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The sports guys are back from Arizona and they have a lot to say about the Fiesta Bowl. Check out their latest podcast, "Arbiter Sports Talk."

WEATHER

TUESDAY
High: 35F / Low 18F

WEDNESDAY
High: 34F / Low 17F

THURSDAY
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ON CAMPUS

Our Complex Past- MLK Human Rights Art Exhibit
Location: Student Union Art Gallery, presented by Student Activities. Now through Feb. 23. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Reflect upon Idaho's history of human rights from the early 1800s through today.

WEDNESDAY
MLK Speaker: Jesse Jackson
- "With Justice for All: Human Rights and Civil Rights a Reality" 7:00 p.m. at Taco Bell Arena. The event is free, but tickets will be required for students and are available at the SUB Information Desk.

The general public is welcome and the event will be set up on a first come, first serve basis. No tickets for the public are needed. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

City prosecutor summons BSU student to appear in court for false report

BY DREW MAYES
Editor-in-Chief

The Boise city prosecutor has filed a summons for a Boise State University student accused of making up an account of an anti-gay assault on the BSU campus. Authorities announced that Alex "A.J." McGillis, 20, of Boise must appear in court on charges of resisting and obstructing officers.



a battery on the greenbelt somewhere between Taylor Hall and

The charge specifically relates to a false report McGillis made to police Nov. 9 in connection with what was initially reported to police as

Friendship Bridge.

According to police reports, McGillis initially claimed 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. McGillis later admitted to authorities he used a stick and his own fists to self-inflict his injuries. The falsified attack quickly prompted student

and administrative organizations around Boise State to sponsor the "No Oppression Tolerated, Not On Our Campus," rally and a candlelight vigil on the Quad.

Police stated the information was false more than a month ago, shortly after the alleged incident.

Several student representatives and BSU administrators stressed tolerance and the need for civility on campus at the rallies and

for several days after. Hundreds attended the rallies. The prosecutor's summons ordered McGillis to appear in Magistrate Court no later than Jan. 10.

Filing a false police report is a misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of a \$1,000 fine and one year in jail.

Current standing and information about McGillis' court date on Jan. 10 are unknown at this time.

BY RYAN RASSMUSSEN
News Writer

Boise State fans are buying up Fiesta Bowl Championship merchandise faster than the BSU Bookstore can keep its shelves stocked. Fans have purchased Bronco paraphernalia in mass quantities following the football team's win over the University of Oklahoma.

"The minute anything arrives that says anything about our win in the Fiesta Bowl, it's gone," said Kim Thomas, director of the BSU Bookstore. "We can't keep the stuff on our shelves."

The Bookstore has T-shirts, hats, small sombreros, glasses, sweatshirts, key chains and lapel pins - all with Fiesta Bowl logos and images.

Employees of the bookstore said that when they got the first shipment of Fiesta merchandise early the Wednesday following the game there was a mad rush and consumers were buying championship goods by the arm load. Within two hours all the merchandise was gone. The following days were just the same - as soon as shipments came in, so did the masses.

"We've been very busy and will continue to see more," Student Union Building Operations Manager Jim Goodman said. "The Web is doing 300 orders a day between Fiesta and textbook orders."

More shipments have recently arrived, however one item that won't be available right away is the locker room Fiesta Bowl championship hats, which sold out soon after they arrived at the Bookstore and Bronco Shop, both located in the university's Student Union Building. "Nike [the manufacturer] is custom printing a new order of the hats for us," Thomas said, "but they aren't due to arrive until early February. However, customers can pre-order the locker room hats on our Web site, and we will ship them as soon as they arrive."

The same goes for two DVDs the Bookstore will sell once they arrive in February. One DVD features the Fox network's coverage of the Broncos' Fiesta Bowl victory and the other, produced by the Boise State Athletic Department, contains highlights of the entire 2006 season. Both can be pre-ordered online through the Bookstore Web site.

Even before the frenzy following Boise State's Fiesta Bowl win Bookstore sales of Bronco insignia merchandise had gone through the roof. According to Thomas, sales reached \$752,000 last month alone. Of that total, \$342,000 was for Western Athletic Conference championship and Fiesta Bowl merchandise. To put those figures in perspective, total annual sales 10 years ago were \$222,000.

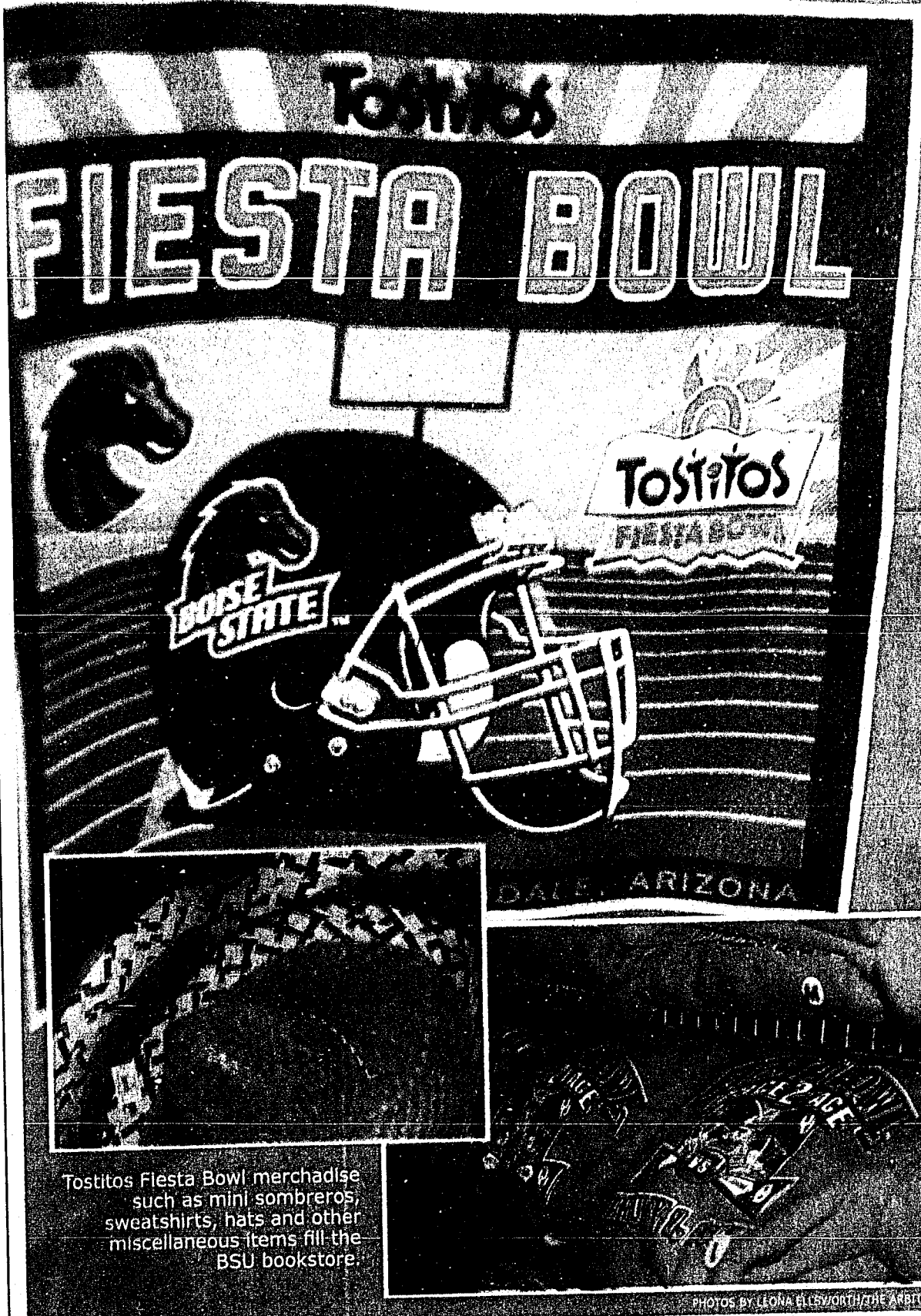
"This has been by far the biggest insignia merchandise sales month in BSU history," said Thomas.

Sales from the Bookstore and Bronco Shop go directly back into the university for scholarships and other expenses.

"Awesome for us at the bookstore, better because it goes back to the university," said Goodman.

"We are very excited about the impact the success of the football team has had in benefiting the entire university," said Thomas, "especially in regard to how it helps provide scholarships for our students."

Local merchandisers cash in on big win



Tostitos Fiesta Bowl merchandise such as mini sombreros, sweatshirts, hats and other miscellaneous items fill the BSU bookstore.

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Al Gore tickets available Tuesday for returning students

Courtesy Boise State University Communications

Boise State students can still get tickets for former Vice President Al Gore's Jan. 22 speech at the Taco Bell Arena. The Frank Church Institute set aside 2,000 student tickets for Gore's address on global warming. All general admission tickets are sold out.

Students can pick up free tickets (maximum two per person) with ID at either the Student Union Info Desk or the Taco Bell Arena Box Office. A total of 500 tickets are available now; the remaining 1,500 tickets will be released at 10 a.m. Tuesday to allow returning students the opportunity to attend the address.

Gore will deliver the keynote address for a daylong conference titled "Global Warming: Beyond the Inconvenient Truth," sponsored by the Frank Church Institute. Conference sessions will be held from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Gore's address, which requires a ticket, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Taco Bell Arena; doors open at 5:30 p.m.

For more information about the conference (no ticket inquiries, please), contact institute director Garry Wenske at (208) 426-2941 or GarryWenske@boisestate.edu.

Elko D.A. drops rape charge

BY JESSICA CHRISTENSEN
News Editor

Former Bronco defensive lineman Timothy Lee Volk, 23, of Boise was arrested in October on charges of sexual assault of a 31-year-old woman. Volk was accused of raping a Salt Lake City woman in her hotel room in West Wendover, Nev.

"They met in the casino," said West Wendover Police Chief Ron Supp. Police reported the incident happened "immediately upon entering the room."

"He overpowered her," Supp said.

Supp also said Volk left the hotel room once someone else couldn't enter into the room because "they didn't have keys."

Charges against Volk have since been dismissed as of Jan. 2, 2007 in a letter from Elko County District Attorney Gary D. Woodbury.

"It appears that deficiencies and/or conflicts in the evidence create a reasonable doubt as to the guilt of the defendant. Therefore, this office feels that this case cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt in front of a jury. Therefore, charges have been dismissed," Woodbury said.



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THE HEADLINES

WORLD

Rice says U.S. will defend interests in Persian Gulf

U.S. military moves in the Persian Gulf and raids against Iranian installations in Iraq are meant to demonstrate that the United States will defend its interests against an increasingly aggressive Iran, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said.

Rice made her comments as she began a Middle East tour in which she will try to bolster moderate Arab leaders who increasingly are under threat from both Shiite and Sunni Muslim extremists.

The focus of her diplomacy shows how far the United States has been forced to change its aims in the region because the war in Iraq has turned out differently than planned.

President Bush, Rice and others predicted the Iraq invasion would spread democracy throughout the Arab world.

Instead, Rice now appears to be playing defense against Iran's emboldened leaders.

Following a new policy laid down by President Bush, U.S. military forces this week detained Iranians in two raids in northern Iraq.

Washington says it has evidence that Iranian agents are destabilizing Iraq by constructing a deadly class of roadside bombs and backing Shiite militias.

Bush, who issued fresh warnings to Iran in his speech outlining his new Iraq plan, has also ordered a second U.S. aircraft carrier strike group to the Persian Gulf and dispatched Patriot anti-missile batteries to American allies in the Gulf.

Some senators have expressed alarm that the moves could represent a widening of U.S. war aims in the strategic Gulf region.

But Rice said the moves were merely a response to Iranian actions.

"The United States has long,

historic interests in the Persian Gulf," Rice said at an appearance with Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni.

"We have always president after president after president sought to have a force posture that makes clear we can defend those interests."

Rice meets with Palestinian and Israeli leaders Sunday and Monday in an effort to lay the groundwork for progress in solving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

But she has played down the prospects of quick movement. She told reporters traveling aboard her airplane that, "I'm not coming with a proposal. I'm not coming with a plan" to present to the two sides.

At the appearance with Livni, Rice acknowledged "there are a lot of obstacles" to surmount.

But she said Bush is determined to make progress toward a Palestinian state before he leaves office in two years.

Livni, potentially a future Israeli prime minister, has floated a proposal to flesh out the characteristics of an eventual Palestinian state in order to strengthen Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

Rice did not endorse the idea, but said she was open to considering "all the options."

Complicating Rice's diplomacy is the fact that both Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Abbas are politically weak.

The Bush administration is planning to spend \$86 million to train and equip Abbas' security forces, to strengthen him in his power struggle with the militant group Hamas.

Aboard her plane, Rice also told reporters that the United States would not abandon Iraq even if Bush's latest plan fails.

"We're not pulling the plug on Iraq," she said. "I think we'll worry about making Plan A work for now. And obviously if it doesn't then you know we're not going to say, 'oh my goodness, that didn't work, there's nothing that can be done.'"

NATIONAL

Man arrested for decapitating his daughter

Friday was supposed to be a daddy-daughter bonding day for Katlin and John Patrick Violette.

Violette had quit his job at Lowe's Home Improvement the day before and had the whole day to spend with 4-year-old Katlin. Amber Violette, Katlin's mom, popped by the house to have lunch with the two Friday, then left them to play while she went back to work, Clayton police said. Less than five hours later, Amber Violette came home to find her only child splayed in the hallway, her head severed from her body. Panicked, she dialed 911.

"Her head's off. I can't do anything," Amber Violette screamed at a Johnston County, N.C., emergency dispatcher between yelps. "She's dead, don't you get it?"

There was no trace of John Violette at the house Amber Violette told the dispatcher, according to a 911 tape released Saturday. By midnight, police had officially blamed Katlin's death on her father. They tracked him to a motel in Washington, D.C., where he was arrested early Saturday and charged with first-degree murder. Investigators say they don't know what would drive Violette to such a point. Aside from his quitting his job, police haven't found anything out of the ordinary in the family's life, police said.

"Things just aren't making sense," said Tex Lindsey, commander of the U.S. Marshal task force that helped hunt for Violette. "Why would a father do this?"

Credit card records led U.S. Marshals to the hotel, said Clayton Police Chief Glen Allen. Lindsey said Violette, 37, was holed up in a room at a Holiday Inn, walking distance from the U.S. Capitol. U.S. Marshals heard him moving inside the room, but Violette didn't answer when they beat on the door, Lindsey said. They knocked it in and arrested Violette. He didn't resist but later tried to escape twice as marshals took him to

jail, Lindsey said.

Violette is still there, awaiting extradition to Johnston County. Police hope to bring Violette back to the county early this week. Investigators got on Violette's track about 1 a.m., when officers at Raleigh-Durham Airport spotted his station wagon parked in one of the decks, Allen said. By then Violette was long gone. Investigators think Violette showed up at RDU airport and bought a U.S. Airways ticket to Washington. Allen said they think he boarded around 7:30 p.m.

Authorities can't figure out why Violette picked Washington; he has no obvious connection to the area, said Lt. Jon Gerrell. Police found no weapon with Violette or left behind in North Carolina. They are looking for some sort of "edged weapon," said Clayton Police Lt. Jon Gerrell.

A pathologist at the state medical examiner's office in Chapel Hill worked through the day Saturday to determine how Katlin died; police didn't expect word until this week. Allen said there were other "obvious signs of trauma" on the girl's body but declined to describe them.

Amber Violette told the dispatcher: "It looks like someone attacked her ... I'm going to be sick."

By all appearances, the Violettes seemed an unlikely family for such a tragedy. Neither John or Amber had any past brushes with the law. Clayton police can't recall ever having to go to the house in the seven years the Violettes lived there. John and Amber met at a church in Cary years ago, said Gerrell. They married and later settled into an idyllic white-sided house in Clayton. They were among the first to move in when the subdivision opened in 1999, property records show.

Katlin made the family three in 2002. Neighbors said the Violettes doted on her. John often pulled her in a wagon as the family strolled through the subdivision's sloped streets. News of Katlin's death rocked the subdivision Friday night as neighbors tried to figure out how something like that could happen to such a quiet young family.

On Saturday, calm seemed to re-

turn to McKinnon Drive. A gaggle of kids shot hoops in a goal hanging over the narrow lane. A woman helped balance her granddaughter as she rolled down the sidewalk on a scooter. Katlin's pink bicycle with training wheels leaned against a rail on the Violette's porch. A memorial of stuffed animals and flowers was piled high around the family's mailbox, as yellow police tape wrapped around its post flapped in the breeze.

LOCAL/BSU

Caldwell senator appointed to budget committee, wins chairmanship

Idaho's Republican Party has named Caldwell Sen. John McGee as the state's top legislator for 2006.

Now chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, when he was first elected in 2004 McGee was only the third freshman to serve on the powerful Legislative budget committee in 30 years.

Canyon County Republicans honored the Vallivue High School graduate as their member of the year in 2004. Further, he defeated District 10 incumbent Ron McWilliams in the Republican primary that year, earning one of only four local seats in the state Senate.

McGee was unopposed in both the 2006 primary and general elections.

"He has shown outstanding leadership in just his first term in the Idaho State Senate," Idaho Republican Party Chairman Kirk Sullivan said about McGee. "I believe Sen. McGee will be a leader in Idaho for years to come."

Also this year, Caldwell Rep. Darrell Bolz was voted the state's top Republican precinct committeeman. McGee and Bolz were honored this month at the party's State Central Committee meeting in Boise. "[I am] humbled that Republicans across Idaho would choose me for this honor," McGee said. "It's good to know that Idaho Republicans have noticed my efforts

and are pleased with them."

McGee also serves on the Agricultural Affairs and Health and Welfare committees. He represents Legislative District 10, which includes Caldwell, Greenleaf, Wilder and nearby areas. A lifelong Caldwell resident, McGee has been active in the community as vice chairman of the Canyon County Republican Central Committee and a board member of the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce.

He belongs to the Caldwell Rotary Club and chairs the Regional Substance Abuse Authority Legislative Committee. He serves on the Board of Trustees at Albertson College of Idaho, where he was elected student body president and graduated with a degree in history.

Colleagues have said McGee's sense of humor and confident approach to legislative work seem to set him apart. Fellow Canyon County Sen. Patti Anne Lodge said last year that beyond McGee's charisma, he's an effective lawmaker.

"He's the best prepared I've ever seen anybody," Lodge said. "And he's not afraid to get in there and shake it up."

The legislator and precinct committeeman of the year awards are voted on by members of the State Republican Central Committee. It is made up of the Republican Executive Committee, legislative district chairs, all county chairs, the State Committeeman and State Committeewoman and the party's youth chairmen. Recipients of the awards go into the Idaho Republican Party Hall of Fame.

Courtesy Idaho Press-Tribune

WHAT THE?

What are the chances?

A few months ago, a white buffalo was born on a farm in Janesville, Wisc., an event so rare that it was compared to the remote chance people have of being struck by lightning. Recently, the buffalo was struck by lightning.

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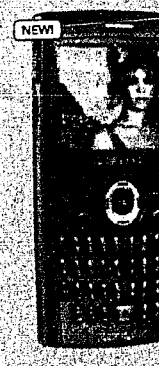
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Non-newsworthy news

Wipe those
New Year's resolutionsBY CHAD MENDENHALL
News Writer

As each New Year begins hundreds of companies announce the latest trends in electronic, vehicle and cellular phone technology. The North American International Auto Show plans to showcase the industries new 2007 models throughout the whole month of January; Cingular Wireless just announced their exclusive "iPhone" and Sony recently introduced a new 70-inch flat panel TV.

In this world of fast-paced technology and ever-changing merchandise, it may be appropriate to recognize one of the commodities that is most taken for granted.

On January 16, 2001, Kimberly-Clark Corporation announced the launch of America's first pre-moistened toilet paper.

Pre-moistened toilet paper seems quite an advance from the stones and pieces of clay the ancient Greeks used, or the Roman toilets equipped with sponges and jugs filled with salt water. Some societies in the Eastern parts of the world thought it appropriate to wipe with their left hands, while early Americans used corn on the cob and old newspapers or magazines. Spanish and Portuguese sailors used the frayed end of an old anchor.

During the 16th century, Europeans commonly used hay, grass, old rags, wood shavings and moss for wiping purposes. One prominent job in the king's court at that time was the "Groom of the Stool." The groom's principal assignment was to clean the king's royal behind. This was a highly coveted and prized position, because of the groom's potential influence with the king.

In 1391 The Chinese Bureau of Imperial Supplies started manufacturing toilet paper for the Emperors personal use. Each sheet measured two feet by three feet.

In 1879 Scott Paper Company produced and sold the first toilet paper on a roll. Since that time, TP has become an essential commodity worldwide.

A recent survey voted toilet paper the most taken for granted "convenience" in the 20th century.

If stranded on an island with only one necessity, 49 percent of people surveyed said they'd choose T.P.

The typical American uses a total of 20,805 sheets a year, averaging 57 sheets per day or 8.6 sheets per trip. A standard roll of toilet paper usually lasts five days in the American bathroom.

TP etiquette varies among men and women in the U.S. One survey revealed that 52 percent of men and 38 percent of women preferred folding their toilet paper prior to wiping, and 38 percent of men and 52 percent of women favored wadding.

Other common uses of T.P. include nose care, makeup removal, covering the toilet seat and cleaning spills, mirrors and glasses.

In 1973 Johnny Carson caused the nation's first toilet paper shortage. His monologue included a joke where he said, "You know what's disappearing from the supermarket shelves? Toilet paper. There's an acute shortage of toilet paper in the United States." Carson's joke scared the public into hoarding T.P. from the shelves until they were all empty. It took three weeks and a national apology by Carson to calm the public and restock the stores.

St. Andrews Paper Mill in England introduced the first two-ply toilet paper in 1942, and a year later, images of Hitler were printed on T.P. as a novelty.

Northern Tissue advertised its toilet paper as "splinter free" in 1935.

The toilet paper market in the U.S. is worth nearly \$2.4 billion annually.

As each New Year heralds the latest technological advances, perhaps the greatest solace can be found hanging in the bathroom.

Bronco card unlocks
doors to discountsBY MARTEE ORTIZ
News Writer

All students at Boise State University should have a student identification card. For those who do not, sorry out of luck? The ID card issued by Campus ID is not just another card taking up space in one's wallet where some credit or discount card could reside. Campus ID likes to look at it as the "Key to the Campus".

What exactly does this rectangular plastic "key" unlock? Some students may not know how to use their cards wisely or where to use them at all.

Around campus, students need to have their cards to have access granted to them for residence halls and the dorms. For those who take tests in the testing center in the Education Building, the testers require student ID's in order to take the scheduled exam.

This helps reduce voluntarily giving up one's identity to cheat on exams. Proper photo identification helps cut down on cheating.

For those with meal plans through BSU, the Bronco Card, which is also the student ID, keeps track of meals when swiped. Some people have probably taken out their debit or credit cards out when they see the little card swiper on the vending machines. Embarrassed, they probably put it back discreetly. Well, those card swipes do not take credit or debit cards. Those only take 'Bronco Bucks' which is kept track of and swiped on student ID's.

For the bookworms, and even the students who only occasionally go to the Albertson Library on campus, the Bronco Card is required to check out any books or materials.

As for all the crazy and not so crazy BSU Bronco fans, this student photo identification is the key to get them tickets to the games at Boise State. Without activity validation, students must pay full price.

