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Students of Boise State University

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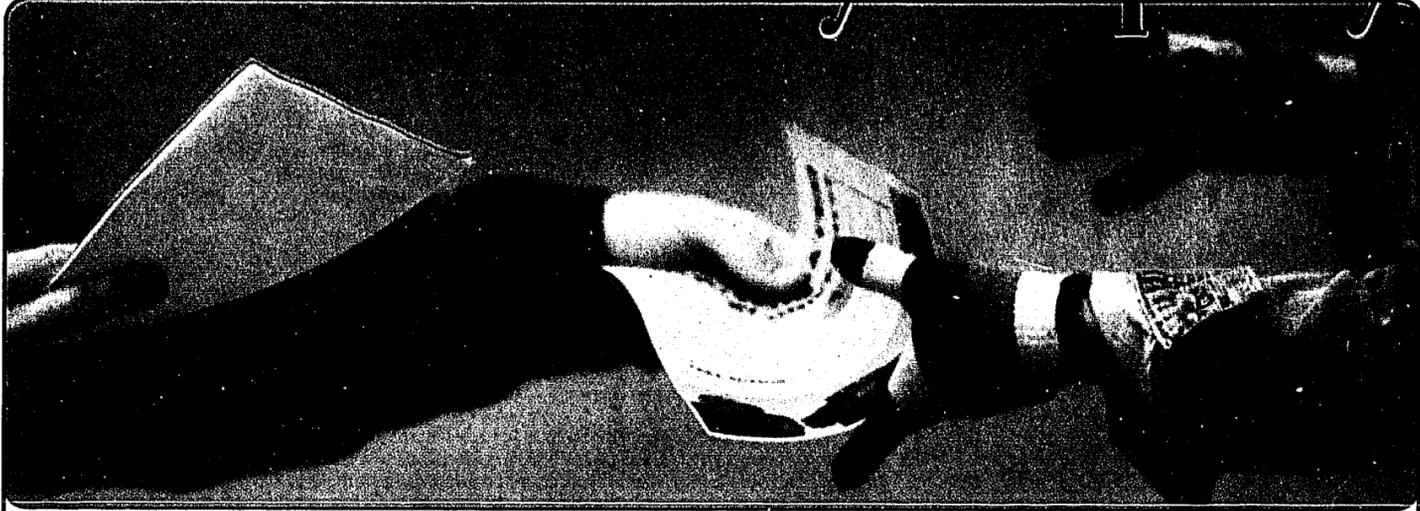
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ON CAMPUS

Thursday
ASBSU Senate
The Forum in the SUB. 4-6p.m.
All Senate meetings are open to the public. As a student, you are invited to address Senate for five minutes during the first part of each meeting.
To have your name added to the agenda please call Vice President Molly George or Senate ProTem Amy Ortmann at 426-1440

Friday
Up All Night at the Rec
Interested in DDR, Guitar Hero, Crafts, Hypnotist, Volley Ball, and more? Come to Rec and stay up all night!
Friday, Feb. 9 from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Cost is free to students, \$5 for guests.
Contact - Carrie Miller or John Lloyd at 426-4239

Conservatives rally for equality



PHOTOS BY RICHAE SWANBECK/THE ARBITER

ABOVE: Protestors handed out papers titled "Are you being indoctrinated by the university?" to passing students. According to the paper, the ratio of liberal to conservative speakers over the past five years has been six liberals for every one conservative.

BELOW: A protestor holds a sign up high on the Quad Wednesday, Feb. 7. Many of the protestors said they do not mind liberal speakers coming to campus, they just want conservatives brought in as well.



BY CEAN SIEGEL
Assistant News Editor

"Jesse Jackson + Al Gore + Al Franken = Biased Education - Bring conservative speakers to campus," was written in chalk in front of the Business and Economics Building Wednesday, Feb. 7.

Students and faculty stopped to read this statement. Some shook their heads, muttering obscenities as they passed. Others seemed to agree.

Nearby, on the Quad, students and community members protested the ratio of liberal to conservative speakers brought to BSU, displaying signs with sayings including "Education, Not Liberal Propaganda", "No more brainwashing at BSU", "Show both sides" and "Education not Indoctrination."

"If the university is going to pride itself in intellectual diversity, its speakers need to show the other side, which is conservatism," protestor Dayna Halverson said.

According to fliers being handed out by protestors, BSU has spent an estimated \$300,000 bringing in liberal-leaning speakers in the past five years, as opposed to nothing being spent to bring

in speakers with more conservative views.

"I pay student fees, I don't want my fees going to only one political idea that is shown by the speakers brought here," Halverson said.

This message was not accepted by everyone. Several passing students, among them Alan Brewington, stopped to argue with protestors.

"They're trying to mask their opinions with words like diversity," Brewington said. "It's not that they want diverse opinions here [at BSU], it's that they want their own opinion here."

Brewington went on to question the ratio of speaker statistics.

"Liberal and conservative are subjective terms," Brewington said.

Chris Scott is one that believes the data. He has his own reasons as to why more conservative viewpoints are necessary.

"Colleges are generally more liberal, so I feel that it is important that we have more conservative speakers," Scott said.

According to Scott, if the university starts bringing in conservative speakers, it will prompt additional speakers to visit.

PROTESTORS IDEAS FOR CONSERVATIVE SPEAKERS:

Ben Stein

Rush Limbaugh

Glenn Beck

Michael Savage

Ann Coulter

Sean Hannity

The not so FABulous Senate

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Managing Editor

Read this story; it concerns you and your money.

The Associated Students of Boise State University Senate (you know, the students you voted into office last spring) held its regular 4 p.m. meeting in The Forum in the Student Union Building Tuesday.

But something was missing. Namely, more than half of the Senators you voted into office. Of the 16 senators who won seats in the Senate last Spring, only eight attended Tuesday's meeting. Two of them (Sen. Mark Getecha and Sen. Jennifer Stolley) are replacement appointees who were not voted into office. Two others showed up late. To run a meeting the Senate must make quorum (meaning that a certain number of senators must be present).

The depleted Senate could not actually begin a regular meeting until the late senators arrived. These scheduling conflicts are not abnormal, but they are difficult to maneuver around. Around 4:35 p.m., the Senate finally met quorum.

Picking up the pieces

The Senate unanimously voted late in the meeting to move every piece of legislation currently sitting idle in the University Affairs/Public Liason Committee to the Student Affairs Committee.

Doesn't sound like a big deal? The move was made because, according to Sen. Jonathon Sawmiller and Sen. Ryan Cooper, the Public Liason Committee has met no more than once this entire school year. With the loss of senators (for various personal and professional reasons), the committee has not been

able to meet its quorum. This means that the committee could not work, could not vote and hence could not bring said legislation back into the regular senate meeting to be voted on by the entire senate, what's left of it.

The chair of said defunct committee, Sen. Cyndi Blue, was not present at the meeting. According to her fellow senators she has taken a position as an intern at the statehouse and cannot attend the meetings. It doesn't seem to matter, since her committee did not fulfill its duties.

Other business

The Senate is organizing its Financial Advisory Board, which reviews fee increases, including those to clubs and organizations.

Feb. 15, 2007 public hearings will be held in The Lookout Room in the SUB to discuss the fees.

"Anyone can come and protest, or whatever," Vice Pres. George said.

There are two models hanging on the wall in the SUB, near the top of the main stairwell, depicting possible layouts for the Veteran's Memorial, to be built in the SUB expansion. They will be on display until Feb. 16. All passers-by can comment.

The Senate unanimously approved the appointment of Colin Hoover to ASBSU secretary of special projects and chair of the Financial Advisory Board.

Hoover is a dual market research and finance major. He said he has no experience with student government.

"I didn't go out and try to be the FAB chair," Hoover said. "It was a way to get involved with school again, rather than just going to class and doing the regular thing."

He will not have a vote during the FAB meetings, unless there is a tie on a vote. FAB will review matching funds requests from all of the 200-plus clubs on campus (not all are asking for more money, many are not eligible for matching funds).

Hoover replaces A.J. McGillis in the ASBSU Cabinet of Pres. Parke. McGillis resigned his post after he allegedly falsified a police report declaring he had been the victim of a hate crime last semester.

He admitted later to police he fabricated the report, which set off a chain reaction of student and administrative support for victims of hate crimes and prejudice, which cost the university and ASBSU thousands of dollars.

The Senate meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the Forum at 4 p.m. All students are able to speak to the Senate during gallery comments.

BSU aids Middleton High School seniors in admissions process

BY DARCIE NUTT
News Writer

For seniors of Middleton High School, the fire that destroyed their school might not only complicate the rest of the school year, it may also affect their college applications.

To ease the burden, Boise State is accepting applications without transcripts from Middleton seniors in the event that those documents were lost in the fire.

"We are accepting students whose transcripts have been destroyed and we're using alternate means of getting that information from them," Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Laliberte said.

According to Laliberte, the scholarship deadline on Feb. 15 is also being extended for the seniors so that

they are eligible for scholarships as part of the admissions package.

Kelly Brandt from the Admissions office said that they want to work with the school's principal to consider the students for BSU.

In a letter sent to the principal, Brandt encouraged that students look at home for any similar documents they may have.

"We don't want you to feel like you're being left out [of the admissions process]," Brandt said.

According to Brandt, they will also be requesting from the high school's counselors any academic information up to the students' junior year. However, Brandt said they want to give the school enough time to recover.

"That's our main response right now," Brandt said.

According to Brandt, the scholarship deadline will be extended to the end of this month to allow the Middleton seniors time to get whatever they may have together.

"We'd like to give them several more weeks," Brandt said. "We're hoping that will give them enough time."

According to Personnel Secretary Janice Dykema at the Middleton School District #134 Office, the damage to documents was still being assessed as of Monday Feb. 5, but there is a possibility that the transcripts were saved from the fire.

"At this time I don't think they were damaged," Dykema said. Dykema said that the seniors were also pulled and it's possible that information on them can be recreated.

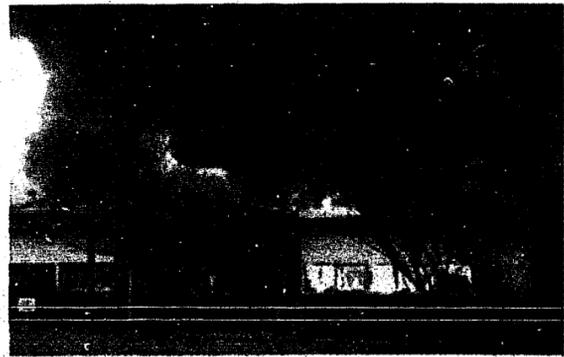


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The fire that recently burned more than 75 percent of Middleton High School might have destroyed important student documents, including graduating seniors' transcripts. The office, library and gym were also burned.

