ASUI Senate discusses open positions

Andrew White

The ASUI Senate met Wednesday to emphasize student involvement at the University of Idaho. Those three senate positions are most along with a host of other leadership positions ranging from Activities Board Chair to Academic Board Chair.

“It’s a good time to get involved, we’ve been making some major steps,” said Senator Brian Kane. “The success of the students, particularly for the three senate positions, has been overwhelming.”

The deadline for all ASUI applications is Sept. 27th. Any interested students are encouraged to inquire and apply for any openings in student government.

Vice President Damon Danzly said, “The application process has been going very well. President Wilson and I have given it a lot of thought, and we wanted to make a long application process. It has been almost four weeks, so everyone has had an opportunity to be about the openings and get the information. Sean has had about 10 to 12 applications from very strong people.”

Senator John Tassenhol in said, “Those who are interested have applied and we can’t do anything more than that. The applicants that we have are very high quality candidates. We’ve been advertising in the Argonaut and we’ve sold all of our living groups so we can’t do much more.”

Many people have resigned from their positions creating openings and opportunities for students Tassenhol in said.

Greek teeter-totter to raise money for cancer research

Jennifer Eng

Friday night at 5 p.m. the members of Delta Delta Delta sorority and the men of FarmHouse Fraternity sat out on a mission. Their mission was to raise money for children’s cancer research for St. Jude’s hospital.

For 48 hours the Tri-Delt along with the men of FarmHouse teeter-tottered in Friendship Square in Moscow. A bucket set out for the cause collected $425 from people passing by who wished to donate money.

Tasha Kerby, philanthropy chairperson of Tri-Delt, said she wanted to thank FarmHouse for their hard work. “It was a last minute thing, but they did a really good job,” said Kerby.

Two other fraternities were seen to teeter-totter, but had to back out at the last minute.

The teeter-totter fundraiser is held on Dad’s Weekend every year. This year they moved the teeter-totter from its usual place in front of the bookstore to Friendship Square. The move was a good one, Tri-Delt’s reportedly doubled their contribution this year.

Jeremy Knudson the philanthropy chairman of FarmHouse had said, “It was a lot of fun.”

We want to remind people to please be courteous if you don’t want to give. Other than that Knudson said, “It was pretty cool.”

The teeter-totter event kicked off a week full of philanthropic events for the Greek system. This weekend Sigma Chi fraternity will have their annual Derby Days at their chapter house. Money raised from this annual event goes towards the Children’s Miracle Network Telethon.

Down the hill, the men of Kappa Sigma fraternity will hold their popular puff football tournament on Saturday.

Also Saturday, Beta Theta Pi fraternity teamed with Phi Beta Phi sorority to face off against the men of Sigma Nu teamed with the Delta Gamma in a 24 hour softball tournament at Gey Wick’s field.
Police nab prison escapee

BOISE—Charles Ray Thompson escaped a second time from the prison where he was being held in connection with a hostage taking earlier this month.

Thompson, 35, was spotted Tuesday by two Boise Police detectives and collapsed after a short chase on foot.

The escape was the first from the minimum-security prison, he held a Garden City family at knifepoint for five hours.

Thompson was arrested Sunday after an inmate from the Idaho Maximum Security Institution. He was serving a five-to-six-year sentence for a drug possession trial and a 15-to-25-year sentence for kidnapping—a charge stemming from the Garden City incident.

Thompson was working in the prison yard inside a locked, monitored area. He said he needed to contact his attorney and returned to the cellblock.

How Thompson escaped is unknown, Ann Thompson said. The escape, which was not declared a breakout, was the second in the prison's history, but was the first in the history of the State Penitentiary in Boise.

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Monk eases students’ spirits

Mike McNulty

Peering through sad John Lennon-spectacles, a tanned and trim little man sits cross-legged on a rusty folding chair with tireless stable arms outstretched and passionately inhales the warm air around him.

Mediation is one way Vijaya Das overcomes the pressures of everyday life.

Vijaya is a traveling monk and is offering stress-relief students spiritual wisdom on campus this week.

Traveling by motorhome to major west coast universities, Vijaya, 35, is at the University of Idaho until Friday spreading the word of the Indian religion Vaishnavism.

And his traveling companion Kruna Das are part of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness based in Los Angeles. They visited Washington State University last week and are heading to Seattle and Portland after this weekend.

Vijaya will have a table set up between the University Classroom Center and the library until today at 3 p.m. selling books, incense, meditation music and wood beads.

One of Vijaya’s main sources of spiritual guidance is Bhagavata-gita As It Is by A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami. The book is a translation of the 5,000-year-old understandings and principles of Krishna, originally found in the verses of Srimad-Bhagavata-gita.

The Krishna consciousness movement, which according to Bhagavata-gita As It Is, is gradually becoming the most popular

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and future generations through individual and collective actions,” Zavestoski explained.

The workshop is designed to appeal to a variety of interests. Businesses owners can learn how sustainability offers a healthy economy, while citizens can learn techniques for “coalition-building,” and how to serve the diverse needs of the community.

“We are trying to get a lot of students because sustainability is a hot issue and if anyone was doing any environmental study, those people would benefit greatly from this workshop,” said Zavestoski.

AtKisson recently returned from the Netherlands, where he consulted with the national government, and has also worked in Seattle, Boston and St. Louis.

The workshop promises to be hands-on and engaging. “AtKisson is very articulate and engaging,” Zavestoski said. The workshop will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Oct. 9, at the Holiday Inn Express Conference Room in Pullman and is open to the public.
Clinton warns veto of Species Act overhaul

Associated Press
WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration Wednesday attacked Western Republicans' plans to rewrite the Endangered Species Act, suggesting a veto awaits the House GOP plan to effectively repeal the law.

"The Endangered Species Act embodies values important to all Americans, and we do not believe that the American people will support the extreme measures taken in this act," Assistant Interior Secretary George Frampton Jr. told the House Resources Committee.

Frampton said he would recommend that President Clinton veto the bill sponsored by Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, the committee chairman, and Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calf.

The measure "abandons this country's support for the conservation of endangered plants and animals... while providing virtually no protection for wildlife," he said.

Frampton, who oversees the National Park Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service, indicated during a break that Clinton would veto the bill if passed in its current form.

"This is worse than other bills he's vetoed," Frampton told The Associated Press.

The bill would emphasize voluntary efforts to protect fish and wildlife and eliminate the ban on destruction of threatened and endangered species' habitat on private lands.

