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The women's basketball team lost its first Western Athletic Conference game Saturday, but remain atop the standings.

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Our podcasts are rocking and rolling. "Turn It Up," with Shannon Morgan currently features live music and the guys from "Arbiter Sports Talk" have hit the road, podcasting in the SUB. If you see them Friday afternoon, pull up a seat and share your views on sports.

WEATHER


TUESDAY
High: 54F / Low 33F


WEDNESDAY
High: 52F / Low 36F


THURSDAY
High: 48F / Low 27F

ON CAMPUS

TUESDAY
Boise State Writing Project:
Nonfiction, Poetry and Fiction
Workshop

4:30-6 p.m. in the SUB
The Boise State Writing Project will host a series of workshops for educators that are free and open to the public.
E-mail jwillhelm@boisestate.edu or michaelmueller@boisestate.edu to RSVP

WEDNESDAY
Poetry Slam!
Andrea Gibson and Katie Wirsing in the Lookout Room of the SUB at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Don't forget to sign up for "Head-to-head haiku battle" for the title "Absolute Haiku Ruler Supreme"



BY JESSICA CHRISTENSEN
News Editor

For the second time, Dunkley music has won a coveted Steinway and Sons Partners in Performance Award, which is the highest honor bestowed by the maker of what many call the instrument of the immortals. Steinway pianos are used by professional pianists 98 percent of the time. According to Steinway and Sons, Steinway remains the choice of nine out of ten artists, countless pianists, composers and performers around the world.

Workers from Dunkley Music of Boise learned of the award mid-January while in California for a "Steinway Day," where many of the musically-inclined across the world join together in one place.

DunkleyMusicMarketingCoordinator and former Boise State University student Mona Morrison expressed her excitement for the honor presented to Dunkley Music.

"We are very proud. We are up against 67 other Steinway dealers, many of which are located in major metropolitan areas such as San Francisco, Chicago or New York City," Morrison said.

Dunkley was honored for overall excellence in eight qualifying categories such as Steinway concert-and-artist programs, product knowledge and customer service.

Along with the coveted award, Dunkley also received recognition for "exemplifying the spirit of Steinway" which embodies the vision, integrity and spirit of company founder Henry E. Steinway.

"A lot of it is based on customer care and customer satisfaction," Morrison said.

Still a family-owned business, Dunkley Music was founded by William K. Dunkley in 1950 and became an exclusive authorized Steinway dealer in 1962. Showrooms are located in downtown Boise and Twin Falls.

Created from 12,000 components that require a year to handcraft and assemble, Steinway and Sons' pianos are only sold in the United States by a selection of exclusive dealers. The upright-piano models range in size from 45 inches to 52 inches in height, and those with an ebony finish range from \$18,600 to \$24,400. Ebony Steinway grand-piano models range from just over five feet to eight feet and run from \$40,600 to \$103,400. Steinway and Sons also offer pianos in nine different natural wood finishes.

"We are beginning an educational outreach program with string, brass, woodwind and piano instruments to send the message that music is accessible. Our heart lies in giving back to the community ... to make music fun and wonderful for everyone," Morrison said.

Boise State University professor involved in DNA exoneration

BY JOSLYN SALOW
News Writer

Greg Hampikian, director of the Idaho Innocence Project and DNA expert for the Georgia Innocence Project, worked with student intern Cliff Williams last summer on the DNA exoneration of Willie O. "Pete" Williams, an Atlanta, Ga., man who has served 21 years of a 45-year sentence for rape. He was released January 23.

A Boise State professor in the departments of biology and criminal justice, Hampikian regularly trains project interns and serves as the project board expert. In July he learned of DNA evidence on Pete Williams' case that had been miraculously saved from destruction at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. That evidence led to Williams' exoneration.
Third year law student at Georgia

State University, Cliff Williams, did the investigative work on the case and retrieved the rape kit that was tagged for destruction, which contained the DNA evidence needed to lead to the exoneration.

Hampikian, long-time resident of Georgia, is closely associated with the Georgia Innocence Project, one of many innocence projects in the Country.

According to Hampikian, the interns do most of the work. He said that he teaches students about DNA, answers their questions and goes over the cases that they are working on in order to advise them about what additional testing needs to be done.

Hampikian commented on the significance a guilty verdict has on an innocent person.

"I am very fond of saying that we have a great criminal justice system if you are guilty... If you are innocent

there is no good system because you have the power and weight of the state accusing you and there is a 98% conviction rate in most of these jurisdictions," Hampikian said.

He said that in many cases the accused are interrogated and admit to false guilt to avoid heavier sentences.

"Twenty-seven percent of the first set of innocence project cases that were documented were false confessions during investigation," Hampikian said. "Making deals about the truth hurts an innocent person."

Aimee Maxwell, Executive Director of the Georgia Innocence Project, commented on how easily mistakes in identification lead to life sentences.

"Pete Williams' case is actually a classic case of mistaken identification. Mr. Williams was charged with two crimes (rape and aggra-

vated assault). Both victims and a witness identified him in a photo lineup. (Mr. Williams was only tried for rape) The interesting thing about Pete's case is that after he was jailed, similar crimes were committed," Maxwell said.

She said that in the past four years the innocence project received 2650 requests for assistance and Williams' was one of 14 they accepted for representation.

"Finding the evidence is one of our biggest challenges. Until 2003, the courts could throw away the evidence after the case is complete. In 2003, the Georgia Legislature passed a bill requiring the preservation of evidence for 10 years," Maxwell said.

Biology major Kristen Leenhouts, student director of the Idaho

Greg Hampikian a professor in the Biology and Criminal Justice Departments at BSU and the director of the Idaho Innocence Project and DNA expert for the Georgia Innocence Project.

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THE HEADLINES

WORLD

Suicide bombs kill 45 at Shiite market in Hillah

A pair of powerful suicide bombs ripped through a Shiite market in Hillah, killing 45 and wounding 150 on a day when the government reported civilian deaths for January had reached an all-time monthly high.

The complexity of violence in Iraq was apparent earlier in the day, as political factions clashed over a government account of a weekend battle that pitted U.S. and Iraqi forces against a Shiite cult during one of the holiest weeks for Shiites.

Opponents of the Baghdad government have accused authorities of using the battle to clamp down on innocent Iraqis from opposing Shiite clans. The government denied it, even as it announced a crackdown on suspected supporters of the cult near Karbala.

"Anyone who violates the law and threatens the lives of citizens is punished according to law," said spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh.

Besides the blasts in Hillah, bombings and mortar attacks against Shiite and Sunni neighborhoods in Baghdad killed at least 17 more people Thursday as U.S. and Iraqi forces prepare for a security surge to pacify the capital, according to the Associated Press.

Last month, civilian deaths from violence in Iraq numbered 1,990, according to Health Department figures given to AP. The total was higher than in the previous month, which had set a record since counts have been kept, and three times the number of deaths in Jan. 2006.

At least 82 American military personnel died last month, according to an AP count.

Against that backdrop, al-Dabbagh said in Baghdad that a plot to murder top Shiite clerics in Iraq and plunge the country into chaos was averted by alert farmers who reported groups of armed fighters massing outside the Shiite citadel of Karbala in the days leading up to the Ashoura religious re-

membrances.

Video shown to journalists of the cult's shattered compound revealed heavy machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades and trenches. Al-Dabbagh said a list of cult members was also found, with names broken down into military units.

Such a group "must have had links with the outside," he said. "It is bigger than this."

More than 600 people, including women and children, have been held for questioning. Al-Dabbagh said many are innocent and would be released, but he said nothing about whether innocents may have been killed in the frenzied battle. Opponents seized on the uncertainty.

Among those killed were members of two large Shiite tribes opposed to the government in Baghdad, whose core is made up of other Shiite political parties based in Najaf.

"All the information al-Dabbagh mentions came after the operation," said opposition parliament member Ayad Jamaladdin. "When did they review this information? Before or after the incident? Why did they launch an attack without this information?"

Jamaladdin called for a judicial investigation of the battle. "We must distinguish between militant and civilian [deaths]," he said.

Earlier, Shiite cleric Ali al-Sistani, who (with Muqtada al-Sadr) was a purported target of the cult's assassination plans, issued a religious order allowing the dead fighters to be buried near Najaf, authorities in the Shiite holy city said.

spellbound readers on July 21.

Fans of the schoolboy sorcerer will get a double dose of delight, since the fifth film - "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" - hits cinemas just eight days earlier, on July 13.

The seventh book is expected to be hotter than a bubbling cauldron. Rowling has revealed she will kill off at least two characters. Fans fear that Harry himself may be one of those to perish.

"The Deathly Hallows" is already the best seller on Amazon.com, where wizard-watchers are snagging preorders for \$18.89, 46 percent off the retail price.

The first six books, published by Scholastic in the U.S., have sold 325 million copies around the world.

Fans first met Harry 10 years ago when the bespectacled orphan began his first year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. He's been battling the evil Lord Voldemort ever since, with the help of magical spells and best pals Ron and Hermione.

Daniel Radcliffe, who plays Harry on screen, has been doing some growing up of his own. The 17-year-old actor is ditching his invisibility cloak - along with the rest of his clothes - to appear naked on a London stage in a revival of "Equus," opening Feb. 27.

office about the situation and Idaho Congressman Bill Saff is working to see whether federal resources would be available to help.

The incident may be the worst school fire in the history of the Treasure Valley or even of the state, Luna said. But he also said Middleton administrators were staying calm in the face of the disaster.

"There wasn't a panicked attitude. They were definitely managing the problem and identifying resources and solutions," Luna said. "They had already gathered themselves."

Luna said businesses had already contacted his office to offer their help with the school. He said state personnel will meet with Middleton School officials today to discuss approaches to recover from the fire.

Offers of help

The Vallivue Education Association is working to set up a donation fund to help teachers and students at Middleton High School. Birch Elementary School teacher Sandy Wright is one of the Vallivue educators involved. She can be reached at 850-0630.

Former Canyon County Commissioner Robert Vasquez also said he would offer any help needed in the crisis. He can be reached at 989-4260.

Courtesy Idaho Press-Tribune

LOCAL/BSU

Idahoans aid in Middleton High School's recovery

Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna said his office is ready to help the Middleton School District recover from the fire that destroyed the high school.

Luna met with Middleton officials to see how the State Department of Education could help the district put its educational house back in order after the disastrous blaze. He said his office would be ready with technical or administrative assistance.

Luna said his office has also spoken with Governor Butch Otter's

WHAT THE?

I'm cured! It's a miracle!

A man who has been receiving disability payments in England since 1994 - claiming he needs round-the-clock care, a wheelchair and two canes, was photographed by a television crew running the London Marathon.

No! This is my new job!

A man applying for a job at a cabinet store in Bryan, Texas, encountered another man outside the store who was applying for the same job - he stabbed him.

NATIONAL

Final Harry Potter book to be released in July 2007

Hold on to your broomsticks. The fate of the world's most famous wizard will soon be revealed.

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Non-newsworthy news



Give me your tots

BY CHAD MENDENHALL
News Writer

February is a month of celebration and recognition.

