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"Arbiter Sports Talk" celebrates its 50th episode Friday night at Bryan's Smokehouse and Managing Editor Dustin Lapray interviews Boise State President Robert Kustra.

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Art Metals.

10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 28-29
Location: TBA

Both workshops are free of charge, but registration is required and the Chang workshop is open only to full-time students.

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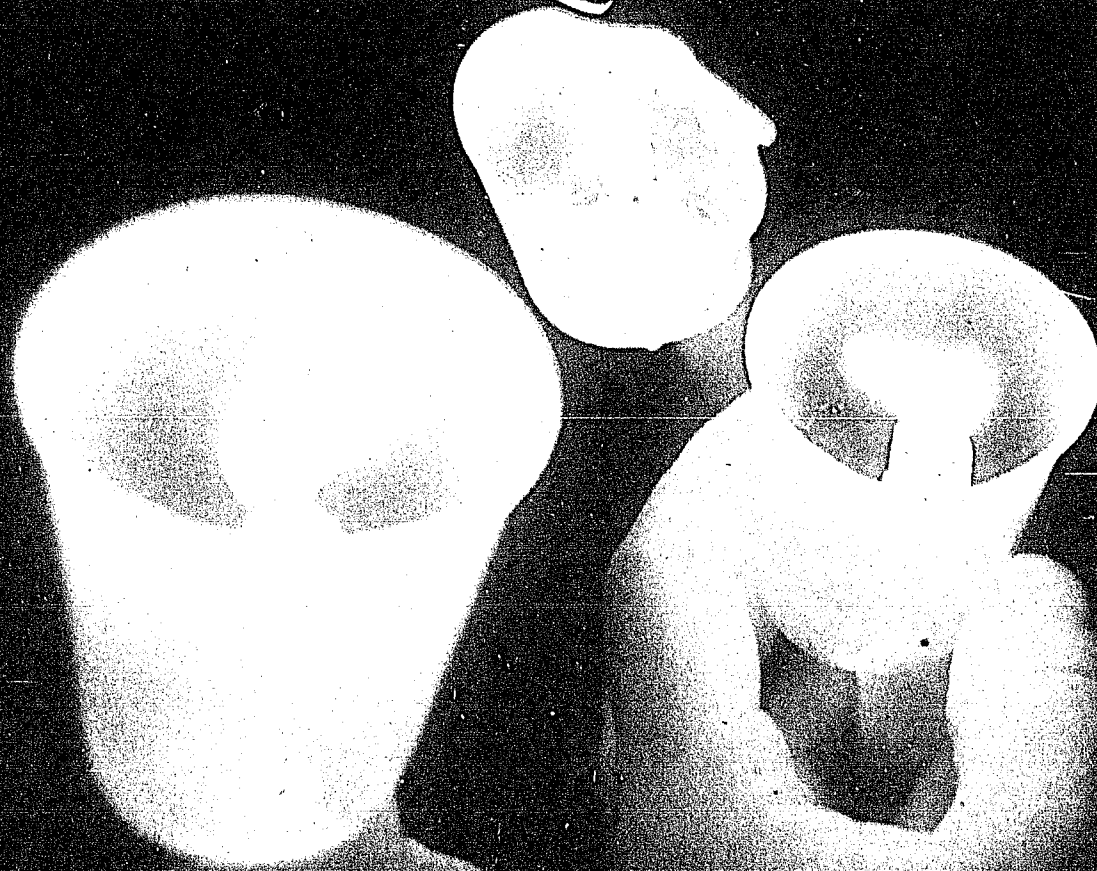
5-8:30 p.m. in the Student Union Special Events Center

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Candles on the Quad: students remember the fallen



BY CHARLOTTE TAYLOR
News Writer

The steps of the Boise State University Administration Building were illuminated Monday night, as flames flickered on every college campus in Idaho and across the nation.

The candlelight vigil, arranged by the Associated Students of Boise State University, brought students and faculty together to honor the 32 lives that were taken April 16 at Virginia Tech.

Members of the media and press were in attendance, along with hundreds of students. Policemen were stationed in several locations on the Quad during the ceremony.

The vigil began at 9 p.m. with a speech given by ASBSU President Amy Ortmann.

"In this time of grief and sadness, I ask that we remember," Ortmann said.

Sixteen student leaders from campus organizations stood in front of the crowd, each holding two maroon candles tied with orange ribbon. ASBSU Senate Pro Tempore Cameron Wiemerslage read the names of the victims while 32 of these candles were lit. A moment of silence followed the lighting.

The participating student leaders were

representatives from campus fraternities, sororities, residence halls and ASBSU. This group walked among the crowd, using its own flames to light the white candles held by the assembled mourners. Candles were distributed at the vigil but some students brought their own. Student Shannon Morgan sang "Amazing Grace" during this second lighting and then addressed the student body.

"I don't know who is to blame for this tragedy, I don't know how it happened," Morgan said. "I'm gathering with you tonight because I'm grieving and I'm confused."

Other speakers included Pastor Dave Buechler of the United Methodist Campus Ministry, Sen. Wiemerslage and student Dane Johns.

"It seems like we've had a lot of tragedy this year," Buechler said. "There is no way I can capture all the emotions involved."

Many speeches mentioned stories of survivors or victims. One such story was that of Holocaust survivor and Virginia Tech professor Liviu Librescu. Librescu barricaded a door with his own body to protect the lives of his students and lost his own life in the process. References were also made to other American tragedies such as the mas-

sacre at Columbine High School and the 9/11 terrorist attack.

"When the university does its job it helps us come together," Johns said. "We recognized our opportunity to show the world that Broncos care."

The College of Southern Idaho, Lewis-Clark State College, the University of Idaho, Idaho State University, Brigham Young University-Idaho, Texas Tech University, Utah State University and the University of Texas held vigils Monday night also.

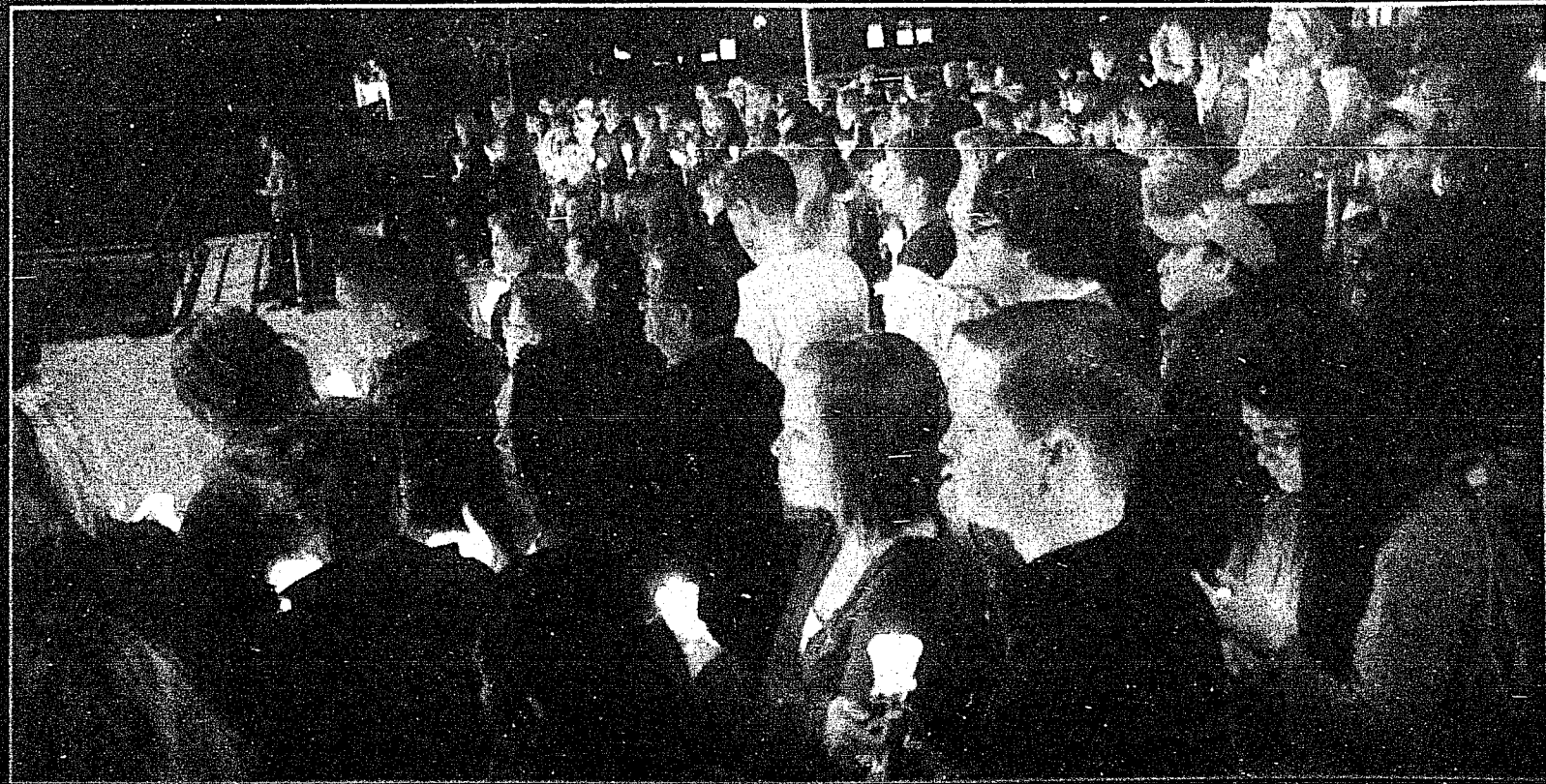
"We've made connections," Ortmann said. "This tragedy has helped us to truly reach out to other schools, not only in our state but across the nation."

The event was partially funded by the ASBSU executive branch but some items, such as the candles and beverages, were donated by local businesses.

Toward the end of the ceremony, a former Virginia Tech student addressed the crowd. The speaker, who gave her name as "Missy," happened to be passing by after a night class and stepped up to the podium.

"The biggest thing you have to do is appreciate everything you have," she said.

The vigil ended around 10 p.m. and the candles were extinguished.



THE HEADLINES

WORLD

Boris Yeltsin, Russia's first president, dies at 76

Boris Yeltsin, Russia's first democratically elected leader (1991-1999), has died at the age of 76 of cardiac arrest. Yeltsin was born in Sverdlovsk (now Yekaterinburg) in 1931 and trained at the local Urals Polytechnic Institute.

Yeltsin began his career in the construction business (1953-1968). He joined the Communist Party in 1961 and became first secretary of the party in the Sverdlovsk Region in 1976 and a member of the party's central committee in 1981. In 1985, then Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev appointed Yeltsin to head the Communist Party's Moscow branch, and in 1986 made him a non-voting member of the party's ruling Politburo.

In October 1987, he was forced to resign from the party leadership and in 1988 from the Politburo after he challenged hardliners and criticized Gorbachev's reforms. He was appointed a deputy construction minister.

In 1989, Yeltsin won elections to the Supreme Soviet (parliament), was elected Russian president by that body, and resigned from the Communist Party. He retained the presidency in the popular election in 1991, when he became Russia's first democratically elected president and Gorbachev's main liberal opponent.

In August 1991, Yeltsin led the resistance to the coup by Communist hard-liners, when Gorbachev was detained at his country house. The success of opposition to the coup shifted power to reformers. In December 1991, he helped found the Commonwealth of Independent States, a new alliance in which Soviet republics were declared independent. Thereby, Yeltsin helped end attempts to preserve the Soviet Union. Gorbachev resigned as president December 25. In September 1993, Yeltsin issued

a decree to dissolve the Supreme Soviet and hold parliamentary elections. A month later, he ordered the armed suppression of a coup by former Supreme Soviet members led by Vice President Alexander Rutskoi.

As president, Yeltsin moved to end state control of the economy and oversaw sweeping privatization deals, which brought fortunes to a handful of Kremlin-connected businessmen. Economic difficulties and political opposition slowed the reform.

In 1994, Yeltsin ordered the suppression of Dzhokhar Dudayev's separatist regime in Chechnya. The military campaign in the breakaway republic ended in September 1996 when Russia withdrew all its troops from the republic, thereby, de facto granting Chechnya independence.

In June 1996, he ran for the presidency again and defeated his main communist contender Gennady Zyuganov in the runoff elections in July. In November 1996, Yeltsin underwent quadruple heart bypass surgery and was confined to the hospital for months and appeared in public less frequently. Moreover, in the late 1990s, Russia was hit by a series of economic crises and frequent cabinet reshuffles. On New Year's Eve in 1999, Yeltsin surprised the nation by announcing his resignation and appointing then Prime Minister Vladimir Putin acting president.