Strongly supported by Republicans from the West and the South and by some Democrats

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Corruption alleged in wild horse, burro program

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Corrupt Bureau of Land Management staff members are slaughtering wild horses and burros and pocketing profits rather than offering the animals for adoption, animal rights activists say.

"We are alleging there is a coverup going on right now in the BLM," Karen Susman, president of the International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros in Sweetwater, Ariz., said Tuesday. "We believe there is a coverup." Susman spoke at a news conference that was open only to reporters, and BLM spokeswoman Twana Chatin was surprised, screaming, from the room after the activists asked her to leave.

"I'm shocked they wouldn't let me in," Chatin said afterward.

Inside, members of the American Free-Roaming Wild Horse and Burro Alliance alleged:

- BLM staff members are selling thousands of wild horses and burros to slaughterhouses for $400 to $500 and keeping the money.
- Numbers of wild horses and burros are deliberately understated so BLM workers can keep or slaughter the animals.
- BLM employees are allowing selected people to adopt wild horses and burros, fattening them up for a year and then to sell them to slaughterhouses.
- "High-level officials in the BLM have tried to cover up these illegal activities and sought to intimidate whistleblowers."

The alliance also sent a letter to President Clinton demanding the U.S. Justice Department appoint a special prosecutor to investigate.

Grant Vaughn, a U.S. Department of Interior attorney in Santa Fe, said there already is a federal investigation. U.S. Attorney Aila Ludlum in Del Rio, Texas, heads it.

A Del Rio grand jury and the BLM law enforcement division are assisting her and investigating separately, Vaughn said.

He said FBI agents also have reviewed the allegations but chose not to initiate an additional investigation.

BLM officials denied any coverup. They declined further comment because the investigation is pending.

About 35,000 wild horses and burros roam free in the West, the BLM has said. In 1971, Congress passed a law that said the animals, "living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West," deserve protection.

The BLM is responsible for caring for the animals, maintaining wild herds and allowing some adoptions—for $125 each—when the horses and burros become too prolific.

"But the BLM has not protected these animals. The BLM has thumbed their nose at the public and the law," said Nancy Whittaker of the Animal Protection Institute, based in Sacramento, Calif.

As proof, the activists in Albuquerque offered a letter from Reed L. Smith, who retired as New Mexico's BLM deputy state director for resource planning, land use and protection in Oct. 1994.

Smith's letter says he came under "full attack" by the BLM after speaking out about problems in the agency. He wrote that his meeting notes, log books and other documents have been subpoenaed by the U.S. attorney's office in Del Rio.

Smith couldn't be reached for immediate comment Tuesday. There was no answer at his telephone.

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"Some alumni were upset at the lack of parking at the game," she said. The party was well received and hopefully it will continue.

The Senate urges students to attend Africa Night which will begin at 6 p.m. tonight in the Student Union. Events will include African culture, African cuisine and modeling.

Senate meetings are held every Wednesday at 7 p.m. located in the Golen Gold room on the second floor of the Student Union. All students are encouraged to attend. Interviews for openings in ASUI student government begin next week.

The Following Employers Are Expected To Participate

Advanced Hardware Architectures
Advanced Input Devices
APLAC
Albertsons
Alpine Designs Inc.
American Microsystems, Inc.
Applied Materials
Associated Western Universities
Boeing Company
Ciba
DeLauro Check Printers
DowElanco
Enterprise Rent-A-Car
Environmental Careers Organization
GTE Government Systems Corp.
Harpers Furniture

Harris Moran Seed Company
Hastings Books, Music & Video
Hawlett Packard Company
Idaho Dept. of Correction
Idaho Dept. of Employment
J. R. Simplot Company
Kearns Community College
Longview Fibre Company
McGregor Company
Micron Electronics
Micron Technology
Microsoft
Moscow Police Dept.
Mustangs of Omaha
OLDE Discount Stockbrokers
Potatch Corporation

Sandvik Special Metals Corp.
Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc.
Sears Merchandising Group
SEH America
Spokane County Dept. of Corrections
Stryker Endoscopy
TPN Broadcast Affiliates
U.S. Air Force Health Professions
U.S. Air Force ROTC
U.S. Army ROTC
U.S. Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Marine Corps Officer Selection
U.S. Navy
U.S. Navy ROTC
Washington State Highway Patrol
Wayne's House
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from those regions, the measure would end the law's 22-year-old requirement that the government do everything in its power to save all species threatened by extinction.

"It abolishes the goal of species recovery, which has been the touchstone of the Endangered Species Act since its creation," Frampton said. The legislation was written partly in response to a Supreme Court ruling earlier this year that determined the law's protection of troubled species extends to surrounding habitat.

Pombo said many scientific experts recognize "there are some species that should not be listed and some species that simply cannot be saved."

"Make no mistake, I believe in the goals of the Endangered Species Act. I also believe, however, that it must be comprehensively rewritten to restore this law to its original intent," he said.

The current act gives no incentive for land owners to harbor endangered species, Pombo said. "Instead, it places the costs and the burden of species conservation not on society as a whole, but on the backs of private property owners," he said.

"We have caused people to fear the Endangered Species Act, not embrace it," he said.

Rep. James Saxton, R-N.J., said he intends soon to introduce a more moderate proposal that would retain protection of species' habitats. Rep. Wayne Gilbreath, R-Md., also is considering alternatives to the Young-Pombo bill.

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meet with employers, and may want to bring a few copies of their resume. "It pays off. Many companies will be interested in talking with graduating students about employment opportunities," Kreutzer said.

"It's good for all students in all academic majors," he said. The Career Fair is an all-university fair, which means that students from every academic area are invited to attend and participate. It is sponsored by Career Services Center and Cooperative Education.

Several of the company representatives will be staying in town to conduct interviews with pre-registered students on Wednesday. It is past the deadline for registering for those interviews. However, students interested in interviewing with other companies should contact Career Services for registration information.

The panel heard testimony Wednesday from more than a dozen witnesses, including environmental, scientists, fishermen and timber-industry leaders.

The 1973 law "is broken and does not work," said W. Henson Moore, president of the American Forest & Paper Association.

On the other side, critics blasted the Young-Pombo measure.

