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Plus/minus grading to be used

Academic Council okays GPA change



Dr. Jim and Dr. JoAnn Willis

(photo by Mitch Bates)

Willises return home

by Bob Kent

The Willises' sabbatical leave was more than a brief period of professional enlightenment, more than just seeing how they do things at other colleges. It was a period of personal enrichment that neither Dr. Trevecca) and four major

Jim Willis nor Dr. JoAnn Willis are likely to forget. In all, the Willises spent 77 days "on the road" and most of their nights in their motor home. Their tour included four Nazarene Colleges (Bethany, Eastern Nazarene, Olivet, and

Eastern cities (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington DC).

"Our purpose," said JoAnn Willis, "was two-fold. We wanted to visit as many Nazarene campuses as we could, and we wanted to learn as much about the

(see Willis, page 3)

By Bob Kent

Last month, on January 28, the Academic Council made a decision that will effect the GPA's of a number of students on this campus. The 18 member Academic Council, composed of six division heads, six division faculty representatives, Dr. Ford, Dr. JoAnn Willis, registrar Wanda McMichael, Dr. Alban, and two student representatives, Scott Keller and Keith Pederson, carried a motion to adopt a new grading system that would incorporate plus and minus grades into the present system. An A- will equal 3.7; a B plus will equal 3.3; a B- will equal 2.7, etc. The faculty will utilize the system on a voluntary basis.

The new system, however, will not go into effect until all academic records have been transferred to the Administration's computer and not until that same computer has been programmed to record and tabulate grades according to the new system. Wanda McMichael, who will be mainly responsible for implementing the new system, said, "It may not be in use next year. Going onto the computer isn't really an easy job." The new method for grading will, in any case, be included in the next NNC catalog.

Last spring, after hearing one of our professors

suggest that we adopt the University of Washington's grading system, Dr. Ford appointed a committee to investigate possible options to the present grading

system. The three committee members were Mrs. McMichael, Steve Shaw, a political science professor, and Milan Kaldenberg, the (see GPA, page 3)

Dr. Lee to speak for Spiritual Life Week

Dr. Earl G. Lee, pastor of the Pasadena First Church of the Nazarene, California, will be the speaker for the Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Series at Northwest Nazarene College, March 1-5.

Services will be held each evening, Monday through Friday, at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday at 10:05 a.m., all in College Church of the Nazarene, Dewey at Juniper Street. In addition, Dr. Lee will be meeting with students in various classes and meetings.

Dr. Lee was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts. He is a graduate of Eastern Nazarene College, and he was granted an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Pasadena College in 1971. He was a missionary in India for fourteen years as Bible School Principal and then as Field Chairman. His pastorate have been in Maine, New York, Idaho and for the past fifteen years in Pasadena, California. The Pasadena

First Church congregation now exceeds 2,000 members. It has recently moved to a new twelve-acre location where all facilities have tripled. He is assisted by a staff of seven.

Dr. Lee's church has an outreach through the "Cassettes for Christ" tape ministry reaching ninety nations and fifty-four denominations.

In 1968, Dr. Lee was voted "Preacher of the Year" by the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City. In 1970, he was chosen as "Alumnus of the Year" by Eastern Nazarene College. His book, *The Cycle of Victorious Living* is a testament of devotion.

To quote from his honorary degree citation, "Rev. Lee is recognized as one who has mastered the elusive goal of communicating the Word of God in contemporary style, while preserving its magnificence, beauty, and power. As in the case of every outstanding teacher, his greatest influence is in the example of his personal (see Dr. Lee, page 6)

Current Events

Nation

A deficit approaching \$100 billion looms ahead for fiscal year 1983 unless Congress and the American people recognize what steps are necessary to keep the federal budget under control.

President Reagan outlined in his State of the Union address a series of proposals to guide Congress as it begins the rigorous process of budgeting. In meetings with Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker and close friend, Senator Paul Laxalt, the President allowed "some running room" for legislation that would put his proposals into law.

On two important counts, however, President Reagan will not budge. First, the three-year 25% across-the-board tax cut will not be delayed, reduced, or eroded in any way. Second, funding for restoring United States military strength must be preserved.

Within these limits, the Senate Budget Committee will meet again in the coming weeks to set target levels for federal spending.

State

The people of Idaho should be alert to a growing threat of an extensive sell off of the public lands managed by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, said State Senator Mike Mitchell, former BLM National Public Lands Advisory Council member.

Mitchell pointed out that a public hearing is scheduled in Washington on February 25 on legislation by Senator Charles Percy that would authorize the administration to sell the public lands.

"Our public lands in Idaho provide the habitat for most of our big game and much of our other wildlife," said Mitchell. "They are used for more than 12 million visitor days of recreation per year. They are important to our \$800 million tourist business. And most of the public land is also available for commercial uses, including grazing, timber cutting, mining, and energy extraction."

In 1980, Mitchell said, there were four million visitor days of recreation use on the land managed by BLM in Idaho, which provides access to 3,500 miles of streams and to 117 lakes and reservoirs. On the BLM lands in Idaho are about 50,000 deer and elk, and 12,000 antelope, said Mitchell, as well as a variety of other wildlife.

If the land is sold off, said Mitchell, the people of Idaho would no longer be assured of access for fishing, hunting, or other recreation, and the purchasers might restrict some of the existing commercial uses as well.

At the Idaho Parks and Recreation Board meeting in Boise on February 11, the Board approved a request to sell liquor-by-the-drink at Spring Shores Marina, which is located on Lucky Peak Reservoir east of Boise. However, the Board stipulated that liquor not be sold prior to 5 pm, that it be restricted to the dining area, that the concessionaire be responsible for the conduct of customers, and that the permit may be revoked for violation of the stipulations.

Since the Spring Shores Marina concession is on lands leased by the Department of Parks and Recreation from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, approval must also be obtained from the Corps.

The Board also approved the installation of a hydro-tube water slide at Eagle Island State Park, which is located 10 miles west of Boise near the town of Eagle. The funding for the hydro-tube will be from the savings the Department has realized in construction contracts, since bids have come in well below the engineer's estimates. The park is under construction now with funding from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, matched with the appraised value of the Harriman Ranch donation. No state funds are being used for construction of the Eagle Island State Park.

Siberian 7 update

Media publicizes plight

By James Bennett

The plight of the Siberian Seven has received increasing worldwide publicity and support in recent weeks. In a press conference February 16, Tuesday morning, Dr. Kent Hill shared with reporters updates on the Seven's situation and insight he has gained from his recent trip to Moscow. Several Seattle newspapers covered the press conference in addition to three Seattle television

stations.

Hill, in a telephone interview from the Crusader, expressed appreciation for the support of NNC in this and added that several Christian colleges showed support in similar ways.

While in Moscow, he and the Executive Director of the Christian Legal Society, Lynn Buzzard, spoke with Soviet and American officials about the case; both groups are concerned with the effect the outcome of this case will have on

relations between the Soviet Union and the United States. The Russian Orthodox Church is organizing a peace conference; the success of which will depend upon the outcome of this case.

Hill commented that in recent weeks there has been increasing interest among the general public in this case, but it is still rare to find religious leaders who will commit themselves, fearing the affect this could

have on personal Soviet contacts.

Despite this, Hill said that both Soviet and American officials were very cooperative. Soviet officials met with Hill and Buzzard and agreed to pass on their proposal to resolve the case by allowing immigration outside the embassy. Hill says the American officials have been very trusting, and he has had a very good relationship with them.

BJU loses tax battle

Fundamentalist Bob Jones University, which in early January got a presidential exemption from federal taxes, has lost a court battle to allow its faculty members to avoid paying taxes on the free housing and meals they receive from the university.

About 62 percent of BJU's faculty and staffers live in free campus housing, and 76 percent regularly eat free meals in campus cafeterias. BJU says it gives those benefits to its em-

ployees to keep them close to the students, thereby providing "role models" for "Christian family living."

Consequently, BJU argued the housing and food were legitimate business expenses.

But the U.S. Court of Claims said no, ruling the meals and housing are the same thing as salary. The court found students and employees rarely mixed during meals, and students were rarely invited to BJU employees' houses.

Therefore, it reasoned, the employees must pay the same taxes on the benefits as they pay on their salaries.

