

Two Northwest publications to come together

■ **MERGER:** *Northwest Comic News* will begin printing *IN TOWN* pages beginning in February

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IN TOWN Magazine, an entertainment and business monthly, and the *Northwest Comic News*, a biweekly digest of humor and commentary, will become a single publication in February. The merger is the result of both *IN TOWN*'s decision to stop publishing and the kind-hearted nature of *Comic News* publisher, Don Kahle.

IN TOWN plans to close its doors because White and his business partner, Art Director Shann Anderson, are exhausted.

"It's been five years since we had any spare time," White said in a news release. "*IN TOWN* has always been a labor of love and it has always been fun. But, it seemed like it was time to move on."

Kahle, who has been the publisher of the *Comic News* for the last eight months, said he called White when he found out *IN TOWN* was closing its doors.

"I wanted to know what I could do to help," Kahle said in an interview. "I wanted to do something, so I left a blank check offer on the table."

Kahle said there was a connection between him and White at their first meeting.

White agreed.

"He was one of the first peo-

ple to call me," White said in the news release. "We got together and hit it off right away."

Kahle said he and White met without an agenda and their small talk eventually led to serious discussions about combining the two publications.

Kahle said he sees some interesting qualities in his new publishing partner.

"William is willing to make enemies," he said. "He has picked sides in the past. I think William is the sort of publisher Eugene deserves."

Kahle said the combined publication will look like the *Comic News* with *IN TOWN* pages and will appear in early February.

He also said White and Anderson will continue to work

with the combined publication as Associate Publisher and Associate Art Director, respectively.

Kahle said in a news release that the combined publication will be a challenge, but a welcomed one. He said the *Comic News* has been expanding its design in recent months.

Kahle emphasized that the *Comic News* is a local publication.

"Not many people know that we're local," Kahle said. "A lot of people think our paper is produced and controlled by some big cartel in another city somewhere."

The final issue of *IN TOWN* appeared as the second section of the Jan. 11 issue of the *Comic News*.

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by the group.

Even before the walk began, students were expressing their specific concerns. Margaret Butler, co-director of the LGBA, said the stairway up from the EMU courtyard wasn't lit properly, making for a dangerous descent anytime in the evening.

Right away, Hicks and King addressed the concern, noting the stairway had lights, they were just unoperational at the time. At the end of the walk, both men listed the stairway as one of their first concerns in the improvement process.

While students pointed out numerous problems and ideas for solutions, the administrators, along with the group, left most of the decisions to further debate and planning. Among the ideas presented were one main well-lit walkway through campus, trimming of various shrubs and trees, and an increased number of call boxes in accessible areas.

Both administrators, while committing themselves to changes in the near future, stressed the fact that funds are limited.

"We need to find our priorities," King said. "We want to put the money where it will do the most good."