"We are calling it the Fishermen's Extinction Act," said Glen Spall of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations based in Eugene, Ore. "It would make it impossible to protect any fish in the United States ever again under the Endangered Species Act. It would turn our salmon runs into zoos and hatchery programs."
Last summer Vijaya followed the Lollipalooza tour around the country to tell people about his philosophy and religion. Vijaya said the words of Bhagavad-gita are a big part of many peoples lives. Doctors, lawyers, writers, and students. "It will make you see everything in a different way," said Vijaya. "Bhagavad-gita is a great classic of philosophy and wisdom." Famous Novelist Henry David Thoreau praises the "Gita," also called the jewel of India's spiritual wisdom, on the cover of Swami's book. "In the morning I bathe my intellect in the stupendous and cosmogonical philosophy of Bhagavad-gita," said Thoreau. "In comparison, our modern world and in literature seem puny and trivial." Vijaya said he travels to college campuses because schools do not cover certain aspects of philosophy and students need to know there is more knowledge available to them. "There are not interested in spiritual learning," said Vijaya. "They only have an academic interest." Director of the Campus Christian Center Bruce Wollenberg said UI offers objective courses in eastern religion which teach history, concepts and current affairs through the philosophy department. Classes in Buddhism and Hindu religions are taught by Professor Nicholas Gier, however, he is on sabbatical in New Zealand this semester.

Across
1. American Heritage __________
2. Dorian's creator
4. Bogart/Bacall film
10. Go Ask _____
11. Emma _____
15. Emma Thorne
17. Boston Collective's book
20. O'Hara's War
21. Naked _____
22. Sue Lyon Role
26. Diary author
28. de Maupin
30. Word from Salinger title
32. The Living ___
33. Author of Soup
35. Kurt _____
37. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John each wrote
39. Hemingway character's milieu
41. Ganvata's daughter
43. Eugene
44. Plath's jar
45. Lass's lover
47. Adam Bede author
50. One flew over it
51. Part of E.B. Browning title
52. Darwin's theory

Down
1. Charles B. _____
2. A _____ film
3. Author of Human Body
4. Story
5. Jay
6. God's bestseller
8. Woman with the scarlet letter
9. Maya _____
12. Michigan-born author
13. Give us The Giving Tree
14. Are You There ____? It's Me Margaret
15. Decameron author
16. Studs Terkel's labor
18. Author of Candidate
19. Lomar's profession
23. Orwell's farm
24. Robinson's last name
25. Tragedy
27. Erica's tear
29. Alias for Doris Kappelhoff
31. Where Alice had her adventures
33. Corrione's creator
34. Inauspicious place in early soap
36. Bridge to ______
37. Rabelais' largest title
38. Below benchly's guns
40. _____ Zola
42. Fishing in America
44. Rokeya title
45. Little Black
48. Hardy character
49. ____ Flanders

Puzzled by Banned Books?
Test your knowledge (or research skills). Work this puzzle about banned books, drop it in our entry box at the U of I Bookstore and you could win:

1st Prize Your choice of any 2 banned books in stock or a $15 gift certificate for book purchases

Two 2nd Prizes You choice of any banned book in stock or a $5 gift certificate for book purchases

Winners will be chosen by random drawing from correctly completed puzzles.

chance of being at least temporarily disabled during their lifetime. They can be medical, physical or learning disabilities.

"The goal of rehabilitation is for people with the disability to become vocationally placeable, but the foundation of this goal is multifaceted," explained Schep.

"Independence, self-esteem, confidence, self-dignity and being a pro-active member of their local community are all benefits and fundamental objectives of the rehabilitation process."
Over the past five years there has been a great increase toward fostering awareness of people with disabilities and the communities in which they live. For example, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 is the most important civil rights act for the disabled in the United States. "Rehabilitation benefits a wide range of our society, from children to adults," says Schep. "Everyone deserves, and has the right to share in this society. Let's all continue to remove the barriers that bar all Americans from enjoying equality in the riches of this nation."
Let's revolutionize higher education

At only $810 per semester, the University of Idaho is a pretty good deal for residents of Idaho when compared to costs for resident students at schools in other states. However, I would argue that it is UN’s administration should rest on its collective laurels and keep things status quo. There are a lot of ideas out there which could be implemented here to help continue to keep UI a bargain deal for Idahoans.

And you now know that Indiana University will pay for tuition if a student is forced to attend a fifth year of school because courses required to graduate were unavailable earlier.

Middlebury College in Vermont is offering a new three-year undergraduate degree to help keep costs of tuition down for students.

St. John Fisher College in New York will pay students entering college now $3,000 if they are unable to find a job six months after graduating.

Clark University in Massachusetts will pay for the fifth year of a bachelor’s/master’s program if the student can keep at least a B-plus GPA through the previous four years of school.

A job guarantee would sure be nice given the fact more and more students are graduating from college these days saddled by extraordinarily heavy student loan debt according to U.S. News & World Report—which also supplied the information about UI above. Government grant programs have failed to keep up with the skyrocketing costs of tuition, so students have been forced to take out more money in loans if they want to keep going to school.

Horror stories about students who are taking 21 credits and working 40-plus hours a week circulate all the time. They do this to minimize the cost of their education and because they can’t afford to not work a full-time job. You have to question whether or not these poor people are really getting a quality education as a result.

Because of the way financial aid is set up, students are considered “dependents” of their parents until the age of 24—unless they marry, are veterans or orphans—regardless of whether or not their parents are helping them to pay for college. Even if younger students do qualify for some grants or loans after submitting all the forms and applications for aid, they quite often do not get nearly as much aid in the form of grants as an “independent” student receives.

Universities cannot do much about the federal rules and stipulations regarding financial aid, but they can do quite a bit to encourage these poor students to continue by imple- menting programs such as those mentioned above.

Students on the other hand can contact their representatives in Washington, D.C. to encourage them to avoid cutting back on federal educational aid programs, to not cut back educational funding any more than the other programs are being cut. Please read President Clinton’s column in today’s paper about funding for student aid. Then write or call your representatives and let them know how you feel.

—Russ Wright

States should set speed limits

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eed limit laws are sick and wrong. They prevent us from getting to our destinations on time. They keep us from spending our hard-earned money on baby sitters, and who wants to have to pay for spending tickets. And they cause the police to take an unnecessary amount of time to go to their departmental quotas. And now, thanks to the New and Improved Houses of Congress speed limit laws are about to become history.

Well, sort of. The House of Representatives voted 419-7 to repeal Federally Mandated speed limits and let the states decide for themselves how fast their cars and trucks should go.

The Senate passed a similar measure in May. All that remains is for the House and Senate to iron out some differences in their bills, and then it’s off to the President’s desk to be signed into law.

