

Greeks endorse revised snowball damage plan

By KARA GARTEN
News Assistant

In a preliminary vote Tuesday night, fraternity and sorority leaders voted to endorse a plan that would split costs between Greek houses and residence halls for any damages that may be caused by this year's snowball fight.

However, the payment plan they endorsed is different from the one the Residence Hall Association approved the night before.

Interfraternity Council President Doug Korn called the special meeting of all the Greek house presidents Tuesday night to ask them to approve the proposal the Residence Hall Association ratified at its meeting Monday night.

That proposal, which was prepared by a joint RHA/Greek committee, called for all on-campus residents to split evenly the costs of any damages caused by the annual snowball fight. It was designed as a compromise

since it is difficult to pinpoint individuals who do the damage.

After much discussion at the Greek meeting, Shawn Johnson, Theta Chi president, made a new payment proposal that calls for Greeks to pay for damage done to the dorms, and the hall residents to pay for damage done to the Greek houses. He also proposed that female living groups be completely exempt from paying.

The leaders present at the Greek presidents' meeting Tuesday felt that there was a need to

come up with some sort of decision on how to pay for any damage as soon as possible, but there was a great deal of disagreement on just how the costs should be split.

The main problem many house presidents expressed about the committee's proposal was that it forced people who do not participate in the fight or cause damage to assume part of the cost of any damages caused. This includes primarily female living groups. Although the most fair solu-

tion is for individuals who cause the damage to pay for repairs, Korn said that it's impossible to assign costs to the guilty parties because it's so difficult to figure out who they are.

"There's guys out there in ski masks," Korn said. "No one wears their house letters out there."

Delta Tau Delta fraternity has received the most damage from the fight in recent years. Delt

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Dealing with the snowball fight

UI representatives contemplate using a water cannon and police to stop snowball fight damage

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"Is it true that new-found metalhead Donny Osmond is actually the unwanted lovechild of Ozzy Osbourne?"

— Ask Lois Question

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DECISIONS. DECISIONS. Warren Dunbar, a geology graduate student, visited the Vandal Carte Cafe Thursday afternoon and found it offered as many choices as Wednesday's ASUI general election did. (CLINT BUSH PHOTO)

ASUI election results:

Pena, Gotch win, referendum defeated

By VIVIANE GILBERT
Staff Writer

David Pena won the presidential seat in Wednesday's ASUI General Election with a substantial lead over candidates Lisa Krepel and Lynn Major.

Pena, a second-year law student, finished with 755 votes, and provided a strong split between current ASUI Sen. Krepel, who received 625 votes, and current ASUI Vice President Major, who had 473 votes.

In a close race for the vice-president position, Sen. Mike Gotch won over Jason Albrecht by 78 votes. Gotch had 850 votes, and Albrecht had 772.

In the race for senate positions, six

senators were chosen from the 16 candidates. Current ASUI senators John Goettsche, Julie McCoy, and Patty McCray were re-elected; Amy Anderson, Brent King and Doug Korn were also elected.

The vote breakdowns for the senators were as follows: McCray, 741 votes; McCoy, 732; Korn, 687; Anderson, 677; Goettsche, 654; and King, 650.

The referendum on the ballot concerning last year's fee increase revealed that UI students do not want to sue over the \$25 fee increase, but are still interested in further negotiations with the administration. A total of 1,224 students voted against pursuing further litigation against UI, while 428 voted in support of legal action to contest the constitutional-

ity of the increase.

Of those students who voted against the lawsuit, only 448 indicated they did not want any further negotiations, while 669 indicated they would like to see further negotiations with the administration.

Approximately 20 percent of the student body voted.

According to Political Concerns Board Chairman Bill Broadhead, the voter turnout was fairly normal.

Figures of voter turnouts for past elections were unavailable for comparison, according to Broadhead.

The Political Concerns Board oversees ASUI voting procedures and is responsible for compiling the results.

Pena brings fresh ideas

By VIVIANE GILBERT
Staff Writer

It was a tense group of candidates, campaign managers and "interested individuals" who clustered around the SUB Information Desk late Wednesday night, awaiting the announcements of the most recent precinct results in the ASUI General Election.

As the numbers got bigger on the boards, the tension level rose... especially for candidate David Pena, the only presidential candidate present.

Especially after the results from the Law School precinct were announced.

Pena, who had been running in third place up until that point, suddenly jumped to first with a 207-vote surge from the Law School. Competitors Lisa Krepel and Lynn Major received 3 and 6 votes, respectively, from that precinct.

After the initial jubilation subsided, Pena started worrying.

"It was easier when I didn't think I had a chance," he confided. "Now I'm nervous."

It was a lead that never diminished. Pena ended the night victorious, as the new ASUI president-elect.

Despite the congratulations and his campaign manager's exuberant shouts of "I knew you'd do it! I knew all along you'd win!" Pena seemed unable to believe it himself.

"I was surprised," Pena admitted Thursday. "I was optimistic throughout the campaign, but didn't want to expect too much and be disappointed."

However, Charles D'Alessio, Pena's campaign manager and long-time friend, said he had been confident from the start that Pena would win.

"I'm very confident in his ability," D'Alessio said Thursday. "I've known him for years, and I've seen what he's done, so I know he can do the job."

D'Alessio and Pena went to school together at Adams State College, a small school in Alamosa, Colo., where Pena was the student body president



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- TOMORROW'S NEWS -

WEAVERS GUILD SHOW THIS WEEKEND. The Palouse Hills Weavers Guild is holding its 17th annual show and sale today and Saturday in the lobby of the UI Hartung Theater.

Tonight, the show will offer a dessert table and the music of guild weaver and harpist Linda Chapman. Also, a handwoven runner will be given away for a door prize, and several guild members will informally model some of the handwoven garments.

Items shown will include garments, scarves, shawls, blankets, pillows, table linen, rugs, wall hangings and small gifts.

Anyone interested in weaving, spinning or dyeing is welcome to attend. Further information will be available at the show and sale.

- TODAY -

SISCA EMERGENCY RALLY TODAY. "Stop Bombing, Start Talking" will be the demand of protesters at the University of Idaho Students In Support of Central America emergency rally this afternoon.

The rally is being held in response to the shooting that took place this week, to show solidarity with the people of El Salvador.

Students interested in participating in the rally are encouraged to meet at Friendship Square in downtown Moscow today at 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Monica Pitts or Fred Wallin.

EDITOR POSITION OPEN. Today is the last day to turn in applications for the *Argonaut* editor position. Applications must be turned in at the ASUI office in the Student Union Building by 5 p.m.

PRE-REGISTRATION ENDING. Today is the last day to pre-register for the spring semester. Today has been designated for those students who missed their alpha grouping earlier this week.

Steel House fire causes minimal damage

By BETH PETTIBON
Staff Writer

A fire at Steel House early Thursday morning caused about \$100 in damage and forced residents to evacuate the building at about 1:37 a.m.

According to Moscow Fire Chief Phil Gatlin, apparently the fire was deliberately started with a pile of newspapers on a coffee table. Steel House Resident Adviser Paula Wood refused to agree with this, however, since the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Wood said she was the only one around when the fire started and does not want to say anything else about the incident.

"The chair was on fire, and I

called the police," Wood said. "I think this whole thing is being blown out of proportion. It was only a little fire."

"There were people who grabbed their jewelry boxes and their long coats."

— Tina Spratt
Steel House Resident

Wood said that the residents were still shaken up from the incident, but that they acted quickly and calmly during the evacuation Thursday morning.

"It's the news of the house,"

Wood said.

Tina Spratt, a resident of Steel House, said everyone panicked when the alarm went off.

"We had two false alarms before, but when this one happened, we had a girl run down the hall saying 'this one is real,'" Spratt said. "By the time the alarm went off, the smoke had already reached the kitchen."

But Spratt said she believes everyone realized that by the time the house was evacuated, only the furniture in the foyer was damaged.

"There were people who grabbed their jewelry boxes and their long coats," Spratt said. "And the rest were just in their pajamas."

Greeks spend afternoon cleaning up Moscow

By SCOTT TROTTER
Associate Editor

While many University of Idaho students spent their Sunday afternoon watching television or catching up on homework, members of the UI Greek system cleaned up the streets of Moscow.

The cleanup project, arranged by the UI Panhellenic Council, is the first of its kind, according to Panhel Treasurer and Community Service Chairwoman Shelly Cozakos.

"This is the first time we've ever done an all-Greek community service project," she said. "We

thought it was important to start something that Greeks could do for the community."

Cozakos, who is a member of the Alpha Phi sorority, said about 300 Greeks participated in the project, which involved cleaning up the region from Sixth Street to Third Street and from Asbury to Jefferson.

The group met at Ghormley Park at 2 p.m. and spent half an hour cleaning up the downtown region.

"We talked with the Moscow Parks and Recreation Department, and they said that a down-

town cleanup is what they needed the most," she said. "So that's what we decided to do."

"Each of the Greek houses paired off, with one sorority and several fraternities in each group. We had seven groups, and each group cleaned up a specific street," Cozakos said. "It worked out really well. The city was happy, and everyone participated. I think on the average about 15 people from every house were there."

"It was really cold and sort of raining, but it was worthwhile," she said.



"HERE'S THE SCOOP"

THE SEARCH BEGINS FOR A NEW ARGONAUT EDITOR

MOSCOW, IDAHO — The ASUI Communications Board announced today that applications are being taken for spring 1990 *Argonaut* editor.

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By **ANDREA CHAVEZ**
Contributing Writer

Drew dug feverishly through his backpack, pawing his way past the textbooks and the notebook paper.

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He was almost ready to stick his entire head into the pack when his fingers felt the familiar hard plastic cylinder.

"Thank God," he said, breathing a sigh of relief. "It's my test pen. I always use it when I take a test."

The pen bore the marks of battle: gouges left from anxious teeth gnawing on the outside; little, if any, ink left in the clear body of the instrument. The pen's life was almost through, but Drew knew it would make it through one more test. He mused that he would probably flunk without it. The pen saved his life, or at least his grade.

For more than 5,000 years, humans have been using some sort of pen to help them preserve their thoughts. William Shakespeare found the humble pen so important to him, he included it in his coat of arms. Even in our world of word processors, people still find pens fascinating instruments of personal expression. For some, the words they write are

less important than the style and performance of the pen they choose to write with.

The mecca for pen purchasing at the University of Idaho is the UI Bookstore, where more than 120 different styles of pens can be found.

"Some of the styles have 10 to 15 different types as well. Everything from thick permanent pens to ultra-fine washables," said UI Bookstore Assistant Supplies Manager Ronald Lindquist.

Lindquist is the resident expert on pens and pencils, one of the most popular areas of business at the bookstore.

He keeps his finger on the pulse of the UI community, which accounts for the huge variety of pens in stock.

"So many people have preferences," Lindquist said. "If a person bought a Pentel pencil or a Pilot pen, that's the only kind of pen he really wants."

While brand names are important, style and performance are also factors. The kind of pens people want are as diverse as the people themselves.

UI student John Porter uses a Pilot Mark-o-lighter.

"It has a highlighter built into the end of it," Porter said. "But it doesn't have a lot of pen ink. Still, I like the highlighter."

Indeed, highlighters have become one of the best sellers at the bookstore, according to Lindquist.

"Highlighters by Sanford are really popular," Lindquist said. "At one time pens by Faber-Castell were big, but now it's Sanford."

While students are concerned with highlighting information, administrators have other criteria.

"The ink is better than Bic," said Associate Dean of Engineering Weldon Tovey of his Papermate Write Brother medium point.

Sometimes both the pen's performance and the job at hand are considered. John Dickinson, computer science department chairman, explains.

"I use a Pilot razor edge felt-tip for everyday stuff," he said. Then he plunged his hand into his desk and pulled out a bright canary-yellow fountain pen. "But I use this one for important things like signing documents. It's smoother."

Dickinson is not the only one who puts fountain pens at the top of a favorite pen list. According to Lindquist, the popularity of fountain pens is on the rise.

"I think it has to do with the period when calligraphy was really popular," Lindquist said.

"People who were into calligraphy like the feel of the nib, the point of the pen."

A fountain pen ranks as the bookstore's most expensive pen.

"It's called a Mont Blanc," Lindquist said with a smile as he took his pride and joy from its safe home in the bottom of a file cabinet.

"We brought them in because more and more people asked for good fountain pens," he said.

The pen is impressive. Sleek, black, nestled in its own case, it's the German Rolls-Royce of pens. And it has a price to match — \$235. The price tag is due mostly to the gold nib.

About a hundred years ago, pen manufacturers discovered that gold has a smoother writing quality. Most fountain pens have some percentage of gold in the nib.

"It's a status symbol," Lindquist said.

It, and others, can also be an object of strong emotion.

UI employee Cathy Laskowski's favorite chartreuse highlighter carries a stern message on a label she attached.

"Touch this and die," the label says. "I think they'll get the point," Laskowski said, smiling.

Fair warning for all who might mess with her favorite pen.

NEWSBREAK

BOARD TO RULE ON ZINSER'S \$82,000 STAFF

The Idaho State Board of Education will decide today if University of Idaho President Elisabeth Zinser will receive additional staff.

Zinser has requested three additional office support personnel and a house manager. The house manager position was approved on a temporary basis by the board.

