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**Greek societies honored with awards different styles**

**By JOYSLIN SALOW**

The President’s Writing Awards committee has announced that $150,000 prizes and invited submission policy in an effort to create a modern, engaging, and meaningful value-added experience to submit their work to the writing centers. The writing center is a place where students can learn to work with text, both as a reader and as a writer. The writing center is a place where students can gain confidence and develop critical thinking skills. The writing center is a place where students can learn to communicate effectively and critically.

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By Frank Daviés
San Jose Mercury News (CCT)

WASHINGTON - For candidates embracing the brave new world of online politics, the Internet gains and Internet takes away.

The 2008 presidential campaign is evolving rather than era and candidates are using one online tool or technique almost every day, to target specific groups and niche profiles.

They include: popular social networking sites to organize, a growing reliance on high-profile bloggers and an wide array of video such as the Welcome of Democrats Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, and pro-President Barack Obama, commenting on their campaigns.

But blogging is becoming more sophisticated, a central part of all candidates’ plans with “real time” a key, a recent Democratic congresswoman from the Seattle area and a consultant on the campaign said.

White said the “real thing” in online politics makes for a much more engaging and stronger, including video clips that will be different than conventional television spots.

“Each campaign is looking for the best ways to use Web 2.0 applications,” said White, deputy director of the Institute for Politics, Democracy and the Internet at George Washington University.

As evidence of the growing importance, one ponders that the Web site for the National Republican Congressional Committee is now an “online community center” where candidates can be just as influential as any other adviser to the candidates.

For example: Matthew Goss, whose online work helped elevate Thorpe from as a candidate four years ago, was an important hire for Edwards, who, with some outreach, a major part of his campaign.

But Portland, Oregon, who had Republican John McCain’s breakthrough against Democrat Barack Obama, raising in 2008, is working for him too.

While the Internet is a powerful engine, it’s also prone to misfires, real-time, real-time and social media, coupled with the ability of mobile phone cameras, can magnify the most trivial event and wound a candidate.

“The idea that every action at the press conference stage makes news is real,” he said.

But at the recent appearance in New Hampshire, Clinton was reminded about an old 911 Scoop stunt but presented no danger.

“Two days ago, YouTube and you’ll know why,” she said.

In a study of 1,600 social media leaders, the top 10 organizations are: A New York Times story.

While blogs, before Clinton, her campaign’s historic feed-outs of the national media on the Internet had picked up in numbers.

A study of the 2004 presidential campaign, analyzed by Professor George Gil, found that the top 10 organizations are: A New York Times story.

“Everyone is starting to now, how to use that to their advantage,” she said.

He was caught in a video using that apparatus.

Johnson, a freshman senator from New York, who went on to the Senate.

Bosley said, while other candidates sometimes confuse the public with the Internet, a new age of real-time and video has a unique outlook.

As the real thing, the Internet is “the new world,” one of the most important and events.

But how do we engage their followers.

For example, a video of Republican Mitt Romney using a liberal position on climate change and gay rights during a 1994 town hall, received wider distribution.

Romney had a video showing up on his Web site which he made.

How candidates deal with these issues, and how negative or misleading the words are, can be significant, to their campaign.

While Obama’s reached one of the most frequent.

The most searched for phrases included: "Are we better off?" and "Values voters."
The way we see it... The Vagina Monologues serves a purpose

A lot of the controversy on campus regarding "The Vagina Monologues" comes from average students, not right-leaning conservatives. What they fail to realize is that the vulgarity, sexism and ambiguity of the play with quotations taken from interviews with real women who have real pain and heightened by the very nature of performance, is the ultimate testament to the works' purpose. It is not our responsibility to dispel any human a stereotyping tag. We look forward to when these classifications might merit or to disallow our fellow students. Think about how often we refer to each other by these general terms. None of us live by generalities. We are individua-

We are all the same species.

or. We are those things, but because it is our responsibility. "The Vagina Monologues" was written by Eve Ensler, opinion editor; Harsh Mantri, online editor; and Sheree Mertee Ortiz, production manager; Dustin Lapray, managing editor; Barry Whiteley, lead copy editor.

Victims because we fear that what we may embrace those victims, back them, support them. We are all the same species.

Our hearts can forgive, ache, bleed and grow older, I can look back and see how my political ideology has gone from a stance of practical, utilitarian reason. When I was 10 I read all of Ayn Rand's writings and absorbed her ideas of objectivism.