BJU spokesman Bob Harrison says the university has not decided if it will appeal the court ruling.

BJU, of course, successfully appealed a January, 1981 court ruling that disqualified the school from tax exemptions because it discriminates on the basis of race.

BJU admits both black and white students, but for-

bids interracial dating on campus.

University officials argue the prohibition on interracial dating comes from its interpretation of Christian scripture, and therefore doesn't violate antidiscrimination laws.

In early January, 1982, President Reagan had the U.S. Department of Justice drop its opposition to BJU and Goldsboro Christian Schools' appeal of the court denial of their tax exemptions.

College bowl renews tradition

by Bill Bynum

In progress over the past several weeks has been the renewed edition of an old tradition: College Bowl. To those of you who don't know what College Bowl is, it is a scholarly emulation for academically acclimated erudites. Or in other words, a glorified Bible quizzing, with four member teams squaring off against each other in a battle of recall and recognition.

Moderator Steve Shaw emcees the competition by reading the toss-up

questions. The first person to release a highly sensitive pressure pad attempts to answer the question. If right, his or her team will receive 10 points and get a chance at a bonus question. If wrong, the other team gets a chance to answer. Each match consists of two 8 minute halves, with the tournament being double elimination.

Eight teams competed from various departments such as Physics, Math, Chemistry, Religious Ed., Business, and Biology. Rounding out the lineup

were two independent teams: the "Unassociates" and the "Sophomores".

This year Honor Society organized this on their own but there is an official College Bowl organization which, for an exorbitant entry fee, will send us an official packet of questions and will allow us to compete in the regional tournament and possibly the national competition.

Chances are that if you've seen all the old Jeopardy reruns and know when Haley's comet was last seen and to what part of the body the oxter belongs you would have been welcome to participate. However, many teams did not know these things and were promptly eliminated.

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Oral Interpreters perform "To Kill A Mockingbird" on February 18 and 19.

GPA (cont.)

head of the Business Department. The committee decided, after a brief meeting, to present four options to the Academic Council.

On January 14 of this year, Mrs. McMichael stated the following possibilities for consideration by the Academic Council:

1. to keep the status quo,
2. to implement a plusminus grading system (which has now been accepted),

3. to break the grades up into tenths as the U of W has done (ie: 3.9, 3.8, 3.7, etc.),

4. to divide the grades into increments of 0.5 (eg 4.0, 3.5, 3.0, etc.).

The Council decided, after hearing the options, that feedback from the faculty was necessary before any choice could be made.

The proposals were, in turn, presented and discussed at the January faculty meeting and faculty members were allowed to choose, by mail, which of the proposals they preferred. Of the ballots tallied, 63% preferred the new plusminus system, 24% preferred not to change at all, 6% preferred the 4.0, 3.5, 3.0 system, and 7% preferred the 3.9, 3.8, 3.7 system used by U of W. It was in view of the faculty's apparent support that the Academic Council chose to adopt the plusminus grading system.

The increased accuracy of the new system provides many advantages in the eyes of professors. According to Dr. Ford, the new system will have its greatest

affect on students who fall into the C category, because it holds the most students. He thinks the new system will break up the huge block of C category, because it holds the most students. He thinks the new system will break up the huge block of C students into smaller, more accurately defined groups. Mr. Kaldenberg believes that the plusminus system will help students who: 1) find themselves at the top of the B range, 2) find themselves at the bottom of the B or C range and make an effort to improve their grade after midterms or a final exam.

Mr. Shaw thinks that the new system will act to reduce grade inflation, which he sees as a serious problem at NNC.

Some will find themselves at a disadvantage with the plusminus system. Mrs. McMichael stated that the system might be impractical for professors with extremely small classes. Ken Pruitt, a transfer from the U of W thinks that a 4.0 will be harder to get. Mr Kaldenberg sites that students who are consistently in the A-B-C bracket, etc. will be hurt by a plusminus system.

Reader's theatre performs To Kill A Mockingbird

February 18 and 19 provided a special treat for those lucky enough to catch the Reader's Theater performance of *To Kill A Mockingbird*. The script was taken from the Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Harper Lee.

The story takes place in Maken, Georgia in 1935 and deals with the prejudice in the South. The lawyer, Atticus, brilliantly portrayed by Scott Miller, is fighting to save the life of an innocent black man, Tom Robinson, played by Dirk Robinson.

The story is narrated by Jean Louise played by Jolene McKenzie, and is told through the eyes of her younger counterpart, Scout, delightfully portrayed by Diane Marsh. Strong support was offered through the performances of Mark Bernhardt as brother, Jem, and David Egge as Dill.

Kathy Peltier played both Mayella and Mrs. Dubose; Ron Keen was Heck Tate; Clark Duncan was Reverend Sykes; Gilmer was played by Ken Garrison, and Evonne

Gates gave a brilliant performance as the children's nanny Calpurnia and Judge Taylor. The group was directed by Darlene Keith. Dave Privett ran the lights.

Willis (cont.)

... all of the lunch rooms," and "visited all of the deans" to get a "general feel" of the campuses. Jim Willis, on the other hand, examined the music departments and compared them to NNC's. When looking back on it, he said, "I think we fared pretty well."

Despite the professional insights they might have gained, the Willis' would not count any of them as the chief benefit of their leave. Instead, they would point to the opportunity to be together with their children for such an uncommonly great length of time.

With the planning complete, the Willis' took their American trek. In their visits to various Nazarene campuses, JoAnn Willis "went to all of the libraries.

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Editorial

In a recent conversation over lunch, my friend asked me what I thought of the adage, "One shouldn't date anyone that he/she couldn't conceivably marry."

My initial response was rather obvious — I almost choked on what I was chewing. However, after regaining my composure somewhat I attempted some serious thinking on the matter.

A good beginning point, especially for an English major, seemed to be a definition of dating, so off I went to my trusty friend Webster.

Webster lists several definitions for the word: "A time at which a thing happens," "the time that anything lasts or goes on," and colloquially speaking "an appointment for a set time; specifically, a social appointment with a person of the opposite sex."

Each definition shed some light on the all important subject, and bore consideration.

First of all dating involves time. In each definition a reference to time was made. Secondly, something of varying duration happens during that time frame. Thirdly, it usually involves a member of the opposite sex.

Since time is involved, the question follows, must that time be spent only with potential mates? Cannot time be spent with *individuals*, people of intrinsic worth and value? If not, dating seems an extremely selective and narrow activity.

Since it is no great secret that things, other than engagements and marriages, do happen in the framework of time, is it not possible that in dating, gaining a better understanding and acceptance of another person could take place?

It appears that most people make and keep numerous social appointments with coeds without ever broaching the subject of marriage. Is it not feasible then, that "a social appointment with a person of the opposite sex" can occur without the pressure of the discovery of the coed's mate potential?

Dating then, in a broad sense, is an act of spending time with a person in order to gain a better understanding of that person, his worth and value. Dating can definitely be viewed as a means to an end, but what end? Is the goal of all dating solely marriage, or could it be a means of discovering a fellow human being?

It seems to me that the majority of people could have many more meaningful relationships if they would free themselves from the social pressure of dating solely to find their mate.

All people have a great deal to offer especially if they feel free to express themselves openly.

If dating is solely a method of finding one's mate then it follows that those who engage enjoy very few worthwhile relationships. But, if dating is a broader activity consisting of time spent with another individual then those participating enjoy a greater number of worthwhile relationships.

Thus, my response to the question, "What do you think of the statement, 'One shouldn't date anyone that he/she couldn't conceivably marry'?" would most likely be, providing I'm not chewing on anything at the time, "Hogwash!"

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ALL MY LIFE
I HAD THE —
WEIRDEST
FEELING
I WAS
INVISIBLE.

THE WAY MY
FAMILY RAISED —
ME, I THOUGHT
I WAS INVIS-
IBLE. THE WAY
MY TEACHERS
TAUGHT ME,
I THOUGHT
I WAS
INVISIBLE.

THE WAY BOYS
IGNORED ME —
I THOUGHT I
WAS INVISIBLE.