If approved, the staff additions would cost about \$82,000. The board will also rule on where the necessary funds will be allocated from. The money could come from other university departments or from an increase in the general education budget that the Legislature will approve this spring.

The board met Thursday in Gooding and will meet today in Twin Falls.

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President Dan Streeby said that last year they had more than snowballs thrown through their windows.

"We had batteries lying on the floor of our house," Streeby said. "I'm afraid of what's going to happen this year."

At the meeting, sorority leaders asked that female living groups be exempt from paying for damages because the women do not participate in the fight.

"Our girls might skip up to the top of the Delt hill and peek around the corner to see what's going on," Delta Gamma President Simone Savage said. "But we don't get involved."

Assistant Greek Adviser Todd Wiggen told the sorority presidents that they can do something to help discourage the snowball fight.

"The women, believe it or not, have a lot of influence over the men," Wiggen said. "If you have something there at stake, you will be more apt to talk to the guys at exchanges and say 'don't do it.'"

The vote to endorse Johnson's proposal is only a preliminary vote. House presidents were instructed to discuss the solution with their members and then take a final vote and report the results to Korn by 5 p.m. Thursday night. However, Korn did not provide the results to the Argonaut.

RHA President Ray Horton has scheduled a special RHA meeting Monday night to allow hall leaders to discuss the Greek proposal. He said hall presidents are anxious to reach a solution.

"Our feeling is, we've already ratified two other proposals," Horton said. "This is the third time in three weeks that I've brought a new proposal before RHA. Hall members will get the idea they're being jerked around."

Both sides realize a solution needs to be reached soon.

"There was some snow last night," Korn said at Tuesday's meeting. "It didn't stick, but it's going to happen soon."

"If we don't solve this ourselves, there will be more damage this year than last," Korn

said. "If we reject a solution, then I don't feel sorry for anyone. It will be our own fault."

Sigma Chi President Chris Wuthrich said he doesn't know if there is a good solution to the escalating snowball fight damage other than police involvement.

"It's my feeling that we (Greeks) don't start this," he said. "If someone comes to your house with snowballs, get out your sticks and kick the shit out of them. People need to be arrested, and the police force needs to be aggressive."

Although this situation isn't resolved yet, the positive results of increased communication between RHA and Greeks may make it all worthwhile and serve as a jumping-off point in future situations.

Hal Godwin, acting vice president of student affairs, said he thinks it is "commendable" that RHA and the Greeks are talking.

Godwin said that although he is pleased to see the two groups working toward a plan to pay for damage, he would rather the snow fight didn't take place at all.

"The administration does not condone snowball fights," he said. "We don't want it to happen. It's dangerous — dangerous for individuals and property. We as administration have a responsibility to protect individuals and property, and we intend to."

Godwin said that many students have come to him and expressed their concerns about the snowball fight.

According to Godwin, last year the Moscow Police watched the first night of the snowball fight and weren't even there the second night. However, Godwin said that he has spoken to the police chief, and that this year they will take action.

"If there is damage, ... the police will take action to arrest individuals," he said.

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during the 1987-88 school year. Pena was a business major at Adams. He is now a second-year law student here at UI.

Pena was described by Adams' Dean Lawrence Gomez as "the kind of president that had a lot of

momentum."

Gomez worked with Pena on the Associated Students and Faculty Senate at Adams. He said Pena had a lot of student and senate support behind him, and accomplished a lot during his term.

"He was very assertive, getting as much student participation as possible," Gomez said. "He stressed involvement on the part of the entire student body rather than just the student government."

"I want people to get involved."

— David Pena
ASUI President elect

Pena wants to achieve that same goal of student involvement here at the UI.

"I want people to get involved," he said Thursday.

In response to criticism about his lack of experience within the ASUI, Pena said he felt that inexperience would work to his advantage.

"I'm not set in my ways; everything is new," Pena explained.

He said that he has worked with a lot of other governments, and one of the most common problems is the clique-forming and narrow-mindedness that often develops.

As for the ASUI Senate, Pena said there was a need for an infusion of new blood and new ideas.


"All the bickering and dissension in the senate comes from a lack of leadership," Pena said. "There is a great need for someone to put the senate back on track."

In a pre-election interview, Pena listed parking, lighting, and the Marriott issue as some of the main concerns he would like to address.


"Someone needs to take care of the student issues," Pena said Thursday.

He seems to be looking forward to being the one to do that, now that the reality of the presidential seat is his.

"I'm ready to rise to the occasion," Pena said.



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Voting patterns the same despite surprise

Old voting patterns are alive and well despite the presidential surprise and the new flavor of the ASUI election this year.

An apparent underdog at the beginning of the race just a week ago, David Pena won the presidential seat with a substantial lead over both Lisa Krepel and Lynn Major. Pena ended with 755 votes, a strong vote splitter over Krepel at 625 and Major at 473.

A surprise winner. Virtually everyone thought that the race was between Krepel and Major.

How did Pena muster such support in such a short time?

Well, much can be said for Pena's campaigning strategy. His timing was good, and many people undoubtedly appreciated his grass-roots approach of talking to University of Idaho students on a one-to-one basis.

Yet method was not the only deciding factor. It is evident that students wanted a

change. Whatever appeal Krepel and Major may have had was eclipsed by their previous ASUI affiliations. As of late the ASUI Senate has had a stagnant character with frequent infighting and indecisiveness (as evident in the student fee issue). Although Krepel and Major may not be contributing causes of this unsavory ASUI atmosphere, they cannot help but be victims by association.

Despite Pena's apparent "grass-roots" victory, there is still a disturbing feature at work in the ASUI elections. "Bloc voting," or interest-group support of a candidate or list of candidates by command or recommendation from the group's administrator or leader, is an ever-present feature in ASUI elections (and most elections in general).

Pena, a law student himself, received his biggest boost from UI College of Law students, from whom he received 207 votes. The Student Bar Association endorsed Pena and a list of other candidates. It is

hard to gauge how much actual pressure the SBA endorsement put on the law students, but the endorsement itself obviously exercised a great deal of influence.

That is not to put any exclusive blame upon the law students. Darin Hayes, Worthy Keeper of the Annals of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, said his fraternity decided as a chapter to vote for a specified list of candidates. Mitch Parks, president of Borah Hall, and Rob Gleiser, president of Graham Hall, both said they made their candidate preferences known, although their halls did not officially endorse any candidates.

One cannot blame these leaders for making their candidate preferences known, but at the same time, one would wish that living group and association members would make their own voting decisions instead of blindly following the "party line."

— Matt Helmick

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Concern over visual message

Editor:

I just read the article in the Nov. 7 issue of the *Idahonian* regarding the chemistry seminar flier which depicted a caged woman with a man standing over her with a whip.

I have many times been amazed, frustrated, or amused at the stance taken by people on both sides of the issue of women's rights. However, the issue of violence to women or men does not fit into a category of amazement, frustration or amusement. Though it most often happens to women, violence should not be viewed as a "women's issue".

At the age of 57, I consider it a very fortunate circumstance that my family has escaped violence. I have learned two things that relate to this issue through those years. The first is that we all have a great impact on people, which may be positive or negative, depending upon the visual and verbal messages we use. The second thing is that my good luck does not give me the right to be indifferent to the violence that happens to others.

I am ANGRY at the insensitive, uneducated remark made by Rob Palmer, i.e.: "They're just taking the issue and themselves way too seriously. If they had just gone to the lecture and seen that it was about organic compounds, I doubt they'd be so upset." (Seems like I've heard people say that in the past — about the Jews in the '30s and '40s and the blacks in the '60s. Do we never learn?)

Palmer, unfortunately, seems to have missed the entire reason for the concern expressed. Hopefully, he will learn that the topic and content of the seminar was not the concern.

I assume the fliers were posted for maximum exposure. I further assume that, compared to the number of people who saw the fliers, a minimum number of people attended the seminar. The CONCERN is with the VISUAL

MESSAGE that was given to everyone who saw the flier. THE VISUAL MESSAGE WAS THAT VIOLENCE TO WOMEN IS ACCEPTABLE. Furthermore, the message was that violence to women is condoned by Palmer, the chemistry club, the department of chemistry and the University of Idaho. Unfortunately his statement, as quoted, does nothing to dispel that message.

I am concerned that talking with Palmer about violence to women will not change his attitude. It is very difficult for anyone to understand something they have never experienced or seen. Perhaps a few weeks or months in community service, working with women who have experienced violence, will clarify the concerns that have been expressed about this flier. Is there any way that could be arranged?

— Evelyn McGraw

Stop bombing start talking

Editor:

"Stop Bombing, Start Talking" will be the demand of protesters at UI/SISCA's emergency rally today. Thursday at 2:30 a.m. the Arena military shot six Jesuit priests, a university cook and her daughter, execution style. SISCA holds the U.S. Congress directly responsible for these murders since Congress is responding to Arena's request for more aid.

SISCA demands that Congress: 1) Stop aid and arms shipments to the Salvadoran military; 2) Stop the bombing and massacre of Salvadoran civilians; 3) Demand that Arena allow the evacuation of the dead and wounded; 4) Allow the self-determination of the Salvadoran people.

Do you approve of our government's support of genocide in El Salvador? Neither do we. Now is the time to express your solidarity with the people of El Salvador. Meet us at Friendship Square at 4:00 p.m. today. Bring anything that makes noise so that our anger is sure to be heard.

— Monica Pitts



Ask Lois:

Osmond is a 'GeorgeMichaelhead'

Q. Is it true that new-found metal-head Donny Osmond is actually the unwanted lovechild of Ozzy Osbourne? Signed - Disgusted Black Sabbath Follower

A. No way! Where have you been? Donny Osmond had already hit puberty when I was in grade school. Don't you remember the Donny and Marie show? "I'm a little bit country, I'm a little bit rock 'n' roll..." and the ice skaters, purple socks, stupid sketches, etc., etc.? I estimate Donny's age to be late 20s/early 30s. He's too old to be Ozzy's kid. Furthermore, I can't agree with your characterization of Donny as a "metalhead." I think of him more as a "GeorgeMichaelhead." You know, frosted ends, dark roots, razor stubble. He just couldn't get the clip-on earrings to stay in place while he filmed the video.

Q. Which would you rather do, chew tin foil or shave your legs with a cheese grater?

A. My personal favorite is neither of these options, but rather knee surgery, which I always choose over other pleasant options. However, it's not



worth the trouble without the following "bonus treats."

(1) "mello-yello" hospital room in the beautiful metropolis of Lewiston, Idaho;

(2) squat, surly, fundamentally evil troll masquerading as a nurse;

(3) riding home from Lewiston to Moscow when you really have to go to the bathroom because a saline solution has been dripping into your system for the last eight hours.

Thank you for your interest in my tastes and preferences.

Q. Why do law students seem to be so high and mighty and egotistical?

A. Call me a pacifist, but the law students I know are all quite nice, pleasant and well-mannered. They even recycle their aluminum cans (always good for bonus points with Ask Lois). I suspect that this is an example of the bad apple syndrome, where a few bad ones give you a negative impression, kind of how a few snowballs with rocks in them ruin the "fun" for everyone.

Q. What does "Buck the Froncos" mean?

A. It's a typo, like "Pobody's Nerfect" and "Huck the Fuskies." It can also be loosely translated to mean: "I really care about sporting events, I mean enough to swear and stuff, but not enough to say really bad words and stuff."

Maybe one day we'll follow Gorbachev's lead

Ta da de da dee dum dee da daa.

In case you hadn't noticed, Eastern Europe has become a happenin' place. Poland is now a multiparty state. Hungary can call itself a democracy and keep a straight face. East Germans are seeking frequent-flyer status in record numbers. Ted Turner has offered to colorize Bulgaria. The Soviet press is finally allowed to report about TV psychics, tiny-headed aliens and Elvis sightings. And naturally our tireless politicians know a good thing when they see it, and the result is usually a speech that goes something like this:

We've got to set an example for the world. We must welcome these countries into the fold of democratic nations. We must liberate them from fat, wasteful bureaucracies filled with corrupt publicity-grubbing politicians unresponsive to people's needs, no matter how trivial they may seem. WE MUST SEND A SIGNAL THAT EVEN A CHOICE BETWEEN A REPUBLICAN AND A DEMOCRAT IS BETTER THAN NO CHOICE AT ALL!

Here are the suspected causes of this Iron Curtain thing: 1) Engineers and interior decorators alike tell us that, structurally speaking, iron is not sound curtain material; 2) Some say the changes are the byproduct of a weird, uh, I mean world economy; 3) Some say it's a side effect of the information revolution; 4) Others point to imaginative biblical interpretations; 5) My own personal feeling is that people are tired of standing five hours in line for a loaf of spam.

And what has been the official response of our so-called leaders? Well, George Corndog-Meringue Bush III, who's not a

bit insecure about his above-average height, has undertaken at least a six-point plan to deal with these historic changes and send the world a coherent message of freedom, so get ready for another list. 1) He called Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega "that little man"; 2) He also called him "that unwanted animal at a

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garden party" (What?? Daniel Ortega is a conservative republican??); 3) He called for a constitutional amendment granting Americans the right to do prison time for burning an American flag; 4) He vetoed a bill which would have restricted poor women's rights to bear children out of rape or incest; 5) After the Berlin Wall announcement, he delivered a cryptic message to East Germans to "remain in their seats until the bell has rung"; 6) He called for the restoration of the CIA's unilateral right to assassinate unwanted foreign government officials.

