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## CAMPUS

# Bennett swims to the top for Mr. NNC title

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It has been said that to every rule there is an exception. If public situations should be handled with some sense of taste and dignity then one exception would have to be the Mr. NNC contest which raises money each year for the March of Dimes.

Two contestants from each class are nominated to prove their manhood at this event.

This year's selection included: Jeremy Jones and Andy Pence (freshmen), Chris Rhodes and Mason Vail (sophomores), Skye Duncan and Dallas McKellip (juniors), and Will Bennett and Brent Fladmo (seniors).

The criteria for this contest was much like that of other pageants. It consisted of sports wear, evening wear, talent and interview, whatever sick and twisted form they took.

The talent portion of the night left the crowd pondering the question of whether or not worms like stale sauerkraut, a question made apparent through Vail's song

writing.

Other acts included a Blind Melon number in which Duncan appeared in a yellow and black tutu, several singing numbers, and, in the fine Nazarene tradition, a choreographed number. The highlight of the talent division was a synchronized swimming performance by Fladmo and Bennett in a small wading pool.

During the sports and evening wear sections, pre-written statements by the contestants were read.

These statements ranged anywhere from allocating money from the tuition hike and expanding cable access channels to seeing more beaver and Duncan's claim that he wants to "explain human sexuality to C.S. Cowles."

The interview segment placed each contestant in a hole and they were then judged on how they could climb out of it. Two questions asked were, "Who would you rather date, Catwoman, Wonderwoman or She-Ra?" and "What do you think about the saying, 'If you can't be with the one you love, love the one you're with?'"



Contestants line for the announcement of Mr. NNC. Brent Fladmo (center) reacts after being declared first runner up. (Jennifer Petrie)

While final votes were being tallied, the eight contestants joined together for their rendition of "YMCA." Also, Danny Freeborn, Mr. NNC 1993, took the time during his final walk to reminisce on his year as peacemaker and world-

mover.

The judges strongly favored the seniors, who swept all categories this year.

Fladmo took Mr. Congeniality and Runner-Up, while Bennett received Most Inspirational and the title of Mr.

NNC 1994.

During the heart-touching moment of the passing of the crown, Freeborn and Bennett exchanged a kiss as a symbol of one era ending and the promise of a new one beginning.

## Two teens apprehended in College Church break-in

BY ANNE FRAHM  
STAFF WRITER

College Church was the scene of a break-in last Monday evening at approximately 10 p.m.

According to church officials and members of NNC's Security team, two teenagers around the age of fourteen broke into the building through the only unlocked window on the second story.

Kim Crow and Josh Hight, both members of the Security

team, were the first to spot the break in while walking from the gym to Mangum.

"At first we couldn't tell what it was. We thought it might be a car alarm on the other side (of the church). We didn't realize that college church had a sonic alarm on the outside," said Hight.

As the two walked around the building, Crow spotted a kid on the roof closing a window from the outside. Crow called Hight, and the two confronted the boy. When asked

what he was doing, the boy replied he had seen two other kids get out of the window, jump down and run away. The boy said he had just been up there thinking and smoking.

At this time the police and Larry Tomlinson, head of Security, were both called. Kelvin Boyd, custodian for College Church, was also notified.

Boyd went to the church and turned the alarm off, and noticed a police officer outside. Boyd went outside and was told to put his hands up. He was

then questioned and frisked, apparently mistaken as the one who broke in to the building.

After producing appropriate identification, Boyd was asked directions to the second floor. The police proceeded to surround the building and checked upstairs where the kids had been.

The kid who was spotted by the window was arrested. After a few minutes the boy confessed, and gave a description and location of the other boy involved.

The police went to the boy's house where they found him.

The break-in has led Boyd who carries only a flash light while cleaning and locking up to think of carrying something more protective. "I'm not really scared, I just don't want to be caught off guard," stated Boyd.

Because the boys are juveniles, information is being withheld about their punishment but it is possible that they may be charged with a misdemeanor for breaking and entering.

## CAMPUS

## Kids' Activity Day brings campus and community together

KONA LEW  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

This Saturday, January 29, 1994, from 9am to 12 noon, Northwest Nazarene College will present Kids Activity Day to the fourth through sixth grade students from Nampa elementary schools.

"In the past the kids just played games and were involved in some fun activities," explained Holly Tiegs, Community Relations Director. "But this year we are focusing on college related activities. Some of the activities will include ten minute presentations related to music, art, drama, science, and psychology, plus games at the gym."

Kids Activity Day is in cooperation with the City of Nampa for at risk kids in Nampa. As Tiegs points out, "For example, those kids who come home to an empty house after school. So we're opening up the college to let them find out more about it. Some kids think, 'I'll never go to college, because I'm too poor.'"

Tiegs has worked closely with a committee of NNC students who will help make Kids Activity Day possible. She has also worked with Melanie Trombley, president of SNEA (Student National Education Association) to inform Elementary Education majors about Kids Day.

"Kids Activity Day is a good chance for us as students to bring the younger kids into our (college) community and familiarize them with NNC," stated



Community Relations Coordinator  
Hollie Tiegs

Trombley.

Eric Forseth, Head of the Kinesiology Department at NNC, donated 300 basketball tickets for Kids Day. The kids will be able to attend a men's basketball game the week following Kids Day.

The kids will also receive a free shirt for attending and have the chance to win some NNC paraphernalia as door prizes during Kids Day.

Tiegs hopes there will be a large number of kids who will attend. In the past, there have been about 200 to 300 kids, but this year grades 1-3 will not be able to attend.

"I think this will be beneficial for the kids. I hope it will be fun for them and they may find an interest in college. This is a good community builder," stated Tiegs.

"I encourage those NNC students who are interested to show up at the gym on Saturday at 8:30am. Each student will probably work with a group of kids, making sure they all stay together," added Tiegs.

## Tartaglia delivers lectures for Wordworth Series

BY ANNE FRAHM  
STAFF WRITER

Janine Tartaglia seems to have a way with catching peoples' attention, and holding it. Such was the case yesterday in chapel.

Tartaglia shared a powerful testimony detailing her conversion while covering the story of a hostage in January 1981, and her decision to follow Christ's will in her life.

Her decision to follow Christ changed her outlook on life, and she found herself becoming genuinely interested in the lives and problems of the people she interviewed daily.

Tartaglia used her work as an opportunity to witness and positively influence her co-workers in the newsroom, but left her job after being sexually propositioned by a network executive only a year after her conversion.

Not knowing what to do with her life, she took time out to heal and pray for guidance. She was given the opportunity to share her testimony and in 1983 began speaking regularly at churches. During this time Tartaglia felt the call to pastoral ministry and entered Seminary at Azusa Pacific Graduate School of Theology. After graduating from Seminary she accepted a position as associate pastor of Pasadena First Church with Rev. Earl Lee.

Despite the fact that she enjoyed working with the senior adults, Tartaglia felt that she was being called.

"It was a long hard decision to become an evangelist," she stated.

After much prayer and fasting she decided to become a full time evangelist despite the fact that there were few women



Janine Tartaglia positively influences students' goals, attitudes, and friendships through the use of the word of God. Tartaglia is this week's guest lecturer for the Wordworth Holiness Lecture Series. (Lance Nelson)

in the field.

Today, Tartaglia enjoys speaking at various events, but especially enjoys speaking to college students because it allows her to positively influence their goals, attitudes and friendships through the use of the word of God.

Her lecture series here at NNC is funded by the E. E. Wordworth Holiness program which promotes proclaiming and living Christian Holiness. The program was established to continue the call of E. E. Wordworth, a pastor, church administrator, author and preacher of Christian holiness.

Tartaglia encourages college students at religious as well as state schools to "Ask the Holy Spirit to help make the proper choices we need to impact other peoples' lives."

Her messages focus on priorities and the importance of putting God first in our lives. If there is one thing she hopes will come out of her series it is that she can encourage others to follow God's call.

"Don't set your sights so far down the road that you miss what God is trying to reveal to

you today," said Tartaglia.

Tartaglia went on to say that following God's plan has allowed her to realize that high paying jobs and important positions are not the most important things in life. What really matters is following God.

"Seeing believers surrender their all to Jesus and allow their lives to be filled with the Holy Spirit is amazing. It is the greatest joy to see the sparkle of God's love in someone's eyes," said Tartaglia.

As for her future, she will be married this June to a man she met while ministering.

"It requires an unusual call for a woman to step out and preach, but it requires an even more unusual call for a man to support a woman like that," she said.

