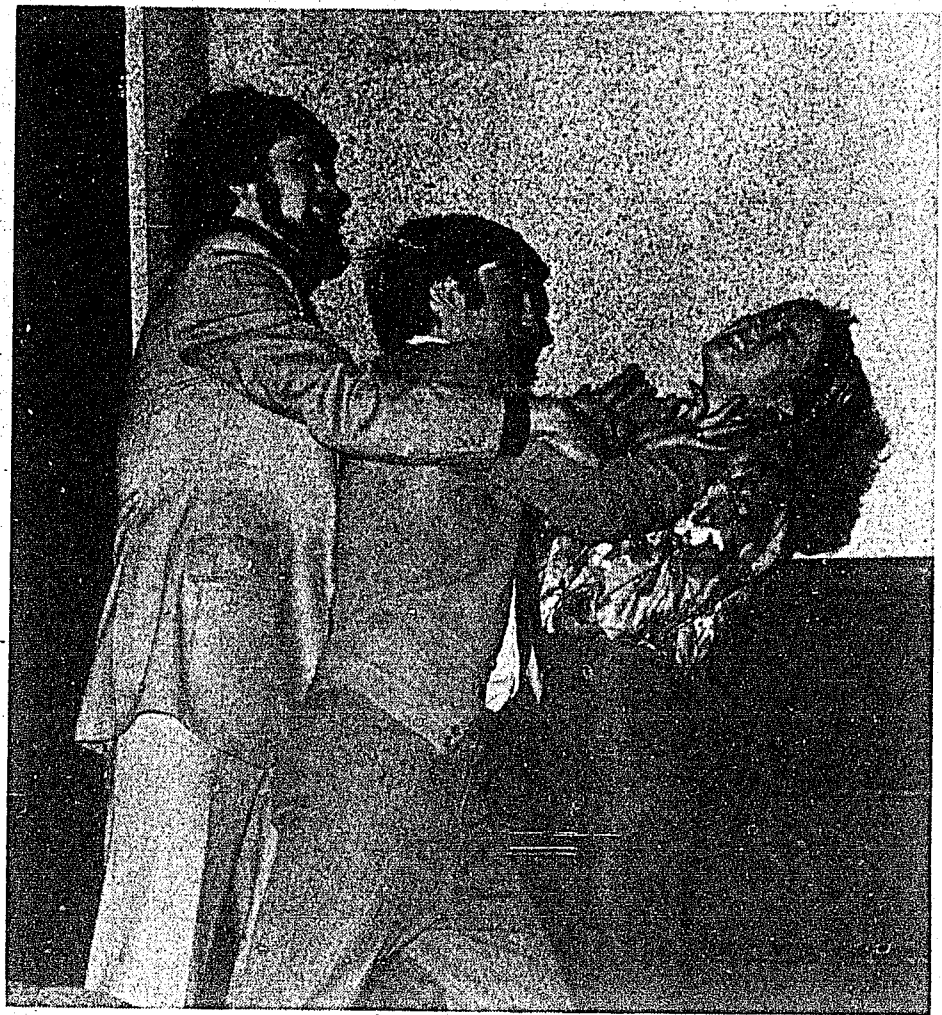


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The BSU Theatre Arts Department finished a four-night run of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" last Saturday night, with enthusiastic response. Left: Shelle Harwood as Honey, Bruce Richardson as George. After being sick and having hallucinations from too much brandy, Honey tries to talk to George, who has no sympathy for her. Above: When Martha, played by Ginger Scott, makes a disparaging remark about George, her husband, he goes for her throat and Nick, played by Allen Grunerud, tries to stop him.

up front

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Important to be happily married to oneself

by Rick Mattoon

For a couple to have a satisfying marriage, they need to be compatible in their lifestyles, goals and personalities, Clark Swain, Associate Professor of Marriage and Family Studies, said.

In an interview with Dr. Swain, who teaches through the Department of Home Economics, he said that the couple can look at their lifestyles and life goals and determine them "quite objectively." But discovering their personalities is a "more subtle and delicate phenomenon."

Swain said that "many divorces are sown in courtship." He explained that basically it's because they made an unwise choice. He said a person should "look for someone who has a reasonable balance of work and play. Someone who is emotionally both tender and tough," and who knows the appropriate time to be tender or tough. He described a tender person as one who is gentle, sensitive, and empathetic. He noted that many American men need to develop more tenderness in their relationships. He added that a "considerable number of women need to develop this quality" also.

Swain, who teaches a class in Marriage and Family, said, "Everyone should think carefully about the characteristics in a marriage partnership and look for someone with these qualities." He said that people shouldn't be so limiting when they say they want someone with particular hair color or eye color, or height, or such. He said this is "emphasizing characteristics less important than others."

The most important thing to look for is "a person who is happily married to oneself and has achieved self-discovery and likes what he or she finds." Swain noted that if one is not happily married to oneself, then he can't be to anyone else. Their own misgivings could distract from their relationships with others.

Swain talked about the traditional family and the family lifestyle emerging in society, today. He said the majority of families are now different from the traditional family. The family today is having fewer children, the wives are working, and the husbands are "generally more involved in homemaking chores." He sees some of the features in this "new family" as very good. It provides flexible

roles in marriage. The father, for instance, is becoming more involved with the child. But Swain said some aspects of the new family can be harmful. He is concerned about the fact that some parents are spending less time with their child in the child's first few years. He said that the Harvard Studies of the First Three Years in Life noted that this time period is crucial in the life's development.

Swain said it's necessary for a family to work as a team if they are to stay together, strong and cohesive. He said more family members need to develop the attitude of "we" and "us" rather than "me, me, me." He noted that this is one factor that contributes to divorce.

Each couple, Swain said, "needs to establish the kind of marital relationship that fits who they are" and what their relationship means to each other. "Since every person and every relationship is unique, every satisfying marriage must have its own unique style."

Dr. Swain is currently in his second year at BSU. Along with teaching Marriage and Family, he also teaches Parenthood and Child Development, and Basic Nutrition. He has a private practice in marriage and family

counseling, which includes premarital or engagement counseling and divorce guidance. He is currently looking for a publisher for his book *A Tune-Up for Partners in Love*. The book is "for partners, to give guidelines on how to have a happy

marriage and family life." He has worked on the book in his spare time "the last few years."

Swain currently has a display window in the old Science building concerning his classes on Marriage and Family and on Parenthood.

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campus news

ASBSU treasurer needed

Anyone desiring the position of ASBSU Treasurer is encouraged to apply. The person responsible for this job must be willing to spend a large amount of time as he/she will be managing a \$200,000 budget. Applicants must be Accounting majors and fulltime students. The position pays \$185 per month. Applications can be obtained at the SUB Information booth or in the ASBSU office on the second floor of the SUB.

BSU library extends hours

The BSU Library has extended its hours on Friday, December 9 and 16 until 10:00 p.m. Semester break library hours may be found in the next issue of the ARBITER.

Offices change location

The following offices have moved their locations: Ted Keith, Internal Auditor at BSU, and his office have moved from Room A-118, Administration Building.

Parking Control, formerly located in Room A-205, Administration Building, have moved

to Room A-118. Hours remain the same (9:00 - 10:00 AM and 3:00 - 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday).

Payroll Department will move to A-200, Administration Building from the Accounting Office.

Telephone numbers will remain the same.

Registrar's office now hiring for registration work

The Registrar's Office is now hiring students to work during Spring Semester Registration, January 12, 13 and 14. To be eligible, students must have a current ACT-Family Financial Statement on file in Career and Financial Services.

If interested, contact Debbie Christensen or Teresa Garman in the Administration Building, Room 108 or call 385-3486.

Guitar recital Dec. 8

Andy Guzie will present his graduation recital on guitar on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 4:30 PM in the BSU Recital Hall (MD-111).

Mr. Guzie is a student of George Thomason.

The public is invited to attend this senior recital without charge.

GI bill increases VA payments

A 6.6 per cent increase in VA payments to veteran students was part of the "GI Bill Improvement Act of 1977," signed into law November 23 by President Carter.

The legislation made the increases effective October 1, so the extra amount for October will be paid in the next check along with the full new rate for November, VA said. The one exception is the case of students in vocational rehabilitation. These students will receive two checks in December - one for November at the new rate and another for the amount of the retroactive increase for October.

Single veterans who are full time students will receive a December check of \$330 -- \$38 more than the November 1 check which was at the old rate of \$292. January and subsequent checks will be \$311 for single, full time students.

rose from \$24 to \$26.

The "GI Bill Improvement Act of 1977" also increased VA tutorial assistance payments, the hourly rate for VA work-study payments and the maximum amount of a VA education loan.

The Act also liberalized the VA education loan program to help veterans in so called "high tuition" schools. Application requirements for the loan were simplified, the maximum amount raised from \$1500 to \$2500 per school year, and a provision for partial cancellation of the loan was established -- subject to state participation. The loan cancellation feature is limited to those veteran students attending schools where tuition exceeds \$700 per year in a state which agrees to pay a portion of the loan amount to be cancelled.

Also in the Act were a number of changes which will affect VA's administration of the veterans' education program through state approving agencies and participating schools. Implementing instructions on these provisions are now being developed at VA central office in Washington.

Monthly payments for veterans with one dependent were increased from \$347 to \$370, and for veterans with two dependants, from \$396 to \$422 monthly. For each additional dependent, the extra allowance

Temporary forest service employment

The Forest Service will accept applications for temporary and seasonal employment from December 1, 1977 until January 15, 1978. A limited number of jobs throughout the Intermountain area will be filled by applicants who qualify for work as aids in forestry, biology, engineering and related sciences.

Special application forms are available at any Forest Service office. Applicants may apply only to one region of the Forest Service or one Forest and Range Experiment Station. Applications must be sent directly to the appropriate Regional Office or Research Station.

Anyone wishing to work on a National Forest in Utah, Nevada, southern Idaho, or western Wyoming should send an application--indicating preference for two forests--to the Regional office, 324-25th Street, Ogden, Utah, 84401.

Anyone interested in research related jobs should send an application to the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, 507-25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401.

As in the past, applicants will be hired on a merit basis, according to previous work experience and educational attainments. Those who have previously worked for the Forest Service for more than 60 consecutive workdays have priority over those seeking jobs for the first time. All applicants must be at least 18 years old at the time they report for duty and must be capable of performing arduous work.

Economic slide show to focus on Jamaica

by Chuck Bufe

Is Jamaica the next Chile? Will the U.S. government do it to the people of Jamaica what it did to the people of Chile in 1973? Your chance to discover the answer is coming soon.

At 8 p.m. on December 11th at the Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship House (corner of 12th and Eastman) the American Friends Service Committee will present a 35 minute narrated slide show entitled "Sharing Global Resources: Toward a New Economic Order." The presentation will focus on conditions in Jamaica and Chile, and will cover such topics as the role of multinational

corporations in the world economy, the reasons for poverty in both third world and advanced countries, the terms of trade between third world and advanced countries, the role of organizations such as OPEC in the world economy, and why U.S. based multinational corporations and the U.S. government felt it necessary to overthrow the democratically elected government of Salvador Allende in Chile and replace it with a military dictatorship.

Following the presentation will be a discussion period open to all those in attendance. There will be no admission charge; the AFSC is presenting this show as a service to the people of Boise.



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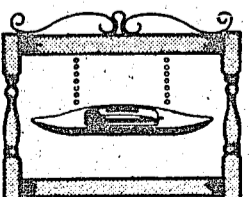
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Senate passes resolution supporting pavilion

by Diane Barr

On November 29, the ASB senate passed a resolution supporting the construction of a multi-purpose pavilion on the BSU campus, allocated \$504.12 to the International Student Union and added \$198.00 to the educational schedule of the Women's Alliance budget.

The pavilion resolution (Senate Resolution #5) was sponsored by Business senator Reid Walters and emerged after a heated debate over a proposal proposed by Mike Fisher. Several attempts by Fisher to pass the resolution failed. Specifically, the text of the approved resolution reads:

WHEREAS: the need for the multipurpose pavilion has been established and that polls in the past show favorable support toward the pavilion from the student body,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the ASBSU Student Senate support the construction of the pavilion through an information campaign and a \$50.00 fee increase

proposal to be applied directly toward the pavilion construction.

Although no official roll call vote was taken, only senators Jim Marshall and Mike Fisher dissented. The exact manner in which the increase may be applied has not been decided. Further discussion is expected on the issue.

The International Student Union, with a membership of approximately 87, received \$504.12 toward the sponsorship of its forthcoming projects. The club has recently been revitalized and expects to help its members deal with the problems of adjusting to the American ways of life. The group representing the fourth member of the Minority Cultural Board which was created by Senate Act #20.

Business senator Ernie Watkins sponsored the motion that led to the eventual allocation of an additional \$198.00 to the BSU Women's Alliance. The vote was 12 to 5 with senators David Hammerquist, Jim Marshall, Mike Nicholas, Reid Walters and Les Wolff voting against. The allocation came on the heels

of another move that would have added \$21.70 to the Women's Alliance supply budget. That motion failed by a 10 to 7 margin.

During the course of his report, ASB president Mike Hoffman commented on a meeting with Financial Vice-President Al Hooten that took place on November 23 as a result of the report former bookstore manager Betty Brock gave at the November 22 senate meeting. Hoffman stated that the meeting "...raised more questions than it answered." Further informal investigation of the matter is expected.

In other business, senator Mike Nicholas, Rene Clements and Penelope Constantikes were appointed to the student positions of the Bookstore Advisory Board. There has been considerable controversy concerning the creation and make-up of this committee and additional discussion on the issue is forthcoming.

Jeff Neison was confirmed as a member of the Personnel Selection Committee.

A copy of a set of proposed questions concerning lobbying

areas of special concern to BSU students was sent to the Student Affairs committee for revision and subsequent recommendations to be given at the December 6 meeting. The survey is scheduled to be taken in the next few weeks.

Student Services (SS) director Rene Clements gave her monthly report concerning the activities of her department. She noted that Cheri Roberts, a sophomore, will be filling the final vacancy on the SS staff. Roberts will be concerned with publicity on the health care conference, of which SS is a co-sponsor, and possibly the eventual formation of a board of Student Faculty Evaluation as the non-voting chairperson. The Evaluation Board will be in the forming stages during the month of December and its primary function will be to maintain the Purdue Evaluation Program and publish the subsequent results from its BSU application.

Clements also reported that the destination of the charter

flight during spring break has been changed from Hawaii to Mazatlan, Mexico. This area of Mexico is in the vicinity of Acapulco. Plans for the flight are being made through Global and Harman Travel Services. Prospects for the trip seem very positive at this time.

The State Finance Department would not accept the definition of the BSU Credit Union's "field of membership". The rejection came as a result of the "once a member, always a member" clause in the proposal. A new plan has been submitted for consideration. This proposal defines the field of membership in a manner that stipulates termination of membership five years after graduation.

There were no committee reports.

The next regularly scheduled senate meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6 at 3:30 in the Senate Chambers on the second floor of the Student Union Building. All students are invited to attend.



With the active support of their alumni, the collegiate chapter of Delta Delta Delta is busy preparing for Sleighbell Day. Both alumni and collegiate chapter will participate in the nationwide annual Sleighbell Day on the first Tuesday of December to further the support of children hospitals and other pediatric facilities. This year, the Tri-Delta Chapter at BSU is making toys for children undergoing cancer treatments at the Intermountain Youth Cancer Center. The toys will be presented on December 6th after a tour of the facilities.

Idaho's Tomorrow meets Dec. 8

There will be a meeting of the Idaho's Tomorrow organization on Thursday, December 8 in the Teton Room in the SUB at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Student Environmental Health Association. Idaho's Tomorrow is for those persons interested in shaping the future of Idaho.

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editorial

Do students want a pavilion?

A fee increase that has been lobbed back and forth by the Senate for more than two years was finally passed in the form of a fifty dollar increase as funding measures for the proposed multi-purpose pavilion.

The interesting question that has confronted the Senate for all this time has been whether or not the student body wants the pavilion.

The answer seems to be both yes and no.

Although the idea for the pavilion itself was approved in the general elections last year, the measure which would have initiated the fee increase was voted down.

Need and want are two different things. We obviously need a pavilion. The seating capacity in the SUB Ballroom (where the majority of the concerts are held) is a mere 800. The Steve Martin lecture, for instance, sold out over a week before the night of the show. This is a severe strain on ASBSU funds. The gym is in a terminal state of deterioration. It is not an ideal place to hold sporting events.

Whether or not the students want a pavilion is a testy question, but it is a question the Senate must in good conscience answer.

I personally agree with the Senate's action. The need for the pavilion is paramount. The Senate has taken the necessary action to generate the evasive funds imperative to the completion of the project.

Student reaction to fee increases is a predictable and important problem. We have lived, however, with ideally low fees for an unrealistically long time. Readjustment will be none the easier to swallow despite this cold fact.

Our feelings right now could best be described as...cautiously optimistic.

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Christian morals analyzed

by Chuck Bufe

"Finally, nine days after they met and following 'a bad day with the bishop,' Anderson told her to 'put on something sexy for me...'"
 (The Idaho Statesman, 11-30-77)

Moral: of or relating to principles or considerations of right and wrong action or good and bad character: ETHICAL

(Webster's Third New International Dictionary)
 One of the more persuasive arguments advanced by religionists on defense of their beliefs is that religion is necessary because it inculcates moral values, and if a majority of the population did not hold moral (religious) values our society would sink into chaos. Fortunately that line of argument is totally without foundation.

Obviously, in any type of civilization, some generally accepted system of morality is necessary. But are all moral systems religious in nature, and are religious systems necessarily desirable? Let's consider the second part of that question. Are Christian morals of benefit to society (I'm analyzing Christian morals as Christianity is the dominant religion in our society)? Consider the Ten Commandments, the bedrock of Christian morality: the first four commandments (prohibiting the worship of "false gods, the craving of graven images, profanity, and working the sabbath) are simply a means of reinforcing the commitment of believers through the ritualistic observance of taboos; and the fifth commandment ("Honor your father and your mother...") is, at least in the present day, totally useless--nobody needs to be told to honor those who love and care for them.

The last five, however, form the basis of Christian morality, so let's consider them individually. The sixth commandment ("You shall not kill.") clearly has a great deal of merit. Regrettably it's the commandment frequently ignored by "good Christians" (generally when in the service of the State, and/or when suppressing non-Christian beliefs or "heresy"). Recall the devastating religious wars which racked Europe in the 16th and 17th centuries, and the Inquisition, and the murder by burning at the stake literally hundreds of thousands of "witches" during roughly the same period (the 14th through 16th centuries). Here in the good ol' U.S.A. recall the near-extirmination of Native Americans by white Christians, and the Mountain Meadows Massacre, an atrocity committed by members

of the L.D.S. And in the present, there are all-too-many Christians ready and willing to go out and kill a commie for Christ (do any of you recall the famous photo--taken, I believe, in 1965--of Cardinal Spellman blessing a group of tanks bound for Vietnam?).

Consider the seventh commandment ("You shall not commit adultery"). In a patriarchal society such as existed in biblical times, such a prohibition made a sense of a sort--a man wanted to be sure that his heirs were his own offspring. In a matriarchal society, though, such a consideration would be meaningless. And even in our present-day patriarchal society (fortunately growing much less so at a very rapid rate), that prohibition has lost its reason for being; with modern birthcontrol methods and reasonable care no one need have undesired children.

The eighth commandment ("You shall not steal.") does seem to have some merit. In the sense in which it's usually considered, however, it hardly seems fair. For instance, an industrialist (a social parasite in other words) who lives by exploiting his fellow human beings through wage labor can easily keep this commandment, while the unemployed person who steals is considered a sinner.

The ninth commandment ("You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.") also has some merit and would be included in any civilized code of conduct.