What we have here is a situation in which: a) Mikhail Gorbachev is stumping for democratic reforms, playing the role of communist party pooper throughout the Eastern Bloc; b) George (Corndog-Meringue) Bush is championing the right of the United States to assassinate other countries' presidents. Which one would you give the 1989 Spokesman for Democracy Award to?

Well, if nothing else, that should waylay people's lingering suspicions that George is a gut-

less wussy. Assassination is not for weak stomachs. I mean, think what that could do to his approval ratings?? Now, as for democracy, sure, it shows a certain insensitivity toward kindness and gentleness.

So what else is new? Eastern Europe has its Big Brother, and Latin America has its Sugar Daddy. If we were actually to support self-determination in Latin America and the Western Hemisphere, we could end up with cold-blooded killers running governments. Oh, sure, you say, in Chile, Guatemala, Panama and El Salvador, there ARE mass murderers running the governments. Yes, but they're OUR mass murderers. They're only protecting American interests. And they only kill to guarantee delay-free American arms shipments which will safeguard their countries from communism, that scourge of the Free World which often involves distasteful concepts like allowing actual citizens to produce their own food on their own land, instead of working on plantations run by your favorite multinationals. We have always had a special relationship with Latin America and have counted on it as a source of cheap labor and land, and as a dumping ground for unwanted products, byproducts and waste products.

But back to Eastern Europe for half a paragraph. The changes taking place have come about, to the amazement of many generals and other assorted anti-communists, without American military aid or CIA-sponsored

assassinations. Gorbachev deserves credit for showing unprecedented restraint. You get the feeling he knows what he's doing, even if we don't. Whereas with George Bush and Dan Quayle, you have the impression that if a Latin American president walked through the door of the White House, he might be mistaken for a communist golf caddy.

Maybe one day we'll follow Gorbachev's lead, and respect the sovereignty of our neighbors to the south. But as the superpower struggle begins to take place in stock exchanges instead of war rooms, bloated militaries will gratefully settle for "low intensity" warfare in the Third World, because from an organizational viewpoint (as opposed to the viewpoint of the host countries), even low intensity is better than liquidation.

So the optimism in Eastern Europe may not spill over into countries that can barely feed themselves, much less survive civil wars. For the moment, Mr. Bush lacks Gorbachev's courage — he still finds it easier to assassinate foreign leaders than to tell Union Carbide or Weyerhaeuser or McDonald's that people's lives take priority over factories or commercial timber or Big Macs. Hundreds of thousands of people in supposedly democratic Latin American nations have been killed by state-sponsored terrorism that our great democratic nation supports and often finances. But excesses beget excesses. And as long as we continue to elect career cold warriors like Johnson, Nixon, Reagan and Bush, the next waste of humanity is never further away than a frigid penstroke.

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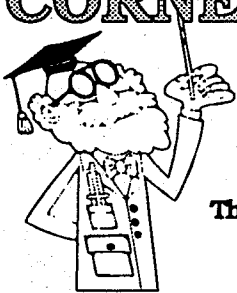
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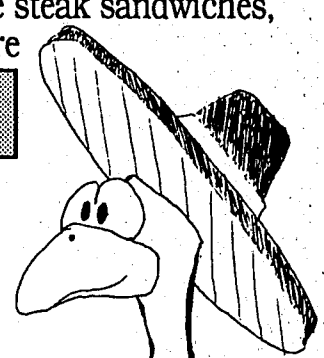
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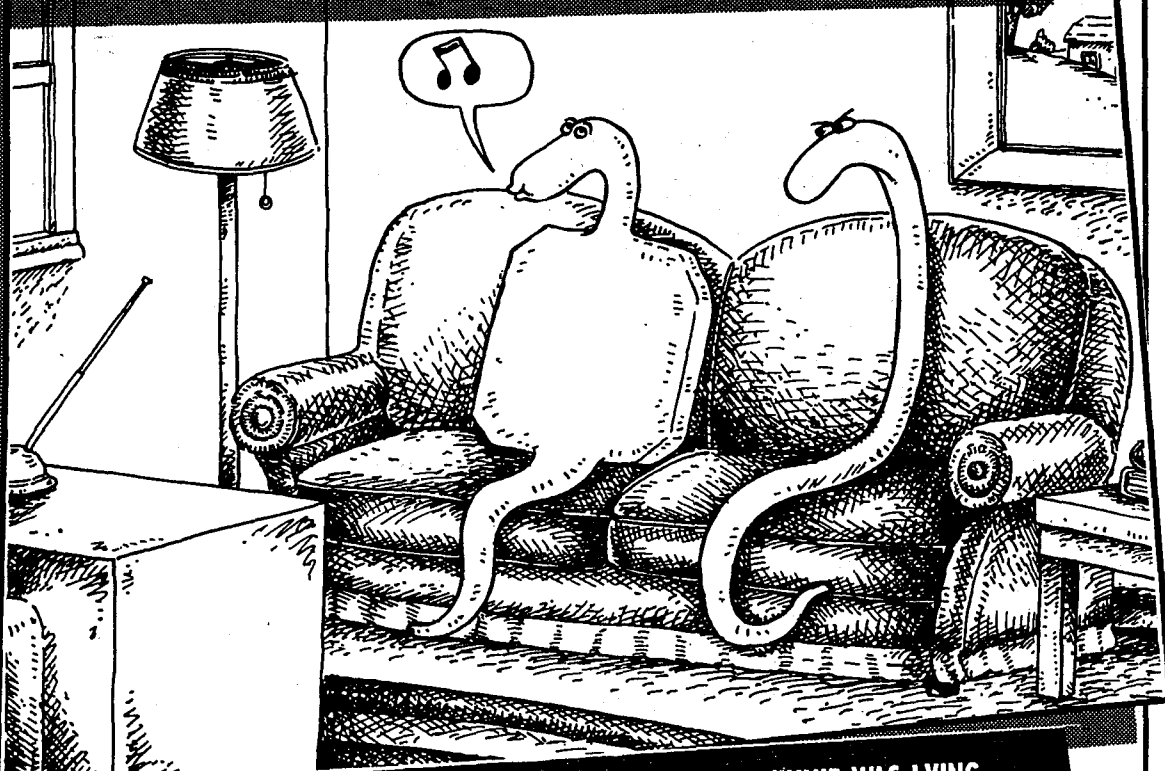
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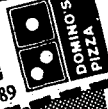


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Talented performances make plays enjoyable

The two plays currently featured by the Collette Theater, *Chocolate Cake* and *The Strangest Kind of Romance*, try to present a definition of human existence. Overall, the picture they paint is less than optimistic.

But, if the entire production were to be judged on the first play, *Chocolate Cake*, it would fall short of painting anything worthwhile. Mary Gallagher's look at obsessive women and their attempts to fill voids in their lives with food turns itself into one big cliché.

The play is about two women who meet in a hotel while attending a conference. One woman is a timid Midwestern housewife struggling to make herself attractive for her husband, the other is a flashy middle-aged rich woman who is always looking for action. The rich woman, Deliah, has a little depth to her, but the housewife is too typical to be real.

True, the relationship that develops between the two women eventually turns into something interesting. But Gallagher, by examining the problem of overeating from every angle, seems to have

dragged the subject to its limits.

But the play is almost saved by the acting talents of Lyrissa J. Gunderson, who played Sally Bowles in *Cabaret*. Gunderson's performance as Deliah lends a little comic relief to the play and adds considerably to the perception of pain beneath laughter.

Freshman Elisa Cannon seems to be able to hold her own on the stage also, although her character, AnnMarie, has no real personality.

The second play, *The Strangest Kind of Romance*, presents the audience with a much more complex theme. Tennessee Williams' examination of loneliness has many facets, from the symbols people surround themselves with to define their existence, to a look at love and selfishness and trust interwoven into a loose definition of individualism.

John J. O'Hagan plays *The Little Man*, whose naive trust of his fellow humans eventually drives him from sanity, as it does *The Old Man*.

Played by Brian Boyd, *The Old Man* tries to

explain this insanity to *The Little Man* as what is left after misconceptions about truth and love are revealed. The two are kindred spirits and find a bond in their fight to establish their own identities.

The characters played by Jean Leah Lund and Michael Porter are also kindred spirits. As *The Landlady* and *The Boxer*, these two present a pair who have sacrificed their sensitivity in an effort to survive. The way they cover up what lies beneath is tragic, especially because of the consequences the cover-ups have on others. *The Little Man*, who has seen *The Landlady's* human side, can now never understand her defenses.

In this lonely play, the performances of Lund and Boyd add shape to *The Landlady* and *The Old Man* characters.

While Gallagher's play lacks any serious theme, Williams' play more than carries the load for the two. More importantly, the talented performances of all make both plays at least enjoyable.

—*Review by Beth Barclay*

UI Prof shows photos

By GRETCHEN KELLEY
Staff Writer

If you have walked through the SUB lately, you may have noticed the new black and white photography exhibit in the Vandal Lounge. Bill Voxman, a University of Idaho math professor, is the man behind the lens.

"I've always liked to take pictures," Voxman said. "I started when I was young and learn more all the time."

Voxman shows pictures throughout the Northwest, but said the UI SUB is one of his favorite places to exhibit.

"It's a nice place to exhibit," Voxman said. "It attracts a different audience."

Between teaching math and serving on the Moscow City Council and the Moscow Arts Council, Voxman said he does not have as much time for photography as he would like. He said that he has been carrying his camera more often, even though most of the potentially good pictures always appear when the cameras are left at home.

When asked about favorite subjects, Voxman said "it depends on the day."

"I'm always looking for a good picture," he said.

Voxman's exhibit features a wide variety of subjects, everything from an abandoned house to American Indians.



Voxman

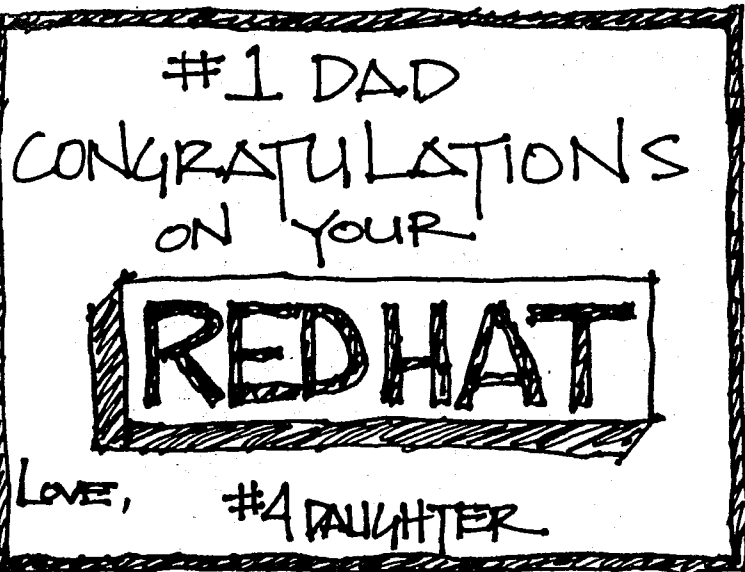
"Black and white is nice because it is abstract and real at the same time," Voxman said. "It's more real."

The photographs of people are from the "Idaho Portraits" series. Voxman's "Palouse Evening" captures the different forage of the local hills, along with a barn and two horses.

"I wish I were more clever when it comes to names," Voxman said. "But the photographs should be able to speak for themselves."

All the pictures in Voxman's SUB exhibit are for sale. A price list is available at the SUB Information Desk.

Voxman's photos are also frequently featured at Book People and at the artists' Co-op in downtown Moscow.



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Music majors present recital

By DONNA PRISBREY
Staff Writer

Wendy Walter and Tricia McMillin will present their junior recital Sunday.

Walter, on the French horn, will play works by Dukas and Saint-Saens. Alternating with her will be McMillin, on the flute, presenting works by Poulenc and Mozart.

The junior recital is required for Walter's music education degree and McMillin's music performance degree. The recital is the first solo recital music students give in the music program, and the time is shared by two students.

"We decide who we want to do

it with. Then we talk with our private instructors," Walter said.

The private instructors then help the music students decide which works they will perform and help arrange the recital.

"We've been planning this since June or July," Walter said. "I think it'll be really good."

McMillin will be required to give a larger, solo recital during her senior year. But for now she has her junior recital to think about.

"It's our first one, but it should be good," McMillin said.

"I hope people come."

Sunday's recital begins at 4 p.m. at the Lionel Hampton School of Music recital hall and is free and open to the public.

Opera recording intriguing, exciting

By SHIRLEE CARBAUGH
Staff Writer

The London opera *Aspects of Love* is about a love square, which is similar to a love triangle but involves four, rather than three, individuals.

The story begins with Rose, abandoned in the city with no money, food or friends. A young officer, Alex, convinces her to stay with him in his uncle's villa, and they fall in love instantly, of course.

But then the uncle comes home and finds Rose irresistible. When Alex learns that Rose has been called back by her theater, he professes his undying love, but Rose leaves.