February is distinguished as National Cherry Month, Canned Food Month, National Weddings Month and Pet Dental Month. Perhaps an ideal Valentine's Day gift basket should include some cherries, canned food, a wedding band, toothpaste for your cat and a bag of potato chips, because one should never forget that February is National Potato Lover's month.

Spell that five times Dan Quayle. The potato is considered one of nature's most resourceful vegetables. They are sodium-free, fat-free, cholesterol-free and loaded with Vitamin C, potassium, fiber and antioxidants. Perhaps people should consider a diet completely devoted to potatoes.

The Inca Indians of Peru are said to be the first people to have cultivated potatoes in about 200 B.C. They used this vegetable to measure time and put its raw slices on broken bones to encourage healing.

In the 16th century, Spanish conquistadors took potatoes with them on their return voyage to Europe. Historically, the potato was believed by many Europeans to be poisonous. They thought consuming one would lead to syphilis and leprosy.

After European nobility popularized the potato and dispelled its myths, they made peasants grow and eat them. If peasants refused to eat potatoes they were threatened with the prospect having their noses cut off.

Many people believe French fries came to America after the First World War when soldiers were offered deep fried potatoes cut into thin slices, but this seems inconsistent with the claim that Thomas Jefferson, who loved to serve French dishes, introduced fries at a White House dinner party.

Angered over France's stance on Iraq, Republican Lawmakers Walter Jones and Bob Ney changed the name of "french fries" to "freedom fries" in the cafeterias of the three House office buildings.

Traditionally, vodka was made from sugar beets or potatoes. Potato whisky is described as a strong, fiery liquor with a hot, smoky taste. It is also made from potatoes or potato starch.

Apparently Idahoans are not the only people obsessed with potatoes. According to The National Potato Council, the potato is the second most consumed food in the United States. An average American eats 135 pounds of potatoes a year, which equals to almost one potato per day.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service estimates that the U.S. value of potato production is more than \$2.5 billion. Idaho is the largest producer with over 12 billion pounds annually.

Washington is the second largest state, harvesting approximately 9 billion pounds. The annual U.S. potato production averages 45 billion pounds.

In 2004, 33 percent of the total harvested potatoes were frozen and used for tater tots, fries and other spud necessities.

30 percent were consumed fresh and 11 percent were used for potato chips, dried potato flakes and pancake mix.

The NPC recommends storing potatoes in a dry, cool environment with proper ventilation. Preferable containers include cardboard boxes, pantries and paper bags.

The best temperature for storing potatoes is between 45 and 55 degrees.

If exposed to temperatures above 55 degrees, they may shrink and begin to sprout. In perfect conditions, spuds can potentially last for months. Avoid keeping them in plastic bags and refrigerators.

This month, when cuddled up with your significant other, remember that the best steam comes from a baked potato covered with bacon bits, sour cream, chives and cheese.

Ask a cop



Q. Is it legal to start a poker club in Idaho?

A. Unauthorized gambling in Idaho is illegal. You can review the State of Idaho Website for information on gaming at <http://www3.state.id.us/idstat/TOC/18038KTOC.htm>

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DNA

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Innocence Project, is responsible for reviewing pending cases and opening the Boise State Office in the Tower's Dorm.

"I feel as though it is all of our responsibility to ensure that those convicted of crimes and serving sentences for said crimes are the ones who actually committed the crime," Leenhouts said.

Leenhouts said that she is glad for the attention Williams' case has brought to Innocence Projects nationwide. She said that 194 individuals have been exonerated with help from Innocence projects.

"I find this number both exciting and terrifying. It is exciting because it shows that we as a society can correct our wrongs and have

given 194 innocent men their lives back. It is terrifying because it is a reminder that our judicial system is not without faults and that innocent men can be denied their freedom," Leenhouts said.

For Leenhouts, working on cases has its rewards, regardless of the outcome.

"Even if none of our cases result in an exoneration, I know that I am making a difference in these men's lives, if only by providing them with a small ray of hope," Leenhouts said.

For more information about the Idaho Innocence Project visit the Web site, idahoinnocenceproject.org or e-mail idahoinnocenceproject@boisestate.edu.



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From left to right: Barry Scheck, Calvin Johnson and Greg Hampikian. Hampikian has met with the heads of forensic labs from the FBI, Scotland Yard, Korea, Taiwan and Somalia to talk about the new DNA Safeguard technology developed at Boise State.



Convicted at age 21, Robert Clark spent nearly 25 years in prison for the 1981 rape of an Atlanta woman. Test results now prove his innocence and aided in identifying the likely perpetrator.

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OPINION

The way we see it ...

There is more to the Spring semester than you know

So, ya'll are out there taking tests, writing essays, doing research and reading way more books than you want or can afford. The hours get packed in and you find your brain wanting to explode. To assuage the want to burn textbooks, try going extracurricular.

You all know about the 200-plus clubs on campus and the release the Rec Center can provide, but this February there are dozens of free events, lectures, forums and general recreation slinging around Boise State.

This link will show you everything through February:

<http://news.boisestate.edu/thisweek>

For starters, February is Black History Month and BSU has a lot going on.

Check out the art galleries in the Liberal Arts Building and the Hemmingway Center. They cost you nothing and will give your eyes a break from the textbook mania you may be encountering. There is also an art exhibit in the Student Union Gallery (second floor above the main stairs), the MLK Human Rights Exhibit will be shown every day this month.

You can attend the "White Privilege" round table discussion in the Cultural Center today 1 p.m.

Tomorrow at lunch you can check out Dan Purser on the Brava! Stage in the SUB. He's a musician and you can listen while you eat lunch.

This Wednesday is loaded with events, from the Poetry Slam in the Lookout Room at 7 p.m., the Blood Drive from 9-2 p.m. in the Hatch Ballroom. Blood saves lives. If you have extra, help others out.

At the Library! On Capitol, you can attend "Literature for Lunch" and discuss Jane Austen's work "Persuasion."

There's a Dodgeball tournament Thursday in the Rec Center - that's right, Dodgeball. Be the pursuant of true underdog glory.

For free on Thursday night you can attend the Jazz Festival in the Jordan Ballroom in the SUB. Featured guest artists include Kristin Korb and the Kristin Trio, and Boise's own jazz vocalist Jeff Baker.

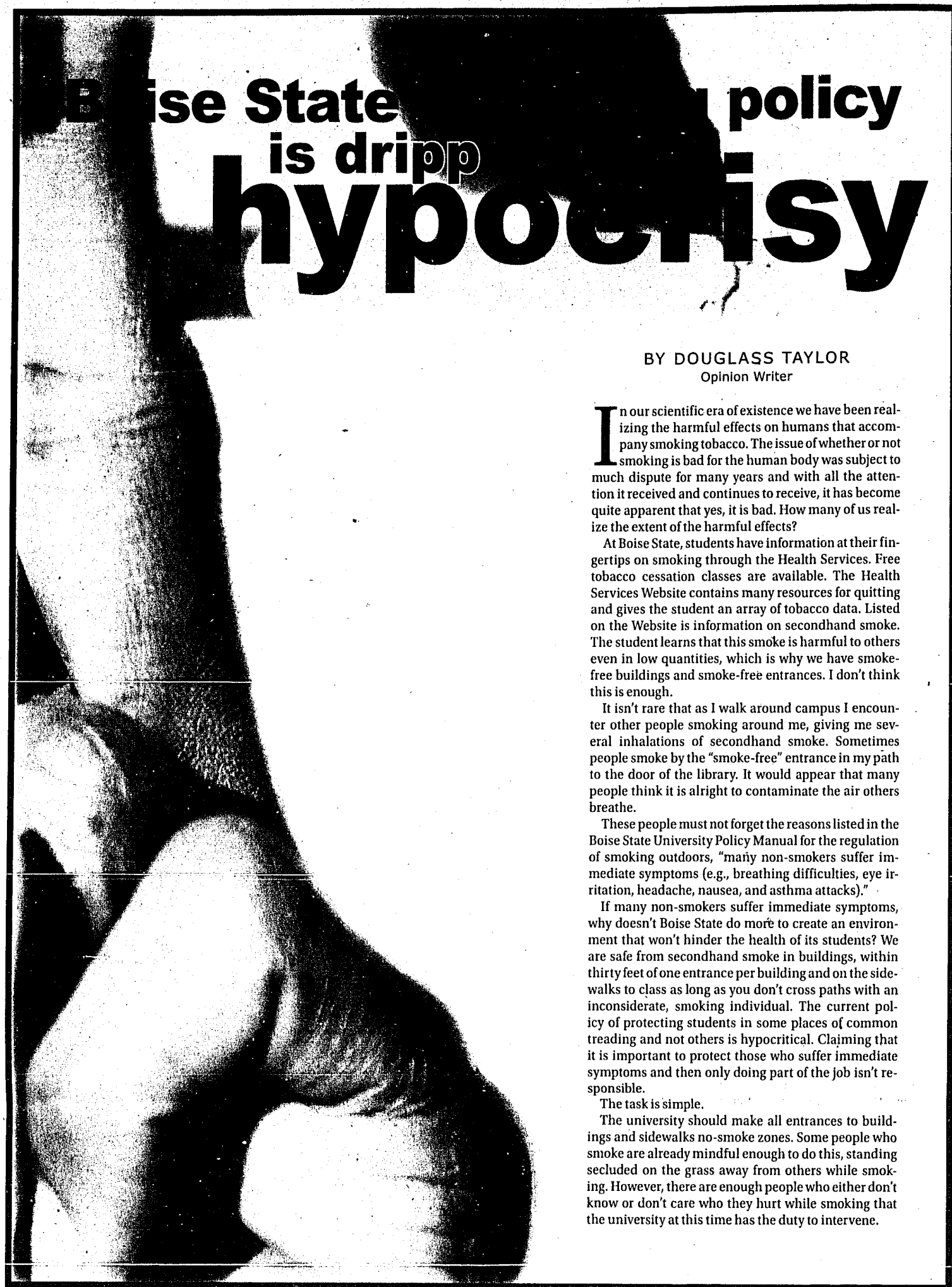
Then Friday night, stay Up All Night in the SUB. It's free for students. You can go hang out and release the stress the week espoused.

Service Saturday. If your Karma needs bandaged try lending a helping hand around the community. This time around it's at the Boise State West Campus in Caldwell. If you can't make it, then wait for the next session at BSU.

Oh yeah, WWE. World Wrestling Entertainment is coming to Taco Bell Arena Saturday night. The event will feature John Cena, Jeff Hardy and Randy Orton, as well as local hero Torrie Wilson and Chairman Vince McMahon. So whatever you do this week, let the university lead you. There are a great many pleasures in college life, variety is possibly the greatest. Shake up your routines before they become routines. Be proactive. Be students.

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

you should know



Boise State policy is dripping hypocrisy

BY DOUGLASS TAYLOR
Opinion Writer

In our scientific era of existence we have been realizing the harmful effects on humans that accompany smoking tobacco. The issue of whether or not smoking is bad for the human body was subject to much dispute for many years and with all the attention it received and continues to receive, it has become quite apparent that yes, it is bad. How many of us realize the extent of the harmful effects?

