Evans says to protest education crisis

by Colleen Henry
of the Argonaut

"Protest against those legislators who don't follow your philosophies," Idaho Governor John Evans offered this advice at a rally yesterday when asked how higher education's financial battle could be fought.

Evans spoke before a crowd of about 100 people in Friendship Square. The Crisis Coalition, a lobbying group of organizations such as the Idaho Public Education Association and the American Association of University Professors, sponsored the rally.

"This is a crisis, a crisis for education today," proclaimed Evans.

Evans urged the crowd of faculty, students and Moscow townspeople to "become active, become aware of how your legislative representatives vote, and work to replace the legislators who are opposed to the way you feel," if it was concerned about legislative cutbacks affecting higher education as well as programs like public education and aid to senior citizens.

The Idaho Legislature was heavily criticized by Evans.

"The legislative leadership...refused to yield to the critical needs of the people of Idaho," claimed Evans.

Evans said "talking in terms of the needs of our institutions, talking in terms of the needs of our children, talking in terms of the needs of our public employees," the legislature had been very unrealistic in appropriating money.

For example, Evans said the Legislature approved a 7 percent increase in wages for public employees, yet neglected to appropriate the money needed to fund this increase. As a result, "we're forced with having to lay off people or not filling vacant positions," he said.

Evans had words of praise, however, for the legislators from district 5, Sen. Norma Dobler and Reps. Tom Boyd and Joe Walker, who also attended the rally.

"The legislators from this area were very realistic in opposing cutbacks. That was not the prevailing attitude at the last session," Evans wryly observed.

Evans also addressed the problem of the legislative cutbacks for the senior citizens' program. The legislature refused to appropriate $150,000 to this program, and as a result, 300 to 500 senior citizens will be forced to live in nursing homes because they won't be receiving enough money to care for themselves.

"It will cost $10 to every $1 to care for a senior citizen in a nursing home instead of their own homes," said Evans.

During the question and answer session following the governor's speech, he was asked his opinion on the State Board of Education/Board of Regents' declaration of financial exigency. Evans replied that the board had to take all responsibility for the action. He called financial exigency "a drastic step," but was sure the board had reviewed the issue seriously.

However, Evans said he would request more money from the legislature in its special session in July. He also discussed the possibility of releasing some holdbacks and putting this money into the fund for higher education.

"I lose a lot in the political arena," said Evans, "but I keep on fighting. Look to the next goal and look to the next election in '81, was his advice on how to fight for better funding for higher education.

Regents declare financial emergency

The state Board of Education/Board of Regents Friday declared higher education in Idaho to be in a state of financial emergency.

Coming on the heels of a $200-per-year increase in student fees, this decision by the board frees university and college administrations to recommend cuts in services, including the possible layoff of tenured faculty members.

Presidents from the University of Idaho, Boise State University, Idaho State University and Lewis-Clark State College have been asked to prepare recommendations for their campuses' implementation of the emergency status. These proposals will be aired at the board's May meeting.

UI President Richard Gibb endorsed the vote as an indication to Idaho's legislators that education cannot exist on less money every year. To get by on this year's allocation without declaring the emergency status, Gibb reasoned, would encourage even further cutbacks next year.

Gibb was reluctant to predict which programs or services might be eliminated, or whether any jobs would be lost. However, there will be reductions in three areas—cooperative extension, agricultural research, and public television—specifically designated for underfunding by the Legislature.

It is the first time a declaration of financial emergency has been declared for the university system. The board's decision temporarily abolishes job security for university employees. Now, an employee, including tenured professors, can be fired by the board with only 30 days' notice. However, the professor can appeal the layoff either before or after the board acts.

Myron Coulter, president of ISU, said about 15 positions would be eliminated at ISU. This is in addition to 60 positions cut there in the past three years.

LCSC president Lee Vickers also estimated that 15 positions would be cut at LCSC in addition to the 10 already eliminated.

Higher education institutions are $6 million short of the level the board sought for the next fiscal year. The board had asked for $55 million. But its total funds from the state general fund, endowments and general receipts was only $82 million.
Johansen selected to head Geography Department

A geographer with interests in resource and rural geography has been selected as the new head of the University of Idaho geography department, part of the mines college.

Harley Johansen, 39, the director of the geography program at West Virginia University since 1976, replaces Sam M. W. Scripter who is now associate dean of the mines college. Associate professor John Helquist served as acting department head while the search was conducted for a new department leader.

