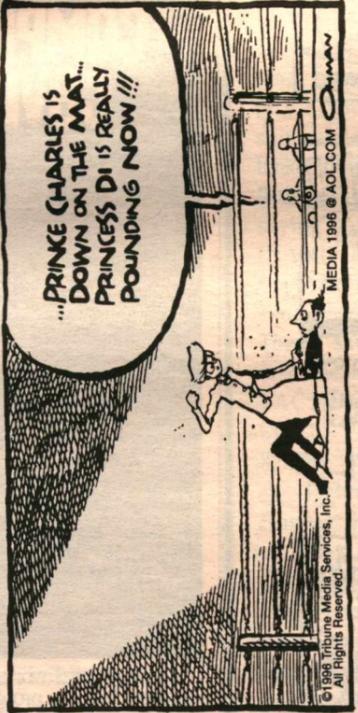




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You make the call

The long distance service provided by NNC may not be the cheapest, but it could be the smartest way to call.

With the installation of the new phone system this fall, students, at last, were promised the lowest prices available on long distance calls. No more collect calls. No more pesky surcharges. No more large bills. However, the NNC long distance plan may not be all that it seems.

After some number crunching we found that NNC is not necessarily the cheapest way to call. In fact, for calls made at night, NNC long distance can be almost twice as expensive as other plans. Sprint, for instance, offers a free collegiate calling card which boasts a nine-cent-per-minute charge from 9 pm to 9 am. During that same time period the NNC long distance will cost you nearly 15-cents per minute -- even with that special 10% student discount. But wait, you say, doesn't Sprint have an 80 cent surcharge per call? Indeed it does, but for calls of 14 minutes or longer (placed at night) Sprint becomes cheaper even when you add that charge in.

In addition to all this, while students are offered only a 10% discount off of the AT&T basic rate, administrative offices on campus are afforded greater savings by receiving a 20% discount.

So we went to talk to Dr. Paul Miller who heads up the phone project here at NNC. When we pointed out the difference between the administration discount and the student discount Miller responded that since the administrative budgets are already set for this year it would be unfair to ask them to pay more. In fact, last term the administration only received a 15% discount, but this was found to cost the administration more than they had budgeted.

We also talked to Miller about student phone charges and the purpose behind the new system. "The purpose of the phone system is to provide a rate that is competitive and lower to NNC students," Miller said. We showed him a chart that outlined the differences between the NNC nightly rates as opposed to the Sprint rates. After some figuring Miller said that NNC "...could probably go as low as a 20% discount for the stu-



dent." Even at a 20% discount, however, Sprint becomes cheaper after 29 minutes.

Yet, before you throw your NNC PAC number to the dogs, we suggest another look. First, calls made during the day are much cheaper if you use the NNC plan. In fact, Sprint calls made during prime hours could be

Cost Comparison of long distance calls made between 9pm and 9am with Sprint Collegiate Card and NNC.

	Sprint	NNC
10 mins.	\$1.70	\$1.50
20 mins.	\$2.60	\$3.00
30 mins.	\$3.50	\$4.50
60 mins.	\$6.20	\$9.00

twice as expensive.

Further, Miller and College Billing Inc. President Donald Goodearl warn that the new phone system, which greatly improves phone services available to students, must be paid for one way or another. If enough students do not utilize the NNC PAC numbers to make long distance calls, then the school may be forced to add a monthly service fee to all students' bills to pay for the system. Currently, NNC is the only CBI school nationwide which does not charge a monthly service fee.

In effect, if students choose to use

Sprint or another company to make their long distance calls, they may be shooting themselves in the foot if the school consequently decides to add a monthly service charge for all students.

"It's a matter of the school making this system available with tremendous investment as opposed to Sprint coming in with no investment," Goodearl said. "For the sake of the students the school bit the bullet and put this system in."

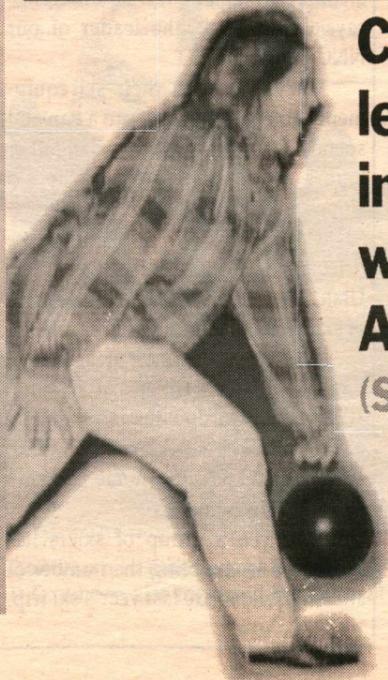
With an investment in the neighborhood of \$400,000, NNC has a lot to lose if the new system doesn't fly. Monthly costs to maintain the state-of-the-art digital circuits run around \$6000 alone, and currently NNC isn't even coming close to meeting that and other costs by means of long distance revenue. While most schools working with CBI have an 80% enrollment rate in the long distance plan, NNC is hovering at a dismal 25%.

Many students have complained about the confusing procedure to use the long distance service and many others are confused as to how the plan works at all. Miller says that much of this confusion is due to the fact that the system was installed so late into the school year.

While more economical long distance may be available from other service providers, at certain times, NNC has made an investment which Miller hopes NNC students will appreciate and reciprocate by using the NNC plan.

By SHANNON DONIVAN & D. ANDREW ZIRSCHKY

If students decide to use a long distance service other than that provided by NNC, the school may be forced to add a monthly fee to pay for the phone system.



Campus leaders roll into Term 2 with L.E.A.D. Again

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Tired of only hearing about snow? Then experience it --

our cover story will tell you where to find the best winter action.

(Story on Page 8)

On the Cover: NNC Student Andy Pence

Carol Anderson: the pain & healing of eating disorders

"God's unconditional love meant I was loved just as much when I had my head hanging over the toilet as I was when I was having a good day."

"I had grown up in a very Christian, very Baptist, wildly dysfunctional family." These are the words of actress and playwright Carol Anderson, a recovered anorexic/bulimic. As Wednesday's chapel speaker, she presented a message of hope and encouragement for people struggling with eating disorders and other "besetting sins."

Anderson performed "A Size Seven Forever," which she has presented at various places across the country since it first aired on PBS in 1992. In this one-woman show, she plays eight women who are struggling with eating disorders and recovery.

Anorexia nervosa and bulimia are two of the most common eating disorders. Those affected are excessively concerned about their weight and have distorted perceptions of their figures. This leads to unhealthy eating practices. Women are much more susceptible, but increasing numbers of men are developing eating disorders.

Eating disorders may result from a need for control in one's life. It is sometimes calming for a person to maintain a strict diet as evidence of control. However, it can quickly become an obsession as the individual becomes unable to eat normally.

Desire for love may also trigger this type of destructive behavior. A person experiencing this often hopes to

to hide their actions from friends and acquaintances. This can make it even more difficult to seek help. Denial is common, and even close friends may hesitate to confront a person if they suspect an eating disorder.

Anderson wrote, *A Size Seven Forever* from her own experiences to address these problems in current times. She intends to draw attention to the problem of eating disorders, to encourage those with problems to seek help, and to educate the public concerning how to help those who are struggling with these and other addictions.

Anderson's problem had roots in her family life. Both of her parents were raised in alcoholic families and did not know how to properly nurture their children. After her brother began taking drugs, she decided to become the perfect daughter, hoping to ease the pain caused by her brother's actions. Her struggle began in high school and became worse in college as she tried to earn her father's love.

"I figured, if I did even better than the rich kids, I would finally make him proud of me. I would get the response of love I hungered for," said Anderson. Yet earning many awards and graduating Summa cum Laude was not enough, and the struggle for perfection continued.

Finally, at the age of 29, Anderson attended a meeting of Overeaters Anonymous for people recovering from anorexia nervosa and bulimia. There, she found professionally successful women who were overcoming their eating disorders, and was encouraged to begin a twelve-step program to conquer her own.

Recovery was a long process after ten years as a bulimic. It was only when she understood God's unconditional love that she was able to accept and forgive herself. According to Anderson, "God's unconditional love meant I was loved just as much when I had my head hanging over the toilet as I was when I was having a good day."

Anderson offered encouragement not only for those suffering from eating disorders, but also from other addictions and compulsive sins. She asserted that people fail repeatedly despite their best intentions and hard work, but that God loves unconditionally and will forgive.

"Healing can happen and it is the combination of our making choices and God's power working within those choices," declared Anderson. She encourages students who need help to get counseling, and to reach out to others since accountability is often an important part of recovery.

Counseling and support groups are often quite effective in dealing with eating disorders. Carol Anderson is an example of the difference they can make. [She says,] "As one who has walked through the pain, I reach out to those who are still in the midst of it to say, 'Yes, you can get well and it's so good out here on the other side.'"

By DEBI CARTER
Staff Writer

Eating disorders are not uncommon on the NNC campus. The student development office is trying to meet the needs of students with these and other struggles through individual counseling services and support groups. All services are confidential. Interested students are encouraged to contact Joanne Rittmueller at 467-8674.

gain love and approval by attaining societal standards of perfection, including thinness.

A person with anorexia nervosa does not eat adequate amounts of food to sustain life. The body then consumes fat, muscle, and even the brain for energy. It can be life threatening.

Bulimic individuals often diet constantly, then binge, often consuming thousands of calories at a single setting. They then force themselves to vomit before much of the food can be digested to avoid gaining weight.

Despite this extreme behavior, people with eating disorders are often able

NNC Note-pad...

The Note-pad is an attempt to keep you the student informed about current rumblings in student government and up to date administration activities. The following is a brief synopsis of the week's happenings.

✓ **NNC President Richard Hagood** has been appointed to the NAIA Council of Presidents for the next three years. Dr. Eric Forseth continues to serve on the NAIA Athletic Director Council. Hagood and Forseth will represent the Northwest.

As the March session for the Board of Regents approaches, President Hagood continues to accept feedback on the three-year plan presented in the November session. On the March agenda, the Regents will take a final vote on next year's budget and on the mission statement of NNC.

✓ **In ASNNC news**, the position of Chief Justice has been officially reinstated. The Position was filled by Jason Sandidge. Sandidge held the position last year and would have continued except that previously Senate abolished the position.

✓ **Senate** was updated on the progress of the NNC Radio program by gallery speaker Timothy Whetstone. Whetstone explained that the Radio program had a successful first term and that plans for a survey will be conducted to get some feedback. Radio station KBXL has proposed that the



President Hagood appointed to the NAIA Council of Presidents. (File photo)

program move to an hour time slot. More money would be needed to continue. The radio does have a name thanks to the creativity of the Brick House girls. The name of the program, "Good Night, NNC."

✓ **Campus Ministries Coordinator**, Carey Hill announced, that about 400 *Collegians* will be mailed out this week. Time-Out will return to the Ad. Building Auditorium this week. Student Steve Watkins will be sharing.

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NNC ski bums will hit the slopes in Utah

Ski enthusiasts will get a chance to experience some new snow!

This Friday, a group of NNC students will make their way to Utah for a fun-filled weekend of snow skiing. "We have fifteen so far, but if we lose a couple at the last minute or pick up a couple stragglers, it'll be different," says Carey Cook, the leader of our NNC "Ski Bums."

They will cram their ski equipment and extra luggage into a van and spend a little time on the road together before actually arriving at the ski slopes.

Carey Cook will be taking these fifteen people down to Salt Lake City, Utah, where they will have their choice of skiing at Bryton, Snow Bird, or Alta.

The van will pull out around 5 p.m. on Friday afternoon. After skiing all day on Saturday and all morning on Sunday, the skiers will get their stuff packed and come home, arriving late on Sunday night.

This year's group of skiers has succeeded in doubling the number of students who made last year's ski trip.

Last year, seven people took the trip down, also spending an entire weekend on the slopes near Salt Lake City.

With such a great increase over last year, perhaps the years to come will involve many more people wanting to take a weekend off to relax and spend some fun time with their fellow students on the slopes.

For those who are going, the cost is \$125.00. If they presented a Student Activity Card, then they received a \$20.00 discount, allowing them to enjoy an entire weekend of skiing for only \$105.00.

Hopefully Utah will have much more snow than Nampa has been getting so that the skiers can truly enjoy their weekend.

If you think you may want to attend the all-school ski trips in the future, keep it in mind for next year and join Carey Cook when he takes another group off to the ski slopes.

By DEBRA DECLOSS
STAFF WRITER

NNC exchange students return

Hruza, Donovan, and Miller learn valuable lessons.

From a leadership conference and researching a technical paper for the UN in our nation's capitol to teaching English in the mountains of Central America, Jolene Hruza, Shannon Donovan and Ian Miller have returned to Nampa with memories of life-changing experiences.

Jolene Hruza

Jolene Hruza, a junior business major, recently attended the ten-day *Women As Leaders* Academic Seminar in Washington, D.C. Hruza was one of 75 students from around the nation to attend.

The seminar conducted workshops, seminars and small-group discussions about the role of women in the realms of science, business, communications and government relations.