He is survived by his wife, daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

NATIONAL

Ethiopia decides not to free imprisoned American

Ethiopia has changed its mind and decided for the time being not to free an American Muslim who was captured trying to flee war-torn Somalia and was held without charges in Kenya and Ethiopia for more than four months, according to an internal U.S. government document.

The latest impediment to Amir

Mohamed Meshal's repatriation follows the resolution of an internal U.S. government squabble that had blocked his return. The Bush administration now seeks to bring him back as quickly as possible, officials said. "The Ethiopians have changed their minds," said an internal U.S. government memo read to McClatchy Newspapers on Tuesday. It gave no reason for the turnaround.

Ethiopia had been expected to release Meshal, 24, of Tinton Falls, N.J., from a secret prison following an April 13 hearing in Addis Ababa at which a military tribunal declined to charge him with a crime, U.S. officials said.

The State Department had made arrangements to fly him home. But it discovered that the FBI had placed Meshal's name on a no-fly list of suspected security threats maintained by the Department of Homeland Security.

Last week, officials from the FBI and the State, Homeland Security and Justice Departments agreed that Meshal should be removed from the no-fly list and brought back to the United States.

An administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the case, said that Ethiopian officials had then told the U.S. Embassy that "administrative procedures" for his release were under way, but that they "would take an indefinite number of days."

"These are internal domestic procedures. They are complex logistical issues that are being worked to get him to the United States," explained the administration official without elaborating. He said U.S. officials were "making every logistical effort that needs to be made to bring this guy back to the United States."

Jonathan Hafetz, a lawyer with the Brennan Center for Justice who's providing legal advice to Meshal's relatives, said in a letter Tuesday to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice that the relatives' congressman, Rep. Rush Holt, D-N.J., had informed them on

April 19 that Meshal would be home in two days.

The delay in Meshal's release raises "serious concern about his welfare, the United States' commitment to bringing him home and the United States' role in his detention in Ethiopia," said the letter, which was also sent to Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff.

It said that Meshal's family was suffering "tremendous hardship" and called for "immediate action" to obtain his release.

Meshal was among scores of people who were captured in Somalia as they fled toward Kenya in January after a U.S.-backed Ethiopian military offensive toppled a coalition of Islamic militias that had seized power last summer.

The FBI interviewed Meshal during his incarceration in Kenya, but it declined to charge him with any crime. Kenyan authorities then secretly returned him to Somalia on Feb. 10 from which he was then sent to Ethiopia.

While in Kenya, Meshal told interrogators that he had traveled to Somalia last year with another American Muslim to help the so-called Islamic Courts Council build an Islamic society, according to an account provided to McClatchy Newspapers.

His companion, Daniel Joseph Maldonado, who was also captured fleeing Somalia, pleaded guilty last week in a federal court in Texas to a charge of undergoing training with a foreign terrorist organization.

The Bush administration accused the Courts council of being an al-Qaida front and provided military, intelligence and political support for the Ethiopian offensive.

Meshal told interrogators that he'd briefly been in a training camp near Mogadishu, Somalia, where he believed there were al-Qaida members, but he denied undergoing training or being a fighter.

He told interrogators that while fleeing Somalia, he tried to fire a weapon at pursuing soldiers, but that it jammed and he was captured.

LOCAL/BSU

Equine-themed development awaits next hearing

The future of a proposed subdivision for horse enthusiasts remained uncertain Monday. An appeal of a proposed 226-home development that includes 118 horse stalls and an equestrian center on agricultural land near Lake Lowell has been continued until the end of May by the Board of Canyon County Commissioners. The hearing for Kastera Homes' proposed subdivision and Running Horse Equestrian Center will begin at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 30 at the Canyon County courthouse. Developers first applied for a conditional-use permit in 2006. The application was denied twice by the county Planning and Zoning Commission and was then appealed to county commissioners, who have already continued the hearing twice.

The project is opposed by neighbors in the area near Lake Lowell and the Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge, by refuge supporters and by a coalition of proactive county residents and groups who object to the housing density, the impact of additional traffic in the area and the loss of prime agricultural land. The groups are concerned that the proposed development is out of the county's area of impact and about 1.5 miles away from the refuge, which serves as a prime migratory bird flyway, according to Lyndell Jackson, a member of the Friends of Deer Flat Refuge and the Canyon County Alliance for Responsible Growth, proactive group serrated in February. "If given the green light, it will change things so drastically and so quickly for southwest Canyon County, we won't see any farmland left," Jackson said in a recent interview.

The alliance was formed to promote responsible and planned growth in the county that "honors and protects the current and future

economic and cultural value contributed to Canyon County by agricultural land and open space," according to the group's mission statement. Kastera proposes a major development on 160 acres of farmland at the northeast corner of Walker Lake Road and Marsing Road, 4 1/2 miles southwest of Caldwell. The project would include four integrated community neighborhoods with equestrian-themed names and an equestrian center that would be open seven days a week. The center would include barns, stables, arenas, riding trails, training center, riding school and trailer parking. Homes in the proposed subdivision would start at \$350,000, including the lot price.

In a letter to commissioners dated Sept. 9, 2006, developers appealed to the county commission, saying they wanted to create job growth in Canyon County through an \$83 million project that would benefit the county, employ 312 and generate \$12 million in agri-business sales over a three-year period. "Kastera Homes is committed to quality development in Canyon County, and we are determined to continue our quest for economic expansion and new jobs," wrote Wayne S. Forrey, spokesman for developers. While Planning and Zoning Commission staff applauded the developers for an innovative design, they pointed out that its approval would take prime agricultural land out of production and gave the project a neutral recommendation.

WHAT THE?

The plan is foolproof

A man bought 175 chameleons in Bangkok from a man who told them that they would change color to make themselves invisible against any background making it easy for him to smuggle them out of the country. The man was arrested the airport in Zagreb, Croatia, when a customs agent noticed to top of a bag he was carrying appeared to be moving.

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Scholarships awarded to two BSU chemistry students

BY JOSLYN SALOW
News Writer

The Berry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation has announced that two Boise State University undergraduate students have been named Goldwater Scholars.

Alina M. Schimpf and Lisa J. Young are among only four Idaho students selected this year to receive the prestigious award, which includes a scholarship to cover the cost of tuition, fees, books and room and board up to \$7,500.

Schimpf is a sophomore majoring in chemistry and math. She was awarded a 2006 Department of Chemistry summer research fellowship and a 2007 INBRE summer fellowship. She is 2004 graduate of Boise High School. She is vice president of the Chemistry Club, a former member of Boise State's track team and she teaches science classes at the Discovery Center of Idaho.

Young, a sophomore majoring in chemistry with a minor in environmental studies, received the Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award for the 2005-06 academic year. A 2005 Boise High School graduate, she is also a member of the Chemistry Club, a member

of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and in the Honors College.

Both Young and Schimpf received awards from the Chemistry Club to attend the American Chemical Society national meeting in Chicago during spring break, where Schimpf presented a paper.

Schimpf and Young are the second and third Boise State students to earn this honor. Amber M. Hibberd, also a chemistry major, was named a Goldwater Scholar in 2004. Hibbard, who graduated in 2006, is now working on a master's degree at Princeton University.

Young said the scholarship application process was intimidating.

"When applying for this scholarship I was obviously very excited about what it could offer me, but at the time I was under the impression that it would be almost impossible, to actually receive, as only one other BSU student had been awarded this honor in the past," Young said.

Young attributes part of her success to the help and encouragement she received from her professors and mentors. She says they were always there to listen and offer advice when she needed it.

"I would like to especially thank Dr. Susan Shadle and Dr. Don Warner for their awesome support during my time here in the

Chemistry Department at Boise State and their amazing ability to teach and inspire while really caring about the success of every one of their students," Young said.

According to Sharon McGuire, Vice President for Undergraduate Studies, the Goldwater Scholarship Awards recognize the outstanding students and research opportunities at BSU.

"Boise State is unique in the range of research opportunities available to undergraduate students. BSU students have real experiences to create knowledge, this award recognizes that," McGuire said.

McGuire explained that the application process for the scholarships consists of a nomination by faculty and completion of an application packet that includes transcripts, three letters of reference and an essay.

Goldwater Scholars are selected from a group of mathematics, science and engineering students nominated by the faculty on the basis of academic merit.

Nationally, 174 of the scholars are men, 143 are women, and virtually all intend to obtain a Ph.D. as their degree objective. Twenty-eight scholars are mathematics majors, 223 are science and related majors, 54 are engineering majors and 12 are computer science majors. Many

have dual majors in a variety of mathematics, science, engineering and computer disciplines.

According to Gerald J. Smith, President of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, scholars are selected based solely on academic merit from an annual total of about 1,100 nominees from institutions nationwide.

"In addition to the monetary awards, the scholarship is a major stepping stone to most prestigious graduate study fellowships at the finest schools in the USA and overseas," Smith said.

Smith commented on the origination of the Goldwater Scholarship Foundation.

"The Goldwater Scholarship Foundation was established in an effort to alleviate a critical shortage of highly qualified current and future scientists in the United States," Smith said.

The Goldwater Foundation is a federally-endowed agency established in 1986 to honor Sen. Barry M. Goldwater.

The Goldwater Scholarship is the premier undergraduate award of its type in these fields. Recent Goldwater Scholars have been awarded 69 Rhodes Scholarships, 86 Marshall Awards and numerous other distinguished fellowships.

Kustra expounds on scholarship program importance

Compiled by Arbitr Staff

Scholarships are often the lifeblood of a student's education and help make dreams come true, Boise State President Bob Kustra said in his monthly letter this April.

Kustra said more than 100 Idaho resident students recently received opportunities to attend Boise State once they graduate from high school because of two scholarship programs. A prestigious scholarship program also rewarded two current BSU students for their academic performance at the university.

"Scholarships have long been a staple of universities, providing recognition and assistance for students to pursue their academic dreams," Kustra said.

According to Kustra, the Boise State Capital Scholars program presented 71 Idaho high school juniors with \$1,000 renewable scholarships for matriculation to the university.

"All Idaho high school juniors who scored in the top 10 percent of the ACT, SAT or PSAT and ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class were recognized as Boise State Capital Scholars," Kustra said.

According to Kustra, 170 students have received scholarships since the program's establishment.

With proceeds from the Boise

State Bookstore, the Capital Scholars program continues to grow with increasing participation rates among Idaho's high school juniors. Kustra said the second program for new students is the Presidential Civic Leadership Scholarship program.

"Thanks to the appearance of the Bronco football team in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, funding for the program was made available for first-year, in-state students entering Boise State in Fall 2007. Boise State is making an annual investment of \$116,400 for the Presidential Civic Leadership Scholarship program," Kustra said.

Kustra said the Presidential Civic Leadership Scholarship is offering 30 renewable scholarships annually ranging from \$3,000 to \$5,200 based on academics and civic involvement. Applications for Boise State's Presidential Civic Leadership Scholarships must include an academic transcript, two recommendations, a 600-1,200-word essay, and a portfolio outlining the applicant's resume of civic engagement experience. The deadline is May 11.

"We are excited to create a scholarship program that recognizes and encourages civic responsibility and prepares our students to become Idaho's future leaders in business, science, education and all walks of life," Kustra said.

BSU chemistry majors and Boise natives Alina M. Schimpf and Lisa J. Young are among only four Idaho students selected this year as Goldwater Scholars, Kustra said. The students received the prestigious honor from the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, which awarded them a scholarship to cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to \$7,500.

"Goldwater Scholars are selected from a field of mathematics, science and engineering students nominated by the faculty on the basis of academic merit," Kustra said. "The Goldwater Scholarship is the premier undergraduate award of its type in these fields."

Kustra said scholarship programs are designed to help keep the best and brightest in Idaho and part of the campus as it becomes a metropolitan research university of distinction.

"It is vitally important that we work to ensure that young scholars such as Schimpf and Young, and the outstanding newcomers who will take advantage of the Boise State Capital Scholars and Presidential Civic Leadership Scholarship programs, do not bypass Boise State because of insufficient scholarship opportunities," Kustra said.

According to Kustra, Boise State established a memorial scholarship in honor of Brad Morse, a senior majoring in computer science who was found shot to death earlier this month on the grounds of the Idaho Parks and Recreation Department where he worked as a part-time custodian.

"The scholarship will be offered to an undergraduate student majoring in computer science. Boise State will also be awarding a bachelor of science degree posthumously to Morse at its commencement ceremony May 12 at Taco Bell

Arena," Kustra said.

