

Ski season shapes up

by Mike Poe

The brisk breeze tugs gently at the ends of your hair and fills your cheeks with a rosy glow. The frosty sunlight glistens off your sunglasses as you survey the world around you. Behind you is the humdrum existence of everyday life. Ahead of you is the challenge. There you stand, silhouetted against the sky, master of the challenge. THE SKIER!

You grip each of your poles gently but firmly, and gracefully push off with a combination of poles and skis. Your edges bite sharply into the sparkling snow as you glide through several wide winding turns down the mountainside. The soft "swish, swish" of your skis makes a rhythm equalled by no orchestra on earth. Your arms, legs and feet work in a unison which rivals the finest of machines. The ease of skiing comes back to you from the recesses of your mind as quickly as the fastest Hewlett-Packard computer. Such freedom and exhilaration!

Suddenly the rhythmic "swish, swish" is broken by a grinding screech worse than a thousand fingernails on the grittiest chalkboard. You are pitched nose first into the miserably cold snow, arms and legs flailing as you roll and slide down the slope. A myriad of noises assail your ears. The crashing and smashing of ski against ski and pole against ski is frightening, but not nearly as frightening as the sickening snap you hear. Finally, after what seems to be an eternity you slide to a stop. You lie there with that chilling snow melting in your

ears, filling your sunglasses and running down your neck. Fearfully, you glance down at your legs to see which one of them is going to be turned at that unaccustomed angle signalling a broken bone. To your relief the snap you heard was only the normal safety action of your bindings releasing so your leg won't break.

Brushing the snow off you think to yourself, "Well, Jean Claude I'm not." No, in fact more like John Clod.

The forecast had said "three new inches," but you had failed to hear it all. Actually the forecast was for three new inches of rock. The bottoms of your skis look like someone thought they were a tropical rain forest and tried to hack their way through them with a machete.

With last year's dearth of snowfall, the forecast of three new inches of rock was much more common than one of three new inches of snow. Fortunately, not so this year. Already Bogus Basin is reporting better conditions than at any time last year. With more storms moving in from the North, the skiing at Bogus this year should be merely magnificent. Almost all slopes in the area have



The long awaited snow has finally fallen.

been open for several weeks now with Brundage Mountain near McCall boasting probably the deepest base of all. Sun Valley and Anthony Lakes say skiing is all right, but like Bogus are waiting for a little more snow before calling it excellent.

So, if you can sneak a little time away (like a Dean of Men

we won't mention) from all your classes and that heavy studying, go enjoy the feel of wind whipping in your face as you schuss down one of the nearby slopes. If you can't get away during the day, Bogus Basin boasts one of the largest night complexes in the U.S. So day or night, skiing is all right! □

Lab Band boogies

by Ginny Luhn

Lab Band presented NNC with a Christmas present, in the form of a concert, last night. The gift was wrapped with all the trimmings and extras that are known to hold an audience spellbound, and this audience was no excep-

tion. The concert began with a smooth, swing piece that involved not only the band, but the individual. The piece, "Autumn Leaves" used the depth of each section and then combined them to result in a

very nice sound. Then (of course) "Star Wars Medley" appeared in force, but it was different from the usual Star Wars sound and made for good listening. One of the highlights of the concert was the presentation of the song "Crosswind". A good rock beat and several great solos made for a "get down" feeling. "Crosswind" was followed by "Cabaret." Denise Angier sang with the band, Bob Diehm conducted (and also "sang"), and the result was an unusual presentation of "Cabaret."

Because this was a Christmas concert (and no one knows what a Christmas concert would be without Christmas music), a medley of Christmas songs was played. Chimes and french horns were added to the band to make the familiar Christmas sound, and Santa paraded around out in the audience throwing candy to the surprised fans. The "Christmas Medley" was followed up by a very different arrangement of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." Again the whole band was involved in producing a full and smooth sound.

There were many outstanding solos and each song held its own bit of excitement and enjoyment which was relayed by the Lab Band to the audience. NNC will remember this Christmas gift for many days to come. □



Welcome. We are enriched by your presence here. And you are likewise fortunate to be here, as you shall see. Full is the wisdom of you who seek to learn by the experience of this seminar: Philosophy 464 -- Meteorological Metaphysics.

We shall begin with the story -- in the weather vein, of course.

as long as namuoy can remember, there has been namuoy, and namuoy could see, and namuoy could hear, and namuoy could feel, but namuoy could not understand.

and the first season, that of the rain, came to namuoy, and namuoy saw the lightning of dertah and heard the thunder of erafraw and thought he liked them until he felt the rain, and the rain nearly killed namuoy, and namuoy did not understand.

and the season of heat came to namuoy, after the rain, the heat was comfortable, so namuoy did not see the drying of the waters, nor hear the gasps of the wilting flowers, but soon namuoy felt thirsty, and lonely, and namuoy did not understand.

and the season of the wind came to namuoy, and namuoy saw the leaves fall and heard the screech of the wind and the rustle of leaves that were dead, and namuoy felt the cold coming, and namuoy did not understand.

and through the screech and the rustle and the cold came the season of the Child, and namuoy saw the beautiful flakes of the season of the Child, and namuoy felt the tender kiss of the first flake alight upon his forehead, and before the flake melted away, namuoy heard (barely) it whisper to him: "Joy," and the second flake alighted near his ear and softly sang "To," and another flake gently but more firmly chimed in with "The," and the next flake lovingly lifted its own message: "World," and in this way a choral symphony, white and perfect, blanketed namuoy in hope, and namuoy understood.

Social Work Class

by Dana Sherrill

Dr. Roy Truby, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the state of Idaho will be a guest in SW297 Topics in Social Work: Socio-Political Action and Process. Truby will respond to questions posed to him by a panel of students from the class. A wide variety of topics will be discussed, including women's roles in education, public vs. private education and the future of education. The course is taught by Steve Scanlin. The class is meeting Monday at 7:00 PM in LC 114. Truby will also be responding to questions raised by the audience. Though the class will be of particular interest to social work, psychology, sociology, and education majors, everyone is invited to attend.

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*Happy Birthday (Burp!)

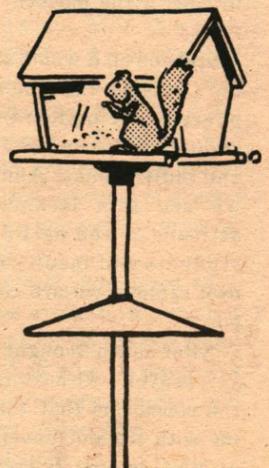
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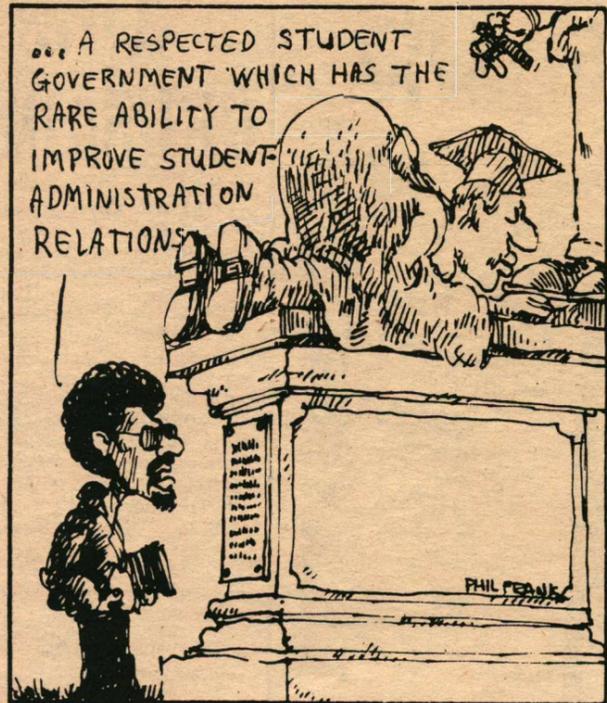


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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Extension of administration?

"...The government hears only its own voice while all the time deceiving itself, affecting to hear the voice of the people while demanding that they also support the pretense. And on their side, the people either partly succumb to political skepticism or completely turn away from public life and become a crowd of individuals, each living only his own private existence." 19th cent. Philosopher

Why is the Crusader concerned about student government at NNC? We admit that for a college our size we have all the trappings of student activity--and then some. We have reasonably good athletic teams, charming homecoming courts and a duly constituted Student Senate. We have an able student body president who takes his duties seriously and works hard to advance a certain image of NNC conceived by the Administration and dedicated to goodwill towards everyone. Everyone, that is, but the students who recognize superficial goodwill when they see it.

Our age has been called "The Age of Indifference," with student apathy or an attitude of indifference present in colleges and universities across the country. Some call it the "20th Century Slump," and some go so far as to label it the modern "Dark Ages."

