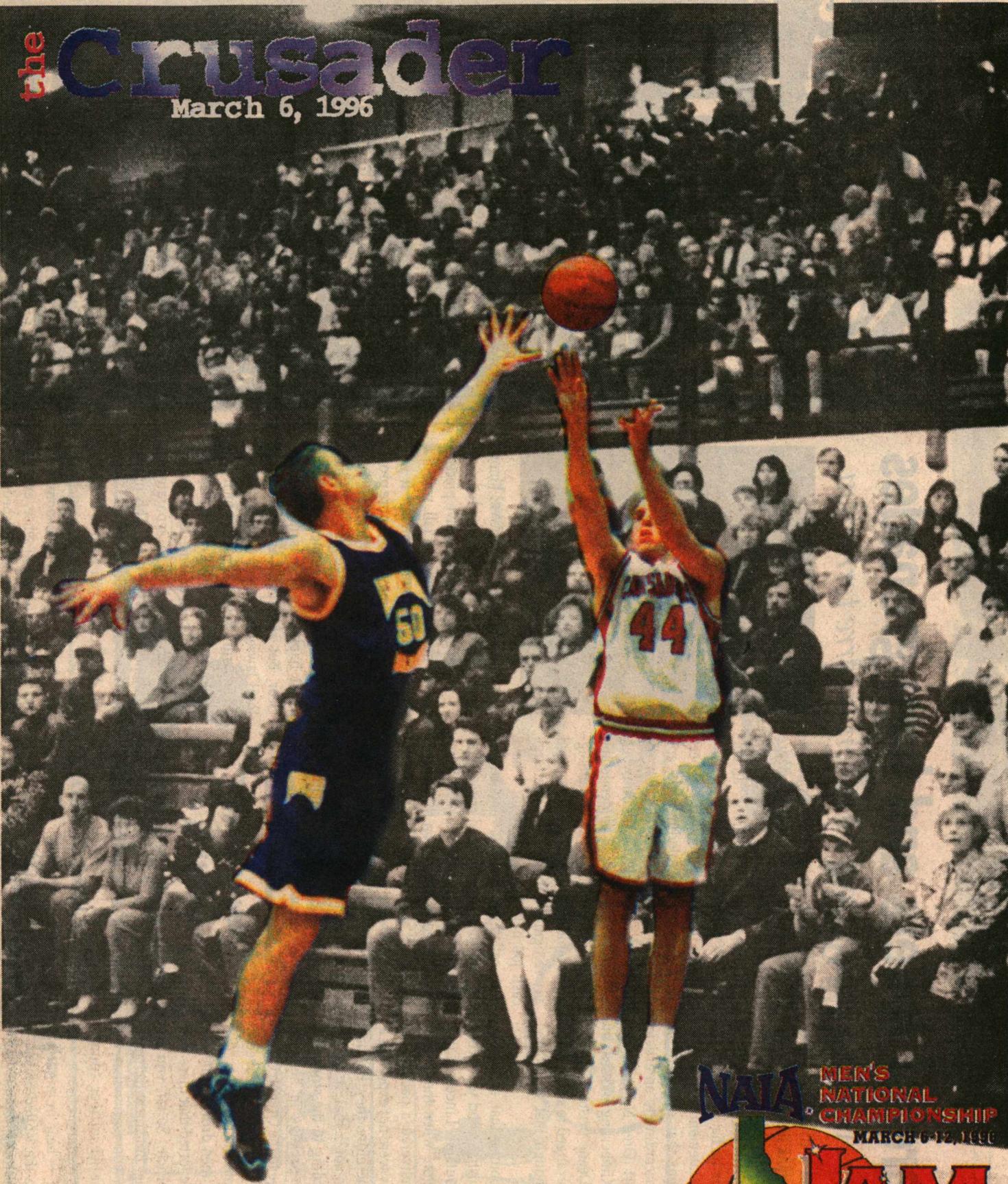


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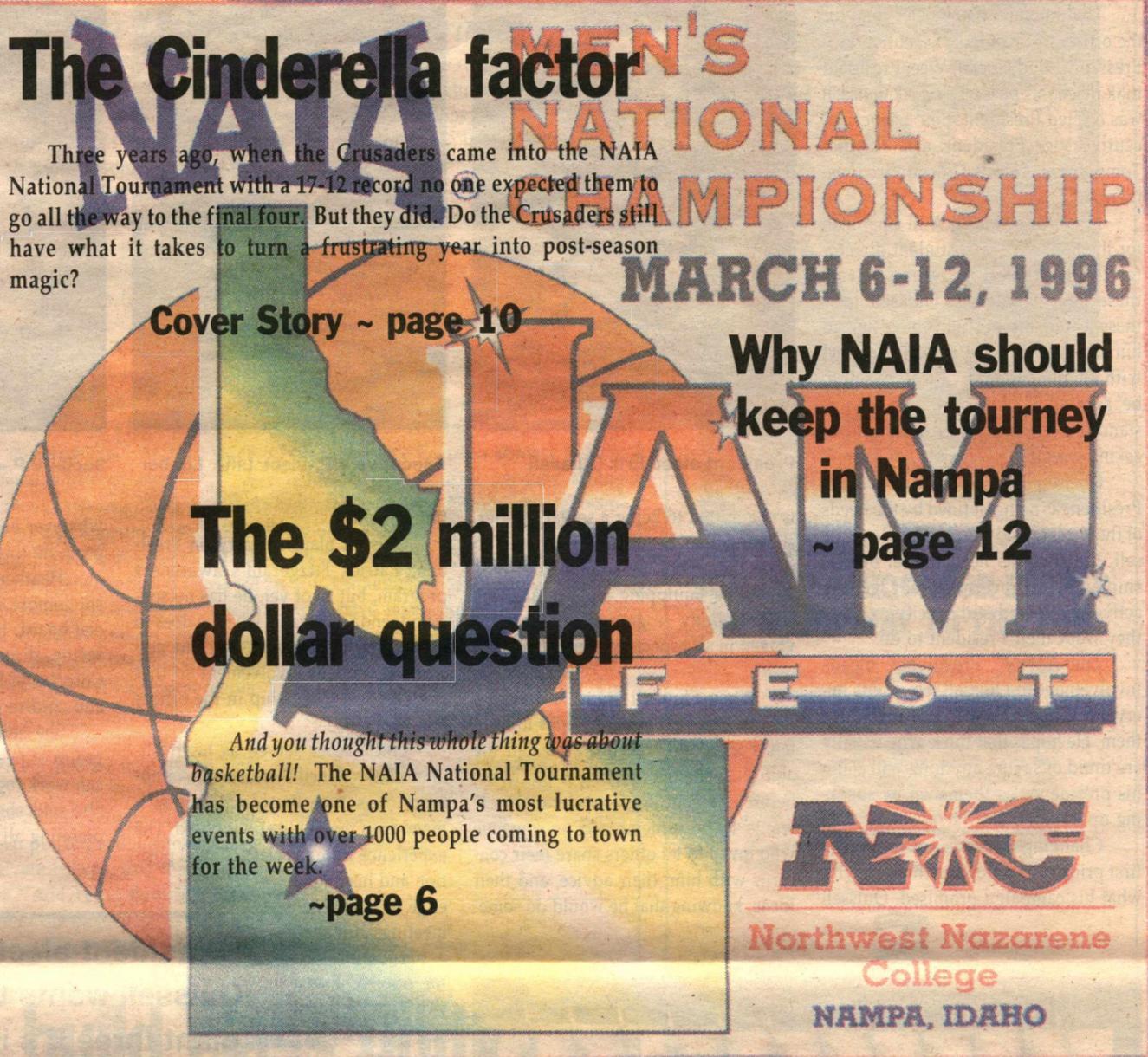
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The \$2 million dollar question

And you thought this whole thing was about basketball! The NAIA National Tournament has become one of Nampa's most lucrative events with over 1000 people coming to town for the week.

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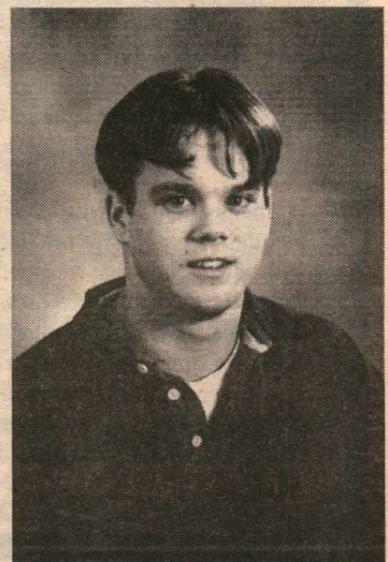
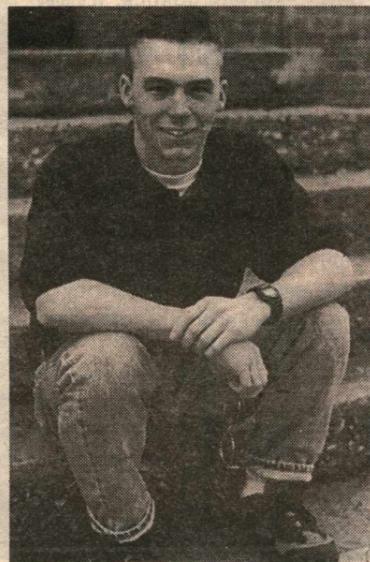
Whether it be athletics or academics, the cross town rivalry between the two is good for the Treasure Valley

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Incoming & outgoing:

Interviews with ASNNC President-elect Erik Quissell and current ASNNC President Pat Fitzgerald.

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Student body elects ASNNC executive officers

Quissell, Loeber, and Tompkins will provide fresh ideas for next year's government

The annual ASNNC elections for the offices of President, Executive Vice President, and Social Vice President took place this past week. Erik Quissell was elected President, Linc Loeber Executive Vice President, and Heather Tompkins was elected Social Vice President.

Erik Quissell, an RA in Chapman for the last two years, student director for the Northwest Nazarene Players these past two terms. Quissell feels these leadership positions have helped him to learn how to directly interact with people. He said, "I feel myself to be accessible, approachable, understanding, energetic, and not afraid of asking questions."

Quissell describes the duties of the President as being defined by the needs of the student body. According to Quissell, the students need to feel ownership in their government by getting actively involved and specifying what they want their President to do.

The ASNNC Presidency means involvement to Quissell. He wants everyone to feel that he is available for them. He hopes that those who usually are timid of saying anything will claim his presidency as their own by speaking up.

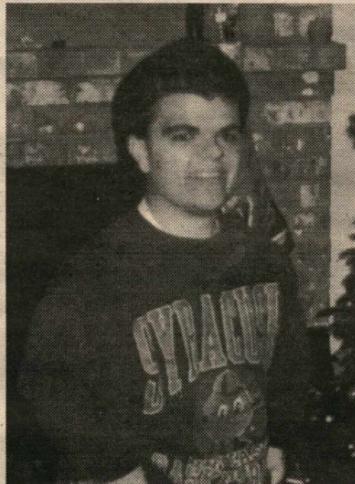
Changing things is not so much a first priority as following through with what his campaign promised. Quissell



President-elect Erik Quissell

is committed to being a servant leader, showing that he wants to be used to serve the school. Of second priority is "Enabling, Equipping, and Exciting" the student body -- getting students involved in all aspects of student government.

When Quissell steps down from his position next year he hopes to have left a legacy of someone who had the ability to change or bring it [an issue] before someone for consideration. He wants to be remembered as someone who loved to let others share their concerns with him, their advice, and their ideas, knowing that he would do some-



Executive V.P.-elect Linc Loeber

thing about it. Quissell plans to carry on President Patrick Fitzgerald's awareness program, but as of yet, he has no specific agenda. He wants what he does to be decided by the students, and networking student involvement so that students feel ownership in the offices and councils.

Linc Loeber served as his freshman class council's treasurer, sophomore class Vice President, and as a member of the publications board. The experience from his class council position and his knowledge of how senate meetings run serve as his qualifications for ASNNC Executive Vice President.

Loeber feels that the past ASNNC officers have had a good campaign focusing on the awareness program, and that this focus should be continued. Loeber also wants to help Quissell promote servanthood to the community.

The number one requirement for the Executive Vice President is presiding over the weekly meetings of the Senate, and making sure they run smoothly. Loeber will also be in charge of elections: those later this spring, freshman class elections next year, as well as ASNNC elections next spring.

Change is something Loeber wants to bring about by example. He believes that his actions, his participation, and his leadership in community projects will demonstrate that people need to get involved.

Loeber feels that he brings some distinct differences to the position. "I have different viewpoints on various things. I don't consider myself to be the typical ASNNC type."

When Loeber looks back over this next year he hopes to see that he has supported Quissell with "Enabling, Equipping, and Exciting" the student body. He also wants to know that his Senate meetings ran smoothly and that elections ran fairly, that people felt enthused to run for office.

Loeber wants to see Quissell's ideas of servanthood and community involvement catch on. Loeber will do



Social V.P.-elect Heather Tompkins

whatever he can to support and help promote these ideas.

Heather Tompkins freshman and sophomore representative on the social board, the Morrison publicity director, director of the Homecoming Coronation 1995, director of Mr. NNC, and co-director of the Luv Auction.

She said she saw ASNNC as a group of people who, though diverse, can work together to serve the school. She said she defined her position as planning all the ASNNC activities for the school and, finding activities that get the most people involved.

Tompkins wanted this position as she said, "Because I've been so involved with the social board and because I really look up to Michelle Stephens and what she's done in the position. I also see it as the next step up from

Social Board." She focused on how social board was something she really enjoyed, especially being able to see how much people appreciated the end result.

As far as changing the role of social v.p. Tompkins mentioned the difficulty in improving upon Michelle Stephen's modifications. However, she plans to use new themes for traditional activities, incorporate as many people as possible into those activities, and to leave them with the feeling that it's an activity they would want to participate in again.

A few of the brainstorm ideas Tompkins has come up with are ideas for a Homecoming Spirit week, class olympics with a barbecue in the spring, and new themes for fifth quarter: such as nacho night or American food night.

When Tompkins has completed her year in this position, she hopes that the events will have come off so well, that people who weren't involved will wish that they had been, and that people who were involved will want to get involved again.

"I don't consider myself to be the typical ASNNC type."

~Executive Vice President-elect Lincoln Loeber

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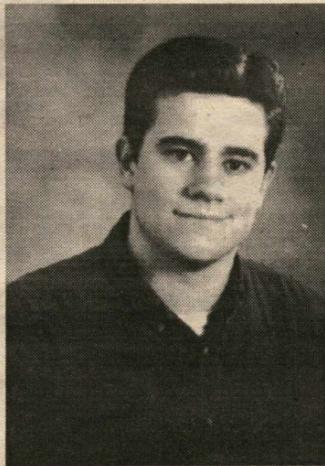
~ ASNNC Social Vice President-elect Heather Tompkins

NNC Notepad

✓ This past week Senate passed the ASNNC budget for third term. The budget will go before the student body today. Students can vote on the budget during meals in the Student Center.

✓ Judicial Board welcomed new Associate Justice Andrew Zirschky. Zirschky replaces Kevin Farrow and will serve on the board both third term and next year. Zirschky was approved in last week's Senate meeting on a recommendation made by Chief Justice Jason Sandidge. Judicial Board will lose four associate justice seats to graduation this spring. Sources indicate that the graduating justices may resign during third term to allow the appointment of new justices for next year.

✓ The Board of Regents are on campus this week (mostly hanging out in the gym, from what we hear). President Hagood plans to make several recommendations to the board including the approval of a sister-school relationship with Nazarene Theological College in Brisbane, Australia. The joint venture would



Andrew Zirschky appointed as new Associate Justice. (Lindley).

be formalized in July of 1996. Hagood will also recommend that the board approve the preliminary design plans for a new residence hall ready for occupancy by fall, 1998. The location of the new hall would be to the west of Morrison and Holly Street. The board is also expected to discuss putting a prayer chapel at the corner of Amitv and Holly.

