



Crusader

Middle East War escalates

By Lori Tidd
Staff Writer

As the world prepared for conflict beneath the weight of the January 15th deadline, much of the impact of war was lost amidst increasing hype. Israeli novelty stores couldn't stock enough of their latest item, a 1991 Saddam Hussein calendar sporting only 15 days in the year, and the trendy Israeli social event became masquerade balls where gas masks were the costume of choice. Even allied spokesmen confidently asserted that the war's end could well be in sight within two weeks. However, black humor and allied-overoptimism gave way to harsh reality as the war erupted with vengeance.

What was predicted to be the "shortest, most intense war in history" has stretched to a greater length than imagined, and the developments of the past two weeks illustrate the war's growing complexity.

Environmentalists were appalled when on January 23rd, Hussein ordered Iraqi troops to set fire to a ditch of oil. Just two days later, another estimated 460 million gallons of oil were dumped into the Gulf, creating a "black tide" thirty-five by ten

miles wide. Analysts questioned whether this was an attempt by Hussein to begin destroying Kuwait's vast source of wealth, or to thwart allied planes with heavy smoke. A January 28 attack by U.S. warplanes successfully halted the spill, and international experts arrived in the Gulf to begin repairing the environmental destruction.

Hussein continues to bombard Israel and Saudi Arabia with Scud missiles, but U.S. Patriot Interceptors are keeping damage to a minimum. Repeated allied air attacks have been taking their toll on Baghdad as citizens are left without water or electricity, and Iraq's elite Republican Guard is suffering the effects of successful allied strikes which cut off their supplies.

The war moved into another phase when on January 29, Iraqi tanks were spotted advancing on Saudi Arabia, launching a fierce ground attack. Even as soldiers engaged in this new stage of combat, continued air-sea clashes were reported in the Gulf, and bomb-laden allied warplanes struck targets deep in Iraq.

Large portions of Iraqi tanks and equipment were reportedly destroyed in the second day of sustained ground combat, yet Iraqi



U.S. Marine HUMVEES moved toward the Saudi-Kuwait border in a clash with Iraqi forces who stormed across the border January 29 taking parts of the town of Khalji. Photo courtesy of Idaho Press Tribune and AP Leafdesk.

forces continue to hold a defensive posture. Undaunted by the relentless allied barrages, Hussein vowed to use every means from "kitchen knives to weapons of mass destruction" to thwart the U.S.-led coalition against Iraq. Allied anxieties about terrorism and Hussein's chemical and biological weapon power remain.

Hussein's capacity for

committing war atrocities is further displayed in his appalling treatment of an increasing number of allied prisoners of war. He has reportedly scattered them strategically at "civilian, economic, education, and other targets" to serve as "human shields," a tactic he employed in the pre-war period.

Though the Iranian President made a February

4th peace initiative, offering to mediate the Gulf war and suggesting direct talks with the U.S., it is debatable whether the conflict can be so easily resolved. A t almost six months to the day since Iraq invaded Kuwait, Iraq remains a formidable opponent despite repeated allied successes. The Desert Storm may prove to be a war of both military power and staying power.

The war wire

(CPS) - In what anti-war organizers had billed as a "key test of whether sentiment is growing against the war in the Middle East," about 75,000 protesters marched in Washington D.C. January 27, up from an estimated crowd of 25,000 the previous weekend.

Peace marchers also unfolded at the universities of Akron, Arizona, and Washington, as well as Purdue and Mankato State

universities, among other places.

Only about 500 of UCLA's 33,000 students attended a January 24 "alternative day of education" about the Persian Gulf, an excused absence granted by Chancellor Charles Young as part of a bargain to get 113 anti-war demonstrators to quit a 22-hour sit-in at UCLA's administration building the week before.

Wartime draft facts

By Lane Ellis Bottemiller
Managing Editor

Many people are concerned about the possibility of another Vietnam-like conflict that will last for years. In such a case, they fear that Congress will start calling for the youth of our country.

Congress could alter the formula for drafting guidelines as it deems necessary. There are, however, present rules that the draft would follow. Twenty year-old males would

be the first round pick, moving up to twenty-five year-olds. Unlike voluntarily enlisted men and women, draftees do not need a high school diploma. Currently, college students do not have deferment, as they did during Vietnam, in order to avoid favoring those who can afford schooling. Only those who are in their last year toward a college degree will be exempt from the draft. There are several deferments that can keep someone out of the draft in hardship cases, physical disability,

academic status (time to complete the term or senior year) and ministerial status. One significant exemption is the case of being the sole surviving male to carry on the family name.

Once conscripted, the base pay is the same as the volunteer personnel in the branch of military service to which he was assigned. The drafted positions have typically lasted two years in the past, including an

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RESOLUTION TO REST

Some words about Senate Resolution 9101-02. . .

Word #1: representation. The ASNNC Student Senate, by its very name, is obligated to represent the student body. No senator would have the power to cast his vote if it were not given to him by the students. Thus, if the name "Senate" or the title "Senator" is used in conjunction with the expression of any opinion, it had better be the majority opinion of the students, not the "deepest personal convictions" of twelve individuals. Whenever Senate becomes a soapbox for a senator's personal beliefs, the students' right to representation is breached. Perhaps if the ASNNC legislative branch was named the "Student House of Representatives," the concept of representation would be less frequently ignored.

Word #2: time. Even those senators who understand the importance of representation were unable to act accordingly, due to the fact that the resolution was not available to the senators in written form until after the meeting had already started. Senators had no time to seek out the opinions of their constituents. Even mealtime conversations about the Middle East situation proved to be inaccurate portrayals of the majority position.

Word #3: learn. It is unfortunate that the resolution was sent, for it was not a true reflection of the students' opinions, but good can come of the situation. Hopefully, students have learned that what goes on in the North Dining Room every Tuesday evening is important. Not only that, but those present at the January 22 Senate meeting should understand that their opinions are important, and the expression of their opinions can make a difference in the way their senators vote. It is also hoped that the senators have learned the importance of being accountable to their constituents. ASNNC is not an oligarchy; the acts of the Senate should accurately reflect the opinions and best interests of the students.

Word #4: rest. What's done is done. Turn your complaints into constructive comments that can help Senate avoid problems in the future. Lay the resolution to rest.

(For more detailed information regarding Senate Resolution 9101-02, see "Around ASNNC" on page 8.)

