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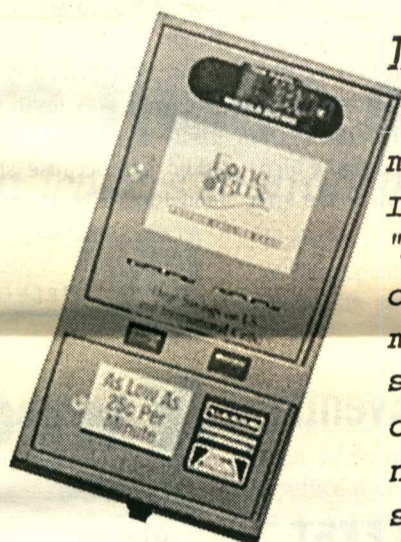


Soccer REVIVAL!

see our story pg. 8

Column One

Normally in this place I'd tell you about this issue, but what else do I need to say but that The Crusader is back serving the students of NNC for the 50th time. Enjoy.



Don't Be Fooled . . .

Have you seen this pre-paid phone card machine in the Student Center Lobby as of late? If so, don't be charmed by its advertisement for calls "as low as twenty five cents a minute." Any student can get a much lower calling price (for calls over 5 minutes of course) by either calling Sprint and signing up for the Collegiate Moonlight Madness card. This little ditty offers calls for as low as nine cents a minute. Or, if you want to do something really easy, use the new campus phone system currently being set up to make cheap calls.

See our story about it on page 3

Cover Story . . . page 10

Freshmen are in all reality the heart of any college campus. Without the infusion of "new blood" on to the campus each year, the atmosphere would quickly stagnate.

In light of such, we wanted to know just who these ignorant invaders ("Where's Williams Hall?") are. Therefore we set out to survey as of the little critters we could. After getting funny looks and having to teach a good portion of them how to hold a pencil without chewing on the end, we succeeded in getting some pretty interesting information.

1995 Fall Freshmen Survey

Please answer the following questions accurately and honestly as possible. All individual responses are confidential and will be treated as such. ****Please return this survey to the box in the dorm lobby.***

BACKGROUND

1) Home State: _____

2) Extracurricular Association (Nazarene, Nazarene, etc.): _____

3) Do you consider yourself a "born again" Christian? YES NO

4) High School GPA: _____

5) Composite ACT or SAT score: _____

PERSONAL

6) How many times have you had sexual intercourse outside of marriage: _____

7) Have you ever used tobacco products (cigar, pipe, etc.)? YES NO

8) Have you ever used alcohol? YES NO

9) Have you ever used marijuana? YES NO

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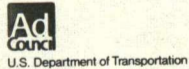
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Impressionable Frosh Speak Out

New students voice their opinions about NNC

Freshman registration. The mere mention of the activity brings thoughts of long lines, paperwork and hundreds of nervous freshman. Last weekend the class of '99 had the privilege of experiencing these festivities.

When asked about her impressions of registration, Christy Lee Johnson responded, "Very long lines. I didn't expect for it to take so long to get registered, but I found that everyone was really nice and had a lot of neat stuff to offer; they were really open to the freshman. I liked it."

Jesse Rench commented, "It's been pretty good so far. Everything has been going pretty smoothly and we haven't been embarrassed to *o much* yet." Rench then added, "And I am single at the moment." In fact, most freshman guys said meeting girls was a definite highlight of registration. (Now if the girls

would just say the same about the guys.)

Amy Minard also had positive things to say about registration, "It's just like what they said in the catalog ... about

more like a friend," said Karen Edes.

Deanne Huckert described the ups and downs of registration, explaining, "The best part of registration was meeting people and the worst part was that it was a little stressful, you know, new experiences can be intimidating."

With exception of long lines, most frosh gave two thumbs up to NNC for a warm welcome and efficient registration. In the words of Katie Sterk, "Upperclassmen really made us feel welcome and a

part of things, like the Brick House wake-up call. I thought that was really cool." Sounds as though NNC has continued its tradition in making a good first impression with its new students.



MAKING SMORES BY THE BONFIRE, AND HAYRIDES AROUND CAMPUS WERE HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS ORIENTATION EVENING. (IMLAH)

people being friendly, it's all totally true. Usually you'd just think they were saying that to get you to come [to this school] ... I was really impressed!"

For example, "The day I moved in: everyone was inviting and nice especially my R.A. Erika McCray. I really liked her because she was energetic and fun. She doesn't act older- she's

By JEREMY MEEHAN
LAYOUT CONSULTANT

WELCOME

Scheduled Events:

Tuesday:

**ROOTBEER FEST
on Chapman Lawn after
V-Ball Match. B.Y.O.M.
and \$.25!**

Wednesday:

**Time Out at the Gazebo
9:00 p.m. for praise &
worship.**

Thursday:

**"Boob at the Brick"
7:30 dressed in T.V. attire
FREE popcorn & chips.**

Friday:

**All-School BBQ at 5:30
Rollerscamming at
Rollerdrome for \$2.**

Saturday:

**JAWS at the Pool at
8 p.m. with food for \$1.**

**(All activities are
free with SAC card!!)**

A week well planned

When the going gets tough, the tough go to Welcome Week. For NNC students weary from registration and the first days of class, the numerous activities of Welcome Week '95 provide much-needed relaxation.

Tonight the festivities will begin on the Chapman Lawn, pending the end of the volleyball match, with the annual Rootbeer Fest. This year's addition to the Fest is ice cream floats, a potent ingredient in the recipe for a winning belch in the traditional burping contest. The thrill-omedy, *Arachnophobia*, is sure to make all in attendance contemplate what might be lurking in the grass of the freshman dorm. The cost for the evening is \$.25, or is free with your SAC card. Bring your own mug and a blanket for a night of rootbeer and spiders at Chapman.

Wednesday night will start the new school year off right with Time Out, a praise and worship celebration, held at the gazebo at 9:00 p.m.. Kab Benefield, a former youth pastor and dynamic speaker from Deer Flat Free Methodist Church, will deliver the message and a live band will lead the worship. Cary Hill, Campus Ministries Coordinator, is "excited to see students come together to praise God." He believes that Kab's message will be both inspiring and encouraging.

