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Boise celebrates



Now, therefore, I, C.L. Butch Otter, governor of the great state of Idaho do hereby proclaim the month of January 2007 Boise State University Bronco Football Month.



BY DARCIE NUTT
News Writer

Waving a blue and orange Bronco flag in his hands, Boise State football fan and season ticket holder Parker Jimenez celebrates with fellow enthusiasts in a sea of blue and orange.

Throwing the flag over his head, he starts blindly dancing to the beat of the Blue Thunder Marching Band as it approaches the Statehouse. Parker then runs up to his mom and grabs her hand. He is only four years old.

In honor of the Bronco football team's Tostitos Fiesta Bowl win and undefeated season, Boise State University celebrated with a parade and "Statehouse Salute" on the steps of the Capitol Saturday, Jan. 20.

The Jimenez family was one of many that gathered in front of the Capitol and down Capitol Boulevard to show their support for the team. Although the weather was cold, thousands of smiling faces bundled in blue in orange flooded downtown.

"We're just so proud of them [the team] and their accomplishments," Parker's mother and Boise local Sarah Jimenez said.

While the crowd waited for the parade to reach the Statehouse, audio of the Fiesta Bowl blared from large speakers on the lawn.

"Oklahoma fans are jumping up and down on the sidelines. They think they've won it [the game]," the commentary said.

According to Boise resident Barbara Miller, those who watched the game on television were not really able to grasp how quiet the crowd was toward the end of the game when Bronco fans thought they were going to lose.

When the play that tied the game 35-35 in the final seven seconds sounded on the speakers, the crowd cheered as if they were hearing it for the first time.

Miller, clad in plastic beads and holding pompoms from the game in one hand, and her dog, Calvin, in the other, said she thought the whole season was just wonderful.

"It was fabulous. We were sitting in the nosebleed seats [at the game] but we had a wonderful time," Miller said. "I've lived in Idaho since the seventies and I've never seen a season like this."

The parade, which was coordinated in cooperation with the Office of the Governor and the Boise Mayor's Office, started on the Boise State campus and traveled north on Capitol Boulevard to the Statehouse.

The procession culminated with the Statehouse Salute, which included remarks from university and civic leaders.

Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter, who joined fans in Arizona on the first day of his term, congratulated Coach Chris Petersen for his Paul "Bear" Bryant award as the 2006 College Coach of the Year, and additionally praised the football team for perfect season and Western Athletic Conference championship.

"Whereas the people of the state of Idaho and throughout America were inspired by the Broncos' New Year's Day performance at the Fiesta Bowl, it is appropriate to recognize the team's achievements. Now, therefore, I, C.L. Butch Otter, governor of the great state of Idaho do hereby proclaim the month of January 2007 Boise State University Bronco Football Month," Otter said.

Mayor David Bieter said to the city that he was very, very proud of the Boise community for the classy way they celebrated the victory in Arizona.

"Folks, sometimes a team and a town come together as one. That is true of this team and this town. What separates Boise State from all the other teams is their courage, their creativity, and their class; and that's what separates the city of Boise as well," Bieter said.

According to BSU President Bob Kustra, the team taught life lessons of determination, tenacity, grit, creativity and courage to the entire nation. Kustra said the players and their coaches positioned BSU for greatness in every aspect.

"On behalf of our faculty, our students, and our staff at Boise State University, thank you Bronco Nation for the incredible support you have provided this team, week in and week out, all season long, right on to that great undefeated season and that fantastic Fiesta Bowl victory. Congratulations to you! What a day, what a season," Kustra said. "Go Bronco Nation, go Broncos!"

Jesse Jackson highlights Human Rights Celebration

BY DARCIE NUTT
News Writer

Boise State students, faculty and community members gathered in the Jordan Ballroom on Monday, Jan. 15. Displaying signs declaring "the dream lives on," "equality knows no color," and "don't hate - appreciate," the crowd marched to the capitol.

The march kicked off the Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Celebration Week. A committee on campus organized the week's activities, led for the second consecutive year by Rodney Curley.

This year's theme is "Justice for Sum." According to Curley, many people are caught up in consumer capitalism.

"We're trying to undo that," Curley said. "It could even be on the level of state politics."

Associated Students of Boise State President Wyatt Parke gave a short speech before the march regarding ASBSU's support for the event.

"We are taking a stand against intolerance and injustice," Parke said. "Today we get to do our small part."

A number of marchers voiced their opinions about civil rights in Idaho.

"I think that Idaho has a long way to go in regards to civil rights," BSU

student Scotty Stobie said. "I think this is what it's going to take."

The week-long celebration also included an address by a keynote speaker on Wednesday, Jan. 17, the third annual Poetry Slam for Justice on Thursday, Jan. 18 and Service Saturday on Jan. 20.

This year's keynote speaker was Reverend Jesse Jackson, who appeared to a near-capacity crowd at the Taco Bell Arena.

Curly introduced Jackson by emphasizing that the message of the human rights celebration is that the nation needs to come together as a people and unite so that those without a voice can be defended.

"Jesse Jackson said it best: A man must be willing to die for justice," Curly said. "It is time not just for powerful words, but for powerful action."

According to Jackson, Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to emphasize equality not only for black citizens. He also tried to change the laws of the country that limited its development.

"Dr. King struggled to save the soul of America," Jackson said.

In regard to King's "I Have a Dream" speech, made in Washington D.C. on Aug. 28, 1963, Jackson claimed that the dream was not the main focus of his message.

"He talked about changing the status quo," Jackson said. "We couldn't use a single public toilet. We couldn't vote ... our citizenship was not allowed."

Because of Boise State's recent win at the Fiesta Bowl, Jackson related the need for diversity through sports.

According to Jackson, the nation is made of those who are black, brown, yellow and white. He added that people do best when all are included.

"On the field, what gave your school a chance?" Jackson asked. "The playing field was even."

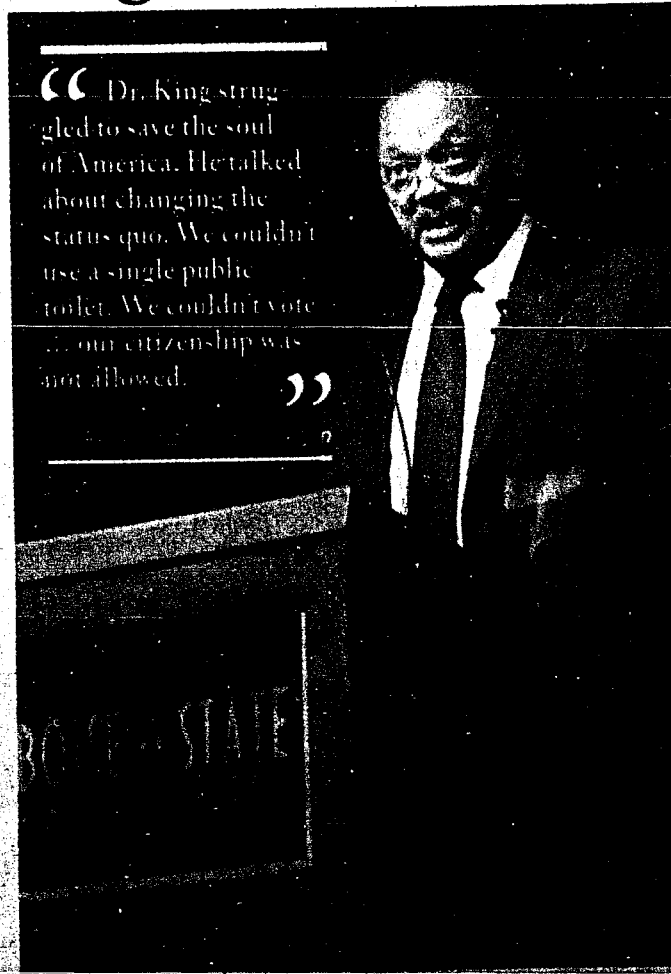
Jackson said that there is a struggle to even the playing field when it comes to life expectancy, jobs, promotions and public schools for all races.

Similar to sports, the opportunities in life must be even for all.

"At the end of the day, how do we treat people? How do we get along? ... How do we treat those whose backs are against the wall?"

According to Jackson, how an individual treats those who are less fortunate determines personal character.

"Dr. King said we need to learn to live together," Jackson said. "Happy birthday, Martin Luther King. Thank you. I love you."



THE HEADLINES

WORLD

Plant to turn low-grade coal into a higher grade

The Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry of Japan and Kobe Steel Ltd. will in start construction in Indonesia of the world's first plant capable of turning low-grade coal into high-grade coal in March.

According to sources in the ministry and the company, the plant will be built to test the commercial potential of a method in which low-grade coal (such as brown coal) is coated with asphalt before being fired in light oil.

Because low-grade coal contains a lot of water and discharges fewer calories than high-grade coal, it is rarely used in Japan. The plant aims to turn low-grade coal into high-grade coal with a high energy output and low-pollutant emissions.

It will be the first plant of its kind in the world to be built as a large-scale commercial facility, the ministry and the company said.

The ministry will contribute 4 billion yen for the construction of the plant via Japan Coal Energy Center, an affiliate of the Natural Resources and Energy Agency. Kobe Steel will contribute another 4 billion yen.

The plant will be built in south-eastern Kalimantan, where there are many coal mines, and is scheduled to start operations in spring 2008. It is expected to be capable of processing 600 tons of low-grade coal per day. Most of the processed coal will be exported to Japan.

NATIONAL

Cuban migrants land on island near Florida

Twenty-seven Cubans made it to shore at Boca Chita, an island 16 miles south of Key Biscayne, Fla., the U.S. Coast Guard said.

The migrants are in the custody of the Department of Homeland Security.

Their arrival at about 6 a.m. on

the small island in Key Biscayne National Park follows the Coast Guard's apprehension of 93 Cubans intercepted at sea this month.

The U.S. wet-foot/dry-foot policy, adopted by the Clinton administration after the 1994 Cuban rafters exodus, allows Cuban migrants who reach U.S. soil to stay and apply for residency. But those intercepted at sea are generally returned to Cuba.