"There was a lot about the glass



Donovan poses with roommates outside the FBI Building in D.C. (Donovan)

Donovan said. "I've made contacts in the realm of relief and development.

I've studied with the leaders of tomorrow. It's broadened my horizons on how I approach things."

Living in the capitol helped Donovan realize the dual nature of American society.

"You could go up to our roof, and look across and see the capitol building, Congress, Union Station...it was amazing," said Donovan. Then you look down and see the people sleeping in the alley and go outside and people would hit you up for money. In the eight-block radius between work and where I lived, there are two different worlds."

Ian Miller

Ian Miller, a senior biology and Spanish education major has spent the last four months in Costa Rica, Central America. He was involved in the Latin American Studies Program, also with the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities. In addition to taking classes.

Miller and his group traveled throughout Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Honduras.

"Teaching really helped me build confidence...We walked in and a teacher tells us that several teachers were gone," said Miller.

"She says 'Here's your schedule--we don't have any materials, but--just go teach them English.' [I learned that] high schoolers aren't that scary."

Miller said his experiences in a third-world country helped him put things in perspective.

"It made me think about my role as a Christian in this world...What I am supposed to do in daily life," Miller said.

"I was really exposed to poverty...It's mentioned in the Bible so much, but how much do our churches in the US. Talk about it? At least two-thirds of the world lives below the poverty line. Are we missing the point?"

ly, a lot more objectively," Hruza said. "[It's important] not to just write some one off because they're different."

Shannon Donovan

Shannon Donovan, a senior political science major, spent all of first term in an internship at World Vision in Washington, D.C.

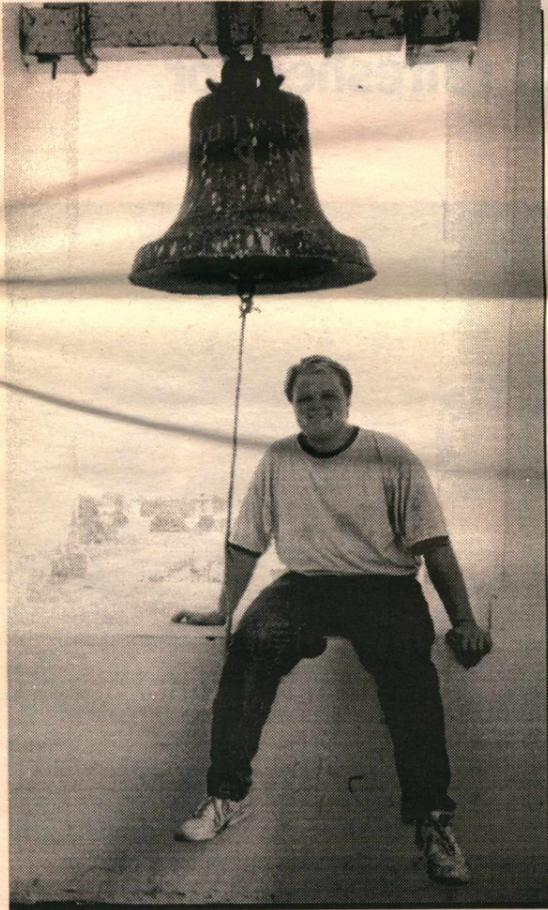
Her duties included doing research on a technical paper for the United Nations. It concerned the effects of armed conflict on female children.

In addition, she helped proof a Child Survival proposal for US AID. "But I also did photocopying and typical office stuff."

Donovan attended classes in the American Studies Program through the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities.

"The classes really taught us to think on a higher level...[I've learned that] it's not always book knowledge, but following your heart and gut instinct that get you somewhere,"

By HEATHER SLATER
COPY EDITOR



Ian Miller's third world experiences put things into perspective. (Miller)

ceiling," Hruza said, "how women are having a hard time getting into leadership positions and how through education [women can more easily get involved]."

Hruza commented that recent developments in the weather caused serious problems for many involved in the conference. "We were all there during 'the Blizzard of '96'...A lot of the speakers couldn't get into town...Even people coming from Virginia and Maryland were snowed in."

To fill in the gaps left by unexpected schedule changes, participants who were able to attend on those days were involved in small-group discussions. "I learned a lot about myself and my own personal goals," Hruza said. "Coming from a pretty conservative place like Idaho...it was interesting to hear different views."

"[Since attending this seminar] I think I will approach things different-



Donovan and classmates spend a day taking in the sites of Washington D.C. where she interned for several months last Fall.

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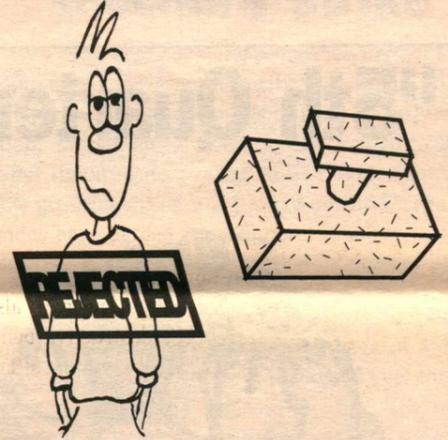
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Micron donates computers to NNC classrooms

"We are beginning a partnership between industry and academics" ~ Ron Galloway

Fifty new Micron computers will facilitate the process for providing educational services.

It's the beginning of a beautiful friendship: Micron and NNC have established a partnership which will furnish NNC with new classroom resources and Micron with educational services for its employees.

"We'll be teaching courses for Micron," said Ron Galloway, head of NNC's Business Department. "[We are] beginning a partnership between industry and academics." This may possibly include internships at Micron for NNC students in the future.

Micron has furnished NNC with fifty new computers, which, according to Galloway, will "facilitate the process for providing educational services" to Micron. Micron hopes that the new resources will better enable NNC staff to educate Micron's employees.

But students will benefit from the partnership too. The Business Department expects to place forty-two of the computers in two new labs situated in

the new business building, and eight for support in other areas, such as the library. They will be fully networked into the existing campus network. Students will have access to them between classes and in the evenings when adequate security is established.

The new computers are built by Micron and are 486's. They have 8 megs of ram, and 14 inch color monitors. On the open market they are worth \$2300 each.

There will be costs for NNC in the future, to make full use of the new resources. NNC must pick up the tab for a new server, which is required to fully network the new computers. The department must also purchase licenses for the new software, and must rewire the entire building.

In addition, the Business Department hopes to purchase new desks



which will contain the computers below the surface, the monitors can be viewed through a glass window on the desktop. It will be "pretty expensive when we get it all finished," said Galloway.

Plans don't stop there. According to Galloway, his department's long-term goal is to outfit every business classroom with computers. In addition, the goal for a new multimedia room is becoming reality. It will be complete with big screen monitors on the walls for video presentations.

"It sounds like it's going to cost us a little money to do it," said Ray Gibler,

accounting major. "Every time you upgrade, you have expense." But Gibler is excited anyway. "It's exciting to see the growth and vision of the future that we have. It's a positive move."

"It's a really exciting thing for the school to have that partnership with Micron. Everything's looking better," said Tara Baar, business T.A.

Micron is an electronic firm in Nampa, which is a division of Micron in Boise. Micron researches software and manufactures computers.

By GINA GRATE
STAFF WRITER

"5th Quarter Split"



Banana splits were the order of the evening at the 5th Quarter party after the basketball game this past Saturday. Sponsored by the ASNNC Social Board, the party attracted almost two hundred hungry students and a few alumni to the north dining room of Marriott. Stu-

dents were regaled with a table full of baskets of bananas and strawberry, vanilla, and chocolate ice cream, to build a traditional banana split or create a new ice cream wonder. According to sophomore Elise Pond, even the utensils were great.

"The spoons were good and sturdy, not the breakable kind, for your dining enjoyment." Toppings for the splits included nuts, whipped cream, cherries, pineapple, butterscotch, and caramel. Those last two toppings brought up an age-old question.

"Why can't they label the butterscotch and the caramel?" wondered sophomore Zamora Wilson. She also was wanting to know "if they (the servers) washed their hands before touching my banana?"

Speaking of bananas, the opinions were divided as to whether they were too ripe or not ripe enough.

"Good ripe bananas, and lots of toppings," said Junior Melissa Ruppert. But Freshman Missy Rasmussen had a different view.

"The ice cream was awesome, but no bananas for me, because the inside revealed, ooohh, the dark side. It was a nice change of pace—just relaxing over a nice cup of water without ice."

"Missy's quote pretty much sums it up," said Freshman Norma Thompson, "except I got a good banana."

The party was a great opportunity for students to get together to talk about the game, or just socialize. However, the banana splits led the way to some exciting self-discoveries.

"I can tie my cherry stem in a knot with my tongue," said Missy. "Norma can too, in ten minutes!"

ASNNC social board members apparently were expecting the large amount of people that did show up.

"We sent about two hundred fliers, so we were expecting this many. We plan to do more 5th Quarters in the future," said Chandra Logan, board member.

The idea of more 5th Quarters seems to be popular among the students at the party. Several people were overheard saying that the Social Board is much more visible when they do things like this.

"Keep it going and make it a tradition," said Melissa Holmquist. "It was a great party after an exciting game."

By HELEN WARRINER
STAFF WRITER

Servant leadership refreshed for new term

L.E.A.D. Again, not Leaders Eat At Denny's Again, but the midwinter retreat for those involved with NNC's student leadership met this past Saturday from 12:00 to 3:00p.m. They enjoyed a time of fellowship led by Dr. Karl Martin.

Karen Pearson, Director of Residential Life, attended the event. "It's fun to remind us who each other is. [It is a] time to get inspired for the dreary winter term."

After their luncheon, the 80 or so attendants, headed to Nampa Bowl. Carey Cook enjoyed the time given so NNC student leaders "can get together and rejuvenate." Which, according to Cook, also employed time for cutting up with friends.

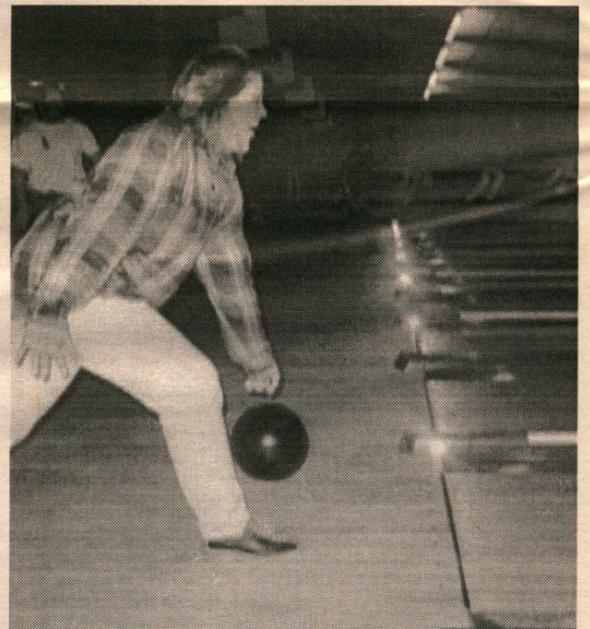
Bowling teams were purposefully mixed to give the opportunity to meet new people, or get to know others better. It also was important for balancing the good bowlers with the bowling impaired.

Stacie Messick noticed that L.E.A.D. Again offers a time to meet new leaders, people that she didn't know were involved, and a chance to have fun away from other obligations.

Ten percent of the student body is involved with some form of Student Leadership. Different "task forces" involved range from Campus Security and the Brick House Directors to ASNNC.

During their lunch, Martin shared stories with the student leaders, drawing on his past experiences as a four-year student leader, attending Point Loma. He encouraged students to remember how much of an impact they can have on campus as servant leaders.

Martin further commented on the importance of leaders being servants. These students who participated are highly respected, not because of how mighty they are in the student body government system, but because of the kind of person they are and the Christ-like examples they give.



Morrison's RD, Lisa Litsey, shows her bowling technique during L.E.A.D. Again. (Lindley)

L.E.A.D. Again is a "booster" retreat that has been taking place for the past four years. The activities at the retreat vary each year from a more seminar-related time to a chance for food and fun. This is the last L.E.A.D. related retreat until next fall.

L.E.A.D. has been going on for the past seven years. It was an idea developed by Kurt Finkbeiner. The program was carried out by Dr. Ken Hills when he came to NNC from Point Loma. Dr. Hills has continued to be the visionary behind the program of high quality leadership.

The leaders at our school are not always given the thanks that they deserve. Often working, not in the spotlight but on the sidelines, they give of themselves to us on a regular basis. L.E.A.D. Again offers us a chance, as a student body, to remember these people in prayer and to thank them for what they're doing for us.

By SHANNON ADAMA
STAFF WRITER

Ten percent of the student body is involved with some form of student leadership.

The week in review: Plane crash in Zaire, teachers strike in Ecuador . . .

