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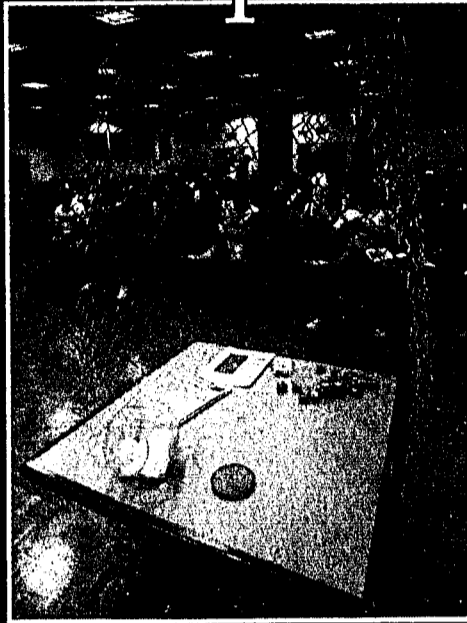
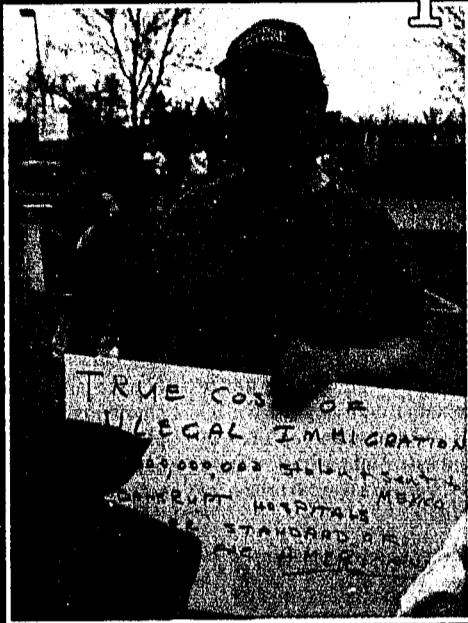
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ON CAMPUS

MONDAY
Canada Week at Boise State. Boise State University's Canadian Studies Program presents the sixth annual Canada Week April 2-6.
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Lecture on illegal immigration sparks protest



Protestors showed up on areas of campus to protest the lecture from Canyon County Commissioner Robert Vasquez. Brought in by BSU College Republicans, the event stirred-up a controversy from fliers the organization used to promote the event, which many deemed to be racist.

BY DARCIE NUTT AND
CEAN SIEGEL
Arbiter Staff

Protestors lined several entrances to the Student Union Building Thursday, March 22, around 6:30 p.m., quietly standing against the hated surrounding illegal immigration and the fliers used to promote former Canyon County Commissioner Robert Vasquez's lecture, "America's Illegal Alien Immigration."

Jon Waddell, a 14-year Boise resident and carpenter was among the protestors, but for the opposite side. According to Waddell, illegal immigrant workers have ruined drywall and painting trades. Waddell said he is not against immigration, but rather illegal immigration.

"Illegal people come to our country and steal our jobs and lower our standard of living," Waddell said.

At first he stood alone, one against an estimated 50 protestors. Four people stood around him, quietly debating.

As more people joined the crowd, another man joined Waddell.

Scott Olson, from Meridian, stood by Waddell and walked up and down the line, holding a sign that read, "How to become an American: 1. Be here legally. 2. Speak English. 3. Follow our customs."

"I moved to Idaho to escape the Mexicanization of America as much as I could," Olson said.

According to Olson, the students who stood in protest were a result of brainwashing by communists that have been taking over the judicial and other systems. Olson said that these individuals are communists because they believe that everyone is equal, whether they are black, white or Mexican, which he said is not true.

Police kept a watchful eye on the protestors, and stepped in to talk to Waddell on several occasions, but Waddell insisted he had the right to free speech.

Mary Ellen Nourse is a member of a social justice committee for a local church. According to Nourse, when earlier generations traveled to America, they weren't subjected to the same quotas that are currently in place.

"I agree there has to be an orderly system, but we have to look at the barriers," Nourse said.

Boise Immigration Attorney Kathy Railsback was one of the many "Peace Keepers" who, according to Railsback, were trying to make sure the rally was a nonviolent event.

"I believe that there's a strong need for comprehensive immigration reform," Railsback said. "I think it's important to send a message to [the legislature] that

they need to deal with this issue."

The rally ended with the crowd cheering, "Boise State is too great for hate."

A house divided

As Vasquez took to the podium in the Ada Hatch Ballroom Thursday, a number of the audience members stood and applauded, while the majority looked on.

"I greatly appreciate the warm welcome," Vasquez said. "For the first time, I am not outnumbered by people who oppose me - at least at the podium."

Much of Vasquez's lecture covered his background and his fight against illegal immigration throughout the years. He, at one point, called himself an "American culture war commando."

"For the last 15 years, I have been the only force against illegal immigration," Vasquez said.

Vasquez indicated that illegal immigrants bring with them gangs, drugs and diseases such as leprosy and tuberculosis. Many of the audience members muttered under their breath as this statement was made, some reacting with outbursts of indignation.

"Illegal aliens will continue to cross the borders like ants, marching across the concrete [to a picnic]," Vasquez said.

According to

Vasquez, new laws are not needed, but

the ones already in place must be enforced.

"Those that say illegal immigrants only want to better themselves don't tell you that they want to do it at your expense," Vasquez said.

Several members of the audience were very upset by what was said during the speech.

Dwight Scarbrough, president of the local Veterans for Peace, called Vasquez a fascist to his face in the question and answer period following the speech.

He went on to say that there are a lot of Republicans who do not agree with Vasquez's views.

"He's an extremist," Scarbrough said. "He's clearly saying that people who disagree with him are the enemy."

When asked about the controversial fliers promoting the event during the question and answer period, Vasquez said they were simply an advertisement for the issues that were discussed.

"They are not racial fliers. That is just your interpretation of it," Vasquez said to one of his questioners.

Vasquez also thought the wire fence to the side of the podium with a hole in it to allow people to grab some candy and a flier was not racial but rather an example of what illegal immigrants do every day.

Breaking down the definition: Intelligent Design

BY MARTEE ORTIZ
News Writer

The media has portrayed intelligent design as something it is not, according to Casey Luskin of the Discovery Institute of Seattle.

"The news media is notorious for defining [intelligent design] very very badly," Luskin said.

Proven even by the raise of hands in Luskin's Monday night lecture, many Americans know only half the definition of intelligent design, the only half the news media releases. People often confuse it with creationism.

To inform people who may have digested a little too much of what the media has fed them, Casey Luskin answered the questions: "What is intelligent design?" and "Is it testable?"

Intelligent design is purely scientific, based on facts and theories; ID does not offer proof or evidence to God as creator, which provides one way it differs from creationism. Creationism is a belief. Intelligent design is a theory, and yes it is testable. Beliefs are not necessarily testable.

So to answer the question, "What is intelligent design?" Luskin explained that intelligent design is not saying that God created the earth, instead ID is a theory that life and therefore the universe did not arise by chance: an intel-

ligent entity designed and created it. ID is about the facts that negate Darwin's theory of evolution.

"I myself do believe in a benevolent God...but a scientific argument for design in biology does not go that far," Dr. Michael Behe, an American biochemist, said. Once again, Luskin makes it very clear that ID is not about proving God's existence; that is a belief.

Is intelligent design testable? Luskin went on later to compare ID

to a bacterial flagellar motor which is similar to a rotary engine as used in Mazda RX7s.

This model is proven to be irreducibly complex which means that if someone were to take away any major part, the engine would not work properly or at all. This test proved intelligent design.

Another test is the bicycle. In the lecture, Luskin showed that a functional bicycle must include two wheels, a form to power the bicycle (the chain and pedals), handle bars to steer and a frame that holds everything together.

Notice that he did not include that the bike needs a seat to function; the seat provides an added luxury which does not affect the functioning of the bicycle itself.

One does not need a seat to ride a bike. "If you don't have those core parts, you won't have a functioning system... If you knocked out one of those parts, the bike would stop working," said Luskin. The conclusion: because of the bike's irreducible complexity, it was made by intelligent design.

Now to relate to the human body instead of a motor or a bicycle, most people should know that without a heart, lungs or a stomach the body would not survive, making the body complex and hence created by an intelligent design.

Casey Luskin also refuted

Darwin's common descent tree, which is thought to provide links between different species of life. This tree was said to show people how they evolved from common descent. This proved a difficult task since the limbs on the tree were going every which way.

"In fact, the higher up the Linnaean hierarchy you look, the fewer transitional forms there seem to be," said Dr. Niles Eldredge, an American paleontologist.

Luskin then later called the tree the Darwinian tangled bush because there is literally no logic to the direction of the branches.

So the tree turns into a tangled bush, and now, Darwin is proven wrong red-handed.

Year ago, when Darwin's argument first hit big, it tried to prove "junk DNA." This dreadful mistake proved its worthlessness when doctors (under their oath to help better anyone in their care) radiated a woman's thyroid - vital in the human body.

The thyroid, much like taking a wheel off a bike, which was thought to be useless and therefore a junk DNA aftermath, helped in disproving part of Darwin's theory.

This blind leap of faith into Darwinism proved painful to the woman and deadly to Darwin's theory.

Luskin ended with admitting that he himself is a Christian and

"Intelligent design is not an argument for the existence of God..."

- Casey Luskin of the Discovery Institute of Seattle

believes in God but assured everyone listening that this theory cannot prove God's existence.

"I am a Christian. Intelligent design is not an argument for the existence of God... Data says that these structures did not come out blindly, but instead by an intelligent process."

Though not many people attended this argument for intelligent design, Casey Luskin did well to prove his point, which provoked tough questions at the end of lecture that he seemingly answered with ease.

"Intelligent design does have a positive case," said Aaron Vandenbos of the Boise State University Intelligent Design and Evolution Awareness (IDEA) Club. "There is a lot of people who do not know."



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THE HEADLINES

WORLD

Detainee will return to Australia to serve his nine-month sentence

Australian David Hicks, the first person to face U.S. war crimes charges since World War II, was sentenced to nine months in prison Friday after five years of confinement at the American prison camp for suspected terrorists.

A panel of military officers had sentenced Hicks to seven years in prison on a charge of providing material support to a terrorist organization, which he pleaded guilty to in a morning hearing. But after the panel left, the colonel in charge of the proceedings revealed that, in exchange for Hicks' guilty plea, the sentence had been reduced to nine months.

The U.S. and Australia already have agreed that Hicks will serve

his prison time in Australia. Under the terms of his plea, Hicks will be allowed to leave Guantanamo within 60 days, meaning he'll be home by June and free by New Year's Eve.

Under the plea deal, Hicks agreed not to talk to reporters for a year, to forever waive any profit from telling his story, to renounce any claims of mistreatment or unlawful detention and to submit voluntarily to U.S. interrogation and testify at future U.S. trials or international tribunals.

The agreement drew criticism from civil liberties and human rights attorneys monitoring the trial. They were especially critical of the order forbidding Hicks from protesting any mistreatment, saying such a requirement would be unconstitutional in a civilian U.S. court.

"If the United States were not ashamed of its conduct, it wouldn't hide behind a gag order," said Ben Wizner, staff attorney for the

American Civil Liberties Union. "The agreement says he wasn't mistreated. Why aren't we allowed to judge for ourselves?"

Eight senior U.S. military officers were brought to this remote U.S. Navy base to pass sentence, which they returned in less than two hours. The prosecution had asked for seven years, the defense 20 months.

"His heart wasn't with al-Qaida," said Marine Maj. Dan Mori, Hicks' Pentagon-appointed attorney. He cast Hicks as a "wannabe" soldier who as a high-school dropout was rebuffed by a bid to enlist in the Australian army.

Countered Marine Lt. Col. Kevin Chenail, the case prosecutor, in urging the maximum seven years: "Other confused, lost souls might follow in his footsteps."

Besides, said Chenail, Hicks willingly rejoined Osama bin Laden's forces a day after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. "He knew America was coming after al-Qaida; he

wanted to help them out."

The short, stocky, one-time kangaroo skinner turned soldier of fortune attended Friday's hearings in a charcoal suit and tie, with a styled haircut, a stark contrast to the prison uniform, flip-flops and straggly shoulder-length hair he sported at his first hearing on Monday.

During the morning hearing where he entered his plea, Hicks admitted to a 35-point narrative that he'd taken four training courses with al-Qaida before the Sept. 11 attacks and that he'd asked bin Laden why he offered no training manuals.

He also admitted to standing guard with an AK-47 during the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan, first at Kandahar Airport and later beside a Taliban tank. He said he was engaged in two hours of combat with U.S. proxy Northern Alliance troops, but didn't admit to ever firing a shot.

Not in his final agreement were some of the most explosive charges that had initially been drawn against him: that he had discussed going on a suicide mission with a senior al Qaida leader, that he'd met the so-called shoe-bomber Richard Reid and that he fought in the same unit as John Walker Lindh, an American captured by U.S. forces in Afghanistan and now serving time in a federal prison for his actions.

NATIONAL

Industry tries new ways to fight global warming

Sometime this summer, a huge coal-fired power plant near the shore of Lake Michigan will try a new process to capture carbon dioxide (CO₂), a powerful greenhouse gas that gushes from its smokestack.

The experiment at the We Energies plant in Pleasant Prairie, Wis., is among a batch of technologies aimed at slowing the rising tide of CO₂ in the atmosphere, which scientists have concluded is a leading cause of global warming.

Half the electricity generated in the United States comes from burning coal, America's most plentiful and cheapest energy source. Unfortunately, burning coal is also a major producer of carbon dioxide, releasing an estimated 1.5 billion tons of the heat-trapping gas every year.