Remember *LaVern and Shirley, Chips*, and the girls from *Facts of Life?*

Thursday, television fanatics can make their way to the Brick House dressed as their favorite sitcom character for "Boob Tube at the Brick." This party is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. For those who are die-hard fans and who get dressed up there will be prizes for best actor, best actress and best impersonator. Name that T.V. melody will be offered especially for the professional television viewers. Enjoy lavishly buttered popcorn while lounging on sofas on the Brick House lawn.

Friday evening promises to bring the perfect end to a busy week beginning with an all-school BBQ on the Student Center Courtyard from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Following the dinner, make your way to the Nampa Rollerdrome for Rollerscamming, an event which compares to none other. Admission is \$2.00 or is free with your SAC sticker.

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water, *JAWS* comes to the gym pool at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday night. There will be food, swimming, and a great time for only \$1.00. And if you haven't already guessed, you can get in free to yet another activity when you purchase your \$10.00 SAC.

Every night this week holds an opportunity for fellowship and fun with your classmates. Plan to attend every event and celebrate the festivities of Welcome Week '95.

By JENNIFER COLES
STAFF WRITER

NEWS

U.S. News rates NNC high, but . . .

■ For the second straight year and fourth time in six years, our very own Northwest Nazarene College has been rated among the Top 10 Liberal Arts Colleges in the west by *U.S. News & World Report*.

NNC's placement is fourth. The top three are Albertson College of Idaho, Texas A&M University-Galveston, and LeTourneau University, Texas. NNC was rated No. 7 in 1994. Its previous ratings were sixth in 1990, and eighth in 1991.

The ratings have been released in the Sept. 18 issue of *U.S. News*. The magazine's "best college values," where NNC was No. 2 in 1994, will be available Sept. 18, and the annual "America's Best colleges" guidebook is available Sept. 25.

"We are pleased to be on the list again," said President Richard A. Hagood. "Our emphasis on access to

higher education, and exceptional educational quality, which result in high student and alumni satisfaction has again been recognized."

Of 1,800 senior colleges and universities in the United States, NNC is one of 100 that measure the growth and change of its students from the time students enter as freshmen to the time they graduate.

Among those colleges measuring change, NNC ranks in the top 2 percent, according to the latest data.

"These data demonstrate the strength of NNC's faculty and its curriculum," said Hagood.

"They also confirm that NNC is an academically superior institution in which faculty and students take seriously God's call to a life of learning and service to society."

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New Pick-Up Lines

There's a buzz on campus concerning communication, and here's what it's all about: no more waiting for a phone line to dial off campus, and lower long distance rates using any on-campus phone.

A common frustration of many students has been the problem of not being able to get a phone line when wanting to dial off campus. The phone switch currently used contains 14 lines available for incoming calls, and 21 outgoing lines. This means that at any given time, only 35 people on campus can be communicating with the outside world via phone. The new system will contain 44 local lines and 48 long distance lines.

In addition, each room will be equipped with a phone including voice mail, modem jack, and other features.

Another bonus to the new phone systems is the addition of a long distance calling plan available to all stu-

dents at no charge. Most colleges offering this program to their students charge \$15 to \$20 dollars per month. However, NNC is hoping to meet the costs of offering this program without charging students. "We felt that most students were paying too much to make long distance phone calls.

One of the main goals when installing this system was to lower the charges of calling long distance," stated Paul Miller in Ed Media. However, in order to meet the costs of installing and maintaining this system, NNC needs around 80% of the student body to sign up for the long distance calling plan.

So if you haven't sent in yet for your Personal Authorization Code, stop by Ed Media to pick up a form. The savings start with your first phone call.

TERI KAPTEIN
STAFF WRITER

STUDENTS

Student leaders make a difference

L.E.A.D. Retreat helps student leaders to unite and work together



In the week before classes, student leaders spent four days in training at the 7th annual L.E.A.D. (Leadership, Equipping, and Developing) retreat. ASNCC Executive officers, RA's, PA's, as well as security officers and other leaders learned Christian principles for dealing with conflict, problem solving skills, and even self-defense.

Two of the four days were spent at Bethel Park near McCall, Idaho. Leaders were challenged by speaker Sheri Bunge-Mortenson, Associate Campus Pastor at Bethel College in Minneapolis.

Students also learned to work in groups through an outdoor challenge course. Among other activities, leaders were forced to problem-solve together as they crawled through a spiderweb of rope and learned to trust as they were blindfolded and led through the forest by a rope tied to trees.

Students were also trained in self defense by NNC senior Danny Freeborn. Freeborn, an experienced martial artist, explained the basic principles of martial arts and taught students methods of escaping from potentially harmful situations.

According to Dr. Ken Hills, Dean of Students, L.E.A.D. is a time for student leaders to become excited about the coming school year.

"Students have the best opportunity to set the tone of the year," Hills said, "so L.E.A.D. has grown to include security officers, peer counselors, ministry presidents, and others. In all, we have about 10% of the student body present."

ASNCC Social Vice President Michelle Stephens echoed Hills' comments.

"It was a good time to reunite and become excited for the school year and become aware of other student leaders and their responsibili-

ties," Stephens said.

Through family groups made up of other students and task groups made up of student leaders with similar duties, L.E.A.D. participants were able to share and discuss with others their fears and struggles in their leadership positions.

"I think it built my task group to be stronger," Shelly Brown, a Mangum RA, said. "It made me excited to come back and be an RA. L.E.A.D. really helped build a sense of community amongst all the leaders."

Jason Smith, a ministry club president, commented on the spiritual focus that L.E.A.D. provided participants.

"The power of God that was there was awesome," Smith said. "As 10% of the student body, we have the potential to change the year ahead of us — the potential for revival is out there, all we have to do is tap into it."

D. ANDREW ZIRSCHKY
MANAGING EDITOR



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HILLS, DEAN
OF STUDENTS

Face Lift for NNC

NNC Students Do Campus Work

In the beginning was the Word... and the Elijah Drain. If those banks could speak they would tell a tale of generations of past and present events. As part of the '95 LEAD Retreat the past weekend, NNC students got up close and personal with the secrets of "Old Elijah." They discovered stop signs, a washing machine, car seats, a dead cat,



A VACANT LOT, ACROSS FROM CULVER, IS DUE TO TEARING DOWN OF HOUSES. NOW USED FOR PARKING BY STUDENTS OF NNC. (FRAHM)

lawn chairs, and a mattress with sheets, buried beneath the murky irrigation water near the Corlett Apartments.

"The most amazing thing that we found in the drain was Michelle Stephens. She had so much fun wading in the ankle-deep muck," Junior Jason Alvis remembered.