At Boise State, students have information at their fingertips on smoking through the Health Services. Free tobacco cessation classes are available. The Health Services Website contains many resources for quitting and gives the student an array of tobacco data. Listed on the Website is information on secondhand smoke. The student learns that this smoke is harmful to others even in low quantities, which is why we have smoke-free buildings and smoke-free entrances. I don't think this is enough.

It isn't rare that as I walk around campus I encounter other people smoking around me, giving me several inhalations of secondhand smoke. Sometimes people smoke by the "smoke-free" entrance in my path to the door of the library. It would appear that many people think it is alright to contaminate the air others breathe.

These people must not forget the reasons listed in the Boise State University Policy Manual for the regulation of smoking outdoors, "many non-smokers suffer immediate symptoms (e.g., breathing difficulties, eye irritation, headache, nausea, and asthma attacks)."

If many non-smokers suffer immediate symptoms, why doesn't Boise State do more to create an environment that won't hinder the health of its students? We are safe from secondhand smoke in buildings, within thirty feet of one entrance per building and on the sidewalks to class as long as you don't cross paths with an inconsiderate, smoking individual. The current policy of protecting students in some places of common treading and not others is hypocritical. Claiming that it is important to protect those who suffer immediate symptoms and then only doing part of the job isn't responsible.

The task is simple. The university should make all entrances to buildings and sidewalks no-smoke zones. Some people who smoke are already mindful enough to do this, standing secluded on the grass away from others while smoking. However, there are enough people who either don't know or don't care who they hurt while smoking that the university at this time has the duty to intervene.

Gore and Jackson were great, but we need speakers with differing views

BY FREDERIC AREHART
Opinion Writer

For people with an open mind, history can be a fascinating subject. Remember, I said an open mind - not an empty one.

The various media outlets keep us informed on the issues of today with truly unprecedented speed and detail. They write the first draft of what will eventually become official history.

What is it that gets their attention? What can Boise State University do academically to become a top-level participant in the history they write?

We are all greatly indebted to Bethine Church for making history with her personal and successful efforts to bring Al Gore here to make a presentation about global change.

As an international personality, the

former vice-president brought to the academic side of Boise something similar to what the Fiesta Bowl win did for the athletic side: he brought top-level recognition to Boise State University.

Followed later in January by the Rev. Jessie Jackson, Boise State has proven it can attract 1A-level speakers.

By interacting with people at this level we stand a chance to become much more involved in the making of history outside Idaho.

Only one thing is missing from this high-level dialog of ideas that has started.

Without presentations from people of the same stature, but with differing views, we deny objectivity in our considerations of what is presented.

If we do not celebrate the value of diversity in thought found in top-level presentations, we are risking the slippery slope into academic oppression.

As a developing metropolitan research university of distinction, we have a unique opportunity to position Boise State.

We can differentiate ourselves from the traditional US. They seem to have forgotten that serious discourse requires at least two differing viewpoints be presented.

By stressing the liberality of our spectrum of interests we can demonstrate that we do care about the world outside of Idaho.

By stressing the thoroughness of our level of inquiry we can demonstrate that we have the intellect to be a nationally recognized institution of higher learning.

By insisting on equal time, orderly discourse and objectivity we can demonstrate ourselves to be above the rabble and the informational incest of the "big dog" universities.

I am calling for Dr. Kustra and the powers that be to formally invite people such as Bill Cosby and Michael Crichton to speak on campus. Bill Cosby is a recognized leader in civil rights. Michael Crichton is the author of the book "State of Fear," which concerns the economic and social politics of global warming.

If they are not available, then we should contact University of California's Ward Connelly concerning civil rights and Dr. Bjørn Lomborg (named one of the 100 globally most influential people by "Time" magazine in April 2004) concerning global warming, or people of similar standing in our pursuit of objectivity.

Insistence on objectivity can be what separates us from the arrogant (but still ignorant) in the marketplace of universities.

Let's make history by being different. What do you say Dr. Kustra?

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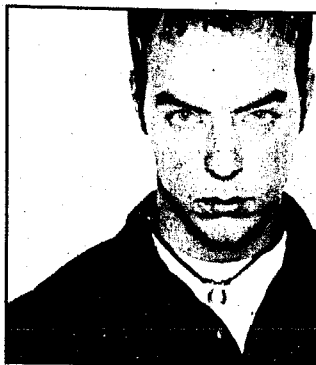
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LOCALLY TO GLOBALLY

WHAT'S HOT WHAT'S NOT IN ENTERTAINMENT



BY DANIEL KEDISH
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Globally

Hot

Lohan too cool for Gore

Well Lindsey Lohan may be showing her goods off around town, trashing it up at parties and hanging out in the "wrong" crowd with buddies Paris Hilton and Britney Spears, but she's pulled another hot maneuver - standing up our ex-vice president.

After meeting at the GQ Men of the Year awards dinner, Gore and Lohan exchanged a few words and decided to meet up in the future to talk. Lohan instantly e-mailed others to tell the exciting news and how he might be able to help clean up her image.

The day they planned to meet, Lohan skipped out to hit up Sunset Boulevard for some heavy underage drinking, while the poor politician-turned-movie-star embraced the inconvenient truth of being snubbed. Let's hope Lohan was hung over the next day for Gore's sake.

Not

'Top Design,' a train wreck

The Bravo network has had its line of hit television shows, including "Project Runway" and "Top Chef," but they have added another hopeful to the group, which is already raising a few W.T.F.s.

"Top Design" premiered after the season finale of "Top Chef" Wednesday night and introduced audiences to a whole new group of cultural rejects without social skills and with certain looks that make you want to leave the room, even after turning the television off.

I'm not saying looks are key to having a top-rated show, but it certainly helps when the content hits a low. The first competition dealt with arranging a meditation room for drag queen Alexis Arquette, who was a guest judge. Now excuse me, Alexis Arquette? Designer? That's where I draw the line.

Locally

Hot

The taste for local brew

Instead of settling down with the national favorites this week when looking for a beer, I suggest hitting up the local brews around town for a new taste of Boise you won't be disappointed with.

All around town you can find a bar here and there making its own selections with great names and even better tastes. Two personal favorites include Sockeye's, located on Cole Road and downtown's Bardenay. Both specialize in the craft of making great house brews, from light to amber and darker.

Right now Sockeye's offers a killer winter feast selection. But when all else fails, there are always Thursday's \$3 margaritas. Yum!

Not

Playin' the dine-and-dash game

As a server, life can be rough. Your wages depend on people who most of the time can't even afford to take their white trash selves out to dinner, leaving only eight percent gratuity behind.

While this is unacceptable, but bearable - one thing isn't: walking out.

Take some advice and pay your bill and never underestimate how far you server is capable of going.

Think about it. They control your food, your drink and while you are inside they could be outside letting the air out of your tires and putting sand in your gas tank.

While this may not occur majority of the time, I warn everyone of the wrath of the server after you walkout on them. It will never be pretty.

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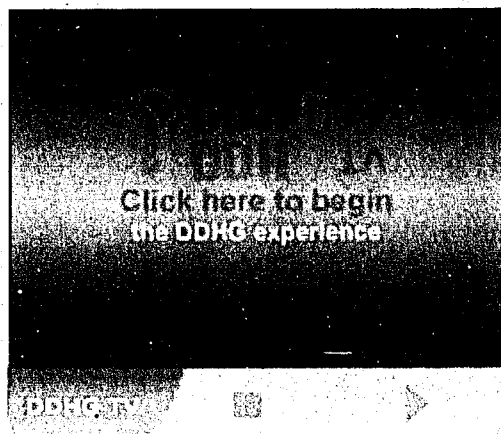


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BY FRANCY MARCOTTE
Assistant Culture Editor

At the end of a teary break-up, it's always tempting to take some sort of revenge out on the ex: embarrass them or somehow spread the word that they are the most undesirable candidate for a relationship. Such acts can now be committed on a Website called dontdatehimgirl.com. Sorry guys, it's a ladies' club. Dontdatehimgirl.com is like Myspace for vengeful exes. It lets females create a profile for their ex-boyfriend or husband, complete with a profile picture and short description of what they look like and why they are so "undateable."

While browsing through profiles, one will read numerous descriptions of the usual undesirable partner candidates: the cheaters, abusers, rapists and so on. However,

some of the profiles are more unique and amusing to read.

Take, for instance, this description of a seemingly normal-looking man.

"**LOSER LOSER LOSER.** This man is a manipulative scum bag who will (and has) taken advantage of ANYONE sorry enough to allow him to. He takes everything he can get and gives nothing in return. He is nothing but DRAMA and plays nothing but games. He LIES, cheats, steals and MUCH MORE. You have been warned."

This is just a guess, but from this ex-girlfriend's description, it sounds like this guy may be a loser. It's just a hunch, though.

Then there's the "money-moocher." Identified on dontdatehimgirl.com as "Love 'em till the money's gone," this next subject has been deemed undateable because of his

excellent ability to make excuses concerning his finances.

"He also always has a good excuse for why he can't afford something and can always justify why he is always broke. If you listen to what he tells you though, you will start to hear things that don't add up. He also has family in Utah, so watch for him there too."

Look out Utah and hide your wallets. "Love 'em 'till the money's gone" may be right in your backyard.

After the "money-moocher" comes the "animal lover." A man who not only walks and talks with the animals, but according to this description, sleeps with them as well.

"He's a complete loser who was kicked out his mother's house and condemned to live in back house crawling with rats and infested with

nasty bugs, which is really where he belongs! He's obsessed with horses and has two in his possession... The horses' names are 'Gus' and 'Old Man Blue.'"

Who needs a relationship with so many adorable pets?

Finally, there is "Wigger" and "Goofy Sociopath." These two undateables don't have much in common, except for their amusing profile descriptions on dontdatehimgirl.com. Both profiles contain information that will set them apart from other dating candidates forever.

Dontdatehimgirl.com says this about "Wigger:" "What a freak! Watch the hell out — this guy is evil... He stole money out of my purse and had sex with my 72-year-old neighbor."

There's nothing to say, except "eww."

"Goofy Sociopath" might be acceptable dating material, if you're feeling nostalgic for a little Vanilla Ice.

"He has blond hair and blue eyes but thinks he is a gangster of color. The classic high school drop-out stuck on 1980s hip-hop. See Vanilla Ice for more reference. DON'T DATE HIM GIRLFRIENDS — RUN LIKE HELL."

Of course, the "run like hell" warning may be a little bit of a turn-off.

It's always better to form a relationship based on personal experience with another person, rather than trusting internet gossip. However, sometimes a charming smile can be deceiving. Other times, it's just fun to laugh at complete strangers. That's why tools like dontdatehimgirl.com are so useful.

Eshleman finds Vallejo in translation

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Managing Editor

We never would have understood him without him.

Clarify. See him there standing behind that podium, his deep blue shirt, pinstriped and proper, his face clean shaven, his hair a silver shining glisten, slicked back to leave wide open his aged face, thick, hefty, suspended pants, glasses and a burning forest of a tie.

Then that voice, like subtle electrocution, a full body massage in water, tremulous but raw, like onions in a closed room.

