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Alumni to Visit Campus Third Annual Back to College Day

By Elizabeth Martin

The third annual "Alumni Back to College Day" (ABC) will be held Friday, April 24. Plans include a special speaker during chapel and 14 alumni who will be available to speak to students during the day.

The ABC program is sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Career Planning and Placement Office. According to Myron Finkbeiner of the Alumni Association, "This is an important day. I hope students will go to chapel, listen to the speaker, and take time to speak with the alumni."

"The aim of the program is to increase student awareness of the importance of a liberal arts program. The visiting alumni will endeavor to help students to see more clearly the relationship between educational experience and

possible future life experience. They will report on what they are doing and how they became involved in their pursuits. The program will also help students to become acquainted with the concerns and the thinking of persons in positions of leadership and influence who are dealing with problems and interests important to today's society."

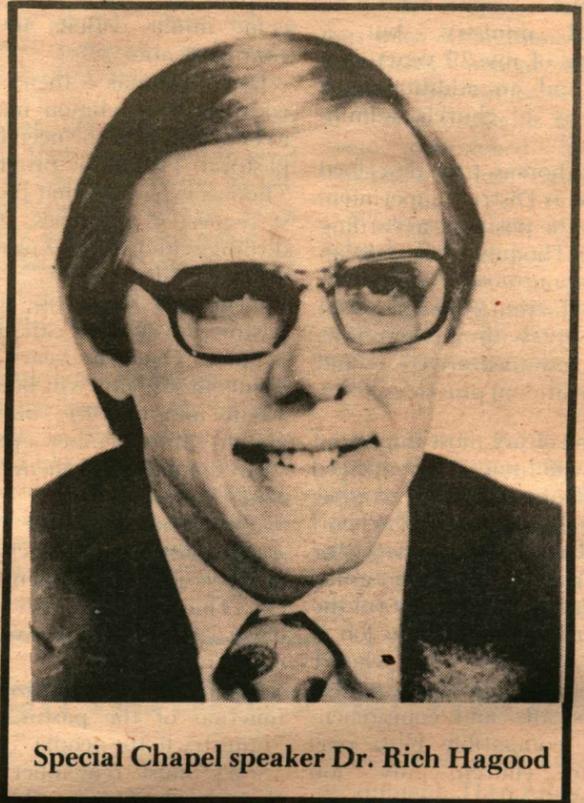
This year's special speaker will be Dr. Rich Hagood. Dr. Hagood's theme will be "Major changes undergoing in American society with respect to the type of preparation required of people in managerial and leadership positions." During chapel, Dr. Hagood hopes to:

1. Create an awareness of the changes in our society that have produced a need for qualified managers and leaders.

2. Demonstrate that a liberal arts education is an excellent preparation for positions in management and leadership.

3. Challenge the students to develop their management and leadership abilities in order to assume crucial positions in a changing society.

Dr. Hagood, 39, is assistant to the Provost at Washington State University, Pullman. He is a 1964 graduate of NNC, where he majored in history. After teaching public school in Boise for three years, he received a Master's degree from the University of Oregon, and a Doctor's degree from the University of Illinois' Department of Educational Policy Studies. He is married to NNC graduate Junella Finkbeiner Hagood and the father of two girls.



Special Chapel speaker Dr. Rich Hagood

Alumni participants for the 1981 ABC program are:

Darrell Bloomquist, '75: Organic chemist for the Hewlett-Packard Corporation.

Dan Bowman, '77: Meteorologist for Channel 6 television in Nampa.

Steve Clark, '66: Statistician

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Senators Respond Strongly

Editorial Sparks Campus Controversy



Despite philosophical and political differences, Senior Senator Del Gray and Crusader Editor Steve Arnold resolve differences long enough to smile for the camera. ASNNC Senate promises to implement "safeguard procedures" to a proposed Constitutional Amendment which drew fire in a recent editorial.

Responding strongly to the editorial which was printed in last week's issue of the *Crusader*, ASNNC senators have charged the current editor with "unprofessionalism and irresponsibility." While Junior class Senator Bettina Tate explains, "I believe some of the facts were misrepresented," Senator Dwight Lamm posted

signs in Chapman Hall, inviting students to confer with him.

The editorial, written by *Crusader* editor, Steve Arnold, involved a proposed Constitutional Amendment which grants the ASNNC Senate authority to rewrite the Constitutions of ASNNC organizations, and to ter-

minate clubs the Senate finds "ineffective."

The thrust of the controversy concerns the editorial's suggestion that such centralization of power "opens the door to possible abuse of power."

Senator Bettina Tate expressed concern that the editorial misrepresented key facts. "First of all," Miss Tate

began, "the bill was not introduced by one senator, but was the result of a committee deliberation. Secondly, there are checks which will disallow Senate to arbitrarily 'ZAP, ZAP, ZAP,' any organization. For example, the Amendment calls for a review process."

Though the Amendment does call for an organization to be reviewed, the Amendment does not specify what procedures comprise a review.

"Constitutionally, commented Steve Arnold, "the 'review' could be no more than a five minute discussion in Senate."

One NNC student defended the paper's editorial policy, "That senators are accusing Steve of unprofessionalism is erroneous. Steve's piece was an editorial—that clearly means that it is an opinion piece. I think it is ironic that the senators were able to express their opinion for the Amendment on page seven, but the senators don't think it was fair of Steve to express his opinion on the editorial page—something's definitely fishy there!"

Senator Del Gray, previous *Crusader* editor, does not object to the editorial on journalistic grounds, but worries that the editorial may be understood as saying the Amendment indicates Senate has a personal vendetta against some individuals on campus.

"This is clearly not the case," explains Senator Gray, "the Amendment arose out of Senate's concern for proper procedures. Positions are being considered, not people. There is no animosity directed at specific individuals."