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TIM SCHLACK
CAMPUS EDITOR

President-elect Quissell wants to plant three E's in the minds of students: Enable, Equip, and Excite.

Student loan defaults shrinking

NNC default rate is 8% lower than national average

The national student loan default rate, which peaked at 22.4 percent in 1990, has recently dropped to 11.6 percent. However, this may not be a result of fewer graduates defaulting, but rather to a change in how a default is defined.

Carrol Lee Lawhorn, Executive Director of Student Loan Fund of Idaho Inc., listed a few reasons for a perceived drop in default. The first may be the fact that "the volume of loans has been increasing dramatically in the last two or three years." While the number of students getting loans has increased, apparently the number the of defaults hasn't, thus the decline in percentage of defaults could shrink.

Lawhorn also felt that the Department of Education's new Consolidation Program might have a hand in lowering default percentages.

In the Consolidation Program, students who default can approach the federal government and ask the government to pay their loans. Because the students currently owe the amount to the government, and not the loan processors, they are technically out of the default category. "The department has pursued this very actively, and there's a large number of people who have taken advantage of

this," said Lawhorn.

"Another factor is that the Department of Education has cracked down on fraudulent schools; some of those have an eighty percent default rate," Lawhorn stated. The Department of Education has ejected from its program schools with a default over thirty percent. "A few hundred schools have been eliminated in this way."

"In effect, they change the definition of default," said Lawhorn. "It may, in the long run, turn out to be good. But it may turn out to be a big rip off to the federal government. At this stage, there's no way of knowing."

"Drop in rates [may be a result] of student loan counseling," said Faye Cummings. "Years ago, students left college without knowing they'd taken out a loan. Now they have to go through an entrance interview process. And when they leave, they also have to go through an exit interview. It's a federal regulation."

NNC's 3.6 percent default rate is eight percent smaller than the national average.

"The default rate for NNC has always been pretty good, I think because it's a private college, and the clientele we serve," said Terrie Bowen, a representative of the NNC business office.

Graduating students with a Per-

kins Loan will be relieved to know that if they take certain jobs, their loans will be partially repaid by the federal government.

"There is a certain percentage of schools in every state that qualify as low income schools," said Bowen.

"If you teach full-time the full school year, then you can cancel a portion of your loan. To completely cancel a loan, you must teach there five years," explained Bowen.

Other jobs which qualify a graduate for a partial Perkins Loan cancellation are: the Peace Corps--a seventy percent cancellation -- social workers aiding abused or neglected children under twenty-one, and medical technicians licensed by the state.

Cumming gave advice for students who have taken out loans and will be graduating. "Get a good job, keep up with payments, keep in touch with the lender or servicer," said Cummings. "The best advice is to not get behind on any payments."

Ron Curtis, a 1994 graduate of NNC advised, "Go ahead and plan the loan in your budget. Start paying them back as soon as you can."

By GINA GRATE
ASSISTANT CAMPUS EDITOR



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Bible studies build class unity

Numbers are small, but the spirit is encouraging

For sophomore class chaplain Brad Hayes, finding a time to hold a class Bible study meant competing with two NNC obsessions: "Friends" and "ER." His small group of five participants decided to meet on Monday nights at 9:00 in the Wiley Rotunda. Brad's story isn't unique. The sophomore class isn't the only one with scheduling conflicts or dwindling numbers.

When Mark Walker was elected freshman class chaplain last fall, many of his peers were excited about starting a Bible study to fellowship and grow together as a class.

They began meeting on Sunday nights in the student center, working through a devotional entitled "Called for a Purpose," a study of Jude and First and Second Peter.

The group started off strong, averaging around sixteen participants each week. Then, after Superbowl Sunday, the numbers fell to only about six or seven, and have remained the same since then. Why is there such a low amount of class involvement?

Walker attributes part of the problem to spiritual burnout. "With chapel three times a week, Bible classes, Time Out, accountability groups, and church once or twice each Sunday, people get



Group Bible studies, like this one in Sutherland Hall, are hard for students to fit into busy schedules. (Lindley)

churched out," said Walker. "It's difficult to get motivated to participate in another similar activity when you have homework and there are so many other things going on."

The senior class Bible study at 10:00 p.m. in the prayer chapel Monday nights, also has numbers in the single digits. But according to senior class chaplain... because the numbers are small, that doesn't mean that God isn't using these Bible studies

as a tool for encouragement and fellowship."

"We begin the evening with singing and then have a time of sharing and prayer," said Fogerson. "Even though there aren't a lot of people there, the ones that do come are ministered to."

Brad Hayes has a similar view. "Just when I begin to think that what I am doing doesn't matter, someone comes up and says how important the Bible study is and how much it helped them through a difficult situation or a big decision," said Hayes. "Even if our Bible study only has one person in attendance, it is important to them, and I'd still have it."

By JENNIFER COLES
STAFF WRITER

"It's difficult to get motivated to participate in another activity when there are so many other things going on."

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President's program bursts NNC's bubble of isolation

Fitzgerald and APB succeed by increasing students' world awareness and activity

"We used God's wisdom to attack the campus with action instead of words."

~ Patrick Fitzgerald

Pat Fitzgerald doesn't quite seem to fit in the big swivel chair in the ASNNC president's office. Besides his lack of height, which prevents his baseball cap from poking over the padded leather back, Fitzgerald is the first student body president in years to win the job without prior experience as a senator.

When he was voted into office last spring, he broke an eleven-year tradition and prompted many people to ask if someone without experience on ASNNC Senate could adequately run NNC's student government. From the start, Fitzgerald proved that he could.

Even before his election, Fitzgerald formed a committee devoted to increasing awareness on the NNC campus, later named Awareness Program Broadcast. Fitzgerald admits that he had little idea about what this "awareness program" would mean at NNC. He knew however, that there

was a sense of isolation and ignorance on the part of students about the outside world, and he wanted to do something about it.

"I wanted to create student ownership of my awareness idea and the programs we created weren't my ideas but group ideas. I've only realized this recently, but one success of APB was that it was a chance for students to voice their opinions, talk deep and get to the heart of problems."

The office of president has very few solid responsibilities attached to it, so Fitzgerald made APB his focus. In just under a year, the program has spawned many projects -- discount newspaper subscriptions for students, a television and cable news in the dining hall, C.L.I.C.K. (a program devoted to mentoring at-risk kids in the community), a voter's awareness committee, special emphasis on African-American history month, a re-

cycling program; and the list goes on.

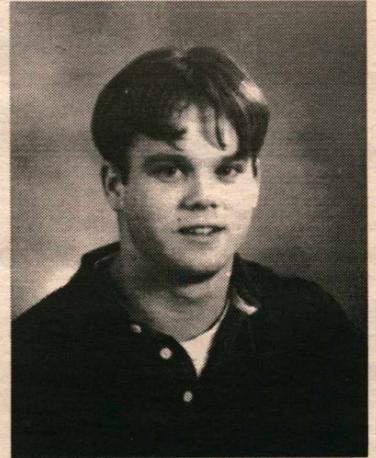
The difference which Fitzgerald brought to the office of president was felt immediately as he formed groups and committees. For the first time in several years, the ASNNC president had a vision of what he wanted to do while in office.

"We used God's wisdom to attack the campus with action instead of words," Fitzgerald said. He pointed to the increased interest in campus ministries and student activities as a whole as a result of APB and the entire ASNNC Executive Council's commitment to action.

"What I think I accomplished, if it wasn't awareness, then it was a focus. Students now rely on the President to have a vision." Fitzgerald indeed created a precedent with APB, one which every candidate in this year's ASNNC presidential elections picked up on in their speeches.

Fitzgerald sees a lot of room for growth in the awareness program in the year to come. The voter's awareness committee is working on bringing Governor Phil Batt to campus and Fitzgerald hopes that events like that will create interest in the program. Fitzgerald also hopes that better communication will be fostered between faculty, administrators and students through campus forums.

However, Fitzgerald realizes that the success of any program is determined



by the ownership which students feel they have in it. He believes that one major reason that APB and his presidency have succeeded this year is because he has listened to, and implemented ideas brought to him from many people.

"I think the most important part of my job has been to talk with the people who come up to my office and talk with me. What I see as the strength of NNC is people talking with people," Fitzgerald said.

From that vantage, Fitzgerald has filled the big leather swivel chair in the ASNNC president's office well.

BY ANDREW ZIRSCHKY
MANAGING EDITOR

Dear student body:

The TV in Marriott is brought to you via student fees. The intent of the TV was to give you a chance to stay up-to-date in the current events happening around the world. In my opinion, it is very important for the students to be aware of world events. Our Christian beliefs warrant and invite such stewardship. However, this is your TV. ASNNC wants to maintain the interests of the students. How can we do this? We invite your comments and suggestions on the monitoring of the TV. Please let us know through the ASNNC suggestion box located across from the post office, or by coming and talking with one of the officers.

We appreciate your comments,
-- ASNNC President, Patrick Fitzgerald

So what does Dean Dunn do?

A day in the life of the Vice President for Academic Affairs

Perhaps it is logical that Dr. Samuel's Dunn's duties as academic dean revolve around the academic program of the college. However, many students do not know what Dunn actually does, besides pray in chapel.

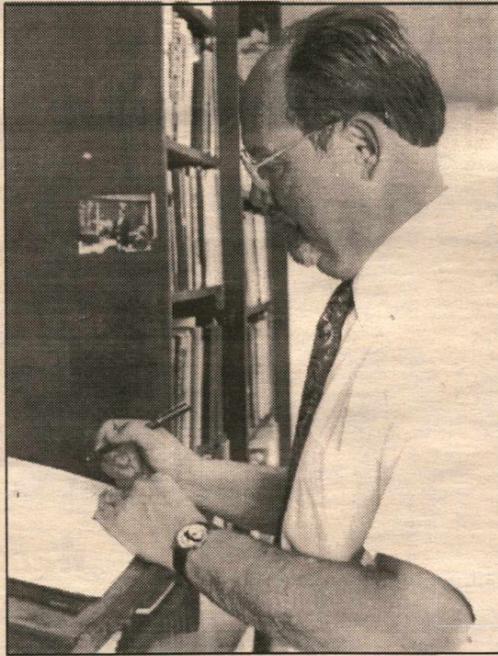
The academic dean at NNC administrative position responsible for academic programs, curriculum, faculty, academic events, accreditation, budgets, and long-range planning. As a result, he relies on information and input from individuals representing all areas.

"A good share of my time is spent in committee meetings," noted Dunn. He finds his the meetings interesting, but, "it's the quantity of them that gets to you after awhile." His schedule is also filled by answering mail and monitoring budgets.

Accreditation has become particularly important to the dean's days recently as NNC has been involved in the process. Dunn is in training as an accreditation reviewer for other schools, which also helps him to better understand it as it occurs here.

Dunn is also responsible for overseeing course evaluations. After results are compiled, they are read by Dunn, the division chair, and the faculty member. The information, provided by students, suggests changes that may be necessary to improve instruction.

"What I really look for is patterns over the long haul," commented Dunn, recognizing that even well-taught classes occasionally don't go well. "I look for positives as well . . . As a relatively new



dean here, I'm just starting to learn some patterns for faculty performance."

Course evaluations are designed to improve academic instruction, and changes do result from what is written by students. Professors leave the institution in some cases, but this is not the primary goal. Instead, Dunn prefers to address any problems and work toward correcting them.

The dean uses the information gathered concerning the academic programs at NNC to make recommendations to the college president, Dr. Hagood. The two also work together to present their recommendations to

the Board of Regents.

"I act in service to and with [Hagood] as he desires to work with the Board," explained Dunn. The Board of Regents will be on campus during the latter part of this week.

Though primarily an academic dean, Dunn also tries to teach one course each year. He teaches mathematics in the business department at NNC. This department has been the target of considerable changes and improvements over the past few years.

Dunn reported that his favorite part of this job is working with people. He noted that working with faculty from all the divisions on campus is like an education in itself. He also tries to improve his knowledge of the world by reading newspapers and a variety of books.

Learning outside of major fields of study is one of Dunn's goals for students. He hopes to instill in them, "the desire to be a learner" throughout life. "If we can accomplish that, then we will have done a good thing."

BY DEBI CARTER
STAFF WRITER

Wesleyan Women Clergy Conference in April

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Water

NNC women are encouraged to attend the Second International Wesleyan/Holiness Women Clergy Conference, April 11-14.

The conference this year is entitled, "Come to the Water, God's Call: From Infilling to Outpouring." The conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. With less than two months to register, conferees from thirteen countries and speakers from six Wesleyan/Holiness denominations (Free Methodist, Church of God, The Salvation Army, The Wesleyan Church, Church of the Nazarene, and Evangelical Friends International) are already slated to participate.

Thirty equipping workshops on a variety of ministries, worship, pastoral care, student concerns, and writing, will be offered by outstanding women from all six sponsoring denominations. All women serving in or preparing for a professional role in ministry (ordained or not) are invited to attend. Contact Irving Laird at x8252 for more information.

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Regan Ewton
Heather Hedman

Heather Hinton
Kristen Du Vall
Ann Kirkemo
Tye Ehlers
Hillary Cox
Amy Parker
Amy Meier
Nate Berga
Margaret Takagi
Chris Wiers
Hana Deakins
Jason George
Zenitha Jimicum
Chip McNeiece
Cherlyn Sollars
Ryan Turner
Bethany Heddrix
Gina Grate
Ellie Merrick
Sylvia Fine
Kelley VanderSys
Shauna Brown
Jason Smith
Chris Field
Cara Gremillion
Helen Warriner
Jessica Curtis
Michelle Morrison
Chris Readmond
Jennifer Wells
Jason Sandidge
Joel Huffman
Brian Thomas
Angela Getchell
Nathan Mason
Rebecca Galloway
Amy Gadwa
Janet Krause
Betsy Hamann
Robert Hyde
Adam Koenig
Jennifer Bankston
Karen Johnson
Shannon Mallory
Charity Baker
Brad Williamson
Amy Riley
Rufina Beem
Jon Crozier
James Lingeback
Toby Schmidt
Misty Linn
Carlyann Sandidge
Karen Murty
Tammy Battershell
Toby Jeffrey
Richard Maher
Shawn Riley
Debbie Ellis
Kristi Newlander
Matt Lindley

Michelle Ward
Ravae Minton
Brenda Hancock
Shelly Brown
Jason Wakeman
Sarah Anderson
Miriam Takagi
Erika McCray
Heather Robison
Amy Johnson
Laura Clouser
Christina Butler
Andi Dahlquist
Debra DeCloss
Connie Smith
Dan Nelson
Lynnee Friberg
Toby Rogers
Tami McCoy
Amanda Nixon
Jubilee Bales
Steven Shofner
Teri Black
Melissa Turner
Jennifer Lang
Katie Sterk
Kristen Ashby
Scott Denfeld
Jennifer Walters
Jennifer Sherblom
Casey McDown
Dustin Reynolds
Jeff Simmons
Tiffany Duncan
Lepha Johnson
Ryan Brown
Holly Leach
Brandi Teske
Latina Erickson
Sara Cobb
Jaime Lowe
Melanie Heard
Kevin Dahl
Dee Tripp
Dan Rousselle
Sheldon Williamson
Janette Niemi
Angela Inselman
Dee Doughman
Virginia Sulfridge
Diana Pellen
Cara Gremillion
Rayna Gravatt
Jason Buttles
Stephanie Bobo
Leslie McAdoo
April Whitten
Luke Heath

Save Track & Field

Track at NNC allows the average student athlete to compete in intercollegiate athletics. Unlike other sports, you don't have to be among the elite to participate in track and it is not an exclusionary team sport like basketball or volleyball. In addition, NNC has a long string of nationally ranked runners, jumpers and throwers. We urge the administration to take a second look before destroying a program that serves students like track does.