"It's important to have it with you at all times on campus," Tony Keife, manager of Campus ID, said. He also added not to lose this "key" because it costs 15 dollars to replace it. The proximity card is 25 dollars to replace it. The only difference between the regular card and the proximity card is that the proximity card can be waved in front of readers (used for campus dormitories). Pretty much it is only a technological difference.

They both serve the same purpose.

Not only does this card service necessary inside the campus streets and buildings, but its benefits also expand far beyond. Take Bogus Basin Ski Resort or Brundage for example. Both of these ski resorts offer student discounts for

those attending Boise State. Sun Valley offers discounts to students too.

Regal Entertainment's Edward's 9 in BODO also offers student discounts. Five dollars for a ticket to any movie any time; however, Regal is not the only theater to accept the Boise State ID. Flix and the Egyptian Theaters also give discounts to students with their IDs.

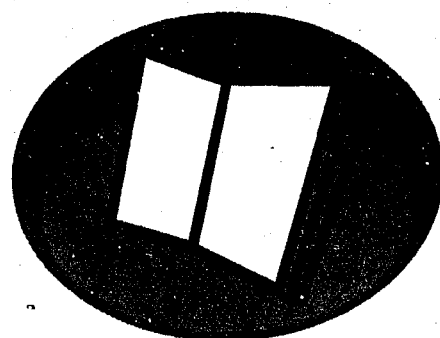
The Funny Bone and the Brick Oven Bistro provide student discounts with proof of Boise State attendance, or in other words, the Bronco Card.

Just down the road, Baja Fresh offers ten percent off any meal with the student identification card.

"It's to help students be able to afford the opportunity to come here," said Karrie McCharness, the manager at Baja Fresh.

Scott Hatter, Baja Fresh owner, added to McCharness' words. "The first year we were open, we didn't see any students. We advertised our ten percent discount, and we're seeing a great deal of students now," Hatter said.

Savings and fun do not stop there. Many other locations will give out student discounts as well. It helps their business and name. Since the Bronco card no longer just serves as identification purposes, the card enables students to get in on the many discounts around the Treasure Valley. Since each student holds the "key" to discounts, it may be a good thing to keep the student ID on person at all times.

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President Kustra declares Fiesta Bowl victory opens doors to 'The new U'

BY JOSLYN SALOW
News Writer

In President Kustra's Spring Update Speech Wednesday, Jan. 10, he spoke about how the Fiesta Bowl win elevated the university's already-steady framework. He addressed the packed Jordan Ballroom of the Student Union Building with high hopes for 2007 and what he referred to as "the new U," which he explained, "Is really the new you and me. All of us."

"Just as the outcome of the Fiesta Bowl was entirely in the hands of the coaches who prepared it and the players who executed it, so

too our future is in the hands of the 'new You,' whether you are in front of the classroom, whether you play a supporting staff role or whether you are in a leadership position, the new you - all of you - hold the keys to shaping our Boise State future," Kustra said.

Congratulations on the victory aside, Kustra pointed to the direct correlation between the win and the benefits that it provided for the university.

"The university at large has benefited immensely from this experience - certainly in terms of media exposure from coast to coast and merchandise sales which support student scholarships. There will be many intangible benefits, from increased student visits and applications to a boost in our fundraising efforts. No doubt, the overwhelming community and statewide spirit generated for the Broncos is part of the momentum for the university," Kustra said.

Kustra mentioned that Boise State is approaching its 75th anniversary in September of this year. He also pointed out that interest in enrollment is at an all-time high.

"The admissions office has received a 135 percent increase in online inquiries since the Fiesta Bowl," Kustra said.

In addition to outlining some of the university's highlights and future initiatives Kustra provided a slide show previewing the state-of-the-art facilities at the new Interactive Learning Center, currently under construction just to the west of the Math/Geosciences Building. The 54,000-square-foot facility is slated to open in June.

Kustra focused on the primary objectives of the ILC. He proposed that the building is designed specifically for interaction.

"Research has demonstrated the importance of interaction between students and between students and faculty," Kustra said.

Kustra also elaborated on what the ILC will offer as far as technologies, different teaching strategies and other resources to facilitate learning.

In a motivational conclusion, Kustra used the football team as a metaphor for the lessons of life and career.

"The history of Boise State is the story of facing adversity head on, fighting for academic respect over the years and standing up for what is best for our students, our region and our state. It's never giving up in the face of overwhelming political odds this university faced over the years. It's

about believing in yourself and your university as our students, alumni and fans do.

"And to each and every one of you, the new you, my challenge is a simple one: Let's not settle for anything but excellence in all we do and let's not be afraid to dream and take this university and its students to a place where our academic quality is known across the nation," Kustra said.

According to Frank Zang, director of communications, the message in Kustra's speech was inspirational. He also commented on how the publicity that the university has received from the Fiesta Bowl has and will continue to shape it.

"The football team's victory in the Fiesta Bowl has been a watershed event for the university," Zang said.

"The unprecedented media exposure, from Ian Johnson's appearance on 'Good Morning America' to a mention on the 'David Letterman Show,' has taken Boise State to a new audience."

"This BCS bowl experience will benefit the university in terms of media exposure, enrollment, faculty recruitment, fundraising and scholarship support through merchandise sales," Zang said.

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12/4/06 - Driving without permission - Regular traffic stop resulted in arrest of a driver without a license.

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12/7/06 - Grand theft - Unknown suspect took a projector from the Student Union. Report taken.

12/7/06 - Theft - Unknown suspect took an I-pod from a patron of the Student Union. Report taken.

12/8/06 - Theft - Unknown suspect took an unattended purse from the Kinesiology Building. Report taken.

12/9/06 - Bomb threat - A threatening note was found in the library. Building searched and secured. Report taken.

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12/18/06 - Bike theft - Unknown suspect cut a bike lock and took a bike from the rack outside the Albertson Library. Report taken.

12/18/06 - Grand theft/eluding an officer - Suspects were attempting to elude officer in a stolen vehicle on Denver. They dumped the vehicle and fled on foot. Report taken.

12/19/06 - Theft - Possible theft of a parking permit from the parking office. Report taken.

12/21/06 - Theft - Unknown suspect stole a thermostat from the University Square. Report taken.

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Apple gets Inc.'ed

BY MICHAEL
MCLASKEY
BizTech Writer

Everywhere you look these days, it seems Apple is there, from the immensely popular iPod Nano to the simpler, more portable iPod Shuffle.

The company still makes its famous iMacs, iBooks and a cornucopia of accessories for its distinguished products.

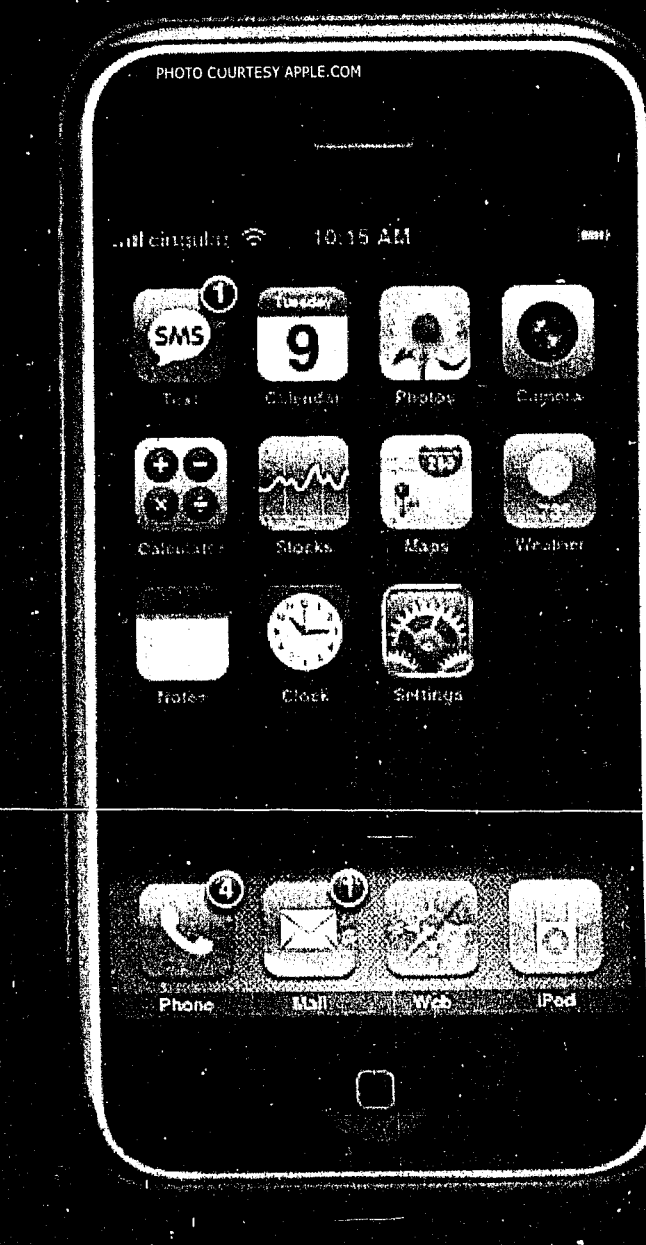
Apple is now positioned to launch its new iPhone, along with a whole new image.

Say goodbye to both Apple Computers and your Chocolate phone.

Welcome to the new Apple, Inc., a company whose breadth reached well beyond the PC market and ended up setting the standard for portable MP3 players.

Just imagine if your video iPod, Chocolate phone, BlackBerry a GPS navigator and a WiFi broadband connection all mashed together into one amazing product?

That is the face of the new Apple, and the iPhone is their flagship product.



With streaming web, full e-mail and text messaging capability, access to stock tickers, sports scores and games on the video iPod side, weather, maps and

GPS navigation, this is going to be the ultimate portable digital device. It's also a phone with state-of-the-art voice-activation software, with the ability to

to consolidate all of your phone and internet contacts into one manageable folder.

The phone will also sport a 2-megapixel camera and Mac OS X will power this amazing bundle.

You will have all of the power of every telecommunications device in one small enough to fit in one pocket.

The new iPhone will be around \$500, a good price for such an inclusive device - the 80GB video iPod alone costs that much.

This isn't going to be a boom for Apple alone; Google is signed up for their popular Maps program to be bundled into the iPhone, along with Yahoo's popular e-mail service and Cingular is contracted to provide iPhone's actual phone service.

It will be interesting to see how much services provided on the iPhone will cost, but either way, Apple is once again revolutionizing the portable digital device market.

Hats off to Apple, Inc., and their innovative new phone.

Website of the week: Newsarama

BY ERIC GOODWIN

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Comic books are back. Look no further than the popularity of TV shows like NBC's "Heroes," hit movie franchises like "X-Men" and "Spider-Man," and the solid sales of graphic novels in bookstores. To find the latest news in the comics industry, visit Newsarama (<http://www.newsarama.com>).

Newsarama features interviews with some of the top talents in the comic book business, giving fans a behind-the-scenes glimpse of what creators have in store for their favorite superheroes. You can also find large-sized image previews of upcoming titles before they hit the newsstand. Plus, there are forums and discussion boards where you can interact with other comic-book enthusiasts.

Another Newsarama special feature is its weekly Q-and-A with Marvel Comics editor-in-chief Joe Quesada. In addition to questions from the Newsarama staff, Quesada also fields comments from fans. To find the latest news in the biggest, top-selling comic publishers in the United States chooses your site as a way to communicate with the public, that's saying something!

The only drawback to the site is its general appearance. The layout and navigation of the Newsarama feel like something out of the late 1990s. Also, there are quite a few animated ads that can be distracting. However, the site's strong content makes up for these cosmetic blemishes.

Written with the comic fan in mind, Newsarama makes even casual readers feel like comic industry insiders.

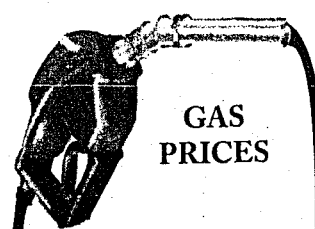
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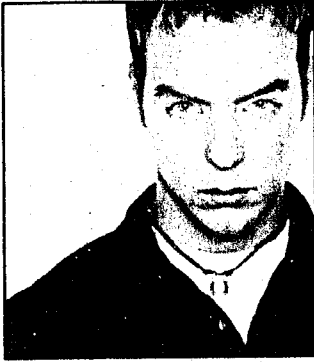
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WHAT'S HOT
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BY DANIEL KEDISH
Culture Editor

Globally

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MTV's new line up for spring

The channel every college student loves to watch, or secretly scuffles home to view, has a new line up of shows just in time for the new semester.

MTV is bringing back some of our favorite dramas and competitions, and will introduce some new ones that will keep us entertained as we continue to procrastinate homework and skip class.

"Road Rules" is back along with "The Hills" and "Sweet Sixteen." All shows begin next week in the 10 spot, a.k.a. 11 p.m. for us Boise residents. Other shows to look out for include the new form of "Laguna Beach" titled "Maui Fever," which appears to be full of barely legal hotties, lots of sand and drama.

NOT

Enough with the Shrek movies

If you think you've had enough of Shrek and his unique wife Princess Fiona, well think again. Well, they're back in two new performances and while some of the kids out there may rejoice, I have to say enough with this green buddy and ask that we move on to something original.

It seems in Hollywood, when something works once we need to package it into an enterprise of over five videos, a television show and life-size dolls. I say "No!" How many times are we going to hear the same jokes about the three little pigs and Little Red Riding Hood?

While the movies "Shrek the Third" and the television show "Shrek the Halls" are guaranteed to make their appearance this year, I suppose we must suffer another Hollywood fiasco to make more money.

Locally

HOT

Commercial for American Idol

Radio station Mix 106 is giving one Boise resident the chance of a lifetime: to air in a television commercial, which will air during the premier of the new season of "American Idol" starting this month.

The station teamed up with a local Mazda dealer to hold the talent competition that will reward the winner with a nice slice of footage. For more information on the contest and its location, tune in to their station or check them out at your local Cingular store, that's what they wanted us to do.

NOT

Embrace the new semester or...not

A new semester is upon us and it's time to make those goals we all break the first few weeks of school.

"I want straight A's," "I am not going to skip any classes," and "I'll get my homework done early." These phrases run through the minds of almost every student when starting a new term, but unfortunately most never stay true to their goals.

In light of this, I think we should start things off right.

Skip class the first day, that way the teacher knows up front what you are about and won't make any predictions about you being an exceptional student. Then you can only really move up from there.

Now about the straight A's, just accept that fact that your life is just too interesting and off the hook to focus all your attention on school, and is school really that narcissistic to ask for someone's full attention?

Here's to another great semester looking forward to what really matters: weekends full of beer pong.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

commemorates all
human rights
advances

MATTHEW BOYLE
Culture Writer

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stood for human rights in all individuals but specifically those of African-Americans. He made an impression in all people that will last for an eternity and forced many people to look at things differently. The civil rights movement leader lived in a time where equality was far from tangible. African-American people were treated as degenerates, unfairly and unjustly. He wanted to change the way African-American people were treated and do so using passive actions. He used many of the passive resistance techniques that Ghandi had used in India.

The revolutionary led over 2,500 peaceful marches and protests and was named "Man of the Year" in 1963 by "Time" magazine. In 1964, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and decided to use the reward money to further the cause of the civil rights movement.

King was not only a leader of African-Americans, but was also regarded as a world figure. In 1968, while on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee about to lead a strike, Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated.

From that day, the entire nation has recognized the third Monday in January as a day to commemorate human rights advances. Not only are African-American rights celebrated, but the rights of all oppressed minorities are as well including the Chinese, Japanese, disabled, Mormons, Jewish, Latinos, Native Americans, Basques and women.

The State of Idaho and the Boise community began their commemorative celebrations after a 1989 Boise State student protest concerning the issue that the State of Idaho had yet to honor the federally recognized Martin Luther King, Jr. day as an important holiday.

The students gathered in the center of the campus and demanded that Boise State University president John Keiser give a solution to the problem of Boise State not honoring the acclaimed 'human rights' holiday.

Keiser responded by promising there would be a full week of celebratory activities next year, including a march to the statehouse from the campus.

Since 1990, Boise State has been organizing a full week of activities including the march to the statehouse, documentary films, entertainment, exhibitions, rallies, lectures and more to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. and human rights in the country.

This year, in the second floor Student Union Building art gallery, there is countless information about human rights in Idaho and across the nation.

There is an informational poster about every minority that has gained rights in Idaho and also posters for the minorities that are still struggling. Information about how Idaho and Boise State have coped with human rights and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day can be found there as well.

The march to the statehouse took place yesterday from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Those who participated gathered in the SUB and proceeded to the statehouse to rally for human rights.

Rev. Jesse Jackson will be speaking in the Taco Bell Arena on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

For students, the event is free but tickets are necessary. The general public is also welcome and will be granted admission on a first come/first serve basis. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. The title of the Reverend's lecture is "With Justice for All: Human Rights and Civil Rights a Reality".

On Saturday, local charitable and non-profit agencies will be on the first floor of the SUB at 9 a.m.

Everyone, including students, is welcome to assist these charitable and non-profit agencies in honor of Martin Luther King. A complimentary continental breakfast will also be provided.

Since King's death in 1968, human rights have become much more tangible, not only for African-Americans but also for all races, religions, genders and nationalities.

MLK celebration gets slammed with poetry

BY FRANCY MARCOTTE
Assistant Culture Editor

Boise State University is about to get slammed. Poetically slammed, that is. BSU honors Human Rights Activist Martin Luther King Jr. every year with the Martin Luther King Jr. /Human Rights Celebration.

This year, two of the Celebration's events are a bit on the poetic side.

On Thursday, Jan. 18, the BSU Student Union Building will be conducting a poetry workshop with guest Def Jam Poet SHIHAN.

The event will take place in the SUB's Jordan Ballroom A from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. followed by the third annual Poetry Slam For Justice at 6:30 p.m., taking place in the Jordan Ballroom D. SHIHAN will be performing at the slam along with local Hip-hop Artist Kritik.

Both events are free and open to the public.

The workshop will provide an ideal

opportunity for students looking to master the art of writing poetry, especially with SHIHAN's guidance.

According to the SUB's website, SHIHAN'S talents as both a writer and performer have attracted an impressive audience.

"Spoken word artist, SHIHAN, is a much sought after performer and writer for his abilities to transcend cultural and generational boundaries. He's known for consciousness-raising rhymes laced with gritty emotion. He's laugh-out-loud funny, yet bites to the bone."

The website also cites SHIHAN as a 2004 National Poetry Slam Champion and featured guest on HBO's Def Jam Poetry, Oprah Winfrey's Oxygen Network and MTV.

Additionally, major businesses like Nike and Pepsi showcased SHIHAN in their past advertising campaigns.

Furthermore, SHIHAN released two

poetic CDs: "The Poet" in 2004 and "The Balance" in Fall 2006.

His albums feature a mix of hip-hop beats and jazz melodies.

Vivianne Sanchez, the SUB's promotions web assistant says SHIHAN will use his experiences to guide workshop attendees in writing their own poetry.

There will be hands-on activities and a question/answer session.

Sign-ups begin at 6 p.m. and will be limited to the first 10 poets.

Each of the 10 competing poets will be judged on their original work and performance.

Prizes will be awarded to those who receive the highest scores.

For more information about the poetry workshop and the Poetry Slam For Justice III, contact the SUB.

To find out more about SHIHAN, track samples from "The Poet" are available on iTunes.com and additional material can be found on his official website: <http://www.shihansback.com>.

On Thursday,
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'Children of Men'

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BY DANIEL KEDISH
Culture Editor

"No Children. No Future. No Hope." This is the tagline for the latest high-intensity blockbuster playing at cinemas across the globe. "Children of Men," based on the novel "The Children of Men" by British mystery writer P.D. James, takes audiences on a mind-shattering journey in attempting to preserve the human race.

Directed by Alfonso Cuarón (the mastermind behind "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" and "Y tu mamá también") along with a dynamite cast, which includes Clive Owen, Julianne Moore and Michael Caine, the movie affects viewers emotionally while raising questions about the future of human existence.

The year is 2027 and the youngest person on Earth dies at age 18. I repeat, the youngest person on Earth. Humans can no longer procreate. The world resembles the war zones of third world countries and

Eastern Europe during World War II. Violence occurs on every street corner. The English society continues to live on as the only country not entirely overcome by war, poverty and immigration.

Theodore Faron (Owen), a former activist, takes viewers on a dangerous mission after joining forces with his ex-wife Julian Taylor (Moore), who asks him to help transport a young girl to a sanctuary at sea, known as the Human Project. What started out as a simple-sounding task becomes complicated along with Faron the girl being transported is actually a pregnant immigrant.

After discovering the possibility of new life, the movie becomes an intense plot line involving not only deceit, terrorism, injustice and sabotage, but also love, beauty and the overall human experience.

At times it may illustrate the darkest sides of our existence, but it also shows the most positive and heart-warming qualities of our being.

Though the spiritual symbolism

is not evident, the film does address a certain religious aspect and viewers can choose whether or not to further investigate that specific area of the picture's story line.

Besides an incredible story, the use of special effects and certain camera techniques bring "Children of Men" to a new level of quality and cinematic excellence.

The graphic images of war-torn societies, gun violence and the landscape setting add to the tone and overall mood of the movie, leading to a common Cuarón theatrical theme seen in his movies: hope.

Audiences are overcome by their own adrenaline watching the movie unfold with all odds against the salvation of one girl and her child. Nineteen-year-old Clare-Hope Ashitey landed the role of Kee (the young pregnant girl) after rumors of Emma Watson (known as Hermione Granger in the Harry Potter series) turned down the role because of scheduling conflicts. However, Ashitey's performance resembles

that of an A-list star, with her brutal honesty and overall character she presents on film. She made audiences connect with her character and hope for her and her child's survival.

The music also adds to the experience of watching the film and breathes rich energy into moments when beauty and life overcompensate for the tragedy of the suffering and turmoil surrounding the leading characters. With operatic overtones, rich chords and fast-paced melody lines, the music fastens viewers in for a movie they won't want to turn away from until the final credit.

From an award-winning director, along with an outstanding ensemble of talent, "Children of Men" makes for one colorfully original film full of devastation and complexity that is none other than a rewarding, eye-opening experience about the essence of human nature and what happens when a society loses hope.

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'Dreamgirls' falls short of hype

BY FRANCY MARCOTTE
Assistant Culture Editor

The mass amounts of television previews for the movie-musical "Dreamgirls" portrayed a film filled with glamour, music, drama and Jamie Foxx looking polished in a tuxedo. However (with the exception of Foxx's appearance) the movie fails to live up to the hype.

Here's the skinny. "Dreamgirls" follows a trio of swinging, soul-singing women called The Dreamettes (Deena Jones played by Beyonce Knowles, Effie White played by Jennifer Hudson and Lorrell Robinson played by Anika Noni Rose) as they rise to stardom with the help of Foxx's character, Curtis Taylor Jr.

Actually, perhaps the phrase "catapult to stardom" is a more accurate description of the Dreamettes' sudden success. Within the movie's first five minutes, Taylor plucks them out of a talent show to appear as back-up singers for legendary singer Jimmy Early (Eddie Murphy). Then, five minutes and a musical number later, they're given their own act.

Talk about a lucky break. The problem with this beginning is how simple it makes breaking into the music industry seem. Yes,

the girls each give their own statements about how being famous is their dream and they've been singing since childhood, but all the audience sees is lucky break after lucky break. The so-called "struggle" remains absent from the film.