Summing up the controversy, Editor Arnold explains, "I think the paper was extremely fair. Before Friday's issue of the paper, most NNC students were unaware of the Amendment. I feel the students have a right to know what issues are being considered. The Senators expressed their opinion about the Amendment on page seven last week (and are invited to further discuss their views); I expressed my opinion on the editorial page. Isn't that the ultimate for a free press?"

While senators concede that the Amendment does allow for possible senatorial abuse, the senators contend that abuse is not probable and Editor Arnold's editorial was reactionary and inflammatory.

Explains Freshman Class Senator Rosemarie Wheeler, "A student senate is composed of responsible representatives who carefully consider issues before acting."

Senator Tate adds, "The Amendment will allow Senate the flexibility necessary to provide senatorial review and to insure effectiveness of ASNNC organizations."

Questions Students

In an informal seminar, District Superintendent, Dr. Hoyle Thomas encouraged religion students in what Dr. Thomas described as, "not an academic approach to pastoral ministry, but a gleaning of my 29 years as a pastor and an additional 10 years as a church administrator."

Dr. Thomas first described his role as District Superintendent. The position, according to Dr. Thomas, demands an integration of doctrinal, spiritual, and inter-personal sensitivity—with an emphasis on administrative and organizational practices.

"One of my most important responsibilities," continued Dr. Thomas, "is, of course, pastoral assignments. When I am able to suggest a pastor who compliments the given needs and idiosyncracies of the local congregation, my job is easy: a delight. But when I cannot offer a minister who is intrinsically and comprehensively compatible to a particular church, my job becomes nearly impossible."

Dr. Thomas then focused his lecture on practical aspects of pastoral ministry. According to Dr. Thomas, three of the more pivotal aspects of practical ministry are homiletics, pastoral calling, and personal optimism.

"Though not everyone is especially blessed with eloquence and oratorical skills, the care and diligence with which a preacher should prepare his sermon will overcome minor deficits in the communication arts."

Dr. Thomas then encouraged the religion majors to be sensitive to the need for a pastoral visitation program. Thomas explained that the first request of churches, when dealing with potential pastors, is for a "calling pastor."

"There is no excuse for a pastor who does not call on his people. Over the years, key points in sermons will become vague and obscure, but the people will remember a pastor who stood beside them in a time of need."

For the pastor to have a personal optimistic perspective is another practical essential. Dr. Thomas explains, "God never did anything with a discouraged pastor."

Dr. Thomas summarized the function of the pastor as a "ministry to the people."

"We must remember that the main thrust is people. We cannot allow the church to be sidetracked with building programs or statistics."

Alluding to a book by Hal Lindsey, Dr. Thomas captioned his appeal, "Mr. Devil is alive and well on planet earth—and our people need help."

Training sessions will begin Monday, May 11 for volunteers interested in working for a 24 hour Christian hot-line. According to Judy MacKanic, Reach Out Hot-Line, "Anyone interested in helping and counseling over the phone should contact us at 376-5000." There are five training sessions.

"He has a right in our society—and especially on a university campus—to speak his mind, no matter how abhorrent his ideas," Hackney said in a statement to the press.

University of California-Berkeley political science students also spoke their minds, although more spontaneously. Some clapped and cheered when news of the shootings was announced in class, according to junior David Hartman, one of the students in the class. Hartman says he also overheard cheering from other locations on campus through the open window. But one woman in the room who laughed at the announcement was hissed at by other classmates.

At the University of Denver, students crowded in a basement to drop and add classes reacted to the news "unsympathetically," according to campus newspaper reports. One woman commented, "The shock hadn't sunk in . . . I'm too busy just hoping that he dies."

Denver student Janice Thomas attributed the lack of sympathy to anger over Reagan's proposed cutbacks in student aid. "With so much violence in this country," added Marna Regehr of the University of Illinois, "the attempted assassination was not really shocking."

In Palo Alto, California, reaction from the editors of Stanford University's humor magazine, *The Chapparral*, was less calculated. An issue featuring a mythical story about a "Reagan assassination" hit the newsstands just two hours before Reagan was in fact shot in Washington, D.C.

The story, called "Who Shot R.R.?" was written three months ago, but appeared in the March 30 issue by "sheer coincidence," says business manager James Gable.

The magazine's parody describes a fictional shooting of the president during a "White House Rodeo." Suspects in the case were various "welfare recipients," "poor people," and Larry Hagman and Nancy Reagan.

Gable says he has no plans to take the issue off the stands. "We received no flak about the article," he says. "I think everyone realized that it was just a really strange coincidence, and there was nothing at all malicious involved."

Pre-Registration

By Elizabeth Martin

A special convocation will be held on Wednesday, April 22, during Chapel hour.

Students will meet with their advisors during that time to receive their pre-registration packets. Packets will include check sheets, next year's class schedule, a worksheet, and a registration package card. According to Wanda McMichael, Registrar, "Students will then set up an appointment with their advisor to take place sometime within the next three weeks. This allows each advisor more time to spend with the students."

"During this Chapel hour, advisors are usually limited to general information that would apply to all of their majors." By arranging an appointment with their advisor, however, students will have an opportunity to discuss their schedule or question their advisor about their major.

"Students now enrolled can take a longer time this spring to arrange their schedule than will be available during the fall," explained Mrs. McMichael. "When you're down in the P.E. building—registration is always a hurried, rushed job. Everyone is in a hurry and the advisor can't take a lot of time to talk to you as a person."

"Dr. Lindley does pre-register the freshmen and transfer students. We could just give them a schedule and say, 'this is it.' We feel it's very important for at least an initial contact between the student and main instructor—the department he's interested in."

"I'm not sure what fall will be like, but we are going computer during the next school year. In the future, it should speed up the registration process. Even when we do go to computers," Mrs. McMichael concluded, "there's something in the student-

advisor contact that I don't want to do away with."

Advisor locations for April 22:

Art--Shaffer, Freeman, Long-FA 131

Bio. Sci.--Powers, Fyffe, Hanson--SC 202

Bus.--Weber, Kaldenberg, Curl, Shafer, Dautermann--Adm. Aud.