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THE HEADLINES

WORLD

Mexico's rising price of food staples is troubling sign

As President Felipe Calderon marched across the nation unveiling social programs and touting the military-led crackdown against drug lords, a round shadow followed him, darkening his sunny message. It was the ubiquitous tortilla, rising rapidly in price and reminding Mexicans that all is not well with the once-humming economy.

"There is no doubt that the biggest challenge is going to be the economy," said economist Rogelio Ramirez de la O, who served as an adviser to losing presidential candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador.

More serious economic problems would mean fewer Mexican shoppers in Dallas malls and more illegal immigrants, analysts say. In addition to the specter of higher food prices and higher inflation, a drop in oil prices for Mexican crude exports could push the government's budget into a deficit.

Meanwhile, inflation could run as high as 4.5 percent in coming months, well above the government's 3 percent goal, Ortiz said. The bank was worried that isolated price hikes could "contaminate" the larger economy, but, he said, the central bank would step in quickly to tame inflation if necessary.

Many economic analysts don't see serious danger in the short term.

NATIONAL

Judge suspends molester's academic release program

A convicted child molester attending the University of Pennsylvania while still serving time in a Bucks County prison had his academic-release program terminated yesterday, even though Penn and corrections officials had agreed to closer monitoring of his activities on campus.

Bucks County Court Judge C. Theodore Fritsch, who ordered more stringent monitoring of Kurt E. Mitman two weeks ago, said the "character and scope of the academic release remains inappropriate" for him. The judge did not comment specifically on the monitoring proposal, which included an electronic monitoring device in Mitman's campus office and another to be worn by him.

"The schedule is the same; the activities are the same," Fritsch said. He also noted that university police "did not agree to take a role."

In March 2005, Mitman, 25, pleaded guilty to involuntary deviate sexual intercourse with a 14-year-old boy. Jennifer Schorn, chief of special investigations for the Bucks district attorney, noted that the crime is a class-one felony, the most serious short of homicide, and will require Mitman to register his whereabouts with authorities the rest of his life.

Mitman's attorney, Richard Fine, argued that Mitman's crime was one with a low risk of recidivism and that the Bucks County Department of Corrections had authority on its own to implement the educational program.

Schorn countered that the predatory nature of Mitman's offense made him especially dangerous, that he had not served the minimum of the two to five-year term, that he had been virtually unsupervised while away from prison, and that prison officials had not notified the victim's mother of the release, as required. Corrections officials

admitted an oversight in not honoring the mother's written request for notification under Megan's Law. The victim's mother appeared visibly relieved after Fritsch's ruling and at one point close to tears in discussing it.

"I couldn't see how anyone would let this continue," she said of the release program. "It's so inappropriate, and the lack of supervision."

"Every time you see him in court," she continued, "he's in handcuffs. How do you reconcile that with his being at the university?"

In making his case to the judge, Fine called Mitman "a poster boy for rehabilitation. Education and rehabilitation, there's not anything better that a prison can do."

Schorn rebutted that "rehabilitation is not the only goal." Authorities must consider "the impact on the victim and the impact on the community." Doyle said Mitman could reapply for the program if he is released on parole, for which he will be eligible in September.

LOCAL/BSU

Middleton High School gets ready for reopening

Middleton High School teachers and administrators went back to campus Monday preparing for their first day of classes after a fire tore through their school last week.

Because cleanup crews worked through the weekend to dry out a classroom wing saved by a fire wall and sprinklers but damaged by water, the eight classrooms and the cafeteria in the wing should be ready to use Wednesday, much earlier than administrators had previously anticipated. "The building is shaping up," Middleton Superintendent Rich Bauscher said. That means that only 16 classrooms — not 24 — will have to be relocated on Wednesday.

Instead of dividing the Fine Arts building into four classrooms, as was originally planned, Middleton High will be able to use the space

for assemblies and other gatherings. And only two classes — band and physical education — will meet in the LDS church, not five. Faculty and administrators are still trying to figure out what types of supplies, books and equipment are needed.

They're hopeful students took books home with them last week or that texts were stored in lockers in the undamaged wing. After the materials are inventoried, Bauscher said administrators will take other school districts up on their offers to donate books. On Monday, teachers moved into new rooms, organizing their new temporary spaces for Wednesday's return of students.

Peggy Ramsey, a middle school physical education teacher and a counseling intern at the high school, was taking time to move into a new office in the middle school and dry out files that had been recovered from the high school administrative offices. Four sixth-grade classrooms at the middle school will be used by the high school. Ramsey called the support the school family has received from the community "wonderful."

"You realize you're not alone in this," she said. Moving was hectic, she said, but faculty worked together to make the process run as smoothly as possible. The middle-school students also offered support to help make the move easier.

"Our kids in middle school are really excited to help make it work. They seemed willing and ready to go," Ramsey said. "We're trying to get everybody prepared for Wednesday ... so we can all get back to normal — as normal as we can, anyway."

Courtesy Idaho Press-Tribune

WHAT THE?

Look, a stairlift, whee!

A company in England was fined for refusing to install a stairlift for a disabled employee, because "every-one would want to ride on it, and no work would get done."

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THE RED JUMPSUIT APPARATUS EMERY SCARY KIDS SCARING KIDS MON. 3-5 BIG EASY

BRETT DENNEN TUE. 3-6 BOURBON ST

PLAINWHITE T'S LIVE BOYS NIGHT OUT MAYDAY PARADE WED. 3-14 BIG EASY

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Dow Jones Industrial Average
12,666.87 (+ 0.56)

Nasdaq Composite
2,490.50 (+ 19.01)

S&P 500
1,450.02 (+ 2.02)

10 Year Bond
4.72% (- 0.02)

LOCAL

Bank of America (BAC)
53.36 (+ 0.15)

Micron Technology (MU)
12.97 (- 0.05)

Hewlett Packard (HPQ)
42.30 (+ 0.29)

Washington Mutual (WM)
43.34 (- 0.25)

Qwest Communications (Q)
8.19 (- 0.18)

TECHNOLOGY

Apple Computer, Inc. (AAPL)
86.15 (+ 2.00)

Google Inc. (GOOG)
470.01 (-1.47)

Microsoft Corporation (MSFT)
29.37 (- 0.14)

Motorola Inc. (MOT)
19.91 (+ 0.18)

Yahoo! Inc. (YHOO)
29.89 (+ 0.54)

FUN

Abercrombie & Fitch (ANF)
80.24 (- 0.13)

American Eagle (AEOS)
32.67 (+ 0.20)

Nike, Inc. (NKE)
102.90 (+1.23)

Wal-Mart (WMT)
48.58 (+ 0.00)

Walt Disney (DIS)
35.48 (+ 0.29)

CURRENCY

USD to Euro (EUR)
0.769 (-0.469%)

USD to Sterling (GBP)
0.508 (-0.193%)

USD to Yen (JPY)
120.680 (+0.358%)

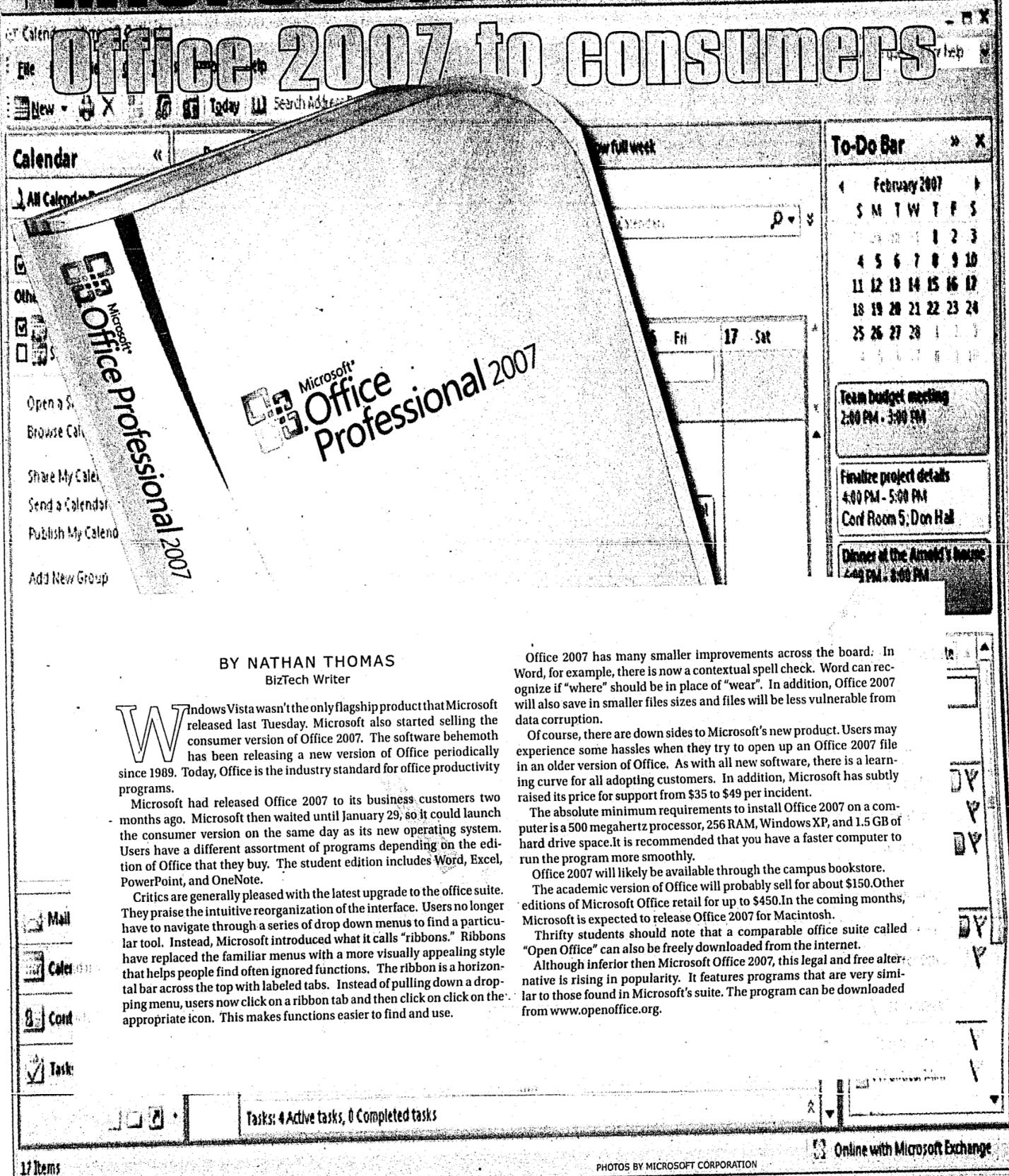
Gold
652.20 (- 0.60)

Silver
13.63 (+ 0.03)

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Microsoft unleashes

Office 2007 to consumers



BY NATHAN THOMAS
BizTech Writer

Windows Vista wasn't the only flagship product that Microsoft released last Tuesday. Microsoft also started selling the consumer version of Office 2007. The software behemoth has been releasing a new version of Office periodically since 1989. Today, Office is the industry standard for office productivity programs.