Still and all it would seem to the Crusader that the atmosphere at a Kingdom College should not be one of apathy and indifference. And when we see this lackadaisical attitude on the part of both students and faculty on our own campus we are concerned.

After much thought and -- yes, prayer -- we have come to the conclusion that the trouble with student government at NNC is that it lacks the motivation and virility to

attack the real issue at stake. It is one thing to talk of "Improving Student-Administrative relations"; it is quite another to face the continuing basic conflicts of the past few years: disciplinary procedures, student government structure, press freedom, consistently worthwhile chapels, definite Judicial Board structure and honest student-administrative relations. The Crusader did not invent these issues--they have been, and should still be, the main course at each and every student retreat where student leaders sit down in seriousness to talk about what ails our school. What the Crusader deplores is the fact that somewhere all these problems have been discarded and the Student Senate occupies itself with the "busy work" of the Parliament.

We submit that a careful review of the past will show that while the boundaries of these conflicts have been talked about and modified from time to time, the root causes are still present.

The Crusader would like to ask some sobering questions... questions to be answered by each and every student leader. Is student government becoming just an extension of the administration? Are student leaders making the honest and easy mistake of trying to second-guess administrative action and then pleasing the administration by producing congruent results? Is eliminating the clash between students and the administration a solution to real problems?

Even now I can hear some administrators saying "We've gone through all this before." Hopefully this will be one time when they ask themselves why this should be so. Hopefully by arousing students from apathy and challenging them to think, the Crusader will be doing its part

to urge that this time the problem will be solved and not merely shelved.

In conclusion, the Crusader sincerely believes that the question of student rights on the NNC campus must be solved in mutuality by both students and administrative leaders. A spirit of concern--expressed in relevant student input and constructive, aggressive leadership, based on solid student support of the most important efforts of student government--must be cultivated in order to fulfill the ideals behind a representative government. mp

COMMENTARY:

Let us celebrate Christmas

by Luverne Shull

Homecoming is past and Christmas vacation is once again approaching. It is a time to see our families and take a brief rest from our studies. But is that all?

Take a moment and let some memories of past Christmases flow through your mind. Brightly wrapped packages, tree trimming, hanging stockings and so on... These memories are vividly ingrained

because as children we wholeheartedly gave ourselves over to the observance of Christmas. We threw ourselves with abandon into the suspense, speculations, and plans with such total absorption that the rewards were great. So too can be the disappointments.

As the years pass our concept of Christmas changes. We begin to see the joy that comes from giving. But beyond that, other topics marriage, college and career fill our minds and crowd out our appreciation. This should not be the case.

At Christmas we celebrate the arrival of God's gift, the

life of His only Son, Jesus Christ. As we mature our realization of the preciousness of so great a salvation should increase causing continual celebration, and our joy should spill over.

As students, many of us are materially poor but we have the opportunity to give the most costly gift the world can receive.

This Christmas let us give something precious. Share the plan of salvation, spend time in visitation, express His love through your prayers, actions and conversation.

Let us imitate Christ in our giving of gifts. Let us begin to renew our celebration.

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LETTERS

Editorial Comment rebuttal

To the Editor:

Upon reading the editorial comment in last week's issue, my first impression was one of back stabbing not only the administration but myself as President of ASNNC. I realize that this may not have been the purpose in mind, but this method of initiating changes in attitudes of our administrators can only be taken negatively by the administrators if they were not first confronted about their attitudes toward student government; especially when the statement was made "That the purpose of the editorial is to point out the futility of ASNNC's actions as perceived by the administration."

The editorial is taking for granted that this is indeed their feeling. It couldn't even have been said that the article was a true perception of the editor for he avoided confronting the administration about their attitudes. So, I would assume, the information came from other sources. When making rash statements perceived from some grapevine I question the validity (sounds like hearsay).

From talking with all

of the administrators about the article they felt that they would have had a more positive view of the article if the editor would have come to them and at least stated that he felt the way he did before broadcasting to not only our campus but outside subscribers that our administration was as described.

I also question the statement, "the Crusader Handbook is so infiltrated with ambiguities that anything and everything we as students gain can be stopped cold without a second thought." True the Handbook has ambiguities (a Senate committee is in the process of clearing them up).

The clause, "the above jurisdiction shall not preclude the prerogative of administrative decisions," can be found in any student handbook of every college or university around the country and has to be there or else there would be fewer colleges today than there are.

I don't want to say that the entire article should be burned. Instead, we should look at it as constructive criticism, as it was probably

intended. I do want to say, however, that I feel the back stabbing which I and the administration felt should have been avoided by better communication, which would have also cleared up a lot of false accusations and perceptions projected onto the administration. I am also writing this rebuttal to let the campus know that the view of one person is not necessarily that of everyone involved with ASNNC.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Bodenstab
ASNNC President

Music?

We would like to express our appreciation for the Christian music that was played during meal hours in Saga first term. We felt that it was a real uplift to our day, and provided a good image for our guests. We are looking forward to having this trend continue.

Russell B. Hansen
Donald R. Creasman
Ron Slovick
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Giving thanks

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the article in last week's issue of the CRUSADER concerning Thanksgiving weekend.

Thanksgiving, to me is just what the name implies. A time to give thanks and a time for giving. Even though our campus gets crowded by many moms, dads, and alumni, who else would you want with you to share such a special time? I only wish I'd have been honored to have my family with me during this time. I admire those moms, dads, and alumni who took not only the time, but due to the weather conditions, were risking their lives to be here during Thanksgiving.

Even though I am only average to the majority of students on campus, I considered myself very lucky to be at a friend's house during this terrific time of Thanksgiving. It made me feel special because my friend offered her home to me along with several other friends to share a time of fellowship, fun and lots and lots of laughter.

For those "unlucky" students who had to eat in Saga, were really not so unlucky. They had the traditional turkey dinner and were really lucky enough to have a place to eat. Saga didn't have to be open, after all it is a holiday right?

As for those "sprinters" in front of the crowd of Jog-a-

thonners, at least they were out there running and participating in a very worthwhile project. I didn't want to run because I thought I'd look stupid being overweight and all, but let me tell you, I sure felt guilty when I saw some people twice as old as me putting out their steam and chalking up lap after lap.

My Thanksgiving was terrific, especially because I honestly gave thanks to our ever loving God, and also because I felt honored to give of myself to those around me. A very thankful student,
Pam Chrisinger

Norr in Orr

To the Editor:

Once upon a time in the land of Orr, there was a mountain which held the people of Orr in its magic grasp. For you see, in this mountain was hid a very precious treasure of fine, rare quality. The valuable materials had to be carefully extracted from the very rocks of the mountain itself. These people were very proud and protective of this great treasure of theirs and went to great extremes in the careful processing of it. There was a very special, highly trained group of experts, whose job it was to find and reap this material. To do this, of course, very precious and technical tools and equipment were required. This task force had about 20 members including their leader, or foreman, whose name was Rue. This job required that each man have his own equipment. This machinery was made of the finest brass and was indeed an art work in itself. The men who built them had to be of an excellence of the highest order. The workers, each one, religiously polished and cared for his own equipment as if it were a collection of precious jewels which no amount of money could buy. Each man was proud of his machine and operated it in a skilled and gentle way, showing in actions his extreme love for the equipment which he owned.

On one fall morning, not much different from all the others, one of the workers did not appear at his normal position in the work group. In fact, he was not there at all.

Thanks

To the Editor:

I liked the article you wrote, although you may have received criticism and a few sidelong glances because of its nature. It is refreshing to realize that some serious thinking is going on.

The editorial was very well written, and it contained some valid observations. Thank you for expressing those thoughts that many have had here at NNC.
B. Gertson

Appreciated

To the Editor:

We really appreciated and agreed with the stand you took in last week's editorial. "After all, we're just students here." It presented facts about the operation of this campus that needed to be known.
Sincerely,
Two scholarship recipients that want to keep them.

adam's rib ♀

by Sonja Cady

There once was a time when there were no women. That is a fact that must be faced by feminists and conservatives alike. Housewives and businesswomen alike must come "face-to-face" with the issue. It is perhaps even more crucial when it is realized the possibilities of where women might have been born.

According to Dr. Wes Hanson's version of the creation story, God may have very well used the 11th and 12th ribs (the floating ribs) to form the basis of the rib structure of the creature he called "woman." These ribs, it must be noted, are the only ones having the ability of regeneration. Does this mean women are less than men since they have only a secondary claim to their ribs? NO! It merely means women have improved them by adding to the anatomical structure a woman's heart—which though some may find it confusing, is in reality what makes the world tick.

