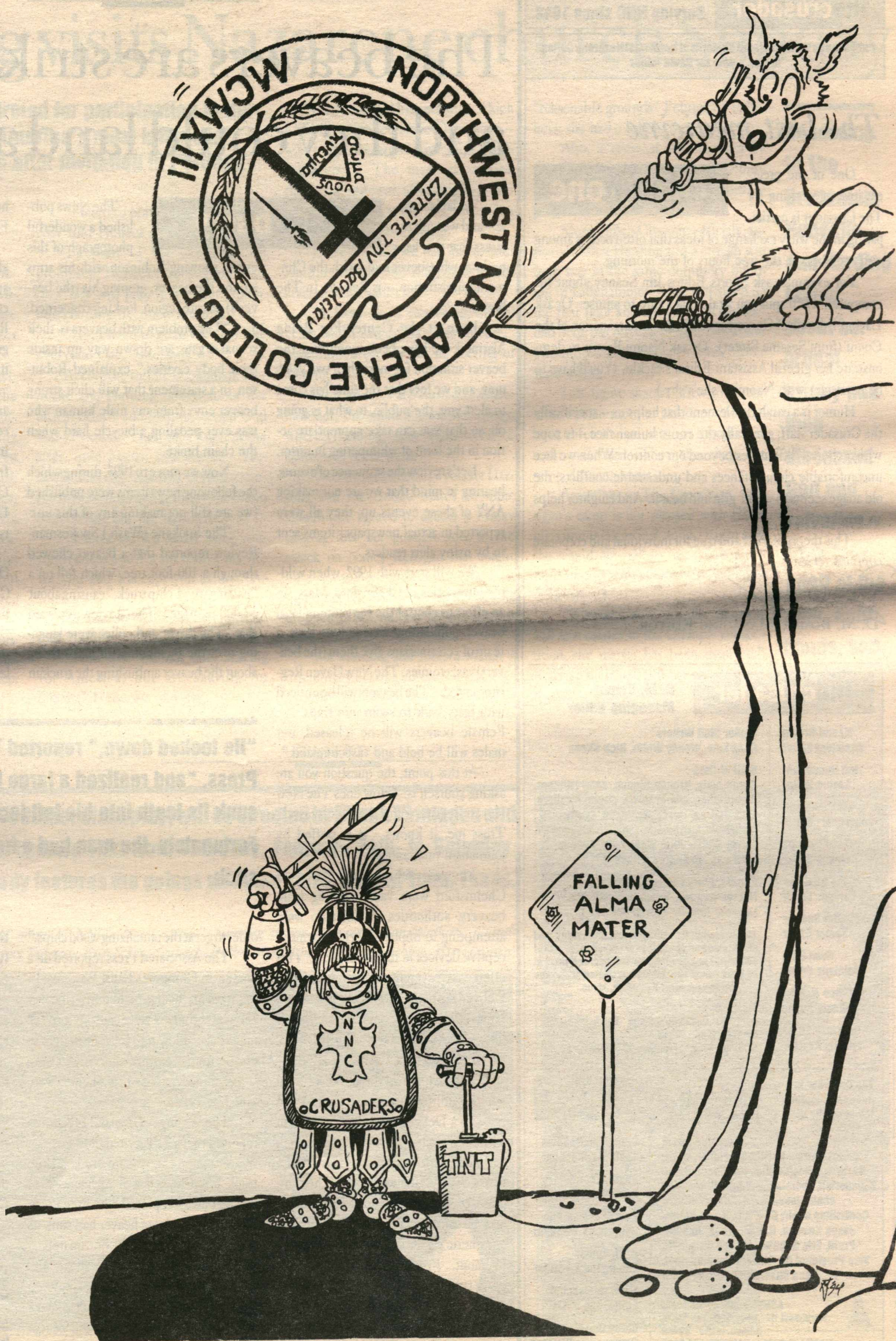


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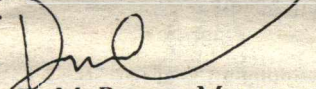
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One of the greatest joys of working for The Crusader is participating in the witty exchange of ideas that often occurs among staff members in the wee hours of the morning.

For example, ask Sports Editor Jim Seaney about his computer. He'll spin you a tale that's sure to amuse. Or ask Layout Editor Jeff Gunstream to do his impersonation of the Count (from Sesame Street). Or ask Naomi Brown to demonstrate her gleeful Assistant Editor's cackle. (You'll have to be persistent with Naomi -- she's shy.)

Humor is a catalytic element that helps us -- specifically the Crusader staff; generally the entire human race -- to cope with technical difficulties beyond our control. When we face uncomfortable circumstances and undesirable conflicts, the old adage seems to work: grin and bear it. And laughter helps us grin.

This theory is tried and true for individual and corporate conflicts. (HA!)



D. M. BOMAR, MANAGING EDITOR

column one

dave barry

Today's topic -- and we wish to stress that this has

nothing whatsoever to do with the Clinton administration -- is Beavers In The News.

Here at the Center For Being Alarmed, we have been monitoring the beaver situation for more than two years now, and we feel that the time has come to alert you, the public, to what is going on, so that you can take appropriate action in the form of whimpering in terror.

Let's review the sequence of events, bearing in mind that we are not making ANY of these events up; they all were reported in actual newspaper items sent in by many alert readers.

We will start with 1992, when wildlife authorities in Chelmsford, Mass., in an effort to control the burgeoning local beaver population, decided to have a team of veterinarians give them (the beavers) vasectomies. The New Haven Register stated: "The beavers will be enticed with tasty bark to swim into traps. . . . Female beavers will be released, but males will be held and vasectomized."

At this point, the question you are asking yourself is: "How does The New Haven Register know the bark is tasty?" Trust me, it knows. It is staffed by journalism professionals.

Anyway, while authorities in Chelmsford were vasectomizing male beavers, authorities in Colorado were attempting to implant Norplant contraceptive devices in female beavers. This effort was covered extensively in The Denver Post and The Rocky Mountain News (which at one point ran this headline: BEAVERS GET NORPLANT WHILE WOMEN WAIT IN LINE).

The highlight of this effort occurred when wildlife authorities invited the press to a Denver veterinary hospital to witness the first beaver implant, which was to be performed by Dr. David Robinson. Everything was ready: The cameras were rolling, and the sedated beaver was on the operating table, breathing anesthetic gas through a little cone over its snout. Robinson, wearing a rubber glove (you don't want to take any chances, not with your modern, sexually active beaver) made one final examination, and then announced: "It's a male."

HUMOR

The beavers are striking back, and they could land anywhere

The News published a wonderful photograph of this

event, showing Robinson with his arms around the beaver, groping his (the beaver's) private region, looking concerned.

"The problem with beavers is, their sexual organs are drawn way up inside their body cavities," explained Robinson, in a statement that will elicit strong beaver envy from any male human who was ever pedaling a bicycle hard when the chain broke.

Now we move to 1993, during which the following news items were published (we are still not making any of this up):

The Spokane (Wash.) Spokesman-Review reported that a beaver chewed through a 100-foot tree, which fell on a "passing wood-chip truck," causing about \$2,000 damage. The Review reported that "The driver and police were laughing over the incident, with jokes flying about the beaver ambushing the truck in

hockey stick with its teeth," stated The Free Press.

(We received one other extremely alarming beaver report in 1993 but we are too tasteful to mention it here, because it involved an incident on the Brule River in Wisconsin wherein a beaver gnawed through a tree in such a way that it landed in a fatal manner on a canoeist.)

So the pattern is clear: The beavers are striking back. Perhaps you are not concerned about this. Perhaps you live in an urban area, and think you're safe from attack. Perhaps you are a fool. Consider the following item from the Dec. 15, 1990, installment of the syndicated feature Ripley's Believe It Or Not:

"In the 1950s, beavers WERE DROPPED BY PARACHUTE IN CALIFORNIA to build dams in areas threatened by erosion!"

That's right: Beavers can be dropped from airplanes. They could land ANYWHERE. And please do not

be so naive as to try to tell us that the government, and we say this as a loyal, taxpaying citizen, is completely out of its mind. The government is perfectly capable of suddenly deciding to drop mass quantities of beavers on urban areas, especially if an economist suggests that this might create jobs.

So that is the situation. Nobody is safe. What can you do? You can be on constant alert. You can refuse to sleep and constantly dart your eyes around in a nervous manner. You can carry a hockey stick at all times, even to work. Perhaps your coworkers will laugh. Perhaps your boss will want to have a word with you.

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The Associated Press reported on a lawsuit in Chippewa Falls, Wis., resulting from an incident wherein "a beaver chewed through a tree, causing it to fall on a fence, allowing Holstein heifers to escape from a pasture and wander onto some railroad tracks." Eight heifers were killed by a train.

The Winnipeg (Canada) Free Press reported that a 71-year-old outdoorsman was sitting on the tailgate of his pickup truck when he felt a sharp pain. "He looked down," reported The Free Press, "and realized a large beaver had sunk its teeth into his left leg." Fortunately -- and let this be a lesson to those who would limit the rights of citizens to keep and bear hockey sticks -- the man had a hockey stick. "He beamed the beaver several times until it clamped on to his

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OLYMPICS

Harding visits Nazarene church Sunday

► **A day after being confirmed for participation in the Lillehammer Olympics, America's most infamous figure skater responds to altar invitation in Portland**

By D. M. BOMAR
MANAGING EDITOR

On Saturday, the road to Lillehammer was cleared for Tonya Harding. On Sunday, the Olympic figure skater set out on a journey of another kind.

Harding surprised the congregation of Portland First Church of the Nazarene when she attended a worship service there Sunday morning with the family of Mark Webber, an NNC student. Harding now lives with Stephanie Quintero, Webber's sister.

According to a front-page article in Monday's *Oregonian*, Harding apparently went unnoticed throughout most of the hour-long service, but "set the congregation buzzing" when she left her seat in the front row of the balcony during an altar invitation. Harding went forward with Quintero, and was met at the foot of the balcony by pastor Gary Henecke.

"I need to pray," Harding reportedly told Henecke.

The stir of the congregation prompted Henecke to suggest that they talk and pray in a private room, but Harding declined the offer.

"No, I need to go to the altar like everyone else," she said.

According to *The Oregonian*, Henecke and Harding talked about her ordeal briefly and then discussed God and salvation. Then they knelt at the altar, held hands, and prayed. Henecke said that Harding prayed a simple prayer, requesting forgiveness and committing her life to Christ.

"I have sinned and I need your forgiveness and I want to live my life for you and I accept you as my Savior."

As the service ended, Henecke told Harding he would pray for her.

"Now you are not only skating for America, but are skating for Christ," Henecke told her.

Henecke said his sermon -- which had been planned since December -- was ironically appropriate for Harding's visit. The message carried themes of renewal, affirming that "regardless of the scars of life, Christ can give you a new beginning."

Henecke said he had never met Harding before and that she had not attended his church.

"I have been pastoring for 30 years, and I can say she was sincere," he commented. "I got no feeling of staging."

Now all eyes are turned to Lillehammer, the small Norwegian village where Harding, now guaranteed to skate, will arrive today.

Over the weekend, lawyers for Harding and the United States Olympic Committee agreed to cancel a Friday hearing into her possible role in the attack on Nancy Kerrigan that might have led to her removal from the U.S. figure skating team. In return, Harding dropped a \$20 million lawsuit against the USOC.