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Shifting ideology: by Ayn Rand to Karl Marx

by Michael J. McLaskey Opinion Writer

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As an example, concerning global warming, Al Gore and Michael Creighton, Bjorn Lomborg and others represent models developed using the same data, but come to different conclusions. Academically, Lomborg and Creighton are more qualified than Gore. Are they not as worthy of our atten-

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In order to believe in objectivism, not labels.

I remember that happened in real life, moved into the mountains of Colorado to find.
CULTURE
Locally & Globally
WHAT'S HOT WHERE & WHEN IN ENTERTAINMENT

By Daniel Kedish

Globally
Hot

A whole new "Grey's Anatomy" (BBC America) is in the works, and it's almost too magical to write about all of the more popular changes. After all, there's so much to love! However, Netflix is also gearing up for a new show, "Queer as Folk." It's set to premiere in September, and already has fans buzzing about its potential impact on television.Locally

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Betrayal goes on to... again... again... again... It just goes on and on. It's not really that bad, though. The story of the breakup of a couple is told through flashbacks and flashforwards, which are often used in soap operas to keep viewers engaged. The show features a talented cast, including Michael Weatherly, who plays the lead character, and Sarah Michelle Gellar, who plays his wife. The show is produced by Sony Pictures Television and ABC Studios. It's a must-watch for fans of soap operas and drama.

The Vagina Monologues' riles sold-out audiences at Boise State

By Steve Ahlborn

Culture Writer

The Hicks was packed, the audience was captivated by the talented actors, and the show went off without a hitch. "The Vagina Monologues" is a play that has been performed all over the world and has become a cultural phenomenon. The performance was filled with powerful monologues that celebrated the strength and beauty of the female body. The audience was moved by the stories of women who have had to fight for their rights and who have overcome adversity. The show is a reminder of the power of storytelling and the importance of giving a voice to those who have been silenced.

By Frances Marcotte

Assistant Culture Editor

Crowds of people packed themselves into the Special Events Center to watch a performance of "The Vagina Monologues." These monologues tell the truth, and the audience loves the raw, unvarnished truth. The show features a diverse cast of actresses who bring their unique perspectives to the stage. The audience was enthralled by the powerful storytelling and the raw emotion that filled the space.

By Celeste Katz and Julian Kenner

New York Daily News

Radical stretch-mark surgery safely helps abuse teens from an average 300 pounds and could save an option for the at-risk overweight kids, a landmark new study found. Scientists have known as a "bad band" or "surgical band" is performed on teens in a handful of hospitals, boosts the study's success and creates kids across the country who could otherwise suffer with surgery.高速公路的过度开发正在被...的"a road to the war" study that Dr. Evan Nadler, director of minimally invasive...elected pediatric surgeon at New York University School of Medicine is behind the band. In "our hands, the band is safe and effective for teenagers.

Bell" band surgery' can get rid of stretch marks for teens

By Kelly Ziemer

"Bell" band surgery can get rid of stretch marks for teens and it's becoming more popular. The procedure is minimally invasive and can be done on an outpatient basis. The results are lasting and the patients are happy with the outcome. The surgery is performed by Dr. Evan Nadler, a pediatric surgeon at New York University School of Medicine. The procedure involves removing the excess skin and fat from the abdomen, which is then tightened and smoothed. The surgery is done under general anesthesia and the patient is usually discharged the same day.

Flash tips for tips and reminders, our love for the real world of the writers.
Go jump off a cliff, or watch someone else do it in the BSU Outdoor Film Festival

BY JAKE GARCIN

Sawtooth Mountain

Four thoughts about breaking off a 20-foot waterfall or parachuting at the BSU Special Events Center. The event features 11 films that take viewers through a journey of extreme and exhilarating outdoor adventures. This year’s festival is headlined by five different films that include athletes and directors from Idaho, renowned for their summer-long New Zealand film documents six days during kayaking the most stunning and progressive big water rapids and play sports, but learn the gift of kayaking count from the people that you meet.

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While the event was originally formed with BSU students in mind, Harrison said the festival is set up to give BSU students and members of the local community a chance to experience cutting-edge outdoor film production. "It’s kind of cool you get that demystified with momentum where people know what you’re about," Harrison said. However, there is a cadre of power, and, pushing the sport of free-skiing. Winter storms, pounding the beautiful English Lake District. "Feeding the Dragon" - Special Editions

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Boise State Head Football Coach Chris Petersen signed a new five-year contract Wednesday. Petersen will receive a 70-percent base salary increase this year.