Experts think that much of the buildup can be avoided if CO₂ is captured at power plants and stored underground or under the ocean for hundreds, even thousands, of years.

This process, known as "Carbon Capture and Sequestration," is one of the hottest fronts in the battle against global warming.

"Carbon capture and storage is central to the future of coal in the United States and our future energy policy," Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., the chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said at a hearing March 22.

"It won't be cheap or easy," cautioned Bryan Hannegan, a vice president at the Electric Power Research Institute, a power industry organization based in Palo Alto, Calif. "It will require billions (and) a potentially large hike in

consumers' electric bills."

Many technical problems remain to be solved. The Department of Energy estimates that it may be at least 2020 before carbon capture and sequestration will be economically competitive with existing plants.

The \$11 million Pleasant Prairie carbon-capture pilot experiment is a joint project of EPRI and Alstom, a French manufacturer of power equipment.

The Alstom system uses chilled ammonia, a common solvent, to separate carbon dioxide from other flue gases created in the power plant. It works somewhat like the way a catalytic converter removes toxic gases in an automobile engine.

If the Wisconsin experiment succeeds, American Electric Power, a giant utility company based in Columbus, Ohio, will apply it in a much larger, \$80 million demonstration project at its Mountaineer plant in New Haven, W.Va., starting in mid-2008. Up to 100,000 tons a year of CO₂ captured there will be stored 9,000 feet below the ground in a nearby saltwater aquifer.

And if the West Virginia operation goes well, American Electric Power plans to open a \$300 million commercial-scale carbon-capture plant in 2011 at its Northeastern Station in Oologah, Okla. That system is expected to collect 1.5 million tons of CO₂ a year. The gas will be pumped into existing oil wells to raise the pressure and drive out more oil.

American Electric Power chose the chilled ammonia system because it's more efficient and costs less than other technologies, company spokesman Barry McNulty said. In EPRI's laboratory tests, the process removed up to 90 percent of the carbon dioxide and required a third as much energy as other technologies, he said.

EPRI estimates that the United States has enough underground storage capacity to hold several centuries' worth of carbon dioxide emissions from coal-burning power plants.

The rising interest in carbon capture and storage is a response to mounting public awareness and concern about global warming.

The Democratic-controlled Congress is showing new interest in legislation promoting or requiring CO₂ reductions. Former Vice President Al Gore told Congress recently that it should "freeze" carbon emissions immediately.

LOCAL/BSU

Legislature vetoes Gov. Otter's ban of smoking

The House and Senate voted Wednesday to override Otter's veto of a ban on smoking in bowling alleys.

With the House's and Senate's actions, the ban on smoking in bowling alleys will become law.

The House bowling alley bill was sponsored by Caldwell Rep. Bob Ring, who is resigning from the Legislature next month due to health issues.

With the overrides, the ban goes into effect this summer.

An override requires a 2/3 majority vote in both houses.

"It comes very natural to me to protect people, especially chil-

dren, from unnecessary harm and injury," Ring said in support of the veto override.

Ring is a retired obstetrician. He said bowling alleys are the only remaining public places where children are regularly exposed to cigarette smoke.

The smoking ban veto override passed the House 57-13 and the Senate 29-6. Nampa Rep. Robert Schaefer was the only Nampa or Caldwell House member to vote against the override.

Some House members questioned the state's need to protect citizens able to make up their own minds about whether they would go to bowling alleys where smoking is allowed. And they pointed out that many bowling alleys already ban smoking.

"The folks that use bowling alleys have the choice of where they want to go," Rep. Marv Hagedorn, R-Meridian, said.

No consensus on grocery tax bill

In other action Wednesday, Idahoans will have to wait until at least next year if they want relief from the state's grocery tax.

The House voted Wednesday to override Gov. Butch Otter's veto of a bill that would have raised the income tax credit for grocery tax for virtually all Idahoans. But the Senate sent the bill back to committee, effectively killing it for the session, which could end today.

Caldwell GOP Sen. John McGee said he thinks the Legislature can come up with a better grocery tax credit next year.

Sen. Brad Little, R-Emmett, said the Senate did not have enough votes to override Otter's grocery tax veto and could not reach a consensus on what to do about grocery tax relief.

"We all wanted grocery tax (relief) and so did the governor," Little said. "But it was a matter of (how to do it)."

A bill the governor proposed but the Legislature bypassed would have given lower-income Idahoans grocery tax credit to the tune of \$90 per person. The House Bill supported by the Legislature would have raised the tax credit \$20 per person for most Idahoans and \$35 for seniors.

Before the Senate's move Wednesday, the House passed an override of Otter's grocery tax veto by a vote of 48-22.

Nampa Rep. Brent Crane said the tax cut was worth supporting. "Does this bill provide grocery tax relief? Yes, it does," Crane said. "Does it provide enough?"

In my opinion, no, it doesn't. But this is a positive step in the right direction."

Courtesy Idaho Press-Tribune

WHAT THE?

Hey, leave Bob alone!

A man broke into the primate enclosure at the zoo in Chessington, England, to steal a Bolivian squirrel monkey named Sponge Bob.

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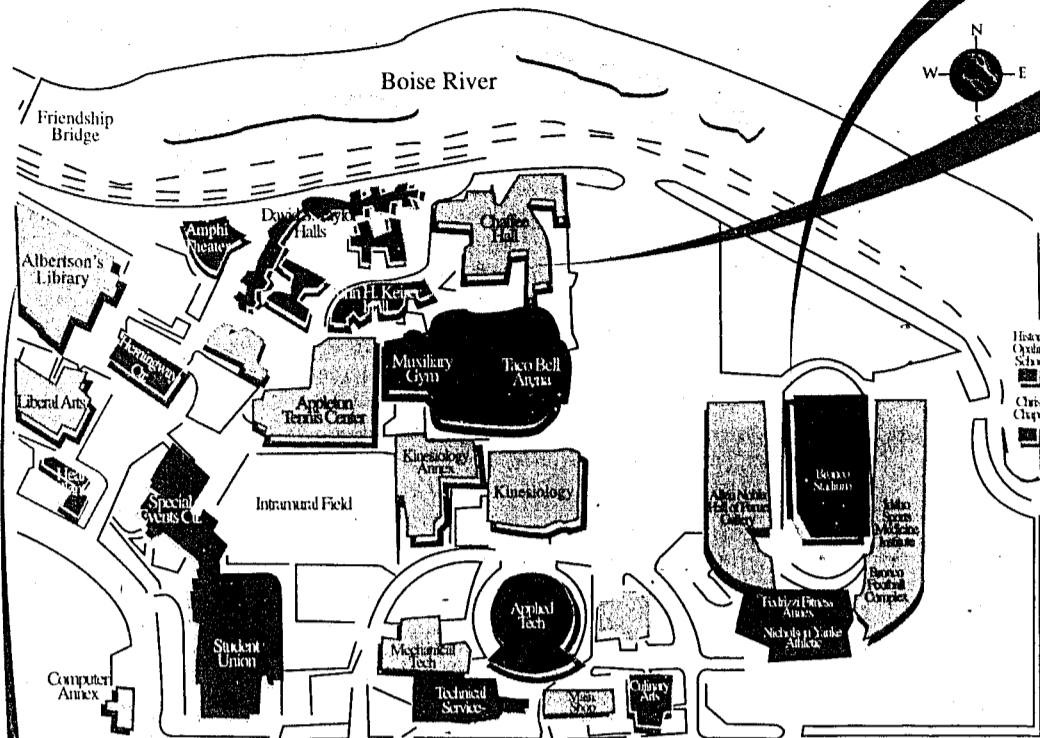
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Campus Crime

March 5, 2007 - March 25, 2007



Stadium Parking Lot

3/5/07 Vehicle Vandalism - Unknown suspect(s) keyed the side of a vehicle parked in the Stadium parking lot. Report taken.

3/21/07 Theft - A tool set was stolen from a truck in the stadium parking lot. Report taken.

3/23/07 Vehicle Burglary - Unknown suspect(s) entered a vehicle parked in the stadium parking lot and took property. Report taken.

Chaffee Hall

3/10/07 Alcohol Violation - Underage resident of Chaffee Hall was cited for consuming alcohol. Report taken, citation issued.

3/15/07 Bike Theft - Bike was stolen from rack at Chaffee Hall. BPD recovered bike and suspect was arrested.

3/19/07 Vandalism - Unknown suspect(s) vandalized a vehicle parked in the Chaffee Hall parking area. Report taken.

3/17/07 Eluding - Subject was driving at an excessive speed down Cesar Chavez Lane. In an attempt to get away, the subject ran a red light and crashed into a tree on the Greenbelt. Report taken.

3/20/07 Vehicle Burglary - Unknown suspect stole a faceplate of a stereo from a vehicle parked in the Chaffee Hall parking area. Report taken.



March 5, 2007

3/5/07 Vehicle Vandalism - Unknown suspect(s) spray painted the driver's side door of a vehicle parked in the Manor parking lot. Report taken.

3/5/07 Vehicle Burglary - BSU parking permit was stolen from inside a vehicle parked at the Rec Center parking lot. Report taken.

3/8/07 Domestic Battery - Male and female subjects arguing in Substation parking lot, female slapped man a few times. Report taken and citation issued.

3/8/07 Fraudulent Misrepresentation - Student was found in possession of a fake-ID. Report taken, citation issued.

3/9/07 Bicycle Theft - Unknown suspect took a locked bike from the bike rack behind the Business Building. Report taken.

3/14/07 Grand Theft - Employee's purse was stolen at Quiznos in Capital Village. Report taken.

3/14/07 Theft - Student's camcorder was stolen from Towers. Report taken.

3/16/07 Battery/Trespass - A student entered another student's room without permission and beat him up when he returned to his room. Report taken. Suspect cited, report taken.

3/17/07 Hit & Run - Victim's vehicle was hit in the parking lot of the Morrison Center. Proper contact information wasn't left. Report taken.

3/19/07 Bike Theft - Unknown suspect cut a cable lock and stole a bike from a rack in front of the Simplot Micron Building. Report taken.

3/20/07 Liquor Violation - Two underage students in the University Square Apartments admitted to drinking. Report taken. Citations issued.

3/21/07 Theft - A permit was stolen from the parking office. Report taken.

3/22/07 Obscene Phone Call - Employees in extended studies received obscene phone calls. Report taken.

3/24/07 Illegal Consumption/Assault - Suspect entered an unlocked dorm room while under the influence of alcohol, and threatened harm to residents inside. Report taken. Subject temporarily trespassed until Student Conduct Board hearing. Report taken.

3/25/07 Aggravated Battery - Unknown suspect(s) drove into the parking lot outside of 1190 University shot a pellet gun at an individual standing in the lot and then drove away. Report taken and area search for the suspect's vehicle.

March 25, 2007

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Albertson's Library

3/20/07 Theft - Unknown suspect(s) took a vinyl ID wallet containing a BSU ID, expired debit card, locker key and small amount of cash from a bag in the library. Report taken.

Ask a cop

Q Why is "the suspect must be unknown" a criteria for online crime reporting? Does this imply if the suspect(s) is/are known the crime must be reported in person or by telephone?

Lincoln

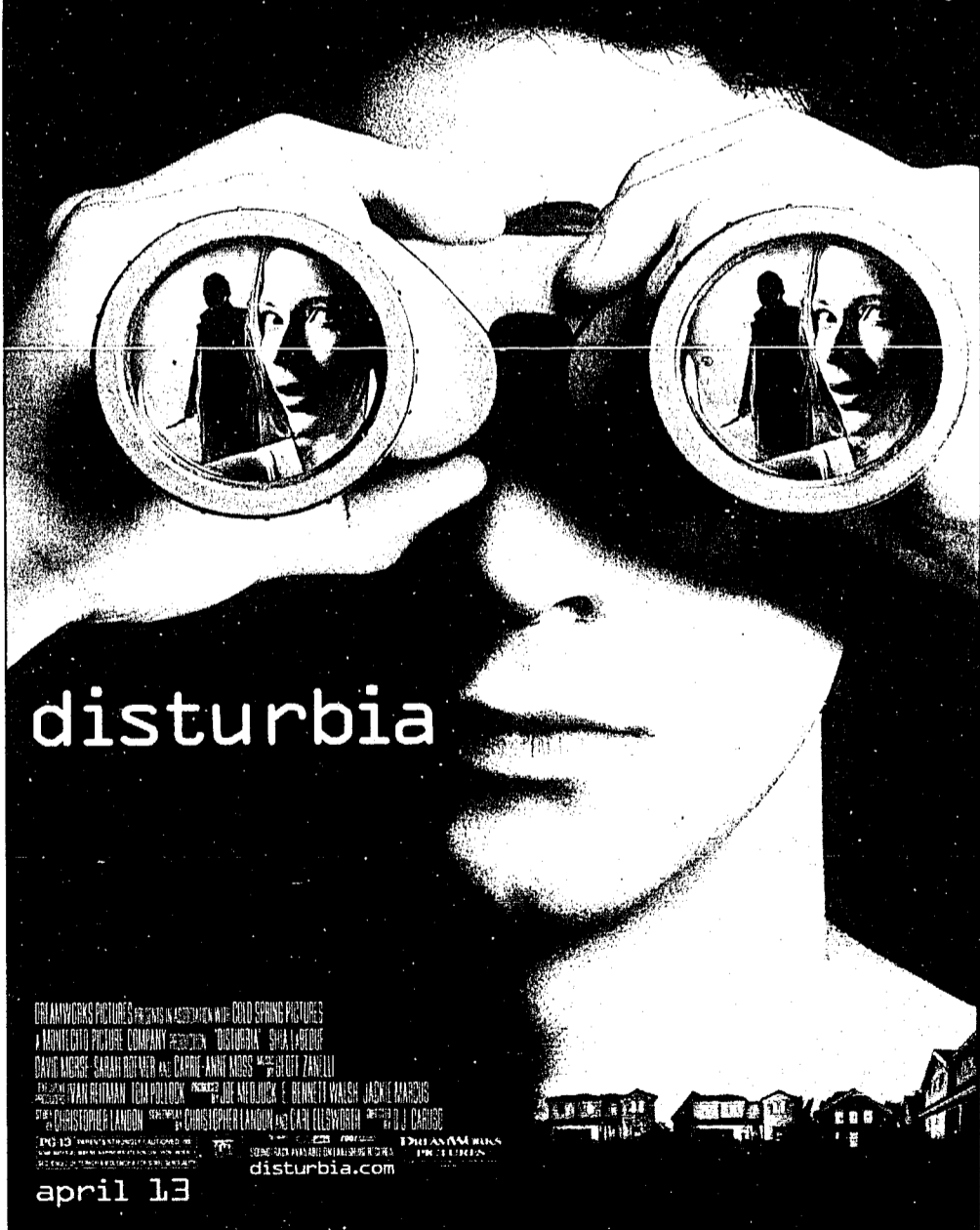
A Lincoln,
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Boise man chases down Google

BY NATHAN THOMAS
BizTech Writer

Aaron Stanton, of Boise, has recently become an Internet celebrity. His plan to submit a business idea to Google Inc. has led him on an adventure that attracted tens of thousands of people.