"Throughout 2007, we will continue to maintain our robust presence in the Florida Straits and Caribbean with our assets as needed," said Howard White, assistant chief of law enforcement for the Seventh Coast Guard District.

"The Coast Guard and its Department of Homeland Security partners reiterate our important message that attempts to illegally enter the U.S. from the sea are inherently dangerous and have resulted in serious injury and death."

LOCAL/BSU

Idaho Fish and Game appoints Groen as director

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission appointed Lewiston resident Cal Groen on Wednesday as its director.

Groen, 59, is a 17-year veteran of the Fish and Game with 33 years of experience managing fish and wildlife. Groen held several prominent department positions over the years, the last nine as supervisor of the Clearwater Region.

"I am thrilled and honored to be named to this very important position," Groen said. "Idaho is blessed with a variety of fish, wildlife and land and I look forward to working with the Commission, employees and other partners. The mystic and natural beauty of our state is something I treasure and we need wide-ranging partnerships to protect our fish and wildlife heritage and to keep providing good opportunities to Idaho's hunters and anglers. It's a challenge I take very seriously."

The Commission chose Groen from a field of five candidates that included two other Fish and

Game employees.

"We felt like Cal is the man for the hour at Fish and Game," Commission Chairman Cameron Wheeler said. "He has a wealth of experience, his background, knowledge and his sense of the Department's history will be a great asset. Cal Groen fits what we need and expect from a leader."

Groen replaces former Director Steve Huffaker, who retired at the first of the year after leading the agency for nearly five years.

Before joining Fish and Game in 1990 Groen served as assistant director at wildlife agencies both in Washington and Kansas.

Before becoming region two supervisor, Groen served as chief of Fish and Game's Natural Resources Policy Bureau. He also coordinated the department's Columbia River Policy.

Courtesy Idaho Press-Tribune

WHAT THE?

Bzzz! Thought I'd drop in.

A Sydney, Australia, man attempted to break into his neighbor's apartment (which shared a common wall with his) by cutting through the wall with a circular saw. He soon found out that there were five people home at the time.

Talk about incriminating

A man was caught in the parking lot of a greenhouse in Lower Nazareth Township, Pa., with putting pots and other items he had shoplifted under his coat. Among the things he had was a list with the heading "things needed to grow pot."

Tallahassee! Um, No, Boise! No, Grand Rapids!

A Chicago woman got so drunk that she had to be hospitalized after she played a game of Trivial Pursuit in which participants had to take a shot of booze when they answered

a question incorrectly. Officials said she became heavily intoxicated after "continually providing wrong answers."

It seemed like a good idea

A man in Wichita, Kan., called the police to report that two armed men had forced him at gunpoint to sign over the title of his motorcycle to them. But an investigation revealed that the guy was hosting a crack party, and when the crack ran out he signed away his motorcycle to buy more.

They say 'no good deed ever goes unpunished'

Police set up a checkpoint in Bremen, Germany, to randomly stop drivers to see if they had been drinking. A drunk driver pulled over on his own because he mistakely thought a vehicle had broken down and he wanted to help.

ASK A COP

Boise State University Ask-A-Cop is a program where students and faculty are encouraged to ask campus police officers questions concerning laws, ordinances, regulations or crime-prevention. Ask-A-Cop is designed for informational purposes only and not for reporting crimes. Please submit your questions to: Dschoenborn@cityofboise.org.

Q: Is there a certain distance past the point of the violation that a person could no longer be stopped? For example, if someone runs a red light could they be pulled over for that a few miles later?

A: Generally speaking, there is no set distance past the point of a violation in which a violator can no longer be stopped.

Officers are given the discretion as to the time, place and manner of the stop. These guidelines come from case law, training, policy and procedure. There are many factors that dictate the procedures for various methods of stopping violators.



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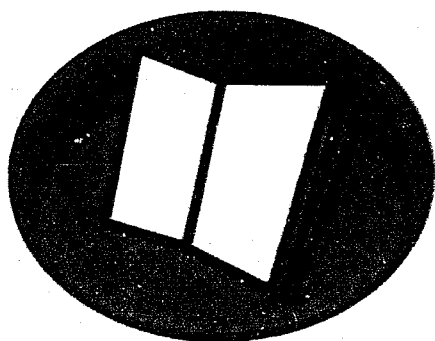

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Non-newsworthy news



Crown Jewels

BY CHAD MENDENHALL
News Writer

Cut, clarity, color and carat - the four C's every jeweler, thief and prospective bride are captivated by whenever a diamond is presented.

Diamonds have caught the hearts of people for centuries, which is why January marks a significant month for diamond enthusiasts.

As the sun was setting late one January afternoon in 1905 at the Premier Mine in South Africa, the mine's superintendent, Frederick Wells found himself 18 feet below the earth's surface performing his daily inspection. His eyes caught a shimmering object reflecting the setting sun.

At first, Wells thought the object was a large piece of glass, but as he scaled the wall to extract the shining target he soon discovered his piece of glass was actually the largest gem-quality diamond ever discovered. It weighed 3,106 carats, or about 1.33 pounds.

The diamond was named after the owner of the mining company, Sir Thomas Cullinan and sold to the Transvaal government, who then offered it to King Edward VII on his 66th birthday in 1907.

The Cullinan Diamond was eventually cut into nine large stones and about 100 smaller ones. The largest, known as Cullinan I or The Star of Africa, is worth almost \$400 million, weighing 530 carats.

It seems unfair, somehow, that a man's best friend is a dog and a diamond is a girl's best friend, because a diamond truly lasts forever. The word comes from the Greek term "adamas" meaning "invincible," because it is the hardest substance found in nature.

In the Early Middle Ages of Europe diamonds were thought to possess medicinal powers. Many believed swallowing diamonds would cure illness.

As the value of these stones increased monetarily, mine owners invented rumors that diamonds were poisonous. These stories were an attempt to prevent mine-workers from stealing the gems by ingesting them.

There are many different types of diamonds found in the world, and the price always depends on the four C's.

Its naturally occurring internal characteristics, or "birthmarks" determine the clarity of a diamond. This is what makes each diamond unique, and shows its purity.

A carat refers to the unit weight of diamonds. They are measured in terms of weight, not size.

Perhaps the most important "C" when shopping for diamonds is the cut. There are many cuts, but all rely on symmetry, finish, proportions and polish.

A pink diamond is considered the world's most valuable and rare. Other colors include white, yellow, champagne, blue, brown and green.

King Edward VII placed the Star of Africa in the Sovereign's Royal Sceptre as part of the Crown Jewels in the United Kingdom. Many consider the Crown Jewels to be the largest and most valuable jewelry collection on earth. They contain precious gems, crowns, swords, rings, bracelets and scepters. This collection has been guarded at the Tower of London since 1303.

Idaho may have Craters of the Moon but Arkansas has Crater of Diamonds, the world's only diamond mine open to the public. Uncle Sam, the largest diamond found in the United States, was discovered at the Crater of Diamonds state park in 1924.

There were a total of 490 diamonds found at Crater of Diamonds in 2006. Adults can spend all day digging for diamonds for only \$6, children six to twelve are admitted for \$3 and anyone under six years can dig for free.

All this diamond business may leave some people with just one question: "Can a cubic zirconia be considered a girl's best friend?"

Bowl win spikes admissions interest, students can still apply for spring semester

BY JOSLYN SALOW
News Writer

The Boise State football team's dramatic victory in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl has created a spike in admissions inquiries from prospective students locally, throughout the state and nationwide. There is still time to apply for admission for the current Spring 2007 semester.

According to university officials, graduate students, local high school students, Idaho students, and out of

state students have requested information about Boise State since the Broncos' 43-42 overtime win over Oklahoma.

In his Spring Update speech, President Kustra commented on the dramatic increase in interest in the university, not only in graduate admissions.

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

Boise State's graduate school has

received 10 times as many application inquiries as it normally does in early January.

"There is only one reason for this, obviously, and that would be the Fiesta Bowl and the national attention that has been focused on Boise State," Kustra said. Kustra also said that he received hundreds of e-mails from all over the country. According to Teresa Church, Boise State's associate director of admissions, the university has received admission inquiries from as far away as

Maryland, Maine, New York and West Virginia.

According to Kelley Brandt, Associate Director of Admissions, Boise State's growth can be tracked back to the 1990s.

"The surge in the number for people interested in Boise State actually started back in the '90s and we now have the highest enrollment in Idaho," Brandt said. He also said that the notoriety that the Fiesta Bowl provided for the university should catch the attention of possi-

ble newcomers like faculty, students and football players.

"I think it's great that Boise State is in the spotlight because we are a wonderful school that has many things to offer such as our academic programs, student activities, athletic events and outdoor adventures."

"Whatever occurs in the next few months, the remarkable staff in the Graduate, Undergraduate, and Applied Technology Admission Offices will be ready for the new inquiries and applications," Brandt said.

Boise State University honors exemplary faculty members

BY ARBITER STAFF

The College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs honored five Boise State University Faculty members at a Jan. 10 college meeting.

Both full-time and part-time faculty members were given a plaque shaped like the state of Idaho and a cash award for outstanding achievement in three areas: teaching, research and service.

Heidi Reader, assistant professor for the Department of Communication, received an award for Tenured Teaching.

Les Alm, professor and chair for the Department of Public Policy and Administration, received the Tenured Research Award. Susanne McCorkle, professor for the Department of Communication and interim dean for the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, received an award for Tenured

Service. Christopher Meyerhoeffer, teaching in the Department of Criminal Justice, received the Adjunct Award; and John Ziker, assistant professor for the Department of Anthropology, was given the award for Tenure Track.

"I greatly appreciate this recognition of my work by my colleagues in the college," Ziker said. "In my case, our department chair, Mark Plew, made the nomination."

Ziker said each department nominated an individual for one of the awards.

The final decision concerning who received what award came down to a committee made up of Boise State faculty members. Committee chair, Leslie Martin presented the awards along with University Provost, Sona Andrews.

The purpose of the awards program is to honor faculty members in the College of Social Sciences

and Public Affairs who are doing outstanding work. Honorees are also included on the college's "Wall of Fame."