Once the Dreamettes headline their own act, things start to get sticky. Taylor changes the group's name to the more sophisticated "Dreams" and White gets booted from the lead vocalist spot, putting a reluctant Jones in the spotlight.

Tensions rise and tempers flare between Taylor and White as she struggles to hold on to her star spot. She finally quits the group after expressing her frustration in a drawn-out musical ballad.

This ballad proves to be one of the few high points in "Dreamgirls" as it shows Hudson's undeniable singing talent. Her voice contains so much range and power that at the end the viewer is left wondering "Beyonce who?" Knowles may have the celebrity status, but Hudson steals the show as this movie's star singer.

The movie then fast-forwards a few years and shows the Dreams at the height of their success in the music industry. White has been replaced, while Jones and Taylor are married. This new situation proves

to be quite tacky since Taylor used to be involved with White.

As the Dreams ascend to superstar status, White simultaneously tries to make a musical comeback on her own. She achieves some success as a club act, but thanks to a seedy operation courtesy of Taylor, she doesn't achieve stardom.

Despite their success, the Dreams begin to suffocate under Taylor's control and the group eventually burns out. The film ends with the group reuniting with White and performing a final concert to their loyal fans.

"Dreamgirls" is chalk-full of "follow your dreams" and "anything is possible" messages. While that's all hunky-dory, the film presents it as more of a joke than a feel-good philosophy. Something about the Dreams singing about following their hearts while wearing sequined bell-bottoms, excessive make-up and poofy wigs makes their music impossible to take seriously.

In terms of performance, Murphy and Hudson lead the pack, but for different reasons. Murphy, unlike the other actors, shows real emotion in his role. His performance as a washed up, drug-addicted musician is not only a sharp turn from his more comedic roles, it also conveys a vulnerability that is not seen from the other actors. As for Hudson, her voice makes her performance. Acting-wise, let's just say she's still new at the game. Thanks to her singing, she will undoubtedly receive another chance in a second film.

"Dreamgirls" isn't a brilliant movie. It's full of clichés and everything works out just a little too nicely in the end. It's worth seeing for Hudson's and Murphy's performances but hardly delivers what its marketing campaign conveyed.



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Unsurprising: 'O.C.' demise devoid of drama

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL
Chicago Tribune

A product is white hot. Then it's not cool. Then it goes away. You want to learn from its mistakes, but at the very least it's like watching a meteorite burn bright and burn out as it streaks across the night sky, mesmerizing even if it's inevitably followed by another shooting star, then another.

The imminent demise of Fox's "The O.C." announced last week was both predictable - and predicted.

The program, once popular enough to support a line of Chrismukkah products such as the yarmulke/Santa hat combo "yarmuclaus" for interfaith fans, has had its audience dwindle to around 4 million viewers this season.

That's down from an audience of around 10 million back in 2003-04, the soap's first season. Both Fox and marketers valued it then for its mix of older and younger viewers, including close to 2 million teens, conferring a certain hipness upon it.

Its brief shining moment was fueled in part by Fox's decision to run it behind "American Idol" for the second half of its rookie season. It hemorrhaged 3 million viewers in Season 2, another million in Season 3 and 2 million more this season. When the show exits Feb. 22, its teen audience looks to be less than one-fourth what it once was. So how did it fall so far so fast?

"It's half a business thing, half a creative thing," said Alan Sepinwall, the sharp-eyed TV critic of New Jersey's Star-Ledger and author of "Stop Being a Hater and Learn

to Love 'The O.C.," a paperback rushed onto shelves after the first season which apparently remains, to his great surprise, in print.

If "The O.C." was beneficiary of a post-"Idol" slot its first season, it suffered in its second from being moved to Thursdays, where Fox was last modestly successful six to seven years earlier with counter-programming such as "Martin" and "Living Single."

Emboldened by CBS' successful incursion on NBC's vaunted Thursday lineup, Fox made its own play for a cut of the movie-studio ad cash floating around and thought the youth-friendly "O.C." was the show to pry it loose.

"They got cocky and decided they were going to use it as a beachhead," Sepinwall said. "The rhetoric you heard out of Fox, even as viewership fell, was: 'Look at what we had there before. We're doing fine.' ... They said they were making money, but at the same time they were devaluing (the show) because they put it somewhere very few people were going to find it."

Whatever the network was saying publicly, privately it was getting anxious, and business concerns quickly became creative concerns.

Josh Schwartz, who, in dreaming up "The O.C." at age 26, was said to be the youngest creator of an hour-long broadcast network series, threw everything he could think of into the first season. But by the second, he began to realize why most shows milk a juicy story arc like a love triangle for a full season rather than just two weeks.

"There are only so many cotillions that can be interrupted by a fistfight, so then they tried to in-

roduce new characters people didn't necessarily like," Sepinwall said. "Then the third season was a complete mess. (Schwartz) said he bowed too much to ratings pressure, listening to the network too much in terms of doing sensational stories that were supposed to goose the ratings but didn't."

That third season culminated last spring in the death of Marissa Cooper, played by Mischa Barton, a polarizing figure. Teen girls seemed to love Marissa. Many grownups cheered her demise, loudly.

When "The O.C." returned this season in the 9 p.m. EST Thursday slot that had become the toughest on television, it got clobbered by ABC's "Grey's Anatomy," CBS' "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" and NBC's "Deal or No Deal" and virtually tied the CW's "Supernatural." A Wednesday tryout the next week fared little better, sealing its fate.

"The shame is it's been really good this year," Sepinwall said. "Because he tried all those things last year to goose the ratings and none of it worked, he's decided to do what he likes. ... It's been one of the best comedies on TV."

"It didn't matter how good it was this year. People talk about the resurgence of 'ER' in the ratings. It's not that it's up much over the last few years or that it was ever that far down. It was still a relatively successful show. It's just that when you're pulling 12 to 14 million, that 2 million difference is not that big a deal. When you're pulling 6 million and you lose 2 million, that's huge."

It's a law of nature that what goes up will come down. But not everything does so spectacularly as falling stars.

History comes to life for reel in 'Night at the Museum'

BY MATTHEW BOYLE
Culture Writer

For years, people have heard that history comes to life in museums. However, those people also know that for the wax figures, statues, works of art and all other artifacts to actually physically come to life is impossible. "Night at the Museum," a film starring Ben Stiller and Robin Williams, gives life to everything in the museum.

Ben Stiller plays Larry Daley, a divorced dad who needs to find a steady job so that he is not evicted from his apartment and also so that his son, Nick, can still spend the weekends at his home.

Larry has many different ideas for making ends meet ranging from starting a virtual driving range to inventing "The Snapper," a rip-off of the clapper (clap twice and light goes on/off). Once he realizes these ideas will not fix his financial situation, Larry seeks employment through an employment agency.

His resume revolts the employment agent and she has only one



possible job opening available. The only problem is that everyone who has attempted to get the job up to this point was turned down.

Larry decides to give the job a try and heads to the address the employment agent gave him. The description of the job is a museum position - something that Larry has no particular interest in. When he arrives at the Museum of Natural History, he is disappointed to find out that the position open is a night guard at the museum.

Larry also finds out that he will be replacing three elderly night guards because the museum is losing money and must downsize the position. The three elderly guards train Larry on how to do the job and give him his flashlight and keys. They leave an instruction manual on what to do and how to do it with him and leave for the night.

The new night guard then hangs out at the front desk, plays with the announcer and falls asleep. Larry wakes up to a world of chaos that he never could expect. The entire museum, every artifact and figure, even

miniature figures, comes to life! As he has no idea how to restore order because it is his first night working in the museum, the Theodore Roosevelt (Robin Williams) wax figure assists him with restoring order, insisting that this will be the only night he will help.

Teddy also informs Larry that what brings everything to life in the museum is the table belonging to the Egyptian pharaoh, which was brought to the museum in the early 1950s.

After the first few nights, Larry begins to get the hang of it but, much to his chagrin, there is a greater problem as someone has stolen the tablet of the Egyptian pharaoh that brings everything in the museum to life. Larry must find a way to organize all of the nocturnal exhibits to restore order and bring back the tablet.

"Night at the Museum" offers a great show for any age. Not only does the film thrill the audience with every unexpected turn, it presents a comical scene with every museum artifact and a different twist every time.

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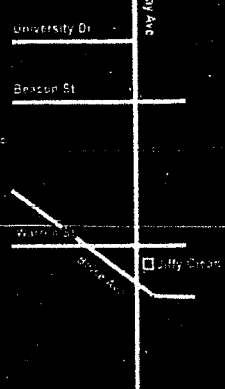
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The way we see it ...

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a great American

We talk, in America, about history and how our current leaders will be portrayed in those distant lights. We wonder if Reverend King realized the change he would spur by his actions in the Civil Rights Movement.

Take note that Dr. King was an incredible student. He graduated high school at age 15. He did his undergraduate work at Morehouse College, then spent three years studying theology at Crozer Theological Seminary and received his graduate and doctoral degrees from Boston University. He was given 20 honorary doctoral degrees and wrote six books.

He became the Minister at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala. When he was only 24-years old.

A year later he became a leader of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, ignited by the actions of Rosa Parks, a black woman who refused give up her seat on a public bus to a white man. The boycott lasted more than a year. King was a master of the nonviolent protest.

King's protests took their ideals from Christianity, but his methods were based on those of Mahatma Gandhi. The protest is a right given to all Americans in the Bill of Rights.

King's supporters practiced sit-in protests and peaceful marches, no matter the violence police reciprocated.

Slavery was made illegal in 1855. But racism and segregation were staples of American life. They still are. But King changed the ideology of racism. He made it known to all Americans that these mores were still relevant in certain states.

Television brought vivid images of police attacking King's protesters and America saw its people being brutalized. King was arrested more than 20 times and assaulted at least four.

Students were kept segregated in schools. Black citizens were not allowed to eat at white diners and drank from segregated drinking fountains. These Jim Crow laws made life for blacks in the South an inferior activity, with rights negated to Americans based solely on their ethnic heritage and color of their skin.

King is arguably the greatest orator in American history. His "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered at the Washington Monument during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963, still sends chills up the spines of modern Americans still abused by the injustice of racism and inequality in this country.

His actions helped spawn the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Things began to change. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and many other national awards for his actions.

Also, for his actions, his was assassinated at 6:01 p.m., April 4, 1968 while giving a speech from the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tenn.

Although King's life was cut short, his ideas and ideals changed this country. We celebrated his birthday Monday. The national holiday was only the fourth to be instated. The others were celebrated for Jesus of Nazareth, George Washington and Christopher Columbus.

We must never forget Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. or his actions. This is the land of opportunity, the opportunity to be great in all things. That includes the rights of all people, regardless of their race. King had a dream. It is the responsibility of all students and all humans, not just Americans, to make that dream become reality.

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Your guide to student organizations

Boise State University has a rich assortment of student organizations representing the full gamut of interests.

From the Arabic Club to the Zerkies, something is bound to pique your interest. More than 200 organizations are waiting to service your itch for involvement.

Organizations fall into one of several categories, including: academic/professional, which focus on academic disciplines and career networking opportunities; cultural/ethnic, which promote a sense of community and support for students and provide an outlet for cultural study and expression; Greek, which are primarily social in nature, are represented by Greek letters, and are exclusive to one gender; honor societies, which recognize students

in specific academic disciplines who have demonstrated high academic and extracurricular achievement; special interests, which provide opportunities for members to meet, educate, and share in a common interest; and university housing, which provide governance and social activities for students living in University housing.

Take a minute to meander through the list and find a few clubs that interest you.

Once you are hooked, contact the club officers for more information.

Participating in a student organization will greatly enhance your college experience by introducing you to new friends, providing opportunities for leadership, and allowing you to apply your education in fun and meaningful ways.

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Campus Bible Fellowship
Campus Greens
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Civil Engineering Club
College Democrats
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Collision Coalition
Comic Book Club
Computer Network Gaming Club
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Dead Eight Productions
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Disc Golf Club
Drafting Club
Economics Association
Engage Truth
Engineering Honor Society
English Graduate Organization
English Major's Association
Environmental Health Club
Environmental Studies Association

Eta Kappa Nu Honor Society (Electrical Engineering)
Financial Management Association
Forensic Science Club
Friends of Multiple Sclerosis
Function
Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society
German Club
Golden Key National Honors Society
Graduate Students in Communication
Guitar Society
Hand Talk
Harvey Neef Meline Dancers
Health & Human Performance Club
Hearts on Fire
Honors Student Association
Hui-O-Aloha
Human Resource Association
Ichidan Grand Cosplay
Idaho Flute Society
Idaho Music Teachers Association
Idaho Progressive Student Alliance
I-FX Graphic Design Student Group
Impact United
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
Institute of Transportation Engineers
Intelligent Design and Evolution Awareness
International Business Organization
International Student Association
International Tuba Euphonium Association
Intertribal Native Council
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship
Japan Club
John B. Barnes Towers Hall Government
Judo Club
Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society for Education
Kappa Kappa Psi (College/University Bands)
Kappa Sigma Fraternity
Kayak Club
Keith Stein Blue Thunder Marching Band
Lacrosse Club (Men's)
Lambda Alpha Epsilon (Criminal Justice)
Lambda Nu National Honor Society (Radiological)*
Latter-Day Saint Student Association
Long Board Club
Machinist Club
Master of Public Administration Student (Asso)*
Materials Science and Engineering Club
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Boise State University teachers need you

BY MELISSA MCPHETRIDGE
Guest Opinion

The BSU Teacher Education Association is gearing up for a fun and memorial spring semester. On January 24 we will have a booth at the spring 2007 Organization Fair in the student union building, volunteers will be available to speak to students who are interested in joining our club.

We currently have 50 members who are pursuing a degree in education; we encourage you to join us in our cause to ensure that every child is provided with

a great education. By joining now you to will have access to local, State and National resources and support in your future career. BSU TEA does not stop here. Being a member of TEA is very rewarding in many ways. One of our goals is to provide as much professional development as possible to our members.

A four-hour Praxis PLT prep workshop will be held on March 17. Members of TEA are excited to announce Sean Mabey as our speaker. He is a National Education Member Benefits and Regional Representative.

BSUTEA gives members an opportunity

to meet other teachers in the community too. One of our service projects this spring is READ ACROSS AMERICA. Members will achieve this experience by going to a classroom of their choice to share their love of reading with a child.

Another great project is Out Reach to Teach during which we select a Title One school to coordinate a wish list with, this service project involves many levels of the community. Teachers will come from all over Idaho to attend Delegate Assembly in Boise on April 13 and 14 members are welcome to attend.

Besides helping others find their

dream, in May, a "Strive for 5" celebration dinner is held for all active members who have participated in at least five events throughout the year.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in the Education building and always include a valuable speaker or other type of presentation to improve our career. Our purpose and goal is to provide the best education for students and teachers. For more information contact us at BSUTEA@cableone.net.

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Brigham Young University
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Boise

Men's Tennis
Saturday
Mountain Regional Team
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All Day
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Track
Saturday
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TBA
Nampa

Wrestling
Friday
Wyoming
7 p.m.
Laramie, Wyo.

[SIDE LINES]

Gymnastics loses close dual in Reno

At the inaugural Flips Invitational, the Boise State University gymnastics team dropped a close dual to CSU-Fullerton, Friday, at the Grand Sierra Resort. Titans escaped with a narrow 187.45-187.25 victory over the Broncos.

In her first-ever event as a collegiate gymnast, freshman DeAvera Todd posted the evening's top score on vault, a 9.775. The score was the highest for any individual competing in any event at the dual.

Freshmen Yvette Leizorek (9.675) and Ruthie Pennington (9.65), also competing in their inaugural college event, posted the event's second- and third-best scores of the night on vault, respectively. As a team the Broncos posted a 48.175 on vault, the highest single-event team score at the Invitational. On bars, sophomore Taylor Jacob boasted the event's highest score with a 9.75. Fellow sophomore Ashli Rainboth posted a 9.65, the dual's second-highest score. Junior Katie Griffiths led the Broncos with a 9.725 on beam, and freshman Katie O'Donnell scored a 9.675.

Stampede wins seventh straight game

The Idaho Stampede won their seventh game in a row on Saturday, Jan. 13 by defeating the Sioux Falls Skyforce 107-101. C.J. Miles led Idaho with a game-high 27 points, 13 of which came in the fourth quarter and nine rebounds off the bench. The Stampede have won 12 of their last 14 contests.

Both teams will now head to Sioux Falls, SD for the MLK D-League Showcase. The Showcase provides exposure for D-League players and coaches to NBA general managers, player personnel executives and scouts on three consecutive days at one location.

WAC garners best five-year bowl winning percentage

After another successful bowl season for the Western Athletic Conference, the WAC moved into tops in the country for bowl game winning percentage in the over the last five years. The WAC has sent 18 teams to postseason games from 2002-06 and those teams won 61.1 percent of their games with an 11-7 record. WAC teams won three of four bowl games in 2006, one of three games in 2005, two of four games in 2004, three of four in 2003 and two of three in 2002. During this five-year span, WAC teams are 6-3 in bowl games against teams from conferences that have an automatic berth into the BCS.

Coach Petersen receives award

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

All season long Boise State Head Football Coach Chris Petersen deferred the accolades he received to his players and coaching staff. Time and time again the first-year coach told the media his role in the team's success has been blown out of proportion. Spoken like a true gentleman, Coach Pete often attributes all of the Broncos' success to an awesome university, dedicated players and assistants.

Petersen recently received another spot of recognition that he will no doubt downplay for the next eight months until football season. On Thursday, Jan. 11, Petersen was named National Coach of the Year at the Paul "Bear" Bryant College Football Awards Ceremony. In receiving the honor Petersen beat out Bret Bielema of University of Wisconsin, Lloyd Carr of University of Michigan, Greg Schiano of Rutgers University and Bob Stoops of University of Oklahoma.

After five seasons as the Broncos offensive coordinator Petersen took over the program in '06 and led BSU to a 13-0 record and a Tostitos Fiesta Bowl victory. The charismatic coach was recognized with some of the nation's elite college football coaches for the Broncos success. Petersen has yet to lose as a head coach and broke into the history books with the undefeated season.

"The nice thing about it is, as good as it feels right now, you can just feel this thing continue to grow and get bigger and better," Petersen said. "That comes directly as a result of our fan base. You can feel that growing."

After defeating Oklahoma, Petersen officially secured his place as the second coach in college football history to go undefeated in his first season. The only other man to do so was the legendary Walter Camp in 1888. Following Camp's coaching career he was honored with seven awards being named after him, including a player of the year and coach of the year award.

"I think things are changing around here for Boise State," Petersen said. "In the past there's been some guys up for awards, but we've never been able to land them because we're just little old Boise State. Now I think people are starting to pay attention and say 'these guys are for real.'"

This season Petersen's competitors for the "Bear" Bryant Award presented extremely convincing cases on their own behalf. Greg Schiano was actually awarded the Walter Camp Coach of the Year Award after leading Rutgers from obscurity to the national spotlight. The Scarlet Knights finished the season 11-2 and ranked No. 16 in the final BCS poll.

Lloyd Carr coached the Michigan Wolverines within three points of a National Championship appearance in 2006. Michigan lost by a field goal to Ohio State at the end of the season, which would have placed them in the title game to face Florida. The Wolverines did lose in the Rose Bowl to Southern California, dropping their record to 11-2. Despite the bowl game blowout the Wolverines did remain at No. 3 in the BCS standings.

Bret Bielema took over a prestigious Wisconsin football program after long-time Head Coach Barry Alvarez retired last season. Wisconsin finished the 2006 season as one of the least talked about power programs in the country. The Badgers finished the year 12-1 and No. 7 in the BCS, one spot ahead of Boise State.

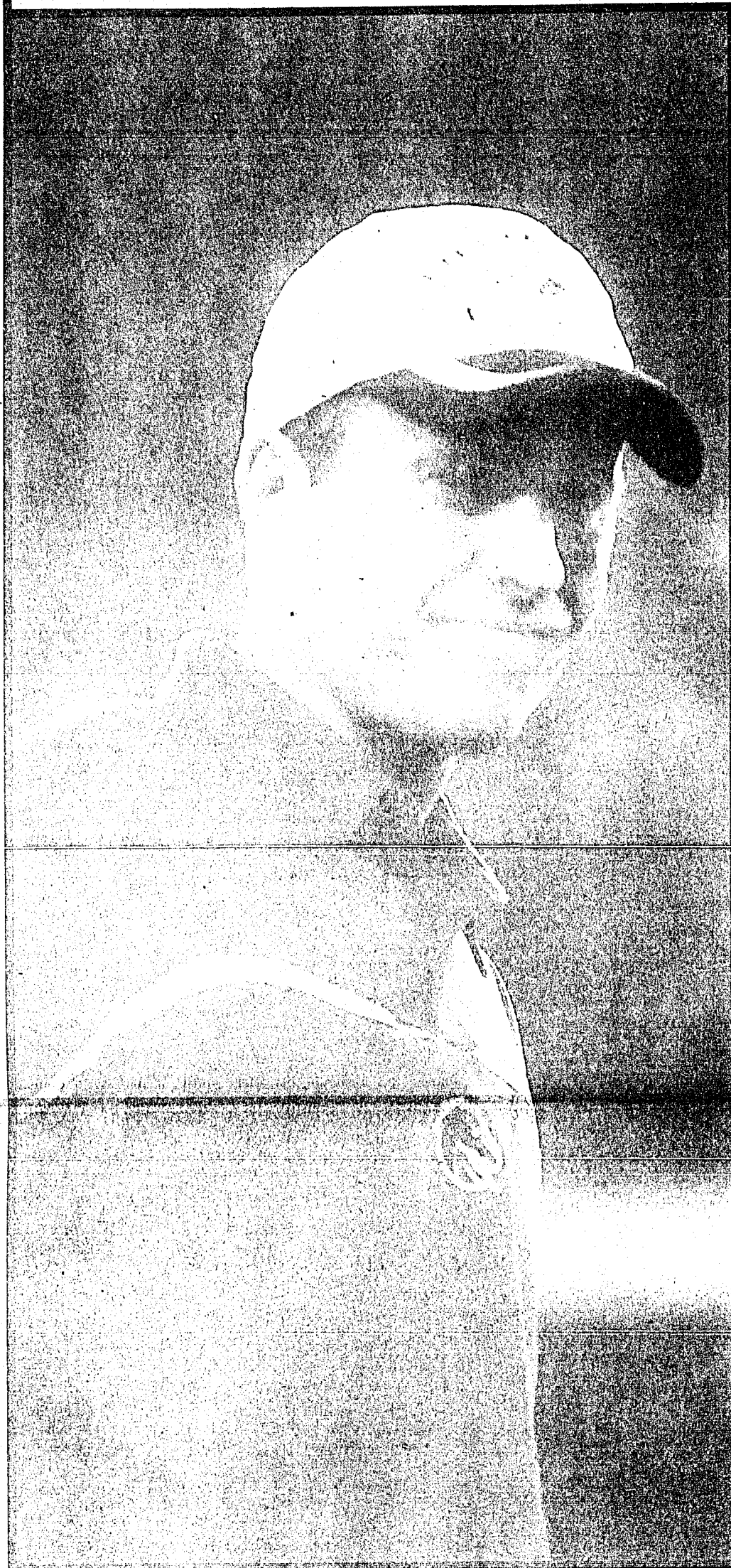
Rounding out the coaching nominees was Oklahoma's own Bob Stoops. The Sooners fought through a last minute quarterback change to start the season and the loss of their star running back for half the year, still managing to win the Big 12 Conference Championship. The Sooners battled Boise State to a 43-42 loss in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, but even that couldn't over shadow the job Stoops did in Norman this season.

