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Life Science building nearly finished

University of Idaho President Robert Hoover and Idaho State University President Richard Brown have signed an agreement so that the two colleges can work together to better meet the needs of students in Idaho Falls.

For many years there have been UI and ISU activities there. The college extensions are next door to one another. ISU offers most of the undergraduate degrees and UI offers mostly graduate degrees.

Students who needed courses at both colleges had to register separately, fill out two financial aid forms, check in with two advisers, and pay tuition fees to both colleges. However, this is no longer the case.

The Idaho Board of Education approved the proposal last week for the cooperative campus. The colleges are already busy combining admissions, financial aid, registration, advisement offices and many more of their services.

Director of Idaho Falls, Fred Gunnerson, said, "The official name for the college is "The ISU/UI Center for Higher Education at University Place in Idaho Falls." Could you imagine the acronym for that?"

Though the name is long, the goal is to utilize both institution's resources to create a campus that UI and ISU can operate together in Idaho Falls. This way there is less hassle for the students and the colleges.

While they do not see building student housing in the future, plans for a Student Union are already in effect. Classes have been merged to give students more options.

Gunnerson believes these options will draw more people to the college seeking technical degrees like engineering. Between the two schools they have 2000 students. By the year 2001 they anticipate 5000 students.

President Hoover said UI's population will not be affected by this cooperative campus. The college mostly serves people in eastern Idaho who are older, have families, and work full time. The average age of UI students in Moscow is 26, while in Idaho Falls it's 36. "We would like to manage UI and ISU activities as if they were one institution to provide better user friendly education services for the community in eastern Idaho," Hoover said. He felt it was important to reduce education barriers and make credits transferable.

Although this cooperative campus is new, the UI extension has been in Idaho Falls for forty-three years. ISU's extension made its home there about twenty years ago. The two became neighbors in the 1970s and were referred to as The University Place.

Gunnerson attributes the work to "the vision and leadership of our two presidents. This should have been done years ago." He added, "What we are doing is fun, exciting, challenging, and it will be a benefit for both universities, the students, and the community."

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Craig opposes making treaty mandatory

On June 12, Idaho Senator Larry Craig warned the Clinton Administration against pursuing mandatory compliance of an international treaty on global warming.

Craig said imposing this regulation would have devastating effects on the American economy. Craig argued that mandatory compliance would require American consumers and companies to spend large amounts of money, and we likely would not make a difference anyway.

Under the new plan, the United States Framework Convention on Climate Change would impose greenhouse gas reduction targets that would have to be reached by specific dates. President Bush signed the treaty five years ago and since then the greenhouse gas reduction targets have been voluntary for companies, but the Clinton Administration would like to make them mandatory.

Craig was joined on the Senate floor by Sen. Robert Byrd is pushing for a bipartisan resolution that would not harm American workers or companies. Craig believes the administration should be more open about the specifics of the plan and their economic studies. Craig said, "The Administration’s negotiators have refused to release any of their internal economic studies expected to show huge decimations in the industrial sector of our economy. This kind of secret planning and hidden agenda is contrary to our democracy. It is wrong."

Mike Tracy, director of Communications for Sen. Craig said there are two major problems with the new proposal: the terms on which the White House is gathering and releasing their data, and questions about their conclusions. According to Tracy, the U.S. has plenty of laws and regulations on companies enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). "I don’t think we need international treaties to be doing domestic policy," he said.

Senators are also upset because the White House was supposed to send results of their studies on the issue last fall. "The Administration is not giving the Senate information to review the treaty and there has been no public opinion on the issue," Tracy said.

Tracy also noted that the same information the White House is basing the treaty on is "the same evidence scientists used in the 1960s when they said we were headed into another ice age."

Because of this, Craig and other senators feel the White House has drawn "false and misleading conclusions" based on the evidence.

The world’s scientists are still debating the extent, if any, to which human emissions of carbon dioxide—rather than natural causes—are increasing the world temperatures. The earth has warmed slightly since the “Little Ice Age” in the early 1600s. All but a tiny amount of that increase occurred prior to World War II, before any significant increase in carbon dioxide can be attributed to human activity.