On December 6, 2006 Ziker said he received an award from ASBSU for outstanding service as an exemplary faculty member in the college of Social Sciences and Public Affairs at Boise State.

"This award meant a lot to me because I was nominated by a student and it relates to my teaching," Ziker said. Ziker has taught in the Anthropology Department at Boise State since the Fall Semester of 2003.

"Prior to that, I was a Post-doctoral Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

in Halle, Germany for two years," Ziker said.

Alm said he thought he received his award for his consistency in publications over the past 16 years.

"It is a very nice feeling to know my work is recognized as valuable to the university and it contributes to furthering students' education," Alm said.

BSU physics professor, receives two major awards

BY RYAN RASMUSSEN
News Writer

Boise State Physics professor Alex Punnoose received the 2007 BSU College of Arts and Sciences Award for Distinguished Teaching and the Award for Distinguished Research. He is the first professor in the college to receive both awards in the same year.

Punnoose was cited for his dedication and skill in the classroom and for his contributions to the development of future scientists. Punnoose teaches classes both for the undergraduate physics program and the graduate materials science and engineering program. He also was praised for his outstanding research program in the field of nanotechnology.

"Measures of the success of Dr. Punnoose's work are easy to come by; more than 20 refereed papers, which have been cited more than 350 times; numerous invitations to address international meetings," said Martin Schimpf, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "\$4.1 million in grants, including the highly prestigious National Science Foundation CAREER grant, and three patents."

Nanotechnology is a field of study in science and technology that works with materials broken down to a nano-meter in size.

"Materials that are based off [the size] of few atoms to several hundred atoms," said Punnoose.

Nanotechnology can be applied to most materials, ranging from semiconductors used in electronics industry to sunscreens and paint. Punnoose described that there is a lot of work that must be done in the field of nanotechnology, because when working with materials at the nano-scale it can significantly change the properties of the material. These changes can be good sometimes they can be bad.

There is the bigger concern of their potential adverse effect to the environment, in how will the changes in properties of the material affect living cells. Punnoose recently initiated a new collaboration with BSU biology professors Denise Wingett and Kevin Feris to specifically address this growing concern worldwide.

Two undergraduate students Isaac Coombs from the physics department and Jason Bells of biology department, biology graduate student Cory Hanley, and postdoctoral research associate Madhu Kongara are currently investigating the toxicity of nano-scale zinc oxide which is commonly found in sunscreen and the key element in reflecting the sun off the skin. On the nano-meter level they found zinc oxide to be harmful to the bacteria E. coli. When applied to human cells, they were found to

be safe and significantly less toxic.

Along with students of each respective field they are researching the new area of nano-biotechnology and performing experiments and writing research papers that are getting attention at the international level.

Punnoose involves both undergraduate and graduate students in his research program, and collaborates with researchers in industry and academia in the United States, India, Switzerland and other locations. In addition to his NSF CAREER award, Punnoose currently has funding from the U.S. Department of Energy, the Petroleum Research Fund and the NSF's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research.

He emphasizes his students do a lot of the work in research projects and that he is just there to guide them along should they need it.

Research students Jason Bells, Jason Hays, Aaron Taturber, Chadd Vankomen and Madhu Kongara think very highly of him and are appreciative of the guidance he provides.

"He communicates with students well, available to talk to about research," said Hays. "It's nice getting to work directly with an advisor, he's very enthusiastic."

"He gives very good explanations, and good insight and understanding," said Vankomen.

In the upper-level physics, and materials science and engineering classes, Punnoose made significant efforts to integrate research and education. Experimental data collected in the research lab were converted into instructional materials in the classroom. Punnoose developed a CD-ROM of 14 homework assignments using research data to use in a graduate course PHYS 523: Physical Methods of Materials Characterization that he teaches every fall semester. Students will learn about a particular research tool every week and will employ those principles to analyze real research data collected by Punnoose using the same technique, included in the homework CD-ROM. His passion to teaching through such novel methods makes his physics lectures fascinating, according to his students.

He is very proud of the work his students have and are continuing to do. He enjoys the fact that they show such an interest their studies and that they are always working and learning of their own free will. He said that doing the research they are conducting now would also prepare them better for jobs and their careers.

Punnoose received a cash award from the College of Arts and Sciences and his plaques will be added to the "Wall of Fame" outside the college's main offices.

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Micron Technology Foundation donates \$12.5 million to BSU

BY CEAN SIEGEL
Assistant News Editor

The College of Business and Economics recently received a substantial donation in the form of \$12.5 million from the Micron Technology Foundation. The money will be used to help fund the construction of a new building located at the present University Inn site, at the corner of Capitol Boulevard and University Drive.

The Micron Foundation and Boise State University announced the contribution on Friday, January 16, at a press conference held on campus. BSU President Bob Kustra spoke to the small crowd gathered to hear the news.

"Today is truly a historic moment for Boise State University, and of course it simply would not have happened if it weren't for the generosity of the Micron Technology Foundation," Kustra said.

According to former BSU student and Micron's chairman, CEO and president Steve Appleton, BSU has continued to give back to the local community, the state and the nation.

"Boise State University has been a great partner in education, helping Micron and others achieve success through the success of its faculty and students," Appleton said.

On top of the initial \$12.5 million, the Micron Foundation stated that they plan to provide an additional \$5 million in matching funds as donations are received. Current projections for the total project costs are in the vicinity of \$31 million.

"Micron is strongly committed to investing in the future of education and in institutions, like Boise State, that support a spirit of innovation and execution," Micron Foundation's executive director Dee Mooney said.

Plans for the new building to house the College of Business and Economics will begin in earnest upon State Board of Education approval. Pending their consent and success in raising funds, construction could begin by spring 2008. In addition to modern instructional facilities, the building will include an advanced financial trading center, a center for student services, a center for economic development and a center for innovation.

"A state-of-the-art facility is essential in order for us to continue to meet the needs of today's business environment, and will not only help retain our excellent faculty, but will help attract the best and brightest new faculty in the coming years," Kustra said.

Currently, the College of Business and Economics has nearly 3,000 students enrolled, and continues to grow. According to Dean Howard Smith, a new facility will add to the overall quality of education that will be provided.

"It will greatly enhance our ability to deliver first-rate undergraduate, graduate and executive programs," Smith said. "When all is said and done, Micron's investment not only uplifts the college and Boise State University, but also the greater Idaho community."

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More information can be obtained at www.micron.com/foundation.

New rules require passports for Caribbean

BY ALFONSO CHARDY AND
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Courtesy MCT

In 31 years as a U.S. citizen, Miami letter carrier Mariano Cruz has never had a U.S. passport. But the Cuban-born Cruz, 67, recently joined millions of Americans, naturalized and native-born, in applying for one for the first time.

Beginning Jan. 23, Americans returning to the United States by air from countries from which they previously needed only a birth certificate or other ID to enter must carry passports, or face delays.

The requirement is the latest in a growing web of post-Sept. 11 measures to snare terror suspects and deter use of forged travel documents. Passports also will be required from Bermudians and Canadians who

could enter with driver's licenses and Mexicans who previously could enter at U.S. airports if they had Border Crossing Cards.

A second phase of the program requiring passports for entry via vehicle, cruise ship or on foot is to take effect next year.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection estimates that up to 45 percent of American travelers entering the country at Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport and 10 percent at Miami International arrive without passports. These travelers are generally admitted if they show a birth certificate or another acceptable document, including a driver's license.

Thomas Winkowski, director of field operations for U.S. Customs and Border Protection in South Florida, told The Miami Herald he did not anticipate major delays or disruptions.

"I think we've done a good job of educating the public," he said.

Upon arrival, returning Americans lacking passports are receiving notices advising them of the new requirement, Winkowski said.

Travel executives in Canada, the Caribbean and Latin America have widely advertised the change, Winkowski said, pointing to a large ad in the Jan. 7 Miami Herald by Nassau Paradise Island offering rebates of up to \$97 per vacationer to cover passport costs. While officials do not anticipate widespread problems, individual travelers may face delays at airport immigration lines and airline counters. Some passengers lacking passports may not be allowed to board planes, some airline officials suggested.

"It is required by law for travelers to have proper documents to board the plane," said Martha Pantin, a spokeswoman for American Airlines.

U.S. travelers who make it aboard planes without passports may be pulled from regular passport control lines on their return and questioned. But Winkowski said that travelers who are citizens will be admitted and receive a notification of the passport requirement and an application for one. Mann said the same will apply to U.S. passengers processed at U.S. Customs and Border Protection "pre-clearing" sites in Aruba and the Bahamas. American officers check passengers at those foreign sites as if the travelers had just arrived in the United States. Those passengers then don't need to clear passport control and customs here.

Nicki Grossman, president of the

Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau, said the requirement will become a problem only if "we appear to be inhospitable, that this is part of an effort to keep people from visiting the United States."

Resorts that rely heavily on Americans traveling spontaneously for a week or weekend abroad are expected to be more significantly affected by the change. The Caribbean Hotel Association said a 2005 study found the change could endanger as much as \$2.6 billion in tourism revenue and 188,000 jobs in the region. Nearly half the Caribbean's 21 million annual foreign visitors are Americans. The study said about 80 percent of U.S. travelers to Jamaica and half of all Americans visiting the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominican Republic and other smaller Caribbean islands arrive without passports.

Jorge Lomonaco, Mexico's consul general in Miami, said it's difficult to gauge how the requirement will affect his country's tourism industry. About 30 percent, 2 million, of the 7 million Americans who annually travel to Mexico beyond border cities arrive without passports.

Caribbean officials sought to delay the Jan. 23 start date. When that failed, governments took steps to lessen the blow. Jamaica, with an estimated 1 million U.S. tourist visits in 2004, embarked on a publicity campaign to remind U.S. travelers they need passports.

In the Bahamas, with more than 1.3 million annual U.S. visitors, the ministry of tourism has marketed the islands to other countries to offset any loss in American tourist dollars, as well as increasing U.S. marketing.

"We have put in place measures to mitigate against the potential fallout of this through an aggressive advertising campaign in our U.S. markets," said John G. F. Carey, a parliamentary secretary in the Bahamas ministry of tourism and a member of parliament.