SO I WENT TO AN
ANALYST FOR ADVICE —
AND HE SAID HE
COULDNT SEE
ANYTHING WRONG
WITH ME BUT HE
KEPT LOOKING AT
THE WRONG COUCH.

SO FINALLY I
FIGURED, MAYBE —
IT'S A MAKEUP
PROBLEM SO
I BOUGHT A
RED WIG, FALSE
EYELASHES,
PURPLE MASCARA
AND DARK
LIPSTICK.

THE FIRST
TIME I —
PUT IT ON
I MET THE
MAN OF
MY DREAMS.

ME AND
WHAT'S HIS FACE
GET MARRIED
NEXT WEEK.



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Letters to the editor

Director explains performance

An event that will change lives on the campus of Northwest Nazarene College is in the making.

It is an event of learning, changing, growing, of laughter, tears... of joy. Happenings like this don't just happen. Factors such as "blood, sweat and tears," are involved and should be remembered when viewing the Junior Class Presentation of *Godspell*, a musical based on the gospel according to St. Matthew.

The production will run April 1, 2, 3, and 5 at 8:00 pm in the Science Lecture Hall.

Godspell has been sung by many, in hundreds of nations for thousands of years. Its message, though simple and clear, has been interpreted in a variety of ways.

The fact that *Godspell* contains the gospel as it has been interpreted in hymn, song, verse, for all these years is what will make it a happening.

Godspell as conceived by John-Michael Tebelak is a jubilant celebration of the gospel as told by St. Matthew. It is a religious experience to be felt joyously. It is a release of one's spirit into the larger heart of mankind. In brief, it is the belief of John-Michael and his generation that the passion of Jesus Christ was to teach love and joy in the hearts of people rather than hate and sadness.

In staging these well-known sayings and stories

of the Bible, many theatrical devices are used, such as pantomime, children's games, charades, the question-answer technique of minstrel shows, and songs and music of many colors — folk, ballad, pop, rock, light musical comedy, and drama. Christ's followers are cast as unique individuals in vivid costumes, to enact the simple stories, sayings, and parables of the gospel. The players speak honestly with open simplicity. Their aim — not to play to the audience, but to be one with them in a party of celebration, and when the moment comes for the symbolic crucifixion, to feel deeply man's anguish for his sins.

It began at NNC on January 9, 1982, when 60 students auditioned for director Angelique Kennelley.

After many hours of auditioning and much thought, a cast of 10 were chosen, 5 men: Michael Funk, Scott Echols, Craig Rickett, Bob Sherwood, and Rob McIntire, and 5 women: Teri Thompson, Lisa Huntington, Marla Peterson, Kim Gile, and Barb Wilson.

The cast was chosen for their creativeness, their ability to portray eagerness, hope, trial, joy, sorrow, and love.

The first night after casting, the cast met to get acquainted, read through music, and discuss the time that would be involved in

producing this particular show.

Each night the cast works to perfect their presentation of the gospel, and strives to have a better understanding of the teachings of Christ.

Yes, *Godspell* is a spectacular re-enactment, (and it is our hope that it would be). Yet, an even greater desire in the hearts of the

cast and directors, is that each member of the audience will look on with an open mind to see the depth of Jesus' teachings.

Cast members and crew continue to work for an excellent performance. It is their hope that the audience will feel God's web of love in a new way.

A. Kennelley

NNC policy supported

Dear Editor,

In response to a recent article concerning the cheerleaders' display at half-time during the senior slick game, I write. I disagree that the faculty/staff took the dance routine so seriously because of all the missionaries that were present. Dancing is against NNC policy and missionaries do not make up that policy. It is time that we "adults" stop blaming others for the things we want to do and yet should not due to the contradiction of college policy. We all knew NNC policy when we came here,

and until we leave, we should probably live accordingly. We are privileged to be NNC students.

Not all missionaries are examples of the old stereotype. They follow church policy while on the field, and even if they would rather dance at a ball game, they do not.

I feel that some of NNC policy is old, but I follow it until graduation. My dancing feet can and will wait. We are all lucky to be NNC'ers. Thank God for faculty/staff that care more about the school than we do.

Laura S. Wolf M.K.

About these letters

Letters to the editor of the Crusader are very much welcome. We would ask your cooperation in this matter, however, and request that writers adhere to a few guidelines. Priority will be given to letters of less than 150 words. We also require that the author's name and phone number be included in the letter. The phone number will not be printed and the name, upon special request may be withheld. Under no circumstances will a letter be printed without the responsible person being identifiable.

Letters to the editor should be sent to: Editor, Crusader, Box C — at least one week prior to a publication date.



Nicholas Von Hoffman

Is Reagan's deficit big enough?

He didn't mean to do it, it wasn't his intention but Mr. Reagan has stumbled into Keynesianism, so-called after the English economist, Lord John Maynard Keynes, whose memory tortures the reactionary right almost as painfully as the naked ladies displayed in Hefner's magazine.

If the noble lord were alive today he would command Mr. Reagan for coming to Congress with a \$100 billion deficit in the federal budget. That is what Keynesian economists prescribe when unemployment grows high and the economy turns flabby. A healthy deficit makes especially good sense during this period when so many highly paid white collar people are being laid off, even while inflation continues to eat up buying power, albeit at diminishing rates, and the much talked about tax decreases are cancelled out by high Social Security payments.

The result is that people have less money to spend, therefore there is less demand for goods and fewer jobs for the people who make them. Supply side economics isn't going to yield up its cornucopia of prosperity unless money is quietly inserted into the wallets of the multitudes. If you are a business person why supply, why make and manufacture if you can't see enough people out there with the wherewithal to buy? If you want supply you'd best make sure there is demand.

To get people working, we've got to get other people buying, and one of the ways to get money into people's pockets is to have the government spend more than it collects in taxes. That's the infamous deficit spending for which the Democratic Party has been castigated so loudly, although Mr. Ford and Mr. Nixon were rather good at it too. Now comes Ronald Reagan, the latest of a seemingly endless line of men who run for office promising a balanced budget, only to capitulate in his turn, to give up and

tell us that receipts and expenses will not even out.

When the lines in front of the unemployment offices grow shorter there will be time enough to rededicate ourselves to bringing income and outgo into line. What we ought to be doing now is throwing off this conviction we've saddled ourselves with that deficits equal inflation. They don't.

A hundred billion sounds like a humongously large sum, and it's more than jelly beans, but it is not big compared to some past deficits which have not brought on inflation. If you look at the red ink in the last years of Herbert Hoover's administration, you'll see that as a percentage of either the Federal budget or gross national product, President Reagan's deficit is quite small. It figures out to about a third of Hoover's.

The Hoover deficit, as members of your grandparents' generation will bear witness, did not lead to inflation.

(see Von Hoffman, page 6)

William F. Buckley, Jr.



Dialogue on Reagan's budget

D: You voted for Reagan, if you'll forgive my bad manners in reminding you?

R: Yawp.

D: He promised to eliminate the budget deficit by 1984, but the deficit will be — by his reckoning — \$83 billion in 1984. What is your comment?

R: That no one running for president, whether it's FDR or Carter or Reagan, should "promise" to eliminate the deficit, because the president has the power to eliminate the deficit.

D: Does that mean that if a president has plenipotentiary power he actually could eliminate the deficit?

R: Yawp.

D: How?

R: Easy. Lower the top tax rate to 25 percent, thereby increasing the tax base. Also, index the national debt and

reduce the carrying costs from about 13 percent to about 3 percent.

D: Ho ho ho, you have a good sense of humor.

R: Ho ho ho, you've run Congress all but two years since Hoover and you've had deficits ever since Hoover.

D: Well granting a president isn't in a position to exercise plenipotentiary power, would you say that Reagan has made a satisfactory start?

R: Depends what you mean by satisfactory. He has made a terrific start if you compare him to his predecessor. His budget calls for a 4.5 percent increase in spending, and a decrease to 6.6 percent in inflation. That means that notwithstanding an increase in military spending (18 percent), Reagan calls for a net decrease in public spending. That's good.

D: Oh that's good, is it? A decrease in public spending is necessarily good?

R: It is if you conclude that exorbitant increases have caused organic economic difficulties. If the Soviet Union were to announce tomorrow that it was going to reduce its public spending not by 4.5 percent but by 45 percent, wouldn't you consider that good?