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A Denver, In general, regarding bicycles, if you are on the street you must obey the same rules as cars. There are no special rules on the street around campus except for the rules of the road. Make sure you ride with traffic, not against it. If you are riding on the sidewalk, you must obey the same pedestrian rules that people walking do. For safety reasons if you are on the sidewalk, slow down to watch for cars leaving driveways and people walking out. Also ride in the same direction as traffic is flowing so cars leaving driveways will see you coming. Additionally, when riding at night you are required to have a headlight and at least a reflector to the rear. Please refer to www.cityofboise.org (city code link) for codes regulating bicycles (specifically, sections 10-14 Boise City Code).

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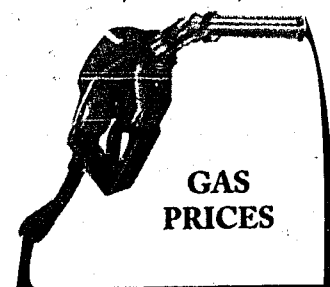
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MySpace tests out news business

BY NATHAN THOMAS
BizTech Writer

MySpace, the market leader in Internet social networking, recently introduced a news service on its popular site. MySpace hopes the new feature will be another incentive to keep members browsing.

The service, called MySpace News, gathers news articles from thousands of Internet sources. The articles are then sorted into news categories such as auto, fashion, music, gossip, headline news and television. The publishing date and a short preview of the piece follow the headline of the article. MySpace members may then click on the article to read it in its entirety. News publishers, however, may ask to have their news feed removed.

Like Google News, the articles on MySpace get more front-page exposure if its members deem it popular. MySpace members rate the articles they like or dislike. The articles are scored on a five-point scale from "useless" to "must read." This gives the users the ability to decide

MySpace's displayed news.

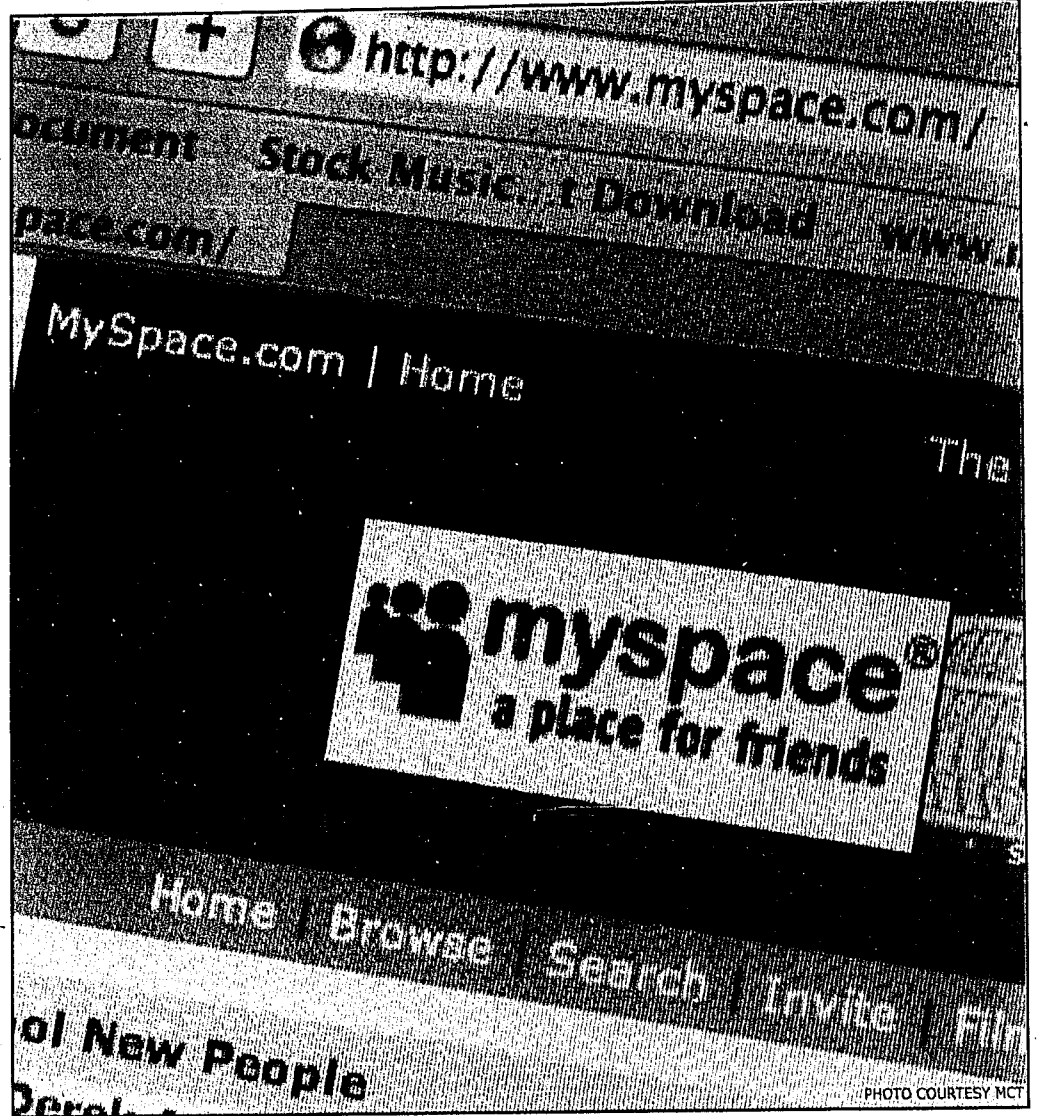
"MySpace News is designed to let users decide what's most relevant to them," MySpace President Tom Anderson said. "We're putting it to the community to be the editorial engine driving our news service."

The service is an attempt to keep members on its site longer. According to ComScore Network's March statistics, the site has 100 million unique visitors. ComScore Network reports that the typical American MySpace user spends 10 minutes per visit about 19 times a month.

According to Alexa.com, MySpace is the fifth most popular site on the Internet. The site has at least 5,500 members who are Boise State students or alumni. There are thousands of non-student members in the Boise area as well.

Most of those users will likely overlook MySpace News. The service can be difficult for members to find. This may be intentional, since the new feature is still in beta (testing) mode. Members can see it directly by going to <http://news.myspace.com>.

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The popular Website, MySpace.com, is venturing into the world of news, reaching audiences which may not get news elsewhere.

The Mac and PC are coming to a big screen near you

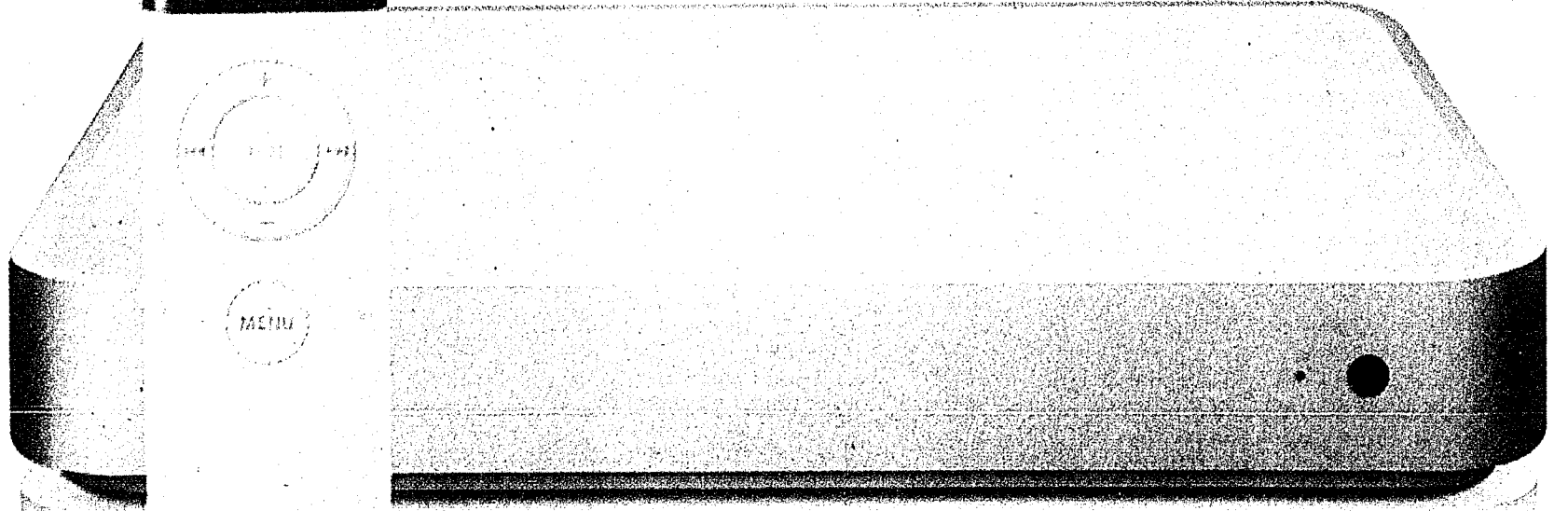


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This is an example of the new Apple TV, you can connect it to your television set and reap the benefits of digital technology.

BY CRAIG CROSSMAN
McClatchy-Tribune

Apple wants you to see its Macintosh as the control center of all your media or to use the phrase of its CEO, the "Digital Hub" of everything you see and hear. Put all your music, videos and pictures you've taken on your computer for easy viewing.

Take all of the DVD movies in your library, and play those TV shows you've downloaded and watch them all on the computer's screen. Display and play all of it on the computer. That's Apple's vision. But just a moment please.

My PC only has a 19-inch screen and the speakers are adequate for day to day computer functions, and even my Mac's 30-inch display

hardly compares to my 50-inch plasma screen that has an incredible Dolby Digital Surround Sound speaker setup over there in the den. And besides, the computer is way over on the other side of the house in that little room I call my home office. Also, sitting at my computer's desk is certainly tolerable for while I'm working but it certainly doesn't begin to compare with my recliner or the sectional I have in the TV room.

OK so if I could somehow get all of my computer's content to be displayed and played on my big screen TV system that's in that way over there other part of my house, then maybe Apple would be onto something. Then again, I would think my wife would have something to say about all those wires I'd have to

string between the computer room and the TV setup. But don't worry about all of that because Apple's got you covered with something new, they call it Apple TV and it's about time they came up with something like this.

The Apple TV has a slightly larger footprint (7.7 by 7.7 inches) as the Mac Mini (6.5 by 6.5 inches) but it's only 1.1 inches tall. Included in the box is the same 6-button Apple Remote control that you find with the iMac.

All the necessary software is on the Apple TV's built-in 40-gigabyte hard drive, which can store up to 50 hours of video, 9,000 songs and 25,000 photos. You connect the Apple TV to your TV set using component or DVI video cables or ideally, an HDMI cable, which

comes in real handy if your TV is High Definition.

Once connected, your Mac or Windows PC needs a WiFi connection. Content is almost immediately displayed thanks to the built-in hard drive. Even with the slower 802.11b, you'll be amazed how fast the media content appears on the TV. Of course, having the faster 802.11n draft really let's things move along nicely with its larger, virtual pipe.

You navigate the Apple TV in much the same way as you navigate via Apple's Front Row interface that's found on the iMac. But in this case, everything is centralized via iTunes. If you can play it on iTunes, you can now play it on your mega TV system in the other room and you can do it without wires. However,

Apple does provide the Apple TV with a high-speed Ethernet connection just in case. But however you choose to make the connection between your computer and the Apple TV, you'll be pleased with the smooth playing results.

Apple TV does a good job in letting you play and display your computer's content on hardware that was designed to play it. Let's face it. Even with a 30-inch screen on your computer, it's still more than likely no match for your entertainment setup.

The Apple TV is a really great way for you to take your digital content and present it in the best possible manner. Now, where's the popcorn? \$299. Available at Apple stores and on the Apple website at www.apple.com.

The way we see it ...

Looking beyond Imus: dealing with gender and ethnic disparity in America

Don Imus' comments on his morning talk show April 4 were wrong and in poor taste.

The shock jock, who has done his CBS show for more than 30 years, attacked the Rutgers women's basketball team, referring to them as "nappy-headed hos." MSNBC does a simulcast of the radio show and airs it live on television. Footage of the comments made it to UTube and suddenly people all over America could see, over and over again, Imus making a fool of himself yet again. The public thought Imus had gone too far.

A media storm ensued. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton jumped on the wagon and, under pressure from advertisers, the media and the public Imus was fired.

Now, in a post-Imus world, the dialogue of oppression this incident brought up has been swept under the carpet. The media is on to other, seemingly more important issues such as what Paris Hilton is up to or how Brittany Spears is doing after rehab. Jackson and Sharpton have had their face time in the spotlight. Do they really think they have won anything for the women and minority movements? They were successful in getting an overpaid (around \$10 million per year) and aging shock jock fired who was on his way out anyway.