Despite all the deserving coaches nominated in 2006-07, Coach Petersen solidified his name in college football history. Coach Petersen was also named the Region 4 Coach of the Year, despite being passed over by Hawaii Head Coach June Jones for Western Athletic Conference Coach of the Year honors.

After Jones won the award Petersen did what only he could do - praise Jones for the season Hawaii had. Petersen said he agreed Jones was the right man for the award. Coach Pete may have brought a new look to the Boise State locker room but he kept the same playbook and most importantly, the same integrity.

Will Petersen ever lose? Most likely yes, but that is a question that won't be answered at least for another eight months.

"We know what the bottom line is," Petersen said. "It's wins and losses. For us it's focusing on the process and working our tail off from here on out until the start of next season. If we do that and just take care of practice, it'll come out how it needs to."



After the dust settles:

The Boise State football team is back in Boise trying to start life after the Fiesta Bowl

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

It had been a week since Boise State's exciting win over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl, yet the buzz around Boise continued to grow with every passing day. On Jan. 8 the BSU alumni association's weekly Monday luncheon drew the biggest crowd of the year. Head football coach Chris Petersen spent nearly 20 minutes answering questions from boosters and another ten minutes addressing the media.

Although the 75-degree temperature and the rock star life style was left in Glendale, for Petersen and company the excitement surrounding the BSU football program is stronger than ever. The game was rebroadcast twice in its entirety and once in a shortened version following the game on Jan. 1.

Coach Petersen said he took time from the hectic week of media requests to watch some of the replay. According to Petersen, his wife had

the game on TIVO, which allowed him to drift in and out of the Jan. 7 rebroadcast. However, like any competitive coach Petersen said he still hasn't been able to sit back and enjoy the game without breaking it down in x's and o's.

"That's very hard for us to do, to watch it from a fan standpoint," Petersen said. "It's nice to know the outcome of the game, not have to sweat that. But I did watch the TV copy (Jan. 7), there was about five things in there where I was going, 'you've got to be kidding me'. I don't think I could ever just watch our team from a fan's perspective."

The BSU fan base, or 'Bronco Nation' as Petersen likes to call them, has relished in the recognition since the big game. There has been a long standing debate about the game's biggest play, whether or not BSU deserved a shot at the National Championship and what the win does for the program. Petersen remains modest with his take on all three topics, but he will

agree that it's a great time to be a Bronco.

"I think the coaches and the players did a good job keeping this whole thing in perspective. We're so appreciative of the things that happened down there, of the fan support that we had down there. It's been awesome to come back to Boise and feel all this support."

With a week to digest the play calling Petersen said he believes the Hook and Ladder is the most unbelievable play of the game. The play came on a fourth and 18 from the 50-yard line with just 22 seconds left in regulation. The touchdown by Jerard Rabb and a successful point after tied the game 35-35 and forced overtime.

"When I knew Drisan (James) caught the ball cleanly and he was able to pitch it to Rabb cleanly, I thought we'd have a shot," Petersen said. "When he went around the corner (Oklahoma's defenders) sunk down so we didn't even have to get to Jan, which was the next op-

tion. After that the rest of the plays were good, solid football plays and I've said that all along."

Of all three questions the National Championship debate, surprisingly, remains one of the easiest for Petersen to answer. Despite finishing the year one as the only undefeated team in the country, Petersen said he feels okay about how the BCS system played out this time around.

"I think that's the debate of a play off," Petersen said prior to the National Championship game. "I've said it all along, we haven't played the schedule that those two programs have played. You gotta go play some people week in and week out to have a shot to deserve that."

As far as where the program is headed, 'onward and upward' is the only direction according to Petersen and Athletic Director Gene Blyemeyer. Blyemeyer has been a catalyst in developing the football program over the past 25 years. In his tenure as AD Blyemeyer has seen a Division I-AA National Title,

the jump to Division I-A and now a Bowl Championship Series Bowl win.

"If it's not broke, don't fix it," Blyemeyer said at the BAA luncheon. "We've won seven of the last eight conference championships, so I don't think we want to change too many things. We want to get better and take steps in the right direction. We'll evaluate the program as we always do and make adjustments where necessary."

The University is planning on holding an official celebration for the football team Jan. 20 coinciding with the men's basketball game against Hawaii. There is a parade scheduled for 3 p.m., which will conclude at the State Capital Building. The football team will be available for autographs from 5-7 p.m. in the Caven-Williams Sports Complex.

The team will be honored at half time of the basketball game. Players will be available for autographs following the game inside Taco Bell Arena.

Women's basketball hustles to first place

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

After four Western Athletic Conference games in 2007 the Boise State women's basketball team couldn't be happier with its results. Two wins at home and two recent road victories positions the Broncos in first place in the WAC with a 4-0 conference record.

The record is the best by any Bronco women's basketball team since Boise State joined the WAC in 2001. The women are 13-4 on the season, which leaves them two wins away from reaching the 2005-06 win total of 15. BSU travels to Hawaii Jan. 20 before starting a four game home stand that leads into February.

According to Head Coach Gordy Presnell the women have already improved leaps and bounds from the time he took over the program in 2005. Despite the newfound swagger coach Presnell also said his team still has areas of improvement that could make the team even better by WAC tournament time.

"We have to shoot from the perimeter better," Presnell said before the team left on its weekend road trip. "We were the best three point shooting team in the WAC last year. We've really struggled from the perimeter shooting."

The women escaped a close game against Nevada on Jan. 8, overcoming a 31 percent shooting effort in the first half. The game ended on a half court shot by a Wolfpack player just after time expired. The shot went in but was waved off by the officials after a video review confirmed the shot was not up before time ran out.

With only three days rest BSU traveled to New Mexico State and Louisiana Tech for a show down with two of the top teams in the conference. After the Nevada game BSU was tied with NMSU and La Tech for the top spot in the WAC. The weekend was set up to be extremely important for showing whether the Broncos will be a WAC championship contender this year or not.

On Thursday the women arrived in Las Cruces, NM for a game against the Aggies (7-8, 2-1). BSU jumped out to an early lead on NMSU and held possession of the lead for the entire game. The Broncos stretched the margin to 25 points with under seven minutes to play in the game. The Broncos finally prevailed 66-52, leaving the highly touted match up with La Tech waiting on the horizon.

Entering Saturday's game at La Tech the Lady Techsters had not lost a home conference game since 1992.

La Tech was riding a 15-year, 114 game winning streak against league opponents in Ruston, LA. With 2,027 fans in attendance the Broncos jumped all over the Lady Techsters in route to a 17-point half time lead and a 68-47 win to end the streak.

The Broncos were powered by sophomore Jessica

Thompson, who led the Broncos in scoring both nights with 20 points against NMSU and 14 points against La Tech. With the two wins BSU matched the program's best start to conference play since 1993-94. That Boise State team went on to lose its fifth Big Sky Conference game of the season.

Sophomore guard Tasha Harris is one of the many Broncos that have played a key part in this season's success. Harris scored twelve points and dished four assists against La Tech.

After the Nevada game last week Harris said winning on the road was a must for the Broncos to keep their spot on top of the conference standings. According to Harris, the team philosophy is to win no matter who or where it is playing.

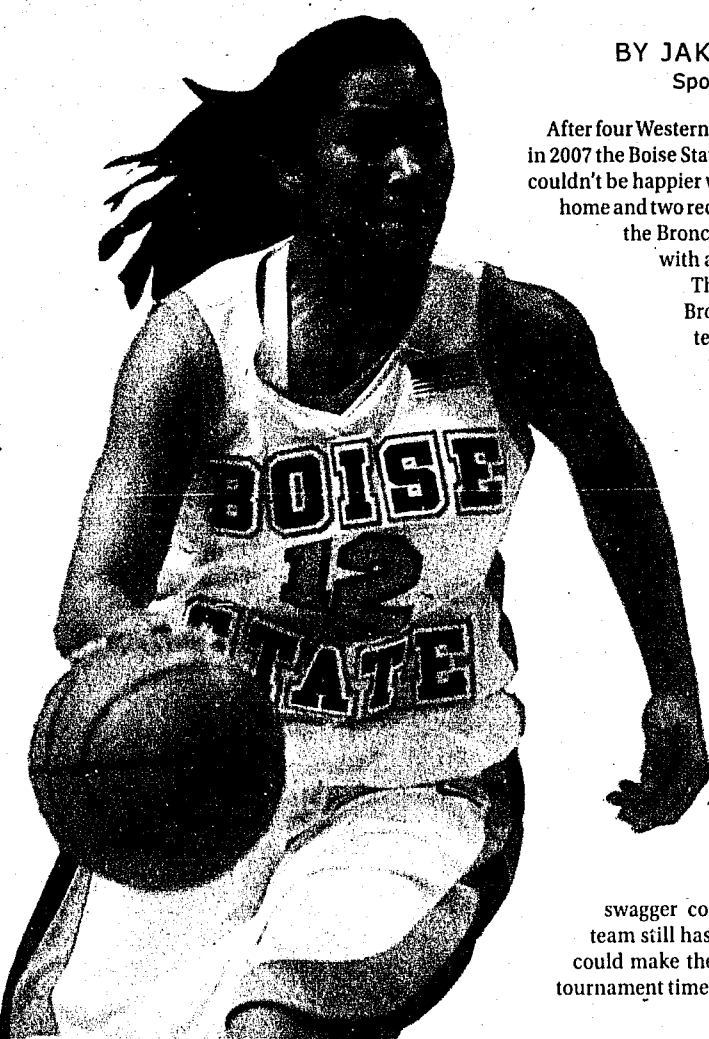
While some teams hope to split games on the road, Boise State takes a different approach to road games.

"Our coach says 'every other coach in the world has the philosophy you split the road', but we don't try and split the road," Harris said. "We try and take them both. With the team we have we play really well on the road this year. I just think we have to get the 'it's on the road' out of our head and play basketball. I think we're a pretty good road team. A lot of teams in the WAC are winning on the road so it's something we should be able to do."

Harris said she feels one of the biggest differences in this year's team is the new found confidence coach Presnell has instilled in the team.

"He's taught us a whole new style of basketball," Harris said. "One thing we can say about him and about us is the one thing he wants us to do is play harder than any team."

We might not shoot better, we might not be faster or more athletic but we will guarantee we will play harder than any other team. I think that's a great thing to go off of."



Boise State wrestler finds his way home

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

Sometimes it takes leaving to realize what you left behind. Boise State wrestler Andy Patrick learned this lesson the hard way. Fortunately for Patrick and Bronco wrestling Coach Greg Randall the lesson came soon enough that Andy could do something about it.

Patrick graduated from Meridian High School in 2003 after winning the Idaho State Championship his senior year. Despite receiving in-

terest to wrestle for a number of programs after high school, Patrick chose to pursue his dream of attending the Naval Academy. After a semester at an Academy Prep School, however, Andy began to realize the path he had chosen wasn't where he wanted to be after all.

Taking initiative himself, Patrick emailed BSU assistant coach Chris Owen and informed Coach Owen he was interested in a change. Due to NCAA regulations Boise State was not able to contact Patrick initially.

According to coach Randall this made Patrick's email that much more pleasing to the Bronco coaching staff.

"When he went to naval academy it was a little disappointing," Randall said. "But you can't blame the kid for wanting to do what he loves to do. We heard he wasn't real happy there and he wanted to get back to Idaho, missed his roots. We just said 'hey, come on back we'll take you'. There wasn't even a second question about it."

In following suit with NCAA

transfer requirements Patrick was forced to red shirt the 2004-05 season.

Andy said the time off wasn't all bad, however. Patrick said by the time he returned to Boise he was out of shape and overweight.

Despite now being a heavy weight wrestler, over weight by Andy's standards was right around 200 pounds, according to Coach Randall.

Randall said he was actually proposing to wrestle Andy at 197 pounds as a freshman, but after

reaching 210 pounds the coaching staff realized it wasn't going to be a good move. Instead Patrick began lifting weights and conditioning to gain weight and move up to the heavy weight division. By the start of his first season with the Broncos Patrick was weighing in at around 235 pounds, which was still 40 to 50 pounds less than many of his opponents.

The weight differential provided few problems for Andy as he wrestled his way to a third place finish at the Pac-10 Conference

Championships. Patrick advanced to the national Tournament finishing the season with a 24-15 record. He entered the 2006-07 season with high ambitions of improving upon his stellar freshman campaign with the Broncos.

Through the first half of the 2006-07 season Patrick established himself as one of the nation's elite heavy weight wrestlers. Patrick started the year with a third place finish at the Cowboy Classic in Laramie, Wyo. and a first place finish at the Best of the West Tournament.

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BSU swimming and diving hosts inaugural home meet

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

The Boise State women's swimming and diving team competed in its closest dual of the season Saturday in a 113-111 loss to the

University of Nevada-Reno.

The Broncos went toe to toe with the undefeated Wolfpack (16-0), ignoring the fact that the meet was the first home swimming and diving dual in Boise State history. Following the meet Head Coach Kristin Hill said she is very content with where the first year program is headed.

"I think the first two months or so I didn't know the improvement would be as dramatic as we're seeing," Hill said. "Coming in I had hoped for that. The first couple months were kind of rocky. They hadn't been in the water for a long time. They're just learning so much more that the goals have changed in that I think we can expect more things from them than we did before."

Along with testing her team's improvement the dual against Nevada also gave coach Hill a lesson on running a home meet. Hill spent six years as an Assistant at Texas A&M, but not even that could prepare her for putting on the BSU's first swim meet ever. Hill gave praise to the Boise community for the support the program has received since being introduced as a new sport in the spring of 2006.

"We had a huge array of people running the meet for us that are people from the community that were an essential part of getting this program added," Hill said. "That's been a really neat part, to have them see it come together and actually unfold this weekend."

Aside from volunteer help the swim meet also

drew an impressive crowd for the teams' only home swim meet of the season. The meet was held at the Boise Aquatic Center and West YMCA of Boise. Although there was no attendance number taken, it's safe to say the BSU cheering section was much bigger than any dual the women had competed in this season.

"It was really nice to be home," BSU diver Jennifer Dorling said after Saturday's meet. "When we go away no one can really travel and come watch us. It was nice to have fans here to support us. It's definitely more calming. I felt like I dove better here than in winter training."

Dorling put together her best weekend of the season. The Olympia, Wash. native won three of the four diving events, recording personal bests on both days. On Friday she topped her career best with a score of 227.95. On Saturday she reset the bar with a 230.85. The diving competition is based on six dives that are scored on level of difficulty and execution.

Dorling and Hill agreed that having a program with Nevada's reputation travel to Boise for the first meet crucial to BSU's improvement. Hill said when she made the schedule last year she was looking to put together a tough schedule to test the team all year long.

We haven't been afraid to race tough teams, but it hasn't made things easy on us," Hill said. "I could have come up with a much more moderate schedule. The coach (at Nevada) was excited to come out here and help us get the first home meet weekend going. We're thankful for that. It does raise our swimmers level of expectations. I like for them to see high level competition, I think that's a really important part of our growth."

Both Hill and Dorling said they feel last weekend's meet was a positive step towards the WAC Championships.

"When we first saw (Nevada on the schedule) it was a little intimidating. You've always got to compete against the best. I think that's probably one of the best experiences because you can say 'that's where we want to be in, how ever many years.'"

The women are down to the last few weeks of their season. BSU travels to the University of Idaho and Washington State University on Jan. 26-27. The Western Athletic Conference Championships are scheduled for Feb. 14-17 in San Antonio, Tex.

Jennifer Dorling (left) won three of four diving events in Boise State's inaugural home swimming and diving meet.

Meet Results

200 yard Medley relay - 1

Nevada, Breeana Sutton, Lisa Schmidt, Li Bei, Jessica Hemmingsen, 1:52.45. 2. Nevada, Mallory Welker, Sarah Shields, Kim Kabesh, Danielle Maddock, 1:52:56. 3. Nevada, Kaitlyn Whiteside, Bobbie Lee Reese, Alyson Armstrong, Christine Zimmer, 1:58.01.

200 freestyle - 1

Margaret Doolittle, Nevada, 1:57.61. 2. Katie Fritcher, Nevada, 2:02.02. 3. JayDee Huppert, Nevada, 2:02.90. 4. Nonie Wainwright, Nevada, 2:05.72. 5. Kelsey Woodfield, BSU, 2:14.67.

100 backstroke - 1

Kaitlyn Whiteside, Nevada, 1:00.79. 2. Michaela Schmidt, Nevada, 1:00.89. 3. Danielle Maddock, Nevada, 1:04.66. 4. Kendra Maclean, BSU, 1:06.53. 5. Siobhan Gilmartin, BSU, 1:10.11.

100 breaststroke - 1

Bobbie Lee Reese, Nevada, 1:08.44. 2. Lisa Schmidt, Nevada, 1:09.74. 3. Nikki DeWane, BSU, 1:09.74. 4. Jessica Hemmingsen, Nevada, 1:12.95. 5. Alyson Armstrong, Nevada, 1:16.82.

200 butterfly - 1

Kim Kabesh, Nevada, 2:06.59.

50 freestyle - 1

Mallory Welker, Nevada, 25.83. 2. Sarah Shields, Nevada, 26.10. 3. Miranda Moore, Nevada, 26.22. 4. Nikki Dewane, BSU, 27.03. 5. Samantha Neff, Nevada, 28.13.

1 meter diving - (After six dives) 1

Jennifer Dorling, BSU, 227.95. 2. Ashley Potoc, Nevada, 195.95.

100 freestyle - 1

Bobbie Lee Reese, Nevada, 54.72. 2. Katie Fritcher, Nevada, 55.95. 3. Miranda Moore, Nevada, 56.08. 4. Christine Zimmer, Nevada, 1:00.21. 5. Holly Chatelain, BSU, 1:01.44.

200 backstroke - 1

Juliane Fritcher, Nevada, 2:12.81. 2. Margaret Doolittle, Nevada, 2:21.37. 3. Kaitlyn Whiteside, Nevada, 2:22.23. Kendra Maclean, BSU, 2:24.26.

200 breaststroke - 1

Nikki DeWane, BSU, 2:37.44. 2. Michaela Schmidt, Nevada, 2:30.71. 3. Jessica Hemmingsen, Nevada, 2:34.57. 4. Sarah Shields, Nevada, 2:39.93.

500 freestyle - 1

Holly Chatelain, BSU, 6:03.04. 2.

Kelsey Woodfield, BSU, 6:05.90. 3. Kim Kabesh, Nevada, 6:18.27. 4. Nonie Wainwright, Nevada, 6:27.22. 5. Danielle Maddock, Nevada, 6:27.32.

100 butterfly - 1

Siobhan Gilmartin, BSU, 1:12.59. 2. Kelly Knapp, BSU, 1:17.44. 3. Meghan Jansen, BSU, 1:18.36. 4. Alyson Armstrong, Nevada, 1:02.75. Samantha Neff, Nevada, 1:03.86.

3 meter diving - 1

Jennifer Dorling, BSU, 214.50. 2. Ashley Potoc, Nevada, 244.70.

200 individual medley - 1

Holly Chatelain, BSU, 2:29.43. 2. Bobbie Lee Reese, Nevada, 2:31.20. 3. Jessica Hemmingsen, Nevada, 2:31.32. 4. Samantha Neff, Nevada, 2:35.30. 5. Nikki DeWane, BSU, 2:27.22.

200 freestyle relay - 1

BSU, Siobhan Gilmartin, Kelsey Woodfield, Kendra Maclean, Kelly Knapp, 1:50.94. 2. BSU, Meghan Jansen, Mary DeLeon Guerrero, Emily Fransen, Jessie Clark, 2:00.01. 3. Nevada, JayDee Huppert, Sarah Shields, Alyson Armstrong, Michaela Schmidt, 1:42.04.

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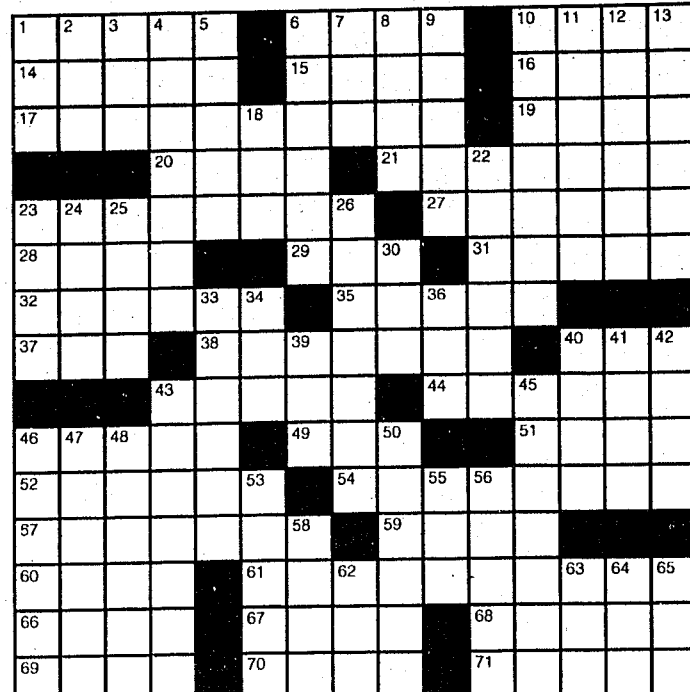
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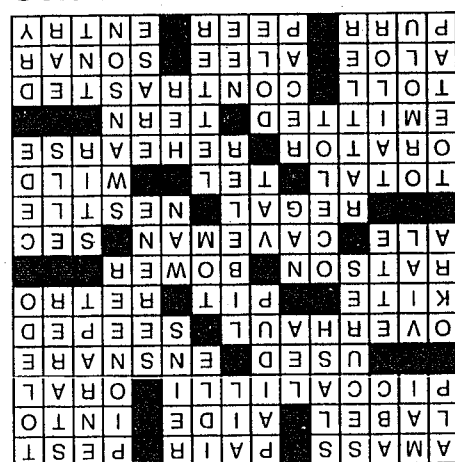
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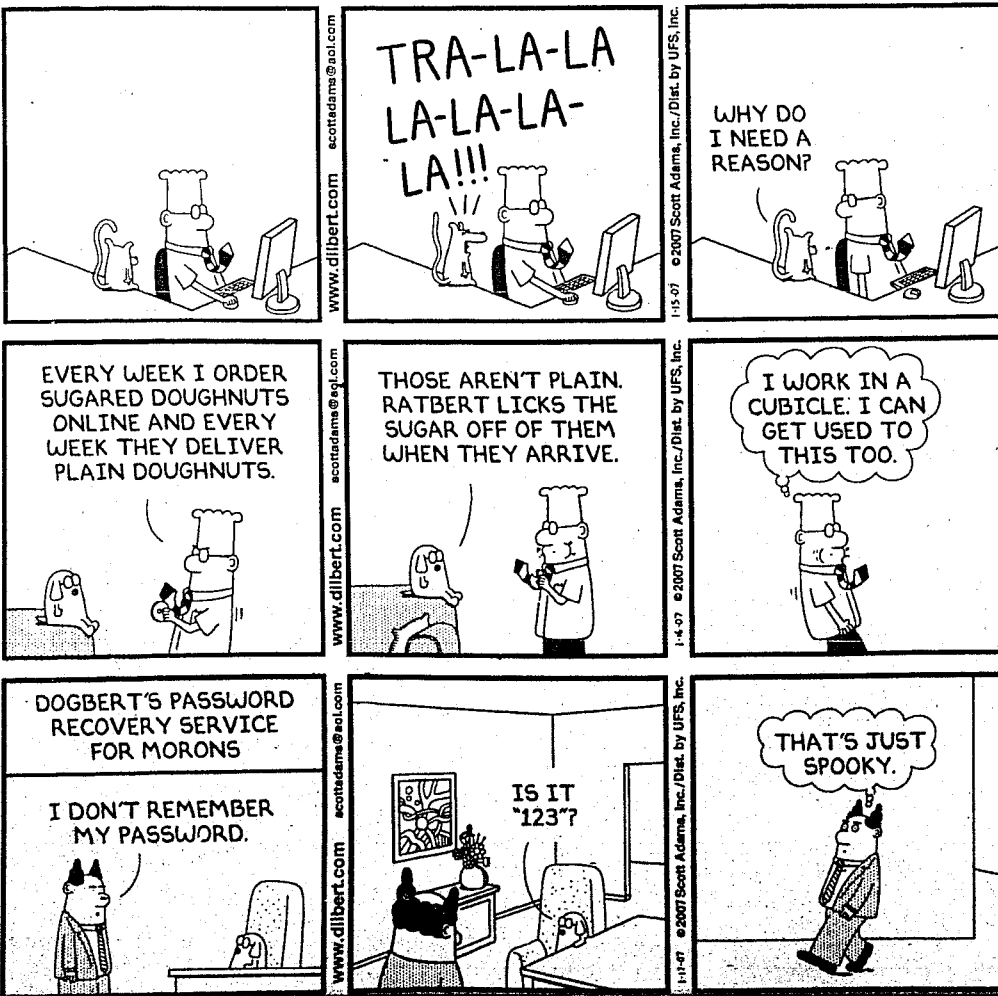
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BY LINDA C. BLACK
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (01-16-07). Be paying attention this year to your dreams. Increase your meditation. It's in this state of trance that you'll make your important discoveries. Some of them will be quite lucrative.