The new department head received his bachelor’s degree in 1967 from Wisconsin State University-River Falls. Johansen received his master’s degree in 1969 and his Ph.D. in 1973 from the University of Wisconsin. He joined the WVU faculty the same year and since 1974 has also been a research associate with the Regional Research Institute at WVU that has been a leader in studying Appalachian mineral and energy issues.

Since joining the WVU faculty, he has helped raise the number of geography majors from a handful to more than 60, more than doubled the number of geography faculty, and designed a geography master’s degree program.

Among his research projects have been the conflicting effects of urban accessibility to small towns, the impact of shopping malls on small-town retail activities and the commuting pattern of coal mine employees.

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A TO suspect identifies himself

A former president of Alpha Tau Omega turned himself in to Moscow police Monday morning in connection with a February shooting incident on campus.

A University of Idaho News Bureau press release identified the suspect as David Honcik, a senior majoring in computer science. Honcik allegedly fired five .22 caliber bullets into an outside kitchen wall of the Delta Gamma sorority at 6:15 a.m. Feb. 15. The shots were fired from a second floor window of the ATO house.

Sgt. Dan Weaver of the campus police unit confirmed Honcik had turned himself in. He said Honcik would be formally charged Wednesday with a misdemeanor count of malicious destruction of property, Weaver said. Honcik was not formally charged Monday because the necessary paperwork had not been completed and because the city attorney was out of town.

Tripplett charge reduced to misdemeanor

Charges against former University of Idaho student Theresa A. Tripplett were reduced to a misdemeanor charge of malicious injury to property, and the misdemeanor charge was "compromised" Thursday in magistrate's court in Moscow.

Tripplett was arrested in December and charged with setting fire to her own dormitory room in the Wallace Complex twice in September. Tripplett almost died in the second fire.

According to the Idaho Code, if a person is charged with a misdemeanor, and the victim of the offense could take civil action against the defendant, the offense may be compromised. In order for the "compromise" to occur, the injured party must "acknowledge that he (sic) has received satisfaction for the injury." The court may then "order all prosecution to be stayed (stopped)," although "the reasons for the order must be set forth therein." After such an order has been issued, the defendant may not be prosecuted again for the same offense.

Latah County Prosecutor William Hamlett requested the compromise, according to a document, because Tripplett has no prior criminal record.

The compromise order in the Tripplett case notes that Tripplett has no prior record, has left the state of Idaho, is in the custody of her parents and "does not represent a continuing danger to the victim or the People of Idaho.

The compromise order also affirms that "the victim of the property loss could recover such loss by civil action," and says Tripplett agreed to repay the $990 in property damage incurred in the fires. The $990 restitution was paid to the university from the $1000 bond Tripplett posted when she was arrested. She also paid $10 court costs.

Tripplett was a senor education major when she was arrested for starting fires, but did not register for classes this semester. She was arrested on the basis of a handwriting analysis of a threatening note found on her door and a laboratory examination of floor tiles from her room.

Tripplett never entered a plea to either the arson charges or the charge of malicious injury to property.

UI plant sale to help KUID

The Idaho Students Plant and Soil Club raised approximately $1,100 at their plant sale Friday. The proceeds will be divided between KUID and the club's scholarship fund.

According to Dick Auld, assistant professor of plant science, the Plant and Soil Club decided to sell more plants than usual and split the money raised with KUID because of its current financial crisis.

Auld estimates that KUID will be given $300-400, one expenses from the sale are taken care of.

UI Cheerleaders hope dates and dancing will pay for NCAA trip

A benefit dance will be held tonight to help recoup an approximate $1,000 lost suffered by the UI cheerleaders with the purchase of airline tickets in March to attend the NCAA playoffs in El Paso, Texas.

The balance of money the benefit doesn't cover will come out of the cheerleaders' own pockets, said ASUI Senator Melissa Friel, who has been handling the situation.

There was a question as to whether an endorsement, the Big John Reagun Fund, given to the athletic department for the cheerleaders would be used to help pay this bill.

According to John Ikeda, assistant director of athletics and business manager of intercollegiate sports, this fund is used annually by the cheerleaders and they have already spent the allotted amount for this year.

"We don't want to jeopardize next year's operations because of a spur-of-the-moment deal that happened this season," Ikeda said.

The benefit will be held at Rathskeller's Inn tonight at 7 p.m. A $2 cover charge will be collected at the door and given to the cheerleaders. Each person will receive a ticket stub as a chance to win a date with either a cheerleader or a member of the basketball team, said John Danforth, assistant sports information director.