But back to the issue of our creation—another possible theory is the one proposed by T.J. Liverwater, a professor at Holy Mary College in New Hampshire. Dr. Liverwater, a well-known sociologist in that area is positive that women were created specifically by God in order to enhance the beauty, the loveliness and the overall appearance of our sometimes drab and boring world. Dr. Liverwater believes this has great sociological implications in that without women there would be 1)no children 2)no understanding companions and competitors of men and 3)no Women's Lib. Dr. Liverwater is also quick to point out that without women there would be no such things as "the educational institution", or the "political institution" (since everyone knows that "behind every great man is a woman"). In addition, Liverwater is particularly grateful to the creation of women because without them, sociology would be as he put it "kinda boring."

A third and last idea of the origin of women comes from our favorite source and yours—Someone who knows everything about being a woman (since she/he is one) and everything about creating women (since she/he created women). Better known by the name "God" we learn from a correspondent of this same deity that a woman gave these profound words of advice to her son:

Open your mouth for the dumb

For the rights of all the unfortunate

Open your mouth, judge righteously

And defend the rights of the afflicted and needy

--Proverbs 31:8-9 (the oracle of King Lemuel's mother)

How interesting that a man and a ruler could find such wisdom in words from his mother!

All of which can lead to only one conclusion that without women there would be less of a world. And that without women there could not be the best of the world. Whichever theory is accurate, of the three suggested, one fact is ultimately clear—women are here to stay. And women are the principle reason the world goes round—as an old children's song goes—

"...It's girls, it's girls, it's girls that make

the boys go round...boys that make the dogs go

round...dogs that make the cats go round...

cats that make the rats go round...rats that make

the cheese go round...cheese that makes the

world go round..."□

heavy frost and winter was threatening the land it just so happened that Norr reached his port in the mountain of treasure a slight bit later than usual and much to his horror found someone again using his precious tool. Norr went straightway to the man Rue and inquired of his involvement in this brutality. Rue, a bit taken aback by Norr's violent and raging temperament, sheepishly admitted to once again granting permission of the use to another person. Norr reacted with much angry word and reprimand, but this only made the Rue mad and caused him to indignantly defend himself with utterances of total ignorance. Each time Rue opened his lips he said things which in the end utterly

destroyed the virtue and quality of his own character.

Later, whenever Norr would tell of these experiences his friends would marvel at his control and lack of vengeful measures, for they all agreed that had it been them they would have exploded with rage. After that Norr often wondered why then had the Rue said that Norr was overreacting and that he was sorry if Norr had allowed his feelings to get hurt. This lowness of character even angered Norr occasionally.

Norr often wondered what the Rue would have done if it had been his polished jewel which had been abused. In fact, to this very day Norr still wonders. Good Day.
Gary Bullock

Litwit

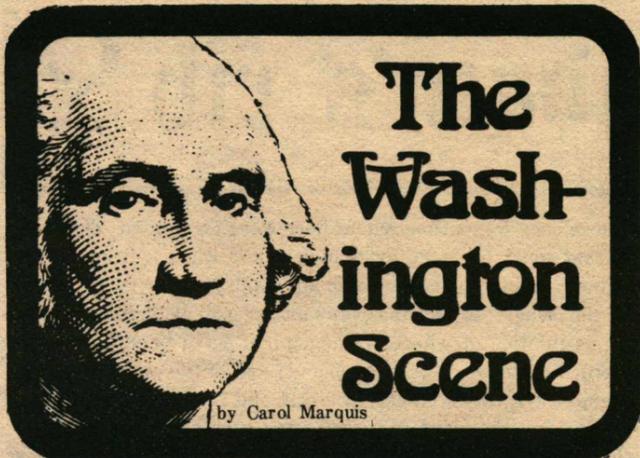
Dear Mr. Editor:

I'm writing to say "thank you" for Sonja Cady's column "Lit Wit." Sonja makes a book review into a real joy and experience for me.

I have read almost all the books Sonja brings alive in her column each week, and for me, she made them even more real.

Sonja doesn't criticize, or try to impress me with big fancy words or phrases. She says it like she enjoyed something and really wants to share it. (Not like a lot of the other articles in the CRUSADER that always seem to be judging, cutting down someone, or criticizing).

Sonja is a good writer, with good content in her articles. Thank you for having a "true" writer on your staff.
Jamey Sturmer



The Washington Scene

by Carol Marquis

As delegates from the more radical Arab nations descended upon Libya last weekend, they were met by signs proclaiming "Welcome, heroes of steadfastness, to the land of steadfastness." This rather euphemistic slogan apparently did not have the desired effect, for by the end of the meeting the powerful Iraqi delegation had walked out in anger, considerably weakening the anti-Sadat front that the militant Arabs had hoped to consolidate. The loss of Iraq means that Syria will now have to bear the brunt of any military conflict, since the other radical Arab nations of Algeria, South Yemen, and Libya, and the P.L.O. and P.L.F. (Popular Liberation Front, more radical than the P.L.O.), do not have the military or economic might to support a campaign against either Israel or Egypt. This places Syria in a very delicate position, and will make Assad take a less radical position than he might otherwise have done had he had some other military power to stand beside him. This leads us to the pertinent question of what the Soviet response will be. So far they have been remarkably unverbose, only issuing a warning against making separate peace treaties.

Meanwhile, Sadat has not been frittering away his time—earlier this week he severed diplomatic relations with Syria, Libya, Algeria, South Yemen, and Iraq; the diplomats from these coun-

tries were given to understand that they had twenty-four hours in which to leave the country, or else face the dire consequences of their continued sojourn. This action by Sadat amply demonstrates how much Egypt is depending upon the U.S., as admitted by acting Egyptian Foreign Minister Butros Ghali "The U.S. is supporting President Sadat, and the U.S. holds 99% of the cards." Sadat has declared that his trip to Israel was instigated by several handwritten communications from Carter. Carter has not commented on this as of yet, but he is sending Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to the Mideast later this week, after he attends a NATO meeting.

As a student in the depths of academic despair was laboring over a vocabulary test, he was seized with a rebellious spirit and wrote "I don't know and I don't care" after the last word on the test. This turned out to his advantage because the word was "apathy". It was recently revealed that 58% of Americans feel that the government doesn't care what happens to them. This large percentage of alienated persons can only come about because of a lack of knowledge, both on the part of our government and of our citizenry. It would seem to be our responsibility to let our government know how we feel.

In closing, one final word of advise—"A good thing to remember about meeting a lawyer is don't." □

Senate passes loan

This week's Senate meeting was nothing out of the ordinary. There were some excellent proposals submitted, good discussion flourished, and much was accomplished. All Senators were present.

Doug Brown, spiritual leader of the Senate, opened the meeting with inspirational prayer. Moving right into the officer's reports, Social Vice President Paul Bentley mentioned that the Lab Band Concert will be Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7:15 PM in the Science Lecture Hall followed immediately by the ASNNC Christmas Party which will feature the film "Oliver." Cost of the concert is \$1.00 and the Christmas Party is free.

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9 and 10, are home basketball games. The Crusaders host Western Montana and Rocky Mountain College respectively. Tip-off time both nights is 8 PM. After Friday's game, a bus will leave the Student Center for an all-school skate. Cost is \$1.50.

ASNNC Business Manager Cherie Weatherford reported that she has billed 43 new students for student fees. She mentioned that she is now in the process of auditing the financial books of many school organizations. Cherie also submitted to all Senators a prepared report outlining all expenditures for the months of October and November.

In Mark Bodestab's weekly Senate address, he proposed the idea of having a "Presidents Cabinet." Serving on this cabinet would be key leaders from various sectors of student government. Tammy Niemann placed the responsibility of further research into the hands of the powerful Ways and Means committee headed by Ray Wardlaw.

A resolution was submitted by Judy Moench in which she outlined several reasons in favor of keeping the Saga study area open from 8-11 PM until the end of second term.

Her main argument was that many students are not aware that this area is open for group study. An amendment to the resolution altering it to read "opened only two weeks at mid-term and two weeks of finals," failed. The original resolution passed, and it was agreed to publicize the availability of this study area and its hours more efficiently.

The Sophomore Senators proposed a bill which would allot sufficient funds to bring

Christian speaker/comedian Mike Warnke to our campus. The Senators listened to a tape of a recent program done by Warnke. They found him to have an excellent message, and to be not only very easy to listen to, but also quite humorous. The funds were appropriated as the bill passed with a large majority.

With the evenings business now complete, it was moved to adjourn until next week, same time, same place. □



ASNNC

by Tammy Niemann

After such a rousing Christmas Party and excellent Lab Band Concert last night, I am ready for a little relaxation; however, that appears impossible as the Crusader Basketball team will be meeting Rocky Mountain Friday night, and Western Montana Saturday night. Look for the All-School Skate after the game tonight. The buses will leave the Student Center at 10:45 PM and return about 1:00 AM. See you all there.