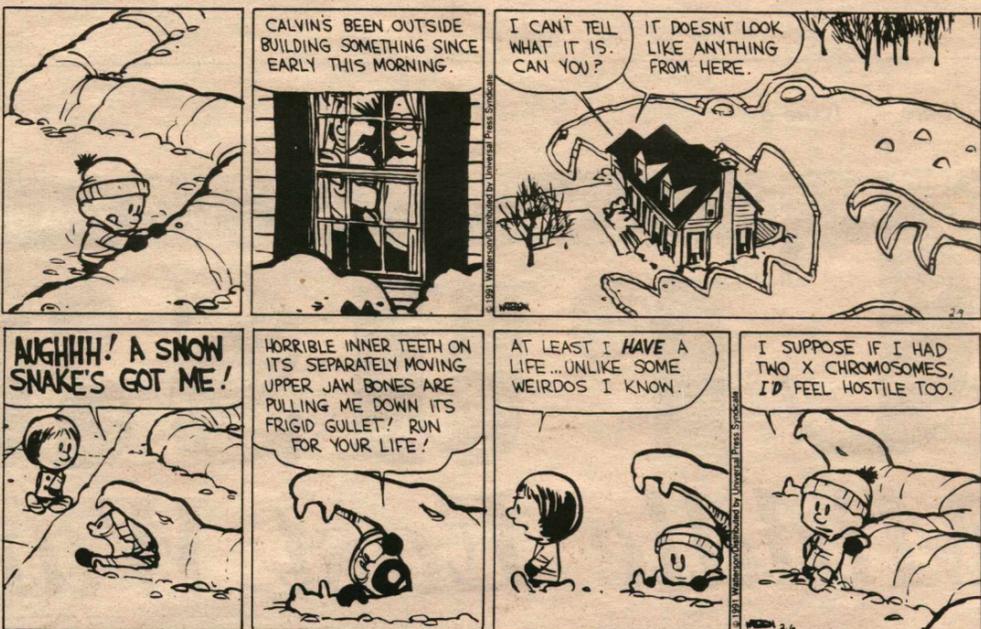
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Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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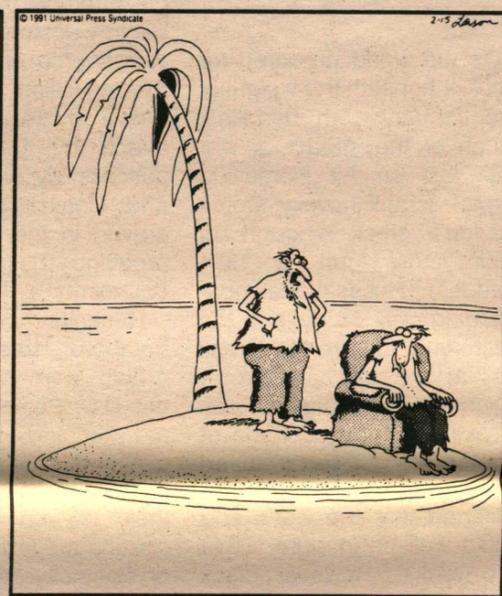
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By GARY LARSON



"Aaaaaaa! There goes another batch of eggs, Frank! ... No wonder this nest was such a deal."



"Whoa! Whoa! Whoa! ... You're in my favorite chair again, Carl."

A war commendation

I have watched with pride and gratitude the response of the students of Northwest Nazarene College to the issues of war in our times.

So many of you, as witnessed in chapel prayer times, bear the pain of loved ones who in a time of voluntary armed forces have answered the call, and are in the Middle East.

I see you give support to those, and that includes all of us, who hurt as a result of this conflict. The response to human needs is extraordinary proof of your commitment to service.

Some of you have spoken out and strongly expressed your opinions. You are free to do so. Our armed forces are committed to providing you that right. Many of you have thought deeply about the issues of war and peace. Some have raised their voices in protest; some have spoken in support of the military action.

The strong response to pray, and to fast, is profoundly significant. Who

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President Wetmore
NNC President

but God can understand the complexity of this struggle? Who but God can unravel the enigmatic meaning of Christians and Moslems both praying for peace and safety?

I commend you for asking the hard questions. This war is being fought in our day. Books will be written about this conflict. Perhaps some of you will write those books.

Some of you have chosen to use the avenues of communication to individually support and encourage service personnel. You may be the means of sustaining someone who is tempted to feel deserted.

Some of you may yet hear and answer the call to military service.

There are few issues more problematic and unanswerable than the issue

of what to do about aggression. Reason can find a rationale for almost any position. There are quotes to support almost every point of view. There is a following for almost any rallying cry.

At least a part of the Christian response is to seek to bear the pain of those who are affected by aggression. Some of you have expressed to me your prayerful support for all who are caught in this tragic conflict, including the people of Iraq. In no way does this diminish our love and concern for our own service personnel, or for their loved ones. War makes victims of all involved. They are all our responsibility.

So, I want to tell you, the student body, the faculty, administrative support and staff of NNC, that you are a demonstration of the timeless spirit of NNC. You are responding to this war in our time with human warmth and devotion that witnesses to God's call in your lives. I commend you.

Letters to the editor

Students voice their opinions

Senate resolution: a breach of trust

Editor:

On Thursday, January 24, I was caught off-guard by a request to "voice my opinion" on a letter that was sent to United States Government officials under the name of the Associated Students of Northwest Nazarene College. I was not surprised at the content of the letter, although it expressed different views from many of NNC's students. But I was shocked to hear of the existence of the letter! What was even more shocking was the realization that our elected student leaders had spoken for us without asking us what we wanted to say!

Shouldn't the Senators have at least taken their opinion poll before the resolution was mailed to President Bush and other government officials? To take a poll on campus attitudes toward the war after they had already acted on their own accord, was purely an academic process. It served its purpose except to cleanse the conscience of a student government that acted out of emotions rather than from a position of trust with their constituents.

I highly commend those Senators who voted against mailing the resolution, not

because I support their personal views on the use of force in the Persian Gulf, but because the letter should not have been mailed without the knowledgeable support of at least a simple majority of those who the letter spoke for.

I sincerely hope that this incident is not an indication of how our student leaders plan to represent our college and its students.

Treven Farrow

Editor's note: The ASNNC Senate did not conduct the poll in question. The Middle-East Poll was conducted by the Crusader to discover the true consensus of NNC students towards the conflict.

Resolution puts students in "embarrassing situation"

To the members of the ASNNC Senate:

I am writing to express my concern at the recent ASNNC Senate Resolution that was sent to President Bush. As a student at NNC, I find myself in an embarrassing situation. Having read the Advisory Resolution in the Senate Minutes, I feel that I, for one, have not been properly represented. I do not know

the consensus of the entire student body, but as far as I do know, neither did the Senate before passing this resolution.