And take a close look at the tenth commandment ("You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."--my emphasis--). The concepts embodied in this commandment should be obvious to any civilized person. In the first place, it makes thoughts, not action, but merely thoughts, sinful. How thoughts can be socially harmful is impossible to say. This prohibition has doubtless led to unnecessary mental anguish for literally millions of people over the ages. Secondly, this commandment implicitly sanctions slavery, probably the most nauseating social institution ever devised by man. Thirdly, this commandment is explicitly dehumanizing in that it classifies slaves and women as things, possessions rather than people.

So, what have we got? Four of the commandments (the first four) are concerned solely with taboos and ritualistic behavior. The fifth sounds nice but is superfluous. The sixth is very commendable but is widely ignored by

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Traveling Light by Sally Thomas

It's the little things in life

August in Idaho, with the temperature outside reading 102 degrees under clear, blue skies. A blazing sun poured in through the windows of my '63 Rambler Classic station wagon as I drove the long, hot, monotonous stretch of road heading south out of Boise.

I appreciated my faded little car; it got good gas mileage, as easy on tires, had a dependable engine, and an excellent heater. Of course, as with all older cars, there were some problems: to honk the horn, I had to short it out with a piece of nail I kept in the ash tray, and the windshield-wiper button had to be turned with the pair of pliers I kept on the dash, and the heater worked -- all the time.

Appreciating this last fact about as much as I could stand, I chogged across the desert with the windows down, the side vents open, my shoes off, and my pants-legs rolled up to my knees. It could not be much of an exaggeration to say that the inside-car temperature held steady at 211 degrees.

Arriving at my destination, a family reunion, wet with perspiration, gurgling with every move from the countless cold drinks bought along the way as an antidote to the heat, and just plain cranky, I parked the old tub and headed for the oldest shade in my folk's back yard. A cold beer and an hour later, I revived enough to listen to the conversation going on around me.

"Yep," said my dad, who had just purchased a new car, "I don't reckon ma an' me'll ever get another car 'thout air conditionin'." Not now, that we got us'ta this one."

"Yeah," my brother chimed in "when me'n Reet got our Ford, we tho't we'd never use the air. But it came with the car, so what the heck!" he smiled at his wife sitting next to him, "Our trip to Denver really spoiled us, tho' we've used the dang thing pertineer ever since."

"This's our second car with air," my sister said, "an' we just love it. Don't we Jerry? she asked my seven year old nephew.

"Dumb ol' air conditionin'," he said.

"I like it pretty much," his five year old brother added, "'Cause I get sick if we don't have some cold stuff for me to smell, don't I Mom?"

"That's what you otta get,"

my brother-in-law turned to me, "a car with air conditioning instead of the beat up old junker you drive."

"Look," I said, "I'd just be happy to have a car with a heater that shut off in the summer time."

"What the heck?" my Dad asked.

I explained the situation to them, that the previous owner had taken the controls out for some unknown reason and now the water circulates continuously through the heater.

"Well, we'll just take care of that for you," my brother said. "give me your keys so we can take 'er over to the shop while you wimmen get the food on."

Just as the last of the dinner was being put on the long tables set up under the black walnut trees, the guys finished their job and washed up to eat.

Grabbing plates, everyone helped themselves to the chicken and salad and fruit and other goodies piled along the paper covered tables. Sitting on the grass, on lawn chairs, or on the kitchen chairs brought out for the even, we ate. Man, did we eat. About the time our stomachs were hollering for mercy, the men disappeared into the cellar, returning a few moments later with two big freezers of home-made ice cream to go with the cakes and pies and cookies my mother had brought from the house.

The evening breeze, blowing up from the Russian Olives that grew along the coulee, cooled us while keeping away the bugs. Full, comfortable, enjoying each other's company, no one wanted to leave, even though it was getting late. At last, I waved goodbye to the family and climbed into my old buggy, ready to head out.

"I turned the valve to 'off'." My Dad leaned through the window, "When winter comes, just raise the hood, you'll see somethin' kinda' like a faucet," he straightened up, "all you do is turn 'er on."

The ride home was delightful. Cool, cool, cool. About 2/3 of the trip over, the lemonade caught up with me, so I pulled into the next service station. Feeling somewhat guilty about using their restroom without being a paying customer, I asked the attendant to put in two bucks worth.

Coming back around the corner of the building, I saw the man

staring under my car's hood. "My Gawd," I heard him say, "what is it?"

Following his gaze, I saw the most amazing sight.

From the depths of the engine, a piece of lead pipe rose majestically into the air. Crowning it was an old-fashioned, ornately trimmed water faucet, the kind that used to be seen topping ancient wooden bathtubs in fancy hotels. A glass ruby balefully glared at us from the center of the rhinestone handle while a scalloped flange boasted a coat of flaking, imitation gold paint. A length of black garden hose, firmly clamped onto the faucets wide-flaring mouth ran at an angle down into the dark recesses of the engine and disappeared.

Slowly, the station attendant closed the hood.

"Don't tell me lady," he said. "Somethings I just don't wann' know."

Getting back into the car, I rummaged around for some money and finally held out two \$1 bills.

Waving them away as he walked back toward the station, he said, "I already been paid, lady," And, slapping his knee, he doubled over, howling with laughter.

People's Lib by Jean King

The decision for home birth

The parents' right to choose the method and place of their child's birth should be an automatic and unassailable right. Correct? Especially this should be so in a society which is as allegedly enlightened as our society, right?

No! Apparently not so in the eyes of our law makers and the American Medical Society. Not only are the parents deprived of any rights in this decision, but in many states it is illegal to give birth anywhere but in a facility licensed to give birth care! Such ridiculous legislation makes one wonder what happens in those births which occur too rapidly, before a birth facility can be reached. Can't you just imagine a cop arriving at a birth in the back seat of a taxi, sternly declaring, "I'm sorry, little fella, but you'll have to crawl back in ... this is illegal!" or does he merely slap the handcuffs on the newborn and haul him off to jail?

When, for whatever reasons, a couple opts for home birth

they are greeted with screams of outrage from the medical profession. True, there are some risks involved. But surprisingly enough there are fewer risks involved than in standard hospital births as they are today. There will be some maternal and infant deaths. There are some maternal and infant deaths in hospitals also. In fact, the mortality rate in hospitals in this country is dismally high in comparison with those countries where home birth is practiced as a matter of course.

The decision for home birth should not be taken lightly, or because it is the "in thing" to do. Both parents should spare no effort in learning all they possibly can about the advantages and/or disadvantages of home or hospital birth. They should take steps to definitely determine that there will be no predictable birth complications. If they decide upon home birth they should learn all they can

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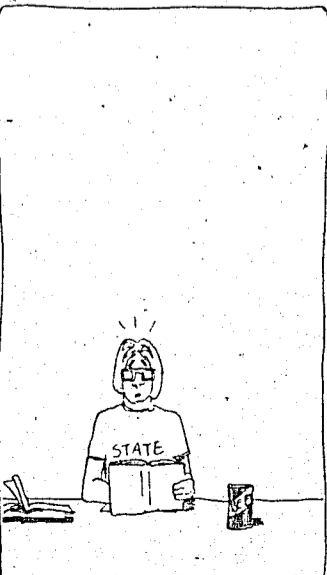
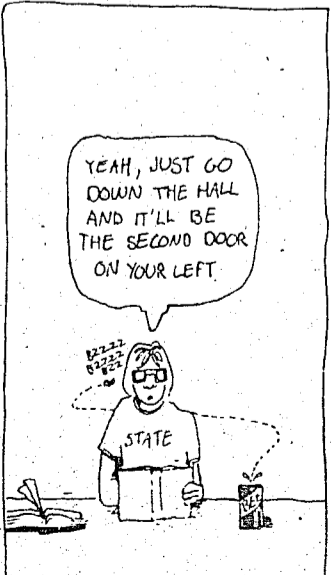
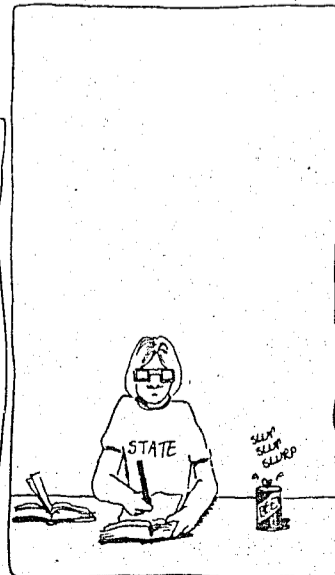
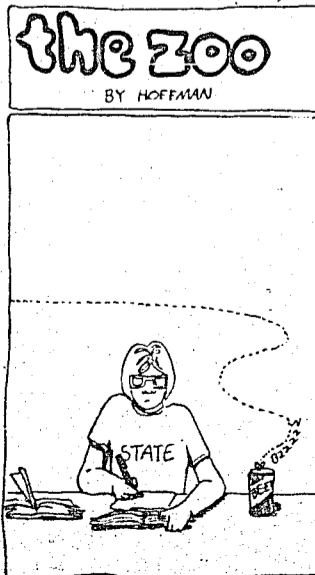
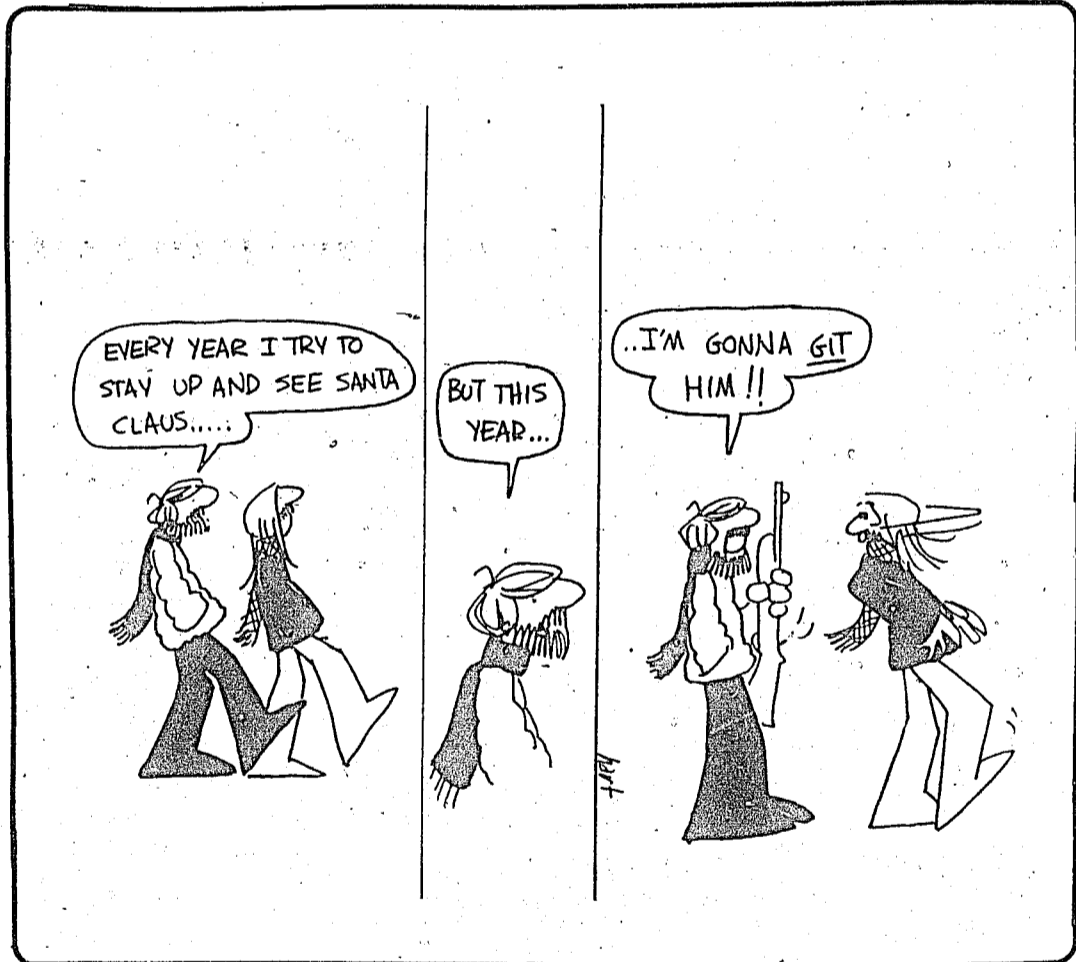
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by Mark Brough

1. What actress was known as "The Girl with the Perfect Face"?
2. Who sang: A) "Travelin Man" B) "This Diamond Ring" C) "Time has Come Today" D)

- E) "I Saw Her Again" and F) "Pay You Back With Interest."
 3. Who played Patty Lane's brother Ross on "The Patty Duke Show"?
 4. What was Marilyn Monroe's name in "Some Like It Hot"?
 5. Who won the World Series in 1940 between the Detroit Tigers and the Cincinnati Reds?
 6. How did Donovan want you to "Wear Your Love"?
 7. What was Connie Stevens' name in "Hawaiian Eye"?
 8. What was Jean Harlow's last film?
 9. Who said: "Dancing is a contact sport; football is a hitting sport!"
 10. What was Vincent Price's favorite wax figure in "The House of Wax"?
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advice/dissent

Rebuttal to article: defense of God

Editor, the Arbiter,

This letter is a rebuttal to Chuck Bufo's article "A Manifold Tragedy!" As a full-time student, I request equal opportunity for the defense of God and Christianity. My documentation would take up too much space, but if anyone has any questions concerning my sources please contact me 342-9602.

1. Affirmation by Science (and faith defined)

To state that belief in God is unscientific is like trying to contrast food to furniture. The function of the two is totally different. Science works by empiricism. It observes behavior. It conducts experiments concerning the physical realm of life. Belief in God or "religion" as you call it, concerns itself with the spiritual realm of existence. To say that reality is limited to one dimension (empiricism) does not make sense. It would mean that you could observe patience through a telescope or measure out concepts like flour or estimate thoughts in terms of feet and inches.

The difference between science and Christianity is the system of perception. Empiricism is the method of perception used by science. And faith is the nonmeritorious system of perception used by Christianity. I say nonmeritorious because faith's value is not in the one believing, but rather in the one believed. When you go to a doctor and get a prescription

from him, have it filled, and take the medicine, you are facilitating faith. You have faith or confidence in the character of your doctor concerning his knowledge of medicine. Your faith depended on the doctor, not on you. An evolutionist has much stronger faith than a creationist. He believes a much greater miracle than any Christian ever has. Dr. A. Cressy Morrison, a physician and a former president of the New York State Academy of Science has this to say concerning creation: "We have found that the crust is adjusted to within ten feet and that if the ocean were a few feet deeper we would have no oxygen or vegetation. We have found that the earth rotates in twenty four hours and that were this revolution delayed, life would be impossible. If the speed of the earth around the sun were increased or decreased materially, this history of life, if any, would be entirely different. We find that the sun is the one among thousands which could make our sort of life possible on earth, its size, density, temperature and the character of its rays all must be right, and are right. We find that the gases of the atmosphere are adjusted to each other and that a very slight change would be fatal..." (*Man Does Not Stand Alone*, A. Cressy Morrison.) Bearing this awesome, intricate system in mind, we look at the faith of the evolutionist, which claims that in one chance in a billion the sun hit and produced the planets;

and another billionth chance produced the exact right chemicals which by one more billionth chance spark of life "just happened" to activate cells, and by a long series of fractional chances cells were developed into the complex, well-developed, harmonious solar system.

2. Affirmation by man's conscience.

Yet there are similarities between science and Christianity, for just as science declares there are laws of nature, so claims Christianity to have laws, laws of Morality. The Law of Morality "states that there is such a thing as a real Right, independent of what people think, and that some people's ideas get closer to that Right than others." (*Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis). C.S. Lewis says this on the law of Morality: "I know that some people say the idea of a Law of Nature or decent behaviour known to all men is unsound because moralities, but these have never amounted to anything like a total difference. If anyone will

take the trouble to compare the moral teaching of say, the Egyptians, Babylonians, Hindus, Chinese, Greeks and Romans, what will really strike him will be how very alike they are to each other and to our own...

Think of a country where people were admired for running away in battle, or where a man felt proud of doublecrossing all the people who had been kindest to him. You might just as well try to imagine a country where two and two made five. Men have differed as to whether you should have one wife or four. But they have always agreed that you must not have any woman you liked. But the most remarkable thing is this, whenever you find a man who says he does not believe in a real Right and Wrong, you will find the same man going back on this a moment later. He may break his promise to you, but if you try breaking one to him he will be complaining "It's not fair...It seems then, we are forced to believe in a real Right and Wrong. People may be mistaken

about them, just as people sometimes get their sums wrong; but they are not a matter of mere taste and opinion any more than the multiplication table." Lewis goes on to say that the Moral Law is not telling us that some of our impulses are bad, such as the fighting or sex, and others are good like mother love and patriotism, but merely that there are times when impulses must either be encouraged or suppressed. He gives us the analogy of the piano. The piano has several notes, but to be played to a tune, certain notes must be played at certain times. The tune represents right conduct which directs the notes, representing the instincts.

When the player chooses to play the notes (instincts) according to the tune (right conduct) the music is melodious and is in perfect harmony. (Compare Ecclesiastes 3:1-13).

One may think that the Moral Law is learned like all other human inventions, but I disagree. I'm not talking about

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Senate approves pavilion

Fellow Students,

Last Tuesday, the ASBSU senate voiced their approval of the concept of a large multi-purpose, student oriented, recreation and entertainment complex. (This complex has, in the past, been referred to as a Pavilion). The resolution that was passed last week said two things. First, the Senators voiced their support for a \$50 per semester student fee increase which would pay for 1/2 the cost of the proposed 19 million dollar facility. Second, they have decided to run a massive information campaign to really let their constituents know what the Pavilion is all about. As I interpret this action, the senators are saying "Hey look, BSU's need for a multi-purpose pavilion is great. If students really want such a facility, they must be willing to pay a substantial portion of the cost. We, as your senators, are personally committed to fulfilling the needs of the students in this area, committed enough to give up two dollars/week (\$100 annually), to do something to make BSU better." The senate realizes that they are sticking their necks out because fee increases are never popular; however, they realize also that some day some group of students is going to have to be the first group to start paying a fee if the pavilion idea is to ever become a reality. They feel strongly that we should be the group to make the first sacrifice, that we should be ones that have the vision to see what a small amount \$2 per week is, when compared to the tremen-

dous project that is being weighed against it.

This should not be misunderstood by the student body. The senate doesn't mean to ram a fee increase down their constituent's throats. What they are saying, as I understand it, is that they are committed to the project. The really crucial part of the resolution is the part dealing with the information campaign. The senators plan to go out to the students and explain to them, in detail, what the pavilion would be. This will probably be done early next semester. The senate believes that by making in class presentations and by holding open hearings that can convince the students to support the fee increase.

If the students, by the end of this campaign, wish to fund half the cost of the pavilion, then the senate will endorse the increase and it will be carried to the State Board for approval. If the students do not support it, it is my guess that the senators will shelve the whole idea. My point is, the senate, while individually committed to the pavilion idea, will base their final decision on student input.

At this time, I would like to say that I support this move by the senate whole heartedly. I fully endorse the fee increase and would be more than happy to give up \$2 per week for a pavilion. I feel that it's important that we, as a student body, get behind the idea and do so now. As you know, building costs are escalating at an alarming rate. Thus, before long the cost of constructing a large multi-purpose facility will

be completely out of our reach.