Tournament benefits community

Treasure Valley reaps two million from tournament

Get ready for the invasion. NAIA is about to begin. The Treasure Valley will spend the next week focused on basketball. The center point of that focus will be Montgomery Fieldhouse, but Nampa, Caldwell, and Boise play a role as well.

During the tournament, thirty-two teams will converge on the NNC campus. All will have their eyes on the highest prize in Division II basketball, but only one team will walk away with it. The real winners of the tournament, however, are Nampa, Caldwell, and Boise. The tournament is a big boost to business.

The tournament will bring over 1,000 people to the Golden Oasis. These people will be spending their money on housing, food, and entertainment throughout the Treasure Valley.

This significant event definitely draws a lot of tourism money into brought into the state. The NAIA tournament brings in more money than the Snake River Stampede, which sees people in and out of Nampa. The tournament keeps people here for a whole week, during which they spend money.

According to Gil Craker, NNC Publicity Director, the tournament will make an estimated \$2 million for the Treasure Valley. Most of the money will be spent at hotels, restaurants, car rental companies, shopping centers, and recreation and entertainment spots.

This is the fourth year that NNC has hosted the NAIA Tournament. Last year the Tournament expanded from 24 to 32 teams. This was a successful move that increased regional representation, among other factors. This year will again see 32 teams at the tournament.

The community has been very supportive of the tournament and the impact that it has. Craker says the consensus



is that "They do want the tournament." This support can be seen in the area high school and junior high schools, who have opened their gyms for team practice times. This year should see no major changes in the tournament. The logistics and schedule have been fine tuned according to Craker. "There is no sense in reinventing the wheel," he added.

This makes sense to most people who see the money flowing through the Valley. With one more year on a three year contract, NNC and the Treasure Valley are content with the revenue brought into Idaho.

BY SHANNON DONIVAN
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Suicide bombers ravage Israel

Four bombings in last nine days have killed sixty Israelis

For the fourth time in under two weeks, Hamas suicide bombers struck Israeli civilians, this time killing twelve and injuring over one hundred in Tel Aviv on Monday. This attack, paired with a bombing of a Jerusalem bus which killed eighteen, and two other bombings last week, has raised the death toll to sixty during the Hamas killing spree initiated last Friday.

In the most recent attack, a suicide bomber "crossed the street ... in a crowd of people and cars and blew himself up," said Tel Aviv police chief Gabi Last. According to mayor Monnie Milo, "The bomber was apparently on his way into the shopping center where there were dozens of kids celebrating Purim." He added, "He apparently saw the policeman at the entrance to the center and decided to blow himself up on the street. We saw his head several yards away."

The victims of the most recent blast were mostly children. "There was a little boy without a leg, he lost consciousness," said one paramedic. "We gave him artificial respiration. He started breathing five minutes later. We put him in the ambulance and they took him away."

The explosion, which stopped a street clock at 3:56 p.m.,

Four thieves shot in Missionary Home

Mission homes are supposed to be places of peace. Not so at a Nazarene missionary's home in the Philippines. Four thieves who broke in looking for money and kidnapped two caretakers were shot dead by Manila police.

The police were summoned by two neighbors saw the thieves dragging the Filipino couple inside the house. The police said that "We were shouting at them, negotiating with them for two hours but they refused to surrender."

The caretakers escaped when the thieves were startled by the missionaries, who honked their horns at the gate.

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horrified Israel. "There were about ten people who waited to take money out of the automatic teller," said one woman who witnessed the blast outside a bank. "There was an explosion and seven were blown into the air." A nearby pharmacist commented, "We heard a huge explosion and the wall in the store started caving in. We looked outside and saw bodies in the street."

Soon after the blast, an anonymous caller told Israel Radio that Hamas member Salah Abdel-Rahim, 24, had carried out the attack. Rahim was from Ramallah, a town north of Jerusalem where Yassir Arafat currently holds power. "Today's crime strengthens our determination to pursue our policy of fighting terrorism here and abroad," said Arafat. "We have to work with the Israelis to destroy their [Hamas's] infrastructure and to uproot terrorism." Israel prime minister Shimon Peres, who declared war on Hamas after Sunday's bombing, told the nation not to lose faith. "We have a variety of measures, we will not hesitate to apply all of them ... We will go to any corner where this twisted terror has begun to take root." He refused to say whether the army would be brought in to fight Hamas.

Many Israelis, however, are skeptical. Crowds shouted "Perez is a traitor" at the scene when Perez visited the scene of the attack. In this respect, Hamas has been successful in turning the Israelis public against Perez and the peace plan. If the attacks are not stopped, it is unlikely that Perez will be victorious in the Israelis elections on May 29.

BY DAVID STILLMAN
OFF-CAMPUS-EDITOR

"Missing" gun raises questions at trial

Arrasmith still gets life

The Nez Perce County (Idaho) Sheriff's office has been accused of "withholding important evidence in the Ken Arrasmith murder trial" in order to protect the son of a high ranking officer. Sheriff Ron Koeper and his deputies are accused of deliberately withholding the fact that a gun was found at the crime scene. This new development appears to add some backing to Arrasmith's plea of self-defense. Arrasmith was convicted of first and second degree murder in the shooting deaths of Ron and Luella Bingham on May 17, 1995 at a small auto repair shop in Lewiston. A gun was discovered in the auto shop where the two bodies were found.

It belonged to a Cliff Whitcomb, 24 year old son of second-in-command Scott Whitcomb.

In an unsigned affidavit, Cliff admitted to returning to the scene of the crime the next day to retrieve a second gun from one of the cars. He also received the first gun from his father later that same day.

Sheriff Koeper claims that the weapon was not really a part of the crime scene in that it was found inside the shop and the bodies were both outside of the shop. In a statement issued shortly after the disclosure, Koeper stated, "Based on their experience it was determined that the weapon was of no evidentiary value to the murder. The handgun was not taken as evidence nor was its existence revealed to the prosecutor."

"The hidden piece of evidence was brought to light by Tony Adams, owner of the repair shop, in an attempt to gain leniency on a pending charge of parole violation. In a prior unsigned affidavit, Adams claimed to have seen Ron Bingham at the shop on the night before his death in possession of a handgun. Bingham allegedly did not leave the shop that night.

Roy and Craig Mosman, attorney's for Arrasmith, seem to believe otherwise. Arrasmith claimed in trial that he saw a gun in the hand of Luella Bingham before he shot her nine times in the back. He also claimed that Ron Bingham was reaching for something while working underneath a pickup, which he believed to be a gun, when he shot him twenty-three times.

The Mosmans claim that the self-defense plea failed largely because the prosecution was able to maintain that no guns were found at the crime scene.

"It's a sad day," lamented Craig Mosman. "It's a day we learned that you can't rely on the police. This action affects the credibility of every officer in every case ... It's obvious they tried to protect a police officer's son and were willing to lie and file false reports to get it done."

Meanwhile, Arrasmith has been sentenced to life in prison. Appeals have been filed in the Federal Second District on the grounds that he was not given a fair trial due to the actions of the officers in their investigation.

BY RAY GIBLER
STAFF WRITER

Plane crashes in Peru

(Lima, Peru) The worst aircraft disaster in the history of Peru struck last Thursday, when a Boeing 737 collided with a barren hillside, killing all 117 passengers. According to Reuters news service, the pilot radioed that "all was fine" five minutes before the crash. Moments later, the crew of an Aeroperu flight saw the jet "completely in flames".

Most of the passengers on the plane were Peruvian, though there were several Canadians on board. No Americans were on the plane.

The plane split into three pieces on impact, and parts of the plane were everywhere at the crash site. The wreckage was still in flames after the crash. One Peru journalist, Sharon Stevenson, said that "They had a hard time getting in. There was no access by wheeled vehicles, and that .. made it impossible to put out the entire fire."

The cause of the crash has not yet been determined.

BY DAVID STILLMAN
OFF-CAMPUS-EDITOR

Forbes, Dole take lead in race

Dole's win in South Carolina makes him front-runner

The Dole and Forbes campaigns were revitalized with wins in South Carolina and Arizona, respectively, while Buchanan has tallied a string of second place finishes. Lamar Alexander was declared dead by Bob Dole last Saturday after he finished a distant third (again) in South Carolina.

Forbes upset victory in Arizona was especially sweet after he finished a distant third in both Iowa and New Hampshire. The win, along with his win in Delaware, propelled him to an unlikely lead in the race, until Dole displaced him with his win in South Carolina.

This victory was a much needed boost for Dole, who had not won outside his native Midwest. Victories in Wyoming and the Dakotas may also help Dole going into the Junior Tues-

day primaries on March 5. Junior Tuesday consists of primaries in ten states, including Washington.

Lamar Alexander must get a win next Tuesday if he wants to remain a viable candidate. Many people are calling for him to leave the race. Arizona Senator John McCain said "Lamar Alexander, I think, should put his plaid shirt in mothballs." However, Alexander is showing no signs of slacking off on the campaign trail. He said "I think the longer the race goes, the better I'll do." Hopefully he'll do better than his fifth place finish in North Dakota in which he trailed Phil Gramm, who wasn't even running.

Buchanan can only be disappointed with his showing in the last week. Coming off his win in New Hampshire, he expected that his stands

"Lamar Alexander, I think, should put his plaid shirt in mothballs,"

Arizona Senator John McCain

against illegal immigration and NAFTA would gain him votes in the anti-establishment west. Buchanan also needs a strong showing on Tuesday.

The only candidate who is not concerned with the Tuesday primaries is Forbes, who is instead focusing his energies on New York's Thursday primary in which 102 delegates are up for grabs. If he follows the pattern that he started in Arizona, he will probably bombard New Yorkers with millions of dollars in campaign ads. He spent four million in his Arizona victory and, with his vast fortune, can afford such heavy TV blitzes.

Dole, on the other hand, does not have a multi-million dollar fortune to buoy him in the race. He has spent \$30 million in these early stages of the race, and is nearing his \$37 million dollar spending cap. Forbes does not have to worry about this cap because he is using his personal fortune to fund his campaign.

By DAVID STILLMAN
STAFF WRITER

The primaries so far...

State	Alexander	Buchanan	Dole	Forbes	Gramm
Arizona	0	0	0	39	0
North Dakota	1	3	8	4	2
South Dakota	0	7	11	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	12	0
New Hampshire	4	6	4	2	0
Iowa	5	6	8	3	2
Louisiana	0	13	0	0	8
South Carolina	0	0	37	0	0
Wyoming	0	0	4	0	0
Total	10	35	72	60	12

Prince Charles, Lady Di divorce

Who saw it coming? Did you? Another royal marriage is down the drain for the Windsors. Last Wednesday, Princess Diana agreed to divorce the Prince of Wales.

This is not the first marriage that ended in divorce for the Royal Family. The British Monarchy has been "plagued" with unsuccessful marriages since King Henry VIII. This "fairy tale" romance between Prince Charles and Princess Di started out as a dream come true and ended as a nightmare.

On July 29th, 1981, 2,650 guests plus 500 million viewers watched the 19-year-old Lady Diana Spencer marry the heir to the throne, 32-year-old Prince Charles of Wales. Eleven years later, in 1992, the couple separated. And, as a result of Diana's BBC interview in November of 1995, the queen all but ordered them to get a divorce.

The marriage was haunted with adultery on both sides, intolerable media coverage, jealous fits of rage and suicide attempts by the Princess, along with her eating disorder. Diana admitted to an affair with cavalry officer James Hewitt and Charles admitted to an affair with his "old flame", Camilla Parker Bowles.

After the divorce is final, Diana will keep the title of Princess of Wales. Media reports have speculated that she could expect \$24 million as a financial settlement from any divorce. Diana will still be involved in all decisions relating to the couple's children, William, 13, and Harry, 11.

During the separation they have been spending equal time with both parents. Diana hopes to become an unofficial ambassador for Britain and what she called a "queen of the people's hearts."

Under English law, the couple can divorce on the grounds of their separation without bringing in any charges of adultery.

If Diana had not agreed to divorce Charles, he would have had to wait until they had been separated for five years and then he could divorce her without her consent, on the grounds of her adultery or unreasonable behavior.

The divorce will not change Charles' status as heir to the throne or as the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, Britain's state religion. He will be the first divorced royal to take the throne in 280 years.

King Henry VIII, in the 16th century beheaded two of his six wives and divorced another two. In the 18th century, George I had divorced Princess Sophia Dorothea under the German law of Hanover, but when he came to power in England his divorce was not recognized.

George IV tried to divorce his wife, Caroline of Brunswick-Wolfenbuttel. The bill that would have made it possible for them to be divorced outraged the nation and was never passed by parliament. In 1936, King Edward VIII had to give up the throne in order to marry American divorcee, Wallis Simpson.

Of Queen Elizabeth's four children, only one has not experienced a marital break up. Princess Anne divorced Captain Mark Phillips, her husband of 16 years. Prince Andrew separated from Sarah Ferguson three years ago and now Prince Charles will be divorced. The only one left is Prince Edward, who has never been married.

Current negotiations between the Prince and Princess of Wales are not going well. Diana's lawyer, Anthony Julius, has threatened to halt the divorce process.

"If we cannot rely on agreements that have been made, it would be unsafe to continue negotiations," Julius said last Thursday. Julius said that the palace is trying to renege on promises the Prince made about Diana's title as the Princess of Wales and her home and office.

The queen hopes that the divorce will be dealt with in a timely manner, but due to current problems, it doesn't seem likely.

By RACHEL ROEMHILDT
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CRUSADER COMMENTARY

By Dave Roemhildt

Entering the Moscow subway system, the vast staging areas crowded with silent travelers, only the mechanical beats of the subway in the distance can be heard. The passengers wait for their daily commute to work or to the market. The crowd is strangely quiet, however, to your unaccustomed American ear.

You inquire to a fellow American who has spent more time in Moscow than yourself as to the cause of the ominous quiet.

He replies that in Russia people are usually quiet in public. To make extra noise is to be noticed, and being noticed can get you on lists that you would rather not be on.

Lists? Does such a thing still exist in Russia. An American might find this odd; even paranoid. But then again, this is still Russia. Though governments have changed, the character of the people, conditioned over hundreds of years, have not.

On the outward appearance, Russian culture may seem similar to American but peculiarities like this soon emerge. Are Russians still kept silent by the possibility of government action against subversive speech? Or do Russians accept and desire a return to the hard-line days of communism? Would it not seem logical for Russians to cling to their inalienable rights and embrace a western democratic style of government?

The answer to this question is no. Currently, democracy in Russia has support of only a handful of interest groups.

Since the reign of Ivan the Terrible, the Russians have proven their inclination towards the balance and stability of despotic rule, often regardless of the individual price paid for it. This led to an acceptance of totalitarianism, a system which can often effectively serve the needs of communities and promote state interests, but usually at the expense of individual freedoms. This affirmed a philosophy that developed in the Russian character; that individual freedom is of little value compared to the benefits of a strong centralized government.

This leads to the current situation in Russia. With political uncertainty and the re-emergence of hard-line communists and nationalists in the wind, it should not be surprising that they are gathering a majority following. This is expressed by Russians themselves, many of whom see democratic government as a weakness. After all, it is widely known that the three greatest changes since the fall of the Soviet Union have been the increase in crime, the increase in prices and the loss of jobs. Both Boris Yeltsin and Mikhail Gorbachev suffer in the eyes of the public because systems they introduced have increased many hardships while producing few tangible benefits.

