

Crusader wins award

The letter said "The staff and critics of Howdy Press International are proud to present your paper, the Northwest Nazarene Student Newspaper (*Crusader*) with this year's Best Small College Newspaper Award. Congratulations."

Early this week the *Crusader* received a letter from HPI stating that the *Crusader* was the winner of HPI's 1978 award to, what they consider, the best small college newspaper in the nation.

Howdy Press International is a news service that caters mainly to college publications, although a few "big time" newspapers subscribe to the service. Each year HPI reviews papers from colleges across the country to elect that paper which they believe is the best newspaper published under student editors and staffs.

In the HPI study of newspapers the critics look for "quality" layout, including: attractive looking pages, ad placement and eye-catching headlines. At the same time the paper must keep up a complete coverage of news, have good rapport with the students it represents and confront issues which come before the college and its students, in all keeping within the bounds of good journalism and striving to improve that quality of journalism.

When HPI reporters interviewed Mark Pridgen, editor of the *Crusader*, about his feelings concerning the award he asked "Are you sure this isn't some kind of a joke or a mistake?"

After the HPI men had convinced Mr. Pridgen of the validity of this award, he reflected his feelings that this



The staff and critics of Howdy Press International are pictured here outside their headquarters with mascot [a pig on the wing].

year the paper has been able to accomplish much in the areas of production, layout, respect in the eyes of readers all due to a well-talented, coordinated and dedicated production and editorial staff.

Later, after a quick tour of the *Crusader* facilities the HPI reporters were quite fascinated that with such limited facilities and budget, the *Crusader* staff was able to produce such a quality paper once a week.

In another interview with the editor, HPI reports Mr. Pridgen as saying, "Much of the unity and dedication of the staff is due to listening to *Pink Floyd* and

Supertramp, two excellent musical groups that make working much easier." The editor also attributed the consistently impressive sports section mainly to Steve Hauge, "a quite competent young man with just a few hang-ups."

The Best Small College Newspaper Award is given out annually. Each newspaper receiving the award is given a plaque for the newspaper office and each staff member is presented with a certificate. Other small colleges that have

received this award in past years are Petaluma Presbyterian College, Hermiston Independent College, Tonapah School of Mines and Southside Laredo College of Texas.

Five years must pass before winning newspapers are again eligible for the award.

The plaque commemorating this award to the *Crusader* can be seen in the *Crusader* office which is upstairs in the Student Center. A quote on the plaque reads "Am I a journalist? I guess. So it goes." □

Parrott to Speak in chapel

Dr. Leslie Parrott, President of Olivet Nazarene College, will be the special speaker for Spiritual Life Week beginning next Monday, April 3 running through Thursday, April 6.

Dr. Parrott was elected President of Olivet Nazarene College on Lincoln's Birthday, February 12, 1975. He assumed his duties on the following August 1. From 1970 to 1975, Dr. Parrott served as President of Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Massachusetts, and prior to 1970 has seven years of service in the First Church of the Nazarene in Portland, Oregon. His television ministry each Sunday morning covered the state of Oregon and part of Washington.

Dr. Parrott is the author of numerous books and articles. His book *What Is Sanctification* has gone through more than twenty-five printings and has been translated into several languages including Chinese. It also was printed in braille. Some of his most recent books include *The New Spirit of '76*, *How To Live Like A Christian In A World That Doesn't Understand*,

and *Easy To Live With*. His book on *Building Today's Church* has been sold widely and is used as a text in classes for ministerial students.

Dr. Parrott has developed materials for a Saturday Seminar for Laymen on the subject of *Sanctification and Everyday Living*. His concern is the application of Christian experience to life experiences.

Dr. Parrott is an Alumnus of Olivet Nazarene College. He received his Master of Arts Degree from Willamette University and his Ph.D Degree from Michigan State University.

Dr. Parrott is married to the former Lora Lee Montgomery who is an author in her own right. One of her cookbooks, *Meals From The Manse*, was condensed in *The Ladies Home Journal*. She speaks to many minister's wives groups using material from her book *How To Be A Preacher's Wife And Like It*. Mrs. Parrott is an alumna of Olivet Nazarene College and received her Master of Arts Degree from Eastern Nazarene. The Parrotts have three sons, Richard, Roger, and Leslie III. □

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*Happy Birthday

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Mr. Dan Berg is advisor to the *Crusader*. Mr. Berg acts only as an advisor and is not responsible for the content in this student newspaper.

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R2D24, cute little droid that he is, seemed to have some trouble settling into his old habits again this week after his hasty escape from last week's "furry white thing" but what the hey, we knew he'd pull through for us in the end.

HPI reports wired in by the little fellow show things livening up a bit locally, beginning with another high-pressure system, expected to last nearly all of next week. Immediately following, a select number of lucky locals are expected to migrate to friendlier parts for fun and frolic, foolish as it sounds.

An extended forecast sees, it seems, a whirlwind headed this way in just a few more weeks. A disgustingly annual event, from which no one can hide, there are usually few survivors. There has as yet been no way devised to prepare for or escape its tortures; R2 suggests that you either "grin and bear it" (he's picking up marvelously well on those colloquial phrases, the little munchkin), or pack up the things most important to you and leave town.

Not overlooked, but rather ignored up to this time, is the sad fact that while under the influence of the previously reported high-pressure system next week, the local area will be submerged in the pits-dom of yet another overcast; or, "an exercise designed to examine progress or test qualification or knowledge" (R2's friend, Webster). There is as little chance of escape from this as from the whirlwind, unfortunately. So it goes.

R2, the little rascal, bids all a fond "Howdy." □

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Editorial Comment

A positive look at NNC

Since the vogue lately has been to be either totally apathetic or somewhat hostile towards NNC and her policies, I thought I would follow suit. Then I realized that if there was that much wrong with NNC, I would have enrolled in one of the 40 other colleges I visited last year. Why I didn't enroll in a different college is a topic for another article, or at least a lengthy discussion with anyone who is interested. Now, I'm not saying that everything here at NNC is just hunky-dory, but in my estimation the pro's far outweigh the con's.

With Jr.-Sr. Days staring us in the face and the end of the year looming on the horizon (yes, Virginia, there really is an end to the school year), I think this is an opportune time of the year to take stock of NNC and add up the positive points she has to offer.

One of the major plus points, to me, is size. NNC's size and the resultant atmosphere on campus

was one of the main drawing cards for me. While we are growing, we are still small enough so that people are still individuals and not just a morass of faces. While I may not know everyone's name (I have trouble enough remembering my own; they even gave me a little card so I would) at least I usually recognize them out at the mall. The easy access students have to most faculty and administration and the ease which they feel around them has been noted by more than one visitor to our campus. The NCATE team which was on campus last fall commented several times that, unlike other visits they had been on, the students at NNC were quite willing to talk about the college to them.