D: I'm supposed to be asking the questions around here. You consider a deficit of \$100 billion tolerable?

R: Odd word, "tolerable." That means, Could we tolerate it? Answer: Sure, we could. Subquestion: Is it good to have a deficit? Subanswer: No, it is bad to have a deficit. But if you ask the question: Would it be better to have a 50 percent increase in the size of the deficit or a 50 percent increase in the size of inflation, I'd say the former.

D: Why?

(see Buckley, page 6)

Loyalty enhances friendship

by E. Swann Lancaster

Just the other day my roommate said to me, "You know Swann, there's a lot to be said about loyalty in a friendship." He was right. There is a lot to be said about loyalty in a friendship, and I'd like to say some of it.

In efforts to keep matters simple and also to set a foundation for what I'm talking about, I'd like to define LOYAL. Expressing the subject very accurately, Webster's Collegiate Dictionary says: LOYAL — unswerving in allegiance. Say that over to yourself — "unswerving in allegiance". Actually, its meaning seems very simple. Often however, this simplicity turns complex when we fail to

recognize what something doesn't mean. What I'm saying is that perhaps Webster's Collegiate Dictionary could use some assistance from a small-time collegiate columnist. Quite frankly, an extensive definition might include: LOYAL — it doesn't mean "wishes-washy"; it doesn't mean "two-faced"; it doesn't mean "back stabbing"; and it doesn't mean any other word or words tantamount to these, that would denote an inconsistency in a friendship.

This knowledge of what loyalty means, however, is not enough to understand the indispensability of this tool in a relationship. In tandem with the what, we also need to

recognize the how aspect of loyalty. Specifically, we have to know how to apply this needy ingredient to a friendship.

You see, I believe that loyalty can be misused. Misused in the sense of directional application, that is. Far too often, our undiscerning self-interest brings out loyalty — to ourselves instead of to our friends. Sadly, it's this true-blue allegiance to oneself that causes a deviation from authentic loyalty. The bottom line is that people are selfish. When the pressure is on, we protect ourselves instead of our "so-called" friends. Shamefully, there's no denying the fact

(see Lancaster, page 6)

More letters

Spectator expresses frustration

I am distressed! And all over a basketball game. Many times I can't see a difference between the Crusader crowd and the basketball crowds I left back in high school.

My question is this, "Where is our Christian respect and love for others

during our basketball games?"

A typical thing I hear at the games are the kind critiques given to the referees. We've all heard them before. Sayings like, "Hey ref, where'd you leave your glasses?" or "Have you ever heard of a rule

book? You ought to read it some time!"

In response to the visiting team. They are the enemy! We never miss their slips, and we're sure to mention the "fact" that these are due to incompetency.

Perhaps this is a comical perspective, but I thought the goal of the spectator

was to build up his team and not tear down the other.

I am speaking to those who call themselves Christians.

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do

not grieve the Holy Spirit of God..." — Eph. 4:29

bench, your spirit is divided.

"With the tongue we praise our Lord and father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be." — James 3:9

In Love,
Christie Goehring

Von Hoffman (cont.) —

Prices collapsed. The purchasing power of the dollar grew.

If nothing else the harrowing experience of the early 30s should demonstrate that there is no one-to-one causality between deficits and inflation. What occurred during the Hoover debacle was that the Federal Reserve Board was diminishing the money supply. Instead of printing too much money — the sin which brings inflation down on our heads — they were gobbling up dollar bills and throwing them in a furnace. The total money supply was shrinking, thereby driving prices down and the purchasing power of the dollar up.

So we can live with the minus \$100 billion Mr. Reagan is writing in the national ledger as long as he keeps the Fed from printing too much money. This the president is doing, but it comes hard to the Fed which prefers small budget deficits. That allows it to print money, foster lower interest rates and be popular.

It's for elected officials, however, to be popular. The appointed ones are paid to get dead cats thrown at them. Many a defunct feline is being tossed at the Fed just now for the tight money that people associate with high interest rates. That's for the board of governors to suffer in as good humor as they can muster while we ponder whether or not Mr. Reagan's deficit is large enough to pull us out of our current economic funk.

Buckley (cont.) —

R: Because inflation affects all spending. A deficit reflects only a part of public spending.

D: But doesn't a deficit propel a large inflation?

R: There is no exact corollary. A large deficit increases inflation, but doesn't dictate the size of it. For instance, if you had a \$100 billion deficit but an inflation that diminished from Carter's 12.6 percent to Reagan's projected 6.6 percent, you're net better off.

D: Does that mean you suddenly come out in favor of deficit spending?

R: No. It means that if Congress is determined to spend beyond our income, it's better to finance that spending by borrowing than by taxing.

D: Aren't you alarmed by the forecast of 7.9 percent unemployment next year?

R: Yes. But my alarm began a long time ago, when workers got raises unattached to productivity increases, when government spent money without reference to its availability. If you have a family earning \$10,000 a year and a new car costs \$10,000, that family isn't likely to buy a new car, and the people who make cars will be laid off. Inflated prices are a cause of unemployment.

D: Huh! I suppose you're trying to tell me that the fight against inflation is a fight to diminish unemployment!

R: To the extent that I can hope to tell you anything, the answer is yes.

Luv-A-Kid program started

Nampa First Church has something exciting brewing; Luv-A-Kid, a new program, allows NNC students to reach out to the community one child at a time.

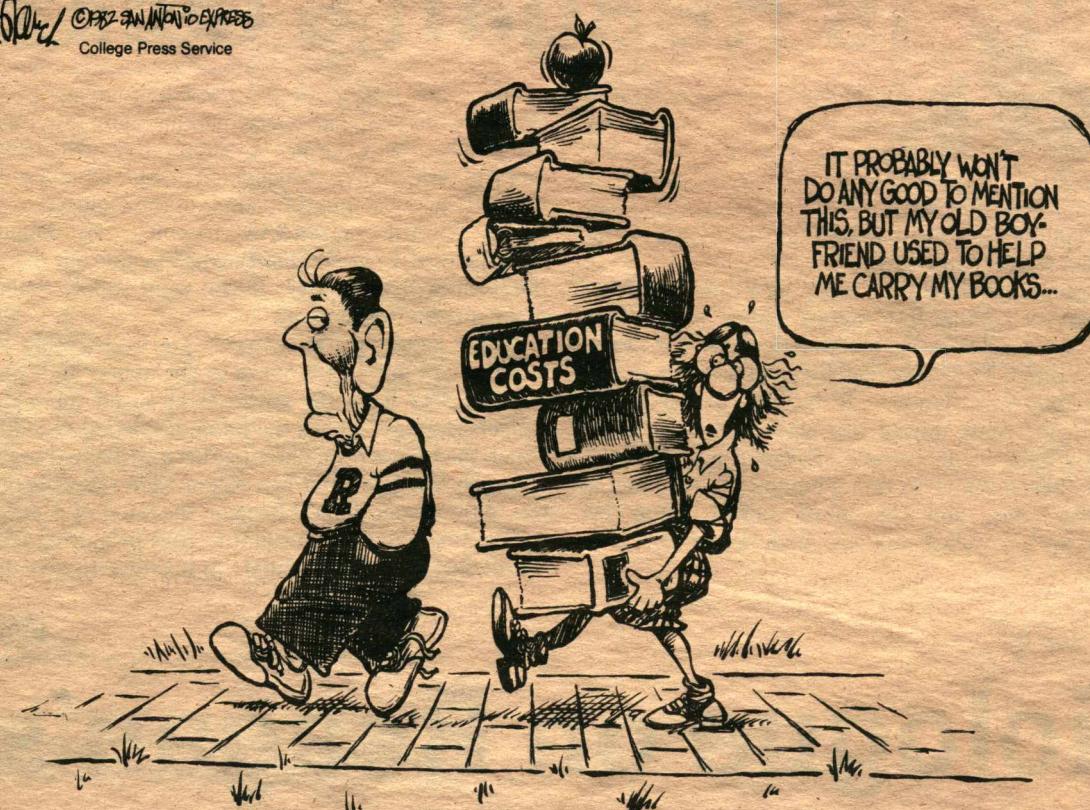
The program matches one child either from an underprivileged home or an abused child to an NNC student who is willing to spend one day a week doing something with the child. Activities can be as simple as taking the child to the park or buying them something they might be lacking — a coat or new pair of pants.