The two already enjoy a wonderful praying relationship, and she is looking forward to a future serving God with her husband. As for her speaking, she will continue to travel, while her fiancee teaches.

"There's just so much more that God has given me to say, and as long as there's a door open, I'll continue to say it."

## CAMPUS

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# March for Life draws hundreds to Boise Park

*Between 1,200 and 1,500 gathered at Boise park to protest government funded abortions in Idaho*

BY KONA LEW  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, January 22, 1994, a March for Life took place in Boise to oppose plans to expand public funding of abortions.

Between 1,200 and 1,500 people marched from Julia Davis Park to the Boise Capitol. They were informed by speakers that in order to change national abortion policies they must elect more pro-life office holders.

Bill Proctor, Executive Director of Cities for God and one of the people in charge of the march, said, "We are expecting between 1,000 to 1,500 people. There seems to be a large number of people who will be marching today."

People carried signs, saying "Adoption, the Loving Choice," "What if Mary and Joseph opted for an Abortion," "Killing Babies in Their Mommies--How Barbaric," and "Jesus Saves." About a third of the crowd was made up of children.

One man expressed his reason for participating in the March for Life. "My wife has had some abortions, and I know it is really difficult for her to come here and protest. But we have decided to make a difference. I know that those abortions will stay with her forever."

Many expressed their dissatisfaction with the governments endorsement and paying for abortions. One pro-life demonstrator said the government should be a "moral leader."

Near the pro-life demon-

strators, a handful of people demonstrated in favor of abortion rights.

"I'm not here advocating abortion. I'm advocating choice," said Elizabeth Allen

**"All too often in this society life is of no value. It's reflected in our abortion clinics and public policy."**

**Pat Benson,  
President of Right to Life of Idaho**

of Boise. "I don't feel anyone has the right to dictate what they can and cannot do."

Saturday was the 21st anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision affirming a constitutional right to abortion. Right to Life of Idaho sponsored the march in Boise to protest the Roe vs. Wade anniversary.

"All too often in this society life is of no value. It's reflected in our abortion clinics and public policy," Pat Benson, president of Right to Life of Idaho, said during the Boise gathering. "Today, as in no other time, the lives of the unborn are in danger because of policy coming from Washington."

In October 1993, Idaho Congress voted to allow Medicaid funding for abortions of pregnancies due to rape and incest. At present Health and Welfare rules state that Medicaid payments are allowed for abortions needed to save a mother's life.

The new state rules that involve abortion policies are

supposed to come into effect sometime in February of 1994. Medicaid is financed by federal and state governments.

Pro-life supporters at the rally spoke against the plan by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to increase Medicaid funding of abortions to cases that involve rape or incest.

Deputy Attorney General Mike DeAngelo commented later that if Idaho abortions rules are more restrictive than federal rules, the state could lose the federal government's financing of Medicaid.

Both Utah and Pennsylvania are opposing the Medicaid directive, and Louisiana officials have expressed their doubts about it. Many at the march expressed disapproval

of funding in Idaho for abortions in cases of rape or incest.

"I don't think the state should pay for it because there are other options, like adoption. There's never a reason to kill a child," said Sara Wolfe of Nampa.

"I am opposed to that as much as I am to other laws in favor of abortion," said Donna Everhart of Boise. "Women that are being raped are asking for it half the time. They don't dress like ladies, or act like ladies, so they're asking for it."

Rose Moore, former director of the Canyon County Rape Crisis Program stated that it is a "classic blame-the-victim mentality."

She went on to explain, "No woman asks to be raped. To deny women who are vic-

tims of incest or rape the option of terminating an unwanted pregnancy is unconscionable. That kind of attitude contributes to the continuing oppression of women in this country."

In Washington D.C., on Friday, approximately 35,000 abortion opponents marched on Capitol Hill in protest of the 21st anniversary of the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision. This is an annual march for abortion adversaries.

Many abortion opponents are concerned with Clinton's health care reform package. They criticize it, because abortions would be readily available.

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## 1990's show record growth in Boise

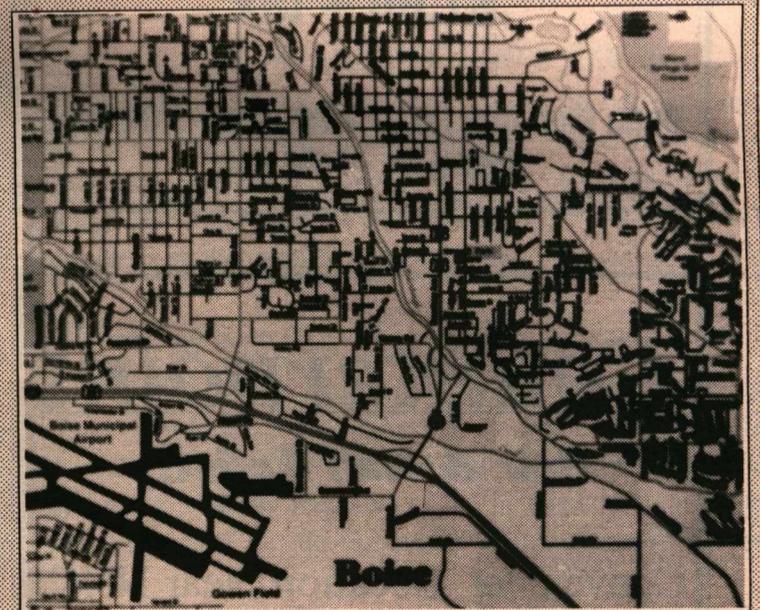
BY TREVOR WELLS  
STAFF WRITER

It has recently been stated that Boise is one of the fastest growing cities in the country. This is due in part to the influx of new employees of expanding companies and the explosion of small businesses.

According to Alan Porter, Boise's city hall information services manager, the expansion of hi-tech employers such as Packard and Micron has been a major factor in the growth of Boise.

"The expansion in small businesses has increased 42% since 1988," stated Porter.

Residential housing has increased as well, in 1989 there was an increase of 60% in the distribution of building permits, and now Boise is seeing an increase on the average of a



(Nelson)

30% per year increase to every consecutive year.

Along with the new population growth, there are many services that must increase to meet the demands of the new public. This spurs the small businesses of Boise to expand as well. According to Porter, "The economy

is feeding itself."

Boise didn't overbuild in the 1980s and therefore construction has been steady as well.

"Boise has a good economy," stated Porter, "This has drawn people from the California recession."

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NATION

# L.A. rebuilds after quake

*Southern California residents still shaking one week later*

BY TOBY JEFFREY  
STAFF WRITER

In the aftermath of last Monday's earthquake, residents of the LA area are cleaning up and trying to salvage their way of life.

Last Monday evening, President Bill Clinton declared the quake zone a disaster area. This allowed the flow of government relief and assistance to begin in earnest.

The official death toll of 57 has remained light considering the population of the area hit. The crime rate in LA has dropped an extraordinary 80% since the Monday quake.

Early estimates of the overall cost of cleanup are being quoted at or over \$30 billion dollars, making it more costly than Hurricane Andrew, the nation's most expensive disaster to date.

With the amount of major freeways closed, millions of

commuters in the area have created a traffic nightmare. Forced to use smaller arterial roads that aren't equipped or prepared for such use, the area as seen from above is a panorama of long, long lines of headlights.

Building inspectors from San Francisco and San Diego have been called in to help the local officials assess damage. The Los Angeles department of Building and Safety was receiving over 300 calls per hour from people worried to re-enter their homes. About 1,200 people have already received federal checks for temporary housing.

Although the Red Cross set up immediate shelters for those whose homes are damaged, many of these shelters still have room while the city parks and open fields are overcrowded with "tent cities", for the simple fact that people are afraid to go in any building. The exact number of people "camping" in the

parks is uncertain.

Cleaning up after disaster is nothing new for the people of LA, whether it be a natural disaster or man made tragedy.

In the spring of 1992 the city of LA came to a standstill due to rioting in south central Los Angeles as a result of the Rodney King trial. Just this past year the city was shrouded in smoke from wildfires that destroyed hundreds of homes.

Aftershocks are continuing to keep LA on its edge. Since the initial quake thousands of aftershocks have been reported, many over 4.0 on the Richter scale.

The reality is hitting the people of LA that their city and their lives are not the same. Officials are warning the citizens of LA that it could be a couple of years before things are back to normal for their city.

Sources: The Idaho Statesman and the Idaho Press-Tribune

## 1994's students want better degrees

Not satisfied with the prospect of a bachelor's degree, 65 percent of today's college freshmen, including a record number of women, plan to attend graduate school, according to a survey of first-year students.