Speaking of NCATE, there is NNC's reputation and stature as an institution of higher education. When you look at NNC's placement percentage in professional jobs and schools, for which

we have programs, I'll match NNC's record with that of nearly any college (private or state). One reason for this, most notably in the jobs area, is the attitudes that graduates of NNC traditionally hold. Whether an NNC grad is a professing Christian or not, they tend to hold much more closely to the Christian standards of moral behavior and hard work than do many of our contemporaries graduating from other colleges. More than two or three school superintendents and principals have told me that they would prefer to hire NNC grads because they know they aren't going to have too many community problems with them.

Another activity which I feel is an asset now, and could be even more so in the future, is chapel. Last year just prior to coming to NNC to speak in convocation, I was visiting a Christian college in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It was their first day back after spring break and they were holding a chapel service. There was no chapel on campus big enough to hold the whole student body, so they held chapel in the gym. Chapels there are not required, yet 1300-1400 of the 1700 students enrolled attended chapel on a regular basis, three times a week. Attending that Chapel I realized that one of the things I missed most about being gone was the chance to get together with other Christian students in chapel. Granted, sometimes the services we hold aren't the most uplifting in the world, but because of one of those chapels I came around to the Lord. If only one person a year was saved because of chapel, they would all be worth it.

Another surprising fact I learned last year was how cheap it was to go to NNC. Not only did I not find a single, fully accredited private college anywhere near as cheap as NNC, I even found some state institutions which were higher than NNC. One of the reasons for this is the salaries we pay our professors. I am quite sure that I made more money last year than any professor without any administrative duties on this campus. When you consider that we have a much higher than average number of earned doctorates on our faculty, the salaries here look even more pitiful.

But, that brings out one of the other plus points for NNC; the dedication of the faculty to teaching at a Christian college. At no college I have visited have I found a faculty which cares more for the general student body of their institution than here at NNC.

I could go on and on about many other things like counseling, sports, intramurals, etc., but neither time nor space lends itself at this time. Just remember that the people you talk to about NNC see NNC through your eyes. □ by Mike Poe



Might get bit

To the Editor:

It has been nearly a week since I last corresponded with you, and with good reason. I have been seeking shelter from pigs on the wing.

Anyway, I was going to discuss some of my chief interests, which have been literary criticism, etymology, psycho- and bio-linguistics, and how they all relate to journalism and contemporary music.

As Pink Floyd often is wont to say, "You've got to be crazy." It is interesting to observe this oft-repeated phrase's effect on the behavior of the people involved in such fields as advertising, cross-cultural evangelism, and stylistic research of the works of well-known historians. Pink Floyd also says that one should sleep on one's toes, in the street, that one should be opportunistic,

that money is the root of all evil today. What about in ages past? An associate of mine says it was a rock. There are some people on Easter Island who might agree.

Faculty, students, and friends may or may not be glad to know that this dog has found at least a temporary home, a shelter from pigs on the wing. But it's not easy living in the dog house for the rest of the year, and living on the steady diet of easy meat that Elmer throws in every so often, with his usual finger-shaking admonition, "Now, you behave yourself. You don't I'll write home and tell your mom." I would advise you to see Jerry McGehee for nimrodian solutions to all your problems.

Thoughtfully and bearishly,
N.O. Bernard

P.S. I don't like sheep either.

Editorial Comment

Problems indicate Misplaced priorities

Quite frankly, we are tired of writing editorials about the NNC Library, and you are probably tired of reading them. No doubt the library staff is getting tired of all the complaining. But there are times when students need to speak up, and this is, again, one of those times.

Although it was unannounced, the library was closed Saturday and most of Monday during Easter "break." The Cru-Keys did not announce the holiday hours and it is not known exactly when the library decided to let the public know when it was to be closed. Many students said that they were in the library Wednesday and Thursday before the break and did not notice any indications until Friday that the library would not be open on Saturday.

Students who had made plans to stay on campus during Easter break to do term work and projects that required the use of the facilities, were shocked and disappointed to discover that, without adequate warning, the library would not be open. On Friday afternoon, when some of these students realized their plight and questioned the library staff about the closure, they got trite replies like; "It's Easter break..." and "Saga's closed, and if you can't eat, you can't study!" (Makes sense to me...)

The reason, the librarians explained, that the library was closed on Saturday, yet open for a limited time on Monday, was that they could not find any students to work on Saturday. Out of twenty qualified student workers, nearly half stayed on campus over the weekend. It is hard to believe that none of them would work on Saturday.

The decision to close the library was made solely by the library staff. The Administration was just as surprised at the closure as the students were. Unfortunately, the students were the ones who suffered. The closure came at a crucial time in the term, with mid-terms just around the corner. The students were not considered when the weekend hours were set. In fact, it appears that in general the library hours have become a matter of convenience for the librarians, instead of a service to the students.

There is, according to the Crusader Handbook, a library committee that considers such matters as operating policies and budgets. This important committee consists of a faculty representative from each department, three librarians and one student representative. It has met three times this school year, with approximately 50% attendance. The last time the committee met was in January, and even with all the controversy about library hours this school year, they were not discussed.

It is obvious that not only are the library hours inadequate, but there is a definite need for reform in the policy-making structure. Policies should be set with student needs in mind and this will only be accomplished through adequate student representation and a committee that listens to what the students are asking for. The Crusader believes that there should be more student representatives on the library committee and perhaps some faculty members who care more about the purpose of the committee. This would help to prevent arbitrary decisions as to when the students may or may not use the library. □ bg

Conflict besets Art department

To the Editor:

Many of NNC's students are unhappy about the loss of Lon Gilbert, one of the three art teachers. He is, to some of us, the most competent art teacher on the staff. His ceramics classes have generated a great deal of interest outside of the art department, as well as within it. No other area of art at NNC offers two beginning classes every term. All other beginning classes, with the exception of crafts, are offered once a year, with the intermediate classes taught only every other year. This year ceramics and painting, the two exceptions, were taught during two terms. The beginning ceramics classes are always over-full and have long waiting lists. This popularity is certainly a result of the enthusiasm generated by Lon Gilbert.

In his own teaching field, Lon is certainly one of the best. He has rapport with his students, as well as an ability to help them correct their errors. His pot-throwing demonstrations, an extremely important phase of teaching, are excellent. He allows enough time for his students to see the steps

involved, and will repeat demonstrations if asked to. Lon is patient, yet he demands enough perfection to instill in his students a desire to attain that perfection. He generally does not criticize art pieces unless an appraisal is asked of him--then he is fair, objective, and honest.