But Harding still faces a March 9 disciplinary hearing before the U.S. Figure Skating Association, which found

"reasonable grounds" February 5 to believe she had a role in the assault.

Also, a criminal investigation by the FBI and the Multnomah County district attorney's office continues to progress.

Meanwhile, Olympic officials announced that Harding and Kerrigan will both stay in the same dormitory building in Lillehammer. One will sleep on the first floor and the other on the second floor, but officials said the two would undoubtedly bump into each other somewhere.

U.S. figure skaters often share the same van en route to practice, walk the same cafeteria line, and get together for team meetings. They also share the same dressing room.

According to *The Oregonian*, Kerrigan's camp is not pleased with Harding's imminent arrival, and Kerrigan said she would not talk to the media again until the skating competition begins February 23.

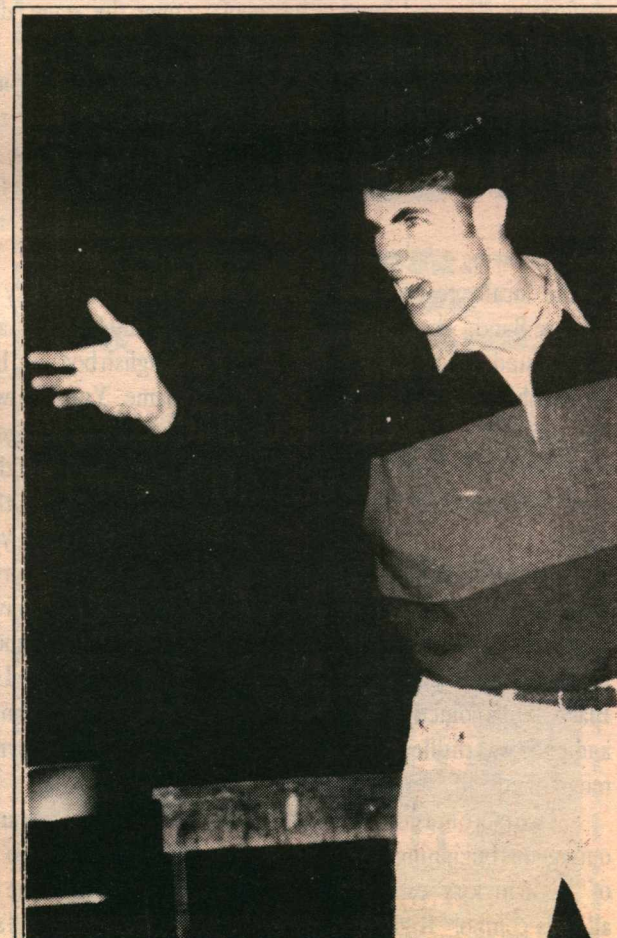
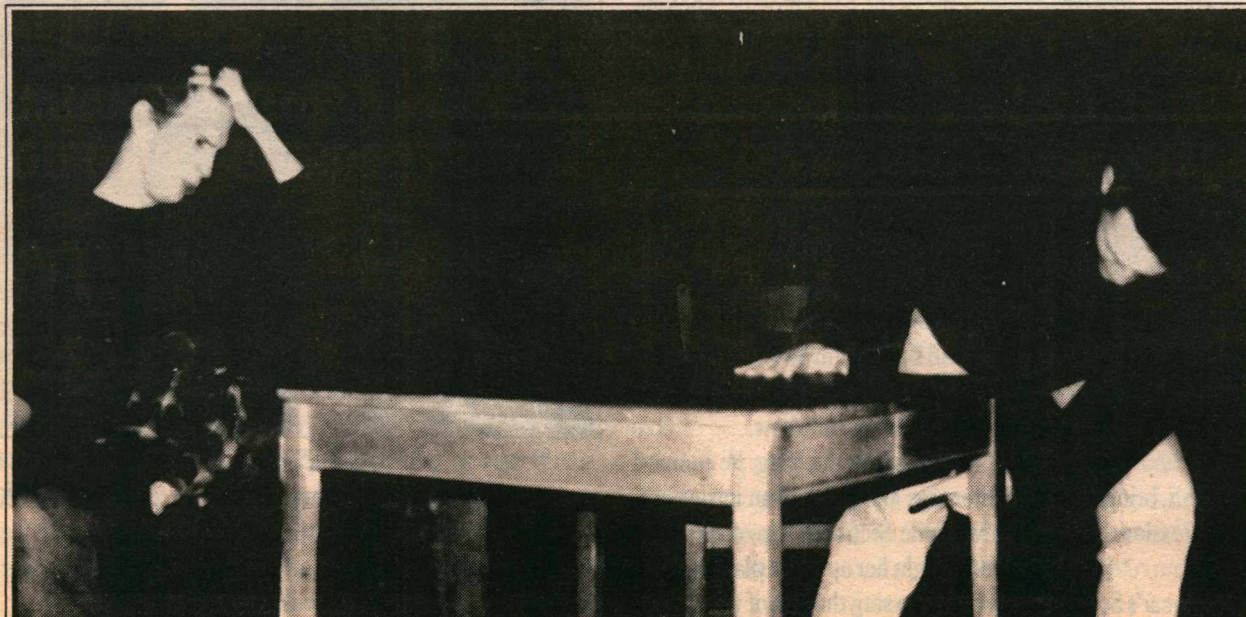
"It seems now, for the moment and as it relates to the Olympic competition, the matter has been resolved," Kerrigan said Sunday in a prepared statement.

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CAMPUS

"Greater Tuna," this year's Junior class play, will be directed by Micah Montague and will play in the Science Lecture Hall from Thursday, February 24th, to Saturday, February 26th. The comedy features the goings on in the small town of Tuna, Texas.

"Greater Tuna" features the talents of many of NNC's finest actors. Starring in the play are Adam Watkins, Garrett Schmelzenbach, Kevin Haydon, Stormy Tatman, Erin Schmelzenbach, Dallas McKellips, and Linda Schleis. (Dave Church)



CAMPUS

Sr. Slick redefines variety show etiquette

BY JOHN FRALEY
STAFF WRITER

Last Saturday night, the Class of 1994 hosted the annual variety show, Senior Slick. The Science Lecture Hall was rocking as several musical groups made their NNC debuts.

However, there is some debate as to whether or not this may have been the last NNC variety show. Some are even wondering about the effectiveness of the Entertainment Evaluation Committee. Why?

Well... between Adam "is he really related to Danny?" Freeborn's unique use of his hips, and Jeff "can you say shameless?" Gunstream's confessions about his eccentric clothing habits, the audience witnessed a lot of borderline behavior. But everyone who actually paid money to see the show seemed to enjoy it.

Truthfully, Senior Slick 1994 wasn't that immoral. Especially not with the emceeding of a hilarious duo known simply as "The Gaymons." Whereas the elder Gaymon is better known as Dr. Bennett, baseball poet and fishing philosopher extraordinaire, most people only know the younger Gaymon as "that guy with the hair." Or Will.

This pair appeared between acts, performing skits and songs or just goofing off. In retrospect, Will is ecstatic: "I loved working with my dad. We had to ad-lib most of the stuff because all we had to work with was a rough outline, but it really was an honor to work with my dad."

Following a 50's musical welcome by the locally recruited and excellent "House Band," the show was kicked off (or thrust off) by six freshmen of immeasurable talent: the Disco Kings. To the tune of a very 70's rendition of Beethoven's 5th Symphony, Adam Freeborn "maneuvered" his way onto the stage.

After completing a routine that probably netted him a three-digit fine, his supporting cast (Jeremy Bolles, Kevin Jagger, John Kirkemo, Erik Quissell, and Blake Wolf) joined him onstage. The audience was thrilled as the Kings "choreographed" all over the platform.

Two more musical acts followed this outrageous beginning: first, a lip-syncing of "It's in his kiss" carried out by 3N1, an all-girls combo. Right afterward came the easy-listening duet of Rob Read-

mond (amazing guitarist) and Linda Schleis (enchanting vocalist), as they sang "Joking," an Indigo Girls tune.

Comedy was next. Imagine Thomas Vessey as a pope and Jeffrey Gunstream as Michelangelo in a Monty Python medley, and you have definite laughter potential.

When Jeffangelo's 3-Christ, 28-disciple depiction of the Last Supper is nixed by His Infallible Holiness Vesseyus I, the former sheds his painter's outfit, revealing lumberjack attire.

He is quickly joined by six fellow lumberjacks. These wholesome guys and Jeff's "best girl," the irresistible Michelle Stephens, soon learn through "the lumberjack song" of Jeff's interesting dressing tendencies--high heels, suspenders, and a bra.

On a less controversial note, Josh Williams, Todd Smith, Jerry Hampton, and Charlie Gibson closed out the first half of the show with three a cappella spirituals. By intermission the audience had plenty to ponder.

J.D. Dahlquist opened the second half with a song that he described as "my personal search".

Next? Ben Kneadler. From the beginning, Ben was "The Boss" on fire. In the spirit established earlier by the Disco Kings, Ben Springsteen was all over the stage, developing previously unseen moves.

In the only non-musical act of the evening, a new talent with a familiar name drew some laughs. Erik Quissell and his big sister Christin enacted a skit of British origin entitled "The Frog and Peach."

It's the story of an unfortunate restaurant located in an unfortunate spot (an English bog) and bearing an unfortunate name. Yum. However unintentionally, restaurant manager Erik is Mike Myers, so if you missed the skit, buy the video.

Lollipop outfits are rarely exciting. Funny-looking, yes, but seldom enticing. Which is why Cheri Dailey, Karen Claus, Kathi Donovan, and Carrie Schwab wore them for about five seconds as an act called "The Lollipop Song" turned into a four-woman cutoff-wearing guitar-strumming lip-syncing of "I Love Rock 'N' Roll."

They were an instant hit, bringing a new meaning to the expression "The clothes make the (wo)man".

The last real act of this year's Senior Slick was performed by that now world-



Monty Python Medley Professors Tom Vessey, Mason Vail, and Jeff Gunstream performed The Lumberjack Song. (Nelson)

famous duo, Gaymon and Gaymon. They shared one of the Church's greatest musical mainstays: the ballad "If I Had a Million Dollars" by the Canadian best-selling group Bare Naked Ladies. Contact the younger Gaymon or the Three Musketeers for further details concerning this absolutely hilarious song.

Finally, an ingenious closure to the show was the "House Band," which prefers to be known as the "High Street Quartet."

Some of the band members belong to Fairview Church of the Nazarene's Praise and Worship Team, but they weren't exactly playing choruses and hymns on Saturday night.

Instead, they fed the feisty crowd great oldies from the fifties both at the start and at the end of the show. They even occasionally inserted an Elvis hit between acts.

Lead singer Tim Swanson was The King as he sang "Love Me Tender" in the second half of the show.

Seconds into the song, he jumped off the stage and plucked an unsuspecting Michelle Stephens out of the audience, brought her up to the platform, and proceeded to sing the rest of the song to her alone.



"I was so embarrassed," she said afterward. "It's the nicest thing anyone's ever done for me, but I didn't know how to react. He really caught me off-guard." All in all, the Band's presence definitely was an asset. Bennett duo hosted this year's Senior Slick. (Nelson)

CAMPUS

Valentine extravaganza hosts WWII U.S.O. show

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STAFF WRITER

Unless you have not been to the student center or chapel in a month, you should know that there's a party coming up -- to be specific, the "NNC 1940's World War II U.S.O. Show Valentine's Extravaganza!" If all the publicity is accurate, the event should be worthy of its massive title.