The survey of 220,757 freshmen at 427 colleges and universities found a higher share of women than men -- 27.3 percent vs. 25.8 percent -- planned to pursue doctoral, medical, or law degrees. In 1967, three times more men than women aspired to these degrees.

All told, 65 percent of those surveyed planned to go to graduate school, up from 55 percent a year earlier.

This survey, conducted by

the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California -- Los Angeles, said 75.1 percent of the freshmen thought it was "very important" to go to college to be able to make more money. That's up from 73.3 percent a year earlier, and 49.9 percent in 1971. Eighty-two percent said college is very important "to get a better job."

Tuition costs were a significant factor in freshmen's decisions about which college to attend. Thirty-two percent said they picked their colleges because of its low tuition, up from 30 percent a year earlier and 16.6 percent in 1979. About the same number cited the financial assistance they were

offered.

Nearly 6 percent said they planned to work full time while attending college, the highest level since the question first was asked in 1982.

The percentage of students interested in business majors declined for the sixth straight year -- to 16.1 percent -- while those in engineering dropped to 8.7 percent. The percentage planning to major in health field rose for the sixth straight year, to 15.8 percent.

Politically, the percentage of students describing themselves as "Middle-of-the-road" dropped from 53 percent last year to 49.9 percent this year.

-- The Idaho Statesman

## NATION

# Tonya Harding facing arrest

BY KONA LEW  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Four men associated with U.S. figure skater Tonya Harding, Nancy Kerrigan's rival at the 1994 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, were allegedly involved in the January 6 injuring of Kerrigan which apparently ruined her chances for making the Olympic team.

Three men were in custody, including Shawn Eric Eckhardt, Harding's body guard Derrick Smith, and Derrick Stant, the man who allegedly hit Kerrigan with a baton.

According to Eugene Saunders, a Portland pastor, he heard a tape recording of three men talking at the body guard's home. Eckhardt identified the voices of the three men as Jeff Gillooly (Harding's ex-husband), Smith, and himself.

Eckhardt confessed to Saunders for fear of his life. He

did not have the \$100,000 to pay Smith for his services. From sources in the *Oregonian*, Eckhardt repeated his confession to the police, and accused Stant as the assailant.

Harding has claimed innocence. "I don't have anything to hide," said Harding, "and I want the person caught as much as anybody else."

Gillooly is under suspicion and has been under question by the police for his alleged involvement in the Kerrigan attack.

Amidst a life of hardship, Harding found an adopted family that accepted her for who she was. The Webber family of Gresham, Oregon, was invited to an interview on the Sally Jesse Raphael talk show.

NNC student Mark Webber, who was on the talk show said, "Tonya moved closer to us last summer, because she was having difficul-

ties with break-ins."

David Webber, Tonya's adopted father, said he first met her at a skating rink in a mall, where he worked as a restaurant manager. He remembers her as being "happy and cheerful" and she was "so enjoyable." They started having coffee together, and over time she started calling him Dad.

The Webber family does not believe Harding is guilty of Kerrigan's attack. They support her endeavor to go to the Olympics and win a gold medal.

As of January 24, 1994, the *Oregonian* reported that three of the four suspects have pointed to Harding as being involved in the attack on Kerrigan. The police have almost enough evidence to warrant an arrest for Harding, but they want an air-tight case.

Compiled from Sally Jesse Raphael show, *U.S. News and World Report* Jan. 24, 1994 and *Time* Jan. 24, 1994

## Report reveals Reagan wrongdoings

BY WENDY WHITE  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Last Tuesday, Lawrence Walsh, the special prosecutor in the Iran-Contra affair, rewrote the history of the seven-year-old scandal. Walsh said in his special report that President Reagan consented to cover-up the sales of arms to the Contras and that Attorney General Edwin Meese led the cover-up which was carried out at the top levels of the Reagan administration.

Walsh said there was circumstantial evidence that Reagan was aware that the proceeds from Iran arms sales were diverted to the Contras. Walsh also believes that Reagan allowed the arms sales to continue during 1986 although most of the hostages were not freed.

"President Reagan, the secretary of State (George Schultz), the secretary of Defense, and the director of Central Intelligence and their necessary assistants committed themselves, however reluctantly, to secretly arming the Nicaraguan Contras and to dealing arms to Iran to gain release of Americans held hostage in the Middle East," Walsh's report says.

"They skirted the law; some of them broke the law, and almost all of them tried to cover up the president's willful activities," Walsh said. "Impeachment of Reagan certainly should have been considered by the congressional committees investigation of the Iran-Contra affair."

Walsh's report also claims that Bush was more fully in-

formed about the scandal than he has acknowledged. Walsh also criticized Bush's pardons of ex-Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger and five other Iran-Contra figures as either "an act of friendship or an act of self-protection."

Walsh's findings were immediately rejected by Reagan, Meese, ex-President George Bush, and others. Reagan called Walsh's report a "vehicle for baseless accusations that he could never have proven in court."

Reagan continued, "It is disappointing that Mr. Walsh consumed over seven years and more than \$40 million of taxpayers' money to produce an encyclopedia of old information, unwarranted conclusions and irresponsible speculation."

Source: *The Idaho Statesman*

## BRIEFLY

### 33 killed in Colombia

Gunmen fired automatic weapons at revelers at an early morning street party in Apartado, Colombia, killing at least 33 people and wounding eight. According to authorities, the Apartado massacre, possibly by a leftist rebel faction, was the bloodiest in Colombia in more than five years. It was unclear whether the attack was politically motivated.

### Military kills civilians in Maseru

Rival army factions clashed in Lesotho, killing two soldiers and wounding four civilians. Artillery and mortar fire were traded across Maseru, the capital of the southern African nation.

### Aftershocks shake city officials

Embattled federal officials struggled to deal with the devastation from last week's earthquake in Los Angeles. The death toll rose to 56 and damage estimates climbed after two strong aftershocks, one measuring 4.0 on the Richter scale, jolted the city.

### AIDS Vaccine trial delayed

Plans to conduct a controversial AIDS vaccine trial were canceled by the Defense Department. The Pentagon set aside \$20 million earmarked for the trial on vaccines and research after months of infighting among federal agencies opposed to the trial of a vaccine made by MicroGeneSys.

### Reno vows for independent probe

Attorney General Reno vowed to ensure the independence of her special counsel's probe into Clinton's Arkansas financial dealings with Whitewater Development Corp. Reno said every attempt had been made to allot sufficient time and money to complete an independent report.

### Perry to replace Aspin

Monday, White House officials announced Deputy defense chief Perry as front runner to succeed Defense Secretary Aspin. Perry, a military technologist and defense intellectual, is favored by many members of the Senate and House armed services panels due to the clarity of his congressional testimony.

### Gunmen injure 7 at Boston roller rink

Hooded gunmen burst into a crowded roller rink in Boston's Mattapan section Sunday and opened fire, injuring seven youngsters. Authorities releasing information to the press said motive for the attack on the youths, ages 12 to 17, was not immediately known.

--Compiled by Laurie Mehrwein  
from the *Idaho Statesman* and  
the *Wall Street Journal*

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BY MATT JOHNSON  
COVER STORY EDITOR

Last November, in a news story which received little attention, a ten year-old boy in southern Idaho shot and killed his father and ran for Reno with his two friends, ages 8 and 9.

On December 7th, Colin Ferguson ran through a transit railroad car in Long Island, killing 6 and wounding 19.

Twenty days later, five Dallas gang members opened fire on some peers at a mall. An innocent bystander was killed.

Last Thursday, a fourteen year-old kid whose yearbook photo smirk smacks of sick irony killed a police officer in New Plymouth, Idaho.

On Saturday, two youths opened fire on a crowded skating rink in Philadelphia, wounding several.

Is this a new wave of unexpected crime? Not at all, according to the statistics. What has changed, however, is the randomness involved with such violence, as well as the way we view it. As acts of violence occur more randomly and penetrate more sanctuaries, we become more inclined to look

at violence as a way of life. Fact of the matter is, random violent behavior has been steadily increasing for the past decade. Now, it has almost become the norm.

In a recent video released by "Aerosmith" entitled "Living on the Edge," a scene depicts the decision a boy makes in a cafeteria following a brief conflict with his friend. As he turns from his friend and reaches into his bookbag, his hand pauses between a sandwich and a handgun. He chooses the former and even offers to make peace and share it with his friend. However, the viewer is left with the finality of what could have been, and wonders when the boy will choose to go the other way with his "friendship."

