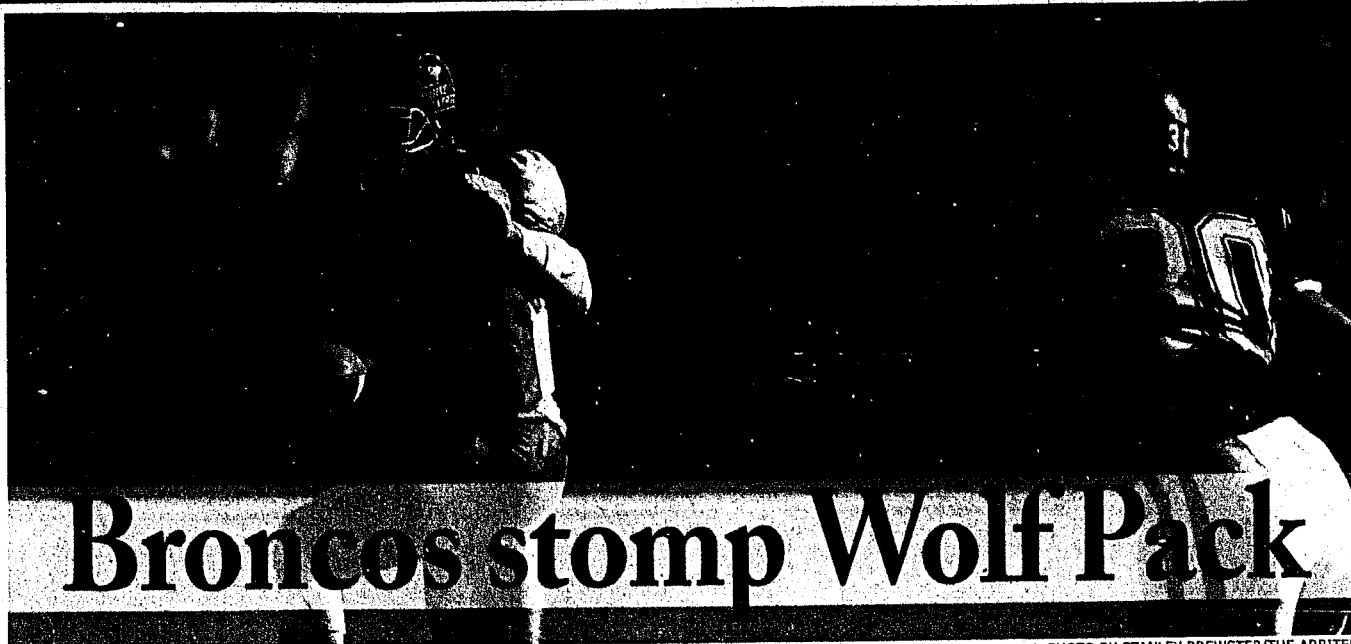
Boise State outrebounded Washington State 40-27, but the Broncos had 10 more turnovers. Boise State, a team that relies heavily on 3-point shooting, hit just 3 of 19 treys to drop its season shooting percentage on 3-pointers to 25 percent.

Women's basketball falls in championship game

Boise State opened the Oregon Thanksgiving Tournament by defeating their host the Oregon Ducks 56-47 Friday night in Eugene. Sophomore guard Jessica Thompson led the Broncos with a season high 25 points as Boise State improved to 3-1 on the season. The victory was the first for Boise State over a PAC-10 team since December 21, 1997 when they defeated Southern California 70-60 in Boise.

Jessica Thompson led Boise State with a season high 25 points to go with her three rebounds and two steals. Tasha Harris was second in scoring with 10 points, followed by six points from both Michelle Hessing and Nadia Begay. Jackie Thompson led the Bronco effort on the glass with 14 rebounds followed by seven from Amanda Stewart.

On Saturday Boise State fell to Pittsburgh 71-70 in the championship game of the tournament. With time running out Pitt's Shavonte Zellous ran around a screen on the right wing, then pulled up from 20 feet out and nailed the decisive three-pointer to give the Panthers the win with two seconds left. Pitt was undefeated and projected to be the fifth place team out of 16 in the Big East Conference.