Personally, I'm tired of seeing Boise State students having to cope with the worst gymnasium-recreation facilities in the Pacific Northwest. I'm tired of seeing our students cheated out of top quality entertainment because we don't have a facility that will attract people. I'm tired of seeing students denied the opportunity to exercise and recreate because the present facilities are always being used by intercollegiate athletic groups and the Physical Education department. These are problems that the construction of a pavilion can solve. Please, I ask your support for the idea. Some day a group of students will possess the vision to see the tremendous good that can be done for the university community and the state by making a small personal sacrifice. I hope that the day will come soon and that we will be the group to take the big step towards making BSU a better place to go to school.

Sincerely,
Mike Hoffman

Letters to the Editor

Creation model offers superior education

Editor, the Arbiter:

Controversy in a number of states regarding introduction of the creation account of origins in science textbooks has focused attention on the relationship of the Bible to science.

Many people contend that to accept the Biblical view of origins (creation in six normal days some thousands of years ago) is a religious belief which has no connection with science. At the same time, they protest that belief in amoeba-to-man evolution which requires billions of years is scientific.

It is admitted that faith is required to accept the creation position. We contend that more faith is demanded to believe in evolution for which there is no scientific proof. That educators refuse creation to be presented as an alternative theory to evolution is a denial of academic freedom and proof that evolution has become religion. True science demands an examina-

tion of all facts. It is the nature of religion (not science) to be exclusive.

Bible-Science Association is devoted to setting forth the scientific value of the creation position. The Creation model affords the basis for superior education and for superior science. We believe the Bible to be scientific and because of the miracle of inspiration, to be infallible also in its scientific statements. Therefore, it can give proper direction to the science disciplines.

Human sin has contaminated all of nature, including the sciences, and this is the reason no absolutes can be found anywhere except in Scripture. It is our opinion that science offers a powerful tool for evangelism to lead people to accept the forgiveness which is offered by Jesus Christ.

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GI bill program gets high marks

The Veteran's Administration's Education and Rehabilitation Advisory Committee has given the agency's vast GI Bill program high marks for smooth operation during its annual fall enrollment period.

And in its first meeting under its new chairman, Disabled American Veterans National Commander Oliver E. Meadows, the committee voted to launch a review of the post-Vietnam Era veterans' education program.

In a report to VA Administrator Max Cleland following a two-day meeting in Washington D.C., late last month, the committee said it recognized the newest version of the GI Bill

as the possible model of government-aided veterans' education programs for many years to come.

The "new" GI Bill provides that servicemen and women who joined the armed forces after January 1 of this year must contribute part of the cost of their future GI Bill benefits, with VA contributions making up the remainder.

In accepting the report, Cleland said the recent meeting with committee members had provided him with "a great number of very useful suggestions on how we can tighten up and improve the policing of our programs to eliminate as much as possible any waste of funds."

Peace Corps/Vista recruiting drive

Peace Corps and VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) recruiting representatives will be in Boise December 6-8 for a recruiting drive that marks a change in direction for the federal volunteer programs.

A team of three recruiters will be headquartered in the Green room of the Owyhee Plaza, 11th and Main, from 9-4 each day of the drive, interviewing applicants for overseas and U.S. volunteer openings that begin this Winter and Spring.

According to Tim O'Brian, recruiting team leader from Seattle, the Peace Corps and VISTA are being revitalized under the Carter Administration with both programs undergoing a change of emphasis and an expansion. The Peace Corps is being shifted away from the highly skilled, technically oriented volunteer towards more "generalist" volunteers who will work at meeting basic needs in health, nutrition, water and agriculture. Peace Corps official

also plan to step up the number of new volunteers sent overseas to about 5,000 a year, in comparison with the recent 3,000 yearly average. The Peace Corps is currently seeking degreed and non-degreed volunteers knowledgeable in agriculture, education, the skilled trades, business, health, engineering, forestry, the physical and life sciences, and "dozens of other areas" according to O'Brian. Approximately 6700 Peace Corps volunteers are now serving in 65 developing countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Pacific.

VISTA, the domestic counterpart of the Peace Corps, will also increase its numbers, with more volunteers assigned to help American communities mobilize their own resources to solve problems and correct inequities.

VISTA volunteers are assigned full time for one year to public or non-profit organizations committed to helping alleviate poverty.

VISTA is seeking volunteers with degrees in the social sciences, law, business administration, counseling, and both degreed and non-degreed volunteers with experience in community work who will organize social change efforts at the neighborhood and community level. There are approximately 4,000 VISTA volunteers now at work in the 50 States and in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam.

VISTA volunteers serve for one year and receive a living allowance, medical benefits, travel expenses and a cash readjustment allowance at end of service.

Peace Corps volunteers serve for two years after a three month training program that included cultural studies and language training, and a \$3,000 cash readjustment allowance at the end of service.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and if married have no dependents.

Christian...

Christians. The seventh is outmoded, but seems to be at the very core of the "morality" of most Christians. The eight is commendable, but its ritualistic observance (and the observance of the other commandments) serves to blind the Christians to more complicated moral issues. The ninth is socially useful, and, amazingly enough, is fairly often held to by Christians (at least when their neighbors aren't "niggers," "Spics," or "dirty hippies"--in fairness, many Christians, to their credit, do believe in "the brotherhood of man"). And the tenth commandment so positively meretricious.

Mention "morality" to most people, however, and they'll think of one thing and one thing only--sexual morality, or more

accurately, sexual taboos. This is one area in which Christian beliefs are very harmful. The prohibition of adultery and fornication seems to run contrary to the natural inclinations of most people. With the widespread availability of modern methods of birth control, and with the exercise of reasonable care, there seems no logical reason not to disregard these injunctions. It might be objected that if you "really love" someone you wouldn't want to "share" him or her with anyone else. On the contrary! If you care about someone you should care about his or her freedom, and that includes the freedom to choose other sexual partners. Unfortunately that's not at all obvious to most people. Persons holding mono-

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gamous values, in theory anyway if not in practice, often tend to confuse feelings of possessiveness, jealousy, and dependency with feelings of love (Webster's defines love as "affection based on admiration or benevolence," and "unselfish concern that freely accepts another in loyalty and seeks his good."). Obviously the commandment against adultery leads to unhealthy and unnecessary feelings of guilt in Christians who "Give in to their animalistic desires." It also tends to perpetuate the confusion possessiveness and dependency with love, feelings which cripple rather than enhance the ability of people to love.

morality which is extremely harmful is that it's based on acceptance of "divine authority." People who accept externally formulated codes of behavior on such a basis are necessarily other-directed in that the acceptance of "divine authority" implies the submission of the individual's rational faculties to "divine authority." Such submissiveness turns people into putty in the hands of "born again" demagogues like Billy James Hargis. And the submissiveness instilled in people by religion finds outlets in other areas of their lives. It's no accident that Christians are often supporters of authoritarian political institutions (the

Spanish Falangists for example) and economic institutions (capitalism). At first glance this might seem odd, but the flip side of the coin of submissiveness is the desire to be an authoritarian figure. Nietzsche put it well: "He who humbles himself wills to be exalted."

Submissiveness/authoritarian personality traits are so deep-rooted that even many who consciously reject religion and the institutions which it serves remain disfigured by these traits. Indeed, they never even think of them. The horrible results of this can be observed in Russia and the other state-capitalist slave states (Not that our own political-economic system isn't a thinly disguised form of slavery, for it most certainly is). In Russia and the other so-called communist countries the authority of God has been replaced by the authority of the state and party. The irrationality required for belief on and support of such a system is on a par with the irrationality required for believing in and supporting religion. Consider the fact that the rulers of these states have the effrontery to refer to their fiefs as "workers' states." The truth is that workers in these states are actually much worse off in many ways than workers are in the advanced capitalist countries. In the so-called communist countries workers have no right to organize independent unions, strikes are illegal and vigorously suppressed when they do occur, workers have virtually no control over their own labor (you might point to China as an exception, but the sickeningly familiar process of bureaucratic consolidation of political and economic power is occurring there right now--to keep up on events in China, I'd recommend *The Far Eastern Economic Review*; don't trust any publications put out by the Chinese government or by the Maoist groups), and a small proportion of the population entrenched in the power struc-

ture as members of the government, ruling party, and as technicians/managers run these countries like feudal domains and enjoy corresponding privileges. No, these nations are not "workers' states."

Sounds pretty depressing, doesn't it? Well, it is. Fortunately there does seem to be a way out of the trap of submissiveness/authoritarianism. There is a basis on which to formulate a moral code other than acceptance of external authority. It's the concept of enlightened self-interest, the Golden Rule by another name. If, for example, I desire to be free, it behooves me not to attempt to enslave or in any other way control my neighbor, for if I'm unsuccessful in my attempt he/she is likely to try to do the same or worse to me out of revenge; and if I'm "successful" in my attempt it will probably stimulate others to emulate me and I could very well fall victim to one of my emulators. Carried to its logical ends, the concept of enlightened self-interest leads to some very radical conclusions. Indeed, it leads to an outright rejection of all forms of authoritarianism.

You might say that that's a hopelessly utopian position. It's not. On the contrary, the idea that any real advance toward human liberation can be made through the use of authoritarian means is completely unrealistic, hopelessly utopian. The disastrous results of such attempts can be observed in Russia, China, Cambodia, North Korea, etc. At the present moment the governments of the "Christian" and "communist" countries are armed to the teeth and prepared to enter into a nuclear war, a holocaust in which several hundred million of us would die and after which life would become a nightmare for survivors. It could happen. That's the point to which we've been brought by our authorities, religious and secular.

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Rebuttal...

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conventions such as the type of clothes people wear or alcoholic consumption, but rather why people do what they do and not what they do. That is the Moral Law. Lewis equates the Moral Law to the same class as mathematics and for two reasons: one, that the moral law differences between civilizations and times are not that great. The same law runs through them all. And secondly, if we contrast morality between one civilization and another and say that one is better than another, say the Christian morality to the Nazi morality, than what we are essentially doing is affirming the fact that a standard does exist. If it didn't, than we never would have said that one was better and one worse.

3. Affirmation by man's nature.

Lewis continues this line of thought by saying that if there was a power outside the universe, "The only way in which we could expect it to show itself would be inside ourselves as an influence or a command trying to get us to behave in a certain way. And that is just what we do find inside ourselves." If this "ought-to" behaviour, as sociologists call it, is another one of man's inventions, than why do we find it necessary to sign a contract instead of letting a man's word clinch a deal? Why do we need locks, laws, policeman and jails if we weren't afraid that someone would do something wrong? You see, the Moral Law is very much a reality.

Lewis concludes that this power from without directing us from within is a mind and it's nature is good since this Moral Law seems to be directing us in virtues of fairness, honesty, truth courage, unselfishness and truthfulness. Why a mind? Simply because matter cannot transmit messages.

Now, this Mind directing us toward goodness has made us realize one important thing: none of us are keeping the Moral Law. We may be keeping it in part, and some more than others, but still we are all continually falling short of that absolute standard. And since this is the case, being as the Standard does not waver to adjust to us and our excesses, then we are in trouble. It seems that we are in contention with that Mind behind the standard.

4. Christ, He paid the price.

It is at this point that Christianity begins to make sense. Christianity says that this Mind, God, sent a Righteous Representative who came down to our level in the form of a human (called Immanuel-meaning God with us) and agreed to receive the penalty in our stead for breaking the Moral Law. There by was the justice of God satisfied so that He could deal with us as acquitted.

5. The gift of choice.

Some would argue the justice of God by saying War exists!

Innocent people are killed! How can you talk of an omnipotent, just God when everywhere I look I see injustice? But these people have forgotten something. Men kill because they choose it. And that is one of God's greatest gifts. We can choose. Now God could take away our free will and turn us all into puppets, but then freedom would be abolished, and God had a better idea.

6. The reliable Word.

So we look to the Bible to see what this idea was. You may say "How do I know that these ideas and concepts were given to man from God? It's self-contradicting. It's a fraud, they aren't from Him at all!" Yet jerking scriptures out of context and ignoring the isagogics and etymology of the passage does not prove any points. One oft abused example Exodus 21:24 states "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth," while Matthew 5:38-39 commands it directed as one of the many criminal laws, that is, it pertains to the governing law of the land. As for the etymology of the context, the passage indicates that the "punishment shall fit the crime." In Matthew 5:38-39, the passage was not meant to be a governing law, but rather a principal of conduct in one on one relationships. The attitude of the believer should be of one who is humble and willing to serve.

We must remember that the Bible does not whitewash anyone. It blatantly reveals the lies and rationalizations of its heroes as well as lies of Satan. But they are recorded for a purpose, to contrast the thought of man to the thoughts of God. (see Isaiah 55:8).

The integrity of the Bible remains intact as the most reliable unique, archeologically supported piece of literature in antiquity. It's unique in its survival, its accuracy, its authorship, its continuity, its circulation (the all time best seller), its influence, and its endurance (more persecution than any other book). "A person looking for truth would certainly consider a book that has the above qualifications." (Evidence the Demands a Verdict, Josh McDowell)

7. The claims, character and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

-So how is Christianity applicable? Of what value is it? How is it different from other religions: "What's in it for me?" Who was Jesus Christ anyway? Well, He claimed to be God. He's either lying or mentally deranged, or he's telling the truth. But He certainly doesn't leave us the option of calling Him just another great moral teacher. Interesting enough, He said a few other things concerning Himself. He told His friends that one of them would betray Him, that He would be tried and be executed, and, not get this, He would rise from the dead in three days. So convincing were

his prophecies that the authorities had His tomb sealed and guarded with three guards who were threatened with their lives if they were awoken by the sight if they shirked the job. On the third day the soldiers "accidentally" feel asleep, and were awoken by the sight of the moved stone (which took more than twenty men to move) and an angel. The body was gone, but the clothes remained INTACT. The guards reported the incident to their authorities who bribed them to say the body was stolen. Over 500 people witnessed the resurrected Christ. The authorities could not deny it.

8. Religion vs. Christianity.

The record stands as such: Confucius' tomb is occupied, likewise Buddha's and Mohammad's. Jesus Christ's tomb is empty. Christianity stands on the fact of the resurrection. Disprove it, and Christianity is disproved.

How is Christianity different? Well, it's not a religion. Religion is a system of works which men do in order to gain the approbation of God. But "all our works of righteousness are as filthy rags unto the Lord." Isaiah 64:6 (also see Colossians 2:18-23 and 2 Timothy 1:9). "For by grace are you saved through faith (i.e. merit lies in the character of the one trusted) and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God-not of works lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9 compare with Titus 3:5, Galatians 2:16, Romans 3:20; 3:27-28; 4:1-8; 5:1; 6:29, John 3:15-18.).

9. Not nice people, new people.

So what. What's in it for me? When an individual believes in Christ, God imparts some of Himself to each believer. He undertakes the process of changing the character of the believer for that of his own. Everything man desires is contained within the person of Jesus Christ. "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5: 22-23) It's not in the seeking after each of these characteristics that they are found, but rather they are the result of an occupation with the Person of Jesus Christ and of His mind (see Phillipians 2:5 and 1 Corinthians 2:16).

Hannah Hernard aptly illustrates God's attitude in her allegory "Hind's Feet On High Places," where the Lord is depicted as saying, "I love doing propostorous things... Why, I don't know anything more exhilarating and delightful than turning weakness into strength and fear into faith, and that which has been marred into perfection."

A far cry from the ascetism, ethical systems and legistic strains of religious, Christianity concerns itself with the forming of the character of Christ in the individual believer through a one on one relationship with Him. The medium is trust, the Holy Spirit is the regenerator,

and the Word of God (the Bible) is the wisdom that is engrafted on the heart of the believer. (see 2 Corinthians 3:18). Not only is the believer's personality enhanced, but his fears are replaced with a relaxed mental attitude, knowing that God causes "all things to work together for the good of them that love God" Romans 8:28. Death no longer haunts. When Ron Farnsworth of Toccoa, Georgia said of those who died physically in the dam break, "I believe God took home the people he wanted to take home. They were all born-again believers, this is a victory for them." He was demonstrating the relaxed attitude to all who will likewise believe in Christ. (Time November 21, 1977).

10. What's your excuse?

One need not commit intellectual suicide to believe in Christ. We are commanded to love the Lord with all our heart, soul and mind. (Matthew 22:37) Usually the problem lies behind ignorance of the facts, a problem of morality or simply pride. In Calvin Miller's poetic narrative "The Singer," Christ (called the Singer) is talking to Satan (the World-Hater) about society: "How did you manage to make them cherish all this nothingness?" he asked the World-Hater. "I simply would make them feel embarrassed to admit that they are incomplete. A man would rather close his eyes than see himself as your Father-Spirit does. I teach them to exalt their emptiness and thus preserve the dignity of man." "They need the dignity of God." "You tell them that. I sell a cheaper product."

Barbara Cole

Reply:

A few quick comments: Ms. Cole's attempt to prove the existence of God through the "golly we're here so God must exist" argument simply doesn't

make it. In the first place it's an after-the-fact argument. Of course the chance of life arising on Earth was small, but that proves nothing. Our galaxy contains over 100 billion stars, many millions of which are of the same general spectral type as the sun, which means that the basic preconditions for life are present in literally millions of places (present day astronomical theory postulates that a large proportion of single star systems probably have planets). So, it would be surprising indeed if life did not arise somewhere in our galaxy. That it did so in our solar system hardly proves the existence of God. Another quick comment on her argument--her mention of the "one chance in a billion that the sun was hit and produced the planets" indicates that she knows virtually nothing about astronomy, for that theory of the formation of the planets is thoroughly outmoded. She's evidently been reading Vellkosky's works or some similar pseudo-scientific crap.

Her attempt to explain away the contradiction between the quotations "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," and "turn the other cheek," is likewise inadequate. Her main point seems to be that the one quote is a guide for collective conduct and the other is a guide for personal conduct. Unfortunately she fails to state why the moral precepts governing the two types of behaviour should differ. Thus, the contradiction remains unresolved.

Her comment that Christianity is not a religion indicates that she should buy a dictionary. Webster's defines religion as 1. a) belief in a divine or superhuman power or powers to be obeyed and worshiped as the creator(s) and ruler(s) of the universe, b) expression of such a belief in conduct and ritual.

The remaining morass of desultory comments comprising her reply needs no further comment.

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Evaluation: A student's eye view

by Sally Thomas

The underground is alive and well and carrying on its daily business at BSU. Passing through the halls, over the campus, or in the SUB, one sees various clumps of people and one hears bits and pieces of conversation. Words like 'bummer,' 'super,' 'jerk,' or 'awright,' and phrases such as 'doesn't know her head from her elbow,' 'really sharp,' 'don't ever take him,' or 'she's got it all together' float in and out of the groups, weaving a net composed of information, personal prejudice, hearsay, and group reaction. The subject under discussion and the cohesive element in the existence of the underground are one and the same thing: the faculty.

The informal, and highly informative, evaluations take place among students, among faculty, and among both of the above. The news and views of this underground get around fast and travel far; new, incoming students, at registration time, often know which prof to take and which to avoid even though they may have just arrived on campus. Some of the evaluations are the result of fair, mature observation, while others are obviously off-the-wall, ax-grinding attacks.

But why the underground? Why don't students just come out and say it like it is? Every student worth his "C" knows why: evaluation is a two-edged sword and it cuts both ways. For the student, every test, each essay, and all class participation are evaluations. Thus, the student, to whom a letter grade may mean the difference between admission to grad school, or the offer of a job, and nothing gives serious thought to what he says about whom and where he says it.

There is another method students use to evaluate faculty. After each semester begins, should they get 'stuck' with a "bad" professor, students "drop" in protest. The reason given the professor being asked to sign a drop card and the message transmitted to the other students are often quite different. The remaining 8-10 students, sitting in a class of what use to be 30 plus students ask, 1) What does the professor think? 2) Does anyone out there take note? 3) Does anyone really

care? and the most critical question of all, Is there anyone who listens to what students have to say about their teachers?