The ASNNC Senate appears to have become a bank. During this week's Senate meeting, the Sophomore class made a plea for a loan of \$2,000 led by the fearless Senator Doug Brown, and succeeded! This new turn by the Senate is quite unheard of; however, the opposition was genuinely impressed by the well-thought out presentation which will land the famed Christian comedian Mike Warnke on NNC's campus January 27, 1978. This should be quite a treat if it even comes close to the tape that the Senate listened to on Tuesday. Good luck sophomore class.

The Senate also passed a resolution to ask for the opening of Saga again this term at night, possibly earlier in the evening, to accommodate those people needing a place for group study. Watch for the notices proclaiming the opening of Saga (hopefully) and then use it.

Last Thursday, I attended an Idaho Student Association Executive Board meeting. This meeting was a little dry at times, but appeared to have a lot to offer for the students of NNC. The ISA is looking into the possibility of an insurance program that would include dental, medical, and life insurance in addition to existing accident insurance policy. An insurance representative spoke at the meeting and the idea of a better insurance program through the ISA definitely has more

potential than just a futile dream. That's the idea of ISA—to provide a better life at NNC through the cooperation of all the schools in Idaho.

Also making his appearance at the ISA board meeting was Don Rollie of the Idaho Education Association. He was very informative concerning ways the ISA could lobby more effectively in the Idaho State Legislature. The ISA is under the new leadership of Executive Director Will Roy, a former student of North Idaho College and Boise State University. I was extremely impressed with the leadership he showed at the board meeting and with the way he has organized the ISA along with their lobbying effort in the past month he has been in office. The future of the ISA looks bright and the success of the lobbying should be beneficial to NNC students as the primary goals for this legislative session are: 1) tax credit for students, 2) in-state tuition, 3) social security exemption, 4) higher education funding, and 5) no exemption of APA for State Board. Mike Robinson, a sophomore at NNC is planning to lobby this year with the ISA and with a year of experience behind him, he should be a real help to the ISA and to NNC.

There is an election today for the offices of Freshman class treasurer and Publications Board member and sophomore class Publications Board member. The polls are open from 11:00-1:00 and from 4:30-6:30 in the Student Center. Be sure to get out and cast your vote freshmen and sophomores.

As this will be my last article before Christmas, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very blessed Christmas season. Of course when one is in college that must include a "good luck with mid-terms" and "have a nice Christmas break." Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

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Philosophy

by Jim Woolbright

Even after an introductory article in last week's **Crusader** and an excellent presentation in Monday's convocation, NNC's recent purchase of a computer remains the hottest item in the news and our most exciting academic adventure yet.

The arrival of the HP-3000 Series I, slated for sometime in January, will usher in a new epoch in NNC's never-ending process of academic self-reevaluation and improvement.

The machine, which is of a six-year old design, is equipped with some of the most current and advanced software available. It will have a changeable disk memory capacity of 50,000,000 words, and a core memory capacity of 128 K or 131,072 Bytes. This office-environment computer may be equipped with up to 16 terminals and will handle five computer languages—FORTRAN, COBOL, BASIC RPG, and SPL. Included

with the computer will be an HP-2648A alpha-graphic terminal.

Contrary to the statement in last week's **Crusader**, the new Boise Hewlett-Packard manufacturing plant was not a factor in the decision to buy this particular computer. The **Crusader** previously stated that computer maintenance would be more convenient because of the plant's proximity. However, the plant's sole function is manufacturing. There is, however, a Hewlett-Packard maintenance team from Salt Lake which is stationed in Boise. But according to Professor Dautermann, NNC and the Hewlett-Packard plant in Boise have expressed desires for continued good rapport. For example this Friday afternoon a group of NNC business students will take a field trip to tour the plant.

All qualified students (see Statement of Philosophy, below) are encouraged to make



use of the computer. According to Dautermann, becoming qualified is much easier than one might think. Three to six hours of study from the small (75 page) programmed BASIC textbook (**BASIC Programming Language**, available in the bookstore by order) should enable one easily to pass the one-page qualifying test. Mr. Dautermann will

administer the test on request.

The computer classes offered at NNC should show immediate and considerable improvement as a direct result of our acquisition of the HP-3000. No longer will Professor Dautermann have to make several trips a week to and from the BSU campus to run and sometimes re-run the programs of his students.

Below is a Computer Center Preliminary Statement of Philosophy which, it is hoped, will establish good precedents concerning computer operation and priorities (students first!)

Computer Center Preliminary Statement of Philosophy:
1. Northwest Nazarene College exists to serve students. Students are the most import-

ant group of people on this campus.

2. The computer system is an intellectual resource provided to assist in the complete development of our students. The computer center and its personnel exist primarily to assist the student in the quest for awareness of and fluency in computing.

3. Student computing is the computer's most important task.

4. The computer system shall be available to all qualified students. a) Students doing assigned homework will have priority over other students. b) Students without previous programming experience must pass a literacy exam before being allowed free access to the computer system. □

Over 90% placed

by Randy Grant

When the NCATE team arrived on NNC's campus this fall, their reaction to the teacher education program was positive, as was expected, and the school's education program received reaccreditation for the next 10 years. Only 400 schools from more than 2000 American colleges and universities have been accredited by NCATE. This accreditation means that 37 states in America will automatically issue certificates to teach from education graduates of this college.

Although there are many reasons for NNC's education program receiving recognition throughout the region, the most impressive statistic is first year teacher placement from NNC. This school consistently has placed over 90% of their graduates. The national average is below 50% placement. The education department can also offer an intern program that places first year teachers in area schools with a supervising teacher who helps the intern. No other college in Idaho offers this program.

The advantages of NNC's Teacher Education program

are numerous. The student receives experience in a public school starting with the freshman year. At least four field experience situations are provided before graduation. The student teacher works with a teacher that will act as a model for that student teacher. The driving force that gives NNC a sound education department, according to one local SNEA member, is the dedication of the professors and department secretary, Miss Naomi Long.

Teacher education has had a junior high emphasis at NNC for many years. Starting next fall, the state of Idaho will require the junior high emphasis. The education department stays abreast of the current trends in education by having its professors travel to other colleges and public schools, to see what other colleges do in teacher education. The professors return, sort over new ideas and implement them. The education department at NNC has established a healthy rapport with the area public schools. This aids in the process of placing students out in the

field.

On Tuesday, December 6, the local chapter of SNEA met. Seven student teachers from first term presented their experiences and did much to divert many future student teachers from believing that student teaching must be a frightening and disappointing time. Most said their teaching experience was enjoyable and rewarding, both emotionally and professionally.

NNC works hard at improving its educational program. It offers earlier and more frequent field experiences, a personable screening process, small classes and a hard working, flexible faculty. The result is evident by the teacher placement record. □

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Search and rescue

by Ken Gray

Although many NNC students may recognize Dave Smee, Counselor of Men, over a desk heaped tall with paper work, not too many people are familiar with Dave's work with the Boise Chapter of the Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue Unit.

Dave, along with six NNC students have gone through training and now are taking part in this volunteer program. Dave took three of his troopers, Mike Hutter, Scott Nielson, and Steve York, out with the IMSRU last week in a futile effort to locate two mountain hikers, high atop Mt. Borah. After a long two day search the IMSRU was called to return to Boise by the Custer County Sheriff. The hikers still have not been

located.

The IMSRU is a non-profit organization that works on a volunteer basis. Doctors, nurses, business executives and counselors of men unite together with other workers to form one of the most courageous volunteer teams anywhere. All money that is brought in comes completely from fund raising, much of which comes from a booth at the Idaho State Fair.

The IMSRU is called upon by the Idaho State Police, which are usually contacted by the County Sheriffs. If hikers are lost, relatives depend solely on the work of the IMSRU.

NNC helps make up the Boise Chapter of the patrol. Students complete courses in safety education, medical training, and actual rescue procedures. Then they participate in field experience type working conditions.

Thursday night, December 15, will be a very special Search and Rescue program on safety education. A hypothermia film will be shown as well as tips on winter backpacking. George Gunn, Marine Sheriff Deputy of Nampa will be the guest speaker. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this program should attend the meeting at 7:30 on December 15 in the Wiley Learning Center, room 138.

Dave Smee reports that because the Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue Unit is a State unit, the chance of NNC having its own chapter is very unlikely, however, NNC has

played a very significant role in the Boise Chapter.

One of the active members here on campus is Barb Wade. Barb finds her work with the patrol challenging and very interesting, and encourages other girls who are interested in this type of activity to become involved with the IMSRU.

