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Twenty Years After: The Other America by Janice Pavlic

"I THINK SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT happened in the 60s and it's still there," said Michael Harrington. "As a result of the New Left, of all the ferment in the colleges in the 60s, in American culture, and particularly in American colleges and universities, discussion of certain taboo topics was made legitimate."

"In the 50s, except in a few elite schools, you didn't talk about Karl Marx, (there were) no courses on socialism, socialists. You did not have people like me...I am employed by the city and state of New York, at a city institution where I teach courses in Marxism, among other things."

Harrington explained, the students that were educated during the 50s in less than elite school systems were deprived of controversial topics and were limited by parochial curricula.

To the disdain of some and to the satisfaction of others, that has now changed. At Boise State University, students can take a wealth of topics that they would not have been exposed to prior to the 50s. Over the years, professors, lecturers, instructors, professionals and experts have filled calendars with talks and seminars and workshops, pertaining to a multitude of subjects.

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They may need all the help they can get, but they don't look for it. Many Republic congressmen to cozy up with the Moral Majority, this columnist says. The book, according to U.S. News and World Report, is a private party poll showing the group's leader, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, is almost as unpopular as the Ayatollah Khomeini.
U.S. News & World Report, May 10, 1982

Quantity vs. Quality

"The National Guard is calling on the Pentagon to lose its luster when it comes to military hardware," a National Guard report recommends the Defense Department opt for quantity over quality, and buy simpler weapons that recruits can easily learn to operate. The report, titled "Vista 1999," claims the Pentagon's obsession with state-of-the-art equipment "has created a fundamental contradiction between what we have and what we need." Washington Post, April 14.

Smoking and Cancer

"There's good news and bad news from the American Cancer Society. The good news is that the threat of lung cancer from every form of cancer is going down. The bad news is that the overall cancer death rate is going up--for just one reason: A huge increase in lung cancer. In the last 30 years, the death rate from lung cancer has tripled--a frustrating statistic to medical researchers, who call it one of the most preventable of all forms of cancer. In most cases, it's simply a matter of staying away from cigarettes. Smoking is held responsible for one in eight deaths in men, and 43 percent in women.

Valium

British researchers say they've discovered brain damage similar to that suffered by severe alcoholics among people who've taken the popular tranquilizer "Valium" for over 10 years. In two to ten years. Professor Malcolm Lader of the London Institute of Psychiatry, who has studied 200 long-term Valium users revealed at least 25 percent had severe abnormalities, and another 50 percent had some degree of impairment. Scientists at Hoffman-LaRoche, developers of Valium, say the study's evidence linking it directly to the brain damage. Dr. Lader admits that may be true. But he says if Valium's threshold there may be a half-million people in the U.S. and Britain with funny-looking brains as a result.

Warm Weather To Come

Scientists studying fluctuations in the sun's temperature say we could be in for a hot 21st century--although the short-term outlook is for colder weather. Information from a solar observatory satellite launched two years ago suggests the sun's energy decreased by one-tenth of one percent over an 18-month period. According to researchers at California's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the change may have been responsible for this year's harsh winter.

But astronomers at the government's High Altitude Observatory in Colorado, think the long-range forecast is for hot weather. The cooling off of the sun, they say, is really only a cycle located near the sun, due to end soon. Then the sun will start to heat up again, probably in the middle of the year, they say, around the year 2010. That could accelerate a global warming trend caused by the heat from the accumulating "greenhouse" gases in the atmosphere. The CO2 buildup has already caused a notable increase in the average temperature on the earth's surface, the scientists say.

In The Gray:
The Case Of The Uncancelled Books
by Colleen Bourhill

In any organization, it is the accountant's job to spend hours hunched over a desk, punching out numbers on an adding machine and prying into entry after entry on the finned sheets of a ledger. If questions arise about an organization's account, the books can be checked. After all, isn't it all down in black and white?

According to ASBSU Senate Act #23, it is the job of the appointed treasurer to submit both monthly and quarterly financial reports to the student senate. The act stipulates that the reports include current balances of each organization funded by the ASBSU and a record of both revenues and expenditures incurred.

Allen Meyers, appointed ASBSU Treasurer for the 1982-83 academic year, replaced former treasurer Tracy Lefteroff when his term in office ended last month. "I don't really know if I should offer an opinion as to whether (Lefteroff) did a good job," Meyers said. "But when I came into this office, if someone were to ask me how much money we had, and where, I would not have been able to tell them. Even after a week, I would not have been able to tell them.