Hundreds die in plane crash

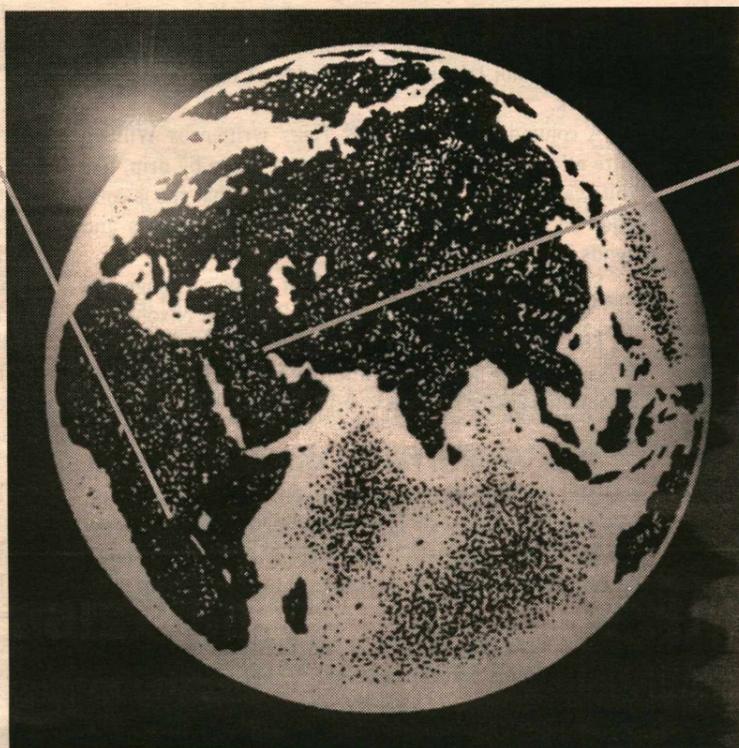
Kinsasha, Zaire - An overloaded African cargo plane slammed down into a crowded marketplace and plowed over people and cars, leaving more than 200 people dead. The dead filled the city's four main hospital morgues to the point of overflowing.

No official casualty count has been released, but the largest state-run hospital in Kinshasa, Mama Yemo, had to turn away victims for lack of equipment and medical supplies.

The government released a statement saying that the pilot and the two crew members all survived the crash.

The plane had just taken off from the Ndolo airport in Kinshasa when it suddenly plummeted to the ground. The Minister of Transportation, Bernardin Munguldeaka, told Radio Zaire that the plane was a An-32 twin-turboprop that is designed for payloads of about 10,000 pounds. He also added that the plane was nearly 600 pounds overweight.

(By Ryan Stutzman)



Bomb threat postpones exam

Kuwait - A student in a Kuwait university was desperate when he realized that he hadn't studied for one of his exams. Some students would have simply taken the test and flunked, but this student, who has not been identified, had other plans. Minutes before the exam was to take place, he called in a bomb threat and got caught. He is now being prosecuted for disturbing the authorities, which could result in a five year prison sentence.

(By Luke Heath)

Ecuador school teachers strike

Quito, Ecuador - The school teachers of Ecuador started an indefinite strike forcing most of the country's 2.1 million pupils to have an early vacation. More than 120,000 teachers decided to strike after union leaders failed to win agreement from the government on a key wage demand. The two sides have agreed on a 25 percent salary increase starting this month and another 30 percent beginning in July. They have also reached agreement on an across the board bonus representing 28 percent of Ecuador's minimum monthly wage of 453,750 sucres (\$154.70). The two sides haven't yet come to an agreement on a teachers' bonus. The union wants it to be increased to 132,000 sucres (\$46.86) from the current 2,500 sucres (\$.89). The education ministry has only offered 15,000 sucres (\$.53).

(By Lee Taylor)

Three killed in hotel fire

Louisville, Ky. - Flames engulfed a Howard Johnson motel on Saturday, January 6th. Guests frantically dialed 911 from their rooms and ducked for cover in their bathtubs as flames crawled through out the building. "It was the warmest bath I've ever had," said one guest. Fifty to seventy-five guests were trapped by the heat and smoke. The fire was first reported at 1:17 a.m. in the two-story motel, officials said. Firefighters raced from room to room, carrying guests out on their shoulders and going back for more. "It could have been worse if it hadn't been for the men going in the rooms and bringing people out," Fire Captain Walter Jordan said. "It saved many lives because of their efforts." Nevertheless, one man, a woman, and an unidentified person were killed in the fiery inferno. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

(By Lee Taylor)



Compuserve axes pornography

Washington, D.C. - Users whined when CompuServe Inc. blocked user access to over 200 sexually explicit hat groups and picture data bases available on the Internet. The censorship row began when a German judge deemed the pictures pornographic. Because pornography is illegal in Germany, the on-line computer service said it would temporarily ban its users from accessing the explicit material. In a field that has a reputation for total freedom of expression, the effective ban on services is a little unprecedented.

The ban, implemented on December 22, has caused quite a ruckus among the more self-righteous subscribers to CompuServe.

Another angrily commented, "Today it may be sex, whatever, tomorrow it could be a political or cultural idea that some corporate hack does not approve."

The quote of the day came from a student going to a small, Christian liberal arts school somewhere in the West: "Oh, well. I will just go back to looking at farm equipment. You can't replace a shiny red combine with any three nudy pictures."

CompuServe company stated that "laws in different countries are often in conflict, and this creates new challenges unique to the emerging on-line industry." The debate over the questionable material brings up many questions. Is it possible to control the almost limitless amount of information that is on the Internet? Only time will answer this and other questions.

(By Lee Taylor)

Russian visits South Pole alone

South Pole, Antarctica - After two months and 833 miles of solo trekking, Russian explorer Fyodor Konyukhov reached the South Pole on skis on Jan. 7 - Russia's Christmas and the 175th anniversary of the continents discovery. He immediately pitched a white, blue, and red Russian flag to mark his achievement.

Konyukhov, who is from the Russian Far East, started his trek on Nov. 7 at the edge of the Antarctic continent. On his skis, he dragged a sled that was loaded with 297 pounds of clothing and gear.

This was not the first challenge for the Russian explorer. Previously, he had already reached the North Pole, climbed Mount Everest, and circled the earth in a yacht.

Konyukhov was then named one of the top ten sportsmen of the year by the Russian Sports Committee, and President Boris Yeltsin sent his congratulations.

(By Ryan Stutzman)

Quotes of the Week

"Why doesn't his plane crash? That would be the happiest day of my life."

-- Zoran Dakik, a Bosnian Serb, when asked about Clinton's visit to Bosnia.

"The number-one word that people are searching for on the Net is sex. That's an Internet fact of life."

-- David Hayden, president of the McKinley Group, which is reviewing Web sites for content deemed not suitable for children.

Clintons having lousy month; Whitewater a factor

Whitewater also contributes to Hillary Clinton's "character assassination"

Things haven't been going well for the Clintons lately. With Bill caught up in sexual harassment charges and Hillary being shot down by what Al Gore calls "character assassination," the White House has been confirmed as not being on the sunny side of the street.

The decision of a federal court said that the President must answer to sexual harassment charges, and is not granted Presidential Immunity.

"A sitting president is not immune from civil suits for his unofficial acts," the court ruled on the 9th of January in a 2 to 1 vote. The ruling came 13 months after the matter was ruled by a U.S. District Court.

Paula Corbin Jones filed this lawsuit in 1994 demanding \$700,000 in damages for defamation after Clinton denied the harassment charges. In 1991, Jones claimed to have been crudely propositioned by then-Governor Clinton in a Little Rock hotel room.

Even though the court ruled that the President would have to answer in court, he might not have to answer until after the 1996 election. This is dependent on his lawyers ability to take the case to the Supreme Court.

Robert Bennet, Clinton's attorney, commented on the ruling by saying, "obviously we're a little disappointed, but there was a very strong dissenting opinion ...which we

believe the Supreme Court will follow, assuming it takes the case."

Whether or not he will have to answer until after the '96 election did not take priority over Mrs. Clinton's troubles this week.

A column in the *New York Times* written by William Safire attacked Mrs. Clinton by saying, "Drip by drip, like Whitewater torture, the case is being made that she is compelled to mislead, and to ensnare her subordinates and friends in a web of deceit."

Safire, who also called the First Lady a "congenital liar," was a speech writer for former President Nixon.

Mrs. Clinton, in an interview with National Public Radio, said that she had been an attorney for the House Judiciary Committee in the 70's that voted to impeach then-President Nixon.

"Safire worked for President Nixon. The best I can tell, he is still working for President Nixon," Mrs. Clinton said. However, she said to the Los Angeles newspaper, "I cannot take Mr. Safire seriously." President Clinton's reaction to the column were, to say the least, different from the First Lady's.

"The President, if he were not President should have delivered a more forceful response to that on the bridge of Mr. Safire's nose," says Mike McCurry, Clinton's Press Secretary.

Mrs. Clinton said that her husband's reaction was "pretty funny." However, the reason the column appeared was much more serious.

The column was written after the White House said that they just last week, found records detailing Mrs. Clinton's work as a partner in the Rose Law Firm. The 115 pages of notes showed that Mrs. Clinton had billed Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, the failed Little Rock, thrift that is at the center for the Whitewater probes, for 60 hours of legal work over a 15-month period.

Federal prosecutors are currently investigating whether Castle Grande (the Arkansas real-estate transaction which led to the collapse of the of the thrift) was part of a conspiracy to defraud Madi-

son.

Just doing legal work on the deal, however, doesn't implicate her in the alleged conspiracy.

"If a lawyer like Hillary Clinton, or anyone else, does work for a client that is corrupt, but the work itself is innocent, has that lawyer done anything wrong? The answer is quite clearly no," said Steve Gillers, an ethics professor at New York University law school.

Gillers adds that while "merely working for a bank that may be in violation of bank regulations isn't something a lawyer has to be ashamed of, doing so while knowing about the violation is problematic, especially if your work is advancing their ability to violate the rules."

The records are said to have been taken during the 1992 presidential campaign, from the Rose Law Firm, during her partner's effort to answer reporters' questions about the First Lady's work.

Taking the billing records from a law firm in itself is not illegal. "If we're talking about a permanent removal or a definite removal, it is unheard of..." said Gillers.

The question now is whether or not Hillary will testify in the congressional investigatory committees. President Clinton said that the White House will decide within a few days whether or not the First Lady will. The president went on to say that Mrs. Clinton will do "whatever is necessary" to clear up any questions about her role in the Whitewater affair and the travel office purge.

Evidence implicating the First Lady and her associates of playing a major role in the firing of seven travel-office personnel soon after President Clinton took office. White House staff has said that Hillary hadn't been directly tied to the decision to fire the employees.

However, a memo by then-Chief of White House management and administration, David Watkins, made public last week that he fired the employees at the First Lady's insistence.

If, when administration officials confessed to their inept handling of the travel office, Mrs. Clinton and the White House had owned up to her part in it, it would have more than likely blown over by now.

This is due to the fact that no accusations were made of any criminal wrongdoing by the president's senior staff in regards to this issue.

All in all, it has been a rough time for the Clintons. Own might wonder how all this bad publicity will effect the November election

By RACHEL ROEMHILDT
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Bill and Hillary almost broke

What do O.J. Simpson and Bill Clinton have in common? The answer, if you haven't already guessed, has to do with lawyers. According to *Money Magazine*, the combined legal bills for Whitewater and the Paula Jones sexual harassment case topped two million dollars last year. As a result, our president is nearly bankrupt.

The Clintons have started a legal defense fund to help defray the costs, but he cannot accept contributions of over 1,000 dollars. So far, \$865,871 has been collected, but that isn't enough.

According to the funds director, Michael Cardozoare, the main problem "is that we are considered agents of an elected official and so cannot solicit money. No direct mail. No fund raisers. No Barbra Streisand concerts."

Indeed he will. Once Clinton leaves office, a Barbra Streisand fund-raiser could become a reality. Also, he'll probably get several million dollars for his memoirs, as well as about \$100,000 each for lecture appearances.

Also, the Independent Counsel Act could reimburse Bill Clinton's legal fees. If Clinton is declared innocent, taxpayers could end up paying every \$400 an hour defense lawyer Clinton hires.

By DAVID STILLMAN
GLOBAL EDITOR

Airline prices drop in fare war

\$60 can get you to Seattle or Portland, round trip

Assume that your car (if you have one) will use \$25.00 of gas traveling home (or wherever you are going) for spring break. Assume that it will use this much returning. Finally, assume that you will have some wear on your car and some lunch: \$10.00 more. The choice is clear--don't drive, fly.

Airfares are at a drastic low for reserved tickets. Seattle can be reached for about \$60.00 round trip. Portland is in the same price range. That is cheaper than driving, faster too.

"It changes every day," said Caroline Glass, an NNC student who works at Uniglobe Travel in Nampa.

Prices are quite volatile and can't be quoted off the top of one's head. This is also because most fare rates change according to customer needs, Glass also said.

For instance, if you are wanting to

fly from Boise to Portland on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or a Saturday, the price will be lower than on a Friday or Sunday. This is because more people fly on Friday and Sunday than any other days of the week.

Glass says that the best time to arrange plane tickets is as soon as you think you might need them. This way the travel agent can keep an eye out for tickets meeting your needs of time, day, location and price. The earlier you buy tickets, the cheaper they will be.

Another caveat is that to qualify for the lowest rate, the customer must not only leave Boise on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday, but they must also schedule their return flight on one of those days. They must stay at their destination for at least a set number of days.