A study done by the American Association of University Women Educational Foundation found that one year after achieving a college degree, women make only 80 percent of the salary that men do. After 10 years, the number drops to 69 percent. In a presentation to the Williams Chair in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at the Moritz College of Law in Ohio, John A. Powell reported that in 2002 the "typical" black family earned only 58 percent as much money as a "typical" white family.

Powell also told the board that black infants are two-and-a-half-times as likely as white infants to die before age one. At our current rate, it would take until 2152 to close the black-white poverty gap. It would also take 1,664 years to close the homeownership gap that is 55 generations long, Powell said.

Having presented this devastating information, why then is a comment made by Don Imus front-page news for so long? Jackson, Sharpton - why don't you focus on these problems and bring them to the forefront of the media?

The real oppression of women and minorities in this country is made up of not just isolated events the media focuses on for a brief time. There is a big picture evolving here that will not be fixed if we go along in this same fashion.

We are made to focus on these tiny issues while all the other, bigger issues that affect the whole country are cleanly swept under the carpet. If the media harped on the travesties such as those previously mentioned as much as they did on Imus, perhaps we could come up with a real victory for women and minorities.

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 Sheree Whiteley, lead copy editor.

Tragedy at Virginia Tech:

Too much isolation and not enough compassion

BY MICHAEL J. MCLASKEY
Opinion Writer

Americans are dangerous people, whether born-and-raised or legal residents, as the tragedy last week at Virginia Tech reminded us. The mass murder of 32 innocents is unconscionable, and I feel terrible that one of our ever-present maladies has once again asserted itself in the form of a school shooting.

This incident has informed me that there's something amiss in our culture, simultaneously so detached from violence, and at the same time, intrinsically linked to it because of our biology.

Some may say it was rage, revenge, maybe Marilyn Manson or Eminem's fault again, or violence in the media. Others contend the fault lies within the social environment of the classroom, but since the University of Texas shooting in 1966, where a sniper in the campus tower killed 16 people, there hasn't been a college campus massacre, unless you count what the National Guard did at Kent State oh so long ago.

More killings have happened in high schools than on college campuses. It appears our rampaging lunatic was an English major, whose writings were dark and violent.

According to his roommate, he was acting normal, with "a blank face." It didn't seem significant to him that Seung-Hui Cho's face was blank, but to me it only highlights just how disconnected we are from the social repercussions of violence, even while about to commit mass murder. Judging from his choice of weapons and body count, this was methodical. He had to reload and planned the slaughter in advance.

It seems that a man and woman from his high school were his first two targets. After that, the campus was silent for about two hours. After killing his primary targets, he still planned his exit strategy.

Not leaving a note is significant. As a writer myself, I like to communicate with the outside world, even if sometimes I act awkwardly within it. People say he was a silent loner, but the fact that he wrote stories expressed a desire to communicate. It is a tragedy that he managed to blend his fiction into reality.

What is it in our culture that is inexorably drawn to and simultaneously detached from violence?

This question rang in my head last night after I finished playing Postal 2, a computer game made by "Running With Scissors" where you run errands for your nagging wife and kill everyone who is also trying to kill you, from butchers to rednecks to jihadists to animal rights activists to police officers. When everyone is out to get you, killing them all is a good justification, in a video game.

This last week reminds us all that fantasy escapism is not always therapeutic, and in the minds of some, a dangerous hobby.

I remember a time I sat on the outside lines like our tragic killer and I watched everyone my age enjoy themselves and not get picked on, and I envisioned my revenge: burying a knife in one bully's back, and strangling another schoolmate with a hose used to water our field. These were fantasies, though; they enabled me to fall asleep without giving up on life instead.

How did he go from violent fantasy to actually doing the forbidden? Lone

“ Our society needs to prevent tragedies like the one last week with a stronger sense of community, and a better understanding of compassion. ”

wolves are dangerous. They either need to be killed or caged, if we're talking about real wolves. In American society, they're left alone to fend for themselves, and we've seen more examples than I can count of how that unstated public policy has gone awry.

We're disconnected, and yet desire intimacy. We want to be understood and loved, but need our privacy. We live in the same house and call each other on cell phones or send each other an instant message instead of walking downstairs to engage with each other.

We're a poor culture of compassion. Seung-Hui Cho's behavior raised a few red flags before this deadly incident, but nothing substantial enough to cause one to believe he was a danger to himself and others.

That's the problem with our society; lone wolves are left alone until they bite someone, when all Cho really needed was a sense of community.

The last question I want to leave is

this: why are industrialized nations the only ones to have killers of this magnitude? Is it because of the independence that capitalistic culture provides us? We don't need our families if we have our apartments. Funny thing about the etymology of "apartment," it sounds like and resembles a compartment in a cupboard, but the most fascinating aspect of apartments is that they are "apart," yet stacked 40 thick in a concrete building stronger than skin and bones.

Our society needs to prevent tragedies like the one last week with a stronger sense of community and a better understanding of compassion.

If people like Cho aren't left to their own devices, and are instead brought into the fold, I believe tragedies like these will lessen.

To quote some other dead guy, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," this is the greatest commandment, and the greatest challenge that we face.

Is tipping out of control?

BY TROY SAWYER
Arbiter Staff

There was a time in America, not long ago, when tipping was pretty cut and dry. For the most part it was limited to waiters and waitresses in restaurants that provided exceptional service. It was not mandatory, and was in fact considered a bonus for going the extra mile.

Just a couple of decades ago 10 percent of the bill was considered the norm. In the last decade it has changed to 15 percent and it is now making its way to 20.

It is based on very basic principles. Was the service exceptional?

Was the server friendly?

Did the server recommend an item on the menu to try or to avoid?

Was the food good?

Did my drink get refilled before I had to use my waiter whistle?

If you are wondering what the waiter whistle is it's quite simple. When your drink gets to the bottom and there is nothing left but ice, suck on the straw real hard and it will make a loud, gurgling noise.

Try it and watch your server come running. And if you have to use it more than once, does that mean the tip should be significantly diminished?

But it seems the last couple of decades this tipping tradition has spread into many industries and seeped even further into the food industry.

How many times have you felt the need to tip a driver or a valet, how about a concierge, a doorman or even a bartender? Sure if you tip a bartender he might stiffen up your drink a bit, but what if you are drinking beer or wine? There is no way to pour a stiff glass of Budweiser, which means if I tip him \$1 for every all-ready-overpriced glass of beer I drink he could make an extra \$7 or \$8 off of me for just handing me a bottle or can over a counter.

There are tip jars at the counter of most coffee places. Seems strange to me, but I realize there are many ways to make a fancy cup of coffee these days. If you find someone that makes it the way you like it, maybe you want to reward this person. But what if, like me, you just want a plain old cup of joe?

It seems these tip jars are popping up everywhere. Have you been to an ice cream parlor lately? It's more than likely that you'll see a tip jar with a note that states something along the lines of "Help put me through college, please tip." So now I am not only responsible for putting myself through

college but also the girl that scoops ice cream for a living as well. And it doesn't end there. One of my favorite local fast-food burger joints now has a tip jar at the drive-thru window. That's right, outside the drive-thru window. Now I am supposed to tip you for handing me a bag of food through a window.

What in the name of Ronald McDonald is going on here?

Fast food is supposed to be the one place you don't have to tip, let alone at the drive-thru.

But the final insult was last week when I went to one of those fine take-and-bake pizza restaurants.

When I arrived at the register for my turn to order I noticed yet another tip jar. This one came adorned with a full-page guilt-trip titled "10 Reasons to Tip." I found it as welcome as a sneeze at a buffet line. So what am I tipping for again? Sometimes I feel like I am back in Tijuana where everyone has a hand out asking for your last dollar. This is America, we have very low unemployment right now and our middle class life is still high compared to other countries. So why don't we pay our employees enough that they don't have to ask for a hand out?

This is a two-way road. College students are on a very limited bud-

get. We simply cannot afford to tip every single person in the service industry. However, who is it that is working many of these service industry jobs? College students and high school students make up a large percentage.

The real culprit here is not the employees asking for these tips, and I am not suggesting we stop tipping all together. In fact I have been known to be quite a generous tipper when I felt it was earned. The real problem is with the owners of these places that do not pay enough to the employees to make a living without the tips.

I can feel for the small business owner. It is tough to own a small business and pay a decent wage. But that is not true of the corporations that are taking over every strip mall in America with another Starbucks or Papa Murphy's.

These corporations are huge and very profitable. It's time they start paying employees decent wages so we don't have to give huge tips for buying a cup of coffee. So call them or better yet write them a letter and tell them we have had enough.

If enough people refuse to tip for such services as handing a bag out of a window, they will have to step up and pay the employees what they deserve. That's my tip.

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CULTURE

Alternative Spring Break



20/20 may not be perfect vision after all

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They say that hindsight is 20/20. I've recently come to see how true this is, and this realization has made me wish that I would have had glasses sooner, so maybe I would have had better vision in the past.

There are a number of reasons that I wish I could have seen things for what they actually were at the time.

I could have avoided years of social awkwardness if I'd realized how immature middle-school children are and skipped my overalls days if I could have seen how ridiculous they actually look.

The hideous pictures that I hide away of my no-style, 80-pound, just-got-glasses social outcast days wouldn't exist if I could have seen how I really was.

In high school, I could have avoided awful prom dates and a closet filled with nothing but the same Abercrombie and Fitch T-shirts and denim minis that everyone else had.

Last semester, I would have read more of the materials for my Sociology class if I'd known that they would make up about 90 percent of the final exam.

If I could have seen how ridiculous and often times miserable my first "real" relationship was, I could have cut it a lot shorter.

If it had been more apparent to me which girls would stab me in the back, I could have selected my friends more carefully and saved a lot of time.

Would-a, could-a, should-a.

Or maybe not. Perhaps not being able to see people, times, things or outfits in our lives for what they really are is what makes life so interesting. If we could have not just our hindsight be 20/20, but our present sight as well, would we want to?

I finally decided to clean out my Myspace inbox after more than a year's worth of messages had been built up.

I ended up spending half an hour deleting more than 100 pages of messages (I initially fell into the avid-new-Myspacer trap), and I found it quite humorous to look back and see how my life had changed in little more than 365 days.

There were messages from my roommate talking about us moving out for the first time, countless flirtatious messages from random Myspace creepballs, recounts of fun nights and hellos from then-boyfriends with "xoxo" headlines.

After my inbox cleanout, I started to wonder: If Brittany and I would have known that our first apartment would be a dump and we'd end up in an all-out battle at the end of our lease, would we still have been so excited to move out?

If I would have known that there were so many creepy people on the Internet that send random messages to every girl out there, would I have been so flattered?

If I had known that my fun nights would result in awful mornings and beyond-embarrassing pictures, would I still have gone?

And if I would have known that a few months down the line I would realize how bad of a fit the people I was dating would be for me, would I have wasted my time?

Yes. If we didn't make mistakes we wouldn't be able to look back and laugh, cry or realize how far we've come.

It's our blind enjoyment of today that makes looking at the past with 20/20 vision so interesting.

Our inability to really see how today looks gives us something to review tomorrow.



As part of the 4th Annual Alternative Spring Break Trip, BSU students traveled to Window Rock, Ariz., the capital of the Navajo Nation. The annual trip gives students an opportunity to see new places and help various communities.

BY BRETT BERNING
Special to The Arbiter

Looking down on the Valley of the Gods we are amazed at the beauty below. The brilliant colors of the red dirt and blue sky fill our eyes with wonder and excitement.

We begin our descent down a narrow, snake-like road that will take us through this majestic canyon, and continue the long drive to our final destination - Window Rock, Ariz., the capitol of the Navajo Nation.

This is the 4th Annual Spring Break Alternative Trip that 18 Boise State students, and one faculty member, will never forget.

The SBA Trip serves as an opportunity for students to travel out of state and volunteer their services to a different community. We

began our efforts last September in preparation for this expedition by fundraising, researching and learning about the Navajo culture. The Navajo, or as they call themselves the Diné, are the largest Native American nation in North America. They are a vibrant culture with a rich, complex history; woven into their identity is the importance of people, animals and land. They are a collectivistic society that has always welcomed and brought new people, ideas and elements into their culture; and we were no exception.

We began our service work at St. Michaels Association for Special Education completing various indoor and outdoor projects such as: painting, gardening and assisting in the adult care program. This is an important organization that always can use an extra hand.

Our two full days of project work helped facilitate a cleaner, safer and more accessible campus environment for the staff and clients.

The next two days we began our service work at the Boys and Girls Club of Fort Defiance.