In the past few weeks, he has documented his unusual journey to gain an audience with Google.

Stanton, 25, recently graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in organizational psychology. During college, he briefly and unsuccessfully attempted to contact Google with his business idea. Stanton held onto this idea for the future as he started to work as a video game journalist.

After seeing his father suffer a near death medical incident, Stanton felt inspired to attempt his Google meeting. His passion for his idea resurfaced.

"I've always known it's \$1 million to Google," Stanton said in his on-line video. "I just really believed if they hear it, sit down and listen to the idea, they would see that too."

He tried the traditional methods of contacting Google, such as submitting his idea via an online form, but received no response. He decided to show up at Google's doorstep.

He bought a plane ticket to California where he would approach Google's headquarters in the city of Mountain View.

One way or another, he was determined to make his pitch to Google.

When Stanton arrived at Google, he approached several receptionists in an effort to make an appointment.

The receptionists turned him away and referred him to the traditional method of requesting an appointment. Stanton, however, remained in California.

He set up www.cangoogle-hearme.com, which chronicles his quest to speak directly with Google.

The site features video updates of his efforts. His charismatic Web site quickly saw big traffic. At one point, the Internet rating site Alexa.com listed Stanton's site as the fifth fastest-growing Website on the Internet.

His story got international attention. He was rapidly receiving e-mails from all over the world. Dozens of supportive e-mails poured in every hour.

"This is something where I have served as an inspiration for people, which I never would have expect-

ed," he said. "I had 1,500 e-mails in the last week that are, with one exception, all positive."

Media outlets began to cover his mission. Stanton even gave a live interview on the BBC.

Google employees must have noticed all of the commotion. His site tracked one visitor from inside the Google campus on his blog. The next day, 600 people within Google had visited his blog.

Stanton got the response he was craving. He received an e-mail from someone inside Google named Dave. The subject line read: "We can hear you :)"

"That was the first time I realized

that my message was really well received and that I came in peace," Stanton said. "Either that or maybe they were just circulating my picture so the security guards would know who I was."

Stanton was invited into Google where he summarized his ideas so it could later be relayed to others in the organization.

Even after Stanton presented his ideas to Google, he still had strong attention and support.

"People have been extraordinarily supportive and I'm amazingly flattered that they've taken an interest in me," Stanton said. "There's always been the possi-

bility that my idea is not as good as I believe. Now, if that turns out to be true, I feel like I'll be letting down a great deal more people than I was before."

Stanton has refused to go into any details about his idea. Google made him sign a nondisclosure agreement.

Shikhar Sarin, associate dean for Boise State's College of Business, notes that businesses often have a significant legal liability when they agree to hear new ideas.

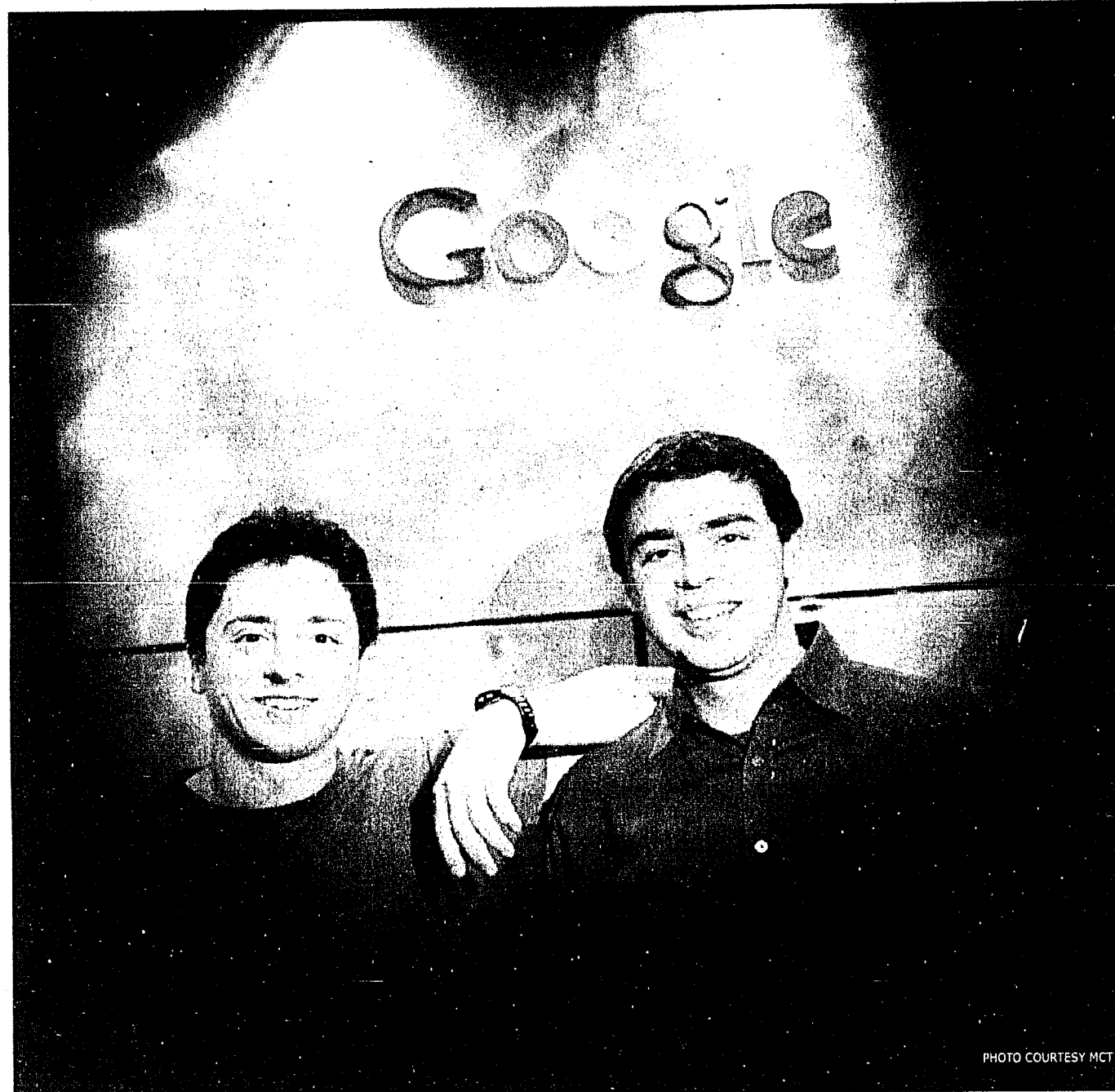
"If someone pitches you an idea and in five or 10 years you create a product that resembles it even closely, they can sue you," said

Sarin. "Smart companies are already constantly scanning for new ideas, and intellectual property protection is a big issue for companies. They don't want to put themselves in a position where they are open to legal backlash."

Stanton has since returned to Boise.

He has not directly commented on his meeting(s) but continues to update his still-popular blog. He has said that he is in search for computer programmers to assist him in "Act Two."

"When you have this much momentum, you don't squander it," Stanton said.



Google Inc. founders Sergey Brin, left, and Larry Page, right, finally met with University of Idaho graduate Aaron Stanton in Mt. View, Calif. to discuss a business ideas he spent months trying to deliver to them.

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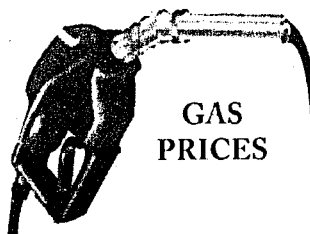
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New technologies aid in classroom learning

BY CHRIS COBBS
The Orlando Sentinel

Ask a Rollins College business student "What's on your iPod?" and the answer is just as likely to be "Clay Singleton" as "Fergie" or "Fall Out Boy."

But instead of pop music, what they'll be hearing from Singleton will be a lecture on financial-statement analysis.

"Technology is the language of this generation," Singleton, 60, a professor in the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins said, whose classes, along with those of other professors, are recorded by cameras and can be accessed by students with iPods.

"They have grown up with video games, DVDs, cell phones and iPods. It's how they communicate," he said. "These things don't substitute for teaching, but they do enhance learning."

Like Crummer at Rollins, which is located in Winter Park, Fla., the business schools at both the University of Central Florida in Orlando and Stetson University in DeLand, Fla., are aggressively adopting new tools to prepare students for today's technology-drenched corporate environment.

From the podcast lectures at Rollins to online classes at UCF to a student-run investment fund using a Wall Street-style ticker at Stetson, the latest tools are carefully integrated into the education process.

"Being able to analyze data quickly and accurately is impossible without technology," Bradley Braun, associate dean for academics and technology in UCF's School of Business Administration, which has 7,500 undergraduate students

and 1,000 graduate students, said.

At Stetson, where the business program has 600 undergrads and 200 grad students, the latest business software is used in class.

There are programs to study customer relationship management and enterprise resource planning (which encompasses accounts receivable and payable), along with general ledger and other functions.

"In the classroom, we try to reflect what they use in the real world," Theodore Surynt, associate dean and professor of information systems, said. "As new software comes out, we adopt it."

Stetson is also aggressive in updating the hardware used by students. Many of the computers in its labs are replaced yearly, according to Surynt.

At Rollins, where the business school is observing its 50th anniversary, classroom technology is also updated regularly, Crummer Dean Craig McAllaster, said.

Each student works on a laptop connected wirelessly to the campus network, while teachers at a podium can project charts and financial data on flat-panel screens at the front of the classroom.

Even the configuration of classroom seating is taken into account. Some rooms now have a crescent-shaped arrangement, updating the horseshoe configuration in others. The goal: keeping students in proximity to each other and the teacher to increase the intimacy of discussions.

"I think about technology on a weekly basis," he said. "I'll put the technology in our classrooms against anybody's for improving the process of learning."

In a break room with soft drink

and snack machines, students can't escape technology or the urge to crunch the latest numbers.

The room is equipped with three wide-screen monitors that allow students to whip out their laptops and, as a group, review presentations and spreadsheets.

Technology has come a long way from the 1960s, when McAllaster and peers of a similar age at UCF and Stetson had to access computers with stacks of punch cards to solve financial problems.

"Today's world is exploding exponentially with information, so you'd better know how to mine it and use it," he said. "Technical competence helps you to be a better manager and leader."

Teachers at Rollins and UCF rely on computers to test students' mastery of course material and technical competence, though some professors at Stetson do stick with hand-written exams.

Technology can play an interesting role in the process of grading exams.

At Rollins, for example, Singleton dictates notes into a computer and attaches them to each student's exam when he's finished with it, so the student can download it from the network and hear his comments after seeing the grade.

"I can be sympathetic, encouraging or use an admonishing tone of voice," he said. "I can talk faster than I type, and can save about 10 minutes on grading each exam."

There's no talking needed at UCF's computerized testing lab. Teachers post an exam on the system, giving students the flexibility of choosing when to take the quiz during a specified period of days, Braun said. The computer keeps

up with a student's responses during the quiz and provides a grade as soon as the test is completed, he said. To thwart cheating, the system can assemble different tests for different students by drawing on a database of hundreds or thousands of questions.

"It also helps a teacher assess a student's understanding of a subject," said Braun. For example, a student's responses to a series of increasingly challenging questions on a topic like the time value of money provide insights into the student's mastery of the topic.

At Stetson, the testing process is decidedly more conventional. "As a rule, faculty use paper tests," Surynt said. "Most prefer essay exams, because they feel it gives a truer picture of what students have learned."

Still, the Stetson business school bristles with high-tech classrooms, none more impressive than the George Trading room.

It's part of the Roland and Sarah George Investments Institute, which allows students to manage a real-world portfolio.

Founded in 1980 with a \$500,000 donation from Sarah George, the value of the fund has increased to more than \$3 million.

The lab features a Bloomberg financial terminal, identical to those found in many financial institutions, Lawrence Belcher, chair of the finance department and director of the George Investments Institute, said.

"Students can pull up financials, analysts' recommendations and other data," he said. "They need this when preparing a presentation on whether to buy or sell a stock or bond."

Current events serve as grist for students analyzing investment opportunities. For example, students invested in a fitness company's stock after examining data on demographics, consumer psychology and Federal Reserve policy, along with the company's numbers.

Students exposed to the tech emphasis during the past decade seem to value it.

There's John Metzger, 52, a 1998 Crummer grad who's now executive vice president of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company Inc. A&P and who oversaw a \$300 million replacement of the company's array of financial, payroll and other computerized systems.

