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 night 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 that 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 solution is for individuals who cause the damage to pay for repairs, some said 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 wants their house latched out there."

The 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 contemplated using a water cannon and police to stop snowball fight damage

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GARTEN

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 ASUI Information Desk late Wednesday night, awaiting the announcement 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 said. "Now I'm nervous."

It may be said 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 know you'd do it! I know all along you'd win!" Pena seemed unable to believe it himself.

"I was shocked," 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 was confident from the start that Pena would win.

"I'm very satisfied," he said. "I was confident." 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 the Pena was the student body president.

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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. (OLIVIA 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.

In a close race for the vice-presidential 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 Goetsch, 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: McCoy, 741 votes; McCray, 732; Korn, 687; Anderson, 677; Goetsch, 654; and King, 650.

The referendum on the ballot concerning last year's fee increase revealed that UI students do not want to see 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 constitutionality of the increase.

Of those students who voted against the lawsuit, only 448 indicated they did not want any further negotiations, while 668 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.
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.

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 Panhel Council, is the first of its kind, according to Panhel Treasurer and Community Service Chairwoman Shelly Cacozos.

"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."

Cacozos, 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 Jordan.

The group met at Gorrnley 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 downtown 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," Cacozos said. "It worked out really well. There were no trick-ery, and everyone participated. I think on the average about 15 people from every group were downtown." "It was really cold and sort of raining, but it was worthwhile," she said.

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By ANDREA CHAVEZ

Drew dug feverishly through his backpack, pawing his way past the textbooks and the note- books, until he came to it. "God, where is it?" he said aloud with some concern. He could hear his heart thumping in his ears as he stuck his entire head into the pack where, after a long search of the familiar hard plastic cylinder. "Thank God," he said, breathing a sigh of relief. "I always keep it always use it when I take a test." The pen bore the marks of battle, its black plastic body scratched and worn from endless use, its point "off" from never using anything else. "I'll be glad when I can get in second-year and the last," Associate Professor David Lindquist said. "I'm going to keep this pen for the rest of my life." He kept his finger on the pulse of the UI community, and he knew the importance of the pen in stock. "For many people pens have prefer- ences," Lindquist said. "If a per- son bought a Pentel pencil or a Pilot, it's the only kind of pen he really wants." While brand names are impor- tant, so is the kind of pen or pencil itself. "When I was in school a lot of people had mechanical pencils," Lindquist said. "For some, the words they write are less important than the style and performance factors they choose to write with." The seniors for pen purchasing at the University of Idaho is the UI Bookstore, where more than 200 different styles of pens can be found. "Some of the styles have 10 to 12 different tips as well. Everything from thick permanent pens to the finest fountain pens washable," Bookstore Assistant Supplies Manager Ronald Lindquist. Lindquist, a resident expert on pens and pencils, one of the most popular areas of business at the bookstore. It's a hazardous job. He keeps his finger on the pulse of the UI community, and he knew the importance of the pen in stock. "For many people pens have preferences," Lindquist said. "If a person bought a Pentel pencil or a Pilot, it's the only kind of pen he really wants." While brand names are important, so are personality factors. "The kind of pens people like are as diverse as the people themselves," UI student John Porter uses a Pilot (exp). "It has a highlighter built into the end of it," Porter said. "But it's mostly a fountain pen. I like ink, I like the highlighter." Indeed, highlighters have become a hit with best sellers. "I use a light pen," Porter said. "I'm a paper-clip kind of person." "This pen is so helpful for everyday stuff," Porter said. Then he plucked his hand into his desk and pulled out a bright cyan-yellow fountain pen. "But I use this one for important things like signing documents and smoother." Porter said. "I'm not the only one who uses fountain pens at the top of a favorite pen list. According to the newspaper, popularity of fountain pens is on the rise. "I think it has to do with the period when caligraphy was really popular," Lindquist said.

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President Dan Streby said that last year they had to give snowballs thrown through their windows. "It's snow dust on the floor of our house," Streby said. "I'm afraid this is snow going to happen this year." At the meeting, sorority lead- ers expressed concern that in order to avoid penalties and possible group ban, groups must not only pay for the damages they do but also clean up the damage the sororities have committed. "These girls make a habit of entering the house and peek around the corner to see what's going on," Delta Gamma Presi- dent Jennifer Pena said. "But we don't get involved." Assistant Greek Adviser Todd Wiggen said that he was sorority presi- dents that they can do something to help discourage the snowball fight. "The women believe or not, they can look around the corner and say 'Don't do it.'" The motion the snowball fight proposal is only a preliminary vote. House presidents were instructed to instruct their members and then take a final vote and report the results to Korn by 5 p.m. that night. However, Korn did not provide the results to the Keyes.