The welcome was heartfelt, sincere and began the night before when the director, Jay-R Stewart, joined us for dinner and spoke to us about his culture. At the club we led many activities and provided non-stop games and entertainment to the high-energy youth.

We quickly formed strong bonds with the children and staff during the short time we were there.

At the close of our week, we were invited to Jay-R's home for a traditional Navajo cookout where we feasted on delicious cuisine of mutton stew, blue corn mush and fry bread.

Throughout the week we had the opportunity to meet some exceptional Diné people and found ourselves astonished by each encounter.

We toured the Office of the President. We met Dr. Joe Shirley, president of the Navajo Nation. He spoke to us about the importance of maintaining their culture and language, improving the economy and being recognized as a sovereign nation. He emphasized this last point and urged us to convey this message throughout our community and sphere of influence.

One of the many things we learned is that the influence of the mainstream ideology has penetrated into their culture and brought with it a threat to their language, heritage and collectivism.

This oppressive influence has led

to many tragedies within the Navajo Nation, such as alcoholism, suicide and the perpetuity of poverty.

In the book, "Diné: A History of the Navajos," it states that, "Each generation knows uncertainty and experiences challenge, yet each realizes it must do its part to make sure that the Diné continue."

Let us do our part and advocate for the Diné. We invite you to join us Thursday, May 3, at 1 p.m. in the Lookout Room of the Student Union Building for a video presentation to learn more about our trip and experiences.

Thanks to all our sponsors and friends who helped make this trip a reality. Special thanks to the Volunteer Services Board and the Social Work Department.

For more information please contact Brett Berning, SBA Trip Coordinator, at 426-4240.

'Aqua Teen Hunger Force' cracks it up

BY MATTHEW BOYLE
Culture Writer

The outrageously funny film, "Aqua Teen Hunger Force Colon Movie Film for Theaters" certainly deserves its "R" rating.

Crude comedy, along with some grotesquely disgusting (yet still hilarious) scenes dominate the film. The main characters of the animated comedy include Meatwad, a clump of ground beef; Frylock, a flying, super-powered cartoon of French fries; and Master

Shake, a fast-food shake. Meatwad, Frylock and Master Shake discover an evil, powerful exercise machine.

The robot ghost of Christmas past, along with two German, heavily-accented Plutonians (from the planet Pluto) come upon the machine and compete with Meatwad, Frylock and Shake for control of it.

Carl, the twisted trio's unfortunate neighbor, gets trapped in the evil exercise machine, changing him instantly from an overweight slob to an unbelievably super, muscle-built, body-builder.

Frylock, by far the smartest of the trio, tries to organize Meatwad and Shake to stop the destruction of the world by the exercise machine.

By that point, however, the machine begins laying eggs and multiplying. Ignignokt and Err, two characters absurdly similar to 1980's video game villains, enter the plot shortly after, providing more bizarre humor for viewers.

Although some of these characters have no purpose whatsoever in the propulsion of the plot, each of them has their purpose for giving

the viewer ludicrous amounts of laughs throughout the film.

The film derives its ridiculousness from the hugely-successful 15-minute television show series "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" on Cartoon Network.

The majority of the fan base for the new film most likely will come from the twisted folks who already regularly watch the television show, usually on late at night. Some of the stuff the guys who made the show develop cannot be understood by the average mind.

Humor with a somewhat-similar style of can be found in Comedy Central's "South Park." Both contain the off-the-wall, outside-the-box and even sometimes deranged humor that makes "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" unique.

Maybe it's the absurdity that draws in the crowd, or maybe it's the crudeness of humor used by writer/directors Matt Maiellaro and Dave Willis.

Whatever it is, something certainly is making this movie and television series successful.

Mat Kearney's music bridges musical barriers

BY JOHN J. MOSER
The Morning Call

Singer Mat Kearney crosses a lot of barriers with his music, but he prefers to be known for bridging them, not breaking them.

For example, his debut disc "Nothing Left to Lose," which hit No. 2 on Billboard's Heat-seekers chart last year, is mostly mellow singer-songwriter material.

But in some songs, words spill forth in rap cadence. But Kearney calls it "spoken word," and says it's actually a bridge between history and hip-hop.

"I mean, rap to use that word seems like it brings up a connotation of something like Eminem or something, which is totally not what I do," he says during a phone interview from a stop on the tour, in which he is opening

what I did before I wrote music. I was (also) listening to old-school hip-hop music ... guys that had something to say. And so I was bridging the gap of, like, Faulkner and Flannery O'Connor and A Tribe Called Quest."

Although Kearney, 28, is a Christian who started out by licensing his first record to Christian label Inpop before signing with Columbia/A&W, he feels more comfortable on a secular label, thank you.

"I never wanted to be on an exclusively Christian label," he says. "I think a Christian can take example from Jesus, who hung out with prostitutes and people like that. So I think I'm where I'm supposed to be and where God's put me is in the midst of people that struggle with real problems and are trying to figure out why they're here and what they want to do with their lives."

"It's all about bridging the gap between the secular and the Christian," he says. "You know, you're big time now."

band, or was Johnny Cash a Christian country singer? I don't know, but they're pretty open about their faith."

Kearney's amalgamation apparently has worked. His disc's title track was a bona fide hit, and several other songs have been on television shows "Grey's Anatomy," "One Tree Hill," "Friday Night Lights" and others.

"It's just funny how different media get to different people," says Kearney, who is heading VH1's You Oughta Know Tour.

"For my father, he didn't know what Grey's Anatomy was. He didn't know who John Mayer was. But when I showed up on the 'Law & Order' TNT promo spot, he thought, 'Wow, my son has made it,'" he says, laughing.

"I could have played Conan and Leno, but to my friends' wives, it didn't mean anything until I was on 'Grey's Anatomy.' Then they were like, 'Whoa, you're big time now.'"





What's coming to the movies

BY FRANCY MARCOTTE
Assistant Culture Editor

The Condemned

Joe Conrad (Stone Cold Steve Austin), a death row inmate in a Central American prison, gets picked by a television producer to star in a new reality show on a remote island.

There, Conrad finds he must win his freedom by fighting and killing nine other convicted murderers. The producer, meanwhile, plans to make a profit off the massacre by filming and airing it online.

Kickin' It Old Skool

Talented breakdancer Justin Schumacher played by Jamie Kennedy ("Scream") hits his head while performing in a talent show and falls into a 20-year coma. When he finally awakens in the 21st century, he reconnects with his former dance team and tries to get them to their previous glory. Former "Entertainment Tonight" Correspondent Maria Menounos also stars as Schumacher's girlfriend.

The Invisible

Nick (Justin Chatwin, "War of the Worlds"), a high school student known for being perfect is unexpectedly attacked and left for dead one night.

The next day, he continues with his normal routine as if nothing happened, but realizes no one can see him. After his attack, he became trapped in limbo, invisible to all living people.

He then finds the only way to fully live again is to solve his own murder in a small amount of time.

Next

Nicolas Cage plays Cris Johnson, a Las Vegas magician whose real talent is his ability to see into the future. After undergoing several examinations, Johnson wants to keep his ability out of public eye.

However, when a terrorist group threatens to set off a nuclear device in Los Angeles, Callie Ferris, a government agent played by Julianne Moore, convinces him to use his psychic power against the threat. Along with Cage and Moore, "Next" also features Jessica Biel.

On the indie scene

Iraq in Fragments

Directed by James Longley, the documentary "Iraq in Fragments" tells stories from different Iraqi points of view: a young Sunni boy, a Shiite cleric in his 30s and farmers from the Kurdistan region.

The film won awards at the 2006 Sundance Film Festival for directing, cinematography and editing.

Alcohol can be a social hazard

BY MAT LA RUE
Culture Writer

As college students end their week of battle, waging the endless war in the pursuit for knowledge, the weekend arrives and the need for social interaction comes with it.

As you may already know, an accepted social lubricant which leads to less tension and promotes conversation amongst peers comes in bottles which cartoons portray with Xs - alcohol.

And we all know about its ability to somewhat warp the social playing field.

Now, don't begin to think that I'm going to discredit alcohol and its uses.

In small amounts alcohol can improve and promote intelligent thought.

It helps to calm our nerves and allow for a brief window of time, during which people become more casual.

Most people even consider themselves to be more attractive and possibly even sexier after a few drinks.

However, the extent of one's loss of inhibitions while drinking can result in some rather unfortunate results.

In the case of this article I am particularly speaking of people who become self-occupied know-it-alls and the flirts who praise their self-constructed attractiveness.

While drinking, many individuals contract a know-it-all persona.

This kind of drinker can be expected to attempt to inform you that they are an undisputed expert on a certain field, the reigning intellectual from a certain town, or the superior connoisseur of something like dark beer, wine or miniature books.

Generally speaking, these people praise their lofty opinions, will

not stop talking about said opinions and before you can get out three words in rebuttal they have already interrupted you, firmly believing that they are ultimately right and no matter what you say you will be wrong.

It is at this point in the conversation that you have hopefully already planted one foot in a different direction and are ready to walk away.

You let them falsely believe that they know everything.

Next is the account of the flirt, who has undoubtedly let the alcohol get to his/her head and promote his/her ego.

They arrive in a self-constructed persona where they have come to believe that they are the sexiest person there.

Now, this isn't all bad, there's nothing wrong with being sure of yourself.

However, most intelligent people (particularly sober ones) will find the flirt's antics rather tire-

some and potentially repulsive.

They seek to inform you and everyone else about how great they are, how they have the perfect style and how they are superior to everyone else who may be trying to take you home with them.

This becomes particularly disengaging when you have just watched them or heard them tell their story to someone else, then to you and then on to the next person in their path while you raise your eyebrow and chuckle to yourself about this person's sexual ego.

So next time you're out on the town or at a party where drinking is prevalent, you may want to take into account the cons of drinking.

Drinking will have both the downside of promoting people's belief that they are "all that" as well as allowing them to try and con you with their current boozed-up know-it-all or flirty persona.

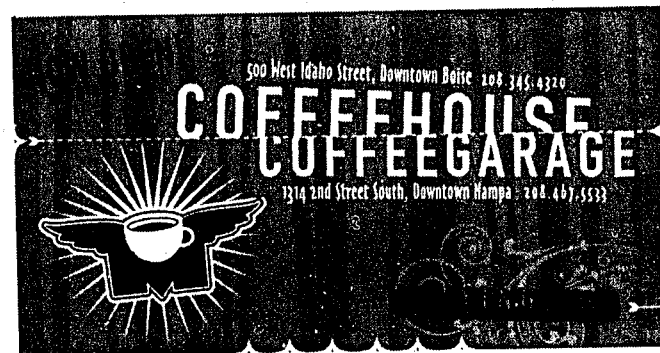
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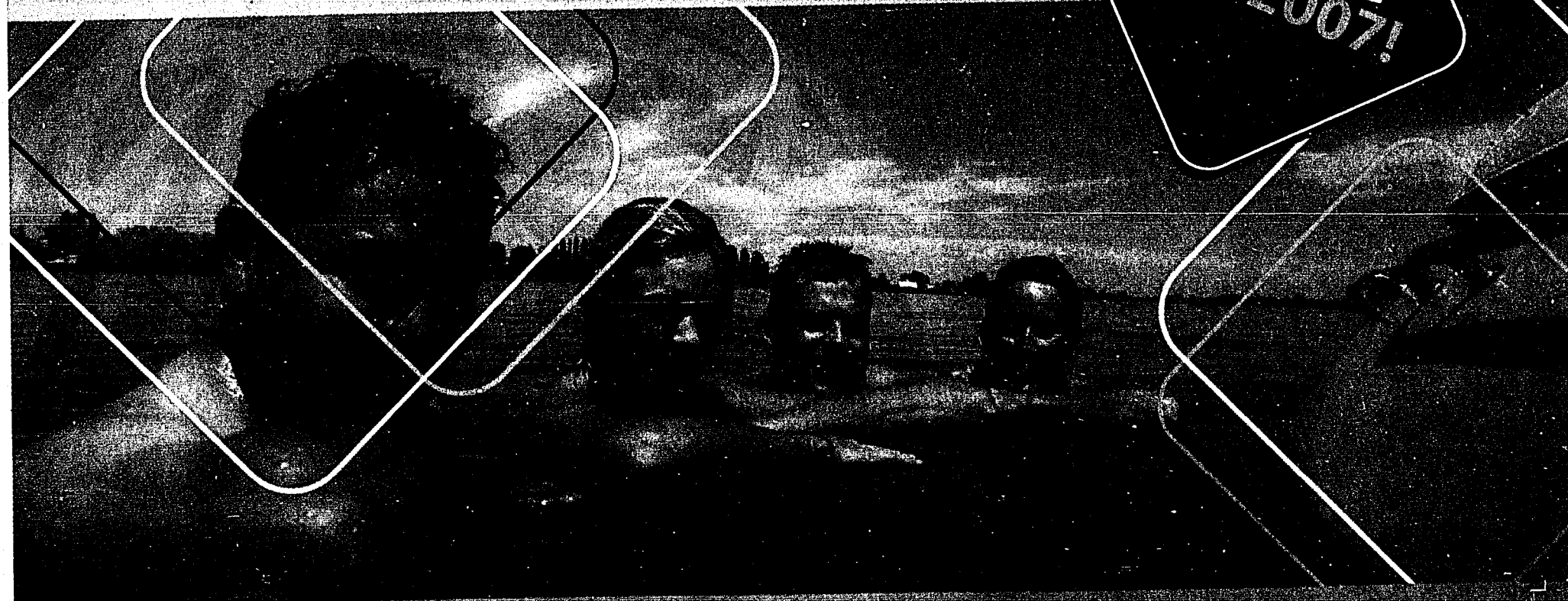
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BSU signs recruit

Boise State University gymnastics Head Coach Sam Sandmire announced the signing of Kelsey Lang to a National Letter of Intent, Tuesday.