"It's not just about information technology," he said. "You're also getting organizational and leadership skills. You learn to get in front of people and give a PowerPoint with sales analysis and recommendations on companies."

Then there's Colin Moffatt, 21, a Stetson senior from Toronto who said he spends as much as 40 hours a week in the George lab. "I've been studying finance since I was 12 and this is my niche," Moffatt, who chose Stetson in part because he wanted to be part of the group that manages the multi-million-dollar investment portfolio, said.

Students are "radically more prepared" than they would be if they didn't have access to technology, Stetson's Belcher said. "If business people are using these tools, we need to teach our students to use them, too," he said. "Business education should mirror business as a profession."

And, sometimes, students can even enjoy Fergie and Fall Out Boy on their iPods as a little bonus.

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION



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65 YEARS AND GROWING

Following student registration at Boise Junior College (BJC) in 1940, a discussion was led by the late president Eugene Chaffee on the possibility of creating a Student Union.

Because the location of the college was regarded as somewhat remote, it became obvious that there was a need for a place for social gatherings, dances and eating on campus. The Board of Trustees, recognizing the need for a student union, designated a committee to propose a financial plan for constructing a building. The plan was approved.

Hummel, Hummel and Jones designed the facility, composed of a dining room, kitchen, and two lounges with fireplaces. Bids were awarded in August 1941. The total cost of construction, including the addition of heating tunnels, equipment for the kitchen, and furniture, was around \$30,000. The Union opened April 1, 1942. At first, students referred to the building as "The Corral - a place to roundup Broncos" - a carry over from the name students used to describe the room where they congregated in the Administration Building. This name was soon dropped and the building was simply called the Student Union Building, or SUB. During World War II the building was used for GI dances, to promote war bond and defense stamp sales and to feed naval aviation cadets.

In 1947, Boise Junior College's summer school brochure proclaimed that "...Boise has a delightful climate, cool nights, (and) abundant shade... the campus is modern, and there is a soda fountain in the Student Union."

In 1950, the building was remodeled allowing the first floor to be used for an expanded dining room for banquets, club meetings and resident hall students. The second floor was devoted to the Student Union Ballroom, which later became the Subal Theater, and was used for dances, lectures, and drama productions.

For 25 years the original Union served as the principal area for campus life for students, faculty, alumni and community guests. In April 1967, the cornerstone for the new \$1 million Student Union was laid and the building opened in August. At that time the old Student Union was renovated and renamed the Music-Drama Annex and today it is known as the Communication Building.

When BJC joined the state system, enrollment exploded - campus activities increased, and so did the need for additional space in the Student Union. The Union expanded in 1972, growing on three sides and increasing to 140,000 square feet. After completion of the expansion, the building was referred to for a short time as the College Student Union Building or "CUB," but the name was restored to the Student Union Building after demands by outraged students.

Prodded by the Associated Students' interest in renovated student organization space, program space, and lounges, ground was broken for a second renovation in 1990. This addition added 21,000 square feet connecting the building to the existing 435-seat Special Events Center. The Student Union was rededicated September 1991. "Cruise the Union," the grand reopening program, featured more than 70 events, building tours, contests, and free food for more than 12,000 guests.

In 1997 and 1998 the first floor food service area was remodeled and several food service concepts were presented including an espresso bar, a grill and a convenience store. A full scale interiors remodel occurred in 1999--new carpet was laid throughout all public areas and a new color palette was introduced. The contemporary look and feel of the furnishings and fixtures has created a modern atmosphere for the new millennium.

Technological advances have been a major part of the changes in the Student Union over the past 15 years. The Cyber Café concept was introduced in 2000 and has expanded to 15 Internet browsing stations on the first floor. Students can check e-mail and surf the web every hour the building is open. The Games Center became high tech in 2001, with an automatic scoring system. Since 2002 data ports have been added in most of the lounges so that students can "plug in" and work on homework in the comfort of the Student Union. Today the facility promotes a wireless environment.

In 2004, the student organization area was remodeled and the Cultural Center moved into the SUB. And in 2005, Table Rock Café experienced an award-winning interior design remodel to help accommodate the increased occupancy in the Residence Halls.

The Student Union strives to serve many of the diverse needs of a growing institution. Since 1999 student leaders and staff identified the expansion of the Student Union as a top priority for improving Campus Life and meeting the needs of a growing institution.

Today that expansion has become a reality. With over 18,500 students and growth expected to continue, the needs of a growing campus are evident within the present facilities. A ground breaking ceremony for a 66,000 square foot addition will occur on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 during the lunch hour. The expansion will include a new ballroom, increased square footage for the Bookstore, relocation of and increase in student organization offices, a move of Table Rock Café to the first floor, additional space for eating and studying, a new outdoor space for events and performances and the dedication of a new Veteran's Memorial. 66,000 square feet will be added and over 20,000 square feet will be remodeled.

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WHAT'S HOT
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IN ENTERTAINMENT



BY DANIEL KEDISH
Culture Editor

Globally

HOT Spears and K-Fed settle

Finally something good appears on the horizon for Britney Spears: her settlement with Kevin Federline is complete.

The much-talked-about couple signed papers last week, having reached what sources say is a "global divorce settlement on all issues of their marriage, which includes the custody of their two children."

All I have to say about this one is that I hope this is the first step of many more great decisions on Spears' part, and I hope she turns her life around after losing it big (being in rehab with a shaved head). Without the beloved K-Fed, or Fed-ex as many of us have grown to say, the best may be ahead for Britney.

NOT Catch up on oscar-worthy movies

With the Academy Awards behind us and a new season of movies hitting the big screen, the big names of last year are finally arriving at rental locations near you, giving you the perfect opportunity to catch up on all the buzz of 2006. However, expect the unexpected.

It can be rough watching a movie that has won numerous awards, since you may find that it doesn't quite live up to the expectations you have of oscar-worthy movies.

Take "The Departed" for instance. While the movie went on to win Best Picture, I must say the film is quite slow and only finally blows audiences away in the last 20 minutes. This shortcoming can be compared to many other titles with awards under their belts, so take some advice - while award-winning films seem appealing, be cautious: you may be in for an upsetting experience.

Locally

HOT Milking the freebies

Going cheap can be fun, it is just a matter of knowing what to do and where to go in order to milk such benefits.

To darken up that spring break tan, try checking out a few of the local tanning salons. Many of these places offer a free first tan, and some places up to three - giving you a chance to get what you want with no charge.

The same goes for working out. Many gyms in the area offer people a free first visit to see if you like the place before signing a contract, so make the rounds and I'm sure you can find at least five new places to work out before having to cough up any money at all.

These are just two examples of the opportunities awaiting college students with small budgets, so get out there and milk the community for all it's worth.

NOT Back to the school routine

Now that spring break has come to its dreaded end, school is back in session and we're on the last home stretch before the end of the semester.

The long weeks will be grueling, but here are a few things to keep in mind while finishing up the year to keep you entertained:

Get outside, catch a show and lastly, stay on top of school work. Get through it and start planning one exciting summer.

'Let it go'



BY STEVE AHLBORN
Culture Writer

The mood was set after I was seated near the front of the stage at the Reef last Thursday night.

The seamless songs and mellow music of Matt Coughlin complimented the bamboo ceiling hanging over the stage.

Coughlin is on his first official music tour, "The rainy daze of winter," and has already recorded two albums: "Let it go" in 2005 and his newest release, "It's about time" in 2006.

Coughlin is just 26 years of age. His thick beard was only a mask for his smooth, laid back voice.

Coughlin stood between two angry-faced totem poles standing in the background with his western-style acoustic guitar and sandals kicked off his feet.

His far-reaching notes explored the boundaries of each song and lost themselves in rich meaning.

With my hands clapping and my feet tapping I realized I'd been sucked into the melody of this music and the mood of the dimly-lit restaurant.

Matt Coughlin's inspirational genres of music include everything from classical to jazz and rock 'n' roll to folk rock.

His favorite artists include Simon and Garfunkel, Led Zepplin, Storyhill, Martin Sexton and the Counting Crows.

The style that Coughlin feels the most

comfortable performing is folk rock.

This style allows him to do a bit of storytelling in each song while adding some soul.

The harmonic sounds of his buddy, Bryan Hirschberger, also the manager and CD seller, reminded me of the protest songs of the 1960s.

Bryan's deep tone quality lent itself to stylistic expression to round out Matt's higher range.

The music and the lyrics combined to make a complete package of insightful sounds in the passionate, three-set program.

The most unique part of Coughlin collection of vocal arrangements occurred when his melodic whistle unobtrusively fell upon the ears of his audience.

Coughlin and Hirschberger became serious about music during junior high school. They met in an acapella men's group just a few years ago in college.

The songs performed Thursday had many common themes which play on movie soundtracks, such as self-discovery, rain, tears of joy, sadness, anger and love.

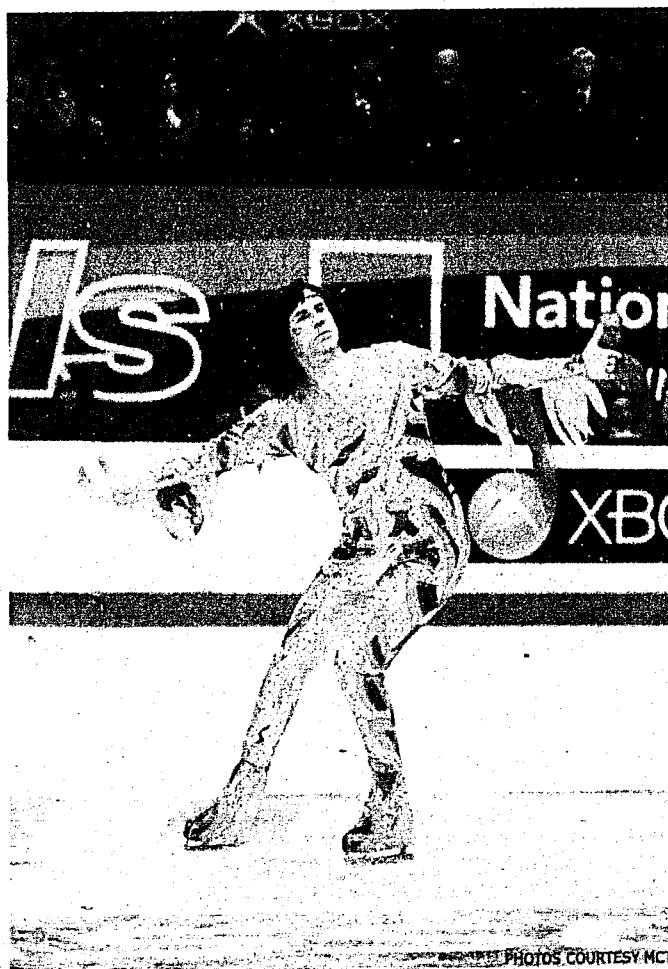
Coughlin hopes his music will be recognized by a bigger audience, which would allow him to be sustained entirely by CD sales and live performances.

In the meantime, he works as a bartender at a restaurant in Seattle.

Hirschberger spends his time cooking and also does some acting on the side.



Ferrell and Heder: a perfect pair in 'Blades of Glory'



BY MATTHEW BOYLE
Culture Writer

What do you get when you mix just the right amount of Ron Burgundy (legendary Anchorman) and Napoleon Dynamite together? "Blades of Glory."

The heavily advertised and greatly anticipated "Blades of Glory," starring superbly funny Will Ferrell and Jon Heder hit theaters this past Friday.

The two comedic geniuses start out as rivals competing in the men's solo figure skating Olympic competition. After beating the baloney out of each other in front of millions of people because they tied for the gold medal, the two are banned from competing in their division of figure skating for life.

Three years later, just before the

next Winter Olympics, they realize that they can still compete in doubles. Because of their inability to find decent partners before the nationals registration deadline, the two are forced to work together to be the first pair of male figure skaters to ever compete in an international event.

Along the way, the terrific twosome encounters the Van Waldenberg twins, the previously dominant pair skaters, who are trying to eliminate their competition the easy way. To make it more interesting, the twins' younger sister falls in love with Heder's character.

Ferrell plays a character raging with testosterone and unknowingly desperate to become better in life. Heder's character is snappy, beyond detail-oriented and seems to think he knows it all.

When watching the advertisements on television for the last few weeks, I truly believed that this movie was going to be another silly comedy that would be quoted for years, seeing that Heder and Ferrell both have starred in movies of the sort ("Napoleon Dynamite" and "Anchorman," respectively).