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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 majority. In his victory speech, 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 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 doubted my grasp of his grassroots 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 electorate 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 did obviously exercise 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 Gleizes, 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 & EDITORIAL

Concern over visual message

Editor:

I read the article in the Nov. 7 issue of the Idahoan regarding the chemistry seminar film which depicted a coed 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 against women then does not fit into a category of amazement, frustration or amusement. Though it often happens to women, violence still should 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 deal of responsibility, people, who 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 problems of violence happens to others.

I am ANGRY at the insensitive, undecorated remark made by Rob Palmer, i.e.: "They're just taking the law into their own hands." If they had just gone to the lecture and seen that it was about consent and respect, 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 want to follow this path now, Palmer, unfortunately, seems to have missed the entire reason for the film. I hope hopefully, he will learn that the topic content of the seminar was not the concern.

I assume the fliers were posted for maximum impact. I would 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, he stated this, 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 one to understand something that one has 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 film. 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 230 p.m. in the military area, six Jesuit priests, a university cook and her daughter, execution stylist. SISCA holds the U.S. Congress directly responsible for these murders since Congress is responsible to Arena's request for more aid.

SISCA demands that Congress: 1) Stop aid and arms shipment 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 your 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 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 metalhead Donny Osmond is actually the unmasked leader of Clay Pudders? Signed: Diagnosed Black Sabbath Fanatic

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 headphones, purple socks, stupid sketched-out characters, etc., etc.? I estimate Donny's age to be in the late 20s/early 30s. He's too old to be Oszy's kid. Furthermore, I can't agree with your characterization of Donny as a "metalhead." I think of him more as a mod. You know, frosted ends, dark roots, razor stubble. He just couldn't get the flip-up earrings to stay in place while he filmed the video.

Q. Which would you rather do, chop thin foil or abuse your legs with a cheese grater?

A. My personal favorite is neither of these options, but rather kneel surgery, which always choose over other pleasant options. However, it's not worth the trouble without the following "bonus treats":

2. Early, 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.

— Lois Griffths

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. The rest are computer nerds with rocks in their head and the "fun" for everyone.

Q. What does "Buck the Froncos" mean?

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

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Commentary

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Maybe one day we’ll follow Gorbachev’s lead

Ta da da deeo dum dum da da das.

In case you hadn’t noticed, Eastern Europe has become a happpin’ place. Poland is now a multiparty democracy, Hungary can call itself a democracy and keep a straight face. East Germans are seeking freedom, maybe they had record numbers. Ted Turner has offered to colorize Bulgata. 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 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 public-grubbing politicians unresponsive to people’s needs, no matter how trivial they may seem. We MUST SEND A SIGNAL that we have CHOSSED BETWEEN A REPUBLICAN AND A DEMOCRAT IS BETTER THAN A REPUBLICAN AND NO CHOICE AT ALL.

Here are the suspected causes of this iron Curtain thing: 1) Enginers and scientists are afraid, we all like that, structurally speaking, iron is not sound cur-

main material; 2) Some say the changes are the byproduct of a world-wide psychic disintegration; 3) Some say it’s a side effect of the information revolution; 4) Others point to a rise in Biblical interpretations; 5) My own personal feeling is that people are tired of staring, staring, staring at walls in line for a leaf of spam.

And what has been the official response of our so-called leaders? Well, George Cornog-Morgan 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 mes-

sage of freedom, so get ready for another list. 1) He called Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega “a little man”; 2) He also called him “that unwanted animal at a
garden party” (What?? Daniel Ortega is a conserva-
tive republic?); 3) He called for a constitu-
tional 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 own land until Gorbachev has rung” 6) He called for the restoration of the CIA’s unilateral right to assassinate foreign government officials.

What we have here is a situation in which: a) Mikhail Gorbachev is championing for democratic reforms, playing the role of com-

munist party payoff throughout the Eastern Bloc; b) George (Cornog-Morgan) Bush is championing the right of the United States to assassinate other coun-

tries’ presidents. Which one would you give the 1989 Spokes-
man for Democracy Award to? Well, if nothing else, that should waylay people’s lingering suspicions that George is a gul-

less wussy. Assassination is not for weak stomachs. I mean, think what that could do to his approv-

al rating? Now for democracy,

cru, it shows a certain insen-
tivity toward kindness and
gentleness.