The message in the video is no exaggeration. Reports from around the country confirm that more and more adolescents are "packing" sidearms -- often, for no apparent reason other than peer pressure or security from all the other kids who are carrying weapons. Admittedly, especially in the inner-city, gang activity plays a serious role in the practice of toting a weapon. But even the ratio of armed inner-city youth is on the rise -- so much so that few

inner-city schools are without metal detectors, routine body and locker searches, and, in one case in Texas, required see-through bookbags.

A recent study involving 11,000 teens in ten states revealed that 41 percent of the boys and 21 percent of the girls

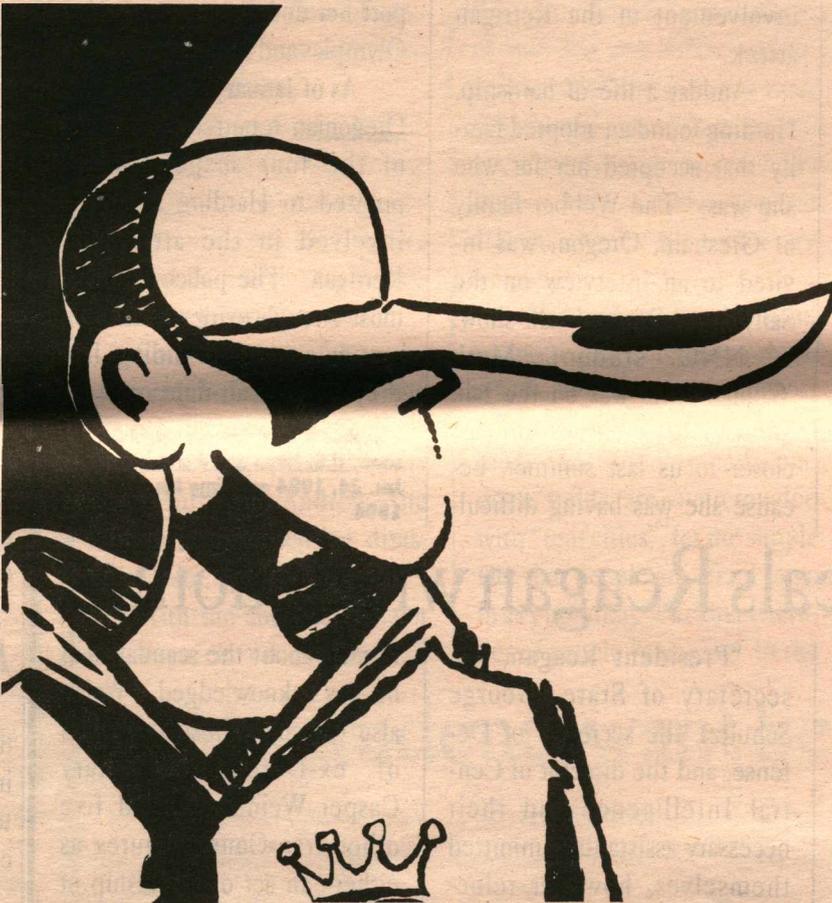
the legal age for owning such a weapon is 21. As of 1989, there were 66.7 million handguns in circulation around the United States.

Where do these kids get the guns? The question can be heard around the country day and night as gun-related inci-

ers with a fully automatic submachine gun. How did he obtain such a lethal weapon? His uncle. Thousands of guns are acquired monthly via a method known as "straw-man" sales, where a legitimate buyer buys for a minor or felon.

As with most weapon-based attrition, violence is inevitable. In 1987, civilian guns were used to murder 3,187 men aged fifteen to twenty-four, accounting for three fourths of the annual homicide rate. To maintain the proportion of gun-wielding youths in America, the death toll of gun-related fatalities among youth has risen also.

Firearms have been the cause of death for 60,000 Americans over the past two years. Handguns alone account for 22,000 deaths a year in America. Along with the rise in violence, the age of those responsible has gone down. A decade ago, 390



said that they have access to a handgun at anytime they wish. Another study, conducted by the University of North Carolina, showed that nine percent of the boys studied in rural and suburban communities own handguns, despite the fact that

dents become more and more common. The answer is easy. Friends. Family. The street. The local gunshop. In December of 1988, Nicholas Elliot shot and killed one teacher at his private school in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and wounded two oth-

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teens ages 13 to 15 were arrested for murder. The total for the same age bracket last year was 740. The percentage of teens arrested under the age of 18 has jumped 92 percent since 1985. A potentially scary sidenote to that is the fact that the teen population during that time period was steady -- the teen population starting now, is projected to increase 23 percent by the year 2005.

"What can be done?" Another question heard across the country -- but with a much more complicated answer, if there is one at all. During one of Congress' sessions in November of last year, the much fought-over Brady bill -- requiring a five-day waiting period for the purchase of firearms -- was finally passed. The purpose of this would "provide a 'cooling off' period that could prevent crimes of passion by angry spouses and disgruntled employees." Even with the waiting period, the ATF has its hands full; for the 245,000 licensed firearms dealers in the united States, the ATF has only 400 inspectors to maintain any semblance of control over sales. Another aspect of the bill stops people who are denied a gun in one state from running across the state line to buy their weapon. But as one senator put it, "The criminals can wait." As

can the kids, who receive their guns second-hand.

Advocates of gun ownership are calling for education. Education? Try this one for education: When Nicholas Elliot walked into his school, his mind possessed years of learned material concerning weapons -- he was an avid reader of American Handgunner, and Guns and Ammo. When his uncle purchased his Cobray M-11/9, the sixteen year-old had had an extensive conversation with the gun dealer concerning barrel length, bullet velocities, feed rate -- i.e. the kid knew exactly what he was doing. Based on the preparation and time invested in his attack on his school, one would be hard pressed not to call Elliot a border-line professional. When a culture is prepared to use violence as a means of resolving its problems, educating young citizens only seems to be giving them the go ahead.

As America begins to wake up to this escalating problem, some experts are beginning to see something of a pattern appear in society's shroud. When the mother of "Bobby" Moore, the fourteen year-old murderer of New Plymouth's Officer Feldner, was informed of her son's arrest, her response was, "Well, at least we know where he is now." This response is

chilling, even in light of the fact that Moore had run away from home weeks before. Somehow, the response is as detached as any of the cold-blooded responses many killer-teens have been quoted on. Like many of the teens arrested for murder, Moore came out of a single-parent household which exists on the lower end of the community's economic bracket.

The problem with our nation's increasing violence seems to stem from the home. Surveys which study the background of many of these killers show that three out of four kids experienced some form of abuse within the home very early in their childhood, often times as far back as the kids can remember. Children who aren't taught to distinguish between right and wrong and who don't learn limits concerning their behavior subsequently fail to internalize any care a typical child might feel. The result of this is a child who doesn't value life or morals. Other studies of such children have concluded that children who are surrounded by violence, be it domestic or community, tend to behave similarly to children found in war-torn countries -- they experience post-traumatic stress, numbness, depression, and rage. An observable outcome of this among youth is

what some experts are calling "terminal thinking" -- there is no attainable future, so one may as well strike out with aggression.

There are no clear solutions to the growing problem of adolescent violence, especially with regard to the use of guns. One writer, Jeffrey Snyder, suggests that "an armed society, is a polite society." Perhaps the younger generation (as well as the rest of society) will have to arm itself to the teeth like renaissance Europe once did, before we relearn our manners and learn to "get along."

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# ERICA

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Saders back on right track with road sweep

*NNC tips Concordia College in OT, then drills George Fox College by 28 in weekend redemption*

BY RICK SKEEN  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

With their backs against the wall after Tuesday's home loss to Eastern Oregon, the men's basketball team kept their Cascade Conference title hopes alive with wins at Concordia and George Fox this past weekend. The Saders edged Concordia 91-89 in overtime Friday, before pummeling George Fox 100-72 on Saturday.

Friday night's overtime win at Concordia snapped a two-game losing streak for the Crusaders. It was the fifth overtime game NNC has played this year—they have won four out of the five.

The Saders trailed 72-66 with only 32 seconds remaining in regulation play, but a Rolando Garcia three-pointer cut the lead to three with 15 seconds remaining. Concordia missed the front end of a one and one which set up the heroics of senior post Eric Spencer. Spencer

got an offensive rebound and put back and was fouled with 4.8 seconds remaining. After a Concordia time out to try to ice Spencer, he calmly stepped up to the line and sank the free throw to send the game to overtime knotted at 72.