According to Dr. Gilbert Ford, a new ceramics teacher is being sought, whose identity should be known by the end of April. Three applications are on file. My question is this: Lon Gilbert being such a good instructor, why was his contract not renewed? Has the Administration made a thorough investigation of Lon's teaching, or are they simply listening to the one-sided opinion of Dr. Mary Schaffer, the department head? This is as close as I could come to the root of the problem. Dr. Schaffer is difficult to get along with, unless things are done her way. Philosophies of teaching and art, other than her own, have little validity. Dr. Schaffer and Lon Gilbert's philosophies do not coincide. Dr. Schaffer suggested that Lon's contract not be renewed.

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The Washington Scene

by Carol Marquis

The time has rolled around again for the yearly "Most Inspirational Leader of the Nation Award." Last year's winner was Fidel Castro who won the award because of his crusade to make his peculiar form of democracy and Havana cigars available to the masses. This year's winner is the now-defunct Chairman Mao. The reason that he did not receive the award while he was living was because he thought that "inspirational" was a bad word, having mistaken its meaning at some time in the past for "perspirational." He used it as a term used only to describe capitalists and unpopular athletes. Some pains have been taken, however, to reassure the Maoists that no insult is intended, so they have consented to have Mao's picture hung in this particular Hall of Fame (although at last report it was hanging upside down).

It has been rumored that there are several contenders for next year's award, all of them from the continent of Africa. To

Art Cont.

I know of only one person whom Dr. Shaffer questioned as to Lon's teaching ability. This person said there was still room for improvement, but much progress had already been made. Lon makes extensive use of teacher evaluation forms filled out by students to help improve his teaching skills and rapport with students.

Now, when we all are finally becoming aware of the personal problems in the art department, Mary Shaffer is conveniently in Europe on Sabbatical leave. It seems dangerous to hire a new teacher whom Dr. Shaffer does not know, since she might have personality conflicts with them as well. However, what are the chances of getting a new art teacher who is as competent as Lon Gilbert? Who wants to come to a small, out-west, low-paying church college? Maybe Lon Gilbert will have a better chance now that he is getting away from this apparently stifling situation. He has applied to the federal government and to Boise Cascade as a draftsman (He is excellent at drawing, by the way.)

I wish him the best of luck-better luck than NNC has given him. He says, however, that he is not bitter. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Lon Gilbert for the help he has given me in ceramics, drawing, and just life in general.

Danielle Rudeen

separate the men from the boys, they might have to undergo a test of endurance, such as reciting the Declaration of Independence without breathing while marching to Praetoria. The winner should be truly "transpirational."

Another item of interest is that Senator Frank Church and President Carter apparently had a disagreement recently. It seems that Carter declared that all those who did not measure up physically, mentally, or ideologically would be lodged in Chapman, Mangum, and Oxford halls, respectively. Church was very indignant that institutions such as this must be located in Idaho. However, his wife, who was sent to check out the situation, reported that it was not bad, not bad at all, so Church withdrew his argument.

There is a rumor afoot that Nampa might be the center of a new Palestinian homeland. As Israel's Menachim Begin said last week, "Although Nampa is not perhaps the most picturesque locality in the world, it's rather isolated aspect might be useful in cultivating peace and tranquility." This might be seen as something of an understatement by some.

Another rumor of interest to Nampa is the proposed building of a new Panama Canal on the site where Elijah Drain is now located. However, this idea has recently been discarded because of "the inestimable beauty and incomparable sense of natural splendor that Elijah Drain imparts to the surrounding countryside." Thus, we are assured of the continued existence of our scenic surroundings.

More on the domestic scene—many miners have reported that going back to work is just the pits. As one miner rather brilliantly put it, "I would rather be on the dole than continue being a mole." Such are the affairs of Washington and the world this week. □

Due to a lack of teams signing up, a College Bowl tournament for this year is in question. If you do have a team or wish to be involved in exhibition competition, contact Leon Kalbfleisch, ext. 737 or 771.

Camping tragedy

WILDER (HPI)—A tragic experience has marred the Wilder Elementary School's fifth grade camping trip which has, in the last six years, become a looked-forward-to annual event for the students and chaperone faculty alike. The fifth grade class from Wilder, accompanied by various faculty members and the Director of Outdoor Education, Bruce Flintigk, had chosen Oregon's Newport Beach for this year's outing-survival course-nature education trip.

Approximately 40 children left a week ago, Wednesday, planning what would be a pleasant eight or nine day's gathering sea shells and other beach artifacts, drawing beach scenes, meditating, and under close supervision, some wading in the surf. All these plans were destroyed by a tragic, and incidentally, totally unexpected event.

It seems that a child escaped the watchful eyes of the younger, more inexperienced faculty members, or as Mr. Flintigk suspects, perhaps they became too permissive and allowed the children to wade in water past their knees. On last Friday, about three o'clock in the afternoon, immediately after lunch, the class decided to go wading. After about an hour, it became apparent that Billy Pierce was missing. He failed to answer the roll-call and could not be found on the bus or in the rest room. After some frantic searching under some of the sand dunes that some of the students had built, it was suggested that perhaps he had been carried out by the surf. Sure enough, Billy's red swimming trunks were spotted about 600 yards away. After some deliberation, it was decided that they should call the Coast Guard. However, no telephone was to be found at the beach.

After watching, through tear-filled eyes, the small object floated into the Pacific sunset, the class sat down by the waters of Newport and wept for him. At the suggestion of one of the teachers, the class spent some time meditating about the

fragility of life. The faculty member who made the suggestion has since come under fire from the Wilder Board of Education for his action, for as in the words of one Board member who refused to be identified, "We expect our children to learn, to be educated in arithmetic and so on, you know, things that will help them get good jobs. A little fun is OK, but you know, that philosophy stuff is bound to mess them up."

The class arrived back home late last Wednesday night, a day earlier than expected. According to one parent, that was what first tipped them off that something was wrong. "It's just not like that group to come back early from something like that," said the unidentified parent. The students piled off the bus, each running to his or her respective parents, shouting with glee, and showing off their newfound

treasures of sea shells and driftwood. When Mr. and Mrs. Pierce failed to find their Billy, they inquired about him and an uneasy silence ensued, which Mr. Flintigk had to break. After explaining for several minutes about the six year history of these outings, their clean safety record, and policy concerning wading past the knees, he said simply, "Sorry, we lost your child." "So it goes," chimed in the young teacher with a philosophical bent. "Hi ho."