Broncos stomp Wolf Pack

PHOTO BY STANLEY BREWSTER/THE ARBITER

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Managing Editor

Exhale.

You can do it now. You can relax and bask in the splendor of an undefeated season.

The Boise State Broncos defeated the Nevada Wolf Pack 38-7 Saturday in Reno to win their fifth consecutive Western Athletic Conference Championship and finish the season 12-0, 8-0 WAC.

Last season, the Broncos shared the WAC title. This year, it's all theirs.

"We didn't want to share it," BSU tailback Ian Johnson said. "We wanted to be outright champions. One of the worst things in the world last year was being on the plane and having someone tell you, 'Hey, you guys eeked into being WAC champions because some one else lost.' We wanted to be outright, 100 percent champions."

Johnson was carried off the field by a mass of fans who rushed the field after the win. He also set the school record for single-season rushing yards on a 3-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. Johnson broke Brock Forsey's 2002 record of 1,611 yards. Johnson currently has 1,613.

He rushed for 147 yards on 31 carries at Nevada.

Johnson crossed the endzone three times in the game, bringing his season touchdown total to 24. He still leads the nation in that category.

The Broncos truly dominated the game. They only allowed the Nevada offense to tally 141 total yards. The Broncos allowed a season-low 35 passing yards. Jeff Rowe, Nevada's senior quarterback completed 6-of-15 passes. He threw zero interceptions and zero touchdowns.

"I thought our defense was unbelievable," BSU head coach Chris Petersen said. "I don't think I've ever seen them more dominating in game than they were today."

The Broncos were focused, prepared.

"We watched so much tape on those guys," Petersen said. "By the end of the year you see how they play. They've got good players and they have a good program. They've moved the ball the last five games. The combination of how their defense was playing... not in my wildest dreams would I expect them to play a game like that."

The Broncos shut out the Wolf Pack in the first half.

Nevada didn't pick up its first first down until the 6:12 mark of the second quarter. The Bronco defense held Nevada to 18 first-quar-

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Boise State vs. University of Nevada-Reno

Boise State	3	14	14	7	38
Nevada	0	0	7	0	7

First quarter

BSU - A. Montgomery 28 FG, 02:59

Second quarter

BSU - Johnson 6 run (Montgomery kick), 12:03

BSU - Johnson 4 run (Montgomery kick), 08:34

Third quarter

BSU - Perretta 5 run (Montgomery kick), 10:13

BSU - Naanee 45 pass from Zabransky (Montgomery kick), 06:18

NEV - Hawthorne 45 INT (Jaekle kick), 02:52

Fourth quarter

BSU - Johnson 3 run (Montgomery kick), 06:41

Game stats	BSU	NEV
First downs	25	4
Rushing yards	178	106
Passing yards	299	35
Comp-att-int	20-27-1	6-15-0
Sacked-yards lost	4-26	3-13
Punts-yards	2-90	7-276
Fumbles-lost	1-0	5-4
Penalties-yards	5-41	7-55
Time of possession	32:38	22:12