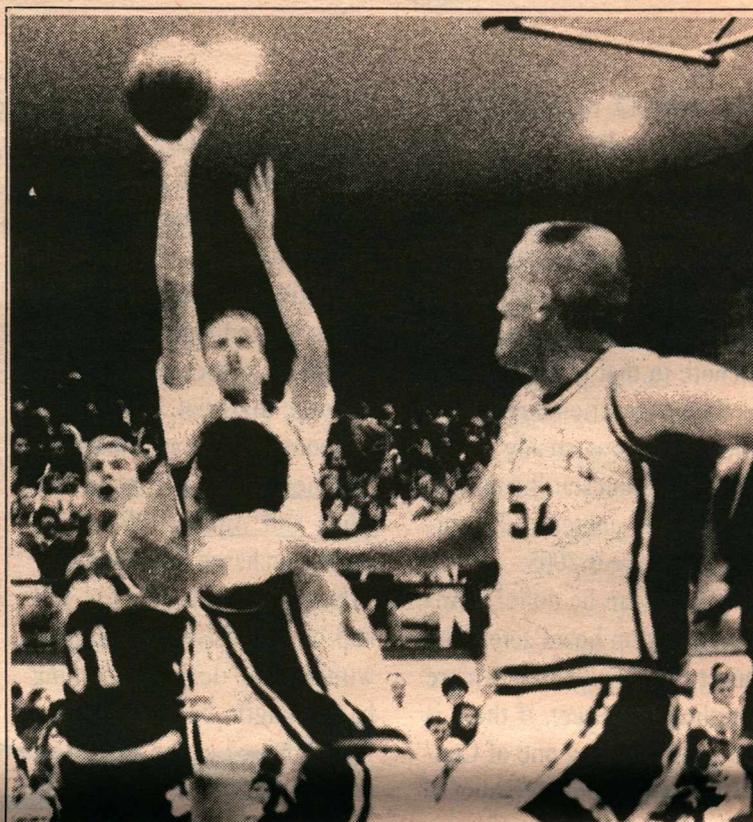
The Saders scored 19 points in overtime and were leading 84-76 with 1:08 left in overtime. However, NNC tried to give the game away as they started missing free throws, fouling, and giving up offensive rebounds which led to three-point shots. The score was tied at 89 before Garcia made another game-winning shot with 5.5 seconds remaining.

Garcia responded well to his move back to the point guard as he scored 19 points and dished out nine assists. Todd Schumacher, who got his first start as a Sader, scored 14 points including four of five shooting from the three-point line. Spencer netted 14 points, while Emiko Etete,

Sheldon McLain, and Chad Herron had 12 points apiece. Etete and McLain led the team in rebounding with seven boards each. Darin Mayer gave the Saders some strong minutes off the bench in place of Joel Marion who did not play Friday because of illness. Mayer scored six points and pulled down the same number of rebounds.

NNC scored the first 21 points of the game Saturday night as they shutout George Fox for 5 1/2 minutes. The Crusaders shot 55 percent from the field, including 12 for 20 from the three-point line, 84 percent from the free throw line, grabbed 40 rebounds to George Fox's 28, and were credited with 26 assists enroute to a 100-72 pummeling of the Bruins. The win was the first for the Saders at George Fox since 1988.

Schumacher played extremely well for the third game in a row as he led the team in scoring with 18 points. McLain



The Crusaders jumped back into the thick of the race this weekend. (Lance Nelson)

had 16, Garcia 13, Etete and Spencer each had 12, and Joel Marion, who was back in uniform, added 9. Etete and McLain led the team in rebounding for the second game in a row with 11 and 7 respectively.

NNC is in third place in the Cascade Conference behind Albertson and Eastern Oregon. The team will head back to Oregon next weekend for games at Oregon Tech on Friday, and Southern Oregon on Saturday.

## COMMENTARY

## What in the heck happened to the Saders the other night?

BY RICK SKEEN  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

I think those of you who witnessed last Tuesday night's 91-75 loss to Eastern Oregon would agree with me when I say that it was the worst played home game for the Saders in the Coach Ed era. A few words that came to my mind after the game were: terrible, appalling, awful, horrible, ugly, brutal, and well, I think you get the picture.

The Crusaders shot only 33 percent from the field in the first half and only 44 percent for the game. They shot a horrid

20 percent (4-20) from the three-point line. The team had trouble with the basics like catching and dribbling the ball. The ball kept slipping through players hands and going off their feet as they tried to dribble. The Saders committed 18 turnovers to Eastern Oregon's 11.

NNC was down 9-0 before Coach Ed inserted Eric Spencer into the game. Spencer then scored the first eight points of the game for the Saders. Spencer finished with 16 points, pulled down 7 rebounds, dished out 3 assists, and blocked 3 shots in only 22 minutes of playing

time. The only other Sader who played with any fire on Tuesday night was Todd Schumacher. Schumacher had 10 points, 3 assists, and 8 rebounds. It is usually not a good sign when your back-up point guard leads the team in rebounding.

The only two bright spots for the Crusaders were that they outrebounded Eastern Oregon 37-33 and shot 81 percent from the free throw line.

Defense, the trademark of Sader teams, was non-existent on Tuesday. In the second half NNC gave up 55 points while

allowing Eastern Oregon to shoot 59 percent from the field.

"For some reason we have some people who just aren't playing aggressively," commented Coach Ed. "On the offensive and defensive end we just aren't getting after it like we should. We didn't have any fire in our britches on Tuesday."

The following are possible reasons why the Saders gave a lackluster effort in what was their biggest game of the year. —Wanted to get the game over so they could go to bargain night at the movies

—Had nothing better to do than start having two-a-day practices beginning at 6 am

—Felt bad about shooting a good percentage from the field and the free throw line the same night

—Were upset with Coach Ed because he refused to go back to his playing days hairstyle for the remainder of the year

—Wanted to keep the "Cinderella Saders" title again for the national tournament

—Were afraid, along with the crowd, that if they showed too much emotion they would be reprimanded by a high ranking NNC official.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Lady Crusaders roughed up

*Road-weary Saders drop two tough games on the road*

By TOBY JEFFREY  
STAFF WRITER

After their longest road trip of the season, the Lady Saders are glad to be home.

The ladies covered 1500 miles and played two of the top teams in the Cascade conference. Unfortunately, the Saders lost two of the three games, putting their record at 4-2 in conference play and 16-4 overall.

On Tuesday evening the ladies payed a visit to Eastern Oregon. Opening the road trip was no problem as the ladies put together a solid basketball game to beat EOSC 80-69. Kristi Chatterton led the Saders with 18 points while Stephanie Arland added 15 on the night.

Friday night featured the ladies against Southern Oregon, the 18th ranked team in the nation. Both teams wasted no time in running up a high scoring game. The Saders kept the game close and tied the score with less than a minute remaining. Unable to convert key shots at the end, the ladies fell 92-86. Stephanie Arland put in a season high 29 points in the game.

The ladies' next stop on the road trip was the sight of this year's national tournament-Western Oregon State College, also the #2 ranked ladies team in the nation. Although the Saders played tough ball, they were unable to put it together in the final moments of the game; final score: 59-46. The Crusaders were within five points the whole game until the end, when they were forced to foul.

Coach Schmidt stated, "If they're the number two team in the nation, then we're in good shape, because we had the opportunity to win."



The Lady Saders dropped two games to Top 25 teams this weekend. (Lance Nelson)

Donna Knight led the Saders in scoring Saturday with 15 points.

This Friday, the ladies return home for a big weekend homestand as they host Western Baptist and George Fox, two teams the ladies have already defeated this season on the road.

Saturday's game against Fox will be a big game at this

point in the Cascade Conference standings. NNC is currently third place with a 4-2 record while the Bruins of George Fox are in second with a 4-1 record.

Coach Schimdt summed the week up this way, "We played well, the kids played hard, it just didn't happen. We're glad to be playing five of our next seven here at home."

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## EDITORIALS

*Daycare still a need on NNC's campus*

Two years ago a committee of students and faculty determined that daycare is needed on NNC's campus. This committee set forth to decide the logistics of such a system. But somehow through the transitions of various administrative offices the committee disbanded and the active concern for a daycare on campus disappeared.

Even President Hagood admits that no one has brought it to his attention since he has been in office.

ASNNC President, Carlos Antras, has taken the initiative to temporarily help out students, faculty, and staff members who have been unable to find child-care by creating a list of NNC students who are willing to babysit, along with their schedules. Although this has been very helpful to many people needing child-care, this is not a real solution. It is a temporary solution to the very real problem of ensuring quality, dependable daycare for the students, faculty, and staff of NNC.