I am not familiar with the normal procedures of the Senate, but I feel that with important issues, such as this resolution, the entire student body should be informed of the proposal and allowed to either vote on the matter or be given an allotted time to express their opinions to their class Senators. As far as I have been informed, neither of these options were given. In fact, the only information that I received regarding this matter was in Marriott, an hour before the Senate meeting. As I recall, the sign posted for the Senate gathering stated that the Senate would be "discussing" the Middle East situation. Passing a resolution to be sent to the President of the United States is a little more than a "discussion." I also feel that an hour (or hour-and-a-half) notice does not give one adequate time to rearrange their evening schedule and formulate a decision of such importance.

I am also concerned about the Senate even proposing such a resolution. I know that when I voted for my class Senators, I did not vote on their political standing, but in their ability to work in, and for our college. I am confident that I made a good decision in voting for the

Senators that were chosen, but that does not mean that I am comfortable with their representation on a national, political level.

I am upset about this issue; I personally feel that the decision that President Bush made was wise, and I would like to go on record as supporting him 100 percent. I am proud that our country is concerned enough to be a "Big Brother" to oppressed nations.

I hope that in the future our Senate will seek the advice of their constituents when events and proposals of such magnitude arise.

Kathy Roemhildt
Sophomore

Less about "Brothers," more about others

Dear Editor:

I was quite disappointed in your article "Point Loma Brothers." The implication is that if you are part of a visible group you are a valuable asset to NNC. There were more than just eight students who returned or transferred to our campus. Personally I would rather get to know the names and faces of those who are going to become a part of ASNNC. I think it is nice these guys

from Point Loma came to ski and take classes, but they are here only temporarily. Why not a feature article about those who plan to come, stay and become a part of us?

Sincerely,
Rebecca Nichols

Pray for peace?

Dear student:

They say, "Pray for peace." I say, "No!" Don't get me wrong, war is a terrible thing. I am not arguing that we need to be fighting (although I do believe so). I'm just saying that we generally are not properly understanding the Bible when we apply the phrase, "pray for peace." My point is simply this, the peace that the Bible speaks of is not what we typically mean by the word, "peace." It is not the absence of war in the world. Instead it is a peace in the heart, a sense of comfort in the midst of war.

If we expect God to bring an end to war, we are making the same mistake that the Jews did in expecting the Messiah to overthrow Rome and set up his kingdom on earth. So when you pray about the Gulf War, pray for a peace in your heart and God's will in the resolution of the conflict.

Preston Crow

Chivalry dead

By Ima Ragg
Guest Editorial

So call me pre-cycle. I am tired of hearing the onslaught that Stoney, our resident male chauvinist pig, directs towards the female gender. Believe it or not, certain elements of the male populace are as equally disagreeable as those Stoney outlines.

No! We refuse to be barefoot and pregnant. Our salvation comes not through child bearing but through watching a man "spring up like a flower and wither away like a fleeting shadow" (Job 14:2). Once these sniffing pre-adolescents rise up and actually ask women, those instruments of deception, on a date, immediately the withering process actualizes. From the moment Ima opens her own door and gets in the car (chivalry, definitely dead), Otis continues to wither and

sniffle.

Otis: "What do you want to do, Ima?"

Ima: "I don't care. What do you want to do?"

Otis: "Oh! I thought I'd let you decide."

Ima: "Anything's fine with me."

Otis: "Well, what do you want to do?"

(Obviously time and effort went into the preparation and planning of this date. Thank you, Otis.)

Finally, Otis assumes that leadership role and takes Ima to a Worm-Eating & Scorpion-Head-Banging Festival. (Go Otis!) With patience and perseverance, Ima endures with an air of nobility (Proverbs 31). After several long hours in the hot place, Otis again asks Ima, "What do you want to do now?" Ima answers, "I think I would like to go home and study for my Music & Art quiz tomorrow."

Can you blame her?

Robitussin rowdies

So call me stoney, I don't know.

It was Sunday afternoon. A quite normal day. I had some reading to do and was ignoring it very successfully. I was just sitting around with my friends in the lotus position. They were all there: Gordy, Vic, Jasper, and Courtney--my friends . . . or so I thought.

It all started out pretty innocent at first--you know, "boy talk." We were chuckling about dumb girls, farting, and other meaningful topics that college had taught us about. Then Jasper took

Call Me Stoney

Otis Spunkmeier
Crusader Columnist

things a step further. He brought out his stash, which consisted of a few bottles of Robitussin.

I grew pale. I excused myself to the bathroom and said some rude metaphor about using the potty so my "friends" wouldn't notice that my pants were already becoming soiled. As I was using the blow dryer on the wet spot, I stressed over the situation.

"Crap, that Robitussin messes people up," I thought.

Could I overcome the peer pressure? Could I just say no? I had to think of a good reason to leave.

"Think, think," I thought.

Well, I'll just say I have to do something else. Yeah, yeah, that's just simple enough to work. The spot wasn't dry yet, but I untucked my shirt and let it hang over the wetness.

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CLARIFICATION

It was brought to the attention of the Crusader that there were certain implications in the article "Point Loma Brothers" regarding negative views on people with certain physical qualities.

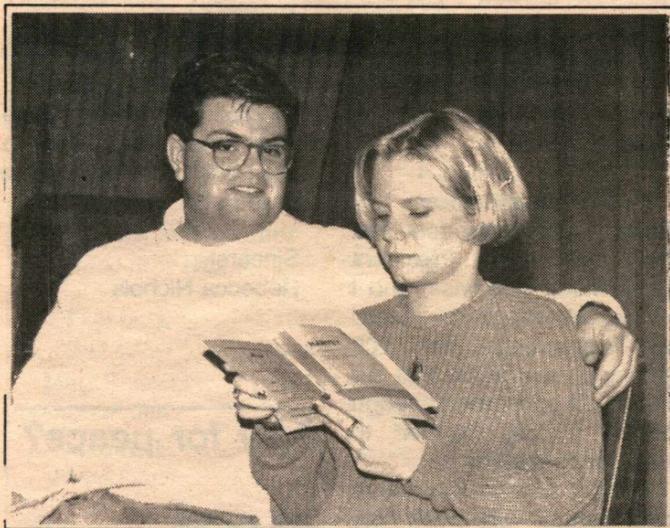
The Crusader does not endorse

the opinions expressed by the "Brothers," and merely reported what they said.

The Crusader intended no malice toward these people, and regrets any misunderstandings that might have been construed from this article.

FEATURES

NNC drama brings *Harvey*, *Trembling*



Jeff Doud and Christin Quissell go over lines for "Harvey." The play will be performed April 11, 12, 13, and 15. (Photo by Sandi Hicks)

By Teresa Taylor
Copy Editor

Rodents Of Unusual Size-
"R.O.U.S.'s." Wesley, in the

movie "The Princess Bride," thought that they were merely mystical creatures. Until one day...