If your plans don't qualify for the

lowest rate, don't despair: you can still get low rates, they just won't be the lowest.

One of the reasons for this price slash is that when one airline cuts its prices in one market, the other competing carriers must follow suit or lose most of their business.

Also, due to some government discounts, many airlines are able to correspondingly discount their prices, increasing the quantity of tickets demanded.

"Watch the newspaper for news about airfare wars; when you see some, call a travel agent," Glass said. The most important thing is to make sure you reserve tickets plenty in advance.

By JAMES FINKBEINER
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Plane crashes in Idaho

Idaho's southern mountains claimed eight lives in a tragic plane crash near Malad City yesterday. No survivors were found. The plane, which was flying from Salt Lake City to Pocatello, was headed for a sales meeting of Wire Coca-Cola USA, a Salt Lake City company which owns several bottling franchises in the western United States.

The company's Chief Executive Officer, Craig Taylor, and Chief Financial Officer, Brad Moore, were aboard the plane, as was Gary Barber, the marketing vice president, and Merlin Mikkelson, a marketing analyst. The other four passengers on the plane have not been identified.

Air traffic controllers said that the plane seemed fine until the pilot declared an emergency on Monday morning. Before he could explain the problem, radar lost contact with the Mitsubishi 2B plane, which subsequently plummeted into a canyon ten miles northwest of Malad City, Idaho. Other pilots reported seeing fires on the ground shortly after the crash.

The cause of the crash is unknown, but the relatively calm weather was probably not the culprit. The crash will be investigated by the National Transportation Safety Board

By DAVID STILLMAN
OFF CAMPUS EDITOR

NATO attempts to keep peace

Racial tensions still a problem for peacekeepers

In the last three weeks, a soldier who touched a live electrical line at a train stop in Hungary has been the most seriously injured American soldier thus far in the peacekeeping mission, though several soldiers have been wounded by mines. Fortunately, there have been no actual deaths. However, NATO's luck is expected to change.

Bosnia will be split into two pieces in March. Half of it will be ruled by the Croats and Muslims, and the other half will go to the Bosnian Serbs. Both parts will, in turn, be ruled by a single Bosnian government which will control foreign policy and trade, among other things. The Dayton treaty has guaranteed that Bosnian Serbs will be safe in Croatian territory, and vice versa, but most Bosnians are skeptical.

When interviewed by the *Boston Globe*, a Serb civilian policeman named Mile said that he did not trust the Muslim government to keep its promises once the NATO forces leave next year. "I'm afraid of an Islamic state," said another Serb named Marica. "We'd be robbed, there'd be no work. We wouldn't have schools, jobs."

"Only while the Serb army is here will we stay here," he said. "After that, we'll go to some ruined house where there's nothing. We don't know where we're going."

Many Croats feel the same way about living in Serb territory, and are also leaving. Some Croats in central Bosnia even torched their villages when they left. The Serbs living in Sarajevo threatened to burn their houses if NATO did not delay the hand over of the Serb districts to the Croats and Muslims.

Other signs of a fragile peace are rampant in Bos-

nia. Tensions are still high, and there have been sporadic incidents of violence. An attack on a tram in Sarajevo killed one and injured 19. The incident, combined with the shooting of two Muslim policemen in Mostar, is "a clear indication that the parties continue to lack full control over armed elements," said Mark Rayner, NATO spokesman. He said that the killings were a serious impediment to the peace process, but it "will not affect the implementation of the military aspects of the peace process".

He also said that "the parties have stated their clear commitment at all levels to stop this sort of thing, and to abide by the terms of the peace agreement." This, at least, appears to be true. Under government pressure, the Serbs who threatened to burn their homes backed down, and will



now move out peacefully. The Croats and Muslims have pledged to keep things under control in Mostar.

Such attacks still raise a serious question. When NATO pulls out next year, what will keep Bosnia from being plunged back into tribal warfare? One solution, perhaps the only solution, is to reduce the Bosnian Serbs military edge over the Muslim\Croat Federation. In the words of Delaware Senator Joseph Biden, "We will not be able to leave unless the Bosnian government is armed and prepared to defend itself."

The Muslims and Croats need better training to become equal to the Serbs. The U.S. Army has promised not to take an active role in such training. Instead, according to *Time* magazine, the U.S. government may hire the Military Professional Resource Inc. This group specializes in military training, and may have been the guiding force behind the Croatian offensive that drove the Serbs out of the Krajina region last August.

Hiring MPRI could have several serious side effects. If the Bosnian Muslims and Croats get strong enough, they

could decide to attack the Serbs. The Serbs, on the other hand, could decide to attack the Croats first and eliminate the threat before it starts. Also, the Serbs could get upset with the Americans for bank-rolling Bosnian training. Some of this is happening already. "We don't hate the Americans: on the contrary!" Said Srdjan Dundalo, a Bosnian Serb "So why are they so strongly against us and so keen on helping our enemies?" Clinton's weekend visit to Bosnia is

only making things worse. "If only I could see him and ask him why he hates us so much," Dundalo asked. Another Serb was less diplomatic. "Why doesn't his plane crash?" Zoran Dakic lamented. "That would be the happiest day of my life" This sentiment is not universal in Bosnia, though. Matt Gephard, an American Lieutenant, thought that the Serbs were accepting the American presence just fine. "Serbs here behave very friendly; some want to learn English."

Basically, foreign policy in Bosnia is a nightmare. Anything the U.S. does could restart the war, but if nothing is done, war is almost a certainty.

By DAVID STILLMAN
OFF-CAMPUS EDITOR

ACLU sues over Commandments

Roy Moore, of Etowah County, Alabama is being sued. What did he do? Did he accidentally amputate the leg of a patient with the chicken pox? Did he run over someone's dog with his semi? Did he post the Ten Commandments in his courtroom?

Moore is a Circuit Court Judge, and has a plaque of the Ten Commandments hanging on the wall above his right shoulder. To make things worse, he also brings local pastors into court to pray before jury organizing sessions. Jurors are given the opportunity to leave the room if they object to the prayer.

This, says ACLU attorney Joel Sogol, is a no no. "You ought not be subpoenaed to a location to be prayed over" said Sogol in an interview with the Los Angeles Times. "You can be directed, if you don't want to do this, to get your butt up and get out of the courtroom. . . People shouldn't have to put up with

that in this country."

Moore disagrees. "It is time we in America wake up and realize what's happening and take a stand," he said. "I firmly believe if we don't take a stand, it won't be long until the church and the people of God will be persecuted."

The ACLU filed suit against Moore in March to end the prayers and to banish the Ten Commandments from his courtroom. Two federal judges have heard the case thus far. The first judge declared that the plaintiffs in the case had not suffered from Moore's actions, but the case was remanded to a higher court by the second judge to hear the case.

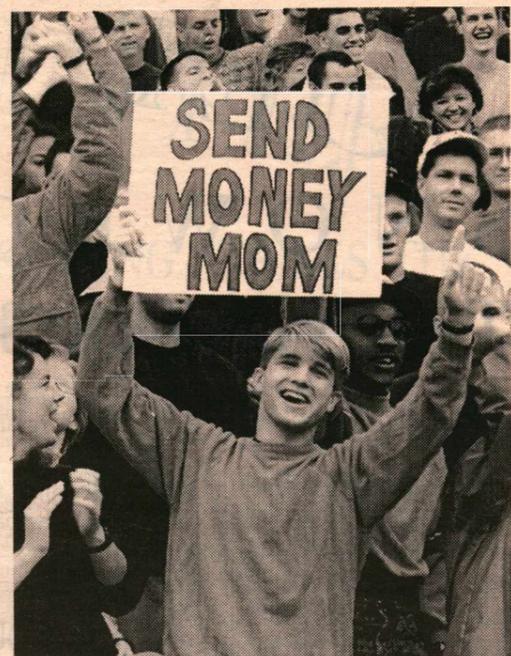
The case will now be heard by the United States Circuit Court sometime in the near future. If the Circuit Court can't decide what to do, the case could go clear to the Supreme Court.

In the meantime, things started

heating up when Moore countersued the ACLU, saying that the group infringed on the rights guaranteed him by the First Amendment. Alabama Governor Fob James has also entered the fray. He said that Moore's experience in Vietnam made him well qualified to know the price of preserving freedom; James pledged \$85 an hour from the state treasury to aid in Moore's defense. Moore decided to stop accepting the aid in December, but by then he had received around \$40,000 from the state.

The governor's help didn't stop there. He also pledged to send the National Guard to guard the courthouse should the federal courts decide that the Ten Commandments plaque needs to be removed.

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GET OUT OF NAMPA, SNOWBOARDING: THE WINTER SPORT FOR ANYONE

Snowboarding is a great winter sport for anyone. It's a good way to get exercise and just get out of the dorm and out of Nampa.

Virtually anyone--male or female--can enjoy snowboarding. Although learning isn't easy, some snowboarders say it's no harder than learning to ride a bike. "For a beginner, just have patience," junior Andy Pence, snowboarder sponsored by Haz-Mat, said. "Don't expect to be pro the first time, and expect that you'll fall a lot."

Snowboarders come from all walks of life, and they start snowboarding for varying reasons. For example, Andy started snowboarding because of the popularity it had among his fellow skaters, while junior Letitia Lagstrom started snowboarding because she got bored of skiing.

Learning is the same for nearly everyone. "It's really hard at first, but after awhile, after many falls, something just clicks and you realize you know how to do it," sophomore Amanda Johnson said. "I would say just stick with it; it's worth it."

As with any sport, it takes money to even try it out. However, it doesn't have to cost a lot of money to get started with snowboarding. NNC graduate Sherry Bothum said that by finding thrifty buys, her entire outfit only cost \$30, and she saved a lot of money by getting her board second-hand. Otherwise, pants can cost anywhere from \$50 to \$150, and a jacket can cost up to \$400. Snowboards run between \$300 and \$600. Board rental at Bogus Basin is \$22 for day-rental and \$18 for night-rental.

Snowboarding has gained a bad reputation, especially from skiers years ago who didn't want to share the mountain. The reputation of snowboarders has been associated with freaks with long or strangely-colored hair a shredder's head, tough-guy mentalities. But according to Amanda, skiers deserve just as bad a reputation as snowboarders. "I would say there are as many jerks in skiing as there are in snowboarding," Amanda said. "I've skied a lot and I've snowboarded a lot, and one group isn't any worse than the other."

If a snowboarder isn't looking for rivalry with skiers, he or she most likely won't find it. There are snowboarders who respect skiing as a sport of equal value. "I'm not really into pushing people into snowboarding because for a long time my friends were into converting skiers into snowboarders, but you can have fun doing either," Andy said. "I like riding with skiers. There's no rivalry for me against skiers at all."

Even though snowboarding isn't all attitude to every snowboarder, some say attitude does play a part somewhere. "What makes snowboarding different from other

winter sports is attitude," Andy said. "As a snowboarder, I see everybody with a 'shred and destroy' mentality; what I mean is that the snowboarder looks for every little bump and tries to hit it, and works the mountain and the lines to their fullest potential."

This kind of aggressive outlook on a sport might make some students shy away from it. "I think that because snowboarding has this alternative-punk rap, girls are scared away from it," junior Letitia Lagstrom said. "I think they always see the guys doing all these jumps and so they think they'll have to do that to be able to snowboard."

Okay, so not all female snowboarders do it for the sake of shredding air. Girls don't have to be ultra-aggressive

and competitive to learn how to snowboard, and yet, there aren't nearly as many female snowboarders as there are male snowboarders. There are many supporting reasons for this, but the biggest reason most likely is that girls would rather do it for fun than for some sort of aggressive, competitive reason as guys so often do. "Girls are just so supportive and encouraging on the mountain; all the guys care about are the jumps and how much air you can catch," Letitia said. A great atmosphere to have an aggressive spirit is at competitions. No matter what level a snowboarder is at, anyone can compete in local snowboarding competitions at Bogus Basin Ski Resort. "Anyone is good enough to compete," Andy said. "It's great experience; you'll meet a lot of people."

Even though there are competitions for girls to enter, the girls' competitions are not as large or competitive as the guys'. "I've heard that only one or two girls compete, so I'd like to try later this season," Letitia said.

To many snowboarders, entering competitions is not the reason they do it. "Last year I entered two competitions, but I'd rather not compete because I find it fun if you don't have to," Amanda said. "I think what makes snowboarding so great is that it's not quite as competitive as other sports," she said, "and I think people are just out to have a good time while they're snowboarding."

Some snowboarders are convinced that if a person just gives snowboarding a chance, they won't be disappointed. "I enjoy it so much. I want other people to get a chance to have fun doing it, too," Sherry said.

Snowboarding is a terrific opportunity to enjoy winter, meet people, and try something new.

"I WOULD SAY THERE ARE AS MANY JERKS IN SKIING AS THERE ARE IN SNOWBOARDING"



START OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT

Snowshoeing has been hailed the latest trend in winter sports. In the December, 1993 issue of *Sunset*, the headline to an article is, "Snowshoes are cool," and the article explains just how cool they really are--Very cool, of course.