And believe me, the President will sign it. With so much political capital at stake by vetoing this bill—except perhaps to win votes from the Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety crowd. Slick Willie shall surely sign—say that he only gave five times real fast, if you dare! Heck, if he thought it would get him more votes, Bill would get up on television and declare he was a Republican—but that’s not the subject at hand.

The provision for ending the federally mandated speed limit laws is part of a larger highway bill which would also require states to impose much tougher rules on alcohol consumption by drivers under age 21. Not only that, but the bill would also repeal the requirement that states use recycled rubber crumbs in their highways, exempt farmers from the limits on how long commercial drivers can work during harvest season, and restore to the states about $3 billion in 1996 highway funds that would have been blocked because of excessive spending in past years. And, in a move to assure savvier pedestrian fans, the bill will drop the require- ments considered too great in measure- ments on highway signs.

Eliminating the national speed limit is a wondrous thing. So wondrous I nearly peed my pants when I heard about it. Okay, I’ll be truthful. I did pee my pants. But only once. On Thursday, any- way. The state is the best judge of what speed limits—if any—should be observed, not the Poole’s on Turtles.

We are not going to see speed limit disputes as a result of this bill. No, we will all have to con- tinue driving slowly through town, so we don’t cash pedes- trians, wayward pets, etc. But finally, we will be able to haul ass on long stretches of open roads in states such as Nevada, Montana, and Southern Idaho without fear of a huge traffic fines.

Some “advocacy” groups, such as the Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, are whining that lift- ing the speed limit will result in more highway deaths.

Representative Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., went as far as to say “It should be obvious that the high toll will rise once the states begin increasing the speed limits under the provisions of the bill.” Rep. Rahall added: “This is not a matter of states’ rights; it’s a matter of human rights.”

Well, I say “phooey” on you, Rep. Rahall. If a few more people die a year, so what? At least we’ll all be able to drive fast.

Barbie and Superman: artificial bodies, artificial standards

They are everywhere, and please try to hide them from us. They are the beautiful and the ugly, the good and the bad, dressed up on every waking hour with dreams of attaining the perfect look.

These visions ofloveliness taunt us from television sets, movie scenes and billboards themselves across billboards and the pages of our society.

“Look good—feel great,” is their constant chant. To appease their egos, men and women, our society, squeeze and do whatever else is necessary in order to fit into the artificial image of the perfect body.

Beautiful people invade the soci- ety of all humanity, and begin as children when we are pre- sented with these human implications of anatomical features.

Girls are given Barbie dolls, which are nothing more than full- grown women with long luscious

Talia Reyna

legs—no cellulose on these bea- utiful—wax-paper-white legs, and breasts large enough to hold pencils underneath them. Not only are Barbie’s proportions completely unachievable by the human body, but she also lacks the blood- colored blisters.

Boys, on the other hand, are held up to the Haven Hogan or Superman figures which sport grossly exaggerated anatomies. When we see these girls we are not seeing the real world. These girls are the physical standards society has set and implanted into the tender minds of our youth.

Beautiful people take over our minds as we grow up and encounter society, we increasingly find our appearance does not match what we see in Vogue or on “Baywatch”—so we change it. Diet pills and weight-gaining drinks are substituted for the previously colored contacts change our eyes, and a slight touch of plastic surgery does wonder- ous things with our already scary shapes of features.

In the desperate frenzy to become members of the beauty crowd, we will do anything having to do with sending our skin to tanning booths to invest- ing millions in miracle potions promoting a williamette lion tigers and ceasars which make our lives a living hell.

We become rabid consumers and frantically snatch the department stores in hordes to buy the latest styles which we drape upon our bodies with pride and with the notion of belonging to the “cool” crowd.

Beautiful people take sadistic pleasure in torturing us because these images of flawless bodies and faces constantly flash themselves upon our every sense, we find our- selves using new methods of punishment. We are religiously make our daily pilgrimages to the local gym meticulously devoted in the newest, most hippest, spandex fashion.

Once at the gym, we strap our bodies into machines or offer them up to indoctrinators who will strain, stretch, and beat our bodies into submission. We patiently bear this cross because there seems to exist among some people a common resemblance Cindy Crawford or good- old Arnold. Therefore, no sacrifice is too good to make in reaching these slightly pinnacles of beauty.

Getting the Idea? Because of our maniac obsession with what we believe our image should be, we have inadvertently become a soci- ety completely lacking in self-con- fidence. We try our entire lives to become beautiful-people clones and end up hating ourselves for who we really are.

Instead of exercising for our well- being, we exercise to become someone else. There is nothing wrong with getting in shape—it is important to be healthy and fit as possible, but we must also learn to recognize ourselves for who we are and take pride in our individuality.

By listening to the urges of the beautiful people and judging our- selves by the way they look, we lose perspective on what is really important—the real person.

Relax, stop torturing yourself: image is not everything.
Clinton: Congress threatening student aid

President Clinton

T his is a busy time for you. But while you are choosing classes and making the deci-
sions that will do everything in my power to fight for you and to see to it that the dream of higher education remains real for all Americans, I will do this not only by defending the opportunities of those of you who are already in college, but by opening the doors further to make sure that even greater numbers of deserving Americans have the chance to stand where you stand today.

For the first time in a long time, leaders from both parties are resolved: We must balance the fed-
eral budget. From the day I took office, I’ve been working toward this goal—to get rid of the budget deficit that quadrupled our national debt in the last 15 years. I came to Washington. So far, we have made great progress. In three years, we have cut the deficit nearly in half, from $250 billion to $160 bil-

Now we are ready to eliminate the deficit entirely. On this, the Congressional majority and I see eye to eye. But just how we get rid of the deficit is another matter. The majority in Congress wants to bal-
ance the budget in seven years, and do it while giving an unnecessarily large tax increase. But to do these things, the Congressional majority would make enormous cuts in education.

My balanced budget plan would take more years than Congress’ to eliminate the deficit, but that’s a small price to pay to keep your scholarships, your student loans, and national service safe and well. It would also preserve our ability to protect the value of the dollar and the integrity of Medicare for our older citizens.

Balancing the budget is about more than numbers. It’s about our values and our future. Education has always been the currency of the American Dream. When I was your age, it was assumed—based on our long history—each generation would have a better life than the preceding one. More than anything else, a good education is the way to bring this vision on to those who come after us.