Johnson returns to Broncos with fervor

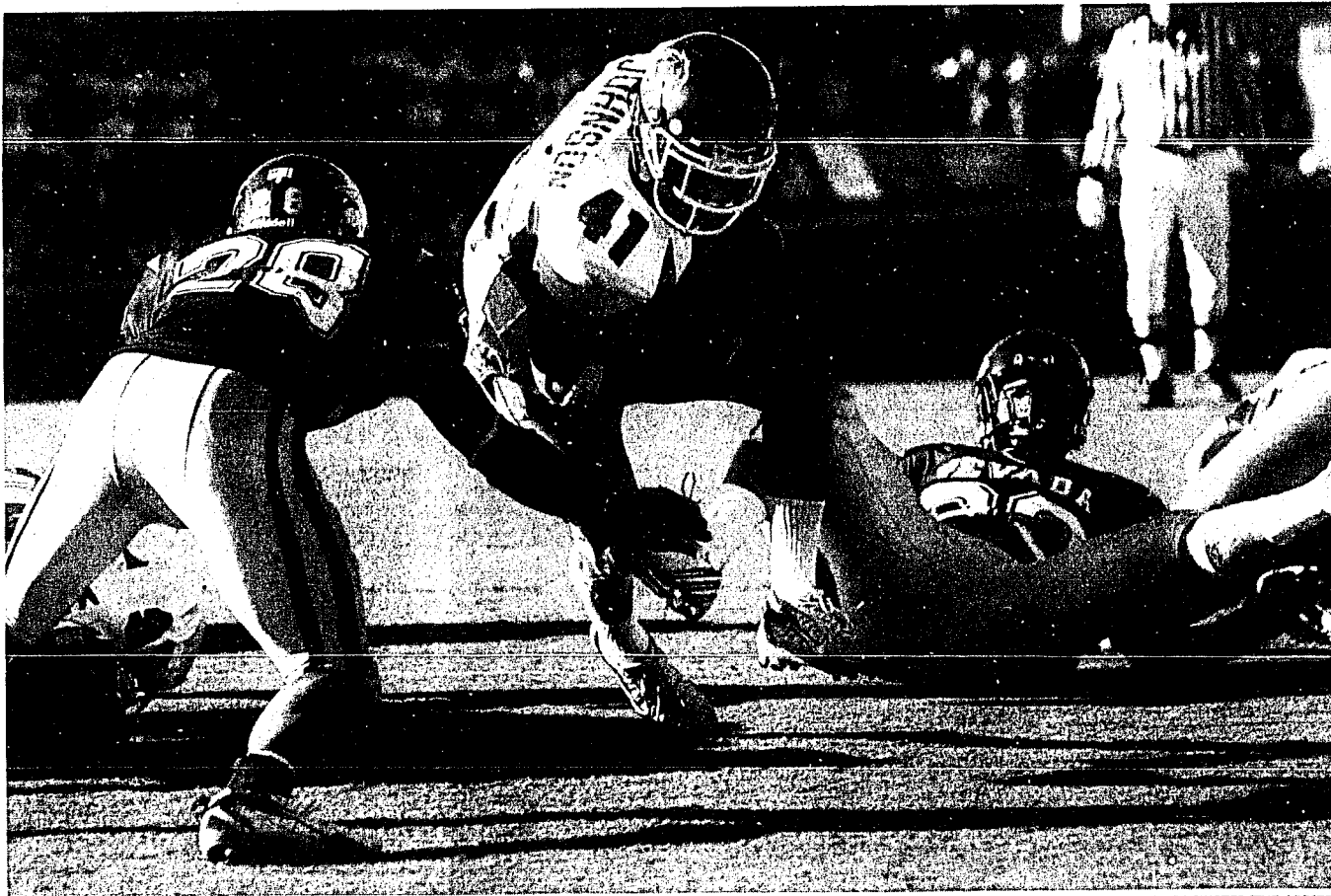


PHOTO BY STANLEY BREWSTER/THE ARBITER

Ian Johnson rushed for 147 yards and three touchdowns to lead Boise State past Nevada Saturday in Reno, Nev.

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Managing Editor

Ian Johnson.

What else can you say? The guy is amazing. He carried the Broncos to a 12-0 season (8-0 Western Athletic Conference). Along the way, Johnson became the Broncos' all-time single season rushing leader.

In the Broncos' shellacking of Nevada 38-7 Saturday, Johnson broke Brock Forsey's single-season rushing record of 1,611 yards with his final run of the night (a 3-yard touchdown run off the right side in the fourth quarter).

"I didn't even find out until we were about to go that it was even possible," Johnson said. "It's one of the most important things for me ever. This is why I play football."

Johnson finished the regular season with 1,613 yards rushing.

"It started off a little slow," Johnson said. "They came out fired

up. We came out with a good plan. If we keep hitting them and hitting them, they'll break down and we'll hit 'em with some passes and then we'll gash them. We got on a roll."

Johnson only had 40 yards in the first half, but broke out in the second to eventually amass 147 yards on 31 carries.

Punishing the Wolf Pack was part of the overall plan for the Broncos. Nevada was a pothole on their road to glory.

"They said a whole bunch of stuff about us, said they had a better running game," Johnson said. "It was one of those things where they don't respect us."