A November assessment by U.S. Customs and Border Protection indicated that both the U.S. and foreign travel industries will take a temporary hit. In the short term, the report said, the U.S. travel industry may even benefit as Americans who don't want to get passports forgo foreign trips.

Cruz, who has visited the Bahamas and returned three times using his driver's license and voter registration card, said he submitted his passport application two weeks ago. "I want to continue going," Cruz said.

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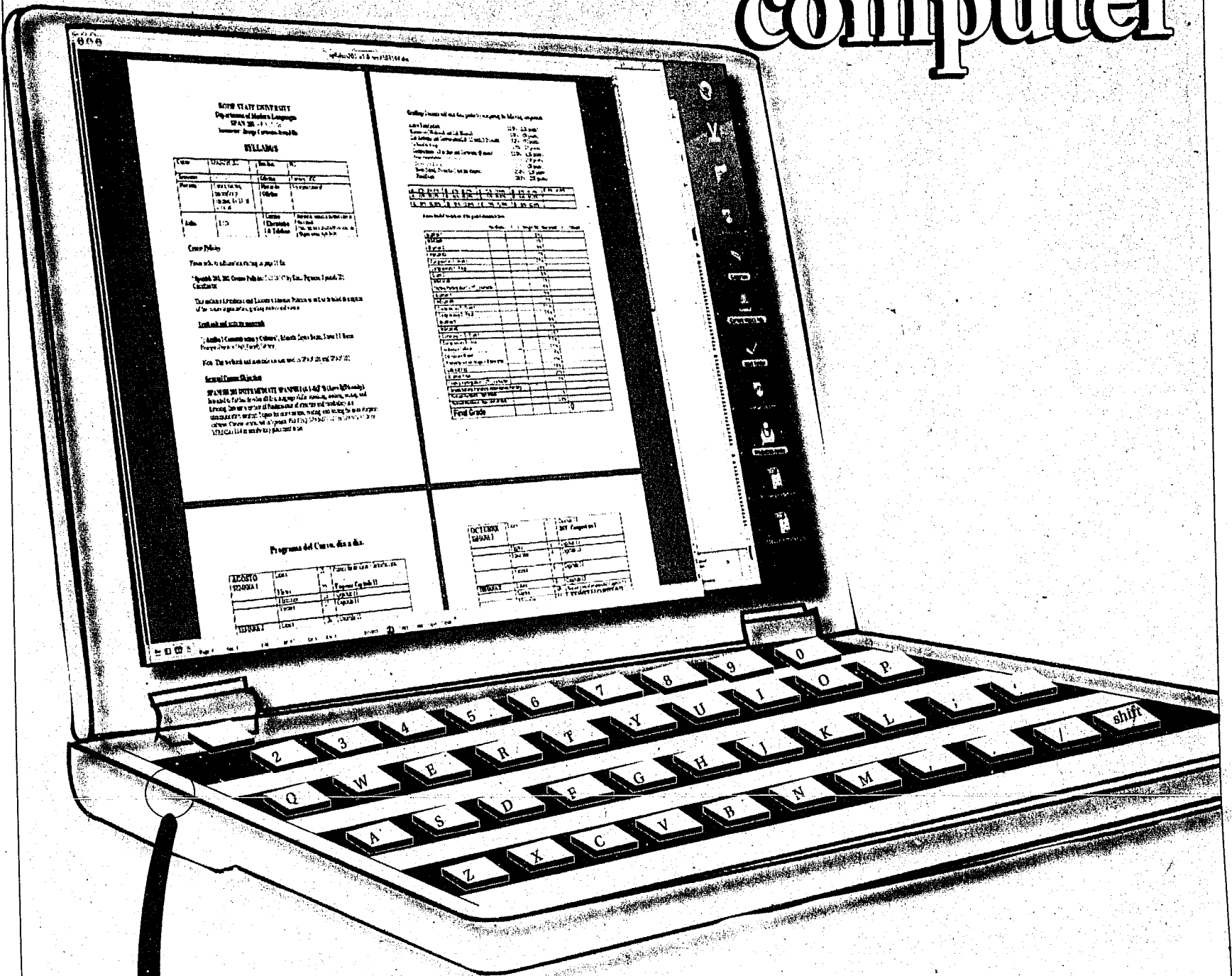
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Survival tips for buying a computer



BY FREDERICK AREHART
BizTech Writer

If you didn't get your computer from Santa, you may want to give thought to the level of performance you actually need.

We all have a tendency in this age of intense product marketing to think the "latest is the greatest." For the (wealthy) extreme gamers and number

crunchers, this can be a truism.

For the rest of us our needs don't even approach the requirements for \$2,000 wonder machines.

Most students surf the net, e-mail, occasionally download and play games, write papers with a word processing program and store information in a spreadsheet.

This is not taxing work for virtually any of the computers in stores today.

My personal PC doctor is Kelvin Thornton of Computer Restorations (www.computerrestorations.com). In talking to Kelvin, it's his experience that for the vast majority of stu-

dent usage, the basic 1.6gz machines are more than adequate. Coupled with 512-K to 1-gigabyte of RAM they are capable of handling your papers, surfing, downloading and light gaming with ease.

Kelvin stresses that one should likely avoid the off-the-wall or really cheap manufacturers as they tend to use spot market parts that may not be up to spec.

My own desktop is a 6-year old HP 800mz Pentium III running Windows XP. That's right, I said a PIII.

It has one gigabyte of RAM. It does just fine for any application I run or download in class-related work.

This PC is worth about \$50 on the used market.

I cannot tell any difference in the speed that it prints papers pictures or the net com-

my sons' 3700 AMD. said that, net goes, tion speed computer the major hooked up and surfs compared with 2.4gz P4 or Now having 0 as far as the your connect - not your speed - is factor. I am

to high-speed cable; they are on an LAN.

A desktop with a 1.6gz Celeron processor with a megabyte of RAM will currently run \$400-500.

If you do a lot of math, spreadsheet or photo editing work, stick with the P4.

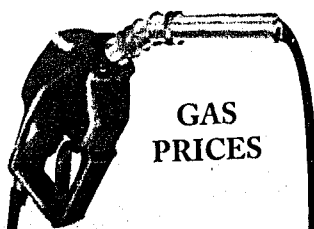
The new dual chip models are great for high-end gaming, running business and intense photo/video editing, but will not run your usual stuff any faster or better.

The new Vista will be great for gamers and will have more bells and whistles, but for general student work it is questionable whether or not it will be worth the added cost. Windows XP is going to be around for at least the next five years.

By then your machine will be ready to graduate into a boat anchor and you will have that high-paying job and can afford to go for the ethereal bling.

If you shop carefully, there are package deals with a P4, 512K RAM and a printer for less than \$800.

Impress your parents and your wallet; the \$1,200 you save can go for more important things, like dating, gas or even new rims.



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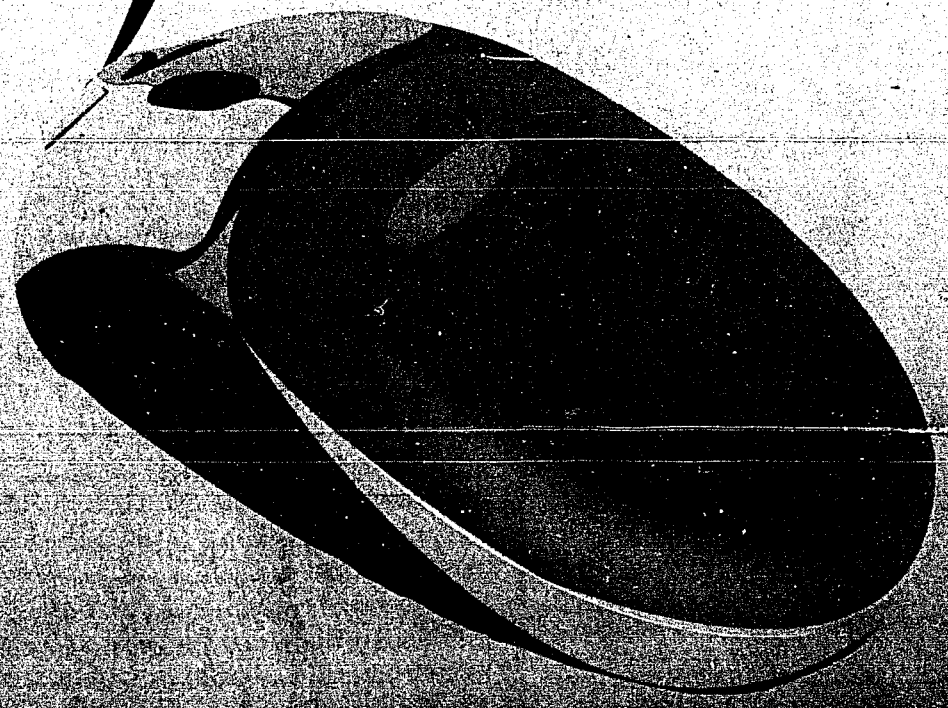
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OPINION

The way we see it ...

Idahoans need more dollars in their wallets

On Monday, Jan. 15 approximately 100 members of the Idaho Community Action Network were present at the Idaho Statehouse, attempting to sway lawmakers' opinions about increasing the state's minimum wage.

The proposed increase would boost minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 per hour - a little \$2.10 that can make a big difference at the end of the workday.

Multiplied by an entire day's worth of work, \$2.10 can add up to half a tank of gas.

Given a month's time and the increase could mean more groceries, nights out and an overall better quality of life for those that the increase would most greatly affect - those in lower-level jobs.

Who wouldn't want to be able to live a little more comfortably?

With just a few extra dollars per hour, work could start to feel like it really is paying off when items termed "luxurious" could be purchased, and every hour of pay isn't dedicated to life-essential items.

Overall, it would benefit the entire community.

People would be happier because they would have a few less financial woes and could start to enjoy life, and in turn everyone they encounter would benefit from their happier mood.

It may be a stretch, but seriously - think about it. Who hasn't encountered a very-grumpy drive-through worker, cashier, or car wash attendant?