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce would not comment, but left immediately to find a lawyer. Asked if he had anything to say, Bruce Flintigk replied, "Well you know how it is. Let them wade over their knees, and pretty soon they're up to their waist and from there up to their heads. I knew that this would happen sooner or later if those younger ones didn't do as I suggested." □

ASNNG

by Mark Bodenstab



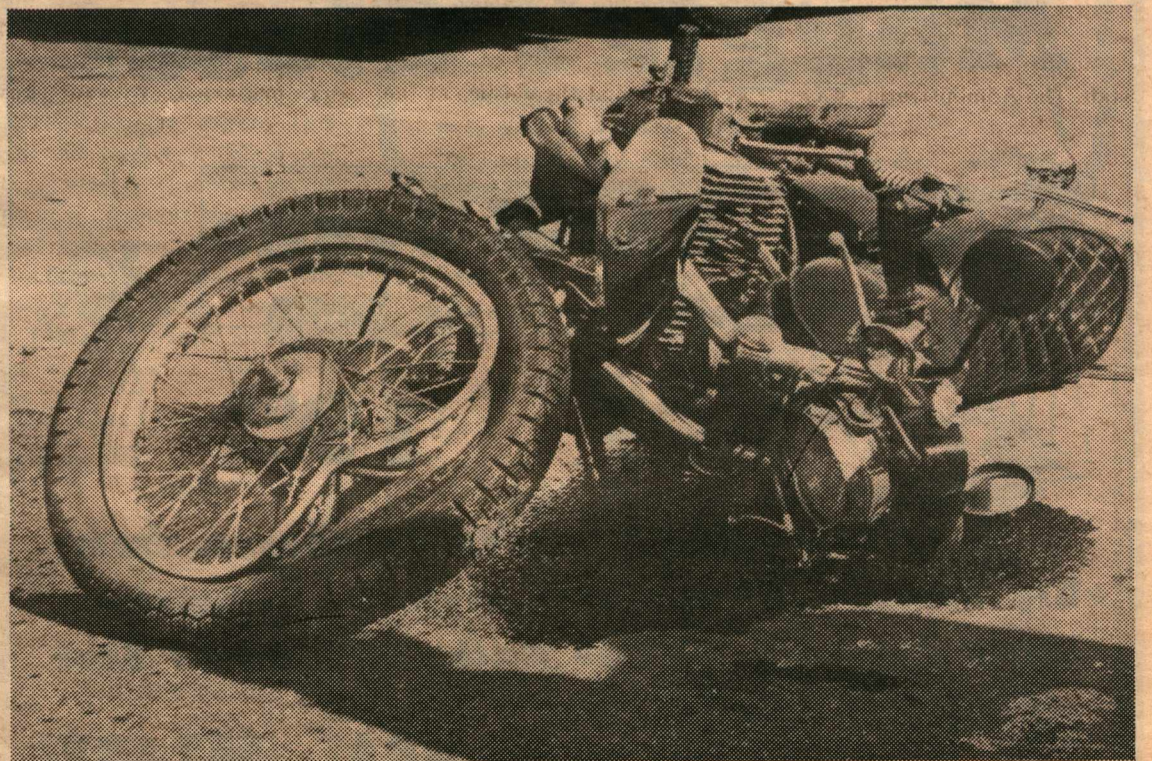
As Tammy did last week, I would also like to extend my congratulations to those elected into the Executive Council for next year. I am sure God had His hand in the election, and I hope that, as we did this year, next year's council will include Him as a sixth member.

Randy and I have been working together to make the shift as smooth and easy as possible. He has been attending many of my committee meetings and we have spent time just chatting about the job. Next weekend Randy and I will be attending the Idaho Student Association meeting in Pocatello that concerns a Leadership Workshop for the new officers later this year. It will also give Randy a closer look at I.S.A., its functions and NNC's role in the organization.

Sign-ups for Oasis and Crusader Editors are coming down

April 4. An application is also due at this time. Either give the application to the ASNNG office through the mail (Box A) or slip it under my office door. Elections will be held Tuesday the 11th at 8:00 PM in the conference room and all applicants are required to attend for interviews.

Since this may be my last ASNNG article, I would like to take a couple of inches to say that this year has been very profitable in many ways. I appreciate the hard work and determination of the Executive Council, Senate, Judicial Board and other organizations of ASNNG. God has been such an asset to us and I cannot begin to give enough praise and thanks. I ask again that you give your wholehearted support to the officers of next year as you have given us, and remember to breathe a prayer for them once in a while. They would appreciate it. □



Let those who ride decide.

'78 Senior Gift

Every year the graduating seniors present the school with a project to commemorate their years here. This year's senior class wants to do something unique for the school. As prominent senior class member Rob Bellamy put it, "We wanted to do something unique for the school." Well, they have come up with a very different gift. Many of you probably think that the construction going on between

SAGA and the tennis courts is going to be an addition onto SAGA, but actually this is to be the gift from the seniors.

This innovative gift is a playground for Chapman Hall. Now, this may not sound like a very practical idea for the whole campus, but it will benefit all of us greatly. This was aptly stated by Mr. Bellamy when he said, "This may not sound like a very practical idea for the whole

campus, but it will benefit all of us. By getting the freshmen out of the library and other vital areas of the school and into the playground so the rest of us will have the peace and freedom we need to accomplish the things we need to do."

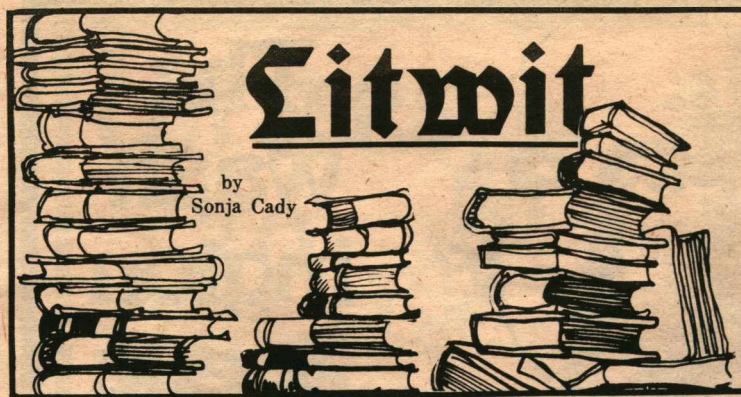
The only thing they regret is the fact that they will not be able to completely finish their project. Because of the lack of funds they will only be able to install a swingset, a slide and a sandbox. Room will be left, however, for some monkey bars and possibly some teeter-totters. Rob put it quite well in his statement to the press, saying "We regret the fact that we will not be able to complete our project, but room will be left for later expansion, probably some monkey bars and possibly some teeter-totters."