Microsoft had released Office 2007 to its business customers two months ago. Microsoft then waited until January 29, so it could launch the consumer version on the same day as its new operating system. Users have a different assortment of programs depending on the edition of Office that they buy. The student edition includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and OneNote.

Critics are generally pleased with the latest upgrade to the office suite. They praise the intuitive reorganization of the interface. Users no longer have to navigate through a series of drop down menus to find a particular tool. Instead, Microsoft introduced what it calls "ribbons." Ribbons have replaced the familiar menus with a more visually appealing style that helps people find often ignored functions. The ribbon is a horizontal bar across the top with labeled tabs. Instead of pulling down a dropping menu, users now click on a ribbon tab and then click on click on the appropriate icon. This makes functions easier to find and use.

Office 2007 has many smaller improvements across the board. In Word, for example, there is now a contextual spell check. Word can recognize if "where" should be in place of "wear". In addition, Office 2007 will also save in smaller files sizes and files will be less vulnerable from data corruption.

Of course, there are down sides to Microsoft's new product. Users may experience some hassles when they try to open up an Office 2007 file in an older version of Office. As with all new software, there is a learning curve for all adopting customers. In addition, Microsoft has subtly raised its price for support from \$35 to \$49 per incident.

The absolute minimum requirements to install Office 2007 on a computer is a 500 megahertz processor, 256 RAM, Windows XP, and 1.5 GB of hard drive space. It is recommended that you have a faster computer to run the program more smoothly.

Office 2007 will likely be available through the campus bookstore. The academic version of Office will probably sell for about \$150. Other editions of Microsoft Office retail for up to \$450. In the coming months, Microsoft is expected to release Office 2007 for Macintosh.

Thrifty students should note that a comparable office suite called "Open Office" can also be freely downloaded from the internet.

Although inferior then Microsoft Office 2007, this legal and free alternative is rising in popularity. It features programs that are very similar to those found in Microsoft's suite. The program can be downloaded from www.openoffice.org.

Testing, testing, did that record?

BY LUCINDA SUTHERLAND
BizTech Writer

My search for a digital audio recorder began about the time I realized I would be spending a minimum of two hours a day commuting to college and that time would be wasted unless I could find some technology to help me study or write while driving.

My requirements were that the recorder be easy to operate, with buttons that made sense and that it be secure if shoved in my pocket. The recorder would also need to have an inexpensive battery easily found in stores.

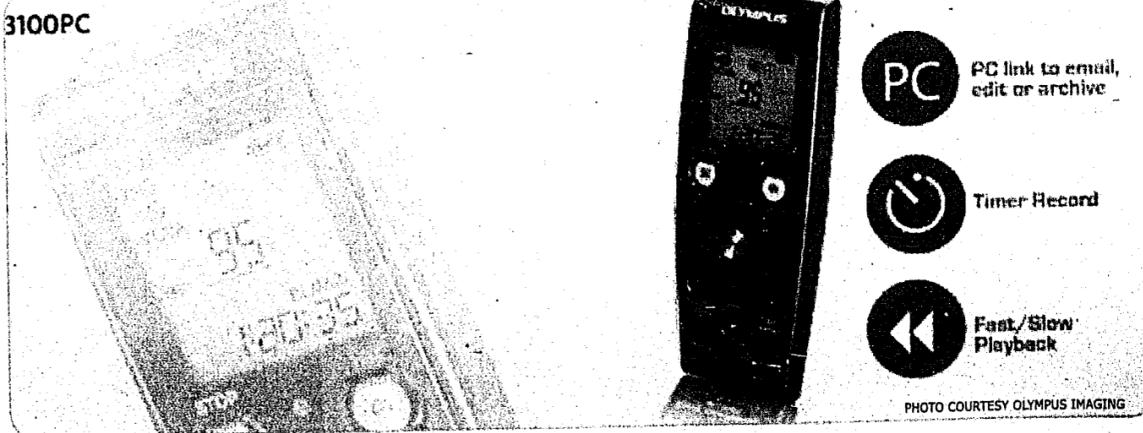
I was also hoping to be able to transfer this technology to the business world after college.

When I began searching in earnest I discovered that digital audio recorders offer amazing technology for very reasonable prices.

For \$29.86 you can get an RCA RP5020 with 32 MB of memory and 13 hours of recording time, a versatile microphone and jacks for headphones or a handheld microphone (not included) and all this runs on two AAA batteries.

For \$149.98 you might choose the Sony ICD-SX46 which comes with headphones, a carry case, PC application software and USB cable. It also had a built-in pocket clip, 47 hours of recording time 128 MB of flash memory and still manages to function on two AAA batteries.

This model was also compatible with Dragon Naturally Speaking Voice to Print Software.



The Olympus VN3100PC digital recorder has features like timed recording and records over 71 hours and 40 minutes, direct PC link, a large LCD screen and four different recording modes to suit your particular needs.

The Sony ICD-U60, selling at \$129.99, seemed to have it all with 251 hours of recording time, 512 MB of flash memory, USB storage, MP3 playback and PC access.

The package also included headphones, a neck strap, player plug-in for Windows Media Player (CD-Rom) and USB connection and data storage as part of the unit so it could plug directly into your PC USB port. It also had digital pitch control, fast/slow playback, three recording quality choices, the capacity to store up to 348 MP3 songs and a repeat button to repeatedly play your selected song.

Olympus is a leading name in the digital audio recorder market, and I found their products at many of the local stores as well as in my online shopping.

Olympus products ranged in price from \$39.99 to \$89.99, some using AAA batteries, others using wristwatch batteries.

They have PC models that use a USB cable to download the sound files to your computer and older, less expensive models without the computer hook-up.

I was looking for a unit that would work to replay through my car stereo so I could record lectures then

listen to them on my way home.

Finding clerks who could help me with this was challenging.

Radio Shack had the knowledgeable clerks I needed and they showed me several options in recorders and replay avenues.

At the end of my research I chose the Olympus VN3100PC for \$69.99 and picked up a separate CD to Cassette Adapter for \$19.99 that I use to play my recorded files on my car radio.

This model doesn't have the most memory on the market, but it has plenty for my needs, it uses two AAA batteries and the buttons are

easy to work with.

As soon as I got my recorder I read the instruction manual into a sound file so as long as I can find the unit, I can find the instructions.

It has worked really well for note taking - in fact, I wish I had it while I was doing my research on it.

I even recorded myself reading a chapter of a textbook and listened to it on my drive home - something I hope will make a difference in my grades.

Now I look forward to using it for recording lectures, interviews and rough-drafts of the many reports, articles and scripts in my future.

GAS PRICES

Least Expensive:

- \$2.23 - Fred Meyer (Overland)
- \$2.25 - Flying J (Entertainment & Overland)
- \$2.25 - Costco (2501 Cole)
- \$2.27 - Phillips 66 (Overland)
- \$2.39 - Maverik (Franklin)

Most Expensive:

- \$2.79 - Boise West Car Wash (Fairview & Mitchell)
- \$2.83 - Chevron (1311)
- \$2.99 - Shell (3990 Fairview)
- \$2.99 - Chevron (Main St.)
- \$2.99 - Chevron (1710 Overland Blvd)

NATIONAL AVERAGE \$2.200
IDHO AVERAGE \$2.201

**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 If 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
Blue Thunder Marching Band	6.50	0.65	0.00	1.50	0.15	0.00	8.00	0.80	0.00
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
Student Union & Student Involvement	71.00	7.10	7.10	10.00	1.00	1.00	81.00	8.10	8.10
Campus Recreation - Club Sports	1.25	0.15	0.00	2.00	0.20	0.00	3.25	0.35	0.00
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The way we see it ...

It's time to change the two-thirds approval needed for a community college

For the past several years Boise State University President Robert Kustra has spearheaded an effort to bring a local community college to Boise State. The university already has the space (BSU West in Canyon County), the momentum and more importantly - the need.

The benefits the entire Treasure Valley would receive from a local community college are numerous:

- Students not quite ready for a four-year institution would use the first two years of a community college to transition into the world of higher education.
- Students not wanting to go on to a four-year school would be able to at least gain some valuable education and possibly a trade before heading into the workforce full time.
- The average community college classroom has fewer students than similar classes in the university. Some lower level courses at BSU have more than 200 students. The same class at a CC could have no more than 30. The smaller classes give students more interaction with professors and build a more efficient learning environment.

• Many lower division and non-credit courses at BSU do not even have professors, or if they do, they only meet with students once a week. When a school focuses solely on lower division courses it can give a better education in those courses.

• A community college gives students with low high school GPAs a chance to get college credit to help them get accepted at four-year universities.

• Many non-traditional students, especially those returning to college after a period of perhaps decades, need the enhanced instruction to get them back in the swing of college life.

• Community colleges also offer GED courses to help students earn a high school equivalency degree.

• Cost-per-credit at community colleges are typically cheaper than a four-year school and BSU would be no exception.

• A community college would create more jobs and inject more money into the Treasure Valley economy.

But like any great proposal, the community college has faced two severe hurdles. First, where is the funding coming from? And second, an Idaho State Code requires two-thirds legislative approval on which districts a community college can fall into.

While the funding for such a plan is still a work in progress, getting two-thirds of the Idaho legislature to agree on what they want for lunch, much less if the state needs another community college is nearly impossible.

With so many safeguards already in place, members of the Idaho legislature should consider changing the two-thirds majority rule on community colleges to a simple majority rule.

This small but significant change could be the difference in the education of thousands of young adults.

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Right to free speech rescinded in Army uniform?

BY MICHAEL J. MCLASKEY
Opinion Writer

The case of the people v. Lt. Ehren Watada is worse than ridiculous. He refused to deploy to Iraq on the basis that the entire pretext for the war is wrong and immoral.

He made several public statements against the Iraq invasion and is now facing two years for not deploying to Iraq and four years for the statements he made, which in the U.S. Army constitute "conduct unbecoming an officer."

To its credit, the U.S. Army has sidestepped Watada's question about the legality of the Iraq war by stating that enlistees cannot choose which orders to obey. His lawyer stepped up with the Nuremberg defense, citing the moral imperative of an officer involved in something illegal.

This is heavy, but Watada is ready to serve. It seems he's been reading his Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"I submit that an individual who breaks a law

that conscience tells him is unjust, and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is in reality expressing the highest respect for the law."

Of course we can't allow this mere pawn in the hierarchy of the American political system to do the right and honorable thing - call George W. Bush a liar and firmly state once and for all that this has been and always will be an unjust war, the justification for which will always lie buried underneath public relations and doublespeak.

We can't let him do that because that would make Congress look bad and Congress is the only body in the United States that has the authority to annul the justness of a war.

Nancy Pelosi, get on it.