Maybe an extra few dollars an hour might make them more pleasant, and you just might have a better day if you get a smile from across the cash register instead of a death stare.

And don't forget your past experiences - who hasn't worked a job paying minimum wage, or barely more than what the state dictates is the bare-minimum needed to survive? Wouldn't it have been nice to see a little more on your paychecks? Examine your empathetic side, and attempt to feel what those making minimum wage (if you aren't yourself subject to this ridiculously low rate of pay) are feeling.

No matter who you are, extra money is enjoyable. Whether it's newly-discovered coins between couch cushions, a Lincoln found in the pair of jeans that you wore last week or two extra dollars for an hour of serving up fries.

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Goodbye idealism, hello Democrats

MICHAEL J MCLASKEY
Opinion Writer

Unlike most conservative pundits, I was excited about the idea of Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House; not only is she the first woman to serve in said role but, with her Bay Area liberalism, I knew that she would provide a productive counter-balance to the last six years of Republican control.

After the president's flagrant disregard for constitutional law, I thought that having an actual system of checks and balances in place (vis-à-vis the Democrats) would be a good idea.

But as our latest mid-term election neared, I started having a crisis of conscience.

Was I becoming a Democrat?
Or was I just responding to events, voting for the lesser of two evils?

For years, I billed myself as a Libertarian who didn't vote because I figured that the Republicans and Democrats are head-and-tail of the same coin, a single-party system masquerading as a multi-party democracy.

Either way, I once swore never to vote for the puppets on either side of the aisle.

My political anxiety worsened.
What if I vote my conscience and end up helping the Republicans retain control?

We've all heard the adage "vote your conscience," and what if that actually happened - if instead of perpetuating two-party strangulation, Americans could actually take control of the political process?

In the end, when I went into that polling booth, I wanted what the Democrats promised: a better solution to our quagmire in Iraq, rescinding the subsidies on oil profits (at a time of record highs), a rise in the minimum wage and at least approaching the idea of universal health care.

My time of political idealism is over; instead of voting my conscience, I voted the side of the coin that wasn't using fear tactics to get elected but actually pitching a platform.

The problem with our third parties is their unbridled idealism, which is so rigid that compromise on sensitive issues is not possible. This is why a majority of Americans didn't

vote for the Green Party in any of the last few elections - unbending principles coupled with invective.

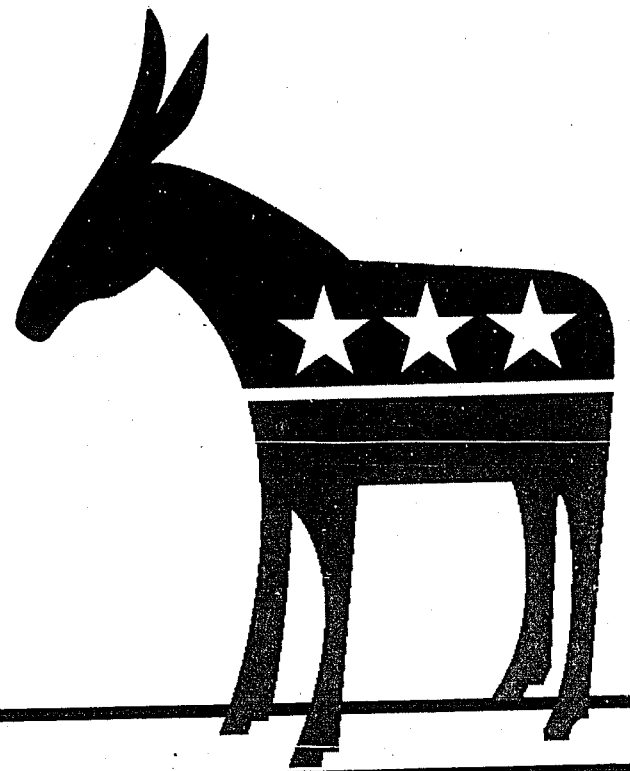
If you sit on the sidelines long enough you'll watch the key players on the field screw up again and again, and no matter how terrible or flagrant the "mistake," you find yourself itching to get a piece of the action.

And when that moment comes, all the indignation piled up along the sidelines comes out in attack after attack, making an exhibition out of the multiple failures of the status quo.

Since taking office, Pelosi did something we haven't seen since Newt Gingrich's Contract with America; she made us a promise to try to fix a lot of America's ills in the first hundred hours.

Given recent history, I'm not holding my breath. However, it's nice to have a Congress in place that is at the very least going through the motions.

It's not my idealized Libertarian Congress, but for now, this will have to do.



I touched history and saw the future

BY SHANNON MORGAN
Opinion Writer

A piece of history recently graced us with his presence on our university or, in his words, "The land of potatoes and Fiesta Bowl champions."

Reverend Jesse Jackson spoke to a crowd of determined and eager young minds most excited to be in the presence of a piece of our American legacy.

Those who attended had different reasons for being there. I went to see Jackson not knowing what to expect.

From what I discerned, there are times I love him and times I think he's gone completely off his rocker - this night was no exception.

A common thread in his line of thought that kept me hooked (despite the things he said which I disagreed with) was the need for us to change our perceptions of the world and the people in it (e.g. getting over our fear of race, sexual orientation and the like) to co-create a better global society.

Something I was afraid I was going to hear and glad I didn't was how minorities are held down by "the man" - victims of a society which perpetually oppresses them.

I'm not trying to argue that oppression does not exist. As a female, minority, single mom, first-generation college student from the wrong side of the tracks, I've experienced it first hand.

The truth of the matter is that most of

us have a hard-luck story to tell.

This sentiment Rev. Jackson demonstrated in his depiction of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as a wounded man, speaking of the many hardships Dr. King had to endure as the cost of his fight for human rights.

Dr. King was indeed a wounded man - many of us are. Some have survived harassment and discrimination because of race, sexual orientation or gender. There are so many ways in which we hate that it would be a feat to list them all.

However, it's important to remember that we are not victims or statistics and our hardships can be the fuel which propels us to do great things, a fact I heard affirmed through Rev. Jackson's speech.

Like Dr. King, we all dream of a better world and have the opportunity and ability to make those dreams a reality for the betterment of our society and the world as a whole.

From national issues like the war in Iraq to issues that pertain to our university (like the amount of sexual assaults on our campus) these things should not be issues we push off hoping someone else will fix them.

I'd like to join the Rev. Jackson and others like him in the struggle for human rights and a better global society. I challenge you to co-create with me a reality in which we can all live. A reality in which we do not tolerate one an-

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other, but accept each other.

A reality in which our differences make us stronger and our ideologies make us great.

I want to see positive change in our country and on our campus. I don't care which political party, organization, administrator or student brings it. I'm tired of waiting.

I think it's time we get off our PlayStations, iPods and Myspace pages and create this change for ourselves.

What can one person do? More than you could ever imagine, and we can take Dr. King as the perfect example - a man who, against all odds, shaped the destiny of our country and world through his efforts and sacrifice.

We've all heard the expression "Think globally, act locally." That is exactly where we should start.

Volunteer in your community, vote during elections, help campaign for a cause or politician you believe in,

be a mentor, set an example, be the change you want to see in the rest of the world.

An action you take today could affect the course of our combined destinies.

This ripple effect works both for positive and for negative actions, so go out, do something good and watch as that energy spreads and affects those around you.

The very fact that myself and the many others just like me are here demonstrates the power behind the popular adage Rev. Jackson quoted at the end of his speech:

"If your mind can conceive it, and your heart can believe it, then you can achieve it."

If you believe that you can change the world then you will.

We are our generation's dreamers, innovators and achievers.

Let's put aside our differences, carry the dreams of our forefathers, and make them a reality we can all enjoy.

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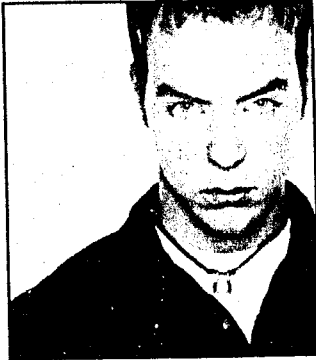
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BY DANIEL KEDISH
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Globally

HOT

The return of 'American Idol'

Our favorite talent show is back in its sixth season. "American Idol" began last Tuesday with its first round of auditions with less-than-talented hopefuls.

Paula Abdul, Randy Jackson and Simon Cowell, along with guest judge Jewel, picked out their favorites from the Minneapolis residents.

While the show did give way to some amazing voices, you cannot help but enjoy the embarrassing moments of those dreadful others.

While we continue to laugh at the show the first few weeks before any real talent competition begins, enjoy it while you can before the tone-deaf and artistically challenged become television's biggest annoyance.

NOT

Trump fined for patriotism

The residents in Palm Beach have risen and, in cooperation with authorities, are fining Donald Trump for flying a large American flag at his Mar-A-Lago club.

The flag flies atop an 80-foot pool, while the city's code and zoning guidelines state no flag shall be flown above 42 feet without a permit. However, Trump refuses to remedy the situation or pay the \$1,250 fine per day that the flag is flown.

In response, Trump filed a \$25 million dollar lawsuit against the town arguing for his constitutional right to fly the American flag as he pleases.

All I have to say to these residents is be careful, if Trump doesn't get his way, he's bound to get your land.

Locally

HOT

Television-themed parties

Everyone loves kicking back to enjoy their favorite television program and unwind from a stressful day. Here's how to make that experience much more enjoyable.

Throwing television show theme parties can liven up your week. Invite a few friends over, cook some great food and enjoy the company while indulging in good ol' pop culture.

One show my friends and I personally enjoy doing this with is Bravo's "Top Chef" every Wednesday night. Each week we try out new meals, accompanied with a relaxing mixed drink.

Nothing is better than sipping chocolate mint martinis and eating shrimp kabobs while enjoying one mind-numbing reality show.

NOT

Eating with street vendors

It's 2 a.m., you're drunk and you're hungry. You stumble out of the bar and there it is, the Mecca of meals on wheels: the street vendor.

Coughing up the two measly dollars you find in your pockets you perchance one mouth-watering hot dog.