The facts speak for themselves. Eliminating the deficit with no post-
secondary education has fallen sub-
stantially in the last 15 years. The only people for whom earnings have increased steadily are people exactly like you—those Americans with more education. Every year of higher education increases your earnings by six to 12 percent. Those years also mean a stronger economy and richer lives for those who have them. Balancing the budget will be good for our economy and your future if it’s done right. But simply balancing the budget won’t do as much good in the long term if your generation does not have the educa-
tion it needs to meet the challenges of the next century.

Just think over what the Congres-
sional majority’s plan, if it went through, would do to you, your classmates, and any of the one million students of two college students who receives federal aid. It would:

• Raise the cost of student loans by $10 billion over seven years by charging you interest on your loan while you are in school. This would increase the cost of a college edu-
cation by as much as $3,100 for undergraduates and $9,400 for graduate students.

• Do away with 360,000 low-income students desperately needed Pell Grants in 1996.

• Shut down AmeriCorps, our national service initiative, which gives thousands of you young Americans the chance to earn and save money while serving for your country.

By contrast, my balanced budget plan builds on the national consen-
sus that we must help people help themselves, through the power of education, to meet both of our deficits: our budget deficit and our education deficit. My plan cuts wasteful spending by more than $1 trillion, but it also increases invest-
ments in education by $40 billion over the next seven years. Think over how my balanced budget plan would help guarantee your future and the hard work you’re about to put into it. It will:

• Increase funding for Pell Grants by $3.4 billion. Almost one million more students would benefit from the scholarships. And we would raise the top award to $3,128 by the year 2002.

• Expand AmeriCorps to let even more young Americans serve their communities and go to college.

• Protect our direct-lending pro-
gram, which makes student loans more affordable to millions—more repay-
ment options, and saves taxpayers, parents, and students billions of dollars.

I just returned from Pearl Harbor, where I took part in ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. In the late 1940s, when the veterans we honored left their loved ones to go off and serve their country, they were the age most of you are now. When they came home, the coun-
try was ready to repay their service and their potential, and it responded with the G.J. Bill, which guaranteed a college education to every return-
ing veteran. Those who served weren’t given a handout, and they didn’t want one. They were given the opportunity they needed to take responsibility for their lives. Your generation has its own bat-
tles to wage. You face the choice of doing something right and difficult or something easy and wrong. In taking on the responsibility of educating yourselves, you have chosen the right and difficult path. You did the work you had to do to get into college. You may be working-
now to pay your way. And your family may have worked long hours and made great sacrifices to help you get where you are today. You deserve the nation’s support. And your future success will likely repay our common investment. I do not accept the arguments of those who condemn irresponsibility in young Americans and then seek to deny the nation’s helping hand to the millions of you who are doing the right things.

I hope you’ll support my efforts to protect education and balance the budget. The fight for education is the fight for your future. In my life—and in the lives of countless Americans—education has met the difference between the impossi-
ble and the possible. It should be true in your lives, too. With your help, we’ll keep it that way.

You can contact your representatives to let them know how you feel about impending student aid legislation.

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Dirk Kempthorne: 202-224-6142

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Yayhwoo!!!
OELA hosts Hispanic celebration

Staff

The event will show the diversity of Africa with a manifolds of affairs.

"It's good to hold on to these customs, but we want to share these," says Tirina of his small Association of about 11 students who have been working with Washington State University and other students to expose the culture they are proud of.

"We are afraid of what we don't know," says Tirina speaking of the misinformation and lack of exposure to different cultures that many possess.

"Some people have human nature that the higher evolution but our actions don't shed reflections and don't isolate yourself from experiencing what our world is all about.

The event begins this Saturday at 6 p.m. and continues until midnight in the Student Union Ballroom. Tickets are $6 for adults, $5.50 for students and Seniors, $3 for adults, $2.50 for students and under are free. Tickets are available at the Union Express. Cost of tickets changes at the door.

African Night to be celebrated this Saturday in Student Union

- Valaree Johnson

The misunderstanding about Africa is just about to be cleared up, and for those who want to get away from Madison for awhile, grab your passports and head to Africa this Saturday.

Siena Tirina, president of the African Student Association, has been working with anybody and everybody the past few weeks to bring to the community enough events to make you laugh singer Reggae.

"This event will bridge the gap for people to learn about our culture in an interactive way," says Tirina. "Saturday people will experience and not just speculate African culture.

African students and members of the continent will be offered along with live music, traditional dancing of African tribes. A guide will be handed out at the door directing people to their interests.

Africa Night to be celebrated this Saturday in Student Union

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If you go to a travel agency and ask for information on Hungary, you'll probably be given a picture of all women in traditional dress and national feet, says Jeno Maklary. But it's not realistic.

"There is a misunderstanding about Hungary. It's not about all women in traditional dress and national feet," says Jeno Maklary. But it's not realistic.

"This has stopped Maklary from thinking his country is among the best in the world.

Student reactions ranged from curiosity to concern. "I heard everybody yelling and thought there was an accident," a bellowed.

UI library employee Jutlyn Theron said she wondered why I did not hear sirens. Still, I thought the building might be on fire.

Many students inside the library didn't realize it was "emergency" as they raced outside. Some predict a fire, or a "jumper" on the roof. One, a sophomore jumped among the crowd of onlookers, passing out fliers about Hispanic Heritage Month activities on campus.

Upcoming events include a dance class and food service on Friday at 8 p.m. in the Upham/Gaill party room.

OELA members will prepare the Moscow YWCA building for a new coat of paint on Saturday at 10 a.m.

The movie "Stand and Deliver" will be shown Sunday at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Borah Theater. A "Weeks of Mexico!" festival takes place in the Student Union Vandall Lounge from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 30. The public is welcome at all events.

October is Hispanic Heritage Month. For more information, contact Paul Perez at 883-2457.

Contributed photo

Members of OELA celebrating the beginning of Hispanic Heritage month.

Who the hell are you?

One difference that Maklary notes is the amount of time rules here. Underage drinking and problem making in public places are new to him. "I could buy beer if I was 14," excludes Maklary. Maklary asserts that his country may be behind 20 years in social policies but "it's just a matter of time" before they catch up. With problems surrounding his country, Maklary feels fortunate to come from Hungary where he feels things are in fairly stable condition.