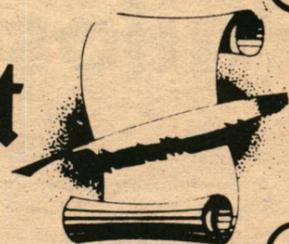
The classes are not too time consuming. The classroom portion of the program meets every third Tuesday from about 7-10 PM. Field experience is the following weekend. Those involved in the Emergency Medical Technicians portion meet every second Tuesday. This includes ambulance drivers and other medical personnel.

The Air National Guard frequently gives a helping hand to the missions. The most recent mission on Mt. Borah called for helicopter rescue and aid. In working with the Air National Guard the IMSRU are given the special help that is needed at the most critical moments.

The program, and the experience it brings to those who help have been greatly appreciated a number of times. The reunion of faces of a grieving family after a night without a loved one makes all the time spent worthwhile. And the feeling and warmth that is part of making up a story, with a happy ending is all a part of the Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue Unit.

For more information on this organization, contact Dave Smee. □

Sitwit



by Guest writer Judy Walker

Till We Have Faces is the story of a beautiful princess and an ugly princess, of the struggle between the immortal, and uncomprehending, selfish, grasping humanity. The teller of the tale is Orual, the ugly princess of the mythical kingdom of Glome. The ugliness of her face is symbolic of the smallness and wretchedness of her spirit so she covers herself with a veil to hide her hideousness. Psyche, Orual's sister, is the beautiful princess, and the thing she loves most in the world. But Psyche, or Istra, as she is called in Glome must be offered to the Dark God of the Mountain as a sacrifice because a terrible famine and plague have fallen upon the country. At first, Orual is angry at the gods, especially Ungit, the grotesque, but primary goddess of Glome (and mother of the Dark God), because Psyche is to be put to death.

But Orual doesn't understand the full meaning of the word "sacrifice." Psyche is certainly sacrificed, but she is not just dead and gone as Orual imagined, instead she has become immortal and is the wife of the Dark God of the Mountain. Orual is allowed to see her, but this meeting is the most painful thing of all, for Psyche is no longer "hers." Now she belongs to the god. And worst of all Psyche is happy, ecstatically, eternally so.

At this point the narrative may begin to look recognizable—at least to those who are familiar with the Greek story of "Cupid and Psyche," for it is the foundation on which Lewis builds this variation.

C. S. Lewis has taken Orual, rather than Psyche for his heroine and told it from the villain's point of view. But Orual is a strange villain. Rather than the blatantly wicked sister we see in "Cupid and Psyche," what is shown us is a picture of confused humanity. Orual is wicked, but no more so than anyone who can only see themselves. She is hurt, confused and blinded to anyone else's happiness by her own wretchedness at losing the only beautiful thing in her life, Psyche.

She hates the gods and the story is a cry against them. She feels their only purpose is to make man suffer by taking away everything that man loves. Her complaint is not that they are monsters, but that they are "thieves and seducers taking the things that belong to humans for their own." In a poignant cry that could echo from anyone who knows his own heart, she says, "That there should be gods at all, there's our misery and bitter wrong. There's no room for you and us in the same world...we want to be our own."

When Orual realizes that she has been complaining of things she has no conception of, and that her misery is caused by her own selfishness and non-understanding, she is silenced. All she hopes for now is justice from the gods. But she doesn't yet understand the scheme of things. Justice is just what she will not get, for as the Fox (her Greek teacher) says, "What would become of us if they were just?"

What she gets is redemption, and joy, and beauty. She is reunited with Psyche, this time in real joy, as one whole person with another. At great cost and with much suffering, Psyche has brought her the cask of beauty and she at last is able to tear off her veil and reveal her face. What is revealed is not the grotesque face like that of Ungit, but rather it is a face of beauty. She has become "Psyche also." The moment that she is able to realize what being human means, to accept her role as a creature, she is transformed and for the first time she is truly herself.

C. S. Lewis has sensitively shown man as he often is: grasping, selfish, and blind—but he also shows us the incomparable beauty that can and assuredly will be ours as we take our places as creatures before our Creator. □

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The Idaho State School and Hospital was first dedicated in 1918. Then, the institution consisted of only two buildings. As the resident population grew and improved, services were developed, and the facility expanded. Governing the affairs of the institution has been the responsibility of several State agencies. At the present time it is under the direction of the Department of Health and Welfare. ISS&H serves the whole State of Idaho in its specific function.

Residents here are considered severely or profoundly retarded, or multiple handicapped. Currently 470 people reside at ISS&H. Four basic levels of care are provided. That scope includes care for those who require total skilled attention from professional staff, to partial care for those who possess self-help, some social and communication skills. Chronological ages range from a few months to the mid seventies, although intellectual age approximately similar to age twelve or below.

Mental Retardation should never be confused with mental illness. Mental retard-

ation is not a disease, it is a symptom of brain impairment in the centers of reasoning and learning. The condition manifests itself in extremely slow learning, inadequate social adjustments, and delayed achievement. Most often, the physical appearance of severely or profoundly retarded people is abnormal. They are often severely handicapped as well.

Not all mentally retarded persons require admission to an institution however, there are many who require so much specialized care and supervision that their families are not able to provide it properly. Many mentally retarded adults are not able to be self-sufficient therefore require care in some type of residential facility their entire lives.

Although the intelligence of the retarded cannot be increased, much can be done to strengthen their socially desirable behaviors and functional skills, and decrease those that are undesirable. The retarded, like all people, need respect and personal attention in building positive attitudes and skills.

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From The SOAPBOX

by Paula Herron



"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." John 13:34. In this passage of scripture Jesus explains further that others will know we are His disciples if we have love for each other. How could Christ command us to love each other and what is the love He is talking about?

Love demands a lot, and if you are going to get involved in love, it will take effort and an act of will. The greatest example of the selfless love Christ is talking about, when He commanded us to love each other, takes place in the Garden of Gethsemane when He prayed three times for a release from the most painful and loving act of all times. He evidently wasn't overwhelmed with a great loving desire to die for man. Keith Miller has said in his book **A Second Touch**, "And when He did agree to go, the love was expressed not by His feeling but by the fact that He acted out of love for His father **whether He felt like it or not...**No one can command his feelings for others. But one can command to a far greater degree his concerned actions towards others."

The Bible teaches us in Philippians 2:4 that we are not to look out for our own personal interests alone, but also for the interests of others. Showing genuine concern for another person is not being nosy. When someone shows they care, respond to it. They are not necessarily asking what is wrong, but rather if they can help you or pray for you. Don't return someone's effort to care for you and to love you with a cold shoulder. They are only caring for your health and wholeness. Taking interest in the interests of others involves true and complete acceptance of the person you are making an effort to care for. In Mark 10:21 a rich young ruler came to Jesus and asked Him what he could do to inherit eternal life. In this

account Jesus was said to have merely looked at this rich young ruler and to have loved him. I have no idea what the rich young ruler looked like or if he was a pleasant person. It didn't make any difference to Jesus. Loving someone involves withholding judgment regardless of what you know about the person or even more so if you don't know the person. It involves loving the unlovely. What unlovely people are is a personal pet peeve to each of us. Unlovely people can be people who are obnoxious, ugly or have a different life-style than you would prefer. In Philippians 2:3 Paul says, "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit,

but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself."

In conclusion I would like to state the responsibility I feel a Christian has to God and to his fellowman in showing love. In II Corinthians 2:14 Paul says, "But thanks be to God, who always leads us to His triumph in Christ, **and manifests through us a sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.**" I believe that knowledge of Him is made known by our loving actions towards others. Let's all make more of an effort to show more loving kindness toward each other, and let it become common Christian courtesy. □