Johnson suffered a collapsed lung two weeks ago at the win over San Jose State, but seemed wholly capable to carry the load.

"It felt a little uncomfortable wearing the extra padding," Johnson said. "You never want to wear it, but I felt 100 percent the en-

tire time. I never once grabbed my ribs or felt like my lungs were failing me."

Despite his injury, Johnson still carried the ball 31 times. Just like all the other Broncos, he is nursing many injuries, but the Broncos never release injury information.

"That guy is a warrior," BSU head coach Chris Petersen said. "I have so much respect for him and the team does, because he's so stinking tough. Not only his lungs, he has other things going on."

He's a good running back and that's what they should look like, be like, play like."

After the game the BSU fans (about 6,000) rushed the Wolf Pack field. The group surounded the Broncos and chanted "BCS! BCS! BCS!" Johnson was running around the field, picking up children to his shoulders, getting carried off the field himself by 40 fans. At one point he was running around the

field with a sombrero and maracas.

"There's so many emotions that hit you all at once," Johnson said. "I'm as humble as possible, but when there's so many things, so many fans, so many people, the community the fans, everything, it's so much... you love to see it."

Johnson probably deserved to go to a bigger school. His choice to come to Boise and the staff's choice to sign him have paid priceless dividends.

"All I wanted to do was play football when I got here," Johnson said. "I was a second-chance guy. I was just looking for a chance to play and be happy."

The Broncos are certainly not satisfied with the undefeated season, the inevitable Bowl Championship Series bid, the records or the glory.

"Now we're going to work twice as hard, because we want more," Johnson said. "We want more. We're going to keep winning games."

The view from up here



Sharing is caring

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

Okay, so BSU is probably going to a Bowl Championship Series game. Cool achievement (boy am I excited!), but let's get down the nuts and bolts of this deal. I couldn't help but get fixated on all the zeros in the amount of money ESPN reported BSU could get by making a BCS game.

After taxes and splitting it up with a handful of other teams, BSU could walk away with a cool eight or nine million dollars. Now these are roughly estimated, ESPN-crunched numbers, but even if they're overshooting by a million or two, my mind is already reeling.

Imagine what I, or BSU, could do with that much money. Where do you start? Sure you could start with scholarship money, new equipment or facilities. But that is so lame. If I had it my way we'd be divvying it up so we can have a little fun with a least half the loot.

I like the idea of a Christmas bonus for all Boise State students. Just think about how happy students would be with a little cash refund on their tuition. Although my math is terrible, I figure a million dollars could be split between 18,000 students at \$55 each! Wait, what?

Alright, scratch that idea, I can think of something better to get started. What if there were giveaways over the next month for free trips to the Fiesta Bowl (or whatever bowl game we end up playing in). I'm talking tickets, hotels, airfare - the works.

At least that way I might get people to stop bugging me about a hookup on Fiesta Bowl tickets. Seriously, I write for a college newspaper, I have no idea how to get tickets to the game. But send me \$30 in the mail, and I can look into it.

Now if you hate my first two ideas, I've got a few others to throw around. If you like any take them - if not, throw 'em right back. How about an on-campus bar? Work out a couple "minor" details and its gold. If that's no good I thought it would be cool to have one of those cash machines on campus with a couple million loaded inside of it. As long as someone doesn't suffocate from all the ones, it could be a great way to get people involved on campus.

Only interested in erecting new university buildings? How about a new office for The Arbitr? It's not quite as exciting as the previous few, but all of my ideas can't be jokes. If nothing so far is appealing, how about a clothes shopping spree for any communications major that gets between a 2.5 and 3.0 GPA, is taller than 6'5" and can't do math very well. I know what you're thinking, and yes, I want the money all to myself. Not that I deserve it, but at least I can admit I have no right to a piece of the pie. Reward a guy for his honesty - it's all I've got.

Basically, I'm concerned the money won't be spent well. Last thing we need is extra money to wave in the face of recruits and turn into University of Colorado part two. A little off topic, but from now on I say we call a messy situation a "Colorado." -Example: My girlfriend caught me with her roommate - what a Colorado that was.