For those who were not around in the 40's, "U.S.O." stands for United States Officers, and the show will be reminiscent of those done by Bob Hope for "our boys" overseas.

In charge are Matt McCaslin and Kristen Dalton, who said they borrowed the idea from SNU. NNC's sister-school actually held their 40's bash in an airplane hanger, but "We wanted to keep it on campus," explained the party-planners.

A campus location will keep ticket prices down, but the atmosphere will be just as authentic (and easier to heat).

Students who attended last year's

"Roaring Twenties" party will recall Bob Thompson's "warehouse speakeasy" decor. Thompson will again be disguising Marriott, this time as a military aircraft hanger.

Much of the atmosphere will be generated by costumes. McCaslin wanted to "Stress the dress--costumes really aren't that difficult to put together."

Those who haven't got access to a WWII military uniform can check out ASNNC's little blue "idea" pamphlet (available in the ASNNC office).

Staples for 40's men included broad-shouldered, tailored suits and maybe a fedora. Ladies wore padded shoulders, fitted waists, gloves, and pinned-up hair. Other options are soldiers' or nurses' uniforms.

One could always don a swim-suit and go as Betty Grable--see her pin-up picture and others on the glass booth in the student center.

The evening will begin with dinner; Shelly Lujan of Marriott and Dalton are working to "authenticate" the meal.

"They've researched to find meals

that are similar to the 'nouveau riche,'" explained McCaslin. Following dinner will be the entertainment, including Swing "choreography," slapstick comedy, a 1944 Newsreel and a clip of a real Bob Hope U.S.O. show with celebrities.

Of course, it will be up to guests to provide "war-time" romance, but this event will in no way exclude those who don't wish to bother with dates.

"It's going to be one of the best events of the year," claimed Dalton.

A group of "Riveter Rosies" or "officers" on leave ought to have just as much fun as the Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman couples.

The party starts at 7:00 on February 18 in the Marriott dining room. Tickets will no longer be available after tomorrow (February 16), but until then they are selling upstairs at the Student Center to the ASNNC office.

Tickets are \$4 with SAC and \$5 without. Bring a little extra cash and immortalize the event--professional photos will be available in packages starting at \$5.

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Workshop takes teen focus

BY D. ANDREW ZIRSCHKY
STAFF WRITER

"Helping the Struggling Adolescent" will be the focus of a special workshop on the NNC campus February 17-19.

Dr. Les Parrott III and his wife Leslie will be the guest speakers for this event sponsored by the department of Philosophy and Religion. Dr. Parrott is an ordained Nazarene minister and graduate of Olivet Nazarene University and is currently a professor of clinical psychology at Seattle Pacific University. He is also co-director with his wife of the Center for Relationship Development at Seattle Pacific University. Together the Parrotts have authored several books and written for a variety of magazines including Focus on the Family and Christianity Today.

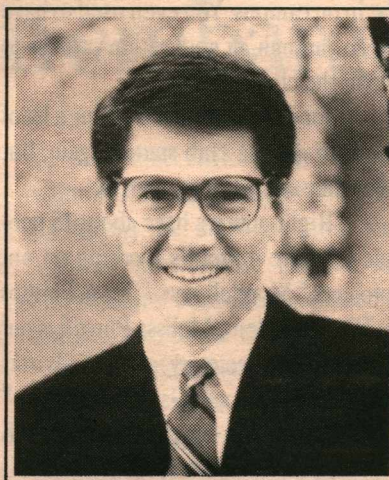
According to Dr. Irving Laird, head

of Special Ministries at NNC, the Parrotts will present several lectures in the area of helping adolescents cope in today's society. Among these will be "Talking so Kids Will Listen and Listening so Kids Will Talk" and a special lecture by Mrs. Parrott entitled "The Invisible Influence on Adolescence."

Laird says that he is expecting more than 50 students to take part in the workshop where he hopes they gain insight in ministering to youth.

"We have the privilege of hosting one of the outstanding Christian youth specialists in the evangelical church today. He is in much demand, he is an excellent communicator, and an effective teacher," Laird said.

"Another factor is that he is part of a team with his wife. The two together make a great team. I am hoping the students will get a lot of information, but also that they see the model of a great



Dr. Les Parrott III will present a special workshop focusing on adolescents.

couple not much older than themselves."

The workshop is free for all students and is available for credit. For more information concerning the workshop, contact Joan Murray in the Philosophy and Religion department at extension 8538.

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Crawford joins world religious leaders

BY D. ANDREW ZIRSCHKY
STAFF WRITER

Rubbing shoulders with the Archbishop of Canterbury or talking with Jewish rabbis over dinner are not ordinary activities for those who reside in Nampa, ID. However, Dr. Ed Crawford, head of the Philosophy department at NNC found himself doing just that last week in Israel.

The event was the International Conference of Jewish and Christian Leaders held in Jerusalem. This February conference attracted 500 Jewish and Christian leaders from more than 97 nations to deal with effective religious leadership in a secular society.

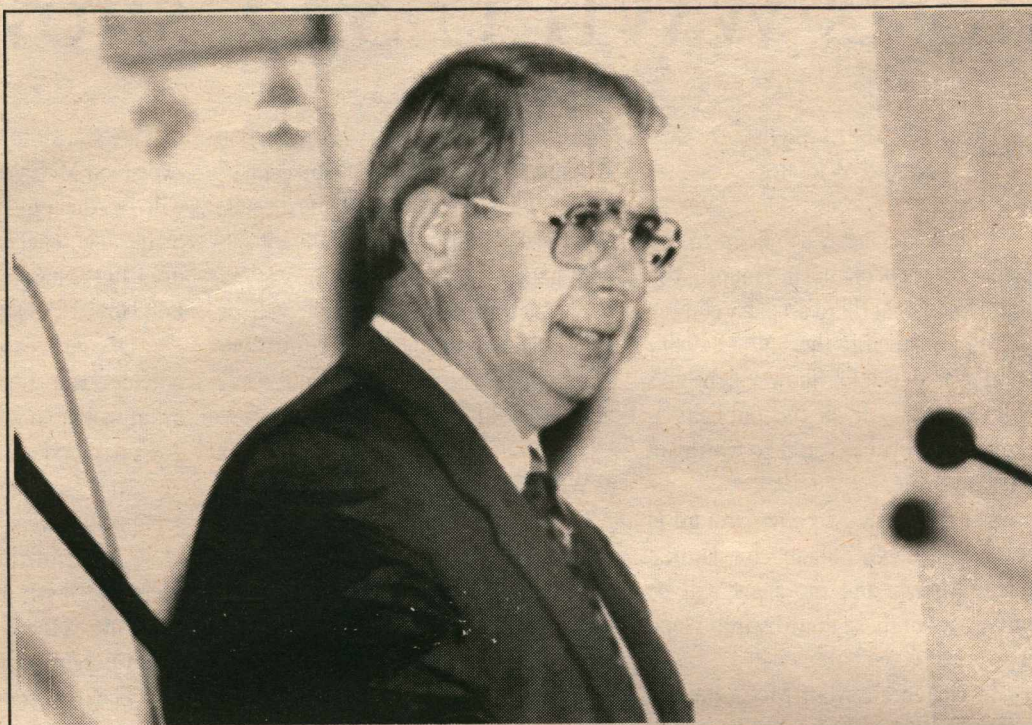
"In four days we spent more than forty hours in formal and informal lectures and conversations," reported Crawford in chapel Monday morning. "It hardly seemed like enough time as we involved ourselves in three inevitable tasks: working within a diverse religious context, understanding the current situations in a rapidly changing world, and

discovering our own ethical responses and trying to communicate them clearly."

"Traditionally the world has relied on the religious frameworks of communities for the moral impact that guides their community, but today religion is bogged down by religious fundamentalism... and religious sectarianism," stated Crawford.

The conference came to an agreement that each and every religion must fight against the self-interest that dominates every religion and refocus their efforts on aiding the world around them. While cooperating to impart ethics to the world, the conference also agreed that each religion must remain faithful to its beliefs.

"Each religion must seek to fulfill its own meaning and mission. For the Christian religion and others that includes evangelism, as well as a claim about Jesus Christ..." said Crawford. "But it means something else for Christians. It means respecting other persons in love. While I may not agree with every side, I have



the obligation, in love, to respect them."

"We are all in the same boat, and if we stand and argue about who is right or who is wrong and fail to get hold of the buckets to dip the water out or the oars to pull on, we may be right, but we may be

lost altogether," said Crawford.

"Ultimately, whatever you say about religion -- about what that faith is doing to you and for you -- that faith must, if it is true faith, involve itself in the welfare of others."

Dr. Ed Crawford shared in Monday's chapel on his recent trip to Israel for a religious leaders conference. (Nelson)

Circle K International focuses on kids

Striving to maintain a rich heritage of community service, NNC is trying to revive her Circle K International charter, the oldest one west of the Mississippi.

BY D. ANDREW ZIRSCHKY
STAFF WRITER

Formed in 1951, NNC's Circle K club boasts a long and illustrious history, yet few students on campus know what this club is or that it even exists.

Most have heard of the Kiwanis Club or know someone who was involved in Key Club during high school. Both of these organizations are devoted to serving the community around them. Similar in purpose, Circle K is a collegiate level service organization.

NNC's Circle K charter is the oldest charter west of the Mississippi. From its beginnings in the 1950's through the 70's, Circle K was a highly visible aspect of student life at NNC.

"It was probably the most active club on campus," says Gaymon Bennett, an NNC professor and Circle K adviser, "but in the last few years interest has faded. The local Kiwanis club has been active in getting it started again, and Suzanne Mondell has done a lot of the work herself."

Mondell, an NNC sophomore and Circle K president, says that in years past,

the NNC chapter of Circle K has been one of strongest anywhere.

"We've had international trustees and governors from this campus," says Mondell. "In the past it was the club to be in on campus. You even used to have to go through an application process to be in the club."

Mondell says that it is taking a lot of work to get the club started again, but that they are making progress.

"Right now we have about 15 people who are currently working on our projects," Mondell says. "Tessa Phillips is Vice President, Melissa Purcell is our treasurer and secretary, and our advisors are Ken Watson and Gaymon Bennett."

Despite the low profile of Circle K on campus, Mondell says that the club is involved with several projects throughout the community.

"Mainly what we do is just different kinds of service projects but we don't necessarily limit ourselves to one -- we do everything from clean up to reading to children, to building structures," says Mondell.

"We do three or four projects a term; some of them last over the entire term

and others are just a couple of days worth. This past term we did stuff with a program called Reading is Fundamental. We went to churches and read books to children who don't have books at home," stated Mondell.

According to Mondell, next week is especially important for the Circle K club at NNC.

"It is an international emphasis week where we focus on service projects," said Mondell. "Our focus, along with the entire international club, is children."

"We will be working at Mercy Medical center -- in the children's wards there. We are going to put on a couple of little variety shows and we will be reading books in the afternoons."