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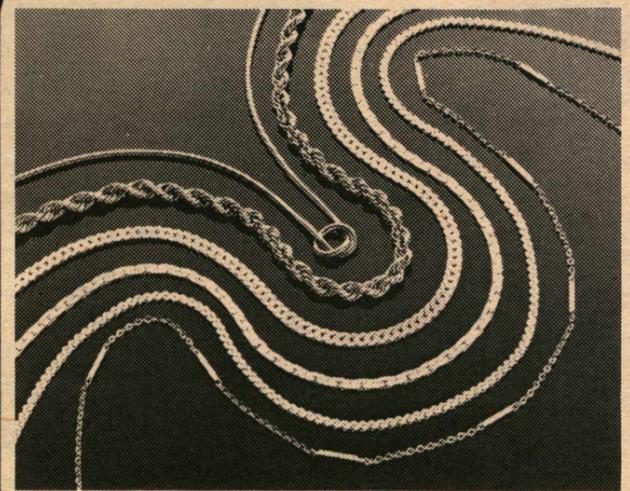
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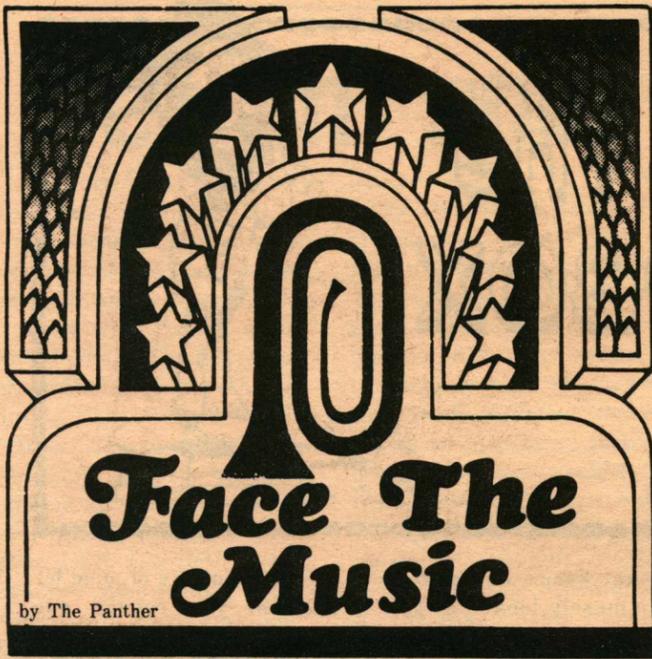
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The Pretender is the best album yet from a performer who hasn't had a bad one. I call it his best because of a number of reasons. Browne's vocals are stronger, clearer, and not as raspy as in the past. The arrangements are better, featuring a greater variety of instrumentation and backing vocals, and David Lindely's slide guitar, which tended to dominate too much of Browne's music in the past, is used a lot less. Browne's music has more vitality and energy and his performance on **The Pretender** is consistent, lacking the dull spots his last album, **Late For the Sky**

had. Browne's music can be very personal, and at times deeply moving. The subjects of his songs are universal; the passing of time, the future's uncertainty, the death of loved ones, and the seeming futility of existence. These are the themes central to **The Pretender**. "The Fuse" and "The Pretender", the album's first and last songs, put the rest of the album in its context. "The Fuse" concerns the inevitability of the changes time brings, and the futility of man's struggles in the face of them. "Your Bright Baby Blues"

deals with the same themes, and the attempts to justify one's existence, the longing for something beyond the mundane, and the uselessness of searching for peace of mind and heart through escaping from reality.

"Linda Paloma", a Mexican ballad, and "Here Come Those Tears Again" are both about lovers who see their relationships crumbling, one who has the strength to release his lover when he sees the inevitable end, and the other, who remains sunken in the pain.

In "The Only Child" and "Daddy's Tune", Browne looks into both the future and the past, and having seen the collapse of dreams in his own life;

Living your life day after day Sooner or later all your plans and changes

Either fail or fade away Browne urges his young son to make the most of his life, despite the inevitable disappointments:

Let the disappointments pass Let the laughter fill your glass Let your illusions last until they shatter

Whatever you might hope to find

Among the thoughts that crowd your mind There won't be many that ever really matter

"Sleep's Dark and Silent Gate" is perhaps the most moving, haunting song on the album. Browne plumbs the depths of his emotions following the suicide of his wife, the futility of his attempts at happiness and the emptiness he feels.

The title cut closes the album, concerning a young man who gives up his idealistic dreams to join the rat race and tries to pretend that all he cares about is making money. Still, the pretender can't quite fool himself, and still longs for something more than a workaday existence. In the

end he asks:
Are you there?
Say a prayer for the pretender
Who started out so young and strong
Only to surrender.

Jackson Browne has been called one of contemporary music's finest songwriters, and **The Pretender** certainly proves that.

Warren Zevon, a recently discovered songwriting talent, lives in Los Angeles, and shows its influence in his music. But unlike some other musicians, whose music reflects their involvement in the "scene" there, he observes it critically, and with some humor in the songs he writes.

The opening cut, the country-flavored "Frank and Jesse James," exploits the rock-star as-outlaw motif Zevon uses later in the album. The James Bros. are seen as folk heroes who are eventually destroyed because "no one knows just how they came to be misunderstood." "Mama Couldn't Be Persuaded," another country rocker, is the story of a daughter who disobeys her parents to marry a gambler whose luck eventually runs out. Both these songs exemplify the tendencies toward rebellion and self-destruction that are a part of the self-assumed images of many rock stars, especially in Southern California.

"Poor Poor Pitiful Me" parodies the self-pity and mushy romanticism of ballads about lost loves with some

black humor. Instead of crying over a lost lover, Zevon gleefully complains of having more women than he can handle, and focuses on a physical relationship without emotional ties in terms that are at the same time brutal and humorous.

"The French Inhaler" paints a not-so-pretty picture of an aspiring Hollywood actress whose beauty is outshone by her inner wretchedness. Zevon expands this image to portray life in the L.A. "scene" as a whole, people living empty unsatisfied lives beneath a pretense of glamor and success. A kind of release from this stifling atmosphere is found in "Mohammed's Radio", in which escape is found through music.

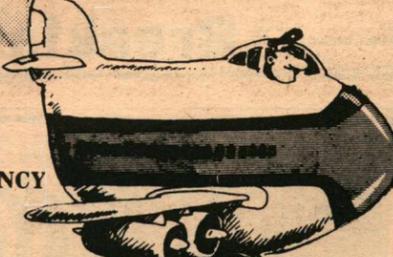
The album's last song, "Desperados Under the Eaves", pokes fun at the rock star/outlaw idea, satirizing the rocker-desperado who winds up sitting around in a Hollywood bar, listening to the air conditioner and feeling sorry for himself.

These are the high points of an album that is strong throughout. Although Zevon's voice is a little rough, he is an excellent pianist with a classical background, and he is backed by an outstanding group of musicians, including members of the Beach Boys, Everly Brothers, Fleetwood Mac, and Eagles. Zevon has produced a debut album of unusual quality, and hopefully he'll be heard from again soon. □



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"Thoughts become dreams, and dreams, if one works long enough and hard enough become realities."

The above statement could accurately describe what is happening these days with what has come to be called "the literary magazine." On Dec. 6, the Publications Board passed a resolution which will be sent to Senate favoring the establishment of a literary magazine for NNC. While this may not seem a very drastic action, it was necessary before the magazine could really be taken before Senate.

Which, by the way, will be happening this Tuesday, Dec. 13. Supporters of the magazine will be asking for the Senate to approve the idea as a third publication of ASNNC **this year**. To do this, there will need to be minor changes made in both the ASNNC constitution and the Pub. Board Constitution which along with proposed budgets for this year and next year will be explained to the

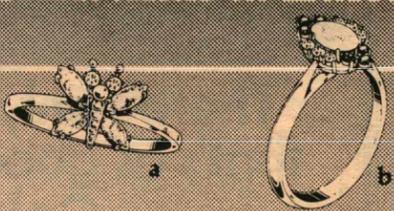
Senate by supporters. In the meantime, avenues towards production of this year's magazine are being traveled. Students may begin submitting names for this year's issue to "Crusader box C." Students may also submit any material for the magazine (poems, free verse, traditional and foreign language), short stories, essays, song lyrics, photography and line drawings). Please type all material (except artwork) and attach a notecard with your name, major, and how long you have been writing or doing artwork. Deadline is Feb. 28 which seems far away, but is actually just around the corner. Remember:
The key of life is living; the key to learning is expressing."

Vespers

There will be an all-campus Christmas Vespers Service sponsored by Morrison Hall, on Monday, December 12 at 8 PM. It will be held in the Administration Building Auditorium and will feature special music and speaker. Communion will be served. □



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Chico State: the big one

by G.E. Green III

The NNC men's basketball team, not quite fresh from the Oregon Tip-off Tournament, has a lot to look ahead to. Nine games fill the schedule between now and the first of the year. With a 2-3 record these games should be the template for our season record.

There are three games coming up quickly, two this weekend and one early next week. Friday night there is the game against Western Montana, Saturday its Rocky Mountain, and Tuesday the fight continues against Chico State. Coach Terry Layton in his recent international press release gave peekaboo previews to those with proper credentials. Your Crusader reporter was on hand to make public the inside tidbits of the sporting world.

Western Montana has a fairly young team this year running mostly freshmen and sophomores. Twice Westminister had the home court advantage over Western Montana, and twice suffered well margined defeats. Not an exactly easy thing to do. Western Montana has been consistently good in the conference ranking high almost every year with either a first or second. Montana teams traditionally have played a more physical type of ball than most of the Northwestern teams are used to playing. This should be an exciting game for the fans and a learning experience for the players.

The Rocky Mountain team is another fairly young team. One of the major problems of a young team is getting them to work as an efficient unit but Rocky Mountain has already had seven or eight games this season. Their combinations of players should be almost definite due to this early play. Orchestrating this young team is a coach with over thirty years coaching experience who should have a few tricks up his sleeves.