Now is the time for our leaders to actively discuss the realities and possibilities of on-campus daycare. The leaders of our campus should fulfill their duty to do something for the many students who do have children, but have no place to take them while they are in class. It is also time for the leaders of our campus to do something for the many professors and staff members who have to work on holidays, but have sitters who do not.

The challenge of creating a daycare on campus is here. Our campus leaders have the responsibility of rising to it.

*Special counsel law needs reform*

As our national leaders flirt with the rough edges of political ethics, an intriguing institution is anchoring itself into the base of American government: the special independent counsel.

Did President Clinton commit any wrongdoing while governor of Arkansas? That's what Robert B. Fiske, Jr., is supposed to find out. Last Thursday, Fiske was designated by Attorney General Janet Reno to investigate Clinton's financial dealings. Ironically enough, Fiske's appointment occurred two days after another independent counsel, Lawrence Walsh, announced the findings of his seven-year, \$40 million investigation of the Iran-contra affair.

If the disputed results of Walsh's investigation are any indication, Fiske's inquiry will not put Clinton's Whitewater issue to rest. The flaw lies not with Walsh, but with the special counsel law, which both costs and expects too much. As suggested by the Iran-contra investigation, a special counsel is no match for the federal government. Cover-ups occur. The truth can easily be concealed. And when Lawrence Walsh may be close to an indictment, the president can always extend a pardon. Rather than resulting in irrefutable evidence, independent investigations tend to produce only more skepticism and denial.

The special counsel law's process, as well as its ambiguous results, raises several important questions. When should a special counsel be used? In Clinton's case, no specific accusations have been made, and yet media moguls and politicians pressured the administration into calling a special counsel. And how long should a special counsel pursue the inquiry? Walsh's investigation continued for five years after Reagan left office.

Despite the special counsel law's noble principles, it is currently a pragmatic nightmare and should be reformed before future government misconduct occurs.

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## COMMENTARY

# Grading the Crusaders

**ryan pitts**

Late Sunday night I sat down in front of the television and tuned into a very interesting program. Entitled "The Crusaders," the show is reminiscent of countless other television "news magazines," but holds an edge that puts it into a category of its own. The reporters (a.k.a. crusaders) not only research and relay important news, but as a group take it upon themselves to make a difference in the world they see. The program has already proved highly successful in several areas and is rapidly expanding all over the nation.

Sunday's show featured several stories, discussing time-related topics like the recent earthquake and gun exchange programs. But one story in particular caught my attention.

One of the "Crusaders" visited a small college in California where a professor had recently gained national attention for a rather radical homework assignment.

It seems that he had gotten tired of constantly reading news reports of the everyday violence that currently paralyzes our nation. And while "random acts of senseless violence" has unfor-

tunately become one of today's more popular cliches, this particular professor is attempting to make a small, yet potentially earth-shaking change.

He showed up to class one day with an unusual lesson plan. That day the students heard a lecture on the pervasiveness of violence in our culture, but instead of a conclusion wrought with despair, they received an assignment to start solving the problem -- they were to begin keeping a daily journal with this theme: "Today I will commit one random act of senseless . . . kindness."

Funny, that by changing one word a cliché's subject can be transformed from a societal menace into a possible panacea. For some reason nobody else had thought of this obvious twist on the old theme, or at least hadn't thought enough of it to say anything.

Currently there are countless groups across the nation (from high school clubs to community organizations) joining in this simple "assignment" generated by that one college pro-

fessor. Who would have thought that the commitment of "random acts of senseless kindness" could catch on so fast, especially in the materialistic society we live in?

But they have, and as Christians where are we? Do we even think of doing simple things to make another's day a little brighter? It may seem silly to pick out a total stranger and buy them breakfast or give them a flower, but I watched and was very impressed as a member of "secular" society did so and began making a difference.

Not having heard of the "program" is no excuse. Jesus gave us the assignment in simplest terms when he said to love one another. Whether it is a case of not thinking, or, heaven forbid, not caring, it seems fairly obvious that we are not making the grade.

It is, simply speaking, a question of living up to our Christian reputation. We can't just assume that people will somehow know about the happiness we possess without somehow sharing it. And, ironically enough, "The Crusaders" are showing us up.

COMMENTARY

# Replace Senate with executive cooperation

By D. M. BOMAR  
MANAGING EDITOR

Last week I proposed that the ASNNC Senate be abolished. But how should the problem be remedied? If the Senate is dissolved as it should be, two things must happen with its power. Obviously, the power of the Senate must be transferred to another part of ASNNC. But in the midst of that transfer of power, the power of the Senate must be changed.

Currently, the power of the Senate is primarily negative power. Basically, the Senate's job is to say "no" to the unjustified requests of other ASNNC players, such as executive officers or clubs. If senators don't like an executive officer nominee, for example, they vote no. If they disagree with a club's request for financial support, they vote no. If they feel an executive branch program is unnecessary, they vote no.

Now, of course, they may vote yes if they like the nominee, agree with the funding request, or favor the program. But in these cases, a yes vote isn't an exercise of positive power;

it's a rubber stamp that allows someone else to exercise positive power.

So in reforming ASNNC, the power of student representatives should be transformed from negative power into positive power. This can be accomplished by creating a system of student government in which the representative body is positioned to work with, rather than against, the executive body. Rather than being elected to a separate board which manages all of student government, representatives could be elected to work with individual executive officers, much like Social Board representatives work with Social Vice President Kristen Dalton in planning campus social events. A total of twelve new representatives would be needed, eight more than exist now in the Senate.

In addition to these new representatives, class officers would be incorporated into the main body of ASNNC, adding responsibility and purpose to their vague job descriptions. Class councils, although they would lose three senators, would gain two new officers and three ASNNC representatives.

Under this reformed structure, each of the nine executive officers (excluding the two editors) would work with class officers and elected representatives in corresponding areas of student government.

For example, the Business Manager would work with four class treasurers and four elected representatives on the ASNNC Finance Board, which would oversee all of student government's financial matters: budgeting, appropriations, audits, capital resources, long-range planning. Similarly, the Campus Ministries Coordinator would work with class chaplains in cultivating the spiritual development of the campus.

These reforms, I believe, would create a student government that is fully equipped to effectively and efficiently serve the student body. I encourage the Senate to form an interbranch committee to study the issue of an ASNNC overhaul. This task group should openly and ambitiously discuss the possibility of reforming ASNNC into a system that generates cooperation instead of conflict.

## Proposed ASNNC Restructuring

### ASNNC President (elected)

**Executive Board:** 4 Class Presidents; 4 Representatives\*

\*Oversees student government; assists Finance Board in budgeting; amends ASNNC documents; sets long-term ASNNC goals

### ASNNC Executive Vice President (elected)

**Campus Life Board:** 4 Class Vice Presidents; 4 Representatives\*

\*Oversees ASNNC clubs and organizations; approves President's nominees for executive officers and associate justices; hear student concerns especially regarding student development, physical campus

### ASNNC Campus Ministries Coordinator (elected\*\*)

**Campus Ministries Board:** 4 Class Chaplains; volunteer members

\*Assists ASNNC Campus Ministries Coordinator in cultivating the spiritual development of the campus

### ASNNC Community Relations Coordinator (elected\*\*)

**Community Relations Board:** 4 Class CRCs\*; (volunteer members)

\*Assists ASNNC Community Relations Coordinator in promoting positive relations between NNC and the Treasure Valley

### ASNNC Social Life Coordinator\*\*\* (elected\*\*)

**Social Life Board:** \*4 Class Social Life Coordinators; 4 Representatives\*\*\*\*

\*Assists Social Life Coordinator in planning campus social events

### ASNNC Finance Director\*\*\* (appointed by ASNNC President)

**Finance Board:** \*4 Class Treasurers; 4 Representatives\*

\*Oversee ASNNC finances; set budgets; approve special funding

### ASNNC Executive Secretary (appointed by ASNNC President)

**Elections Board:** \*4 Class Secretaries

\*Conducts all ASNNC elections and surveys

### ASNNC Publicity Director (appointed by ASNNC President)

**Publicity Board:** \*4 Class Publicity Directors\*; volunteer members

\*Assists ASNNC Publicity Director in preparing ASNNC publicity

### ASNNC Chief Justice (appointed by ASNNC President)

**Judicial Board:** \*5 Associate Justices (appointed by ASNNC President)

\*Considers disciplinary and procedural appeals

\*new elected class officer position; \*\*currently an appointed position; \*\*\*current title has been changed for consistency; \*\*\*\*same as 8 current social board representatives, but 4 serve as official social planners for class councils and 4 serve only on ASNNC Social Life Board

-D. M. Bomar

# In search of the way, the truth, and the life

By JOHN FRALEY  
STAFF WRITER

Jesus Christ said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6, NIV).