After not hearing from Rose for a few weeks, Alex begins to look for her and soon discovers that Rose has become his uncle's mistress. Rose swears that she loved Alex, but explains that his uncle, George, is a better provider for her. George convinces Alex that he is too old for Rose and leaves to return to his old love, Guilietta, who has stayed steadfastly loyal to George. Rose kicks Alex out.

Are you following? So far Alex loves Rose; Rose loves George; George loves Guilietta and Rose; Guilietta loves George.

The opera's fairly dramatic ending, which I won't reveal here, is both happy and sad.

Aspects of Love, now out on record, comes with an illustrated

book containing all the music's lyrics. The opera is in English, but many of the words are unrecognizable.

This well-written story has everything today's audiences want: love, deception, guns, blood, death, and innocence that turns to pain.

Andrew Lloyd Webber has revised the musical score of the 1979 version of *Aspects of Love*, but the story remains much like David Garnett's original work.

The music and the story are intriguing and exciting. And let's face it, buying the record can definitely cut down on the expenses of traveling to London to see the opera.

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TICKETS FOR HARTUNG PRODUCTION

Tickets are available at Ticket Express for the upcoming University of Idaho theater department's

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CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

A Child's Christmas in Wales, an adaptation of the classic Dylan Thomas poem recalling a young boy's traditional family holiday, will be performed by Troupe America of Minneapolis Nov. 26 at 3 p.m. in the Lewiston High School auditorium. Tickets, \$8.50 for adults and \$5.50 for students, are available at the Lewis-Clark State College Artists Series office, the Combine in

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ROCK CONCERT

Alice in Chains and special guests Ignatius and Four Idiots Without a Name will perform Dec. 1 from 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. at the CUB Ballroom at Washington State University. Tickets are \$5 in advance at Backtrack Records in Moscow or \$6 at the door.

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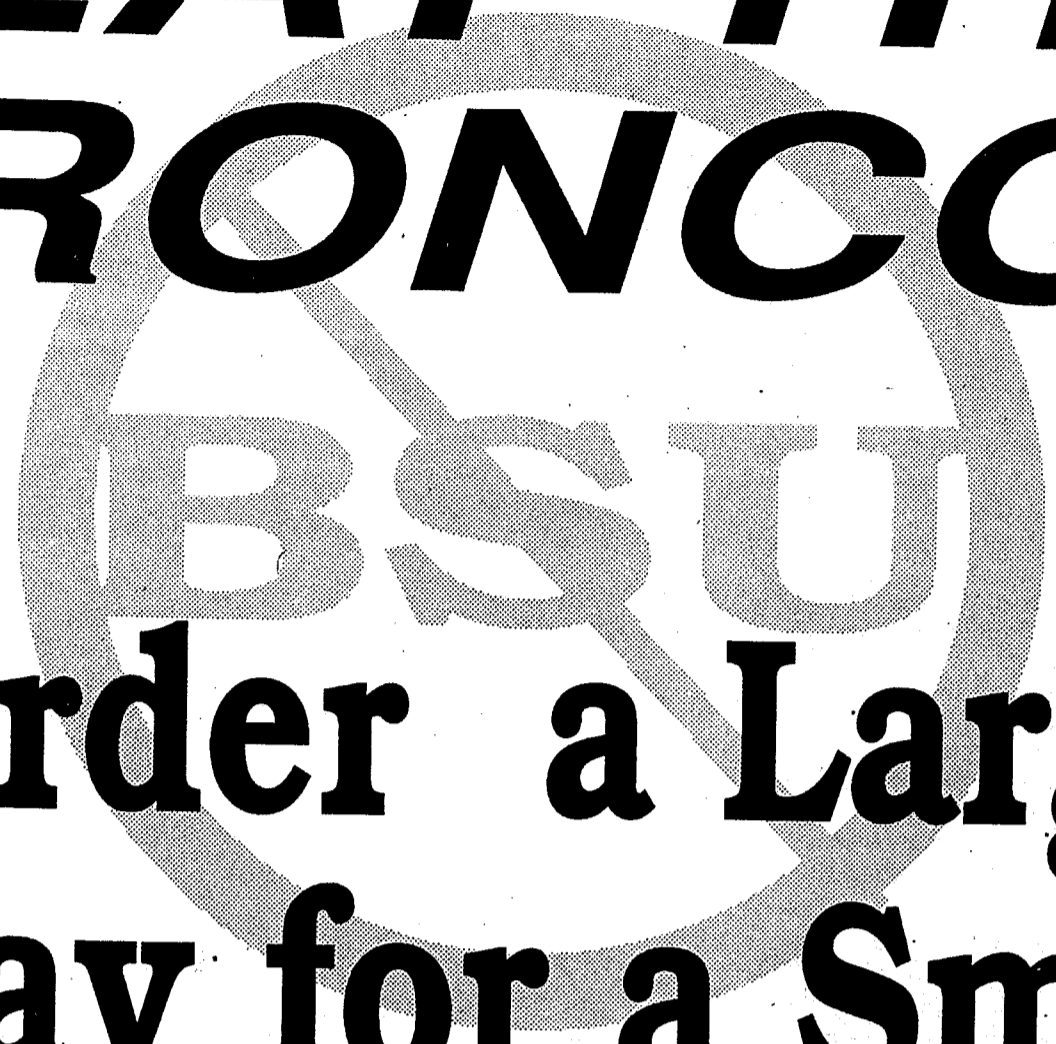
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Big Sky Conference finale: Idaho vs. Boise State

Vandals aim for eight straight

By ERIC ELG
Staff Writer

This is it, sports fans! The granddaddy of the year, the Vandal-Bronco game, is upon us at last. Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the ASUI-Kibbie Dome, the saga between the University of Idaho Vandals and the Boise State University Broncos continues.

Nothing could belittle the importance of this game. The battle features the bad blood between the teams, and a lot more is at stake than the in-state rivalry.

The BSU Broncos have lost

seven in a row to their most despised nemesis and, according to one Bronco, "We could be winless and our season would be redeemed with a win over Idaho."

For so many years, Boise State dominated UI, and now the roles are reversed. After winning seven in a row, the Vandals have a 9-8-1 record over the Broncos and are the only Big Sky Conference team with a winning record against them.

With a victory over BSU (6-4), the Vandals (8-2) will win their third straight Big Sky football title outright and establish a mark for the most consecutive conference victories with 15.

The Broncos will be gunning to end their embarrassing losing streak to UI and to make the I-AA playoffs. UI has already clinched a spot in the playoffs, and BSU will most likely enter postseason

play with a victory over the Vandals.

Because I-AA playoff locations are determined by prospective attendance, and UI would draw only about 5,000 fans due to Thanksgiving break, a rumor has floated around that if BSU defeats UI Saturday, the Broncos will host the Vandals in Boise for the first round of postseason play.

Thus, it comes as little surprise that a huge contingency of maniacal Bronco fans are making the trek to Moscow this weekend. The ASUI-Kibbie Dome attendance record will most likely be shattered, as the game is expected to draw more than 16,500 fans.

The strength of Boise State is certainly its defense, which is first in the conference in total defense, yielding just 317.6 yards per game. Leading the Broncos is

Boise native Erik Helgeson, an All-American defensive end who recorded 19.5 sacks last season. He is living up to that performance this year with 17.5 sacks and 56 tackles. Last week Helgeson was named Big Sky Defensive Player of the Week for the second time this season after leading the Broncos to a 27-20 win over Eastern Washington University with five sacks, seven tackles and a forced fumble.

A definite key to the game will be how the Vandal offensive line contains Helgeson's pass rush. Defensive tackle Bob McCauchlin has had a solid career for the Broncos, making 114 tackles. The linebacking corps is led by Andy Mitchell and Scott Russell. Mitchell has recorded 85 tackles this season, and Russell leads the squad with 99 stops. The BSU secondary features Darrin Lyle and Frank Robinson, who have

registered four and three interceptions respectively.

Boise State has struggled all season with inconsistent offensive play. For example, in last week's game against EWU, the Bronco offense gained just 64 yards in the first half, only to gain 216 yards after halftime to pull out a 27-20 victory.

The Jekyll-Hyde performance of the Bronco offense stems from the erratic play of its quarterbacks, Mike Virden and Duane Halliday. Virden will start, but Bronco Head Coach Skip Hall will not hesitate to go to Halliday if Virden is cold.

Virden has thrown for 1,832 yards, 18 touchdowns and 17 interceptions. Halliday's passing has resulted in 692 yards, one touchdown, and eight interceptions.

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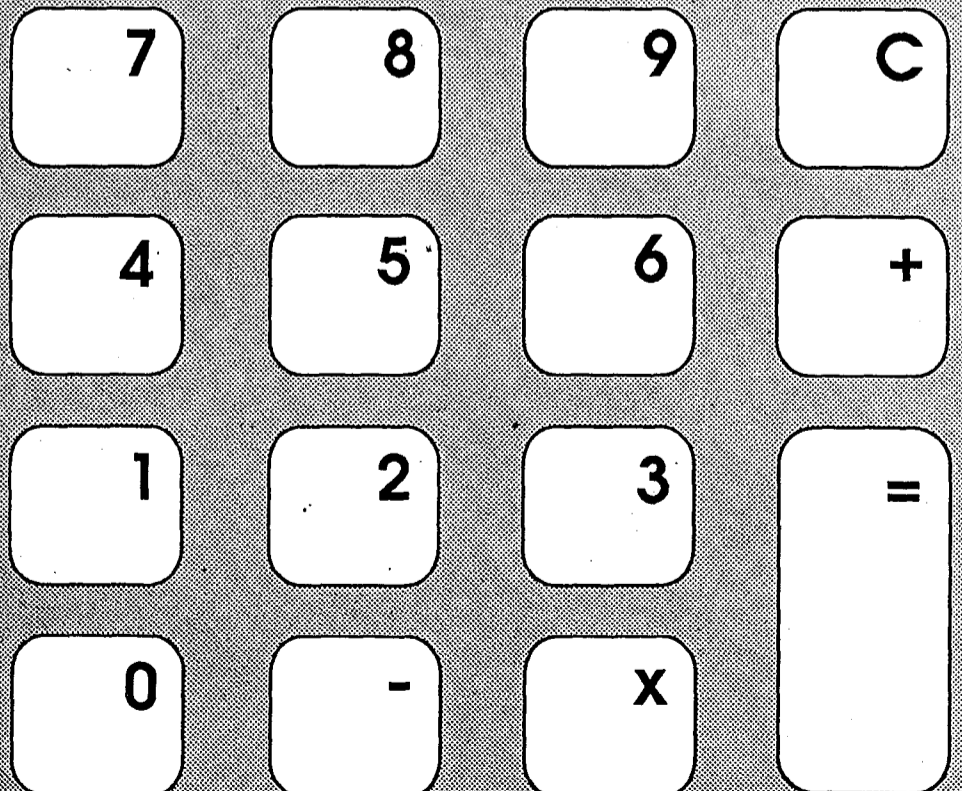
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The Broncos' strong suit on offense is their running game, thanks to a strong line and the play of tailback Chris Thomas. Thomas is second in the league in rushing with 725 yards and has scored nine touchdowns.

Ten Vandal seniors — including starters Lee Allen, Todd Neu, Steve Unger, David Jackson, Mike Zeller, Brian Smith and John Friesz — will in all likelihood make their final Kibbie Dome appearances Saturday. Friesz needs just 266 yards

passing against BSU to become only the third NCAA Division I-AA quarterback to go over 4,000 yards in a season. That same figure will also place Friesz in the No. 5 slot of all-time NCAA career yards passing.

The intriguing matchup between BSU's solid defense and UI's wide open passing, what this contest means in regard to the I-AA playoff format, and the seething rivalry between the ball clubs makes Saturday's game one of epic proportions.

The battle for state bragging rights promises to be a hot one.

▪ **FASTBREAK** ▪

▪ **VANDAL BASKETBALL**

The University of Idaho men's basketball team will host Australia's Canberra Cannons in an exhibition game Sunday at 3 p.m. in Memorial Gym.

▪ **PALOUSE TURKEY RUN**

At the Palouse Turkey Run, Bret Hyde of Washington State University took first place for the men with a time of

21:16. He was followed by University of Idaho's Keith Sandy in second place with a time of 22:30. WSU's Cary Schwarz took first for the women with a time of 25:35, and UI's Patsy Sharples finished with a time of 27:15 to take second.

▪ **INTRAMURAL WRESTLING**

In intramural wrestling, FarmHouse and Delta Tau Delta tied for first place

with 30 points. Beta Theta Pi finished third with 23 points and Sigma Alpha Epsilon took fourth with 24 points.