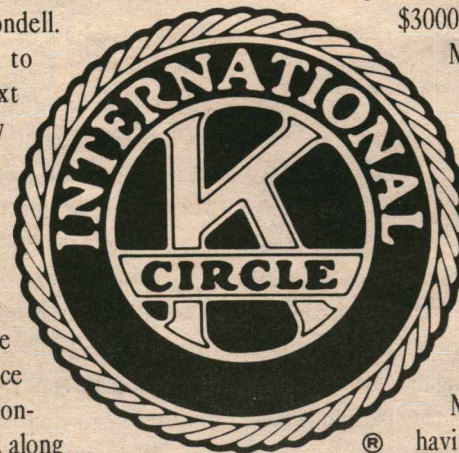
"Also, right now we are doing a service fundraiser to raise money for Iodine Deficiency Disorder, a disorder that causes still births and mental retardation

in many third world countries. Circle K International is trying to raise money to build two iodine plants. The international organization expects each club to come up with \$200, but our goal is \$3000."

Mondell says that the NNC chapter of Circle K will be holding at least two other events next week. Tonight the club will be inducting five new members and next Monday it will be having a party to wrap up its work at Mercy Medical Center.

According to both Mondell and Bennett, they are hoping that next week's events will draw both the attention and interest of students. Mondell says that she hopes more students become interested in Circle K because it opens up a broad spectrum of experiences.

"For me, it gives me more opportunities and so I am not limited to one aspect of service," said Mondell.



NATION

Clinton serious with budget

BY WENDY WHITE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Last Monday, President Clinton sent Congress a \$1.52 trillion budget that he said would reduce the deficit by making cuts in hundreds of programs.

"It's the toughest budget on spending cuts that Congress has yet seen," Clinton said.

Clinton's federal spending plan for 1995 includes no new general tax increases, but it does propose raising the cigarette tax to 99 cents a pack to help finance universal health care. Clinton also proposed almost three dozen other fee increases.

To find money for expanding Head Start, putting 100,000 new police officers on the streets, and increasing government support for high tech jobs of in the future, Clinton asked lawmakers to cut spending for more than 200 programs and eliminate 115 others altogether.

For example, one such cut that has outraged many people is slashing operating support for urban mass transit by 25 percent. Clinton also suggested cutting home heating subsidies

in half. This program which pays heating bills for millions of poor Americans would be cut by \$707 million. In addition, several of the largest public housing programs would be sharply reduced as well.

Clinton did manage to come up with a token \$8.2 billion to support such programs as building more prisons and finding living places for the homeless.

Both Liberals and Conservatives were unhappy with the plan. Liberals complained the budget cuts would hurt the poor. Conservatives said the president virtually ignored the cost of putting into effect his two most important initiatives-- health care and welfare reform.

Clinton acknowledged the fact the his plan would face enemies in Congress, yet he maintained that the new budget showed the world that "we mean business" about cutting

the deficit.

With his plan, President Clinton would achieve a deficit-reduction record unequaled since Harry Truman. If Clinton's projections are correct, the budget deficit will have shrunk for three consecutive years.

The president projected that the

President Clinton's new budget enhances the police force by 100,000 officers, eliminates 115 programs, cuts funding from 200 others, raises the cigarette tax by 99 cents a pack, cuts operating support for urban mass transit by 25 percent and cuts home heating subsidies in half.

deficit for 1995 would drop to \$176.1 billion. That would be down from a projected deficit of \$234.8 billion this year.

When Clinton took office, financial experts expected that the deficit would be \$302 billion.

WORLD

Veterans upset with Clinton's decision to lift Vietnam embargo

BY KONA LEW
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

President Clinton lifted the embargo on Vietnam, but he's did not open diplomatic relations in Hanoi between the United States and Vietnam. Clinton is concerned with Americans missing in action in Vietnam.

"The embargo is only hurting the Americans," explained an American banker before Clinton's Address. "It's not hurting the Vietnamese whatsoever."

By lifting the embargo, Americans can open businesses in Vietnam.

According to U.S. News & World Report, the process of lifting the embargo began before Clinton came into

office. It would have continued had George Bush been re-elected. Congress and Bush's administration realized Vietnam was trying to continue their search of American MIA's.

The Vietnamese government has opened up the country side, to allow American officials to excavates sites.

Clinton was supported by his administration is his decision to lift the embargo.

In late January, a Senate resolution to lift the embargo was passed. Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, a decorated Navy officer, and Arizona Sen. John McClain, a prisoner of the Vietnam War sponsored the resolution.

This resolution influenced Clinton's decision, as well as up coming

veteran conventions in February. Clinton's administration claimed that by lifting the embargo, they would avoid an embarrassing situation, when the veterans' conventions passed resolutions to uphold the embargo.

On Wednesday of last week, Clinton recieved word from the National Security Council advising him to lift the embargo. Clinton made his decision.

After the announcement, Clinton stated to a senior official, "Gee I didn't think, I'd be doing this, 25 years ago."

Source: U.S. News and World Report, 2/14/94

BRIEFLY

Benefits to be cut

\$2 billion in benefits for elderly immigrants is high on the

White House administration's lists for government cuts. Other cuts intended to benefit welfare reform include supplemental-security-income benefits to parents of legal aliens and emergency-housing assistance.

Harding allowed to skate

Under an accord reached Saturday, figure skater Tonya Harding will be allowed to compete in the Olympics. Saturday the U.S. Olympic Committee canceled a hearing to consider whether to let Harding skate and her suit against the panel was dismissed. Harding faces allegations by her ex-husband Gilooly that she was involved in an attack on rival skater Nancy Kerrigan.

Texas Senator acquitted

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson was acquitted on state ethics charges for misuse of state employees and state property for political gain after her trial began Friday. A judge in Fort Worth ordered the Texas Republican acquitted when prosecutors refused to present their case without an advance ruling on whether they could use evidence that had been siezed during a raid. Sen. Hutchinson was also acquitted of charges for tampering with government records while acting as state treasurer.

Leader plans for conflict

Zulu leader Buthelezi announced to supporters Saturday to prepare themselves for "casualties and even death" following as decision of the Inkatha Freedom Party to boycott South Africa's first all-race elections in April. Buthelezi charged Mandela, rival leader of the African National Congress of starting a campaign of "ethnic cleansing" against his people. Negotiations for the April election have also failed to appease the Afrikaner Volksfront, an umbrella-group of right-wing white politicians, and the right-wing Freedom Alliance.

Famous painting stolen

Thieves in Oslo escaped with one of the world's most famous paintings, "The Scream" by Edvard Munch from the National Art Museum. Two men were filmed by surveillance cameras entering the museum through a window and leaving with the 1893 painting. The film timed the theft at less than a minute.

Neo-Nazis convicted

The trial of three men charged with the 1992 murder of a man who they thought was "probably Jewish" came to an end last week. A German court convicted two neo-Nazi skinheads and a bartender, sentencing the defendants to prison terms of eight, 10, and 14 years in the Wuppertal attack. The presiding judge called the attack "an explosion sparked by radical-right thoughts."

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COVER STORY

Friendly Feud?

The Crusader takes a look at NNC's age-old rivalry with Albertson

BY D. M. BOMAR
MANAGING EDITOR

Northwest Nazarene College vs. Albertson College of Idaho. The oldest collegiate rivalry in the state. Some people say it's also the most intense rivalry, having sparked hatred between competing athletes and brawls among fans for decades.

The rivalry is most prominent on the basketball court.

"Oh yeah. Definitely," remarks Dr. Ken Hills, NNC Vice President for Student Development, who attended NNC from 1948 to 1952.

"There were some real tense moments. I think there may have been fights after some games. Those were some hot and heavy times."

Dr. Gilbert Ford, NNC's acting academic dean, agrees with Hills' assessment. "As far back as I can remember, it's been the same or worse" as it is now. Ford has served as a physics professor and jack-of-all-trades for NNC since 1940.

The basketball rivalry began during the 1933-34 season. Albertson, then College of Idaho, won the game 23-16. After the first loss, NNC held the overall series between the schools for 12 years. In 1946, Albertson took the lead, 11 games to 10, and hasn't surrendered yet. Currently, Albertson leads NNC 98 games to 59, capturing its most recent victory January 14, 64-54.

On that same day, The Idaho Statesman reported that the "basketball rivalry between Albertson College and Northwest Nazarene College has become so intense that Albertson coach Marty Holly doesn't much like it anymore."

"I'll tell you how hard a game this is," Holly told Statesman reporter Phil Smith before the two teams squared off just over a month ago. "The referees who work Boise State-Idaho, Ricks-Southern Idaho, all the big games, say this is absolutely the toughest of any to referee. They are insisting they

have three officials for this game."

The intensity of the rivalry rose a notch (or more) when Ed Weidenbach replaced Garry Matlock as the NNC head coach two years ago. Smith credited Weidenbach with "bringing the Crusaders' program up to the Coyotes' level." Last year, the Sadlers advanced to the national final four, while the Yotes were in the final eight.

"It was pretty intense with Garry, but since Ed has come they've certainly been more successful," Holly said last month. "It's intensified, and if it intensifies from where it was before, it's real scary. It has grown to the point where I don't even like it."

But for Weidenbach, the rivalry isn't so bad.

"It's always going to be close. I think this year the teams are very even, so things make for close games," he said in the same article. "I think it's a very, very heated rivalry, but I think for the most part it's been pretty healthy."

John Hanna, an NNC senior, agrees. "It's always healthy. Remember in high school? That's what we thrived on," he comments. "But it can get out of hand as well."

NNC student body president Carlos Antras warns that the line between a healthy and an unhealthy rivalry can be too easily crossed. "When we start yelling at them (the Coyotes) when they're introduced at the national tournament, that's not healthy."

Basketball is not the only sport that endures the psychological intensity of the rivalry.

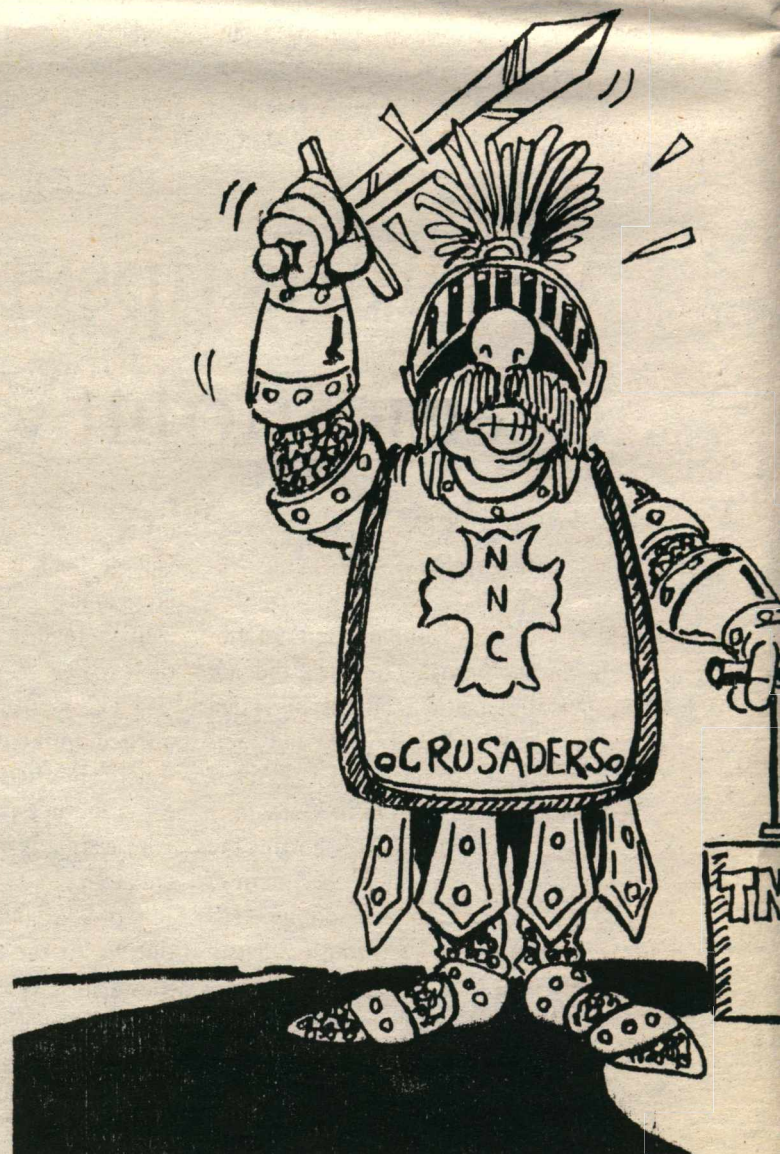
"I don't hate them that much in baseball," says NNC shortstop Pat Swapp, a junior. "I just hate the way we play against them. Everyone goes to the game bowing to the great god Albertson."