The treasurer's job, according to Meyers, is like balancing a checkbook. A regulation, generated by the ASB Office, states that the treasurer is like a check written against an ordinary checking account. At the end of the month, instead of a bank statement, the treasurer's office receives a computer printout that lists all the requisitions that have been paid.

"My job," said Meyers, "is to balance out the monthly report, to go over those (requisitions) to the best of my ability and make sure that all the charges that put the money on the report are correct. That is the most important job the treasurer has to reconcile the computer printouts with the receipts and the checks we have as to what was issued." In going through the records left by the previous treasurer, Meyers discovered that a $12,000 error had been made on one of the monthly printouts. The salary for a Health Services employee had, by mistake, been charged to the Student-Fees Account.

The appointment of Tracy Lefteroff to the position of treasurer was first made by then President Tony Lund at a senate meeting in July, 1981. However, because only 5 of the 10 ASBSU senators were present, Lund had to gain final approval for Lefteroff's appointment at a September senate meeting. Therefore, to fulfill that procedure and to meet the controversy, a new appointment was voted by the required 2/3 majority to accept Lefteroff as treasurer if it were possible.

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"Dad: I Love You...."
by Teresa Zrazik

"Dad, I love you more than what word's can say. If it were possible, I would stay alive for only you, for I really only love you, but it is not possible. I must first love myself, and I do not. The strange feeling of darkness and self-hate overpowers all my defenses. I must unfortunately yield to it. The turbulent feeling is only for a few minutes at a time. I understand. I feel you do not comprehend the immense feeling of self-hate I have. This is the only way I can really understand my feelings now. Carry on with your life and be happy. I love you more than words can say. Your son 

Gene, Kip Eliason, 16, committed suicide by inhaling a lethal amount of carbon monoxide on March 3, 1982. Kip was a student at Capitol High School which maintained a 4.0 grade point average. At his grandmother's urging, he became involved in the Mormon Church in Boise.

Kip feels that his suicide was directly related to pressures placed upon him by the LDS Church. He said that Kip developed an acute self-hate because of the Church's urger to masturbate; and that the Church required complete denial of these "normal urges" all young people feel.

The Mormon Church encourages its young people to devote their lives to the Church and its activities, Eliason said, and this is done by providing Church-related activities for the full week. He said the Church discourages its youth from participating in regular high school activities with other young people from other faiths. Thus, the Church is trying to isolate its youth from the world. One way is to better prepare them for missions on which they are sent throughout the year, he said. Eliason continued, "This isolation prevents the Mormon youth from being tempted by the world, and also prevents the persecution of its youth by the outside world before the young people are prepared to handle such persecution."

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La Rocco supports a nuclear arms freeze and reduction resolution before Congress. Craig said he had urged the President to move toward a nuclear freeze, but didn't support the specific resolution before Congress because it was unclear on the question of parity.

ASBSU Report:
Budget Finalization by Colleen Bourhill

Negotiations were brought to a close Thursday when the ASBSU Senate gave final approval to a 1982-83 budget totaling $53,000. All organizations funded by the ASBSU or included in this final figure. The Student Programs Board was given $45,515; and the Recreation Board was recommended a budget of $5,545. The combined total for the 1982-83 academic year was $26,615. The combined total for the ASBSU Administration and Service Awards budgets was $75,300.

The finished budget, which was included in the finished budget. Contract negotiations are still underway, but funding will not exceed $53,000.

Before the budget was approved Thursday, there was much debate among the Senate over funding for the "Case of the UnCancelled Books."
Editorial: Gnu Lessons

Some thirty long issues back the first editorial of this column established one goal: to leave our readers informed, angry, entertained, puzzled, or pleased, but not bored. In short, we wanted a response. Since that first, short 32 word editorial, much has happened at the News, and from the shortest praise to the longest critique it all improved the quality of the paper.

This year we've had the pleasure of having one of our series picked up for national publication. Another article won first place in a northwest press competition, and finally last year's News, edited by Donald Barclay, won the Melody Medal, the Scholastic Press Association's greatest honor. We're particularly proud of those accomplishments for they all speak of the strength from which next year's paper can grow.

Yet, to not blow our horn to loud, the News, like all publications, has made its share of mistakes. We've regretted many a missed story, or abortive process and function, or amicum type, or undecipherable layout flake. Their point out the weaknesses of the paper and give us a foundation upon which we can build. Next year's News will be always changing...we hope next fall's paper will serve you and excite you. Till then, have a good summer.

Informed

I read a letter via the University News' Editorial page from a student who questions my understanding of the process of budget allocations. If there are any students who have questions about ASBSU or wish to discuss any item, I would encourage them to come to the ASBSU offices and do such.