His parents, both doctors, have managed to stay afloat a dual-wielding middle class, and everywhere, says Maklary, you can see people driving Mercedes-Benz. "We probably have more than Germany." Despite the political mess and stereotypes we hold Eastern Europe, he will never stop saying "there's no place like home."
University policy should allow tailgating

Andrew Longeneck

B ecause of the popular invention of human-made tailgate parties, something that could end up being a real opportunity for humans and animals is being thwarted by the policies of tailgate parties. Boise State does not allow alcohol on tailgate parties and cannot be blamed for it.

I have been a Boise State student for three years, and I have tailgated since I was a freshman all the way up until now. We tailgate at least once a week and have an amazing time doing it. We have been to Tailgate Karaoke numerous times, and it is a great time.

T he big issue is alcohol. I have been tailgating since I was a junior, and I have never had a problem with alcohol. I have never seen anyone get overly drunk or have any problems with alcohol.

N one of the Boise State students I have talked to have ever had a problem with alcohol. We all have our limits, and we know what we can and cannot do.

I n fact, alcohol has brought us closer together. We have met so many people through tailgating, and we have all become closer. We have all grown so much as a result.

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May back at Idaho after shot at NFL

Damon Barkdull

University of Idaho's Sheridan May is getting back into the swing of things after being cut by the New York Jets in the National Football League.

Actually, the word cut is too harsh—he didn't quite fit into the team's scheme of things.

"It didn't have anything to do with what I did while I was over there. It had to do with what they needed," May said. "At the time, what they needed was defensive players—defensive tackles and linebackers. They actually had a couple of dads (defensive backs) hurt. And you know, on an NFL roster you only carry 47 guys."

May left Idaho last year after breaking the NCAA Division I-A touchdown record. He also claimed the honor of being first team All-Big Sky three years in a row.

After a great college career, the Tucumcari, Washington native decided to try his luck in the NFL. Here at Idaho, fans knew of May's skills but it had yet to be seen whether the Division I-A running back could compete at the professional level.

"I've been truthful, I wasn't overwhelmed. It's football. It's the same game," May said of his NFL experience. "The only real difference was speed, size and the guys you were going against."

May participated in several summer practices, only to be released toward the end of camp.

"My position coach said I did a good job. They needed defensive guys," May said.

The UI king of running backs is now back in school, working out at the Kibbie Dome and helping out with the football team. Although May regrets that he didn't make the Jets, he is still hopeful of a chance to play in either the Canadian Football League or possibly the World Football League in Europe.

"If nothing comes up this fall then I'm going to go to the World League in the spring," May said. "I want to play, I want to play in the NFL. After my career there I might consider coaching."

Coming from a Division I-A football program, one may think that May might now be able to compete against rookies from college football machines like the University of Miami or the University of Michigan but according to May, skill is all it takes.

"There's guys from NAIA schools. If you can play the game then you can play the game. It doesn't matter where you come from," May said.

And if you've ever watched an Idaho game during May's reign of offensive times, then you understand, May can play the game.

Sure, May has seen better years at Idaho but the professional football bound tailback gives his full confidence in this year's Vandal team.

"I think they'll be good, as long as they stay together. They don't have a lot of depth so they have to stay healthy. They (running backs Larry Johnson, Kibbie Johnson and Thomas) should be able to carry the load," May stated.

In reference to May's playing days, this modest Vandal can say he has no regrets.

"I basically did everything I could possibly do in the time it was given to me," May said.
Yocom working to break sophomore jinx

Mark Vanderwall

It wasn't the crash test dummies that did her in. Instead it was one of Idaho's own that proved that seat belts do save lives.

Sophomore volleyball player, Jennea Yocom was driving back from a family visit to her hometown of Ellensburg, Wash., when she fell asleep just outside of Pullman. After awakening on the other side of the center line, Yocom collided with another vehicle thus causing her Foot Escort to roll six times.

Yocom sustained a few minor injuries and received 16 stitches in her knee, but things could have been a whole lot worse.

"I was really lucky that I wasn't seriously hurt or killed. My mom told me that someone must have been watching over me that day," said Yocom.

O.K. enough with the accident report, Yocom has been an integral part of the Vandals volleyball team this season and a key to their 10-2 start.

Yocom comes from a family strong in athletics, as her brother Matt, was a standout as well. Her dad is the high school coach at Kittitas High School. Yocom herself was also a standout in track in the long jump, 100-meter hurdles, and the 4x100 and 4x200 relays.

"I hadn't really made up my mind which sport I wanted to pursue until my senior season of volleyball, then I realized that volleyball is where I wanted to be," said Yocom.

Yocom, who received more letters to play volleyball than the post office receives on Christmas, narrowed her choices to Idaho, Utah, and Gonzaga. Along with having a great volleyball program, Idaho has attracted many of it's recruits because of the team unity it possesses as well.

"As soon as I arrived here, I fell in love with the campus, the town and the team. I felt like I really belonged here," said Yocom.

Playing in only seven games last season for the Vandals, Yocom has really stepped it up this year. After playing well in spring drills, Yocom has capitalized on momentum into this fall by capturing MVP honors this past weekend at the Safeco Classic and leading the Vandals to the team title in the process.

"I was sitting on the bench after we had won thinking that it would be cool if I made the all tournament team, but after the team was announced and my name wasn't there I wasn't too upset, because I didn't play well at all in our third game," said Yocom.

Little did she know that her name was yet to be announced for a reason. The announcer then proceeded to say that the MVP was from Idaho. But her name was Jennea Yocom.

"I was really surprised that I was the MVP, because to me the MVP should be dominant for all three games, not just two out of three," added Yocom.

After Idaho was left out of the top 25 again this week, Yocom commented that this was a fluke, but continued to say that it's where you are at the end of the season that really counts. With Big Sky Conference play opening this weekend against Idaho State and Boise State and a key game with rival Washington State next weekend, Idaho has it's hands full.

Yocom is majoring in Elementary Education and wants to coach at the high school level when she graduates so that she can follow in the family footsteps.

"I want to coach at the high school level, because I don't think I have the patience to teach the basics all over again, I want their talent to already be there, so I can refine it and make them better players," said Yocom.

In the future, Yocom wants to have a steady, solid job and anything else that comes with it will be a bonus.

"If I'm not married in five years so be it. It's not like it's going to ruin my life," said Yocom.

Yocom has put a lot of hard work into her volleyball career, and just as much hard work into her studies. She has made herself follow a 24-hour rule in which all her homework must be done 24 hours before it's due, so that if something does go wrong she has 24 hours to fix it.

With the Safeco MVP under her belt, and plenty more games left to play this season, Yocom's confidence is as high as it's ever been.