Back to the point. My ideas might not be perfect, but at least I'm getting the ball rolling. It doesn't really matter what the money is used for as long as it's creative and somehow involves me.

After all, writing about an undefeated BCS football program is so trying it's about time the perks of this job kick in.

After all, it's almost Christmas. Sharing is caring.

Shields predicts strong tennis season

BY ANDREAS KREUTZER
Sports Writer

Luke Shields ended the fall schedule of the BSU tennis team on a high note.

The 21-year-old finished in the quarterfinals at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association National Indoor Championships that took place in Columbus, Ohio Nov. 2-5.

"It means a lot to me, but I think it's more important to the team," Shields said. "It will help our ranking as a team just to get my name and my brother's name [in the national media]."

Shields plays on the team with his younger brother Clancy, who is 19 years old. Having his brother on the team is a great help not only for Shields, but for the entire team.

"He is probably the best team player I've ever played with," Shields said. "He cares so much about everyone on the team. I have problems with him sometimes, we fight and stuff, but when it comes down to it, we're best friends."

In his free time Shields (a Grand Junction, Colo., native) likes fishing the Boise and

Payette rivers.

Shields thinks of himself as an outdoor person and tries to spend as much time outside as possible. Hunting and fishing have been childhood activities for Shields and he is happy that he can continue pursuing his hobbies in Boise.

"Idaho is awesome for that," Shields said. "Especially for fishing."

Shields started playing tennis at the age of eight. He followed in the footsteps of his oldest brother, who started playing tennis at age 14. Competition among the four Shields brothers and their sister started at an early age.

Shields said he wanted to play other sports, too, and took a closer look at football and basketball.

However, his quick progress in tennis made it clear that it would be the sport to go with.

"We kind of got too good too early, so we had to stick with that sport," Shields said. "And it has paid off. It gives me a scholarship and I've been able to do a lot with my tennis."

Growing up, Shields watched Patrick Rafter and Todd Martin

play. He was impressed by their style of play and their attitude toward the sport.

Shields picked them as his favorite tennis players over the obvious superstars such as Pete Sampras or Andre Agassi.

"They gave back a lot to tennis and they were very humble, too," Shields said. "They weren't cocky guys and that's what I respect most about them."

Shields especially liked Rafter's serve-and-volley style and tried to copy the Australian's techniques. However, he soon recognized that the style did not fit his game.

"I would like to play like Rafter, but it just wouldn't work," Shields said.

Shields choice to go to Boise State was influenced by Head Tennis Coach Greg Patton. Patton helped Shields in the juniors and having him as a coach made Shields' decision easy.

"We have probably one of the best coaches in the country," Shields said. "He produces winners and I knew our team would be good."

Shields just recently changed his major from physical education to communications with a

minor in secondary education. He says he still wants to teach children after his tennis career, but as a coach instead of a physical education teacher.

As a coach, Shields hopes to work in a different sport, most likely basketball or football.

"I really like basketball," Shields said. "I like tennis, too, but I've played forever and I would like to do something else and try something different."

The tennis team completed its fall schedule and won't have any games before mid-January.

The practice schedule is down from two-and-a-half hours a day, five days a week to one hour a day, two or three days a week. However, Shields knows this is not the time to slow down.

"For a lot of the guys it's a time to get better and to train pretty hard," Shields said. "It's also a time to rest injuries."

If everything falls in place next season, Shields sees the team as a contender for a national championship title.

"If everyone is healthy, I think we can beat anyone in the country," Shields said.

Wolf Pack [from page 6]

ter yards and forced three turnovers.

Marty Tadman recovered a Robert Hubbard fumble, forced by Orlando Scandrick, in the second quarter and returned it to the Wolf Pack 16-yard line.

Tadman's recovery led to the first Bronco points, a 27-yard field goal by Anthony Montgomery.

Coach Petersen could have given Montgomery other opportunities in the first half, but opted to go for first downs deep in Nevada territory. The Broncos went 1-for-4 on fourth down conversions in the first half, turning the ball over on downs on their first two possessions.

"I wasn't going to come out in this game and play conservative and all that," Petersen said. "I really wanted to go for it there. Nevada, credit their defense they stopped us a few times on fourth and short there. That's uncommon for us to get stopped there. I didn't have any regrets at all."