What about very LARGE rabbits? Do they really

exist? The characters in *Harvey*, an award-winning comedy by Mary Chase, grapple with the questionable existence of R.O.U.S.'s throughout this play. In a series of close encounters and near calamities, an entire family and their psychiatric staff are thrown into an uproarious state of confusion.

John Rimbey, director of the Jr. Class Play *Harvey*, has chosen the following cast in the portrayal of this hilarious comedy: Myrtle-Sally Price; Veta-Christin Quissell; Miss Johnson-Kathy Roemhildt; Mrs. Chauvenet-Tiffany Crill; Kelly-Jayne Sanders; Betty-Dawna-Adair Williams; Elwood-Jeff Doud; Wilson-M.J. Quick; Sanderson-Matt McCaslin; Chumley-Todd Linscott; Judge Gaffrey-

Barry Versaw; and E.J. Lofgren, played by Darin McGilvra. *Harvey* will be performed on April 11, 12, 13, and 15 in the Science Lecture Hall.

On a different note, the Winter Reader's Theatre will be presenting Elizabeth Berryhill's, *A Cup of Trembling*, a powerful and moving dramatic interpretation. Unlike ordinary drama, Reader's Theatre style employs the use of scripts, minimal sets, suggested costuming, and a cast of eight who play multiple roles. The use of lighting and sound also are used to enhance the mood and meaning of the script.

A Cup of Trembling is based on the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor whose life, witness and courage influenced many

others during the years of the Nazi Holocaust. The action centers around Bonhoeffer's moral and ethical struggle in the decision of whether or not to take part in the assassination plot against Hitler, and the overthrowing of the regime.

Those cast members sharing in this powerful tale include: Chris Carpenter, Cheryl Oberg, Dan Millard, Sarah Leis, Herb Stout, Matt Brown, Vincent Dickensen, Lance McGrath, Teresa Taylor and Janelle Bunker.

Directed by Marilyn Thompson, head of the Speech-Communications Department, *A Cup of Trembling* will be performed on February 13 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. and also on February 17 at 4:00 p.m. in the Science Lecture Hall. Admission is free.

THE TRAGIC PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

By Heidi Brough
Features Editor

The woman stood on the dock as the fog from the dark lake swirled around her. She opened her mouth and from her lips came the song of the night which defied the control of her phantom lover, who had secretly spirited her away and hid her from the world. Her extraordinary arias defied the realm of his underworld control, and yet in that defiance was submission, for Christine Daae's heart was filled with pity and compassion for this unfortunate creature. The phantom's control, however, would soon weaken and ultimately he would tragically die in her arms. His only wish had been to love her, and yet that love brought him to his demise. Christine Daae, loosed from the

phantom's dark influence, was then free to pursue her love with Raoul.

This tragic tale came to life January 15 & 16 at the Morrison Center when the musical "The Phantom of the Opera" was performed. It was definitely not Andrew Lloyd-Webber's version, but it was an interesting variation to the original novel by Gaston Leroux. Ken Hill made his version more lively by turning it into a comedy.

I thought it was interesting and did enjoy it to a certain extent, yet I wonder if I truly appreciated it as the great London success it was reported to have been. When the characters were murdered, the deaths were often played up as amusing. This form of theatre is called black comedy, yet I found it hard to appreciate the absurd humor found in someone's death. Putting

that concept aside, I did not see fabulously overt attempts at humor throughout the production but instead found the characterizations delightful. From a flighty ballerina to an ominous box office madam to the Phantom himself, the cast was a

mismatched, misfit, loveable bunch which lended itself to many comical situations and character interactions.

In terms of the overall production, I found the staging and scenery fascinating. The sets were well-fabricated and diverse.

Overall, I do not claim the quality of the show to be equal to the price of the ticket, yet a night at the Morrison Center is always an exciting break from the monotony of college life, and "The Phantom of the Opera" was no exception to this rule.

McCall Winter Festival

By Mary Reimers
Layout Editor

Dig out those snow boots, hats, and gloves. Toss aside the load of homework for a few days. The McCall Winter Carnival is here! The carnival will continue from now through Sunday, February 10. This year, the program includes the yearly ice and snow sculptures, parades, music, skiing and plenty more.

This grand event began in 1924 when a group of enterprising local merchants from the McCall area decided they needed to create a break from the cold winter cabin fever everyone was feeling. After some planning and arranging, the "Payette Lakes Winter Sports Carnival"

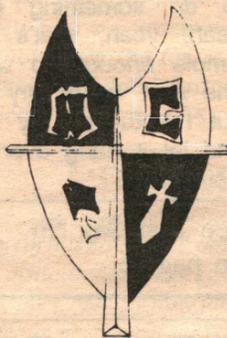
began. The Payette Carnival was a three day event consisting of cross-country and downhill skiing, ski jumping, dogsled racing, snow shoveling contests and more. This first carnival had a fairly good turnout as some 250 Boise residents, including the mayor, hopped aboard the Union Pacific train to join in the festivities.

Unfortunately, the thrill of the carnival did not last long in the minds of the Idahoans, so it slowly faded due to lack of interest. In 1965, however, the carnival was revived, and renamed the McCall Winter Carnival. This tradition has carried on through 1991.

The remaining events for the 1991 Winter Carnival include:
February 7: Cross-Country

Ski Poker Run and Pasta Feed: 6 pm - 9 pm.
February 8: Outrageous Air Ski Show: 10 am, 2 pm, 5 pm, and 8 pm.
Idaho State Snow Sculpting Competition: Beginning at 11 am.
February 9: Best Poker Run in the Northwest. Registration is at 9 am and continues to 4 pm.
Outrageous Air Ski Show continues. Same times as for February 8.
February 10: ATV Grand Prix: race begins at 11 am.
Outrageous Air Ski Show continues. Shows at 10 am, and 1 pm.
All of these events take place in or near the McCall area. This is your chance to get away from campus and homework and have some good, clean, cold fun.

