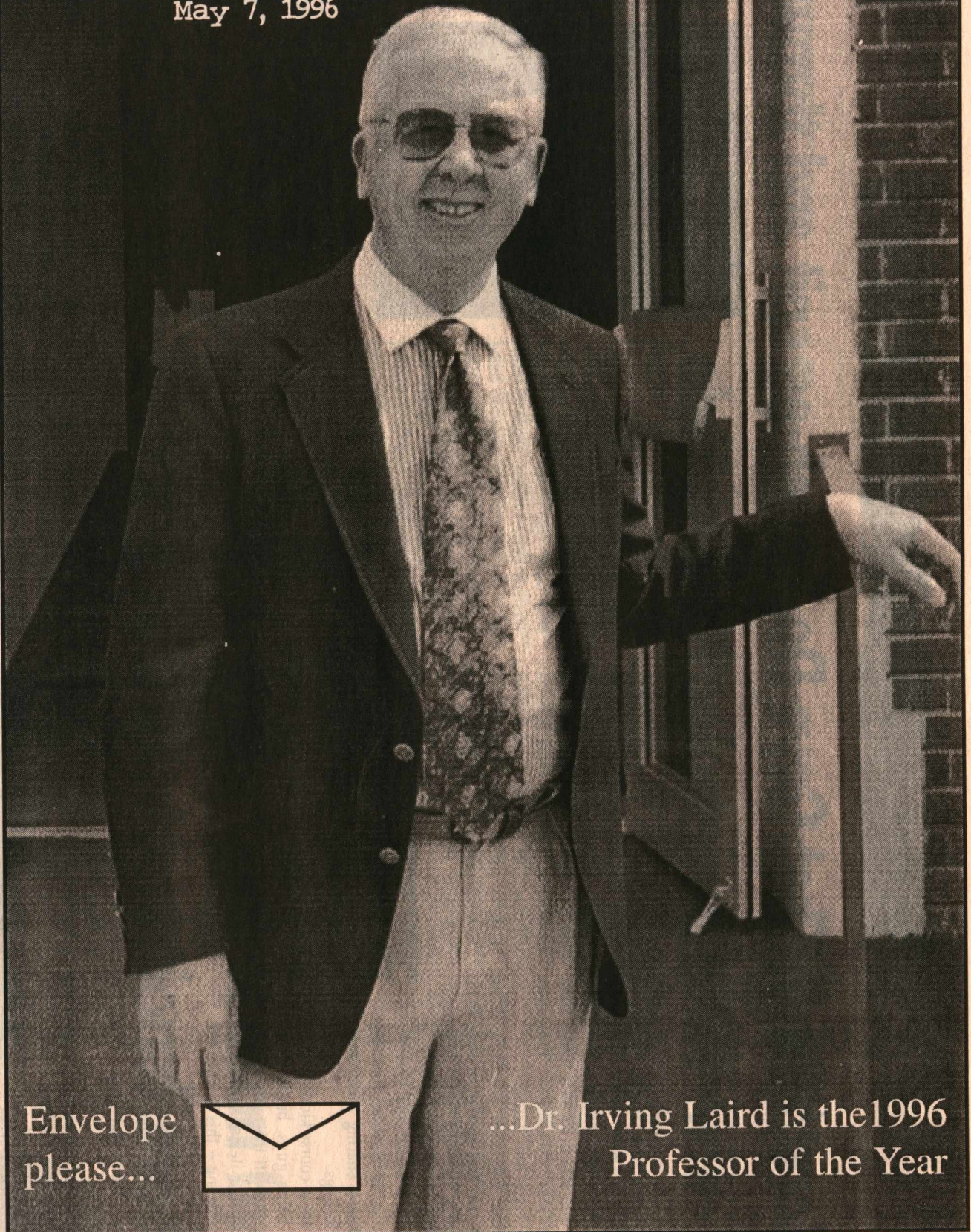
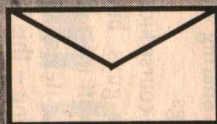


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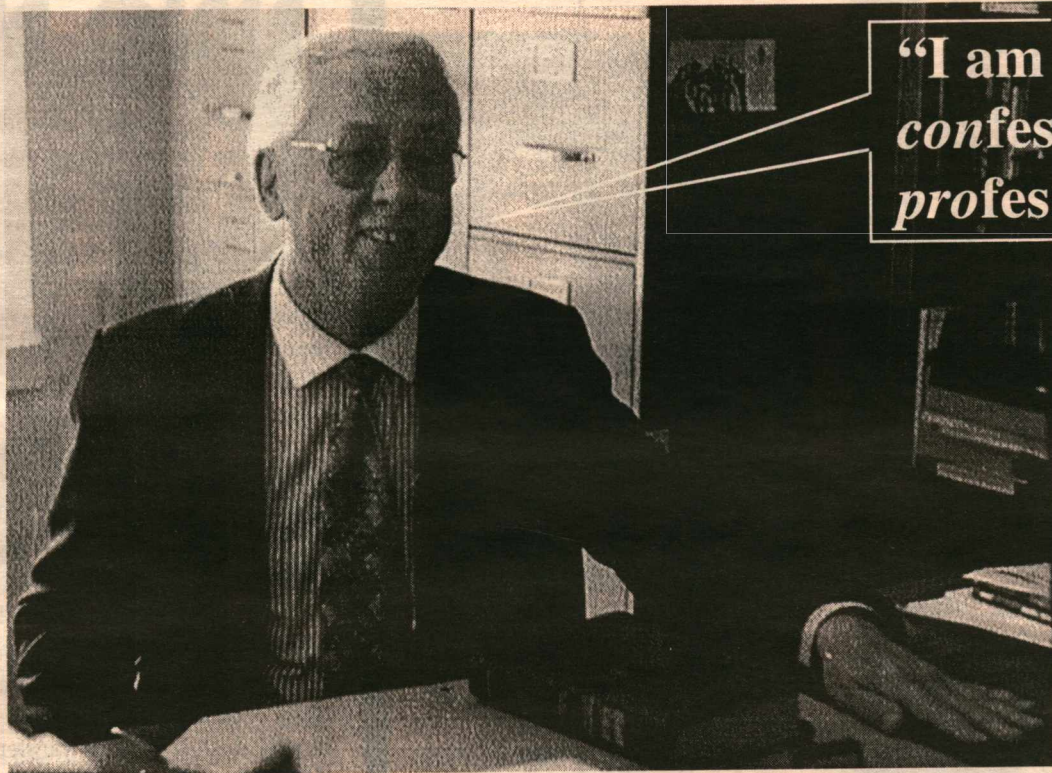
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Cover Story: 1996 Professor of the Year



**"I am more of a
confessor than
professor,"**

says Dr. Irving Laird, Professor of the Year for 1996. Find out exactly why on pages 6 and 7.