Lang, a native of Langley, B.C., was a silver medalist on beam at the 2007 Canada Winter Games. This year she also earned the beam choreography award and the outstanding vault award en route to recording the provincial championship in the all-around.

Competing in the all-around in 2006, Lang finished second at the provincial championships and 11th at the Canadian National Championships. She currently trains for head coach David Kenwright at the Calgary Gymnastics Centre in Calgary, Alberta and will compete in the 2007 Canadian National Championships at the end of May.

Eldred wins bronze

On Friday and Saturday, April 20-21, 2007, the USA Judo Senior National Championships was held at the Pharmed Arena on the campus of Florida International University in Miami, Florida.

Competing in the Male 73 kg category and representing the State of Idaho and Western Idaho Judo Institute, Michael Eldred looked to repeat his gold medal performance in this same venue from a month ago, when he won the National Collegiate Judo Championship.

Despite a tremendous performance, Eldred came one match short and earned the bronze medal. The major casualties along his road to the bronze included: #2 rated Bobby Lee of Florida; and 2-time Pan American Champion, Chuck Jefferson of California. Eldred demolished Jefferson with a beautifully timed kuchikitaoshi (leg pick) for an ippon (full-point) win. With this bronze medal finish, Michael retains his rating as the #3 athlete at 73 kgs.

WAC reprimands Fox

Tuesday, Western Athletic Conference Commissioner Karl Benson issued University of Nevada men's basketball coach Mark Fox a reprimand for two separate incidents that violated the sportsmanship provision of the WAC's Code of Conduct.

The first incident occurred during a game against Utah State on March 1, 2007. The second incident occurred March 9, 2007 following Nevada's loss to Utah State in the semifinals of the WAC Tournament in Las Cruces, NM.

Fox also issued a public apology. "I take full responsibility for my actions that resulted in this and apologize to all those involved," Fox said. "I have renewed my commitment to adhere to the WAC's sportsmanship policies in the future."

"A public reprimand is just pretty much what it says," WAC Commissioner Dave Chaffin told the Associated Press from WAC headquarters in Denver. "It's not really penalizing. It would go in the file and next time something like this happens, more stringent penalties could occur."

Dilaj earns Player of the Week Award

Piotr Dilaj has been named Western Athletic Conference Men's Tennis Player of the Week for the week of Apr. 16-22.

Dilaj, a junior for Gdansk, Poland, won two singles matches and one double match for No. 23 Boise State as the Broncos went 2-0 against Eastern Washington and UC Irvine, Saturday, Apr. 21, at the Appleton Tennis Center.

Dilaj went 2-0 at the No. 2 position as he earned his second and third victories of the season at No. 2 singles. Dilaj opened with a three-set battle against EWU's Kyle Schraeder prevailing 6-2, 5-7 and 7-5. Dilaj came from behind against Victor Lamm of UC Irvine for the win 2-6, 6-3 and 6-2.

In doubles Dilaj and Luke Shields, ranked No. 56 nationally, dominated EWU's Jonathan Davis and Patrick Millican at No. 1 doubles 8-1.

Track and Field seniors finish historic run

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

What comes to mind when the terms All-American, All-Conference and defending Western Athletic Conference Champion are uttered about Boise State? For most people the only word that comes to mind is football.

Friday afternoon BSU will bid farewell to some of the greatest athletes to ever set foot in Bronco stadium. They are All-WAC performers, multiple conference champions and there is even an All-American in the group. They are the 2006-07 BSU senior track and field athletes and Friday they are running in Bronco Stadium one last time.

"We look at championships because they leave trophies behind," BSU Head Track Coach Mike Maynard said about the legacy of this senior class. "But the legacy of all of these individuals is they are fine young men and women and they've done a spectacular job of representing our university in the community and the nation."

There are eight seniors taking their farewell lap in Friday's Bronco Twilight meet. The four seniors on the men's team include Forest Braden, Ty Axtman, Erik Whitsitt and Sterling Small. On the women's side BSU is losing Eleni Ypsilanti, Becky Guyette, Amber Tavares-Campos and Cari Gunstream.

During each of these athlete's tenures at BSU the men's team has captured four WAC championships. The women, on the other hand, have helped build the BSU program from a mediocre team to a WAC championship contender.

"We're hopeful for the outdoor championship to kind of make that the legacy of these ladies that they have as they leave our program," Maynard said.

Of the eight seniors, three are local products and all eight hail from the Western United States. Braden is a distance runner from Bonners Ferry, Guyette is a distance runner from Marsing and Tavares-Campos came to BSU from Caldwell.

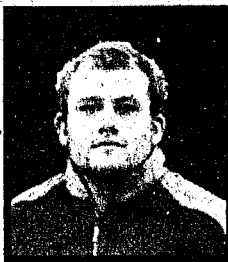
"We're going to recruit the best possible student athletes that we can get here," Maynard said. "But that's been our priority to recruit local talent and regional talent first. These are individuals where we were able to get the cream of the crop locally and they have come in and contributed for us."

Maynard said he expects all of these athletes to contend for a trip to the NCAA Regional meet. Friday's meet is scheduled to begin with the throwing events at 1 p.m. and should conclude around 6 p.m. that evening. There will also be a small ceremony to send off the seniors in a tributary fashion.



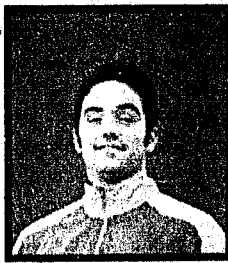
Ty Axtman

Cross-country All-WAC 2005-06
Won WAC Indoor Championship 2005-06 - Mile run
WAC Outdoor Champion - 10,000m and 1,500m 2005-06
12th in NCAA West Regional Championships - 5,000m 2005-06



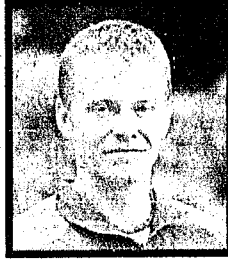
Erik Whitsitt

WAC Indoor Championships - sixth in shot put 2005-06
West Regional Championships 13th in shot put 2005-06
WAC Outdoor Championships fourth in shot put 2005-06



Sterling Small

WAC Indoor Championships 400m and the 60m hurdles-fifth and seventh 2005-06
NCAA West Regional Outdoor Championships - Qualified in 110m hurdles and 400m hurdles 2005-06
WAC Outdoor Championships - 100m hurdles and 400m hurdles - finished second 2005-06



Forest Braden

NCAA Championships - Cross Country All-American 2004-05
WAC Indoor Champion - 5,000m 2005-06
Washington Invitational - set school record - 3,000m (7:56.08) 2005-06
Washington Invitational - set another school record - 5,000m (13:47.73) 2005-06
WAC Outdoor Championships - finished second - 5,000m 2005-06
NCAA Championships - first ever trip 2003-04



Eleni Ypsilanti

WAC Indoor Championships - finished second - weight throw (59-07.00) 2005-06
WAC Championships - finished fourth - hammer throw 2005-06
YMCA Invitational - Hammer Title 2005-06



Becky Guyette

Cross Country Second Team All-WAC 2005-06
WAC Championships - Cross Country finished 10th 2005-06
WAC Indoor Championships - finished second 3,000m 2005-06



Amber Tavares-Campos

WAC Indoor Championships - finished 12th - weight throw 2005-06



Cari Gunstream

NUU Invitational - hammer title 2005-06
WAC Indoor Championships - weight throw finished 17th 2005-06

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Boise State rugby relies on Snakes

BY ADAM ADER
Sports Writer

Keeping a club sport alive at BSU can be difficult. Especially when the sport is one that is not very popular in America, like rugby. The complete lack of funding for rugby and the fact it is unknown by or uninteresting to many people in the United States has led to its downfall here at BSU in years past. Local rugby player and administrator for the Snake River Snakes, Matt Genetti, hasn't forgotten his days as a BSU rugby player back in 1996, however.

"We always had a good core group of guys," Genetti said. "We always had 10 guys fully committed, but it was getting those other guys to commit. That was our big problem. A semester after I left, the BSU club team couldn't keep it together so they folded until this past fall. For a few years we were part of the Utah Union, with the University of Utah, BYU, Utah State, Weber

State and ISU. We just had trouble with numbers and a few of us left because we were 25 and we left to go play for Snake River and it struggled after that."

But now BSU has a new way to keep itself afloat. A way that depends on working hard and staying involved. And it depends on the generosity of the Snakes.

"They buy us our jerseys," Boise State Men's Rugby Team Vice President Andy Villegas said. "They bought us our balls so we had practice balls and a game ball. They mark up our lines on our field. They have to pay that every time. They've done a lot for us. They've really taken us under their wing. They've really helped us throughout since I started the club."

The Snakes are helping in a variety of ways. Not just financially with the uniforms, balls and other expenses but also in coaching. Charlie Griggs, Randy Osler and Kerry Kegler are three former Snake River guys who've

coached BSU's team.

But it's not just a one sided relationship. There is a mutual interest and both sides are reciprocal. BSU is helping out with the relationship as much as possible. During the past weekend the Snake River Snakes Men's Rugby team held the Division II Pacific Northwest Union Championships here in Boise. Hosting the tournament is a privilege given to the Snakes partly because of their perfect 10-0 in league play. Helping put the tournament on were the members of the BSU Club Rugby team.

"We pretty much help out with everything," Villegas said. "They have their annual golf tournament; we'll help out with that. We'll help out with the tournaments they have. We're helping out with the Division II Playoffs. But they beat us out and give us free jerseys and things. They're really like big brothers."

As the saying goes, what goes

around comes around. This couldn't be more prominent than in the case of the Boise rugby scene.

"We've helped them with uniforms and equipment and our former guys are coaching," Genetti said. "Basically we're trying to get their program up and running. It's great. We help you. You help us. We're basically one program with two teams. We want to work this as a system where BSU guys get done playing with rugby there and ultimately come play with us. It's our goal to get that program as strong as we can."

So far that goal has worked, slowly but surely. In each of its first two seasons the BSU Rugby team was winless, but this spring it was able to get its first two wins.

Villegas noted things like local Thrive magazine having a rugby player on the cover as proof the rugby team is gaining more recognition. Just fighting to stay alive now, Villegas can picture BSU rugby flourishing one day.

The big eye
in the sky



I pick the pot smokers

BY BRIAN LUPTAK
Sports Columnist

The 2007 NFL Draft is only two days away. April 20, an unofficial holiday for many, was only days ago.

What could these two events possibly have in common?

Apparently there is no relationship at all, seeing that only three of the hundreds of draft prospects have ever used the drug marijuana.

It is amazing that in a time when NFL players are constantly being stereotyped as thugs and drug addicts, such a small ratio of the players ascending from the college ranks have ever been submitted to one of the most abundant chemicals on our country's campuses.

But what the hell, I suppose in a professional athletic atmosphere we would rather have liars than drug users or even one-time smokers, right?

The main reason this topic has been increasingly popular as the draft draws nearer is that the small portion not afraid to display honesty consists of three potential first-round picks. The three college stars admitted to marijuana having a time and place in their pasts at the biggest job interview they will have in their life: the NFL Combine.

It was a standard question asked behind closed doors during the interview session of the scouting event. While I'm sure many of the players were truthful in their answers, the only interviewees who confirmatively answered the question were Georgia Tech wide receiver Calvin Johnson, Louisville defensive tackle Amobi Okoye and Gaines Adams, a defensive end from Clemson.