A total of 113 LEAD participants

braved 90+ degree weather to get the campus ready for the fall term. Along with the baseball players, many also trimmed back area shrubbery to promote safety.

Clearing the canal and weeding aren't the only things that have taken place on campus over the summer. The Business Department moved from the third floor of the Emerson Administration Building to trade places with the Home Economics Division in Elmore Hall, located next to the "God Building." The move met the changing needs of each department's students and faculty.

Pedestrians will be pleased to know that the first stage of the campus rerouting project began this summer as well. According to Daphne Cendejas in Financial Affairs, seven houses were relocated and eleven others were demolished as planned over the summer. This first phase will detour traffic from Holly Street to Fern Street and should be completed by late Spring '96.

By JENNIFER COLES AND SHANNON ADAMS
STAFF WRITERS

Jungle Fever at the Brick

Jungle Fever was the theme for the transfer students' first activity this year, on Monday. Hosted at the Brick House, the party gave these newcomers a chance to get acquainted by playing games like "the Human Knot" and running relays involving bananas.

There are 165 new transfer and commuting students this year. The transfers come from all of the states in the Northwest region, and mostly

from community colleges or state schools. Their majors range from Elementary Education to Engineering, from Pre-vet to Business.

"I was scared to start over," said Mimi Takagi, "but it's really fun." Erik McKenzie, another transfer, said, "Everyone is very friendly. I feel right at home."

By GINA GRATE
STAFF WRITER

JOANNE
RITTMUELLER
CAME DECKED
OUT AS
TARZAN'S
LEAF-CLAD
JANE.

A HUMAN KNOT COMPOSED OF TRANSFER STUDENTS AT THE BRICK HOUSE. (IMLAH)



Confused and Disoriented Freshman Figure it out.

Thursday: Build-a-Group Sundae

"What is your name?" "Where are you from?" "What is your major?" Questions flew at the first freshmen activity, "Build-a-Group Sundae." Marriott was packed, animated with a lively freshmen class. Groups were called up to the creation table where they loaded a huge bowl of ice cream with toppings, syrups and whipped cream. Masterpieces completed, they were soon taken to their tables to be devoured by their creators. However, Sarah J. Wolfe commented, "It was an attempt at a head start on the famous freshman fifteen."

Friday: President's Picnic

The day was filled with four "informational" sessions before lunch, departmental advising meetings, registration in the afternoon, and the New Student Welcome Convocation before dinner. The President's Picnic was an informal dinner where freshmen and their families were able to relax, converse, and meet new people.

Friday Night: Games on the Field

Partner Tag and Blob Tag provided enough running to exhaust any freshman. "The games were so fun! I met so many people," shares Ellen Ackley about her field game experience. After these two games, the freshmen

were herded to the fire pit where they could roast marshmallows. However, this was not nearly as popular as the tractor-pulled hayride.

Saturday: "WELCOME"

The tradition continued another year as sophomore representatives led and entertained the freshman class with games and skits. Field games began

flying in "Connect the Body Part" with partners bonding knee to hip, finger to nose, and tongue to back-of-knee.

Ryan Ketchum was looking "her" best as he and Chris Fields paraded onto the stage in an attempt to woo the hearts and desires of Linc Loeber and Brad Hays, in a sketch of freshmen on their first date, "Star-Gazing at Lake Lowell."

NNC's version of "Singled-Out," taken from MTV, was entertaining and full of laughs. Justin Geel singled out one girl from the entire class of freshman girls. "I was really nervous but it was a lot of fun," recalls Justin about the game. They received an all-expense paid retreat to a movie of their choice. Justin is looking forward to getting to know

Tammy, whom he singled out.

Sunday: The Gathering of the Class of '99

Dinner with the Intro to College classes, hosted by the professors, was a success. The dinner gave freshman students an opportunity to get to know a small portion of their classmates on a more personal level. Positive feedback was contagious on the campus as excited freshmen returned from their professors' homes.

Monday: "Get Mugged"

The freshman class had the opportunity to meet Alumni of NNC at the annual "Get Mugged" ceremony. Each

student received an NNC mug from the Alumni Association.

Thanks to staff and students, freshmen have enjoyed five days of games,



A GROUP OF FRESHMEN PIG OUT AT THE BUILD A GROUP SUNDAE, WHILE GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER. (IMLAH)

with a race across the field to spin around a baseball bat and then return as fast as possible, in the resulting dazed state. Other games were "Eat That Food" and "An Outfit over an Outfit." Potatoes, baby food, pop and packs of gum name a few of the surprises in the bag for freshmen to inject during "Eat That Food."

Games continued in Marriott as guys and girls were neck and neck passing an orange down the line of teammates. Things really steamed up with the mouth-to-mouth transfer of a Life-saver, using toothpicks. Limbs were

orientations, and initiations. Shellie Engel remarked, "'Camp' has been fun, but I am ready to start school." Campus is buzzing with excitement for this first day of classes. The question is: Will the freshman class let the excitement die or will they carry it out when the real work begins?

By AMBER LEWIS
STAFF WRITER

THE GAMES
WERE SO FUN!
I MET SO
MANY
PEOPLE.--
ELLEN
ACKLEY

Don't let every page look like this. Try out your skills as a writer for the Crusader. Call 8656 for more information.

Freshman Survey

At 1:30 a.m., Tuesday morning I made a call to x8766 -- Chapman Hall. "Hello?" answered the groggy voice of Chapman RA, Nick Nunn. "Is this Chapman dorm lobby," I shouted back just to shock his ears. "Yes," he answered back, unamused. "Well Nick, who else is in the lobby with you?" "No one," he replied.

"Nick, are you telling me that all the freshmen in Chapman Hall have gone to bed?" "They're all in their halls," Nunn answered back. "They shaved somebody's head and then they all went to their wings."

Yep, that sounds about right. Everyone's freshman year at NNC is filled with late nights, pizza, Mav runs, and -- in the case of Chapman Hall residents -- occasional shaved heads.

This last week as the class of 1999 hit the NNC campus for the first time, *The Crusader* set out to find out a little bit about who these freshmen are -- their attitudes, backgrounds, and expectations.

Some of the more interesting results of the survey are shown in the boxes to the right. However, some other tidbits of information from the survey are worth noting. Two-thirds of the 95 freshmen surveyed identified the Church of the Nazarene as their home church. No surprise there of course.