Jared Zabransky had another solid game at quarterback for BSU. The senior threw for 299 yards on 20-of-27 passing and one long, beautiful bomb to Legedu Naanee, a 45-yard score.

Naanee caught seven balls for 129 yards and the score.

Zabransky threw one interception. It proved costly (Nevada senior Nick Hawthorne returned it 45 yards for a score), but since the Nevada offense was as effective as a one-legged man in an ass-kicking contest, it really didn't matter.

Johnson got off to a slow start, only rushing for nine yards in the first quarter and 40 in the first half. Johnson capped an 11-play, 72-yard drive at 12:03 of the second quarter with a 6-yard run. He later scored on a 4-yard run, following Nevada quarterback Jeff Rowe's fumble on a scramble. Officially the force was given to Andrew Browning.

Browning went nuts in the game. He led the team with seven tackles form his defensive tackle position. He had four tackles for a loss, for 25 yards, 3 sacks and the forced fumble.

Vinny Perretta also scored another touchdown, a 5-yard keeper to the left side.

Korey Hall also had seven tackles to lead the team.

"We knew this was one of our biggest games because of the situation and nobody was going to take that away from us," Hall said. "We've been working for this for five years and we put it all together finally. We had to work for it. It is a great feeling, accomplishing our goals."

The goals the team set at the beginning season are complete, but now, with the undefeated season and a Bowl Championship Series game looming on the Arizona horizon, there is a new goal, to win the upcoming game, wherever it may be, whoever they will play.

Nevada will probably earn a berth in MPC Computer Bowl in Boise. They finished the season 8-4, 5-3 WAC. They will face a team from the Atlantic Coast Conference.

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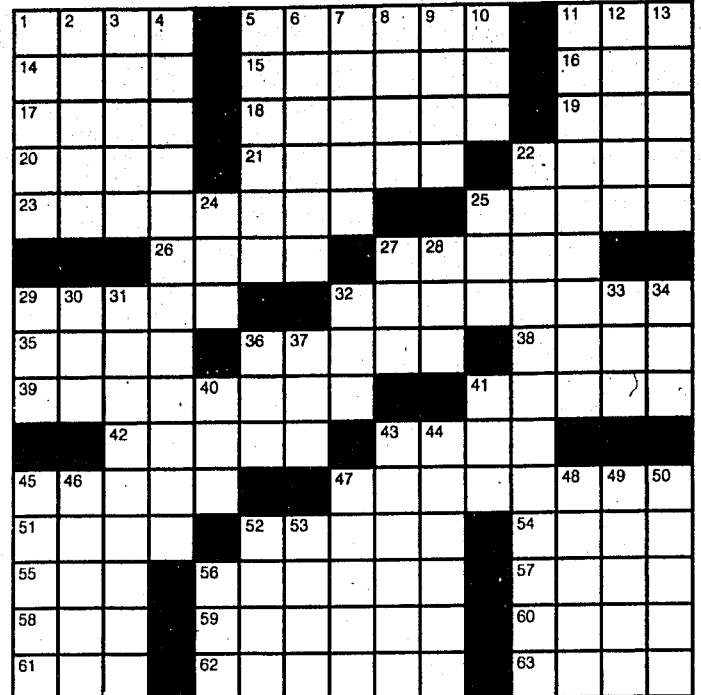
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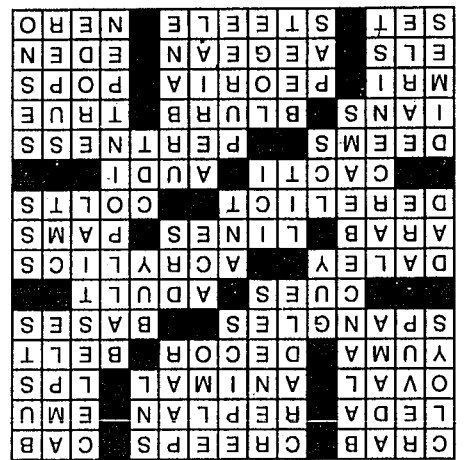
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This year you don't have the luxury of hiding out in your ivory tower. Theory won't be enough for you. Also master the practical applications.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is an 8 - There's a reason so many Aries people join the armed services. There are lots of reasons, actually, but one is self-discipline. When you've got it, you're invincible.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 7 - Don't let your excitement show, even if you have a good hand. You win not from luck but from expertise, and having a good poker face.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is a 7 - Put in the extra effort, and go the extra mile. Keep telling the others you know they can do it, too. Together, you will.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is a 6 - You know a person who always wants to tell you what to do. Pretend you don't already know, and you might actually learn something.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is an 8 - You're lucky and, as everyone knows, that's better than being smart. And you're smart enough to know that your luck improves if you pay attention.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a 7 - The job is not easy. That's why you get the big bucks, or you will someday if you don't now. Be a perfectionist, and succeed brilliantly.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 7 - You're a visionary but you can also be realistic. You know there'll be work involved and you're right. Make preparations.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 6 - The situation is tense, if there's a lot of your own money involved. Make lists and stick to your budget, to avoid buyer's remorse.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is an 8 - Don't give up, even when your brain gets overloaded. Have a cup of something comforting, and get back in the fight.