All three of these players are considered to be top prospects in their respected positions when it comes to this weekend's draft. However, immediately among the leak of information from the combine interviews the controversy began. With the frequency of drug-related fines and suspensions in the NFL many people think these three players are considerably less desirable based solely on their Combine interviews.

However, while these guys have admittedly smoked marijuana in the past, none failed the drug test that was also administered as part of the Combine in Indianapolis. If they would have failed it would not be a first. How collegiate student-athletes can know about a drug test well in advance and still fail is beyond me. However, the fact that they were informed in advance that a drug test was included in the three-day session tells me two things about these three players: They have the conscience to be honest about their past while also having the intelligence to not be stupid in the present.

By no means am I saying that all of the other players were lying when they denied smoking pot before. It just seems impossible that most of these guys spent four to five years of their lives on a college campus and never experimented with the substance. Little do they know, NFL teams are more than willing to conduct their own investigations into the past tendencies of their investments.

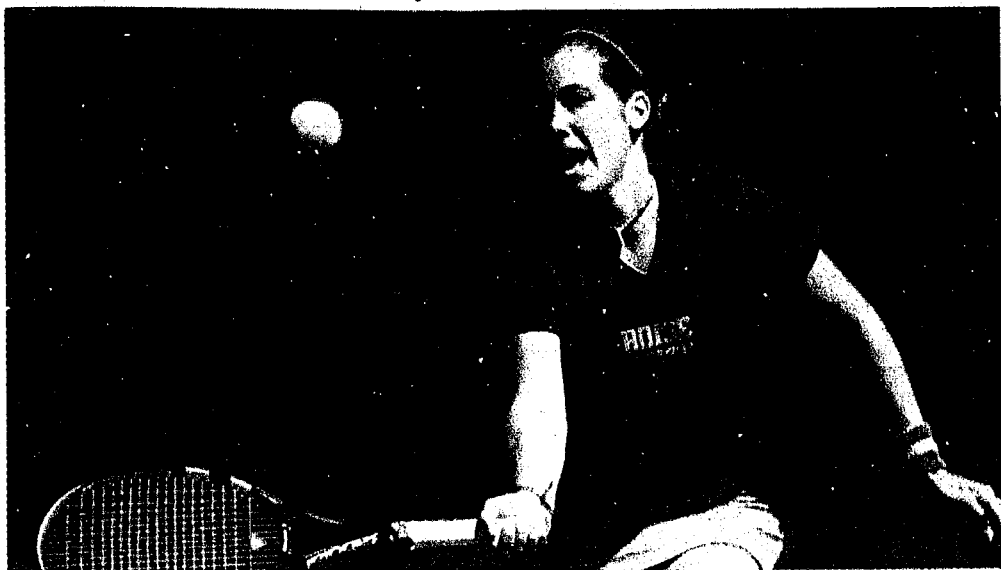
Many people still have Calvin Johnson at the top of their lists of draft predictions and I don't blame them. It was reported that in his response to the marijuana issue, Johnson replied, "I didn't just smoke, baby, I inhaled."

Now honesty is a simple expectation, especially in this instance. Therefore there is no reason why these three should be awarded for the practice of the virtue.

However, at the same time, I see no problem with a former pothead being the number-one draft pick for 2007.

Boise State to host WAC Championships

Women's tennis eyes tournament upset bid



PHOTOS BY STANLEY BREWSTER/THE ARBITER
Tiffany Coll leads the No. 2 ranked Broncos into WAC tournament play Thursday.

BSU defends men's title at WAC tournament



Piotr Dilaj will help BSU defend its Western Athletic Conference title this weekend.

BY TATE CASTLETON
Sports Writer

The Boise State women's tennis team will host the Western Athletic Conference Championships beginning today at the Appleton Tennis Center and the Boise Racquet and Swim Club. The championship match will be played on Saturday, April 28.

The championships will showcase all nine teams from the conference in a single loss elimination tournament. The Fresno State Bulldogs come into the tournament as the five-time defending champions and will have the No. 1 seed, while Boise State will play at the No. 2 seed. The Broncos kick things off against Hawaii Thursday, April 26, at noon.

Coming into the tournament the Broncos have a lot going in their favor. BSU is currently riding a six-game winning streak, which includes a perfect 5-0 record in WAC play this season. The team is ranked 43rd in the nation and has a 5-3 record against ranked opponents

while finishing the regular season 16-3 overall.

"We've been working for this all year long," Head Coach Mark Tichenor said. "We haven't been doing anything different as we've prepared this week because we feel like what we're doing has been working for us and we'll take that with us into the tournament."

The Broncos are 8-1 at home this season and are just glad to host the tournament with so many talented teams in the conference.

"We're glad to be home because we play really well here," Tichenor said. "We anticipate a large crowd that will be cheering for us and that will help get us where we want to be."

Boise State's biggest challenge will be No. 14 Fresno State who will be in hot pursuit of the sixth consecutive conference crown.

"Fresno State is no doubt the team to beat in this tournament," Tichenor said. "But, we have learned in the past not to take anyone for granted and so we plan to take it one match at a time and see where it takes us."

Should Boise State and Fresno State meet up it will be the first head-to-head match-up this season.

"In order for us to play in the championship match we have to win the semi's and in order to win the semi's we have to win our matches before that," Tichenor said.

"This is a one loss and you're done tournament so everyone will be fighting for their lives, but we would certainly love the chance to play Fresno State. I have no doubt it would be a great match-up with the winner possibly having a chance at the championship."

The Broncos will rely on lone senior standout Tiffany Coll. This season Coll has collected 24 wins including 14 wins in singles play. She has provided much needed leadership and guidance to a young Bronco squad.

Coll was recently named WAC Player of the Week for April 9-15 for her efforts during the Boise Spring Classic posting a 3-0 record in singles and 2-0 in doubles.

BY KYE JOHNSON
Assistant Sports Editor

Boise State Men's Tennis Coach Greg Patton is excited. He is excited about hosting the Western Athletic Conference Championships this weekend. He is excited that one of his best players, Kean Feeder, is finally healthy and playing. He is excited that his team is well on its way to an NCAA appearance. But then again, Coach Patton is always excited.

"It's kind of like getting married," Patton said. "And I guess it's kind of like the bachelor party coming up and after that is the wedding, because the NCAA's is the wedding. But one of our main goals is that we own the WAC Championships. And it's really important to us that we maintain that ownership - that we don't let it be taken away from us."

His team will get the opportunity to maintain that WAC ownership as the Appleton Tennis Complex will act as the host site for the 2007 WAC Championships.

Getting the chance to play at

home in a main event like the WAC Championships is a big advantage for anyone. Patton knows that.

"Like Dorothy said in the Wizard of Oz, there's no place like home," Patton said. "Well there are a couple of reasons why there is no place like home. First off is that we love the court conditions. The fans are really supportive and we get the chance to play off of their energy. But just the fact that we get to have a routine, we get to stay in our own bed at home. For a lot of these guys it's just not having to travel anywhere, because traveling can be fatiguing."

BSU has been outstanding at home this year, having not lost a match yet.

"There is some pressure on us, but we like it," Patton said. "We respond well to it. I mean we're 18-0 at home."

Patton's biggest concern heading into the weekend is the physical stamina and wellbeing of his players.

"A lot of it right now is, can Kean keep getting healthier," Patton said. "Right now he's playing really good

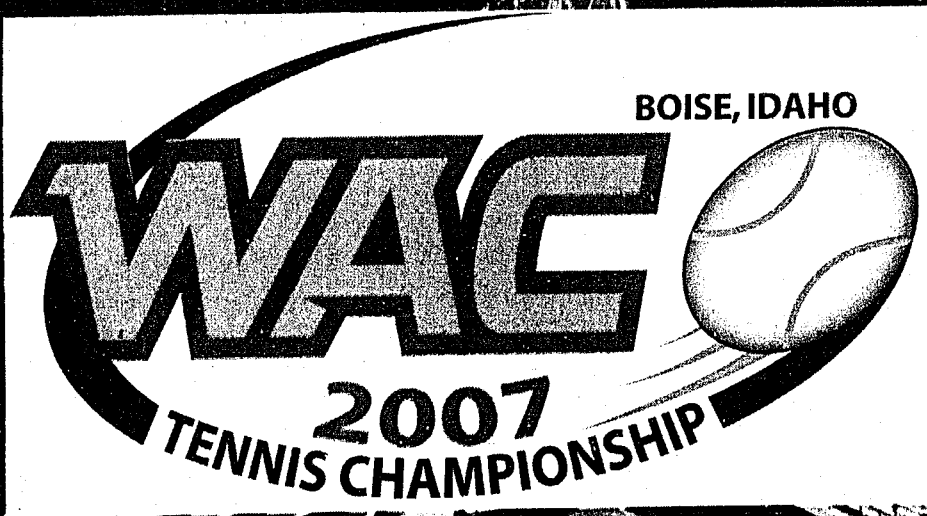
ball so that's really good. And also can we get Clancy (Shields) feeling good? We've given him a few days off to give his body a break, but we're going to need Clancy on Sunday. I am thinking about not playing him on Saturday just to give himself a day to get prepared."

As the Broncos prepare Fresno State is probably the biggest competition for BSU this weekend.

But more than looking at head-to-head competition right now Patton said he is just excited for this weekend to roll around.

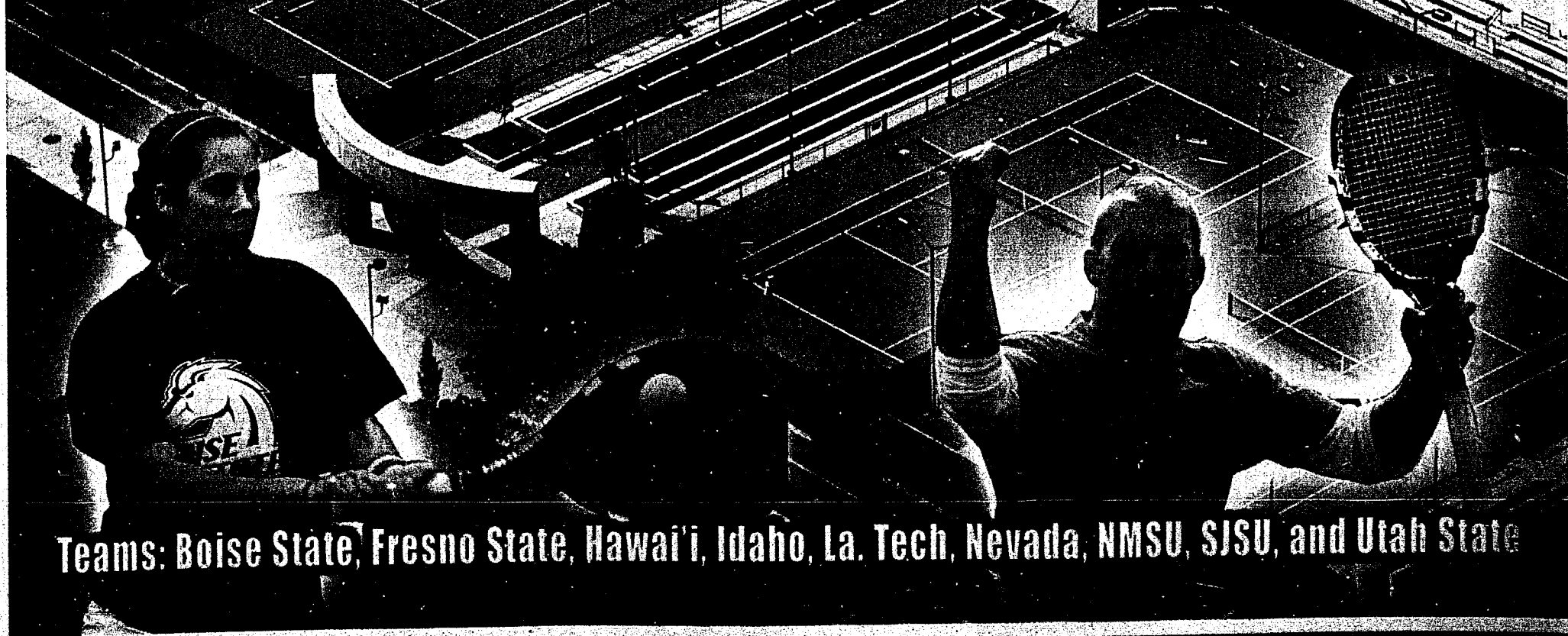
"The weather is going to be 70 degrees, the intensity level is going to be amazing," Patton said. "And it's going to be a film festival on every court. Some courts are going to be a horror movie, some are going to be science fiction and some are going to be a romantic comedy. Others are going to be great thrillers and dramas and the whole thing."