Interesting. And comforting. Provided that, like most of NNC's student body, you've been brought up in a Christian home and have heard this passage an unspeakable amount of times. Comforting because you therefore possess "the truth."

But face it: you've wondered, over the years, about all those "lost souls" that never got to hear "the truth." You've wondered what happens after death to the devoted Buddhist, the confident Muslim, and the faithful Jew. You've been taught, however, that all those who fail to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior are eternally condemned to hell. As a result, you ask yourself, "How can the others be so sure of their faith, when my truth is the only valid answer?"

To put it bluntly, that question is a product of outright ignorant selfishness. Hmm. That's awfully rude; I was just starting to feel secure in my convictions. After all, Jesus said that He was the only way to the Father, right? Maybe. Take this closer look at His words in John 14:6 when He says that He is the way -- He is, without a doubt, the example to follow. What is His example, then? It's very simple; love for God first, fellow man second, and oneself third. It naturally proceeds that

His example is the truth and that it leads to life in the fullest. So when Jesus says that He is the only Way to the Father, does that mean that all those that follow his example of Love will reach personal communion with the Father? Sure. Why not? To receive Jesus really means to accept His example as the guideline for one's life. Faithfulness to His model is what leads to salvation.

So what have we discovered? A Messiah who is more interested in personal obedi-

ence to the principle of love than religious affiliation, and a common factor present in all world religions: a personal relationship with God. Do we, as Christians, really have the only truth? Think about it.

Cultural/Religious Diversity week is just ahead; representatives from Judaism, Islam, and Buddhism will speak to us in chapel. Don't go with a closed mind. Get chapel credit for forty minutes of intelligent thinking; that's the real NNC experience.

## LETTERS

*How safe is "safe sex"?*

Wendy White's article ("Naked Without Being Exposed," Jan 18) was at best a

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sophomoric parroting of liberal dribble. It was filled with the echoes of the homosexual community and its quest for "safe sex."

For several decades prior to the AIDS crisis it was the wisdom among advocates of contraception that the condom was the poorest method of all. The priests of the Sexual Revolution were contemptuous of condom use, suggesting it was downright risky. You would be hard-pressed to find a 1960s study that promoted the effectiveness of condoms. They were passe. But above all, they didn't work. Then with the arrival of AIDS, this old-fashioned ne'er do well was resuscitated and given keys to the city.

Take for instance what C. Everett Koop, former Surgeon General, had to say in his report on AIDS: "If your partner has a positive blood test showing that he/she has been infected with the AIDS virus or you suspect that he/she has been exposed by previous heterosexual or homosexual behavior . . . a condom should always be used during sexual intercourse (vaginal or rectal)."

How stupid! If you knew your sexual partner had AIDS or syphilis, no one in their right mind would have intercourse with them wearing a dozen condoms. Koop is saying that even if your partner has AIDS, there is no danger to you, just as long as you correctly use a condom. Totally irresponsible!

When Koop's report came out, the "safe sex" myth began. Celebration broke out in the homosexual community. In homosexual newspapers a new slogan appeared: SAFE SEX IS GOOD SEX. Soon it made its way to the straight community, bumper stickers, t-shirts, and now The Crusader.

Consumers Union reported laboratory testing of American brands of rubber and skin condoms and found significant leakage in both. The Union also reported variable degrees of deterioration in a third of the 21 brands tested. If my old "right-wing-puritan" math is correct that's a 33% failure rate.

Dr. Kaye Wellings writing in *The British Medical Journal* (Nov 1986) concluded, "There is no evidence . . . that the standard condom membrane will stand up to anal sex."

In the first "controlled" study of condom use by 17 Dutch homosexual couples, of 200 trials, there were 21 ruptures and 30 "slips" for a failure rate of 26%.

Dr. Margaret Fischl of the University of Miami, has been monitoring families where at least one member is infected by AIDS. The results? Three out of 18 infected males have infected their mates while wearing condoms. According to "puritanical-parents" math that's an 18% failure rate.

Safe sex? Sounds like stupid sex to me.

Would Wendy White be willing to enter an airplane with 99 other people knowing she would be forced to jump at 32,000 feet, but of the 100 parachutes available 18 to 33% of them would not open? You can choose your own parachute. In fact good ol' NNC will give you a free one. Good luck and have a "safe jump"!

It will take a plague-like number of deaths before we realize what needs to be changed is behavior. Wendy's column, although having the appearance of knowledge, really indicates what is wrong with our society today: its failure to truly think about our behavior and its consequences.

"Safe sex" is not just a slogan. It's a way to die.

--GARY SKAGERBERG, PASTOR

## DIDACTIC

## A "bran" new system of ethics

BY MATT JOHNSON  
COVER STORY EDITOR

Life is full of bad analogies, and this is just one more of them.

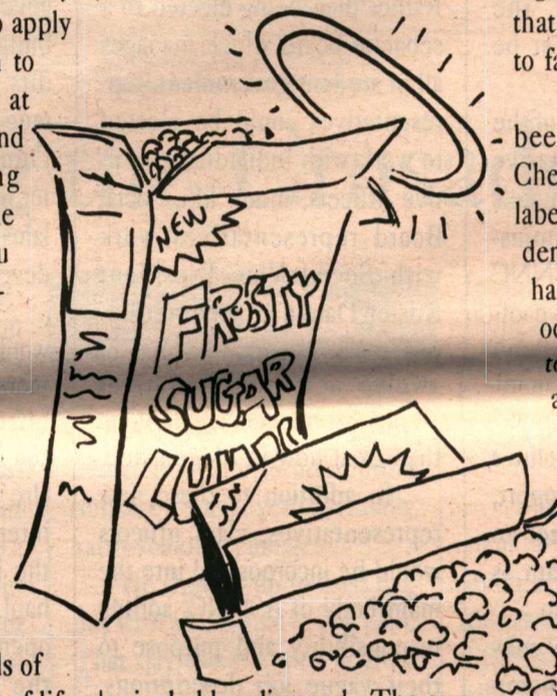
The world of TV cereal commercials makes for a confusing microcosm of the world in which we live. What I would like to do is take you on a brief tour of this bad analogy and see if it is possible for me to convince you to actually spend any amount of time trying to apply anything in this column to your life. (I might add at this point that if you find yourself contemplating following my advice by the end of this article, you may want to consider getting a life.)

The real subject of all of this are those silly animated mascots who act as representatives in the various cereal commercials aimed at sugar-addicted rugrats. Who are these lovable role models of cereal, and what lessons of life do they have to offer? I'm glad I asked, because that's what I'm going to talk about.

Let's start with a classic -- the Trix rabbit. This personality needs serious help. To begin with, Trix is the Wily E. Coyote of the commercial world -- i.e. he is a perpetual loser. Why? Well, much of his success at failure can be traced to the fact that he is obsessed with trying to obtain Trix cereal. LEMON-GRAPE-CHERRY-LIME! This obsession has forced him to lower his standards to less than zero. One only has to watch how the children berate him in the commercial to realize that the rabbit is a classic example of those who sacrifice everything for something they can never have (and can never be content with

what they do have).

Then there is Lucky of Lucky Charms fame. This illegitimate child of the cereal universe is as bad as they come. The name of his game is GREED, pure and simple. His attitude toward protecting his cereal from kids (reverse of the Trix complex) would make most misers look compassionate. What's with this guy? He has all the cereal in the world, and he refuses to share a



single blue diamond. The guy is a jerk, and all children should have dartboards with his face on it.

Speaking of evil, what about Toucan Sam? You know -- "Follow your nose -- it always knows!" What the heck kind of logic is that, anyway? I've got two words to describe Sam: drug pusher. Here is the epitome of disillusionment; anyone who honestly thinks that a cereal will solve all of your personal problems is either crazy or isn't telling you what's in those colored "O's".

While we're on the subject of drugs, let's talk about Tony the Tiger (yeah, but frosted with what?) This character is quite possibly the most deceitful and absolutely evil of all the cartoon race. He gets a kid to confide in him and share his

heart-felt inadequacies, then, while still pretending to be his friend, he convinces the hopeless no-talent that he actually has a shot at beating someone with superior talent . . . if, and this is the clincher, the kid gets hooked on Tony's cereal. Even if the kid does seem to do great afterwards, it's only because Tony has slipped something into his cereal. Either way, Tony is responsible for weaving a web of deceit and illusion that will eventually lead the kid to failure and depression.