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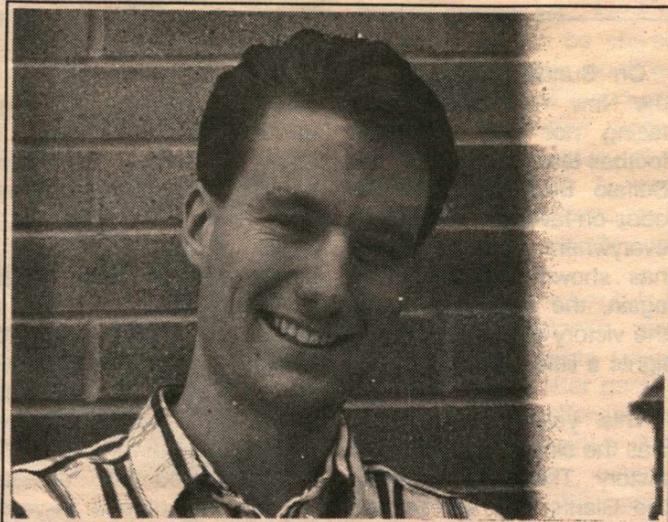
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Chief Twilegar's shady history

By Heidi Brough
Features Editor



ASNNC Chief Justice Steve Twilegar. (Photo by Sandi Hicks)

The terror began one dark night when three junior high boys sought to relieve their distressing boredom. They searched the ranch high and low for some sort of release, and ultimately found themselves tying baling twine together. This baling twine evoked images of a prankish nature and thus, the three conspired to commit devious deeds. Necessary equipment, the first object of consideration, posed a slight problem, but the dilemma was soon remedied by the aid of Halloween masks and their beloved baling twine. The mischievous trio then proceeded to tie that baling twine to a strategically placed telephone pole across the road. To the twine they then suspended two Halloween masks, one in

each lane. The paraphernalia, now carefully arranged, completed the scene, save for the unsuspecting victim who would shortly fall into their trap. After the tricksters lie in wait a few short moments, the prey came hurtling down the road. As the Cadillac rushed towards them at forty miles per hour, the boys yanked on the rope. The masks then came to life and managed to spring directly into the eye level of the poor hapless motorist. Fearful for his very life, the terrified driver slammed on his brakes and screeched to a stop. He anxiously shifted into reverse and squealed his

tires backwards for 150 yards. There he sat shaken for two hours, while the boys, shaken up themselves, scuttled away in the darkness.

One perpetrator of this dastardly deed creeps untouched by reprimand on our campus today. Not only does he creep above the law, he is N.N.C. law. Be assured, however, Steven Michael Twilegar seems to have conquered later temptations of mischief, and currently functions as the A.S.N.N.C. Chief Justice.

Steve was born in Boise and grew up in the metropolis of Star, Idaho which boasts a population of about 210. He is an outdoorsman who enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, and golfing. His major interest, however, is food. Steve admits to loving food in general and cites green olives with pimentos in the middle as his main

preference. To the list he enthusiastically adds any kind of barbecue and peanut butter M&M's. If you venture up to his office, you'll find him a most hospitable host, as well as provider of refreshments. Concerning the social scene, two very reliable sources have quoted Mr. Twilegar as saying, "I will never again date anyone under 21. They are too indecisive." Those under 21 please make note of this, so as not to get your hopes up.

Upon graduating from N.N.C. with a degree in Business Administration, Steve plans to attend law school in Washington. His focus of study will be either environmental or indigent law. Steve hopes to retire from law at 38 and then venture into the business world with a keen eye on investments, where I'm sure he will be successful, as long as they keep that baling twine away from him.

Head in the clouds

When I was young, I noticed things, things that were really important. I noticed dirt, how it had so many different textures and colors. I noticed the bark on trees, its random patterns and I wondered how it would be if I could use it to climb, like a squirrel. I noticed the shape of leaf buds in spring, pale green. I noticed dew on a spider web. I noticed clouds, how they formed and gathered. I could tell when the weather would change. I noticed lizards and birds, sage brush and pine cones, carp and rocks and grasshoppers.

I was often accused of wool-gathering. "He's got his head in the clouds," they would say and shake their heads. Now that I have reached an age where education has made imprints on my mind, I can see that I did have my head in the clouds. It seems now that it belonged there. I saw what really mattered, the continuing parade of creation marching through seasons of

Student Insight

J. Andrew Fillmore
Crusader Special

life, those things that never change.

So much of our lives rush by in a fleeting whirl of years; often we lose track of months, weeks, days. Each moment rushes on the heels of the one before. It's far too easy to always be making plans for the future...a future that seems to become the present before those plans are fully formed. We tell ourselves we need to be sensible and have plans and goals. While these are important, we seem to have forgotten that the future isn't life—it is nothing. Life is here, life is now.

I still notice things, I notice people rushing to class. I see people running to settle accounts. I see people walking to their meals. I see people staring at a television, a book, a wall. I see ingrown minds festering and infected with

their own introspective learning. I see my own blank stare in the mirror. Five hundred years ago it snowed. The sun shone. There were shore birds and acorns and dirt. There was bark on the trees. These things have been—longer than upper division Bib-Lit classes, NNC, even you and I. What are we thinking about? What could be so important that we would ignore to the point of indifference all those things God gave us? Are we all lead?

I noticed the rain today. The air seemed to have a clear grey crystalline quality to it—smooth and sharp. Raindrops tapped on my window with rhythmic randomness. I noticed the Owyhee Mountains to the south, clouds crumpled against them like wet paper. I noticed brown grass, dark dirt, grey snow. It reminded me of a day long ago, when I lived. Had I been away so long that I'd forgotten? Did you notice?

Just Say No!

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and watch a movie for a class."

When I returned, the boys were in full swing. Empty Robitussin bottles lay strewn all over the room. Gordy was jogging around the room on top of all the furniture, and whenever he had to touch the floor, he screamed, "hippopotamus pit!"

Vic and Jasper were sumo wrestling in their underwear and had their hair in little ponytails sticking straight up. Courtney was just sitting there, laughing at the mushroom that he suddenly imagined to be growing on my head.

I piped in, "Hey, I'll see you guys later. I gotta go to the library."

They all stopped and looked at me. Gordy said, "Duck, you're stoney. The library isn't open on Sunday."

They all laughed. I said, "Oh, I meant I need to go to Ed. Media

Vic looked at me and said, "You're totally stoney. Ed. Media ain't open today. It's the Lord's day."

They all laughed again.

I started to sweat. "I mean, I'm gonna go to the gym and shoot around."

Jasper replied, "No exerting yourself on the Sabbath, man!"

I was flustered now. "I think I'll go to the Student Center and study."

At this, they just giggled and called me a peeping tom. Courtney was still pointing to the shroom on my head. I had no where to go. The NNC facilities had let me down.

So call me stoney. I drank the Robitussin.

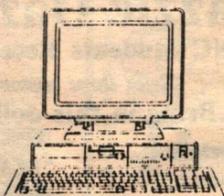
The day went on and I got no work done. My friends were always there to accept me in, but when I knocked on the front door of NNC on Sunday, I was left out in the cold breeze of sinfulness.