If the answer to the last question seems to be no, take courage. There remains yet another method of evaluation, one not only sanctioned by the University, but required by the State Board of Education. The third opportunity presents itself, at the end of each semester, in the form of a written evaluation, by the student, of the faculty. These formal evaluations, as designed by the various departments at BSU and made available to the students for completion are the subject matter now under consideration.

To evaluate these evaluations, we begin with the directive set forth by the State Board of Education:

"The performance of each faculty member is to be reviewed annually. Collective student evaluations of faculty at the departmental review level shall be mandatory, and an auditory procedure established to guarantee that the student evaluation is considered."

Notice that this directive only states that Faculty Evaluation Forms shall be gathered and considered. No mention is made to how or for what they will be considered. Still, a directive has to be implemented in order to become effective.

The following statement of policy was set forth in June of 1974 by Boise State University:

SUBJECT: STUDENT EVALUATION OF FACULTY

A. Plans for Student Evaluation of Faculty

Faculty will be evaluated by students enrolled in their perspective classes. The rating instruments are designed to provide opportunity for each student to rate the faculty member's teaching ability and effectiveness. Students will be able to participate anonymously; their ratings will be tabulated and added to the faculty member's records on file with the department chairman and dean.

These ratings, opinions, and comments will be considered in personnel recommendations and will assist individual instructors in improving their teaching performance.

In the event of any questionable circumstances involving student evaluation of faculty, the evaluation process shall be repeated under supervision of the Executive Vice-President.

B. Time Schedules for Evaluations

Academic departments will conduct student evaluation procedures of faculty member at least once during the academic year [most departments plan to conduct evaluations each semester]. These evaluations will occur near the end of the first semester.

C. Protection of Necessary Confidentiality [of students]

The rating forms will be collected by a reliable person(s) other than the faculty member being rated. Following the evaluation process, the forms will be delivered to the department chairman or dean for tabulation. The department chairman or dean will assume responsibility for tabulation and confidentiality of the forms. The summaries and/or forms will be added to faculty personnel records. Students will not be required to sign the forms. The faculty member, in most situations, will never handle the individual forms; in those cases where the faculty member examines the completed forms, it will be after the course has been completed.

On the positive side, it appears that BSU has developed some simple, yet inclusive guidelines for 1) the process of, 2) the reasons behind, and 3) the expected benefits from Faculty Evaluations. The inclusion of 4) Item C, concerning the "Protection of Necessary Confidentiality," emphasizes the importance of student anonymity. Nowhere is there provision for passing on to him the whys and wherefores of faculty evaluations. And not only first semester freshmen, facing their initial Faculty Evaluation Form, but sophomores, juniors, seniors, and grad students describe themselves as having little or no acquaintance with the four points listed above.

With these four points firmly in mind, we turn to some of the actual forms used by the various departments at BSU for student evaluation of faculty. (Of the approximately 35 departments contacted, 23 responded to the request for a copy of their F.E. forms.)

Of the 22 forms received, three were headed by the State Board's directive and, in addition, contained a paragraph explaining the use to be made of the completed form. (All three departments are in the same area of study.) Two other departments' forms contain a statement as to the purpose of FEs, while a sixth form provides the rationale as to why and the criteria upon which a professor should be judged. The remaining three departmental forms, which provide any information beyond the title, confine their remarks to one sentence concerning the improvement of the quality of teaching at BSU. One of the latter forms contains the state-

ment, "Your evaluation MAY help." (emphasis mine)

A total of nine FE forms, then, provides an explanation of the process the student is about to undergo and these nine (one determines after reading them) attach anywhere from much to little importance to the completed form. At least one other department has prepared a formal statement of purpose which is read aloud to the students just prior to their completing FE forms. Any student not involved in classes conducted by one of the above ten departments, and there are many such students, presumably complete their evaluations with little understanding of what they are doing and each one faces the temptation of believing that student evaluations of the faculty are of no great consequence and not to be taken too seriously.

A second area of concern expressed by students is the request made by FE forms for student identification. There is both a wide range of information requested and great differences in the mode of obtaining that information.

One FE form boldly differentiates between a signed form, calling it "completely valid", and an unsigned form, "considered as a minor recommendation." This department's form also includes a sentence guaranteeing protection of the student's confidentiality in the event he does decide to sign the evaluation. Two other FE forms provide for the student's signature without setting forth any reason for or effect of a signed versus an unsigned form. On these forms, the choice to reveal or not reveal his identity is openly and honestly left to each individual student.

A signature is not the only method of identification, however, and fourteen of the twenty-two FE's received, or 63%, requested other identifying information from the students completing them. The term, identifying information, simply means any kind of information which identifies or individuates one student or one group of students from another. Such information includes GPA, class status, age, sex, major and class attendance.

The eight evaluation forms asking for no such information concern themselves only with the instructor's performance, organization, availability, fairness and respect toward the student; with the texts used, their costs, their suitability and their clarity; and with the student's overall appraisal of the class. Two of these forms provide for the optional student signature described above.

Six FE forms contain from one to four student-identifying questions. The most frequently asked are: what is your status? What is your major? What is your GPA? Also asked: What is your sex? What is your probable grade in this course? What is your reason for enrolling?

A third group, consisting of seven FE forms, incorporates

five to seven identifying questions within their texts. Again, the identification being sought is class status, GPA, major, and is this class required? Also, often asked is, what is your age range? How often do you attend class? What grade do you expect? Plus, how much time do you devote to this class? How often do you participate? Did you request extra assistance from your professor?

One FE questionnaire, containing 26 questions, asks 13 questions which evaluate, not the professor, but the students. Covering such broad areas as student involvement in and out of class, students' attitude toward the class, and student growth as a result of the class, this form, nonetheless, carries the title, as do many others, "Student Evaluation of Faculty."

The suspicion that such student identification comprises the prescribed "Protection of Necessary Confidentiality (of students)" is joined with the equally dark suspicion that the identification enables those reviewing the evaluations to select, according to some arbitrary criteria, which completed FE forms will and which will not be used.

These suspicions, voiced, become: In an evaluation of a professor, is any form of student identification appropriate? Two arguments, developed from the two suspicions' stated above, answer "NO" to this question.

First, the argument for confidentiality. It is not difficult to believe that a professor, after a semester's acquaintance with his students, could determine who had completed which evaluation form. The BSU policy states that, if a professor sees the forms, "it will be after the course has been completed."

Two fears still arise in the students' minds: 1) Can a professor change a grade, even after it has been turned in? and 2) What if I have to take a course from that same professor next semester, or next year? Thus, students express a feeling of being threatened by retaliation, however remote that possibility may be, should they write any negative comments on their professors.

Second, the argument for each student's having an equal voice in faculty evaluations. Suspicion hangs heaviest among students with lower GPAs or those with minimal classroom participation, though expressions of concern come from a majority of students, that some FEs may not be considered. Subdivided, again, into two areas, this argument speaks first for the humanitarian view that every student is equal to every other student simply because he is a student and so his views should be considered. The second area of concern deals with money. A credit hour costs the D student no less than it costs the A student, the idea goes, and since the student is making the purchase, so to speak, he should be the one who chooses what he does with his

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about it and be fully prepared for the event. They should have professional or para-professional help available and be prepared to take the mother to the hospital should an emergency arise.

Why the rising swing to home birth? Let's try to answer that by enumerating the advantages / disadvantages of hospital birth.

We all know the advantage of the immediate (?) accessibility of highly skilled professional help, drugs, and life support systems should there be an emergency. (These emergencies are rare.)

The disadvantages are many. The vast majority of women are completely unaware of what actually takes place during the process of birth. Or at best, they have a general idea. They are neither instructed in what is actually happening to their bodies nor have they been given adequate psychological support. Women enter the hospital feeling nervous, frightened and terribly alone. At a time when they desperately need emotional support, they are summarily separated from their mates. The father is dispatched (somewhat patronizingly) to the waiting room. Why, in heaven's name, need he be absent during the obstetrical prepping? Who knows his mate's body more intimately than he?

The mother is kept isolated ... as though birth were a shameful process. At a time when she needs the love and emotional support of her mate, family and friends, she is totally deprived of it. In many cases she is encouraged to feel guilty for having created such an inconvenience to everyone.

At a time when the mother needs to be totally concerned with her own body and to be able to work with it, she must turn it over to strangers. THEY will tell HER what to do and when! Her tenseness and fear (which has been grossly aggravated since her arrival at the hospital) cause her pain, and the vicious cycle of fear, tenseness and pain repeated endlessly begins.

Now, she is asked to subjugate herself to further pain and humiliation. She must be "prepped". She must have an enema, which at this point can be very painful. Then she must have the pubic area shaved. Why must the pubic area shaved instead of being washed with a sterile solution? Why, for the convenience of the attending physician in the routine episiotomy. She then is examined for degree of dilation (another painful experience), sometimes by as many as six or seven different people. (everybody just curious?)

What is an episiotomy and why is it done? An episiotomy is a cut which is made, supposedly to allow more room for the infant's head to emerge, but in reality to speed up the birth. (Why should all that staff stand around waiting for the mother to do it slowly and easily?) Episiotomies are not really necessary in about 80% of

births. Why then are they routinely done in about 76% of hospital births?

By this time the accumulated fear, nervous tension, and physical humiliation have compounded to increase the mother's pain and physical discomfort to a degree where medication seems advisable. So the mother is drugged; she is often completely insensible at birth and does not even realize that she has given birth at the time. The baby is snatched away from its mother and kept in another room until some future "scheduled" time when she may be allowed to see it.

As for the father, where is he? Drifting around somewhere ... no one really seems to care. What has he been going through all this time? How frustrated is he at not being able to participate in one of the most important events of his life? Why has he been forced out of active participation in the birth process and arbitrarily assigned a somewhat comic role? (Poor bungling Papa, doesn't really know what it's all about.)

Our society has taken the attitude that a father is a completely unnecessary being after the act of conception. Under our present standard hospital procedures he is completely frozen out. The possibility that he might really wish to become closely involved and share the pregnancy and birth as deeply as possible is considered an impossibility by the medical authorities. The father's role has become that of a very passive spectator.

The emotional and physical trauma suffered by the infant at birth by its immediate and total separation from its mother is not the only disadvantage to the newborn. In a hospital environment the infant is unavoidably exposed to all manner of disease germs. After all, a hospital is a place for sick people. The infant is cared for by paid attendants. These attendants are dependent on their jobs for their livelihood and must often appear for work when they are not really well.

If hospital birth is such an undesirable, traumatic experience, why then have women tolerated it for so many years? Because they have been socialized into thinking that there is no alternative.

With proper preparation and care, home birth can be the most beautiful experience two parents can share. When the couple have been assured that the birth should be completely normal and that the mother is in good health, they can prepare to share this most important event.

They will, of course, have taken every means to see that the mother has eaten a proper diet and exercised properly to insure optimum good health. A peak of good health for both herself and the infant is a must. The couple will have studied the La Maze birth method or one which is similar to it. In these natural birth methods, the father is totally involved as an integral part of the team. He is an invaluable aid to his mate during labor.

When birth occurs at home the mother is not restricted by hospital regulations and schedules. She may get up ... move around ... walk outdoors ... etc. She may shower ... eat ... talk with friends ... whatever she feels like doing.

The mother is encouraged to do whatever pleases her and relaxes her. She may have as many or as few people present as she wishes. And she has the assurance of immediate and constant access to the love and understanding of her mate. She can touch him and know he is with her all the way.

Upon birth the infant is given to the mother for immediate body contact. They spend as much or as little time as they need to get to know each other. This has distinct advantages to both mother and child. It lessens the trauma for the child (also seems to lessen birth weight loss). It causes immediate strong uterine contractions in the mother thereby lessening the chances of hemorrhaging and infection.

Those infection can be carefully screened so that the danger of the newborn contacting a disease are greatly lessened. The child is immediately welcomed into a warm loving group. He/she does not have to spend the first few days alone in a cold, clinical hospital nursery ... beginning life as just another number (An interesting sidelight: the incidence of child abuse in home birth babies is practically non-existent).

With our overcrowded hospitals and overworked doctors, one would suppose that the alternative of home birth would be welcomed. With proper parental training and the establishment of mobile obstetrical emergency units, home birth could become the answer to many allied problems. However, most obstetricians will refuse pre-natal care unless they can be assured they will deliver the baby personally in the hospital. They often refuse to attend home births at all.

Parents who make the decision for home birth will find themselves fighting an uphill battle. They will be hassled unbelievably. Only by dint of perseverance and determination will they accomplish their goal. But those couples I have read about and those couples I have personally interviewed assure me that the experience is many times worth the battle.

The best Christmas present we could give ourselves or anyone else we know would be a copy of Dr. LeBoyer's *Birth Without Violence*. I challenge you to read this book without being touched. It will change your thinking about whether or not the whole issue of home birth is important enough to become involved in yourself. You need not be a parent to be concerned with this issue.

The imminence of Christmas makes one wonder what the traditional scene might have been had that most famous birth taken place in one of our contemporary hospitals. Can't you just see it?

The birth has taken place and the wise men approach ... only to be stopped by the ward nurse. "I don't care how many stars you weirdos think you saw ... visiting hours are not until 2 tomorrow afternoon."

"No, you can't leave your camels in the parking lot and get those dirty shepherders out of the lounge!"

"What do you mean gifts? Take this trash back and exchange it for something we

can sterilize!"

"I don't care ... you can do all the adoring you want to ... tomorrow at 2 o'clock through the nursery window."

"Well, I'm not sure the mother Mary would want to see you. She hasn't come out of anesthesia yet ... she doesn't know she has given birth."

"Now please leave, you are upsetting our routine!"

Ah, yes, progress! And a Sterile Christmas to you, too!

Boise area drugs analyzed

by Aleta Fairchild

It's sometimes hard to tell who is the worse foe of a drug user, the narc or the pusher. Some people would say the narc, but Anne Bradley, a criminalist for the Dept. of Health and Welfare laboratory would probably say the pusher. Her job is to analyze some of the drugs confiscated in drug busts.

"There is no quality control on the streets," she says. "If you are buying drugs that have been synthesized in someone's bathtub or in an illicit lab, adequate purification procedures have probably not been taken."

Here are some of the things Anne Bradley has analyzed as drugs in the Boise area: Marijuana - almost every kind of green plant matter has been sold as marijuana, including lawn grass. Hashish - the above green plant matter compressed. "Synthetic" T.H.C. - white powder. Real synthetic T.H.C. is extremely expensive to make and does not exist on the street as far as area chemists know. Amphetamines (crosstaps) - Almost anything can be pressed into crosstaps by means of a pill press. Starches, sugars, caffeine, antihistamines, antibiotics ... just because it has a cross on it doesn't guarantee that it's speed. Psilocybin - Store bought mushrooms with L.S.D. on them. As far as Anne Bradley knows, they have never obtained actual psilocybin from a drug bust in this area. (The genuine product usually comes frozen in a baggie, a texture and color

that resembles coal miner's mucous, black and slimy.) Mescaline - capsule full of powder with L.S.D. on them. Genuine mescaline is also hard for the drug user to obtain in this area. (In its pure organic form they are either green "buttons" resembling small potatoes, with an extremely bitter taste, or ground up buttons.) Most "mescaline" confiscated around here has been L.S.D., however some dried peyote buttons have been analyzed by the state laboratory and these have contained mescaline. L.S.D. (acid) blotter papers with no L.S.D. on them. Heroin, Cocaine, Morphine - the further up in the hierarchy of dealers, the more concentrated the active ingredient usually is. These substances have been confiscated here as high as 90% pure and as low as one to two percent. Substitutes can be lactose powder or starches.

If you're going to get high, at least know what you're looking for. Thumb through a few drug information books, some issues of High Times Magazine, a periodical for drug users. Ask other drug users who might know. At least try to be reasonably informed if you're going to buy drugs, to avoid getting ripped off.

With all the hassles drug users have to put up with, the law, the expense, the chances of getting burnt, why do you suppose they bother to even do it at all? More on this story as it crystallizes ...

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Wendling performs

Bluegrass duct Michael Wendling and John Hansen perform in concert with Bruce Underwood Saturday December 10 at the University of Idaho Hartung Theater. Sponsored by the UI chapter of NORML (National Organization of the Reform of Marijuana Laws) the offering features Wendling on 12 guitar and banjo. Formerly of the group White-water, Wendling's style has been compared to that of virtuoso Leo Kottke; and not unduly seeing that it was Kottke who introduced Wendling to the 12 string. Hansen, coupling with Wendling on the albums "Arco Dessert" and "Who Could Eat at a Time Like This," is best known for his travels on the southern Idaho coffee house circuit.

To Wendling's credit are numerous KWSU documentaries, "A Spaceship Called Earth," and the Dec. 6 airing on the Northwest water supply issue to be presented in conjunction with the Washington State University station's "Second Offering" series.

Tickets are available at Moscow outlets Paradise Records, Magic Mushroom, and Few & Far records. All seats are reserved.

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Hosteling remains popular

As college classes resume at schools across the United States, thousands of students have returned from hosteling trips throughout Europe and portions of the United States. American Youth Hostels' national headquarters in Delaplane, Virginia, reports the largest surge ever of college-age hostelers, who used the non-profit travel program to stay inexpensively overnight at some 4,500 hostels in the U.S. and the

rest of the world.

While most hosteling is done by bicyclists abroad throughout the winter at cross-country and downhill skiing areas.

For information about winter hosteling activities-contact your nearest metropolitan AYH Council or write to Bob Johnson, AYH Field Director, National Headquarters, Delaplane, Virginia 22025-ask for the USA Hostel "Ski List."

Historical music

Farewell to Whiskey is slated to give a folk music presentation at the Boise Gallery of Art on Wednesday, December 7, at 8 PM. This free concert by Farewell to Whiskey includes Charlie Cook, banjo and hammer dulcimer, Judy Cook, guitar, Dave Daley, fiddle, and Gary Shue, mandolin, all Boise. The group has played frequently in the Valley, including the Art Festival in the Park in September. They will develop a

program of historical music in coordination with the current exhibit at the Gallery, "Hey, My Uncle Fred Had One Of Those." Music selections will include early English and Irish ballads, music from the Revolutionary War, and Country tunes from the Appalachian mountains. The program is made possible in part through a matching grant from the Idaho Commission on Arts and Humanities.

Martin sellout disappoints many

by Tim Scharff

When tickets to Steve Martin's performance went on sale last week, students lined up at 7:30 AM to buy their tickets. In less than four hours the performance was a sellout.

The bizarre comedian Steve Martin appears this Friday, December 9, at 8 PM in the SUB Ballroom.

The success of Marin's latest album reflects his enormous popularity. The all-comedy album-"Let's Get Small"-ranks number ten on the Billboard chart. Martin was featured in the last issue of Rolling Stone

magazine, and he's a frequent host of the Tonight Show.

Many students were disappointed when they were unable to buy tickets to the sell-out performance. Bill Kassis of the Programs Board shared the disappointment, saying, "We could have sold a lot more tickets if we had room for the people."

The Ballroom is limited to a capacity of 800, a size that doesn't come close to meeting the demand.

"BSU can attract popular artists," said Kassis, "but we need a decent place for them to perform."

music... travel...

Southern rock

by Aleta Fairchild

Larry Raspberry and the Highsteppers, a southern rock band in the tradition of Elvin Bishop or the Charlie Daniels Band, are appearing Tuesday, December 6, at 8 pm in the SUB Ballroom.

The band's members, at last report, consist of Larry Raspberry, guitar, piano, and vocals; Bishop or the Charlie Daniels Rocky Baretta - bass and vocals; Greg "Fingers" Taylor-

harmonica, percussion, and vocals; and Carol Ferrante-vocals, percussion and piano.