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 a 6 - One of your best talents is your ability to think outside the box. You want to venture outside of it too. Only go with the boss's permission.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is an 8 - The business dealings you're doing now don't show immediate rewards. Luckily, you're one of the best at deferring gratification. You'll get more for your money.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is a 6 - A person you've entrusted with an important assignment produces results brilliantly. Don't be jealous; take credit for choosing the right player for that position.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is a 9 - Other obligations must be set aside temporarily. Focus on the job that requires your immediate attention.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is an 8 - A lucky break helps you achieve something you've been after for ages. This ought to be fun, besides being very interesting.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a 7 - Be paying close attention. You're in for a surprise. Don't make any assumptions, especially where family's concerned.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 6 - Keep snooping around and you're going to find out what's really true and what's spin. Keep an open mind and continue to be skeptical.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 9 - You'll want to upgrade your living conditions, so start making plans. Don't shop yet; make lists and gather data.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is an 8 - Another blinding revelation is about to occur. Don't worry - it'll be fun, if you're not driving at the time. Stay in your ivory tower or some other safe place.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is an 8 - You've done a lot of thinking, and you're getting more assertive. A theory you've been working on is starting to take form in your imagination. It's a good moneymaking scheme.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 6 - For the next few weeks, you'll get to run several reality checks. You have to prove the seemingly impossible can happen. Luckily, you're good at this.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is a 7 - Don't worry about making money that will happen naturally. Continue to gain respect and you improve your bargaining power.

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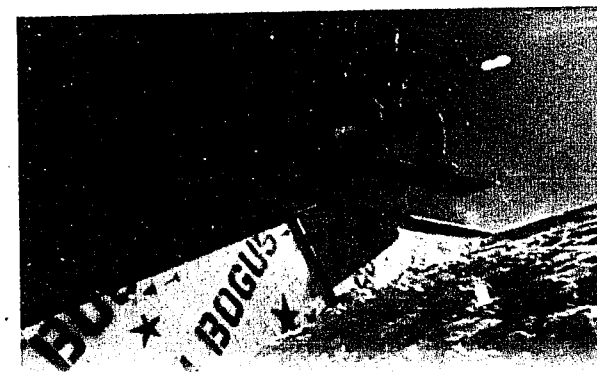
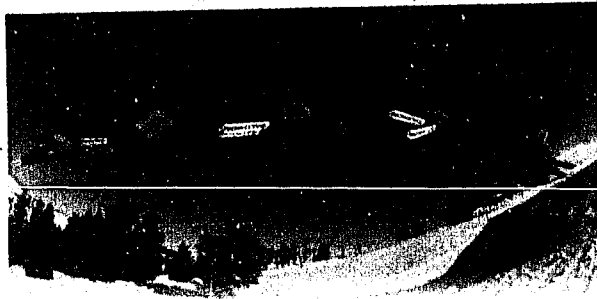
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1,800-foot vertical drop
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52 trails
Seven lifts
250 inches average snowfall
Night skiing
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1,800-foot vertical drop
1,300 ride-able acres
43 trails
Five lifts
300 inches average snowfall
www.brundage.com

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38 runs
Three lifts
Enhanced snowboarding terrain park
www.soldiermountain.com

Sun Valley

Approx. 152 miles from Boise
Estimated travel time: 2 hours 20 minutes
3,400-foot vertical drop
2,054 ride-able acres
Summit elevation 9,150 feet
75 runs, 19 lifts
36 percent beginner, 42 percent intermediate, 22 percent advanced
330 inches average snowfall
www.sunvalley.com

Pomerelle

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54 runs
www.pebblecreekskiarea.com

Kelly Canyon

Approx. 26 miles from Idaho Falls
Estimated travel time: 5 hours 45 minutes
1,000-foot vertical drop
640 ride-able acres
26 runs
Six lifts
200 inches average snowfall
www.info@skikelly.com

Grand Targhee

Approx. 160 miles west of Idaho Falls
Estimated travel time: 1 hour 30 minutes
from Idaho Falls
2,200-foot vertical drop
3,000 ride-able acres
72 runs
Four lifts
500 inches average snowfall
www.grandtarghee.com

Up North

Lost Trail Powder

Approx. 250+ miles
Estimated travel time: 7 hours
Summit elevation 8,200-feet
1,800-foot vertical drop
900 ride-able acres
45 trails
Eight lifts
300 inches average snowfall
www.losttrail.com

Lookout Pass

Approx. 505 miles
Estimated travel time: 8 hours 51 minutes
1,150-foot vertical drop
540 ride-able acres
23 runs
Two lifts
400 inches average snowfall
www.skilookout.com

Silver Mountain

Approx. 494 miles
Estimated travel time: 8 hours 40 minutes
2,200-foot vertical drop
1,590 ride-able acres
67 runs, six lifts
300 inches average snowfall
www.silvermt.com

Schweitzer

Approx. 500 miles
Estimated travel time: 9 hours 10 minutes
2,400-foot vertical drop
2,900 ride-able acres
67 runs, eight lifts
300 inches average snowfall
www.schweitzer.com

Utah

Alta

Approx. 365 miles
Estimated travel time: 6 hours
2,020-foot vertical drop
2,200 ride-able acres
116 runs, nine lifts
500 inches average snowfall
www.alta.com

Brighton

Approx. 368 miles
Estimated travel time: 6 hours
1,745-foot vertical drop
1,050 ride-able acres
64 runs, seven lifts
500 inches average snowfall
www.skibrighton.com

Powder

Approx. 315 miles
Estimated travel time: 5 hours
2,005-foot vertical drop
5,500 ride-able acres
114 trails, seven lifts
500 inches average snowfall
www.powdermountain.com

The Canyons

Approx. 369 miles
Estimated travel time: 6 hours
3,190-foot vertical drop
3,500 ride-able acres
145 trails
16 lifts
355 inches average snowfall
www.thecanyons.com

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Utah

Snowbasin

Approx. 317 miles
Estimated travel time: 5 hours 22 minutes
2,959-foot vertical drop
2,800 ride-able acres
104 trails, 12 lifts
500 inches average snowfall
www.snowbasin.com

Park City

Approx. 369 miles
Estimated travel time: 6 hours 8 minutes
3,100-foot vertical drop
3,300 ride-able acres
104 trails, 15 lifts
355 inches average snowfall
One superpipe
www.parkcitymountain.com

Snowbird

Approx. 365 miles
Estimated travel time: 6 hours 18 minutes
3,240-foot vertical drop
2,500 ride-able acres
89 runs, 12 lifts
500 inches average snowfall
www.snowbird.com

Solitude

Approx. 366 miles
Estimated travel time: 6 hours 13 minutes
2,047-foot vertical drop
1,200 ride-able acres
64 runs, 12 lifts
500 inches average snowfall
www.skisolitude.com

Oregon

Anthony Lakes

Approx. 147 miles
Estimated travel time: 2 hours 25 minutes
900-foot vertical drop
1,100 ride-able acres
21 runs, three lifts
300 inches average snowfall
www.anthonylakes.com

Mt Bachelor

Approx. 317 miles
Estimated travel time: 7 hours 59 minutes
3,365-foot vertical drop
3,683 ride-able acres
71 trails, seven lifts
370 inches average snowfall
www.mtbachelor.com

Mt Hood Meadows

Approx. 382 miles
Estimated travel time: 6 hours 23 minutes
2,777-foot vertical drop
2,150 ride-able acres
85 trails, 16 lifts
430 inches average snowfall
www.mthoodmeadows.com

Mt Hood Ski Bowl

Approx. 457 miles
Estimated travel time: 7 hours 49 minutes
1,500-foot vertical drop
960 ride-able acres
65 trails, four lifts
300 inches average snowfall
www.skibowl.com

Wyoming

Jackson Hole

Approx. 383 miles
Estimated travel time: 7 hours 24 minutes
4,139-foot vertical drop
2,500 ride-able acres, 19 lifts
402 inches average snowfall
www.jacksonholewy.com/winter

Montana

Big Sky

Approx. 442 miles
Estimated travel time: 8 hours 15 minutes
4,350-foot vertical drop
3,812 ride-able acres
150 runs, 15 lifts
400+ inches average snowfall
www.bigskyresort.com

Bridger Bowl

Approx. 476 miles
Estimated travel time: 9 hours 2 minutes
2,600-foot vertical drop
1,500 ride-able acres
71 trails, six lifts
350 inches average snowfall
www.bridgerbowl.com

Discovery Basin

Approx. 497 miles
Estimated delivery time: 8 hours 9 minutes
1,670-foot vertical drop
620 ride-able acres
63 trails, six lifts
200 inches average snowfall
www.skidiscovery.com

Washington

49 Degrees North

Approx. 474 miles
Estimated travel time: 8 hours 47 minutes
1,831-foot vertical drop
2,523 ride-able acres
54 runs, six lifts
301 inches average snowfall
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Bluewood

Approx. 289 miles
Estimated travel time: 5 hours 32 minutes
1,125-foot vertical drop
355 ride-able acres
24 trails, three lifts
300 inches average snowfall
www.bluewood.com

Crystal Mountain Ski Resort

Approx. 503 miles
Estimated travel time: 8 hours 51 minutes
2,612-foot vertical drop
2,300 ride-able acres
50 trails, 10 lifts
385 inches average snowfall
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Bogus, Brundage and Tamarack:

Local ski resorts offer new attractions and student deals

BY BRIAN LUPTAK
Sports Writer

The holiday season has officially arrived and tagging along is the start of a new ski/snowboard season. Local ski areas are watching the snow gradually pile up. Some are offering new excitements and services while others are simply upholding their

original standards of excellence.

The only concern preventing skiers and snowboarders from hitting these slopes right away is snow, a necessity that could never be too plentiful in the early weeks of the ski season.

"We don't make a whole lot of snow," Bogus Basin Spokeswoman Gretchen Anderson said. "We're very limited on our water and power supply. We don't make our own snow except for in the loading and unloading areas of the lifts."

The ski areas have not experienced excessive early snowfall. And as the snow accumulates, so does the excitement. In any case, the situation in uncontrollable and patience becomes a highly practiced virtue.

"We've had forecasts of five inches of snow where we get two feet and we've had forecasts of two feet of snow where we get five

inches," April Russell, of Brundage Mountain, said. "Mother Nature is in the driver's seat here."

Bogus Basin has received only a couple inches of new snow in the last week and Brundage has not added much either. While Tamarack makes a lot of snow by machine, the mountain has slowly been receiving more natural snow and has built up a base of more than 29 inches at the summit.

Not many additions were made at Bogus for this ski season. However a "moving carpet" in the learning area will provide less frustration for first-time skiers and boarders.

At Brundage, modifications to the lodge will be the most noticeable improvement. The work that has been done will ensure faster lines in the rental shop and will get customers on the mountain quicker. The bar area has also been remodeled, a change that will give more entertainment after a day of recreation.

"We've expanded our bar to most of the second floor of the res-

taurant," Russell said. "We're going to have live music every single Saturday in there. It should be a real fun place to come up, ride all day and then hang out in that area for a little after-skiing entertainment."

Tamarack has made the most recreational additions, including 5,000 acres of backcountry terrain and 265 acres of new lift-accessed runs. The resort also added a 1,700 square foot snowmobile shed at the summit of the mountain for community and guest storage.

There are many special deals for the public as well as college students this year. At Bogus, Boise State University students can buy a season pass for only \$229 at any time during the season.

Another discount that may attract students is a night skiing deal. If anyone fills up with at least eight gallons of gas at a Chevron station, they will receive a voucher for two-for-one night skiing. That comes to about \$10 each for more than five

hours of fun. Brundage is offering a package deal called the "Ski Bus Special." Starting at \$67 per day, this special includes a lift ticket, three meals and bunk lodging at the University of Idaho campus in Ponderosa Park.

College students can also buy a season pass for only \$199. Tamarack is also offering discounted prices for college students, including season passes for \$299 and daily passes for \$38 - \$20 off the regular price of \$58. Remember that for most of these deals, a current college ID is required. So don't forget it at home.

All three of these ski areas are sure to provide a thrill for the Boise community.

Their Web sites provide daily snow conditions as well as information on ticket prices and upcoming events. With weather systems quickly moving around the Northwest, it is sure to be a season full of excitement so get geared up, be safe and have fun.

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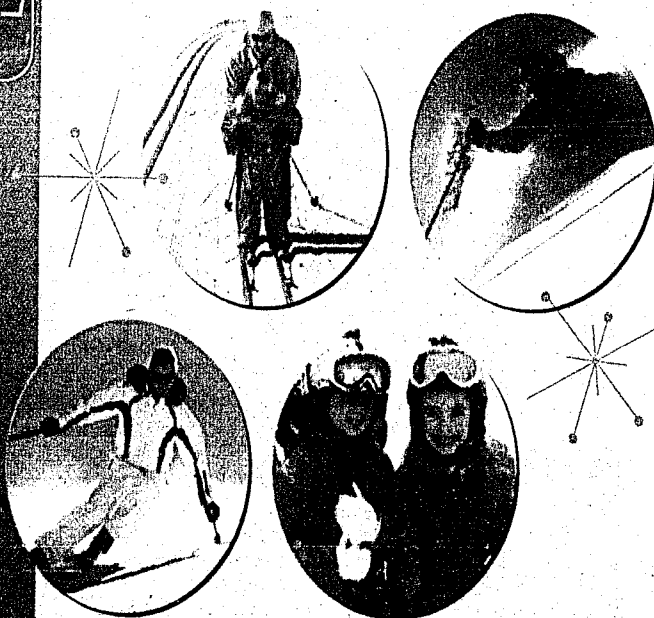
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BY KATRINA L. SAVITZ
Assistant Culture Editor

Looking for something different to do with family and friends during winter break without the frostbite? Try something new with a traditional flare, like a comfortable train ride that follows the beautiful Payette River. This soothing and scenic trip magically whisks you away through the lush mountains of Boise County. The rider might even catch a glimpse of bald eagles and deer.

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tains in a train. A sedan or an SUV will never compare to the chugging sounds of the train's wheels or the unforgettable horn as the train departs.

The Thunder Mountain Line has five themed rides scheduled just in time for the holidays. These rides are great for people of all ages. The rides include: The North Pole Express, the Christmas Dinner Train, the Christmas Train, the Holiday Train and the New Year's Train.

If you want to take the kids on a local trip they'll never forget, then the "North Pole Express" is just the ticket. They'll enjoy milk, cookies and Christmas stories as they make their way to the North Pole to visit Santa Claus.

Carolers are on board, filling the train cars with Christmas spirit. The train picks riders up in Horseshoe Bend and travels to Montour where families can step off the train to take pictures with Jolly Ol' Saint Nick.

An estimated 250 people make reservations for the "North Pole Express."

Maybe a nice dinner with the family in an old-fashioned venue is what you need. Make reservations on the Thunder Mountain Line. Serving all your holiday favorites from turkey and cranberry sauce to stuffing, catered by Boise's A Lively Chef.

Reservationist Shannon Hamley said, "The ride is full of holiday and Christmas spirit. We love watching our guests and especially the children enjoy themselves."

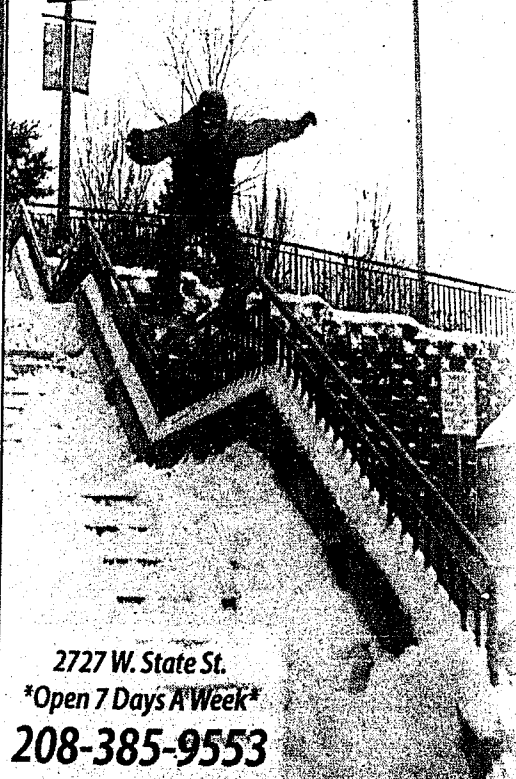
Going out of town for the holidays? Not to worry.

Thunder Mountain Line also has rides for Easter, Halloween and Mother's Day. Other themed rides include wine tasting and murder mystery dinners with performances from The Starlight Mountain Theatre.

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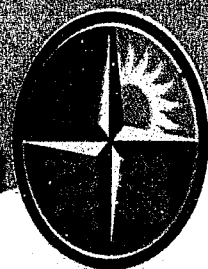
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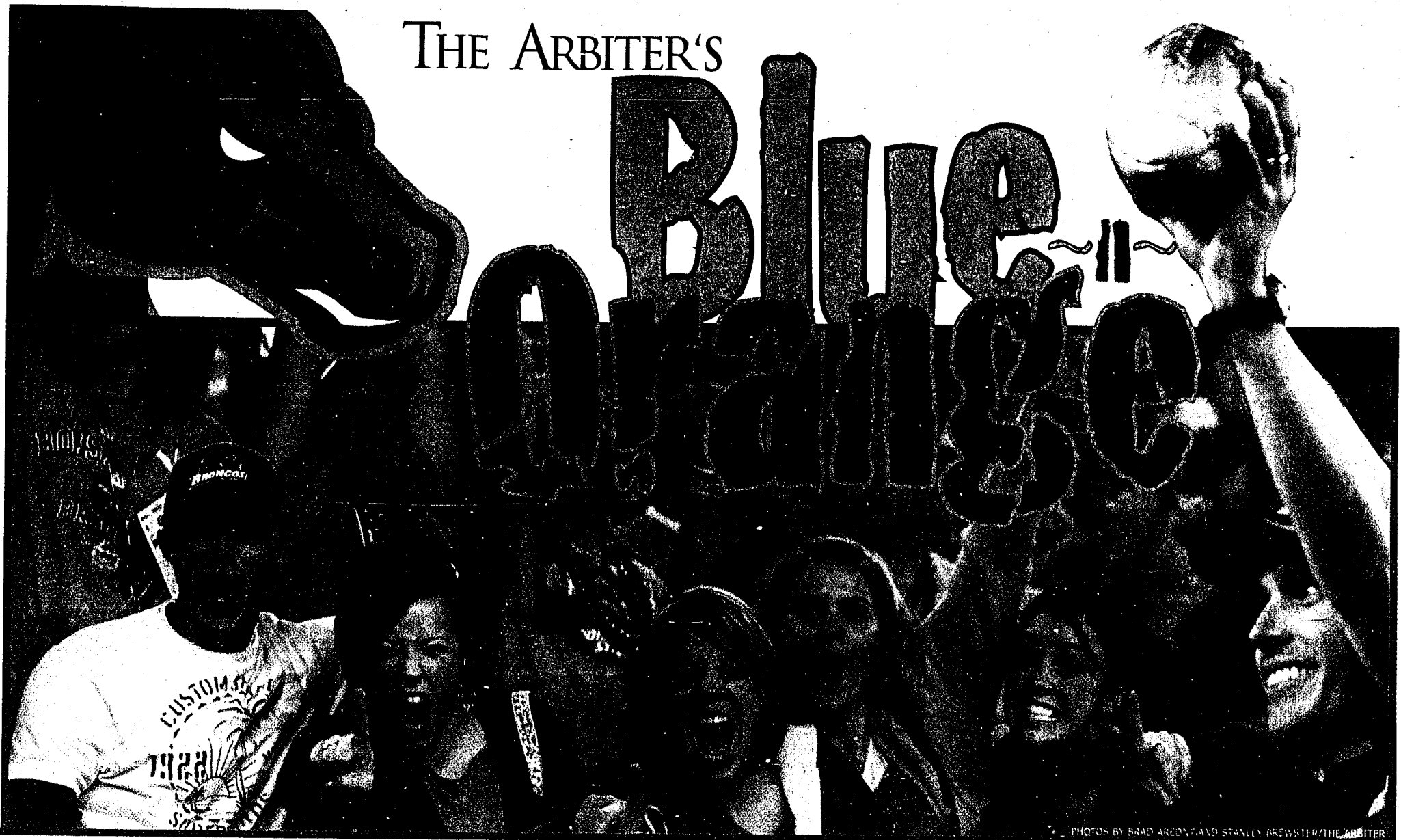
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UNBELIEVABLE!

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

PHOENIX, Ariz. - The biggest game in Boise State history quickly became the greatest game ever played by the team Jan. 1.

In just over four hours the world learned that all the hype surrounding the BSU football program was for real.

With 2:40 left in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Boise State and the University of Oklahoma engaged in one of the most unforgettable last-minute shootouts in college football history. With 73,719 fans on the edge of their seats in the University of Phoenix Stadium the Broncos scored on a two-point conversion to ink their names in the history books.

For 52 minutes the Broncos led the Sooners in a game that provided a fast start, a steady middle and a hectic finish. After jumping out to a 14-0 lead seven and a half minutes into the game, BSU controlled the scoreboard until 1:26 left in regulation.

Sooner quarterback Paul Thompson found Quentin Chaney for a 5-yard touchdown pass to cap off a 7-play, 77-yard drive that only took 1:14 to culminate. Trailing 26-28 and having no timeouts left, the Sooners had no choice but to go for a two-point conversion to tie the game. On the two-point conversion attempt Oklahoma tried to utilize the size mismatch between Chaney (6'5", 208) and BSU cornerback Orlando Scandrick (5'11", 187). Scandrick was flagged for pass interference after getting locked up

with Chaney on a fade route to the back left corner of the end zone.