"Yeltsin will soon be out," one recent traveler to Russia comments. "Outside of the cities, he has no support. No one likes him. They think of him as a weak leader, and they think of Gorbachev as the man who let Russia down."

Westerners view the fall of the Communist regime and the opening up of Russia to liberalization as the crossroads in Russia's modern history. However, it can also be pointed out, with good reason, that the economic and social reforms manifested in the new democratic Russia are just window dressings for a corrupt and dying system.

It should be clear that the Russians have a distinct character that has arisen from their history. They may not necessarily relish individual liberties and may mourn the loss of strong central control. They may show support for the return of a strong central government. Democracy has given them little.

This analysis of the Russian situation should not be ignored, especially at the present. The current struggle for national supremacy between Boris Yeltsin and his opponents has led to a truly unique crossroads for Russia, potentially more important than the fall of communism. When the prolonged agony of reforms finally proves little help, the system will crash, and possibly, just maybe, a new stable system will arise that will incorporate the unique character and genius of the Russian people in a way that democracy, at least so far, has not proven able to do.

Candidate Profiles

Wondering who these guys are? Wonder what they stand for? Read on to find out.

The Republican Primaries are in full swing, but few people really know who's running. Most people don't really care. The truth is you should care because who we choose as president drastically effects the course of the nation. If Bush had won in '92, the course of world events would be much different.

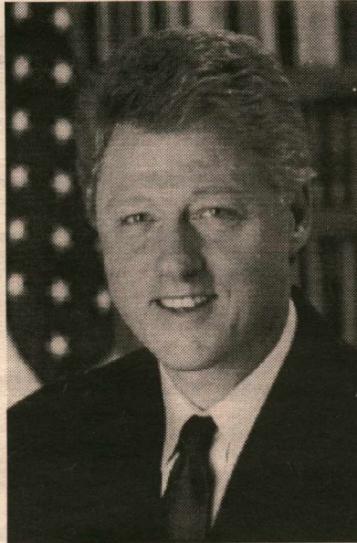
So now, the time is not far off when we must choose another president to lead our nation into the next century. If Buchanan is elected, U.S. troops would pull out of U.N. peacekeeping forces around the world. If Lamar Alexander resurrects his campaign and attains the presidency, welfare would soon be controlled by the states instead of the federal government. Does this really matter? These are questions that the voters must decide.

It is important to note that a candi-

date's views on the issues are not the only things to be considered. A candidate's experience in politics can have a drastic impact on how they do their job. Steve Forbes would undoubtedly run the presidency in a very new and different way. Is that progress, or is the presidency fine the way it is? These are questions to be pondered.

Each candidate has his good points and his bad points. Which candidate do you agree with the most? Check this handy guide and get a general idea of what these candidates stand for. If one of the candidates catches your eye, do a little research and see if he would truly be the best choice for president.

By SHANE BUNN AND DAVID STILLMAN
STAFF WRITERS



Bill Clinton

Birth Date: August 19, 1946
 Birth Place: Hope, Arkansas
 Religion: Baptist
 Education:
 Georgetown University, B.S. 1968
 Oxford University, Rhodes Scholar, 1968-70
 Yale University, J.K., 1973
 Family:
 Married to Hillary Rodham Clinton;
 one daughter
 Political Experience:
 Arkansas Attorney General, 1977-1979
 Arkansas Governor, 1979-1981 and
 1983-1993
 Organizational Memberships:
 Carnegie Foundation, ABA, Arkansas Bar
 Association.

Statement of Views

Bill Clinton, as the only Democrat running for president, is the most liberal of all the presidential candidates. However, some of his views on issues sound almost Republican. He favors a balanced budget and plans to spend a billion dollars next year to curb illegal immigration. He also favors increased military spending and limited transference of federal power to the state (specifically on welfare). His support of Affirmative Action and abortion rights are two of the main issues on which he differs from the Republicans.



Robert Dole

Birth Date: July 22, 1923
 Birthplace: Russell, Kansas
 Religion: Methodist
 Education:
 University of Kansas, 1941-1943
 Washburn University, A.B., LL.B., 1952
 Family:
 Married to Elizabeth Dole; one
 daughter from first marriage
 Political Experience:
 Minority/Majority Leader, U.S. Senate,
 1986-1994
 U.S. Senator, 1969-1994
 U.S. Representative, 1961-1969
 Organizational Memberships:
 Kiwanis, Masons, Veterans of Foreign Wars,
 Shriners, Elks

Statement of Views:

Bob Dole has been a longtime supporter of the balanced budget amendment. One of the ways he plans to balance the budget is to cut the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the National Endowment for the Arts. He wants to strengthen the Mexican Border Patrol to curb illegal immigration and return federal power to the states. He also wants to strengthen America's military forces.



Steve Forbes

Birth Date: July 18, 1947
 Birth Place: Morristown, New Jersey
 Religion: Presbyterian
 Education:
 Princeton University, B.A. 1970
 Family:
 Married to Sabina Forbes; 5 daughters
 Political Experience:
 None
 Current Job:
 President and CEO, Forbes, Inc.
 Editor in Chief, FORBES Magazine
 Organizational Memberships:
 Princeton University Trustees, American
 Enterprise Institute, Board for Interna-
 tional Broadcasting

Statement of views:

Flat tax, Flat tax, Flat tax. Forbes is hard to pin down on other issues of importance to voters. His pro-choice stance is getting him into trouble in the Republican primaries. He is a strongly pro-business candidate. His biggest plus is his clear message, but his lack of experience could hurt him.



Lamar Alexander

Birth Date: July 3, 1940
 Hometown: Nashville, Tennessee
 Religion: Presbyterian
 Education:
 Vanderbilt University, B.A. 1962
 New York Univ. Law School J.D. 1965
 Family:
 Married to Leslee Alexander;
 four children
 Political Experience:
 Education Secretary, 1991-1993
 Governor of Tennessee, 1979-1987
 Organizational Memberships:
 Tennessee Bar Association, Empower
 America, Common Arms Outdoors.

Statement of Views:

One of Lamar Alexander's most controversial positions is that he wants to abolish the Department of Education and send its funds to the states. Sending federal power to the states is one of Lamar's overriding campaign themes, and part of his solution to health care, crime, and welfare. His solution for welfare includes provisions that encourage kids to stay in school, where he wants to legalize a moment of silence. He feels that a balanced budget amendment would solve many of the countries problems. He wants to increase defense spending while keeping the U.S. from becoming the world's policeman.



Pat Buchanan

Birth Date: November 2, 1938
 Hometown: McLean, Virginia
 Religion: Catholic
 Education:
 Georgetown University, B.A. 1961
 Columbia Univ. M.A. 1962
 Family:
 Married to Shelly Buchanan
 Political Experience:
 Director, White House Communications,
 (1985-1987)
 Advisor to Presidents Nixon and Ford,
 (1971-1974)
 Recently held positions:
 CNN's Crossfire, 1992-1995, Moderator
 "The McLaughlin Group", 1988-1992,
 Panelist

Statement of Views:

Buchanan has a number of views which make some voters love him, some reject him. He wants to eliminate foreign aid and end the Mexican bailout. He also plans to restructure NAFTA and GATT. Saying that "America is naked to missile attack," he wants to develop a viable missile defense system. He thinks that the Supreme Court has become too powerful and wants to reconfirm the Supreme Court Justices every eight years. He adamantly opposes affirmative action, and wants to bring religion back into schools. Under his administration, no American soldier will serve under the flag of the United Nations. To combat illegal immigration, he wants to completely shut off our southern border to illegal immigrants, using the National Guard, if necessary. He believes that the semiautomatic gun ban violates the second amendment.

Peace in Great Britain in jeopardy

Peace talks continue despite IRA bombings in London

A bomb blasts in England caused the cease fire between Great Britain and The Irish Republican Army to end. RTE, the Irish News Network, received a coded message from the IRA. This allowed the authorities to evacuate the area so only two people were killed instead of the potential hundreds.

Later, another bomb exploded prematurely and ripped through a double decker bus in London, but miraculously only the bomber, Edward O'Brien, was killed. It was near his right leg when it went off according to forensics.

The bombings come after an eighteen month cease fire. The peace process may have been ground to a halt by these acts of wanton destruction. However, the IRA sees their actions as necessary to further the peace process. The talks were continually being pushed back by British demands that the IRA be disarmed before talks would begin.

The decision to end the cease-fire was made more than a month ago by the IRA army council. The seven member council, which is the highest decision making body in the IRA, had been closely monitoring the peace talks in Northern Ireland between the government ministers and Sinn Fein, the political arm of the IRA.

It is now apparent that their decision came after months of a split in the council over resuming hostilities. The Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams, says he did not know of the attacks prior to their happening.

British Intelligence fears that, during the cease fire, the IRA has been able to resupply and train a new generation of

troops. The problem is that British Intelligence has been unable to infiltrate the IRA successfully, so these new troops have not been identified. New security measures have been implemented in Belfast and England. Instead of ceremonial guards, soldiers with machine guns were in place. Also, more troops were sent to Northern Ireland.

Martin McGuinness, one of Sinn Fein's leaders, said he would urge a new cease-fire if all party talks were called and a definite date was set. These talks need to include all parties, including the IRA and there will be no disarmament of the IRA prior to the talks.

There is a fear that the bombing will continue until after Parliamentary elections are held in England. John Major's government and support in Parliament may slip and a new Prime Minister could take office if they are unable to handle this new situation. IRA's standing around the world may be in jeopardy.

Many adamant supporters have been outspoken against the bombings. Bertie Ahern, the leader of Ireland's largest party Fianna Fail said the bombings "make no sense at all." Gerry Adams who has refused to condemn the bombings may not get his visa to attend St. Patrick's Day celebrations in the U.S.A.. According to White House spokeswoman Mary Ellen Glynn, "our main concern is getting the peace talks back on track."

By RICH MAHER
STAFF WRITER

Gorby enters Russian elections

However, his low approval rating gives him little chance

Mikhail Gorbachev announced last week that he has decided to run for the Russian presidency.

Gorbachev said that he is "100 percent sure" but stopped just short of actually declaring himself as a candidate. He also said that until he makes an official declaration, the public should consider that "a final decision hasn't been made."



Boris Yeltsin

The former Soviet leader, who turned 65 last Saturday, became the Com-

munist party's General Secretary March 11, 1985, but then lost power when the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

Preliminary public opinion polls show that Gorbachev's popularity ratings are about 1%.

Presidential hopefuls must collect at least one million signatures by April 16 to qualify for the race. Despite skepticism that Gorbachev would be able to meet that requirement, Gorbachev said that the signature-gathering was going well.

The current Russian president, Boris Yeltsin, is also running, seeking his second term.

However, Yeltsin is straggling a bit. Although Yeltsin preached about how he would bring reform to Russia early in his term, it now appears that Yeltsin is after more power.

"We thought that he wanted power for reform," says Lilia Shevtsova, senior associate at the Moscow center of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "But everything was subordinated to one goal; power is the end in itself, and the means do not matter."

Vyachelslav Kostidov, Yeltsin's former press secretary said in a television broadcast about Yeltsin that "Power is his ideology, his friend, his concubine if you want, his lover--and his passion.



Mikhel Gorbachev

Everything that is beyond the fight for power concerns him much less."

Kostidov was immediately fired from his post as ambassador to the Vatican after the broadcast.

Yeltsin's popularity ratings currently stand at about 10%, placing him second among the candidates.

The current front-runner is Gennady Zyuganov, a communist leader who has spearheaded a communist return to respectability in Russia by promising to improve the lives of millions of people suffering at the hands of pro-market reforms.

Recent opinion polls put Zyuganov well ahead in popularity of his political foe, Boris Yeltsin.

Zyuganov's success has been boosted largely by default by Yeltsin's deeply unpopular military campaign in rebel Chechnya, which he criticized frequently.

Also, Zyuganov is fourteen years younger and has a clean bill of health, while Yeltsin has suffered two mild heart attacks.

However, his true political leanings are not clear cut. Some commentators say that, though Zyuganov is a moderate, he could be manipulated by ideologically-driven hardliners within the party.



Gennady Zyuganov

By RYAN SUTZMAN
STAFF WRITER

Bosnia peace plan in trouble

The indictment of Bosnian Serb Gen. Djordje Djukic by a war crimes tribunal in the Netherlands may cause the Bosnian Serbs to break with NATO, effectively ending the peace agreement in Yougoslavia. Djukic was arrested in Sarajevo last week after he and another Bosnian Serb officer took a wrong turn.

There are other signs that the Peace plan is in trouble, including the Serbs mass exodus from suburbs of Sarievo being turned over to the Croat government on March 12. The Serbs feared reprisals for Serbian actions during the recent war.

Only 1,000 Serbs remain in Vogosca and Ilijas, down from 37,000 in November. If there is any sign for hope at all, it is the fact that the peace has survived this long, through similar problems.

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THE CINDERELLA FACTOR

Three years ago, the unranked Crusaders waltzed into the final four. Despite problems this season, they have a history of surprising everyone. Can they do it again?

"We've won it. We're National Champs!"

These words were heard last year from the NNC bench during the waning seconds of what looked to be NNC's first ever national championship.

Unfortunately, the championship trophy was not to find its way into the NNC trophy glass. As all of Montgomery Fieldhouse watched, Bethel College sank a 25-foot shot to force the game into overtime. Bethel proceeded to yank the game out of the Crusaders' hands in the overtime, 103-95.

After the awards were handed out and Bethel finished its celebrations, the Crusaders once again began the task of working toward the next season. Expectations built quickly for the team. And why not, since Coach Ed Weidenbach and



his team would be returning all but two of the players from this championship caliber team.

Although the team leader, Emiko Etete, would be graduating, Weidenbach had more than enough reason to be confident in this year's team.

The national championship was the focus of the team from the beginning whistle of Midnight Madness in October. Expectations were rising with every step towards the new season.

Transfer big man Nate Smith from Edmonds Community College seemed to be a great replacement for Emiko Etete. The Schumacher brothers would both be returning, Roy

Garcia would have another year under his belt, and Trevor Stott would be back inside for the Sadlers.

The rest of the NAIA seemed to agree that NNC was one of the teams to watch, ranking the Sadlers fourth in the pre-season polls.

Weidenbach was confident but realistic about the optimism, "I think this will be one of the toughest schedules we've ever played." Weidenbach went on to add, "This is the best the conference has looked."

Nobody seemed to notice what Coach Marty Holly was doing during his off-season, luring two NCAA Division I transfers to add to an already strong returning squad.

People were given a glimpse of what Weidenbach was talking about in the annual Tip-Off tournament. After soundly defeating Seattle University, the Crusaders were thumped by Albertson in the championship game, 75-65.

The Crusaders proceeded to cruise through the pre-season, racking up impressive wins over ranked teams, NAIA division I schools, and teams who had been in last year's tournament. Towards the end of December, the Sadlers had compiled an impressive 6-1 record and were holding steady at fourth place in the national polls.

Weidenbach, however, was still concerned, "I don't like our tendency to turn things on and off, I don't want to see us rely on it."

It was at this point in the season that things began to turn sour for the Crusaders as they pushed to return to the national championship.

Playing in Albertson College's Golden Rule Shoot-Out, Weidenbach was forced to suspend his leading scorer for the tournament for the second year in a row. Chad Herron was suspended for two games, while Justin Marion was suspended for one game, both for 'disciplinary purposes.'

Without these two players, the Crusaders got pummeled by the Bearcats of Willamette, 76-54, the very team the Sadlers had beaten to get into last year's Final Four.