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PAUL SCHMELZENBACH, LESLIE VAIL, ELIZABETH WALKER, AND KIM ROBINSON ARE HARD AT WORK IN NNC'S MOST VISIBLE COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM (CHTANGEEV).

In World news:

The Olympic Flame lit up Boise last week, and *The Crusader* was on hand to cover the historic event. For the full story and more pictures, see page 4.

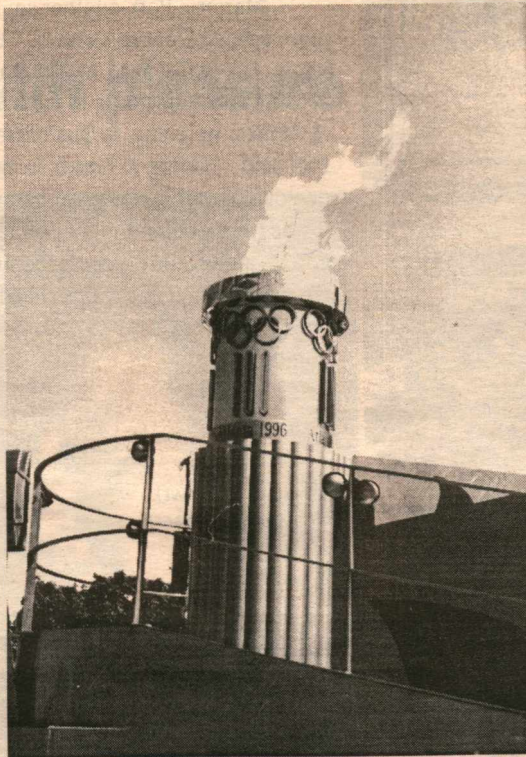


PHOTO BY GREG FARROW

**In Opinions:
Spielberg
and
Crichton
deliver
more
magic
(page 9)!**

More Music Man tickets are now available

Due to some communications mishap, 55 Gem State Academy students showed up at yesterday's (Monday's) Northwesterners *Music Man* performance, instead of today's (Tuesday's). This means that if you haven't had an opportunity to see the show yet, you're in luck. Those 55 tickets have been on sale since this morning, and they're disappearing fast. Pick yours up this afternoon -- ticket prices are \$4 for students and senior citizens, and \$5 for adults.

COLUMN ONE

First and foremost, I feel it is necessary to congratulate Dr. Irving Laird once again for being honored Professor of the Year in chapel last week. When an outstanding educator such as Laird can be as humble as he is, it's worth endless commendation.

In news of the weird, fifty-five *Music Man* tickets were freed up when a school showed up the wrong night. Look to the left of this column for additional details.

In news of the less than brilliant, it appears that students here don't want to win free coffee and yogurt. We have received a grand total of 0 (zero) Top Ten Lists the last two weeks. Is anyone aware that The Yogi is going to reward the best list we receive each week? Come on, guys: this is free espresso we're talking about here! (Tami, I know you can come up with a funny list if you try-- at least you have in the past...)

Please feel free to notice how clear our pictures are this week. Our new printer has returned, and we hope you can tell the difference too.

Enough for now.

John Fraley

--John Fraley, Managing Editor

NNC "RUSHes" into spring

45 students spread goodwill around Nampa over Mother's Day weekend

"I think they really enjoyed having us there. Some even took pictures of us." ~ Tiffany Duncan

No, RUSH doesn't stand for a Rush Limbaugh group on campus. It's a Rejoice in Serving Him, and it happened Saturday, May 11, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Spring RUSH was directed this year by Erika McCray, ASNNC Community Relations Advisor. It was originally scheduled to happen last month, but because of Student Nazarene Leadership Conference and scheduling problems, it was rescheduled for May 11.

According to McCray, spring RUSH participants did the same kind of activities as at other RUSH projects, but instead of helping individuals, the volunteers went to the Salvation Army, Turning Point (a local homeless shelter), retirement homes, and various other

businesses. The volunteers donated their time and effort by doing yardwork, planting flowers, cleaning, and doing odd jobs.

"Spring RUSH usually doesn't have as big a turnout as the fall one," said McCray. "I wanted people to participate because they want to, not because of an incentive. So I didn't offer T-shirts this time. I was really curious to see the turnout size, especially because it was Mother's Day weekend."

The turnout was not too bad, considering the holiday weekend. About forty people congregated in the student center at 9:00 a.m., and then split up into groups to go to the designated areas. Each group had two team captains who coordinated the volunteer work.

Sophomore Tiffany Duncan, a was team captain for the group that went to the Valley Plaza Retirement Center. She said, "We planted flowers under the marquee sign and around the sidewalks. The residents came out and watched us--I think they really enjoyed having us there. Some even took pictures of us!" said Duncan. "It was a nice change to go to the retirement center. I mean, it's good to go to individual homes, but it's good to do something that will benefit the whole community."

Marjorie Poff, another sophomore echoed Duncan's views. "You know, it's really hard to say which activity is better--going to individual homes, or going to businesses," Poff said. "Going to homes is more personal, but this was great because it was for the community. Besides, I got to know more people because we were in bigger groups than the ones that were sent to individual homes."

By HELEN WARRINER
OPERATIONS MANAGER



RUSH coordinator, Erika McCray displays her handiwork (Photo by Chtangeev).



RUSH participants, from left to right: Holly Quick, Julie Hussong, Kyle Six and Jerla Chatelain utilize their "green thumbs" to plant flowers at the Salvation Army (Photo by Chtangeev).

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NNC Notepad

✓ The ceremonial ground breaking for the John Brandt Fine Arts and Convocation Center is scheduled to occur Monday May 20th. The ceremony will begin at 10:15 a.m. in Kurtz Park, as a scheduled chapel. "We feel it's important that students be a part of it," said Jerry Gunstream, Director of Large Gifts. John Brandt, the project's major donor will be present as well as several other significant donors. Construction of the building of the building will begin in July.

✓ This week Senate will vote on SB9605-02 dealing with the ASNNC Sound Technician a salary of \$250 per term. SB9605-03, a bill dealing with the transfer of \$1900 from the general account to purchase a second ASNNC computer was presented.

✓ The NNC "Phonathon" took place during the month of April. Its purpose was to raise money for student scholarships by contracting alumni for pledges. According to Director of Annual Giving Darl Bruner, the phonathon's organizer, \$18,784 was received in pledges, the highest total in the five or six years that the "phonathon" has been in existence. "We feel like this year's

Malibu Weekend
May 24-25

Malibu Weekend is fast approaching!

phonathon was a success," commented Bruner. Forty-two students participated in the raising of funds. Six teams were put together to call donor.

✓ Social Vice President, Heather Tompkins announced that she is busy working with social board to finish up the final details for Malibu. Malibu takes place May 24th and 25th. Tompkins is requesting prayers for a weekend filled with sunshine.

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Former student speaks in Time-Out

Jodie Fishburne, a former NNC student, gave her testimony at Time Out on Wednesday, May 8. "We have to be obedient to His call," said Fishburne.