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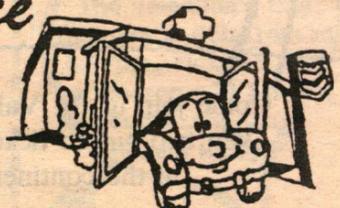
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MEN	--- Division ---			--- All Games ---		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Col. of Idaho	8	0	1.00	19	4	.826
George Fox	6	1	.857	18	4	.818
West. Baptist	4	4	.500	14	13	.519
NNC	4	4	.500	7	18	.280
Concordia	3	4	.429	12	12	.500
Warner Pac.	2	6	.250	9	14	.391
Col. Christian	0	8	.000	4	20	.167

WOMEN	--- Division ---			--- All Games ---		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
East. Oregon	8	0	1.00	12	8	.600
NNC	7	1	.875	17	4	.810
Concordia	3	4	.429	6	17	.261
Col. Christian	3	5	.375	4	15	.211
George Fox	2	4	.333	4	12	.250
West. Baptist	2	6	.250	5	18	.217
Warner Pac.	1	6	.143	2	16	.111

Rick's Record

By Brian Reckling
Crusader Editor

It's not all that unusual for the buzzer to go off in the middle of an NNC basketball game. Sometimes the players will stop because they think it's a malfunction, and sometimes they keep on playing because they know better. But when the buzzer went off on February 1, as a Western Baptist guard dribbled up the court, even the referees stopped; NNC, and Rick Solvason had just made the national record books.

Friday night, Rick Solvason calmly stepped up to the line and sank his 46th and 47th consecutive free throws, breaking an NAIA record that had stood for thirty years.

"Nobody ever told me anything about it," Rick said



Rick Solvason

after the game. When the clock stopped, "I thought it was a malfunction."

Before Saturday's game with Columbia Christian, Rick was 112 of 130 for the year, and had not missed a shot in eleven straight games. He has a freethrow percentage of .862.

Six-foot Superbowl

By Bret Skagerberg
Sports Editor

On Sunday, January 27, the New York Giants were facing not only the best football team in the AFC, the Buffalo Bills, but also the odds-on-favorites of bookies everywhere. But, as history has shown time and time again, the underdog wants the victory a little more, and fights a little harder.

This year's Super Bowl was the closest in its 25 year history. The 20-19 victory by the Giants was the second time they had won it all. However, it wasn't easy. The lead changed hands four times, then went down to the wire. The Bills were down by one with eight seconds left. All that was needed for a Buffalo victory was for Scott Norwood to hit a 47 yard field goal. Easier said than done. His career long was 49 yards, with his season

long being a 48-yarder. But on the biggest kick of his career, Norwood was six feet to the right.

Although Norwood could easily be called the goat, his mistake was only one of many. Buffalo failed to control the ball, letting New York have it for over two-thirds of the game, and, defensively, the Bills could not stop two of the game's heros: Quarterback Jeff Hostetler, and Super Bowl MVP Ottis Anderson.

Hostetler, whose career record as a starter is now 7-0, completed 20 of 32 passes, including a 14-yard pass to Stephan Baker.

It was a dream come true for the second-string Giant QB. Playing quarterback on a team with Phil Simms isn't a way to see much playing time, but when Simms seriously sprained his ankle on December 15, it was Hostetler who was expected to lead.

Hostetler had a rough first

half. The Bills had a big pass rush, and sacked him a couple of times, once for a safety. Although all the knocks made it difficult for the quarterback to focus, he was still able to lead his team on three successful scoring drives and to a Super Bowl trophy.

Ottis Anderson took a beating also, but was also able to dish out as much as he took. Anderson is 33 years old, over the hill as far as NFL runningbacks are concerned, but he ran like a star in his prime. He picked the right time to shine. The Super Bowl was his first and his only 100 yard game of the season. He gained 102 yards on 21 carries, and in the third quarter he took the ball in from the one for a touchdown. He also helped the Giant's eat up the clock and keep the ball out of Jim Kelly's hands. And what does he have to show for it? How about an MVP trophy?

League for laughs

By Scott Reed
Staff Writer

The intramural basketball season is off to a good start, with some fierce competition in some leagues, and a lot of recreational fun in all the leagues.

The structure was changed a bit this year, with the addition of a "C" league. This league is for the guys who lack the desire of competition in a basketball setting.

The "B" league is the largest this year, and combines serious basketball with a little lower level of intensity than the "A" league.

The four-teams in the "A" league are die-hard competitors, and have a few ex-NNC varsity competitors. The competition is intense, and the action is fantastic.

The girl's league has a mix of both competitive and fun-oriented teams. There are some large margins of victory



Several times a week the intramural basketball games provide NNC students with friendly but tough competition. (Photo by Brad Nelson)

at times, but everyone seems to be enjoying themselves.

The "Rebels" and "Breakin'" are in the lead in the girls' league, with "Swanson's" close behind. The "C" league is being paced by the "Beaner Dips", who are undefeated. Another undefeated team, the "Bomb Squad", tops the "B" league standings. The "A" league race is pretty close, with "The

Boys" and "Runnin' Rebels" in front. With the small number of teams and the high level of competition, "A" league standings will no doubt change many times before the season is over.

Any and all specators are strongly encouraged to come out and cheer for your friends, or just laugh at the "C" league.

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Nationals: Keeping the dream alive



Sarah Schroeder leads the Crusaders to an victory. (Photo by Sandi Hicks)

Barry Kennard
Staff Writer

Life as a sportswriter for the *Crusader* is at best a boring job—especially when you follow NNC sporting events. However, the relaxing

karma I have unbearably developed has been disturbed. Yes, women's basketball has reached new heights and meddled with the mediocrity of NNC sports history.

The lady Crusaders are currently boasting a 17 and

4 record with seven regular season games left. Most of these games will be played in the comfortable confines of Montgomery Fieldhouse, allowing yet another record to come into the grasp of a relentless team. A new record for games won in a season could easily be reached this year.

But what is the key? Is it a relentless defense that holds the opponents under 50 points game after game? Is it an explosive offense that is capable of scoring 210 points in two games, including the 109 point outing against Columbia Christian which also broke a school record? Is it the coach and his assistants? Or is it the fact that a cohesive bond has developed, creating a unique concept called the desire to do whatever necessary to win? Whatever the reason,

the domination of our ladies over their opponents is a sight to behold! And a 20 win season is just three games away.

Can they do it? Well let's look at the past five games and you can judge for yourself.

The weekend of January 18 saw the Crusaders travel to the Portland area to play Columbia Christian and Western Baptist.

However, all was not turning up roses! Yes, the next weekend LaGrande, Oregon played host to a first place showdown between Eastern Oregon and our lady Crusaders. The game was sloppily played and very poorly officiated, but still we led most of the game. That is until we rolled over and died in the second half, allowing EOSC to take control of first place all by themselves.

The mid-season loss did turn out for the better. It enabled the Crusaders to see that they aren't invincible and that when you get too complacent and cocky you can get nailed. But displaying true charisma, they bounced back this past weekend and literally destroyed Columbia Christian and Western Baptist by scores of 109 to 59 and 81 to 41, respectively.