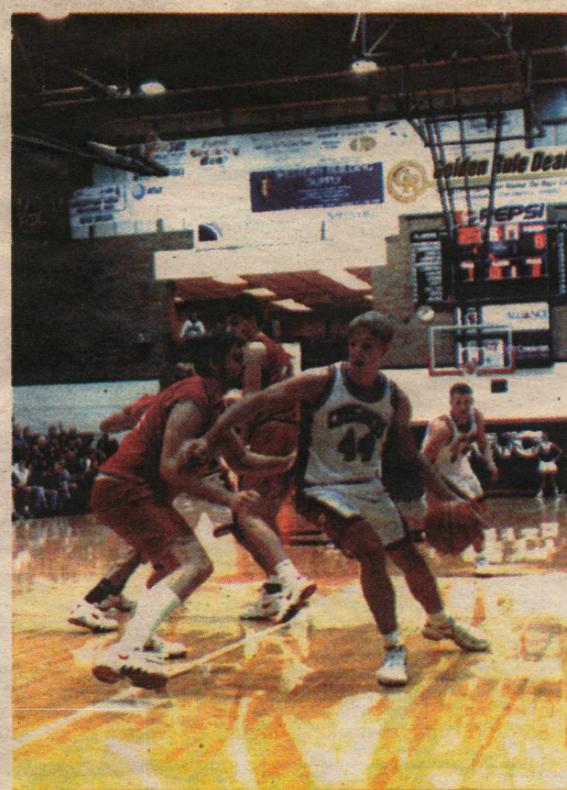
Three games later, worse came to worst when Bobby Tamminga, the teams spark plug and defensive leader, went down with a severe knee-injury that would later require surgery. Consequently, Tamminga would be out for the rest

of the year. The Sadlers lost that game to nationally ranked Western Washington, 77-61. "Losing Bobby certainly doesn't help," said a frustrated Weidenbach at the time.

In the next game, the Crusaders were blown out 81-62 by Seattle University, the very team that the Sadlers had demolished earlier in the season.

At the same time, Coach Holly and the Yotes were racking up victory after victory to move into the top five teams in the nation while NNC dropped to number ten.

When the Cascade conference games finally rolled around, the competition looked to be tight and the Crusaders seemed to be struggling. At the time, Weidenbach told reporters, "It's not that we can't do it, we just haven't. Consistency is a big concern."



NNC opened conference play with a split, dropping their overall record to 9-5. For the first time in the season the Saders dropped out of the national rankings.

Once again Weidenbach voiced dissatisfaction with the situation, "What makes this so frustrating is this is an experienced team, we're missing some ingredients, but we're going to try and get this fixed."

Indeed the coach's words once again seemed prophetic as the Saders went on a short tear over the next three weeks winning five games in a row and winning eight of the next nine games. With an 8-2 record, the Saders seemed to be back on track.

With this momentum, the Saders travelled to Caldwell to play the Yotes, who by now ranked third in the nation and were cruising through the conference games looking nearly unbeatable. The Yotes continued to look unbeatable as they broke the Crusaders' defense down and dominated the game to give NNC the 89-67 loss.

Weidenbach's pre-season evaluation of the Cascade conference's talent this season proved to be accurate as the Saders followed up the Albertson defeat with two disappointing losses to Western Oregon and Western Baptist.

The Saders dropped to third in the conference with an overall record of 16-10 and seemed to be truly struggling. Weidenbach continued to be baffled by the Saders' play. "We've had low points before,

but it's been on the way to improvement...I don't see anywhere where we're making improvement."

Senior Todd Schumacher agreed. "This is the most frustrated I've ever been."

Although his team had thoroughly defeated the Saders, Albertson coach Marty Holly reminded everyone that NNC was still a team to watch. "Coach Weidenbach may have done his finest coaching job with this year's team," said Holly. "I know they haven't been as consistent as Ed would like, but I guarantee he will have them ready to play."

For the final conference game, NNC hosted the third ranked Yotes. Fans wondered what would happen, would the Saders get pounded one more time or would they play like everyone knew they could play? "We're a 'Price is Right' kind of team," said Weidenbach, "is it door number one or door number two? It depends on which team shows up."

The season final proved to be the best game of the season from both teams' standpoint. The third ranked Yotes came in and played an impressive game of strong shooting and defense. The Crusaders stayed right with the Yotes and even reminded their fans of last year's championship run. Although they lost, everyone seemed impressed with the Crusaders' game, including Weidenbach, "We stepped to the plate, and we did not back down."

The Crusaders seemed to be finding their game just in time for the post-season and Holly agreed, "They're back!"

Although the team failed to make it back to the Cascade Conference championship, falling to nationally-ranked Western Oregon in the second round, everyone, most importantly the players themselves knew that they were still capable of competing at the national tournament.

"We have to put the past behind us and focus on what is ahead," commented Weidenbach. "Regular season and post-season records go to the wayside when we all enter the

tournament. We're all 0-0 in a five-game season now, and we'll all take it one game at a time and see what happens"

Despite the disappointing season, the Crusaders have spent the last two weeks concentrating on what they know. All but one of this year's Crusaders have played in a national championship game. Each player knows what it takes to get back to that game.

Although they finished the season losing five of six games, the Crusaders settled down to prepare for the national tournament, with the knowledge that they still had the same talent that got them to the championship game last season. They still had the same Roy Garcia who received All-American status, the same Tony Schumacher who sank three-pointer after three-pointer to defeat Willamette in last year's quarter finals,

the same Trevor Stott who had dominated Northern State's All-American front court, and the same Chad Herron who briefly set and held the tournament record for three-pointers in a tournament game.

"It's a real advantage to have so many returning players with experience, but we know we still have to prove ourselves on the court," said Weidenbach.

Having drawn Concordia of Nebraska, 24-5, on the year and the number five seed, for their first round game, Weidenbach and the Crusaders know that their work is cut out for them if they are to return to the national championship.

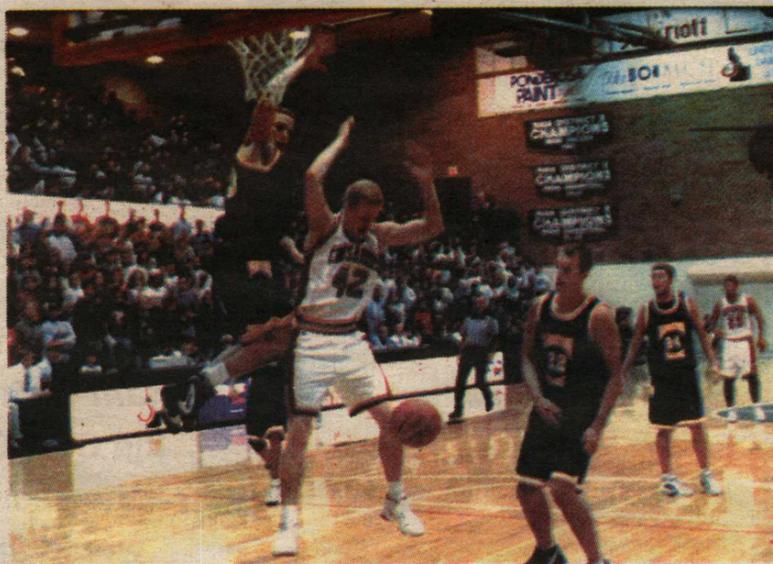
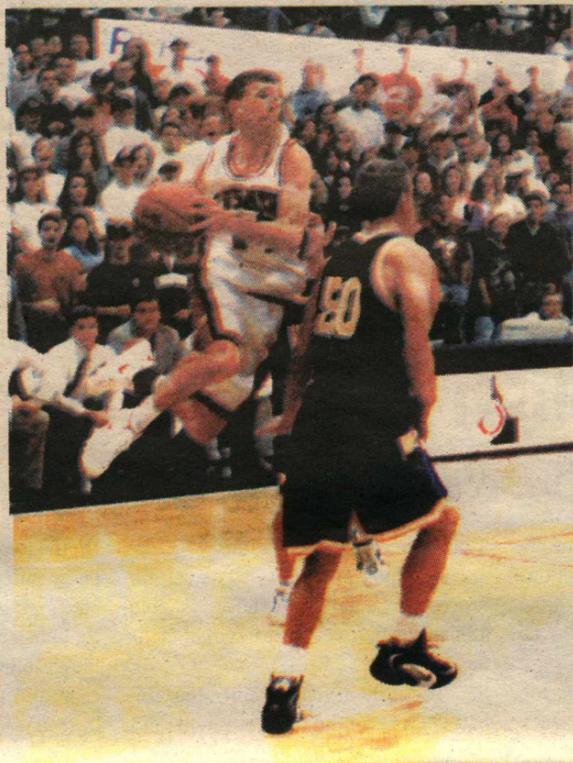
"If we can do what we're capable of, we can compete and play with anybody," said Weidenbach. "Playing with urgency is great. That's exactly what we need."

Holly admits that NNC can play under pressure if they have to. "Ed will get them playing well, you can count on it."

Weidenbach enters tournament week fairly confident in his team even though the season was a challenging one, "It is a tough chore, but this team knows it can do it," he said.

Regardless of how the season turned out, Weidenbach reminded reporters, "I know the players understand the importance of this tournament, particularly this year's team; it's been our focus all year long."

One thing that the Crusaders will be counting on is the support of the NNC crowd. "We have the best fans in the country, they can give really give us a lift when we need it,"

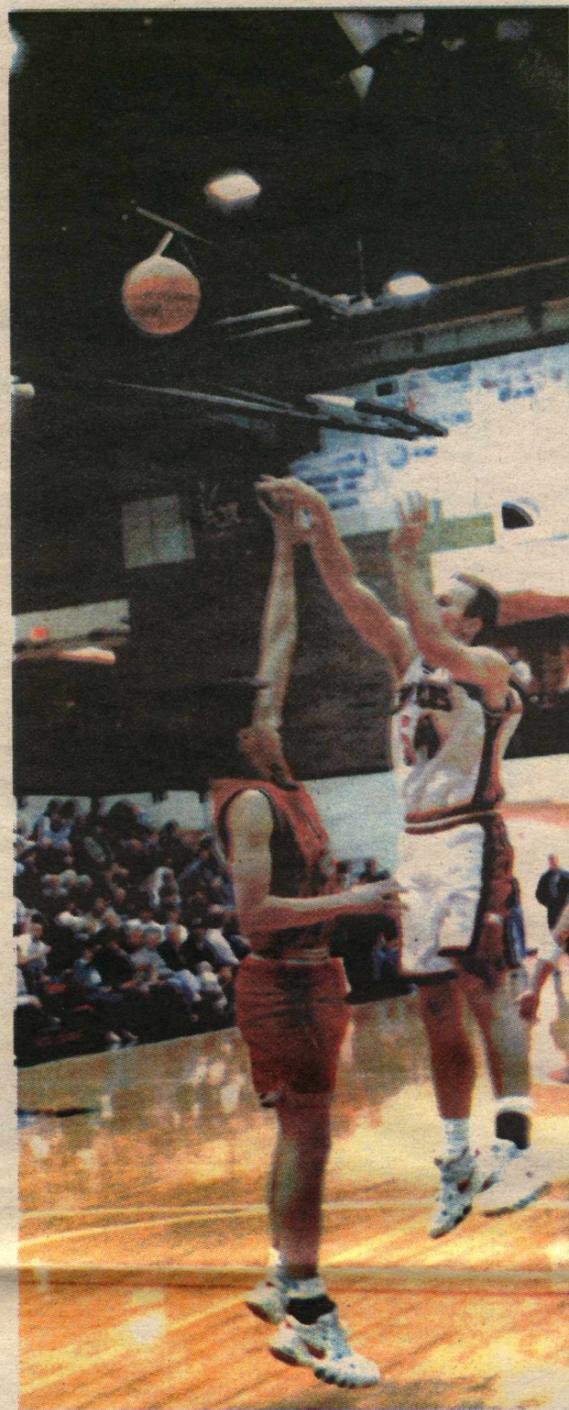


commented Weidenbach. "Not too many teams play real well against us when our crowd is at full tilt."

With all that has happened this season, optimism is plentiful with this year's Crusader team at tournament time. As Chad Herron put it recently, "We know we can do it, we just have to go out there and do it."

Game time for the Crusaders will be Wednesday night at 8:00 P.M..

BY TOBY JEFFREY
SPORTS EDITOR



➤ 9 OUT OF 12 SEASON LOSSES WERE TO TEAMS PLAYING IN THE NAIA TOURNAMENT.

➤ EVERY CRUSADER TEAM MEMBER, EXCEPT ONE, HAS PARTICIPATED IN AN NAIA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

➤ FOUR YEARS AGO, NNC WENT INTO THE NAIA TOURNAMENT WITH A HOPE AND A PRAYER (AND A RECORD OF 17-12). THEY WENT TO THE FINAL FOUR ONLY TO LOSE TO THE EVENTUAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS.

THIS YEAR NNC GOES INTO THE NAIA TOURNAMENT WITH A HOPE AND A PRAYER (AND AGAIN A RECORD OF 17-12).

➤ THE LAST THREE YEARS THE ONLY TEAM TO BEAT NNC IN THE NAIA TOURNAMENT WAS THE EVENTUAL NATIONAL CHAMPION.

➤ THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE CASCADE CONFERENCE HAS HAD THREE TEAMS IN THE NAIA TOURNAMENT.

STAFF EDITORIALS

They can't afford to move the tournament

This year is the fourth consecutive year that NNC has played host to the NAIA National Tournament. Next year will be the fifth, but beyond that, it is unclear who will host the tournament. Will NNC win the honor again, or will the NAIA seek a change of scenery and move the tournament?

We think there are several compelling reasons why the NAIA should keep the tourney in Nampa. First, NNC has consistently put on a superior show and rolled out the red carpet for every team. Second, the support of local businesses has been overwhelming. This is good for everyone involved: the NAIA, NNC, and the businesses themselves.

Yet, the most compelling argument for keeping the tournament in Nampa is that attendance is always guaranteed to be high. Even if the Crusaders don't make it too far in the tournament, cross-town powerhouse Albertson College probably will. This guarantees large crowds at every stage. Furthermore, NNC is in the heart of one of the toughest conferences in the division. Western Oregon, Whitworth, and Willamette are just a few of the colleges within driving distance of Nampa who can send throngs of rabid fans to our gym.

Between the first-class treatment, lucrative advertising, and large crowds, the NAIA can't afford not to come back to Nampa.

Who can we root for?

The prospects don't seem too good. The Crusaders just haven't been having their best year ever on the hardwood. They were consistently inconsistent through the regular season, and they didn't play like they have for the last two years when it came time for conference playoffs.

If we choose to replace optimism with realism, we can start preparing ourselves now for the worst. What if NNC doesn't make it to the back to the Final Four, or the Great Eight? What if—gasp—the Sadlers fall in the first round? What will we do?

While the natural reaction might be to boycott the Montgomery Field House and hide out in the library studying for finals, we'd like to offer another suggestion.

If NNC happens to lose (God forbid), let's not abandon the tournament; instead, let's adopt another team. For example, Mid-America Nazarene College will be playing in the tournament, and at 8 p.m. Thursday night, to boot. And while you're at it, you might even consider coming out and rooting for... Albertson. Why not? We're not expecting to hear chants of "Let's go Coyotes" emanating from the student section, but we think real basketball fans could and should enjoy watching entertaining ball provided by a top-notch Treasure Valley team.