Ever since the raw Petersen was the highest-paid coach in the Western Athletic Conference, his new annual salary does not even equal that of many other coaches across the nation.

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Coach Petersen’s salary will be paid in full by the State of Idaho.

## Career Highlights

- **Boise State Broncos (1996-2015)**
  - Head Coach
  - 152-45 record
  - 11 bowl appearances
  - 2 conference championships

- **Washington Huskies (2016-present)**
  - Head Coach
  - 36-17 record
  - 1 Pac-12 championship
  - 1 Pac-12 North Division title

## Contract Breakdown

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## National Average

Base Salary: $595,000

## Notes

- Petersen replaced the retiring Keith Gilbertson, who had led the program to two bowl victories in five seasons.
- The contract includes a base salary, bonus provisions, and benefits.
- Petersen’s role will be to lead the program to success and develop young talent.
- The deal is expected to keep the Broncos competitive in the Pac-12 and beyond.

## Executive Summary

The signing of Petersen’s contract shows the university’s commitment to building a winning football program at Boise State. The generous terms of the contract reflect the belief that Petersen is the right man to lead the Broncos to success.

By Jordan Ericksen

## Editorial

This move is a positive step for Boise State. Petersen brings with him a wealth of experience and success, and his hiring is a testament to the university’s commitment to competing at a high level.

By Gary Koetter
BY KYE JOHNSON
Assistant Sports Editor

The Boise State Men's basketball season came to an end against Nevada on Saturday night. The game was marked by a back-and-forth battle that ended with the Wolf Pack's victory, 95-81.

Game Stats Nevada 94 Boise State 81

Fazekas 12-19 3-7 28, Sessions 5-18 4-6 16, Nelson 5-9 5-9 15, Vini 4-11 4-4 12, Hubbs 4-13 5-6 15, Hallberg 3-14 2-2 8, Ellis, Fields, Burleson, Bauscher, Tiedeman, Hallberg.


Fazekas ended the night with 30 points, 12 rebounds, and 4 assists, leading the Wolf Pack to their second straight conference title.

The game began with Nevada scoring the first 14 points of the game. Boise State was unable to score for the first 4:43 of the game. In the first half, Nelson went 5-of-8 from the floor and had his way offensively on Fazekas.

"I think Nevada has the ability to beat anyone in the nation on any given night," Karl said. "But they're obviously beatable. You just have to bring the right game play and timing.

At 14 minutes to go, but Boise State was down 16. Fazekas got a quick five points and Denis Ikovlev nailed a big three to cut the lead back down to eight within the first two minutes. The remainder of the first half saw both teams' biggest runs of the game, with Boise State's 6-of-8 to slowdown and Nevada's 6-of-10.

"They executed the plays they wanted to execute and in the second half we struggled with some things defensively," Karl said. "We allowed them to get too many of them and it's tough when you give them another opportunity to run the clock down."

The remainder of the game proved to be a battle of wills, with both teams' seniors stepping up to lead their respective teams.

"We had a little lapse in the first half all 40 minutes," Karl said. "But they play the whole time and they don't have many lapses. They usually seem to step up pretty well and we had a lead on the scoreboard of the second half and they took advantage of it and didn't let us back in the game."

In the second half, both teams were back and forth. Both teams were in the backcourt shooting, with the Wolf Pack shooting 12.8 percent and Boise State 13.5 percent. The remainder of the game proved to be worthy of a statistical analysis.

"Their game play and timing is such a nice touch in some ways, but he's just so long," Matt Nelson said. "He's not a two-pointer. His quiet performance sets the tone for the remainder of the game. In the first half Nelson began to toe-to-toe with Fazekas for much of the game. In the first half Nelson was 3-of-4 from the floor and 2-of-2 from the free-throw line to give him a more than 12 points at the break.

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Today's Birthday (52-26-47)

You are wise and trustworthy. You can be a bit of a know-it-all, but it's all for a good reason. You are kindhearted, however, and can sometimes do too much to please others. You are a natural leader. Your secret is your creativity. Wear your heart on your sleeve and don't be afraid to be yourself.

To get the information for your birthday, go to the most current edition of the newspaper.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

Don't do anything "just because". Ask your friends if you can do it. Your friends will be happy to tell you if you are going too far. You will love the support you receive.