Making someone an example has a long tradition in American politics, and that's going to happen to Watada, who seems to have no end of naysayers. Even the Japanese-American Veterans Association

has called him a shame to the uniform he wears.

But doesn't the U.S. Army itself have some shame to bear in everything? The only person charged with a crime in the Abu Ghraib scandal is a reservist desk jockey, who didn't commit any of the atrocities there. After U.S. Army soldiers photographed naked detainees and threatened them with dogs, don't they deserve more justice?

Yes, they do, but so do the residents of Sudan.

The world's deaf ear gets harder of hearing with each passing day.

Iraq is just another bloody diamond in Sierra Leone, or the rebel faction in Sri Lanka.

We Americans have precious little time for our involvement in Iraq; most of us without family or friends there find it a weary topic.

If we could actually focus our notorious American energy there, especially with our new political makeover, we might be able to do something a little less shameful. Maybe, just maybe, we could pull off something deserving of shock and awe.

Axe the Taxman - I want my money back

BY JONATHAN SAWMILLER
Guest Opinion

It's that time of year again, when Americans walk about with a permanent scowl and rebellious anger boiling to the surface. No, I'm not talking about living with the indignity of watching your favorite NFL team crash and burn in the Super Bowl. It's tax season, time to sit back and see how badly Uncle Sam screwed you over last year.

I just finished this anger-inspiring process. I was feeling pretty good plugging numbers into TurboTax and just looking at how much money the government had already taken from me, it only seemed right that I would get a little bit of it back. When I saw that between state and federal taxes, Social Security, and FICA (that's Medicare and Medicaid for you non-geek types), The Man had already helped himself to \$5,444.00 of my money, my libertarian streak began to rear its head. That's twenty percent of my taxable income, twenty bucks out of every hundred for which I slave away! I'm a full-time student, for crying out loud. I'd better get some of this back. As I progressed through my 1040, searching desperately for deductions and credits, my hopes sank lower and lower.

Take the Earned Income Credit? Nope, only those who make less than \$12,120 or have a child and make less than \$36,348 per year qualify. How about the Hope & Life Time Learning Educational Credits, so that I at least get my tuition back? Not happening. Those credits aren't available to students who receive tax-free educational assistance such as scholarships, Pell Grants, or in my case, the GI Bill.

With a heavy heart, I hit the "Finish" button. TurboTax coughed politely, hemmed and hawed, then regretfully informed me that I owed Uncle Sam another four hundred fifteen dollars. I tried to keep from punching my PC. Those bastards on Capitol Hill.

Why don't they spend their own cash on improving the world? And the future only looks darker. Any hope I had for getting to keep a little more of my own money was dashed when the tax-and-spend Democrats took control of

Congress this fall.

At least the IRS is kind enough to tell me where my money is going. According to the neat little chart on page 83 of my 1040 instructions, 37 percent of the federal budget goes towards Social Security and Medicare. It would be nice if someday I might get back that money, but both programs are projected to go broke before I even turn 40, so I'm not holding my breath. Hey, Nancy Pelosi, why don't you write some legislation to let me invest my own retirement money? It's for my retirement and health care when I'm elderly, right? Why can't I just drop it in my 401K, where I'll actually get a return on my investment?

That same chart also tells me that 20 percent of the federal budget goes to Social Programs, including Medicaid, food stamps, housing assistance and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (welfare). Newsflash, Uncle Sam. I pay for my own health insurance, and I like my doctor just fine. I don't want a checkup at the clinic to become a nightmare like the DMV. I certainly don't receive food stamps or housing assistance, so I would like to keep that money to pay for my groceries and rent, thank you. Another 10 percent goes to Physical, Human and Community development - traditional government spending on items such as transportation, education, energy, science and agriculture. That doesn't bother me so much, nor does the 24 percent that goes to national defense, Veterans and Foreign affairs.

The final chunk is seven percent for interest on the National Debt. At least you're on the right track taking care of that, GW. The deficit has dropped sharply for the past two years. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the deficit will drop from 248 billion in 2006 to 172 billion in 2007 and, at the current rate of spending, is actually on track to be paid off entirely by 2012. Why? Increased tax revenue due to explosive economic growth caused by - you guessed it - Bush's tax cuts. Hello, Capitol Hill; tax cuts, anyone? I'm expecting some money back next year.

Jonathan Sawmiller is an ASBSU Senator-at-Large

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Please stop, think,
look in the freakin' mirror

BY SHEREE WHITELEY
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With every year (perhaps even every day) that goes by I feel like I'm getting smarter.

As time passes and my interactions with different people increase in frequency, it seems like I'm gaining knowledge of typical human behavior.

I think the same can be said for just about everyone; as you grow up and meet varying varieties of people, you gain a better understanding of all people.

Still, one thing perplexes me about our human race - ill-fitting clothing. I'm not talking about a shirt that's maybe a size too small or pants that are about 1/8 inch too short, I'm talking about superbly, disgustingly, never-should-be-viewed-by-human-eyes, borderline grotesque attire.

Don't deny it - you've seen that person in the grocery store with the too-low rise pants, bent down trying to decide on a can of soup and consequently sporting a look typical of plumbers.

Atrocities such as this are everywhere, and they usually result in an "eeww," "ick," or "seriously? You can't see that?" response.

One of my many clothing pet peeves is the "muffin top."

No, not the delicious portion of my favorite breakfast food - the result of too-tight pants and "love handles."

Just a rule of thumb (or, rather, rule of pant): If the waistband pushes up what you would usually want to hide and lops it over the edge of your pants, the waistband isn't the right size. Suck it up and buy the next size up.

Another faux-pas that drives me crazy are short-shorts. No, ladies, I'm not referring to your Daisy Dukes (although be aware that strict rules do apply with itty-bitty shorts).

Guys, I'm talking to you.

When driving down the road, I have many things to be watching out for - other cars, stoplights, pedestrians - and the last thing that I want to be seeing are guys jogging down the road in running gear that covers less than my mini skirts.

Showing a lot of leg doesn't work on women - sorry, but it's just not attractive. Buy some longer shorts - you'll have a better chance of keeping everything hidden and avoiding any possible indecent exposure tickets.

But out of all of the horrific wrongs that I've witnessed, one holds the No. 1 spot.

One Summer, while on a cruise with my Mom and sister, we stopped at a small private island, mainly composed of beach and a few snack shacks.

Needless to say, the typical attire on the island was beachwear/swimsuits. After settling at a picnic table with plates of barbecue and attempting to enjoy our lunch, we spotted something wholly unappetizing.

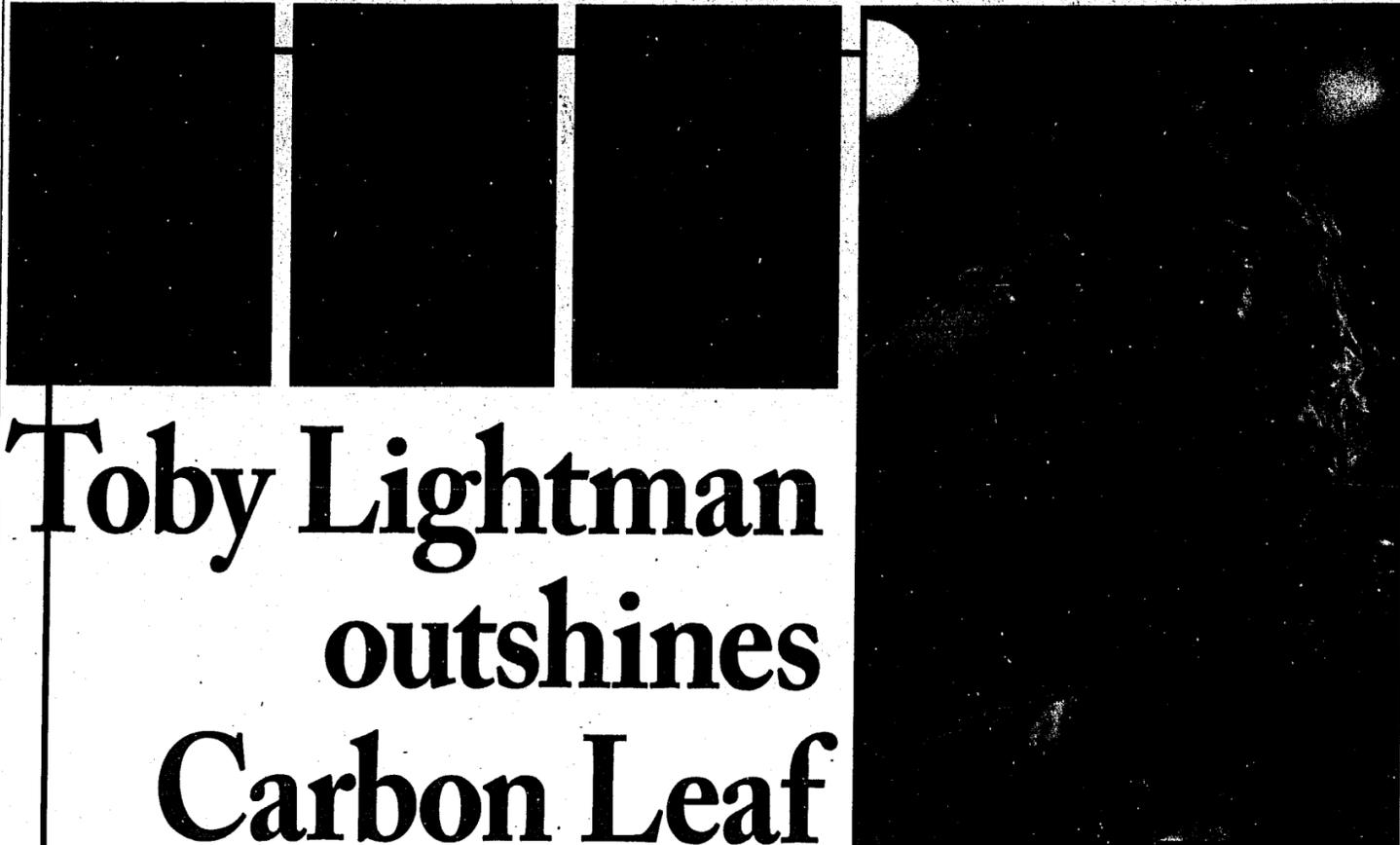
Coming out of the ocean was an excessively tan, equally as excessively wrinkled man - in the smallest Speedo I've ever seen.

I'm not even sure if it should have qualified as a swimming suit, or even as underwear - it was almost non-existent on his 90-year-old frame. The image remains emblazoned in all three of our memories to this day.

I'm still attempting to understand how a person leaves the house while committing these atrocities.

Sure, everyone wanders out of the house without being "all done up" (I'm writing this in sweats consisting of colors that definitely don't coordinate) but is there an anti-mirror cult in existence that I'm not aware of?