"The first time we played them my first year, I was surprised at the way our team reacted. I don't think anyone could see farther than the end of their nose. They (the Coyotes) come to the field expecting to beat us and we show up hoping we don't lose. Actually, now that I think about it, I do hate them," Swapp concludes. "They stole home on

us last year when they were up about 15 runs. That is not only a breach of etiquette, it's a brutal thing to do."

Although athletic events -- especially basketball games -- expose the most fiery aspects of the rivalry, a friendlier competition -- more of a comparison, really -- may exist off the court, out of the stadium, on the sidelines. Athletics aside, the distinctions between the NNC and Albertson are cordial.

Albertson is Idaho's oldest four-year institution of higher learning. Founded in 1891 by Rev. William Judson Boone as the College of Idaho, the school began with strong roots in the Presbyterian church. In recent decades, however, those denomi-



national ties have weakened.

In the fall of 1991, the College of Idaho was renamed Albertson College of Idaho, after alumnus and financial supporter Joe Albertson, of Albertson's food stores. According to Christy Jarski, an ACI admissions counselor, the school's current enrollment is 730 undergraduate students and tuition, fees, room, and board charges for one year total \$18,717.

NNC is 22 years younger than ACI. In 1913, former Nampa mayor Eugene Emerson founded the Idaho Holiness School, a Christian -- specifically Nazarene -- alternative to public education. This elementary and secondary academy evolved into Northwest Nazarene College.

Unlike Albertson, NNC maintains very strong ties to its founding denomination and receives funding subsidies from the Church of the Nazarene. This year, 1178 undergraduate students are enrolled at NNC, while total charges for 1993-94 are \$11,750.

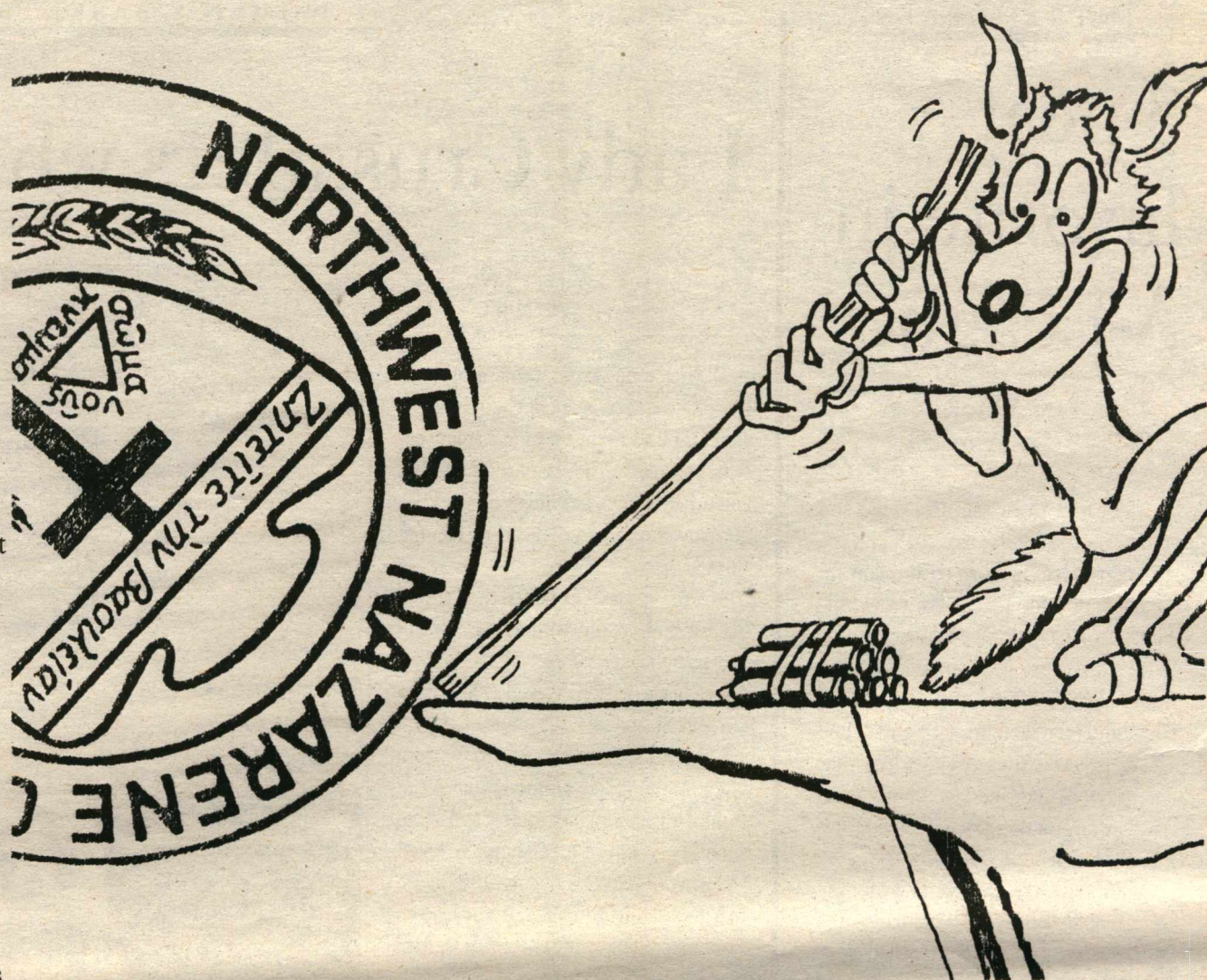
The factor that clearly defines the schools' differences is NNC's strong Christian emphasis. NNC's required chapels, campus living guidelines, and Christian faculty produce a decidedly Christian atmosphere.

ACI may cling to a Presbyterian heritage, but "whether they have Christian standards or promote a Christian lifestyle is something different altogether," says Tina Vandel, NNC admissions counselor.

Chad Chigbrow, a post-baccalaureate student from nearby Meridian, Idaho, was offered athletic scholarships by both schools upon graduating from Centennial High School. He chose NNC because of "the Christian atmosphere it provides. I also feel that I receive a better education."

Although the two schools draw prospective students from the same geographic region, there is virtually no competition between recruiters.

"There is definitely camaraderie and cooperation between the schools," says Vandel. "If anything, we helped each other out by directing prospective students to where they would fit best."



Jarski agrees. "I don't really think we're fighting for the same students," she says.

Academically, NNC and ACI are very similar, as both schools focus on the liberal arts. The rate of acceptance into medical schools is the same for graduates of both institutions -- 95 percent. ACI boasts the same acceptance rate for graduates of its pre-law program, while NNC offers pre-law only as an individualized major.

For teacher education, NNC appears to be the school of choice. Although ACI offers elementary and secondary education majors, its program does not provide the extensive classroom experience found in NNC's teacher education program. One ACI graduate told Vandel that her first in-depth classroom experience was student teaching. NNC requires field experience even for Introduction to Education classes.

Another major difference in academic offerings is NNC's emphasis in religion and theology. Also, ACI offers an orchestra while NNC doesn't include string instruments in its performance groups.

According to Dr. Steve Shaw, NNC professor of political science, institutional rivalry, however friendly, is expected when two schools are located so close to each other.

"We don't think they're as good as they say, and they probably don't think we're as good as we say," Shaw remarks.

But that's not to say that neither school is institutionally strong. In fact, quite the opposite is true. Both NNC and ACI have made more than one appearance on U.S. News and World Report's list of the ten best regional liberal arts colleges in the western United States. ACI has produced five Rhodes scholars; NNC has graduated two. Both schools boast long lists of prestigious alumni, with leaders in business, science, education, and government.

It may be that the effects of the institutional rivalry are the same in any area -- academics, athletics, or otherwise. The competition could very well be a contributing factor to both colleges' drives toward excellence.

Certainly the results of the athletic rivalry are more measurable than those of whatever academic rivalry may exist. And so we put our faith in a battle of balls and baskets to settle the score . . .

INTRAMURALS

3-peat favorite in A-League

BY TRAVIS MCKINNEY
STAFF WRITER

3-Peat, with captain Ron Ford and Al Jones, two superb basketball players, has been a clear favorite by the fans for the championship for the last two years. Thursday's game between 3-Peat and 6 Studs wasn't just another game, it was a reality check for 3-Peat. Eddie Green's 20 pts and more help from Brian Skeen's 15 pts gave 6 Studs the victory. The defense of 6 Studs held Ron Ford under 20 pts, which hadn't been done this season. Other scores: Huskers 76, Older Guys 86; and Hoosiers over JV by forfeit.

Bennett/Ellis had their hands full on Tuesday. The Fab Five had good scoring from all the players. (Marc Pond 29, Zack Smith 26, Cyl and Vince 8, and Jeremy Cowen with 7). Fab Five's heartless full court pressure throughout the second half crushed the opposition by 48 pts. Final score was Fab Five 83 Bennett/Ellis 35. Other B league scores were: High 5 49, Q 71; Late Night 40, Peppley 49; Sams 49, Richey 47; Faculty 39, Gelatinos 64; and Mitchell 38, Whetstone 52.

Team Harvey had two men in double figures Thursday night. In fact, 22 pts by Travis Collins and another 21 by Brian Butkus gave Team Harvey the win by the score Harvey 51, Snappers 49. Jason and Greg gave good contributions to the Snappers with 19 and 21 respectively. Other C league scores: Ball Bashers 36, McDougall 60; Hosers 38, Flying Blind 40; Ducks 36, X-men 44; Huckleberry forfeits to Skins, and Flying Blind 43, TOTC 27.

Only two games were played by the women last week. Kimberly Riggs gave it her all by putting in 22 pts against Hadden. Hadden scored 23 against Weidman's tuff defense. The final score was Hadden 23, Weidman 38. Women's games: All-Stars and Haddon over Sarah; Crow forfeits to Williams; Graham 58, Wild Knights 19; and Tao Pao forfeits to Has-beens.