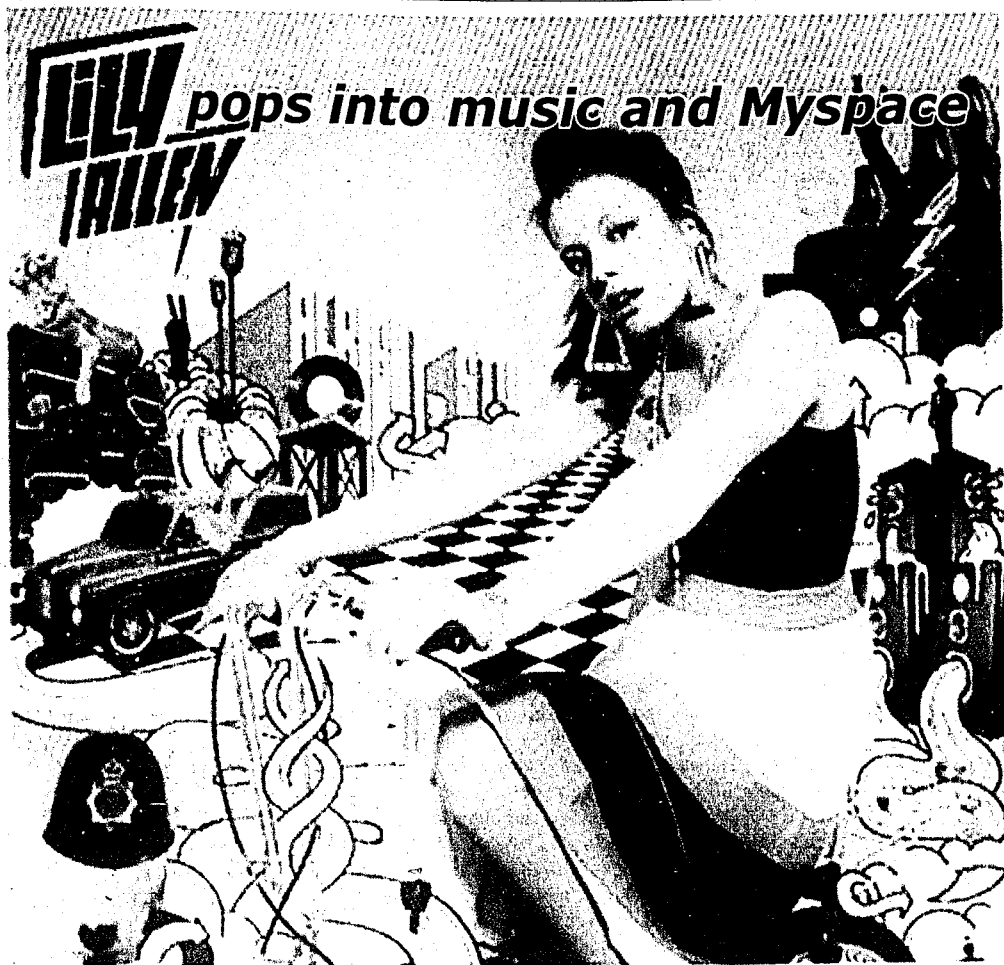
This film made me say "Wow" for two reasons.

First, the dynamic duo played its roles in such a way that made me consider the characters to be more existent instead of foolish. Second, this movie made me laugh while keeping me on the edge of my seat rooting for the perfect pair of two male figure skaters - something I could never see myself doing in real life.

Also, the film actually has a strong storyline instead of pointlessly jumping from scene to scene without an end or a purpose.

In addition, "Jon Heder is finally breaking the chains of Napoleon Dynamite as his alter-ego," according to Movietickets.com's review of the film.

A must-see for sure, "Blades of Glory," is expected to rise in the charts during the next couple of weeks. "Blades of Glory" twirls together the rough comedy of Will Ferrell and the smooth, simple comedy of Jon Heder.



BY FRANCY MARCOTTE
Assistant Culture Editor

Lily Allen isn't a typical "pop star."

The British singer recently arrived on the United States music scene with the release of her first album "Alright Still..." and brought all her quirks with her.

She possesses an oddball sense of style (she favors vintage gowns paired with white sneakers) and her outspoken personality crosses over into her atypical pop music.

Most new pop artists (perhaps Akon comes to mind?) dish out generic, assembly line-packaged songs about one of three subjects: sex, love and (of course) teary break-ups.

While "Smile," Allen's first single, does qualify as a break-up song, it's anything but teary. The lyrics tell of a girl who deals with a cheating boyfriend by simply getting over him.

"At first when I see you cry/Yeah it makes me smile, yeah, it makes me smile/At worst I feel bad for awhile, but then I just smile/I go

ahead and smile."

She gets over the break-up by revenge, that is. The music video for "Smile" features a group of Allen's friends beating up the ex-boyfriend and trashing his apartment. Meanwhile Allen, true to her lyrics, stands by and smiles sweetly at the action.

The other songs on "Alright Still ..." revolve around a wide variety of subjects such as life in Allen's native London, her Friday night clubbing experiences and her slacker younger brother.

She plays with a variety of sounds in each track like hip-hop, salsa and jazz. These experimentations give a nice break from the beats usually heard on the radio.

Allen projects her individuality not only in her music, but on Myspace as well where she (not her record label) shamelessly uploads and advertises her music. In an interview with pitchforkmedia.com, Allen talked about launching her Myspace profile.

"My record company didn't even know what Myspace was. About three weeks after I set it up, my

manager called me and he was like, 'I think you ought to set this thing up, it's called Myspace or something' and I was like, 'Already done it.'"

Allen said she started her profile by uploading a few of her songs. She also began posting regular blogs concerning her album, performances and a little bit of her personal life and opinions. Soon Myspace users began to catch on to her forward, sassy personality.

"By February or March it was obvious that something was going on because there were so many subscribers to the blog and so many people listening to the music - the plays were just going up and up and up," Allen said.

The result was eventually fame and thousands of Myspace friends. What could be better?

Allen's Myspace profile can be seen at <http://www.myspace.com/lilymusic>.

However, while viewers get a taste of her music and personality there, purchasing "Alright Still ..." is a worthwhile investment.

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Missing link in sitcom history: GEICO caveman gets ABC show

BY DAVID HINCKLEY
New York Daily News

The GEICO caveman is one of the first memorable TV ad characters of the 21st century.

That's why someone should pick up a crude wooden club and pound some sense into whoever at ABC greenlighted a pilot for a derivative sitcom about three cavemen in modern-day Atlanta.

On the scale of great ideas, this one isn't quite as promising as, say, fire.

Now just to be clear, I'm not suggesting someone should literally clobber an ABC executive. That's a cartoon image, exaggerated to get your attention.

And so is the GEICO caveman.

He's not Fred Flintstone, a regular guy who happens to live in the Stone Age. He's a cartoon, someone we meet for 30 or 60 seconds, exactly enough time for us to savor the hilarious contrast between our stereotype of grunting, Alley Oop-type cavemen and this guy in a stylish modern outfit speaking well-reasoned English.

Truth is, most great TV ad characters are cartoons: Clara Peller of "What's the beef?," the Maytag repairman, Joe Isuzu. Brooke Shields played a cartoon in her Calvin Klein ads hink Pink Panther. A few ad legends have been literal cartoons: the California Raisins, the Budweiser frogs.

In none of these cases, zero, did we want to know more about the characters. One minute was exactly enough time. It was all the relationship we wanted. Remember Baby Bob, the spooky talking baby who got his own show for about 45 seconds? Have we learned nothing from history?

Spending more time with an ad character is like deciding that since the Exxon attendant is good at filling 'er up, we should stay at the gas station for dinner.

Good ads are tightly focused. They tell one joke well, and part of their appeal is what they don't spell out.

The caveman ads throw insurance agents, PR people, shrinks, billboards and high-end restaurant menus in front of us, and let us overlay what we already know about them.

A sitcom, in contrast, spells out many of those details because it must fill 30 minutes.

To be blunt, more is less.

Another specific problem lies in this caveman's attitude, which in the ads falls somewhere between sullen and angry.

Fine for 60 seconds. For 30 minutes, not so good.

Will he turn accusatory in a singles bar?

Will he explain the sophistication of cave wall paintings to a co-worker in the financial services game?

We don't know. All we know is that since GEICO has leased the character, ABC can do what it wants with him and his friends.

And maybe ABC's writers will deliver something brilliant. Maybe they'll find a way to turn "Jurassic Park" upside down characters from an ancient world navigating the modern world and have a sitcom tumble out.

Frankly, I think our better hope lies in the fact that only a tiny percentage of commissioned pilots ever become TV shows.

If this one quietly expires, maybe both the GEICO caveman and Fred Flintstone can leave with their dignity intact.

FORNICATION FORUM

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Dear Fornication Forum,

One of my friends is taking birth control to control her acne because the hormones clear up her skin. However, I know this one girl who took it for the same reason and ended up getting blood clots in her lungs and brain, which apparently is a side effect to some treatments. What are your thoughts on this? Is taking birth control for acne worth the risk or even taking it at all and just using a condom?

Sincerely, Blemished Paranoia

A

Dear Blemished Paranoia,

My first question is, has your friend consulted a dermatologist? If birth control is an issue or an uncomfortable choice for your friend, have her go to a dermatologist first. A dermatologist can prescribe medication for acne in a topical cream, liquids, injections and pills. There are also other alternatives to acne care; the market is flooded with products and treatments. However, if your friend is having a hormone problem that is causing her acne, I would still consider first talking to a dermatologist about proper skin care and then talk to her OB/GYN about birth control pills or shots for acne.

Let's first talk about the basics of a woman's monthly cycle and understand how that can cause hormone problem that lead to acne break-outs. During a woman's normal hormonal cycle from about day one to day 14 a woman releases low to moderate levels of the hormones progesterone and estrogen. Generally, at about day 14 ovulation begins. Ovulation is the time when the egg is released from the ovaries and begins to travel down the fallopian tubes. Just before ovulation, to facilitate the release of the egg from the ovary, the body releases large amounts of the hormone estrogen. Just after ovulation the uterine lining also changes and becomes thicker. Essentially the body is preparing for fertilization and implantation of the egg on the uterine wall. As the egg travels down the fallopian tubes, the levels of estrogen fall, and at about day 20-22, the levels of progesterone increase and the egg itself begins to secrete progesterone. These fluctuations in hormones create both good and bad changes throughout the body, and acne is one of the bad changes for women.

Next, let's talk about the pill and how it works. The birth control pill contains synthetic estrogen and synthetic progesterone, called progestin. The pill works by changing the levels of estrogen and progesterone in your body and these changes suppress ovulation, i.e. prevent the egg from being released from the ovary. Birth control can both prevent and cause acne depending upon the strength of the pills' hormone composition. Some pills are higher in progesterone and some pills are higher in estrogen. Pills that are higher in the synthetic hormone progestin stimu-

late the glands in your skin to produce more sebum (oily substance) and create acne. Pills that contain less of the hormone progestin will most likely not stimulate sebum production and help clear up acne.

There are many brands of birth control on the market that vary in the doses of hormones and a person should experiment to find a pill that is right for her. Have your doctor help decipher which one of these brands interacts best with your reproductive system. Right now the most popular and FDA approved brand of birth control for acne is Ortho Tri-cyclen. Other pills recommended for treating acne are: Desogen, Demulen, Brevicon, Oycon 35, Ortho Novum 7/7/7 and Nelova.

Yes, there are risks involved in taking birth control pills, and yes, blood clots are one of those risks. Other risks involved in taking birth control pills are: weight gain and fluid retention, breast tenderness, abdominal pain and nausea, chest pain, headaches, mood changes and spotting between periods. If you already have a medical condition such as heart disease, high blood pressure, hepatitis or jaundice or a history of migraines or blood clots, this is considered a contraindication, meaning you probably should not take birth control. In this situation, the best thing to do is discuss your medical history with your doctor.

To answer your last question, "Is it worth the risk?" The best advice: become educated about your own body and how it works, be smart and make informed decisions about your body and health. Be informed and make informed decisions about contraception choice and use or practice abstinence. If hormones or hormone imbalances are a problem, getting exercise, changing your diet, drinking more water, sleeping well, as well as living a health lifestyle, is the best prescription.

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

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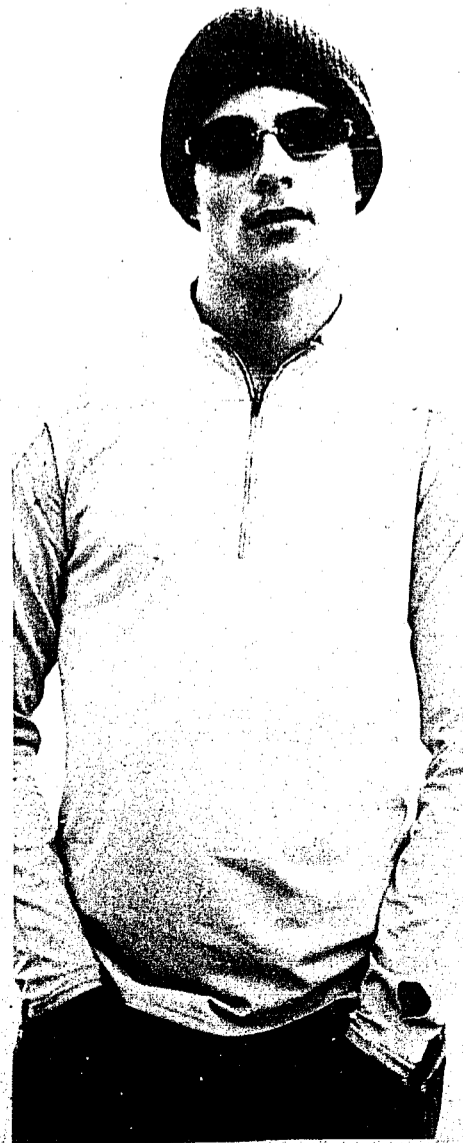
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The way we see it ...

Don't let your perspective slip away

Boise State could mean a new promotion or a different job. Possibly, you're here because you don't know what else to do and school is as good a place as any to waste some time. There are also some people who attend Boise State just to learn. Yet, don't you want something to show for all this hard work?

We sometimes let what happens during the in-between time fall through the cracks. Those little moments you have with a friend when all you're doing is talking. We're completely inundated with so much life that we miss the important things. At the end of the day, we're just plain tired.

Let us put this time spent at the university in perspective. Looking back, experiences that seemed like they lasted a lifetime when they occurred are only brief flashes. We can only fly through this experience and hope to gain a hold on what is most important.

Do not let us tell you what is important. We only seek to inform and it is our hope that you make some decisions about how to use it. Don't let anyone else tell you what's important either.

Boise State has had a string of public speakers lately, including Jessie Jackson, Al Gore and Hans Blix, who talked to students about importance.

Why do these lecturers visit if people don't take some action and implement what they learned, whether they're for or against the message? Instead of discussing what class you have next, what work was like or simply trying to stir people up just for the sake of stirring them up, talk about something important to you.