One thing that was surprising was the great expectations freshmen have for their GPA's this coming term. Many of the freshmen surveyed suggested that they are expecting a higher GPA in their first term of college than in their high school careers.

Another interesting piece of information is that regardless of how often a freshman reads the newspaper or watches television news, he/she expects that the frequency at which they do such in college will decrease. This is interesting in light of the recent efforts by ASNNC President Patrick Fitzgerald to increase awareness of news on the NNC campus. If the results of this survey are reliable, then they might suggest that not only are NNC students less informed in college than previously (as has already been suggested by Fitzgerald), but that students coming into NNC expect to be less informed.

In addition to other questions, we asked the freshmen who the President of NNC is. Answers ranged from a correct statement of "Richard Hagood" to "Hagen," "Hagar," and "Hay-good." The most common answer was "??". The guesses were even more wild when we asked just what ASNNC stood for. Chances are freshmen will find out real soon when they realized that this unknown ASNNC (second in notoriety only to FICA) took \$50 of their money this term.

In all, the results of our freshmen survey give a small peak into the lifestyles and attitudes of incoming students.

By D. Andrew Zirschky
& Crusader Press Services

Have you been sexually active prior to attending NNC:

	Yes	No
Female.....	17%	83%
Male.....	12%	88%

Have you ever used a tobacco product (cigar, cigarette, chew, etc.):

	Yes	No
Female.....	24%	76%
Male.....	35%	65%



It's OK, they don't bite, but

FRESH

There was a 0% chance that they would drink an alcoholic beverage during their first year at NNC.

98% of the freshman girls polled said that they would not drink at all during their first year at NNC.

Only 19% of all freshmen surveyed said that they would not attend an R-rated movie while they were attending NNC.

This information was gathered by member handed out surveys to freshmen in their Mugging. 95 freshmen participated in the

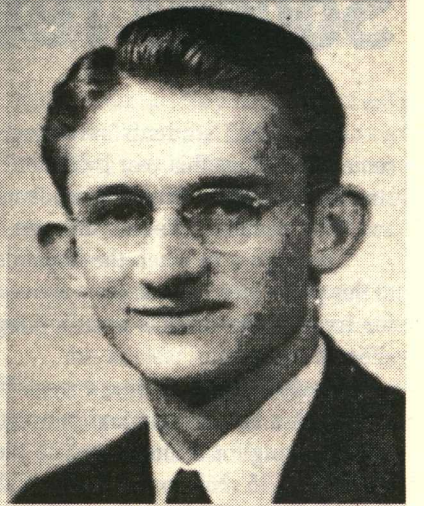
Have you ever used an illegal drug:

	Yes	No
Female.....	4%	96%
Male.....	12%	88%

Have you ever consumed a serving of an alcoholic beverage:

	Yes	No
Female....	41%	59%
Male.....	31%	69%

'45



'55



'65



'75



'85



...n't bite, but just who are these creatures we call

SHIMMENS!

Concerning dancing, 55% of male freshmen polled answered they would not dance at a nightclub or party. On the other hand, 41% of the female freshmen surveyed said they would not dance.

46% of the freshman women surveyed were sure they would not have a boyfriend by the end of October.

However, 41% of freshmen men surveyed believed they will remain single until at least the end of October.

...gathered by members of *The Crusader* who ...freshmen in their dorms and after the ...en participated in the survey.

Soccer returns from California with momentum

Most NNC students were welcomed to campus this year by the outstretched arms of returning students and staff members. Yet not all were.

On August 26 when the hopefuls of this year's men's soccer team arrived for tryouts, the campus was nothing short of deserted.

In what would become a week of ardent play and competition between players vying for a future spot on the team, the 95'-96' soccer team was formed. In addition to team tryouts, the practices also served as training and instruction for this year's future players.

Along with the returning players, the coaching staff was able to evaluate a number of first-year players.

"This was really a time for us to come together as a team and learn to respect each other," commented third-year player Josh Sherette. "It was also a time for us to get better acquainted with the new players. We are really focusing on becoming more than just teammates."

After dropping their opener to Whitman, the newly revamped team put their several weeks of organized practice together and headed to California for a six-game road trip.

Led by captains Chad Ramage and Kevin Saul, the team came away with an encouraging trip by winning three of the six games and establishing themselves as a serious threat in upcoming games.

While dropping their contest to sister school Point Loma Nazarene, the Crusaders would take impressive wins away from the UPS, Christian Heri-

tage, and California Baptist.

"When we play our own game and focus on what we need to do as a team we usually play our best," added Sherette.

The Crusaders are poised to make big improvements over last year. A common focus on this year's team seemed to be a stride toward team togetherness.

"We're a different team than we were last year. It took us almost a whole season for us to learn how to play together. Now we have a goal, a focus," added Sherette.

Head Coach David Diehl has acquired an array of young talent in addition to his returning players.

Midfielder Charles Laird from Scotland and forward Sony Pierre Andre of Haiti are Diehl's international recruits this year. First-year players Brent Deakins and Jeremy Culbertson will also contribute at the defensive position.

Goalkeeper Jason Bacon and midfielder Joel Spencer will see action, along with Joe Chatterton and Jeremy Keating on defense.

In addition to Ramage and Saul, the Crusaders will also be led by second-year goalie Drew Hinds, and sweeper Chuck Bon Durant.

The Crusaders are preparing for an upcoming homestand that will feature games against National College, Westminster, and Albertson College. The games will be occurring on Sept. 21, 22, and 23, respectively.

By JEREMY SKEEN
SPORTS EDITOR



AFTER AN ABSENCE OF ONE YEAR, CHUCKY BONDURANT IS RETURNING TO LEAD THE CRUSADERS INTO A SUCCESSFUL 95-96 SOCCER SEASON. (FRAHM)

VOLLEYBALL

Fall Sports Schedule

Women's Volleyball Schedule (Home Games Only)

Sept. 19 -- Eastern Oregon (7:00 pm)
Sept. 23 -- Whitman College (1:00 pm)
Sept. 23 -- Lewis & Clark St. (7:00 pm)
Sept. 29 -- Southern Oregon (3:00 pm)
Sept. 30 -- Concordia (7:00 pm)
Oct. 27 -- Western Oregon (7:00 pm)
Oct. 28 -- Western Baptist (1:00 pm)
Oct. 28 -- Westminster (7:00 pm)

Men's Soccer Schedule (Home Games Only)

Sept. 21 -- National College (4:00 pm)
Sept. 22 -- Westminster (2:00 pm)
Sept. 23 -- Albertson (1:00 pm)
Sept. 30 -- Albertson (1:00 pm)
Oct. 6 -- Northwest College (3:30 pm)
Oct. 13 -- Western Baptist (3:30 pm)
Oct. 14 -- Concordia (12:00 pm)
Oct. 21 -- Albertson (1:00 pm)

Lady Saders drop LCSC invite

The 1995 school season is back and so are the Lady Crusaders. The women's volleyball team has been working hard over the summer and has good expectations for the upcoming season.