With a killer instinct Yocom should be a foe to be reckoned with now and in the future.
Hurst settling nicely into Vandal mix

Michael Stetson

For running across the golden fields of the Palouse and through the hot San Diego sun, the Idaho cross country team welcomed a new women's running star.

Maggie Hurst, 19, a first-year student at the University of Idaho, made a strong impression with a third and a fourth-place finish in the first two meets of September and looks forward to a strong season. Competing in her first season for the Vandals, Hurst is focusing on running.

As a high school athlete she competed in track and field, cross country, and basketball at Sonora High School in Jamiswatters, Calif. The change in her attitude from high school to college may account for some of her early success. Hurst recalls in high school, "I put a lot of pressure on myself and I didn't do well. I didn't get pressure from my parents or my coach, but from me."

As a Vandal, Maggie has been able to relax. "I use to stand at the line nervous, with butterflies in my stomach, but now I'm calm. I think that's why I'm improving and running so well," Hurst said.

Despite her fast start to the running season, Hurst manages to keep things in perspective. "I feel like I'm improving, I'm hitting my stride right now, while some of the other girls haven't yet. It is exciting being that good at the start of the season though."

Running on such a strong team creates more opportunities and enjoyment for Hurst. The freshmen stressed the fun that comes from being on a team you can run with. The team also creates a new atmosphere for her.

"I love the team, I enjoy running with Scott (Lorens, women's Cross Country Coach). It's fun having a new perspective," Hurst said.

Away from competitions and practice other challenges have forced Hurst to adapt. She lives at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house but regrets not being able to enjoy the full sorority experience.

"I have missed a retreat because of a meet and I will miss all the formal dances because of meets," she said.

The sorority supports Maggie with force, as all 35 pledges watched Hurst speed to a third-place finish in the Vandal cross country meet held earlier this month.

"They're real supportive. Sometimes it's hard not having time, but I'm finding time for some social stuff," said Hurst.

The school year at Idaho is much better.

"I feel like I'm improving. I'm hitting my stride right now, while some of the other girls haven't yet."

-Maggie Hurst
UI cross country runner

In the classroom Hurst meets more new challenges.

"I'm studying a lot more than in high school. At first I was overwhelmed, but I've found out how to manage my time some now. I study prior to practice and try to get it done then."

Running also benefits Hurst academically in her opinion.

"By running cross country I find I want to do well in everything. If I do well in a race I feel good all week. When I feel down, I go for a long run and that relieves the stress."

Hurst plans on deciding on a major next year, and shows an interest in business and marketing. For now though, her main goals lay in getting a degree in four years and running for the Vandals.

Despite all the time and work, Maggie shows no regrets. Running brought her to Moscow and pays for her schooling.

"I love it."

Hurst's next challenge will come on Sept. 30, when the Vandal runners invade Missoula for their biggest meet of the year. The course, a 6 km race instead of the normal 5 km distance, will challenge Maggie and her teammates as they compete against Michigan, Brigham Young, Oregon, Utah State, Nike Texas a club team, and all the Big Sky schools except Northern Arizona.
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Craig Karges, Master Illusionist.
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Craig Karges thrills, frightens audiences

Justin Cason
Staff

Craig Karges has many titles. Call him psychic, mind reader, magician or illusionist. Whichever one you choose, chances are he played that role Tuesday night in his performance in the Student Union.

Karges, an entertainer originally from West Virginia, thrilled, surprised and at times even frightened the U of A audience.

The show began with a few smaller demonstrations of Karges' talent. After a quick card trick, he covered his eyes with tape and a black blindfold, then subsequently "read" names and words from credit cards and marking boards. Eventually, he even called out the serial numbers off of a piece of Italian currency—all without the use of his vision.

The performance reached its climax when Karges used what he termed as "psychokinesis," a process by which he moves objects by mind power, either relying extremely little or not at all on touch.

After making an upright wood block fall over on its side without physically touching it, the 37-year-old illusionist picked up a table, apparently using only his fingertips and a little brain power.

Karges, who was recently voted 1995's "Entertainer of the Year" by the National Association of Campus Activities, has been in the psychic profession since his graduation from college in 1980. However, he had been practicing his trade well before that.

"I learned the business from my uncle. He was an old-time vaudeville fortune teller and part-time con man," Karges joked.

The show concluded with three envelopes, one of which contained Karges' check from ASUI for performing. The envelopes looked and felt identical, yet he chose the one he believed held his check, then burned the other two. Fortunately for him, he chose correctly.

Although he still has a little way to go before becoming a household name, Karges isn't really bothered.

"I love what I'm doing," he stated. "I can make a really good living and not many people know who I am."

The next stop on Karges' seemingly endless tour is Denver. With 1500 shows under his belt—not to mention spots on "The Tonight Show" and "Larry King Live"—this is probably going to be just another day for the psychic.

Still, even after all the work and traveling, Karges hasn't lost his flair for quality. This is what drew the ASUI to him.

"We have to weed through what the campus would like to have, and he was voted Best on the College Circuit," said Kris Thomas, director of Lectures and Performing Arts for ASUI Productions.

Fans of Karges can catch him next week on The Nashville Network, where he will be performing.

Palouse Folklore offers traditional dance

Jeremy Chase
Staff

Those that have an appreciation for dancing, live music, and fun in the local community should check out the Palouse Folklore Society.

According to Joseph Erhard-Hudson, concert coordinator for the PFS, the tradition and a sense of community are society's strong points.

"The main emphasis is preserving traditional forms of dance and music through active participation," he said. "The best thing about it is that it combines fun activities with a sense of community."

Erhard-Hudson said PFS membership is around 150 and meets the second Friday of every month for various forms of dancing including square, circle, swing and others.

Erhard-Hudson also said contra-dancing is another popular form that the PFS participates in. A very traditional form, contra dancing has roots in New England as an extension of old Irish and British dancing and music. "It's very similar to square dancing in that it has a caller," he said. "The difference is that people dance in lines, not squares or circles."

All dancing by the PFS is accompanied by live music. Erhard-Hudson said their monthly meetings always feature a band, which enables the group to do a variety of dancing.

Beyond the monthly meetings, he also said, as concert coordinator, more bands and performers are trying to be brought in for more entertainment. "There’s been a changing of the guard with officers," he said. "We're trying to get things going again in terms of concerts. There will probably be four to five this season."