On the ensuing re-try Thompson connected with Jermai Gresham for the score only to have an illegal shift called against the Sooners, setting up a third two-point conversion attempt. Thompson finally found Juaqu Iglesias in the middle of the end zone to even the score at 28-28 and set up an expected overtime session to decide the outcome of the game.

Boise State did have more than a minute of clock left to work with and as the Broncos took over at their own 25-yard line it was apparent they had no intentions of playing conservatively. The aggressive approach backfired as Jared Zabransky was intercepted on the first play of the drive by OU's Marcus Walker, who returned the pick 35 yards for a touchdown and a 35-28 lead.

As the Boise State offense slumped off the field BSU Head Coach Chris Petersen and staff began preparing for one last push to steal back a missed opportunity at overtime. With just 1:02 left in the game Zabransky stepped back under center and found senior tight end Derek Schouman on a 36-yard strike. The Broncos hurried to the line of scrimmage and ran a no-huddle snap as the clock ran down under 45 seconds left to play.

The OU defense penetrated the Bronco backfield however and Zabransky was sacked for a loss at the 50-yard line, forcing BSU to use its second timeout of the half.

On second down Jerard Rabb failed to come down with a pass from Zabransky. With a third-and-18 play

on the line Zabransky watched as a pass sailed off the hands of senior wide receiver Drisan James.

The Broncos faced a fourth and 18 with 22 seconds left and their undefeated season on the line. BSU Offensive Coordinator Bryan Harsin called for a hook and ladder play.

BSU had run and scored on the hook and ladder against Idaho earlier in the season. This time Zabransky hit James across the middle of the field, at which point James pitched the football backward to a streaking Jerard Rabb. Rabb hit the sideline and turned on the after burners, diving across the goal line to pull the Broncos within a point with seven seconds left in the game. An Anthony Montgomery point after tied the game at 35-35, finally securing an extra session of football.

"When he called it I was like let's go, let's go and get this done," James said about Coach Harsin calling for the hook and ladder play. "Little did I know that Rabb would be wide open down the sidelines. It felt pretty good."

Boise State won the coin toss to start overtime and elected to play defense against the Sooners first. With the ball on the 25-yard line, Oklahoma star running back Adrian Peterson bounced outside for a touchdown run on the first play of overtime.

BSU had managed to hold Peterson to 52-rushing yards prior to the run, which was the only time all year Peterson was kept under the century mark in a game.

Facing its second deficit of the night Boise State retook the field,

looking to contrive one last miracle sequence. The Broncos went to Schouman three times on their first overtime drive, completing 2-yard, 10-yard and 5-yard passes to the tight end.

The final pass came on a half-back pass, which began by splitting Zabransky out of the backfield, direct snapping the ball to Vinny Perretta, running Perretta to the right and finally throwing the ball to the back of the end zone to Schouman. Schouman finished the game with eight receptions for 72 yards and one touchdown.

"This is better than a dream," Schouman said after the game. "I got my number called a lot. I'm just glad I was getting those opportunities. For our school it's just a huge, exciting game and I'm glad that we won."

The score pulled BSU within a point once again and confronted the team with its second compromising decision of the night - playing to win or playing for overtime.

Despite the misfortune when going for the regular once before, Coach Petersen called his offensive squad back onto the field to go for the two-point conversion and the win.

On the final play of the game Boise State called for the Statue of Liberty play, which left Ian Johnson with a gaping hole to jaunt into the end zone for the win.

Zabransky pumped to the right side of the field then handed the ball behind his back to Johnson who ran into the left side of the end zone for the go-ahead score. Johnson threw

the football up into the crowd as the celebration began in the blue and orange section of the University of Phoenix stadium.

"They're so big, strong and physical. The first overtime didn't go so well," Petersen said about deciding to go for two. "One play, they were in the endzone. We liked the play we had for a two-point conversion. It really wasn't a difficult decision at that point."

Following the game Boise State players celebrated with friends in the stands and hugged teammates on the field. Zabransky was awarded the Offensive Player of the Game award for his 19-29, 262 yard performance.

Marty Tadman won the Defensive Player of the Game trophy after intercepting Thompson twice (once for a touchdown) to go along with five tackles.

Despite one of his best games of the season, Tadman's defensive efforts were nearly overshadowed by the final three minutes of football.

"I have a pretty strong faith in God," Tadman said. "I think he has a strong will for us. I think he blessed us tonight. [I'm] very thankful and humbled by that. You also don't want to talk about the plays I didn't make. I'm happy to talk about the two I did."

For those who witnessed the 2007 Fiesta Bowl it will certainly be a game not easily forgotten. The game was touted as the biggest one in school history and still managed to exceed the lofty expectations.

The Broncos finished the season 13-0 with the final piece of the puzzle accounted for and complete.

Boise State 43, Oklahoma 42

	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
BSU	14	7	7	7	8	43
OU	7	3	7	10	7	42

Scoring summary

First quarter
BSU: James 51 pass from Zabransky (Montgomery kick) 09:06
BSU: Johnson 2 run (Montgomery kick) 07:28
OU: Johnson 8 pass from Thompson (Hartley kick) 00:28

Second quarter
OU: Hartley 31 FG 05:38
BSU: James 32 pass from Zabransky (Montgomery kick) 00:38

Third quarter
BSU: Johnson 27 run (Montgomery kick) 08:05
OU: Peterson 3 run (Hartley kick) 04:29

Fourth quarter
OU: Hartley 28 FG 14:57
OU: Cheney 5 pass from Thompson (Cheney 2-point catch) 05:11
OU: Walker 33 run (Hartley kick) 01:02
BSU: Rabb 38 pass from Zabransky (Montgomery kick) 00:07

Overtime
OU: Peterson 28 run (Hartley kick) 00:00
BSU: Schouman 5 pass from Perretta (Johnson run) 00:00

Game stats	BSU	OU
First downs	16	23
Net yards	110	174
Pass yards	267	238
Air completion	30/20/1	32/19/1
Pantries	2-2	1-1
Punt yards	0/33/0	3/20/2
Kick returns	0/124	0/115
Time of possession	41:40	33:42
Sacks yards	2-15	3-10

The Updates

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Managing Editor

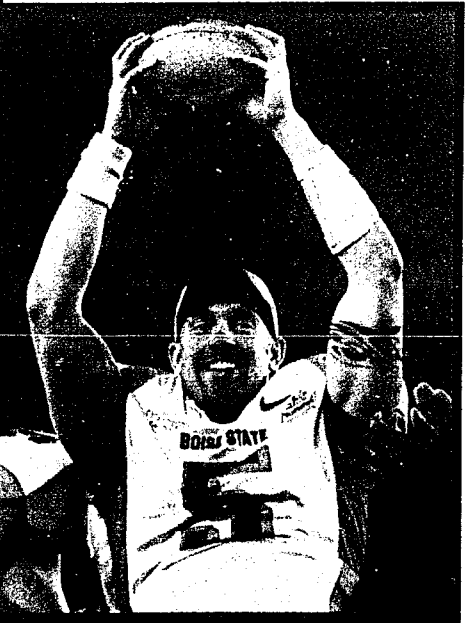


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First update —

11:37 until kickoff. The National Anthem. A 100-yard American flag. Half the stadium is pulsating with orange and blue. Sold out. Smoke from fireworks. The roof is closed. The teams are ready. Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. Boise State vs. Oklahoma, Jan. 1, 2007. Gameday.

Second update —

BSU won the toss, deferred to the second half, kick it off, force a punt.

Third update —

Holy Shnikes! BSU 7, Oklahoma 0. Seven plays, 71 yards, 3:31 Zabransky 49 yards to James. A great play fake, counter to Ian Johnson and Z. hit Drisan on a rope.

Fourth update —

Mike T. Williams: sack, forced fumble, recovered fumble. BSU took over at the nine-yard line. Ian Johnson ran it twice. Once for seven yards and then the sophomore tailback punched it in from two yards out on the old counter left. BSU 14, OU 0.

Fifth update —

Sooners retaliate. Score on a 14-play, 81-yard drive, capped with a Paul Thompson strike from eight yards out to Manuel Johnson. Adrian Peterson touched the ball on five of the 14 plays. Allen Patrick also had carries on the drive. Thompson made the big plays to score first downs.

Sixth Update —

The Sooners forced the Broncos to punt, then started driving again. BSU is handling the OU running game, but Thompson has been connecting with his wide receivers. A moment ago, Marty Tadman closed on a Thompson pass which kind of floated and picked the ball off in the

BSU endzone, giving the Broncos the ball on the 20-yard line and marking the second Sooner turnover on the day.

Seventh update —

Following the turnover, the Sooners stopped the Broncos with a three-and-out. On third down, Drisan James looked as if he caught a gain good enough for the first, but the pass was ruled incomplete. On the ensuing OU drive, the Sooners picked up a 30-yard gain by Allen Patrick and Garrett Hartley kicked a 31-yard field goal to make it Boise State 14, OU 10.

Eighth update —

The Broncos scored again! Two-Minute drill. Z makes a great play with his legs, running 16 yards for a first down, then hits Drisan James again from 32 yards out. Z had to scramble to avoid being sacked, then managed to find the senior receiver along the right sideline. James caught the ball, cut back inside, broke a tackle, cut back to the outside, picked up two key blocks and sprinted into the end-zone to make it 21-10 BSU.

It's halftime. Ian Johnson has not had a great game. The Sooners are focusing on Johnson and Z is hitting his outside receivers locked up in man-to-man coverage. The Broncos are halfway to completing the dream season so many doubted was possible. The bands are on the field and this reporter needs to stretch his legs. The focus will need to remain and the pressure should still be applied. We said that turnovers would matter. They have. We said that the teams would focus on the run. They have. What will happen in the second half?

Ninth update —

How bout that Gerald Alexander? He just picked off a Thompson pass on third and 10 and returned it out to his own 47-yard line. The pass was a bad decision for the senior quarterback. He was rolling to his right and threw

the ball across his body in an attempt to hit a receiver cruising across the deep field. Alexander was playing deep coverage and Thompson never saw him.

10th update —

Marty Tadman just jumped on an 11-yard out and returned the damn thing to the house to make it 28-10 Boise State. Whodathunkit? The Boise State Broncos are beating the Oklahoma Sooners in the Fiesta Bowl. But, there are 23 minutes left in this game and if my prognostication is correct, the Sooners will score two more touchdowns.

11th update —

The Sooners cashed in the price paid by a Bronco turnover. The Broncos forced OU to punt, but the bouncing punt hit Aiona Key in the leg and gave the ball to Oklahoma on the BSU 11-yard line. Adrian Peterson ran it in on an outside left iso two plays later to close the gap to 28-17.

12th update —

The Sooners have rallied to score again, with Hartley nailing a 29-yard field goal to make the game a 28-20 affair. The Broncos just punted again. They cannot manage to sustain drives. The Sooners are shooting themselves in the scoreboard; BSU is merely taking advantage. Who will win? The next 12:26 will decide.

13th update —

Tad Man's got guts. The Broncos stopped the Sooners with a 3-and-out, a TFL for Dennis Ellis (who's having a hell of a game) a PBR by Gerald Alexander and a good stick by DAVID SHIELDS. On the punt return, Tadman was hit by a flying Lewis Baker.

Ian Johnson fumbled to give the ball back to the Sooners. They drive toward the tying score. It is BSU 28, OU 20 with three minutes left.

Like his career at BSU, Z's final game is a rollercoaster ride

BY DREW MAYES
Editor-in-Chief

PHOENIX, Ariz. - They say legacies are built on longevity, but for Bronco quarterback Jared Zabransky, his legacy may very well be defined in one game. In what will go down as the biggest game in the history of the Boise State football program, Zabransky finally got his first bowl game win and was recognized as the game's offensive most valuable player in Boise State's 43-42 overtime win against the University of Oklahoma.

"You know, this was an unbelievable game," Zabransky said. "This probably goes down in the history of college football ... it can be argued as the best game ever."

Zabransky, a three-year starter, replaced Ryan Dinwiddie as the Broncos' starting quarterback as a sophomore. Replacing Dinwiddie was no small feat - the former Bronco shattered school records and left as the NCAA all-time leader in passing efficiency.

After a sensational sophomore year in which Zabransky led the Broncos to an undefeated regular season, the kid from a potato farm in Hermiston, Ore., was anointed as the golden boy of Bronco football. But a 44-40 loss against Louisville in the Liberty Bowl that ended on an interception in the end zone, followed by an opening season loss to Georgia in which Zabransky committed six first-half turnovers before being benched changed the public's perception.

In less than a year the Bronco

quarterback had gone from golden boy to whipping boy and members of the media publicly called the quarterback out for his refusal to talk about the Georgia game.

Boise State fans booed Zabransky at the end of the MPC Bowl when what looked to be an impressive Bronco comeback ended with another Zabransky interception. Zabransky was now 0-2 in bowl games, both of which ended with interceptions in the endzone that could have won the game.

The now senior quarterback came into the 2006 season with many fans calling for his head. Instead of looking over his shoulder, Zabransky responded by having his best season statistically and leading the Broncos to another undefeated regular season and their first Bowl Championship Series appearance against the University of Oklahoma in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

Taking a 21-10 lead into halftime, Zabransky looked every bit the mistake-free senior quarterback he had been all season going 10-for-16 for 142 yards and two touchdowns.

But when the Sooners started to roll in the third quarter and the Bronco offense began falling stagnant, the questions of Zabransky in pressure situations once again became a hot topic for the fans in the stands and members of the media in the press box. The talk intensified when Oklahoma tied the game 28-28 and took the lead one play later when Zabransky was intercepted by OU's Marcus Walker who went 33 yards in the opposite

direction for the touchdown to give the Sooners a 35-28 lead with just 1:02 left.

Zabransky would finish the game 19 of 29 for 262 yards and three touchdowns with one interception.

For the third straight year, Zabransky had thrown a costly interception in a bowl game. However, this time he would get one more chance.

"A minute with two timeouts is a lot of time," Zabransky said. "Anything can happen in a college football game and we knew that."

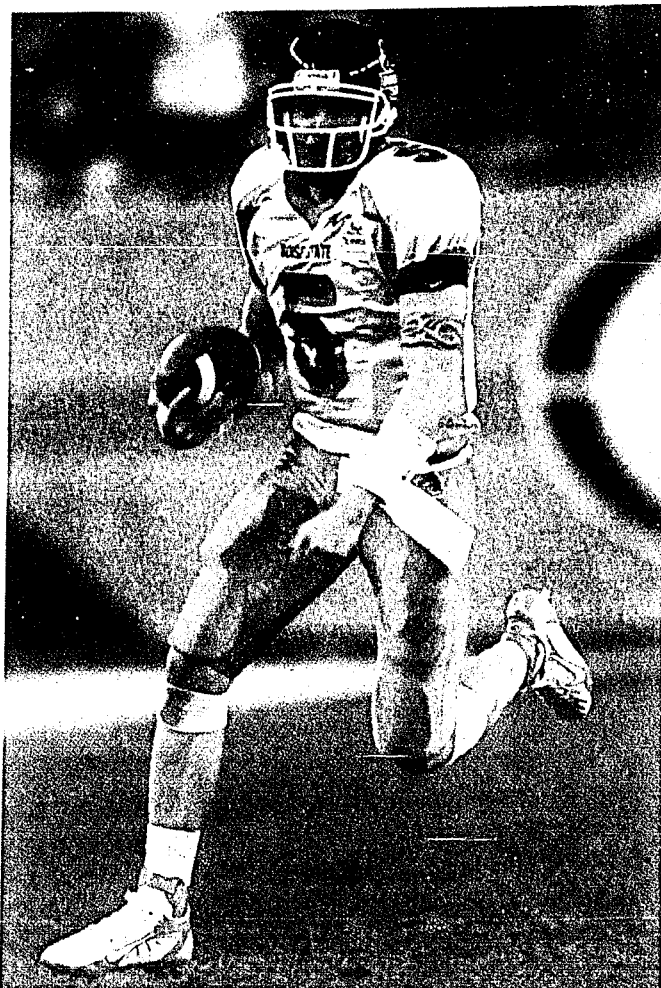
With the game and his legacy on the line, Zabransky had just one minute to define himself. Would he be remembered as the guy who consistently choked in pressure situations, or as the guy who led the Broncos to their first BCS victory? One minute to decide.

Sliding to his left to avoid the Sooner defenders, Zabransky started answering the question by finding tight end Derek Schouman for 36 yards over the middle to the OU 42.

Dropping back on the next play, Zabransky was sacked. What else would you expect at this point?

Two plays later, two incomplete passes. Facing fourth down, Jared Zabransky had one play left to define himself.

Needing to pick up 18 yards to sustain the drive, Zabransky found Drisan James for a 15-yard completion. Looking like the drive had come up just short, James later-alied the ball back to Jerard Rabb. Rabb turned on the jets, leaving Oklahoma defenders confused



Jared Zabransky improved his quarterback efficiency rating to 162.6, ranking him as No. 6 in the nation.

and gasping as the Bronco receiver went the remaining 35 yards for the game-tying touchdown.

"That's what a fifth-year senior

quarterback needs to do to pull out a big win - it says a lot about him," Boise State Head Coach Chris Petersen said of Zabransky's

play in the final drive. "The guy is a winner, check his record - he's as good as any quarterback in the country."

Down by seven in overtime, Zabransky went 2-for-2 in overtime and got in motion, drawing the attention of the OU defense as the Broncos directly snapped the ball to backup running back Vinny Perretta who threw to Schouman in the endzone for the touchdown on fourth and two.

Instead of settling for the extra point to send the game into double overtime, the Broncos went for the win and a two-point conversion, putting the biggest game in the school's history in the hands of Zabransky.

In shotgun formation, Zabransky faked a screen pass to his right and handed the ball off to runningback Ian Johnson, who sprinted his way into the endzone for the two-point conversion and the Bronco upset victory.

"He's learned a lot of hard lessons through the years which all great quarterbacks do and I think the biggest thing he learned is it's never over - you always have a chance," Petersen said.

"I'm so happy for my guys, this was an unbelievable game," Zabransky said. "After I threw that interception I had probably 10 guys come up to me and say there's a minute left - you can do it. And we did it."

After three years, Jared Zabransky has finally done it. He has finally won a bowl game as the Broncos' starting quarterback. He has finally answered the critics.

Broncos defense steps up big in win

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Managing Editor

GLENDALE, Ariz. - To defend the Sooners in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, the Boise State Broncos used a unique tactic - they played as a team.

There is no word better than swarm. It means the Broncos rallied to the ball.

It means they never stopped pursuing the running backs or the wide receivers.

It means that 21 different players recorded at least one tackle Jan. 1 at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz.

It means that eight players recorded a tackle for a loss.

It means that 11 players had at least three tackles.

Guys like Mike T. Williams (a seldom-mentioned defensive tackle) sacked Paul Thompson - forcing a fumble and recovering it on the same play.

Marty Tadman jumped an out route and took it 27 yards to the land of milk and honey.

Dennis Ellis got five tackles and put the carry-and-bury on Adrian Peterson on the final play of the first half, sending a message to all those doubters that BSU was not going to fold. They bent, but were left with no creases.

The Broncos only had two sacks, the one by Ellis and another shared by Nick Schlekeway and Andrew Browning. All three recorded TFLs.

Although the team implemented the swarm, it is composed of individuals who made plays. 17 players recorded solo tackles in the game.

Kyle Wilson was the obvious stud. He led the team with 10 tackles, all solo.

BSU safety Gerald Alexander got a pick in the first half, going up and stealing a deep ball that was going to be caught for a touchdown had he not made the play.

Tadman actually recorded two interceptions in the game. One he returned for a touchdown and another he caught in his own end zone to disable an Oklahoma drive.

"I don't know," Tadman said, "I made the play. The coverage we had totally blew. I was just the post defender; saw him open. The quarterback underthrew it a little bit. I was glad I was in front of that guy [senior receiver Malcolm Kelly]. He's huge, very tall."

Tadman gave all his thanks to God, whom he said gives him all



Defensive tackle Dennis Ellis tackles Adrian Peterson for a loss during the Fiesta Bowl. Ellis and the defense held Peterson to 77 yards on the ground, the lowest output of his career. Eleven different Broncos recorded a tackle for a loss in the upset. The Broncos won 43-42.

his strength and makes his life flow like it does.

Kelly was touted as the difference maker coming into this game, an absolute stud this season.

Kelly didn't catch a pass in the game.

Juaquin Iglesias caught six balls for 120 yards. Manuel Johnson caught six for 57 yards and a score and Quentin Chaney caught four passes for 37 yards and a score.

The Broncos put pressure on University of Oklahoma quarterback Paul Thompson. They didn't sack him much, but they did a solid job of collapsing the pocket on the

elusive QB.

Thompson did tuck the ball and run seven times for 46 yards. He was a sub-par 19-for-32 passing with two TDs, three interceptions and 233 yards passing.

"I thought we were average to poor in the first half," Oklahoma Head Coach Bob Stoops said. "They did a nice job taking us away. The turnovers really hurt us."

The Sooners committed four turnovers in the game. All were the fault of Thompson. He threw three interceptions and fumbled once.

"I made some passes I normally wouldn't," Thompson said. "I think I was trying to do too much.

I wasn't really nervous; I was just trying to play, to do too much."

The greatest accomplishment of the night (other than the overall achievement of winning the Fiesta Bowl) was the impeccable job the Broncos did of stopping Adrian Peterson.

The All-American tailback came into the game with dreams of becoming the all-time leading rusher at Oklahoma and left wondering what happened.

In the post game press conference the junior could barely answer questions. He was dumbstruck by the tricks the Broncos had pulled out of their hats.

The Broncos, ranked No. 8 in the Bowl Subdivision and No. 6 in rushing offense, didn't exactly shoot down the all star, but they certainly kept him from taking over the game. Peterson carried the ball 20 times in the game for 77 yards. He actually gained 88, but also lost 11.

His longest carry if the night was the first play of overtime, in which he took a play to the house (25 yards).