I don't care what you look like, some things just aren't supposed to be flaunted. For your sake and the happiness of others, take the time to buy complimenting attire and look in a mirror.



PHOTOS BY ALICE SCULLY/THE ARBITER

Toby Lightman (above) impressed fans Monday night at The Big Easy, with her vocals and style.

Toby Lightman outshines Carbon Leaf

BY DANIEL KEDISH
Culture Editor



Folks out wandering the streets of BoDo Monday night were certainly in for a treat, with the soulful sounds of Toby Lightman making their way out of the Big Easy Concert House. Lightman took the spotlight away from headliners, Carbon Leaf.

Lightman and Carbon Leaf stopped in Boise for the show as part of Carbon Leaf's new tour promoting its new album "Love, Loss, Hope,

Repeat," while Lightman promoted her sophomore album "Bird on a Wire." The two performances moved crowds and packed the house for a night of original music with authentic sound, rich harmonies and hypnotizing guitar melodies.

Known most recognizably for its album "Indian Summer," the Virginia-born group Carbon Leaf strengthens its reputation for great music and poetic lyrics with its new material featured on the latest release. Each song shows the maturity the band embodies after a lengthy career that started back in their college years.

Most notable about the new CD, however, is that the group never sampled the material with an audience before hitting the road - something Carbon Leaf never does. Instead, the album was written, mixed and recorded in a five month period without any input from fans.

"We couldn't worry about people's perceptions and we had to make and act on our own decisions and hope people would latch on," Barry Privett, lead singer and lyricist for the group, said. "We didn't have a lot of time to support it."

Which may be the exact reason why fans are finding the

new material much more honest and straightforward.

"The arrangements are leaner. Production was limited, so it was all about the song," Privett said. "Everything is more urgent and timeless with less tweaking."

Even with the new sound and fan favorites, no one could have expected the amazing musical talent that opened the show Monday night.

With a very petite 5-foot-2-inch frame, with long curly blonde hair and dressed in her tight jeans and cowboy boots, the crowd fell head over heels for Lightman.

Opening the show with an acoustic showcase, she and a male guitarist took the stage and wooed audiences with a refreshing blend of blues, jazz and pop that entertained the audience and sent chills down their spines. Before the show, Lightman spoke about the difficulties she faces when opening up acoustically for a performance, especially not being well known to most people.

"It's challenging to open up a show acoustically," Lightman said. "Everyone's expecting a rock band and they don't expect to see a couple of people walk on stage with two guitars."

However, it's that challenge to win over audiences that Lightman loves most. With her

positive energy, witty sense of humor and strong vocals, she instantly gains fans everywhere she goes.

"I have a mellow side and I have an aggressive side," Lightman said. "If I see someone standing there with their arms crossed, I will stare them down and sing to them until I find a way to make them loosen up and enjoy themselves."

After opening up for musicians such as Gavin DeGraw and Howie Day, Lightman continues to use her own original bluesy tones to make her mark in the industry. Her role models are Sarah McLachlan and Bonnie Ray, who she admires for their careers where the music speaks for itself and the artist stays out of the media.

In comparison to other recording artists, Lightman takes stage in resemblance to Sheryl Crow with vocals that hold elements similar to Joss Stone and Aretha Franklin mixed in with Alanis Morissette and Lightman's favorite, Bonnie Ray.

These qualities allowed Lightman to steal the show from Carbon Leaf, which gave a great performance but didn't match the vocals that gained cheers and applause from the crowd.

The climax of the night, however, came when Carbon Leaf brought Lightman on stage for a duet with her and Privett. The duo brought audience members out their seats and solidified the notion that Lightman outdoes the group with her range and tone quality.

Overall, the concert gave way to a relaxing night with quality entertainment, even while lesbian lovers knocked over tables and drugged up blondes danced on tables. Both albums, "Love, Loss, Hope, Repeat" and "Bird on a Wire" are available in stores now.



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The members of Carbon Leaf headlined the show, but were overshadowed by Lightman's performance.



Dench, Blanchett stun in 'Notes on a Scandal'

BY FRANCY MARCOTTE
Assistant Culture Editor

Have you ever had a secret that you didn't want exposed? Have you ever feared that your best friend may be the one who reveals it?

This becomes Sheba Hart's dilemma in "Notes on a Scandal," Director Richard Eyre's ("Iris") and Writer Patrick Marber's ("Closer") newest film centering on friendship, secrets and betrayal.

As the new teacher in a London high school, Hart (Cate Blanchett) approaches her job lacking confidence and direction. Long-time History Teacher Barbara Covett (Judi Dench) sees this and takes Hart under her wing. The women quickly form a close friendship as Hart eagerly confides to Covett and the lonely Covett begins to think of Hart as her soul mate.

However, everything changes when Covett discovers that Hart has been having an affair with one

of her students. Covett immediately calls Hart out on the scandal and demands to know every detail. Hart, sure that her friend will tell her superiors about the affair, guiltily spits everything out. But Covett puts her at ease and informs her that she has no intention of letting the school know about her little secret. Hart's life immediately becomes a living nightmare as Covett uses her knowledge of the affair to keep Hart under her control.

Both Dench and Blanchett received Oscar nominations for their roles in "Notes on a Scandal," and rightfully so, since both actresses deliver intense and believable performances.

Dench, who is probably best known to American audiences for her supporting character roles in films like "Shakespeare in Love," "Pride and Prejudice" and the James Bond franchise, steps into the leading lady spot with ease. Her performance as an insecure, isolated woman draws viewers in during



the first half of the film and then creeps them out in the second half as Covett becomes more obsessed with Hart. Her character's traits constantly switch from being tough as nails to emotionally fragile. Dench pulls this off without overacting or

being melodramatic. Blanchett, like Dench, delivers a strong performance. She portrays a woman dissatisfied with her marriage and job. Similar to Covett, Blanchett's character possesses more than one face. In front of her

family, Hart acts like the ideal mother and at her job she tries to put on an air of professionalism. However, the character is frustrated with both areas of her life and Blanchett demonstrates this well. One may not want to like Hart, since she engaged in a seedy affair with an adolescent, but Blanchett's facial expressions, voice fluctuations and chemistry with Dench inspire sympathy.

Another aspect of "Notes on a Scandal" worth mentioning is the diary Covett avidly keeps.

The diary serves as a third main character in the film because clues viewers into Covett's deepest thoughts and secrets.

Throughout the film, Covett fills it with vivid descriptions of Hart, her family and her affair. The diary entries provide insight to the plotline and create suspense for the audience.

Strong performances and a gripping storyline make "Notes on a Scandal" a ride full of twists and turns worth experiencing.

Pete Yorn jams out in Boise with fellow musicians



BY DANIEL KEDISH
Culture Editor

A show full of musical diversity, rich melodies and outstanding talent, The Big Easy Concert House played host to a variety of musicians, packing the venue with fans and making the night one of relaxation, fun and an overall great time.

For only his first trip to Boise, Pete Yorn played for what seemed a sold-out crowd Tuesday night, along with opening acts Charlotte Martin and Aqualung.

The three performances brought

in a wide range of personalities with various musical tastes.

The beginning of the show started with the independent stylings of Los Angeles resident Martin, who last visited Boise a year ago at the NeuroLux.

With the stage set with what looked like five keyboards, a drum set and bouquets of lights, Martin blew audiences away with songs featured on her latest album "Stromata," which Martin raves as her best album yet.

"It's the most original thing I've done," Martin said in a phone interview a couple weeks earlier. "Stromata" is Charlotte Martin.

"It covers a lot of genres. It's hard to classify too. I've always wanted to make an album like this, even though it's difficult for people to understand and market, but my fans are getting it and it's selling."

And fans really are getting her music.

While most audience members may not have heard of Martin, they probably won't forget her after her set, especially after a chilling cover of "Wild Horses." The beauty of Martin's singing rendered the crowd silent.

With a voice of pure power, a range of multiple octaves and

chanting melody lines, she won crowds over, setting the stage for one entertainingly diverse show.

As crowds continued to roll in for the night's entertainment, an audience favorite took the stage.

Aqualung, known to most for the song "Better than Sunshine" from its latest album "Strange and Beautiful," brought fans to their feet with a set sounding much like the groups of Keane, The Beatles and even U2, with piano-induced songs and the Bono-sounding voice of lead singer Matt Hales.

Overall, the British group brought the energy to an all-time high that many audience members left after Aqualung's portion of the show, having only come to see the group perform.

However, the crowd went crazy when headliner, Yorn, graced the stage dressed in his worn jeans and destroyed black T-shirt.

Starting his portion of the show with songs off the latest album, "Nightcrawler," Yorn enchanted the evening with acoustic rock chords and poetic lyrics that had people dancing and singing all over the venue.

Stabilizing the shows energy, Yorn had the audience eating out of the palms of his hands with soft ballads accompanied with



PHOTOS BY ALICE SCULLY/THE ARBITER

Pete Yorn tore up The Big Easy Tuesday night accompanied by opening acts Charlotte Martin and Aqualung, featuring songs from his latest album "Nightcrawler."

raging rock songs.

The deep, rich texture of his voice alongside a band with a wide range of musical talent made for the greatest act of the night.

After a crowd-pleasing perfor-

mance, the fans cheered Yorn back on stage for an encore, where he played one of his top hits, "Strange Condition," which capped the night, sending folks home happy.

From the experimental music of Martin and the soft ballads of Aqualung and to the acoustic rock songs of Pete Yorn, this was one show that will definitely highlight this season of concerts.

The dreaded 'F' word no longer a secret

BY CARRIE FANNIN
Arbiter Staff

Oh my gosh, the dreaded "F" word. People always laugh nervously when I say, "I have not always been fat." I let them know that it's not a secret. It is difficult to acknowledge, believe me I understand, but there comes a time when you have to do something about it. But what, when and how? It's complicated.

When I was 23, I taught aerobics at the then Parkcenter Club, lifted weights regularly, was thin and fit and even wore a bikini in the summer. That was 19 years ago.

Only in the last seven years has the weight started to creep on and resist leaving. I have tried various workouts, diets, etc./none worked. I actually gained up to 180 pounds, and I'm 5 feet 7 inches tall on a good day. At that point, I thought I should finally do something about it. Guess what, my feet and knees

hurt so much that I couldn't even take a walk. I started at Curves in late 2004 and over the next year I lost 13 pounds. I then moved away from that location.

When I returned to Boise State after a 15-year hiatus, like many others, I felt the stress of working and going to school, raising children and everything else. This semester I'm taking a Health Psychology class.

The first assignment was a personal intervention. We were to tell of something we would like to change - the weight, duh. So instead of just acknowledging the problem, do something about it, right? Easy answer. If you're fat, you must eat too much. Right? Not so fast.