This should be a vital addition to our campus and will be greatly appreciated by the whole campus community. □



Playboy On Stage

"The Playboy of the Western World", the fanciful comedy by John M. Synge, is being presented at the Subal Theatre through April 1. This laughable saga, presented by the Theatre Arts Department and directed by Dr. Robert Ericson, has been famous since it was first presented in 1907 for its unusually musical, poetic speech which the citified Synge claims he didn't make up but only reproduced from the authentic speech patterns he heard among the peasants living in the isolated "western world" of Ireland, County Mayo, fronting on the stormy Atlantic, where the action of "Playboy" is set. □



THE GREAT WHITE WHALE by J.B. McKorken
"LIFE IS MADE OF JELLY AND PEANUT-BUTTER, REMEMBERING THAT CREAMY IS BEST IS THE PROBLEM."

Where else but in Southhampton would such a profound statement be made? Would you believe Lourevin, New Jersey? How about Sillion, Texas? To be honest, the idea was born in the inconspicuous community of Rushford, Minnesota. The growing metropolis which lies in the hills of the Mississippi River could lead anyone to think of such a statement.

Why are there so few white whales left is the question? Does no one understand the importance of maintaining such a rare breed of animals? (Especially the GREAT WHITE WHALE who rides a skateboard.) Is there no one left who realizes the significance of the beast?

THE GREAT WHITE WHALE by J.B. McKorken seeks to answer some of these questions. He seeks to expose the mystery of the GREAT WHITE WHALE. He seeks to understand the beast. He seeks to explore the obsession of the beast with peanut butter. He seeks to comprehend the great white whale's urge to bite people's eyes. He seeks almost anything which has not yet been discovered concerning the Great White Whale - which is quite a bit.

As McKorken explores the Great White Whale, he discusses life. When considered carefully, it can be seen that many of the Great Whales' experiences can be directly correlated to many of our own. For example, the time he breaks up with the Great Pink Whale-his fiance. Or the time he wins a prize for being the most obnoxious white whale.

Or perhaps the day he fell off his skateboard on the corner of 5th and McGarrety and skidded across the intersection colliding with a gigantic truck carrying gigantic marshmallows. Such exciting incidents certainly have parallels in the lives of many of us. Why not read the GREAT WHITE WHALE and find out how to deal with such problems?

As the GREAT WHITE WHALE would say;

"Nobody ever ate a peanut butter sandwich that didn't stick to the roof of his mouth in some spots."

(Moral: Stones always fall on the wrong people.)

THE GREAT WHITE WHALE is perhaps the best book ever written (in Rushford, Minnesota, that is). As the great book reviewer, Chicken Man (white winged weekend carrier) claimed;

"We may not see another book like this for another two centuries. Thank you, J.B. McKorken for enlightenment equal to Herman Hesse's

SIDDARTHA, and second only to the BIBLE in moralistic input." □

N.O.B. draws Kurt Vonnegut For lecture

Contemporary novelist Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., author of such bestsellers as *Breakfast of Champions* and *Slaughterhouse Five*, will be guest-lecturing at a convocation in late April, it was announced Tuesday. Largely through the efforts of the CRUSADER Staff, but in honor of the National Order of Bernard, based here in Nampa, Vonnegut has agreed to speak at the unfilled convocation resulting from the rearranged pre-registration format this spring.

In many ways, this is an unprecedented type of agreement on Vonnegut's part. Besides being the first lecture he has ever given at a small Christian College, the novelist has asked only for reimbursement of his travel expenses, turning down the usual lecture fee given for this type of

engagement. He is calling it "a complimentary lecture in honor of the Bernards," whom he has come to know about through the correspondence with various members. When asked why he has chosen to bestow this honor on the N.O.B., he replied, "In my opinion, those guys are just about screwed up enough to be getting a few things straight. Since a find like this is so ridiculously rare in this day and age, I think it deserves a little recognition. I am going to insist, however, that my lecture not carry required attendance. So it goes."

Vonnegut is following his custom in refusing to announce a topic for his lecture. All he would say when asked what he is planning to speak about was, "It's a surprise," and "So it goes." □



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SOAPBOX

Upon the Tombstone

During the course of life, we all participate in what have been designated as "once in a lifetime experiences." Something that happens so rarely during the course of our years on this terrestrial body that it rises above the surrounding events of life and is terms significant. Such an event is the subject of this "Soap Box."

My theme concerns the one true, once in a lifetime experience, that of dying. Surely this would be termed a significant event.

Though death, itself, is worthy of extensive comment, a single facet of death has captivated my attention. It is this facet, the

epitaph, which I hope will also captivate yours.

The epitaph, the inscription upon the tombstone is often used to say in death something about someone in life. Over the centuries, man has derived a certain morbid satisfaction out of writing clever and enlightening "last remarks". Perhaps the most original and fitting memorium was Ben Franklin, the noted printer:

The Body of
B. Franklin, Printer
(Like the Cover of an Old Book)
Its Contents Torn Out
And Script of its Lettering
And Guilding
Lies Here, Food for Worms

But the Work Shall Not be Lost
For it Will, (as he believed)
Appear Once More
In a New and More Elegant
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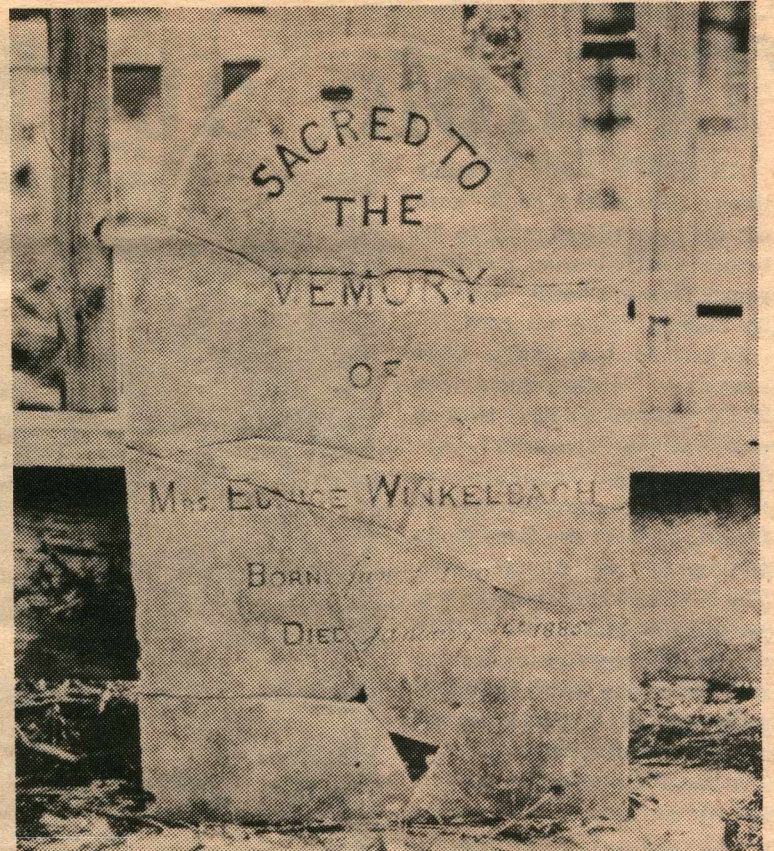
It seems pretty obvious that Franklin believed in some form of reincarnation. This was a belief, a friend, which helped face his death. But what of an individual who has no such belief, no "friend" to help him bridge the gap:

Here Lies an Atheist
A Man Who Had no Invisible
Means of Support
All Dressed Up
And no Place to Go

Woe be to the man who has short-changed his peers in life, for, indeed, there are ways of getting even in death:

Owen Moore
Has Gone Away
Owin' More

Than He Could Pay
Or, if that isn't good enough,
perhaps this might suffice:
Here Lies Bill Smith and
What's Something Rarish



He was Born, Bred and Hanged,
All in the Same Parish

In an era which counts highly on its intellectual prowess, especially with regard to social and political interaction, an epitaph lights the way of many predecessors:

This is the Grave of Mike
O'Day
Who Died Maintaining His
Right of Way
His Right was Clear, His Will
was Strong
But He's Just as Dead, as if
He'd Been Wrong
For the campus bully, we have
silent proof that there will
always be a bigger fish in the
sea:

He Called
Bill Smith
A Liar
As time and space slip slowly
by, I must aim towards some sort
of conclusion. Three epitaph

poems remain yet to be sung. Especially relevant for some of NNC's fair females would seem to be this little ditty:

Here Lies Miss Ann Mann
She Lived an Old Maid
And Died an Old Man

If you should be so blessed as to have both a sense of humor and a workable name, something of this sort is always possible:

Here Lies the body of Soloman
Peas
Under the Daisies and Under
the Trees

Peas is Not Here, Only the Pod
Peas Shelled Out and Went
Home to God

And finally, yes finally, we have what must surely be the epitaph of some "born again" of our time:

Born 1955
ReBorn 1970
Transferred...

Grant to go To Washington

ASNNC President-elect, Randy Grant, has been chosen to represent NNC in the **National Future Leader Conference** to be held in Washington D.C. next month. In attendance will be over 200 student body presidents from all over the United States and Puerto Rico. The 200 were chosen on the basis of their superior leadership characteristics and anticipated future political advancement, in hopes that future presidents of the United States can be better prepared for the tasks they will face in office.

When asked what qualifications he felt he possessed that qualified him for this exclusive "Presidential-Preeming Conference," Grant said, "I'm going because I look old. They took a survey and people said that they like a President who is going bald."

The Conference will consist of five days of intensive seminar type classes taught by prominent politicians who will be instructing in their specialty fields. President Jimmy Carter, who supervised the formation of the Conference last year, will be instructing in one of the Public Relations seminars. "He comes in for the smiling part," said Grant. "He teaches us how to smile. They were going to invite Andy Young," (United States Ambassador to the U.N.), added Grant, "but controversy wasn't on the agenda this year."

The Conference will begin on Monday, April 10 with formal reception for the students and a cocktail party, to be hosted by Mrs. Lillian Carter, where they can become better acquainted with the Washington scene. The delegates will also exchange small mementos at that time. Grant will present the other 199

delegates with a Bible and a potato. "The reason," said Grant, "is that the Bible represents NNC, a Christian College, while the potato is to represent the great state of Idaho." □

SLPC Report

by Dean Cowles

Once again we peer into the Senate chambers on an otherwise boring Tuesday evening. And what do we find but a full house of 12 Senators (very rare) and many visitors, busily buzzing about the business of ASNNC.

The agenda for this week's meeting includes two pieces of legislation and five Student-Faculty Committee reports.

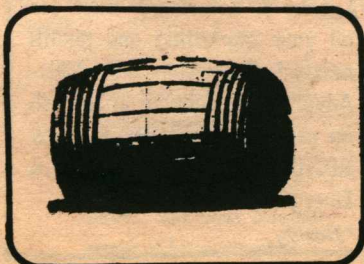
The traditional executive reports ran by smoothly with no mention of any exotic plans for spending ASNNC's money for this nick and that nack. Cherie Weatherford, ASNNC Business Manager, reports healthy financial figures. Paul Bentley read of activities on the green calendar as Senators read the bills coming up. Tammy Niemann informed us of the election processes as she gave an angry eye to a certain Senator indicating for him to close his trap. And President Mark might be taking a trip to eastern Idaho with the other Idaho student body presidents.

We next hear from the committee people. First up is SLPC with Carol Unger reporting. She tells the Senate of her belief that SLPC is the most important body on campus where students can be influential, but she also expressed her disappointment that the students on

the committee very rarely show up. She suggested the Senate in the future select people who will really get involved.

William (Bill) A. Rapp introduced the Student Employment bill that came up at the last meeting, but did not have a Senator as sponsor. After discussion about what Wes Maggard would or could do next year concerning the student employment, it was finally decided to postpone the bill until Wes could be here next week and clarify his position.

A resolution was then unanimously passed that suggested to the Food and Housing Committee that because people living in the school apartments have their own cooking facilities, they should be allowed to choose whether they want to provide their own board or use the school service without having to ask approval from the Food & Housing Committee which, by the way, hardly grants this convenience anyway. This is only a resolution (suggestion) on the part of the voice of the students which hopefully will be given much consideration by the appropriate committee concerned. But then, again, policy is policy and law is law. So it goes. □