UI Cheerleaders hope dates and dancing will pay for NCAA trip
Criminal insult

Editor,

I was surprised and shocked to learn that the University of Idaho and entered into a contract for a speaking engagement with G. Gordon Liddy. This action is completely out of character for an institution of higher learning. I base this statement on the following sample of G. Gordon Liddy’s activities:

1. G. Gordon Liddy was the most despicable criminal of the Watergate scandal. He received the longest jail term, he was less cooperative with investigating authorities than any other Watergate criminal and he was released from prison long after the other Watergate criminals had been freed. Given this criminal and guiltless attitude, what does he have to offer this university?

2. G. Gordon Liddy opportunistically built his career by individually waging a personal war of wiretaps, burglary activities and related acts of defamation against Timothy Leary. Given this blatant misuse of the criminal justice mechanisms, how can G. Gordon Liddy discuss meaningfully subjects such as the morality of our laws?

3. G. Gordon Liddy plotted to ambush and kill Jack Anderson and others because he did not agree with their political beliefs. How can a man, who sought to rid himself of his political opponents by assassinating them know anything about the sanctity of life or the role of government as the protector of its citizens?

4. The irony of the scheduled appearance of G. Gordon Liddy is more biting when one considers that many other qualified speakers are available to enlighten us. Buckminster Fuller, one of the most brilliant and dynamic scientists of our time, comes to mind immediately. Speakers who are more controversial are also available. However, Mr. Liddy is unacceptable because he fails the simple tests of lawfulness and respect for the rights of his fellow man. Moreover, he falsely rationalizes that his criminality is legitimized by blind patriotism.

Even though G. Gordon Liddy has systematically denied the rights of others to live and pursue their own destiny, I would not wish to deny his freedom of speech. However, it is totally inappropriate to use student funds as a catalyst for Liddy’s morally vacuous spew. Others who are equally appalled by Liddy should contact John Winji of the Programs Board and voice their opinions. Liddy’s fast-talking agent has hoodwinked the unsuspecting members of the Programs Board into committing $3,000 of students’ funds to pay for this criminal’s appearance.

At best the contract should be broken. However, forfeiting the money would be better than the continuation of this insult to the intellect. I encourage all of you who feel that government is the protector of the people and not to be protected from the people, to contact John Windju. Let’s inform Mr. Liddy that he cannot be rewarded for usurping personal liberties and for using criminality as a vehicle for personal gain.

Randy Balicic

Foot in mouth

Suzanne Carr,

You once again “Put your big foot in your even bigger mouth” causing yourself to look foolish. Your article in Friday’s Argonaut shows your lack of support for Greek unity. How does your statement referring to the Sigma Nu’s article make all living groups look bad? If you noticed, many other fraternities ripped off each other in the Greek Times, so what’s your personal grudge against the men of Sigma Nu? Inter-fraternal rivalry is all a part of the Greek system. The competition causes each house to try to be better itself. It is all in fun and every house has its biggest rival.

Your statement referring to the Sigma Nu’s apologizing to their dates to the “White Rose” was also written in fun and anyone with a sense of humor can realize this. It makes us wonder what stunts behind your article — did you not have a date to the dance?

Spring would not be Spring if the Sigma Nu tub wasn’t in use. It is tradition as well as are the water fights and water balloons used by other fraternities. If you don’t want to be “tubbed” then avoid the area, but I know some that would be disappointed if the tubbing didn’t take place.

There are many outstanding men in the Sigma Nu house as well as in other fraternities, and it’s people like you that blow things out of proportion causing the system to have a bad name.

Perhaps you, Suzanne Carr, should take a look at what you do for the Greek system and its unity. Maybe you should think twice before you write another article putting down Greek living groups.

Candy Williams
Rain, snow and hail can't stop the turtle races

The rat beat the rabbit, Pi Beta Phi beat the odds and the Phi Delta Theta Turtle Derby beat the weather Saturday during Parents' Weekend. The annual turtle derby was plagued by rain and cold but spectators still crowded the 500-block of Elm Street to watch the activities. Pi Beta Phi was awarded first place for money raised throughout the week including selling buttons and placing bets at the turtle-betting table. Forney Hall took first place for the best turtle costume. Their turtle, Tank Aaron, was dressed in a baseball uniform including shorts and hat. Kappa Gamma won the skit competition with their version of Cinderella entitled "Kappapella," complete with song and dance.