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How should I apply for a position within your organization?
What types of people do well within your organization?
What are typical career paths for college graduates starting in an entry-level position in ______ field?
What types of skills are the most important to your organization?
Mention any related experience that you have and inquire about how this would affect your opportunities within the organization.
How frequently do you require employees to relocate and/or travel?
Do you encourage/require employees to get an advanced degree?
How do I obtain additional information about your organization? Do you have a web site?

FOR STUDENTS NOT GRADUATING THIS YEAR

What courses would you recommend that I take to make me more employable with your organization or in this field?
What other things can I do (internships, volunteering, coursework, etc.) to become more employable with your organization or in this field?
Does your organization offer any internship opportunities?
Does your organization have part-time positions related to my field in which I can work around my classes?
What opportunities are available for college graduates in your organization?
Mention any related experience that you have and inquire about how this would affect your opportunities within the organization.
What is the outlook for growth in your organization? Do you see the role of your organization changing?
Are your employees required to relocate and/or travel?
What fields of study are most employable within your organization?
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• A conservative business suit is almost always the rule. A well-tailored or fitted suit coat and trousers will go a long way in helping you present yourself professionally and confidently. Appropriate size is critical not only for comfort, but also for presenting a "clean" fit. Although new graduates are often working with a tight personal budget, shopping for a new suit at a discount-clothing outlet is generally not suggested. The additional expense invested in a quality suit will pay tremendous dividends in making a positive first impression and serve to enhance your confidence.
• Acceptable colors continue to be darker shades and hues including grays, blues (navy), and black. Pattern designs such as pin stripes and plaids are acceptable as long as they are subtle. A general rule of thumb is to stay away from the browns and greens.
• A plain white or off-white shirt is always a winner. In most cases, either a loose or button-down collar (oxford cloth) is fine. Occasionally pastel shades (blue, pink, yellow, etc.) are acceptable, as long as the look is conservative and not flashy.
• Neckties...again the word is conservative. Patterns should be uniform and subtle, whether stripes or small dots. Paisley designs are generally acceptable. Deep reds, maroon, blues, navy, grays and black are colors that blend well with dark suits. Width should generally be about the same as your coat lapels.
• Dressing in your best attire for the interview also means having your shoes shined, if not new. Laced shoes are the general rule. The color of your socks should complement or match the rest of your outfit. Argyle and see-through socks are not considered appropriate. Likewise, a leather belt that matches the color of your shoes and has a small buckle is a good choice.

For Women
• Your blouse should complement the suit. Many times, bright, flashy nail polish colors, and lipstick and eye makeup should be used moderately. Women should not wear extremely flashy. Likewise, don't wear too many rings...one or two are best. You don't want to knock someone over by using a half bottle of aftershave or perfume.
• Dressing in a conservative business suit is the best way to present a professional image. As has been stated, the suit should fit well and make you feel good about yourself. Ask clothing salespersons for assistance in determining what is currently acceptable for skirt length; generally, length should not be too long nor too short. Although the grays and blues are standard, women tend to be able to get away with wearing more of a variety of colors. Oftentimes, bright colors including reds, maroon, various shades of blue and even green are acceptable. Women are also usually able to wear various fabrics without appearing unprofessional.
• Your blouse should complement the suit in a conservative fashion. It should not be too revealing, high around the neck, nor have too many ruffles or frills. White or off-white colors such as cream usually match well with many suit colors. See-through blouses are discouraged for the professional interview.
• Stockings are a must and should be flesh-toned or a color very close to it. Avoid color or patterns that would be distracting.
• Shoes should be sensibly selected in a way that is not intended to make a statement. High heels and open toes are choices better left for activities other than the professional interview.

For Either
• Hair should be of a conservative style and not look like you have spent hours caring for it. The currently popular disheveled hairstyles may not be the best way to make points with a professional interviewer. Men who wear beards and mustaches should take extra time to make sure their hair in more styles as long as it is not too wild and brash. Fingernails should be trimmed and hands clean. Women should not go overboard with bright, flashy nail polish colors, and lipstick and eye makeup should be used moderately.
• Jewelry should be kept to a minimum and conservative in appearance. Women should not wear giant hoop earrings or ones that are extremely flashy. Likewise, don't wear too many rings...one or two are plenty.
• Cologne and perfume are fine for both men and women as long as it is not overbearing. You don't want to knock someone over by using a half bottle of aftershave or perfume. In summary, you need to think seriously about the image that you want to portray; most importantly one that suggests you want to fit in and not stand out in a manner that might represent extreme individualism. Moderation in dress is most always the key for the professional interview. You want to appear confident, conservative, reliable, and polished. The way you dress can greatly enhance your portrayal of these qualities. Your clothing should appear as a natural extension of you, tailored to help you present a positive image and "shine" in the interview. Your considerations and efforts will pay tremendous dividends.
How to write a cover letter

Provided by the Boise State University Career Center

- Personalize the letter as much as possible - do research so you can write to a particular person. Sign each letter.

