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I Gave at the Office
by Colleen Bournhill

United Way of Ada County, Inc. collected more than one million dollars in the Boise area last year, primarily from payroll deductions in the workplace. More than 4,000 companies distributed contribution forms to their employees in a one-step payroll deduction plan. United Way had expected the response to be painless for both employees and the organizations involved.

In the past six or seven years, however, United Ways around the country have encountered a growing tide of criticism. Detractors allege that they monopolize charitable donations in the workplace, a lucrative market. In addition, critics charge United Way with having outmoded policies that are discriminatory, serving only a white, middle class clientele.

According to Timothy Saar, assistant director of the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, more than 99 percent of money raised nationwide in the workplace in 1978 went to United Way agencies. The largest percent of United Way dollars are the Red Cross, Family YMCA, YWCA, and Boise area Girl Scout and Boy Scout chapters.

In the last three years, twenty-three new agencies have applied for funding to Ada County's United Way. Only three of those, Ada County Council on Alcoholism, Boise Hotline, and Planned Parenthood were accepted into the fold.

Douglas Yunker, Chairman of the BSU social work department, quit United Way after serving one year on the Board of Directors. Yunker interprets the shortage of new accepted agencies in United Way as a lack of responsiveness to the evolving needs of the Boise community. "I felt that there wasn't a planning branch that evaluated services, that did some assessment of need versus what was being funded and then chose to fund services to meet needs."

Planned Parenthood

In May, 1981, Boise's Planned Parenthood, a family planning organization was awarded $10,000 by United Way to expand in community educational services. Later, that year, Planned Parenthood state President Phyllis Iverson announced to the Stateman that the agency's board of directors had approved funds from an abortion clinic to Boise office.

The Stateman reported that United Way received 200 phone calls from Boiseans responding to the announcement, a slight majority in favor of maintaining funding to Planned Parenthood.

Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center regularly places in the top fifteen contributing firms for United Way in the state. In April 22 issue of the Stateman, Sister Beverly Ann Nelson, the hospital's administrator, is quoted saying "If United Way funds are used to finance abortion, Saint Alphonsus will not participate." The Saint Alphonsus policy has not been officially adopted yet.

In system of programs around the country.

The Saint Alphonsus policy has not been officially adopted yet. The hospital's administrator said that the policy was not discussed in a recent meeting of the hospital's foundations board. "Because most of the money comes from the corporate sector, a fairly conservative part of society, they tend to go with more traditional organizations that they understand."

Women's Funding Alliance

United Way has been charged with discrimination in funding agencies that benefit women. "Traditionally, organizations and institutions that have been well-funded start with the private sector, and that's United Way," said Judy Ruby, Women's Funding Alliance in Seattle. Women's organizations (in United Way) receive 50 to 60 percent of the funding that men's organizations receive, she said.

"Traditionally, United Way boards are made up of white men who may not have a good understanding of the issues," Ruby continued. "Because most of the money comes from the corporate sector, a fairly conservative part of society, they tend to go with more traditional organizations that they understand."

Booth Memorial

Another issue for the local United Way concerns a five-year plan for funding Booth Memorial Home, a residential treatment program for the treatment of mental health and counseling services to young, unmed mothers. It also offers a day-care facility for the children of qualifying young women.

The program, which has lost 20 percent of its funding each year since 1980, will receive no United Way support in two years, said Salvation Army Director Major Jim Sullivan, who oversees Booth Memorial Home. "They should fund Booth Memorial Home," he said, "because it is a good, needed program in the community."

"It is expensive," Sullivan continued, "but my philosophy is that we would rather help one person fifty days than to help fifty people one day each. In residential care, you have a person twenty-four hours a day...but you can't just see a person once or twice and take care of his needs."

The Allocation Committee's decision to phase out Booth's services hinged on two factors, Kay said. One of those is the fact that the stigma once attached to teenage pregnancy is not as great as it was when the home was constructed thirty years ago. "It's important to know that Booth Memorial Programs around the country have been defunded significantly in the last five years," she said. It is a '50's solution to a '90's problem."