This pushed NNC's home winning streak to 21 and their thoughts of Nationals to the front of everyone's mind. But we must not look past any team. However, the possibilities of a home court advantage throughout the playoffs are not out of reach—and for that matter, neither is a 30 win season and a trip to Nationals! Don't stop dreaming there—could the Cinderella season actually come to NNC?

Men's b-ball splits, falls to 4-4

Compiled from *The Idaho Statesman* and the *Idaho Press-Tribune*

NNC's playoff hopes were dealt a major blow Friday night as the Western Baptist Warriors defeated the Crusaders 80-70. Both teams came into the game with a 3-3 record in the NAIA District 2 Eastern Division. Only four teams make the playoffs.

"This was a big game for us," commented NNC coach Garry Matlock. "It hurts."

Although the final point spread was ten points, the

game was very close up to the last few minutes. Western usually tallies 40 or more three-point shots per game, but the Crusaders' defense left the Warriors 13 for 26.

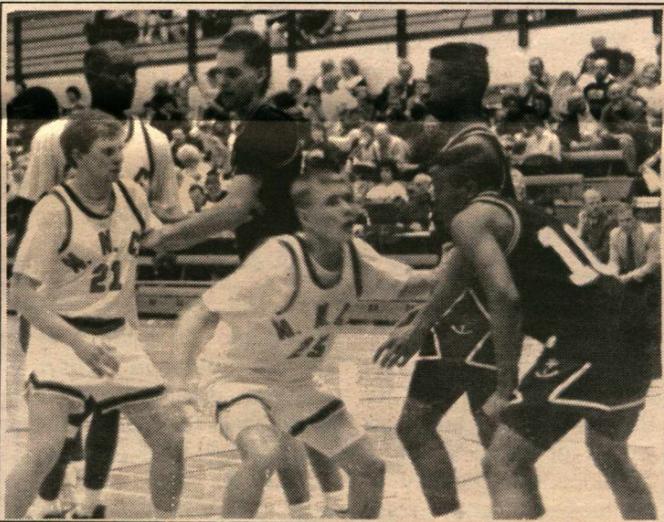
Despite the loss, NNC made the NAIA national record book with junior guard Rick Solvason's 47th consecutive free throw.

Unfortunately, Solvason's streak stopped Friday night, as he missed his first attempt in Saturday's game against Columbia Christian's Clippers. The Crusaders, 4-4 in division and 7-18

overall, toppled the Clippers 90-75. With NNC sinking 27 out of 31 free throws in the second half, the game was decided at the shooting line.

Saturday's game was not without its ups and downs, however, as the point spread varied continually, growing as high as 19 points and shrinking to as low as 2 points.

"My biggest concern going into tonight's game," said Matlock, "was whether or not the guys could bounce back after losing such a tough one last night to Western (Baptist). And I thought we responded really well tonight."



Kevin Mayfield, Tim Swanson, and Rick Solvason prepare for the inbound pass. The Crusaders next home game will be February 16, at 7:30 p.m. (Photo by Sandi Hicks)

Western Baptist 80, NNC 70
W. Baptist..... 38 42 -- 80
NNC..... 39 31 -- 70

Western Baptist -- Kovacs 4-7 (1 3-pt.) 6-6 15, Taylor 10-16 (6 3-pt.) 1-5 27, Sherwood 7-10 (2 3-pt.) 6-8 22, Crosby 3-6 (3 3-pt.) 2-3 11, Neilsen 1-5 (1 3-pt.) 2-3 4, Gwyn 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-45 (13-26 3-pt.) 17-25 80.

NNC -- Smith 5-5 3-3 13, Lyle 4-6 (1 3-pt.) 0-0 9, Mayfield 6-13 1-2 13, Fowler 0-2 0-0 0, Solvason 9-18 (3 3-pt.) 2-2 23, Swanson 3-6 (2 3-pt.) 0-0 8, Gill 1-2 0-0 2, Basura 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 29-54 (6-16 3-pt.) 6-7 70.

Fouls -- WB 12; NNC 20.
Shooting percentages -- WB,

field goals 55.6%, free throws 68%; NNC, field goals 53.7%, free throws 85.7%.

Rebounds -- WB 32; NNC 22.
Rebound leaders -- WB, Kovacs 9, Sherwood 8; NNC, Mayfield 7.

Turnovers -- WB 5; NNC 9.

NNC 90, Columbia Christian 75
NNC..... 44 46 -- 90
Col. Christian..... 29 46 -- 75

NNC -- Smith 4 1-1 9, Basura 0 2-2 2, Zweigle 4 0-0 8, Solvason 8 (4 3-pt.) 8-10 28, Lyle 1 (1 3-pt.) 7-7 10, Fowler 1 0-0 2, Gill 2 (2 3-pt.) 5-6 11, Mayfield 4 8-11 16, R. Emerson 0 2-2 2, Goeden 1 0-0 2. Totals 25-54 (7 3-pt.) 33-39 90.

Col. Christian -- Donnell 7 (3 3-pt.) 5-6 22, Murphy 10 (1 3-pt.) 3-5 24, Wyant 2 4-4 8, Jackson 3 2-3 8, Cross 1 0-1 2, Curl 2 (1 3-pt.) 2-2 7, Ahrens 2 0-0 4. Totals 27-57 (5 3-pt.) 16-21 75.

Fouls -- NNC 19; CCC 27.
Fouled out -- CCC Wyant, Jackson.

Shooting percentages -- NNC field goals 46%, free throws 84.6%; CCC field goals 47.4%, free throws 76.2 %.

Rebounds -- NNC 31; CCC 34.
Rebound leaders -- NNC Mayfield 8, Solvason 7; CCC Murphy 11, Donnell 8.

Turnovers -- NNC 11; CCC 21.

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Dollars to Dimes

By Linda Walton
Staff Writer

February—the month for love. It seems that the world has come up with a crazy obsession of hearts and candy, and presenting them with pride on February 14 to those we care about most. Wouldn't it be wonderful if this February, "love" could go much deeper for NNC? It would, and it can. February is March of Dimes month, and countless activities have been planned for us to help raise money for some very needy children.

March of Dimes devotes its funds to buying necessary equipment and conducting research that benefits children with birth defects. Contrary to popular belief, however, March of Dimes is not a pro-abortion group.

Danielle Oster, a March of Dimes poster child, was present at last Friday's men's basketball game to help kick-off NNC's fundraising efforts. Danielle is six years old and attends the YWCA preschool. Her favorite color is purple, and she has a much loved cat named Fluff. Being confined to a wheelchair hasn't slowed her activity at

all. She loves to ski, ride horses, swim, sing, and when she grows up she wants to be a teacher. Most of all she loves to have fun.