Medical problems and diseases account for many weight issues. My question to myself was, "why am I fat?" I eat well, don't eat meat, and exercise moderately every week. So in my quest to find out "why" I started by writing everything down

that I ate. It took one day to notice the problem - stress (good or bad) equals food. Being fat is not the problem it is the symptom of something greater.

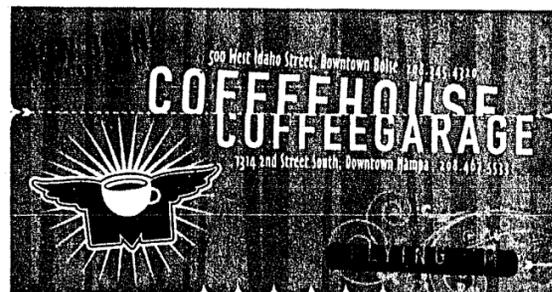
Last week just as a precursor, I paid a great deal of attention to my stress response. I started substituting listening to my favorite song (at least 15 times the first day) on my iPod instead of feeding the monster. I lost two pounds. Oh my gosh became oh my god. Time to change the health behaviors associated with my stress.

My thought on this project is that there has to be others just like me and if I can show that small changes in behavior can amount to small changes in weight, which can add up to big changes over time, it might inspire others to do the same.

The issues of weight we are concerned about at 23 (hot body) are very different at 42 (diabetes and heart disease). So here we go - the good, the bad and the ugly. You will

get to see if I succeed or fail and the struggles along the way.

Carrie Fannin plans to update readers on her progress throughout the project's time with tips, personal struggles and pictures. Any comments please feel free to e-mail The Arbiter's culture section at culture@arbiteronline.com.



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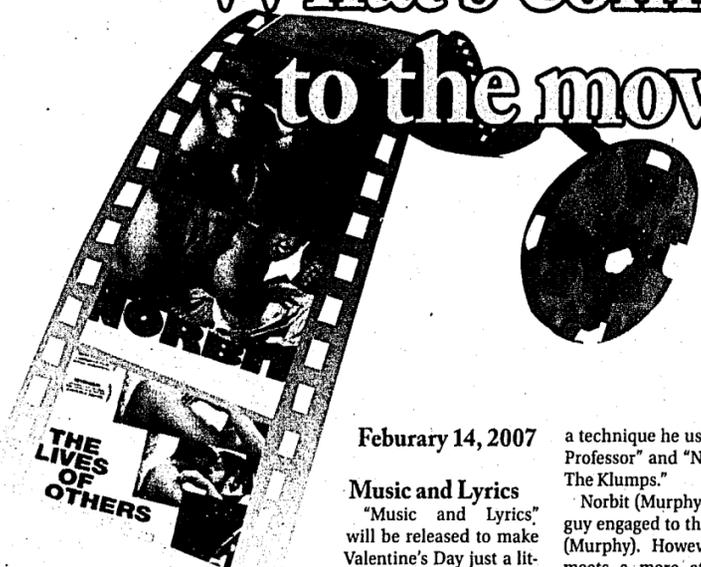
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Music and Lyrics

"Music and Lyrics" will be released to make Valentine's Day just a little bit sweeter.

The romantic comedy stars Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore as two people who fall in love over their passion for music.

Alex Fletcher (Grant) is a washed-up 1980s pop star who takes on a comeback. He has to write a chart-topping song for a teen singer comparable to Britney Spears. The only problem? He doesn't know the first thing about songwriting. That's where the "plant lady" Sophie Fisher (Barrymore) comes in. She turns out to be a talented lyricist and works with Fletcher to compose his hit. Romance blooms as the two central characters discover they make exquisite music together.

Norbit

Just when audiences thought Eddie Murphy took a career turn with "Dreamgirls," along comes "Norbit."

Murphy gives audiences multiple threats in his new comedy. He plays several different characters,

a technique he used in "The Nutty Professor" and "Nutty Professor II: The Klumps."

Norbit (Murphy) is an easygoing guy engaged to the obese Rasputia (Murphy). However, one day he meets a more attractive woman (Thandie Newton) and decides he really wants to be with her. He then develops a hilarious scheme to try to win her heart and ditch his fiancée. Cuba Gooding Jr., Eddie Griffin and Marlon Wayans also star.

On the indie scene

The Lives of Others

German filmmaker Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck's debut project "The Lives of Others" centers around the close government observation of East German citizens in the 1980s.

Set specifically in 1983, a well-known playwright is suspected of being disloyal to the Communist Party and its hold over East Germany. Therefore, government officer Gerd Wiesler receives an order to spy on the playwright and his actress-lover. However, things take a turn when Wiesler develops a fondness for the couple and begins to question his own loyalties.



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BY FRANCY MARCOTTE
Assistant Culture Editor

Hannibal Rising

Hannibal "the Cannibal" Lector returns in this second prequel to "The Silence of the Lambs."

This new addition to the film franchise tells how Hannibal came to utter the famous line "I ate his liver with some fava beans and a nice Chianti" in its first installment.

In other words, how Hannibal became such an infamous cannibal. "Hannibal Rising" observes Hannibal's childhood, adolescence and adulthood.

He develops from a war orphan in Eastern Europe, to a gifted intellectual and finally, a serial killer whose actions are rooted in revenge. French actor Gaspard Ulliel ("A Very Long Engagement," "Paris, je t'aime") takes over the role of Hannibal from long-time possessor Anthony Hopkins.

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Men's basketball adds game to schedule

The Boise State men's basketball team will host Western Montana Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Taco Bell Arena. The game was scheduled to replace the Colorado State game Dec. 22 that was canceled due to a snowstorm.

Montana Western is a NAIA Division I school and is a member of the Frontier Conference.

Tickets for the Colorado State game can be used to attend the Montana Western game.

Colorado State tickets can also be exchanged for any home game remaining on Boise State's men's or women's basketball schedules.

If ticket holders used their Colorado State tickets for the women's game against Louisiana Tech Saturday and wish to attend the Montana Western game, they can get the tickets reprinted at no cost at the Boise State ticket office.

Boise State highlights all-academic team

The Western Athletic Conference announced its all-academic honors for the 2006 fall sports season Tuesday. Thirty-seven student-athletes from four Bronco programs were named to the list.

The 2006 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl and WAC Champion Bronco football team boasts 19 student-athletes on the list, more than any other team in the conference.

Junior defensive end Nick Schlekeway posted the highest grade point average among Bronco fall sports competitors, a 3.76. Schlekeway is majoring in business management.

Senior midfielder Brennan Lau highlights a list of 12 BSU women's soccer players named WAC All-Academic, the second-highest total among soccer teams. Lau earned a GPA of 3.74 while majoring in health promotions.

Four members of the Bronco volleyball team were named to the list, with senior libero Jackie Stroud, an accounting major, earning the highest GPA (3.57).

Rounding out the list of Broncos named academic all-WAC were two members of the men's cross-country team. Senior Brandon Christoffersen posted a GPA of 3.5 while majoring in material science engineering.

BSU track sweeps weekly awards

Boise State University made it a clean sweep of this week's Western Athletic Conference Track and Field Athlete of the Week awards with Eleni Kafourou and Simon Wardhaugh each earning the women's and men's honor, respectively.

Kafourou, a sophomore from Athens, Greece, set a Boise State record, won two events and posted two NCAA provisional qualifying marks at last Saturday's (Feb. 3) United Heritage Invitational hosted by Boise State at the Jacksons Indoor Track in Nampa.

Kafourou broke a 10-year-old school record in winning the triple jump with a leap of 42-8.75 (13.02m), which is also a NCAA provisional qualifying mark and the eighth-best collegiate mark this indoor season.

She broke the record of 42-2.25 set by Abigail Ferguson in 1996. She also posted a provisional qualifying mark in winning the long jump with a mark of 20-1.00 (6.12m).

The mark is first in the WAC, the third-best indoor mark in school history and the 14th best collegiate mark so far this season.

Asophomore from Bracken Ridge, Australia, Wardhaugh recorded a NCAA provisional mark and a personal best mark of 64-8.00 (19.71m) in the 35-pound weight throw. His throw is the second best in school history and ranks Wardhaugh third in the WAC.

Wardhaugh's throw also came at last Saturday's United Heritage Invitational.

Kafourou, Wardhaugh and the rest of the Bronco men's and women's teams will be back in action at the Jacksons Indoor Track this Friday and Saturday (Feb. 9 and 10) with the Boise State Team Invitational.

BSU professor hopes to compete in 2010 Olympic Games



PHOTO COURTESY WERNER HOEGER

Boise State professor Dr. Werner Hoeger competed this past weekend in the World Luge Championships in Innsbruck, Austria. Dr. Hoeger said he plans on trying to qualify for the 2010 Olympic games in Vancouver, B.C.

BY TATE CASTLETON
Sports Writer

Ask anyone what he or she looks forward to most when they enter their mid-50s and most will tell you it's retirement. For Boise State Kinesiology professor, Dr. Werner Hoeger, retirement is a notion he wants to hear nothing about.

Just last weekend Dr. Hoeger traveled to Innsbruck, Austria, to compete in the 39th annual Luge World Championships. Remarkably, at 53 years of age, Hoeger returned to Boise Monday as the oldest male athlete to ever to qualify for a World Championship competing in luge.

"I enjoy the sport, I love competition and I love training," Hoeger said about why he continues to compete. "I love the challenge and its ability to keep me going."

Prior to Hoeger's historic milestone over the weekend the oldest males to qualify for the World Championships were both 38 years old as well as five-time Olympians prior to their World Championship appearances. To qualify, athletes take part in five qualifying runs and must finish within seven percent of the fastest run down the track in that particular run. For the first time in his career Hoeger was able to reach seven percent in all five runs.

"It was very rewarding to me that I was able to qualify in all five," Hoeger said. "I felt really good on the track and I bettered my time by .9 seconds which is almost a full second and for any luger that is great."

Hoeger, a native of Venezuela, is himself a two-time Olympian, hav-

ing competed in the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City and the 2006 games in Torino, Italy. In 2002 Hoeger and his oldest son Christopher were the first ever father-son pair to both compete in the luge.

"In Salt Lake Christopher and I raced in singles and it was neat to be the first father-son duo to compete in the same event," Hoeger said. "There was a lot of sacrifice involved - mental, physical and emotional - to get to Salt Lake so we were just grateful to be there."

Out of 50 competitors in the luge in Salt Lake City Dr. Hoeger finished 40th and Christopher finished 38th.

It is even more remarkable that Hoeger ever competed in the first place. Growing up, Hoeger had aspirations to be a gymnast. He said he wanted to be one so badly he even dreamed of being an Olympic gymnast.

"When I was a youngster in Venezuela I was a gymnast," Hoeger said. "And when I was 16-years old Brigham Young University recruited me as a gymnast and offered me a scholarship."

In 1970, with scholarship in hand and a unique athletic gift to take with him, a young Hoeger had specific goals he fully intended to accomplish.