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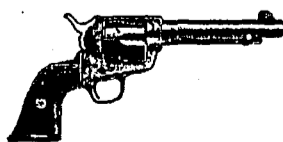
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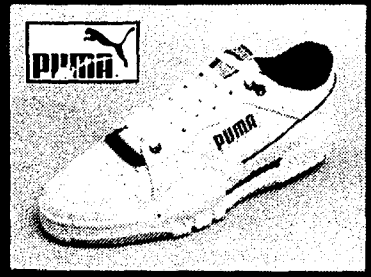
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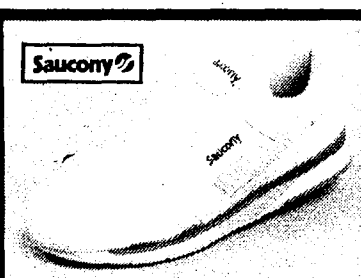
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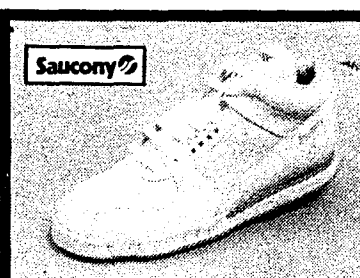
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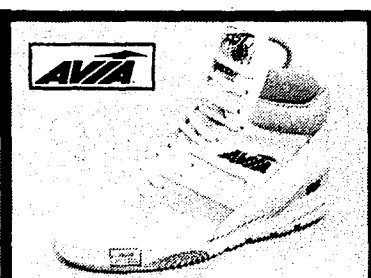
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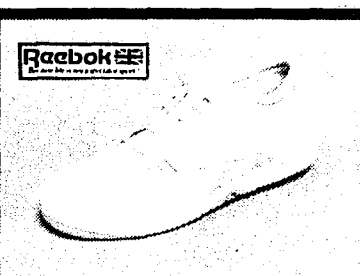
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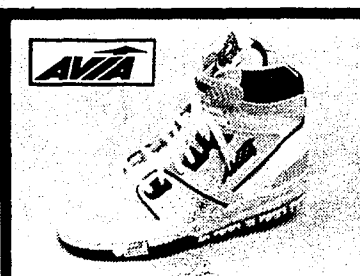
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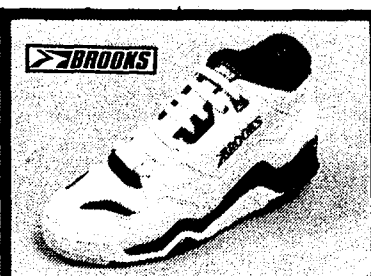
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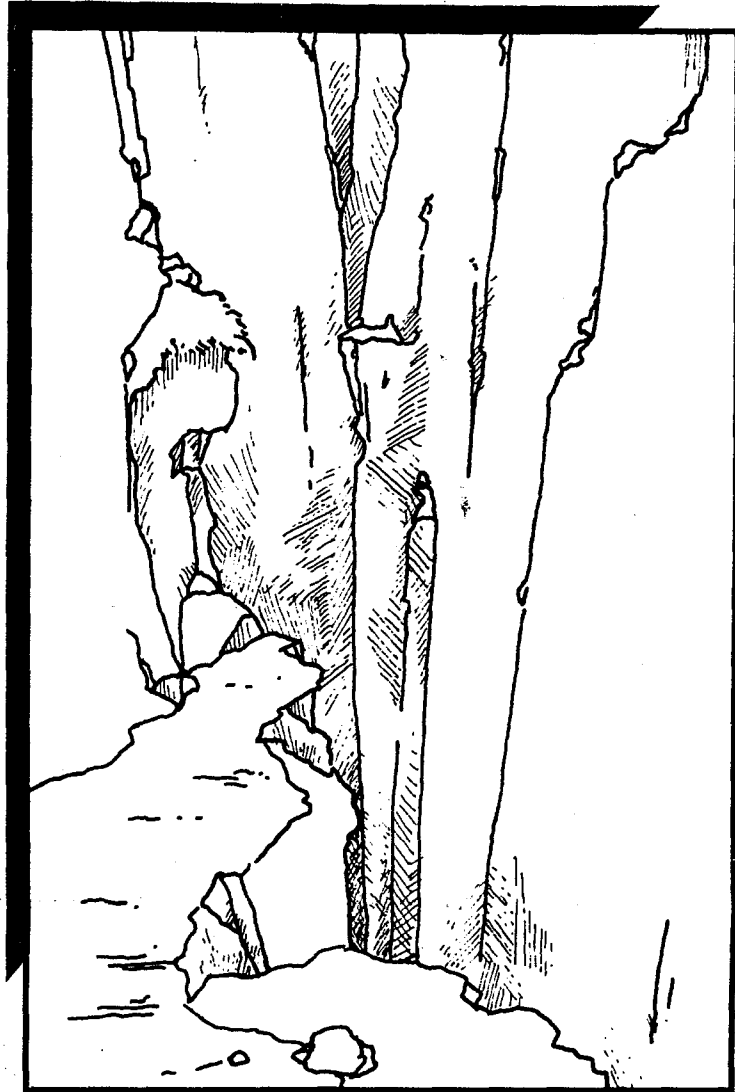
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Off a Deep and Dangerous End

Ever wonder where killers get their ideas to maim, rape and destroy? Often, the answer lies as close as the corner store.

Mike Yorkey and
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Imagine you're a research chemist working for a leading pharmaceutical firm. One day, after months of experiments, you discover a compound that has all the properties of cyanide poison at one-third the cost.

How could you be sure this new poison really worked? After all, you're aware of the skepticism that greeted the University of Utah scientists who went public with their claims of "cold fusion" last spring.

Would you invite a half-dozen friends over to watch a World Series game and spike their Pepsi to see what happened? Probably not. Better to sacrifice a few laboratory rats to make your point.

When it comes to a mental poison such as pornography and obscenity, the trouble is, it doesn't do a whole lot to rats. It seems to affect only humans. Hard-core

pornography, with its brutal rape and sexual torture, is fueling an unprecedented number of murders, rapes and molestations across the country.

Unfortunately, scientific "proof" of the link between porn and crime just isn't there. Who would expose human subjects to a major dose of pornography and then sit back to measure the tragedy that follows?

Yet the casual evidence of porn's destructiveness is as near as the local newspaper. As the 1980s come to a close, pornography can no longer be viewed as something merely naughty, a bit risqué. In fact, porn is risky business. It's dangerous, and it can kill.

Open Season on Women

When Ted Bundy told the world earlier this year that pornography spurred his brutal killings of young women and children, the reaction from the nation's media was one collective Bronx cheer.

Yet Bundy was not the first killer to describe the role of hard-core pornography in his violent attitudes toward women:

•Two years ago, Richard Brimage of Kingsville, Texas, lured Mary Beth Kunkel, 19, to his home. "I really wanted to have her sexually and when she did not do so, I killed her," he told police. Brimage choked Kunkel to death, then tied her up in a fashion similar to a bondage scene in a pornographic video found in Brimage's living room.

•Richard Daniel Starrett of Martinez, S.C., confessed to kidnapping and killing a 15-year-old girl last December, but he is also charged with the sex slayings of other young girls. Starrett, who blamed his criminal behavior on pornography, kept a huge stash of porn in a rented mini-warehouse. During one raid, police found 935 hardback and paperback books depicting nudity, horror and sexual violence.

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On The Edge — A True Story

as told to Lori Ostler

I stood and watched the kids pouring into the Mini-Dome on the Idaho State University campus, never realizing the impact this night would have on my life. Thousands of teens streamed by, some mimicking the rock craze in the outfits they wore. The typical concert goer was about 15, with glazed eyes, looking totally "out of it." The signs of drugs and alcohol were rampant.

I was in charge of stage security, and that meant keeping constant radio contact with the show crew. Our job was to act as a barricade between the crowds and the rock group on stage. We stood behind plywood barriers watching about 4,000 kids standing on the main floor.

It was still two hours before the Van Halen concert would begin. The atmosphere was heady with smoke and alcohol, and kids screamed and chanted.

I watched and saw that those kids were just like I was not long ago. They were living "on the edge." I had been there. Alcohol,

drugs, sex — you name it. I had bought the system big.

I wondered if they were searching as I had been, and still was. Searching for answers to life: a purpose or meaning. I knew there had to be something else out there. I thought about Connie, a friend of mine who had been telling me that God was the solution I was seeking.

Connie sure seemed to have something special. She had direction, almost as though someone or something was guiding her.

I had met her when I hired her as floor clerk at Garrison Hall, a men's dormitory. She professed to being a born-again Christian. Soon I learned that Jesus guided her life; but I couldn't really relate. She had a great testimony, though at times I chose to ignore it.

"Gregg," she'd say, "why don't you come to church with me this Sunday?" I always had an excuse. She wasn't ashamed to read her Bible at work, nor did she worry who might see her.

She didn't push her religion on

me. She just made it obvious that she was a Christian. I kidded her about her beliefs. I guess that was my way of dealing with the conviction I was under.

I snapped back to the present. The concert was about to begin, and the powerful din rose to a crescendo as Van Halen came on stage. Clapping and stomping feet combined with the screaming and chanting. It was impossible to hear even the sound of my own voice. The evening promised to make my head explode with noise.

The mass of people pressed closer to the stage, and Van Halen erupted into a deafening crash as their music pounded to life, their light show blinding and mesmerizing.

We could actually see ripples in the crowd, human waves pushing and straining to get closer to the false god. The lead singer began yelling to the audience.

The kids ate it up. They swallowed the lines that the singer screamed at them — that having sex, drinking, and doing drugs

equaled a good time.

"YEAAAAAAAAAH!" the teenagers roared in positive unison.

As the concert wore on, the temperature in the Dome grew hotter, the crowd larger and more tightly packed. The heat pressed close, stifling. Kids began to pass out from the combination of heat, drugs and alcohol.

It was the stage crew's job to get to the unconscious kids, pull them out of the throng, and take them to the paramedics. It was unreal. I pulled out so many kids that I lost count at 35. It was so hot we were sweating. The sickening stench of human sweat and body odor was overpowering. The crowd had no compassion — they kept pressing in. I was disgusted. They were like animals.

At one point, young girls began opening their shirts, exposing themselves, oblivious to those around them.

I had seen and done a lot, but I couldn't believe that I had ever surrendered to sin as quickly and entirely as these kids did. They seemed to be out of control and

stripped of all standards. It was scary to see the effect this satanic force had on them. Glazed eyes radiated a desperation to be a complete and total part of the music and its power.

Before this, I wouldn't have seen the scene around me in this way — I would have been caught up in the excitement too. But through Connie's influence, things were just a little clearer. I wasn't so blind anymore. God was showing me where my life had been and what I needed to turn away from.

Through the headset I was wearing, orders came from the show crew.

"Don't bother with anyone unless they're totally passed out. Otherwise push them back into the crowd."

I couldn't believe it. The show crew didn't care about the kids. I listened to them talk. They were only concerned about themselves, the job, and the money.

Again they ordered, "Concentrate on protecting the band, but

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Atheist joins pro-life ranks

CHICAGO (EP) — What's a self-described atheist such as New York writer Nat Henthoff doing in the pro-life movement?

In the March issue of *U.S. Catholic* magazine, published in Chicago, Henthoff says, "...it's a lot easier for an atheist — at least, this atheist — to be against abortion because all I have is life, this life. All I can believe in is life. And once the society cheapens life — most horrendously through abortion on demand — then life all along the line will become cheapened. Including mine."

Henthoff became a pro-lifer after reporting on "Baby Does," severely handicapped infants who were killed after parents and physicians decided they would be better off dead than living with handicaps. "When there is no respect for life in the womb, it becomes a lot easier to do away with other inconvenient lives that have long been outside the womb," he says.

"That did it," continues Henthoff. "I had finally seen 'the slippery slope.' Through the years I had heard pro-life people use the term to signify their conviction that once the unborn were dismembered and otherwise treated as if there were no life in them at all, then other vulnerable humans, even though born, could also be placed in jeopardy by a society that executed people on the basis of their 'quality of life.'" Henthoff doesn't always get warm wel-

comes from Christian pro-life groups he addresses; in fact, some have been hostile. Yet he sees a place for people like himself among more traditional pro-lifers. "The anti-abortion movement would be stronger if it had more members — members from across the spectrum of American politics, religion, and no religion. Too often the anti-abortion forces are dismissed — in the press and among many other Americans — as being an insular, parochial group: predominantly Catholic, predominantly right wing, predominantly concerned with life only to the point of birth but thereafter indifferent to budget cuts in medical care and nutrition for women and their children in poverty."

EDITOR'S COMMENT: Henthoff is certainly welcome to the pro-life ranks. In order to be pro-life it is necessary only to be pro-life; it is not necessary to be consistent.

Henthoff says that all he can believe in is life because that is all he has. That is not quite correct. All he has is *his* life. If abortion threatens *his* life, then he should oppose it — which is what he appears to be doing.

But if an abortion could make his life easier, then he has no *moral* reason for opposing it. He has no moral reason because, if atheism is true, there is no foundation for morality.

Pickers must pay abortionist

CORPUS CRISTI, Texas (EP) — Nine demonstrators who picketed an abortionist's home have been ordered to pay more than \$800,000 in damages for causing mental anguish to him and his family, and for gross negligence.

"I believe in the right to picket, and I am an advocate of the First Amendment to the Constitution," claimed Dr. Eduardo Aquino, who sued the protesters. "But anyone who abuses those rights should be penalized." Aquino said pro-life demonstrators have picketed his abortion practice since 1982 and began picketing his home in

March of 1988, prompting the lawsuit.

Jurors ruled that the peaceful protests caused mental anguish to Aquino, his wife and their four children. They awarded \$140,000 for past and future suffering of Aquino and his wife, \$170,000 for past and future suffering of their children, and \$500,000 in punitive damages for gross negligence in picketing a family home.