The next case study is the bee from those Honey Nut Cheerio commercials. I would label him as a serious co-dependent with a tendency for love-hate relationships. He is an odd one, this bee. He loves to share his cereal, yet he also likes to compete for it. In fact, sometimes he fails and seems to get upset. Maybe he is something of a poor sport. Maybe he's just an advertiser's bad idea.

Last, but certainly not least, the very essence of righteousness and good -- Captain Crunch. Here, truly, is a demi-god of all that makes life worth living. Here is the very parent-figure that makes all social workers swoon and puts smiles on the faces of public school teachers. Here is a man, a father-figure, who defends helpless cereal eaters from evil "soggies" and who satisfies everyone's demand for cereal, no questions asked.

So, there you have it -- a guide by which you can judge the actions of yourself and by others. Perhaps you know of a Trix in your life, or are secretly aware of the Tony that lurks in the recesses of your own soul. Whatever the case, and for whatever it's worth, remember one thing: Life is full of bad analogies.

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### top ten

#### Top 10 Secrets of the Freshman Class

10. Guys are anxiously waiting to shower together in Sutherland.
9. Is actually the cast of "Newsies."
8. They have to eat three times their body weight every day.
7. Most are secretly seeking Ben Pondsford's companionship, including Ben Pondsford.
6. Came to Idaho because they thought the legal drinking age was still 19.
5. One in every three is Shannon Dougherty.
4. Worship Xavier Roberts.
3. Most of them still think that admissions looked at their applications before accepting them.
2. Most of them are Greek Immigrants, "Baklava!"
1. None of them actually graduated from high school.

--SPAWNED FROM SOMETHING WE JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE TALKING ABOUT

## Underground Escape makes debut at NNC

This Saturday, the twenty ninth of January, Underground Escape will be making its first appearance of 1994. The "revitalized" version of NNC's old coffee house is all set to become one of the best events this campus has to offer right up there with Senior Slick and Fresherec.

Director Dennis Reed hopes to establish Underground Escape as "the alternative escape From the big city club scene". To meet this goal, Dennis and his staff have prepared a wide spectrum of high class entertainment, flavored with crowd participation.

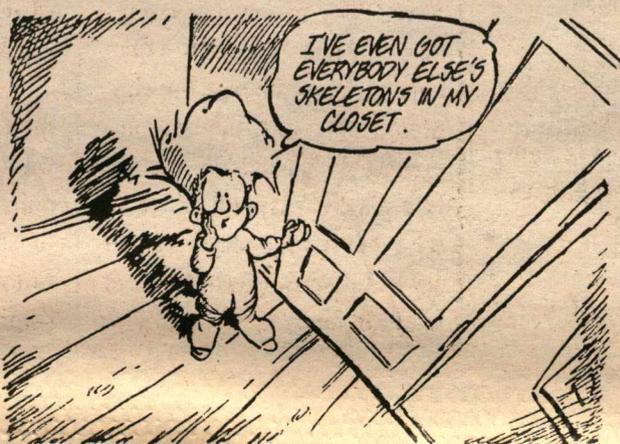
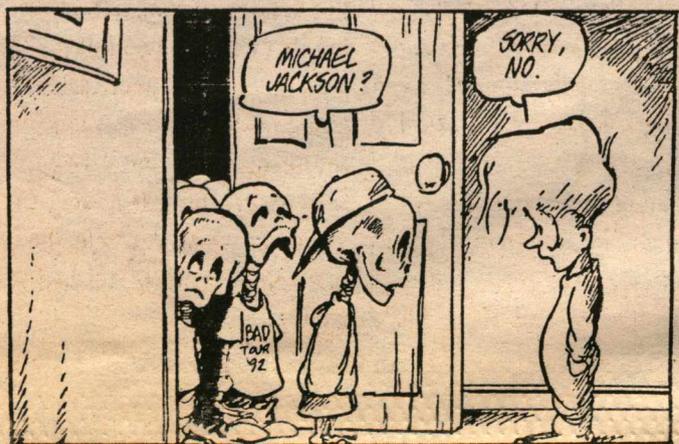
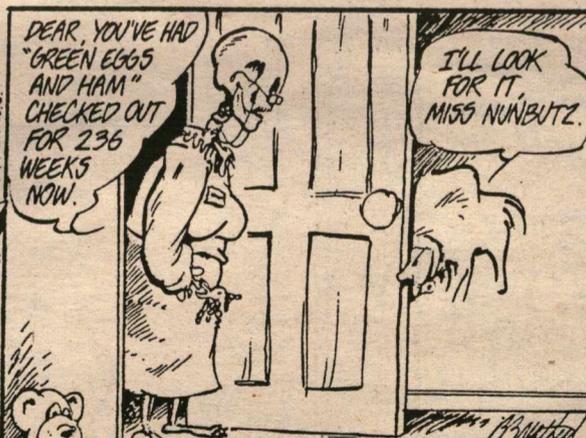
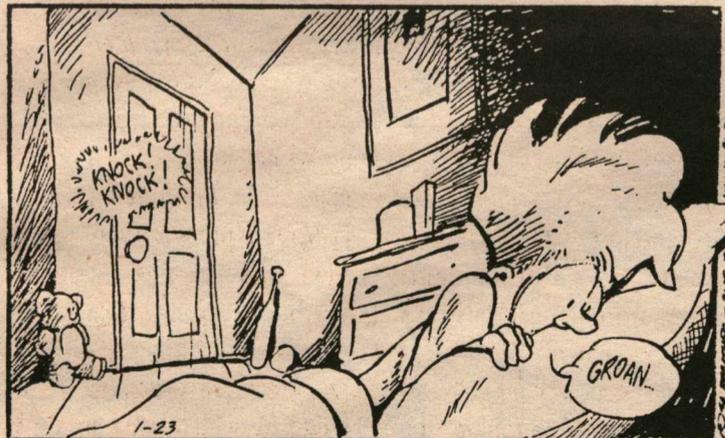
Amongst the lineup are folk artist Rob Redmond and the alternative band Rainchild, both of whom performed at last November's Underground Escape to great reviews. There will also be poetry readings and comedy. To complete picture, there will be the usual variety of drinks and sodas, served by hosts and hostesses to customers sitting at candlelit tables.

If you would like to be involved, bring your own poetry or guitar for the open microphone time.

Underground Escape will be held in the main dining room, and there will be a one dollar door fee to cover the cost of the house coffees.

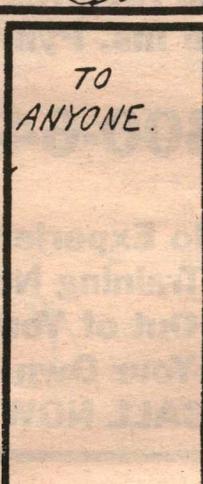
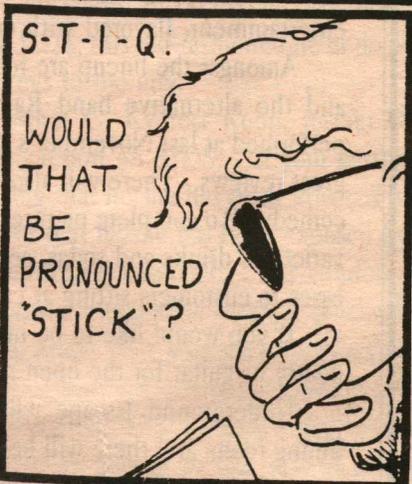
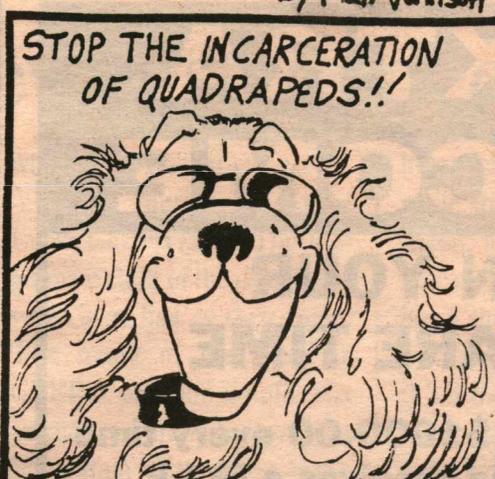
The action starts at 9:00pm on Saturday night.

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