Chem.--Imel, Redfield--SC 109

Elem. Ed.--Wesche, Thompson, Harman, Knight, Woodcock--LC 135

Eng. Phy.--Marks, Sharpton--SC 119

English--Bennett, Hill, Wener, Dennis--LC 112

Gen. St.--Lindley, Alban--LC 140

History--Woodward--LC 113

Home Ec.--Tombaugh, Runkle, Little, Martin, EL 103

Math--Ganske, Tursa, Yoder--SC 101

Med. Tech.--Fyffe--SC 202

Music--Hill, Willis, Bankston, Turner, Stallcop, Bloomquist--Fa 222

Nursing--Marks--Sc 119

Phil.--Crawford--W 103

Phys. Ed.--A. Horwood, J. Horwood, Hopkins, Taylor, Layton, Moss--PE 212

Physics--Marks, Sharpton--SC 119

Pre-Med--Powers--SC 202

Psych.--Simpson, Ponsford--LC 114

Rel.--Sanner, Cowles, Munn--W 103

Rel. Ed.--Laird--W 107

Soc. Sci.--Cooke--LC 210

Soc. Wk.--Sherrill, Schultze--LC 111

Sp. Comm.--Owens, Keith, Shaw--LC 114

Sp./Hrg.--Owens--LC 114

Exploring--Lindley, Alban--LC 140

Appointments with advisors should be made before May 15.

Reagan Shooting

Mixed Reaction

College students at different locales around the country drew widespread attention for their questionably cheerful reaction to the March 30 attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan, but a few college students are also finding themselves in trouble because of similar responses to the news.

At the University of Pennsylvania, a student newspaper columnist wrote "I hope he dies" two days after the shooting. Senior Dominic Manno, expressing what he calls his "frustration with the political system," wrote in his *Daily Pennsylvanian* column, "My first reaction to the assassination attempt was 'too bad he (the gunman) missed.'"

In the column, Manno also suggested that people as frustrated as he might have sufficient motive to use "a bullet to cancel out the ballot."

Hundreds of angry readers telephoned the paper to protest the comments, according to Executive Editor Andrew Kirtzman.

Manno wouldn't change his mind about the sentiments in the column, but confessed he was "surprised by the magnitude and the vehemence of (the protests)."

The column also caught the attention of the Philadelphia office of the Secret Service, where special agent Kevin Tucker announced an investigation was underway.

Tucker says he wants to determine "whether Manno has a propensity to carry them (his sentiments) out, or whether he has a propensity for violence."

University President Sheldon Hackney says he was "appalled" by the column, but says the university plans no disciplinary action.

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for the Department of Law Enforcement. Part-time instructor for Boise State University in the area of crime statistics.

Dennis Fulcher, '67: Assistant Vice President and Manager, Citizen's National Bank, Five Mile Boise Branch.

Dennis Johnson, '76: Deputy Prosecutor for Ada County, Boise.

Burke Jones, '76: Owner, Manager and President, Kalbus Office Supply, Nampa.

Mary McKenzie, '54: Art instructor, Boise City Schools, Professional freelance artist, specializing in pottery.

Ken Meenach, '40: Realtor and manager of sales, Nampa Realty.

Phil Peterson, '55: Assistant School Superintendent, Secondary Schools, Meridian.

Sandy Rumble, '77: Instruc-

tor, Nampa Fitness Center.

Edwin Sonnenberg, '76: Ada County Coroner, Boise.

Rev. James Stewart, '70: Pastor, Five Mile Church of the Nazarene.

Steve Woodworth, '78: Juvenile Court Officer, Canyon County, Caldwell.

"The reason these alumni participants were chosen is because Kathy Johnson and I met with the senior class last fall," said Myron Finkbeiner. "We told them what we were going to do and asked them which profession would they like to hear from. I've had so many students in the past few years question why they're here at the college. They feel they should be at a state university where they can center in one profession. They don't quite understand the purpose of the liberal arts."

A Cinderella Story



By Teresa Sinel

Students are brought to NNC for various and sundry reasons, and Patti Steven's story is an exceptionally interesting one.

Patti's story begins in Los Angeles, where she worked as a manicurist in one of the large hotels. Her college experience had extended to Mt.

San Antonio Junior College, but it had been four years since she had been involved in an educational atmosphere.

In the course of working as a manicurist, Patti more and more realized how much she wanted and desired an education. The problem was that it was just too hard to fit school into her life.

One night Patti talked to her mother about her goals and aspirations, but no solutions were really made. The next day, Patti went to work, and as it turned out, one of her customers was Ann Kiemel. During her facial, Ann asked Patti about her necklace. Was it a cross? Patti, for reasons unknown to her, replied "No, but I wish it were." Ann asked about Patti's Christian life and Patti told her that although she had been raised in the Nazarene church, she didn't feel that she was quite where she should be.

Ann then said to her "Patti, God has sent me here to meet you."

Patti and Ann continued to talk, sharing their worlds with each other. Then Ann began to sing the song "Something Beautiful" to Patti in the beauty shop. Patti felt a special presence, and knew that the Holy Spirit was there.

After her song, Ann told Patti that she wanted to send her to her alma mater, Northwest Nazarene College, on a yearly scholarship funded by Ann herself. Patti accepted her offer, and is now a junior at NNC.

Patti is a Philosophy and Religion major with an emphasis in Psychology. She would like a career in pastoral counseling and has already received a job offer from the pastor of her home church, Los Angeles First Church of the Nazarene.

Did Ann Kiemel have an influence in Patti's choice of majors? According to Patti, the answer is no. Ann's only advice to Patti was this: "All you need to do is love."

Patti's religious influence has been strengthened by the Mayfields, whom she considers her "adoptive" parents. The Mayfields and Patti were introduced by Ann Kiemel, a mutual friend.