Fishburne used this statement to summarize her purpose in life, and told her story of perseverance through her trials. She shared that she did not discontinue her trust in God even after learning that she did not have joints in her ankle, and that she would most likely be confined to a wheelchair the rest of her life.

Fishburne spoke of how, instead of doubting God's amazing power, the obstacles she had to overcome helped her faith grow.

After attending NNC for a year and a term she left in 1994 because she felt that God was calling her to something else.

Since she has been away from NNC she has toured across Washington, Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, and Tennessee to share her message of Christianity through speaking and singing. In the churches she visited she would bring a stool to sit on because the pain was so great in her ankles that she could not stand and shares her message of Christianity through speaking and singing.

Besides talking to church congregations Jodie reached out to youth groups. In the future, she may start to

spend more time with youth.

Since the time of her last tour God has healed her ankles. While the X-rays still show that she has no joints she no longer experiences the daily pain. Fishburne doesn't have to worry about slowing down her active lifestyle.

In fact that's the reason she came back to NNC to speak at Time Out. She has put her stool away. She plans on visiting all the churches that she went to on her last tour, and adding a few more, to share about what God has done in her life.

Fishburne's repertoire is made up of contemporary Christian music. According to Fishburne, she tries to pick out songs that relate to an important concept she is trying to convey to others and her main emphasis is on faith, hope, and obedience.

"God gave me the inner peace to be obedient to His call," Fishburne said.

Jodie is currently enrolled in Lincoln Memorial University, located in a small town in Tennessee. She is majoring in Communication Arts with a minor in Broadcasting. She plans to graduate by next May. She also works at a local Tennessee news station as the weather forecaster.

By JUDY CLARK
GUEST WRITER

Globe Players give scripture life

The Players will present Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream"

"God told me to go to Ninevah, where the people are MEAN!! Now, I'm in the belly of a fish? Specially prepared by God just to swallow me?"

Jonah, played by senior Garrett Schmelzenbach, just couldn't believe the audacity God had in sending him to the terrible Ninevah. But by the end of the skit, presented by this year's Globe Players, he had decided that he should've had been following God's will the whole time.

NNC's 1996 Globe Players drama group consists of: Schmelzenbach, Elena Roybal--freshman, David Milligan--freshman, Christ Wiers--freshman, Brian Westcott--senior, and Cori Severson--freshman. The group is directed by long-time Globe Player director, Dr. Earl Owens. The group performs various religious pieces and Shakespeare plays in area churches and schools. This year the group is presenting Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*, as well as several religious poems, and the two plays, *First Congregational Church*, and *God Appointed a Worm*.

"*God Appointed a Worm* is basically the story of Jonah," said Severson. "We wanted people to see that it is important not to have preconceived ideas about God's will, and to not let personal feelings get in the way of obeying God."

Wiers also said about *Worm*, "the story of Jonah can be so funny, and



Globe Players from left to right: Chris Wiers, David Milligan, Cori Severson, Garrett Schmelzenbach, Elena Roybal, Brian Westcott (Photo by Chtangeev)

that's why we're doing this piece. That is one of the group's main themes. We can bring scripture to life through drama. When people just hear scripture in a sermon, often they don't pay attention. We want people to realize that God is great and God is fun!"

Severson says that her goals coming into Globe Players were "to fellowship with the other group members and to share the message of God's love as best as I could. That goal is realized when I see the glow on people's faces after we bring Christian ideas to life through drama."

The group has been rehearsing since the beginning of this term and are planning to perform for Nampa High drama classes, as well as Nazarene churches. They will also be presenting the annual Shakespeare on the lawn for the NNC community on Tuesday, May 22, at 6:00 p.m. and Shakespeare in the Rotunda (in Wiley) Wednesday, May 23, at 6:00 p.m..

BY HELEN WARRINER
OPERATIONS MANAGER

Thompson balances business with pleasure

Bob is a compassionate person who cares about those with whom he comes in contact.

Bob Thompson is "another man after God's own heart." He is driven by the desire to please God and certainly not to disappoint Him. He is a compassionate person who cares about those with whom he comes in contact. He strives to offer good service and quality work. That is why he has his business, *Bob Thompson's Graphics Plus*, on campus.

Thompson graduated from NNC in 1974 in Art Education. He has taught at the High School level and has worked for 30 years in the business world of Graphic Art. He and his wife Marilyn have three grown children.

Thompson is working for the school as an adjunct instructor. He teaches the display portion of Technology in the Classroom. He spends the rest of his time running his business. *Bob Thompson's Graphics Plus* is located in Ed Media. Something most people on campus don't realize is that *Graphics Plus* is not funded by NNC; it is entirely separate. Therefore, if you run into his office for a quick little graphics job, it's the same as going to any other graphics place of business. The most frustrating part of the job is keeping a balance between



helping people out and yet having people realize that he is running a business.

When asked why he set up office at NNC Thompson said, "I have always felt in my heart that because of the amount of graphics put out by each department, NNC needed a graphic artist on campus. I wanted to serve the college by saving it money, by the convenience of having a graphics office on campus, while at the same time provide for my family."

"He is an awesome guy," said Brad Williamson, who works with him, "He is so good at what he does it makes me jealous of him. I'd love to be able to do that quality of work. He is also fun to be around."

Thompson has completed a limited edition print entitled "Shadow of Doubt." It will soon be available for purchase. He is also the art director for a motion picture, *Chicken Dinner Road*. In addition to all this, he is halfway through his Master's degree in Art Education at Boise State University.

"Thompson is a big man, with a big heart and a big talent," says his wife Marilyn.

BY SYLVIA FINE
STAFF WRITER

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First war crime trials since World War II begin

Dusan Tadic, an ethnic Serb, to be prosecuted for ethnic cleansing in Bosnia

Dusan Tadic, a former prison guard accused of killing and torturing Muslim and Croat civilians as part of a Serb policy of ethnic cleansing in the former Yugoslavia, was put on trial before the UN on May 7. He is charged with murdering more than 30 Muslims in and around Serb-run prison camps in northwestern Bosnia in 1992.

Tadic became the first person charged with war crimes in the former Yugoslavia to go on trial before the United Nations War Crimes Tribunal. Tadic, a father of two and a martial arts expert was described by prosecutors as "a free-lance killer and torturer who took sadistic pleasure from kicking prisoners to death."

Tadic has pleaded innocent to all of the charges against him. He claims that he is a victim of mistaken identity. He is one of 57 suspects indicted by the tribunal. Tadic is accused of taking part in a reign of terror in 1992 against non-Serbs in the northwest region of Bosnia. He is accused of helping Serb forces round up thousands of Moslems and Croats and herd them into three prison camps, Omarska, Keraterm and Trnopolje.