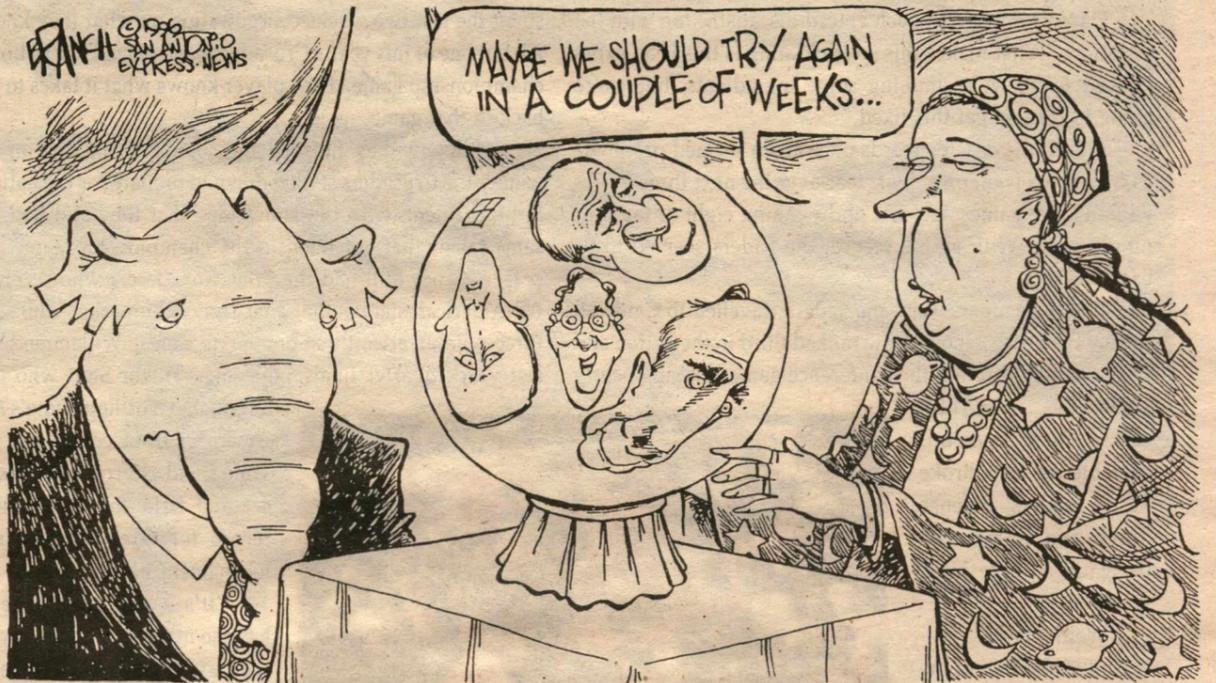
In order to make this kind of student support feasible, though, something would have to be done about ticket prices. Officials have recognized this and intelligently offered two early sessions (1 and 2) for the price of one. Should the Sadlers uncharacteristically exit early from the tourney, more deals of that type may be needed.

If NNC does lose, let's not be poor sports about it. There are 31 other teams who don't have their crowd at the tournament. Let's be their surrogate supporters.

STAFF INFECTION

Quotable: "It's too early for it to be this late" ... Rebecca says she gets graphic after hours on Monday nights/Tuesday mornings, so drop in about 3--if you dare ... When you go to the Mid-America game tomorrow night, cheer for a stand-out freshman guard named Mark Fraley ... A brave section editor once said, "Quissell should have run the "Accessible, Approachable, and Afraid" campaign ... I was told by an impatient senior male (A.V.) that he couldn't wait for third term, because "that's when the freshman girls are in season." What a guy ... "Wow, 1987 was 9 years ago for me." "Um, Toby, it was 9 years ago for most everyone in this office." ... "It's times like these that make me glad there are other times." ... that's enough.

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Peer through this here crystal ball

Psychic editor foresees NAIA and '96 prez race outcomes

Usually, as a sensible human being, I tend to steer clear of predictions that can only make me look less than wise when they quickly prove to be false. But every once in a while, a gut feeling comes along that is simply too strong to ignore; this week, I was struck by two such feelings regarding two vastly unrelated topics some of you might be interested in: the NAIA tournament and the presidential campaign.

The NAIA national basketball tournament is upon us for the fourth consecutive year. 1993 through 1995 have seen the Crusaders dominate teams from every corner of the country. Only two overtime losses and one 9-of-10 3-point shooting performance have prevented NNC from claiming even greater honors than three straight Final Four appearances. The same time frame has not been kind to our beloved ACI Coyotes, however. A couple of upsets and an off year have made the last three postseasons ones to forget for this year's Cascade Conference champs.

That's why things will change this year. I realize that it might be less than popular to predict that ACI will play for the national championship next Tuesday, but they will be there. They won't win, of course, because Bethel is incapable of losing, and the Coyotes will remember to choke, but they will be in that game.

What about the Sadlers, you ask? Well, it all depends on which team shows up. But to be bold, I'll say that I see NNC overcoming Concordia in the first round in a nail-biter, disposing handily of Trinity International in the second round, and meeting MANC for a fascinating quarterfinal date on Saturday at 8 in the evening. This game will go into overtime, as has become the custom. With a Final Four berth at stake, it's difficult to see exactly what will come about... aw, shoot, my crystal ball is fogging up. Talk to me in private

if you want my real opinion.

With no transition whatsoever, I'll proceed to a far more unpredictable arena: election-year presidential politics.

The early primary results, the "debates" GOP candidates have held, and the actions of the Republican Congress have prompted me to step out even further on a limb I had explored last fall. During a conversation with a past *Crusader* editor sometime around last October, I revealed that I believed Clinton would win re-election in '96. He confessed a similar predilection.

Contrary to what some of you may believe, none of this crystal-ball viewing that I love to do means that I want Bill Clinton to be re-elected. It also means you don't have to put me on a prayer list somewhere and pray God will touch my backsliding soul. I am not impressed with Clinton. His inability to make more than one consecutive successful Cabinet appointment has not made him look extremely competent in this writer's eyes. It was a complete mystery to me why his popularity was soaring--until I paid a little more attention to how the Republicans on the '96 campaign trail and in the Capitol building have been acting lately.

The GOP's refusal to compromise in budget talks even when differences were negligible was the primary (though not the sole, granted) cause of the recent government shutdown. In addition, the right-wing candidates' insistence on putting each other down more often than any Democrat ever could was the biggest collective political mistake of the year.

Do the Republicans want Bill Clinton to be President of the United States until 2001? It would appear they do. Although I began this school year with the resolution to drop as much cynicism as I could, Buchanan's mindless hate-based rhetoric, Forbes' mean streak, Alexander's almost-sincere-looking populism, and Dole's lack of vision have thrown an open door to the cynical notion that politicians who are tied to the two major parties are concerned with their own welfare infinitely more than the welfare of the country. I don't like the fact that I have started reasoning this way again, but that disillusionment thing has a way of not dying if you keep getting disappointed in our leaders.

Fighting within the Republican party has turned me off to almost all those candidates. While I had planned to vote Republican this fall, since Clinton was not appearing to be the most gifted statesman in the history of our nation (and also because no interesting third-party candidate has appeared yet), the unattractive right-wing behavior has given me cause to reflect.

And because I was pushed to reconsider, I am assuming that millions of other sensible voters (if they exist) are acting accordingly. When you factor in the fear the population has of seeing both Congress and the White House in the hands of one party, you understand another reason why momentum is on Clinton's side.

As I reread these predictions, I can't help but notice that were they to not come true, I would hardly be disappointed. Maybe the Crusaders will find themselves in the title game again, and maybe Dole or Alexander will move into Clinton's current lodging. But don't count on it.

Do the Republicans want Clinton to be in the Oval Office until the year 2001? It would appear so.

By JOHN FRALEY
OPINIONS EDITOR

LETTER

Academic Dean explains the lasting value of course evaluations

Over the past few months I have received several questions about the use of the course evaluations that students are asked to complete each quarter. The purpose of this letter is to provide some information about the evaluation process that may be useful.

Each quarter almost all faculty are expected to provide course evaluations to their students, thereby giving students an opportunity to comment on the course experience. Courses with extremely small enrollments and certain performance classes are excused from this requirement. The evaluations are to be collected and returned to the testing center without passing through the hands of the professor. These evaluations are treated as confidential information and may only be seen by faculty and administrative personnel on a "need to know" basis. The professor, division chair, and academic dean are each asked to study the evaluation report, then the professor may modify the course using the information gained in the course evaluation. My sense is that NNC professors desire to do a good job, so they are eager to use the evaluations to improve course delivery. On February 21, I finished reading the narrative comments from the courses for fall term, 1995.

As I read the evaluations, I particularly looked for patterns in all of each professor's classes or patterns that have emerged over time. If a professor is regularly commended for a feature of the course, or a professor is regularly criticized for a particular problem, then I am especially interested and follow up. Since this is only my second year as dean here, I am just now beginning to recognize patterns, both positive and negative, that may be present. Already I have taken action in a few cases to inquire about certain processes or situations. On the positive side, I sent out several compliments to faculty who were viewed by their students as doing a particularly good job.

As a reader of reviews, I am naturally affected by the way students express themselves. If a student uses poor grammar and spelling in his or her narrative comments, or has incorrectly expressed the facts, I have a tendency to discount the quality of that response. Certain responses do not carry much weight, such as a comment that courses should not be offered until after chapel. Contradictory information from many students in the same class is not especially helpful. For example, if several students comment that the term paper requirement was too hard, while several others comment that there should have been a term paper required in the class, that leaves me confused. Factual comments, well expressed or corroborated by others, get more attention. For example, if many students in a regularly scheduled class comment that there was no course syllabus, that will probably lead to an inquiry of the professor.

Evaluation of courses by students is part of the overall assessment program NNC faculty have devised. Not only does it help us improve the quality of our programs, it also helps us meet accreditation expectations about quality control. We take these evaluations quite seriously.

I want to thank each student for contributing to the evaluation process and for helping us sustain the high quality of teaching we expect.

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We're #4, we're #4. . .They're #1?

Editor's Note: This article is a reprint; it seemed timely, so feel free to enjoy it again.

Everyone with a connection to NNC awaits the *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Colleges" issue that is published each September. NNC has been building an academic reputation for itself that has landed it in the "Top Ten Western Liberal Arts Colleges" list a number of times in the past few years. This year's ranking was especially exciting, as NNC reached its highest rank: fourth. So many things are going right for NNC that it is easy to see why this school, over so many others, is ranked so well.

But to the dismay of students, faculty and alumni, the good news was tempered by a startling revelation. We may be the number four college in the Treasure Valley. NNC's longstanding, down the boulevard rival, Albertson College of Idaho (not Albertson's, the grocery store--this is an institution of higher learning) stole our wind and ended up numero uno in the rankings.

Initial student reactions ranged from, "They must have fixed their data," to "Albertson gave them \$___ million (some ungodly amount of cash) as publicity for his store" to a cynical "How did a college that didn't even rank in the top ten list last year make it to number one this year?" Behind each of these remarks is a firmly grounded assumption that NNC is better than Albertson College and that somehow ACI's high rank is a bad thing for NNC.

First, let me shed a little factual light on the matter. Since 1991, U.S.

News and World Report has rated NNC in the top ten three times; #8 in 1991, #7 in 1994, and #4 in 1995. During this same time period ACI also has been listed three times; #4 in '92 and '93, and #1 in '95. Look a little closer and do the math. You'll come up with an average rating that puts Albertson College above NNC.

After hearing many of the student comments regarding Albertson College, I began to suspect that very few had any idea what they were talking about. Indeed, I was astonished to find how few NNC students have actually set foot on the AC of I campus.

For those of you who have not had that opportunity, let me give you my impressions of AC of I.

Albertson College has recently completed a string of campus improvements. They have constructed four new buildings, including the Katherine Albertson Center for International Studies, an activity center with full gymnasium and swimming pool, and the Langroise Center for the Performing Arts. In addition to this,

Their No. 1 rank makes NNC look bad, right? Not so.

they have totally renovated their Administration building, Sterry Hall (and I do mean totally renovated--they gutted that building clean).

They also landscaped the campus by starting a quadrangle that will soon connect the buildings around the perimeter of the campus, and made a main walkway that runs from the performing arts center to the arts gallery and

believe me, it is very impressive. For such a small school, they sure have constructed a beautiful campus.

Sure, they still have some of the crappy old buildings that they were once known for, the Student Union building and the dining hall (mid-1940's pseudo-disaster architecture, modeled after Hiroshima and Dresden). But every campus has a few of these, i.e. Chapman and Elmore Halls.

Albertson College also has some excellent academic programs. They have a distinguished Biology and Pre-Med department, and their Political Science department has four full-time professors (but how many does it take to equal a Shaw?). They also have large and successful business and psychology departments; their graduates that pursue further studies have a 95% placement rate. This school is no flaky operation.

But yes, they do get a lot of money from large donors like Albertson, who funded the activity center and international studies center for \$13.5 million. However, they also receive generous contributions from less widely known alums, such as Gladys Langroise, who gave \$6 million for the performing arts center.

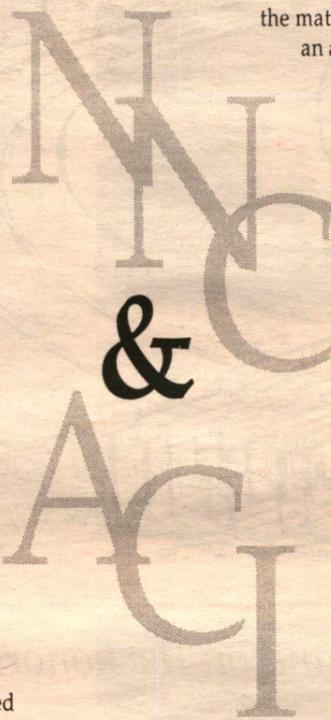
But just as ACI has Albertson, NNC has John Brandt (who, incidentally, also gave generously to AC of I). Both institutions need supporters like these to make large improvements possible.

But their #1 rank makes NNC look bad, right?

Not so. The beauty of this situation is that getting both schools in the top ten makes them both look good, and makes the Treasure Valley look real good to prospective students. New England has a good academic reputation. Why? Answer: Harvard, Princeton, Yale, and Dartmouth. Seattle has a more than fair reputation, due to the University of Washington and Seattle Pacific. Having a couple of good academic institutions in the same region sweetens the pot for everyone around.

Unfortunately, for students to accept this, they will need to see through our healthy but sometimes bitter basketball rivalry with AC of I, and recognize that they are not only our rival down the boulevard, but also our sister school. Hopefully, both schools will continue to work together to make the Treasure Valley the best choice for students seeking a quality education.

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CINEMA

The latest Muppet Movie: a counter-review by an informed fanatic

Moviegoers beware! I was shocked to discover upon reading last week's review of the new movie, *Muppet Treasure Island*, that there were apparently multiple releases of the same movie! One of the releases, the one seen by last week's reviewer, is a horrendous affront to the noble Muppet tradition. It has weak jokes, music that isn't funny enough to justify the lack of classical value, and is not the wholesome family movie that it was billed to be.

The Muppet
Movie

Counter-
Reviewed by
Mason Vail

Fortunately, I was spared the ordeal of sitting through this evil pseudo-Muppet movie. I was privileged enough to see the real release and, in the tradition of the original Muppet Show and the previous Muppet movies, the release of *Muppet Treasure Island* I saw was a delightful, clever, and classically hilarious Muppet cinematic endeavor.