So what else is new? Eastern Europe has its Big Brother, and Latin America has its Sugar Dad-

ny. If we were actually to support self-determination in Latin America and the Western Hemi-

sphere, 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 govern-

ments. Yes, but they OUR mass murderers. They’re only prophetic American interest. And they only kill to guarantee
delay-free American arms ship-

ments which will safeguard their
countries from communism, that
courage of the Free World which

often involves distasteful con-

cepts like allowing actual citizens to produce their own food on their own land, instead of work-

ing on plantations run by your favorite multinational. 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 since they are probably 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 ifa Latin American president walked through the door of the White House, he might be mista-

ken 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 super-

power struggle begins to take place in stock exchanges instead of war rooms, blasting militaries will gratefully settle for “low intensity” warfare in the Third World, because from an organi-

zational viewpoint (as opposed to the viewpoint of the host coun-

tries), 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 assassi-

nate foreign leaders than to tell Union Catholic or Weyerhauser 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 terror-

ism that our great democratic nations support and often finances. But excesses begat excesses. And as long as we con-

inue to elect career cold warriors like Johnson, Nixon, Reagan and Bush, the next waste of humanity is never further away than a fri-

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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 Van- dal 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. “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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Talented performances make plays enjoyable

The two plays currently featured by the Collette Theater, Chocolate Cake and The Stranger: Kind of a Romance, try to present a definition of human nature. 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 fail short of painting anything true. Mary Gallaghers look at obsessive women and their attempts to fill voids in their lives with food turns itself into one big, fat, laugh.

The play is about two women, one of them living while attending a conference. One woman, the timid Midwestern housewife, struggles to make the woman attractive to her husband, the other a (slightly) middle-aged rich woman who is always looking for action. The problem is, Delilah has a little lesbian twist, but the housewife, too, has a little lesbian twist.

True, the material is developed, and although women may relate to something, the relationship problem is solved every and

dragged the subject to its limits. But the play is almost saved by the acting talents of Lysa J. Gunderson, who played Sadie Klipas in Cabaret. Gunderson’s performance, leads to a little comic relief in the play and adds considerably to the overall feeling of not meaning a thing, beneath laughter.

Frisman, Lisa Cameron, seems to be able to saddle her own on the stage. Although her character, Amadea, is the least characteristic of the second production, Strang Kind of a Romance presents the audience with a filmic microcosm of the Strang Kind of a Romance. From the experience, William Strang’s exasperation with standard Hollywood and liberal people is obvious. The exasperation is directed against the viewer, the audience, and against the idea of individualism. The audience is left to ponder what the play is about, as the audience is left to ponder what it is about. No character seems to be doing the right thing.

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Music majors present recital

By DONNA PRISBEY
Staff Writer

Wendy Walter and Trixie McMillin will present their junior recital Sunday.
Walter, on the French horn, will play works by Dukas and Saint-Saëns. Alternating with her will be McMillin, on the flute, presenting works by Poulsen 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 this 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 Aaspect of Love is about a love triangle, which is similar to a love square, which 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 proffses 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 her 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, Giulietta, who has stayed steadfastly loyal to George. Rose kicks Alex out.

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

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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 grand-daddy 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 rivals 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 6-1 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 F-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-America defensive end who recorded 195 sacks last season. He is living up to that performance this year with 17.3 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 McCaughlin 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 Boise offense stems from the erratic play of its quarterback, 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 1,852 yards, 18 touchdowns and 17 interceptions. Halliday’s passing has resulted in 692 yards, one touchdown, and eight interceptions.

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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 722 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 appearance 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.

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The Vandal 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, Best 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 Sardy in second place with a time of 22:36. WSU’s Cary Schwarz took first for the women with a time of 29:35, 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.

ADMISSION TO BSU GAME
ASUI-Kibbie Dome officials will not accept the yellow registration sheets for admission to Saturday’s football game against BSU. Only activity cards will be accepted from students.

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I magine 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 crack cocaine 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 Idaho 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 spread your poison 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, scientists “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, pornographers are being seen not only 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 Ringens, Texas, lured Mary Beth Kunkel, 19, to his home. “I really wanted to have her sexually and when she did not come down, 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 Marshall, West Texas, was on trial last December for raping 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.

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 crate 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 heedy 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 had her as a 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. Chorping 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.

"YAAAAAAAH!” the teenagers roared in positive union.

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 like 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, S.C.,” confessed to kidnaping 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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IN BRIEF

Atheist joins pro-life ranks

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

In the March issue of U.S. Catholic magazine, published in Chicago, Hentoff says, "...it's a lot easier for an atheist — at least, this atheist — to be against abortion because all I have is life, 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."

Hentoff 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 out-sided the womb," he says.

"That did it," continues Hentoff. "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.""

Hentoff doesn't always get warm welcomes.

Picketers must pay abortion protest

CORPUS CRISTI, Texas (EP) — Nine demonstrators who picketed an abortionist's home have been ordered to pay more than $300,000 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," said Dr. Eduardo Aquino, who sued the protesters. "But anyone who abuses this right 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 $1,700,000 in punitive damages for future suffering of Aquino and his wife, $170,000 for past and future suffering of Aquino's children, and $500,000 in punitive damages for gross negligence in picketing a family home.