The group has two albums out, *High Steppin and Fancy Danci*, and *In the Pink*. They have enjoyed enthusiastic responses on tour; they played as a backup band to Lou Reed three years ago.

Tickets for the performance are \$2.00 for students and \$3.00 for the general audience, and are available at the SUB information booth.

Old functional art on display

The Boise Gallery of Art has curated an exhibit of historical objects as viewed through an artistic imagery. Readymades (a generic term applied to Frenchman Marcel Duchamp's work which referred to the functional, manufactured object) were chosen on the basis of pure visual enjoyment in assembling the objects for the Gallery exhibit. The exhibit, "Hey, My Uncle Fred Used to Have One of Those!" opens at the Boise Gallery of Art on Saturday, November 26 and continues through December 24.

Objects borrowed from the Idaho State Historical Museum, the antique store, Nifty 90's and several private collections in Boise are intended to evoke not only memories of the past, but place ordinary objects of life, in a new context so that their useful significance disappears under a different perspective, creating a new vision of the object.

The philosophical processes

of Marcel Duchamp are closely adhered to through the exhibit. Duchamp's philosophy implies that anything made by man or by man's machines is art, and that the artist is merely someone who signs things. The act of Duchamp choosing a readymade allowed him to reduce the idea of aesthetic consideration to the choice of the mind, not to the ability of cleverness which I objected to in many paintings of my generation".

The functional aspects of the Readymade "were already obliterated by the fact that I took it out of the earth and onto a planet of aesthetics", said Duchamp.

It is the interest and concern of the Gallery to present and educate a process of aesthetic appreciation for objects viewed through a functional framework. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday -- 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 12 Noon - 5:00 p.m.



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The Last Word

The last ring of power

By Terry McGuire

"For me there is only traveling on paths that have heart, on any path that may have heart. There I travel and the only worthwhile challenge is to traverse its full length. And there I travel, looking, looking, breathlessly." don Juan, from The Teachings of don Juan

Perhaps one of the more prolific and poetically beautiful passages of the 1960's, or of any time. Thirty-nine words that summed up the life philosophy of don Juan, the Yaqui sorcerer introduced to the world by Carlo Casteneda. It was in the *Teachings* that sent Casteneda to literary fame and eventually, resignation from an inquisitive world. Following that, *A Separate Reality* in 1971, *Journey to Ixtlan* (1972) and *Tales of Power* (1974), the final chapter of don Juan in the physical, "ordinary" reality (if he had ever been); and we supposed of Casteneda's study of Yaqui knowledge.

If you had read *Tales* you might have sensed, as I did, that Casteneda was somehow weary of expounding the don Juan saga. Waving was the (literary) magic of Ixtlan (pronounced E-ekth-lan), which he used eventually for his dissertation at UCLA. Gone too, the staggering point blank realism of *A Separate Reality*. I closed the 1974 effort towards its missile and couldn't muster the spirit to open it for months. It seemed a friend had left me; too unpredictable to find don Juan venturing the "civilized" world of Mexico City, akin to it as he was the desert. Double barreled irony, if you read between my lines.

Now in December 1977 Casteneda's latest tale of Yaqui sorcery, *The Second Ring of Power*, is just off the presses, but not far from the tide of criticism that in part lead to its

authoring. A huge gap protrudes from the departure of don Juan into the Nagual (re:the last pages of *Tales*), the spiritual realm beyond that which we perceive to be the world.

In his place the introduction of a new Casteneda twist: four women; a radical departure from "the man of knowledge" syndrome to be sure, but seductively interesting. Here too you'll find a somewhat different Carlos, more confident, more mysterious. I'm not sure that I like the change, it was enjoyable to stumble along with Casteneda in his quest for knowledge and "power."

The feminine counterpart to don Juan in the *Second Ring*, La Gorda, has much the same demeanor as did he, but I'm sure the reader will instinctively feel Casteneda's over coloring, to make her seem both feminine and vulnerable. The three other "brujas" in the novel come on to one much as the other apprentices did in the previous books: at times unstable, mysterious, and groping for a helping hand. But invariably they'll, at times, expound more saavy than Carlos in matters of the essence of Yaqui reality".

Don Juan's absence is quickly alleviated by the introduction of La Gorda, however throughout the book his forceful personality is still felt (just magnified through the sorceress). Casteneda's dependence on the dominant benefactor remains, in this cast the gender is changed.

Some how this isn't the same Casteneda. Much criticism, much ambiguity has been subjected to the entire don Juan essence. In the three unpublished years the books are torn apart, inspected, dusted, everything short of dissolved onto oblivion by the critics. They point to the cold shoulder attitude of the academic world towards Casteneda, his conspicuous absence at the university

level, minus one quarter spent at Cal-Irvine, and the break up of his marriage.

In effect word is coming down that Casteneda's entire literary set is a hoax, a figment of an overworked, vivid imagination; parallel is drawn here to his concept of the man of knowledge and the Gnostics, a pre-Christian order of intellectuals and existentialist sorcerers. They feel the resemblance is more than coincidence.

Others point to the basic ideal of don Juan as attune to the fabric of Western society: the need of a prominent, powerful figure, inherently male, (substituted by La Gorda in *Second Ring*, yet male in demeanor) and a competent transcender of "ordinary" limits. This they feel Casteneda embodied into the figure of a powerful sorcerer.

Short of psychoanalysis can we say that Carlos has outgrown the need to place don Juan physically into his narrative? Does he express enough self confidence to tackle the Nagual at least partially alone? The question is never really answered in *The Second Ring of Power*.

It remains a vague, frightening journey into the dark unknown. Present are the eerie apparitions and forces that send chills through the reader. Despite the criticisms, I admire Casteneda's courage to author another tale of the mystic, hazy realm of human consciousness.

Beyond all else Carlos will not be ignored. We've come to him for relief in the past; he doesn't let us down now. I justify that by the one fact we shall never overlook: his writing is simply, beautiful.

Virginia Woolf: an emotional encounter

"Who's afraid of Virginia Woolf?" is an emotional encounter between two married couples. George and Martha, a middle aged couple, had been associated with the university a number of years. George was a professor of history. Martha is the daughter of the university's president. Honey and Nick, a young couple, new to the university, were in a position of needing friends.

George (Bruce Richardson) had become completely involved in his work. His life at home was unbearable, so George had buried himself in his books, his history, not making any strides toward progress for the future. This intelligent man had endured ungodly attacks by his wife. He had learned to live with them and had even learned to accept the situation and iron out the problems.

Martha (Ginger Scott) had married George out of lack of nothing else to do. She married him with the idea that he would take over her father's place as president of the university. But George had different ideas. He did not want to be chairman of his department. This confused Martha even more and she began trying to shape George to her desires. She tried to make him cunning, ambitious, a leader. When understanding this wasn't possible she turned against him. She also turned to alcohol.

Nick (Allen Grunerud), a young professor of biology, was ambitious, energetic, and even deceitful. He would do anything to advance up the ladder. Nick

had married Honey for her money. Now he was getting on special terms with the president's daughter, and this was not hard to do. Nick was everything Martha wanted in George and didn't have.

Honey, (Shellie Harwood) Nick's wife, was somewhat innocent. This mild mannered woman was discontent, she really didn't know what she wanted or needed. She let everything just simply run over her.

The play takes place in one night from 1 am until daylight. George and Martha return home from a party given by the university president. They were arguing as they entered the stage. (The keynote for the whole play) Everything settled down some until Martha announced company was coming. They were arguing when the doorbell rang.

The first act was entitled "Fun and Games." This essentially was the mood for the rest of the play. But the games were wicked. They were vicious. The games toyed with the minds of the characters, bringing out strong emotions. Emotions of fear, anxiety, frustration, and confusion. The actions of each of the characters simply did a mind bend on the other characters. The games were given these labels: "Humiliate the Host", "Hump the Hostess", and "Get the Guest".

The arguing, the fighting was nothing but reaction to another's actions. It just brought out the worst in each of the characters to the point they become cruel to each other.

Annual choral Christmas program scheduled for Sunday Dec. 11

The Annual Choral Christmas program at Boise State University will be presented on Sunday evening, December 11, at 8:15 p.m. in the Music Auditorium. Two groups will be featured: the University Singers directed by Mary Wippel, and the Meistersingers directed by Wilber Elliott.

The University Singers, a one-hundred voice, non-auditioned vocal group, will be

performing Antonio Vivaldi's (1675-1741) Gloria. The work is based on the Latin text of the mass which is traditionally referred to at Christmas: "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace to men of good will." The work was originally scored for soprano and contralto soloists, chorus and orchestra. However, this particular performance will feature an organ accompaniment, played by fac-

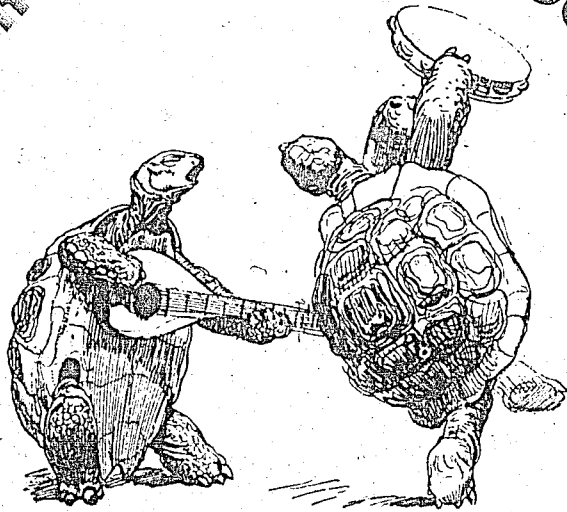
ulty member Donald Oakes.

Beverly Peterson, Jackie Dodson and Barbara Shockey will be featured as soloists for this performance.

The Meistersingers will feature excerpts from Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols: Wolcum Yole, There is no Rose, This Little Babe, and Deo Gracias. Five Alfred Burt Carols will be presented: Nigh Bethlehem, The Star Carol, Christ in the Strangers Guise, Some Children See Him, and Come Dear Children. Each Christmas season Mr. Burt would write an original carol and send a copy to his relatives and friends as his Christmas card. These delightful songs have been collected by his widow and published for choral groups. Two additional carols will be performed: the traditional Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine arranged by Norman Luboff, the Sing We Noel by Pavel Chesnokov.

Admission is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students and senior citizens, and free for BSU personnel and students. All proceeds are used for Music Department scholarships.

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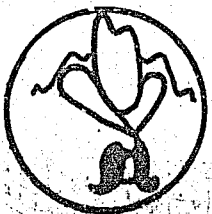
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Runners may be special breed

by Terry McGuire

John Walkers or Frank Shorters may well be of a special breed of men. If you have ever watched these artists engaging their crafts, you know well that I mean: flawless precision every step of the way. You admire their grace but wonder about dedication, the hours spent in reaching the top. You might feel, "I'll sit back, let the magicians perform the tricks." And it was no less than ten years ago that running was the world of wiry, stick-like men circling a track endlessly or being hours along roped off streets; an exclusive club where running wasn't necessarily chic and fashionable, although in their sense it was. Rather it happened to be second nature, something that was always one. The world watched from the safe perimeters of the stands -- the magic of Jim Ryun or Kip Keino.

Outside the stadium ran the die-hards, the forebearers of today's army of joggers; the Golden Gate Park "roadies", or the Bob Richardes on their trans-continental excursions. They set the pace for the explosion of running in the 1970's; the "supermen" of the world class set the standards of perfection.

Look anywhere, you're bound to see a college president or a businessman or a dorm resident engaging in the sport. They long with the estimated fifteen million fellow runners have discovered the low cost, high gain world of running. It has been described as the purest of all sports; second only to swimming in total therapeutic reward to the body. So simple: our legs and a place to run are the only requirements and it can be done anywhere at any time. No one need guide you or tell you how far, how long, how fast to run except yourself.

It's an attractive "out" in a nation ever more conscious of the wasteline; note the rise of health spas, private tennis clubs and you'll see that the United States is in the middle of a purist revolution."

With increasing documentation on the benefits of aerobic exercise systems on curbing cardio-vascular ailments, running, done properly, lends itself an excellent therapeutic device. Proper here is a relative term meaning that 1) care is taken in working gradually into a comfortable distance, 2) the individual is the medical "ok"; 3) you don't over do it, and 4) it's done with fun and zeal.

Observe the parallel rise of mental therapy to its physical counterpart; the traditional mind-body relationship is left the dualist realms, with intentions that mental attitude may affect physical performance. The success of Tim Llewellyn's "Inner Tennis" or Sam Smith's "The Zen Approach to Sports" [Psychology Today 8/75] points to these tendencies.

Running too has blossomed not only into a physiological

workout, but a spiritual awakening, complete with pre-run "mental agility drills" acted before hand.

Michael Fessiers' "Transcendental Running", *Human Behavior* [8/76] brought in to focus the much talked of, little understood concept of the "third wind." Technically it involves the coupling of the mind and body, in which creative sensations are produced. Similar to Transcendental Meditation, it is the result of a half an hour, or so of continuous exertion. Fessier's contention raises the point to where does mere physical duty give way to the coupling, and if it does, is it accessible to all, given the conditioning is right. It's a fascinating subject, used as the stimulus of performance elevators [Body Thinking: Psychology for Olympic Athletes, PT 8/76]. According to its proponents concentration is the must here. Yet the question remains, how many can actually put it into practice? The ability to run for over a half an hour takes serious conditioning. It's best to work up to "the inner spaces of running" by starting at the beginning.

Patience and persistence is the key to begin a program on the right foot. Too many zealots give it up; as quickly as they began the will disappears. Start at a comfortable distance. Fred Rohe says, "if you think you can gallop right away, just take a walk; thinking you can run around the block, just run down to the corner."

Expressively put. Run under your wind; gradually you'll be able to run farther with less fatigue. Done with care, it is quite possible to nurture the sport in to a life long habit; "the positive addiction."

Start from the bottom and work up. Not all runners are Abebe Bikila, the Ethiopian who won two Olympic Marathons while running barefoot. So suffice it to say shoes are a must, where there is no grass. Look for a pair that offers extra support at the arches, the main stress point of the foot. A rule of thumb: fit the shoe to your running habits; the case often turns out, the shoe outlasts the runner. A median price is \$30-35 for a quality pair, that will last three or four years. Most often the higher the price the more the features offered, the more the protection, the durability. You're asking to support your feet, not the sporting goods store. The basic \$7.50 tennis shoe may be the answer. Shop carefully.

As the temperature drops outside the body is called upon to produce more heat; subsequently, protection is a must. One may opt for the \$60 warm up suit sold in most shops in Boise. Attractive and quite popular, they are worth the price you pay for them. An acrylic lining is sewn inside, providing "a wind breaker effect." Again personal preferences and finances create a varied market and they should be part of your decision. Never rule out the cotton-polyester

"sweat", they've been around a long time and are still popular. Whatever your choice, the running habits should be the determining factor for all purchases.


What to fuel the body rest on, of course: basic nutritional requirements and personal taste. While in time running is an excellent conditioner, defeat is often at hand if you opt for a gallon of ice cream (or whatever) and then decide to "burn it off" with a run. Energy giving carbohydrates are provided, but the calories are burned through a metabolism conditioned by exercise. Fifteen calories per minute are expended at a 10 mph rate, but it takes three hours to burn off a 500 unit selection. If you were able to sustain yourself for that period you wouldn't be reading this

article, you would be on the road somewhere. Word here is: take it easy; gradually work up the intake of calories as exercise increases.

The result, a trimmer body, an improved cardio-vascular system developed through aerobic conditioning, and eventually expanded lung capacity and subsequent endurance.

"There are no standards and no possible victories except the joy you are living while dancing your run. In any life joy is only known in this moment -- now." Rohe. An excellent quotation. It typifies today's style of running. One can go as far in the sport as one wants to. The cost remains substantially minimal, while the benefits are life long. Join the army of the "quiet revolution;" we can't be all wrong.

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1. Linda Darnell
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3. Paul O'Keefe
4. Sugar Kane
5. Reds; 4-3
6. "Like Heaven"
7. "Cricket"
8. "Saratoga," M.G.M., 1937; she died during it's production at the age of twenty-six. Mary Dees replaced her and Paula Winslowe dubbed her voice.
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Boob tube ruins Thanksgiving specials

by Mark Ellsworth

Thanksgiving Indigestion-Caused by the following Warm-ed over TV Dinners--"The Beatles Forever," "The Rolling Stone 10th Anniversary Special," "The Hobbit"

Ah yes, the video. I saw an article in People Magazine about a tavern down south that sponsors a raffle giving the winner an opportunity to throw a brick through a TV tube when Howard Cosell appears during Monday night football. The bar's business increased tenfold after they started this. I wonder why.

To me, watching TV seems to be the ultimate waste of time. I have a friend that gets off work at 2:00 in the afternoon and views the video nonstop from then until he goes to bed. I'd like to plant him in Joe Albertson's Produce department along with the rest of the vegetables.

Television is one of the strongest forces in decaying our society. Studies show that children watch more TV than they do just about anything else. Families use the boob tube for the perfect excuse to ignore each other.

So much for my thrashing out at TV itself. Now I'd like to thrash out at some things I saw during Thanksgiving vacation that completely convinced me that TV can ruin anything.

Thanksgiving night we were treated to the "Beatles Forever" program. A real tribute to the Beatles. Dignified individuals such as Paul Williams, Bernadette Peters, and Tony Randall, butchering all those wonderful Beatles tunes. My mind flashed back to the People magazine article about the brick tossing, so I began looking for a brick, but Tony Randall's version of Helter-Skelter was so heavy that I became dizzy and disoriented. My eyes blurred over. I couldn't find the brick.

After some horrible nightmares about Paul Williams and Bernadette Peters singing "Revolution No. 9" backwards, I finally recovered in time to tune

into the "Rolling Stone 10th Anniversary Special." Oh, I had high hopes. Rolling Stone-the Bible of the counterculture--the advocate of the new left celebrating their tenth anniversary on TV I, for some reason, was expecting this to be a turning point in the history of prime-time TV.

It started off good--a hilarious bit with Steve Martin bribing the publisher to put him on the cover. It was great--until the publisher turned around in his swivel chair and it turned out to be Donny Osmond. That set the tone for the rest of the show.

The next thing that came on was Rolling Stone "Tribute" to the Beatles. If I were the Beatles I would have all these Idiots shot. Even compared to the "Beatles Forever" catastrophe this was bad. It looked like Donny and Marie had collaborated with Barry Manilow for the choreography. I pity any young child that saw either of these programs and thought that that was what the Beatles were all about. Dead wrong.

With the exception of a few funny bits with Steve Martin, the rest of the show was terrible. I'm totally aghast at Rolling Stone for insulting people like me that have been devout readers for years. Instead of gearing the show to the magazine's readers, they took it and tried to make it look good to everyone. But when you add too much water to the pancake batter, the pancakes get so thin that no one can taste them. I had a brick on hand at the time; but I happened to be at a friend's house, and he said that I couldn't destroy his TV because he couldn't stand to miss the "Gong Show." Sympathetic to his situation, I restrained myself.

With the exception of a few minor delirium tantrums during the John Wayne theatre Saturday afternoon, I remained calm until Sunday night when "The Hobbit" came on. The Hobbit-Tolkien's ever popular fantasy was transformed onto the glittering tube. Orson Bean had been on the Johnny Carson

Tonight Show the week before promising the best animation since the old Disney cartoons. I was not to be disappointed.

I was. The animation was discouraging. All the magic conjured up in the book was lost.

All of a sudden, I went into a rage. People backed away from me. I lost control. "TV!" I screamed, "Goddamn TV! It poisons everything. In the course of three days TV has insulted one of the best bands, the best magazines, and one of the best books of the past 15 years!"