"The evidence will show that he was permitted to enter

camp almost at random and to carry out assaults, murders, rapes and sexual assaults on the prisoners he had chosen. It seems that he was also committed to bring his accomplices with him in order to assist him in his rampage of violence and terror," prosecutors suggested.

As part of the opening statements, prosecutors told of one account of Tadic's sadistic behavior. "Tadic and others took prisoners behind the guard house at Omarska—what prisoners called the 'white house.' The prisoners were assaulted with baseball bats and rubber sticks, and later were found dead at the site. The man who appeared to be in charge was Tadic. Tadic didn't use any weapons, only his feet in a karate fashion. Prisoners were forced to drink from puddles like dogs. They were then jumped and beaten until they couldn't move. Tadic also forced the nozzle of a fire extinguisher down the mouth of one victim."

Tadic, a cafe owner and civilian, wasn't in the Army when he is alleged to have committed the war crimes he is accused of. The 34 counts against him include murder, rape, torture, and ethnic cleansing. There is no jury to decide his guilt. Instead, a panel of three judges will weigh the evidence for and against.

Presiding Judge Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, a former U.S. federal judge who is one of three judges

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hearing the case, announced many decisions made during the pretrial. The tribunal ruled that some defense witnesses will be allowed to testify by satellite. Tadic threatened to go on a hunger strike if the request was rejected. Tadic maintained his innocence throughout the proceedings. "Absolute lies have been made about me. The prosecutor has accepted them blindly and not taken the time to investigate a single one of those accusations."

The prosecution is expected to call as many as 100 witnesses while the defense is only allowed to call 50. Witnesses for both sides are offered protection, and they can have their appearance disguised. The maximum sentence this tribunal can hand down is life imprisonment.

By LELAND TAYLOR
STAFF WRITER

Whitewater trial wraps up

Clinton's testimony may help free the accused

Twin trials plague the president as he begins his campaign for re-election. The first of the trials concerns his dealings with former banker David Hale in securing an illegal loan for Clinton's partners in the Whitewater affair.

Hale is the prosecution's star witness in the conspiracy and fraud trial against James McDougal, Susan McDougal, and Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker. The charges are in relation to \$3 million in government-backed loans that were issued in the 1980s through McDougal's Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan. Hale claims that then Gov. Clinton had pressured Hale to give a loan to Clinton's business partners.

In 1986, Hale ran a small business investment firm called Capital Management Services. His firm is said to have given Mrs. McDougal a \$300,000 loan to use as business for her company, Master Marketing. This is the loan that the president is said to have pressured Hale to make. The president denies all allegations that he had anything to do with the loan and made no profit from it. "I did not put any pressure on David Hale," Clinton testified from the stand. "These things are not true. They simply did not happen."

The president's testimony come as the final defense questioning in the case. It was recorded from the White House 11 days earlier. The

President did concede in his testimony to a possible connection to a \$20,000 unsecured loan that was made in 1978 that was used as the down payment on the Whitewater venture. Don Denton, the bank officer who approved the loan, said it was contrary to the usual practice because the owner of the bank told him to give it to the rising star of the Arkansas political scene.

Before the testimony was given on Thursday the president made it known and understood that he is not on trial. "All I want the American people to understand is that I was asked to testify because they thought I might have some evidence that was helpful and I was glad to testify."

The president also has other legal woes in the House investigation of the firing of nine White House travel office employees in 1993. In the meantime, the president is also trying to petition the Supreme Court to delay a sexual harassment suit until the president is out of office. The suit was filed by former Arkansas state employee Paula Corbin Jones. She claims that Clinton demanded sex from her in 1991 in a Little Rock Hotel. Clinton denies the claim.

By ANDY DIEHL
STAFF WRITER

Florida Plane crashes

No one survives crash, which kills 109

Two men help carry a friend who is crying uncontrollably for the loss of his wife. Several other people have their faces buried in their hands with astonishment and grief. This is the scene at the Atlanta airport on Saturday afternoon, when the announcement came that Flight 592 had just crashed.

The ValuJet Flight 592 was carrying 109 passengers and crew members from Miami to Atlanta. About eight minutes after take-off, which was at 2:05 pm the pilot reported smoke in the cockpit. At 2:25 pm, all radar contact was lost.

A private pilot flying in the Everglades area witnessed the crash. "Nothing could have survived that," Daniel Muelhaupt said. "It was like a 75 degree bank angle going down." Indeed, no one did survive the crash, but the search for survivors and parts of the

plane will be difficult due to the four to five feet of murky water at the crash site. The National Transportation Safety Board began investigating the cause of the crash Saturday evening. They said the investigation will be difficult because larger parts of the plane are most likely buried in the muck.

ValuJet Airlines has had a string of minor problems when they began in October of 1993. Although they haven't had any fatalities, a fire and a couple of emergency landings have plagued the airline. The airline is known for their cheap, no-frill air tickets and as a safe airline. Flight 592 had been properly maintained and passed all safety inspections, despite being a 25-year-old plane.

By LUKE HEATH
STAFF WRITER

Week in Review

Refugees turned away

Refugees fleeing from the Liberian Civil War by boat were not allowed to land in the nearby country of Ghana. The estimated four thousand refugees on board the Bulk Challenge, a leaky Nigerian freighter, will instead have to travel another thousand miles to Nigeria.

Humanitarian agencies were appalled by Ghana's decision not to accept the refugees. "I am deeply shocked at the sight of thousands of helpless and hopeless civilians who are being sent from one port to another and denied the right to proper refuge and assistance," said Emma Bonino of the European Union. The Union has pledged aid to any country that will accept the refugees.

Conditions on board the freighter are terrible. "The situation is really severe for those people," said Phil Doherty of Doctors Without Borders, "and time is sort of marching on really before effective medical help is being given to them" Gunshots were fired on the ship on Friday, and some authorities fear that there are rival Liberian factions on board.

Boat people break out

More than two hundred Vietnamese broke out of a Hong Kong detention camp on Friday, setting fire to buildings and taking guards hostage. The Whitehead detention center, and other Hong Kong facilities, hold an estimated 18,000 Vietnamese boat people, many of whom have been in the prison like camp since the '80s.

The camp's administrative offices were burned, as were several cars in a nearby parking lot. Two Thousand police officers have surrounded the camp and are attempting to recapture the escaped boat people. So far twenty-five have been caught. The rest are trying to reach Shatin, a nearby city.

"Vietnamese migrants showed complete disregard not only for law and order, but also for life and property," said the camp's commissioner. Seventeen staff members narrowly escaped when their building caught fire.

Constitution for S. Africa

The congress of South Africa has overwhelmingly approved a permanent, post-apartheid constitution. "This is the day when South Africa is truly born," said Cyril Ramaphosa, the assembly chairman. "Through this constitution we hope to transform our society from one that is based on injustice and strife to one based on justice and peace."

The constitution takes effect gradually over the next three years, and will be fully in place for the elections in 1999. It includes a bill of rights, which bans discrimination on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, pregnancy, and marital status.