As you sink your mouth into the first bite it hits you: this tastes like throw-up in a dirty diaper.

The horror stories can continue, and while they may seem unbelievable, some are true. You cannot always trust the delicious aromas of the street vendor's cart. After throwing up my own meal for a few hours, I have these few words of wisdom: IHOP and fast food. Trust me, there are moments when a Big Mac is a better choice.

The Flicks goes wild



with International Wildlife Film Festival

PHOTO BY JOHN KELLY

Birds of Prey, featuring many wild animals, will be shown at the International Wildlife Film Festival.

BY DALE EISINGER
Culture Writer

As part of its post-festival tour, the International Wildlife Film Festival is coming to Boise for a third consecutive year. The festival will include 19 award-winning films throughout four days beginning on Thursday, Jan. 25 and ending on Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Flicks Theatre in downtown Boise.

The features focus on exciting displays of wildlife (one piece is about a giant leech) and emphasize the education and reification of some esoteric, yet important concepts in environmental management. From the effect of wild deer on motor vehicle maintenance and human mortality to the importance of giant sturgeon in the diet of sea lions, the festival will provide food for thought.

Education of youngsters is also an important goal of the festival and there are a few films perfectly suited for them, including the unpretentious "E is for Elephant." This film will combine letters of the alphabet with images of African animals, providing an introduction to the nature and habits of the Dark Continent's inhabitants.

The festival is located annually in Missoula, Montana and is the most prestigious of its kind. Coming into its 30th year, the event is known as "The Filmmakers' Festival" because of its inviting atmosphere (this could have something to do with the fact that one of the films is narrated by a 5-year-old and another made by teenagers). An emphasis of the event is excellence in film and media, although the overarching purpose is "to promote and foster knowledge and understanding of wildlife and habitat through excellent and honest film and other media."

Only the festival's finalists and award-winners are included in the tour that will grace the Flicks' screens throughout the week.

Although the word film is usually synonymous with movie, the festival celebrates the continued awareness of environmental issues in all types of moving media, includ-



ing television programs for all ages and music videos. The festival is hosted as part of the Bald Eagle Days Celebration. The purpose of this annual event (this being the eighth year of festivities) is to raise consciousness of the Boise River and its tributaries. The figurehead celebration is held at the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, which sits in the Barber Pool Conservation area, a spot chosen for its ecological importance. Events include bird watching led by the Autobahn Society and the Idaho Fish and Game, as well as a viewing of a bald eagle aptly named Liberty.

Although the film festival will have an admission charge of \$6, the event celebration is free to all community members and, like the festival, very family-oriented.

Boise Contemporary Theatre brings laughs to Boise with 'Bust'

BY MATTHEW BOYLE
Culture Writer

The Boise Contemporary Theater is currently hosting the one-woman show "Bust." Lauren Weedman is the star and Allison Narver directs the hilarious play.

Weedman (formerly a "Daily Show" correspondent) spent time working in a Los Angeles prison while trying to make it in the entertainment world. The majority of the play comes from her experience as a volunteer in the women's correctional facility.

The show begins with the volunteer introductory course in the prisons. The prison guards lay down strict rules and give a tour of the facilities.

Weedman finds many of the prison rules and guidelines comical and accidentally slips up on a few of them while helping the incarcerated women.

The story also entails her ordinary life outside the volunteer work. The scenes that involve her personal life range from involvement with a fashion magazine to talking to a friend on the phone.

The most interesting characteristic about this performance is that Lauren Weedman plays every character.

A different voice, body language and attitude accompany each



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Lauren Weedman puts on a one-woman performance in "Bust," Boise Contemporary Theatre's newest production about life in a women's correctional facility.

character, offering an interesting twist to what is commonly expected in theater.

Each character's personal story is developed through talking with Weedman, especially the stories of the inmates. Each inmate has different problems that she attempts

to work out. One of the inmates is trying to get out of prostitution, and another believes that she should not be in jail and that her public defender is not helping at all. Weedman tries talking to the public defenders, shelters and parole officers of the inmates she is

assisting but none of these sources seem to care.

An aged and textured stony brick wall backdrops the set, depicting a prison yard. The lighting also assists the viewers with understanding the changing of characters and scenes.

For instance, when the editor of the fashion magazine is speaking, the lighting changes to red and when Lauren enters the prison, the entire stage lights up. Background noises help the audience keep up by denoting what is going on at certain parts of a scene. When going through the prison security system, for example, an alarm goes off.

Weedman does a terrific job switching back and forth between characters and keeping the audience engaged and interested. Viewers not only applauded the magnificent actress but also gave her a standing ovation at the end of the show.

This one-woman show is not Weedman's first stage performance. She has written all six of them herself. Her expertise in writing and performing was especially evident during "Bust."

The show will be running at the Boise Contemporary Theatre until Feb. 3.

Matinee tickets cost \$19 and evening show tickets are \$26.50. Tickets can be purchased online at the Boise Contemporary Theatre's website, www.bctheater.org.

The show truly connects with audience. It is a meaningful story that is entertaining and easily followed.

Boise State goes 'Beyond Beats and Rhymes'

BY MEL TROUT
Culture Writer

Boise State University students will soon get an opportunity to broaden their horizons in certain cultural areas and live to some cool beats at the same time.

Tuesday, Jan. 23, the Cultural Center, Student Activities and the Women's Center will be showing the unedited documentary, "Beyond Beats and Rhymes: Masculinity in Hip-Hop Culture," in conjunction with the Independent Television Service as part of Boise State University's Different Perspectives Film Series. The program will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building's Jordan C Ballroom and is expected to last until 7 p.m. Admission is free to the public.

The Different Perspectives film series was created to supplement classes BSU already offers. It allows students a chance to critically examine issues and cultural standpoints that are not typically dis-

ussed within the classroom in a casual (yet informative) environment.

Promotions Assistant Vivianne Sanchez believes that by exposing students to varying viewpoints they will be better able to think analytically about controversial topics and will have more overall success at Boise State and in life.

"Beyond Beats and Rhymes" meets these objectives well. This documentary focuses on mainstream rap music and its culture, which often contains lyrics that promote misogyny, homophobia and violence. This film is brave enough to ask why such aggressive messages are the dominant force in hip-hop today. Produced and directed by Byron Hurt, "Beyond Beats and Rhymes" is an intelligent, well-meaning critique of the rap industry. Artists Mos Def, Fat Joe and Russell Simmons are interviewed in the film. It also features cultural commentary by Michael Eric Dyson, Sarah Jones and Kevin Powell. Issues such as race, class, sexism and masculinity are also

broached in this riveting and enlightening documentary, which was a 2006 Sundance Film Festival selection.

Prior to the film, rapper and Boise State student Kate Neal (a.k.a Kritik) will be performing her own brand of socially-conscious hip-hop. After the film, there will be an open discussion led by Neal and Sanchez focusing on the gender issues associated with rap music.

There will be another showing of "Beyond Beats and Rhymes" at Boise State's Nampa campus Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in room 102E. However, Kritik will not be performing. Due to the film's graphic content, parental discretion is suggested.

An edited version of "Beyond Beats and Rhymes" will also air on PBS on Feb. 20 at 10 p.m. For more information about the Different Perspectives Film Series call 426-4636. Additional information about "Beyond Beats and Rhymes" is available at <http://www.bhurt.com>.



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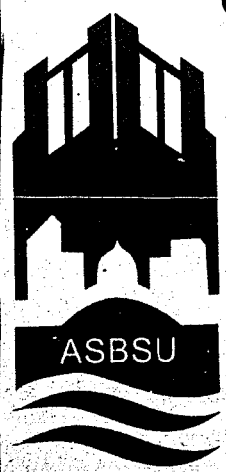
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I just started dating someone new. We've been dating about a month. I'm a little shy so our relationship hasn't been moving too fast, but over the weekend we had sex for the first time. The most embarrassing and freaky thing happened, the condom broke! I was completely humiliated and I didn't know what to do. It's never happened to me before, I'm a nervous wreck, and afraid that I could potentially be pregnant. Help!

A

Condom breakage is not uncommon. Condoms break for about 5 percent of couples. If pregnancy is your primary concern, my first question is, "Did the condom break occur before or after ejaculation?" If the condom broke before ejaculation, then you probably don't have to worry about pregnancy. However, in the past few years medicine has found that there is no longer a 100% effective method of birth control, because in rare cases and a small percent of the population, pregnancy has been known to occur. This can be attributed to sperm that exist in pre-ejaculatory fluid, sperm can also live for up to five days inside of the female body, and depending upon where you are in your monthly cycle, if you are ovulating or close to ovulation, this increases the chances of becoming pregnant. If the break occurred after ejaculation, my advice is to see your doctor and in either scenario, if you are worried about pregnancy have tests done.

Condoms break for numerous reasons that include: the condom has expired, mishandling i.e. scratching or tearing the condom and not being careful when you put it on, using gels that could dissolve or eat away at the latex or material the condom is made out of, and if there is not enough space at the tip of the condom as the pressure builds-up during intercourse, the condom could break.


When a condom does break there are a few things you should do. You shouldn't continue having sex; your partner should pull out immediately. You want to make sure that pieces of the condom are not inside of you, this could lead to infection. You should urinate to clear the urethra and allow for any pieces of condom that could be residing inside to fall out.

I would advise you not to try to remove the pieces of the condom yourself. You could hurt yourself, bruise, cut, or tear the vaginal tissue, and you may also risk transferring bacteria and other infectious material into the vagina.

It is safe to douche with a solution of vinegar and water, however do not douche with soap. Soaps contain detergents that can cause allergic skin reactions, irritate vaginal tissue, and soaps also alter the pH of the vagina which can lead to an increased risk of infection. Douching will help to rinse and potentially dispose of debris left from the broken condom.

The most important thing to do is to go to your doctor immediately, do not wait. Although embarrassing (and maybe expensive to some folks) your doctor can safely remove the material, perform a follow-up an examination, and talk to you about pregnancy testing. Remember it is always better to be safe than sorry and taking care of yourself and your body is more important than feeling embarrassed.