When she is not busy with school, Patti enjoys reading, visiting museums, painting and building relationships with her friends. Her favorite sports are running and swimming.

At present, Patti is unsure about the future. She would like to do post-graduate work or attend seminary after graduation, but if unable to do either of these, she will return home to work in the church.

from the Religion department . . .



Danger: Part Three

By Len Ridley

"But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. For each one will bear his own load." (Galatians 6:4-5)

Last term, I devoted one entire article to that dreaded malady, "second term blahs". Somehow, we managed to survive, with very few casualties, and are now preparing to coast through term three: vacation time has begun. In view of this fact, I have carefully selected my classes for this term ranging in complexity from golf to ceramics; I am now ready to begin coasting. And therein lies the danger of third term.

This term, I have the distinct privilege of looking back on a college career almost completed; naturally, this is done with some sense of evaluation. Questions like, "have I done my best to prepare, have I taken advantage of the opportunities I've had in this institution to really learn?" keep popping up, and then the guilt begins (I have to admit that I haven't studied, because if I don't my friends will be quick

to point it out for me).

You see, for four years I have been in college because the Lord called me to be a student; everything must be evaluated in light of how I have responded to that calling. (At this point in time I will change from the use of first person singular to first person plural so nobody will feel left out). Everything we are doing now we are doing as a result, or in relation to that calling. Do we devote our time to clowning around when the physics test is coming up? Then possibly we are not living up to that calling.

To be called by God is an awesome responsibility; to neglect that responsibility is a tremendous error. Academics are the areas of our calling now; to do anything less than our best is not only cheating ourselves; it is also a failure to equip ourselves for the ministry our Lord has chosen for us following our college years.

Third term: On those spring days when our minds are wondering, we must remember than we are here as a result of a calling, and not forget our responsibilities.

A Review

Heirborn--High Ratings for Rerun

By Beth Otto

The TV proves it daily, and Heirborn proved it last Saturday night. Reruns are great! This year's concert was basically the same as last year's. Awesome.

Heirborn has a good rock sound. The average easy-listener music critic would probably have crawled home in search of his earmuffs. But for myself—and the majority of the audience—the band was openly accepted.

Each of the five guys in the group are experienced rock-rollers. They consist of a drummer, keyboardist, bass guitarist, and two other electric guitarists. Most of them date back to their high school days, playing in dance bands and progressing to bars and lounges. But they found nothing satisfying in the same thing night after night. In their own ways, each has come to know Christ in a very personal and meaningful relationship. This is their tie that binds them together.

Yet, because of their backgrounds, they know how to make music—and quite excellently, I may add—and because of Christ, music is just the means to their ministry. Lead singer and songwriter, Mike, said, "If it weren't for the ministry, I wouldn't be in this." And the others agreed.

They started the concert by getting our attention with a few rowdy songs. The words were difficult to catch over the music at times, but they and their meaning were there. Clear vocal harmony and a nice blend was in their favor. They attempted one country-style song. . . but I suppose they felt they had to for Idaho.

The second half began on the upbeat as well, with costumes to boot. "Undercover Christian" went over with lots of fun added, but its "secret affair with the Lord" message shone through. To keep the excitement going, the next song brought an impressive electric piano and electric guitar duo that many

of us wished could have gone on all night. Then Allan told a story and some jokes, such as "I think of Paul as the Captain Kirk of the Bible. . . nothing phases him." And I can't forget to mention "Lance's" drum solo that also brought a few extra claps. About this time I suddenly realized that each member had given some sort of testimony without it seeming like Wednesday night's "Testimony Time." Everything was smooth.

Ah, but now came the sermonette. Yet, even this had its place and was timed well. To prove this, the stage-turned-altar was three people deep. Their message hit home and provided the right atmosphere many NNCers needed to pray and make things clear with our Lord.

Heirborn tours about six months out of the year. It's not real easy for them—two are married—and they're not out to make money, but to minister. May our prayers go with them as they continue to tell others how to be Heirborn.



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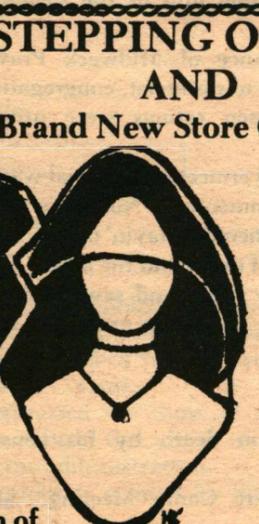
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An Obituary of an Old Friend

Nearly five people gathered today to mourn the death of Midweek Prayermeeting. Mr. Prayermeeting died of disinterest and neglect at local congregations across the nation. Speculation suggests that Prayermeeting was approximately 100 years old.

Prayermeeting was born out of the desire of local congregations — particularly those of conservative Protestant denominations — to promote an atmosphere conducive to intimate and informal times of fellowship, revival, and prayer.

Back when people were weak and more likely to be downtrodden by "life's pressures," short-sighted churchmen perceived a need for a midweek inspirational service. However, the enlightenment and sophistication of recent years have spelled the success of more essential church-oriented activities. How could the piety and the physical ordeal of "staying-on-your-knees-that-long" compete with the more pleasant, popular, and contemporary church activities?

Yes, Midweek Prayermeeting was slowly replaced by a host of more imperative church functions. First there was Choir Practice; no one really seemed to mind or notice when a group of musically-minded minstrels stepped out of Prayermeeting in order to prepare for Sunday's performance — I mean, you couldn't really expect the choir members to ruin two nights a week with church activities.

Then there was the "Teen Group." How could teenagers benefit from hearing all those old codgers testify, and testify, and testify. Yes, the teens deserved their own separate meeting.

Next came Caravans — the poor little kiddies shouldn't have to suffer anything from which their older counterparts in "Teen Group" are exempt.