If you are anything like Danielle and love to have fun, there are many ways to get involved. February 1 kicked off the fundraisers with a big night of activities. During the Friday basketball game, paper airplanes were available to purchase for use in the half-time plane toss. After the game, a number of students gathered for the Twist and Shout Party. All proceeds from these events, as well as 50 percent of those from the February 23 skating party will be donated to the cause.

Other fundraising activities include the annual Sno-ball tournament on February 9 and a month-long contest to see which dorm wings (one guy's and one girl's) can raise the most money for the March of Dimes. The winning wings will receive a famous "Wild Pizza" party catered by Fireside.

NNC has raised the most money of any organization in the state of Idaho for the past six years with a total of \$1,596 from last year alone.

Crusader Poll

Total responses: 265.

Conducted by *Crusader* staff January 24-25, 1991.



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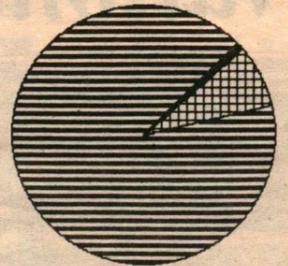


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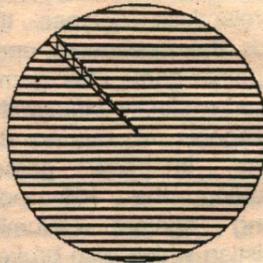
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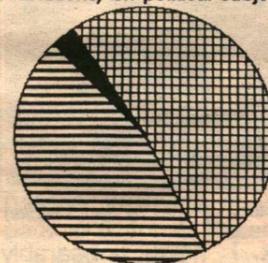
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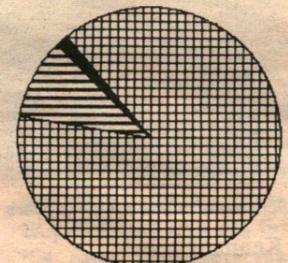
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3. Do you believe that the ASNNC Senate should be sending letters (resolutions) on political subjects?



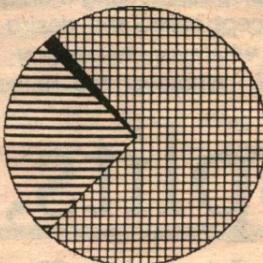
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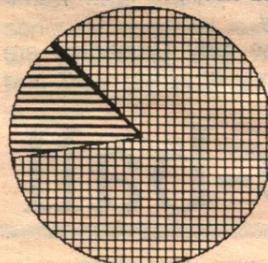
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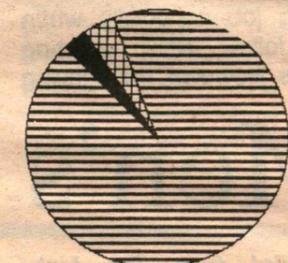
Y=15.5% N=84.2% U=.3%

6. Do you believe that now is an appropriate time for people to be protesting the involvement of the United States in the Middle East?



Y=9.8% N=89.1% U=1.1%

7. Do you support the actions of President Bush?



Y=93.2% N=4.2% U=2.6%

Graphics by Barry Versaw

Results show dissent

By Brian Reckling
Crusader Editor

Nearly seventy-five people packed the North Dining Hall for the most explosive senate meeting of the year. On Tuesday, January 22, hordes of people squirmed for the chance to speak their mind.

One week earlier, the ASNNC Senate had sent a resolution to the President of the United States stating its opinion on the Middle East

situation. Senate did not believe that all the "peaceful options within this crisis" had been "exhausted."

Scores of opinions were expressed to the Senate that night, most of them against the resolution.

But how did the entire student body feel? What was the true consensus on the NNC campus? It seemed that nobody really knew the answers to these questions; until now.

On that heated Tuesday night, the *Crusader* decided

to take its own poll, and send the results to President Bush.

265 people responded to the poll, and some comments were:

"ASNNC was 100% wrong."

"I feel the ASNNC Senate owes the students an apology."

"Our Senators are elected to represent us. If they vote according to what they feel is right, then they are doing their job."

"Go Pres."

Draft time

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eight-week boot camp for the Army, ten weeks for the Marines, and six weeks for the Air Force.

Since the majority of draftees are chosen for combat purposes, the physical condition of the men is very important. There are conditions that the military will not allow

and the standards for peacetime enlisting is more selective than wartime drafting. If a draftee fails the mandatory physical test he is exempt.

Experts say that a draft is very unlikely. The draft would be needed only if there was a major catastrophe in the present gulf war or if the United States were to be invaded.

Senate resolution draws criticism

On Tuesday, January 15, Senate met and spent nearly three hours discussing an advisory resolution which was to be sent to President Bush. The resolution, which was meant to express the views of the Senate on what was then the future use of force in the Persian Gulf, passed on a 6-5 vote. The next day, it was mailed to the president and national and state political figures.

At the January 22 Senate meeting, many concerns over the resolution were voiced by the largest gallery the Senate has seen in years. Most of the students present did not agree with the content of the resolution.

Around ASNNC

Brad Bergler
Junior Class Senator

Many students believe that the resolution did not show support for our president.

A second point of conflict was over the interpretation of who the resolution was from. Most senators thought it was clear that the letter was strictly the views of the senators who passed it, rather than a collective opinion of the student body. Students thought it was implied that the views were those of the student body.

A third point of concern of

the students was whether or not the Senate had any right sending letters concerning issues not directly related to the Associated Students of NNC. One of the final concerns raised by the students was the fact that senators did not talk to their constituents about the resolution due to its addition to the agenda on very short (several hours) notice. Also, questions were brought to the Senate concerning the proxy policy, since an apparent miscommunicated proxy was the deciding vote.

After the gallery members voiced their concerns, the senators discussed at length some ways to cooperate with

the students and prevent these problems from happening again. *Crusader* Editor Reckling agreed to volunteer to conduct a poll concerning the resolution and the current Gulf situation. The results, which are published above, were sent to President Bush and the other leaders who received the Senate's resolution to show the true opinions of NNC students.

In regards to the concerns of the proxy vote and the fact that students knew nothing about the resolution until after it was sent, there is new legislation being considered. One proposal

calls for the abolition of proxy voting, and another would require all Senate business to be available to the students five school days prior to the meeting in which it will be discussed.

And finally, to the concern that students' opinions are not known to the senators, I want to say that you are personally invited to attend each and every Senate meeting and to voice your opinions at those meetings. Also, I am sure that all the senators would be glad to hear your opinion on any issue discussed in Senate or concerning the student body. That's what we are here for. Thanks for reading!