It also gives all South Africans rights to adequate housing, food, water, education, and health care. "Today it feels good to be an African," said ANC Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, "It is a firm assertion made by ourselves that South Africa belongs to all who live in it, black or white. F.W. de Klerk, the National Party leader, said that South Africans are ready to "turn our backs on the bitterness of the past."

Olympic Torch visits Boise

Thousands of people come to see the Torch relay

The day started out like any other spring day. It was warm and sunny and people were already at their work places for the day. But there was something different about this day. It was something special and there was a buzz in the air. People from all walks of life were gathering around Boise in many different areas of the city. They were very young and old. They were rich and poor. They were dressed in red, white, and blue. They were waving American flags. They lined the streets, stood at the Capitol building, gathered at the train station, and stood at the edge of the park.



Farrow

What was so special about this day? Why were all these people gathering and uniting in friendship and spirit? Why were so many leaning into the streets to see what was coming their way? It is called the Olympic Torch.

It all started on April 6, 1996 in Athens, Greece. The Olympic flame was started on a journey that would take it thousands of miles to the next Olympic games that will be held in Atlanta, Georgia. When the flame left Greece, it made its way to Los Angeles, California, where the last Summer Olympic games were held in the United States. By the time it arrives in Atlanta, the torch will have traveled 15,000 miles in the U.S. alone.

Approximately 9:30 a.m. Thursday, the Olympic Train carrying the Olympic flame arrived in Boise. There were people crowded around and waiting to see the flame. The band was playing the National Anthem. The people cheered and waved to the dignitaries and riders of the train. The torch bearers for the run through the City of Trees were standing by to receive the torch. At a point in the loop of the city, some of the runners had some interesting comments. Rory Landreth, a Cambridge High student was waiting to receive the torch with Borah High's Lindsey

Bronson and Angie Beaumont from Centennial High. They were very excited to be apart of this. When asked about their feelings Lindsey said "Great! It is great to represent our Country and our State." Rory added, "This is a once in a lifetime chance," and he "welcomed the opportunity to do this." Virgil Sterling handed the torch to Landreth and had these words. "This was real fun and I enjoyed the trek." He was heard later as saying, "The torch was an expensive hot dog roaster."

Fred Prouty exclaimed, "Wonderful! I praise God for the experience and the gift. I probably don't deserve it, but I still thank God for the Blessing." Dennis Mahone, of Omaha, Nebraska, works the train as a full time job. "This was really special and it was more than part of the everyday job," said Mahone. In talking with these and many more every one had the same basic answer, "Fun!" It also made me realize that the spirit lives on in America. That spirit is through a flame that unites people from all walks of life and different countries of the world. It is more than a flame, it is brotherhood.

BY GREG FARROW
GUEST WRITER

China faces sanctions

U.S. wants China to end piracy of software

The United States may place 100% tariffs on \$2 billion worth of Chinese products if China doesn't crack down on piracy of movies and CD's. According to the Clinton Administration, Chinese piracy costs the United States over \$2.3 billion dollars each year.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi introduced legislation that would impose sanctions on China for stealing American "intellectual property."

"The theft of intellectual property hurts American workers, costs American jobs, and undermines our global economic competitiveness," she said.

"Despite repeated efforts by U.S. officials, the Chinese government is not abiding by its agreement to address U.S. concerns."

The White House is currently putting together a trade sanctions plan to use if China refuses to act on the piracy problem.

"If China does not live up to the agreements that it has made with the United States," said White House spokesman Mike McCurry, "we will impose stiff sanctions."

China averted a similar wave of sanctions last year when it agreed to crack down on piracy in exchange for most favored nation status from the United States.

However, many American busi-

nesses say that China has not fulfilled its part of the bargain. According to Jay Berman, president of the recording Industry Association of America, the Chinese factories producing pirated CD's are still open, and making huge profit, and thus should be easy to find and prosecute.

"These are not some kids who hooked some machines together in a garage and you can't find them tomorrow," he said. "There are plants that required investments of over \$1 million.

Business Software alliance president

Robert Holleyman agrees. "We are seeing more pirated software -- particularly in the form of pirated CD-ROMs -- than ever before," he said. "We have seen woefully little progress by the Chinese government in addressing the problem."

The BSA says that there are 34 Chinese CD plants producing pirated software, up from 26 last year. If the U.S. decides to level sanctions on China, they will undoubtedly hit the U.S. with sanctions of their own. "If the U.S. goes so far as to implement its trade retaliation, China will, according to its foreign trade law, take countermeasures to safeguard its sovereignty and national esteem."

BY DAVID STILLMAN
GLOBAL EDITOR

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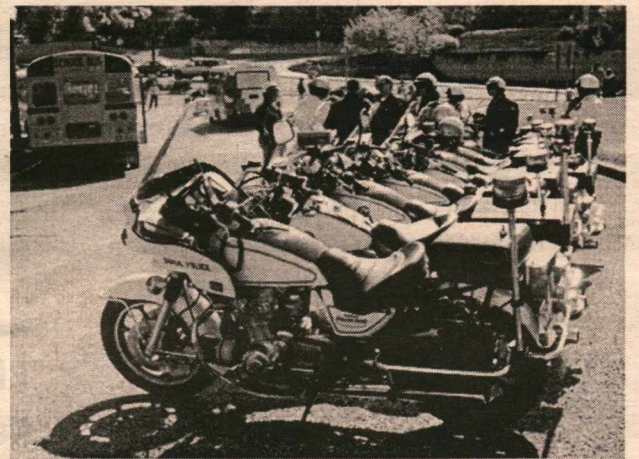
Robert Holleyman



(Chtangeev)

(left) This Union Pacific train carried the Olympic Flame to Boise in a special Olympic Flame car.

(right) The Georgia State Patrol, and their motorcycles, follow the Flame along its route through the U.S.



(Chtangeev)

Bombing trial to begin

Jury selection has begun in the trial of three men who allegedly planned to blow up nine planes crossing the Pacific Ocean on the same day. One of the accused, Ramzi Yousef, is also accused of planning the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. The plot was uncovered in 1995, when a fire broke out in Manila during a visit from Pope John Paul II. Police found a computer disk containing detailed plans to blow up U.S. planes.

Bombs would have been left on flights which would have left Tokyo, Seoul, Taipei, Hong Kong, Bangkok, and Singapore. Vince Cannistraro of the CIA's Counter Terrorism Division, called the plan "Extraordinarily ambitious, very complicated to bring off, and probably unparalleled by other terrorist operations that we know of. He added that Ramzi Yousef's "peculiar, evil genius was to devise a method of putting together a liquid explosive that could not be detected by the security apparatuses in effect at most airports at that time."