"My goal was to go to either the Munich Olympic games in 1972 as a gymnast or in 1976 in Montreal," Hoeger said.

But with those aspirations came challenges. Hoeger wanted to compete for Venezuela but found it to be impossible.

"Because I was training in the

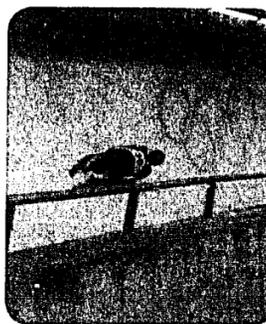


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U.S. and the rest of the team was in Venezuela there was a huge difference in skill level," Hoeger said. "As a team we were not good enough to qualify for the Olympics. I could have attempted to qualify as an individual but my federation never gave me a chance to go to trials so I was left out."

Hoeger made the best of his time at Brigham Young University, earning his Doctorate in exercise physiology in 1978. Hoeger is now in his 21st year at Boise State. Despite his love for teaching, Hoeger admits that he still longed to scratch the ever-present Olympic itch and fulfill his desire to compete on a world stage.

"When you watch the sport of luge and you watch people go through this ice channel going 70-80 miles per hour it's pretty scary," Hoeger said. "I have to admit it played games with my mind. I really don't like to watch it; I just love to do it and I love to be an Olympian."

Hoeger was first introduced to the luge in 1998 when he and his fam-

ily attended the Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. One of the lugers was Venezuelan and invited him and his family to Salt Lake for a summer clinic.

"When I took my kids there my intent was to see if they had any interest in the sport," Hoeger said.

The clinic was only for youth 11-18 years of age, but Venezuela was looking for a larger contingency for the Salt Lake games and after some lessons and a few runs Dr. Hoeger was hooked.

"At the end of the clinic they had a little race," Hoeger said. "I finished first and my three kids finished 2-3-4 right behind me and the rest is history."

Being a full-time professor at BSU and having little access to training facilities, Hoeger has very few chances to prepare for competitions. He finds time on weekends and holidays to escape to Park City, Utah, to spend a few hours in intensive training. Hoeger is now looking toward the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, B.C. Should he qualify Hoeger will become the oldest Olympian to compete in the Winter Games in any sport. Hoeger will be nearly 60 and competing in one of the most challenging winter events.

"I'm going to take it a year at a time and see how it goes," Hoeger said. "Right now I continue to get better every year and if I can keep that up I can hopefully make history, but we'll have to wait and see."

When that times comes, you can bet Bronco Nation will be watching.

Football team announces recruiting class

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

After losing 22 seniors from the 2006 Boise State football team Head Coach Chris Petersen knew the only thing to do was reload. Petersen held a press conference Wednesday to announce a finalized list of high school and junior college players who have signed a national letter of intent with the Broncos.

"We're really excited this day is finally here," Coach Petersen said. "I know at the end of recruiting everyone is always glad. It seems like it's been going on for so long. A little bit like the football season I think it's been a remarkable recruiting season too."

The Broncos' list of recruits consists of 25 players (15 defensive and 13 offensive). The recruiting base spans nine states and two countries. California was once again the highest-recruited state with nine players committing to join the BSU program.

Seven Idaho signees are joining the Broncos this year, all of which

are from the Treasure Valley. Matt Kaiserman, a running back from Skyview High School in Nampa, headlines the local talent pool after being named the 2006 Gatorade Player of the Year for the State of Idaho. Kaiserman rushed for 1,782 yards in his senior season at Skyview.

The Broncos also were able to

down passes (173). He led Prosser to a 12-1 mark after throwing 67 touchdowns and just seven interceptions as a senior.

Coach Petersen addressed the coaching staff's excitement from recruiting players like Kaiserman and Moore, however, he did say he was so happy with the overall recruiting class that there isn't one

guys as people. We like their families and we're excited to get them here and start coaching them."

Breaking down the recruiting class by position the Broncos recruited its heaviest amount of players on the offensive and defensive lines. Of the 25 signees BSU inked 12 linemen and one or two other players who could possibly be converted into linemen.

Despite coach Petersen's contentment with the recruiting year, the Broncos were snubbed by some recruiting web sites, some of whom ranked the BSU recruiting class as low as No. 102 in the country (espn.com).

Petersen did say he was looking forward to next year's recruiting season because he feels the success of the 2006 team will finally be in full effect.

"We're also excited for next season," Petersen said. "We know there is going to be some ramifications for next season. Really a lot of these guys we got were committed to us before our season ended. So we're excited to see how it's going to go next year as well."

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- Chris Petersen
Boise State Football
Head Coach

secure a commitment from highly decorated quarterback Kellen Moore of Prosser High School in Prosser, Wash. Moore was named the 2006 Gatorade Player of the Year in the State of Washington after setting state career records for completions (787) and touch-

down passes (173). He led Prosser to a 12-1 mark after throwing 67 touchdowns and just seven interceptions as a senior.

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Ham sandwiches strike a nerve

BY BRIAN LUPTAK
Sports Columnist

"A loss is never fun. However, it is not the end of the world." I know that's a sweet little cliché that we tell seven-year-olds after their first experience of defeat in organized sports, right? Well maybe it is an aspect of athletics that needs to be re-emphasized at the higher levels. I'm talking college hoops here, though not necessarily referring to the players.

Our case study today comes from the well-renowned basketball program at Morgan State University. Wait ... who? Apparently it's this school in Baltimore, Md., with an enrollment of slightly less than 7,000 students and possibly the most strung-out basketball coach in all of the country.

First I'll paint the picture for you. You're the head coach of a small-time Mid-eastern Athletic Conference basketball program. You're coming off a four-game winning streak consisting entirely of conference teams. Next on the schedule: a short trip to Farmville, Va., to face a non-conference opponent, Longwood University.

Longwood? Okay, that's beside the point. So you go to Longwood where you suffer a buzzer-beating loss 75-73. Ouch! I have to feel for that one. A loss like that has to put the coach on the edge, but what else could go wrong? What in the crazy world that we live in could push him to the point that he snaps?

Let me answer that for you: ham sandwiches. While that sounds crazy, I feel I need to inform you that I am not creative enough to fabricate a story like this all on my own. This is indeed based upon true events that occurred last Saturday.

The Morgan State Bears played a fairly even game as far as statistics can tell. Both teams held the lead three times throughout the contest. However, Morgan State blew a 10-point differential in the second half and Longwood held the lead at the final buzzer as the Bears, along with their coach, Todd Bozeman, hung their heads in defeat before setting off back to Baltimore.

Prior to leaving town the team bus stopped at a local family restaurant to pick up some dinner. Coach Bozeman entered the establishment where the crew had courteously prepared the team sandwiches to take on the road. The unthinkable happened next. According to the restaurant manager, Bozeman "just went belligerent, screaming that he didn't want ham sandwiches," and allegedly proceeded to assault a female employee because of it.

Probably not the way I would have handled the situation. On the other hand, I like ham. Anyway, after hearing this much of the story I stopped to wonder how anyone could explain such an act. Do you try to convince the customers in the restaurant that you have Tourette's? Can you blame it on a lack of sleep? While nothing sounds convincing, Bozeman's explanation is not much better. He denies placing hands on any employee and told his lawyer he was simply re-entering the restaurant seeking reimbursement for an undesired order.

If you feel you've seen Bozeman's name in the headlines before, you probably have. Last time it was for paying \$30,000 to the father of a recruit while he was head coach at the University of California. In fact, this is only Bozeman's first year as coach of the Bears and first season back in the NCAA after he was banned for eight years following the incident.

Apparently the game can really get into the minds of some individuals. While it is the pastime of many, including myself, I can't say I could understand taking illegal actions to acquire a recruit. Let alone assaulting someone over a ham sandwich.

BSU welcomes *Beauty*

Gymnastics, wrestling come together Friday

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

While the Boise State gymnastics and wrestling programs may not draw overwhelming attention to home events by themselves, the combination of the two programs has proven to be extremely successful. Five years ago BSU Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier envisioned a day where the grace of gymnastics would meet the rugged side of wrestling, which gave way to the modern day production of Beauty and the Beast.

"We love Beauty and the Beast," BSU Gymnastics Coach Sam Sandmire said. "It's our favorite home event."

Beauty and the Beast is an annual BSU athletic event where the gymnastics program competes alongside the wrestling team for a night of elegance and physicality.

The novelty of the whole spectacle is that it all takes place at 7 p.m. in Taco Bell Arena.

The arena is divided into two sections so that the wrestling team can host Stanford University in a dual while the gymnastics team tries to defeat the University of Southern Utah.

"It's one of those things where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts," Sandmire said. "It's better for wrestling. It's better for gymnastics. It's better for the crowd. It's better for the athletes. It's better for the school."

According to Sandmire the event was first

thought up during a scheduling conflict which left the wrestling team competing in Bronco Gymnasium while the gymnastics team was hosting a dual in Taco Bell Arena.

There was such a response of fans walking back and forth between the two meets that Bleymaier decided combining the two sports for one night was a sure fire success.

"It's actually caught on across the country," Sandmire said. "Several schools have had it. They've all had great success with it."

With the gymnastics and wrestling programs hosting the event it gives true Bronco fans a chance to support some of BSU's less-publicized athletic programs. The gymnastics team only appears at home six times this season, while the wrestling team only hosts five home duals this year.

Beauty and the Beast will act as the first of four remaining home duals for the gymnastics team. The wrestlers, however, will face University of California Davis at 5 p.m. and then Stanford at 7 p.m. Friday for Beauty and the Beast to conclude their regular season competition.

The Broncos won't take the mat again until Feb. 25 for the Pac-10 Championships. Both programs expect Beauty and the Beast to draw a big crowd again this year.

Both coaches also hope the much-anticipated home event will push their respective programs in the right direction: heading down the home stretch of each team's seasons.

& *Beast*

Not your average beauty pageant: BSU gymnastics gears up for big event

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

Just because the Boise State gymnastics team has been dubbed the "beauty" in Beauty and the Beast doesn't mean the women won't be looking for a knock-down drag-out fight Friday night.

BSU enters the Beauty and the Beast competition against Southern Utah University (3-5, 1-1) with a 1-7 record on the season, 0-5 against Western Athletic Competition.

The Broncos have struggled to keep gymnasts healthy this season, but Head Coach Sam Sandmire said injuries aren't the only thing holding the team back so far. According to Sandmire BSU has failed to put together four events all season long, which is a trend she hopes to change against Southern Utah.

Since 1990, the Broncos have faced Southern Utah 25 times. The match-up has been nearly deadlocked with the Thunderbirds winning 13 of the duals and holding a one-meet advantage on the Broncos. BSU has managed to defeat Southern Utah in consecutive tries and also finished higher than the Thunderbirds in the 2006 WAC finals.

Coach Sandmire said she hopes the high-energy meet of the Beauty and the Beast will be the perfect remedy for getting her team back on the right track.