After reaching the regional finals last year in which the team boosted itself into the national spotlight, the Lady Crusaders are anxious for another season and a chance to return to late post-season play.

"One of our main goals for the season is to win another conference title," said Jessica Menard. "I think we may have peaked too soon last year. We're off to a slow start, but we're looking to peak later in the season."

Freshman Stephanie Ortman of Phoenix, Arizona is new to this year's team roster. Ortman will red-shirt this season but has great enthusiasm about working with this year's team.

"As a red-shirt I will not play a whole lot, but I want to keep a positive attitude," said Ortman. "I want to help encourage the team when they play. I hope that by practicing with the team I

can improve my game."

This past weekend the team participated in the Lewis and Clark State College Volleyball Invitational held in Lewiston, ID. NNC opened play against Western Washington.

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The Crusaders came out strong and stole the first game from the Western Washington wolves.

Yet after losing a close second game, the momentum seemed to shift to the opponent. NNC lost the second

game 16-14, and also the third game by the score of 15-9. After taking the fourth game, they would eventually surrender the match in five games.

It's tough to lose close games early in the match, Head Coach Darlene Brasch commented, "especially when you have the other team on the ropes."

The Saders defeated Carroll College in three games, yet lost to Lewis and Clark State College in five games. The team is now 3-5 overall in season play.

Several key players will help to make NNC a national threat. Those leading the Crusaders were Cheri Dailley with 5 blocks, Annette Fenton with 34 digs, Laurie Vail with 70 assists, and Patty Grim with 28 kills.

NNC will face Eastern Oregon State College tonight at 7:00 at NNC.

The Saders will remain at home this weekend taking on the Women Missionaries of Whitman College and conference rival Lewis and State College.

By TIM SCHLACK
STAFF WRITER

THUMBS UP



THUMBS DOWN

Editor's note: Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down replaces our Staff Editorials this week. While in this issue we can balance the good and the less good, future weeks may yield new and exciting (read: different) results in this very self-explanatory column. If you would like to guest write a Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down on a campus issue, write Box C, or call 8656, or contact the Opinions Editor.

NNC joined forces with College Billing, Inc. to (at last) provide students with what should never have been a luxury: long distance calling from one's dorm room. This year, a simple six-digit account number will enable any resident to dial anywhere in the country for very reasonable prices (AT&T low rates). And the phones supplied are certainly better than average, complete with private voice mail and speakerphone, and to be truthful, they are not totally displeasing to the eye either.

We assume therefore that we can put up--for now--with the inconvenience of a pulse-operated line over a touch-tone for the privilege of simply having an account we can balance at the Business Office.

They did it--well, someone did it. And we can't believe it. They didn't even give the guys (or for that matter, the girls) the chance to say good-bye. They used bland white paint to cover years of memories and the fine works (the only works?) of art that adorned until recently the halls of the men's freshman dorm, the oft-condemned Chapman Hall. To those who have no idea what we're talking about, be ye now aware that Chapman's wings used to feature themes. These used to include Monopoly North, South Surf, Heaven West, and Generic South. Heaven West and Generic South have thus far escaped the dreaded evil paint roller, but they too will soon disappear from the face of the walls.

In the defense of the school, we'll grant that the drawings on Monopoly and Surf were looking rugged and the graffiti was beginning to get a bit excessive. But we feel that we can still mention the concept of touch up paint... In any case, the best-loved wings (according to a late-night survey of the Crusader staff) of Chapman have lost their particular charm; our only hope now is that the current freshmen would find a way to resurrect the buried charm of the dorm's once-colorful halls.

OK, we'll admit it, we're impressed. We want to congratulate everyone who helped all the freshmen and transfer students move into their dorms as well as those who helped at registration booths. The new class of '99 was very grateful to all those sophomores, juniors, and seniors who volunteered their precious last hours of summer break to aid them in getting settled. All the reviews of the upperclassmen we've heard from the frosh (and transfers) are good. Students and parents alike were impressed: this display of goodwill to men and women probably persuaded many soon-to-be young academics to actually stay for a while. This is a tradition that should be carried by every welcoming class... we'd like to hope that the students of the class of 2049 will receive the same treatment. Keep up the good work, returning students.

Last year, Marriott found out that its experiment with continuous service paid off: students, on the whole, were ecstatic to be able to "run into [another word for Marriott] to grab a drink or a snack any time of the day." Also on the whole, students were willing to pay an extra fistful of dollars for that prerogative. And few continuous diners complained when food costs began to exceed 600 dollars per term.

But Marriott seems to have also reduced its variety as far as meal plans go. The 10-meal-a-week option is laughable, when for a small price more, you can access the cafeteria an unlimited amount of times. Commuter students, part-timers, and just plain old less-than-wealthy students need more choices. Thanks for considering it.

Join the French: your chance to nuke cynicism

Surprise nuclear tests expose the media's sardonic side

COMMENTARY

I probably shouldn't bore you with all of the despicable things I did over the summer, such as invest large sums of time on the Mediterranean beaches of southern France, as well as hang out in Salzburg, the Swiss Alps, medieval German villages, and Paris, all the while with beautiful women constantly at my side (really!). But since, in each of these dream-like locations, the inhabitants paused every once in a while in their frolicking to discuss important world issues, I figured I should write about those instead.

Like the recently scheduled nuclear tests in the South Pacific.

As you--hopefully--know, the French government stunned the planet last month by announcing a decision to begin conducting in September a series of eight nuclear tests on (or rather beneath) the uninhabited Polynesian atoll of Mururoa. Newly elected President Jacques Chirac thus defied an international ban on all nuclear tests that his predecessor had signed some three years earlier.