India holds elections

The Bharatiya Janata Party, a Hindu coalition, has won more seats in India's Congress than any other party in India's massive elections. The BJP, which wants, among other things, to restrict entry of multinational corporations into India and begin building nuclear weapons, is still far short of a majority in India's lower house of Parliament. It now possesses 195 of the 545 seats. The ruling Congress Party finished a third with 140 seats, but is expected to form a coalition with the National Front-Left Front, which has 150 seats, to form a majority coalition in India's Parliament.

The elections have been held throughout the last month to help prevent the violence that claimed 300 lives in the last election, held in 1991. This year, sporadic violence has claimed the lives of at least 30 people, 15 of whom were killed in a bomb blast north of New Dehli that also wounded 51 bystanders.

Despite the violence, 60 percent of India's eligible voters have voted in this election

Army helicopters collide

Two Marine Corps helicopters collided in mid-air, killing fourteen Marines during military exercises off the North Carolina Coast. Marine spokesman Maj. Steve Little said that a CH-46 Sea Knight and an AH-1 Cobra collided at about 2 a.m.

Twelve Marines, a Navy sailor, and an Army soldier, who were in the CH-46 were killed. The two pilots of the CH-46 survived, one of whom is in serious condition. The other escaped with minor injuries.

The crash occurred during a joint U.S.-British mock assault on Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. 53,000 troops were involved in the largest joint exercise since World War Two. Fifty-three U.S. and British Warships were also involved. No British forces were involved in the crash.

Briefs compiled by David Stillman
Global Editor

Professor Irving Laird surprised by award

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The recipient of this year's NNC Alumni Association Excellent Professor Award was Dr. Irving Laird of the Department of Philosophy and Religion. Laird accepted the award with humility, and expressed his astonishment at having received it by saying, "We were told to come with a two to three-minute speech ready, in case we won. I didn't do that." *The Crusader* was able to conduct an interview with Laird just a few hours after the convocation in which this award was presented.

The Crusader: "You seemed pretty surprised that you received this award this morning. How do you feel about winning it?"

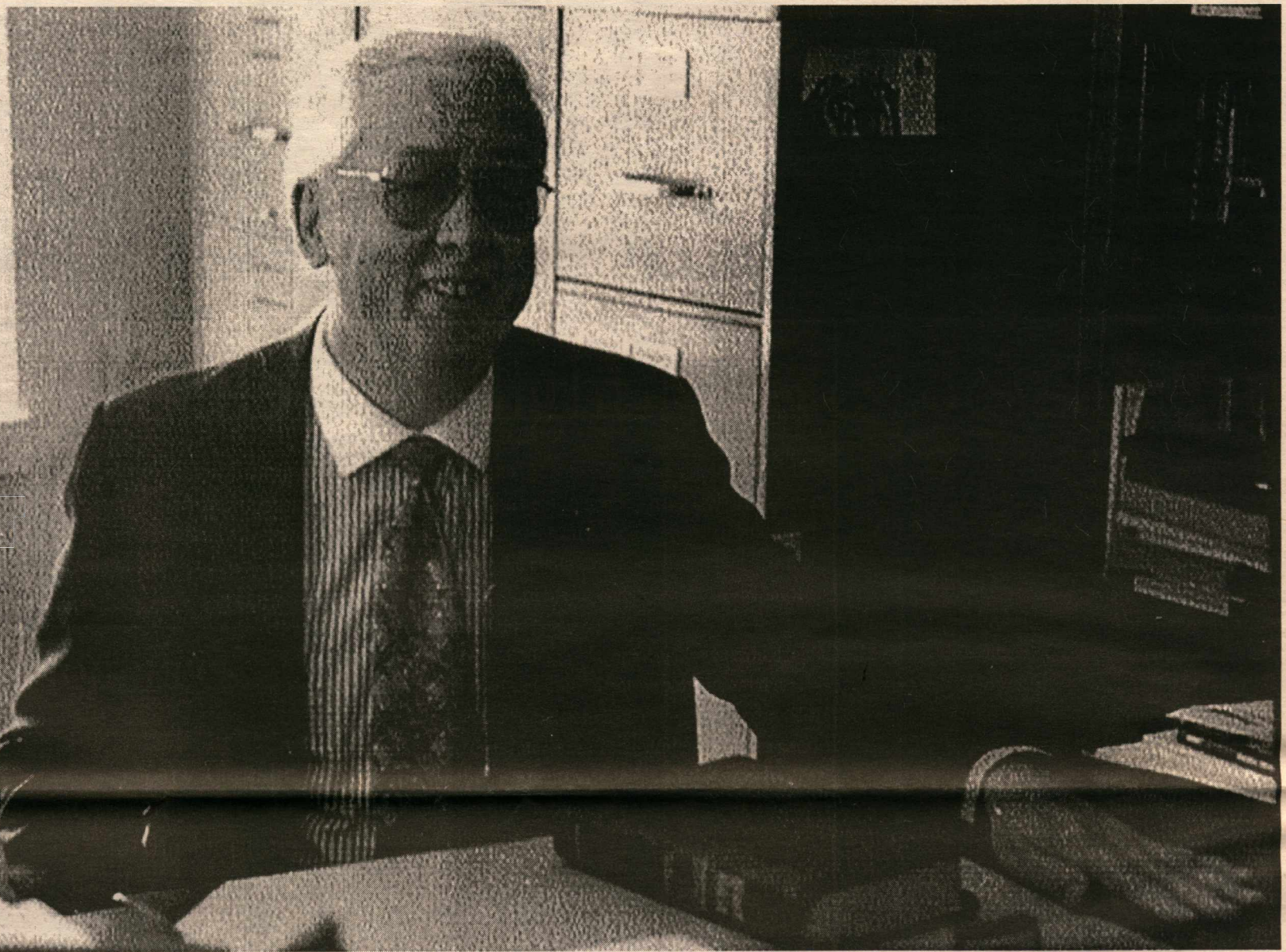
Laird: "To tell you the truth, I haven't had much time since 11:00 to think about it. I am very

honored, *very* honored. I really was surprised. And if I try to figure it out, I probably will continue to be surprised, because I don't see myself in that position. However, I want to accept it as a tribute to the faculty members. I feel particularly honored because of the company I have in other years...I'm thinking of Professor Dennis last year, Professor Powers a couple years ago...ones that were really outstanding in their fields. I have to say I don't feel an expert in my field. Dr. Sanner, who was head of this division would tell me, because I said "I'm not a scholar, I'm a minister," that I'm here primarily because this is my ministry. That opened the door for me to come work with college students. And I've always thought of it that way...I guess I feel I'm kind of journeying along with students. A lot of times I'm just not an expert at all, just getting students in here and talking with them. I was very surprised. I don't even know what I said when I got up there [to accept the award]."

The Crusader: "What are your plans for retirement?"

Laird: "I'd like to retire a year from now. I'll be sixty-five and my wife will be sixty-two, and that means we can both get our social security. And one of the reasons [for retiring] is I'd really like to see a younger person put in this position, with more energy, up-to-date-ness...and yet Dr. Neil has talked to me about, if I retire in a year or two, considering part-time, dealing with field work and internships. My health is not the greatest...it's given me some signals that I need to slow down. My wife--well, if I retired full-time, she wouldn't know what to do with me all day!" (laughing)

The Crusader: "So you are considering coming back part-time?"