All-Star Performances: league A: Older Guys' Tim Swanson 31 pts, B: Fab Five's Marc Pond 29 pts, C: X-Men Rod Malcolm 26 pts, Women: Weidman's Kim Riggs 22 pts.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Crusaders whip Wolves

BY TOBY JEFFREY
STAFF WRITER

With one game remaining, the Lady Crusaders have clinched a playoff spot and find themselves in a solid second in the Cascade Conference, one and a half games behind Western Oregon and a half game ahead of George Fox.

This past weekend the ladies played host to the conference-leading Western Oregon State College (ranked fourth in the nation) as well as Southern Oregon State College.

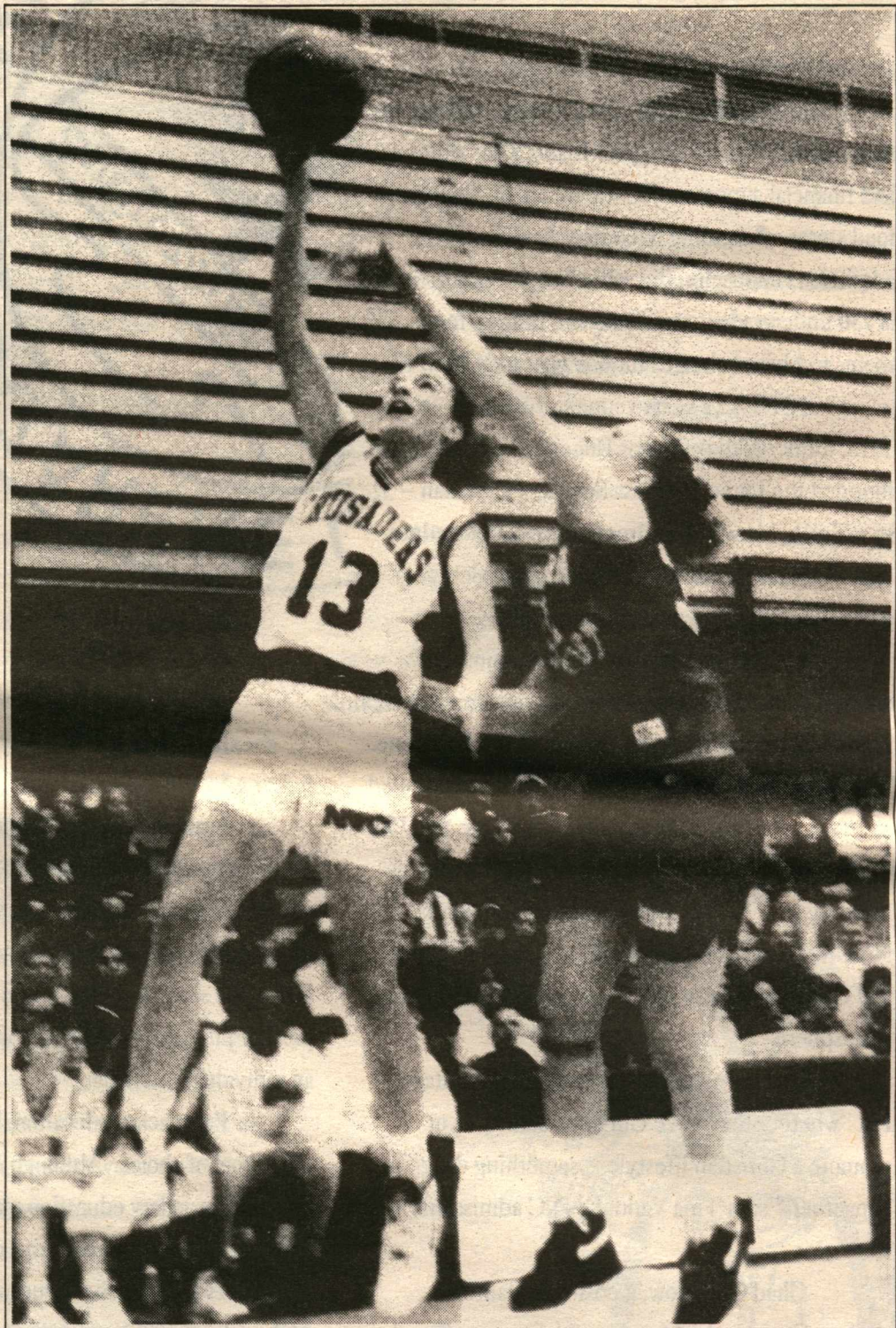
In Friday's game against Western Oregon, the ladies jumped right out in front with smooth ball control and sharp shooting. The Saders held Western Oregon pointless for five minutes in the first half while extending their lead to 17 points. At halftime the ladies were in control, 39-22.

Throughout the second half the Saders played smart half court basketball, keeping Western from ever really getting back in the game. The ladies held on to thump Western Oregon 80-65. Kristi Chatterton led all scorers with 28 points, including a string of three point baskets. Mary Kessel added 12 points as well as four assists.

Two records were broken during Friday's game. Early in the game Mary Kessel established her place in Lady Crusader history by setting a new mark for assists in a season with 161. The previous mark was set by Candy Wilson with 149 in the '83 season.

Early in the second half, play was stopped to honor Kristi Chatterton with a game ball for setting the school record for career scoring. After Saturday, Chatterton had a career mark of 1,428 points; the previous mark was 1,404 held by Brenda Victorino who played from '82-'86.

On Saturday night, the ladies were plagued by a slow start against Southern Oregon. At one point they were behind by 15 points. Midway through the first half, the posts, led by Stephanie Arland, pulled the ladies back into the game. At halftime the ladies trailed 36-27. Although the Lady Saders shot extremely well from the field and showed excellent defense, they were unable to take the lead and in the end fell short. Final score: Southern Oregon 82, NNC 76.



Freshman Jennifer Myers drives in a lay-up. As coach Roger Schmidt indicated in the season program, "she will be tough to stop." (Nelson)

All five starters scored in double figures; Arland was leading scorer with 16, Donna Knight and Chatterton added 12 apiece, Kathy Kyle scored 11 and Kessel added 10. Arland also pulled down a game high-nine rebounds.

Mary Kessel looked back on the weekend, "Friday was a great game for us, Saturday was a frustrating loss but we're in good shape for the playoffs."

The very last season game for the Lady Crusaders will be Saturday on the road at Concordia College. In this week's

national poll the Lady Crusaders moved to 12th place.

Cascade Conference Standings:

	W	L
*Western Oregon	9	1
*Northwest Nazarene	8	3
*George Fox	7	3
*Southern Oregon	6	4
Eastern Oregon	4	7
Concordia	2	8
Western Baptist	0	10

(*clinched playoff spot)

"We're in good shape for the playoffs."

Mary
Kessel

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Two words: ACI tonight

RICK SKEEN
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

NNC is sitting alone atop the Cascade Conference with an 11-2 record after two wins this past week. The Sad-ers avenged their home loss to Eastern Oregon by whipping the Mountaineers 91-78 last Tuesday night. Then on Saturday the Crusaders beat up on Southern Oregon by a score of 96-67.

Tuesday's win at Eastern Oregon kept the Sad-ers in the hunt for the Cascade Conference title. The win made up for a 91-75 home loss three weeks ago to the Mounties.

"We came out ready to play this time against Eastern," commented senior co-captain Joel Marion. "We just weren't ready to play the first time, but we played the way we can play and should play Tuesday night."

The Sad-ers shot an incredible 59.3 percent from the field while holding EOSC to 41.4 percent.

NNC had five players in double figures, led by Emiko Etete's 21 points and Todd Schumacher's 17 points. Also in double figures were Eric Spencer with 14, Rolando Garcia with 13, and Joel Marion with 11. Schumacher and Sheldon McLain led the team in rebounding with 6 apiece.

Saturday night's blowout of Southern Oregon came one night after Southern Oregon knocked off Albertson by two points. NNC's victory, along with AC of I's loss, moved the Sad-ers into sole possession of first place in the Cascade Conference.

The Sad-ers used another strong defensive performance and an offensive explosion in the second half to manhandle Southern Oregon. NNC shot 48 percent from the field while holding Southern Oregon to just 41.5 percent. The Crusaders had 18 steals; Emiko Etete and Todd Schumacher had 4 each. NNC forced 27 SOSOC turnovers and committed only 7 themselves. The Sad-ers used a 62-point second half to turn an 8-point halftime lead into a 29-point victory.

For the second game in a row, 5 Crusaders reached double figures. Etete had another strong offensive game with 22 points.

"Emiko took over in the second half," noted Joel Marion. "They just



Sophomore Jeff Kinneveauk puts up a jump shot against Albertson College of Idaho January 14. The Sad-ers were defeated 64-54. (Nelson)

couldn't handle him on the drive."

Garcia added 13 points, while Schumacher and Joel Marion each had 11. Reid Kornstad had a solid game off the bench with 10 points, 3 rebounds, an assist, a steal, and a block in only 16 minutes of play. Spencer led the team in rebounding with 10, and McLain and Schumacher each had 5 assists.

Saturday's win was the eighth in a row for NNC, as they have been pummeling teams with regularity in the past several weeks.

Joel Marion commented on the team's play in the last couple of games.

"We are playing our best basketball of the season right now, but we still have things to work on. We want to improve our defense, cut down on our

turnovers, and work on better shot selection."

The Sad-ers and the Yotes tangle tonight for the third time this year. AC of I has won the previous two contests, but this is the one which will likely decide the Cascade Conference champion. An NNC win would put them two full games ahead of Albertson with only two games remaining. If the Yotes were to win, there would be a tie for first place, but Albertson would win the tie-breaker since they would have swept the Sad-ers in conference play.

"Tuesday's game against Albertson is the biggest game of the year for us since the winner has the inside track to the conference title," noted Marion. "We're hoping all the students will come out and fill up the entire lower section."

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EDITORIALS

A special valentine from Tommy Moe & Co.

Congratulations Tommy Moe for bringing home the United

our views

States' first gold medal of the 1994 Winter Olympics in the men's downhill. Not bad for a "troublemaker" whose spot on the U.S. ski team was in jeopardy not so long ago.

And as so many countries turn to Lillehammer for a patriotic shot in the arm, it seems rather obvious that we all basically want the same thing -- to feel good about ourselves. National pride runs high at Olympics time, and when Tommy Moe shot across the finish line at the Kvitfjell Alpine Course, the home folks couldn't have felt finer.

But on a deeper and more important level, it sometimes is surprising how we come together as human beings through something as simple as a sporting event. Rather than just feeling good about ourselves as Americans, we feel good about ourselves as people when we see inspiring performances by competitors of all nationalities. Just as a very partisan Norwegian crowd cheered for Moe's incredible run, so we cheer for transcendent champions like ski-jumper Eddie "the Eagle" and the Jamaican bobsled team. The Olympics is a time to take pride not only in a nationality, but also in our shared membership in the human race.

Bring back the bed race!

If you were somehow transported through time back to about twenty years ago in the Treasure Valley, you might well be witness to a very bad rendition of an opening cut from the "Monkees" television show -- otherwise known as the bed race.

The epic challenge went like this: Four men would gather around a "roller-bed," one at each corner, then a fifth brave individual would position himself in the "driver's seat" and prepare to hang on for dear life. Two such teams would gather -- one from NNC and one from C of I -- and compete for Treasure Valley college honors by racing from Caldwell to Nampa. That's right, back when men were men and boys were boys they pushed a bed all the way down the strip just to prove which school was the grooviest.