Tracy said, "The bottom line is, do we make them (greenhouse gas laws) stricter here and ignore developing nations? It doesn’t make sense. Even if we signed on to the treaty China won’t accept it. They have such a huge part of the world’s population, what would be the point for us to sign on when we have some of the strictest regulations in the world?"

Opponents of the issue feel the White House seems intent on using the $1 billion budget for this research to discredit any studies that may raise questions on the administration’s position on global warming.
Japanese students experience Moscow

By Laura Lefrançais

With freedom there is also responsibility. This is one of the lessons teenage boys from Sendai, Japan will learn here in Moscow.

The boys arrived late Thursday night to participate in the Japanese Home Stay program.

The program allows the teens to stay in local homes and learn about American culture. On weekdays, they attend English as a Second Language class at the University of Idaho. This class teaches the students more about English as well as information they can use, like how to order food at a restaurant.

Almost every day the Japanese students go on a field trip. They receive lessons about the places they go in their course.

Before visiting a local farm, the boys are introduced to peas and fennel beans. At the farm they are given the opportunity to ride on tractors and are introduced to American agriculture.

The boys were a little afraid when they arrived, according to George Canney, Department of Education professor and a participant in the Home Stay program. They don't know English well, and for many of them it is their first time out of the city.

Maynard Urazy, a professor at the boys' school in Sendai, is a past UI professor. He comes back every year with his students. Jayaie Urazy, his wife, is dean of an international school there.

The schools were started by Michio Igarashi. He saw a need for a private school that allowed students who did not pass 8th grade exams to get into public high schools.

Without a high school education the students could not get work anywhere. Parents send their children to private schools in hopes that they may still have the chance to academically succeed.

As a reward for doing well in their studies, the students get to come to the U.S. for ten days during their junior year. It is a chance to put their English to use and to encourage future academic ventures. Canney said after high school some of the students will come to America for college.

Canney, a counselor for the program, believes "it exposes [the boys] to another culture." The host families enjoy the experience too. One of the families told him that they had never laughed so much trying to break the language barrier. She said the program "helps both cultures understand each other."

In addition, Caroline Canney believes it is important for the boys to receive some experience with women in what they believe are men's roles, and the host program dishes out equal responsibilities to males and females. In the U.S. women are equal to men and it is a new experience for the Japanese students. George Canney said, "What the boys discover when they're here is that they are enjoyed for the person they are and not the academic status of their families, but this leads to some very interesting conflicts."

When the students are comfortable in their host families they sometimes expect women to wait on them. They do not understand the shared responsibility in American households.

"Ails, they never ask for anything. They think it's rude and so they wait. The host families have to tell them from the beginning that they can get things out of the refrigerator."

There are other adjustments too. One of the most astonishing parts of Moscow to the boys is the supermarkets. They are used to small specialty grocers with limited selections.

Another astonishing and new experience is river rafting. The boys are going down Granite Point this week. George Canney plans to videotape their rafting experience. In the past years they watched the tape on bus ride home and talked excitedly about the trip.

The host families have a great time too, and close relationships develop. George Canney said, "The teachers, my wife, and the folks from Sendai are developing a more personal relationship. [The program] shows a goodness of heart and that's something I like to be involved with."

The students will be leaving to go home on Sunday. Caroline Canney said, "When they leave they take a part of us with them and leave a part of us with them. I think that is the key for them because the kids have grown."

Japanse students experience America and take home with them a broadened perspective about another culture, and the host families learn about the Japanese culture without ever having to leave town.
Go out and get some “FreshAire”

This summer, for those of you who cannot take advantage of the great music available at Moscow bars, as well as those who can, the Moscow Arts Commission brings us a series of music all summer long, for our entertainment enjoyment.

The concerts will be weekly, every Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at East City Park. The concerts are free, and everyone is encouraged to bring a blanket, a picnic dinner, or buy dinner at the park.