The program also has a built in system to protect the child from the disappointment of being forgotten. A group of students who can't afford the time of fostering their own child agree to sub if the child's original student can't make it for some reason.

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Lancaster (cont.) —

that most of us have acted in this manner of infidelity. (Even at a Christian college — gasp!)

It's here that I find it far from necessary to present numerous examples of disloyalty. But rather, I see more importance in delivering criteria that will help mold and enhance the true meaning of loyalty in a friendship.

First of all, I'd say that our best bet is for each of us to concentrate our efforts on that good ole' dust covered rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". Problematically however, when personal conflicts arise, this utopian game plan is periodically altered to a self-centered plan B. (Perhaps, "Treat others rotten, because I feel like I've been offended"). Folks, this is no place to toss your loyalty out the window. Remember, "unswerving in allegiance". This doesn't mean making a fair effort at being a devoted friend... it means giving it *all* you got.

Undoubtedly, from time to time, someone may wrong you. Nevertheless, it's in this situation that you need to kick your loyalty into high gear. Be understanding, accept apologies unconditionally, love more abundantly,

promote harmony, etc... etc... etc... Surprise, huh? All that is loyalty too.

Judging characters, pointing fingers, or any of the like, is not what I'm doing. The fact of the matter is that *all* of us can use some careful evaluation and analysis of our loyalty towards friends. You see, it is true what my roommate said. *There is a lot to be said about loyalty in a friendship. There's a lot more to be done though!*

Dr. Lee (cont.) —

life."

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ASNNC Reports

Senate

The student body voted last Friday, February 19, on Senate Bill 8201-01 with 212 votes opposed and 106 in favor. As the result of this vote, there will be no raise in Student Fees for the 1982-83 school year.

Some other things being worked on or looked into are; 1) the opening of the library for the last three Fridays of each term as opposed to the present policy of the last two Fridays. This was approved by the library committee last week. 2) the \$5.00 fee set into effect this year for class schedule changes. 3) the present building usage policies as to who approves or denies activities in each.

If you have something that you would like to have the ASNNC Senate look into, we would welcome your input and ideas.

Pub Board

The February 18th meeting of the Publications Board brought long awaited news of the Oasis — it will be shipped the last week of March! The 1981-82 yearbook is on schedule and should arrive early next school year. A committee is looking into a yearbook that would come out Spring Term with a supplement for graduation and spring sports.

Bettina Tate requested Pub. board members to seek feedback from students as to how much of the February 12 issue they read. The Crusader Budget will be ready for the next meeting. The Crusader will be looking into newspaper stands to house the new issues.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 23, to discuss the Oasis.

Judicial Board

Judicial Board met on Wednesday, February 17 to discuss and present a decision on the intent of the phrase "upon approval of the ASNNC," which is located in Article IV, section 5, D, of the ASNNC Constitution.

Specifically, the Judicial Board, upon request of the ASNNC Senate, was to determine whether a student fee increase required a two-thirds majority of the ballots cast or a simple majority for the approval. The major element taken into consideration was the fact that in past student fee increases a two-thirds majority vote was required.

In essence, the question under consideration is: 'common law' import a system of unwritten law, not evidenced by statute, but by tradition?"

How would you vote? Our unanimous decision is on file in the office of the Chief Justice... come in and check it out!

Religious Life

The Campus Chaplains Organization has been working on several projects involving outreach. In a few weeks Encouragement Card Boxes will be placed in several strategic locations on campus.

Third term will bring on a wider scope of outreach in the Mexicali '82 project. Students will be able to participate by donating clothing items. These should be placed in the boxes that will be provided by the chaplains. The goods will be delivered by NNC students involved in Mexicali '82.

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ASNNC Lately

President defines Christian politics

In the past few months many issues have surfaced and many projects have been undertaken in Student Government. However, in choosing a topic for this column, I've decided against writing about either issues or projects. I have felt some frustrations in my term of office and I would like to share what I have determined to be the source of these frustrations.

Traditionally, the role of Student Government is to act as a representative for the individual student and work to improve student life on campus. In our efforts to fulfill this role, I believe we have occasionally lost sight of a very valuable and unique characteristic. A characteristic that can only be found on a minority of college and university campuses across our nation. This characteristic is instead of being merely a Student Government, we

are a Student Government in a Christian College. This is something quite simple, but often overlooked.

David L. McKenna said these words about Student Government in a Christian College:

"...when the word "Christian" is put in front of the word College... it carries the weight of a formal relationship in the college, perhaps through the public character or the statement of educational philosophy. For most of us, however, the claim of a Christian College also includes a quality of life on campus that cannot be trapped in legal or academic terms. Edward Eddy described this quality of life as a mist that fills the air... you may not be fully aware of the mist while you are in it, but before long you are thoroughly drenched. As a part of that falling mist, we expect that Student Government in a

Christian College will be different in climate, if not in organization.

This difference in climate should extend beyond Student Government into all realms of campus politics. As we sit around the saga table discussing issues regarding administrators, faculty, or Student Government, is it possible that we often drift unnecessarily from an individual's view to their personality? We must be ex-

tremely cautious and avoid conducting our campus politics by the same ethical standards found in secular politics. We can be the same in structure and be different in climate.

Richard Bach wrote "You teach best, what you most need to learn." I'm learning daily what it means to conduct Christian politics. Will you join me?

Michael Funk
ASNNC President

Plaques presented to Nampa businessmen

On February 12, during halftime of the C of I game, ASNNC President, Mike Funk, on behalf of the Student Body, awarded four Nampa businesses with the Crusader Award.

This award goes to the persons, and businesses which have made outstanding contributions to NNC, both monetarily, and personally.

This year the Crusader award was presented to five business from four

businesses. Bill Hall, of McDonalds; Rich LeDuc, Idaho First National Bank; Burke Jones, Kalbus Office Supply; and Dave Lancaster and Del Beukelman, Nafziger's Men's Store.

Along with these awards, The City of Nampa also received a plaque expressing a pledge for future cooperation from the student body. The plaque was presented to the Mayor of Nampa, Winston Goering.

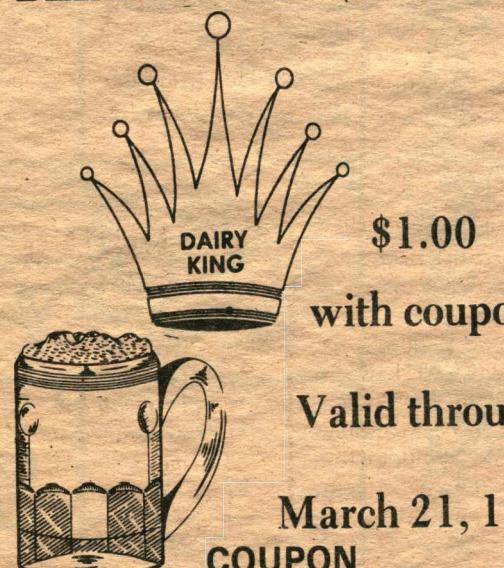
Colleges may survive

Private colleges — which are supposed to suffer the worst effects of the decade's enrollment declines and federal budget cuts — may be able to cope with federal cuts much better than public schools, according to a new study of

financing for independent campuses.

Researchers James Henson and Pamela Tolbert, both of UCLA, found that private college and university administrators are typically more efficient in raising money.

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Dr. Jim Willis leads annual Jazz-lab Band concert.

Treasure Valley harpist to perform

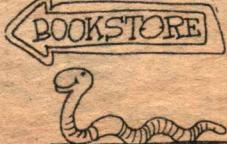
The Music Department is sponsoring a harp demonstration-recital by Irene Bevington on Wednesday March 10 at 4:00 pm in the Science Lecture Auditorium. There is no admission and the student body is invited to attend this special recital. Mrs. Bevington, assisted by two of her advanced students,

will be performing selections arranged and composed for the harp. The history and special playing techniques used by this instrument will be discussed and demonstrated. At the conclusion of the recital, following a short question and answer time, those interested in a hands-on-experience may have the opportunity of playing the

harp under the supervision of Mrs. Bevington. Having been actively involved in teaching and playing the harp in the Treasure Valley area over the past several

years, Mrs. Bevington finds it to be a continuing pleasure to introduce and stimulate interest in this beautiful and uncommon instrument.