Maybe, in your perspective, those things are the most important. Perhaps all you think about is this little nexus surrounding the subculture that is Boise State. But life is changing faster than you can imagine.

There's an election coming up where a black man and a woman are hoping to be our next president, yet there is still a reason why this is something new. What is the world going to be like in 20 years and how are humans going to affect that outcome? People are still driving to school everyday and polluting the environment.

What about poverty in our own country, how in debt we are and America's world relationships? Have you ever wondered about nuclear proliferation? Why is it that our politicians' answer to all environmental concern is another nuclear reactor? Why Idaho?

If you don't think this all affects you, you're kidding yourself. Quit using your busy life and the diversions created by narrow mindedness to ignore the real issues.

These are just a few questions to get you started, in that in between time, when your head isn't so clear and you just want to unload. Speak up and communicate. It's healthy.

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

This isn't New York City

BY FREDERICK AREHART
Opinion Writer

I really didn't want to write about oppressive stereotypes, but the statements made by Kimberly Moore (from New York City), the new Director of the Idaho Black History Museum concerning Civil Rights in Idaho, just cannot pass without comment.

Many noted that Rev. Jesse Jackson had erroneously asserted that, like the University of Oklahoma, in 1955 African Americans were not allowed to play in Boise City College athletics. In his defense, Moore was quoted as stating that the remarks "...speak to the overall stereotype and its whole shadow of racism and bigotry that Idaho is under."

Say what? What has this got to do with bad speech writers?

She then went on to say, "This should serve as a wake-up call to the city and to the state that they have to change that image; they have to proactively seek diversity."

I suggest Moore start with herself in changing that image. Racial quotas and social imperialism are not signs of high

culture. There are many parts of NYC culture that we are much better off not having.

It is perplexing that someone who is working in such a high profile position could so misunderstand the people of Idaho.

We want people to move to Idaho because they like the land, the people and the culture - not because they feel we need to be saved from any perceived social deficiency.

Boise State's Fiesta Bowl football team was much more diverse than was Oklahoma's.

Diversity is lost if every city or state has the same demographic and philosophical bent. We would all be dully homogenous.

Idaho does not need to be cleansed by the solicitous, cultural colonialism of people who somehow feel that we are desperately in need of their "superior" societal views.

Although not perfect, Idaho has a pretty good record of promoting the concept that one's skin color, ethnicity or nationality does not determine personality, intelligence or civil rights.

"Diversity, Ms. Moore, does not mean a cookie cutter approach to racial percentages or Balkanized culture. It's about a rational state of mind."

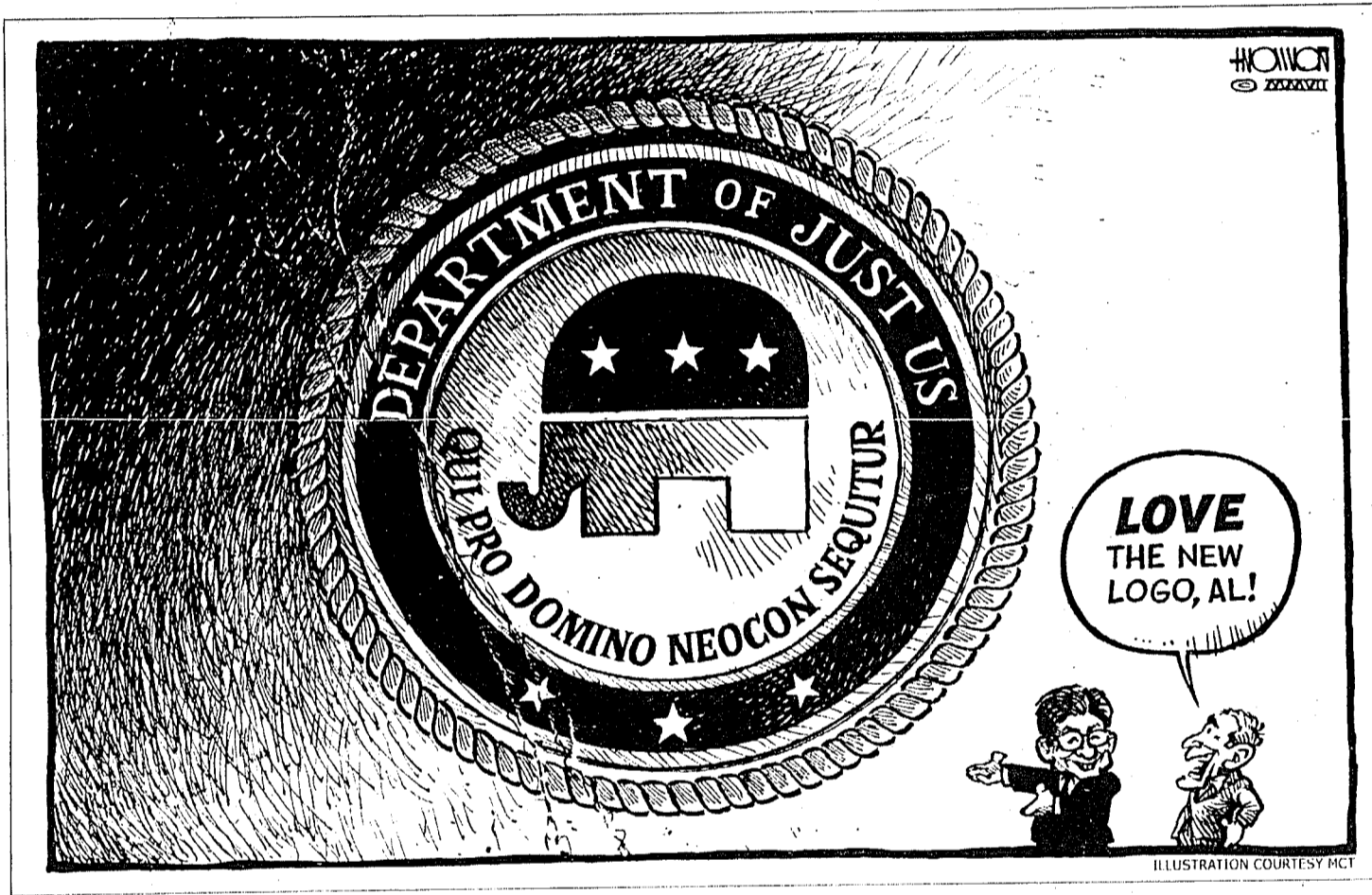
That tiny cesspool Aryan Nations compound in the panhandle that we all loathed was the exception that proved the rule. Despite widespread disgust, their rights were respected.

We want people to move to Idaho because they like the land, the people and culture already here. Diversity, Ms. Moore, does not mean a cookie cutter approach to racial percentages or Balkanized culture. It's about a rational state of mind. Idaho is a special place and as more people come, we don't want to lose that quality.

Our lifestyles and voting patterns are very diverse from your NYC. Most of us think our diversity from the New York City of the world is good. Our diversity from the mega cities should be respected, not oppressed.

If nothing else, Idaho is a state of independent thinkers who believe everyone should be treated equally and be able to pursue happiness with vigor.

We want people in other states to respect us, but not to steal our cultural soul. Work with us to educate others about this real Idaho.



Campus left cries wolf ... again

BY LINDSAY CHRISTENSEN-STOKER
Guest Opinion

The College Republicans are hosting a controversial and well-versed speaker, Robert Vazquez, and the only response of the campus left is senseless name-calling.

Instead of bringing up valid points to support illegal immigration, they demonstrate a complete lack of intellectual retort by appealing to an increasingly trivialized word - "racism!"

What's the problem? A poster advertising the event offers participants the chance to enter their "false identification cards" in a drawing for free Mexican food.

Most illegal immigrants, regardless of their race, enter this country through porous fences along the Mexican-American border. Or are the porous

gates along the Canadian border? Perhaps they should award a gift certificate to a French restaurant to celebrate the cuisine of Quebec.

The term "racism" is so haphazardly thrown around that many have forgotten its actual definition.

Racism is the notion that "one's own race is superior and has the right to rule others," or "hatred of another race." BSU MECHA's Myspace page offers a great example of racism with a cartoon image of a young Chicana, fist in the air, saluting the slogan "Stay Brown Chicanas." Such an avowal is akin to the practice of eugenics in Nazi Germany.

I think their slogan was something like "Stay White Aryans."

Illegal immigration is a serious issue worthy of discussion. A recent "Time" poll conducted in November and December of 2005 found that an astounding 92 percent of Americans con-

sider illegal immigration to be a serious problem. Cultural Center hero Cesar Chavez agreed. His distaste for illegal immigration came from an economic standpoint.

Chavez was an agricultural labor union leader who protested the influx of strikebreakers from Mexico. Chavez understood the basic principle of supply and demand. The increased number of illegal aliens coming across the border drove down wages of legal residents. In 1969, Chavez, along with Senator Walter Mondale, led a march to the Mexican border to protest illegal immigration.

In 1979, Chavez testified to Congress: "When the farm workers strike and their strike is successful, the employers go to Mexico and have unlimited, unrestricted use of illegal alien strikebreakers to break the strike. And, for over 30 years, the Immigration and Naturalization Service has looked the other way and

assisted in the strikebreaking."

Every nation in the world (aside from America) vigorously enforces border and immigration policy. The US already has a generous immigration policy. We are allowing more immigrants into our country than at any other point in American history, and more than all the nations of Western Europe combined. Nobody is suggesting we allow fewer immigrants into the country, only that we regulate the process to provide security and justice.

If anyone would like to engage in serious discussion of this issue, please come forward. To everyone else, the ad hominem attacks are quite cliché. Your trivial use of words like "hate" and "racism" completely negate their meaning.

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Men's Golf
Monday-Tuesday
Belmont Invitational
TBA
Nashville, Tenn.

Women's Golf
Wednesday
BYU Dixie Classic
TBA
St. George, Utah

Men's Tennis
Saturday
Montana State
10 a.m.
Boise

Saturday
Loyola Marymount
5 p.m.
Boise

Women's Tennis
Wednesday
Brigham Young University
TBA
Provo, Utah

Friday
Denver
TBA
Denver, Colo.

Track
Saturday
Idaho State
TBA
Boise

[SIDE LINES]

Deadline approaches for men's basketball banquet

The Boise State men's basketball awards banquet will be held April 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Jordan Ballroom of the Student Union Building at Boise State. Tickets for the banquet are \$30 and can be purchased by calling Karen at (208) 426-1952 or via e-mail at karenandreason@boisestate.edu no later than April 3.

In addition to single tickets, tables of eight can be purchased for \$225. Players can also be sponsored for \$30 with a limit of one player per table.

Hallberg leaves men's basketball team

The Boise State men's basketball program announced recently that sophomore center Colin Hallberg is leaving BSU for personal reasons. Hallberg spent three seasons with the Broncos, playing in 24 games. He averaged 1 point and 1.5 rebounds per game.

Guyette runs second fastest 10,000-meter time in BSU history

Becky Guyette posted the second fastest women's 10,000-meter time in Boise State University track and field history this weekend at the Stanford University Track and Field Invitational.

A senior from Marsing, Idaho, Guyette finished sixth her section of the 10,000-meter run with a time of 34:44.98. Abby Peters is the Bronco record holder in the event at 34:16.14 set in 2000.

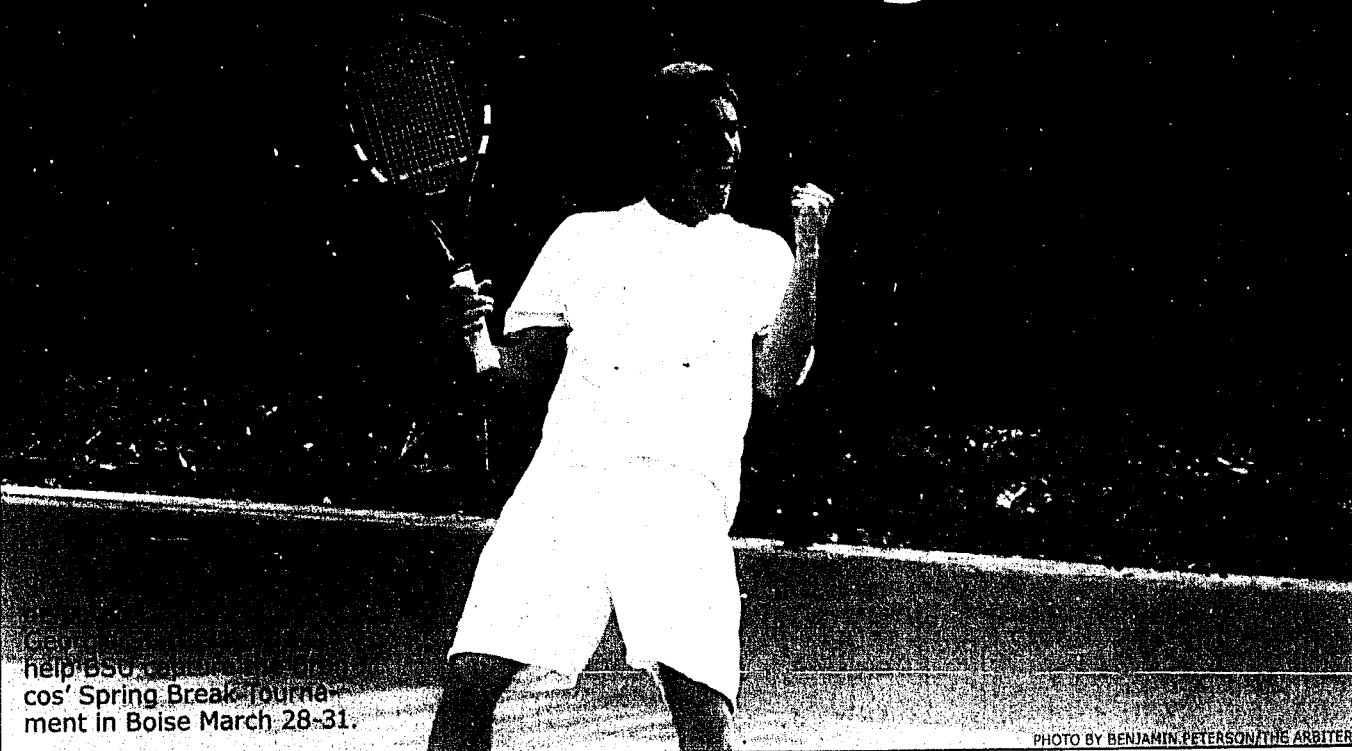
Breanna Sande also posted a top 10 finish for Boise State at the Stanford meet when she placed third in her section of the women's 5,000-meter run with a time of 17:19.13.