***All questions sent to "Fornication Forum" are answered in a professional, respectful manner and researched by trained medical professionals. To submit your own sexual health related question, email them to culture@arbitronline.com, with the subject "Fornication Forum." All e-mails will be kept anonymous to respect the privacy of those individuals.

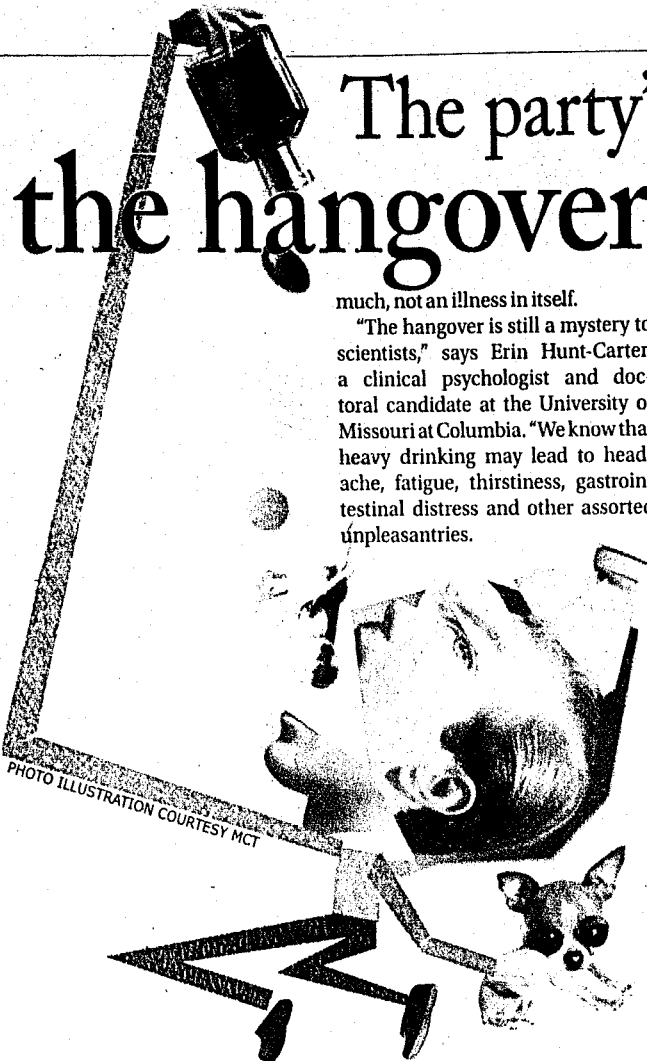


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The party's over when the hangover begins



much, not an illness in itself. "The hangover is still a mystery to scientists," says Erin Hunt-Carter, a clinical psychologist and doctoral candidate at the University of Missouri at Columbia. "We know that heavy drinking may lead to headache, fatigue, thirstiness, gastrointestinal distress and other assorted unpleasantnesses."

something in your head. That's why aspirin and ibuprofen work. A new rave among the 20- and 30-something crowd is over-the-counter pills. While they've been around since the mid-1990s, about two dozen have popped up in the past two years.

Mike Pearson, co-founder of HangoverReview.com, and his associates tested more than 50 of the pills and concluded the newer pills are versions of the old pills. Some work best by taking one before going to bed, others by taking one or two between drinks. HangoverReview.com also lists the ingredients in these products; the most common are vitamins B-6, B-12 and C. They also contain a bunch of herbs and a few minerals, such as calcium. All together, experts say, the combinations offer little more than a placebo. Pearson did name the most effective over-the-counter hangover remedies. Only one, Alcohol Hangover Relief, claims to work after a night of drinking. The others are preventative a little late for the day after the party.

Take them before or during your misbehavior: Sobrk HangoverStopper: It's taken primarily before drinking. It says it prevents the chemicals that cause hangovers from reaching your bloodstream by absorbing them in the digestive system. Chaser and RU21: They use minerals, foodstuffs and homeopathic ingredients (herbs). They claim to help the body process and expel the chemicals. The more experienced set, including Mark Pollman, a freelance bartender, author of books about bartending and spirits, and member of the Bartender Hall of Fame, has less high-tech advice.

"I would say, 'Don't drink too much in the first place,'" Pollman says. "If you do, put something really nice and greasy in your stomach before you start." He suggests sleep as a remedy unless the beverage of choice is wine, in which case he recommends drinking water before going to sleep.

"Take a couple of aspirin and go back to bed," he says.

"But know that drinking is fun, a wonderful thing, as long as you're in control. When it starts controlling you, then you have a problem."

BY HARRY JACKSON JR.
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Your hair hurts, your mouth feels as if you've eaten steel wool, your stomach is angry at you, and you can't see across the room. The only good news is that you recognize the person sleeping beside you as your significant other. This is a hangover. You drank too much, and now you're paying for it.

What to do? The only time-tested method is to take a couple of aspirin or ibuprofen, drink a lot of water, fruit juice, then get some rest and wait for the effects to go away, says Dr. Charlene Prather, associate professor of internal medicine at St. Louis University School of Medicine. Anything to get the water back into your system and to replace the nutrients that the alcohol drained away.

Do not take Tylenol, she warns, because its reaction with alcohol residue in the liver can be toxic.

Scientists pay little attention to the hangover. Doctors and researchers see it as a symptom of drinking too

"But we don't really know why this happens or why some people report being hangover-prone and others hangover-proof."

Here's who experts and bartenders say are more likely to get hangovers: Women more than men. People who drink fast more than people who drink slowly. People who switch among types of drinks during an evening. Another mystery is the source of the pain from hangovers.

Anecdotal evidence blames dark liquors such as whiskey and red wine. The impurities in the color may have a toxic effect. That's why clear liquors such as vodka and white wine aren't as famous for causing hangovers.

"It may be a form of withdrawal," Prather says. "But it may be because things in alcohol are toxic." She suspects the dehydration from drinking too much is the big culprit. "Alcohol is a diuretic, and it causes a lot of urination," she says. The symptoms of a hangover mimic those of severe dehydration. Also, Prather says, the pain could come from constricted blood vessels or inflammation of

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BOISE STATE STUDENT GROUPS



Men's tennis qualifies for big event

BY KYE JOHNSON
Assistant Sports Editor

On Saturday night the Boise State men's tennis team wrapped up the Mountain Regional Team Playoff by earning a trip to Chicago to play in the National Team Indoor Championships in mid-February.

"First of all, we've got to take it to Chicago," BSU Head Coach Greg Patton said following Saturday's tournament. "We're playing with the elite 15 and that's the only way at Boise State. You've got to grab every opportunity that you can and you squeeze it and you don't let go."

Squeeze they did, especially in the morning segment of the Regional

playoff. UNLV had the misfortune of getting matched up against Boise State and the Broncos handed them an old-fashioned beating.

"We destroyed UNLV this morning - destroyed them," Patton said. "And that's a good team."

BSU won four convincing singles matches against a clearly over-matched UNLV team.

Clancy Shields won his match 6-2, 6-0 and his brother Luke Shields won his match 6-1, 6-2. Junior Eric Roberson won his match 6-3, 6-0 and sophomore Steve Robertson won his match 6-1, 6-4.

Morning play ended so fast that junior Piotr Dilaj didn't even get to finish

his match.

"After 55 minutes, we were done," Dilaj said. "I didn't expect to finish that fast."

Dilaj, who is a transfer student from Poland, may have found himself in the most competitive match of the evening in singles play against University of New Mexico.

As the playoff drew to a close and BSU only needed one more victory to seal up their trip to the indoor championships, all eyes were on Dilaj. With a two game lead in the second set and Dilaj leading one set to zero, he began to feel a little bit of the pressure.

"I just wanted to finish, because

I knew it was the last point that we needed," Dilaj said. "I saw all the guys cheering for me, so it was just kind of shaky." Dilaj's on-court antics and intensity have made him a fan favorite in his two years at Boise State.

"It helps me, when I scream it helps me," Dilaj said. "It just seems like sometimes at important points I just seem to fire up, that's it."

Dilaj won the match in a tiebreaker and Boise State's trip to Chicago became official. For Coach Patton, getting a chance to play against the nation's top teams is a task he's looking forward to.

"I'm just tired of the Big-10, the Pac-10, the SEC and the ACC think-

ing that they've got something over us," Patton said.

But there isn't much time for Patton and his players to celebrate because they'll be on the road and heading to California, where they'll face a vigorous group of teams before they play in the indoor championships next month.

"We play Stanford next week - they're No. 9 in the nation," Patton said. "Then the following week we play San Diego State and San Diego who are both great teams. Then the following week after that we play at USC and Santa Barbara. But you know what? If you want to be a big dog, you get put in the big dog pound."

As for looking ahead to next month, Dilaj feels pretty confident about the team's chances.

"I think we are a better indoor team, actually," Dilaj said. "So it's better for us to play indoor."

Dilaj said his expectations have been high since the time he arrived in Boise, which makes the recent accomplishments no big surprise.

"In the first email [Coach Patton] wrote me he said he wanted to win NCAAs," Dilaj said. "So I already knew it would happen."

While the men haven't quite won NCAAs yet, they are off to a good start and now they're considered the best college men's tennis team in the Mountain Region.

BSU indoor track season begins

BY MICHELLE MILLIKEN
Sports Writer

The Boise State men and women's track and field teams kicked off their 2007 indoor season at the Hampton Inn and Suites Classic Saturday afternoon. Both teams entered the day with high expectations for their respective seasons.

The men, who are going after their third consecutive Western Athletic Conference Indoor Championship, faced off against Stanford, Brigham Young University, the University of California, Eastern Oregon and Northwest Nazarene University.

The Broncos fared well in field events with three first place finishers. Freshman jumper Zacharias Arnos won the triple jump with a leap of 15.09 meters, junior jumper David Walden won the high jump scaling a height of 2.06 meters and senior thrower Eric Whitsitt won the shotput with a throw of 17.3 meters.

In addition, BSU had second place finishers in the high jump and the pole vault.

On the track, the distance runners scored two second-place finishes, juniors Caleb Cazier in the 800 meter run and Cody Eaton in the 3,000-meter race.