EDITOR'S COMMENT: Dr. Eduardo Aquino believes in the right to picket; he just doesn't believe in the right to picket *him*.

Judge allows jail pornography

ANAMOSA, Iowa (EP) — Prison inmates have a right to read pornography, a federal judge has ruled. Judge Harold Vietor ruled that inmates in the Iowa Men's Reformatory are entitled to the same magazines available to other people in Iowa. To comply with the judge's ruling, the prison has established a pornography reading room.

Prison officials argued unsuccessfully that providing pornographic material for offenders — including sex offenders — was not in the best in-

terests of rehabilitation. They noted that the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography found a link between pornography and crime. More recently, serial killer Ted Bundy stated that pornography was a catalyst that brought about his violent behavior.

EDITOR'S COMMENT: We don't know why we don't get more letters asking if we make these news stories up. We don't. Not only is truth stranger than fiction, it's also sicker.



Bill cuts funds to offensive art

WASHINGTON (EP) — An amendment to an appropriations bill that would prevent federal funding of obscene or indecent art was approved by the Senate in July. Offered by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), the bill restricts the grant-making power of the federally-funded National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

In addition to obscene and indecent art, the measure prohibits "material which denigrates the objects of beliefs of the adherents of a particular religion or nonreligion; or material which denigrates, debases, or reviles a person, group or class of citizens on the basis of race, creed, sex, handicap, age or national origin."

Arts advocates greeted the bill with cries of outrage. Anne Murphy, executive director of the American Arts Alliance, said the Helms amendment "would not allow political art. It would not allow political cartoons... We would not be able to do most of Shakespeare."

The issue, however, is not Shakespeare. The Helms proposal comes in direct response to two exhibits shown with NEA support. One, "Robert Mapplethorpe: The Perfect Moment," is a collection of sexually explicit photos with homosexual and sado-masochistic themes. The other is an Andres Serrano photograph of a crucifix submerged in

Serrano's urine that is crudely titled, "Piss Christ."

A few weeks earlier the House and Senate cut the NEA's \$171 million endowment by \$45,000 — the cost of the Mapplethorpe and Serrano exhibits — and approved a ban on future NEA funding for the groups that sponsored the exhibits.

The Helms measure goes much further, but he resists the label of censor some would thrust upon him, saying that his critics are confusing the right to freedom of speech with the right to receive government funding. Helms explains, "If someone wants to write ugly, nasty things on the men's room wall, the taxpayers do not provide the crayons."

Sen. Thad Cochran (R-Miss.) agrees. "We don't want to engage in censorship," he explains. "But care must be taken not to shock the sensibilities of those who are paying the bill."

EDITOR'S COMMENT: Sen. Helms' amendment is to the point. The issue is not censorship (although censorship is not necessarily bad — it depends entirely on what is being censored and why). The issue is whether the American taxpayer should supply the funding for this sort of immorality. The answer is no.



THE ARTIST NOTICES THAT SOMEONE HAS SUBMERGED A PICTURE OF HIS MOTHER IN TOXIC WASTE.

Court expands definition of family

NEW YORK (EP) — The New York State Supreme Court ruled in July that gay and lesbian couples are included in the legal definition of "family." In a four-to-two decision, the court ruled that a gay man could inherit the rent-controlled apartment of his deceased "domestic partner," even though New York's regulations stipulate that only "surviving spouses and family members" can inherit such a lease. According to *Christianity Today* magazine, Judge Vito Titone asserted that the term family "should not be rigidly restricted to those people who have formalized their relationship by obtaining, for instance, a marriage certificate or an adoption order."

SAN FRANCISCO (EP) — A landmark ordinance passed by San Francisco city officials expands the legal definition of "family" to include homosexual couples and unmarried couples who live together. The recognition of "domestic partnerships" gives homosexual couples and unmarried heterosexual couples the legal status of married couples.

EDITOR'S COMMENT: And in further developments, a district judge in GoodGrief, Wisconsin, declared that although a local man and his potted fern weren't exactly married, they were going steady.

Atheists Speak Out

Last year at the University of Idaho, a group called the League for Atheist and Agnostic Students (now renamed the Student Humanist Association) distributed quite a bit of literature. This is a development we welcome — in the marketplace of ideas, Christianity has nothing to fear, and nothing to hide.

Several excerpts from their literature are quoted below, along with our response. We hope you enjoy the exchange of ideas — after all, this is a university.

“Creationists normally misquote the second law of thermodynamics, which states that disorder increases in a closed system. The earth is currently part of an open system, getting energy from the sun. Complexity routinely increases, as with the growth of an embryo or crystal. Ultimately, of course, the sun will cool and life on earth will disappear.”

This is an interesting argument, which can be answered with a parable.

A certain creationist was demonstrating how the second law of thermodynamics is not consistent with evolution. He had the parts of a disassembled watch gathered up in a handkerchief. He was asking the people around him how long it would take for the parts to evolve into a watch.

“You buffoon,” someone in the back of the crowd said. “Didn’t you listen in class? What you have there is a closed system. The earth is an open system, with energy input from the sun.”

“So what will happen if I turn this into an open system? Do I decrease or increase my chances

of getting a watch?” And with that, the creationist took out a hammer, and began pounding on the parts within the handkerchief. And, to be honest, as the minutes passed, the parts began to look less and less like a potential watch.

The point, of course, is that an open system, with energy input, decreases the chances of evolution.

“Even today, when there are so many different translations of the bible available, some fundamentalists refuse to read any translation except the ‘Authorized Version,’ otherwise known as the Saint James Version... Even though James was head of both the church of Scotland and the church of England, he was not personally religious. But neither did he permit freedom of religion. If you lived in Scotland, you had to be a Presbyterian; if you lived in England, you had to be an Anglican. James loved to go hunting; he enjoyed tromping in the warm blood and entrails of the animals he had slaughtered. And, although he was the father of several children, he preferred to go to bed with young men (this was deemed a form of birth control): Now, almost four hundred years later, King James has become Saint James, the patron saint of fundamentalists.”

This reference is to James I of England, whose name shows up on what is called the King James Version of the Bible. It is unclear why the atheists believe this Bible is called the “Saint James Version” when no one calls it that. Perhaps it is the result of a diligent

avoidance of contact with Bibles of any kind.

The claims about the character of King James are true. King James was a vile man, and no Christians we know would want to claim him for their own. It is possible, however, to find King James an ideological home. His hatred of God, as evidenced by his lifestyle, makes him a clear humanist.

“[The Apostle Paul] had also explicitly repudiated god’s law, so he felt free to voice opinions of his own.”

We believe that humanists have a right to their own opinions about Christianity, but they don’t have a right to their own facts. We invite all unbelievers to investigate the claims we make about the Scriptures; but when you investigate, there is no excuse for sloppiness and not doing your homework. The following is a statement made by the Apostle Paul in the book of Romans.

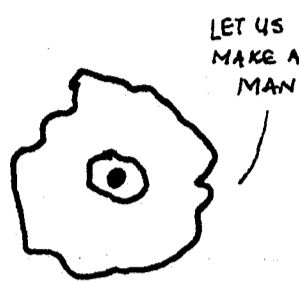
“Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.” (Romans 3:31)

These are just samples of attacks made on Christianity in the literature of the Humanist Association, and answering all of them in the fashion we have done here would not be difficult.

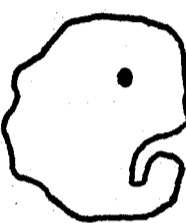
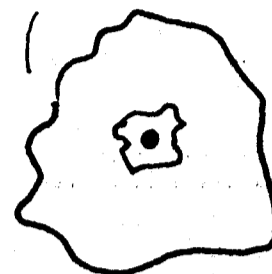
What is it that makes “rationals” attack the Bible in such an irrational way? It probably springs from two central principles of much humanism:

1. God does not exist.
2. Oh, how we hate him!

The Great Compromise



LET US MAKE AN APE



APE!



Ever Wonder?

“Why don’t Christians just mind their own business?”

Many people wouldn’t have such a problem with Christians if we would just leave them alone. Why can’t we all live and let live? Why do Christians hand out tracts and papers, preach to people who don’t want to hear, and so forth?

The first answer is that there are many people who do want to hear. They are hungry for real answers to life’s perplexing questions (answers they don’t get in the classroom), and they are hungry for forgiveness. The relativism of our age has resulted in massive amounts of hopelessness and guilt. There is only one way to

have that guilt removed, and that is through the message of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because many people have such a need, and are aware of it, Christians proclaim their message to all.

But there are many who don’t want to hear. Why don’t Christians leave them alone?

Christians believe that all those who have not been forgiven in Christ are lost in their sins. Being in this condition is not just a mild misfortune; it is a tragedy of eternal proportions.

Christians also believe they are to love their enemies and to bless those who persecute them. If we love people who are condemned in sin (even though they are unaware of it), then we are responsible to try to make them aware of their lost condition.

The first message we bring is one of bad news. It’s not pleasant to hear that you are a sinner. But this is only done so that the good news will make sense (the good news is that there is forgiveness of sins in Christ).

Imagine it this way. Suppose there were some people who were infected

with a deadly virus. Suppose further that the disease did not manifest itself until the victim died. Now, you know someone, who is living a normal life, who has this virus. Love dictates that you try to persuade him that he has the disease so that he can seek treatment.

In the same way, Christians, motivated by love for God and men, are trying to persuade a condemned world that it is indeed condemned.

So why don’t we leave people alone? Because to do so would be a fundamental denial of our religion — which is a religion of love.

Off a Deep and Dangerous End

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•When John Weber, 25, of Wausau, Wis., was arrested last year, police found more than 100 pornographic magazines in his car. Weber, who had a fascination with porn dating back to his childhood, was found guilty last March of the torture/murder of his sister-in-law.

•San Diego authorities believe that Richard Sanders, killed in a barrage of gunfire earlier this year, murdered four people — including two children — during the production of so-called “snuff films” (movies depicting real-life killings). Sanders was also linked to the sex slayings of 40 prostitutes, drug addicts and transients.

•Two or three times a week, Ramon Salcido of Sonoma County, Calif., went to his local video store and rented XXX-rated movies. Last April, Salcido went crazy, killing his wife, mother-in-law, two sisters-in-law, his boss and eventually two of his three daughters. The third daughter survived a slash to the throat.

•The same week in Northern California, 13-year-old Jennifer Moore headed down to the corner ice cream store for a treat. She never came back. Police found her nude body four days later in a garbage bag along the road. Scott Williams, a deacon and Sunday school teacher at her church, confessed to raping Jennifer in the church library, then strangling her before finishing her off with a baseball bat. Williams had a history of running up hundreds of dollars of phone bills on 976 “dial-a-porn” numbers.

•Porn can kill — literally. Det. Lt. Darrell Pope of the Michigan State Police described how a 17-year-old boy was found hanging in his closet by his father. He was wearing his mom’s girdle, underpants, bra and nylon stockings. Around his neck was her slip, tied into a knot and attached to a beam. “It was not a suicide,” said Det. Pope. “It was ‘autoerotic asphyxia,’ an accidental death. At the boy’s feet was a magazine describing exactly what he had

done. What the material forgot to tell him is that if you apply 4.4 pounds to the carotid artery for eight seconds, you will go unconscious. Once he was unconscious, he couldn’t stand up, and he just hung himself.”

As young people are being exposed to this vile material at an earlier and earlier age, the number of young people who commit sexual offenses is growing — at an alarming rate.

Automatic Replays

Sometimes, it takes one man’s story — told in his own words — to explain the harm associated with pornography. This letter came to Dr. [James] Dobson shortly after his interview with Ted Bundy.

I, too, started out looking at soft porn, as Ted Bundy did, and finding magazines and pictures of nude women. Then I ran into paperback novels about sex, and what started out as interest, curiosity and excitement has turned into obsession, compulsion and depression.

I am almost 40 now, and most of my life has been spent in fantasy, thinking about or dreaming about sex. It has affected every important relationship in my life, my mental health, as well as my intelligence, my work life and worst of all, my spiritual life. My addiction spread from looking at pictures to going to bookstores to seeing videos and movies.

Then I progressed to voyeurism, window peeping and exhibitionism. I’ve spent hours in the night looking for victims to watch, and I’ve left work for hours

to go to bookstores. In crowded shopping malls, I’ve taken indecent liberties with attractive women to get a thrill. I’ve spent hundreds of dollars on porn-line calls and probably thousands on films, videos and books.

I had to take time off from work to enter a rehabilitation program for the sexually addicted. It cost me a marriage and the loss of loved ones and friends. My mind is not my own. I am constantly interrupted by the thousands of hard-core pornographic images I have fed myself over the years. My concentration is poor and I lack motivation to start new things, fearing my addiction will only interfere. I cannot even help lead fights against pornography because being near the stimuli of my addiction causes so much anxiety I want to act out, despite knowing the terrible consequences.

Before my first marriage, I had sex with more women than I can remember, but I can’t forget them either. When I go to bed with my own wife now, there are memories of others that intrude unwantingly.