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Students must understand that the president does not vote on the budget. The president has input in discussions, but is not a voting member of the FAB or the senate. It is the senate that allocates how much goes to which organization.

Also, many clubs and offices requested funding for above last year's allocations and were still budgeted more dollars than requested. I wish to respond to this by a cut in funding but a cut in request of funds.

Least, but not least: yes, I did campaign on consistency. This means being consistent in upholding our laws and policies here at Boise State. If the club put Al two feet away from his foe and hedidn't have to touch his head. "They're still too close," he said. "Listen to this British fighter pilot's account of shooting, down an Argentine Mirage jet: 'I locked a Sidewinder missile onto his jet wake and, after three or four seconds, the missile hit. There was an enormous explosion and I felt quite sick.'"

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I said that was certainly an interesting theory and could he perhaps expand on it? "Gladdly," he said. "As you know, your weapons ancestors were peaceful fruit and berry gatherers who shouted and growled and cuffed each other around, but they weren't much for killing one another."

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they are now Wall Street lawyers."

"The other thing that happened was an armchair kind of process...it was just an intellectual decision," he continued.

In 1949, after he'd received his master's degree from the University of Chicago, Harrington got a job in New York as a social worker with the Board of Education.

"I worked with Arkansas sharecropper children in a slum down by the Mississippi River. That was the first time I'd seen poor people. As a result of that process, this intellectual conviction a year or two before became considerably more intense and emotional. Then, finally it all culminated." After working six months as a writer-in-training at Life magazine he decided it was not what he really wanted to do.

"I went to a group called the Catholic Worker, which was and still is located near Skid Row, New York City," Harrington said. He served as a magazine editor under Dorothy Day, a Greenwich Village leftist. According to David Armstrong, in his book, A Trumpet to Arms, "the Catholic Worker promoted pacifism, the dignity of labor, and the glory of God" and promoted "nonviolent direct action."

While there, Harrington practiced "what Catholic Worker called their corporal works of mercy, which were to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit the prisoner."

In addition to a bread and soup line there were 50 beds at the Worker and "the staff lived in the same rooms, wore the same hand-me-down clothes and received no money. It was a situation where we lived in voluntary poverty."

"I did that for two years," Harrington said. "Out of those three experiences, obviously, I was on the road (to socialism). I haven't had a straight job since."

DSOC/NAM/DSA

Michael Harrington helped initiate the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee (DSOC) in 1973 and was elected DSOC national chairman in October, 1973.

"It's a very illegitimate name: Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee," comments Harrington. "The model we actually picked was in the CIO, the industrial union organization of the 30's. The Steelworkers Union before it became the Steelworkers Union was called the Steelworkers Organizing Committee, and that was to indicate that it was not just a union, but that it was organizing to be a union."

"When we started DSOC, we meant to say 'we are very weak—we are not yet a socialist movement or a socialist organization,'" he related. "We are a handful of people under extremely difficult circumstances that are going to try to make a socialist organization."

Harrington said that one of the reasons they succeeded was because "unlike many socialist organizations in the past, we did not have any delusions that we were quickly to lead the masses."

Harrington said his role in Boise was to speak and to bring people together. "Then, the role of the people of Boise who broadly agree with DSOC and with what I was trying to say is to decide for themselves—what's the best way to do it here?" "We (DSOC) have a lot of people who are working in community organizing in various parts of the country, organizing tenants or organizing students, in some areas."

Recently, DSOC merged with another socialist organization called the New American Movement (NAM) whose membership, Harrington says, is comprised of the people of the New Left from the 60s, who were activists then, and are now in their mid to late 30s.

By combining the 5,500-6,000 members of DSOC with NAM, the DSOC/NAM now boasts 7,000 members.

Their new name is Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), however they will retain the DSOC/NAM title until the transition is fully recognized.

"I don't think why DSOC is through the Democratic Party," Harrington said. "We've had an official position from day one. In general, the Democratic Party is where the labor movement is politically, it's where 95 percent of the Blacks are, it's where most of the Hispanics are, it's where the poor people, as we see as key constituencies to building a Socialist Movement."

"So, it's an organizing strategy," he continued. "Our orientation with the Democratic Party is not that it's the superstructure we want, but it's the base we want, out of which we can hopefully evolve structure."

"I think that we are now getting possibly enough political weight in this country that we can have some minimal effect on who the candidate is, but, more importantly," Harrington emphasized, "we can have more of an effect on establishing the way in which the program is debated that determines the candidate."