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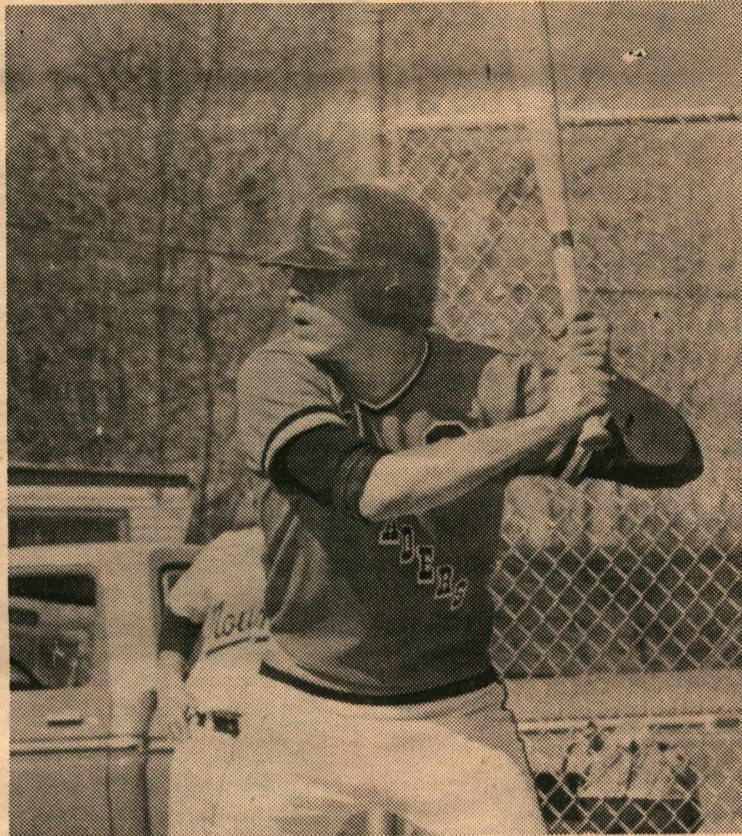
Trouble at TVCC

NAMPA—"I would certainly like to smash them good," said coach Crawford referring to his team's double-header match against Treasure Valley Community College Friday afternoon.

Crawford may have good reasons to be disgruntled with TVCC who pulled a dirty trick on our valiant Crusaders last Tuesday. What happened was the Crusaders traveled over to Ontario to meet the Community College in a scrimmage game. The NNC ball club showed up in sweat pants without half of their starters ready to play for fun only. What they found was a fully uniformed TVCC team which had appointed two senior citizens to officiate the match.

The nonchalant Crusaders freely substituted throughout the game and played casually for practice purposes while the aggressive TVCC club took the whole affair seriously. After TVCC swept Crawford's ball club, they called in the scrimmage score as a regular game score to Channel 6, the Statesman, and the CRUSADER.

Needless to say, the Crusaders will be out to humiliate the lesser



Thompson looks for trouble.

TVCC team Friday afternoon which will certainly prove to be interesting.

The sun shone brighter for the Crusaders this past week in regular season action as the NNC

ball club turned it around after nailing down three wins in four tries.

The law of averages finally caught up with the NNC ball club last Saturday afternoon after bouncing C of I for the eighth time in a row. The Crusaders, who used their patented comeback on the Coyotes in the first game fell victim to the rally in the second game as C of I came up with four clutch runs in the seventh inning on two key errors. The scores were 6-4 in NNC's favor while C of I downed the Crusaders in the nightcap 6-3. The Crusaders also took two out of three games from the physical Whitworth ball club to up their season record to 5-9.

NNC now meets TVCC at home Friday afternoon and will travel to Caldwell Monday afternoon to meet C of I in a double-header. □

HOGGY'S HOTBOX



Firs I'd like to thank my good friends down at Howdy Press International for the award I received from them. The annual Award is given to the outstanding college newspaper in the nation--this year going to the CRUSADER staff.

Given enough freedom, words, rope, and one Jim Woolbright, the CRUSADER will hang themselves. Last week we swung high.

The editorial last issue, along with that cute cartoon, blatantly crucified the Montgomery Fieldhouse residents and their activities. Now this appears innocent until you find in that same issue: A page pictorial on basketball, Sports personalities, and three pages dedicated to sports (one week we ran as many as eight pages of sports). There is obviously a contradiction here and for a newspaper in a glass house certainly shouldn't throw stones.

The editorial insinuated that the students dig into their pocketbooks for the Crusader excursions to exotic places and that there is an overemphasis on athletics.

"Concerning the cartoon which was ran last week, that is certainly not the case," defends Layton. "We're not a taker...we're a giver of funds."

Layton may have a point as the basketball team alone cashed in on \$10,000 from guarantees and gate receipts. The Crusaders traveled to Hawaii and Tennessee, courtesy of the Northwest district which shelled out around ten grand for expenses.

"We probably bring in just as much as anyone else," added Layton.

The Athletic department receives over 12 thousand a year in athletic scholarship money from outside donors--it does not come out of NNC's expense!

The athletic department also provides a considerable amount of entertainment for the students who have to put up with one lake, three theatres, and a Paul Bentley.

Look how many strutters there are in the student center looking for a date and then a mate. You can see them posing in Saga, laughing in the Bookstore, and looking seductive in the lounge. Yes, people come to college for different reasons.

"What's wrong anyway with coming to college to play sports?" Asks Layton to no one in particular. "Some people come to school to get married, some to sing in summer groups, and others for summer ministries. Is it so bad to come to school for sports? Is the Athlete not successful if he carries a 2.3 average? Why not develop our area we have potential in. Some are fortunate to be skilled in many areas while others are not. In the last three years all of my varsity players have graduated except for one."

You can read about NNC in the Idaho Free Press daily and it doesn't cost NNC a red penny. Northwest Nazarene College is now a household name on the Hawaiian Islands, throughout the Northwest, and in the hillbilly huts of Tennessee. If that doesn't help promote our other departments I don't know what else will...unless, of course, Ray Cooke walks the recruiting gauntlet throughout the Northwest along with other department heads.

It's not that I have anything against Jim Woolbright, but his definition of an athlete is still someone that is ineligible.

P.S. April Fool's Bentley. □

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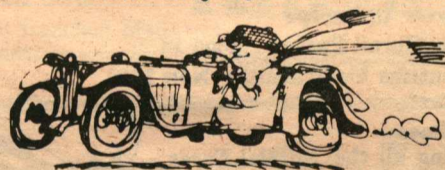
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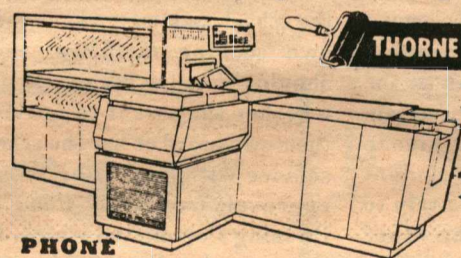
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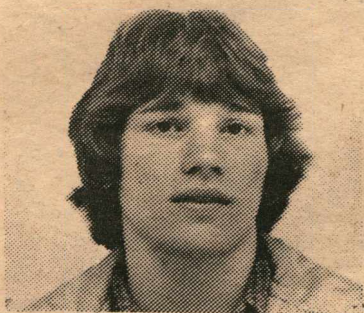
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Sports Personalities

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This year, NNC's answer to Ili Nastasi is Brad Adams. Brad may not have all the on-the-court antics of Nastasi, but he's got his own bag full of tricks. Brad comes from a tennis family. His dad is an avid tennis player and taught both Brad and his brother how to play. Brad and his younger brother have teamed up in doubles to take two fifth places in the Washington State High School Tournament. Brad felt that last year's fifth should have been better.