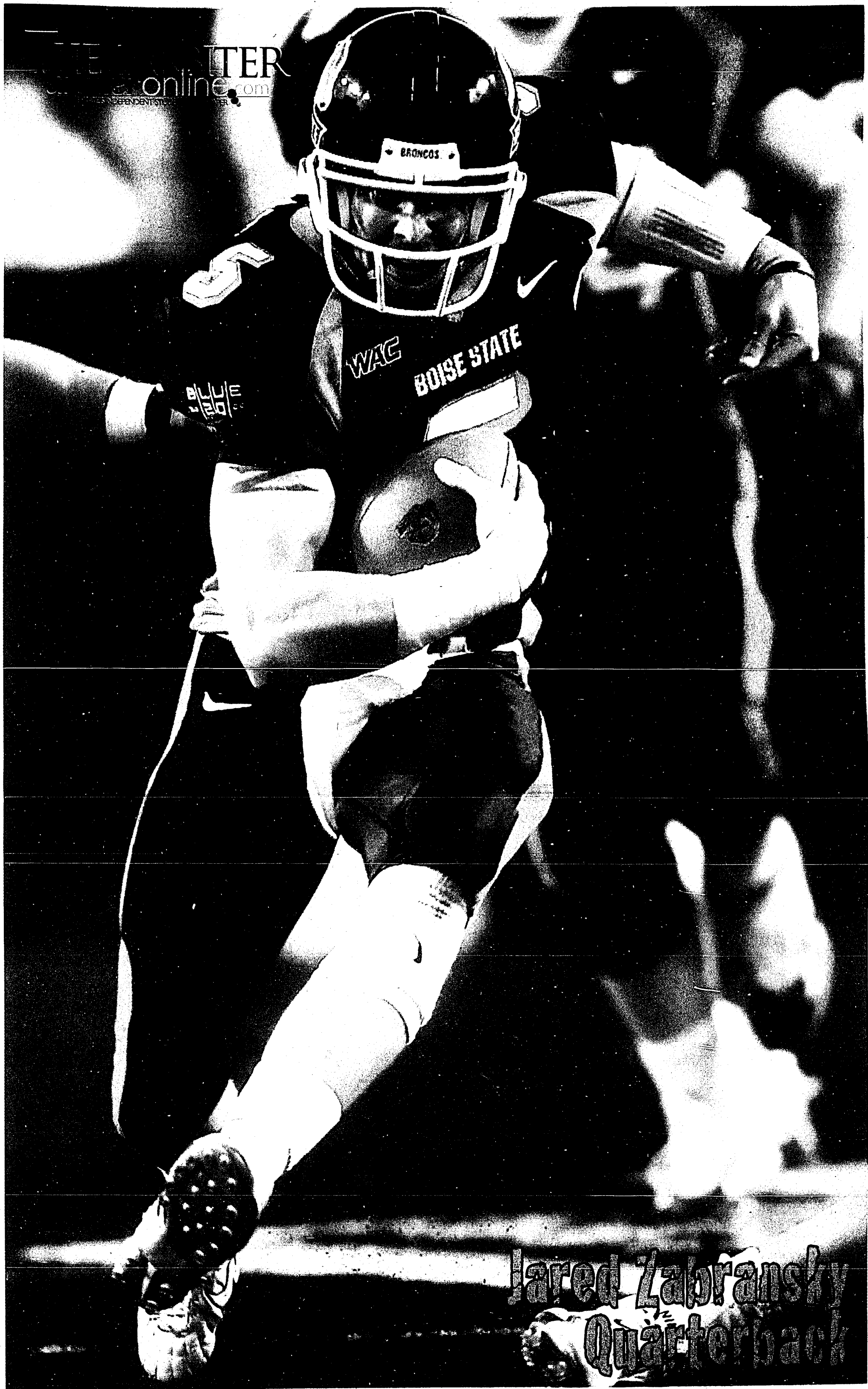
Another big stat that might get lost in the story lines is the third-down conversion percentage. Oklahoma converted 2-of-10. Two of Thompson's picks were thrown on third down.

The defense was on the field for 19 minutes in the first half, but in the second half the Bronco offense was able to control the clock a little better to give the defense a break.

These guys get rings. They get pride. They get to say that they are champions of the Fiesta Bowl and they could say they are the only undefeated team in the country.

Overall, the Broncos finished 14th in the nation in total defense, giving up 284 yards per game.

Right now, they are just happy to have won and proved themselves worthy to a nation which has doubted them around every turn.



Jared Zabransky
Quarterback

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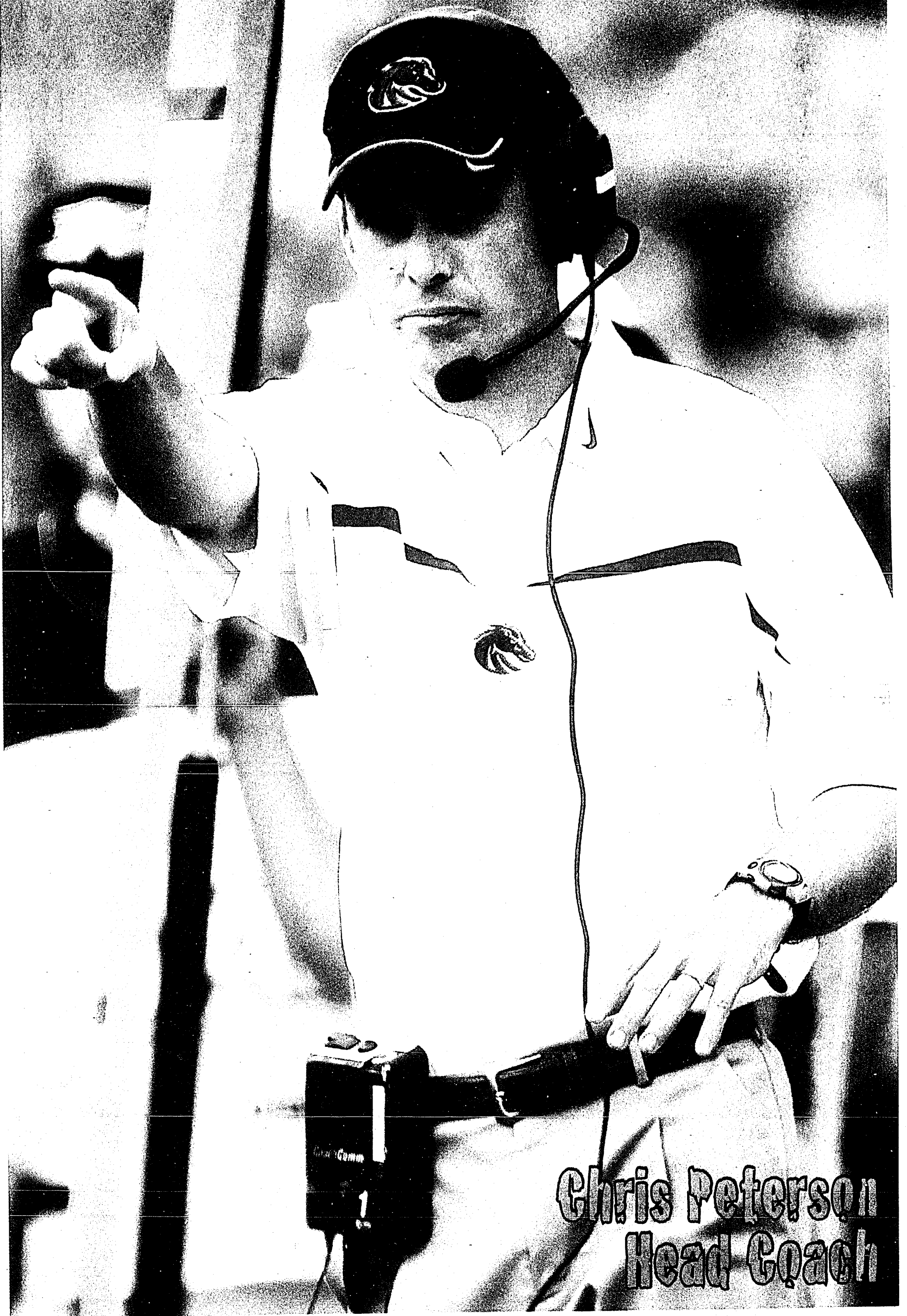
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Boise State Head Football Coach Chris Petersen led the Broncos to their first Bowl Championship Series berth and victory in team history. The Broncos, under the tutelage of their calm and constant head coach, beat the University of Oklahoma 43-42 in overtime to win the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Jan. 1, 2007. The team finished 13-0 overall and 8-0 in the Western Athletic Conference. Petersen and his team did all this in their first season together. Petersen was the first coach in more than 100 years to lead a team to a 13-0 record his first season as head coach. The last time that occurred was in 1888 when Walter Camp led Yale to a 13-0 record. Because of his success on the sidelines, Petersen earned two coach of the year awards. He was named Region 4 Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association. Last week, Petersen was honored as the Paul "Bear" Bryant College Coach of the Year, awarded annually by national sports writers. The award was the first individual national award given to a member of Boise State Athletics.

Petersen previously served for five years as the offensive coordinator for the Broncos. Before that, he spent six seasons as the wide receivers coach at the University of Oregon. He also spent seasons as the quarterbacks coach at Portland State and the University of Pittsburgh.



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BY BRIAN LUPTAK
Arbiter Staff

PHOENIX, Ariz. - Boise State football history begins in 1968. At the time, the school was actually named Boise Junior College and the football stadium resided in the area of campus now occupied by the Student Union Building. The program made an impressive debut finishing their initial season with an 8-2 record.

In the second year of existence, the independent program performed even better resulting in a surprising 9-1 record.

In 1970, Boise State was adopted by an affiliation the school would call home for the next 25 years - the Big Sky Conference. The Broncos played three mediocre winning seasons at the beginning of their Big Sky tenure before winning the conference for three consecutive years.

Much of this success was due to the coaching development of Tony Knap. However, when Knap accepted the head coaching position at University of Nevada Las Vegas in 1976, his replacement (Jim Criner) became the first coach in BSU history to experience a losing season.

The Broncos recovered nicely though, with a 9-2 finish the following year and another Big Sky Championship. Criner won his last conference championship and his first National Division II championship in 1980.

He coached only two more years following the national title season before turning the team over to Lyle Stencich. Stencich became the first coach to lead the Broncos onto their trademark blue turf. He was also the first BSU coach to not win a conference title. Skip Hall trailed Stencich and quickly became the

second. This was the first serious dry spell the football program had ever experienced and even the new blue turf wasn't enough to inspire the Broncos.

Their next Big Sky Championship wasn't until 1994 when the team's second-year Head Coach Pokey Allen led the Broncos to the Division I-AA National championship game in which they lost to Youngstown State 28-14.

In 1996, the Broncos stepped up into the Big West conference and Division I-A football. Along with the transition, came the worst season the Broncos have ever played. The 2-10 record was a big wakeup call for the program, which quickly recovered and eventually won its first Division I-A conference championship in 1999 under Coach Dirk Koetter. The championship was successfully defended

the following year, giving BSU its first back-to-back Division I-A conference championships.

When Boise State moved conferences yet again in 2001, the program named a new head coach. Coach Dan Hawkins only needed one building year to create a tradition that has been renewed this season.

With their newest coach, Chris Peterson, the Broncos have now won their sixth consecutive Western Athletic Conference Championship, putting them among the most consistent, effective and successful college football programs in history. Though six back-to-back conference championships is quite a feat,

another milestone has emerged this season that has distinguished Boise State as a football program among the elites: a Bowl Championship Series berth.

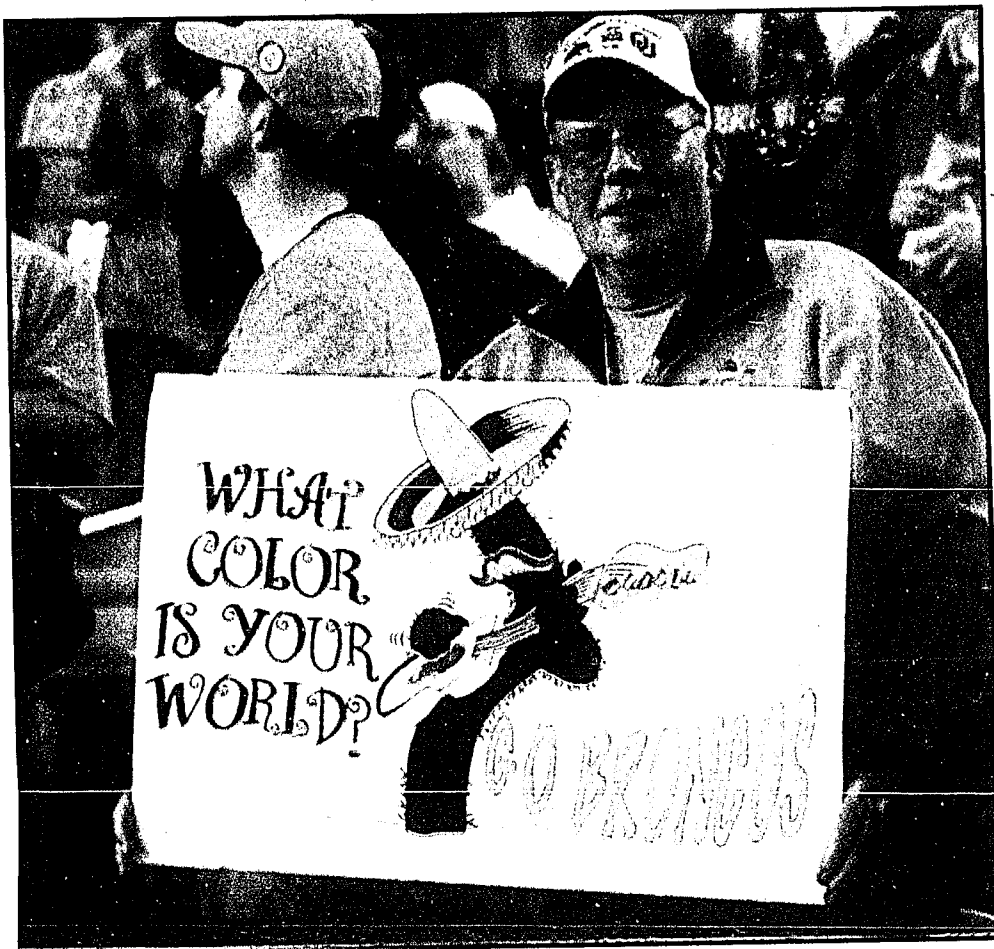
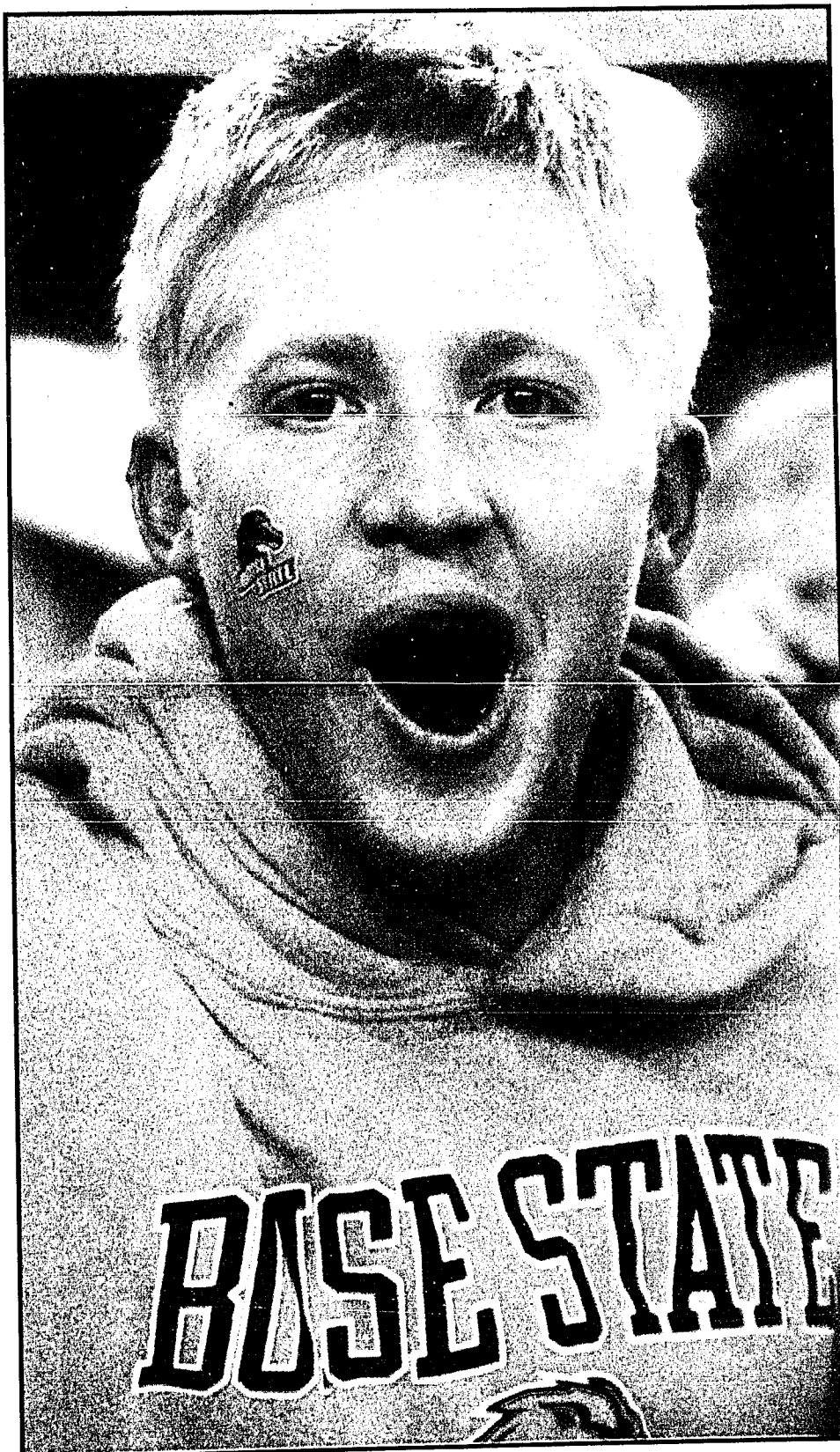
With only days left until the Broncos play in their first BCS Bowl game, the accomplishments of the underestimated program are more than astonishing. It was only ten years ago that Boise State was a powerhouse in its familiar Division I-AA Big Sky Conference. Now the Broncos are revealing themselves as a force to be reckoned with in the highest level of college football. The Broncos have built an impressive 316-140-2 record spanning over

38 seasons. In only 28 seasons as part of a conference, Boise State has won 13 conference championships and one national Division I-AA championship.

One more championship is desired this year by the Boise State football team. This championship is the Fiesta Bowl. The school has built something great in a little amount of time.

Yet, many people still doubt the capability of the Broncos. On New Year's Day Boise State finally has its chance to validate 10 years of solid, dedicated work toward becoming a football program among the best in college history.

Fans fuel Fiesta Bowl fever



BY SHEREE WHITELEY
Arbiter Staff

PHOENIX, Ariz. - 73,719 Bronco and Sooner fans converged their voices to bring the noise level in the University of Phoenix stadium to a deafening roar. The attendance at the game marked the 16th consecutive sell-out in the history of the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl and there definitely wasn't a lack of enthusiasm present among the attending fans.

Bands played, cheerleaders danced and yelled, but the most apparent means of support came from the blinding displays of Boise State blue and orange and Oklahoma University red and white.

The devotion of the fans was apparent even before entering the stadium. Monstrous RVs filled the stadium parking lot and people completely covered in their team's colors greeted newcomers.

Faces were painted, hair was dyed, pom-poms were shaken and vocal chords were exercised to support the fans' beloved teams. Some spent hours or days preparing their attire and set-up, and many believe that it aids in their team's performance.

It seemed that an invisible line had been drawn down the middle of the field. One half contained more

blue and orange attire than an eye could handle, red and white on the other.

"Noise definitely makes a big difference for whoever is on offense at the time. I think the players feed off of how much energy the fans are putting out. The cool thing about this game is that I think it's the most evenly-divided game I've ever seen. As a football fan, it's kind of cool seeing it split fifty-fifty," said Mark Hulm, a Sooner fan from Phoenix, Ariz.

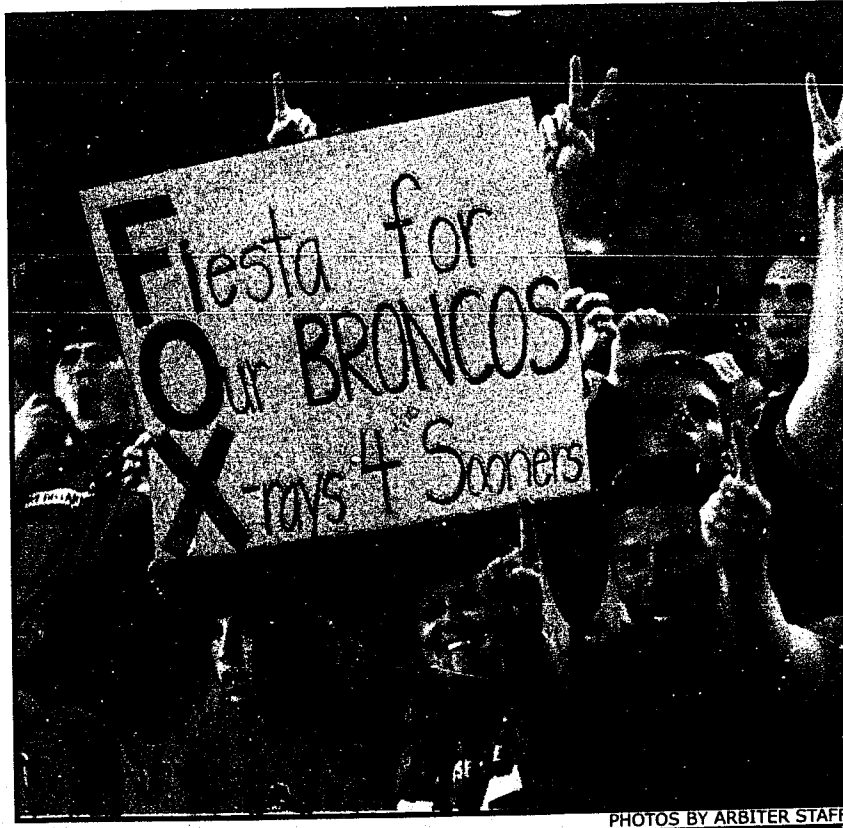
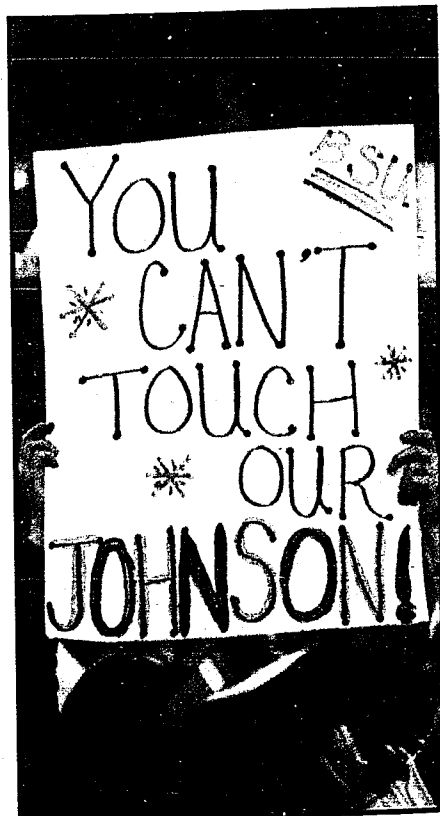
Even at the concession stands and lines to the bathrooms, cheers of "Boise" and "State" echoed throughout the hallways on the Bronco side of the stadium.

"It's amazing. I went to the Liberty Bowl and this is a lot better. You could see it at the tailgate party - orange and blue was everywhere," said Scott Darling, a Bronco fan since the mid-1980s.

Many dedicated alumni members filled the stadium - fans who have stuck by their team through thick and thin.

The combined efforts of every die-hard fan in the stadium produced an electric air that anyone attending couldn't help but embrace.

As for what it takes to be a true fan, Darling believes, "It takes a lot of perseverance. A strong heart. Belief - belief in what can happen."



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Bronco win proves joyous and painful

Band Director rushed to hospital and Bronco running back pops question immediately following the game

BY JESSICA CHRISTENSEN
News Editor

GLENDALE, Ariz. - Keith Stein Blue Thunder Marching Band Director David Wells was immediately rushed to the emergency room after an alleged heart attack following the game.