The men's team is seeded No. 1 in the tournament this weekend and will play on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. against the winner of New Mexico State and Nevada.



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**From Boise State to the NFL:
A handful of Broncos are on the clock**

“ I guess it was just a humbling experience - that anything could be taken away from you just like that. ”

- Gerald Alexander, former Boise State football player

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

Two months ago the football world had reached its peak for the senior class of the Boise State football team. Former Broncos like Drisan James and Gerald Alexander had just concluded a historic Fiesta Bowl Championship season and were working out at the NFL combine for an array of NFL scouts. Just a couple weeks later BSU hosted its official NFL Pro Day where 13 former Broncos participated in work outs for nearly 30 more NFL scouts.

Since the BSU Pro Day, however, the dust has begun to settle. The buzz about the newest class of BSU draft hopefuls has slowed some and regular life has come back around - for now.

"This time right here has basically been for relaxing," James said in a phone interview Monday. "I've just been kicking back with my family and hanging out with my buddies from Idaho. It's been real cool."

The break has been a calm before the storm. Despite being thrown into a media frenzy after the big Fiesta Bowl win the BSU Pro Day acted as a final farewell to the 2006-07 Broncos seniors. If all goes well for James and company a few of the former Broncos will be back in the spot light by Sunday night.

"I'm just waiting actually to get in camp and play football again," James said.

In the month and a half since the BSU draft prospects last worked out for NFL scouts there has been plenty of time to lay low and work on individual development. James, Jared Zabransky and Legedu Naanee are some of the former players who remained in Boise during that time. The three continued to work on their timing, passing and routes together in preparation for the draft.

"Its convenient," James said. "All



PHOTO BY JAKE GARCIN

you have to do is head up the street. There's still support from the coaches and its basically the same atmosphere you would have if you were still a player."

For other former Broncos the break held a different fate, however. Hard hitting safety Gerald Alexander was sidelined for nearly a month after his appendix ruptured just six days after Pro Day.

"I had surgery and was in the hospital for about four days," Alexander said. "Then I wasn't cleared to start working out until four weeks later. These past two weeks have been the first weeks I've been cleared."

Alexander did say his progress back has been extremely fast.

"It hasn't really hurt my progress," Alexander said. "I guess it was just a humbling experience - that anything could be taken away from you just like that. I've been working out the past couple of weeks and I think I've been getting back really fast. I didn't spend too much time off so it wasn't too hard to get back in shape."

Since his return Alexander said he remained in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. where he has been working out, lifting and running. While the break has been far less hectic for James he said his workout routine

has been quite the contrary. "Basically what we've been doing is, I've been working with [Zabransky and Naanee] - working on routes. I've been running. I've been doing conditioning with the track coach."

With all of his personal affairs in order there isn't much left for James to do other than wait and see what his fate holds for him on draft weekend. He said he plans on traveling to Phoenix to spend time with his family and wait for the news that he's the next Bronco. headed for the NFL. Alexander said he will be in California with family and friends waiting to hear his name announced. He did say there has been talk that he could be drafted on the first day, Saturday, but if he isn't selected until Sunday the party won't be any less exciting.

"We're just kind of hoping for the best because I've heard that Saturday is a possibility," Alexander said. "But the plans are to play the safe role and have all the family over here Sunday and all my friends - all the people that have impacted my life through my career. We're going to have them over here and have a celebration. Obviously its something to celebrate."

Donatelli lifts for world record

BY ADAM ADER
Sports Writer

At just 22 years old, Jennifer Donatelli will try for the women's world record in power lifting in the 198 pound class as she attempts to dead lift over 407 pounds. Donatelli, a Boise State history major graduating next fall, currently holds the national record at 401 pounds. What is most remarkable about Donatelli's accomplishments so far? She has only been in two competitions.

In her second competition she attempted 419 pounds and was red flagged by two of the three judges for resting the bar on her legs for the briefest of seconds.

"I hit 385 and that's the new state record for Idaho," Donatelli said. "I attempted 419 but the bar stopped. I attempted it and it was barely there. They red flagged me on both of them (attempts). But the first one it just barely stopped. When they want it to be a world record they want it to look pretty and it wasn't pretty. But it was there in my grasp. When July comes around I want to do it."

Donatelli got started in high

school at Mountain Home where she was one of the top 20 power lifters in the country. She then competed in track with the discus here at Boise State. Her power-lifting trainer is Al Gahoe. Gahoe started training her about one year ago. He has been involved in the sport of power lifting since 1987. They met at a Basque history class where they worked on a Basque stone lifting project as a group.

"I just said, 'You would probably make a very good power lifter,'" Gahoe said. "We could really make you into something in this sport." She said, 'Really?' And the rest is history."

Her first competition was last summer in Elko, Nev. There she won first place in her weight class and an award for best female lifter as she dead lifted 347.5 pounds. Her second competition was last weekend in Salt Lake City where she lifted 385 and attempted the world record.

She is an intense competitor but soft spoken off the stage. Gahoe can't say enough about her will to win and her as a person. Talking to her someone really doesn't get a sense of her

competitive drive because she has a calming sense about her.

"[She's] very determined!" Gahoe said emphatically. "She has a high threshold for pain. Her pain tolerance is unreal. I've trained a lot of guys in power lifting. I've worked with a lot of guys in the military and martial arts and that is a girl that just outdoes 90 percent of them."

Gahoe seems to have every confidence in the world that Donatelli will break the record. He says that she has done two repetitions of 395 pounds in practice before.

"It was at her very last set at the end of a hard workout and she did it like it was nothing," Gahoe said. "It was easy."

In her training for her next competition she works four days a week doing things like squats, dead lifting, benching and just trying to keep the body in overall good shape. Her work ethic combined with her will and desire to win makes her a force to be reckoned with. She believes in herself.

"I'm just determined," Donatelli said. "I have the gumption. It's based on will power."

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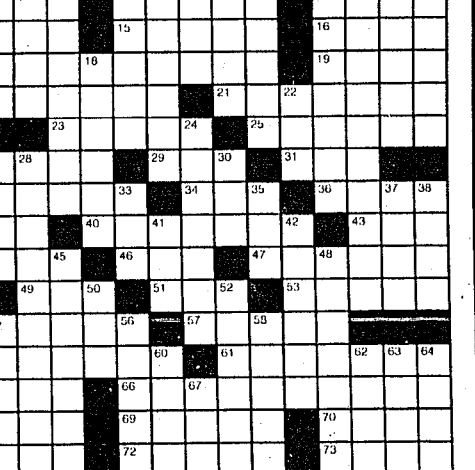
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Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 9 - You're lucky now, and you're also not playing the game all by yourself. Others who are linked to your success provide immense support.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 7 - You don't have to discuss your decisions with a person you know won't agree. Wait a little while and talk it over with one who will.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is a 7 - Concentration, self-discipline and practice will be required. Follow the instructions of a person who has your best interests at heart.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is a 7 - After the business is over, settle down for some quiet time. Get ready to take on new challenges, after you're rested up.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is an 8 - Make your move early or wait until Monday. Conditions are rapidly changing. Resist the urge to shop or gamble until then, and leave credit cards at home.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a 6 - Your work of art should be just about finished by now. When be-

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 6 - You're not getting much creative work done, but you could be learning a lot. Don't try to swim against the tide. Go with the flow.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 7 - You ought to have more time to relax in the next few days. Take advantage of the opportunity whenever it comes up; you've earned some quality time off.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is an 8 - You're providing what's required and you're almost making it look easy. Don't complain about how this working is ruining your fun. That would be counter-productive.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 7 - Figure out where you want to go on your next romantic vacation. Planning the trip with somebody you love is practically half the fun, maybe more. No lost luggage.

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Today is a 6 - Should you buy more household items, or go out carousing with friends? Well, how many household items do you already have?

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225/55VR-18	117.33	225/45ZR-17	147.33	215/40ZR-18	169.63	225/40ZR-18	230.34
225/55VR-17	141.44	225/45ZR-17	151.84	225/40ZR-18	158.29	225/40ZR-18	328.47
195/55VR-18	69.39	215/45ZR-17	100.32	225/40ZR-18	180.32	215/40ZR-18	236.33
225/55VR-18	92.15	225/45ZR-18	168.43	245/40ZR-18	193.36	245/40ZR-20	249.33
195/55VR-18	65.59	225/45ZR-18	168.43	225/40ZR-20	237.72	225/40ZR-20	249.33
225/55VR-18	104.32	225/45ZR-18	168.43	215/35ZR-18	177.39	225/40ZR-22	275.22
225/55VR-18	108.61	225/45ZR-20	245.21	215/35ZR-18	226.68	225/40ZR-22	331.71
245/50VR-18	129.26	225/40ZR-18	85.41	225/35ZR-19	210.33	225/40ZR-24	407.61
215/45ZR-17	131.47	225/40ZR-17	114.99	225/35ZR-19	231.69	225/40ZR-24	422.90
225/45ZR-17	151.09	215/40ZR-17	130.92	245/35ZR-18	243.47	225/35ZR-20	303.68
225/45ZR-17	167.41	245/40ZR-17	167.97	225/35ZR-20	212.07	205/35ZR-22	377.65
225/45ZR-18	207.78						

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LT215/75R-15	C 72.74	30X9.50R-15	C 85.23
LT225/75R-15	C 78.50	31X9.50R-15	C 89.70
LT225/75R-16SRW	E 82.89		
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P165/80R-13	37.51	P215/75R-15	48.21	195/70HR-14SRW	38.27
P175/80R-13	37.98	P225/75R-15	51.14	205/75R-14SRW	49.31
P185/80R-13	40.15	P225/75R-16	52.23	205/70R-14	49.31
P185/75R-14	41.11	165/70HR-13SRW	31.11	P215/70SR-14	51.77
P185/75R-14	42.30	175/70HR-13SRW	30.84	P205/70SR-15	59.41
P205/75R-14	43.95	185/70HR-13SRW	33.72	P215/70SR-15	53.18
P215/75R-14	47.75	175/70HR-14SRW	34.61		

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P225/75SR-15	\$ 101.20	LT245/75R-16	E 154.42	P205/75SR-17	\$ 141.89	20X9.50R-15	C 120.18
P225/75SR-15	\$ 102.41	LT255/75R-16	E 146.44	LT255/70R-16	C 159.52	31X10.50R-15	C 134.38
P225/75SR-15	\$ 117.94	LT255/75R-16	E 160.33	LT205/70R-16	C 195.02	32X12.50R-15	C 161.18
P245/75SR-16	\$ 122.18	LT265/75R-16	E 165.68	LT265/70R-17	C 177.04	35X12.50R-15	C 185.97
P245/75SR-16	\$ 122.70	LT265/75R-16	E 169.92	LT215/65R-16SRW	C 109.10	32X12.50R-16.5	C 178.56
LT225/75R-15	C 122.41	LT215/75R-16	C 202.20	LT215/65R-16SRW	C 137.19	33X12.50R-17	C 203.29
LT225/75R-16SRW	E 129.14	P225/70SR-15	C 117.23	LT225/65R-16SRW	E 140.28		

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185/65HR-14	42.05	205/55VR-15	63.41	225/40VR-17	76.55
195/65HR-14	46.19	205/55VR-16	70.61	215/40VR-17	80.90
215/65HR-14	50.24	225/55VR-18	71.67	225/40VR-17	109.03
185/65HR-15	46.83	185/55VR-15	57.32	245/40VR-17	97.79
195/65HR-15	47.14	205/55VR-15	61.33	225/40VR-17	114.64
205/65HR-15	52.00	195/55VR-16	64.16	215/40ZR-18	118.41
215/65HR-15	56.70	205/55VR-16	70.65	225/40ZR-18	118.88
175/65HR-13	35.15	225/55VR-18	73.95	225/40ZR-18	127.75
185/65HR-13	35.15	205/50ZR-17	89.14	245/40ZR-18	140.24
195/65HR-14	41.32	225/40VR-17	120.72	215/35ZR-18	119.88
195/65HR-14	45.78	205/45VR-16	84.59	225/35ZR-18	131.73
205/65HR-14	48.78	205/45VR-17	87.66	205/35ZR-18	174.10
195/65HR-15	47.11	215/45VR-17	93.70	205/35ZR-18	193.92
205/65HR-15	51.90	225/45VR-17	97.87	225/35ZR-18	191.78
215/65HR-15	52.25	225/45VR-17	101.18	225/35ZR-18SR	207.30
205/65HR-16	59.08	245/45VR-17	107.21	245/35ZR-18	210.18
215/65HR-16	58.43	245/45ZR-18	145.61	245/35ZR-20	157.78
225/65HR-16	58.48	205/40VR-18	87.84	205/35ZR-20	159.34

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