Brad lettered four years for the Othello High School tennis team and progressed in doubles to the state meet three years in succession. In both his junior and senior years, Brad was voted Most Valuable Player and captain of the team. He was also a leader on Othello's basketball team. He lettered three years in B-Ball and last year was voted Most Inspirational and captain of the team.

Brad's major at NNC is Business Administration but he really doesn't know why. He's learned a lot this year and is having a good time, although he is looking forward to a great summer. Last summer he worked at a Chevrolet Dealership.

Brad was involved in NNC's JV basketball team this year and came very close to making the Varsity team. He was a leader on the team and contributed a lot in the way of points. "It was a lot of fun, not much work and lots of good times," stated Brad. He is looking forward to seeing Varsity action next year.

Now getting down to the "meat" of the article, Brad is a good tennis player; probably the best freshman NNC has seen for quite some time. Brad doesn't know about that. He feels that Doug Hanson and a host of others will make the competition pretty rough. The team does look a lot stronger this year. They have been swamped with a whole slug of new freshmen that should make the battle for the top six positions a little tense. Brad is new to the college tennis scene so he wouldn't give any predictions. He knows that other schools have improved over last year too. He feels that this Saturday's practice match with TVCC should show a lot about how NNC will perform this year in tennis. □



Chris May, a freshman from Newport, Oregon, is currently playing baseball as an outfielder. Pre-seminary is his major here at NNC.

Chris started out in Pre-Med but changed his major when he felt that the Lord was definitely calling him to the ministry. "I wanted to change because if that's what God wants me to do, then that's what I want to do," said Chris. His main goal is to be a successful pastor.

People are of great importance to Chris. "I enjoy talking to people and getting to know them deeply. I try to be aware of the hurts of others and help them with their needs."

Studies and baseball occupy most of his time. He is involved however, in ministries in the convalescent homes.

Chris enjoys baseball. "I would like to be an inspiration to those around me (the team). I would like to play to my utmost ability and let it all be a praise to Him," said Chris.

One of the main concerns he has for the team is a lack of a winning attitude. "It's not wrong to lose but it's wrong to maintain a losing attitude. We must start to believe in ourselves, as individuals. We need more faith in ourselves and more self-discipline," said Chris.

He is happy about the school support, however. It "helps us to all play a little harder."

Chris was active in sports in high school. He was captain of the baseball team (ranked first in state), captain of the football team and played some basketball.

Chris likes NNC; the atmosphere and the attitudes of the professors. □



Brian Larson is a freshman this year from Grandview, Washington. He is one of the pitchers for the baseball team. He is currently majoring in Accounting.

Sports have been a big part of Brian's life for a long time now. He has pitched for a baseball team, kicked for a football team, and played basketball for six straight years, his last four playing for Grandview High School. Brian commented, "Football wasn't really my thing," but basketball and baseball were another story. Brian was captain for both basketball and baseball his last two years in high school. He also received the "Inspiration" award his junior year for baseball. Probably Brian's biggest accomplishment in sports was to make the Washington State All-Star Team.

Among his many interests in sports, Brian also likes to water ski and snow ski, but his biggest thrill is motorcycles. Yes, Brian like many NNC'ers has a love for taking the ole' bike out and cruisin' the roads, especially dirt roads.

Finally, Brian was asked to comment on the potential progress and talent of the team, and he said, "Well, we started out kind of slow, but we're getting everything together. So, we should do pretty good this season." □

(HPI) Record-breaking running back **O.J. Simpson** was traded to the San Francisco 49ers in exchange for five high draft choices this week. For Simpson, a native San Franciscan, it was a dream come true. "I'm ecstatic," he told a crowded news conference. "As a kid, I was a 49ers fan. I always dreamed of leading the 49ers to a championship. Now I'll have that chance." The Heisman Trophy winner out of USC rushed for an NFL record 2,003 yards in 1973 for the Buffalo Bills. Last year, however, hampered by an injured knee, he fell to his second-lowest rushing total, 557 yards. In nine seasons, he has gained 10,183 yards--which puts him within reach of the all-time NFL record of 12,312 set by **Jim Brown**.

Minnesota Vikings Quarterback **Fran Tarkenton** says that he may not play football next season. Tarkenton broke his leg in a game early last season and has been unable to regain full use of it since then.

The New York Yankees and Kansas City Royals are the pre-season picks to top their divisions in the American League this season. In the National League, Philadelphia is the favorite in the East with Cincinnati and Los Angeles fighting it out for the Western Division title. The season officially begins on April 5 in Seattle with the Mariners hosting the Minnesota Twins. The NL campaign begins one day later with the traditional opener in Cincinnati with the Reds facing the Houston Astros.

"The Good Lord will provide," said **Dick Allen** after learning that he had been cut from the roster of the Oakland A's earlier this week. Although the controversial 14-year veteran slugger showed up at camp for the exhibition season, he wasn't put in a single game and sat on the bench for the entire spring season.

The plan to sell the Oakland A's to Denver oilman **Marvin Davis** has fallen through. Exactly what happened isn't certain, but indications are that **Charles O. Finley** just doesn't want to sell. A frustrated and angry Davis was not discouraged though and says he will try again to bring a major league baseball team to Denver.

The Portland Trailblazers, says **Bill Walton**, lost again, this time to the Phoenix Suns 127-94. Without the big center--who has been out for 16 games--the Blazers have a 5-11 mark.

Jack "Goose" Givens made 41 points to lead the No. 1 ranked Kentucky past a courageous Duke team to win its first NCAA basketball championship in 20 years. The 6-4 senior forward hit 18 of 27 shots from the field and chipped in five free throws enroute to the victory.

Sparked by four-time All-American **Ann Meyers**, junior **Anita Ortega**, and freshman **Denise Curry**, the UCLA women's basketball team trounced Maryland 90-74 to capture its first Association for Inter-Collegiate Athletics for Women Basketball title. Ortega led the Bruins in scoring with 23 points, followed by Meyers with 20 and Curry with 18. □

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