French Hall's turtle proved to be the fastest reptile in the ring but the Beta Theta Phi rat beat all contestants in a mad dash to escape the Pi Gamma Delta rabbit and the crowd.

The Phi Delta Thetas raised over $1,000 for their charity organization.

Greek Week winners display all kinds of talent

Greek Week, a long time tradition at UI, started April 6 and ended with Parents' Weekend and the Turtle Derby Saturday.

Alpha Chi Omega was first for the sororities with 47 points due to a strong showing in the community-service project, first places in the mattress race, keg toss and comedy half of the talent night and their house attendance at the Thursday night chug-off.

Alpha Phi was second with 43 points, thanks to their peanut-butter-sandwich eater, songfest and their attendance at the service project.

Kappa Kappa Gamma participated in all events except golf, winning the chug-off, the serious talent competition and turning in an amazing 156 pounds of aluminum cans for 39 points.

For the men, Beta Theta Pi took the can competition and service project for 46 points followed by Tau Kappa Epsilon's 41 points for their firsts in the pyramid race, keg toss and attendance at both the service project and the chug-off.

Delta Sigma Phi was third with 39 points for their service project and five winning chuggers. Both chugging teams will compete against the WSU champion chuggers Thursday night.

Parents' Weekend a success despite lousy weather

Parents Weekend, although hampered by bad weather was still termed a success said Nancy Riordan, University of Idaho assistant alumni director.

More than 1,100 people attended this weekend's activities, she said.

More than 200 people attended the Annual Awards Assembly, honoring students for academic success and service to this university. This was the best attendance in years, said Riordan.

More cultural activities were offered this year, which attracted many people, Riordan said. The Dance Theater, the Jazz Band, and the Fine Arts Gallery were other events attended.

Activities such as the Phi Delta Theta Turtle Derby and the Dick and Pat Snyder Memorial Golf tournament were hampered by rain and snow, but turnout for these events was good. Riordan said the weather did not keep parents and alumni away from the university, it just kept them indoors.

CDI LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL !!!
Committee proposes limited parking lots

by Grant W. Priest
for the Argonaut

A proposal to limit three campus parking lots to faculty and staff parking was discussed Friday at the Campus Planning Committee meeting. The C.P.C. concluded that before it would recommend a proposal to limit three parking lots to faculty and staff, it would need to know the source of the information for the proposed changes. The committee also recommended that a study be conducted to determine a solution to the parking problem. These recommendations have been given to President Richard Gibb and Terry Armstrong, executive assistant.

William Voxman, professor of mathematics and C.P.C. member, said "I would recommend that the group (the parking committee) get a consultant to look at the situation." William McLaughlin, C.P.C. chairman, said "My initial reaction is that they haven't looked at the whole parking situation."

In other business, general plans for the closed campus streets and guidelines for future campus planning involving future building space requirements, circulation, and open space were discussed by the C.P.C.

The parking proposal, submitted by the parking committee to the C.P.C., involves limiting parking behind the administration building and adjacent to the home economics building to faculty and staff use. Parking fees would be raised to $40 and stickers would be sold on a first-come-first-served basis. Ninety percent of the parking spaces would be sold with 10 percent open so that when a sticker was purchased, a place to park could be assured.

The Faculty Affairs Committee had previously voted to oppose the fee increase and also to oppose limiting any parking lots to faculty and staff by a 5-1 vote.

Neil Reese, director of facility planning and C.P.C. member, said "I've always felt that the parking committee should make a study...and after they've gone through all this and gotten student input, then a conclusion would be made. It almost seems like this solution was jumped into without logical processes."

The C.P.C. also discussed information regarding the closed campus streets. C.P.C. chairman McLaughlin said, "What I think is critical is that we've got to get student input before they leave campus." It was decided that input would be obtained by talking to students, group leaders, and housing representatives. Designs created by landscape architecture students for converting two blocks of University Ave. into a pedestrian mall were presented. Designs involving the areas in front of the life science and drama buildings. These designs will be shown at the city council meeting Monday.

Dianne Milhollin, assistant Greek advisor and C.P.C. member, said, "Politically, any proposal that involves putting money into these street programs is very ill-advised." The possibility of diverting parking money from sticker fees to work on these street projects was discussed.

In other business, the C.P.C. discussed a general design idea for long-term campus planning which involves future building space requirements, circulation of vehicles and pedestrians, and open space. Future parking plans were discussed at length. According to McLaughlin, these ideas will be put into a document which will serve as a guideline for future campus planning.

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