For more information on this series of concerts, contact Mary Byth with the Moscow Arts Commission at 883-7036 for more information.

The remaining scheduled concerts are as follows:

- June 26: Moscow Arts Commission (Community Band)
- July 3: Moscow Arts Commission (Community Band)
- Community sing-along Ice Cream Social
- July 10: Makin’ Island Music — Hawaiian
- July 17: The Equinox — Jazz quintet
- July 24: James Reid — Classical guitar
- July 31: Potato Head — Celtic Trio
- August 7: UI Big Band
- August 14: Dan Miller — Folk singer
- August 21: Dodier-Jarvis — Jazz
- August 28: Bill Perconti — Classical Sax

Idaho Repertory Theatre

The Idaho Repertory Theatre will soon be here. Alex W. Berg, Brian Cole, Sue Sadek, etc., are preparing for A Midsummer Night’s Dream. The Repertory Theatre’s season kicks off in July.
There aren’t many Swedish bands alive and kicking in mainstream music today (if you omit Benny Sveen and his Baret), but Snöls is attempting to make its mark.

On their second try at a second album, Souls returned to the studio to record Bird Fish or Inbetween, a relatively juvenile, unmasturbated album. Sure, the first two tracks were recorded by Steve Albini — commonly known for the sound he introduced on Nirvana’s In Utero — and recreated on Bush’s Razorblade Suitcase, but that isn’t what makes a good hard band. The band isn’t terribly terrible at making music; unlike Bush, Souls average four chord changes per song rather than three, and like Nirvana, they are definitely a “verse, chorus, verse” band.

Souls could easily get by with a single or two; there are a few songs on the album worthy of being released as singles. “Sonic Soporhill” and “Simplicity” could both easily become MTV or radio favorites as they were both under Albini’s direction, and the fact they both sound like missing cuts from Bush’s new album, Gavin Rossdale is even one of the A&R men for Bird Fish or Inbetween.

Another song worth listening to is “Cellos (where you worry),” which actually sounds a lot like Betty Serveert — if you gave them noisier instrument to play with. They may well release the first three songs from the album on an EP and title it “Bush, Nirvana or Inbetween.”

The rest of the album is cluttered with a wide array of music arrangements by guitarist Andreas Grenvall-Danielsson, Batozzo Johan Freiholz, and drummer Lars-Erik Grimeland. Most of the songs are purely noise messed with finger Nirvana’s site entitled “Guys, we have the least.”

Cecilia Norlind’s (note the female-male radio similarities between Souls and Benny Sveen) screaming during the choruses, though a few are actually music and singing combined. One shining song on the album is “Shuffle,” a jazzy little tune with a semi-obnoxious chorus.

One shining moment occurs near the end of the album’s final song, “Big Monkey,” where a drum buildup and the quiet murmurs of a vibraphone play for Norlind’s quiet chanting of the song’s title.

Actually, the music itself isn’t nearly as awful as it sounds, but there is something missing in the lyric department. The band is touted as “fearless” and “explosive,” and singer Norlind herself admits to being “Very honest, like [the] band. We say what we want, we’re not afraid.” But, it’s hard to live up to such appointments with jumbled lyrics like: “I’ve done some grim things / I’ve done some really bad things,” and the equally atrocious phrase: “You’ve put the bed eye on me.” With paired claws you kill? I too can cause you pain! It would be hard on you.” The last letter comes from a song entitled “T.N.C.Q,” which stands for the poetically “Terror Nightmare Champion Queen.”

Souls’ audacity and fearlessness are built up to b. much more than they actually are; the musicians need a bit more fine tuning before they conquer the world, and Norlind sounds less like the tiger she claims to be, and more like a kitty.

Some bands have done well on either good music or thoughtful lyrics, Souls just isn’t one of them, they’ll need both.

It must be said that “P.M. Scan” is by far the best song on the album—four seconds of silence. “It’s the best song we’ve ever written,” says Norlind of “P.M. Scan.”