  Standard business-size paper (8 1/2 x 11) should be used; make sure it is a good quality bond paper. If you wish to use a color, light beige, ivory, off-white, gray, or light blue are fine. Never use business stationary or "pretty" stationary. If the cover letter is accompanied by a resume, paper colors should match.

  Always type the letter and use conservative typestyles (i.e. don't use fancy type such as Script, Old English, Gothic, and the like.) Make your letter look professional. Structure the letter so that it seems to be written directly to one employer for whom you really want to work. Avoid using a form-like format that seems to be mass-produced in any way. Again, strive for personalization. Keep it concise. The letter should be no more than five paragraphs of three to five sentences each. The entire letter should be one page or less so that the employer can scan the entire letter, including the signature, in a glance.

  Letters must be grammatically correct - proofread carefully to catch any spelling and/or punctuation errors, and have another person read and check it. Use a writing style that is comfortable to you and avoid flowery or stilted phrases and cliches. Because you must be concise and thorough, write and re-write until it says exactly what you want and conveys the impression you would like to create - make every word count.

  Utilize contacts to your advantage by mentioning them in a cover letter if they were in any way involved in suggesting a particular employer, which you subsequently contact. Get advice from others about the form and content of your letter. Many people can be helpful, namely friends, professors, business people, and the Boise State Career Center. Career Center staff are available to critique your resume and cover letter.

  Make sure your name, mailing address, e-mail, and phone number are on the cover letter and on the resume. Make it easy for employers to find the information to contact you at a glance - don't make employers search for the needed information or they may decide not to make the effort. Also, it often happens that cover letters and resumes become separated once they reach an office, so make sure this vital information is clearly available on both.

  Be brief and end by requesting an interview, not the job.

  In the first paragraph, introduce yourself and explain your purpose or reason for writing. In the next paragraph(s), tell why you are interested in the position, how you are qualified, and how the recipient can help you achieve your goal. In the final paragraph, identify your next move and express your thanks.

  Always proofread your letter for spelling and grammatical errors. A neat, articulate, and well-written cover letter is the first step in making an effective first impression that hopefully encourages the reader to want to learn more about you by closely reading your resume.

See pg. 7 for a sample cover letter

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Body: The body should show the employer that you have the background, training, and qualifications that she/he needs for an addition to the staff. You should let the employer know that you want to work for his/her organization and why. Point out how your key assets are relevant to the position for which you wish to be considered. Keep in mind the employer's needs rather than your wants. Highlight your experiences as they relate to the qualifications listed in the job description.

Describe what you know about the organization: products, services, locations, growth area, history, etc.

Your accomplishments can be stressed in the next paragraph of the body. Don't repeat what's on the resume word for word, but show specific examples from your background, experience, and education. The examples should demonstrate your work-related abilities such as problem solving, contributing as a team member, time management, and social skills, and how they can benefit the employer.

The third paragraph of the body may be used to detail your interests and may include self-descriptive words. Again, try to match your interests with those you suppose the employer will need or appreciate; however, be honest and paint an accurate picture of yourself. (Note: you may directly refer the employer to the resume, which is sent with this letter, in one of the body paragraphs. It can also be mentioned at this time that the resume is a brief summary of your background and that you would like to discuss your background personally.)

Close: Ask for an interview in a positive, straightforward manner. Effective closes should never exceed four sentences. You should be assertive, but at the same time convey the impression that you realize the employer must do the inviting. Keep an advantage by maintaining the opportunity for contact – ask for more information and/or an application. Indicate you will call for an appointment or that you will stop by the office, or that you plan to be in the area on a given date and would like to arrange an appointment for that date. Also state that you can be reached at (e-mail and/or telephone #). Finally, thank the employer for her/his time and consideration.

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