Ranting and raving, storming about the room, I grabbed the brick that I had stashed away. I looked at the TV. There was a commercial on. Morris the cat. With every ounce of strength in my body, I flung the brick at the TV set. Right on target. The tube shattered into a million pieces. At that moment I realized God and Man's place in the universe.

And TV had nothing to do with it.

BSU library hours

Fri. Dec. 9, 7:30 am-10 pm
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Tues-Fri Jan. 3-6 8 am-5 pm
Sat-Sun Jan 7-8 closed
Mon-Fri Jan 9-13 8 am-5 pm
Sat-Sun Jan 14-15 closed
Mon Jan 16 resume normal hours

Snowshoe relays

The BSU Army ROTC has announced organization of the First Annual Snowshoe Relays. The relays will be held on January 12 and 13.

Both individuals and organizations may participate, although organizations must inform the judges by January 11 how many teams will be on the roster.

Competition will be in three categories: Men's teams, Women's teams, and Co-ed teams.

The Dean's Challenge Race, a scheduled special event, will occur at high noon on January 13.

For further information, contact the BSU ROTC at 385-3500.

Dr. Wally Pond has announced that his class in the course of Sociology and Divorce, entitled "Sex and Dating before, during and after separation" originally scheduled for November 23, has been moved to Wednesday, December 7.

Upcoming in a class session taught by Dr. Russell Centanni will be the subject, "Facts and Fables about VD."

'Melodies' album is pleasing

by Terry McGulre

The information provided with the album said The Jan Hammer Group's "Melodies" was ambitious; it is. Engineer Hammer worked carefully with this one and the result is a pleasing, energetic piece of jazz/rock/blues. It's ambitious by the fact that the entire group contributes in some way, be it in vocals, composition or electronic-acoustic wizardry. For the most part a tight piece of music.

Side 1 kicks off with "Too Much To Lose", with emphasis on the strong harmony mix of bassist Fernando Saunders. Get set for more of his voice; it carries the album through some of the weaker spots.

"I Sing" brings the tempo of the first side down somewhat; creative acoustic guitar and Moog intertwine to give the song a pleasant and breezy effect.

"Window of Love", in a sad note, reflects the fault of the album as a whole: the lack of substantive lyrics--It is crying for help at times; the musical technical genius of Hammer shouldn't be called upon to carry the album as it does in a number of spots.

"What it is" picks up the slack somewhat. You'll be

surprised to hear what sounds nothing short of a wailing lead guitar turns out to be Hammer's keyboard shenanigans. Mind-boggling at best.

Side 2: If you're waiting for something pleasant then "Don't You Know" is it. In one phrase this piece is: liquid, jet black velvet; the group can do no wrong on this one. Saunders' rich voice couples with Jan's music beautifully. By far the carrying piece of the album.

"Just For Fun" playfully toys with the success by mass appeal trip; an interesting side note, seeing that "Don't You Know" is possible Top 40 stuff. Too bad by my account.

The last selection, "Your Love", is a Hammer piano rendition in very melancholy mood. Imagine a scene of a face pressed against a window at a steamy, rained-on French rail station, looking off longingly into the distance: you'll get the gist of the song.

The lack of competent lyrics is made up for by the musical know-how of Hammer and the ability of Saunders to mellow you out at just the right time. But then again I would buy the album for "Don't You Know" alone; it's that kind of ... good.

Santa's helpers needed

Santa's helpers are needed to wrap Christmas presents for the residents at Idaho State School and Hospital. We provide the paper, tape and ribbon. Hopefully generous people in the State will provide the presents! Helpers are needed any Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm starting November 28. Even a few hours could make a difference. If you have the time, and are interested, please call 466-9255 Ext. #318 for more details. You can make Christmas a very happy time for those people who live at the institution.

If you're interested in giving presents, please consider that they should be durable, wash-

able and safe. Clothing is always needed especially in larger children's sizes and medium adult sizes. Musical toys and LP records can bring many hours of entertainment--radios are a prize possession! If you would like to give something in particular, please call and you will be given specific sizes and interests. Please don't send used items.

Volunteers are always needed. Currently we have a need for a photographer to take polaroid shots of the residents to send to their relatives and friends for Christmas. A few hours per week or month can make someone very happy! Think about us!

Evaluation...

credit hour and should not be penalized if he chooses to "waste" it. Neither is any discount given to the student who has a C ability and must compete with the A student; nor are there refunds made to students who do not receive the full measure from the course due to an inadequacy on the part of the professor. Succinctly put, who has to pay, gets to say.

Moving from the question of student identification on FE forms and onto the student opinion section of these forms, one comment must be made. Though relatively few students take the time to write out their opinions, most students want this option and some students expressed anger at the idea of FE forms not providing space for written comments, saying that they would refuse to complete any forms that did not

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provide for their own personal comments.

Finally, what happens to the completed faculty evaluation forms? How are they used? Are they, in fact, used? The State Board says only that they shall be collected and considered; BSU policy states they will be "considered in personnel recommendations and will assist individual instructors in improving their teaching performance." But for most BSU students, the FE forms disappear as mysteriously and as quickly as they came and their destination is as elusive as their origin. Attempting to discover the answers to these questions, this article next week will look at Faculty Evaluation Forms from the point of view held by the professors and the administration.

Stop smoking pledge drive planned

The American Cancer Society is making offers that few would want to refuse. Beginning January 2, the ACS is sponsoring a stop smoking pledge drive for all those who wish to quit but somehow can't find the incentive.

For fourteen days the Society is depending on your ability to persuade friends to pledge their support and dollars in your crusade to drop the habit. It's a tongue in cheek effort for a serious cause. After the two

week period the smoker (preferably non-smoker) is on his own, with the money pledged by his sponsors going to a worthy cause.

If you don't make it, the ACS will send a consolation button saying "Kiss me, I Tried." It's fun, worthy, and in a concerted effort to end cancer in our own lifetimes. Give it a try, the Society says that after 14 days the chances of stopping permanently are excellent; your friends will have given their money wisely.



Distaff B-ball on the move

by Bette Will

Womens basketball at Boise State is on the move and the 1977-78 season should prove to be an exceptional year for Coach Connie Thorngren and her lady Broncos.

Coach Thorngren welcomes eight new players with outstanding abilities and one junior college transfer with excellent credentials. Thorngren has only two returning starters and two other returning players whose experience will be the most valuable source of strength.

The last three years should be a solid indication of Coach Thorngren's ability to mold an array of talent into an exciting winning team. Boise State finished the 1974-75 season by advancing to the national play-offs. The team then had a 15-6 winning season in 1975-76, losing by 2 points to Portland State in the Region-Nine play-offs and again after a big winning season 18-4 in 1976-77 the Broncos lost in the Play-off game. Shall we see the Broncos in another play-off game this year?

This year the team is throbbing with talent, beginning with four new guards. One dynamite outside shooter and ball handler, Andrea McInelly, comes from Mackay, Idaho. Vicki Hileman comes from

Whitefish, Montana, with two years junior college experience and lots of quickness. Two other excellent ball handlers with lots of potential are Pam Davis of Boise, Idaho, and Lori Bennett of Murtaugh, Idaho.

The forward position boast of the top rebounder and most aggressive player of 1976-77 returning player Kim Ereckson from Whitefish, Montana. The other returning forward is Trudy Erb of Buhl, Idaho. Erb will be giving the team the cool stability of experience. Three new forwards, Shelley DeHass from Grangeville, Idaho, Cheryl Nelson from Lewiston, Idaho and Le Anne Nordahl of Whitefish, Montana, will all add to the team quickness, high free throw percentage, and good solid shooting.

The center positions are filled with three ladies of wide capabilities. Returning centers are JoAnn Burrell and Nancy Phillips both of Boise, Idaho. Burrell was the leading scorer for the BSU team last year and selected to the Northwest All-Star team the last two years. Phillips saw a lot of action as a freshman and showed astounding improvement and shoots well inside. The new center is Karla Meier from Buhl, Idaho. She averaged 22 points per game in high school and proves

to be an aggressive player capable of being a top rebounder and scorer.

A new development this year is the formation of leagues. Region Nine has been divided into two section leagues--one coastal and one interior. Within our league Boise State must play home and away games with four other schools (Montana State, University of Montana, Washington State, and University of Alaska), Boise State then must also include in their season one game with the five other teams of the Coastal league. These win-loss records from the league and cross league games are used to establish standings for tournament action.

Coach Thorngren put her squad through a Varsity-Alumni game Saturday, December 3. This could be a strong indication of the Varsity strength. Varsity 53, Alumni 42 with the Alumni manning a very strong and effective game.

Boise State begins their season December 10th against Idaho State at Boise. Though Idaho State hasn't played Boise State for three years and competes on the small college level, the game should give Coach Thorngren a final look and evaluation of her team to finalize preparations for seven tough on-the-road games.



Standout players for this year's Bronco women's basketball team are: upper left, Vicki Hileman, who transferred from Flathead Valley Community College; upper right, Andrea McInelly, a freshman guard from Mackay, Idaho; JoAnn Burrell, who was Boise State's leading scorer last year; and Kim Ereckson, who last year outrebounded the rest of the team. The women begin their first season of league play this year, and should figure importantly in the league's happenings as the year goes on.

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL STUDENT ADMISSION INFORMATION

Full-time student must pick up tickets in advance for each home basketball game. The maximum number of student tickets available will be 2,000. Each full-time student may pick up one free ticket with his activity card. The activity card and the ticket must be presented at the door for admission to the game.

The number of part-time student, student guest and general admission tickets available will be determined by the number of student tickets dispersed. There will be no student tickets dispersed after the pick up deadline. Students wishing to obtain tickets after this time may purchase general admission tickets, depending on availability.

General admission tickets and student guest tickets will be sold at the gymnasium the night of the game, depending on availability. Full-time students may purchase one guest ticket and part-time students may purchase one ticket only for \$1.50.

A student spouse activity card, which is good for admission to all regularly scheduled athletic events during the spring semester will be available at the Varsity Center following spring semester registration. The cost of the card will be \$7.50. An admission ticket for each game must be picked up for the student spouse card before the deadline date. The student spouse card and the ticket must be shown at the door before admission to the game. A full-time student waives his option to purchase a guest ticket after he has purchased a student spouse card.

TICKET PICK-UP LOCATIONS:

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TICKET PICK-UP TIMES:

Game Date	Opponent	Tickets Available On	Pick-Up Deadline
December 8	Santa Barbara	December 5, 1977	Dec 8, 3:00 p.m.
December 12	Chico State	December 8, 1977	Dec. 12, 3:00 p.m.
December 21	Oregon State	December 15, 1977	Dec. 21, 3:00 p.m.
January 6	Montana State*	January 3, 1978	Jan. 6, 3:00 p.m.
January 7	University of Montana*	January 3, 1978	Jan. 6, 3:00 p.m.
January 20	Idaho State*	January 16, 1978	Jan. 20, 3:00 p.m.
January 21	Utah State	January 16, 1978	Jan. 20, 3:00 p.m.
February 3	Northern Arizona*	January 30, 1978	Feb. 3, 3:00 p.m.
February 4	Weber State*	January 30, 1978	Feb. 3, 3:00 p.m.
February 17	Idaho*	February 13, 1978	Feb. 17, 3:00 p.m.
February 18	Gonzaga*	February 13, 1978	Feb. 17, 3:00 p.m.

*Big Sky Conference games

Boise Blades Hockey Club



SEASON SCHEDULE

Dec. 10	3 PM	H	Gonzaga Univ.
Dec. 11	1 PM	H	Gonzaga Univ.
Dec. 16	AWAY	A	Sun Valley
Dec. 17	AWAY	A	Sun Valley
Jan. 14	AWAY	A	Jackson Hole
Jan. 15	AWAY	A	Jackson Hole
Jan. 28	7 PM	H	Sun Valley
Jan. 29	1 PM	H	Sun Valley
Feb. 10	7 PM	H	B.Y.U.
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'Tis the season: Bowls roll across the nation

by Jerry Richards and Tate Simmons

The year ends, the holiday spirit engulfs us, 'tis the season to be jolly, peace on earth, good will toward man and ms., holly on the door, mistletoe from the ceiling, chestnuts roasting on an open fire. Carolers roam the streets, Salvation Army soldiers ring bells on every corner, department store Santas tolerate hundreds of kids' snow-soaked pants, fir trees bear the weight of hundreds of glass bulbs and thousands of strands of tinsel. The nights are lit in festive red, yellow and green; the days are a hazy blue and white; the winter revelers are generally a cheery pink. The season brings out the best in us all: at this time of year we often find ourselves going out of our ways to make life just a little easier for our neighbors.

Then, after all that's out of the way, the really important stuff begins: the college bowl games.

After last week's 9-1 record (we just couldn't seem to find a handle on that perfect week) we ended the regular season with a cumulative total of 154-45-2 for a .771 season. Not bad for rookies, eh? Wish we could say the same about our good friends who hang out at Grant's and other places of similar repute; we may not be the best in the nation, but darned if we had much competition at home. Back on the track, the bowls:

Rose Bowl, Pasadena, CA: Michigan vs. Washington

Whoopee, gang, the Grand Daddy of 'em all gets underway on January 2 (the pros just gotta have their Sunday on New Year's Day). Remember the classic titanic struggles of the recent past, pitting such giants as Southern Cal, Stanford and UCLA against Ohio State and Michigan? So what have we got this year? Michigan, all right, but up against (three toots and a holler) the Washington Huskies. Mr. Schembechler, your team may not be number one, but for now number three is pretty sufficient.

Michigan 38, Washington 24

Sugar Bowl, New Orleans, LA: Alabama vs. Ohio State -- Now this is a little closer to the titanic struggle class. Not only will this be one of the better football games this season has seen, it will be a golden opportunity for our red-faced friend Woody to belt another cameraman before the year ends. Meanwhile Bear Bryant, who we all know wouldn't hurt a fly, keeps a calm eye on the situation and sends Woody his regards via a Crimson juggernaut.

'Bama 20, OSU 17

Orange Bowl, Miami, FL: Oklahoma vs. Arkansas -- Number 2 and knocking at the door doesn't suit Barry Switzer or his Sooners, so this is perhaps the most important game of the day, or of the season or of the year. Everything rests on this one, and what Notre Dame does with Texas will be history when these two collide. A thought for the day: Fatten a Hog on Orange, and he thinks he can do anything; best get persnickety while the livin' is high, for in January you die.

Okie 31, Arkansas 23

Cotton Bowl, Dallas, TX: Texas vs. Notre Dame -- Pit an Irishman against a Texan, get them drinking, and you're bound to start trouble. The Longhorns felt all along that Texas was the land of the giant: steers, football, and most of all, bull. Now the Irish are the humble type: give 'em a shillelagh, a shot of whiskey and watch him beat the tar out of a Texan. The people in South Bend say: Yes. The people in College Station say: Longhorns. We say: Bull.

UPSET SPECIAL: Notre Dame 21, Texas 20

Peach Bowl, Atlanta, GA: Iowa State vs. North Carolina State -- What? Well, don't say anything till the story's done. It appears that the Peach committee felt the financial pinch too much this year, deciding after midnight conferences, two fist fights, and a threatened suicide, not to hold the Bowl this year. The intended victims, rather opponents, Bilky A&M and Fenway Vocational Institute of Animal Husbandry were informed and are playing elsewhere. Within hours, the Governor placed an APB out for the arrest of the Bowl Committee, charging them with High Treason and Tampering with a Georgia Institution. High speed chase followed high speed chase, the rascals were collected; their belts were taken away upon incarceration; and to make a long story short, Iowa State coach Buddy Hardeman doesn't really care for catfishing, but once described the Fenway Voc-An-Hus uniforms as, we quote: "Nifty." What? We

thinks too much Yuletide cheer. Anyway:

Ioway 24, NC State 14

Sun Bowl, El Paso, TX: Louisiana State vs. Stanford -- This is about as far from Dixie and Palo Alto as anyone ever imagined, but never mind, the boys are here to have fun, and fun they shall have. Oh, yeah, the game. The Cardinals of Stanford are a rare breed, born of that wild and rangy band Western outlaws known as the Pac-8. They're big, mean and have a Guy named Benjamin that likes to throw balls through porous defensive secondaries. And as one Louisiana State fan told us in a phone interview, "Good? Hail, they have one of the pawest defenses yah evah seen." Oh well.

Stanford 28, LSU 24

Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, FL: Pittsburgh vs. Clemson -- A lesson to be learned: beware of hungry cats who have fallen on lean times, be they Panthers or Tigers. The higher the perch they fall from, and the hungrier they are, the meaner they play. Correct answer:

Pitt 35, Clemson 24

Fiesta Bowl, Tempe, AZ: Penn State vs. Arizona State -- Gee, we all cheered for the home team when ASU upended fallen-from-grace Nebraska two years ago. So last year an entire third of a country held its breath in anticipation as the WAC's finest, Wyoming, got clobbered by Oklahoma 41-7. In its struggle to be taken seriously, the Western Athletic Confer-

ence has shot its boodle into a little bigger field than it can fill, and never mind the fact that the game just happens to be played at ASU's home field -- there's a limit to everything. Happy Siesta.

Penn State 35, ASU 14

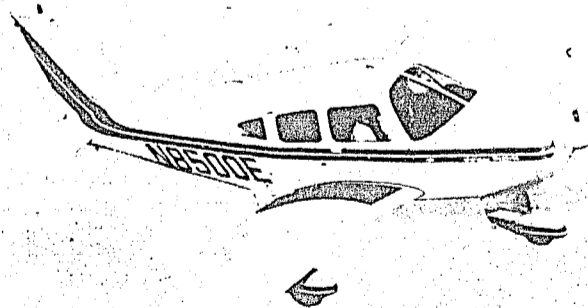
Bluebonnet Bowl, Houston, TX: Southern Cal vs. Texas A&M -- This is rich, it really is: four Southwest Conference teams in more or less major bowl games. Really a scream when you consider two of the bowls are in Texas and two are in Florida. Now here's the ultimate cruel joke: USC, after beating UCLA, has to wait around like any common non-legend for Bluebonnet Bowls to invite them before they can hope for any post-season play at all. After you've finished convulsing in mirth, get up and watch the game, which, incidentally, should be darned good.

USC 24, A&M 20

Liberty Bowl, Memphis, TN: Nebraska vs. North Carolina -- Nebraska, a runaway second place in the Big Eight, takes on the Tarheels, a runawa second place in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Bear in mind now, the ACC may be a force of some weight in basketball -- but in football, loses some leverage to the Big Eight. Actually, if truth be told, sixth place in the Eight is roughly comparable to second in the ACC. But, all defamation of character aside, the 'Huskies can probably be justified in celebrating in advance.

Nebraska 28, UNC 17

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Former CSI coach heads All-West

WICHITA, Kan. - Eddie Sutton, who was named national Coach of the Year by the U.S. Basketball Writers' Association last season after his Arkansas Razorbacks posted a 26-2 record, has been selected to pilot the West squad in the 7th Annual Pizza Hut Basketball Classic. The NCAA and NAIA sponsored event for senior collegians is scheduled April 1 at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

Sutton, who was named

Southwest Conference Coach of the Year in both 1975 and 1977, shows a stunning 62-20 record in three years at the Arkansas helm. In SWC play, his Porkers are 36-10, including last season's 16-0 mark enroute to the league title.

As a major college head coach, the Bucklin, Kan., native has a 144-68 mark. He was 82-48 in five years at Creighton before assuming the Razorback reins.

A graduate of Oklahoma State where he started three years

under the fabled Henry Iba, Sutton had his first head coaching position at Tulsa (Okla.) Central High School where he built a 119-51 record in six campaigns. Sutton, who was a graduate assistant under Iba for one year after his eligibility was completed, left Tulsa Central to build a program at Southern Idaho, a junior college that had never had a basketball team. In three years under Sutton, CSI was 83-14.