Wylla Barnett, BSU psychology professor and a member of...
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Radio Working Mothers  

Working mothers are often criticized for neglecting their kids, but a new study by the National Council of Women says this is a myth. The council found working mothers spend just as much time with their children as women who are housewives. And their husbands spend more time with them. According to panel head Sheila Kamerman of Columbia University, criticism of working mothers is justified by the fact that a career often gives a woman greater self-esteem, which the passes on to her kids. Many families also provide a child with more economic security, along with benefits like medical care and education. Kamerman claims a child's economic and social environment is more important to future success and well-being than whether or not the child's mother is home during the day. Other studies have shown that achievement levels of kids with working mothers differ very little from those of children whose mothers don't work. Los Angeles Times, October 27, 1982.

"Bermuda Triangle"  
The mysterious disappearance of ships and aircraft in the so-called "Bermuda Triangle" may be due to huge gas bubbles escaping from the ocean floor. Oil industry consultant Richard McIver says that if a domelike seal over an undersea gas reservoir were suddenly ruptured-say by an earthquake-the escaping gas would rush to the surface. The intense cold at the ocean's surface would cause the gas to freeze in the thin flowing-oil aircraft. The reservoirs described by McIver are thought to exist in the continental slopes where ocean-floor temperatures reach very low levels. Gas trapped in deep-sea sediments contains large amounts of carbon dioxide. Those conditions, he points out, exist right off the southeast coast of the United States-the Bermuda Triangle. Geo Magazine, November, 1982.

Burn Out  

Most doctors had never heard the term "burnout" a decade ago. Now scientists say it may affect three-fourths of the American workforce. Dr. Whiton Paine of Mercy Catholic Medical Center in Philadelphia studied feelings of role overload, cynicism, and disappointment on automation and computers. And, he says, burnout is built into the structure of many corporations, which tell workers: "You gotta work together or you gotta get along." But dissatisfaction with work is just part of the problem. Paine says job stress spills into the home and affects families, too, causing alcoholism, depression and heart ailments. Los Angeles Times, October 26, 1982.

Economic Blahs  
The current recession may not feature 1930's-style breadlines, but it is causing American workers "psychic pain" more than the Great Depression. So says Dr. Harvey Brenner, a psychologist and Sociologist at Johns Hopkins University. Brenner told a gathering of social welfare officials at the University of New Hampshire that Americans are taking the name of the Depression "very personally." "In the Depression," says Brenner, "families felt their situation was somehow temporary, but they didn't feel such an individual sense of blame." "The modern, factory worker or the modern small jobless people, or the modern small business employee, or the modern blue-collar worker, 'Brenner, it's as if we've tried to substitute institutionalized support for the family as the economic source for which many people have been set up to take care of people who are much more powerful." New York Times, October 14, 1982.

ASBSU Report: Weekly Business by Tom Farley

Senator Neil Petersen moved to introduce Senate Bill 33 and 35 for a second reading at the upcoming senate meeting. After the Senate members heard the report of ASBSU President Elyse Fairchild, Fairchild began the meeting by appointing Galen Schuler to the Business Promotions Committee and Dana Lonsbro to the board of directors at the Child Care Center. All appointments were approved by the senate.

Electronic Leashes?  

Admitting that his proposal sounds like something out of George Orwell, a California law enforcement official says criminals should be allowed to live outside of prison, wearing homing devices to monitor their activities. San Jose's Chief Probation Officer, Robert Weigle, compares the idea to "Air Traffic Control"-electronic devices implanted in the brain would allow criminals to travel only between work and home. Any deviation would set off an alarm, and police would be sent to pick them up. Weigle says the device would be used only on convoluted offenders, "Not the Charles Mansons." Nevertheless, the idea has already drawn fire. The local head of the American Civil Liberties Union cites "1984 is coming closer and this is a flagrant example of just how close."
A Free Press

A free press is often not an appreciated press. Last week two articles in the News brought this issue to our attention.

The first article which made this issue apparent involved university budget cut exercises. For the author of that story, many interviews said nothing, or little of value, and what was said obscured or avoided a major issue that threatens university budget cut exercises.

Those who feel that author public relations staff showed little respect for the equal role that the university community should share in confronting and changing what appears a grim future for higher education.