Chico State is a California school of about 24,000 having a lot of talent to choose from. Chico State is said to have many junior college transfers and might show up with a few adjustment problems. Usually a very tough team, we have no concrete reason to expect anything different. A 6-5 Schrieber will be worth watching and will most likely be their outstanding player.

Coach Layton is cautiously looking into each of these teams because this time of year is a proving ground. Looking back on the previous tournament, Coach Layton felt that a number of players did an outstanding job at different times of the games. Rob Cantonwine did his expectedly good job of ball

handling. Cantonwine seems to have a good court sense about him and seems to be where the ball is at all times. His addition of young strength is much appreciated. Barry Aberle did a nice job off the bench; nothing spectacular but didn't commit an error in all the times he was injected into the games. Aberle scored well going 4 for 5.

Rommie Lewis has a big seventeen point average so far in the season and is expected to continue on his high scoring road. Loring Larsen has shown up as a consistent player, being tough for his height underneath. Special notice goes to Fritz Jenkins. Jenkins tipped in four or five shots from underneath in the last tourn-

ament game which is quite unusual for a guard. Having a reliable guard doing his job off the bench is a valuable resource, and Fritz Jenkins is that resource.

NNC seemed to have a little foul trouble with their big men at that previous tournament. Actually it might have been a combination of being more obvious (being done by bigger men usually is) and over-zealous officiating. Coach Layton stated, "If you're going to win in the Northwest you have to adjust to the officiating." Coach also noted that the officiating could be as different as the areas played in. There are other frustrations as well.

Young players have much to adjust to: college life, different styles of playing and

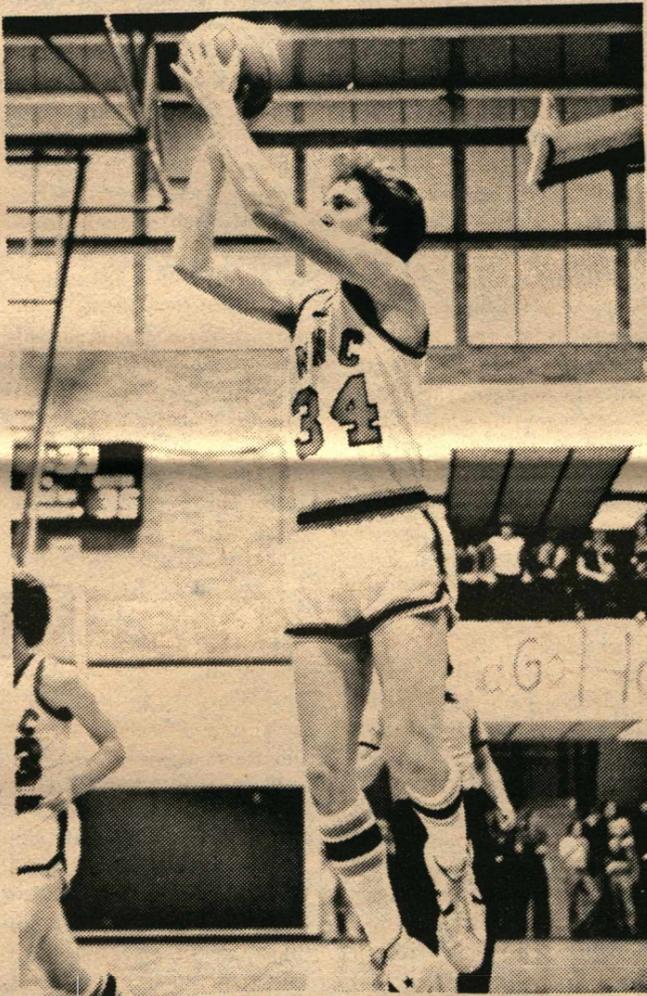


Jenkins gets held up.

coaching, more specialization, etc. But college officiating comes from out of nowhere to add even more frustration. Speaking of adjustments, junior college transfers have an even tougher time. They have to change over from not only their high school coaches but from their junior college coaches as well.

Coach Layton isn't necessarily concerned with our 2-3 record at this point in time, feeling that the NNC team is playing better than last year even though we had a 4-1 early season record.

There is a never ceasing need for an involved crowd at every game. These games are no exception. The homecourt and home crowd are a definite advantage, but the Crusaders will play a number of games without much of a crowd at all during the Christmas break. Tuesday night will be extremely important as NNC versus Chico State since it will be televised on Channel 4. Tuesday will be a good poster night and the fans have two days to regain their voices from the previous games. □



Barry Aberle goes up for a jumper.

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Sports personalities



"I want to be known as myself not for the best of me but in spite of the worst," is a quote Fritz Jenkins feels says a lot about himself. Fritz is a senior from Nampa, majoring in religious education.

He would like to be a youth pastor, he feels that God's guidance has led him to this field. He also loves kids. Fritz would eventually like to go into full time writing. He enjoys writing poetry and songs and would like to expand to more varied fields.

Fritz is a guard on the varsity basketball team. He enjoys playing on the team and values the lifelong friendships that are made. He does not see a future in basketball but wants to give it everything he's got while he has it, knowing it will all be over in a little over three months. "It took me thirteen years to realize that basketball is not my life; it's not that important to me." He takes it seriously when he's on the court but his life does not revolve around basketball.

"Something different about the coach we have now is that he doesn't prepare you only for a Friday or Saturday night game, he prepares you for life. He evaluates what each one of us is going to be doing in life and fits the attitudes we can learn from playing basketball into that life," said Fritz.

Fritz came to NNC as a last choice; he was not a Christian then. "NNC has given me a chance to fulfill my own personality." He has found more identity here than on a bigger campus, both personally and with others.

Fritz enjoys teaching Sunday school, writing poetry, water skiing, tennis, softball, and sitting in front of a fire watching TV with Neal Stuart. □



One of the new freshman involved with women's athletics is Idaho grown Karen Miller. Karen has been connected with sports since a tender age, but more recently at Nampa Christian High School. Attending school in the Rimrock area she has developed her prowess as well.

It wouldn't be entirely impossible to see Karen running the streets of Nampa, in any kind of weather. Running in the snow is one of her favorite types of exercises. Miss Miller exercises quite a bit and with good reason.

Participating on the volleyball team was a good prelude to her basketball season. Karen enjoyed the volleyball season and said she learned a lot, especially about spiking. Basketball has started and Karen considers it her main sport. About Coach Martha Hopkins, Miller says "...best I've ever had yet, she's great!" Miss Miller says she has never seen as much talent on one team as the NNC team has. "Once we get it together as a team nobody should be able to stop us."

Karen, an avid sports fan as well as participant, enjoys Monday Night Football. She also enjoys sleeping in Chapel. But she doesn't like getting her picture taken or trying to be serious for stupid newspaper articles.

After the basketball and the motorcycle riding Karen sometimes likes to mellow out and listen to some smooth tunes. 'Bread' is one of her favorite groups.

In the future Karen would like to teach younger kids to participate in sports for a more healthy atmosphere. In almost everything she does Karen is a strong asset and will definitely be a leader in the future. □



From the stands come an assortment of yells and instructions, but an unmistakable "Shaffo" dominates. You could only be one place, the NNC gym, watching only one sport, wrestling, and yelling for only one person, Doug Shaffer. Doug is one of the many outstanding members of this year's wrestling team.

Doug, a sophomore from Greenville, Pennsylvania, has always been active in sports. As a high school student, Doug threw the discus and shotput for the track team, did some blocking for the football team, and lettered two years in wrestling. Doug now has a total of 12 years wrestling experience.

Doug's major is biology, and because he enjoys the out-of-doors, he plans on an occupation in that field. He likes all outdoor activities, especially horseback riding, hunting, and hiking. He's quite a competitor and will take on any sport (don't take him on in soccer, you're bound to come away with a limp).

Doug's college wrestling career got a good start last year with a 15 and 6 win-loss record. He took first place in both the Willamette and NNC Tournaments. He was voted by the other wrestlers, Most Outstanding Wrestler and was also awarded the Gazette-Frazier Wrestling Award.

This year has started off well for Doug and the rest of the team. With the team undefeated in duel meets, Doug is posting a 6-3 record along with a 4th place finish at the BSU tournament and a 2nd place finish at last weekend's Pacific Tournament in Portland. Doug feels that this year's team is improved over last year's team due to the added experience and depth of new and returning team members. He's sure they're going to keep improving too.