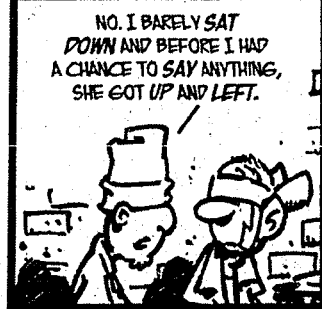
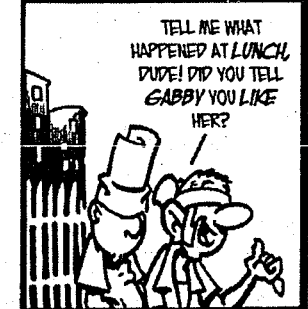
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Today is a 7 - Use your extra to pay back a favor or debt from long ago. You'll be amazed at how much better this will make both of you feel.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 7 - The opposition has just about given up by now, although there are still a few to be convinced. Be prepared, when they launch their verbal attack.

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Today is a 5 - You're still immersed in a job you wish was over by now, but it's not. In your imagination, be where you are, doing exactly what you're doing.

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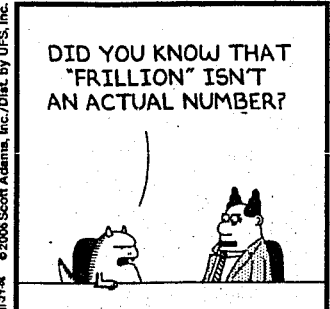
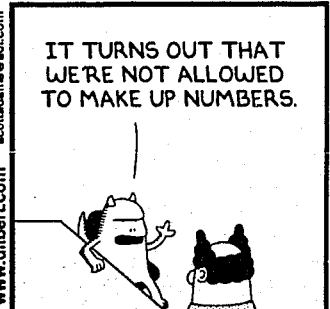
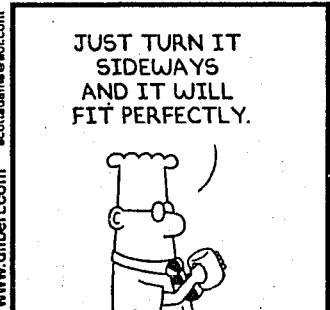
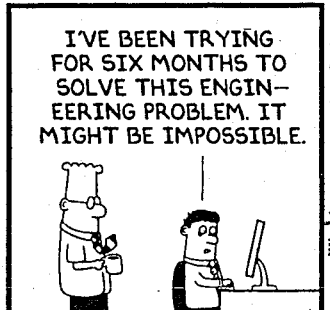
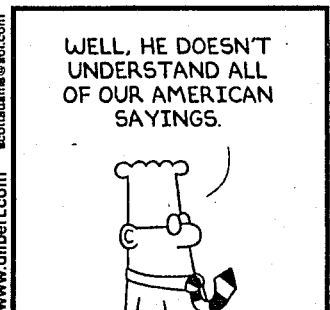
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