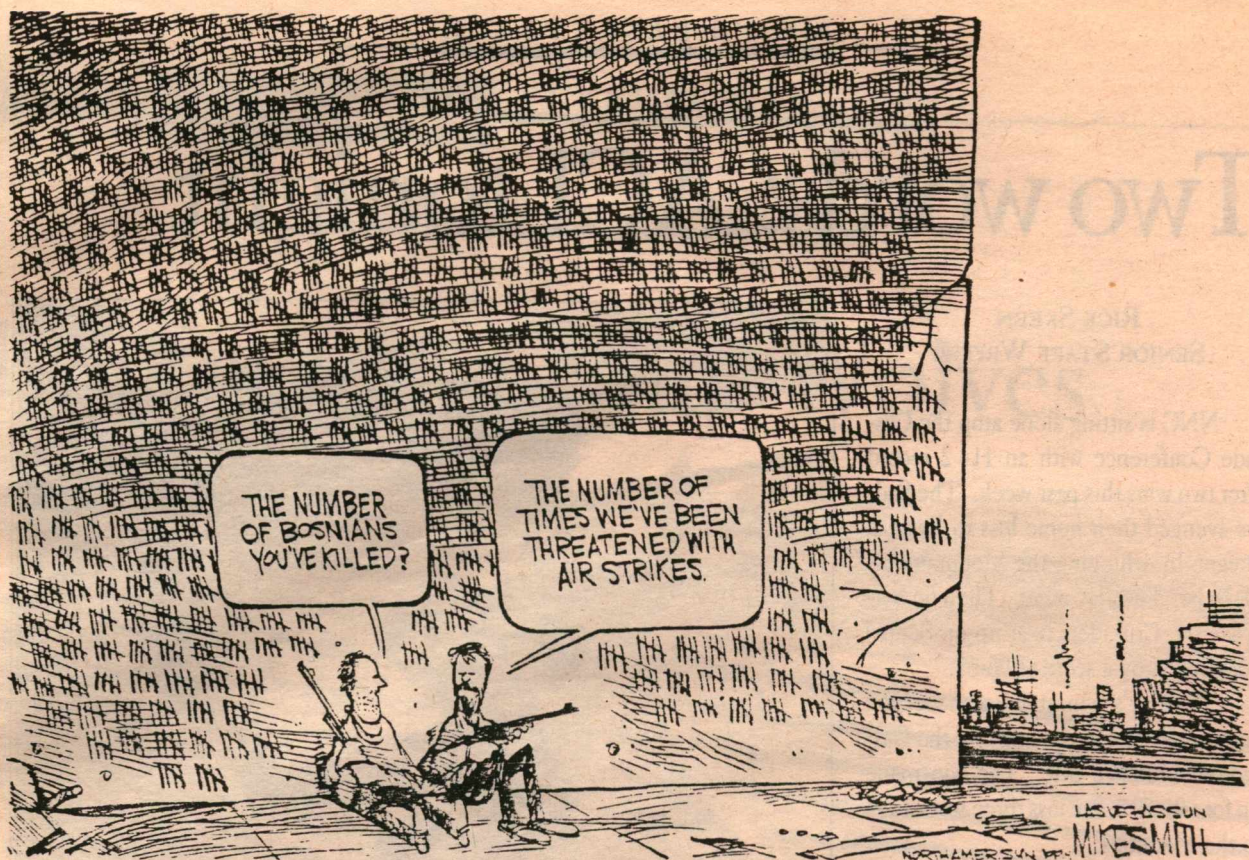
Perhaps the mere description of this highly-dangerous, yet highly-rewarding event is enough to make your competitive mouth water. Perhaps right now you're wishing you could strap some wheels onto your own bed and turn it into a high-performance Treasure Valley drag machine.

Well, we at The Crusader say more power to you! What we need around here is more of the kind of school spirit that was so prevalent on this very campus merely two decades ago. There's nothing wrong with good, clean fun... and for all those of you who take pride in the NNC experience we suggest not just letting it happen to you, but going out and making some memories of your own.

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COMMENTARY

Witness to the convolution

It was the movie that you "had to see." The hype began with the new year, and America couldn't wait to see the shocking picture of the future of television. The critics claimed that no matter what your stance on the death penalty or the power of media, "Witness to the Execution" would be a made-for-TV movie that would make you reconsider your values. Well, it did make viewers reconsider some things... their choice of channels for instance.

Make no bones about it, Sean Young was brutal as a leading-lady. Her personality was as flat as Kansas -- and it didn't help to discover that the rest of the cast came from a one-dimensional universe, too. Fortunately for the characters the story was as predictable as they were, so the plot never threatened to make them look worse than they really were. Perhaps the one good thing I can say about this movie was that even though the ending was completely impossible to understand, at least it wasn't a letdown -- the movie never showed any promise from the very beginning. At the risk of sounding redundant, "Witness to the Execution" was absolutely the worst Sunday night television movie idea ever spawned by America's programming moguls.

Before this column begins to sound like merely an invective on the subject of bad acting, let me get back to the real issue. "Witness to the Execution" was billed as potentially the most controversial and thought-provoking film that you might see all year. In reality, it didn't even come close. Countless ads displayed rave reviews for the probing moral content within the show, but when push came to shove in the ratings business, entertainment won out and a murder mystery with a few "excuse me" ethical comments became the final product.

For example, probably the most challenging line in the entire script came at a critical juncture for Sean Young's power-

ryan pitts

Television's moral commentary provides nothing more than kindling for a critics fire

hungry turned emotionally-sensitive character. After generating the idea for the cutting edge "pay-per-view" event in the first place, Young, for no apparent reason, changes her tune and begins to oppose the imminent execution. But then, as she stares down and reprimands her sub-human, ratings-only producer, he fires back an interesting retort.

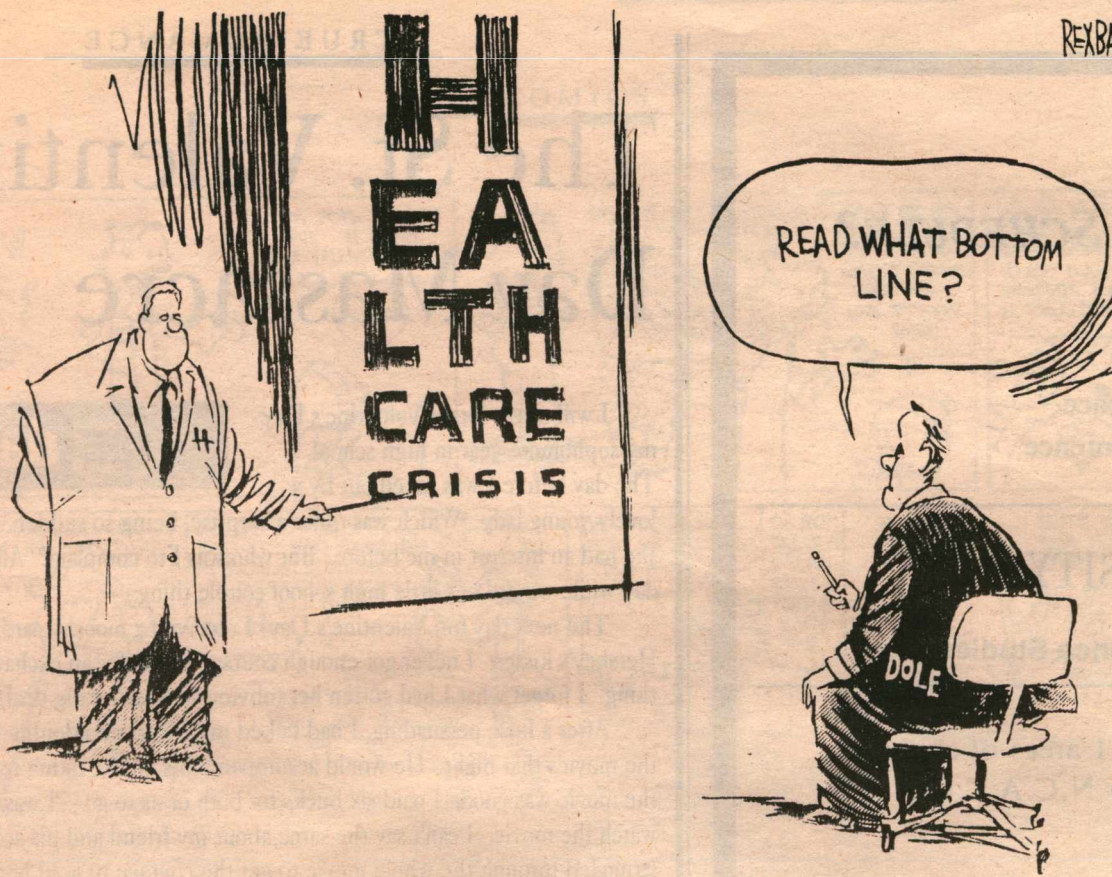
"If you had a gun right now, you'd shoot me," he smirks. "And that's exactly why this guy needs to die."

But suddenly the poignant moment is shattered and all impact is lost as Young turns in disgust and slow-motion sprints up the aisle leading to the cameras and the electric chair. And when it becomes clear that she is too late and the convict slumps over in death, Young crumples to the ground also, emitting some sort of Rocky-style "Adrian!" moan.

Wait a second... The one flash of brilliance in such a dim-witted movie gets sacrificed for the promise of a melodramatic moment. For some reason, this *isn't* satisfying.

But then again, television morality rarely is. It seems to be a current trend for the media to advertise ethics and important issues, and then fail utterly in their delivery of the goods. I don't know what they've pegged in the American public, but I think we should be scared if it turns out that we are so vulnerable to such a commercial-hook for a sinking storyline approach to programming. Are we willing to tune in to a show based on the promise of issue-related content?

I think the real problem arises when we start believing that we are morally aware and philosophical because we tune in to television shows that claim to be advancing these same ideals. And when it comes right down to it, TV isn't the kind of educational godsend that will actually provide such intellectual stimulation, and we seem to be perfectly happy to accept mindless entertainment in its place.



LETTERS

Forseth receives a student's defense

Dear Editor--

I am writing this letter in response to the letter written last week pertaining to Dr. Forseth and the fans at basketball games.

By no means do I think that our very own Athletic Director is trying to take the fans out of the game. I know that he understands the point that if there were no fans, the game, or even athletics as a whole, would not be an important part of our college experience. The steps that have been taken to control the crowd (talking to students in his office) have been made because the students were not cheering for the right cause. Yelling at the other team, coaches, or referees should not be tolerated and, more importantly, it makes our whole school look bad. Another school in our conference does this to the extreme limits and I know of no team that looks forward to the abuse by their fans.

Dr. Forseth encourages support at basketball games. At the same time, he wants to see the proper kinds of support. If these lines are being crossed, and he asks someone to leave, then more power to him. Dr. Forseth and his colleagues in the Athletic Department have done an excellent job the last couple of years getting our teams to where they are. Let's not knock them down by showing the other teams how rude we can be. It's like the ever popular baseball tune goes "Root, root, root for the home team, if they don't win it's a shame." We need to support our team and not humiliate the other. Leave that up to the Crusader team on the floor.