- Then there was Alternate Missionary Meeting Night . . .
- Then a Lay Witness Program
- Private "Adventure Through the Scriptures" Enterprise
- Film Series on the Exceptional Child
- Sunday School Workshop
- Church Cleaning Nights
- Puppet Ministries
- Phone Ministries
- Tupperware Parties for Missions
- Horticulture for the Lord
- Birthing Methods for the Expecting Christian Parent
- Cosmetic Applications for the Christian Woman
- Basketball for the Christian Man
- Obedience School for the Christian Dog

Yes, everyone seemed able to develop an alternative for the once-traditional worship service that provided a communal setting for testimonies and prayer.

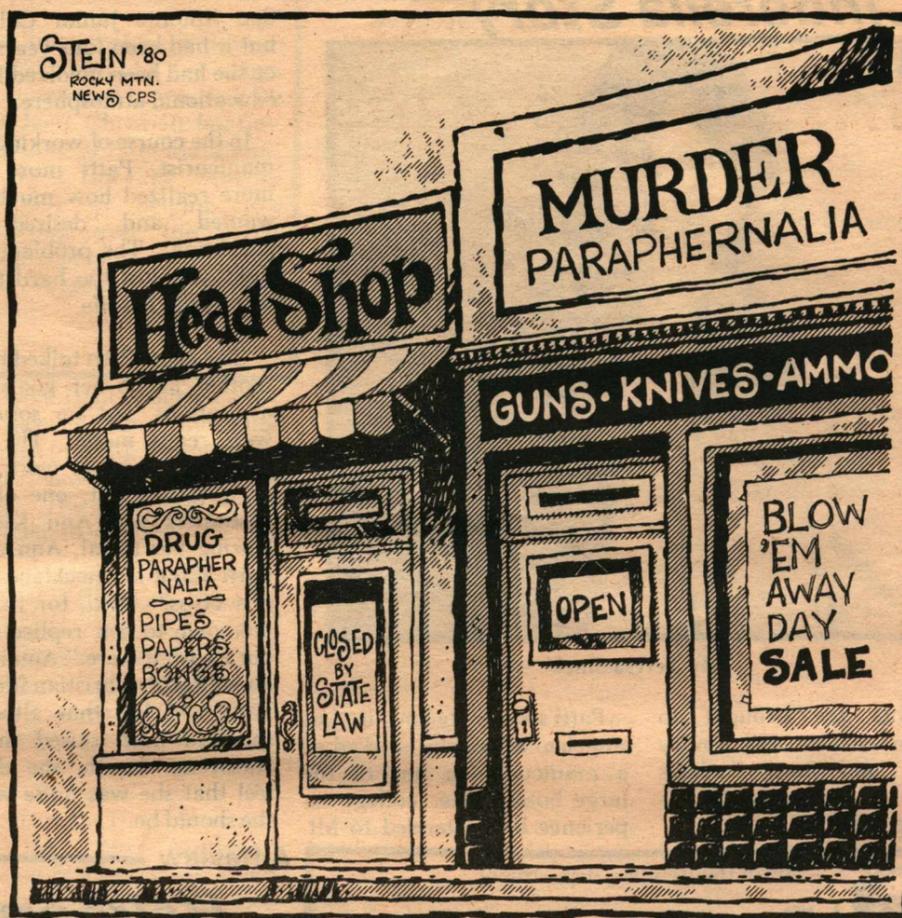
The final blow to Prayermeeting came from ministers of multiple-staffed churches who did not attend Prayermeeting themselves. Rather, some mediocre "special speaker" was allowed to mumble his way through an equally mediocre service — while the minister dealt with more vital concerns — presumably, the new airconditioning unit or the shag carpeting.

Sensing the decreased importance of Midweek Prayermeeting from the pastor's example of disinterest, congregations responded accordingly: the Nielsen ratings were proportionately on the gain.

The eulogy at Mr. Midweek Prayermeeting's funeral was offered by Bored Meeting who commented, "Nothing's really changed. When I was a child I remember stayin' on my knees for hours at Prayermeeting — all of us around the altar. Well, I went to church last Wednesday night and saw dozens of youngin's down on their knees — all of 'em around a Pine-wood Derby Track.

Prayermeeting was preceded in death by his cousin Bible Reading

Pall bearers for the event were Camp Meeting, and Sunday School.



Oh Say Can You Sing ?

By Betty Wurst

Has America in the last three decades lost its voice when it comes to reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and singing the Star Spangled Banner? Or has her voice just become quiet and withdrawn? Does America still see by the dawn's early light? What proof is there that our flag is still there? And does it wave over the land of the free and the home of the brave? Is this still the land where our fathers died and of the pilgrims' pride? Does the patriot's dream still see beyond the years? How beautiful are those spacious skies and amber waves of grain? Where are those words: Glory Glory Hallelujah?

America grew as a nation of many cultures. There was never just one supreme race. No one person was exactly the same as another, yet all together America's people were united as one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. America fought her way to freedom. Then she fought to keep her independence. Through two world wars she went. Change was inevitable, but it was change for the better. America grew to be a close-knit nation, proud of her national anthem and proud of her Pledge of Allegiance.

What has become of that proud nation in the time since World War II? We have lost two wars and quite a lot of pride. That is not to say that only the nations that win wars may have pride—who is the winner of a war—but America's people begin to doubt their leaders after military defeat.

The sixties brought many different ideas to America. Rock music and drugs were taking hold of its youth. Rebellion against a decision to participate in the Viet Nam War affected American against American. The youth thought that the older generation was "stuffy" and unconcerned about human life. The adults thought that the youth were immature and irresponsible. Was it the younger generation who began to sing the hymns of American patriotism with softer voices? Or was it the older generation whose voices became hoarse? And why did a nation that once stood so united fall so divided? Why did Americans stop reciting the Pledge of Allegiance? Why were the patriotic hymns no longer sung? Why did Americans stop waving the red, white, and blue banners on Independence holidays? Where did the once United nation disappear to?