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Jazz-Lab Band to present major winter term concert

featured soloists in the concert along with many other members of the band.

The Jazz-Lab Band will present their major concert of the Winter Term on Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6 at 8:00 pm in the Science Lecture Auditorium. There will be an abundance of ad lib and jazz solos as usual. The three graduating seniors, Matt Weaver, Bill Rapp, and Jon Privett will be

The Jazz Band is very excited this term because they have been working very in-

tensely in preparation for competition at the University of Idaho Jazz Festival to be held in March. Dr. Willis feels the Jazz Band will play exceptionally well.

in the competition. This term's concert promises to be not only fun to hear but

as one member of the band put it, "it promises to be a great concert!"

Tickets for the concert are \$1.50 and may be purchased in the NNC Bookstore and at the door both evenings of the concert.

Summer traveling groups chosen

may remain with the Ambassadors until they graduate. Of the seven members this year, two are returnees: Rob McIntyre, and Muriel Patterson. The five new members are Mark Burnhardt, Ken Garrison, Angie Kennelley, Marla Peterson, and Jeff Cox, the pianist.

their singing will be during a ten week summer tour throughout our educational zone.

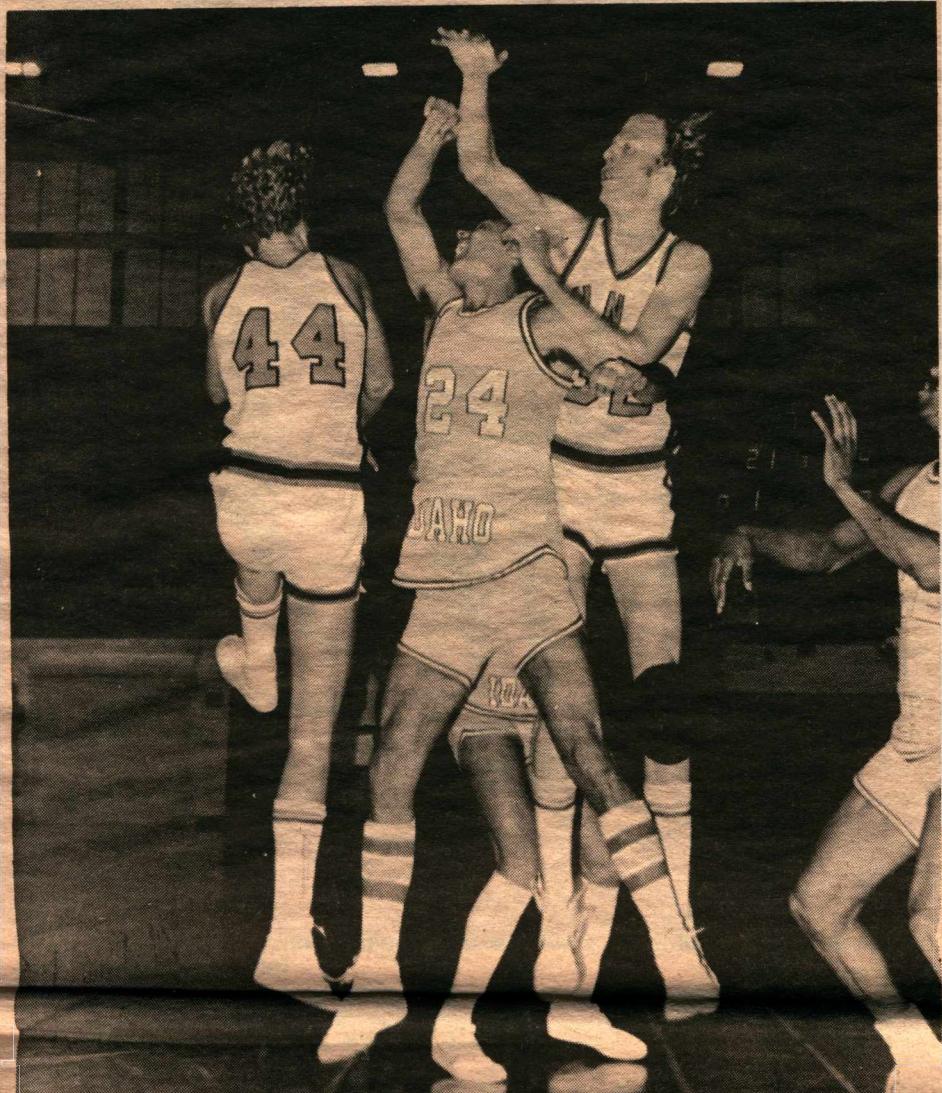
In the past, people wanting to be in traveling groups had to try out as

groups. This year, however, each person interested tried out individually by singing a solo. Individuals were selected and then grouped together according to com-

The Ambassadors is a fairly new idea. Members of this team once selected

NNC falls 81-69

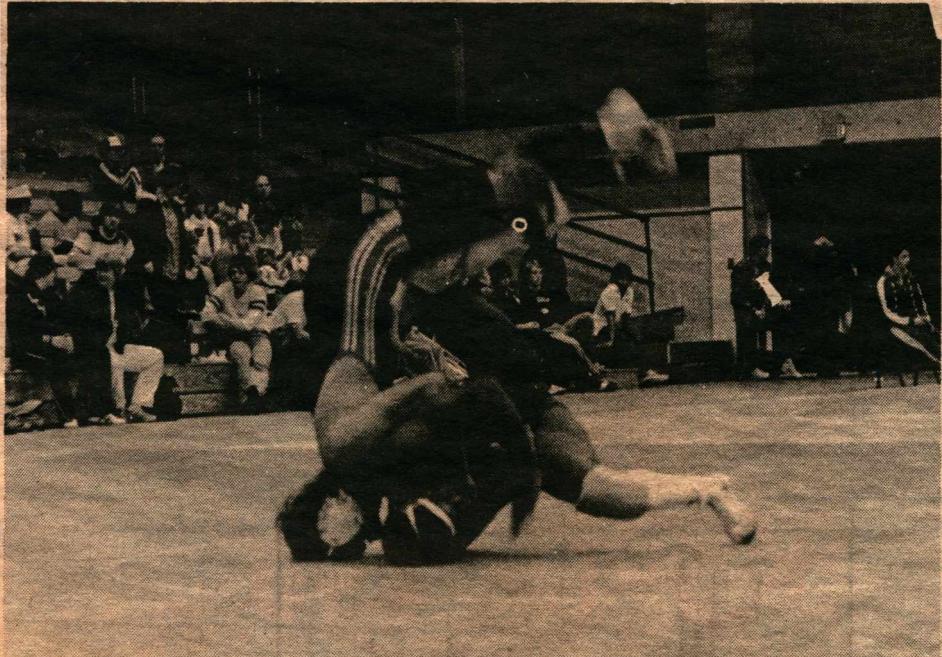
Pioneers put end to Crusader title hopes



Eric Forseth (r.) and Mike Terpstra (l.) jump to get ball away from C of I opponent.

(photo by Dave Jensen)

SPORTS



Mike Hicks (top) struggles with opponent to get a pin.

By John Shurr

Wednesday night the NNC Crusaders opened and closed their NAIA District II playoff action with an 81-69 loss at Lewis & Clark College in Portland. The Crusaders were making their fourth trip in two and a half weeks to Oregon or Washington.

After running out to a 12-4 lead, the Crusaders ran into turnover troubles and saw their lead vanish at 17-16. L-C steadily took control of the game from there, going out to a 42-35 half-time lead.

As the second half began, the Crusaders road weariness set in and they seemed to be a semi-lethargic group the rest of the way out. The difference in the second half was L-C hitting on 78 percent of its

shots, while NNC could convert on only 35 percent of its.

Mike Terpstra led the Crusaders with 17 points before fouling out with nearly five minutes left in the game. Dan Tristan followed Terpstra with 14, he hit all seven of his shots from the field before fouling out with nine minutes left.