Sutton is the first Southwest Conference coach to appear in the Pizza Hut Basketball Classic, whose series is knotted at 3. Voting for participants in the 1978 event has just begun at the nation's 3,000 Pizza Hut restaurants and participating universities. The 1978 East coach will be Dave Gavitt of Providence College.

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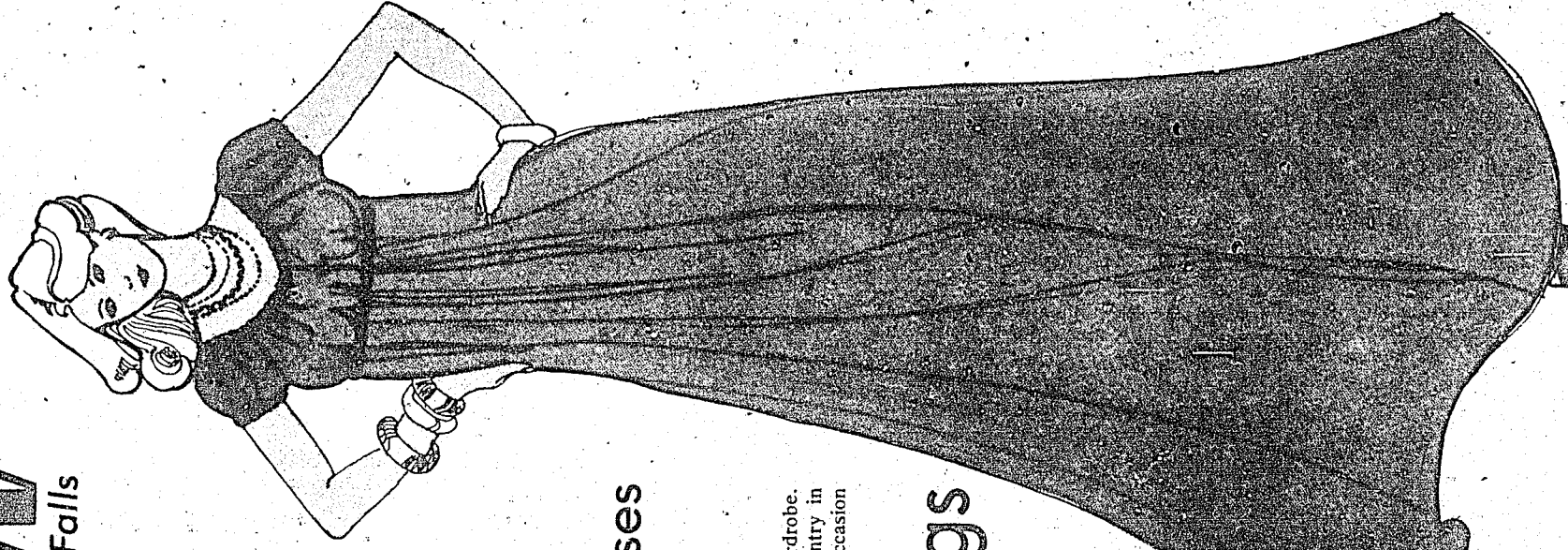
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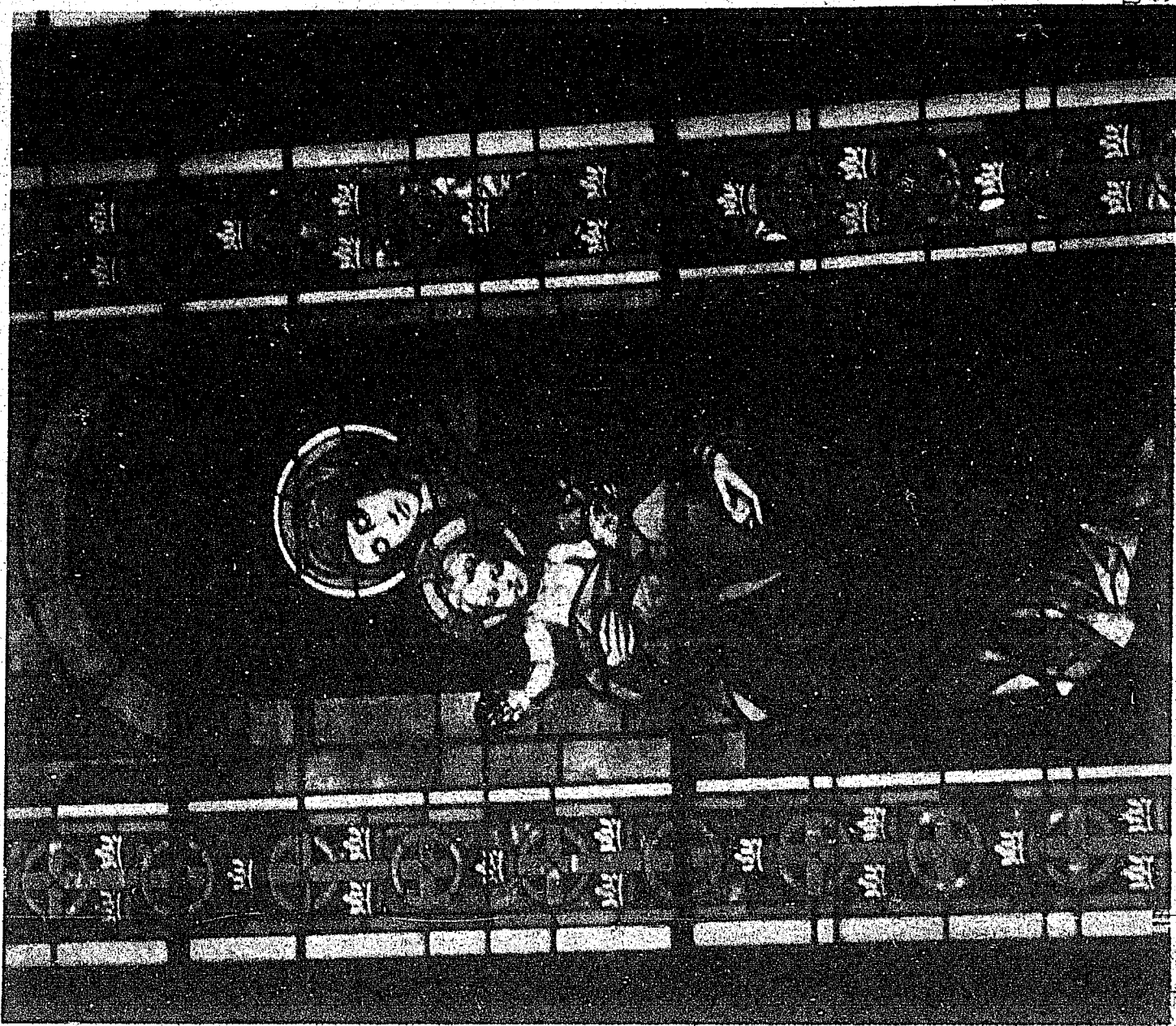


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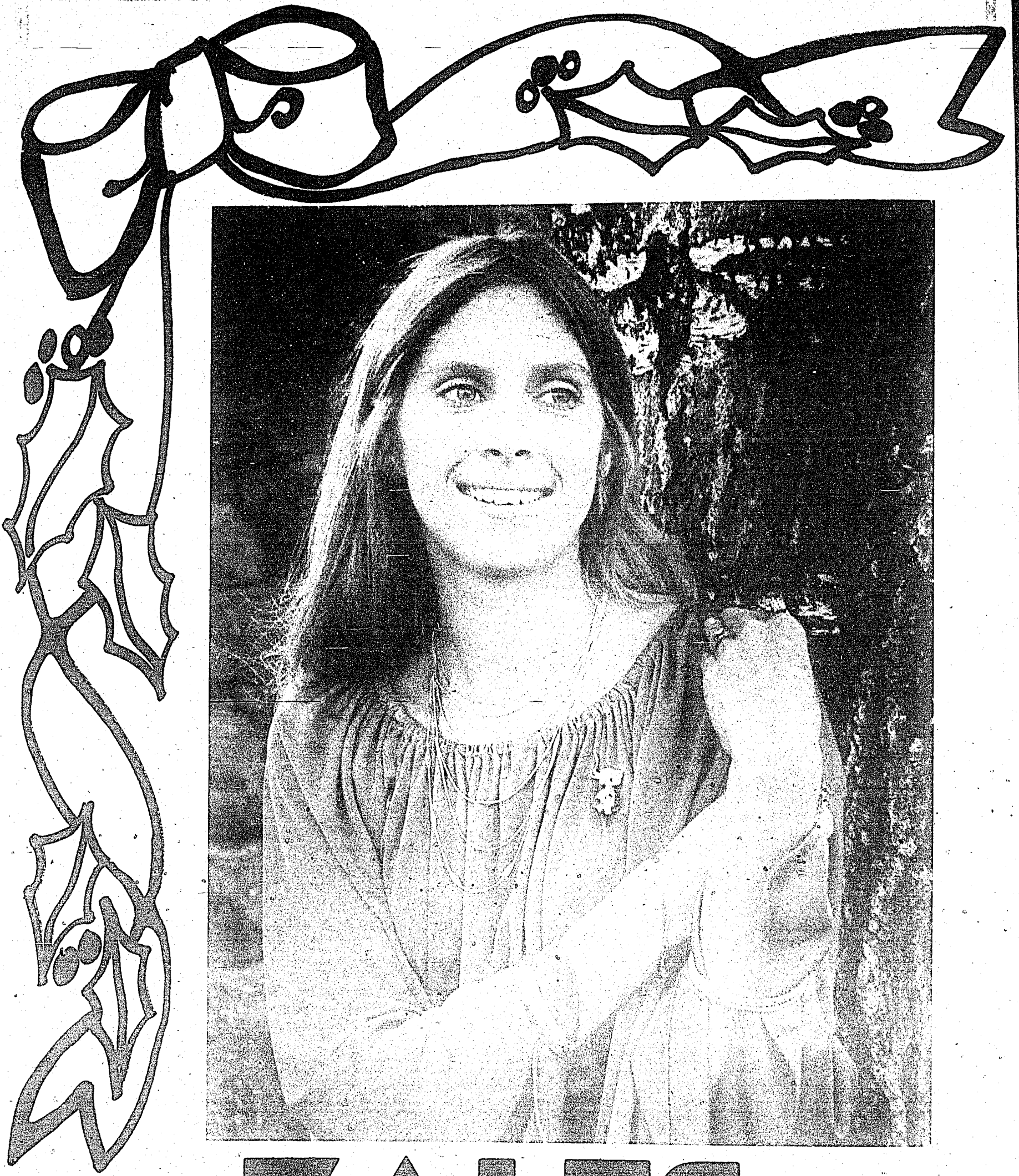


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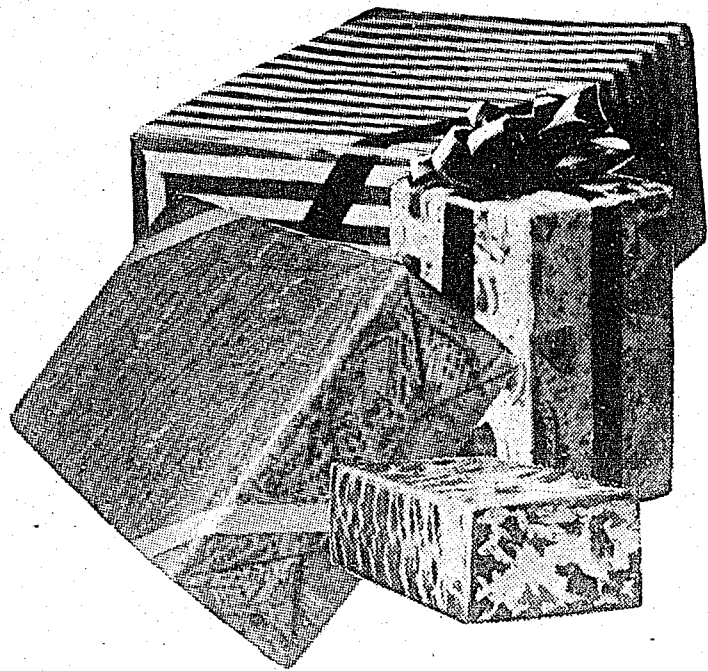
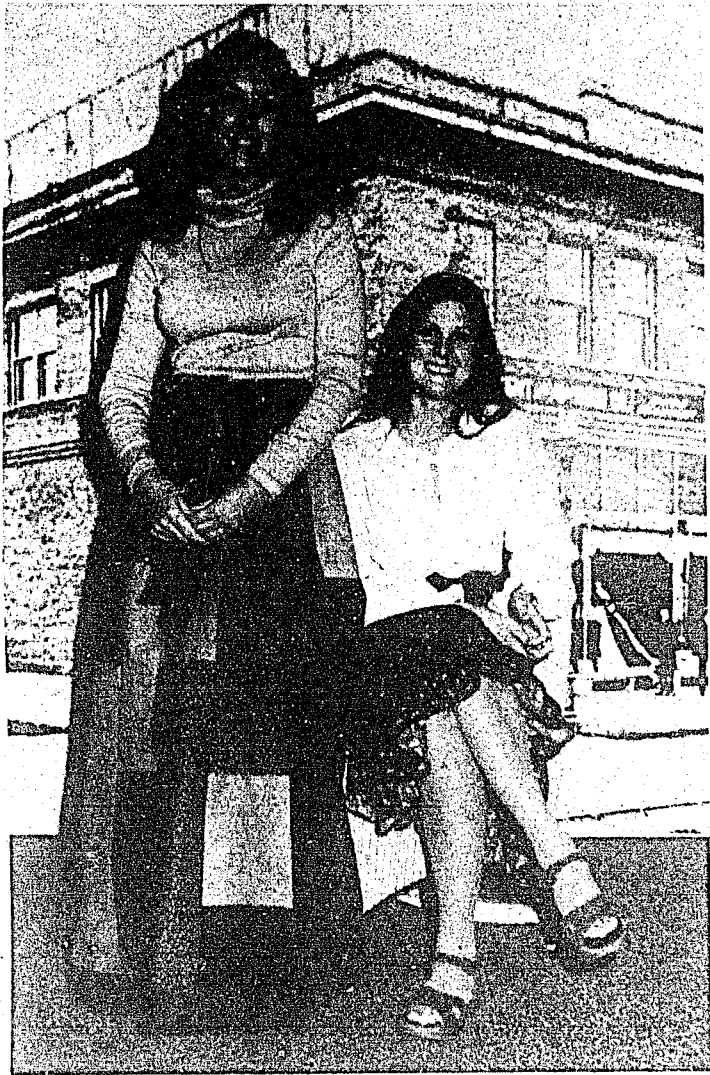
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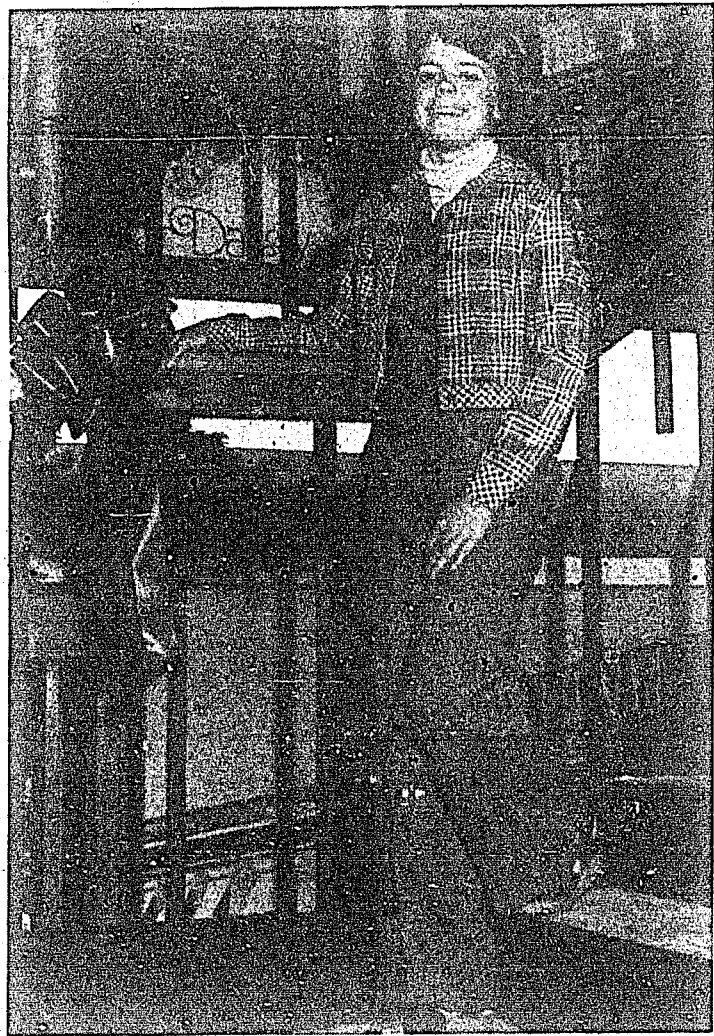
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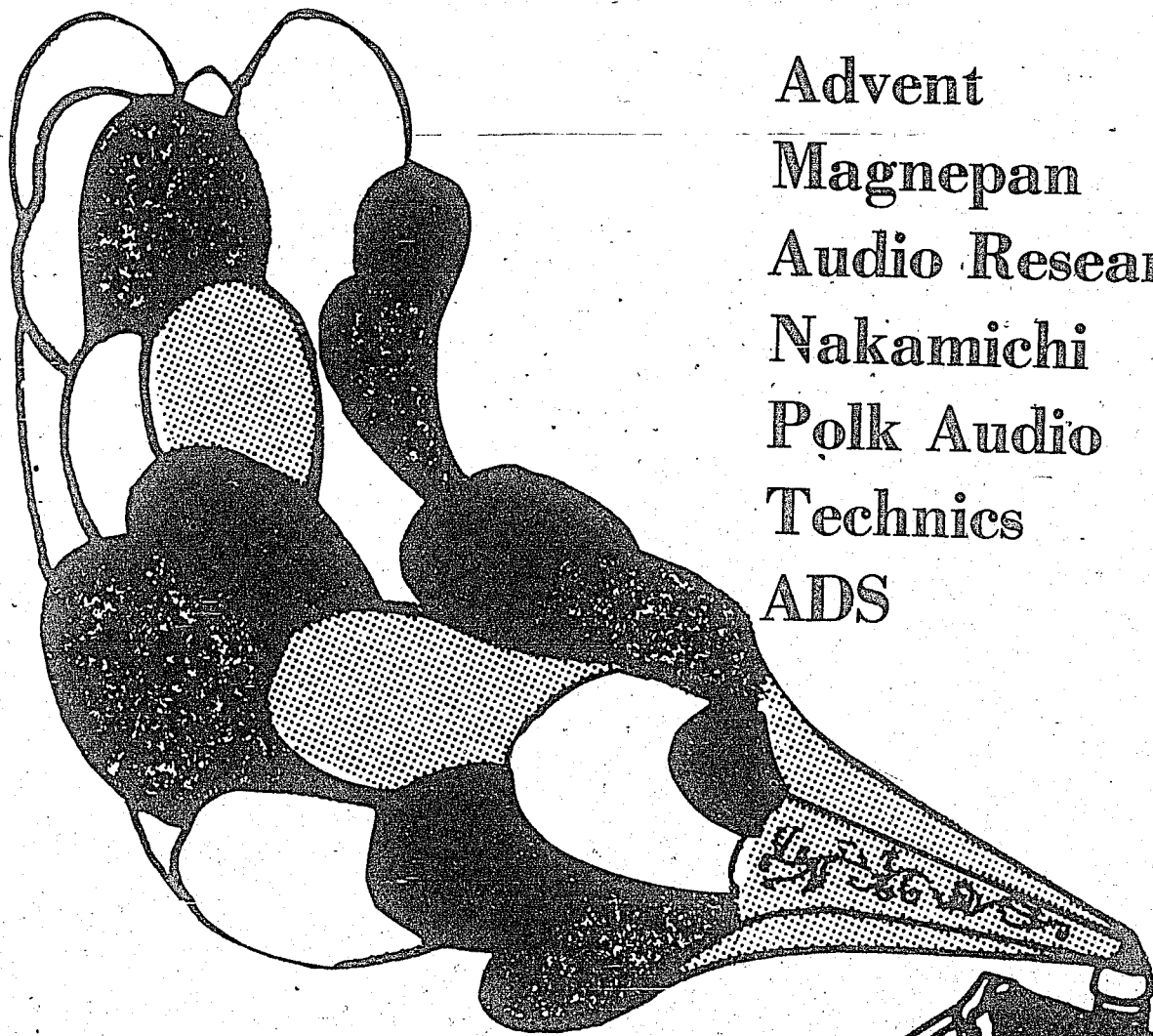
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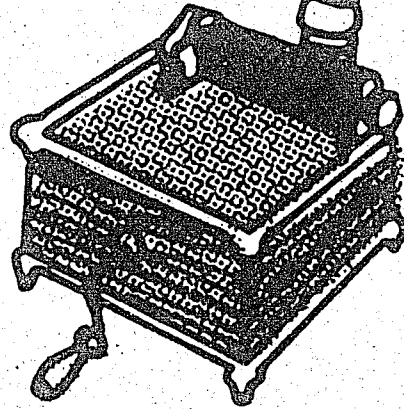
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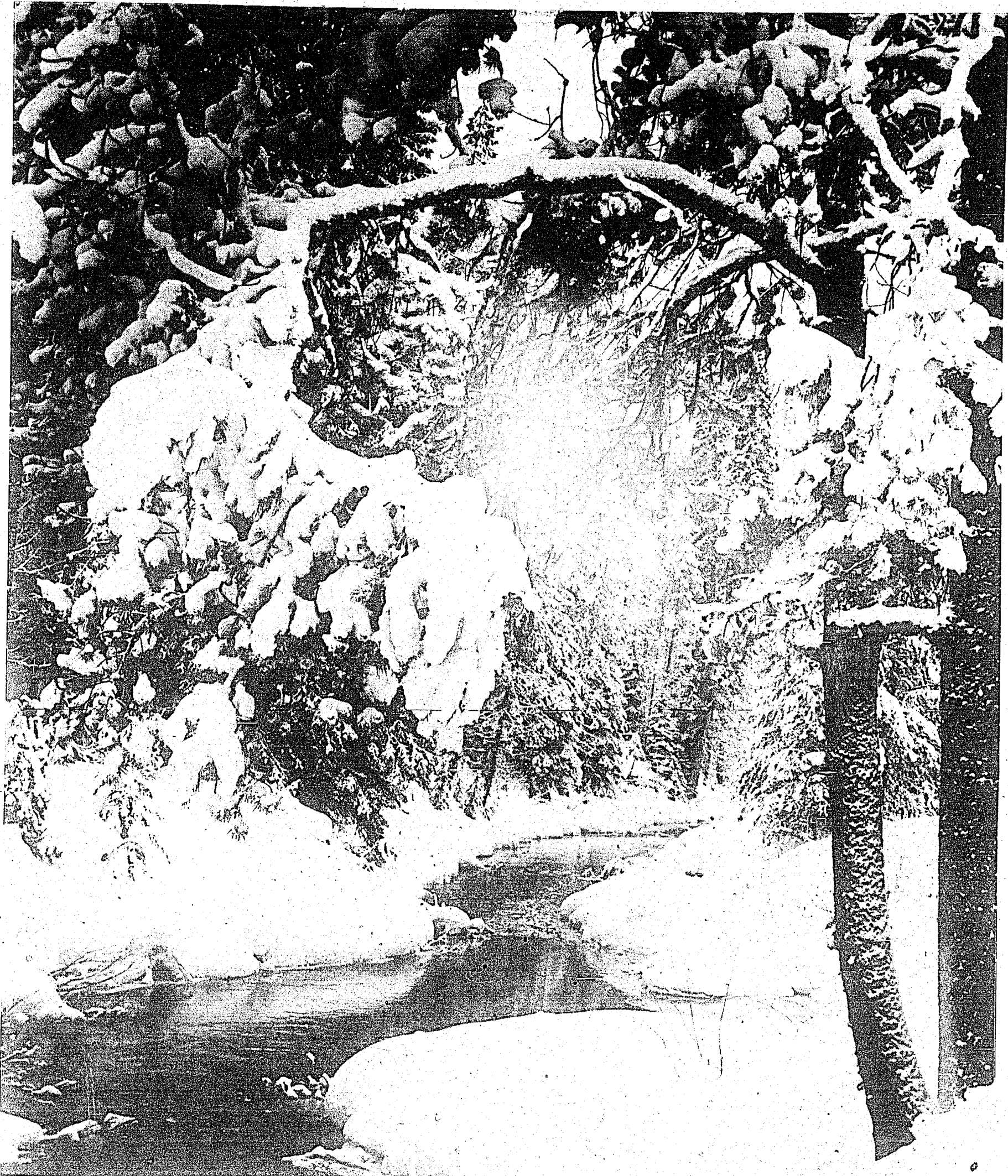