The BSU roster has been mostly comprised of underclassmen this season with the loss of most of the team's experienced players to various injuries. The Broncos have seven freshmen on the roster and Coach Sandmire has called on most of them to contribute immediately. Sandmire said she hopes Friday's dual with Southern Utah will be another building block in the team's season.

"It's good practice for us because at the big meets like WAC, Regionals and Nationals there are big crowds," Sandmire said. "There are four events going on at once and so there's cheering in the middle of an event. In the middle of your beam routine the crowd roars up because the home team just scored a 9.95 or something. So it's good for beginners to get used to that."

Sandmire compared the crowd noise to that of a basketball game, saying that most people assume gymnasts prefer silence during their routine as if they were shooting free throws. Sandmire said she felt when the home crowd is silent it makes the girls feel like they are even more in the spotlight and adds pressure to the situation. With Beauty and the Beast, however, silence should never be an issue.

"For gymnasts it's actually easier to concentrate when there's a lot going on in the background," Sandmire said. "They don't feel like they're just out there by themselves. Most of [the gymnasts] come from training gyms that are just crazy. You've got preschoolers over here, beginners over there. Music's going. They're used to the chaotic and I think it really helps them."

The Beauty and the Beast competition is the first of four home duals the gymnastics team has to end the season. The women only have six regular season meets remaining before heading to the WAC Championships March 31.

BSU wrestling eyes 'main event'

BY KYE JOHNSON
Assistant Sports Editor

As the Boise State Wrestling team draws closer and closer to the end of its season every event it competes in gets a little bit bigger.

This weekend's Beauty and the Beast event will be no different.

BSU Head Wrestling Coach Greg Raudall is already stressing the importance of competing well Friday.

"We want them to see what they'll be wrestling like at the conference tournament," Raudall said. "So we're putting a lot of emphasis on this match because we're done competing right up until the Pac-10 Tournament so it's important how well we wrestle."

Raudall and his team have found the winning road recently with wins in seven of their last eight matches, including a weekend road trip to Oregon where the team wrestled four duals in less than 48 hours.

"It was a pretty good road trip for us [to Oregon]," Raudall said. "We beat [Cal State] Fullerton at home and then took off that night and the next day we wrestled Portland State and shut them out. Then we drove down to Eugene that same day and we won seven out of ten matches there. Then we ran into Oregon State that Sunday afternoon and they proved why they were the best team in the Pac-10 because they handled us pretty good."

The trip to Oregon was not only a productive one in terms of winning but, in Raudall's eyes, it was a productive trip because his wrestlers got the opportunity to see a handful of their conference opponents as the Pac-10 Tournament rapidly approaches.

"I think a lot of our guys were looking forward to that road trip because anytime you

wrestle a conference opponent it helps your seeds come conference tournament," Raudall said.

The Beauty and the Beast will be BSU's last chance to wrestle an opponent before the conference tournament and it's the event that sort of highlights the season for his team as well.

"As far as a home-dual, I think our guys really look forward to it," Raudall said. "They do a really good job on the introductions and on the promotion of the Beauty and the Beast so our guys look forward to it. We kind of showcase our wrestling and it just happens to be our last match of the year also."

What makes it so special isn't necessarily getting to dual a Pac-10 opponent at home but rather the atmosphere and the publicity it brings to the team.

"It's always been a big event each year and each year it gets bigger and bigger. It's something we started a few years back and I think our wrestling fans enjoy it and I know that Sam Sandmire's fans like to watch the wrestling also."

Raudall has been impressed with his team all year long, particularly in its most recent matches. As far as individuals go, one has stuck out to the staff more than the rest.

"Our 174-pounder Nate Lee has really stepped up," Raudall said. "I'm not sure what his winning streak is, but he hasn't lost in quite a while. He's only a freshman and he's really turned the corner for us and won some really big matches."

As for this weekend, BSU just hopes to have a good showing and will aim to please the hometown fans.

"It just brings in more people to come watch us and I think our wrestlers really look forward to having a packed crowd," Raudall said.

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BSU women's tennis keeps pace

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

When excellence is expected, the pressure to produce seems to be greater than ever.

Fortunately for Boise State women's tennis coach Mark Tichenor his team is doing everything they can to live up to the expectations.

"I think you just get on the wave and keep riding it," Tichenor said about continuing the winning tradition at BSU. "Anybody that looks on [bronsosports.com], it's every team that's [winning]. Our team knows how other teams are doing."

Tichenor said his team is doing its part in carrying over the fast start of the men's tennis program and also the Fiesta Bowl champion BSU football team.

The women are 3-0 in 2007 coming off wins against Montana State-Billings and University of Utah Feb. 2-3.

"We had a really good weekend," Tichenor said. "We pretty much went down there and played unbelievable. I thought our doubles were really good considering we had to mix it up. Our girls play hard. They play passionately. They play as a team and that's one thing we stress more than anything."

The Broncos continue their season with the Boise State Invitational this Friday through Sunday.

Coach Tichenor said he is excited about the fast start and he is confident his team has the potential to keep the success coming.

"We're playing two really good teams (this weekend)," Tichenor said. "They're going to be really good match-ups. There will be opportunities, just like injuries or anything else. There is always an opportunity for somebody."

The Broncos host University of Montana, University of Nevada-Reno and Wichita State University in the first home tournament of the spring.

The Broncos played at home twice during fall competition but haven't been in front of a home crowd since Nov. 5 for the fall Boise State Invitational tournament.

"It's fun playing at home," Tichenor said. "We have great fans come watch us at home. It's fun for the girls to play in front of their friends."

Tichenor did say it can be tough transitioning from the fall set of competition to the spring meets because of the awkward lay off between each season.

The team conditioned through the winter months and essentially spent from Nov. 12 to Feb. 1 off the courts preparing physically.

"Right now the biggest improvement is conditioning," Tichenor said. "You can tell, basically, our match against Utah we were

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- Mark Tichenor,
Boise State Women's
Tennis Coach

stronger, we were faster. They feel good. They feel like they're in good shape."

The Broncos will only have the privilege of playing in Boise two more times during the regular season.

BSU hosts Washington State University March 31 and also the Boise State Spring Classic April 12-15.

Boise is the host site for the 2007 Western Athletic Conference championships, which will give BSU a huge advantage in hosting the conference tournament at home.

"We have to keep improving, taking it one match at a time, one day at a time," Tichenor said. (We have) to keep improving and see what happens. It's a long season it's not a sprint."

BSU's first match of the weekend starts at 9:30 a.m. Friday morning against the Montana Grizzlies.

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Trade agcy.
4 Taps player
10 Wedding token
14 Quiet down!
15 Romantically involved
16 Author Ferber
17 MGM's lion
18 Absorbed by environment
20 Tel ___-Jaffa
22 Oberon and others
23 Innumerable
26 Tex-Mex choice
30 Cloudless
33 Vertical fishing nets
34 Route from home to first
37 Foul odor
38 Aussie joey
39 Org. of Ducks
41 Abu Dhabi; Dubai et al.
42 Jordan's language
46 Shots that miss everything
50 Walked vigorously
51 Borscht vegetables
52 Hurries
54 Nauseated
58 Chops up
61 Comic Johnson
62 Gathers momentum
67 CD___
68 Shardik or Ben
69 Club Med, e.g.
70 Caesar's hail
71 Wood and Silver
72 Tampa Bay bridge
73 Strong desire

DOWN
1 Muslim faith
2 Malibu or Vette
3 Church singing group
4 Baby apron
5 Cycle starter?
6 Latch on-to
7 Prospector's strike

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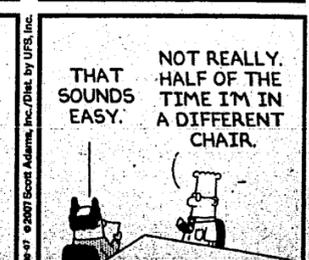
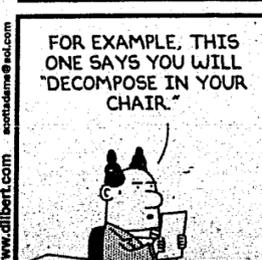
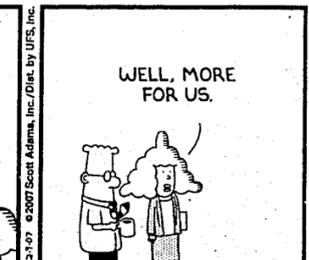
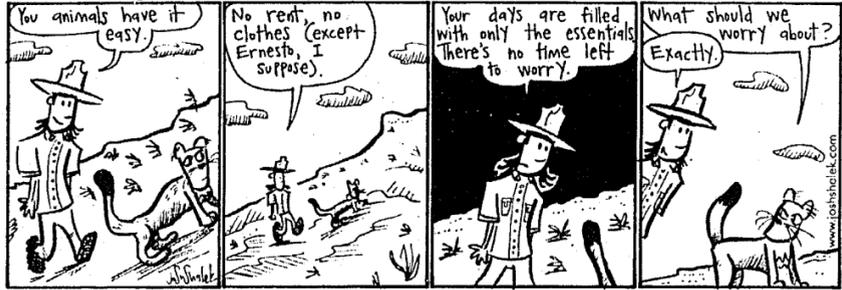
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Today's Birthday (02-08-07). You'll gain more authority this year, and enter a new social circle. Those folks will help you advance even more. Don't forget your old friends - they're more reliable. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 6 - Hide out for a while and let yourself heal. You have a few scrapes and bruises. Don't even think or talk things over. Listen and watch, at the most.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 7 - Gather up all the goodies you can and stash them in a safe place. You're just about to get interested in doing something else.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 7 - You're starting to see results, and that's enormously gratifying. Don't go shouting to the hilltops yet; it's still too early.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 7 - As you wrap up this latest chore, give yourself a break. Go out and spend some of what you've just earned on somebody you love.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 7 - Another source of funds is becoming available. This may be old debts you can collect, or an old project you can finish. It's

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is an 8 - Start counting the money but don't spend it yet. Figure out how much you need and where you're going to get it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 7 - As you busily bustle about, you'll encounter people who want to help. This is good, but don't let them take control. Keep that job for yourself.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 7 - Although you seem to be more efficient now, do pay attention. Listen to your partner, the critics and the competition. Don't race off in the wrong direction.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 6 - There's plenty of work, but the money is not great. It seems to come in dribbles. The good

news is that it's steady, so keep on plugging away. The boredom will make you creative.

like finding a treasure, but you still have to do the work.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 7 - Your friends all want to celebrate your newly acquired wealth. You're running into friends you haven't seen in years. Some, you may suspect, you've never seen before. Take care.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is an 8 - The more you understand, the more curious you become. Don't worry about running out of questions. There's a whole universe to explore.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 6 - Stash away your surplus, and everything else you might need. It never hurts to be prepared. Get new flashlight batteries, too.

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