EDITOR'S COMMENT: Dr. Edu-
ardo Aquino believes in the right to picket; he just doesn't believe in the right to picket ham.

Judge allows jail pornography

ANAMOSA, Iowa (EP) — Prison inmates have a right to read pornography, a federal judge has ruled. Judge Harold Victor ruled that inmates in the Iowa Men's Reformatory are entitled to the same magazines available to the same 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 to offenders including sex offenders — was not in the best in-
teres of rehabilitation. They noted that the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography found a link between porn-ography 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 let-
ters asking if we make these news sto-
ries up. We don't. Not only is truth stronger than fiction, it's also slicker.

Bill cuts funds to offensive art

WASHINGTON (EP) — An amend-
ment to an appropriations bill that would prevent federal funding of ob-
scene 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 designates the objects of beliefs of the adherents of a particular religion or nonreligion; or material which deni-
grates, defiles, or reviles a person, group or class of citizens on the basis of race, creed, sex, handicap, age or na-
tional origin."

Arts advocates greeted the bill with cries of outrage. Anne Murphy, execu-
tive director of the American Arts Alli-
anon, 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 simply 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 en-
dowment 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 fur-
ther, 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 ex-
plains, "If someone wants to write ugly, na-
tasty things on the men's room wall, the taxpayers do not pay the censors."

Sen. Thad Cochran (R-Miss.) agreed. "We don't want to engage in censor-
ship," he explained. "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 cen-
sorship is not necessarily bad — it de-
PENDS entirely on what is being censored and why). The issue is whether the American taxpayer should supply the funding for this sort of imm-
oralty. The answer is no.

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 le-
gal 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 state statutes stipulate that only "surviving spouses and family members" can inherit such a lease. Accord-
ing to Christianity Today magazine, Judge John E. Bohan asserted that the term family should "not be rigidly restricted to those people who have formalized their relation-
ship 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 "fa-
mily" 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 fur-
ther 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 buffalo," 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 "nationals" 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 A MAN
LET US MAKE AN APE

MAN!
APE!

"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 and preach to people who don't want to hear, and so forth? Now there is a good answer to all these 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 hard, 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 by 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.

Ever Wonder?

"Why don't Christians just mind their own business?"
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How to deal with pornography
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As young people are being exposed to this evil at an earlier and earlier age, the number of young people who commit sexual offenses is growing — at an alarming rate.

Automatic Replicants 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-like calls and probably thousands on films, videos and books.

I had to take time off from work to rehabilitation programs for the sexually addicted. It cost me a marriage and the loss of love and respect, and 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 to fight against pornography because being near the stimuli of my addiction only increases my anxiety and 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 uncontrollably. Up until a few years ago, there was nowhere I could go for help. I tried, I've spent thousands on therapy and help from liberal psychologists and psychiatrists 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 to God through Christ, I have overcome the urge to use pornography. However, many issues are still present. I'm a walking wounded and scared person. Despite the healing that is going on, I still must face the temptation and loneliness 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. In music albums, in the streets, in public transportation, on the news. Dr. Dobson, I know God loves me, but I don't love myself. The things I've done and seen disgust me. My body, sexual 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 encouragement 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 any information 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 dearth libertarians that pornography 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 por- nography 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 'wearing' 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 stimulus 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 attractive to each other. But that attraction is healthy only within the bounds of respect and commitment and free will.

When an overeager male sets out to take what no woman will freely give him, society has a right to check out what started the flames. Anson 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 more resources? No, but on 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 easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs. Love never fails.** (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

**Some people think it does not matter what you believe. I long as you are sincere. Consequently, some believe any and all religions are valid paths to God and salvation. However, the Bible does not support this idea. The Bible says only one name, Jesus Christ, is needed. Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.** (Romans 14:11 – 2 Corinthians 10:5)

**Getting to God by good works is like climbing Mt. Rainier with greasy sneakers.**

**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.** (Titus 3:4-7)

**Jesus said, “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him unclean”? For it does not 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 man’s heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evil things come from inside and make a man unclean.” (Mark 7:14-23)
**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?

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.

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..." 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 conceived. 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 the Son of God? 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 άπιστος (apistos). 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 πτωχός (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 πτωχός (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 washed, mopped, taped, as they were forced to ad-

minister 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 through. 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.
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 rebuking 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 desires. 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 believe me 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 unbelievable 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 lies 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 infant 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 out. 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.

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—is 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 I received from the Lord what I amobliged to proclaim, and that is what you heard from me, along with a clear message of 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 refer 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 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.

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

Jim Wilson

Those 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 trespasses 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 carousing—which are not to be copied. (Ephesians 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, with false and 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.