--CHAD CHIGBROW, AN NNC ATHLETIC SUPPORTER

Editor's Note: We are sorry to say that in a recent office-cleaning fiasco several of the more recent letters-to-the-editor were misplaced. As of press time for this issue we have been unable to locate these valuable pieces of reader response. We do continue our policy of printing everything we receive (except for downright cheesy stuff) and thus hope that the authors of these letters will re-submit their opinions to us. If you sent a response within the last few weeks and have not seen it printed as of yet, it is likely that yours is among the MIA's. We look forward to receiving your input (again) and of course encourage everyone else to write us as well. Thank you for your support.

COMMENTARY

Climbing the mountain of Truth

BY MASON VAIL
STAFF WRITER

"Imagine, if you will, how you would try to explain Christianity to a congregation of Jews, Muslims, or Buddhists if you were given only forty minutes."

"Did I hear that guy right? Did he just invite Us to his temple? Can he do that?" I heard questions like this whispered among chapel-goers during Friday's chapel and it caused me to think. I wondered why some of us were so shocked to receive an invitation from our Buddhist guest speaker to visit his temple on Sundays.

It is interesting that we would feel threatened by an invitation to learn more about another religion following a week of chapel devoted to learning what some other religions believe. Are we only safe within the walls of our own churches, on our own turf? I hope we are stronger than that. It seems to me that after getting a taste of religious diversity we should be interested in further exploration without fear of losing our own religion.

Imagine, if you will, how you would try to explain Christianity to a congregation of Jews, Muslims, or Buddhists if you were given only forty minutes. All that is really possible is a quick framework of guidelines, a brief history of the religion, or a few glimpses of what effect the religion has had on one person. For real understanding, someone would have to invest some time and energy in visiting a Christian church, or better yet, several Christian churches. There they could ask questions when something

didn't make sense and then gain a better understanding of what it means to be a Christian.

We, as Christians, are obligated to spread the Truth that we know, but should we think we have a monopoly on that Truth? I would challenge us all to remain open to the possibility that we don't have all the answers.

The major religions of the world have the vast followings they do because for centuries they have offered believable answers to those who have sought answers to tough questions about life and their place in the world. The fact that these alternate religions have such huge followings should be our cue that they may have some Truth worth discovering. Rather than feeling threatened, we should open ourselves to learn from others. I believe that a search for Truth is never too dangerous when sincere. By exploring alternate religions, I see my own beliefs in a new light. Looking at life from fresh new perspectives allows me to see which of my beliefs holds up under pressure and which ones need modification or simply more thought.

As a Christian, I believe that I have found the best way to salvation but I am not ready to condemn others because they do not think as I do, just as I will not condemn Catholics, Baptists, or Lutherans because I am Nazarene.

An interesting way to look at vari-

ous religions is to think of life as a mountain. Everyone starts at the bottom of the mountain at a different point at the base and begins to work their way up. The farther up the mountain you get, the paths become fewer until you are traveling up with others who have chosen a path similar to your own. You can all agree that you have found the best path but, as you have not seen the other side of the mountain, you cannot be sure until you reach the top and are able to see the whole mountain. Others may have made the journey to the top by a different route. I am pretty convinced that the path is less important than the results.

Christ himself said in John 10:14-18, "I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd." Those who actively search for the Truth throughout their lives will not be abandoned for not finding it. If we are serious about sharing our Truth, we must also be willing to listen to the Truth that others may have discovered by a different path.

Through Cultural Diversity Week, we have been given a springboard from which we can examine the mountain from both sides. Christianity cannot suffer by increasing its understanding of the world and the people it is trying to reach.

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last dance

I will never forget Valentine's Day my sophomore year in high school.

The day before I was asked out by a lovely young lady. Which was quite a surprise, being so sudden. I never thought she had an interest in me before. But who was I to complain? All was dandy that day while we did our little high school couple thing.

The next day (on Valentine's Day) I received a mooshy card and some Hershey's kisses. I never got enough courage to ask for an exchange for the real thing. I forget what I had gotten her (obviously wasn't a big deal).

After a little persuading, I had talked my friend into double-dating with us to the movies that night. He would accompany this girl he didn't really know. Well, the movie was good. I paid six bucks for both of us to go -- I was sure gonna watch the movie. I can't say the same about my friend and his acquaintance. I struggled through the whole movie to get the courage to hold her hand. By the time I had done that the credits were rolling.

My Dad drove us home. After escorting my date to her door, I got bum-rushed with affection. My friend was tired of that pastime.

Still overwhelmed that I had a girlfriend, I went to school the next day looking forward to seeing her. When I finally see her, she bears a cutely folded letter (the kind that make you sick and frustrated just trying to open it). I read the letter anxiously in which I was relieved of my duties as boyfriend. "Love em and leave em" I guess.

I was duped into a pitiful high school relationship which lasted one and a half days. This painful experience shattered my view of Valentine's Day forever. I am alright after extensive therapy. At least I got some loot and lip.

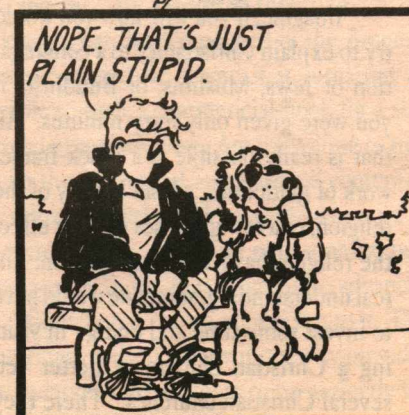
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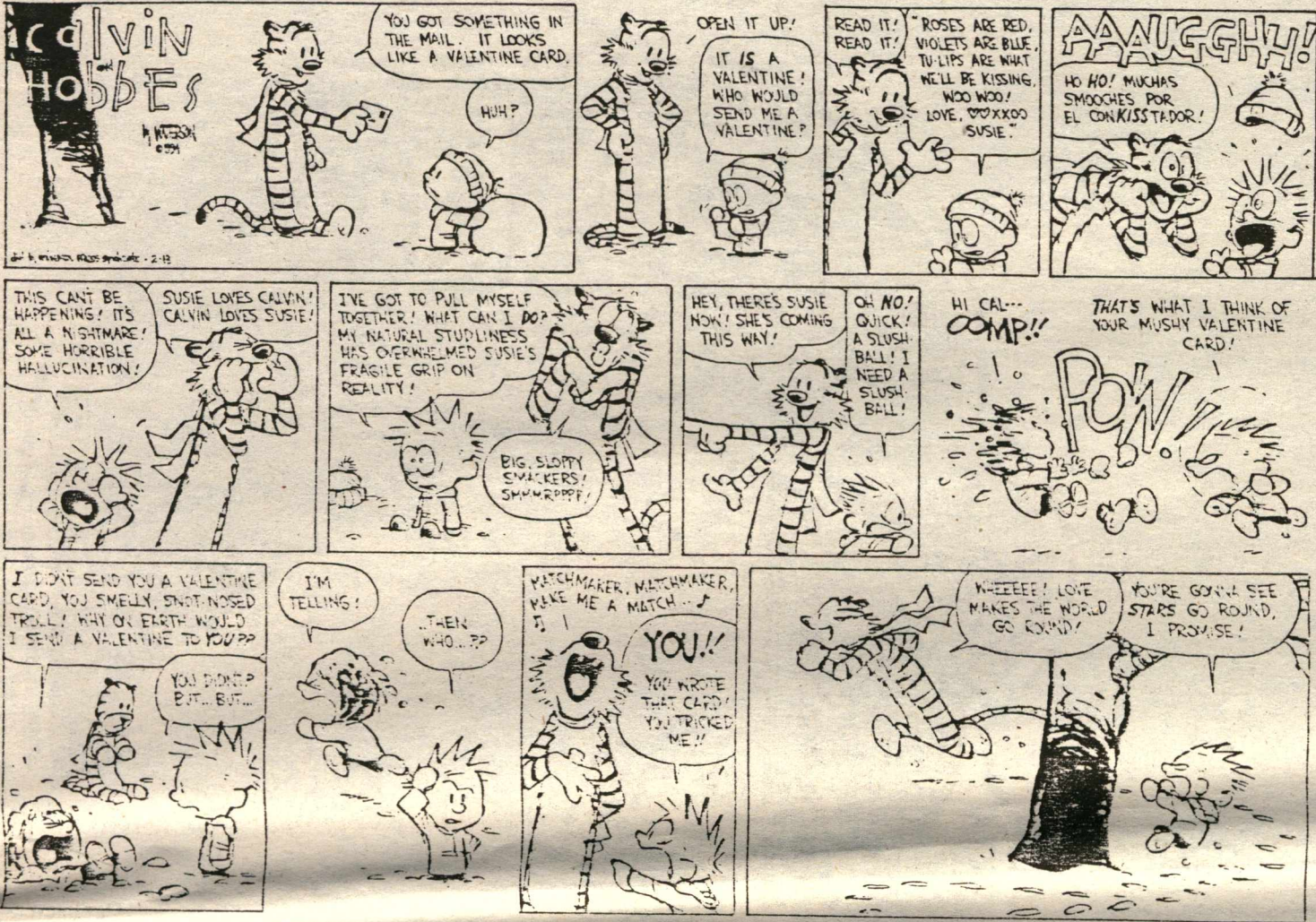
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COMICS



around campus

Tuesday - 15

Reader's Theatre
7:30 p.m.; Emerson Auditorium

Men's Basketball vs. Albertson
7:30 p.m.; Montgomery Fieldhouse

Circle K Meeting with Gayle Moore
8:00 p.m.; Wiley 111

Wednesday - 16

Time-Out: Eric Ely
6:30 p.m.; Dooley Hall lobby

Thursday - 17

Youth Ministry Evangelism Workshop
through Saturday -19

Reader's Theatre
7:30 p.m.; Emerson Auditorium

Computer Club Meeting
8:00 p.m.; Science Building Lounge

Friday - 18

Reader's Theatre
7:30 p.m.; Emerson Auditorium

ASNNC Valentine's Banquet
See Student Center Publicity for more information

Saturday - 19

Women's Basketball vs. Southern Oregon; 7:30 p.m.; Fieldhouse

Men's Basketball vs. Southern Oregon; 7:30 p.m.; Fieldhouse

around town

Films at BSU ...

"Dave" -- 2/18, 11:30 p.m.; 2/21, 7 p.m.; at BSU Special Events Center

"The Soft Skin" -- 2/20, 4 p.m.; at BSU Special Events Center

"Monty Python's Jabberwocky" -- 2/25, 11:30 p.m.; BSU Student Union

PUT ON YOUR GAME FACE!!



Top Ten Reasons NNC Will Win Tonight's Big Game

1. Encouraging Joey Lawrence "Whoa" by crowd after each completed freethrow.
2. Todd Schumacher hockey mask's intimidation factor gets him many open 3's.
3. Just like in NBA Jam, Emiko Etete will go "on fire" when he hits three consecutive baskets.
4. Opposing coach dies of fright when entire student section shows up wearing Eric Forseth mask.
5. Carlos Antras' rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" inspires team to victory.
6. At tip-off, the ball miraculously transforms into a discoball in midair -- basketball is forgotten, the dance-off begins.
7. Nightsticks.
8. Recent discovery that coach Ed has one game of eligibility left.
9. Eric Spenser grows Vlade Divac power beard.
10. Joel Marion's life is riding on it.