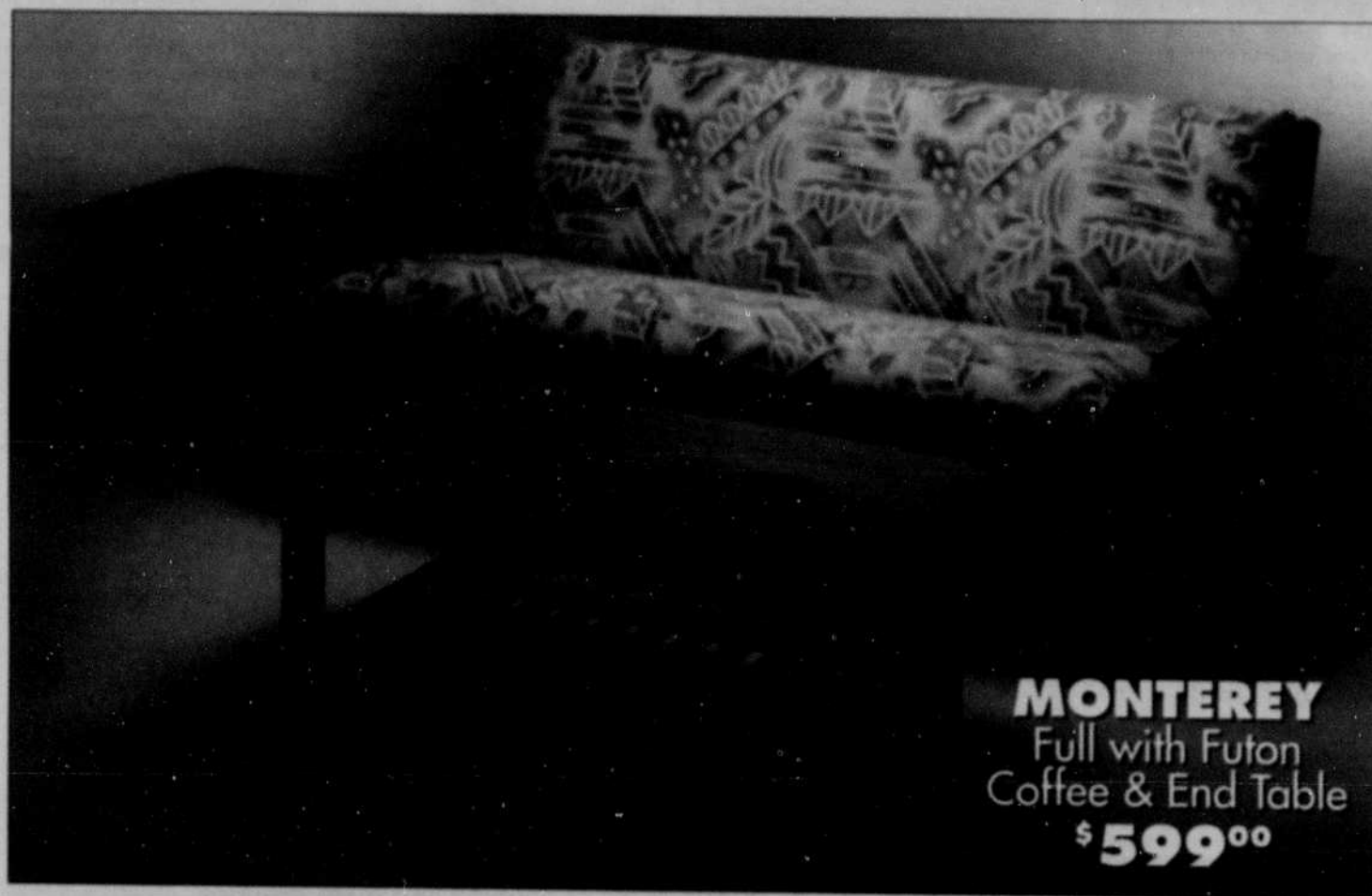
Students and administrators alike appeared generally pleased with the results of the walk.

"We're making progress but there's still a lot to go," King said.

"The fact that [the administrators] we're willing to listen and willing to take part in a dialogue was very helpful," Thompson said.

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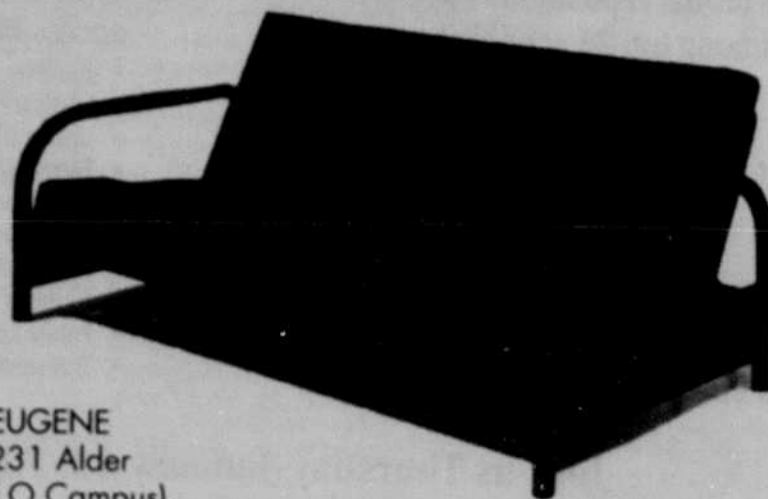
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lion in 1995.

"Registration and education is only the first step," he said. "Students must get out and vote."

The Senate race between Ron Wyden and Gordon Smith is close, so student votes are integral to the special election, Anthes said.

"It's probably neck and neck right now," she said.

The University has registered more than 10,000 students since the 1994 election season. In 1994 alone, about 7,500 University students registered to vote, the largest number for any university in the nation.

Students can drop their ballots in a special drop box provided by Youth Vote '96 in front of the Ben Linder Room on the first floor of the EMU. The box will be open from about 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on weekdays and until 8 p.m. on Jan. 30, election night.