Naturally, public outcry ensued worldwide, led by a coalition of proselytizing cynics (who in their spare time pass themselves off as journalists), and Greenpeace, an organization I'm hoping is still mainly concerned with the protection of the environment. The latter actually invaded heavily militarized French air space to make its point of protest.

Several powerful Pacific Rim nations and Western European countries officially protested the planned tests. Australia and New Zealand organized boycotts of French products; a French ambassador was verbally abused in Japan; magazines and dailies all over the world printed huge mushroom clouds on their covers--conveniently ignoring that the tests will occur sixteen hundred to four thousand feet below sea level in security conditions unmatched anytime in the past.

As an American citizen who grew up in France, who considers himself a moderate environmentalist and who supports defense spending, I found it difficult to fit in anywhere in the argument, but I did notice that the conflict exposed foolishness on all sides. On France's part, the foolishness was expecting no more than a mild reaction

to the decision to resume tests. On the international media's part, it was the resort to sensationalism (and the telling of half-truths) in an effort to sell the story that seemed foolish. On the part of the average (wo)man in the street, it

nation, thus no risk whatsoever of environmental damage. France has no such capability yet; in fact, the current tests are meant to be a stepping stone to simulated testing, which is what everyone wants.

It should also be known that France has become responsible for the nuclear protection of fifteen countries: it is assumed in European politics that France's nuclear deterrent is that of the entire European Community. Any deficiency in its arsenal is a security threat to over three hundred million people--more than the population of the United States.

Keep in mind, furthermore, that experts have not stopped confirming the tests' safe conditions. Gargantuan cylindrical concrete containers have been specially designed to prevent the leakage of radiation. If not for the mild earthquakes that the detonations cause, France could hold the tests within its own land borders.

Finally, feel free to consider this: on August 15, China's military tested a nuclear warhead--above ground. Where was Greenpeace? Where was the massive media protest? Where were the economic boycotts? France carries out the safest tests this side of simulation and pays a diplomatic and economic price--China permanently disables a portion of its land and possibly any nearby citizens and everyone hushes up. Weird.

However, I was just making a point about resisting cynicism. The problem is that it's ingrained in this generation. While the media may say "trust no one," there's a difference between being gullible and trusting knowledgeable authorities (which, if they are not always truthful, do usually offset the media's penchant for sensationalism), especially after one has done some serious research and critical thinking. In an age when militias and conspiracy theories abound, and in a state that houses scores of separatists, that may not be such an easy task.

By JOHN FRALEY
OPINIONS EDITOR

Source: L'Express Magazine, Sept. 13, 1995.

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was a willingness to swallow everything the media printed and broadcasted without some questioning that looks foolish.

Indeed, in response to the announcement that tests were scheduled, a large portion of the public seemed to enter a panic. Students in Tokyo started an anti-nuclear petition on the Internet--it gathered 100,000 signatures in 70 days. Meanwhile, Chirac's approval rating plummeted at home. Why?

Because we've been conditioned to be cynical before being rational. I realize this may sound, er, a bit cynical, but the media, in this instance again, succeeded in breeding mistrust instead of clear thinking.

For the sake of impartial information (and thus clear thinking) in this instance, France's reasoning for resum-

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ing the tests may be tied to the fact that the U.S. and what used to be the U.S.S.R. have performed, in the last forty-five years, about 800 tests each to France's 200. As a result, the two superpowers are capable nowadays of conducting simulated tests: these feature no deto-

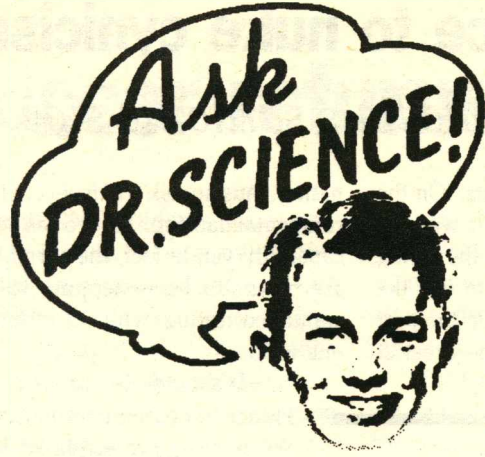
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Hey, everybody it's time to . . .



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Dear Dr. Science:

I've often noticed that when I make toast and then set it on a plate, a strange liquid forms on the plate that lies under the toast. Why is this?

--Rob Ian, St. Paul, MN

Your toast is weeping for its lost youth as bread, but most of all for you. After all, you're the one who's going to assume the karmic debt of eating a helpless piece of yeast infected grain amalgam, after putting it through the tribulation of near-purgatory in the toaster.

Next time you wash the plate, taste the liquid the toast left behind. Is it salty? If so, grab the rest of the breadloaf and start apologizing. What goes around comes around.

Dear Dr. Science:

Within a few weeks I hope to be receiving my doctorate in American Studies, culminating 10 years of higher education at a relatively prestigious state university. As the fateful day approaches, I find myself overwhelmed with a sense of impending doom. I can't help but wonder if I've wasted not only the past decade, but my life. Do you have any advice for people like me?

--K.M., Mentho, MN

I do, but you might not want to hear it. Cut your losses. Admit you've made some mistakes in the past and get on with your life. Your local community college or trade school probably offers a program in auto repair or restaurant management, and they often help place their graduates in the job market. Cosmetology and television repair are based on real life needs of society. Face it. You've been had.