Ask someone who has done it, and he or she might tell you something different. "It's not a fad; that's why I really like it," sophomore Aaron Speyer said. "There's nothing growing about it."

Well then, if it's not popular, why do it? "Snowshoeing gives you the chance to take a winter activity slow and it lends access to areas that other winter sports don't," Aaron said.

Old tales of snowshoes have warned that snowshoes are heavy and hard to use. Such warnings were given about the old-school wooden snowshoes that are hardly around today. Senior Monica Smith said using wooden snowshoes feels like putting bricks on your feet and hiking. "It feels like you're going uphill all the time," Monica said.

Today, the most available snowshoes are made of aluminum and are much smaller and lighter than wooden ones. Snowshoes can be expensive, so many students rent them for a day or two at a time. Snowshoes can be rented from Intermountain Outdoor Sports and REI in Boise for around \$10 a day.

Aaron enjoys camping, hiking, skiing and doing nearly any outdoor sport during the winter. He said the best place in Idaho to go snowshoeing is near Stanley, Idaho, which is located in south-central Idaho, about 150 miles outside Nampa. "Stanley is one of the most beautiful places I've visited in Idaho," he said. "It's in the heart of the Sawtooth mountain range, and it's near Redfish Lake, which is the single most beautiful place I've seen in Idaho."

If students decide to snowshoe in Stanley, they should call the town store in Stanley and reserve a pair of snowshoes to rent because, as Aaron has found, it's the cheapest place to rent--only \$8 for one day, or \$12 for two days.

Although everyone may not be as die-hard as Aaron about winter activities, snowshoeing is a great opportunity to have a great time and get plenty of exercise when there's a lot of snow on the ground. A great idea for students who already have snowboards or skis is to rent snowshoes and hike up a mountain with the snowshoes on--with the snowboard or skis on their back--and then ski or snowboard back down the hill.

For those who love the challenge of tackling the winter wilderness, snowshoeing is a great way to get deep into untraveled terrain. "If you really love wintertime and the ruggedness of the wilderness that is inaccessible by other means, then snowshoeing is definitely the way to go," Aaron said.

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PA, GET INTO WINTER

SKIING STILL A THRILL ICESKATING STRIKES THE GOLDMINE

How do you spell relief? For many trapped and weary second term students it is simple...Skiing. Over the years the release of skiing has created quite a draw for NNC.

After a hard week in classes students cannot help but take to the slopes as a means of getting out of the dorms to have a great time. There are many ski enthusiasts here at NNC and some even give up a semester at a "nameless" college in Southern California, to venture north for some of the best powder in the the Pacific Northwest.

A better understanding of why the sport continues to be a popular recreational activity among college students can be discovered from a chat with some avid ski bums. Skiing remains a popular sport because it allows students to get out and exercise relax, and have a good time.

The sport has a few drawbacks, one of them being the cost. The fact that snowboarding is becoming more popular has forced those who promote skiing to make adjustments in the costs of their products.

"A lot of people ski up at Bogus Basin," said Jason Hagre of Dillon, Montana. "But my friends and I like to go up to McCall and ski at Brundage.

The snow up there this year is excellent. We just went up [to Brundage] this past weekend and the sky was blue and the weather was perfect for skiing, but there sure were a lot of lines."

Hagre has been skiing for about eight years and remembers the days of learning to ski at Discovery Basin. "I didn't really have any lessons," remarked Hagre. "I just remember teaching myself."

For many, getting down is harder than it looks and all skiers take a tumble once in a while, but for these guys skiing is serious business.

J.B. Downie and Mark Mitterholzer, both natives of Centralia, Washington, talked about how they felt about the sport. "I have have been skiing since I was eight and learned to ski when I lived in California," said Mitterholzer. "But last year I took the ski class at NNC

and had a great time.

NNC has risen to the interest of skiing and has begun to expand its classes on teaching telemarking, snowboarding and even cross country skiing.

"I didn't really know how to ski that well before I took the class," said Downie. "But the class helped me learn how to ski better."

Although skiing can be a great deal of fun, it can be an expensive form of entertainment. First there is the cost for lift tickets, which may run any where from \$5 dollars on a cheap day to \$28. There are also the expenses of the equipment. After boots, poles, the skis, and waxing them, of

course, the cost can start adding up rather quickly. However, most ski buffs would venture to say that it is all worth the expense.

Josh Cacka of Milin, Oregon used to ski a great deal until a craze that affected him and others alike hit. It gave new meaning to sliding down the sides of mountains. That craze was snow boarding

"I haven't skied as much as J.B., Jason, or Mark," said-Cacka. "In fact, I only have hit the slopes for four years. I always had a good time, but you can do more tricks on a snow board and I think that is what makes it fun."

Many people are sheepish to try snowboarding, but once you get them on one they take to it, commented Cacka.

Despite the fact that snowboarding is gaining in popularity, skiing will always remain as a staple of winter time activity.

Schools will continue to offer classes and take vanloads of students to far off places for the adventure of slapping skis on and having a excellent time.

So, if your looking to get away from it all and are willing to shell out a little bit of green, think about going skiing with your friends. The experience may take your breath away.

BY TIM SCHLACK
CAMPUS EDITOR



BOGUS BASIN INFORMATION

- * Hours: weekdays, from 10:00 am until 10:00 pm: weekends, from 9:00 am until 10:00 pm.
- * Lift ticket prices: open until 6:00 pm, or 1:00 pm until 10:00 pm tickets are \$28; a night pass, from 4:00 pm until 10:00 pm, costs \$18.
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Winter. It's here. There's no avoiding it. Try as one might, there's no pretending it away. As much as some people might wish they could just hibernate during the winter, they just can't. So, how does a person who hates winter's cold weather and gray skies enjoy what it has to offer? Outdoor ice-skating in Idaho City.

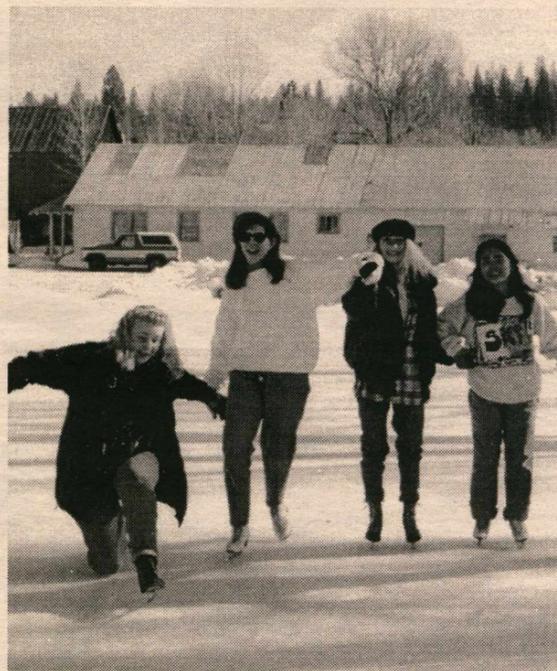
The Idaho City Chamber of Commerce has been organizing an outdoor ice-skating rink for at least ten years, according to Skip Myers, President of the Idaho City Chamber of Commerce. To create the rink, members of the Chamber of Commerce flood some old tennis courts by using fire hoses. Ice-skates are made available to rent for \$5 at the rink.

Idaho City is an old mining town turned into a tourist town. As senior David Church said, "It's a little rustic gold mining town. It's traditional and just fun to visit." They welcome visitors with attractions such as an authentic Western mining town-look to their downtown area. Ice-skating is just one of the many activities of Idaho City. For those who can't stand the cold weather, it might be a consolation that after ice-skating, people can go to the outdoor hotspots in Idaho City for only \$4.

David and some of his friends from NNC have gone ice-skating at Idaho City's outdoor ice-skating rink, and he said ice-skating is fun because it's not nearly as dangerous as skiing or snowboarding. So people who normally don't get outdoors in the winter might want to try ice-skating if they're worried about getting hurt.

Ice-skating is a way to get outside and do something out of the norm. It can be good exercise, too. "I think it's a really good chance to be active in the winter and get out with your friends," David said. "As long as you dress warm, you'll stay warm; and always remember you can get hot chocolate afterwards."

Before anyone gets too excited about getting out and going to Idaho City for this great activity, he or she should



call first to make sure it's open. According to Skip, the weather has been too mild for the rink floor to stay frozen during the day. However, Skip said once it gets cold enough, they'll open the rink. Weather forecasts for the end of this week predict that Idaho City will have cold enough temperatures for snow. "If we get that kind of weather, we'll do it," Skip said.

Call before you go: Idaho City Chamber of Commerce,

BY AMY RILEY
Assistant Cover Story Editor

Lady Crusaders avenge championship game loss

With weekend wins, the Lady Saders improved to 3-1 in Cascade conference play

Below: Kristi Mylander(15) drives to the hoop against Concordia while Christy Farrar (11) and Erica Walton look on.(Frahm)

The Lady Crusaders are finding out what it is like to be on the top of the mountain.

Having defeated the defending National Champions Western Oregon last week, the Lady Saders are the team to beat in the Cascade Conference.

The Saders completed a sweep of

their two home conference games this weekend. Although they beat Concordia 88-77, Coach Schmidt was not entirely pleased with the performance. "Mentally we are playing to the level of whoever we're playing, we're not in the game and focused."

Kari Smith poured in 29 points on 12 of 16 shooting. Donna Knight added 29 points as well, along with nine rebounds.

The NNC women entered the weekend ranked 9th in the nation. "I used to love to play teams that were ranked," commented Schmidt after the game. "The motivational factor is different. If you lose, it is expected, if you win it is incredible."

"But tonight, we knew we were supposed to win, and so we only did what was needed to win."

Saturday night, the NNC women played host to the Eastern Oregon Mountaineers.

The Saders controlled this game with strong defense and blockouts. The Saders outrebounded the Mountaineers 49-36. Ellen Duncan led the Crusaders in boards with 12.

Donna Knight scored a game high

of 20 points, giving her 49 points on the weekend. Erica Walton was the only other Crusader to reach double figures on the evening, chipping in 12 points.

The women are looking to continue high intensity play, but getting a focused edge will be key in the future.

"Somewhere there is a key to consistent play," said Schmidt. "I think we are improving. We played 38 minutes of great basketball against Western Oregon."

The challenge for the Crusaders will be the continued competition that they will face during the rest of their conference schedule. Teams like George Fox can always surprise teams, as the Lady Crusaders found out last year in the Conference playoffs.

"If we are not in the game and focused, we cannot make adjustments quickly, and that is what we need to improve on," said Schmidt.

The Lady Crusaders opened their conference season on the road last weekend playing Western Oregon and Western Baptist.

In the conference opener the Ladys suffered an upset at the hands of a

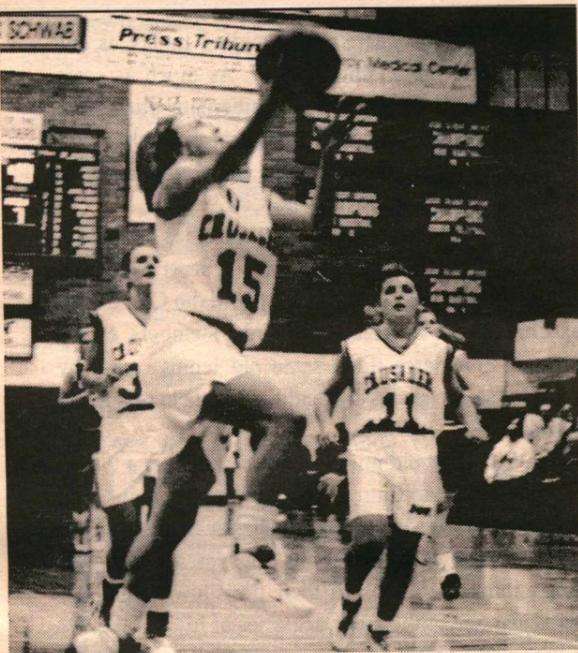
feisty Western Baptist team.

As mentioned earlier, the Saders turned right around and avenged their loss to Western Oregon in the Womens NAIA Div. II Championship game played at Monmouth Oregon last year. Similar to the Men's basketball squad, the Lady's faced questions and concerns coming in to their first home conference games. Part of the concern revolved around many tough losses. Those Schmidt is quick to point out, were against tough Division I and NCAA opponents. "We could just as easily be 11-4 or 12-3."

After this weekend sweep, the Lady Crusaders are back on top of the Cascade conference, or at least tied with a 3-1 record, 10-6 overall.

The Lady Crusaders take to the road facing Southern Oregon State College on Friday, returning to the area to face a surprising Albertson College team which has racked up an impressive 13 wins in its first year back. That game will be played in Caldwell on Tuesday, the 23rd.

By TIM SCHLACK
CAMPUS EDITOR WITH
TOBY JEFFREY SPORTS EDITOR



Crusader men complete weekend sweep

Stingy defense saved the day.

After struggling over the past month, the men's basketball program used tough defense to complete a weekend sweep of both Eastern Oregon and Concordia.

On Friday night, the Saders hosted the Cavaliers of Concordia College. Concordia came into the game with a 2-0 conference record looking much improved over the Concordia of the past.