For L-C, Dan Jones did the main damage by putting in 27 points followed by Greg Moss with 16.

For the game, NNC was outshot 51 - 46 percent. NNC hit 26 of 56 attempts from the field. NNC turned the ball over twenty times in the game to continually keep from being able to challenge the Pioneers.

NNC finished the season at 17-13, successful when you take into account that

there were numerous new players who had never played ball together when the season started. Only two, Eric Forseth and Sherman Wafer graduate from this team.

Lewis-Clark, now 20-7, will face Chaminade in Hawaii on Saturday night.

Other results from Wednesday's play saw Chaminade beat Eastern Oregon 106-93, Western Oregon, seeded number-one in the tournament, disposing of BYU-Hawaii, 84-66; and Oregon Tech upsetting the College of Idaho in Caldwell by the score of 65-61.

Saturday's other game will send Oregon Tech to Monmouth to play Western Oregon. OIT is the only team to blemish WOSC's 27-1 record.

Last week's action—

Crusaders lose in OT 63-59

In an attempt to lock up the No. 5 seeding in the District 2 tournament and set up a rematch with the College of Idaho, the NNC Crusaders lost a tough 63-59 overtime game to the George Fox Bruins in Newburg, Oregon Saturday night.

With two seconds left in regulation play, an Eric Forseth tip rolled off the rim, sending the game to the extra period. In the overtime, the Bruins twice held four point leads, only

to have the Crusaders rally and tie the score.

NNC's last opportunity to stay in the game ended when a Darryl Crow jumper rattled the hoop and fell out with :05 left on the clock and the score 61-59 George Fox. Two Fox free throws provided the last points of the game.

Mike Terpsra led the Crusaders with 26 points and nine rebounds. Crow was the only other Crusader in double figures with 10 points.

NNC has not beaten George Fox in 11 years on the Bruins court.

On Friday, the Crusaders were in Klamath Falls for a game with Oregon Tech. Robert Richardson hit 28 points and hauled down ten rebounds to lead the Crusaders to a 77-70 win over the Owls. Ahead by a point at the half, NNC pulled away from Tech as Richardson scored the Crusaders first eight points of the second half.

Hicks, Carlson head to nationals

by Ted Mastisson

Both Mike Hicks and Dean Carlson qualified for the NAIA National Tournament in wrestling this past weekend by turning in outstanding performances at the District I and II finals. The District's were held at Willamette University in Portland.

Carlson recorded a fifth-place finish in his weight class, while Hicks became the first Crusader in recent memory to win a District crown.

After winning his first match, Hicks went up against Rick Dove of Simon Fraser. Dove was one of

the few to put a blemish on Hick's 20-4 record. Hicks decisioned Dove in a close

match, 6-3. That set the stage for the championship dual.

The final brought a challenge from Charles Hicks of Eastern Washington - the two Hicks had never met before. Heading into the final seconds of the third and final round Hicks held a narrow 8-6 lead, when C. Hicks apparently scored on a reversal (worth two points) to tie the score. But when the official scorer was consulted, it was discovered

that the move had taken place after time had expired in the match, earning Mike the title.

Nine teams were entered in the tournament, and NNC, traveling with a small squad, finished sixth. Others who competed were Ross Saldana (118), Dennis Shults (126), Glenn Spinnie (134), Leon Syth (158), and Doug Lundstedt (190).

The Nationals are going to be held March 4-6 at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. Hicks and Carlson will be competing against top-ranked NAIA wrestlers from throughout the nation.

NNC dumps Whitman

The NNC women's basketball team concluded a two game road trip Saturday night with a 62-57 win over Whitman College. With the victory, the Crusaders raised their record to 11-14 heading into this weekend's final games of the regular season at Lewis-Clark College and Pacific University.

Against Whitman, NNC overcame an eleven point deficit in the second half to pull out the win. Coach Martha Hopkins felt the difference in the game was the bench play of the Crusaders. "Our bench came through when we needed it tonight. They

played real well. Patti Martin and Diane Shumann came on and played some tough defense for us," said Hopkins.

Peggy Hoover led the Crusader scoring with 16, followed by Shelly Johnson with 12, and Nikki Trautman with 11.

In the opening game of the trip on Friday, the Crusaders went up against Whitworth College. Though the two teams each hit on twenty-five field goals, the Crusaders lost 60-54. Whitworth converted on 10-of-14 free throw attempts, while NNC could only manage to make 4-of-12, for the difference on the

game. The Crusaders were only down by two with 1:30 left in the game, but Whitworth kept getting to the line and sinking foul shots.

Again, Hoover and Johnson led the Crusader scoring with 21 and 15, respectively.

With this weekends games still remaining, the Crusaders are still fighting for a playoff berth. "I'd say we would probably need to win both of the games this weekend in order to make it. We don't know much about Lewis-Clark, but we've played Pacific (a 69-67 NNC win) and they're tough," said Hopkins.



Zorada Breland, number 35, makes a shot against Concordia opponent while team mates look on.
(photo by Doug Warren)

ATH coasts to IM title

The intramural basketball regular season wound down to a close last weekend with an outright winner in the frosh-soph division and a dual title in the junior-senior division. ATH won the frosh-soph title, finishing a perfect 5-0 season with a 62-55 victory over LSP in a game for the undisputed title. Greg Moreland led ATH with 21 points.

In other frosh-soph games, Widd Medford hit for 23 to squeak by ADP 61-59. In the most tightly contested game of the year, SPA fought off a determined SLA club to edge SLA, 108-107. Leading SPA was Scott Campbell, who finished the game with 34 points.

Campbell finished the season as the leagues leading scorer with a 26.6 point per game average. Behind him was Dan Schmidt with 25.4 ppg, and Jeff Sherfey at 20.2 ppg.

In the junior-senior

division, OLY and SPA tied for the league lead both with 4-1 records. SPA held on to their part of the title with 52-50 win over an outmanned but inspired SLA club. Mike Funk led the winners with 14, while Brian Wheeler gunned in 21 points for SLA. In an

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Brian Stanton led all scorers with 18 for ATH. ADP finally succumbed to OLY 72-60. High man for OLY was Randy Schild with 32, while Darryl Winston hit 25 in a losing effort.

Rod Murphy lead the

league in scoring with a

17.2 ppg average, followed

by Mark

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Senior cager looks to life beyond NNC

By Del Gray

He gingerly moves the shaver across his cheek, catching the more stubborn whiskers that evaded the whizzing blades on the first pass. "There, that ought to do it," he says with a sigh of modest satisfaction.

Eric Forseth makes one more smile into the mirror and heads off to get his senior portrait taken. One last pause at the door and he turns. "You know," he says. "I've had a lot of wear and tear over the past four years."

A normally modest, even quiet person, Forseth has spent a good share of the morning worrying if the scar under his eye — the result of a swinging elbow in a basketball game — would be a permanent mark on his senior picture.

As his fourth and final basketball season at NNC slowly winds to a close, Forseth takes time to reminisce about the past

and foresee a little bit of the future.

From Denver, Colorado, Eric has served this season as the captain of the men's basketball team. One of only two seniors on the team, Eric is the only current Crusader who has experienced four years of travel, and wear, and tear in District II play.

"It's been a good experience," he says. "It's even gotten easier in many ways. The travel has become easier. I guess you learn to be more patient with others and budget your time better."

Traveling has been a major part of the education major's four years at NNC. Besides four seasons with the cagers, Forseth has weathered three seasons on the baseball team. In addition, Eric has made three overseas tours for Sports Evangelism. He's seen just about all there is to see from Havre, Montana to Paris, London, Belfast, and Mexico City.

"I think the travel has been one of the advantages of going to school here," he says. "I'd still have to say that all that is just extra. The education has been first, and I think its been first rate."

two goals," he says. "Now that both the degree and certification are just about completed I have to realize what my potential is and what I can do with them."

The realization may include graduate school. For-



Besides his education degree, which he'll pick up in June, Eric will be taking the certified athletic trainers examine in March.

"When I came here, I had

seth is currently exploring the options of attending the University of Arizona, University of Oregon or Central Missouri State to study sports medicine.

When pressed to think about the past, Eric quickly points to the education goals he has met. "It has been excellent. They push a lot and as a result I'm not a bit ashamed to put my education here up against anywhere else."