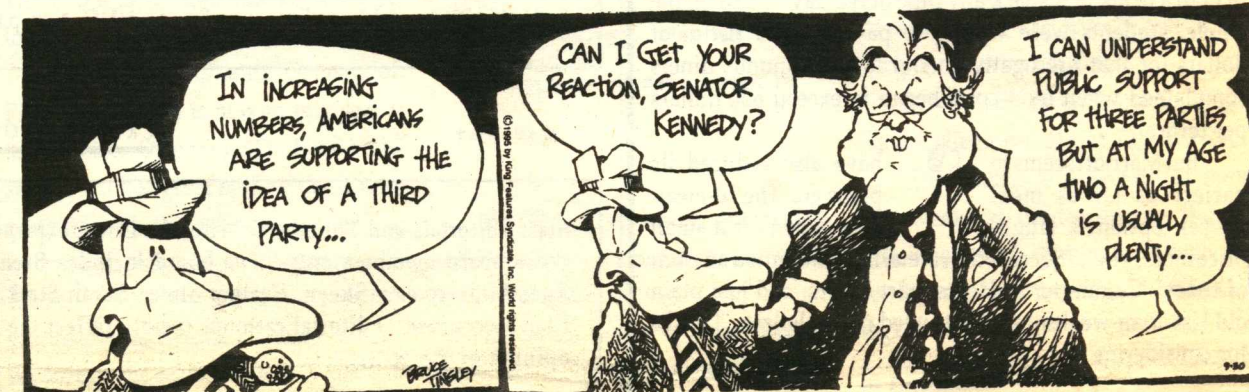
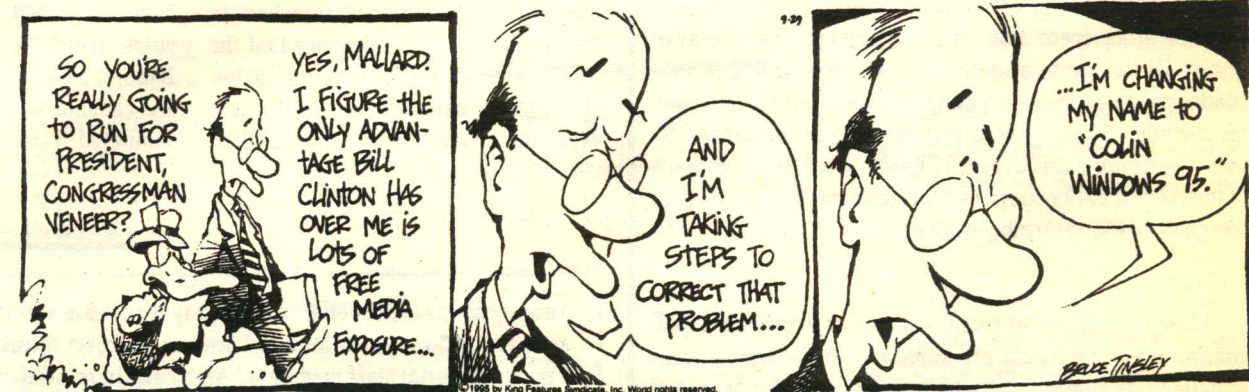
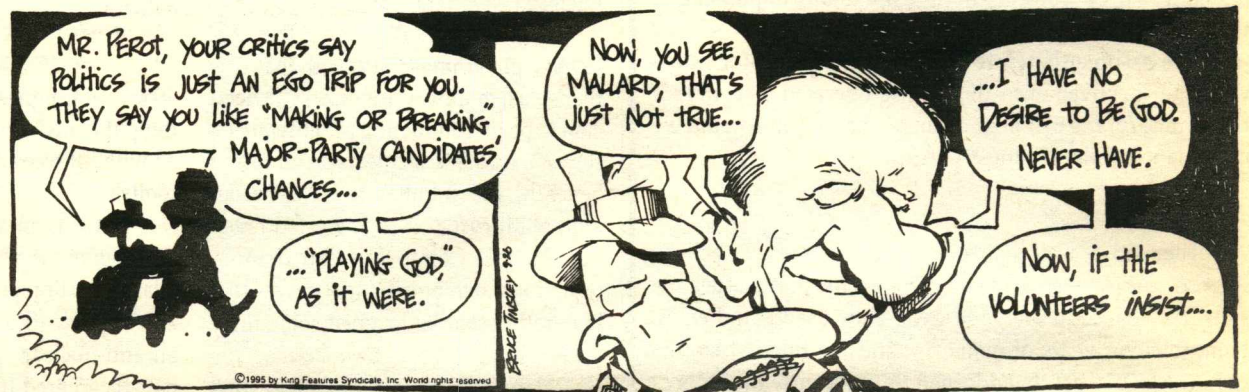
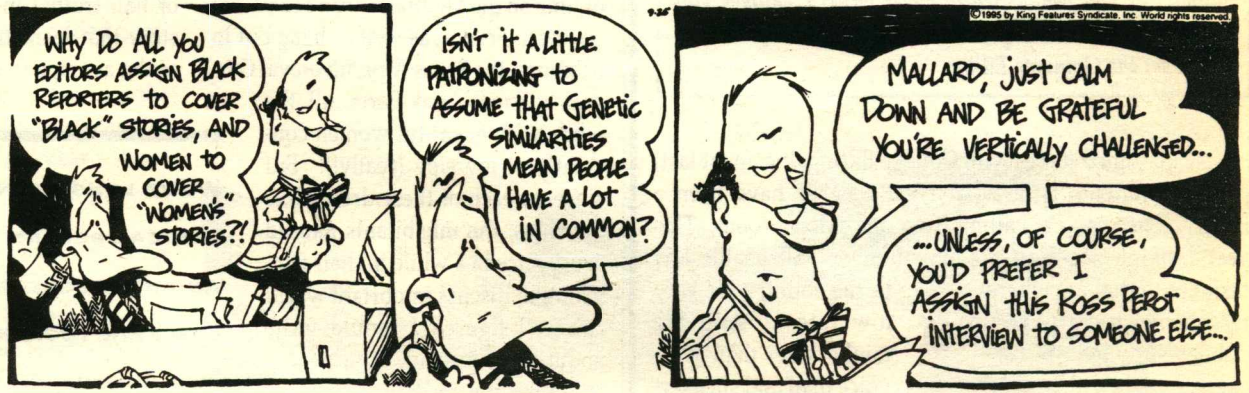
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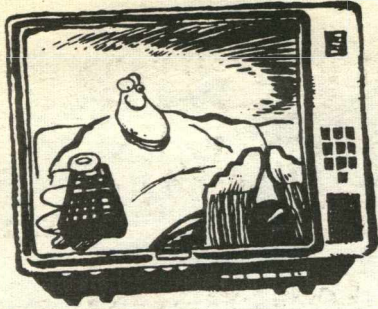
Why do helium balloons sink after a few days?
--John & Sean Corr, Colorado Springs, CO

Like most caged animals, helium held prisoner realizes it will never rise to its full potential, and sinks to the level of its captors. In this way, it's acting like a bored teenager at school. Hard as the teacher may try to persuade the teenager that learning is fun, the trapped teen knows those eight hours a day spent in a classroom are taking him or her away from the really fun things in life. This explains slumping shoulders and poor posture in general among our young. Like helium balloons they are all too aware of their fate, and so they sink to the level of their captors.