Behind strong defense and smart play down the stretch, the Saders managed to pull off an 80-70 victory.

Roy Garcia sank six free throws in the last two minutes as the Crusaders scored the last 11 points. Garcia led all scorers with 22 points on the evening. When asked about Garcia, Coach Weidenbach said, "He's trying to win ballgames for us. We need more people

to take some of the load off his shoulders."

In addition to Garcia's play, Nate Smith added 13 points and 10 rebounds. Todd Schumacher, responding to a starting position, poured in 13 points.

With two minutes to play, the Cavaliers took their only lead of the game at 70-69. But with trademark defense, the Saders forced two turnovers and sank their freethrows to put the game away.

The Crusaders completed the weekend sweep by defeating Eastern Oregon on Saturday, 71-62.

The Crusaders finished both the first half and second half with strong runs to control the game.

Behind the three-point shooting of Todd Schumacher, the Crusaders managed a 14-2 run giving them a 32-29 half

time lead. Said Schumacher after the game, "After I hit that first one, I thought 'No one else is hitting, I'll try to pick them up.'"

Once again the Crusaders found themselves behind late in the game. After an Eastern three-pointer with 5:58 left in the contest EOSC led 57-55.

Roy Garcia once again took the game into his own hands, scoring the next ten points for the Crusaders by driving the lane again and again. The Garcia-led run put NNC in the lead 65-60 with less than a minute to go. After the game Garcia said, "Not to take anything away from their defense, but the lanes were there."

NNC took full advantage of the charity stripe to hold onto the lead and win its second conference game in a row.

Garcia led the Crusaders and the game in scoring with 21 points to go with five assists. Nate Smith boosted his team-leading average by contributing 19 points and grabbing nine rebounds.

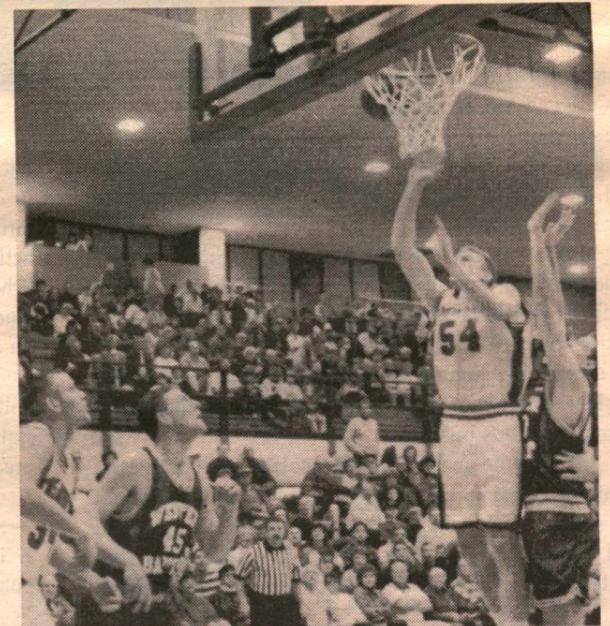
Coach Weidenbach admitted the wins weren't pretty, but was pleased with the over all effort. He said, "We won two ugly contests, but our defense allowed us to stay in them."

Schumacher agreed, "It was an ugly win but it's better than an ugly loss."

For the NNC program at this point in the season, a weekend sweep is a positive sign for a team that has had a rough ride so far.

The Saders lost key sixth man Bobby Tamminga to a serious knee injury in a game against Western Washington University in late December. As a result Coach Weidenbach has been trying different lineups and combinations to make up for the loss.

In another setback to team chemis-



Seth Snider puts a shot up against Western Baptist (Frahm)

try, Weidenbach was forced to suspend Chad Herron and Justin Marion during the Golden Rule Shootout for breaking academic policy. NNC lost four of seven games over the break and seemed to back into last weekend's Cascade Conference opener.

The Crusaders opened conference play with a split. In the opener, the Saders beat Western Baptist 80-63. The game was much closer than the score. The following night the Crusaders suffered a rare home loss to Western Oregon 77-71.

After this weekend sweep the Crusaders moved up to second with a 3-1 conference record, 11-6 overall. Albertson College held first place with a 4-0 conference record and a 15-2 overall record.

By TOBY JEFFREY
SPORTS EDITOR

The Crusaders used tough defense to stay in the Cascade Conference race.



Nate Smith drives the lane against Western Baptist for one of his 25 points. (Frahm)

Steelers versus Cowboys takes Super Bowl back to the 70's

With another Super Blowout nearing, Crusader experts hope and dream of a close game (for once).

TOBY SEZ:

The Dallas Cowboys are in their third Super Bowl in the last four years. These very same Cowboys bring a team very similar to the repeat champions of Super Bowls 27 and 28.

It goes without saying that I am really tired of the Cowboys. I am bored with Jerry Jones and his dollar signs, not to mention that one two sport brat.

But my true feelings aside, these Dallas Cowboys are simply too much for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

'The Triplets,' as they are being affectionately called (Emmitt Smith, Troy Aikman, and Michael Irvin), are, well, they just are. Like it or not, these guys kick fish.

The Green Bay Packers found out what it's like to face a mack truck roaring at full speed. The result was a good Packer team being run into the ground.

I haven't even mentioned the defense of the Dallas Cowboys. The Packers proved that the Cowboys can be scored on. But this defense makes the plays when they need to. It intercepted two passes and forced the Packers to punt five times. Not stellar by any means but enough to get the job done.



JOHN SEZ:

A week from Sunday, the Steelers will be the first AFC team in 12 years to win a Super Bowl. Why? Because the intangibles clearly favor Pittsburgh.

The Steelers has a few things going for them. For one, they're on a tear, having lost only once in their last eleven games. In addition, the imminent return of defensive back Rod Woodson is sure to energize the whole team. Finally, Pittsburgh is hungry. They have something to prove. In contrast, the only guy on Dallas' sideline who has anything to prove is head coach Barry Switzer, and unfortunately for him, he won't be making any plays on January 28.

Tradition backs the black and gold as well. In two previous championship meetings between these same teams, the Boys have come up short both times. As good as Emmett, Troy, and Michael are, it'll happen again. They'll get cocky.

Also, luck is on the Steelers' side. Look at it this way: they beat the luckiest playoff team (the Colts) which had just beat the luckiest regular-season team (the Chiefs). Someone up there likes Pittsburgh. And I really really really am sick of seeing Dallas win.

NFL Playoffs:

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 14

Pittsburgh 20, Indianapolis 16

Dallas 38, Green Bay 27

Super Bowl

Sun Devil Stadium

Tempe, Ariz.

Sunday, Jan. 28

Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, 4:20 p.m.

Previous Super Bowl

Meetings:

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Toby Jeffrey; Cowpokes 37, Stealers 21.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Some staff writers and editors have amused themselves throughout the years by devising new and exciting meanings for the NNC acronym: Neverending N-gagement Central, Northwest Nuptial College--anyway, you get the picture. This institution seems to be a sort of meeting and breeding ground for young couples of fine Nazarene heritage. In fact, many students *expect* to graduate having found their mate.

We are therefore pleased that an outside speaker took the time to remind the campus population that owning an engagement ring is not a graduation requirement. We all (excluding perhaps the managing editor) extend our gratitude to Carol Anderson for pointing out the often-not-so-obvious.

Actually, to shift into a more serious gear, we can't thank Anderson enough for addressing the serious issues she did in both chapel and Time-Out last Wednesday. We also hope that chapels and convocations will remain at a similar level of quality throughout winter term.

STAFF INFECTION

Welcome back, Toby ... When's it gonna snow? Andrew says Wednesday ... Will somebody please write us a real letter? ... Schandorff! It's 3 a.m. and I'm not done! ... Ponder the wisdom of B.K., underpaid all-purpose consultant: "Women are becoming the men they always wanted to marry." Hm ... Pass the beer, Tim--oops, wrong issue ... and wrong section editor (and shall we add wrong college to make it more "religiously correct"?)... Overheard: "Rosco Williamson was in my dream last night" ... Say 'Hi' to Goose Hagood for us when you run into him ... Bruce Springsteen is alive and well ... Ask the Sader backcourt for an intimate review of *Showgirls* ... Meet our favorite words: "voltage"; "banal"; "hmmm" ... [INTERRUPTION] Excuse me John, but I've had to axe about half of this article for sake of its extremely (creative) but inappropriate material. Just call me Mr. Censor. -- Sorry bozos, -- *The Editor*.

LETTER

Your health may suffer, deserving students may not finish college, grandparents' medical costs may push them into poverty, rainforests may disappear and wildlife spears may vanish if you eat hamburgers.

The cattle lobby helps elect legislators who trash programs protecting the environment and kill programs not helping the wealthy. By not helping finance the cattle lobby, the "Hamburger Rebellion" (people not eating hamburger) aids programs helping the less fortunate, the environment and good health.

The "Hamburger Rebellion" opposes the "Sagebrush Rebellion" (a movement initiated by Western ranchers to block rangeland reform and to block a raise in grazing fields on our public lands by gaining control of the land.) If Congress gives ranchers our public lands, by turning control over to states and counties or passes laws to prevent fair grazing fees and prevents regulation protecting the land from overgrazing, the effect is the same: Ranchers (who control most rural county governments and many state governments) will control land which should belong to all Americans.

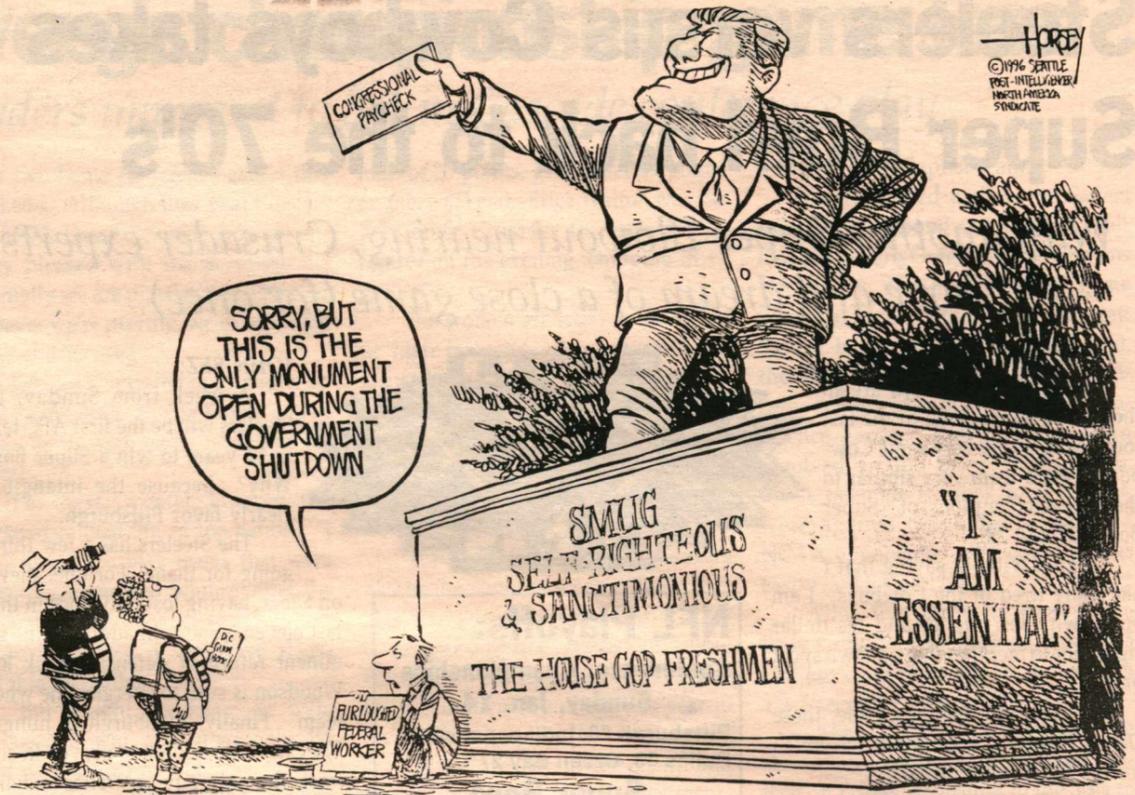
In the wild, predators prey on the young, old, and infirm--not unlike wealthy congressmen selecting budget cut victims. In a civilized society, shouldn't lawmakers behave differently?

In the courts (and in lawmaking bodies) wealth may circumvent truth and justice but enough people saying no to hamburgers may counter greed's triumph.

Greed has no conscience. Do you?

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FRIENDS: noble, right, lovely, and pure?

Well, there does seem to be at least one overriding theme

6:54 P.M., THURSDAY, SAGA MAIN DINING HALL, NNC:

Average Representative of NNC Population #1: "Gasp! What time is it?"

Average Representative of NNC Population #2: "It's 6:54 P.M."

#1: "Oh no! I've got to run!"

#2: "Why? What's wrong?"

#1: "Duh! It's Thursday night! *FRIENDS* is on in six minutes!"

#2: "Oh! Gee, I hope my roommate remembers to start the VCR; I'd hate to miss any of it!"