He also talks about the personal growth experiences that he counts as a major part of his education. "The things I've learned about myself and others are sometimes hard to put a finger on. I do feel that being around so many different people with such different outlooks on life has been a positive factor.

"If there was a single factor I could pull out it would have to be the influence Coach Layton has had on me in the area of self-motivation," he says. "It's something that goes far beyond basketball."

Forseth also has a long mental file of humor to reflect through. "There sure are a lot of stories to tell, but then I wouldn't be one

to tell them," he smiles.

This has been a frustrating season at times for Forseth. "We've got so much talent but we haven't jelled yet. When you consider that this is the first year in the program for many of us and others are only in their second, we've done well up to this point. That's not to say that we've peaked. This team can go a long ways yet if we can get that thing they call momentum behind us."

But whether the remainder of the basketball season is long or short, Forseth still has a lot to look forward to. Baseball practice is already underway so he'll just stow away the basketball and pull his repertoire of junk pitches out of the closet.

Yes, there seems to be more wear and tear ahead for Forseth. But then, that comes with the territory of being dedicated to goals and determined to experience what life has to offer. It's territory he's ready to encounter.

Crusader baseball to begin '82 season March 9

by John Shurr

The Crusaders open their season March 9 with a double header at Ontario, Oregon against Treasure Valley Community College. NNC then goes to Walla Walla to face Whitman College in a single game March 12 and a doubleheader the following day. The home season begins Tuesday, March 16, with a single game against TVCC.

This year's team will be coached by Tom Litsey, a new addition this season after spending ten years coaching and teaching at Nampa High School. Litsey, a NNC graduate, has thus far been impressed with the desire of the players. "We've been conducting practices on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 6:30; the guys have been very responsive to attending. I haven't had to tell them to do anything twice, which really makes things go a lot smoother. They're showing an eagerness to work hard and improve," said Litsey.

The Crusader strength appears to be their team speed and defense. Due to the weather, the team has not been able to practice outdoors; therefore, no accurate outlook of the pitching and hitting can be given.

In the outfield, seven players are fighting for two open starting berths. Jeff Hanway, Dale Beeson, and Darryl Crow are returnees and will be challenged by Kevin Englehardt, Mike McGuire, Duane Slemmer, and Ben Nava for the open spots. Brian Stanton who led the Pacific 10 Conference in hitting as a sophomore at Washington State, has a solid lock on centerfield.

Litsey feels each player's hitting will be the difference as to who starts. "All of our outfielders are of pretty equal defensive talent. The difference in who starts and who doesn't will most likely be their hitting. Our lineup may change from week to week depending on who's hot", said Litsey.

There is also a surplus of talent in the infield. Coming back from last year's squad are Scott Martinez, Dino Thoren, Dave Malpass, and Dan Tristan. They will be joined by Roy Mausling and John Ebster in quest for a

starting position. Junior Stu Dennis appears to have a solid hold on the starting position at first base.

Handling the catching chores will be Widd Medford and Troy Johnson. Both are capable ball players. "Both are catchers, and have the talent to start for us, unfortunately, only one can. We will find time for both Widd and Troy to play, we can't afford to have either of them on the bench of any length of time", said Litsey.

No doubt the defense will be solid, but to be a successful team, you need pitching. "The only pitcher I've seen in action is Eric Forseth, and he impressed me. I'll feel comfortable with his ability. Jeff Davis' arm has also impressed me, but we'll need to work on his mechanics a little bit", said Litsey. Joining those two will be Dave Roberts returning for his second season, and newcomers Bruce Weatherford, Dan Edwards, and Everett Tustin, a JC transfer from Washington with semi-pro baseball experience.

Litsey hopes the late start won't hurt his team too much. "The teams on the coast have already played some games. We're not even outside yet. We have thirteen games over an eight day stretch during spring break, if our pitching

holds up through that we will be happy. We have as much talent as I've seen on an NNC baseball team. We've gotten a lot of support from people this year, and I've appreciated it. We want to establish a winning program here, with the youth of our club (only three seniors), I feel we are going in the right direction", said Litsey.

In 1980, the NNC baseball team finished a dismal season with an even more dismal 5-27 won-lost record. Last year's squad, under the tutelage of first year coach Jack Alban, improved dramatically and jumped to a very respectable 17-18.

The nucleus of last year's team returns, and with some key additions the Crusaders look to improve again this year.

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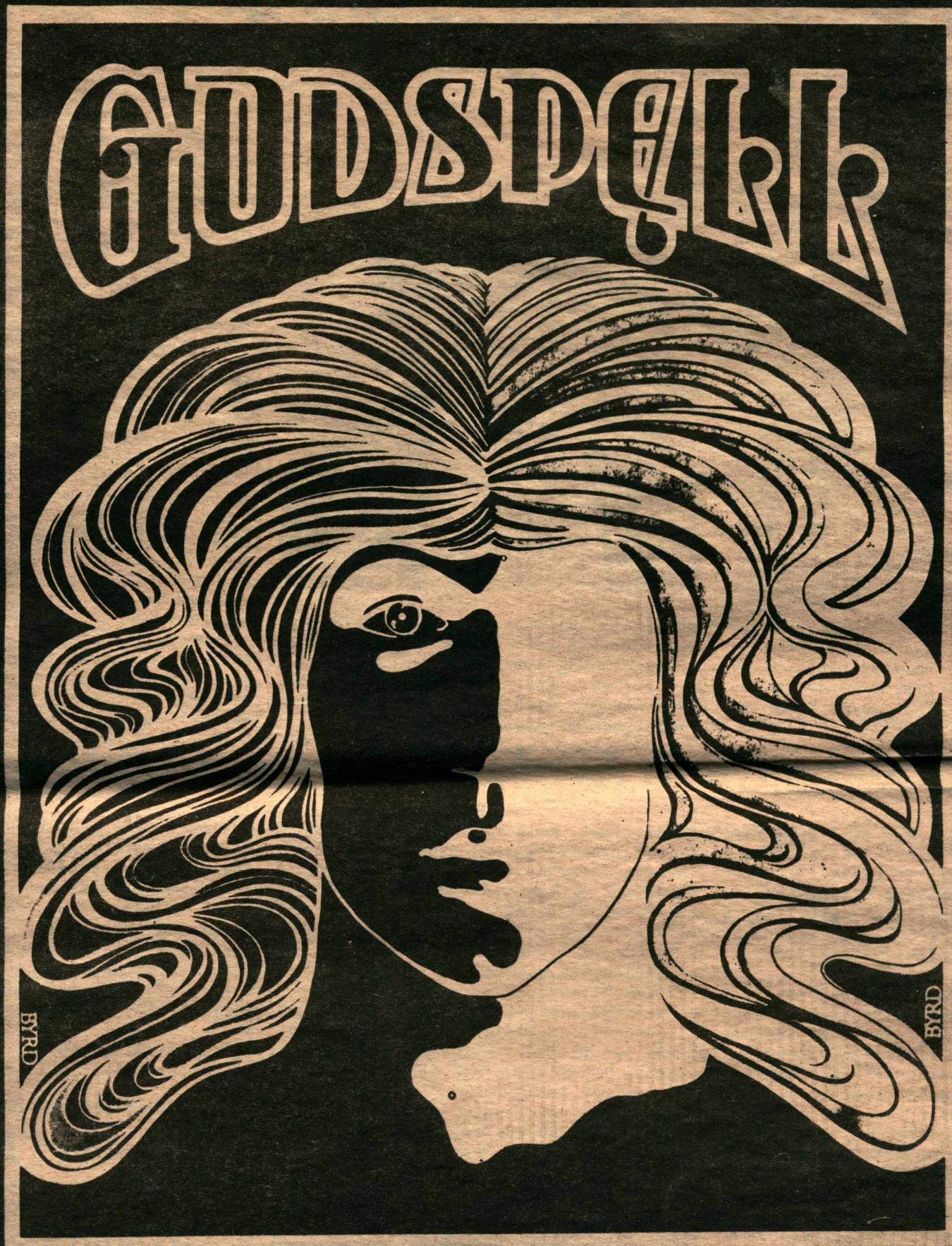
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