BSU finishes sixth at gymnastics championships

Despite a valiant effort from senior Kristin Aldrich and freshman Yvette Leizorek at the Western Athletic Conference Gymnastics Championships, the Broncos were unable to bring home a sixth title for Head Coach Sam Sandmire in her final conference meet.

The Broncos notched their second-highest team score of the season with a 193.3, but finished in sixth place at the meet. Sacramento State won its second consecutive conference title with a 195.275.

BSU serves Georgia State



help BSU men's tennis team win the Spring Break tournament in Boise March 28-31.

PHOTO BY BENJAMIN PETERSON/THE ARBITER

BY TATE CASTLETON
Sports Writer

The Boise State men's tennis team earned its fifth consecutive victory of the season, defeating Georgia State 4-3, to run away with the Boise State Red Lion Spring Break Invitational Championship last Saturday at the Appleton Tennis Center. The No. 19 Broncos improved to 21-5 overall and looked impressive in a tournament that showcased 16 teams from around the country.

"There is nothing like having the spotlight on you when you throw the party," Head Coach Greg Patton said. "I was really proud of the guys and how they put it together to defeat Georgia State."

Going into Saturday's championship match Georgia State was 14-3 and ranked No. 60 in the nation. According to Patton, however, they play like a top 30 team.

"I kept reminding myself that they were not only good, but very, very, very good," Patton said. "We were not going to underestimate them and their talent."

The Broncos could not overlook Georgia State and fought for every point against a team, which had not dropped a match en route to the championship match all weekend.

"This was a team that wouldn't give up," Patton said. "We had to fight and crawl for every point we got and we're so happy to walk out of this with a win against a very competitive, prepared team."

Boise State dealt the Panthers their first loss of the day in doubles action. Luke Shields and Piotr Dilaj were nearly flawless as they cruised past Mattias Skold and Martin Stiegwardt at No. 1 doubles, 8-2. Steve Robertson and Clancy Shields slid past Anze Cevka and Nejc Podkrajsek 8-6 at the No. 2 doubles to capture the doubles point for Boise State.

"Luke Shields and Piotr were automatic as usual, baby," Patton said. "Then we have Clancy [Shields] and Stevie 'Wonder' [Robertson] who continue to just dominate in doubles. They played their guts out and deserved to win."

Meanwhile, with a 1-0 lead the match then turned to singles. Steve Robertson made quick work of Anze Cevka, 6-1 and 6-4 in the No. 5 position to capture the first singles point of the match for Boise State.

At the No. 1 position, Luke Shields improved his singles record to 29-6 as he dominated Martin Stiegwardt 6-1 and 6-2 and extended his winning-streak to eight straight matches.

"We saw awe inspiring play from Luke today," Patton said. "His play continues to improve and it gives his teammates such confidence in their own play."

Last Friday BSU swept the University of Texas-Arlington 7-0, to advance to the championship match. The match began with Boise State capturing the doubles point. Steve Robertson and Stanley Sarapanich played at the No. 3 position and knocked off Alberto Agis and Dmitry Minkin 8-1.

At the No. 1 position Luke Shields and Piotr Dilaj suffered a rare defeat to Gonzalo Blenobas and Daniel Omana 8-3, which left the doubles point to be determined at the No. 2 doubles.

The Broncos' Blake Boswell and Eric Roberson did not disappoint as the duo secured its team-leading 13 doubles victory in dual match play over Javier Herrera and Diego Mattar 8-3.

"We did so many things right and that made us happy," Patton said. "The guys wanted to break into the championship match and they were able to do it pretty easily on Friday."

Boise State showcased their talent dominating in singles play dropping only one set all day en route to the championship match-up with Georgia State. Luke Shields con-

tinued his winning ways defeating Diego Mattar in the No. 1 position 6-4 and 6-0. Blake Boswell was able to remain undefeated (4-0) at the No. 2 singles beating Daniel Omana 7-5 and 6-1.

The Broncos were nothing short of entertaining as Piotr Dilaj ousted Alberto Agis in the No. 3 singles to a super tiebreaker and eked out the win 3-6, 6-1 and 10-7. Steve Robertson captured a victory 6-3 and 6-4 against Dmitry Minkin to improve to 13-2 in singles. Robertson has now won 10 of his last 11 matches.

"These guys never cease to amaze me," Patton said. "They want to get better and better and win for each other and that makes all the difference."

The Broncos will play in a double-dual match against Loyola Marymount (5 p.m.) and Montana State (10 a.m.) April 7 at the Appleton Tennis Center. After winning the Spring Break Tournament Championship Boise State now hopes to move up at least one spot in the national rankings to No. 18.

"I really think we can move up," Patton said. "We want to keep moving up and reach the top 16 before the seasons out, but it will be tough and we'll have to continue playing our best tennis."

Defense dominates scrimmage

The Boise State football team held its first scrimmage of the spring Friday, March 23 in Bronco Stadium. The game turned into a defensive exhibition as the Bronco offense failed to find the end zone all after-

noon. The only touchdown of the game came on a Jason Robinson fumble return.

Despite the absence of running back Ian Johnson, the BSU offense did manage to score on two field goals in the scrimmage.

March 23, 2007

Scoring

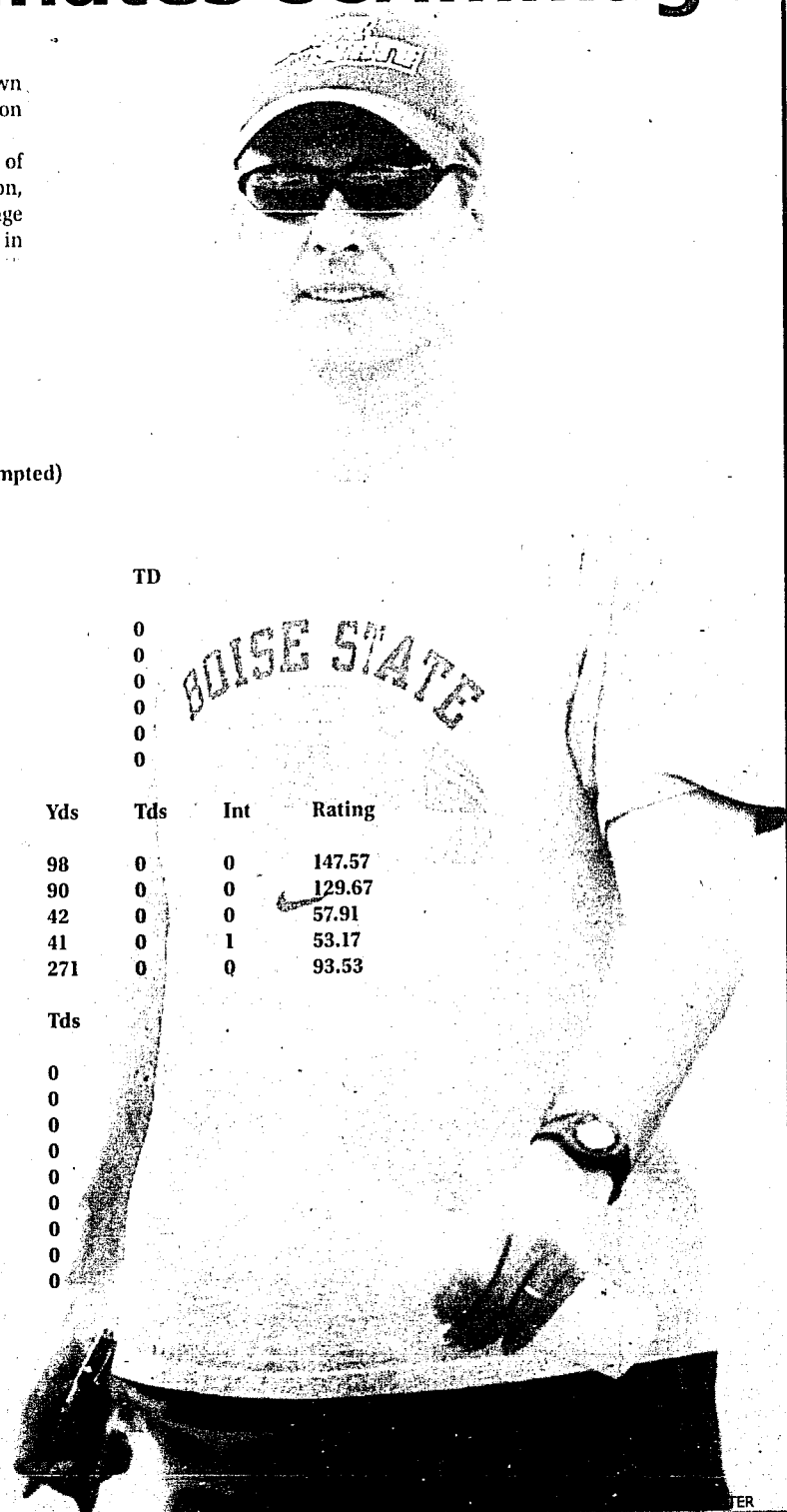
Jason Robinson, 37-yard fumble recovery return (no kick attempted)
Kyle Brotzman, 26-yard field goal
Brotzman, 37-yard field goal

Rushing	Att.	Yds	YPC	TD
Jeremy Avery	11	80	7.3	0
Stew Tracy	12	36	3.0	0
Nick Lomax	2	9	4.5	0
Mike Coughlin	5	6	1.2	0
Alona Key	1	5	5.0	0
Totals	39	127	3.3	0

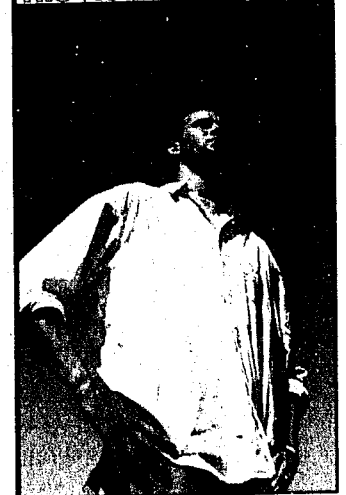
Passing	Cmp	Att.	Pct.	Yds	Tds	Int	Rating
Bush Hamdan	8	11	72.7	98	0	0	147.57
Michael Coughlin	8	12	66.7	90	0	0	129.67
Taylor Tharp	4	13	30.8	42	0	0	57.91
Nick Lomax	6	14	42.9	41	0	1	53.17
Total	26	50	52.0	271	0	0	93.53

Receiving	Rec.	Yds	Tds
Toshi Franklin	6	56	0
Jeremy Childs	4	48	0
Jeremy Avery	4	18	0
Tommy Gallarda	3	35	0
Stew Tracy	2	26	0
Chris O'Neill	1	24	0
Alona Key	1	18	0
Evan Surratt	1	12	0
Totals	26	271	0

Sacks	No.
Mike T. Williams	1.5
Ian Smart	1.5
Dallas Dobbs	0.5
Ryan Winterswyk	0.5
Totals	4.0



The view from up here



Florida
vs.
Ohio State Part II

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

For a moment I was under the misconception I'd seen this scenario before - Ohio State University vies for a national championship trophy against the University of Florida.

Although on the surface Monday's college basketball title game appears to share striking similarities with the 2007 BCS Championship game the two match-ups are actually worlds apart.

In January the Gator football team prepared to silence critics who said FU had no outside shot at knocking off the powerful Buckeyes and their Heisman-trophy-winning quarterback Troy Smith.

History has a way of making everyone, especially me, look like an idiot - the Gators silenced all critics with a decisive win to capture the crown.

The championship gave the University of Florida its second major national championship in 10 months, which quite honestly made me throw up a little bit in my mouth.

To make matters worse for any one not thrilled with the thought of a Florida dynasty, the basketball team returned everyone from last year and are a favorite to make it three trophies in a year's span.

The only team standing in the way - Ohio State University. The Buckeyes were picked as a national championship contender in 2007 long before half the team had even stepped on campus. Why? Because OSU Head Coach Thad Matta was able to ink the greatest recruiting class since the Michigan Fab Five in 1991.

The most amazing part of Thad's fabulous freshman is they got their winning vibe going together long before most of the country knew who they were. Oden, Michael Conley Jr. and Daequan Cook all played for the Spiece Indy Heat AAU team, which won the Las Vegas Big Time AAU Tournament on back-to-back occasions.

Oden and Conley didn't stop with their titles in Vegas. The duo carried it over into the Ohio State High School basketball tournament three times, winning the 4A crown at Lawrence North High School in Indianapolis, Ind., back-to-back-to-back times.

Between Oden and Conley combined the Buckeyes have 10 titles worth of experience in the past four years and even if they were in high school, these kids know how to win.

Throw out the fact Florida beat the Buckeyes by 26 points earlier this season. Greg Oden was shooting free throws left handed while rehabbing his shooting hand from off-season surgery and Conley was still figuring out where the OSU cafeteria is located.