But he opens the reading with poetry of another man, one Cesar Vallejo, a man he spent 48 years translating into the English language so that 27 people could sit in the Bishop Barnwell Room in the Student Union Building and hear what the dead Peruvian revolutionary staid on his pages 80 years ago.

He is Clayton Eshleman, a poet

and editor, a long gone frat boy and tight end, having used LSD, an investigator of Paleolithic drawings on caves, a translator and a man.

"His name comes from 'ash,' like an ash tree," his introducer (and Boise State professor Martin Corless-Smith) said. "He believes he is a wee bud, branching out, more like a great ash in furious bloom."

Vallejo has been what Eshleman termed "a male companion" for nearly five decades, in which he has diligently revised and translated the Peruvian Spanish dialect from the early 1920s. His female companion is his wife, Carol.

Information on Vallejo is scarce. "Vallejo doesn't have a biography," Eshleman said. "I think his reputation in this country has suffered because of it."

From what Eshleman said of Vallejo, he was born in Peru, three days ride by burro to the nearest town with a train. He was curo, a half-breed, grandparented by na-

tive women and Spanish priests. He was poor, penniless and homeless when he made his way to Paris around 1922. He made his way to Spain, traveled to Russia, became a communist and anti-fascist and died in 1938. He was 46 years old.

I am an English major, but I had never read Vallejo in any anthology, because Eshleman is the first to bring him into the English canon. I was floored by what I had been missing.

He wrote four books. Eshleman read from them all. There was a certain honesty and yearning for the plight of the poor and the regular, the natural and the whole.

He was a revolutionary in Spain, but kept agendas and communist propaganda out of his poetry. He wrote to travel narrative in Russia.

"He frequented opium dens," Eshleman said. "I think there is some 'smoking' in the jump starts... I probably learned more (about poetry) by translating Vallejo than anywhere else. Try anything.

Contradiction and ambivalence: two forces we must come to terms with today."

The book of translations of Vallejo's complete works, "Cesar Vallejo: The Complete Posthumous Poetry," was on sale at the reading, the first of four in the BSU MFA Reading Series this semester. Copies can also be purchased at claytoneshleman.com.

"It costs a dollar for every year I spent writing it," Eshleman said.

A cluster of quotes

"The Black Heralds" sent to us by death I don't know... blows in life so powerful, the undertow of everything suffered - open trenches (riding Eshleman's roller coaster voice through the valleys of Vallejo's words) "White Rose" formed 1,000 daggers, served with light, a ship-wrecked coffin.

"Capitulation" With a love sigh I caged them.

"The Stones" A brawl of words, footsteps cause pain, flashes of absurd daybreak, leave ashamed.

They must do something human. The moon is a white stone, sent with a kick.

I was born on a day when God was sick.

Everyone knows that I am alive; they do not know that light is consumption, the dark is fat. Limits. I was born on a day that God was sick.

"Trilce" "IV" - The suit I wore tomorrow. Linen for no one. The Laundress of the soul. So much what will become of me? Her property - olive-skinned goodness, glue and iron all the chaos.

"Human Poems" "Mass" - At the end of the battle, the corpse kept dying. So much love and no power against death, the corpse kept dying, one, two, 10, 100,000, Millions. All the inhabitants of the world asked him to be strong, keep fighting... deeply moved, he embraced the first man and started walking.

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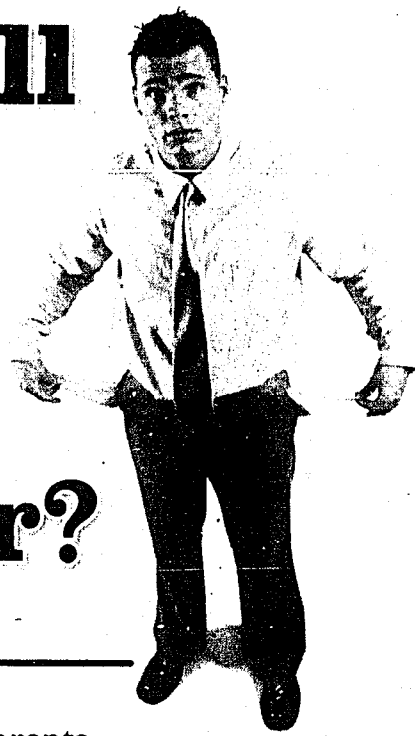
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Get a jumpstart on spring sports fashions



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Carrying around the latest style of sports bags is one way to get your game on in the fashion world this spring.

BY DEBRA D. BASS
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

If the words "winter sports" leave you cold, take heed, you're not alone. Just because some people look forward to breaking out ski attire and hurling down slippery slopes, that doesn't mean the rest of us have to follow suit.

Some sports enthusiasts prefer to exercise when it's warm outside. So for all of you sun-worshippers plotting a warm-weather retreat or just looking ahead toward spring now is the perfect time to get outfitted. Not only can you get a jump-start on the season's best gear, you also can clean up on sale prices from last season's golf and tennis items.

When it comes time to pack, don't forget the right sports bag.

It sounds extravagant, but if you're spending hundreds of dollars on a quality racket or thousands on golf clubs, the bag becomes an important accessory.

Prince and Jet Import offer stylish totes, backpacks and carrying

cases that will tempt you to use them even when you're not-headed to the tennis court.

You'll have to hunt if you're looking for women's sports items that aren't predominantly pink (especially in golf), but it's worth the search.

You don't need special attire, but it will make you look like a pro, and that's bound to up your game, right? Whatever you wear to play, look for breathable fabric with a comfortable fit. Don't be shy about taking a few faux swings in that golf shirt. You don't want to botch a birdie because of a hitch in your sleeve length.

COLLARING A LOOK

For men, it looks like the collar is trailing in popularity behind mock-turtleneck and crew-neck styles, so you might want to add a few into your sporting wardrobe. Of course, the standard male palette is still dominant: black, gray and white, with splashes of red. However,

green is gaining some popularity, and there's always an oddball neon option for the daring sportsman.

DON'T FORGET THE SHADES

And because chances are good you'll be playing in the sun, don't forget the shades.

Your eyes and your game will benefit from some dapper sport shades with those comfy rubber grips around the ears.

Fit is important — too snug or too loose and they'll be a nuisance. Frames that wrap around the face are flattering and functional when keeping out the sun's glare.

Some choices come with interchangeable color lenses, but the jury's still out on whether they really enhance your performance.

For golf and tennis, lenses of certain colors supposedly make it easier to see the ball, so experiment in the store before your purchase.

If nothing else, it'll give the sales associates something to talk about when you leave.

Technology mixes entertainment with exercise

BY LISA ROBERTS
The Orlando Sentinel

Welcome to the future, in which you can zap calories using electronics-laden cardio equipment that sends boredom to the locker room. A new generation of machines from treadmills and elliptical trainers to stationary bikes and stair steppers is taking exercise to higher levels while offering entertainment options such as iPod ports, games and built-in TVs.

"Interaction is everything," says Mike May, spokesman for the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association in Washington, D.C. "It's where the future of industry is headed. People like to be entertained, they like a little enlightenment, and they want exercise."

The NordicTrack Viewpoint 3000 treadmill exemplifies the trend. The machine has an MP3 player port and a flat-screen TV built into its console.

While the user churns along, the console also displays the time, distance and calories burned. The machine is outfitted with Ifit technology, which enters a user's workout by reading data on a small plastic card.

If it's "personal trainer" coaches throughout the workout, giving tips on such things as breathing and posture while offering encouragement. The program offers 24 workouts, all based on an eight-week program that builds toward the exerciser's goal.

Cardio technology has come a long way since the first electric treadmills appeared in health clubs decades ago. The pace picked up as electronics made possible programmable controls, a selection of workouts, and ramps that inclined at the push of a button. Innovations quickly jumped to other cardio machines.

Nautilus club equipment, for instance, offers things such as programmed workouts, fitness tests, LCD displays and heart-rate monitoring with a belt or via the machine's grips, says Dale Griffin, sales manager of Precision Fitness Equipment in Altamonte Springs.

"People want all the bells and whistles," says Tony Tamules, fitness manager at the RDV Sportsplex in Maitland, who notes that his up-

scale club's new Technogym treadmills, which have built-in televisions, are tremendously popular with members. "The ones with the TVs are the ones that are used the most when we look at the usage report."

Among the most recent innovative products for club and home are:

ProForm's 20.0 CrossTrainer elliptical machine, which integrates fitness and two games, which are controlled by buttons built into the trainer's handles. The more quickly a user pedals while playing "Fat Blocker," the slower blocks "fall" on the console screen and the easier the game becomes. Pedal faster while playing "Calorie Destroyer" and a man on the screen runs faster, which allows him to better avoid bullets coming at him.

Horizon Fitness' WT950 Wireless Pedometer treadmill, which lets you count your steps during the day, then transmit them to the machine for workout credit.

The Nautilus TreadClimber, a hy-

brid stair stepper/elliptical machine that gives users a running workout at a walk, which saves wear and tear on the back, feet, ankles, hips and knees. It can convert to either an elliptical trainer or a treadmill.

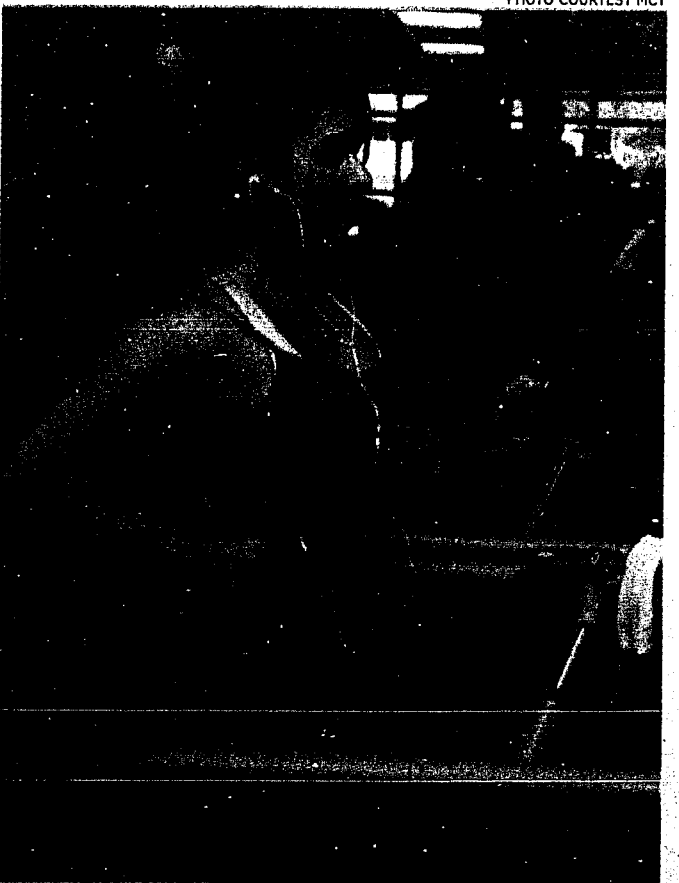
HealthRider's 8.5EX CrossTrainer elliptical, which has a multi-layer monitor that allows users to watch TV while tracking workout information.