Those who did go on the record or who assisted us in pursuing the story are appreciated, but until their colleagues were from out of the county. "We were from out of the county. We were not here to the same wayside of a 'no comment' congress."

I, am appalled that you would comment on such a sensitive subject and allow such a statement to be made to the press. I also believe that another retractive statement should be released from you as well as an apology. We have had to deal with several surprised phone calls and visits from concerned listeners.

The Untold Story

Dear ASBSU President Marlyss Fairchild:

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An open letter to ASBSU President Marlyss Fairchild:

I have tried to reach you by phone for the last two days and have been unsuccessful. An article continued from cover.

at the Office

the United Way Board of Directors, agreed with Kay’s assessment. "The whole idea was that there wasn’t any place for young women to go when they get pregnant. Their parents threw them out." Business continued, "I don’t think we have as much of that kind of feeling around anymore."

The other reason for the decision was that Kay was that most of the girls served by the facility were from out of the county. "We were not here to the same wayside of a 'no comment' congress."

Policy & Power

The governing body of United Way’s Board of Directors consists of fifty members, only nine of whom are women. Most of the major business interests in Boise are represented, including Hewlett-Packard, Boise Cascade, Morrison-Knudsen, Albertsons, Inc., and many area banks.

The officers on the board make up an Executive Committee. According to the bylaws of the organization, this committee is charged with appointing chairpersons to standing committees. There is a basic problem in the organization as to United Way, according to Yunker. "The Board of Directors is the big group that makes it look like they have maximum feasible participation," he commented. "They have fifty members and that’s a large decision-making group, too large. So you have an executive committee."

Yunker contends that the executive committee in making decisions for the larger body does not always reflect their interests, especially, "when it gets down to the hard core, important issues."

As an example, Yunker referred to the Planned Parenthood decision, which was swung by a large number of absentee votes among Board members. "The executive committee around and got all those, he claimed. The recommendation of the executive committee was to cut off funding to the agency. It was put out to a vote because "a large group on the Board had called and said I don’t like the way this is going."

Pressure Tactics!

There is sometimes a fine line between enthusiasm for a cause and the exertion of undue pressure to obtain it. Said Thomas E. Stixel, Dean of BSU’s School of Business and United Way Board member.

Another criticism faced by United Way’s nationwide is that employees of sponsoring companies feel pressured by peers and supervisors to contribute. Further, many feel that the "one gift for all" concept behind the charity denies them the freedom to choose where their contributions go.

"Anytime you have a donor who feels he’s been pressured into giving, you have a problem for those of us in the aware of the student government rumor-game playing that student organizations such as KBSU must be put through year after year.

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The Idaho Folklore Society presents a bazaar, thru Nov. 6, Boisean Lounge; Dr. Virginia Cox, cultural anthropologist, enrolled. 1983. Restricted to students presently advising and pre-registration for Spring 1983. Registration 336-9151.

Boise State University's Department of Music presents a faculty recital, Mike Samaniego, piano, 11 a.m., 8th St. Market, S2. This recital is presented by the Idaho Folklife Society.

Faculty recital, Mike Samaniego, piano and Barbara Rodriguez, oboe, 7:30 p.m., Idaho Club. This recital is sponsored by the Boise State University Alumni Association.

The Boisean Lounge, Boise State University, Nov. 8, 10:00 p.m. The Knack is a punk rock band from London.

The Boisean Lounge, Boise State University, Nov. 9, 10:00 p.m. The Caverns is an English rock band.

The Boisean Lounge, Boise State University, Nov. 10, 10:00 p.m. The Quicksands is a British rock band.

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The National Picture

The United Way in Boise operates without competitors in the workplace solicitation market. Timothy Saasta of the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, said in a Nation article that 90 percent of local United Ways solicit without competition. This “virtual monopoly,” he said, “is called unfair and unproductive by its critics, who cite statistics showing that...where there has been competition, United Way was not hurt and overall donations increased significantly.”

United Way puts little stock in that assertion, Saasta said. Some United Ways, he continued, have used fair and foul means to keep competitive organizations out of the workplace.