Maybe it’s because the band, as a whole, decided to dust off the hell up.

I remember when e-mail was new. The concept of such instant (and free to students) communication was quite a concept. As with any genre in life comes technology, which always one-ups itself. Now you can send virtually anything over the net, you just have to know where to look.

Last semester I learned of virtual flowers, I even received some recently. You can send virtual flowers over the net for free. And, if on a college budget, that’s quite a nice option to the original method of shelling out all your hard-earned cash.

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Is affirmative action still necessary?

On June 14 President Bill Clinton again brought affirmative action to the national forefront. Clinton made a speech in California, the state that just voted on a bill last November to end affirmative action. Proposition 209, which passed with 54 percent in favor, was against "discrimination or preferential treatment by state and other public entities." Interestingly, exit polls showed that 27 percent of voters who voted yes, also said they favor affirmative action. Since then, black enrollment in law and graduate schools at University of California Berkeley has dropped 81 percent and Hispanic enrollment 50 percent. UCLA has experienced similar setbacks.

Though Clinton's speech was a nice commentary about equal rights for minorities it was certainly a far cry from Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. In fact, all he proposed to do was "study" the problem and have a few "town meetings" to discuss issues. Not exactly bold leadership, but Clinton did say, "Enrollments in law school and other graduate programs are plummeting for the first time in decades. Call it what you want, but I call it re segregation.

I don't agree that re segregation is the right term for banning affirmative action, but I do agree with the fact that ending affirmative action is wrong. Affirmative action has long been hailed as equal justice for minorities by liberals. It has also been bemoaned by conservatives who think affirmative action simply gives minorities in this country special rights and privileges. Conservatives believe one should earn their position in society, whether it be in education, the job market, or the justice system. Liberals believe most minorities have less opportunity to begin with because of their generally lower economic and social class, so therefore they need a boost. Examples of this lower standing is all too present. A higher percentage of African and Hispanics are pulled over by police, a higher percentage are prosecuted, and a higher percentage receive stiffest sentencing when guilty. However, to me that still misses the issue completely.

I don't think of affirmative action as us against them, white against black, or any of the other nonsense. I think of it in very simple terms. We are all Americans, we are all the same. Public policy should be based on what is best for our country. Obviously, everyone has a different opinion on what is best for our country.

Maybe my view of things is too simplistic. I think the best thing for our country is to help people that need it. I believe America should be about people helping people. If I was down I would want others to help me up. I think conservatives should believe strongly in affirmative action because of the golden rule—treat others the way you would like to be treated. Honestly, for many minority students affirmative action means the difference between being able to attend college and flunking out for the lack of a living. In addition, it helps our government right some of its history of wrongs.

What puzzles me is that I see affirmative action as being a lot like the women's rights and rights for people with disabilities. Why get rid of laws that help level the playing field? I simply do not understand that.

On a team, the star player helps teach the rookies—it is more or less an obligation. In America the very rich think they shouldn't pay taxes at any higher rate than anyone else. Few think it is an obligation. They take advantage of every tax break in the book and urge Congress for more. I know this isn't true of everyone. I used to live in Boise, Idaho, where we were good friends with one very wealthy family who never tried to decrease their tax bill. They felt very lucky to be able to live so well and thought of it as giving something back.

If our country had more citizens more concerned about others and less concerned about themselves, America would be a better place. And maybe affirmative action would never have been an issue to begin with.

Guest Column

GREG MULLEN

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What do you think of the banning of all tobacco advertising?

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—Carolyn Todd, Law Library staff member

"I think it's a good thing. They could focus their advertising on the older generations instead of the younger, then it would be okay."
—Keith C. Horn, UI junior in accounting

"I think it's a form of censorship. The government has no business banning it. There are bigger problems we should be concerned with right now."
—Kacey Olinda, UI senior in biology

"It seems a little extreme. Liquor industry advertising in magazines and magazines cater to a specific audience, I think they should be able to advertise as they please."
—Wyatt Hundrup, UI Wildlife Resource Management graduate

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