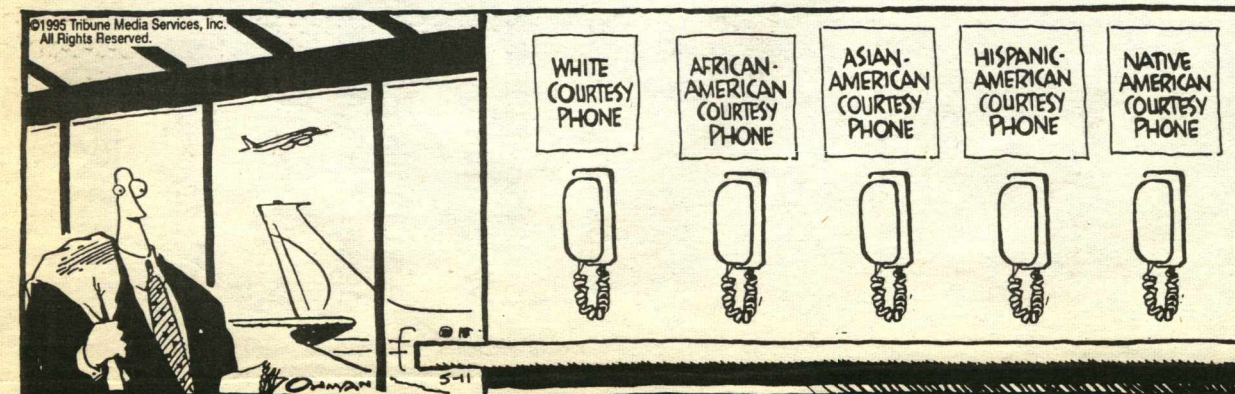
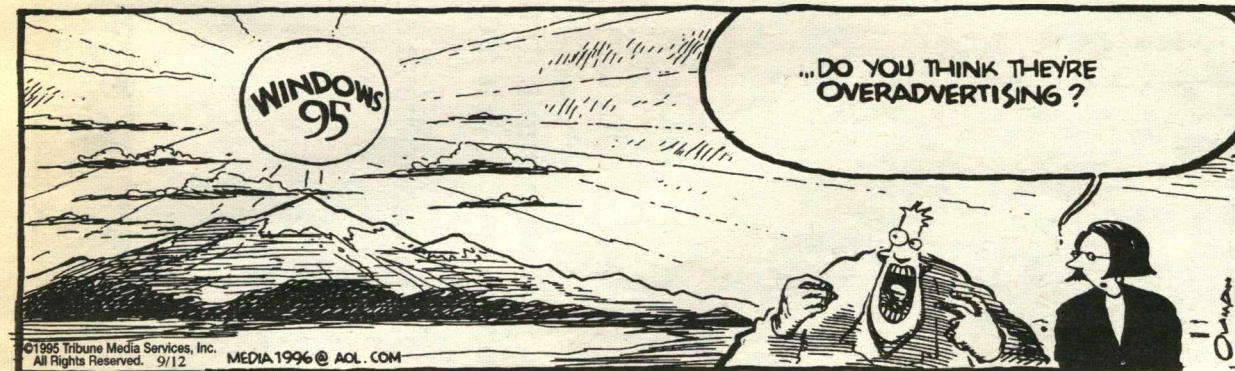
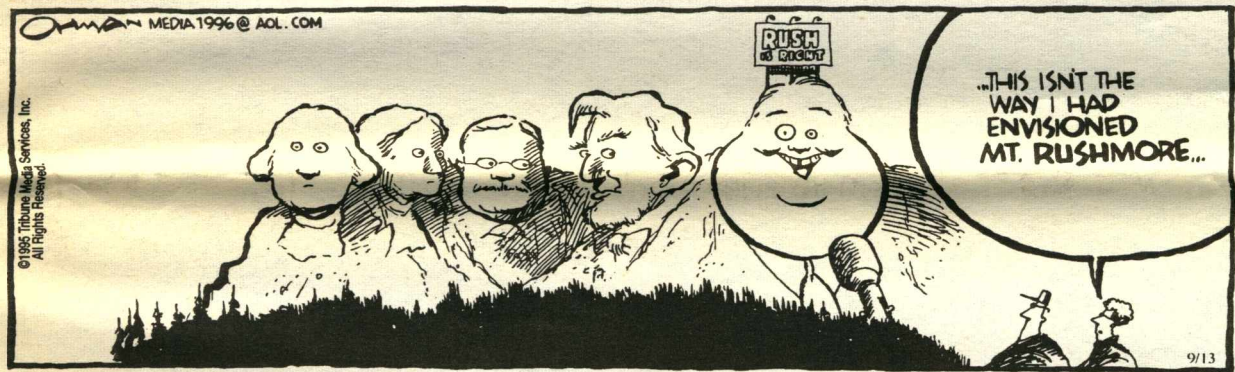
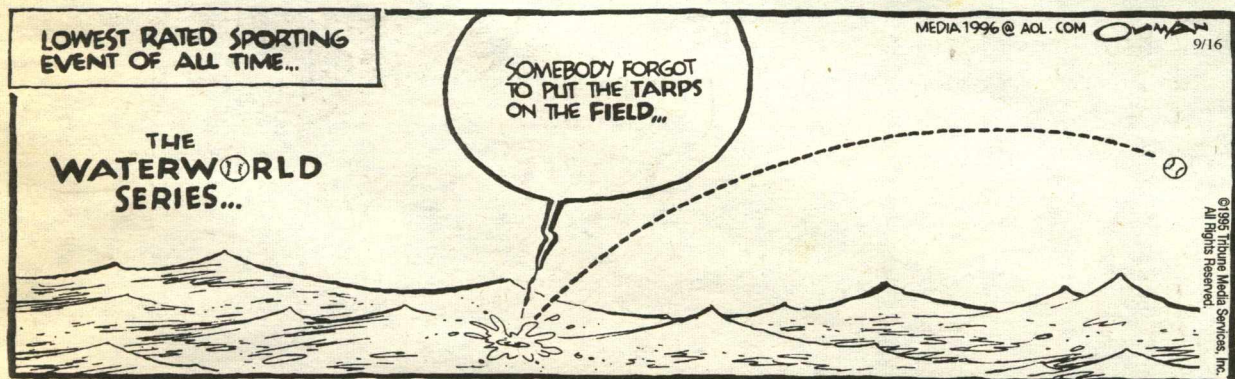
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