Now let's be honest--everyone who has witnessed the above conversation raise your hands. OK, now those of you who have participated in this conversation, or one similar, raise your hands. Just as I thought. It's obvious that *FRIENDS*-mania has invaded our campus. Many people, and I do mean many, have their Thursday night *FRIENDS* scheduled nearly as strictly as they have meals, and moreso than classes. Exactly what could this say about our little community, though? Let's step back and take a look at the larger picture. Before we begin, however, for those of you who haven't seen *FRIENDS* (that would include those who have returned from a two-year long isolated mission field or woken up from a two-year coma anytime since 7:30 P.M. last Thursday), I will give a brief synopsis.

FRIENDS is an enchanting and witty little sitcom focusing on six *FRIENDS* and their relationships, to one another and those around them. One of the main characters is ROSS. Ross is an average divorced male in his twenties who has suffered his share of hardship, and then some. For instance, his wife has left him, taking with her his recently conceived child. On the upside, Ross and his wife are on good terms--in fact, you could say they are *FRIENDS*. Unfortunately for Ross, however, she cannot go back to him as she cares too deeply for her lesbian sexual partner. That's all right, though, considering that Ross has found that he truly loves RACHEL. (One can't be expected to hold on forever, can they?)

Rachel is an average single daughter of very rich parents, who knows

little of how to do her laundry or serve espresso drinks (which right there makes it a wonder how the show comes to be popular on the NNC campus, but I digress.) Alas, poor Ross cannot make known his true feelings for Rachel, as she too is involved. Rachel and her non-English speaking sexual partner are having too much fun (sex) for her to even notice poor Ross' affections. Eventually, however, Rachel breaks it off with her unfaithful sexual partner and realizes Ross' deeper, more committed nature just in time for him to find his

PHOEBE. Phoebe is an average divorced ditsy (Excuse my PC insensitivity--I mean, of course, intellectually inept) female who survives a failed marriage of convenience. Though she would have liked to stay with her Canadian husband even after he received his Green Card, he felt he had to leave her because at the time he believed himself to be gay. Finally, there is JOEY, who doesn't have a sexual partner, in the singular tense, but who does suffer the trauma of finding his family tailor of two generations to have been gay.

There it is, a basic synopsis of one of the hottest shows today. I'm not sure if you have noticed, but there does seem to be an overriding theme. Is it safe to say, that amidst the witty one-liners and situational comedy, there is an inescapable tone of worldliness? Don't get me wrong--I'm not admonishing anyone for watching *FRIENDS*, nor am I calling for a fire-and-brimstone revival where everyone burns their TV set to rid our dorm rooms of this terrible evil. Obviously, I watch the show sometimes, too. I find it quite humorous, in fact. My concern is rather the overall *preoccupation* of this campus community with worldly "stuff." Honestly, I find it somewhat ironic that so many perfect little NNChristians have *FRIENDS* etched into their day planners right there across from "Time Out." Let's face it, in tallying *FRIENDS'* most redeeming attributes, I don't expect that the words "true," "noble," "right," "pure," "lovely" (unless of course in reference to Jennifer Aniston), "admirable," "excellent," or "praiseworthy" often describe it. Yet these are the very qualities which we are told to seek out, in Philippians 4:8.

If anybody out there is to whatever extent offended, good. There's probably a reason, so figure out exactly why you're offended and deal with it. Keep in mind that it's not the show I'm admonishing, but our general adherence to the world in which it is generated.

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own sexual partner, and we find the roles humorously reversed. Don't worry though, things will work themselves out as they always do, but I'm afraid you're going to have to watch to find out any more.

Of course, there are other *FRIENDS*, though with considerably less complicated ongoing themes. There's CHANDLER, an average single witty male who is stuck in an unfulfilling job, whom people frequently mistake for as gay, and who, through a series of regrettable yet comic mishaps, frequently ends up in bed with his former sexual partner, whom he and his *FRIENDS* find annoying. Ross' sister, MONICA, is also a victim of unfortunate circumstance. Monica's sexual partners always turn out to be in some way comic, to the amusement of her *FRIENDS*, such as when she found her sexual partner to be a seventeen-year-old high school student. Then there's

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They call it 'The Stockholm Syndrome' ...it's where the hostages begin to identify with their captors...



FEDERAL EMPLOYEE TRIBUTE TO NEWT!

Coming next week . . . and the following week . . . and the week after that . . .

Most of you already know Brennan Manning is scheduled to speak on campus at the beginning of third term. His "simple" message of love was an inspiration to all who attended the convocations he spoke at in the fall of '94. As a way to "prepare the way," *The Crusader's* Opinions section will reserve a column every week in which a portion of his book *Abba's Child* will be printed. Look for it starting in the next issue of *The Crusader*.

TWO VIEWS: THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

Clinton deserves the blame

Furloughed federal workers. Starving children. Homeless old people. No student loans. All products of a Republican attempt to balance the budget. At least that's what liberals would have you believe. Those are outright lies.

There are innumerable reporters and politicians telling the country these fibs. Many people are falling for this liberal dribble posing as thought, and I can't help being concerned.

One of the biggest problems that we have seen the press attribute to the Republicans is the furloughed workers. There was a large number of non-essential federal employees that were out of work for a while, and the right was portrayed as the cause.

Why? Because the media wants to save Bill Clinton's tail. They know that what they claim is the fault of the Republicans really is not. They realize that if they print the truth about everything Clinton says, there would be contradiction after contradiction.

Back to the furloughed workers. These people were out of work and were about to starve because of the wicked conservatives and their draconian cuts in their proposed budget. This may sound heartless, but I have one thing to say to most of these folks--welcome to the real world. Did you actually think that a government job is one that should be around forever? Are you so arrogant that you believe that your job is so important to the country that the government could not operate without you? You are a NON-essential employee. Your job is not sacred. People lose their jobs all the time; just ask any former AT&T employee.

Now, to go out and blame the Republican Congress just shows more of your ignorance. Bill Clinton is the one who refuses to sign the bill--he doesn't even have a balanced budget proposal of his own. This president claims that there are many reasons that he will not sign this bill that is "bad for America."

One of these reasons is the student loan plan. Clinton and the rest of his cronies are telling the public that stu-

dent loans are going to be drastically reduced. Liars. I realize that many of you have heard this from me before, but here it is again, for those you missed it the first time.

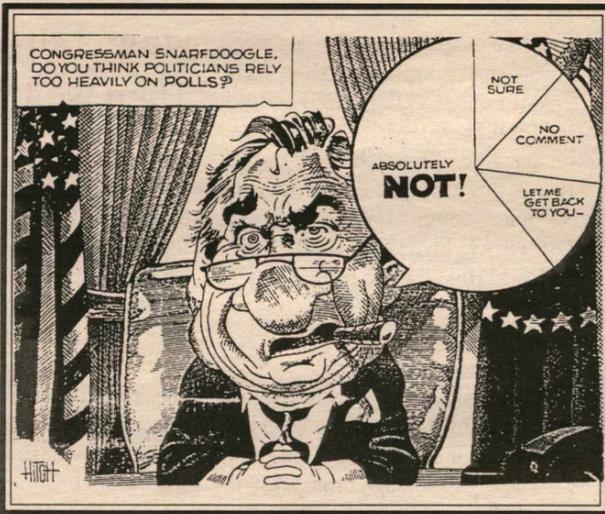
I called Washington D.C. not very long ago and the GOP of the U.S. House sent me a 10-page fax on the loan plan. Student loans will increase by fifty percent over seven years. The maximum Pell Grant award will be increased to \$2,440 per student--the highest it's ever been. The six-month grace period before beginning repayment will remain. Folks, the list goes on and on.

The other big debate over the balanced budget concerns Medicare. Clinton claims that the Republicans want to cut Medicare. Lies, lies. The proposed budget raises Medicare by over forty-five percent over the next seven years, more than twice the rate of inflation. The plan is to increase it by six percent per year rather than eleven percent per year. Yet to the liberals this is a draconian cut. Let me remind you that in 1993 Bill Clinton and his staff wanted to do the exact same thing to Medicare. I have quote after quote of what they said about their Medicare proposal not being a cut. Now it is a cut. *Shazaam!* Hypocrite.

To all of you non-essential employee lovers who would now like to see me used in the next shark repellent experiment, instead of going around blaming Republicans for everything that is wrong, look at who is holding the veto pen.

By CHRIS FIELD
STAFF WRITER

Who's to blame in the ongoing budget crisis-- Republicans or Democrats?



Clinton doesn't have a proposal of his own. On the other hand, the GOP budget is flawed.

Both sides are playing politics

It is truly tragic that at such a crucial juncture in the economic history of the United States, its political leaders have decided to show their worst sides.

The budget crisis that has resulted in a cessation of many government activities is not the fault of Bill Clinton, as much as you may wish it were.

Likewise, the House Speaker is not a Knewt in shining armor who will save the country from the leftist, evil donkey-dragon.

Both the executive and the legislative branches are demonstrating an appalling lack of virtue; as a result, nei-

ther looks like "the good guys."

It's sadly reminiscent of the Bosnian crisis.

Stupidity is obvious in both political camps.

The Democrats are being stupid when they say the Republicans' budget is harsh and uncaring. They are neglecting to acknowledge that the most uncaring act of all

would be to stay the course. The present outlays for social programs (such as the "sacred cows" of Medicare and Medicaid) allocate spending that spirals out of control, at more than twice the rate of inflation. It doesn't take a genius to figure out we simply cannot afford that. Tough love may have become a cliché, but if we want Social Security to survive in any form, we need it: cutting funding for such programs is the only way to save them from extinction--unless taxes are raised.

And here's where the faults of the Republicans' plan come in, and where I stop sounding like a right-winger. Congress is attempting to ruin the best idea in decades with a stupid tax cut. Simply put, if you want to balance the budget, you don't begin by reducing

revenues. You can't have your mocha and drink it too.

Another reason I can't get too excited about the Republican plan is that it will slash spending for the protection of the environment. What good will a balanced budget do if, twenty years from now, when we would finally begin to feel the economic benefits of a reduced debt, our country is further deforested, our lakes are half acid, and large corporations have dumped waste in your back yard?

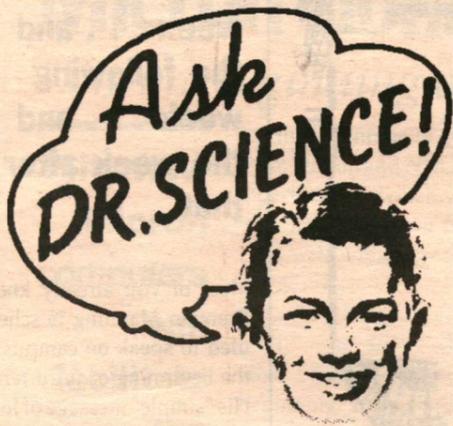
What good will a balanced budget do if the poor keep getting poorer because of it? Face it, all you Reaganites out there: trickle-down doesn't work. Throughout the 80's, the gap between the richest and the poorest fifth of the population increased dramatically. The only trickling down that went on was the sound of middle class wages falling through the ceiling. Balancing the budget on the backs of the poor (that's what a tax cut amounts to) is cruel.

Nonetheless, it is true that this country needs a balanced budget. If the national debt, as a percentage of GDP, continues to grow at its current rate, it will eventually cost us more to pay interest on the debt than to educate our children or defend our country. That's past the realm of the ridiculous, past the irresponsible, and right on, once again, into the realm of the stupid.

It is perhaps most disheartening, however, that when the end seems so near, when a compromise is clearly in sight, when the only thing preventing an agreement is a few extra cents a day per taxpayer on Medicare premiums, our elected officials are still bickering. Congressmen are elected to pass legislation, not go on power trips. Lest you think I exaggerate the GOP Congress' arrogance, a freshman senator was quoted last weekend as saying he was glad the budget standoff had given Republicans a chance to show Clinton who's boss. I was disgusted. I hope you are too.

By JOHN FRALEY
OPINIONS EDITOR

Hey, everybody it's time to . . .



Dear Dr. Science:

Why do light bulbs burn out only at the moment they're turned on?

--Dwight D. Burdette, Ypsilanti, MI

Inside every light bulb there is a battleground for the war between the forces of good and evil. The tungsten filament is constantly consumed by this warfare, and the light your read by is emitted by the burning homes of forcibly displaced electrons. When you turn the light bulb on, the forces that are occupying the tungsten battlefield are often taken by surprise by electron attack forces, and the result is a total and quick victory for attackers. So if you have an ounce of compassion within you, let the battlefield rage uninterrupted. Let nature take its course. Besides, if you never turn off your lights, you'll never have to replace the bulb.

Dear Dr. Science:

I'm disturbed by the fact that single celled organisms multiply by dividing. Is this an attempt on their part to undermine our faith in arithmetic principles?

-- Judy Richard, Colorday Springs, CO

What faith do most of us really have in arithmetic? For a while, in college, I tried having faith in Calculus, but soon reached the limit of that belief when my professor, lost in thought over some convoluted proof, was struck down by a bus. Abraham Lincoln was actually referring to the reproductive methods of single celled organisms in the Gettysburg Address when he said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." And indeed, no single celled organism has legs to stand on, much less feet. Instead, they ooze around, dividing and subdividing, asexually I might add, making mockery of our notions of romance and arithmetic.