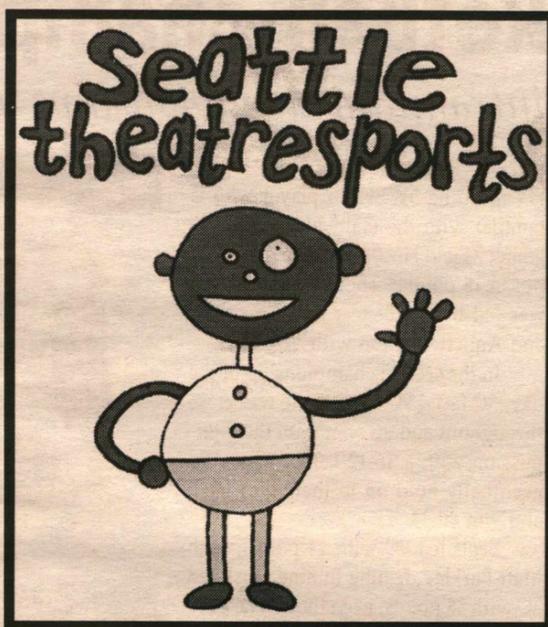
I was vastly amused to see how the Muppet personalities came through their parts. Kermit plays the noble and valiant Captain who has an enormous soft spot in his amphibious heart. Gonzo and Rizzo (the masochistic "Whatever" and his rat sidekick) play companions to the human boy around whom the story is developed. Miss

Piggy is an island princess who, as if you didn't already know, was a long lost girlfriend of Kermit's. Sam, the incredibly straitlaced First Mate, cannot quite bring himself to believe that his Captain is not the saltiest sailor who ever sailed the Seven Seas and is constantly giving orders accordingly. Fozzie plays the half-witted ship builder's son who finances the voyage on the advice of Mr. Bimble, the tiny man who lives in his finger. (You have to see the movie or you will NEVER understand...)

On the human side, the actors were a mixed bag. Tim Curry plays the scheming villain to perfection. Granted his singing leaves something to be desired, but the humor inherent in seeing a villainous pirate attempting to gain the affection and trust of a child through singing more than makes up for the below average vocal quality. On the other hand, the boy who stars in the film annoyed me but, I must admit, I am annoyed by almost any child in any film, so my opinion on this count is rather slanted.

In all, the movie was classic Muppet fun and I was surrounded by squeals of delight from the many children in the theater and the laughter of parents at the plethora of punny gags and side comments by the Muppets who can never quite stay in character. I didn't see a single unsmiling face on my way out of the theater and I hope it goes to Karcher so I can see it several more times. I only hope the theater get the good version for the movie, and not the one that was mistakenly reviewed last week...

Crusader Rating
A-



COMEDY

Reasonably priced hysteria

Two weeks ago, some friends of mine and I walked down a sloping back alley in downtown Seattle at about 9 in the evening, looking for a reasonably priced avenue of entertainment that would keep my interest of the remainder of the young Saturday night. And we found it: Seattle TheatreSports.

Seattle
Theatre-
Sports

Reviewed by
John Fraley

Those of you who have been attending NNC for some time now will remember that in '93 and '94, Malibu weekend featured a competition between two teams whose goal was to dramatically out-perform their opponents in several events. The idea behind Seattle TS is the same: a randomly selected audience suggestion becomes a skit all its own, as interpreted by each team; then, the unforgiving judges evaluate each team's performance, so that a winner may be proclaimed at the conclusion of the show.

The setting of Seattle's TheatreSports is typical of that city. The auditorium is found by taking a back alley off of Pike Place; the room itself was free of frills, yet colorful, in a somewhat trendy way. Acoustics are great, which means that both the actors' voices and the audience's laughs are amplified more than enough.

Crusader Rating
A

The audience in attendance covered all ages. Though most spectators were on this side of middle age, the room was not full of grungy big-city rebels. I think one of the reasons the show has such a broad appeal is that it remains (brace yourself) *clean*. That night, I guess I discovered that the funniest skits are the ones that steer clear from sexual innuendoes or lewd soundbites. I was astounded that all minds present were keeping a safe distance from the gutter. It made me think: if anyone plans to revive the TheatreSports activity here anytime soon, they should remember that this time.

My first impression of the \$9 ticket price was one of resignation. I really wanted to see the show, but I was not very excited to be nine bucks out. After the hour-and-a-half of continuous laughing, clapping, and gasping for breath in between, though, I felt that nine dollars was an extremely fair price. Just don't give in and buy any concessions. You might want to consider buying a T-shirt, however, with the logo pictured above.

If you're ever in Seattle anytime soon and you wouldn't mind laughing hysterically for a whole evening (not to mention reating memories), give TheatreSports a call. Tickets should be reserved on the day of a performance; usually, any weekend will do.

For the best comedy in the Northwest, check out Seattle's TheatreSports the next time you're downtown.

CUISINE

The taste of Old Mexico is in Nampa, at El Rodeo

Nestled in downtown Nampa, between Second and Third St, is one of the finest Mexican Food establishments I have visited since leaving New Mexico over ten years ago. The *El Rodeo* brings memories of the Mexican food places that my family frequented while we lived in the Southwest. However, when we moved to Spokane, the food that was authentically Mexican was nowhere to be found.

El Rodeo

Reviewed by Bill
Buckholdt

After many frustrated attempts to find authentic Mexican food establishments, I was skeptical to try another one of the Northwest's feeble attempts to make a real Mexican meal. However, the *El Rodeo* is not the typical Mexican food establishment. It is a small green building adjacent to the Budget Motel; once you open the door to the *El Rodeo* you are whisked back to Old Mexico.

As anyone who has tried go out to dinner on Valentine's Day knows, getting a table at any eating establishment is near to impossible. However, when we arrived the waiters were pulling out tables to accommodate the increase in business. Therefore, within a little amount of time we were sitting at table with our menus.

Crusader Rating
B+

The first hint that authentic food was awaiting me was the bilingual waiter, who displayed more understanding of Spanish than English. Within a few minutes of sitting at our table, the chips and salsa arrived. The chips were not store-bought tortilla chips, but the homemade fried type. The salsa was extremely lively: not too spicy for the occasional partaker, but spicy enough for those looking for a little safe excitement.

A quick glance through the menu reveals that the *El Rodeo* makes not only the most common staples of the Mexican menu, but also items that I have not seen since living in New Mexico. Most items started at \$6 a plate, but included healthy servings of rice and beans. When the waiter took our order, I expected about a fifteen to twenty minute wait. However, much to my surprise, within seven minutes, our order was sitting in front of us.

The meal was truly the best I have had since coming to NNC. I ordered a chimichanga, which was larger than the plate on which it was placed. While my date enjoyed the biggest, fattest burrito I have ever seen, the meal was more than any sane human could possibly eat in one sitting.

The overall experience at the *El Rodeo* was fantastic. Speed of service, no wait for a table and food that tastes at least twice as good as any fast-food joint around made this dinner more than well worth the price.

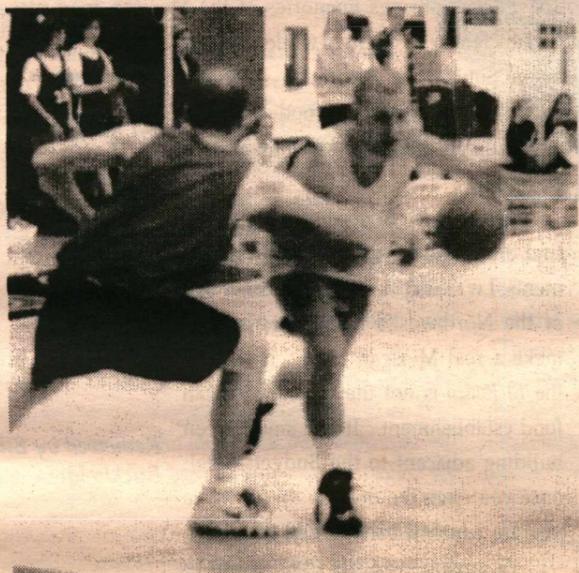
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Intramural basketball champions crowned

Despite scheduling problems, intramural championships are decided before NAIA

Skeen's Team was denied its fourth straight "A" league crown.



Brian Richey (with ball) attempts to drive the lane during recent intramural action (Lindley).

Last Saturday, the intramural basketball season came to an end.

After a season full of many backyard ballplayers, the best of the best from each league faced off for bragging rights and those sacred championship T-shirts.

The first game pitted 5W vs. 1W, the Crusader Veterans vs. The Volleyball Team.

At halftime, 5W had an eight-point advantage with the lead of 26-14. The Volleyball Team simply could not keep up with the offensive firepower of 5W. 5W took the Women's league title with

a 52-38 victory.

Leading 5W was a player who is familiar with the main court at Montgomery Field House, Mary Kessel, who put in 15 points. The Volleyball Team was led by Liz Benear with 15 points and Annette Fenton with 12 points.

In the second championship of the day, 3C faced 9C. The game was close throughout and 9C went into the intermission with a 16-12 lead. 9C would eventually hold on to their slim lead, and win 40-34.

Scott led 9C with 14 points, with Matt Barkley dishing in nine. Josh led 3C with 18 points, even though he gave a great individual effort, it was not enough.

The "B" league championship pitted the teams who finished the regular season with the two best records in the league, 3B against 4B.

3B came out on fire, scoring the first nine points of the game. 3B held on to a slim three point lead going into half-time, 30-27.

But in the second half, 3B, usually strong from the outside, was unable to find their range, scoring only ten points. As 3B faltered, 4B took off and won going away, 53-40.

The balanced attack of 4B was led by Aaron Middleton and Steve Fairbanks, both with 11 points. 3B however, got a great effort out of Eric Marquardt who had 14 points.

The final game to be played was



In the women's championship, the Crusader Veterans defeated the Volleyball Team 52-38 (Lindley).

4A vs. 1A for the "A" league championship. 4A, Skeen's Team, had won the championship the past three years and their only loss was to 1A earlier in the season.

4A proved their dominance in the first half by taking a 29-22 lead at the half. But Joe "Big Daddy" Ferguson had a terrific second half to get 1A back into the game.

The game went into overtime with both teams playing great basketball. With two seconds to go, and the game tied, Steve Metcalf was fouled and went to the line to shoot two. After sinking

the clutch free throws, 1A held on to take the "A" League Championship.

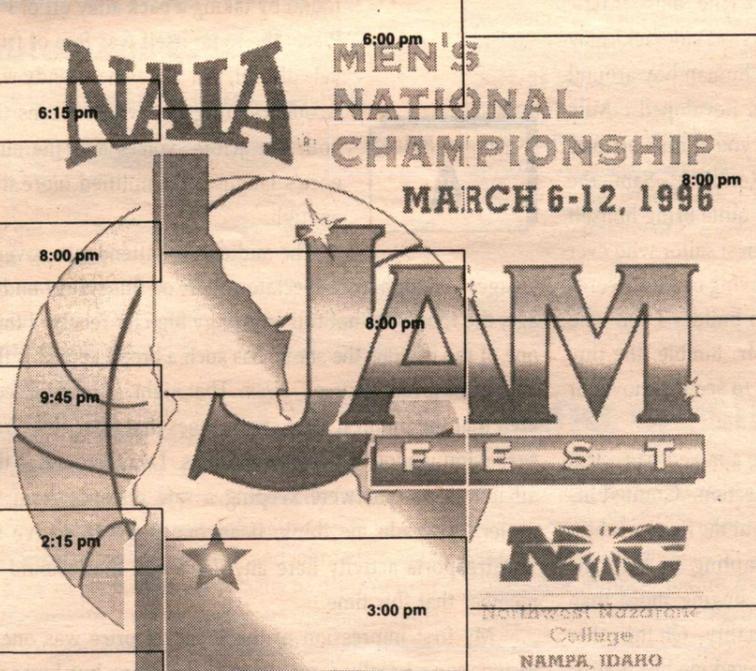
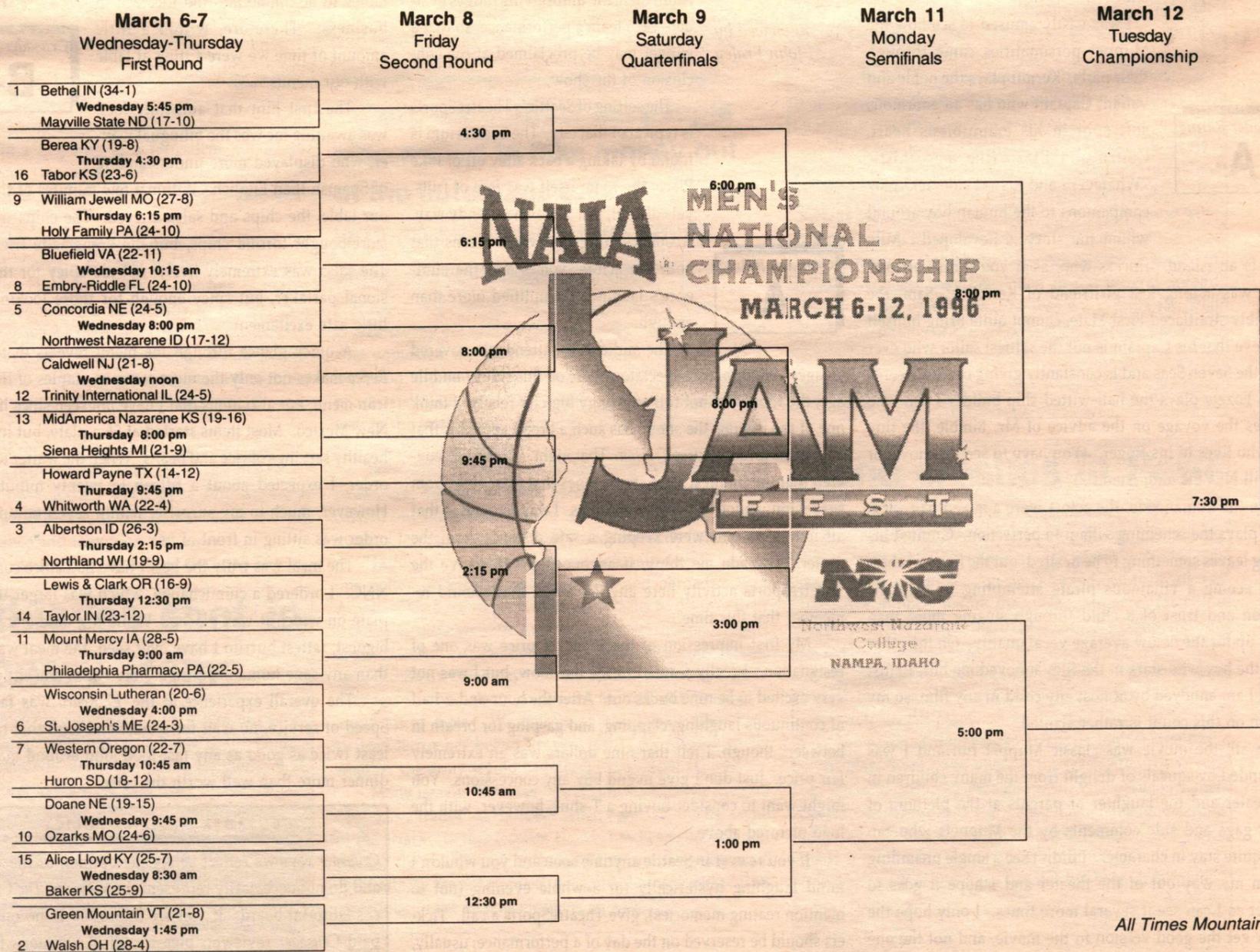
1A was led by Joe Ferguson with 12 points, while Randy Nutting landed 21 points for 4A.

After the gym cleared out on Saturday, the transformation began to take place for this week's tournament.

The intramural players can now hang up their sneakers and watch some basketball of a little higher caliber.

BY BRENT PETERSON
STAFF WRITER

1996 NAIA DIVISION II MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BRACKET



All Times Mountain

Lady Saders draw ninth seed for tournament

Playing Thursday afternoon, NNC will make another run at the national title

Coach Schmidt and the Lady Crusader basketball team are making the trip to the national tournament for the second year in a row.

In the final regular season national poll, the Lady Saders remained in the number nine spot with a 17-9 record. As a result the NAIA seeded the Crusaders tenth in this year's tournament. Tri-State University in Angola, Indian will be hosting the tournament.

As the tenth seed, the Lady Saders will face St. Francis from Fort Wayne, Indiana in the first round of the tournament. This game will take place Thursday at 3:45 p.m. MST.