Laird: "Yes, at this point, if they need me. But my wife and I would like to retire together. We have some other things we like to do sometimes, like travel, our kids and our grandkids--none of them live here...But those are decisions that lie out there."

The Crusader: "How long have you been here at NNC as a professor?"

Laird: "Well, we moved here in June '66 from Indiana, and when I came, I came with already a part-time contract at

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NNC and a full-time contract as associate at Nampa First Church. However, I didn't actually go into the classroom until the fall of '67. That year was the turning point here...A year from now, I will have completed thirty years in the classroom. I've taught every term, but I moved into the Dean of Students' office from 1969 to 1980, 11 years, and I just taught part-time.

"And since 1980 I've been teaching full-time, and am now in this office, which is the nicest office on campus. I get to see the new campus and the present campus from here, and I can see the 'field of dreams' (Kurtz Park) and in two

more days now the streets are going to close down...One of the reasons I want to stay another year is I want to see the new buildings go up, the prayer chapel and the new building, and I get to see it from this window."

The Crusader: "You've mentioned the construction going on in Kurtz Park...How do you feel about all the other changes going on here at NNC, academic or otherwise?"

Laird: "Personally, I'd have to say--excited--There are a lot of changes, and it's harder, the older you get, to be a part of the changes, but I know that, just like the church, we need to get the college ready for the twenty-first century, too. I taught "change" in the church, and that doesn't mean compromise, but life is changing so fast, and in order to relate to the constituency, whether it's members of the church, or students here, preparing them for the needs of society, there have to be major changes. So I'm excited...because I think that our leadership--our president, the dean, the Board of Regents and the faculty--are working hard to keep up and prepare as much as [they] can for the rapid changes--things just happen so fast.

"I just think NNC has got a great future. It's going to be difficult keeping up with all the needs,...but we have a plan, and the city is growing--the city and the college work together. And one of our biggest challenges, in this division, anyway, is having the church and the college work together [for change]. There's always some tensions between them. Academia..."

The Crusader: "It tends to be more progressive than the church..."

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Students respond to selection of Laird

As expected, the announcement of Dr. Irving Laird as 1996's Professor of the Year elicited a standing ovation from the chapel crowd last Friday. Dr. Laird's genuine love concern for his students could have been enough to earn him the title of Professor of the Year, but students share that he goes even beyond that call.

Junior Brent Peterson, who introduced Laird in chapel on Friday, elaborated later on his eulogy: "Dr. Laird cares about the whole person. He's not concerned with merely the academic achievements of his students, nor just about their spiritual formation and progress, but about both of those things at the same time. That's what makes him so outstand-

ing."

Another religion student, who declined to be named, spoke along the same lines. "Doc Laird has been deserving this honor for a long time. I suppose what impresses me most about him is that while he is a very intelligent man, he remembers to not substitute academia for true knowledge. He is a great example for all of us -- not just all of us in the religion department, but all of us who come in contact with him."

Freshman religion major Charity Friedly echoed the same impressions, saying "Dr. Laird is so helpful to me, not just academically but spiritually. It's obvious he really cares

about everyone."

Josh Williams characterized Laird as an integral part of his department. "Without Doc Laird the Religion Department would have a void that would be extremely hard to fill," Williams stated. "He really cares about his students' well-being."

Once again, congratulations to Dr. Irving Laird, 1996 professor of the Year.

By JOHN FRALEY
MANAGING EDITOR

Professors shine in nomination spotlight

Only once a year do NNC students see their professors displayed on stage, nervously awaiting their turn to be presented to nearly the entire student body. This unique opportunity owes its existence to the Professor of the Year award.

At meeting after meeting, the Professor of the Year nominating committee sifted through NNC's excellent professors to find one from each division who was most qualified to win this award.

This year's seven special professors nominated for the award were Professor Jim Willis from the Department of Music; Professor Marilyn Thompson from the Department of Speech Communication; Professor Gary Ganske from the Department of Mathematics; Professor Irving Laird from the Department of Special Ministries; Professor Martha Hopkins from the Department of Kinesiology; Professor Beth Schafer from the Department of Business; and Professor Steve Shaw from the Department of Political Science.

By being nominated, each of these professors was recognized for his or her outstanding effort and ability in teaching and for his or her strong qualities as a person. Students praised these professors during their presentations of the professor nominees by highlighting the professors' strengths at NNC and in the community.

According to senior Sarah Sterk, "Dr. James Willis is one of the most personable and approachable professors on the campus of NNC."

Many of the students who presented nominees also pointed out the professors' exemplary Christian lifestyle.

Sterk said, "Dr. Willis not only talks about his walk with Christ, but you can see Christ in him."

Junior Heather Slater spoke of Professor Marilyn Thompson's great abilities as a forensics coach and teacher, as well as a friend. "Throughout her career, Marilyn has served the students as a friend and mentor in and out of the classroom," Slater said.

The Nominees

Math Department

Gary Ganske

Kinesiology Department

Martha Hopkins

Religion Department

Irving Laird

Business Department

Beth Schafer

Political Science Department

Steve Shaw

Speech-Comm Department

Marilyn Thompson

Music Department

James Willis

Senior Cary Hill presented Professor Gary Ganske during the convocation chapel service. "[Dr. Ganske] is a versatile teacher with thorough knowledge of his subject area, and he has an ability to communicate it to students," Hill said. Like other presentations, Hill mentioned the

spiritual life of this nominee. "Most importantly, Dr. Ganske models Christian love and character," Hill said.

Junior Brent Peterson presented Professor Irving Laird to the students at the convocation service. "[Dr. Laird's] genuine love for students is embodied in everything he does," Peterson said.

Junior Jeremy Bolles spoke of Professor Martha Hopkins' personal qualities both inside and outside the classroom. "Dr. Martha Hopkins is an excellent professor. She expresses personal interest in each student," Bolles said. "Her personality is such that students feel comfortable approaching her for consultation on a personal or scholastic level," Bolles said.

Graduating junior Ray Gibler acknowledged Professor Beth Schafer's all-around outstanding qualities. "Professor Shafer constantly seeks to address potential issues and ethical situations as applied in particular to a Christian life," Gibler said. "She has a genuine concern for all of the students who pass through her life."

Senior Rachel Sanders presented Professor Steve Shaw. "Dr. Shaw is an excellent example for others, a man who demonstrates strong Christian leadership. His deep faith in Christ is most evident through his lectures inside of class and his one-on-one discussions outside of class," Sanders said.

As these professors sat in front of the large gathering of students, they had no reason to sweat. This was the students' chance to show their appreciation for all their hard work.