After the meet was finished Head Coach Mike Maynard talked about one of the highlight performances of the day.

"Marlon Douglas ran really well for us in the 60," Maynard said. "He didn't win, but he had a fantastic time [6.97 seconds]."

The women, who hope to challenge for an indoor championship this year as well, contended with Stanford, BYU, the University of California, Eastern Oregon, Northwest Nazarene and Cal State Dominguez Hills.

The Lady Broncos also had success in field events. Sophomore jumper Eleni Kafourou placed second in the triple jump with a leap of 12.73 meters and third in the long jump with a distance of 6.04 meters.

Freshman Theodora Xylaki took second in the high jump, scaling a height of 1.68 meters. The throwers also managed first and third-place finishes in the weight throw. Senior Eleni Ypsilanti won with a throw of 18.05 meters and sophomore Annika Hjelm grabbed third with a distance of 17.51 meters.

On the track, sophomore Nataucha Lowry took first in the 400 meter dash with a time of 57.97 and senior Becky Guyette placed third in the mile with a time of 4:56.43.

Overall, coach Maynard liked what he saw from his team.

"We'd only been back in school for four days and as a whole I thought we had a good outing," Maynard said. "We had a lot of really solid performances to start at a meet against schools of this caliber and I thought our school did a good job."

The coaching staff expects the rest of the season to go well, too.

"On the men's side, we're hoping to challenge for the WAC championship again," Distance Coach David Welsh said. "We're coming off of two championships and hoping for a third one. For the women, we also hope to challenge. This is the first time we really feel we have a team that could win the championship."

This year's team features many key returning athletes like Elena Kafourou and Simon Wardhaugh, who both did well in the NCAA championships last year.

Combining with the already-proven athletes, the Broncos brought in many new faces - like Zacharias Arnos. The new faces have helped to put even more hope toward a championship.

"We just need to get everybody going," Maynard said. "The indoor season is short and it can be really intense. The only way to make it in the championship is to work. We have work to be done, but we also have a talented team. They are very strong and motivated to go for the championship."

Meet results

Women
60 meter dash - 1. Janice Davis, Stanford, 7.4. 2. Jakkii Bailey, Stanford, 7.5. 3. Charonda Williams, Unattached, 7.5. 4. Antonette Carter, Asics, 7.52. 5. Ashton Purvis, Unattached, 7.55.
200 - 1. Charonda Williams, Unattached, 23.8. 2. Ashton Purvis, Unattached, 23.97. 3. Antonette Carter, Asics, 24.33. 4. Megan Olivetti, Boise State, 25.61. 5. Nisha Simeon, Boise State, 25.7.
400 - 1. Nataucha Lowry, Boise State, 57.97. 2. Evelyn Smith, California, 58.24. 3. Ashley Freeman, Stanford, 58.41. 4. Megan Olivetti, Boise State, 58.45. 5. Paige Olivetti, Boise State, 58.56.
Mile - 1. Carlee Clark, BYU, 4:57.77. 2. Ashley Puga, NNU, 4:59.85. 3. Becky Guyette, Boise State, 5:01.00. 4. Breanne Sande, Boise State, 5:02.58. 5. Carolyn Quebe, BYU, 5:04.07.
800 - 1. Mackenzie Pierce, California, 2:10.83. 2. Julie Meads, BYU, 2:12.32. 3. Heidi Houle, BYU, 2:14.91. 4. Kayleen McDowell, Boise State, 2:15.52. 5. Ashley Puga, NNU, 2:15.9.
3000 - 1. Angela Peterson, BYU, 10:22.65. 2. Katie Porter, BYU, 10:25.12. 3. Wendy Harris, BYU, 10:28.3. 4. Mackenzie Allen, BYU, 10:54.49. 5. Meadow Braden, Boise State, 11:21.24.
60 Hurdles - 1. Ke'Nya Richardson, Unattached, 8.6. 2. Julian Purvis, Unattached, 8.62. 3. Grace Fichetti, Cal St. Dom Hills, 8.76. 4. Diane Steward, BYU, 8.83. 5. Artensia Young, California, 8.89.
1600 Relay - 1. California A, 3:48.93. 2. Brigham Young B, 3:52.31. 3. Brigham Young A, 3:52.57. 4. Boise State A, 4:05.05. 5. Northwest Nazarene B, 4:16.38.
High Jump - 1. Lauren Stewart, Stanford, 1.73m. 2. Theodora Xylaki, Boise State, 1.68m.

2. Ashley Worneli, Northwest Nazarene, 1.68m. 4. Sixway tie.
Pole Vault - 1. Mackenzie Iorg, Brigham Young, 3.8m. 1. Kelly Furr, Brigham Young, 3.8m. 3. Caitlin Hewitt, Stanford, 3.65m. 3. Annalise Berleson, Boise State, 3.65m. 3. Julene Kaufusi, Brigham Young, 3.65m.
Long Jump - 1. Mindy Neeley, Brigham Young, 6.26m. 2. Erica McLean, Stanford, 6.15m. 3. Eleni Kafourou, Boise State, 6.04m. 4. Griffin Matthew, Stanford, 5.99m. 5. Lollie Onipede, California, 5.74m.
Triple Jump - 1. Ke'Nya Richardson, Unattached, 12.94m. 2. Eleni Kafourou, Boise State, 12.73m. 3. Artensia Young, California, 12.4m. 4. Lollie Onipede, California, 12.07m. 5. Mercedes Marchbanks, California, 11.83m.
Shot Put - 1. Melissa Yunghans, Stanford, 14.66m. 2. Kelechi Anyanwu, California, 14.65m. 3. Michaela Wallerstedt, Stanford, 14.17m. 4. Emilee Strot, California, 14.16m. 5. Tiffany Arrhenius, Brigham Young, 14.15m.
Weight Throw - 1. Eleni Ypsilanti, Boise State, 18.05m. 2. Tipaleli Fotu, Brigham Young, 17.56m. 3. Annika Hjelm, Boise State, 17.51m. 4. Amber Tavares, Boise State, 15.16m. 5. Melissa Yunghans, Stanford, 15.09m.

Men
60 Meter Dash - 1. Jeff Laynes, Brooks, 6.75. 2. Jason Heard, EODCY, 6.81. 3. Antoine Echols, Team X-Bronco, 6.83. 4. Marlon Douglas, Boise State, 6.97. 5. Zach Chandy, Stanford, 7.03.
200 Meter Dash - 1. Antoine Echols, Team X-Bronco, 21.51. 2. Zach Chandy, Stanford, 21.59. 3. Andre Ammons, EODCY, 21.69. 4. Jason Heard, EODCY, 21.88. 5. Nick Cunningham, Boise State, 22.49.
400 Meter Dash - 1. Andre Ammons, EODCY, 49.32. 2. Nestor Solis, California, 49.62. 3. Durrell Coleman, Stanford, 49.64. 4. Justin Reed, Stanford, 50.01. 5. Elliot Luscombe, Stanford, 50.11.
One Mile Run - 1. Andy Peters, Northwest Nazarene, 4:26.72. 2. Adam Goulet, Eastern Oregon, 4:30.76. 3. Zach Heath, Eastern Oregon, 4:33.76. 4. Josh Ego, Eastern Oregon, 4:39.00. 5. Stanley Chebil, Boise State, 4:41.54.
800 Meter Run - 1. Francis Gadayan, California, 1:52.69. 2. Caleb Cazier, Boise State, 1:54.25. 3. Andy Perzchica, California, 1:55.75. 4. Cody Eaton, Boise State, 1:56.97. 5. Matt Schmasow, Boise State, 1:58.92.
3000 Meter Run - 1. Andy Peters, Northwest Nazarene, 9:02.32. 2. Cody Eaton, Boise State, 9:04.75. 3. Kevin Lambert, Northwest Nazarene, 9:31.30. 4. Stanley Chebil, Boise State, 9:32.49. 5. Morgan Saltenberger, Eastern Oregon, 9:39.03.
60 Meter Hurdles - 1. Thomas Mack, California, 8.07. 2. Jordan Paul, California, 8.31. 3. Steven Conrad, California, 8.64. 4. Chris Hoppie, Unattached, 8.78. 5. Lucas Ohmes, Eastern Oregon, 8.78.
4x400 Meter Relay - 1. Stanford A, 3:16.34. 2. California A, 3:17.5. 3. Boise State B, 3:27.44. 4. Northwest Nazarene B, 3:34.26. 5. Eastern Oregon A, 3:36.58.
High Jump - 1. David Walden, Boise State, 2.06m. 2. Heigo Nurmsalu, Boise State, 2.01m. 3. Durrell Coleman, Stanford, 2.01m. 4. Oluwadare Kolawole, Stanford, 1.91m. 5. Steven Conrad, California, 1.81m.
Pole Vault - 1. Graeme Hoste, Stanford, 5.36m. 2. Logan Meyer, Boise State, 4.4m. 3. Benjamin Sheehan, Stanford, 4.2m.
Long Jump - 1. Josh Husted, Stanford, 7.16m. 2. Adrian Munabi, Stanford, 7.15m. 3. Savvas Diakonikolas, Unattached, 7.14m. 4. Richard Sherman, Stanford, 6.89m. 5. Tyson Berg, Boise State, 6.63m.
Triple Jump - 1. Zacharias Arnos, Boise State, 15.09m. 2. Savvas Diakonikolas, Unattached, 15.0m. 3. Greg Hamm, Northwest Nazarene, 14.19m. 4. Tyson Berg, Boise State, 13.57m. 5. Chris Mahoney, Unattached, 13.28m.
Shot Put - 1. Erik Whitsitt, Boise State, 17.3m. 2. Michael Robertson, Stanford, 16.62m. 3. Michael Macellari, Stanford, 16.17m. 4. Craig Kent, California, 16.15m. 5. John Ludden, California, 16.02m.
Weight Throw - 1. Michael Robertson, Stanford, 17.13m. 2. John Ludden, California, 16.86m. 3. Zak Thomas, California, 16.25m. 4. Zach Barclay, Northwest Nazarene, 15.10m. 5. Mitch Wheelhouse, Eastern Oregon, 14.78m.

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