The winner will face the winner of the game between seventh-seeded St. Ambrose(28-5) from Iowa and Mount St. Joseph(19-8) of Ohio in the second round, which will be played Friday at 12:15 p.m. MST.

St. Francis is not ranked in the top

sixteen teams of the tournament, but earned a spot in the tournament by winning the Mid-Central conference championship.

NNC, on the other hand, received an "at-large" berth to the tournament. In the Cascade Conference championship the Lady Saders lost to Western Oregon, 69-60. Despite the loss, Coach Schmidt was not concerned about what seeding they would receive for the tournament.

Last year's Lady Crusader team was seeded 12th in the tournament and they made it all the way to the championship game before falling to Western Oregon in the final.

By winning the Cascade Conference, Western Oregon insured their number-one seeding. The Wolves came out in the final poll ranked first in the nation.

Western Oregon, who finished

their season 26-4, will be facing Sul Ross State(13-8) of Texas, on Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. MST. The winner of this game will have Thursday off before facing the winner of the St. Thomas Aquinas(25-5) Cardinal Stritch(19-7) game taking place Thursday afternoon.

For the first time in four years the tournament will not be held in Monmouth, Oregon, on Western Oregon's campus. Coach Schmidt and his team are pleased that this year's tournament will be on a truly neutral site.

As post player Donna Knight recently put it, "We're glad the tournament is not in Oregon." Knight added, "We were getting tired of playing them (Western Oregon) in their home gym."

Through the course of the last two seasons, NNC has played Western Oregon in Monmouth five times, twice for the conference title, twice in regular season play and in last year's championship game.

All of the Lady Crusader's tournament games will be broadcast on KCID-FM radio.

BY TOBY JEFFREY
SPORTS EDITOR



Junior guard Kari Smith, named to the All-Conference team, will lead the Lady Saders in their pursuit of the National Championship (Frahm).

Women's matchups:

**NAIA Division II
Women's Basketball Tournament First Round**

Wednesday's games

7 a.m.- Briar Cliff, Iowa (23-11) vs. Brescia, Kentucky (8th seed, 27-3)
8:45 a.m.- St. Ambrose, Iowa (7th seed, 28-5) vs. Mount St. Joseph, Ohio (19-8)
12:15 p.m.- Huron, South Dakota (3rd, 26-4) vs. Ozarks College, Missouri (20-10)
2 p.m.- Judson, Illinois (21-9) vs. Evangel, Missouri (4th, 30-4)
4 p.m.- Westbrook, Maine (21-12) vs. Doane, Nebraska (2nd, 28-6)
6 p.m.- Tri-State, Indiana (18-11) vs. Sterling, Kansas (6th, 28-0)
8 p.m.- Western Oregon (1st, 26-4) vs. Sul Ross St., Texas (13-6)

Thursday's games

7 a.m.- Tusculum, Tennessee (11th, 29-4) vs. Husson, Maine (21-7)
10:30 a.m.- Bethany, Kansas (13th, 25-4) vs. Pacific, Oregon (17-9)
12:15 p.m.- Spring Arbor, Michigan (24-8) vs. Black Hills State, South Dakota (12th, 23-7)
2 p.m.- Cardinal Stritch, Wisconsin (19-7) vs. St. Thomas Aquinas, New York (16th, 25-5)
3:45 p.m.- St. Francis, Indiana (19-8) vs. Northwest Nazarene (10th, 17-9)
5:30 p.m.- South Dakota Tech (20-10) vs. Findlay, Ohio (14th, 24-7)
7:15 p.m.- Willamette, Oregon (15th, 19-7) vs. Georgetown, Kentucky (20-8)
9 p.m.- Midland Lutheran, Nebraska (9th, 25-5) vs. Minot St. (17-10)

Radio: KCID-FM, 107.1, will be broadcasting all of the Lady Crusader games, in addition to the NNC men's games.

NNC players earn conference honors

Members of both the men's and women's Crusader basketball teams recently received All-Conference honors.

At the end of the regular season, Cascade Conference officials released the men's and women's All-Conference teams as well as the Player of the Year awards and Coach of the Year awards.

For the Lady Crusaders, senior post Donna Knight, junior guard Kari Smith and junior guard Ellen Duncan were all named to the All-Conference team. Junior post Erica Walton received honorable mention.

Knight was the Lady Saders leading scorer on the season with 17.0 points per game, placing her second in the

league as well.

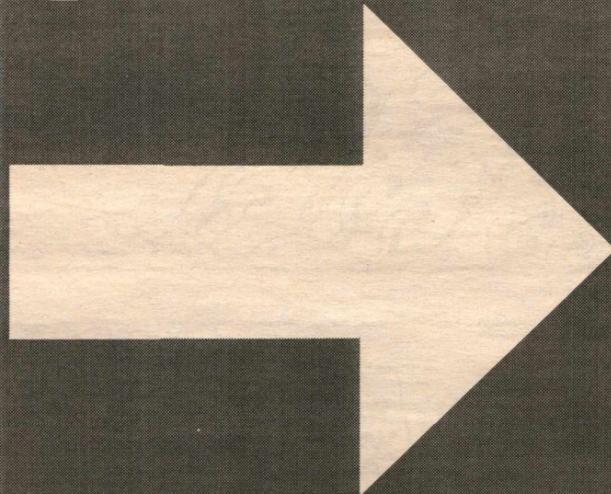
Sandy Graves of Western Oregon led the conference in scoring with 25 points per game. Graves was named women's Player of the Year.

For the men's team, junior post Nate Smith and senior guard Roy Garcia were named to the All-Conference team. Smith was also named to the All-Newcomer team.

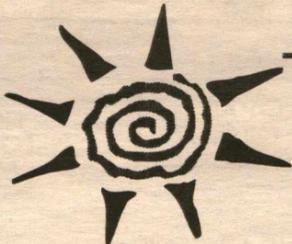
Jimmy Kolyszko, Albertson College's senior forward received the Player of the Year award. First year coach Tom Corman, heading the Yotes women's basketball team in their first year back as a program, received the Coach of the Year award.

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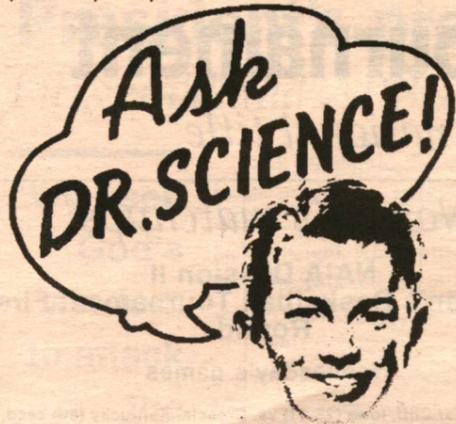
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Dear Dr. Science:

My yard is riddled with gopher holes. Why hasn't the earth collapsed from all the holes that all the gophers over time have dug?

—Roger Harding, Rogue River, OR

It has, several times. The destruction of Atlantis, in 954 AD was a direct result of a large gopher infestation, the same surplus of subterranean rodents that caused the Dark Ages in Europe. Many biblical miracles can be explained by gopheric intervention. I'd recommend the excellent "Gophers, UFO's and Holy Land," narrated by Leonard Nimoy and Robert Stack, and shown virtually non-stop on cable television. There is no way you can stop a determined gopher. My advice, move. Do it now. Don't even go home to pack. Cut your losses, unless you want to be the subject of a cable TV special narrated by Leonard Nimoy.

Dear Dr. Science:

When squirrels rush in front of my car, are they doing it because they get some kind of adrenaline rush?

—Marcy Jadryev, Chicago, IL

You're right on the button with that one. Squirrels, like most rodents, are addicted to the excitement that comes from near-death experiences. So when you're barreling towards one at a high rate of speed, you're a willing participant in a pleasure/pain dichotomy that paints you as the bad guy. Of course, you're not getting as much out of this relationship as the squirrel is. If that doesn't bother you, by all means, continue to steer your vehicle towards running rodents. Maybe the role of squirrel assassin has more emotional rewards for you than you're willing to admit.

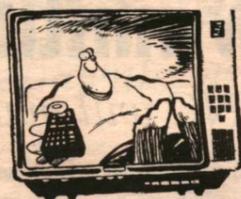
Dear Dr. Science:

Lately, I find myself unable to concentrate on even the simplest task. My mind wanders and I feel like I'm slogging through an especially boring dream. I've tried everything and still my mind won't stay in one place for more than a few seconds. Can you help me?

—Jeff Erdahl, Phoenix, AZ

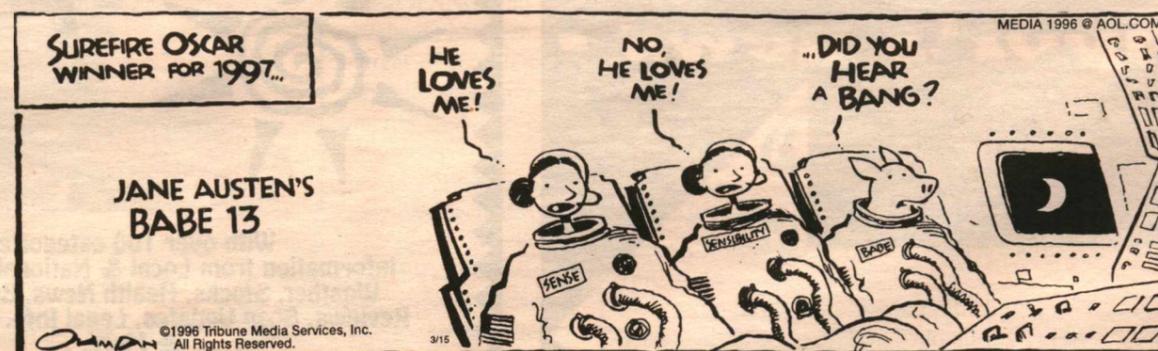
Probably not, but I'll try. Whatever I say, I'd better keep it short, or else you won't be around to hear it. Have you tried mega doses of caffeine? A well brewed pot of java every hour will either solve your problem, or send you over the edge. In either case, you won't be stuck where you are, which would be an improvement. I recommend Ethiopian Harrarararar, the largest and most pungent bean. If it can't get your synapses snapping, nothing will.

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MIXED MEDIA

by Jack Ohman



Beware of toilets and ham-grenades

Not even America is safe from our own bizarre terrorism

I hate to put a fly in your ointment, but if you think that just because you live in America, you are safe from the terror of terrorism, then I have three words for you: ha ha ha.

I make this statement in light of a terrifying incident that occurred on Christmas Eve, according to an article from the Newport (Ore.) News-Times, written by Gail Kimberling and sent in by alert reader Deane Bristow, whose names can be rearranged to spell "Sewer Bandito," although that is not my central point.

My central point is that, according to this story, a husband and wife were in their home outside Lincoln City, which is in Oregon, when the United Parcel Service delivered a package to their house. They were not expecting a package, and therefore they became convinced (why not?) that it was a bomb. So, according to the story, the woman put the package in her car, drove the package to the Oregon Coast, which is also in Oregon, and "heaved it over the cliff" onto the beach.

The woman then drove to the police station and reported that there was a bomb on the beach. So far, you are probably laughing. But you will change your tune when you learn what the investigating police officer found. What he found, lying on the beach, was a box containing — bear in mind that this happened in the United States of America, not some foreign country such as the Middle East — a 15-pound Virginia smoked ham.

Miraculously, the ham had not detonated, so the officer returned it to the couple, who, according to the article, "very reluctantly opened their front door and accepted it." So luckily this story has a happy ending. But that is no reason for us to break out the celebratory bean dip. Because although in this particular case the package turned out to be an innocent ham, it COULD have been something infinitely dangerous: It could have been a toilet. Here I am thinking of a story, sent in by many alert readers, from the Dec. 29 New York Times, headlined: "LAW-SUIT FILED FOR 2 INJURIES FROM TOILETS." This story, as the headline suggests, concerns a lawsuit filed for two injuries from toilets. These toilets,

located in a Bronx condominium, allegedly exploded when they were flushed; the lawyer for the victims is quoted as saying that there is "an epidemic of exploding toilets."

Not that I am bitter, but I've been writing about the exploding-toilet epidemic for years, not to mention the exploding-cow epidemic, the Strawberry Pop Tart-combustion epidemic and the Rollerblade Barbie underpants-ignition epidemic, and have I received any recognition in the form of a large cash journalism award? No, I have been called "sophomoric" and "childish" by various doodyhead critics. But now that the famous New York Times has decided to horn in on this story, I suppose it will become "respectable." You're probably going to see presidential-campaign debates wherein all the leading contenders take positions on commodes. Let's just hope that this is not televised.

They were not expecting a package, and they became convinced that it was a bomb.

But be forewarned: If you are at home and United Parcel Service brings you a toilet that you are not expecting — even one of those nice designer-catalog toilets that have become such popular holiday gifts — do NOT attempt to flush it. Instead, take the simple precaution recommended by law enforcement authorities such as the FBI and Mel Gibson: Drive the toilet to the Oregon Coast and heave it off of a cliff. Better safe than sorry!

Of course, just because you, as an American, could at any moment be killed by a toilet or ham, that does not mean that all explosions are bad. As the French say, "au contraire" (literally, "eat my Jockey brand undershorts"). Sometimes, the explosive power of an explosion can be harnessed to benefit humanity, as we learn from various newspaper articles, sent in by many alert readers, concerning the effort last



October to move the World War I monument in the city of LaPorte, Ind.

The monument, a massive piece of granite more than six feet tall, was in a secluded, overgrown location. It was scheduled to be moved to a more prominent place in time for Veterans Day, but efforts to dislodge it from its base with drills and jackhammers had failed. What happened next is not entirely clear, but apparently an unidentified local law-enforcement official contacted an Army Reserve group, which provided some unidentified explosives experts, who used some kind of unidentified explosives to separate the monument from the base. This operation went off without a hitch.

Well, OK, if you want to be picky, there was one teensy hitch, which was that after the explosion, the monument no longer, in a technical sense, existed. But it definitely was not attached to the base anymore. Mission accomplished!

This story does raise several questions:

- Who were these "experts"?
- How come we never asked them to "move" Saddam Hussein's headquarters?

But that is water over the dam. The point I want to make, in closing, is that just because things are blowing up all around us in this country, that is no reason for us to cower like rabbits under our beds. We are just as safe in our closets. As Winston Churchill (whose name can be rearranged to spell "Hurls Cow Chin Lint") put it: "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." Of course, he was safely over in England at the time.

Dave Barry is a syndicated columnist with the Miami Herald.

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Fact: When a whip cracks, the end breaks the sound barrier -- that's over 770 miles per hour.

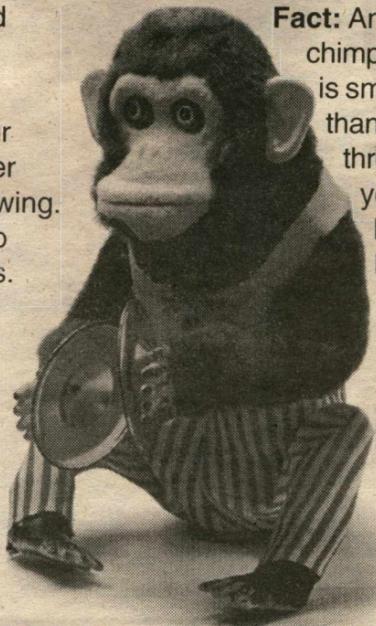
Fact: Men average 12,000 words a day; women average over 25,000. (Surprise, surprise.)

Fact: The flavor of cheese is inversely proportional to the amount that you eat.



Fact: Your nose never stops growing. Neither do crocodiles.

Fact: Elephants have been found to masturbate.



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