In 1975, Catholic Charities, a fund-raising organization that cooperated with United Way, agreed to drop its campaign and join United Way. According to an article in Working Woman magazine, United Way in turn unethically agreed not to fund programs that were against the religious beliefs of Catholics.

Now Stekete, a representative for Woman’s Way, a coalition of groups that utilize employee payroll deduction and other fund raising methods to meet the needs of women. Because one of Woman’s Way’s six member groups runs abortion clinics, the agency was refused funding by United Way in 1978. Woman’s Way was turned down, Stekete claimed, as a result of this “understanding” between Catholic Charities and United Way.

“The problem (here) is how they have implemented it,” Stekete said. The first year, she said, the money donated arrived at the designated charities three months late, leaving some unable to meet rent payments.

The next year, United Way misplaced 10,000 of 48,000 donation option cards that had been collected by United Way, said Stekete. They were eventually found in a shoe box at the United Way head office.

Why did it happen? “It could be considered deliberate negligence,” Stekete said. “It could be considered over-arrogance. It could be considered gross incompetence.”

CHAD

There are Combined Health Agency drives (CHAD’s) throughout the United States. While some exist in harmony with United Ways, in California there are problems.

Robert Trefry, CHAD representative in the San Francisco area, began a workplace campaign similar to United Way’s ten years ago. Although he says that total contributions from employees increased, and United Way did not suffer any losses, retaliatory action was taken before the next year’s campaign.

That action was the donor option plan. The theory, Trefry maintained, was that any employee could designate funds to a CHAD agency. It did not, he said, work that way in practice.

“What happens is that most employers aren’t aware they have that option. And even when they are aware, (they) don’t both to get the designation form from the United Way, because it is not given to them. They have to go somewhere and get it. And United Way discourages designations.”

United Way has lobbied intensely, Trefry continued, to bar CHAD campaigns removed from businesses in both the public and private sectors. “They are so active and aggressive that they write letters,” he has just recently written letters to all the cities in Santa Clara County, asking that we be removed because of administrative overhead.”

In July, 1977, The United Way was so aggressive in its lobbying efforts that CHAD was in fact removed from some company campaigns, according to Trefry. The result was a lawsuit filed by CHAD charging United Way with violation of anti-trust laws.

CHAD lost the lawsuit and, Trefry said, the battle goes on. “We continue in our efforts to develop new programs, and improve the quality of our existing programs in spite of United Way. And they don’t ease up,” he noted.

UWA

Steve Delfin, Director of Media Services for United Way of America’s (UWA) headquarters in Virginia, emphasized the autonomy of its local affiliates. “We don’t give them our marching orders,” he said. “We don’t set rules and policies for them.”

Delfin did, however, agree that if Boise’s Plan view was interfering with United Way’s fund raising activities, it should be dropped from the member agency list. “It’s the greater good argument, he claimed, and is valid.

The purpose of United Way, according to Delfin, is to engage in “social welfare planning,” while many of the organization’s critics are special interest, advocacy groups concerned with “social change.” “We’re not in the same business,” he said.

Timothy Saasta, Director for NCRP, did not deny the advocacy role of the agencies he represents. He did say, however, that “advocacy is very much a part of the history and definition of charity.”

As proof of his claim, Saasta referred to Dorothy Dix, 19th century crusader for social reform, who used charity to make badly needed changes in the nation’s mental hospitals.

“The NCRP (National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy) has been around for the better part of eight years. Their ideas,” Delfin remarked, “just aren’t as marketable as what we’ve got.”

Most companies admit United Way, Delfin said, because they “represent the local community” and “have a proven track record,” unlike the NCRP, which talks in ethical terms about social change, and offers no tangible services.

Progress has been made, Saasta said. The goal of NCRP is to help non-United Way agencies gain access to employee contributions, and, in more than a dozen states, he said, that goal has been realized. Major corporations in the New York metropolitan area, including IBM and Bell Laboratories, have allowed NCRP’s agencies access to their employees.

The war over United Way rages on.

Critics want to either effect changes in the structure of United Way or create other alternatives for collection charity dollars. If changes occur, they want assurance that we give at the office and where our donated money goes.