Newfangled equipment does come at a cost. A club-quality TreadClimber, for instance, is \$7,000 at Precision Fitness Equipment. A home-use HealthRider elliptical is \$899 at healthrider.com.

Equipment manufacturers say games, programs and other diversions keep users motivated and engaged.

They also allow users to multitask, says Tamules whether it's catching up on world events via TV or listening to a radio sportscast. "You kill two birds with one stone. Days are getting busier. The more people can multitask, the more they can get things done."

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A look at what's coming your way

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9: Josh Rattin and Schuyler Fisk @ The Big Easy \$12	12: Couples Massage: \$40 per couple 6:30-8:30 p.m. Farnsworth Room Student Union	11: Black History Month Concert - BSU Music Dept. VALENTINE'S DAY!!	
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Competition

forcing YouTube, other sites to pay for content

BY ERIC BENDEROFF
Chicago Tribune

The Internet's booming social-networking trend has reached a new milestone: Web sites are beginning to pay for content.

That means all those Web-savvy creative types, the people who post skateboarding videos or write a review about the neighborhood dry cleaner, could be compensated for their contributions.

The move to pay people for content had been developing slowly but reached a critical new phase when YouTube.com, the Internet's bellwether video site, confirmed Monday that it has plans to pay for user-generated content.

The decision sets up the potential for a monumental shift in how people use and view networking sites. Until now, as user-generated content on the Web has grown, the only people making any money have been the site operators.

YouTube, for instance, rose to prominence thanks largely to the goofy homemade videos ordinary people created and posted.

But when Google Inc. purchased it last year for \$1.65 billion, the people responsible for those videos didn't receive a single cent from the mammoth Google payout.

Paying individual users for content also follows deals that Google, Yahoo Inc. and Apple Inc., among others, have been signing with networks and Hollywood studios for the right to sell and promote original content on the Web.

YouTube didn't provide details of why it wanted to start compensating individual creators.

A number of industry executives suggested that with both the Internet audience and ad revenue growing, competition for the best user-generated content also is intensifying.

So those looking for an edge have started offering money.

By the end of this year, "almost every big site that focuses on viral video will have a revenue-sharing component to it," said Keith Richman, chief executive of Break.com, a site that pays \$400 to \$2,000 to contributors about 100 times a month for the exclusive rights to some videos.

Spymac.com is paying between \$3,000 to \$5,000 a day to pools of people who create videos or other original materials, while Revver.com is sharing revenue from advertisements placed at the end of videos. If viewers click on the ad, the video's creator gets paid.

YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley disclosed the site's intentions over the weekend at an economic summit in Davos, Switzerland.

"We are getting an audience large enough where we have an opportunity to support creativity, to foster creativity through sharing revenue with our users," Hurley said. "So in the coming months we are

going to be opening that up."

Hurley didn't indicate how YouTube would pay for content, but there is more than one way to share the wealth.

While some sites might be willing to pay for exclusive content, the culture and technology of the Web is such that viewers want to share cool videos with friends. That means that a video first appearing on YouTube will quickly get passed around, ending up on countless blogs or profile pages at MySpace.com.

Sites like Revver.com and Spymac.com hope to tap into the "viral" nature of video sharing and still pay

the content creators. At Spymac.com, creators will get paid no matter where the video is viewed, as long as it was first uploaded to Spymac.

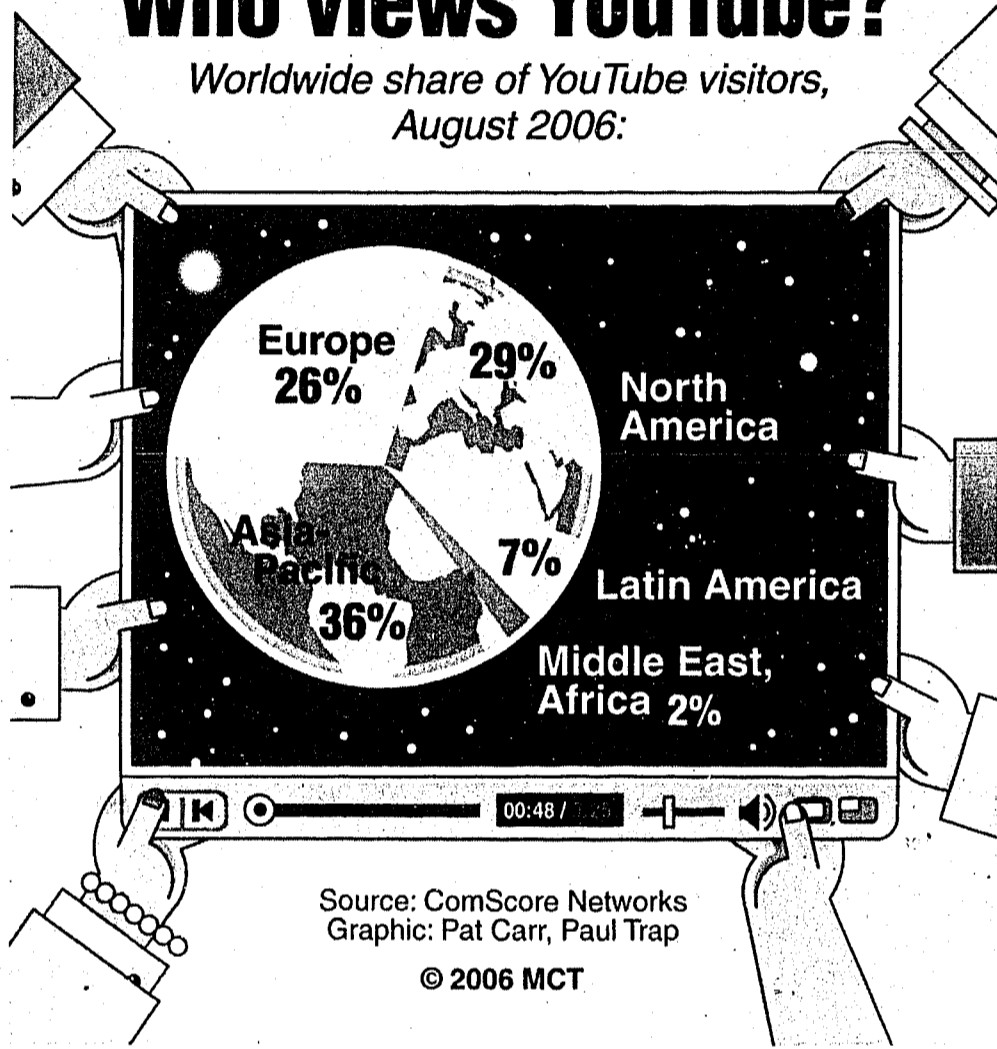
"The more you promote your upload, and it becomes very popular, the more money you make," said Kevin April, Spymac's chief technology officer. Creators are "encouraged to market their own videos," he said.

At Revver.com, ads are embedded into the end of a video. If a viewer clicks on the ad, the content creator is paid. Any revenue an ad generates is split 50-50 between Revver and the video's creator.

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Who views YouTube?

Worldwide share of YouTube visitors, August 2006:



Students lured into scam jobs

BY RICHARD P. "DICK" RAPP
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

Too often I see employment opportunities that could be classified as "get-rich-quick schemes." Though some occur throughout the year, many are summer job opportunities.

Announcements are posted on campus proclaiming opportunities for students to earn \$20,000, \$30,000, or even more in a summer. Promoters of these positions do so with the zeal of an old time revival preacher.

I have even heard of planting people in the audience to agree with everything said and create a climate supportive of the promotion. No mention is made that many, if not most students, who sign on for these ventures net less income than a minimum wage hourly position would have provided.

And in some cases we hear of students who actually have a net loss after they compute expenses.

The positions are totally commission based with most, if not all, expenses born by the student worker. In some cases a major portion of the commission isn't paid until well after the summer.

Occasionally the student even

has to invest up front in a "demonstration kit," initial inventory or some other start-up costs. Too late, the student may discover that among the obscure clauses in the work contract are provisions that result in a major reduction or even loss of commissions.

It is not uncommon to have provisions to reduce commissions for missing work or training meetings, even though the sale was made. Rarely are any expenses covered even when originally promised nor are any benefits provided.

Do some people actually make the huge sums claimed by the promoter? Yes, there will be a few—especially the recruiters and the owner/manager of the business. It's a little bit like playing the lottery. There are winners, but most people come up with little or nothing.

If you are highly motivated and comfortable working on a commission basis there are opportunities to make more than many hourly positions pay.

But, like many important financial decisions you will make in your life, it is wise to make sure you have done the research and that you fully understand the contract before you sign on.

Ask a lot of questions. Make sure you completely understand what expenses you will have and how

you will be paid. How is the commission determined and what conditions apply that may change how much you receive? When will you receive your commission—weekly, monthly, reduced payments with a balance to be paid later? Who are you really working for? Will training be provided? What expenses will you have and will you be reimbursed? Will you be asked to work unreasonable hours? Will you be sent to unsafe neighborhoods? Will you be expected to make exaggerated claims to the customers knowing that you won't be around when they learn the truth? Is the product or service you are representing really a fair value to the customer?

Legitimate employers have nothing to hide and, in fact, want to make certain that both parties are very clear on the employment relationship.

If the employer is reluctant to answer any of your questions or vague or obviously misleading answers to your questions this should raise your suspicions about the opportunity.

I'm especially intrigued that some of these organizations need to hire students from Boise to sell door-to-door several hundred or even several thousand miles from here. If the job is so good, why aren't there local college students who

would do it who would not need to cover travel and living expenses away from home?

Will you be hired as an independent contractor? If so and you get arrested for not having the proper transient workers license you can be fined or jailed.

Don't count on receiving any help from your so-called employers. If you are injured on the job you will probably not be covered by Workers Compensation benefits.

How long has this business been around? Can you check references? Useful references include students who have worked for them in the past (not just the ones at the recruiting meeting helping to recruit) but consider also their banker, the Better Business Bureau in the community where you will be working and the one from where they are headquartered.

Does the company have an address and phone number you can document? An address that's just a P.O. Box or a dorm room is a red flag. A Hotmail, Yahoo or other free e-mail account address is another red flag that this isn't really an established business and you may have trouble tracking them down for your commission later.

Established businesses typically have their own ".com" address, e.g. rapp@legitbusiness.com.

There is no guarantee that any job is going to be a positive, financially rewarding experience.

However, those that promise unusually high rewards are more likely to be grossly overstated.

Before committing yourself do your research. Check with one of the professionals at the Career Center if you need assistance in this process.

The Career Center receives hundreds of jobs for students including jobs during school and during vacation periods.

Boise State University students can access these jobs as well as career openings for graduates on BroncoJobs.

You can register for access to BroncoJobs on the Career Center web site, <http://career.boisestate.edu>.

The Career Center also assists graduating students in finding career employment and helps students with all facets of the job search including resumes, cover letters and interviewing.

In addition, students will have the opportunity to talk directly with nearly 150 employers at the annual Career/Job Fair sponsored by the Career Center and held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Jordan Ballroom on Wednesday, February 28th.