Dear Dr. Science:

Why do animals see in only visible light?

-- Chuck Bullard, Omaha, NE

Check your data. Last time I noticed, my cat was staring at dust motes, which in ultraviolet light resembles iridescent gummy worms. No wonder these fanciful felines can spend the greater part of the morning just staring at sunbeams. Dogs, on the other hand, see in infrared, which is why a television's remote control can render even the most savage attack dog a whimpering puppy. I carry a spare remote in my pocket whenever I'm out of the lab, in case I'm attacked by a stray pit bull.

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Barry's hints for a "fun" time in an F-16

Bring your barf bag -- it's essential. In fact, bring a few.

Here's what I want you to do: Open your mouth wide. Now take your index finger and stick it WAAAYYYY down your throat and hold it there until your digestive system is in Violent Reverse Thrust Mode.

Congratulations! You've just experienced what it feels like to fly in a fighter jet. I know this because I recently went up in a high-performance Air Force F-16 fighter equipped with an extremely powerful engine, sophisticated electronics, spectacular aerobatic capabilities, and -- thank God -- a barf bag.

There was no beverage-cart service.

The way I got into this was, I spoke at a banquet for personnel at the Homestead (Fla.) Air Reserve Base. A banquet organizer had suggested that I might want to go up in an F-16, and some friendly fighter pilots from the 93rd Fighter Squadron convinced me (there WAS beverage service at the banquet) that this would be a lot of fun.

Valuable Tip: Never assume that you and fighter pilots have the same definition of "fun." Your fighter pilot is not a normal individual. Your fighter pilot is an individual who, as a child, liked to ride his bicycle "no-hands." You may also have done this, but your future fighter pilot was doing it on the roof of his house. The fact that these pilots have grown up and received a lot of training and been entrusted by the government with multimillion-dollar aircraft does not change the fact that they are also -- and I say this with respect -- completely out of their minds.

But I was feeling brave when I arrived at Homestead Air Reserve Base, ready for my preflight training. Friendly Air Force personnel got me a flight suit while I was putting it on in the locker room, I noticed that there was a little gold plaque over each urinal, each saying something like, "MAJ. GEN. (NAME) RELIEVED HIMSELF HERE SEPTEMBER 9, 1989." Then I noticed similar gold plaques over the sinks. Then I saw a plaque on the washing machine, reading, "THE ENTIRE 906th TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP RELIEVED THEMSELVES HERE MARCH 8, 1991."

Fighter-pilot humor. And I was trusting these guys.

Next I underwent an hour of Egress Training, which is when you learn how you get out of the airplane if something goes wrong ("although probably nothing will," they keep telling you). How you get out is: very, very fast. In fact, your seat is actually a small but power-

ful rocket that will blast you 900 feet straight up if you yank on the yellow handle between your legs, but you're supposed to do this only if the pilot yells BAIL OUT BAIL OUT BAIL OUT -- he has to say it three times -- and you definitely want to have your head back when you yank it unless you want your kneecaps to pass completely through your eye sockets, which would be bad because you need to check to make sure your parachute has deployed, because if it hasn't you should yank on this other yellow lever over here, and if you're coming down over water you need to get rid of your oxygen mask by pressing outward on these two metal tabs and yanking the mask forward and . . .

. . . and so on for an hour. Correctly egressing a fighter jet requires WAY

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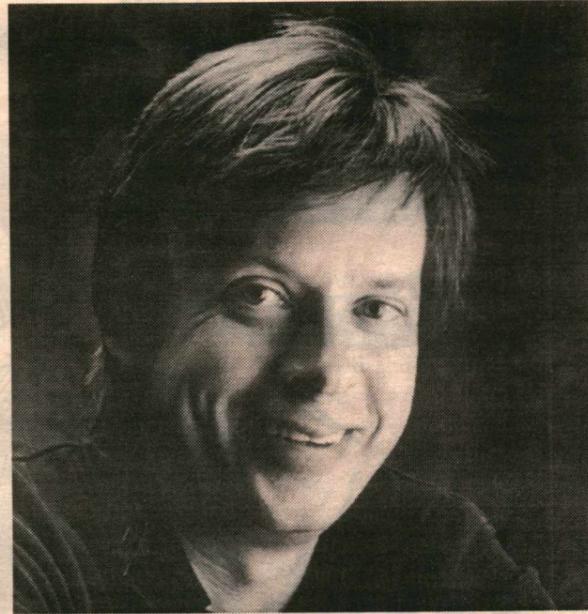
more knowledge than medical school.

After Egress Training, the pilot, Maj. Derek Rydholm, gave me a Preflight Briefing in which he demonstrated, using a blackboard eraser, some of the aerial maneuvers we'd be doing.

"We'll be simulating an attack situation like this," he'd say, moving the eraser around in rapid little arcs. "we'll be feeling some g-forces."

I now realize that, right after we left the briefing room, the eraser threw up.

Actually, my F-16 ride went pretty well at first. Sitting behind Derek in



the two-person cockpit, I felt nervous, but my physical discomfort was fairly minor.

Then we took off.

We took off with afterburners. It was like "Star Trek," when they got to Warp Speed. Then we made an unbelievably sudden, violent right turn that made me feel like a clove in against garlic press and separated my stomach from the rest of my body by at least two football fields.

And that was just taking off. After that we did attack maneuvers. We did rolls. We broke the sound barrier and then flew straight up for three miles, then we flew upside down. My stomach never caught up with us. It's still airborne over the Florida Keys, awaiting landing instructions. Here's the conversation Derek and I had over the intercom:

DEREK: That's called an aileron roll.

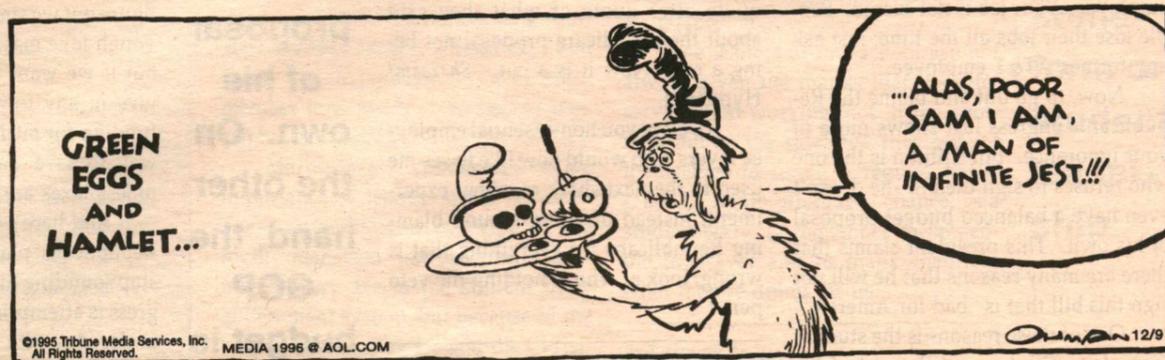
ME: BLEAAAAGGGHHH!

DEREK: You OK back there?

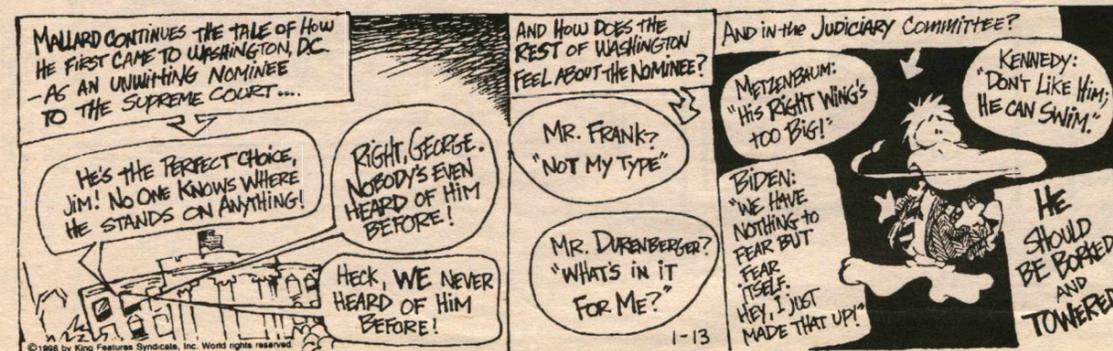
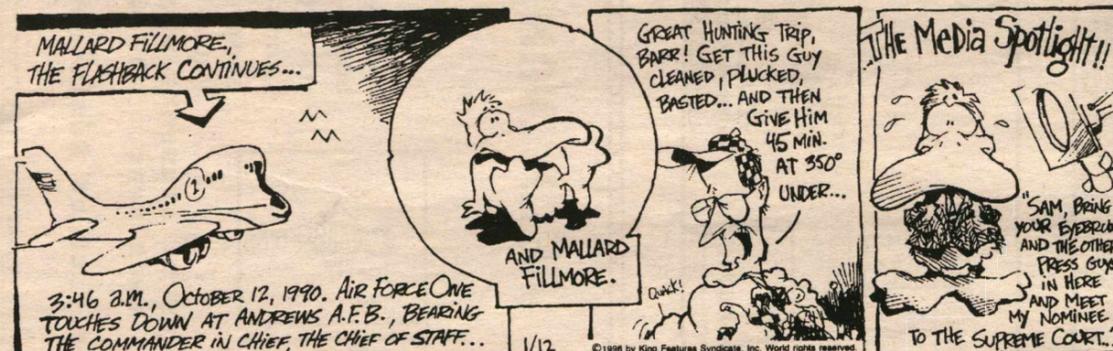
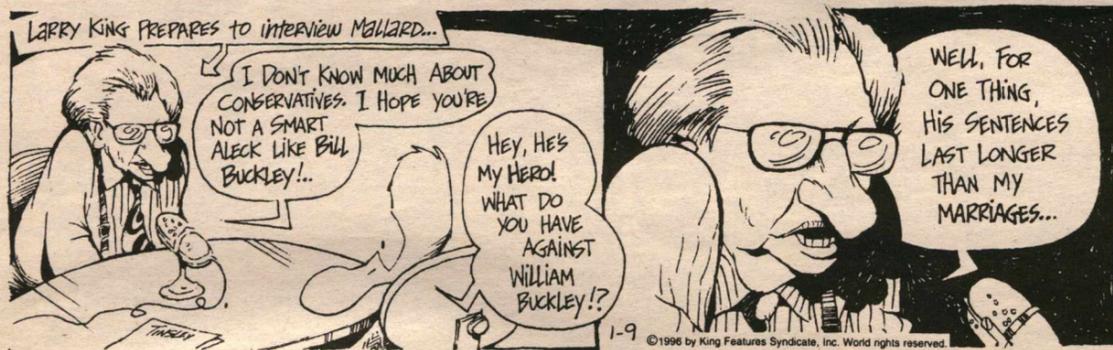
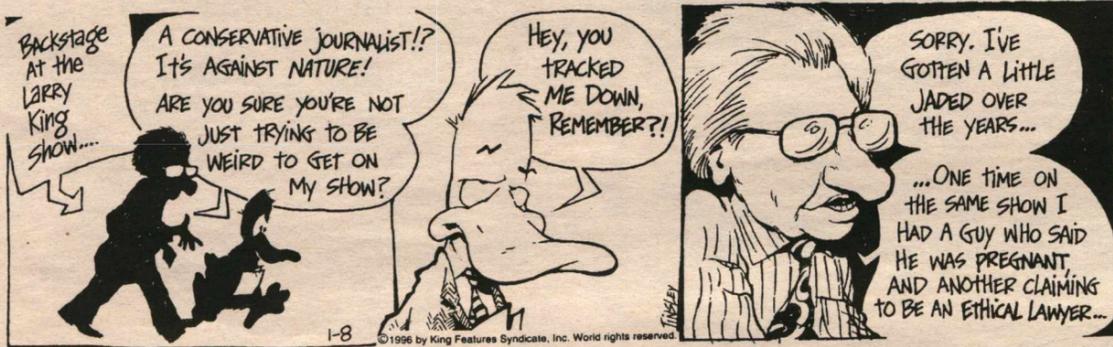
ME: HOOOGGGHHH!

I'm not saying it wasn't thrilling. It was. I am deeply indebted to Derek Rydholm and the 93rd Fighter Squadron and the entire U.S. Air Force for enabling me to be among the very few people who can boast that they have successfully lost their lunch upside down at five times the Earth's gravitational pull. And despite my discomfort, and the reservations I've expressed in this column, I can honestly say that, if I ever get a chance to go up again, I'll let you go instead. Although you probably won't ever get to ride in the plane I used. I think they had to burn it.

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Top Ten gifts missing from the Athletic Dept.'s Xmas stocking . . .

- 10) Chad Herron's 3-point shot.
- 9) Freshmen soccer scholarships.
- 8) Bobby Tamminga's knee.
- 7) Ladies' V-ball choke chain.
- 6) Underwear.
- 5) A term paper.
- 4) Spinach.
- 3) The crowd's spirits.
- 2) A couple of NCAA Division I transfers.
- 1) Emiko Etete.

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