Fast forward a few months and the Buckeyes have won 22 consecutive games, including five big time NCAA tournament games. Sure they may not have played in an NCAA title game, but I can't help but feel there is an aura surrounding this group of youngsters. Maybe its because I'm sick of seeing Joakim Noah pound his chest after every single and-one he converts or maybe its out of spite for the FU fans who have gotten to enjoy so much success as of late. I'm about to throw up a little bit in my mouth again.

Regardless of my true motives there is only one thing that I see in the crystal ball - Ohio State cutting down the nets as Florida watches in disbelief. If not, we shall never speak of this game again.

Idaho cruises past Ice Dogs



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BY TATE CASTLETON
Sports Writer

The Idaho Steelheads moved one step closer to locking up home ice advantage in the first round of the ECHL playoffs after knocking off the Long Beach Ice Dogs 4-2, Saturday night at Qwest Arena.

With the win Idaho (39-24-2-4) controls its own destiny. Last Saturday's win against Long Beach almost guarantees Idaho the fourth spot in the National Conference.

"We'd love to have home ice and the four seed and we want to get this crowd into it and make sure we utilize our energy to our advantage," Idaho Head Coach Derek Laxdal said. "We've got some tough games down the stretch here, but we'll focus and get out and play our kind of hockey."

The Steelheads will close out the regular season this week on the road with games against the Bakersfield Condors (41-16-3-8) and the Fresno Falcons (34-26-4-4). Idaho has been clinging to the fourth spot in the conference for weeks now, holding off the surging Stockton Thunder (35-23-5-5). Idaho led by just two points coming into Saturday's game but has now extended its lead to four points with its win against the Ice Dogs and Stockton's loss to Phoenix.

"We feel fortunate to be in this position," Laxdal said. "Long Beach came out tonight and fought for

their lives, but we were able to hold them off."

In a back-and-forth game on Friday night the Steelheads relied on their hottest player, Tuomas Mikkonen, who scored two third-period goals to help them get to overtime against Long Beach. The Ice Dogs were fighting for their play-off lives trailing by only four points for the eighth and final playoff spot in the National Conference.

Neither team was able to score in the extra session and the game came to a shootout. A dogfight ensued with both teams scoring twice before Brandon Schwartz won the game in the ninth round for the Ice Dogs. The win surged life back into Long Beach, but it did not last for long.

"That was a heart-breaker for our guys," Laxdal said. "We played tough, rallied to tie it up and went toe-to-toe in the sbhotout only to lose, so it felt good to avenge the loss tonight."

Idaho went to work Saturday night dismantling the Ice Dogs leading 3-0 through two periods after taking advantage of several power plays, including a five on three power play which resulted in Derek Nesbitt's 28th goal of the season.

"I was pleased to see us take advantage of that power play because it really opened the game up for us," Laxdal said. "The difference in the game tonight was the special teams and last night it wasn't."

Tuomas Mikkonen punched in his ninth goal in his last 11 games and Marty Fichel scored the last goal of the night for the Steelheads, which locked up the win with under 30 seconds remaining.

"We played a complete game from top to bottom," Laxdal said. "We wanted to put lots of pressure on them tonight and I thought we did that real well."

With only six minutes remaining in the final period the Ice Dogs mounted a rally and took advantage of some late power plays to cut the lead to one, but the Steelheads proved to be too much in the end.

"Our guys didn't want to lose tonight and they were determined to play well," Laxdal said. "We're moving on now and our focus will turn toward getting ready for the play-offs and doing well there."

The Steelheads have won four of their last five as they hit the road to close out the regular season and

gear up for the playoffs.

Idaho has been taking advantage of power plays with at least one goal in 11 of the last 17 home games totaling 22 man advantage markers during that stretch.

Steelheads goaltender Steve Silverthorne recorded his 33 victory this week against Long Beach. The win moves him past Frank Doyle for the most wins in a single season by a Steelhead's goaltender since they joined the ECHL in 2003-2004.

The second-year goalie trails only Blair Allison who holds the franchise record with 36 wins set back in 2001-2002.

"This week will be tough and will really test us," Laxdal said. "We're ready though and we're excited about it and we're just ready to play some good hockey."

The 2007 Kelly Cup playoffs begin April 8 and the Kelly Cup Finals will be held May 23 - June 6.

The Idaho Steelheads defeated the Long Beach Ice Dogs 4-2 Saturday, March 31, to conclude their final home series of the regular season. The team is preparing for post-season play, which begins April 8.

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BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

The Boise State women's tennis team is shooting for an NCAA tournament bid. In order to remain in contention for a post-season spot the Broncos must continue to improve upon their No. 48 ranking, however.

The women took a big stride in doing just that Sunday by defeating No. 39 nationally ranked Washington State University 5-2 in the Boas Indoor Tennis Complex.

"This match, in a sense, could be an NCAA elimination match," BSU Head Coach Mark Tichenor said after the Bronco victory. "If we don't win the last tournament this could be huge. This is one of the higher ranked teams we've beat in the last few years."

The women got off to a good start last Sunday, winning an important doubles point by winning the No. 2 and 3 doubles matches. Tatiana Gauzha and Polina Kokoulina defeated Amy Toth and Anastasia Opatá 8-3 to even the doubles score at 1-1. In the No. 3 doubles

match Tiffany Coll and Klaudia Wlodarczyk defeated Aleksandra Cekić and Aleksandra Stefanova 8-3 to give BSU the 2-1 advantage and win the doubles point for the dual.

"A couple weeks ago we told them they need to go all out with no regrets," Tichenor said. "Whatever happens happens, then you get ready for the next match."

The women entered singles play with a big advantage - already holding a 1-0 lead in the dual.

However, the Cougars would give BSU all it could handle through singles play. In the No. 1 singles match Ekaterina Burduli of WSU defeated Bianca Jochimsen 6-1, 6-2 to capture the first singles point of the day.

BSU rallied to win four of the other five singles matches, however, shutting the door on the Cougars 5-2. BSU won the No. 2, 4, 5 and 6 matches in singles play. Polina Kokoulina defeated Amy Toth 6-2, 6-3 in the No. 2 singles match.

"That's why they train hard all year," Tichenor said. "That's why they run thousands of yards. That's why they practice and sacrifice - to

play a team like Washington State."

The win improves the Broncos' season record to 13-2, which should help move them up in the national rankings even further. The Cougars drop to 12-8 on the season and are only 1-4 in Pac-10 play thus far.

"To get them at home was so much better," Tichenor said. "It's so much easier than playing those teams on the road. It was just an awesome victory. It's a team victory."

Boise State 5 Washington State 2

Doubles
Ekaterina Burduli and Marjolein Van de Ven, WSU, def. Laura Baum and Jana Mackova, BSU, 8-4.
Tatiana Gauzha and Polina Kokoulina, BSU, def. Amy Toth and Anastasia Opatá, WSU, 8-3.
Tiffany Coll and Wlodarczyk, BSU, def. Aleksandra Cekić and Aleksandra Stefanova, WSU, 8-3.

Singles
Ekaterina Burduli, WSU, def. Bianca Jochimsen, BSU, 6-1, 6-2.
Polina Kokoulina, BSU, def. Amy Toth, WSU, 6-2, 6-3.
Marjolein Van de Ven, WSU, def. Jana Mackova, BSU, 6-3, 6-4.
Klaudia Wlodarczyk, BSU, def. Aleksandra Cekić, WSU, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.
Stacey Housley, BSU, def. Aleksandra Stefanova, WSU, 3-4, 6-3, 7-6.
Tiffany Coll, BSU, def. Anastasia Opatá, WSU, 6-4, 6-1.

Idaho pursues top record in the NBDL

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

The Idaho Stampede is on pace to complete the most successful season in franchise history. The only concern Head Coach Bryan Gates has is finishing the season No. 1 and earning a first-round bye in the National Basketball Association Development League playoffs.

The Stampede currently hold sole possession of first place in the league's Western Division and are two and a half games ahead of the Colorado 14ers. With just five games remaining on the schedule Idaho is in great position to close out the regular season with the best record in the entire NBDL.

Heading into its game Sunday Idaho was 29-15 this season - one and a half games ahead of the Dakota Wizards of the Eastern Division. If the Stampede can hold off the 14ers it will secure a first round bye in the playoffs. Idaho has already earned the right to host the first round of the playoffs by securing at least a second place finish in the West.

"Getting that No. 1 seed is pretty important," Coach Gates said before the Stampede's game at Los Angeles March 30. "We're not afraid of anybody but it's one less

game you've got to play, obviously. You don't have to travel. Guys get to sleep in their own beds."

In the final five games of the season Idaho faces Colorado twice. Friday, April 6, the Stampede travel to Colorado for a game against the Western Division's No. 2 team. The Stampede then fly back to Boise to host the 14ers the following night. The Stampede finish the regular season with three home games, which gives Idaho exclusive control of its own destiny from here on out.

"We've taken it one game at a time the whole approach," Gates said. "If you asked half of our guys how many we won in a row they couldn't tell you. Finishing strong is obviously important from a team standpoint but it's also important from an individual standpoint."

Along with racing out to one of the best records in franchise history the Stampede have also set numerous team records along the way. Idaho won 11 games in a row earlier this season and also broke the franchise record for consecutive road wins with 12.

Stampede point guard Randy Livingston has had an MVP type season for Idaho, smashing the team record for total assists. Livingston has used his NBA experience to help power the Stampede

offensive attack with 424 assists entering the weekend series in Los Angeles, Calif. The previous team record was 358 assists set by David Bailey in 2003-04.

"The biggest thing is the guys trust [Randy]," Gates said. "That's the biggest part of it - when your teammates trust you. When Randy tells his teammates something they do it because they know it will be right."

Livingston is averaging 10.3 assists per game this season along with 12.1 points per game. The Houston Rockets drafted Livingston in the second round of the 1996 NBA draft after a successful collegiate career at Louisiana State University. Livingston last played in the NBA in 2006 as a member of the Chicago Bulls.

Livingston will lead the play-off push in a pair of home games Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14. The Stampede hosts Tulsa April 13, and concludes the regular season with Los Angeles April 14. Idaho is on pace to break the franchise record for most wins in a season, which was set at 34 in 2003-04.

"Our guys have the motto - and I know it's kind of funny - that we'll play basketball for food," Gates said. "It doesn't matter where we're at, we're going to play."

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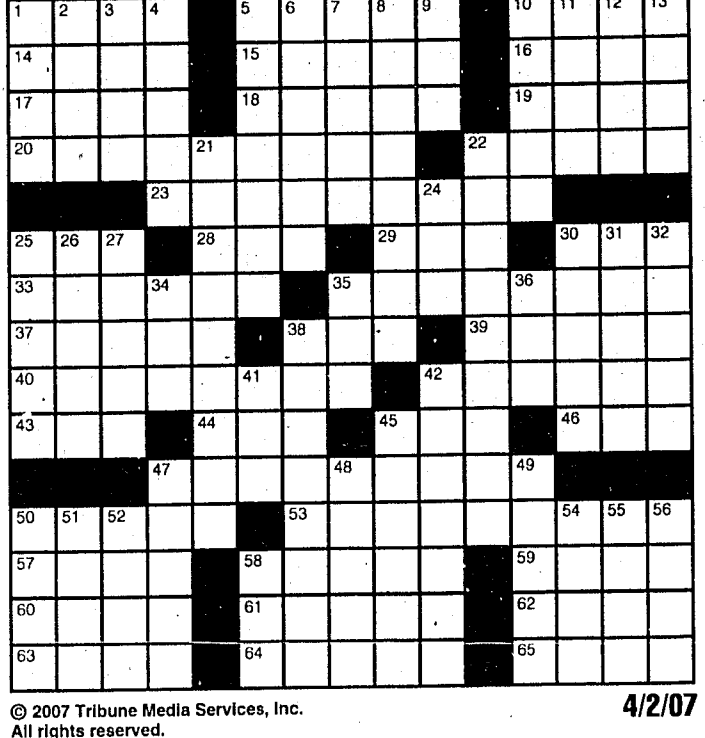
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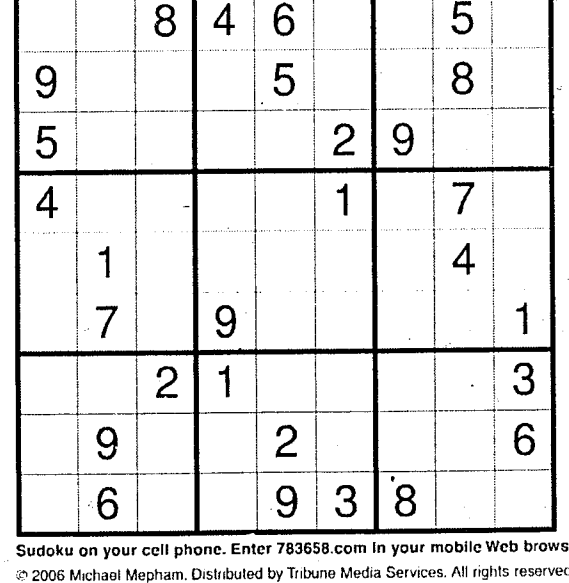
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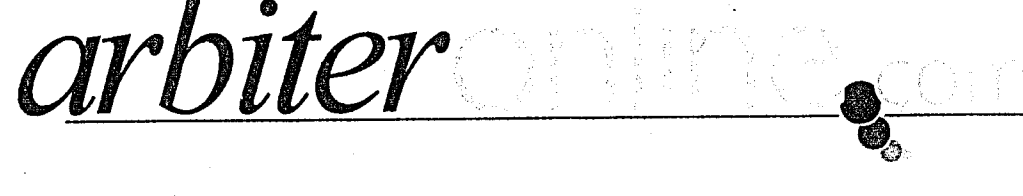
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