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- \$2.08—Albertsons (Ustick)
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- \$2.21—Jackson Foods
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NATIONAL AVERAGE: \$2.17
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[THIS WEEK IN SPORTS]

Men's basketball
Wednesday
Idaho
7 p.m.
Boise

Saturday
San Jose State
4 p.m.
San Jose, Calif.

Women's basketball
Wednesday
Idaho
7 p.m. (PT)
Moscow

Saturday
San Jose State
7 p.m.
Boise

Women's Golf
Monday
Baja Invitational
TBA
Baja, Mexico

Gymnastics
Friday
Stanford
Beauty and the Beast
7 p.m.
Boise

Men's Tennis
Friday
UC Santa Barbara
1:30 p.m.
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Saturday
University of Southern
California
1:00 p.m.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Women's Tennis
Friday
Montana
9:30 a.m.
Boise

Friday
Nevada
4:30 p.m.
Boise

Track
Friday-Saturday
BSU Team Invitational
TBA
Nampa

Wrestling
Friday
UC Davis
5 p.m.
Boise

Friday
Stanford
Beauty and the Beast
7 p.m.
Boise

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BSU offers exchange for Colorado State tickets

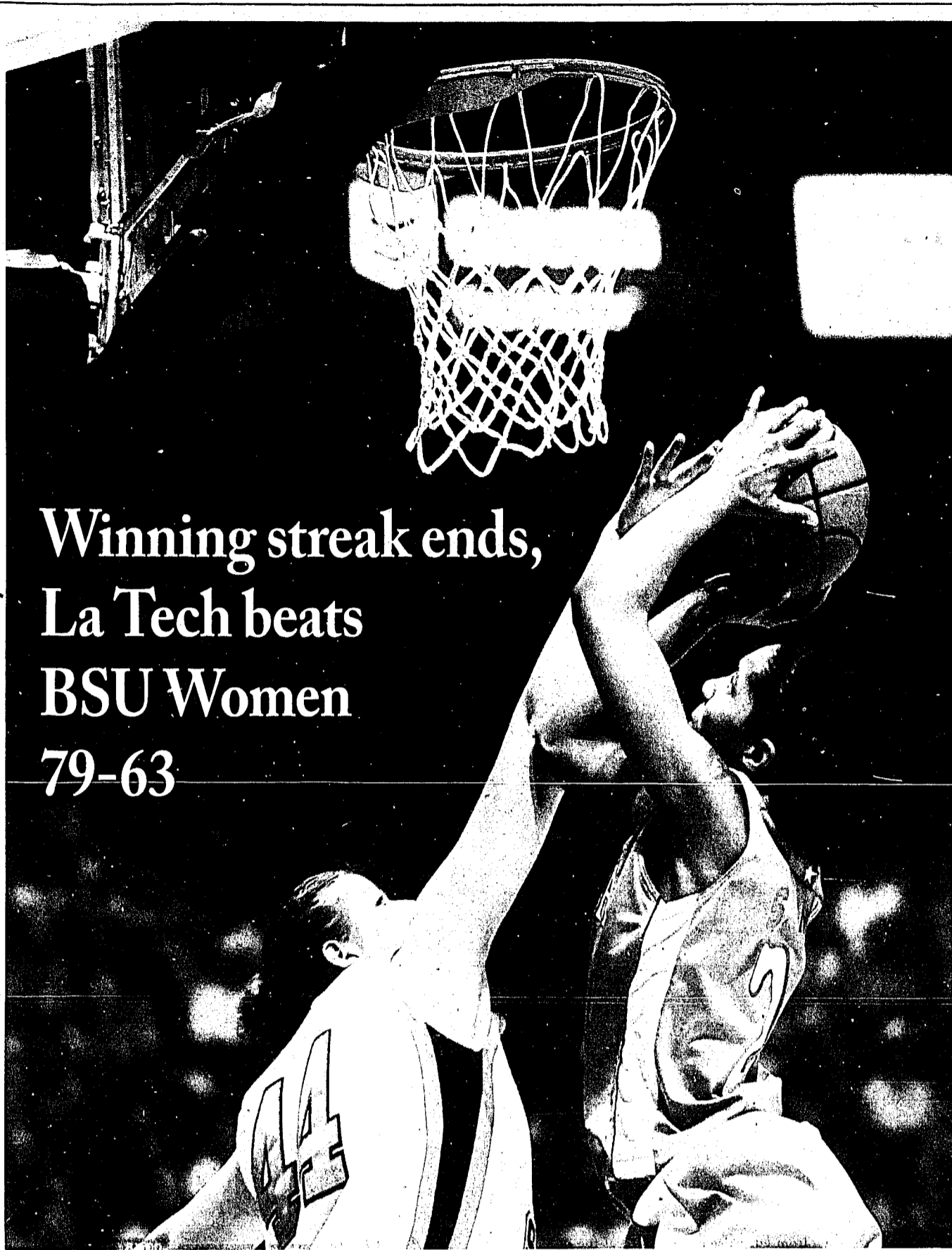
Due to the cancellation of the Boise State University men's home basketball game on Dec. 22, 2006 against Colorado State University, the Bronco athletic department will allow fans to exchange their tickets for one of the remaining men or women's home games. Colorado State was unable to travel to Boise for the originally scheduled game due to heavy snow fall throughout Colorado at the end of December.

Fans holding a ticket to the Colorado State game can exchange it for an upcoming Bronco game at the Athletic Ticket Office or the Taco Bell Arena box office the night of the game. The Colorado State ticket is good for a one-for-one exchange. Seating for a men's game is based on the best available, while the seating for a women's game is general admission.

BSU golf heads south of the border

The Boise State University women's golf team is set to travel to Baja, Mexico, to compete in the annual North Illinois Baja Women's Golf Classic at the Bajamar golf course.

The field at the tournament will feature 15 teams including Boise State, UAB, Birmingham Southern, Colorado, Kansas, Kansas State, Kentucky, Louisville, Memphis, North Texas, Oral Roberts, Oregon, Texas Tech, UC Riverside and UNC-Greensboro.



Winning streak ends, La Tech beats BSU Women 79-63

The BSU women's basketball team dropped its first conference game of the year in Taco Bell Arena Saturday.

BY KYE JOHNSON
Assistant Sports Editor

It was the Shan Moore show Saturday night when the Boise State women's basketball team lost its first Western Athletic Conference game of the season. The loss came at home against perennial power Louisiana Tech. It was a competitive game for most of 30 minutes until Moore and La Tech began to run away to an impressive 16-point win.

"She played really good tonight and we couldn't find an answer for her," BSU guard Tasha Harris said about Moore.

"[She] just had an amazing game," BSU Head Coach Gordy Presnell added. "They'd run pick-and-roll for her and she'd just go into the key and rise up and knock it down."

Backed by the largest home crowd of the season (4,518), Boise State got out to a hot start, jumping out to an early 9-1 lead. The crowd was the largest recorded home attendance for a BSU women's basketball game in 13 years.

"It was great," Harris said. "The fans were just amazing. We were so happy to have them come out and support us."

La Tech responded to the fast BSU start and cut the lead to six with just over 15 minutes to go in the first half.

It was Jessica Thompson doing the honors for BSU early in the first half. Thompson poured in nine of Boise State's first 22 points, but Boise State was unable to pull away from the Lady Techsters. Every time the Broncos got some momentum going Louisiana Tech snuck its way back

into contention. To go along with Shan Moore's 14 points in the first half, La Tech's Ty Moore added nine of her own. The Moore's combined had 18 of La Tech's first 21 points and kept La Tech in the game throughout the first half.

Louisiana Tech took its first lead of the game early in the second half on a pair of free-throws by Amber Metoyer. Following the Metoyer free-throws there was a considerable shift in momentum. Boise State would be unable to buy a bucket offensively for what seemed like the remainder of the game. BSU gave up the lead for the last time with just under 12 minutes to go and watched La Tech run away to the finish.

"We couldn't make lay-ups, we couldn't make jumpers, we couldn't make threes, we just couldn't make anything," BSU center Michelle Hessing said about the Broncos second half struggles.

BSU shot 15-of-29 from the floor in the first half but just 7-of-35 in the second half. That 20 percent second half shooting percentage is what ultimately sealed the deal for La Tech.

"We did a really good job of going inside-outside, we mixed it up," Hessing said. "I don't think there was anything we could have done. They were open shots, they just wouldn't fall."

"We struggled to get into our offense," Harris said. "We struggled to get open shots so we were forced to take a lot of contested shots and they just weren't falling for us tonight."

To make matters worse, Shan Moore was chipping in one of the finest performances of the season on the other end of the floor.

"We maybe could have done a little better job of keeping her from getting the ball but once she got it, she just hit shots," Presnell said. "I mean we got vertical, we tried to challenge the shots, she's just talented."

Moore was 5-of-10 from the field and 2-of-2 from the free-throw line in the second half. She added 13 second half points to her game high 27.

The Broncos cut the lead back down to nine with 5:12 to play but that was the only time La Tech didn't lead by double-digits in the final seven minutes of the game.

"It's a tough loss," Presnell said. "We just hit a dry spell between the 18 minute mark and the 15 minute mark and we just could not buy a basket. The important thing is that we learn from it and improve, so that's what we're certainly going to try to do."

Louisiana Tech came away with the 79-63 win, which improved its record to 12-10 on the season and 7-2 in WAC play. After BSU beat La Tech earlier this year in Ruston, La. it was no surprise the Lady Techsters brought a little more to the table in round two.

"We knew they were going to come in here and compete," Hessing said. "I just don't feel we stepped up enough to the competition."

Even though Saturday night's loss was a tough one, Presnell and his players still feel good about themselves and their team.

"I have a lot of confidence in our players as people and as competitors," Presnell said. "I think that we'll regroup, we're 17-5, we're not 5-17."

"We're still the team to beat,"

BSU's Jessica Thompson said. "We're still in first, we just need to take it one game at a time and keep looking forward."

Boise State will take to the road next week as they play at Idaho on Wednesday night to try to get back on track.

"Every team loses eventually, it's just how you bounce back," Hessing said.

When asked if this loss will affect the team's play next week, Presnell said as long as it brings enthusiasm and intensity the Broncos will be Ok.

Following Wednesday night's game at Idaho, Boise State will host San Jose State on Saturday night. The Saturday night game is scheduled for a 7 p.m. tip-off and will be played in Bronco Gym rather than Taco Bell Arena.

Box Score

Louisiana Tech 79

S. Moore 10-17-5-8-27, Mangum 5-10-4-4-17, T. Moore 5-6-3-3-13, Sneed 4-6-4-7-12, Metoyer 1-8-2-4, Kursh 2-3-0-1-4, Williams 1-2-0-1-2, Livingston 0-3-0-0-0, Dowdell 0-1-0-0-0.

Boise State 63

Thompson 6-18-4-17, Harris 3-14-5-8-11, Hessing 5-13-1-11, Galassi 4-6-2-3-10, Kepilino 3-4-0-1-8, Begay 0-6-3-3-3, Stewart 1-1-0-2, Lee 0-2-1-2-1, Walker 0-0-0-0-0, Reyes 0-0-0-0-0.