Another added dimension to the team this year is Coach Rick Lande, who wrestled for NNC two years ago. Doug felt that this addition has helped the wrestling program significantly. With a growing program and talented wrestlers, it looks like another good year for NNC wrestlers. Here's to a good season and "pin 'em, Shaffo." □

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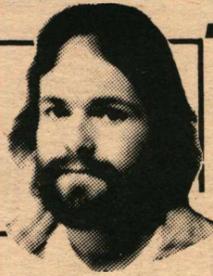
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HAUGE'S HOTBOX



The Crusaders let the "Cat" out of the bag when they all but had the game sewed up during the opening contest in the George Fox Tip-off Tournament last weekend in Newberg, Oregon.

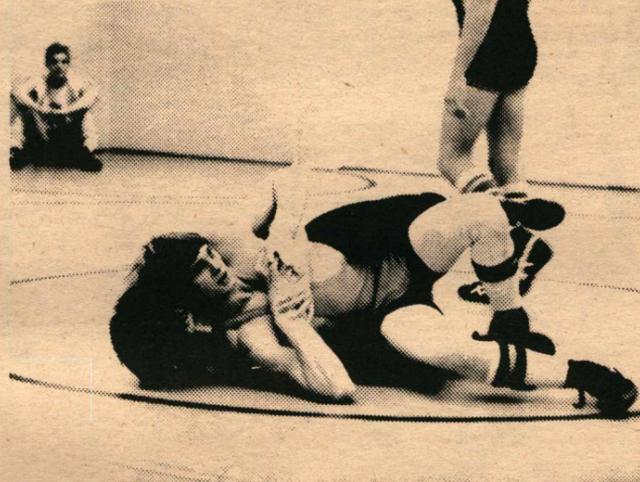
The stubborn Wildcats of Linfield refused to fold as NNC held a slim lead throughout the game. When it came down to six minutes remaining in the contest and NNC up by seven, they stalled. This posed a problem for both teams. Linfield had to foul and the Crusaders were forced to cash in at the charity line. Linfield fouled and Coach Layton filed bankruptcy.

Despite the losses last weekend one has to remember two things. First, that Linfield is everyone's pick to take their conference. Secondly, the Crusaders looked like a "Clock worked orange" with their precise methodical play and their quickness that forced the opponents to error. They are indeed beginning to jell.

Chico State will be Layton's biggest game of the year Tuesday night as the Crusaders play three home games in five days. One of the surprise players to look for is steady Loring Larsen who provides the muscle underneath the basket and has been consistent in rebounding and scoring. Rob Cantonwine, who is an extremely intelligent player, has got to be the biggest asset and surprise in the backcourt. His uncanny peripheral vision allows him to hit the open man with those "behind-his-back-or-between his (or your) legs" passes. Both Cantonwine and Scott Shaw pose threats from 25 feet out which certainly should shake DiBene loose. The Hotbox prediction is for NNC to sweep this weekend but lose to Chico State.

Speaking of losing we lost two cheerleaders this weekend. The two were Terry Folsom and Brenda Ryska. Rumor had it that Ryska got married and found better things to do. The new cheerleaders will be Jill Scott and Debbie Henshaw who

were picked because they were next in line in balloting. Jill has expressed that she is quite nervous because of all the new routines she has to learn but is confident to have them down pat for her debut tonight. Good luck and don't let the fans intimidate you!



Keith Horwood and Mike Powers tangle during practice.

Coach Hopkins is pretty high on her girls who are pretty high themselves. Especially Debbie Rutan, Marsha Donaho, and Mona Oxford who all boast better than 70 inches. Besides this new height advantage Doc Hopkins is also tickled over other new recruits such as Karen Miller and Sue Collars, who are both very accurate shooters. Motivator Katie Kleffner is another fine addition to the team this year. Katie's quickness on defense has guaranteed some shutouts while her speed and moves on offense have increased some heartbeats (mine). Hopkins has noted that she will not know her starting line-up until they've had a few scrimmages. Their first scrimmage will be against Mountain Home Tuesday, the thirteenth at 4PM in Montgomery Gymnasium. Though it is still early in the season the girls look great both on and off the court so let's be out and encourage the most talented women's team NNC has ever had. □

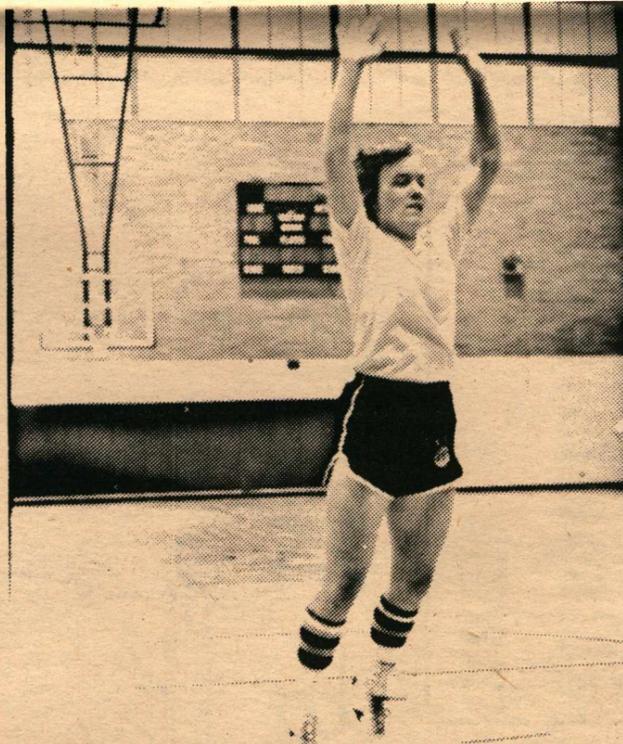
I was in the gym the other day when Roger Schmidt called me over. He asked why his team's thrilling victories over Mountain Home and the Alumni weren't mentioned in the Crusader. I laughed and made some references to squeezing him in the box

scores. Schmidt didn't smile. His eyes narrowed and his lips tightened as he turned his players loose on me. They let me know blow by blow how they felt about their anonymity in the paper. Needless to say, I left the gym in three pieces with their signatures

imprinted all over me. In order for safer strolls through the gymnasium I would like to say that Schmidt soundly defeated the Alumni for the first time in eight years and probably boasts the most talented J.V. team in history (sound familiar).

Some people think wrestling is a boring sport consisting of massive bodies rolling over each other. If you happened to see our wrestlers after the Pacific Invitational with their black eyes and dislocated bodies wandering around the campus you may have changed your mind. Especially after Scott Freeby separated his opponents, ribs during his match. Freeby's dedication and discipline displayed by his shaved head has his opponents hyperventilating before their matches, or at least chowing down to get into somebody else's weight class.

Jeff Lenker is the boy everyone is high on and talking about. Lenker just returned from the prestigious tourney held at Pacific, where he took third place. The word is that he will be a shoe-in at



Defensive hustler Katie Kleffner.



New cheerleaders on display tonight.

nationals if he maintains his fervency, speed, and strength.

Recognition should be given to Dave York, the sports information director, for an outstanding job he has done in getting NNC into the headlines and on television. Channel 4 will broadcast two NNC basketball games (Chico State and C of I) due to the promotion and persuasion by York of NNC's program. Dave York had also nailed down a contract with Channel six to cover the Homecoming game but Six pulled out at the last minute due to prior commitments. Beside hustling in scores and sports information to the media, York was also instrumental in recruiting Jeff DiBene, Keith Williams, and Rob Cantonwine, which is not bad for a man on a part-time salary.

This has been the 1977 final sports roundup and I want to thank all the athletes for making this column possible. I also want to wish only my readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year...you too Wally. □



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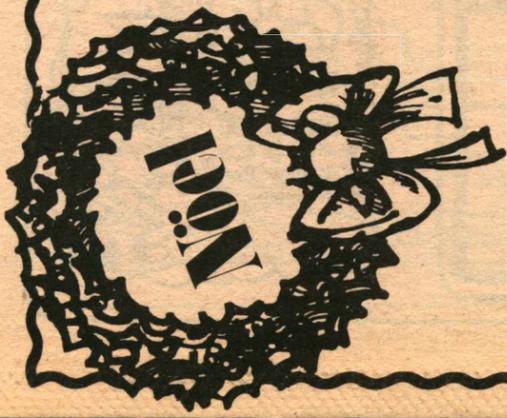
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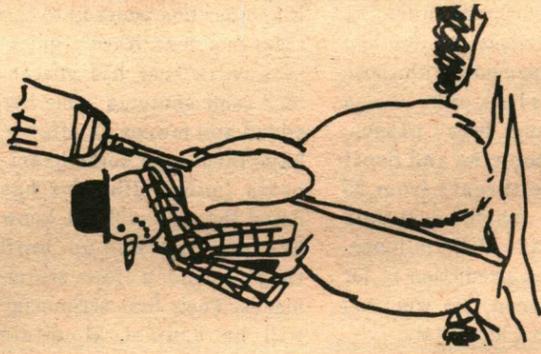


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