Current treatment and vitals were not known at game time. Wells was later reported to have recovered from the attack. He is expected to make a full recovery.

Also following the game, Bronco running back Ian Johnson proposed to his girlfriend Christine Popadics just before the trophy announcement.

Popadics, of Boise, attends Boise State and is a member of the Bronco Spirit Squad.

Fellow football players had heard rumors of the proposal, but weren't sure when it would take place.

Johnson mentioned the proposal to Fiesta Bowl officials and they gave him the idea to propose after a "game-winning touchdown." He proposed immediately following that very thing.

"Right after the touchdown I waited for the cameras, surprised the hell out of her," Johnson said.

"I'm in shock, this was all too much," Popadics said. "The game was enough."

Laughter was shared at the press conference as Bronco quarterback Jared Zabransky shared his thoughts on the proposal.

"I doubt it would have been as romantic if we had lost," Zabransky said.

Other members of the spirit squad and football players embraced both Johnson and Popadics as information of the proposal spread.

Popadics stood outside the swarm of reporters around Johnson after the game.

Bronco safety Marty Tadman mentioned later in the press conference he wasn't surprised at the spontaneity of the proposal given Johnson's personal character.

Johnson and Popadics later took their engagement on the road, with a stop in New York for "Good Morning America."

Hall stands tall, the bedrock Bronco

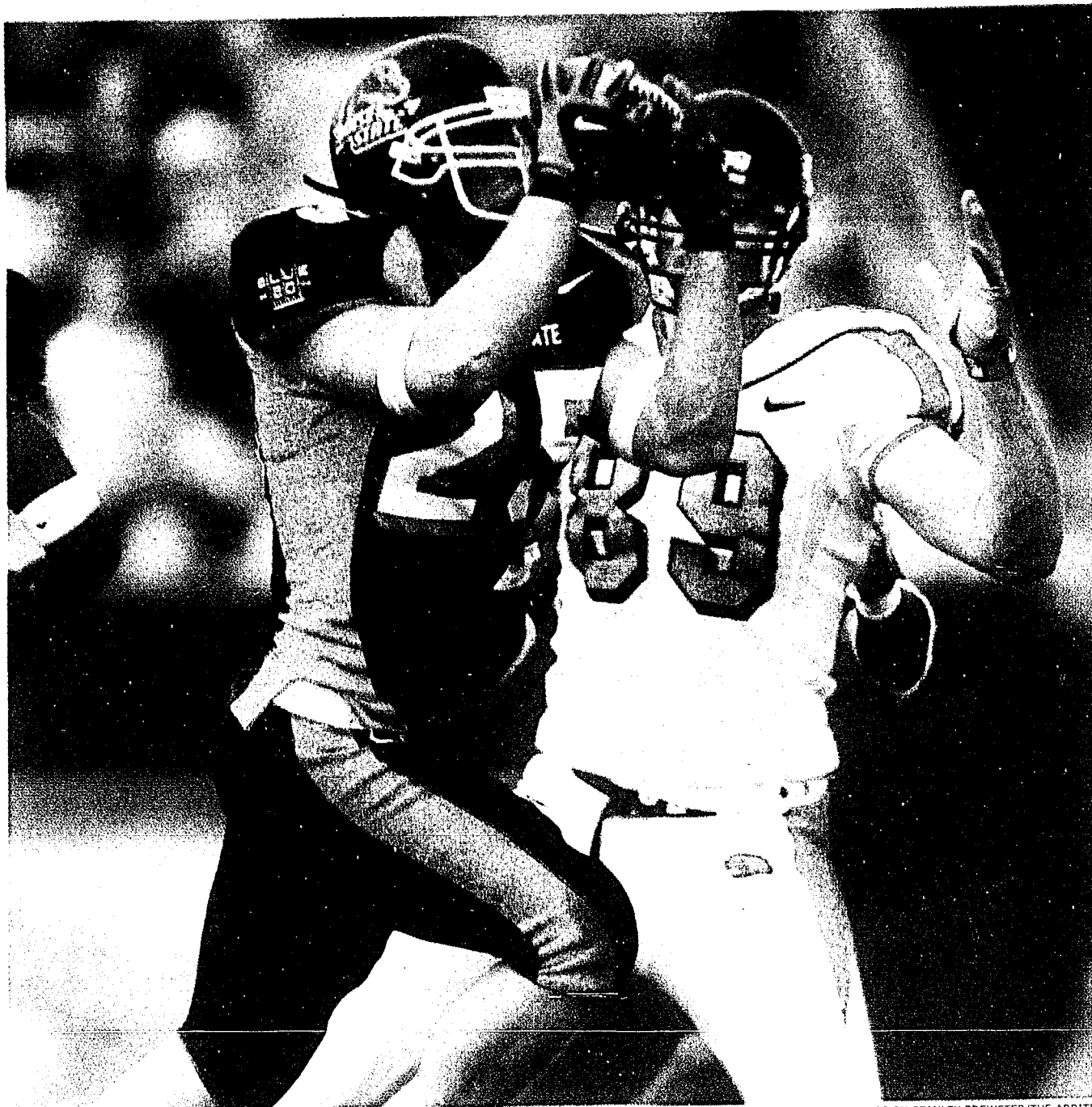


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Boise State middle linebacker Corey Hall, a native of Glens Ferry, Idaho, snags a pass in the Broncos' win earlier this season against Oregon State. Hall finished the season with 111 tackles and six interceptions.

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
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PHOENIX, Ariz. - Corey Hall is a small-town kid. But he is a big-time linebacker for the Boise State Broncos. The senior mike backer lead the Broncos in 2006 in tackles (105) and interceptions (6).

He was recently named the Western Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year for the 2006 season.

He was named first-team all-WAC for the third year in a row, a quarterfinalist for the Lott Trophy, was named the Broncos' most outstanding defensive player and

moved into fourth place on BSU's all-time tackles list. He finished with double-digit tackles four times in the regular season.

He helped lead his team to the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, one of the Bowl Championship Series bowls.

That's quite a lot for a kid from Glens Ferry, Idaho.

The town lies on the Snake river in southwest Idaho. It is a rural community, its namesake based on an actual man who ferried settlers across the Snake in their quest to find opportunity in the west.

Opportunity. The word is key when talking of this stalwart young man. He

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Corey Hall

grasped his opportunity, one of his only shots at playing college football, when he signed with the BSU

program.

Hall was a stud at Glens Ferry High School, where he played

both linebacker and running back. He recorded 359 tackles in his four years as a starter in the 2A division.

He also rushed for 2,802 yards. In smaller schools, the athletes are asked to do much more than those in larger schools. Hall also played special teams and placed second in the Idaho State Wrestling tournament his senior year.

Hall fit right in when he came to Boise State. His work ethic and blue-collar mentality jelled quite naturally with the hard-nosed Broncos. He was and still is willing to do anything for his team.

His savvy pass coverage has let him record more interceptions (11) than any other linebacker in WAC history.

And now, in his final game as a Bronco, his future on the line, desires for a career in construction management in his future and people still talking about he and the Broncos' performances at the Fiesta Bowl, Hall is as composed as ever.

There were doubters that questioned the mid-major Broncos' ability to hang with the class of the NCAA and its most-hailed tailback, Adrian Peterson. Hall had a plan before the bowl game.

The Broncos did quite well this season with slowing down the run and in many instances, straight up negating opposing offenses from any rushing success. The Broncos rank No. 20 nationally in scoring defense, ironically one slot behind the Oklahoma Sooners.

With Hall as its captain, the Bronco defense is No. 8 in the nation in rush defense, giving up about 89.1 yards per game on the ground.

Stopping the run puts opposing offenses into third-and-long situations and forces them to make mistakes or punt the ball away.

"We want to control the game, the ball, create turnovers and not give them up," Hall said.

And that is a sound goal. But most of the nation isn't giving these Broncos a chance. For Hall, he has been fighting for a chance for years. He has been playing for respect and playing to play and all those things which make the Idaho athlete so pure.

"Our team and definitely our senior class, we've have a chip on our shoulder," Hall said. "We want to come out and show people what we're all about and that we have a great team."

That's exactly what they did when they defeated the Sooners 43-42 on Jan. 1, 2007.

Bronco, Sooner fans enjoy Fort McDowell Fiesta Bowl Parade



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PHOENIX, Ariz. - Approximately 400,000 Fiesta Bowl enthusiasts and local residents lined the streets of central Phoenix to relax and take in the magnificence of the Fort McDowell Fiesta Bowl Parade.

The sounds of many marching bands, including the finalists in the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Fiesta Bowl National

Band Championships and the bands from Boise State University and the University of Oklahoma echoed down the asphalt.

Acclaimed as one of the top six parades in the nation by "USA Today," the event featured more than 80 performing groups from across the country, gigantic helium balloons and unique floats.

Marching bands and cheerleaders from both Oklahoma and Boise State pulled fans that had made the journey to come watch their favorite team as they went

head-to-head in the bowl game Jan. 1.

Football fans erupted when the floats of the teams set to play in the Fiesta Bowl passed by. Chants of "Boise" and "State" filled the air as the gigantic BSU helmet floated down the street, pulled by a small tractor. "Oklahoma, we want to hear you!" flowed from the mouths of Sooner fans once they caught a glimpse of the shimmering BSU helmet float.

Bob and Jane Lindsay, of Boise, Idaho, arrived about two hours prior the begin-

ning of the parade. The couple has followed BSU for many years - including on the team's trips to Hawaii and the Liberty Bowl in Kentucky.

"We consider this an awesome opportunity and hopefully not once in a lifetime," Bob Lindsay said. The entire Lindsay family (with the exception of Bob) is currently attending to have attended BSU, and hold a master's degree in business administration from the university, their son recently graduated and is attending medical school

in Arizona and their daughter is completing graduate school at BSU.

Many Oklahoma fans made the journey to the parade as well. John and Barbara Herdt traveled from Lincoln, Okla., to watch the game and cheer on their favorite team. They didn't doubt the abilities of BSU, despite their diehard enthusiasm for OU.

"It'll be close. They [Boise State] can't go that long undefeated and not be good," John Herdt said on Dec. 30, 2006.

Naanee embraces team concept



Legedu Naanee burst onto the Bronco scene last season. He finished the '06-07 season with 35 receptions.

BY JAKE GARCIN
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PHOENIX, Ariz. — Every coach hopes to recruit players that completely embody the team concept. At Boise State no one has shown more of a team-first attitude than senior wide receiver Legedu Naanee. Naanee came to Boise by way of Portland, Ore., with hopes of becoming the next great quarterback at BSU.

After spending a season and a half as a backup QB, Naanee was moved to wide receiver during the 2004 season. Naanee (6'2", 228lbs.) provided a big, athletic body at the receiver position and Chris Petersen, who was the offensive coordinator at the time, felt Naanee could be utilized as a pass catcher for Jared Zabransky.

Naanee transitioned nicely, starting all 13 games at receiver for the Broncos in 2005. He finished the '05 campaign as the team's second-leading receiver with 34 catches for 483 yards. Most importantly, Legedu finished 2005 with six touchdown catches, which gave BSU a big-bodied receiver to make plays in the red zone.

Despite having an apparent smooth move between positions, Coach Petersen admits the coaching staff did have some concerns about making the switch. Along with learning new aspects of the offense, Naanee was also responsible for learning to accept a new role on the team. Like a true signal caller, Naanee took his role in the best interest of the team and moved forward without any complaint.

"I didn't know how his senior was gonna be," Petersen said. "He got better last year, but you never know how kids are gonna progress. For him to move from quarterback, it was hard for him to do that. It wasn't easy for us to do that. For him to be where he is now is awesome."

In 2006 Naanee provided a near mirror-image performance from his 2005 season. Just like in 2005, Naanee finished the '06 season with 34 receptions and six touchdown catches. The only difference between his junior and senior years was 42 more receiving yards and the fact that Naanee led the team in receptions, rather than his second place spot in '05.

Naanee also became a bigger down-field threat in 2006. In previous seasons Naanee wasn't regarded as a deep-threat receiver, but more of a slant receiver that could take contact after the catch. This season, however, Zabransky found Naanee several times down field including a 61-yard reception. Zabransky's longest toss of the year.

Entering the Fiesta Bowl Naanee has already eclipsed the 1,000-yard receiving mark at Boise State with 1,050 yards on 72 career receptions. Naanee will get the opportunity to display his game one final time in a Bronco uniform against a very aggressive Oklahoma defense.

"There are certain guys in this program that are hard for me to talk about," Petersen said. "He's been through a lot. There's no doubt that he's gonna be a big factor in this game."

Petersen also said he feels the match-up against OU will give Naanee a chance to show his receiving prowess on a National Stage. Naanee may have only played two full seasons at the receiver position, but he has already developed into a player with a promising future on the field.

"I think he's been totally happy there. There's no question he's embraced the role. He's doing awesome with it. I think he's gonna be an NFL player at the wide receiver position. But it hasn't been easy," Peterson said.

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Cavenders have bittersweet Fiesta Bowl experience

BY DREW MAYES
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PHOENIX, Ariz. — For Jeff and Pete Cavender, the experience of the Fiesta Bowl has been a little bittersweet.

The twin brothers had been playing football together every year since they were in fourth grade, but that all changed this past summer when Pete ruptured his Achilles tendon during summer conditioning drills.

The injury forced Pete to miss the entire 2006 season and separated the brothers on the field for the first time ever.

"I knew exactly what happened as soon as it happened," Pete said.

"The injury is just another hurdle I have to climb over. I think he's [Jeff] taken the injury harder than I have."

In honor of his twin brother, Jeff, dedicated this season to his brother by wearing his number, 64, throughout the year.

"It says Cavender on the back of my jersey, but that's not just my last name — it's his too," Jeff said. "It's important to him and it's important to myself that I represent both of us out there."

The significance of his brother's gesture did not go unnoticed or unappreciated by Pete.

"It's pretty cool recognition from him and shows you what kind of guy he is," Pete said. It put a pretty big lump in my throat the first time I saw it."

While Pete continues to progress in rehabilitation ahead of schedule, his brother Jeff is about to start his 37th consecutive game as a Bronco this Monday against Oklahoma in the biggest game either of the brothers have played in.

"Coming to Boise State I didn't even dream of playing in a BCS game," Jeff said.

Jeff probably didn't dream of playing three different positions in three years for the Broncos either, but that hasn't stopped the standout lineman from completing the offensive lineman trifecta.

His freshman year Jeff started all 12 games as the team's right tackle.

Last year he started every game as center and this year as right guard.

While Jeff continues to set the standard for Bronco offensive linemen, his brother continues to contribute to the team anyway he can despite his Achilles injury.

"I try to keep as busy as I can helping out and coach Kugler has done a great job of letting me help him," Pete said.

"It's kept me motivated, gave me a purpose this season and made me feel like part of this team."

While the 2006 season has provided very different experiences for the Cavenders, both agree they'll be looking forward to doing what is necessary for the Broncos to have another successful year in 2007 ... together.

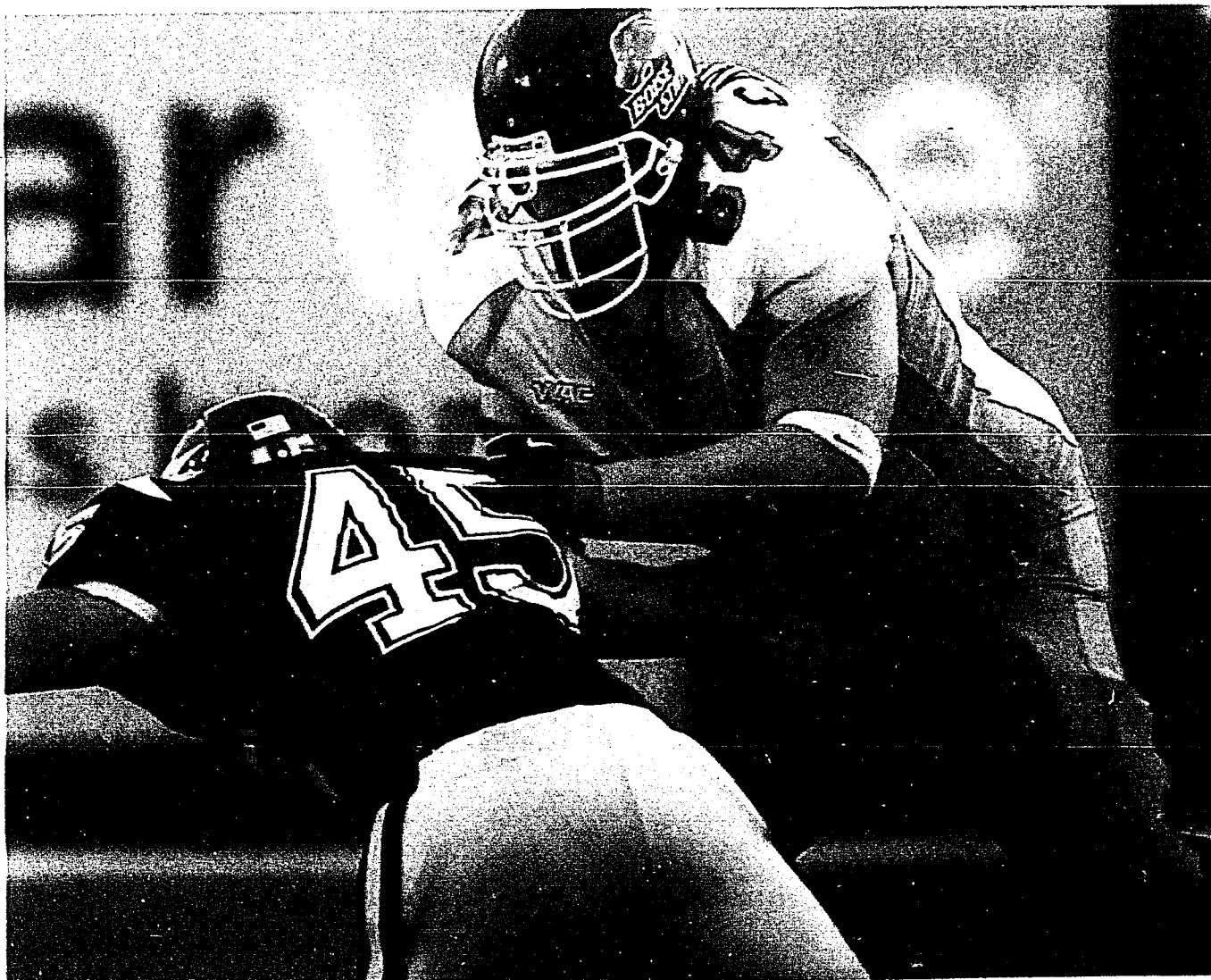
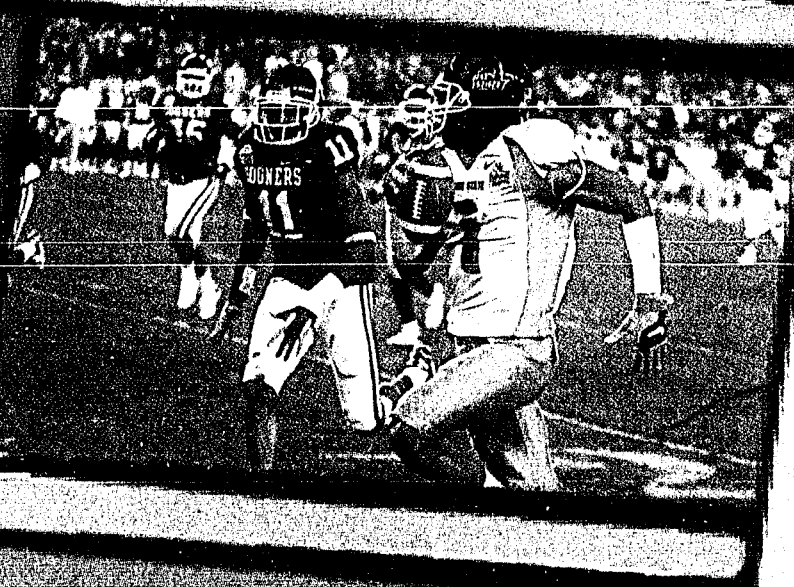
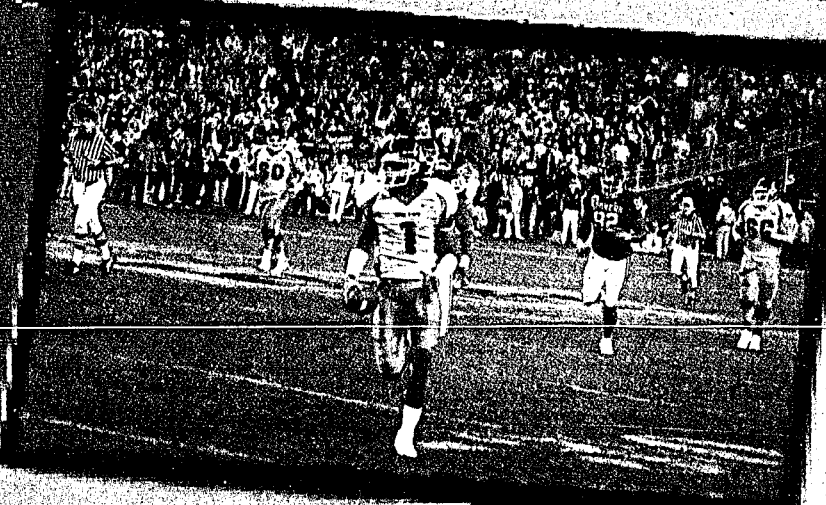
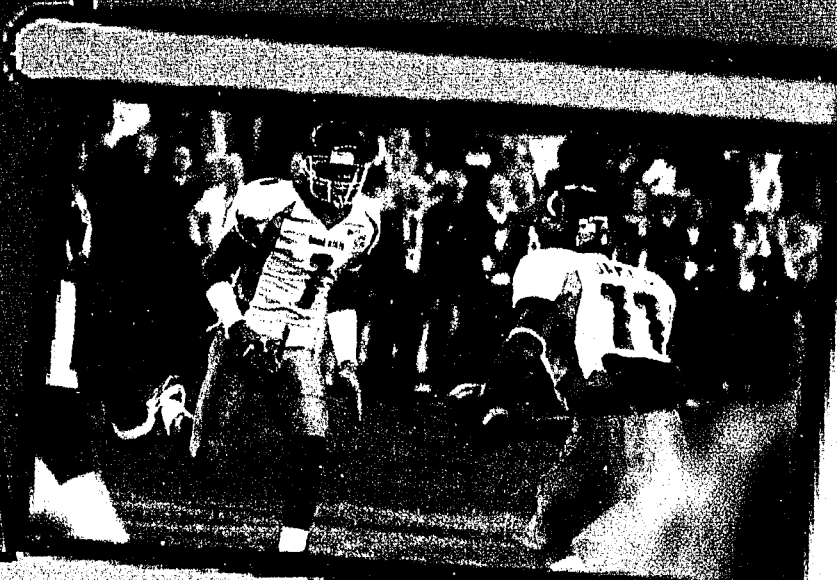


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**"The lateral to the
corner of the endzone!
Can you believe that!"**

Thom Breneman
Fox Sports

Jared Zabransky connected with Drisan James, who lateraled to Jerard Rabb. Rabb then ran the ball the final 33 yards to give the Broncos a shot at victory by setting up an extra point, which tied the game 35-35. The play will go down as one of the greatest moments in college football history and be forever known as the play which gave hope to a mid-major in overtime - a hope which led to victory.