Halftime -

Louisiana Tech (39) Boise State (41)

Fouled out - None
Rebounds - La Tech 44 (T. Moore, 12)
Boise State 34 (Hessing, 8)
Assists - La Tech 10 (Mangum, 6)
Boise State 10 (Hessing, Harris, 3)
Team Fouls - La Tech 20,
Boise State 17
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Another track meet, another broken record

BY MICHELLE MILLIKEN
Sports Writer

The Broncos indoor track season continued Friday and Saturday with the 2007 United Heritage meet. Just like the weekend before, there was another record-breaking performance for Boise State.

Sophomore jumper Elena Kafourou was just a quarter of an inch off of the Boise State triple jump record last week. This week she came back to beat it by over six

inches with a jump of 42-8, 3/4.

"I really wanted it [the record] last week because I was just one-quarter of an inch off," Kafourou said. "I was disappointed because it means you're there, it's just a quarter of an inch. I think that mark could probably get me to nationals."

This is the second week in a row that she's won the women's triple jump and she also won the long jump on Saturday with a leap of 20-1. Both her triple and long jump distances on Saturday were NCAA

provisional marks. She feels that she owes all of her success so far this year and last year to her coach, Petros Kyprianou.

"I want to thank my coach," Kafourou said. "If you put anything in there, put that. He brought me here and did everything for me. If it weren't for him, I wouldn't be here. He taught me how to triple jump."

Several other Broncos also had provisional marks - Theodora Xylaki in the high jump with a height of 5-10, Eleni Ypsilanti in the

weight throw with a toss of 63-11 3/4, Zacharias Arnos in the triple jump with a leap of 49-4 1/4 and Simon Wardhaugh in the weight throw with a toss of 64-8.

"This is a really fantastic meet for the whole team," BSU Head Coach Mike Maynard said. "The women's team hit some fantastic marks. There are so many really good things that happened today."

The women's team also had many

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I call him Dr. Incredible

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

The story is newsworthy and the man is inspiring. However, his lack of presence in Boise has made it difficult to give you the straight shot on this story. Instead, I felt it was necessary to give my respectful humor a shot at telling the story of a record setting Boise State University Professor Werner Hoeger.

Hoeger has received media recognition for his past achievements in the world of luge. He has made lugging his life - on the weekends when he's not living his regular life as a kinesiology professor at BSU that is. Amazingly enough Hoeger competed in the 2002 and 2006 Winter Olympics while teaching. As if that wasn't enough Hoeger recently qualified to compete in the Luge World Championships in Igles, Austria.

For your average Luger the achievement might seem like a natural step down the career path. For Hoeger, qualifying for the world championships is a bit more spectacular of a feat.

The first reason Hoeger was the least likely to qualify World Luge Championships competitor is because he's 53-years old. In case you're afraid that was a typo I'll write it again - he's 53-years old! I complain about how bad my 21-year old body feels after a ride on the pedal bikes at the Rec. Dr. Incredible (as I've unofficially nicknamed him) is two-and-a-half times my age and could outrun and outlift me, all while teaching his 9 a.m. class, adjusting his sled tracks and stealing my lunch money.

The man is so inspiring he doesn't even make me want to better myself. He makes me want to crawl under a rock so that society doesn't have to see how the other side is treating its bodies. To put into perspective how impressive qualifying for the world championships really is, he broke the age record this year by 15 years.

Just when you think the story couldn't possibly be any more amazing, it gets better. Hoeger told me in an e-mail that he didn't even get to train for the competition as much as he wanted to. In fact, he spent his weekends and holidays in Park City, Utah preparing for the championships.

Most 53-year-olds spend weekends and holidays sleeping in and going for walks down the street. Most 21-year-olds spend weekends and holidays sleeping, without the walks. Hoeger, however, is spending the week achieving personal bests in the Luge in Austria.


Hoeger told me in an e-mail he finished his qualifying times in the top seven percent of competitors on all five runs - the first time he has done so in three tries on that course.

To bring the story full circle Hoeger also spent time in Austria being the Good Samaritan you would expect from a member of BSU faculty. Hoeger visited a group of children from the St. Jodok School in a small village in the Austrian Alps. The visit was a way to extend the lugging world to young Austrians.

In return the group of children went to watch Hoeger compete in his qualifying runs. The gesture was a real tribute to the university's policy of giving back to the community, even if it isn't a community on this continent.

Hoeger truly is an ambassador for the sport of luge and an even greater ambassador for Boise State University. Whether or not his lugging days will continue after the world championships, only Hoeger knows the answer to that. But if history is any indication of the future, I highly doubt we've heard the last from Werner Hoeger.

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BSU gymnastics works to overcome slow start

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Writer

Boise State gymnastics coach Sam Sandmire is facing a situation unlike any other in her 20 years in charge of the BSU program. Under Sandmire the Broncos have qualified for the NCAA Regional meet 19 consecutive times. This year, however, the

Broncos are 1-7 including an 0-5 record against Western Athletic Conference opponents.

"It's like a big water wheel," Sandmire said Thursday after BSU's meet at Utah State. "It takes a lot to get it started but once it gets going you just stand there and push it. It's a little more difficult to get that wheel started rolling (this year). That's where we are right now."

Sandmire addressed BSU's injury problem as a contributor to a change in game plan, rather than an excuse for a slow start to the season. According to Sandmire the loss of some of her upperclassmen is comparable to the football team losing Jared Zabransky, Ian Johnson, Marty Tadman and Derek Schouman. Sandmire's approach to the loss is that her team is still very capable of greatness. It just may take a little more time to reach the higher level.

"The positive side - a lot of these freshman are getting a lot of experience," Sandmire said. "That's go-

ing to help them down the road. Whether they're really consistent right now or not, every time they step out on the floor or they get up on that apparatus, they're learning. They are learning some valuable lessons that will pay off in the long run."

One of the BSU freshmen that is making a surprise impact early in the year is Ruthie Pennington. Pennington is a vault and floor specialist from Rickreall, Ore. Despite walking onto the Bronco gymnastics team in the fall, Pennington collected her first career win for BSU at Utah State. Pennington posted her highest score of the season (9.850) to win the floor routine.

"She's getting an opportunity to get out there," Sandmire said. "She trains hard every day. She's fit, she's strong, she's coach-able and it's paying off for her."

Pennington joined classmate DeAvera Todd as the only two BSU underclassmen to win their respective events at Utah State. Todd, a

freshman from Atlanta, GA, posted a 9.850 score to take the vault title at USU. Todd has claimed four vault titles this season in five meets.

Sandmire said she hopes the success of Pennington and Todd will help perpetuate into a strong second half of the season for the Broncos. Qualifying for the regional meet is based on an average of the top six scores of the season for a team.

Sandmire said she is confident with the number of meets remaining. BSU will have plenty of chances to improve its overall scores by the end of the season.

The Broncos return home Friday for the program's headline event of the season - Beauty and the Beast. The event is a joint dual with the wrestling and gymnastics programs.

The women will compete at home in four of their last five meets of the season, which will give the Broncos a chance to get the ball rolling in front of a home crowd.



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SORRY, NO PETS ALLOWED

Stampede avenge loss to D-Fenders

BY TATE CASTLETON
Sports Writer

If you were at Qwest Arena on Saturday night to watch the Idaho Stampede play you may have noticed something a little different. Instead of wearing their traditional red and white jerseys the Stampede mixed things up.

In support of one of its NBA affiliate franchises the team donned green Seattle Supersonics jerseys and went on to beat the Los Angeles D-Fenders 83-71.

"There is no doubt we played hard tonight and we deserved to win," Stampede guard Ronell Taylor said about Saturday's win. "We played more like a team tonight than we have the last couple of nights."

Idaho was led by big man Jeff Graves (18 points) and Luke Jackson (14 points). The win put an end to the Stampede's two-game skid. Idaho shot 32 percent from the field and

averaged 19 turnovers in losses to the Austin Toros Wednesday night, 101-84, and the D-Fenders Friday night, 94-83.

The Stampede is just 2-2 in ten days' time on its home floor and that is a concern for Head Coach Bryan Gates.

"We weren't playing like we did when we were streaking," Gates said. "We didn't play our blend of basketball and that hurt us."

Idaho never trailed through three quarters against the D-Fenders Friday night, but a colossal collapse in the fourth quarter doomed the Stampede.

Idaho led by as many 14 points but let the game slip away as Los Angeles launched a 38-12 run in the last 14 minutes of regulation.

"We tried to get back into the game by trying to make home run plays but that's not the way we play our game," Ronell Taylor said after the loss. "We like to take our time

and set up good plays but they [Los Angeles] took us out of our game and it paid off."

The Stampede scored a season low in points (83) and tied a season high in turnovers with 19. With the loss Idaho fell one and a half games behind Colorado for the division lead.

Had the Stampede defeated the Austin Toros Wednesday night they would have maintained the best record in the West. By doing so, Coach Gates would have been selected as the West's All-Star coach for next weekend's All-Star Weekend game in Las Vegas. But with only three wins out of their last four after winning 11 straight the Colorado 14ers Joe Wolf has been selected to coach the West.

The Stampede (17-10 overall, 13-5 conference) hit the road next week with games Tuesday night, Feb. 6, and Friday night, Feb. 9 against Tulsa (12-14 overall).

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY NOTICE OF STUDENT TUITION/FEE HEARINGS HEARINGS OF THE PROPOSED INCREASES WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2007 BEGINNING AT 1:00PM IN THE JORDAN BALLROOM OF THE STUDENT UNION BUILDING. PROPOSALS WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE ORDER LISTED BELOW.

Information regarding these proposed fee increases is available for inspection during regular business hours from the Budget Office, Room 305 of the Administration Building

All interested Boise State University students, faculty and staff may submit oral testimony at the hearings or written testimony before February 15th. BSU students, faculty and staff wishing to testify in person may sign up at the hearing or in advance at the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and are asked to provide a written copy of their testimony to the hearing officer.

Individuals not currently affiliated with Boise State University are allowed to testify at the Student Fee Hearings under the following conditions:

- 1 They must sign up to testify and in doing so, indicate they are not a student, faculty or staff.
- 2 They must submit a written copy of their testimony prior to testifying.
- 3 They will be allowed to testify only at the discretion of the hearing officer.
- 4 In allowed to testify, they must identify themselves as a non student at the onset of their verbal testimony.