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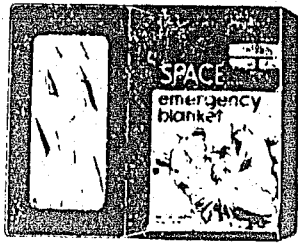
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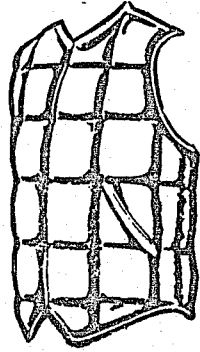
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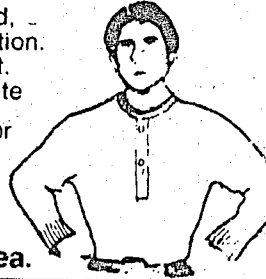
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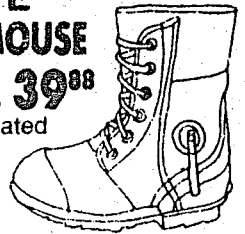
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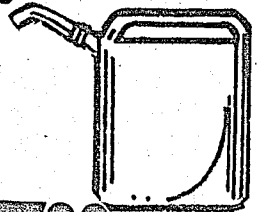
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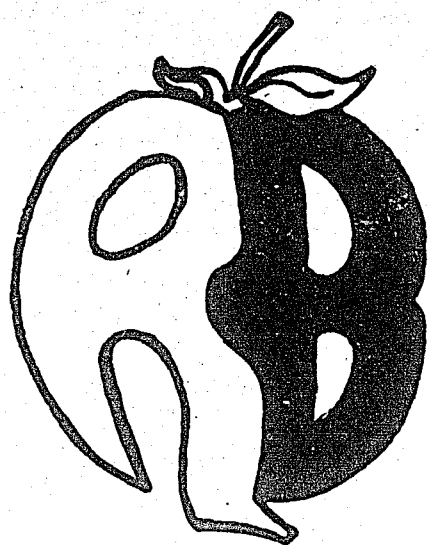


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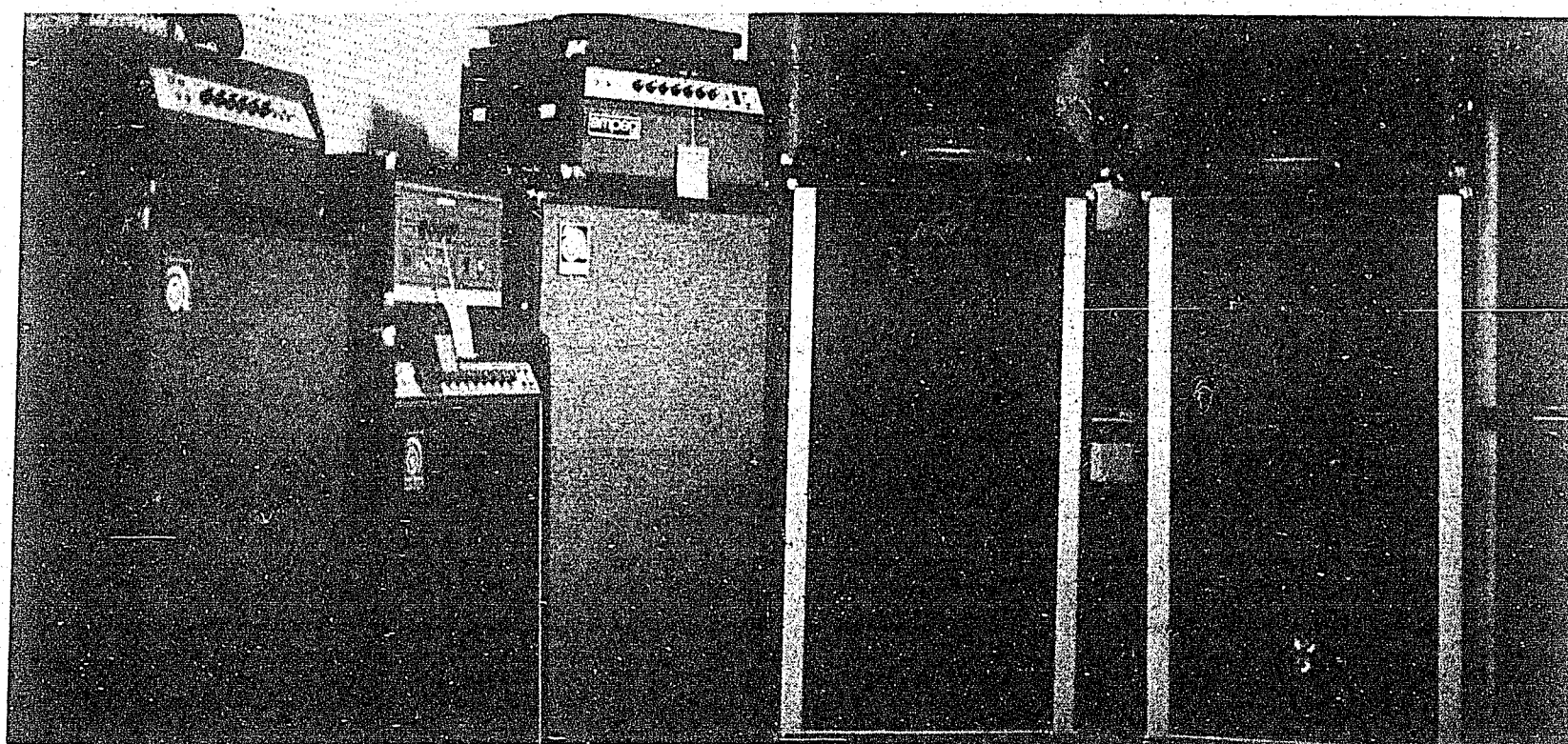
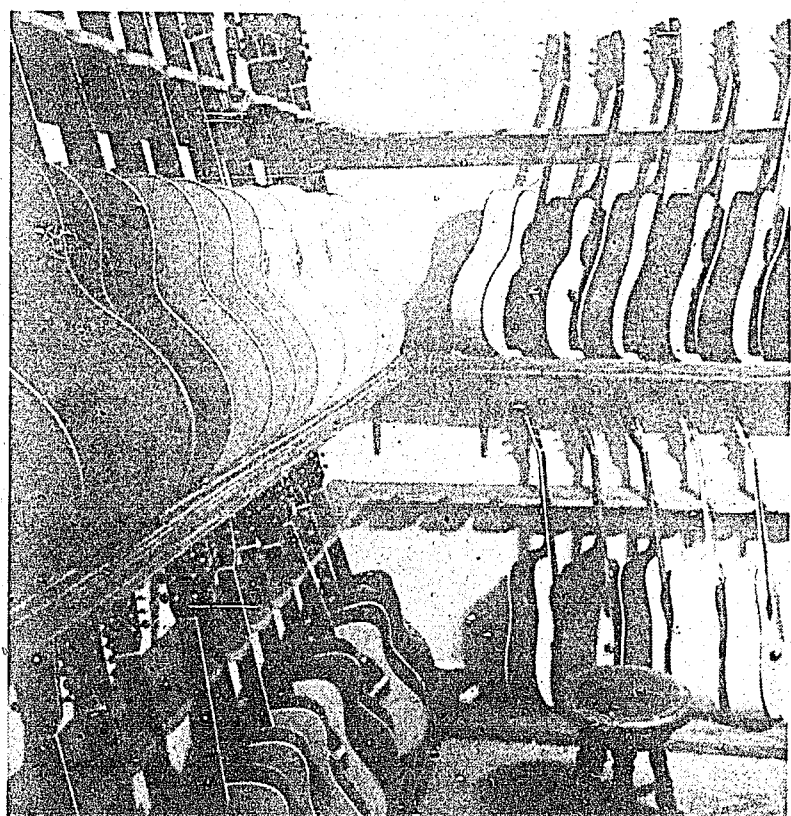
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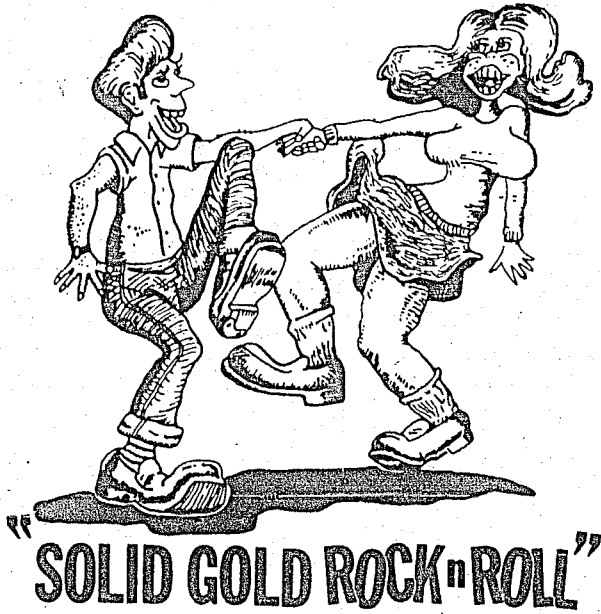
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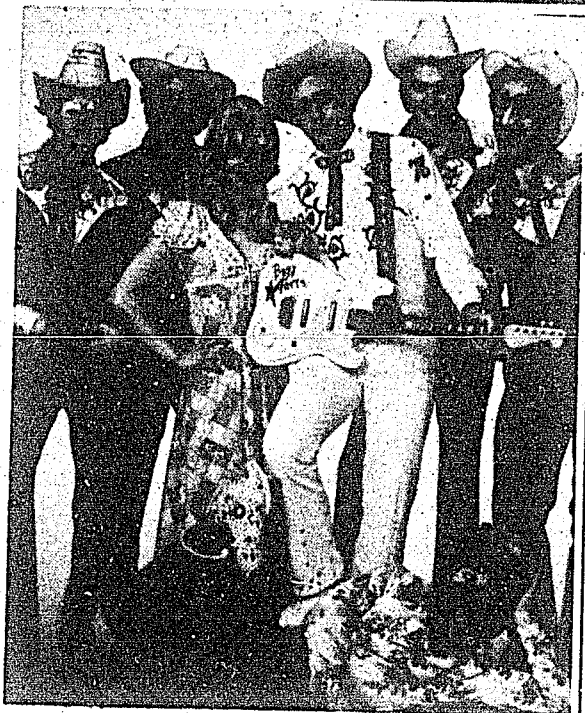
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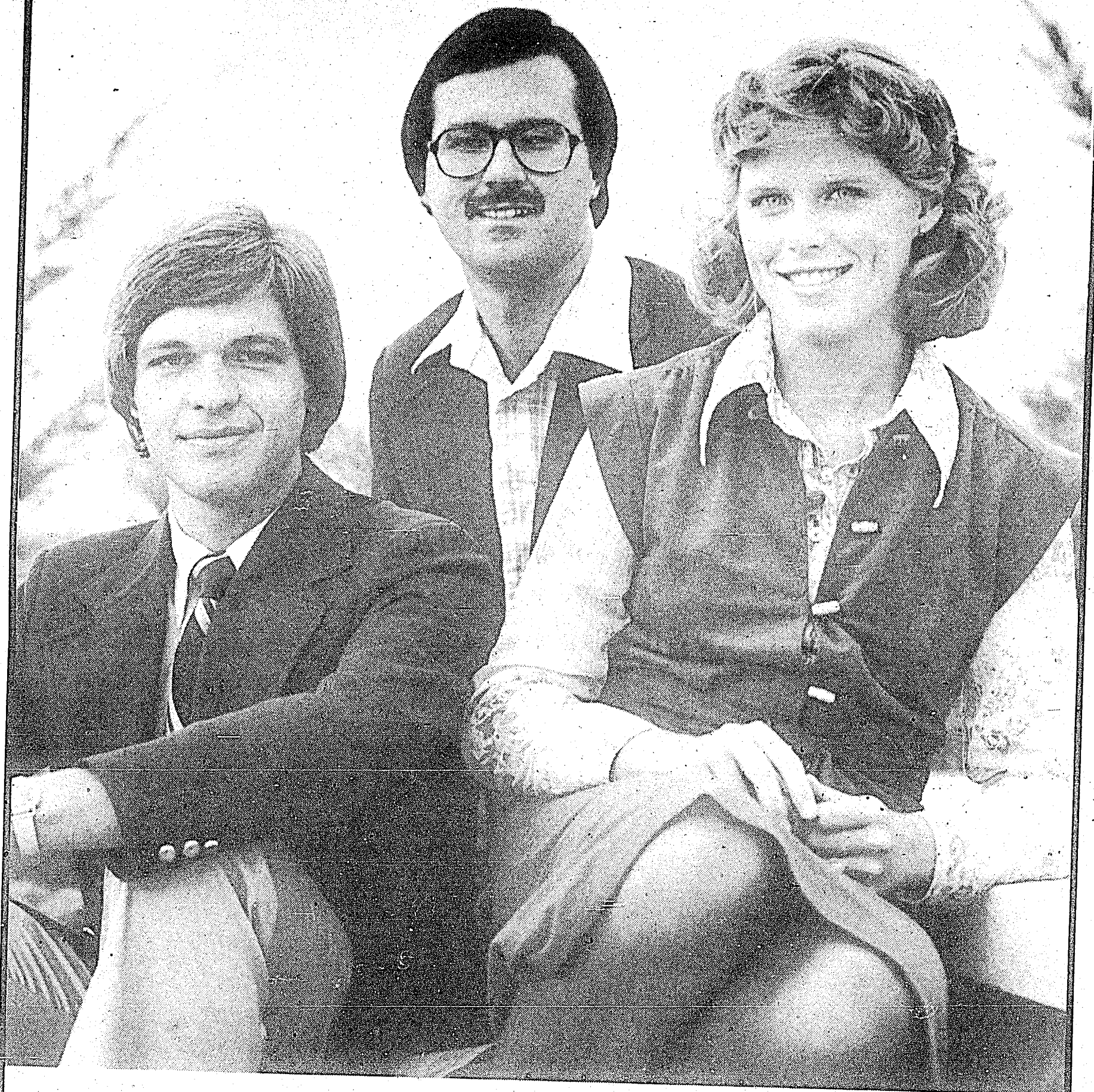
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