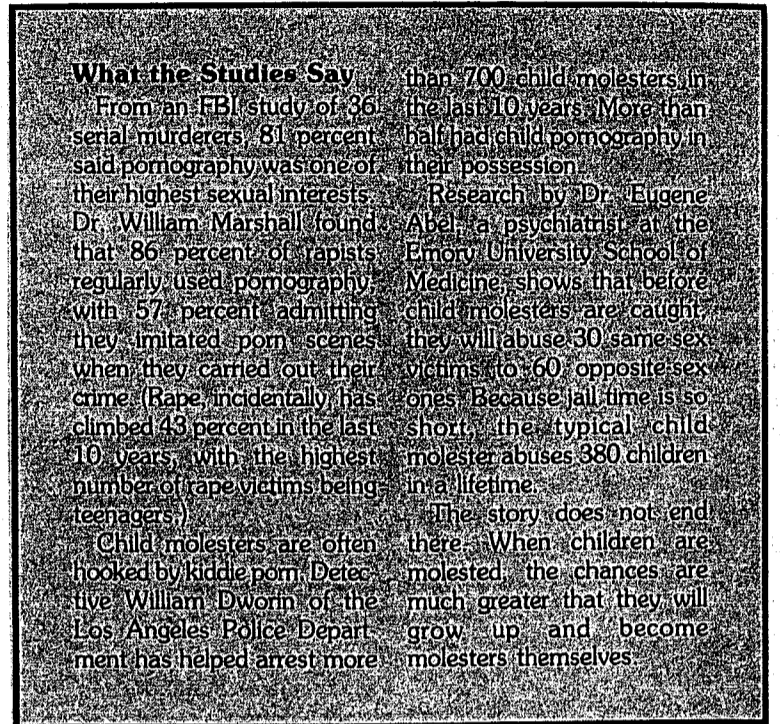
Up until a few years ago, there was nowhere I could go for help. I tried. I’ve spent thousands on psychotherapy from liberal psychiatrists and psychologists who tried to help me become comfortable with viewing pornography under safe and controlled situations. That’s like trying to teach an alcoholic to drink one or two drinks.

Since receiving treatment for my addiction and turning over all of my life and will to God through Christ, things have improved immensely. However, I am a walking wounded and scarred person. Despite the healing that is going on, I still must face the temptation and obsessions I invited into my life unwittingly. I never knew then what I was asking for.

Dr. Dobson, you must tell the nation what they are asking for by letting pornography go unchecked. The country is becoming filled with sexual addicts who cannot help but act out. Bundy’s crimes — as outrageous as they were — are only the tip of the iceberg. Consider the thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, of victims of incest, rape, VD, AIDS and emotional devastation. Pornography is insidious. It’s everywhere: MTV, adolescent music albums, and it’s even finding its way into family television via the networks.

Dr. Dobson, I know God loves me, but I don’t love myself. The things I’ve done and seen disgust me. My self-loathing, anxiety and depression have caused me great difficulty in maintaining healthy relationships. But praise be to God who is helping me. Healing is slow, but I’m making it.

I hope my letter will be an en-



What the Studies Say

From an FBI study of 36 serial murderers, 81 percent said pornography was one of their highest sexual interests. Dr. William Marshall found that 86 percent of rapists regularly used pornography, with 57 percent admitting they imitated porn scenes when they carried out their crime. Rape, incidentally, has climbed 43 percent in the last 10 years, with the highest number of rape victims being teenagers.

Child molesters are often hooked by kiddie porn. Detective William Dworn of the Los Angeles Police Department has helped arrest more

than 700 child molesters in the last 10 years. More than half had child pornography in their possession.

Research by Dr. Eugene Abel, a psychiatrist at the Emory University School of Medicine, shows that before child molesters are caught, they will abuse 30 same-sex victims, to 60 opposite-sex ones. Because jail time is so short, the typical child molester abuses 380 children in a lifetime.

The story does not end there. When children are molested, the chances are much greater that they will grow up and become molesters themselves.

couragement to you. I speak for myself, my family and the many sexually addicted men and women I have been in contact with. Fight the fight against pornography.

Please keep my identity confidential, but you may use anything I’ve written to help make a point.

We do not have to put up with the seeds of tragedy being sown at every convenience store.

A Time for Action

All of the above examples — gruesome as they may be — still won’t convince diehard libertarians that porn is to blame for numerous crimes and therefore ought to be curbed. “It’s only circumstantial evidence,” they’ll say. “Nothing solid.”

The average citizen, however, isn’t waiting for further proof. Neither are such leaders as Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who has introduced legislation that would allow victims of sexual crimes to sue the producers and sellers of explicit pornography if the person can prove the offensive material at least influenced or incited the crime.

(Provided the victim is still alive to file suit, that is.)

Called the Pornography Victims’ Compensation Act of 1989, or the “Bundy Bill,” the law would allow for the recovery of medical expenses, economic loss, pain and suffering, plus attorney’s fees.

“The causal link between pornography and sexual violence is becoming increasingly clear,” said Sen. McConnell. “As young people are being exposed to this vile material at an earlier and earlier age, the number of young people who commit sexual offenses is

growing — at an alarming rate. We see atrocities like the ‘wilding’ gang rape of a young woman in (New York’s) Central Park and the rape of a handicapped girl in New Jersey by five teenagers. We have to ask: How do young people get the idea for such crimes? The answer lies in the widely available sick pornography.”

If Sen. McConnell’s bill passes, it is sure to be vigorously fought in the courts. After all, the \$8-billion-a-year porn industry will not take this lightly, nor will its customers, nor those who press the First Amendment so far that it violates common sense.

But somehow, some way, decent-minded people in this society will find a legal means to curb the visual poison that stimulates men into sprees of erotic mayhem. We do not have to tolerate that much “freedom.” We do not have to put up with the seeds of tragedy being sown at every convenience store.

The point is not that the human body is evil, or that sexuality is to be hushed, or that marital union is ugly. God made male and female to be attracted to each other. But that attraction is healthy only within the bounds of respect and commitment and free will.

When an overheated male sets out to take what no woman will freely give him, society has a right to check out what started the flame. Arson has never been allowed in this culture, and the sexual arson ignited by hard-core pornography must be treated the same.

Do we know for sure that violent pornography is addictive and progressive, demanding ever-greater response? No, but with the evidence on hand, we know enough to flee from it personally and ask our society to dump it...for the safety of us all.

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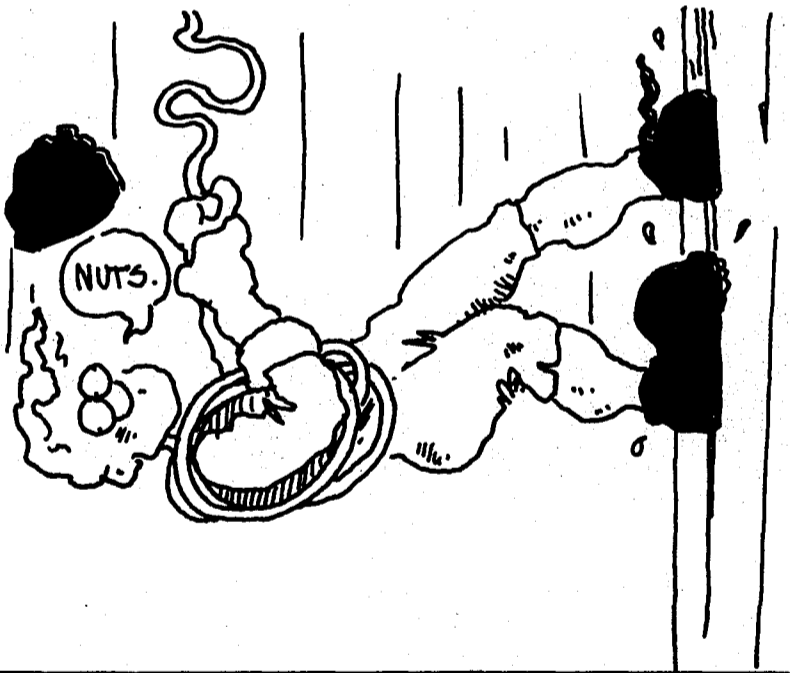


'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.' (from 1 Corinthians Ch.13)



Some people think it does not matter what you believe as long as you are sincere. Consequently, some believe any and all religions are valid means to God and salvation. However, the Bible does not give us any other options except this one.

'Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.' (from John Ch.14)



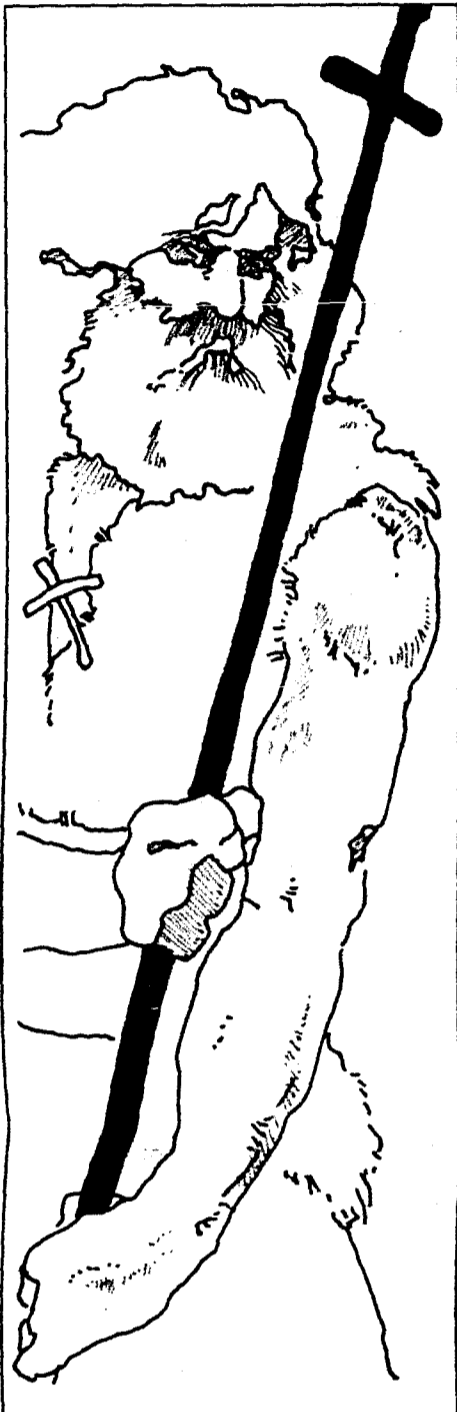
GETTING TO GOD BY GOOD WORKS IS LIKE CLIMBING MT. RAINIER WITH GREASY SNEAKERS.

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'But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs, having the hope of eternal life.' (from Titus Ch.3)



Jesus said: 'Don't you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him 'unclean'? For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body. What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.' For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.' (from Mark Ch.7)



Victim or Victor?

How to Win the War

Barbara Friedman

"Repent!" he told the people coming to hear him — and some did. "Repent!" he told the religious leaders — and they did not. "Repent!" he told a "governor" and rebuked him for taking his brother's wife as his own wife — and the governor had him beheaded.

But this man's message did not die. It is the message we must hear today.

We are a nation at war — but not with another nation. And there is no doubt we are on the losing side. From the 1960s to the 1980s, your chance of being murdered, raped, robbed or assaulted almost tripled. More than that, crime, prostitution, drug abuse and violence, not just among adults but also among teenagers and children, are evident. Have you ever known teenagers caught up in corruption? They are like semi trucks going down steep grades without steering and without brakes. They're dangerously uncontrollable.

Incest, child abuse, rape, date rape, bizarre forms of crime and bizarre behavior abound. These are also apparent battle scars. But these are only sin's most obvious forms. There are other behaviors, subtle enough not to make the newspaper, but deadly enough to make us victims of the war.

"The soul that sins shall die."

- Do you lie?
- Have you cheated?

- Do you use God's name in vain?
- Do you hate someone?
- Have you lusted after another?
- Do you have fits of rage?

We are all casualties of this war. "For all have sinned..." Sin has had its way in all of our hearts and minds. Again listen to John the Baptist's message: "Repent!" He did not say, "Talk it over with this one or that one." He did not say, "Teach them about drug abuse." He did not say, "Give them sex education." And he did not speak of intrinsic human goodness. But he did say, "Repent!"

John's message did not originate with him. "God commands all men everywhere to repent." The word repent is used numerous times in the Bible to mean, "turn away from evil and turn to God." Repentance, therefore, deals with two directions — turning away from one and turning to another. It is not enough to turn away from sin and not turn to God. It is only God who can forgive sins and help a person stop sinning. Also, it is not enough to turn to God without turning away from sin and evil. Would a Holy God allow rebellious men into heaven?

Would you like to stop sinning? Would you like to be changed? Do you want God to forgive you? Do you want a clean heart? There is not a man or woman who ever repented before God and believed in Jesus Christ who never experienced the freedom of forgiveness: freedom to say "No!"

to sin and to destructive habits; forgiveness that removes guilt and shame.

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin... So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." The Apostle Paul declared, "Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you."

Obviously, repentance cannot be contrived. You cannot fake it. Either you are repentant or you are not.

Are you sick of sin? Are you sorry for the mess sin has made of your life? Do you want to stop? Do you believe that Jesus is God the Son? Do you believe that God the Father sent Jesus to die for your sins, that he was buried and three days later rose from the dead?