Another aspect of the PFS are jam sessions. Erhard-Hudson said that the sessions, usually monthly, are for anybody that is interested in making music, including non-members. "It's for anybody who wants to come with a fiddle or guitar and just play music, eat food, and have a good time," he said.

One important part of the PFS is that non-members are always encouraged to attend.

Erhard-Hudson said that the PFS has people from every walk of life, location, and age. "We have people who come as far away as Garfield and Lewiston," he said. "At any given time, there are people on the floor with ages ranging from 7 to 70."

The wide range of ages and personalities also contributes to the PFS' sense of community.

"It's one of those places that has an overlap of different people," he said. "I can hardly go anywhere without meeting someone I know through the PFS. Membership in the PFS is $12 a year. At the monthly dances, attendance for members is $4, and $6 for non-members. Since September’s monthly dance has already occurred, Erhard-Hudson said anyone interested can come Oct. 13 at the old Blaine School House. The dance will begin at 8 p.m.
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Klingons, Arthur Dent, grace Moscon 1995

Jeremy Chase

Staff

Always go out and try to meet new and interesting people. This idea worked for me.

Saturday night as I met two Moscons, the Grim Reaper, and a science fiction emperor at the 17th Moscon masquerade competition.

As part of the three-day science fiction convention, the masquerade lets sci-fi fans dress up as their favorite characters from the host of different genres. Other characters in the competition included time traveling Civil War soldiers, from the Hitchhicker's Guide to the Galaxy, and Romulan ambassadors.

Mike Finkebeiner, operations manager for Moscon XVII, said the masquerade provides science fiction fans a chance to cut loose and express themselves. "It's become a popular way for people to get in contact with similar people," he said. "It's been a big event for Moscon."

Finkebeiner said the types of costumes every year range from human characters, alien species, or even mythical and fantasy characters. "The fantasy contingent is going up, with people dressing as mythical creatures," he said. "But a lot of it depends on current or popular movies."

For the stereotypical "Star Trek" characters, Finkebeiner said a few are around from time to time, but don't always dominate the masquerade like people might think. "You'll usually only see one or two Star Trek characters," he said.

For Bobbi Grende, a.k.a. "Majyk," being a delegate from the Klingon Empire was her choice of costume. "I have about eight different Klingon outfits," she said. "If anything new comes up and it's Klingon, 'I'll get it.'"

Making the trip from Kronos, the Klingon home planet to Earth was just what Majyk (Grende) wanted. "It's about as far away from my galaxy as we can get," she said. "I like what they do here on Earth."

When asked about her thoughts on the human-operated Federation, she was quick to reply. "They talk to us and we talk to them," she said. "But I figure anything from a human is of a trivial nature."

Out of her Klingon character, Grende said that this was her fourth time at Moscon, and dressing up for the masquerade wasn't always something she did. "I started by not dressing up at 'cosel' science fiction conventions, but I finally started to with Moscon," she said. Another figure present at Moscon was Death, or, the Grim Reaper. Dressed in the customary black, tattered robes and equipped with a scythe, seeking an interview was the last thing on this reporter's mind. However, I found Death easy to talk to. On closer examination, Death was actually Chris Burch, a high school student from Spokane. Wash. Burch said that dressing up for him is fun and a chance to see different reactions from people. "I like to dress up, win awards, and have fun," he said. "I can also scare little kids."

Jon Gustafson, co-founder of Moscon, said the masquerade portion of the convention is just one of the many exciting things open to a science fiction fan. "It's one of the highlights and definitely one of the more popular events," he said. Over the years, Gustafson said the masquerade has changed to become bigger and better. "The quality of the costumes has got a lot better," he said.

For his part, Gustafson was dressed as an emperor with a flowing purple robe and crown. He said the story behind his costume is to let people know about new opportunities for sci-fi fans in the Northwest. "Spokane is making a bid for the 1999 Westercon, the largest science fiction convention in the West," he said. "Since it would be held in the Inland Empire, it would be renamed as Empirecon."

Gustafson said. "I was told that if it happened, they would need an Emperor for Empirecon. Then they looked at me."

Gustafson hopes the Empirecon becomes a reality so many more people have the chance to meet others with similar interests. "Cons have a lot of things to offer to a science fiction fan," he said.

In the meantime, Gustafson said Empirecon or not, anyone that is a fan of science fiction should look for a convention to attend. "Meeting and re-meeting people is one of the best things about them," he said. "I would encourage people to go to at least one in the Northwest."

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Higher Ground spills guts
Matt Baldwin
Staff

For a band who displays such energy on stage, one would think it would be hard to mimic such profound showmanship on their record. Yet Higher Ground, a band from the Portland area, has done it with their new album, "10:30 AM." "It has 12 tracks, including an acoustic instrumental on the back, and it's said to be one of the best-selling instrumental on the radio," said band member Karl Deakin. "Higher Ground's music is clean and old folk." "We've done smaller sets in the beginning, and there's always a little more towards the acoustic stuff we do. Or we just hit right off the bat. It depends on the situation," Deakin said, describing Higher Ground's shows.

"What keeps us interested and hopefully the people that see us a lot interested is the variety of things we do. We've done sit down acoustic things. All out electric shows. We've done mixes. We are constantly throwing new loops at people and we are constantly working on new material. We've come to a hundred songs right now, the band, bass and vocals, said Deakin. Higher Ground plans to release a radio debut entitled "That's Just the Way It Is Baby" off of their debut album The Rembrandts. Following that album The Rembrandts released their second album in 1992, Untitled. "When we first started out, melody wasn't such a coveted thing on radio," says Deakin. "The trend was for more beat-oriented stuff. A lot of bands were tempted to change their style to fit radio's needs."

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Rembrandts to perform
Matt Baldwin
Staff

The Rembrandts will be performing tonight at Beasley Coliseum in Pullman with special guests Blessed Union of Souls. If you are a fan of the television sitcom "Friends" then you have heard the Rembrandts with their hit song "I'll Be There For You." Originally the song was not going to appear on their album LP but after it received such a wide success due to the television show "Friends" they put it on as a hidden track.

The Rembrandts duo, Danny Wilde and Phil Solem, formed in 1990. During that year the Rembrandts had a radio smash entitled "That's Just the Way It Is Baby" off of their debut album The Rembrandts. Following that album The Rembrandts released their second album in 1992, Untitled. "When we first started out, melody wasn't such a coveted thing on radio," says Deakin. "The trend was for more beat-oriented stuff. A lot of bands were tempted to change their style to fit radio's needs."

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