The unpatriotism did not disappear during the seventies. The United States was finally not involved in a war, but she could not find a responsible president to lead her in other affairs. Nixon disappointed everyone by being involved in Watergate and lying to a nation he had pulled out of the Viet Nam War. Then the energy crisis hit and it was "every man for himself no matter whom you walk all over." A skeptical nation then listened to and obeyed its first non-elected president—Gerald Ford. In the year 1976 we celebrated our 200th birthday. There was a lot of pledging, praising and singing, but the revived spirit once again dropped back down when a serious election time came to elect a new leader who would be expected to bring us out of our turmoil. This was to be a "starting over" time.

During 1979, during Jimmy Carter's presidency, came the biggest crisis in three decades—the taking over of the American Embassy in Iran and holding 53 hostages until America agreed to hand over the Shah of Iran who was dying of cancer. Americans believed the hostages would be let go once the Shah had died, but Iran had other plans. The hostages were held 100 days . . . 200 days . . . 300 days . . . 400 days . . . They were away from family through two Christmas seasons. There was even a failed rescue attempt. After all of this, what reason did Americans have to pledge their allegiance or sing patriotic hymns of praise about the home of the free? But on the contrary, the issue seemed to draw Americans—old and young—to a long-forgotten belief in their country. When the times got really rough, her people banded together to become that united force. Americans all over prayed for the release of the 52 hostages.

444 days after their capture the hostages were released, and America was under the leadership of a new president—Ronald Reagan. Was this time of crisis just a time for the band to tune up for the patriotic hymns to be sung? Were Americans just waiting to get over a bad case of laryngitis?

"My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride. From every mountainside let freedom ring."

Dear Crusader Answer Man

NRA to Show the Way

Dear Crusader Answer Man:

Lately I have been getting in a lot of arguments with my friends about whether or not to ban handguns. They say all kinds of junk about how you can only use guns to shoot people and that it is too easy for anyone with 50 dollars just to walk into a pawnshop and buy a cheap gun to kill somebody with. They say guns should at least be registered so that criminals can be tracked down when they use a gun and so that the police can do a check to see if the person has a criminal record before selling it to him. I am against gun control and have just joined the national Rifle Association, but I didn't get their magazine yet. I need some good, snappy arguments to make back to those bleeding heart friends of mine when they say we should ban handguns. Can you help me out?

J. W. Booth



Dear J. W.:

No problemo. There is nothing easier than to blow away those pipe dreams by liberal pacifists who want to take away our God-given right to have all the guns we want. All you have to do is confront them with a few fact-a-rolies and they'll go running for cover.

These are the facts. Once you give a liberal a foot in the door he will want to go the whole mile. If you let some bureaucratic Know Nothing in Washington get your name down and in his computer, there is no stopping what he will do to you. If you let him take away, or even register, your trusty iron the next thing you know he will want to take away your DMSO.

Also what are you going to do if you are sleeping peacefully in your castle and you hear a noise in your living room. Are you going to wait and call the cops? Not me, buddy. If I hear someone prowling around in my house I will shoot first and ask questions later. I may take out a few cats, but one of these days I'm going to get me a real criminal dead to rights—and I do mean *dead*. Where would I be if I couldn't pull my pistol out from under my pillow to protect myself? Probably in the cemetery.

Also, the right to have a gun is in the constitution. Our Christian forefathers knew that as soon as you disarm the citizens of a country the communists are sure to take over. The enemy might be able to get all our military, but they wouldn't be able to take over if every private citizen had his own piece and was willing to use it. They would have to go door to door to kill all us Americans with guns. If you don't have a gun the commies could take you without a fight. I almost think everyone should be *required* to have a gun so he could do his part in case of an enemy attack.

Some people say that handguns are only good for killing people. Well, that's a bunch of baloney. Pistols are good for shooting some kinds of animals such as cats and wild dogs, or any other animal as long as you are close enough. Believe me, if I was close enough to a wild animal to be able to hit it with a pistol, I would be awfully glad to have a pistol to hit it with. Also handguns are fun to use in target shooting. There is an unexplainable feeling of satisfaction that one gets in making nine out of ten hits right in the circle that is where the heart is on the target. You know that if that target had been a communist or a burglar he wouldn't have had a chance. This is a thrill that has to be experienced to be understood.

Well, J.W., I hope I have been able to supply you with some "ammunition" to hit your liberal friends with when they start talking about gun control. By the way, if I was you, the first thing I would do would be to get rid of those liberal friends. A liberal is like the hard soil in the parable in the Bible about the seed. When the wind comes, it will blow your friendship (the seed) away or else the bird will come along and eat it. You will need your gun then to kill the bird.

Birchfield L. Bloom

Letters to the Editor . . .

To the Editor:

To the author of *Criticizes Secrecy*:

You don't want ASNNC to go into Executive Session because of "secrecy," correct? Well then, it seems odd to me your name was "withheld upon request." Could that also be the secrecy you're referring to, or are you just one of those mature, intelligent and superior to the average NNC student you referred to in your article?

Kyle Bunker

To the Editor:

I know you get a lot of complaints about your shoddy journalism—and most of them well-deserved, I might add, but I think you should know that I have finally found a worse editor than you—the editor of the Cru-Keys!!

The audacity of the Cru-Keys to speak of the "Hunger-Fund" right above an advertisement for "Win a Free Giant Pizza and a Pitcher of Coke" was too much.

I know millions are starving to death, but why rub salt in the wounds, or should I say salami and pepperoni?

Vaughn Warren

joke

To the Editor:

We're real sorry about not having our stories in on time. Please don't yell at us—a public execution will do just fine.

When all the jocks and jockettes complain about poor sports coverage this week, we will take full responsibility.