If you said Yes!, Yes!, Yes!, Yes!, Yes!, it's quite possible you are ready to repent and believe in Jesus Christ, and receive a clean heart. I suggest you pray the following to God now:

*Dear Father in Heaven,
I know I have gone my own way. I have sinned, and I am sorry. I turn from my sins in repentance. I believe that Jesus died for my sins, and because of that I want to be forgiven. Please clean my heart and help me to live a life that pleases you. Amen.*

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From the Greek

Chris Vlachos

I'd like to look at Matthew chapter 5, verse 3: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." I'd like to focus on the word "poor." In the Greek language there were two words for "poor." The first word was *πεινης* [penes]. This word described a person who was not able to live off an inheritance or off his property, but had to work with his hands to earn his living. These were the common working people of the society.

The other Greek word for one who was poor was *πτωχος* [ptochos]. This word describes absolute poverty, which literally has nothing and in fact is in danger of starvation! This word was used of one who was utterly dependent upon others to get by. We find this word used in Luke 16:20 of Lazarus the beggar who begged at the rich man's table. Notice how he was destitute and dependent.

In Matthew 5:3 the word for "poor" is the word *πτωχος* [ptochos]. Blessed are the poor in spirit — that is, the ones who are absolutely destitute of any spiritual goods. They are not relatively poor, but totally lacking. They don't stop there, however, but place their utter and complete trust in God alone for their salvation. Having no righteousness of their own, they look to the rich grace and mercy of God.

Blessed are the poor in spirit — for to them and to them alone is the kingdom of heaven.

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let the kids get as close as possible. We want to create an illusion of closeness and warmth." Then they said, "Hey! Someone move those paramedics back. They're causing a negative mood."

The truth was we could have used 20 or more paramedics. Again I reached to pull out another victim. She was a young girl, soaked in sweat, unconscious. I placed her on the ground under the stage, and a nurse and a paramedic were immediately at our side.

They had difficulty finding her weak pulse. The girl was hardly breathing. I watched, mesmerized, as they were forced to administer CPR, then finally oxygen. It took almost 15 minutes to get a normal pulse, during which time I silently prayed, "God, don't let her die. This is crazy. This is only

a stupid rock concert..."

The band kept playing. The crowd was oblivious to the young girl who lay dying. What a sickening, useless way to end a life.

The moment they said she was able to be moved to the waiting ambulance, I felt a tremendous sense of relief and, at the same time, a great disgust.

This concert represented everything that I had been and done. The young girl lying near death was like my near death over a totally bogus system. All the worldly pleasures I had ever wanted were all there in front of me, and I had turned away, revolted. This was not the way I wanted to live.

And then the concert was over. My ears were ringing, my eyes stung from the sweat, smoke, and blinding lights. The main floor was deserted now. All that remained was an immense carpet of

trash.

When I thought about my life, I felt as dirty as that floor. My soul was littered.

But then I remembered Connie's friend Jesus, and how she said he could erase all the sin and heartache in my life. He could reach into this soul of mine and wipe out that black, ugly mess of a life I had nursed for so long.

The next day was Sunday. I called Connie and asked her if I could go to church with her. That morning I accepted Christ into my heart to be the Lord and Savior of my life.

The concert was over, but the influence of that day lingered on in my life. I turned my back on the illicit sex, drugs and alcohol that the world offered and reached out to Jesus. He put a new song in my heart — music from the Rock of ages that would never fade.

The Ten Commandments

IX "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor."

Exodus 20:16

Doug Wilson

Jesus was convicted on the testimony of false witnesses. We are told that one of the reasons the high priest kept trying to get Jesus to say something at his trial was that the witnesses were not agreeing with one another. The chief priests were not bothered by false testimony, but they didn't want it to be blatant, conflicting testimony.

It's always harder to tell a lie than to tell the truth. If you tell the truth, your story is always going to come out right. If you tell a lie, you have to cover yourself with other lies and rearrange a lot of assorted facts. The false witnesses at Christ's trial were having that type of trouble.

This illustrates the thrust of the ninth commandment. When Jesus referred to adultery, he equaled it to a lustful heart. Similarly, a thief is someone who is covetous and a murderer is someone who is filled with hatred. Someone who gives false testimony in court is someone who lies on other occasions.

What does God think of lying?

Telling a lie is not just a "small sin" that God overlooks. In the book of Revelation, we see that "everyone who loves and practices falsehood" is excluded from God's presence, from Heaven.

Elsewhere in Revelation we are told that the Lake of Fire, or Hell, is reserved for those who love and practice falsehood, as well as adulterers, murderers and idolaters.

What is the root cause of lying?

The answer to this question can be found in a rebuttal Jesus made to the religious Jews of his day, especially those who



claimed that God was their father.

"If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. *Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire.* He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. *When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.* Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God." (John chapter 8, verses 42-47)

Consequently, loving and practicing falsehood is an indication of who your father is.

The author of Romans illustrates another cause of lying. "Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit. The poison of vipers is on their lips. Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."

When someone is full of resentment and bitterness, anger and malice, one of the first casualties is truth. Have you ever been bitter against someone and as far as you are concerned, that person cannot do anything right? When you speak about him to someone else, because of your bitterness you misrepresent what he is doing. That is the process of a mouth full of cursing and bitterness. That is where slander comes from. You tell a lie about someone because

you have malice in your heart toward him.

How do you handle your finances?

What do you do at tax time? How do you fill out financial aid forms? Many people lie about how much money they make. No matter how justified you feel you are, it doesn't change the fact that you are lying about what you have made to the government. That is an explicit violation of the ninth commandment, because you are signing that statement under penalty of law and are perjuring yourself.

What about "white lies"?

These are the supposedly little lies thought necessary to spare someone's feelings. Is it unkind to tell the truth in these situations?

What do you do when someone comes up to you and says, "I just bought this dress, do you like it?" and you don't? You don't have time to let the dress grow on you. It's easy in these situations to think of a lie as grease or oil to help you slide through a difficult situation. But the truth, spoken with right motives, graciousness and tact, is kinder, though not easier.

God does not have neutral opinions about what comes out of our mouths. He takes a dim view of liars and lying. People who love and practice falsehood will be excluded from the heavenly city. We know that hell has a place reserved for those who love and practice falsehood.

Jesus says, "I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

Don't murder my child!

Samuel Voisard

A mother stepped into the doctor's office carrying a bright and beautiful baby a year old. Seating herself near her family physician, she said, "Doctor, I want you to help me out of trouble. My baby is only one year old, and I have conceived again, and I do not want to have children so close together."

"What do you expect me to do?" asked the physician.

"Oh, anything to get rid of it for me," she replied.

After thinking seriously for a moment, the doctor said, "I think I can suggest a better method of helping you out. If you object to having two children so near together, the best way would be to kill the one on your lap and let the other one come on. It is easy to get at the one on

your lap, and it makes no difference to me which one I kill for you. Besides, it might be dangerous for you if I undertook to kill the younger one."

As the doctor finished speaking, he reached for a knife and continued by asking the mother to lay the baby out on her lap, and turn her head the other way.

The woman almost fainted away as she jumped from her chair, and uttered one word, "MURDERER!"

A few words of explanation from the doctor soon convinced the mother that his offer to commit murder was no worse than her request for the destruction of the unborn child. In either case it would be murder. The only difference would be in the age of the victim.

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How can I control my smoking, eating...?

Steve McClaine

“Why can't I stop smoking? I know it's bad for me. If only I could win this battle, this war, against these filthy cigarettes!”

Does this frustrating fight sound familiar to what goes on in your own mind? Perhaps you will also be able to relate to this statement from the Apostle Paul:

For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do — this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God — through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Wanting to quit, but not being able to — a prisoner to a nicotine-filled cigarette. Can someone rescue me?

Yes! There is help! God can help you — through Jesus Christ the Lord!

But how is this possible? The Apostle Paul calls the following information “of first importance.” This passage of crucial information is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 15:

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and

that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.

There are four important points in this matter of first importance. The first point is that “Christ died for our sins.” On the cross, Jesus took the punishment for all of our sins upon himself.

At this point you may be thinking, “Smoking is never spoken of in the Bible and therefore is not a sin.” While it is true that the habit of smoking is never directly addressed in the Bible, the more encompassing problem of self-control, or lack of self-control, is. Smoking is not a sin. Lack of self-control is. “Be self-controlled” we are commanded by God through Peter in his first book.

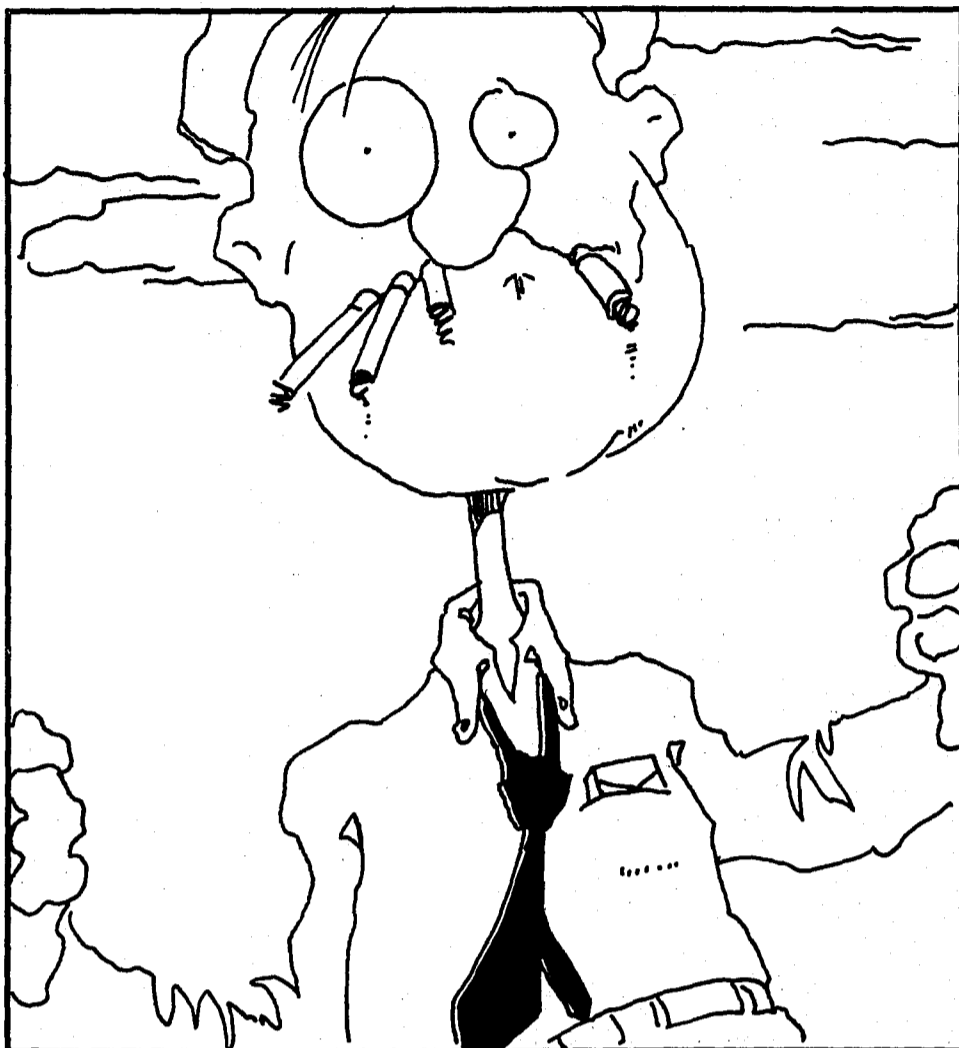
This lack of self-control is also the reason for many other bad habits, including over-eating. Have you ever noticed how sometimes a person who quits smoking will gain weight? One's lack of self-control is simply shifted from one habit to another.

The second important point from Paul's message is that these things happened “according to the Scriptures.” This fact is mentioned twice in the passage. The Scriptures he refers to are known as the Old Testament. Many direct references are made to Jesus in the Old Testament. Psalm 22, Isaiah 7, 9, 53 and 55 are just a few. Please read them.

The third point is that Jesus was buried. Why is a person buried? Because he is dead. Jesus died.

The fourth crucial point is that Jesus rose from the dead. He is alive, risen, and that's how we can know him. This is the gospel. His rising from the dead is truly the best news that ever happened on any given day throughout all of history.

Notice, though, that the passage states a condition. “By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.” You can be saved from sin, delivered, if you hold firmly to the word of the gospel. Who can help me be self-controlled? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Call upon him for complete deliverance now.



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Physical descriptions are not adequate when it comes to people's hearts

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Time or Newsweek might describe people according to physical terms — tall, short, blue eyed, olive skinned, etc. Here are a few other ways of describing people.

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects

of wrath. (Ephesians 2:1-3)

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. (Galatians 5:19-21)

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without

self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God — having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them. (2 Timothy 3:1-5)

Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are sense-

less, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. (Romans 1:28-32)

Do any of these phrases describe you? If so, how many? Count them. These are all quotations from the New Testament, which is known as the gospel, or good news.

I was selective in picking these paragraphs, so they all turned out to be bad news. The good news is the solution to the above bad news. Send in the above coupon for a free New Testament.