Requesting Unit	Current Fee/Semester			Proposed Increase			Proposed Fee/Semester		
	Full Time	Part Time	Summer	Full Time	Part Time	Summer	Full Time	Part Time	Summer
General Education Tuition	1334.85	143.40	143.85	91.15	9.60	4.15	1426.00	153.00	148.00
Strategic Facilities Fee	100.00	10.00	10.00	65.00	6.00	6.00	165.00	16.00	16.00
Student Support System Technology Fee	19.00	1.90	1.90	5.00	0.50	0.50	24.00	2.40	2.40
Health Wellness and Counseling	33.00	3.30	3.30	10.00	1.00	1.00	43.00	4.30	4.30
Intercollegiate Athletics	93.00	5.30	0.00	5.00	0.70	0.00	98.00	6.00	0.00
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Blue Thunder Marching Band	6.50	0.65	0.00	1.50	0.15	0.00	8.00	0.80	0.00
Campus Recreation - Club Sports	1.25	0.15	0.00	2.00	0.20	0.00	3.25	0.35	0.00
Campus Recreation	26.00	2.60	3.60	2.00	0.20	0.00	28.00	2.80	3.60

Summary Information	Current Fee/Semester			Proposed Increase			Proposed Fee/Semester		
	Full Time	Part Time	Summer	Full Time	Part Time	Summer	Full Time	Part Time	Summer
General Education Tuition	1334.85	143.40	143.85	91.15	9.60	4.15	1426.00	153.00	148.00
Facility Fees	393.00	37.90	37.90	65.00	6.00	6.00	458.00	43.90	43.90
Technology Fees	46.25	4.90	4.90	5.00	0.50	0.50	51.25	5.40	5.40
Activity Fees	302.90	24.80	19.35	30.50	3.25	2.00	333.40	28.05	21.35
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Track

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first place finishers on the track. Kayleen McDowell won the women's 600-meter run and 1,000 with times of 1:36.13 and 3:01.7 respectively. Becky Guyette won the 3,000 with a time of 9:49.66 and the women's 4x400 meter relay team won that race with a time of 3:53.22.

For the men's team, Cody Eaton won the 3000 meter with a time of 8:42.54. Ty Axtman won the mile with a time of 4:20.15 and Caleb Cazier won the 600 with a time of 1:20.62. David Walden also won the high jump again after scaling a height of 6-7.

Coach Maynard thinks his team is progressing well and said that they are looking forward to the Western Athletic Conference Indoor Championship, which is two-and-a-half weeks away.

"If we can keep our momentum going, we have a chance to compete for the title on the women's and men's side," Maynard said. "That's what we want. Everyone is fired up for the championships. These teams have shown that they're hungry to win."

Both the men and women will be in action in Nampa again this Friday and Saturday for the Indoor Boise State Team Invitational.

Kyle Janssen, Eastern Oregon, 1:40.61.
 2, Ashley Puga, Northwest Nazarene, 1:36.95.
 3, Leah Hoyer, Boise State, 1:36.95.
 4, Brooklyn Solomon, Sacramento St., 1:37.22.
 5, Madison Hager, Cal St. Stanislaus, 1:37.22.
 6, Jennifer Bauer, Nevada, 1:37.22.

1000 - 1, Kayleen McDowell, Boise State, 3:01.7.
 2, Kaitlyn Ball, Albion, 3:09.73.
 3, Marcella Bogan, Eastern Oregon, 3:11.83.
 4, Julia Cooper, Unattached-Boise State, 3:13.14.
 5, Laura Clayton, Eastern Oregon, 3:15.27.

3000 - 1, Becky Guyette, Boise State, 9:49.66.
 2, Breanna Smith, Boise State, 10:03.0.
 3, Kelly Judd, Northwest Nazarene, 10:22.2.
 4, Shannon Smith, Sacramento St., 10:22.2.
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Hurdle - 1, Madison Hager, Sacramento St., 2:07.8.
 2, Megan Olivetti, Sacramento St., 2:07.8.
 3, Analisa Serrano, Sacramento St., 2:07.8.
 4, Searcy, Sacramento St., 2:07.8.
 5, Kukuljicki, Nevada, 2:07.8.

4x400 Meter Relay - 1, Boise State, 3:53.22.
 2, Sacramento St., 3:53.22.
 3, Cal St. Stanislaus, 3:53.22.
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 5, Adam, Nevada, 6-7.

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 3, Jocelyn Judd, Northwest Nazarene, 13.55m.
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 2, Raphael McFarlane, Sacramento St., 6.92.
 3, Jody Johnson, Sacramento St., 7.0.
 4, Marlon Douglas, Boise State, 7.01.
 5, Eric Dahl, Team XO, 7.07.

200 - 1, Del Bates, Unattached, 21.89.
 2, Arpenio Corbin, Sacramento St., 22.06.
 3, Raphael McFarlane, Sacramento St., 22.19.
 4, Nick Cunningham, Boise State, 22.2.
 5, Jody Johnson, Sacramento St., 22.38.

400 - 1, Joel Stallworth, Cal St. Stanislaus, 1:40.31.
 2, Brandon Brisco, Cal St. Stanislaus, 1:40.31.
 3, Kyle Christofferson, Boise State, 1:40.31.
 4, Arthe Echols, Team X-Bronco, 1:40.31.
 5, Shaney-Waller, Boise State, 1:40.31.

Mile - 1, Ty Axtman, Boise State, 4:20.15.
 2, Brandon Christofferson, Boise State, 4:24.24.
 3, Colin Szebner, Sacramento St., 4:26.91.
 4, Jose Morales, Cal St. Stanislaus, 4:30.07.
 5, Jesse Chlebec, Albion, 4:31.44.

600 - 1, Caleb Cazier, Boise State, 1:20.62.
 2, Matt, Boise State, 1:22.27.
 3, Brian Adams, Boise State, 1:24.27.
 4, David Creamer, Boise State, 1:24.38.
 5, Robert Glasson, Boise State, 1:27.66.

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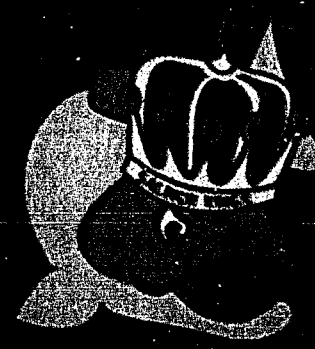
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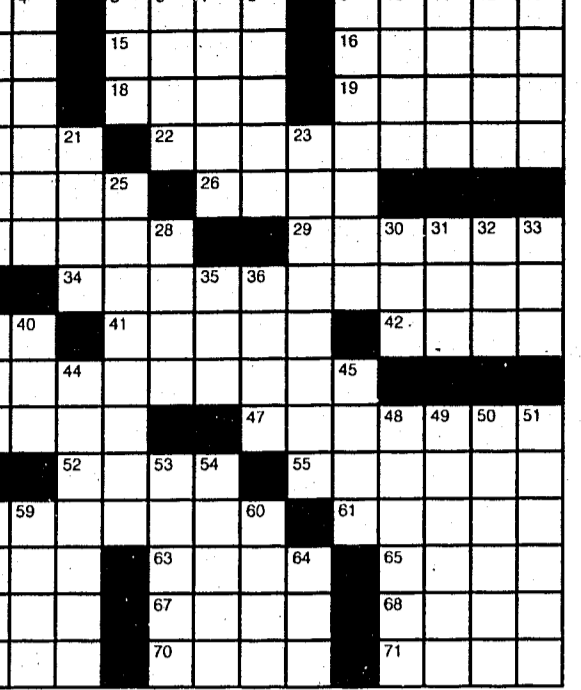
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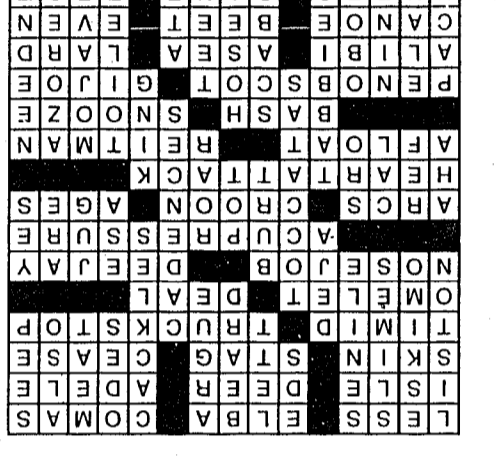
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 1 Fewer
 5 Island near Corsica
 9 Deep sleeps
 14 ___ Royale, MI
 15 Bambi, for one
 16 One of the Astaires
 17 Onion covering
 18 Gathering of guys
 19 Stop
 20 Shy
 22 Busy highway business
 24 Western or Denver concoction
 26 Pass out cards
 27 Rhinoplasty
 29 Radio station employee
 34 Shiatsu
 37 Circle segments
 41 Sing like Bing
 42 Puts on years
 43 Myocardial infarction
 46 Waterborne
 47 "Ghostbusters" director
 52 Clobber
 55 Nod off
 56 Maine river
 61 Toy soldier
 62 Legal defense
 63 Going by yacht
 65 Animal fat
 66 Tippy vessel
 67 Borscht ingredient
 68 Uniform
 69 Gunflection joints
 70 Rational
 71 Trial by fire

DOWN
 1 Heavyweight Sonny
 2 ___ Pie (frozen treat)
 3 Covers in goo
 4 Of old age
 5 News chiefs, for short
 6 Riga resident
 7 Stubble
 8 Bicker
 9 Shriek cries
 10 Keats specialties
 11 Pithy part
 12 As well
 13 Ooze
 21 ___ vu
 23 Rhythms
 25 Keyboard compositions
 28 Actor Lancaster
 30 ISS partner
 31 Small pitcher
 32 Metric measure
 33 Affirmative answer
 35 Flower holder
 36 Leo's bellow
 37 I figured it out!
 38 Ump's relative
 39 Infielder Ripken
 40 No-seats-available letters
 44 Some cats
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 HEY, I JUST APPLIED FOR THE MANAGER JOB THERE.
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 TO MAKE SURE I'LL BE YOUR BOSS?
 OOO-KAY...
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 YOU CAN'T COME RUNNING TO ME WITH EVERY LITTLE PROBLEM. GO FIX IT.
 THEN WHY DID YOU TELL ME TO TELL YOU?
 IT'S JUST SOME-THING I SAY.

HOROSCOPES

BY LINDA C. BLACK
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Today's Birthday (02-06-07)
 Compromise is achieved this year. You get farther than ever before. It's through the brilliance and good will of your team, led by your inspiring vision. Get busy. 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 5 - Keep an eye on your partner, so he or she doesn't make matters worse. Make sure you're both aiming at the same target.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
 Today is a 7 - Your workload is increasing, though your paycheck's not getting fatter. Don't worry about that; it'll follow as you increase your skills.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
 Today is a 6 - You'll naturally relax as more of the puzzle pieces fall into place. Don't let down your guard completely, however. Keep your wits about you.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
 Today is a 5 - The problem is that you're still busy, and you don't want to be. You want to be curled up on your couch. Better get yourself a good laptop and talk the boss into working from home.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
 Today is an 8 - There's not quite as much tension, partially because you're getting smarter. Prove it, by not trying to fix something that already works.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Today is an 8 - You're beginning to work on your own, and see good results. A team effort is in your future.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 Today is an 8 - You've probably finished most of the manageable tasks by now. Don't lose interest before the job's done, or you'll be in trouble again.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 Today is a 6 - All the stuff you've been putting off is suddenly coming due. The good news is, there's no trouble figuring out what you should do now.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 Today is a 7 - Friends help you find many uses for your new skills. Do what you find fascinating and don't worry about the money.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 Today is a 7 - The person in charge of the money is feeling generous. If you're nice, which may not be easy, you could get a bonus. Don't make any jokes at this person's expense.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 Today is a 6 - You know where you want to go. Convince the boss to help, and give them the credit when you arrive. This is definitely a team effort.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
 Today is a 6 - Search through your list of contacts to find the person who has what you need. A private transaction will be better this time than going public.

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