Dave Goins

Ron Keen

Crusader Staff

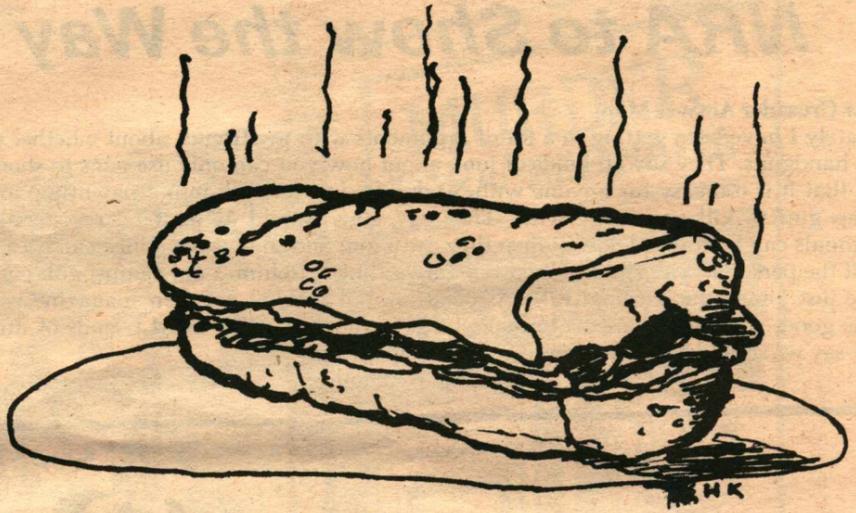
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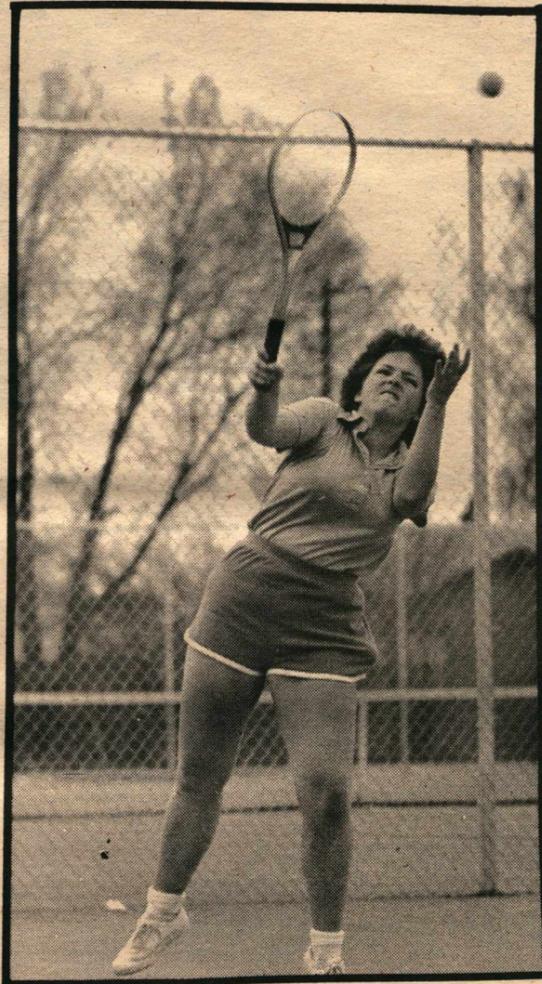
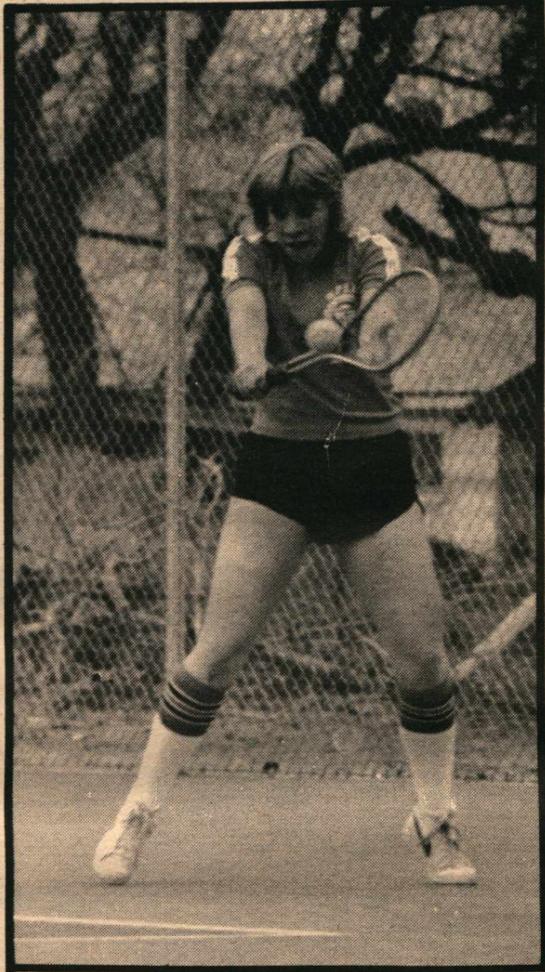
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Early Games Spell Victory

Girls Track on the Right Foot

By Laura Holmes

April 10th's track meet at CSI went "fairly well," commented coach Kathy Haughey. Crusader runners came in second place with 29 points.

Antoinette Blythe made a 17' by 11½" long jump to qualify her for both regionals and nationals in the long jump. Antoinette is now eligible for regionals in long jump and the 100 meter dash.

Maureen Frietag took second place in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of eleven seconds.

Robin Johnson says of the meet, "We ran much more competitively."

Coach Haughey expects big things from this week's meet, which is here at NNC. TVCC and Boise State will be competing, and there are potentially more, although they are yet unconfirmed.

Ms. Haughey has high expectations of the girls, as they are reaching their peak and "many are getting close to qualifying times. It's just a matter of hitting a good day."

NNC & GFC Play Double-Header

By Dave Goins

It was as if someone had put in a quarter and the machine just kept playing the hits.