DSOC strategy in Idaho is materializing in the form of Socialists working within the Democratic Party, according to an article in the May 1, 1982, issue of the Idaho Statesman. It is, Jim Holden, president of the Boise Chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America, said, "Current strategies include recruiting Ada County Democratic precinct committee-persons and becoming delegates to the Idaho State Democratic Convention." Holden continued to say that, "third-party efforts historically have never made it, so organizationally we see our only hope to work within the Democratic Party."

The same article quoted Mark Raby, outgoing chairman of the Ada County Democratic Central Committee as saying, "I find no objection to anybody willing to put in the effort to help strengthen the Democratic Party. If in fact there are areas..."
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The Other America

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they are now Wall Street lawyers.*"

"The other thing that happened was an
astonishing kind of process. It was just an
intellectual decision," he continued.

In 1949, after he'd received his master's
degree from the University of Chicago,
Harrington got a job in New York as a
social worker with the Board of Education.
"I worked with Arkansas sharecropper
children in a slum down by the Mississippi
River. That was the first time I'd seen
poor people. As a result of that process,
this intellectual conviction a year or two
before became considerably more intense
and emotional. Then, finally it all culminated."

After working six months as a writer-in-training at Life magazine he
decided it was not what he really wanted to do.

"I went to a group called the Catholic
Worker, which was associated with Skid Row,
New York City," Harrington said. He
served as a managing editor under
Dorothy Day, a Greenwich Village leftist.
According to David Armstrong, in his
book A Tramp in Arms, "the Catholic
Worker promoted pacifism, the dignity of
labour, charity of the God of man," and
promoted "nonviolent direct action."

While there, Harrington practiced "what
Christians call their corporal works of
mercy, which were to feed the hungry,
clothe the naked, and visit the imprisoned." In
addition to a bread and soup line there were
50 beds at the Worker and "the staff lived in
the same rooms, wore the same
hand-me-down clothes and received no
money. It was a situation where we lived in
voluntary poverty."

"I did that for two years," Harrington said. "Out of these three experiences,
obviously, I was on the road (to socialism). I haven't had a straight job since."

DSOC/NAM/DSA

Michael Harrington helped initiate the
Democratic Socialist Organizing Commit-
tee (DSOC) in 1973 and was elected DSOC
national chairman in October, 1973.

"It's a very illegitimate name: Democratic
Socialist Organizing Committee," com-
ments Harrington. "The model we actually
picked was the CIO, the industrial union
organization of the 30s. The Steelworkers
Union before it became the Steelworkers
Union was called the Steelworkers
Organizing Committee, and that was to
indicate that it was not yet a union, but
that it was organizing to be a union."

"When we started DSOC, we meant to
say 'we are very weak—we are not yet
a socialist movement or a socialist organiza-
tion,' " he related. "We are a handful of
people under extremely difficult circum-
stances that are going to try to make a
socialist organization."

Harrington said that one of the reasons
they succeeded was because "unlike many
socialist organizations in the past, we did
not have any delusions that we were quickly
to lead the masses."

Harrington said his role in Boise was to
work with the Democratic Precinct Commit-
tee as saying, "We are only the third party
we have in the state, and we are the only one
that is going to be a union, so we have
to organize to be a union."

"I find no objection to anybody willing to
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constituencies to building a Socialist
Movement."

"So, it's an organizing strategy," he
continued. "Our orientation with the
Democratic Party is not that it's the
superstructure we want, but it's the base
we want, out of which we can hopefully evolve
structure."

"I think that we are now getting possibly
enough political weight in this country that
we can have some minimal effect on who
the candidate is, but, more importantly,"
Harrington emphasized, "we can have
more of an effect on establishing the way in
which the program is defined that
determines the candidate."

DSOC strategy in Idaho is materializing
in the form of Socialists working within the
Democratic Party, according to an article
in the May 1, 1982, issue of the Idaho
Statesman. In it, Jim Holden, president of
the Boise Chapter of the Democratic
Socialists of America, said, "Current
strategies include recruiting Ada County
Democratic precinct-committeepersons and
becoming delegates to the Idaho State
Democratic Convention."

Holden continued to say that, "third-party efforts
historically have never made it, so
organizationally we see our only hope to
work within the Democratic Party."

The same article quoted Mark Roby,
outgoing chairman of the Ada County
Democratic Central Committee as saying,
"I find no objection to anybody willing to
put in the effort to help strengthen the
Democratic Party. If in fact there are areas
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by Jay Lynch & Gary Whitney

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Take Your Time

by Don Rubin

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