Northwest Nazarene College baseball fans couldn't help liking the tune of nine runs on eight basehits—and all in one inning. The Crusaders scored those nine runs against the George Fox College Bruins Friday afternoon in the second game after being defeated by the Bruins 5-3 in the opener.

NNC went on to a 13-4 win in the nightcap, totaling 15 hits in the process.

George Fox lefthander Dave Scarth held the Crusaders to three runs in the first game. But NNC changed drastically in game two.

Senior centerfielder Steve Hodges started the Crusaders off with a single. By the end of the inning, thirteen Crusaders had gone to bat.

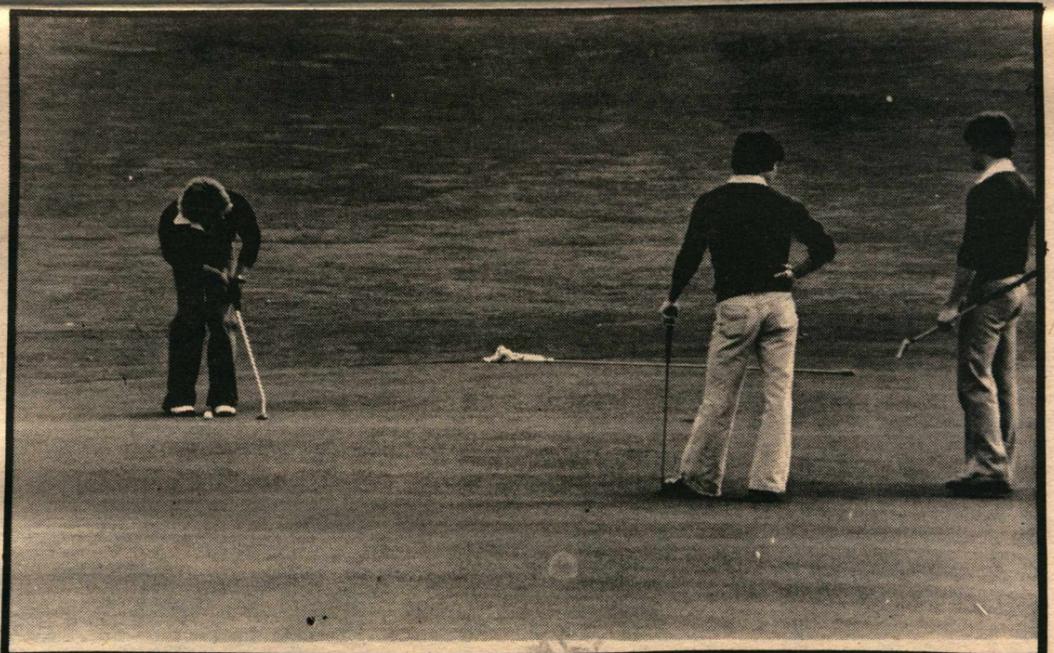
"I think it (the second game) was good for a lot of our guys to realize they've got the ability," said Hodges who singled off Scarth twice in the first game. "They just needed the confidence. Concentration and intensity has to be there on every play in baseball."

Todd Kammerzell went the distance for NNC, striking out five batters. And in the second game, Jeff Duerner led the way with three hits, while Dino Thoren, Daryl Crow and Troy Johnson all had two apiece.

"We played well in the first game. But psychologically when your pitcher gets bombed, everybody lets down," said George Fox coach Larry LaBounty. "When you face a slow pitcher in the first game, you are set up for a lot of strikeouts in the next game—that and getting down eight runs. It was just a combination of things."

NNC might have taken the first game had it not been for a pair of crucial errors which allowed two unearned runs to score. Between the errors and Scarth's pitching the Crusaders were in trouble.

"We beat Scarth the last time we played George Fox," said NNC coach Jack Alban. "We don't see lefthanders in practice, so it took a while to get used to him. And a couple of people made errors early on that led to our downfall."



The men's golf team made a competitive showing at recent tournament.

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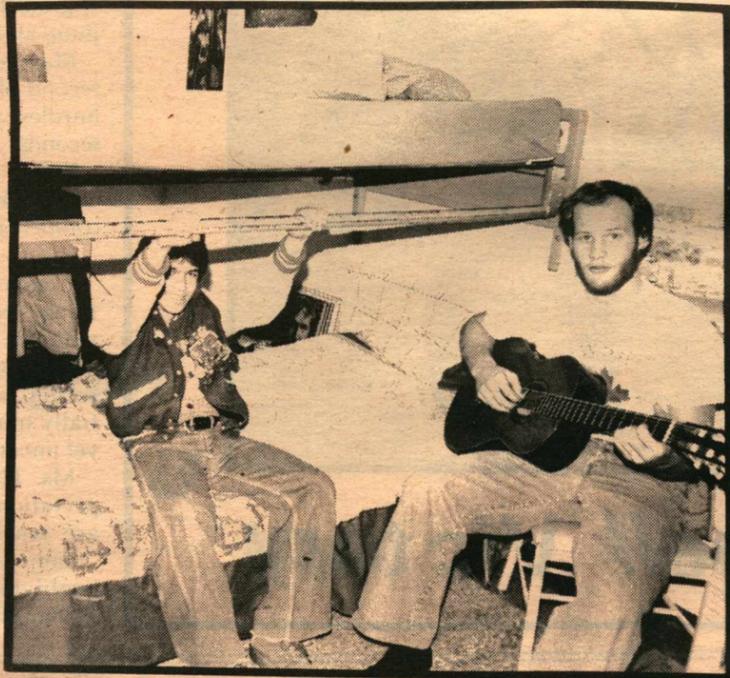
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Junior—Senior Day



Photos by Doug Asbe

According to Terry Smith, Communications Office, "All of the states in our zone, plus California, were represented during Junior-Senior Days—about nine states all together. It went well . . . although there were, of course, a few problems that arise when you get all of these extra bodies together. The kids asked important questions and there was a good response from all."