By AMY RILEY
COVER STORY EDITOR

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Laird: "Yes. And it's been that way since when I was a student...But the wonderful churches keep sending us students--I know I'm prejudiced, but they're an exceptionally quality group of human beings. And you change with the times, but you don't change. When I see God calling young people...and they're coming into this division wanting to learn to serve, it's as high level now as it was when I came in the '60s. And that's been one of the great, exciting aspects of my work, because it keeps me motivated to come to work each day."

The Crusader: "What do you do for fun?"

Laird: "Besides my work?(laughing) I guess my wife and I love to get to go be with our grandchildren and talk to them on the phone...We have four grandchildren--3, 5, 7,

and 10...I love to ski, but I don't get to do that much anymore. But I love my baseball. I was a Dodger fan for fifty years, and then my grandsons came along and they live in Denver, so [I switched to Denver]. I love baseball and I've loved it all my

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life. I don't play it, but I'm paying, and I collect baseball cards. My wife made me stop buying them, I had so many, but every Christmas I give some to my grandkids.

"And ever since I was a kid--growing up in New York-

-since we didn't get to go to movies, we'd go to the Broadway musicals. I love the Broadway musicals...I've taken my wife and daughter to go to every musical they have here [at NNC]. That's one of my biggest hobbies."

In his thirty years of service to NNC, Dr. Laird has gained the love and loyalty of hundreds of students. Although he, himself, was surprised to have won the title of "Professor of the Year," perhaps it was no surprise to the students through the years, for whom he has played the role of mentor and friend.

By HEATHER SLATER
COPY EDITOR

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

The administration, faculty and students have all worked very hard to keep NNC's strong academic success a top priority. Professors continually challenge their students to think critically and reach their potential. Many times, I have had professors willingly discuss how to better my study methods or explain in closer detail concepts I had found difficult. Overall, I have been very pleased with the education I have received. That was until my friends and I heard of a new policy that is being suggested to the professors.

Apparently it has been suggested to several professors that they give seniors lower grades this coming Friday when senior grades are due. The idea behind this "suggestion" is that the seniors will be less likely to skip the last few weeks of school and finish any assignments they may have remaining if they still have to work to achieve a decent grade.

To some extent this idea makes sense. Some seniors may stay just to raise their grades. If our grades are lowered, however, then several students that are close to receiving the treasured honors (cum laude, etc.) may not actually hear those words at graduation that they have worked so hard for the past 4+ years to achieve.

To be honest, I believe this policy is completely contrary to the meaning of academic success. In fact, it is not academic at all. Rather than promoting good scholarship and success, the school is suggesting that its seniors are no-account lazy bums that will not work hard at all. If it must, the school is willing to use grades as a weapon to hold us captive in the classes we supposedly were enjoying.

Normally I do not complain about our administration or its decisions. However, this really "irks m' tigger!" If they don't trust me to continue my hard work, then I'll give them the quality of work this "incentive grade" deserves.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

It's getting so bad that sometimes, it's all you can smell. No, it's not the fabled Odor of Nampa, the semi-natural perfume of the city affectionately dubbed "The Town of a Thousand Smells;" it's the stench of the growing amount of litter that adorns major campus sidewalks.

This term, probably due to increased outdoor activity, there seems to be more and more candy wrappers, tissues, loose paper, and overall ugly junk on the ground. It is time for the administration to take action against this rapidly growing problem that is becoming a serious eyesore across campus.

Simply put, this trash belongs in the many garbage cans that are evenly distributed all across NNC. To force students to comply, officials should be prepared to fine any offender. These "officials" can include any R.A., P.A., R.D., campus security worker, or Student Development employee. A maximum of student leaders should have the right to slap litterers with a \$25 fine.

Such a fine would force these same leaders to practice self-control. When you can get ripped off for \$25 just for being in a girl's room at the wrong time, the size of the fine seems fair, by NNC standards.

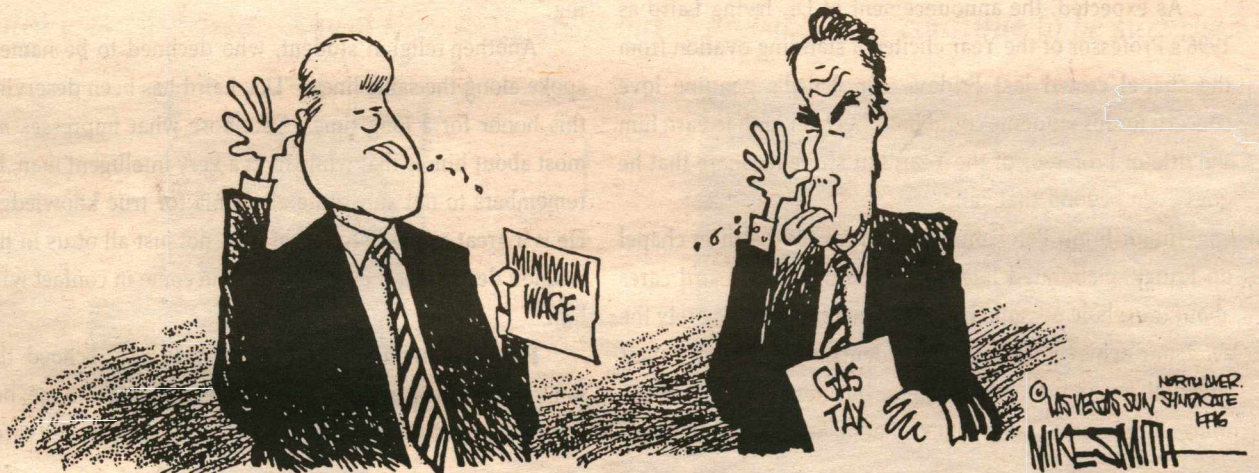
How about visitors, you ask? Should non-students be subject to the same rules? Of course. NNC is private property. Its owners are entitled to lay down whichever laws they deem fit; for a precedent, review the Open House and curfew restrictions.

If NNC expects to attract prospective students instead of repelling them, it needs to clean up its act and quit littering. We know that we'd think twice about ignoring that nearby trash can if \$25 were on the line.

STAFF INFECTION

Max, it's amazing what I can do with your stuff once I get it over here...For some reason I just love that word, "despite"...That's a cute picture of Erika, but there's someone else's body...That Justin Marion is one weird boy...but he's a nice guy!...What are we treating her to?...She is the only girl left in the room...John, we need a new computer...let's just ship an old one UPS...or maybe ValuJet?...I try to avoid anything rejected by Turkey...What Toby? You think David Hasselhoff is a hunk?...Does anybody know if *the Crusader* is subject to situational ethics?

Back on the campaign trail, the intelligent discussion of the issues continues...



Situation ethics vs. moral absolutes

As often happens with religious leaders, the life of Jesus has been in some sense buried deep under the traditions and religion created by his followers after his death. Since the purpose of the Church is to be the body of Christ and to further his cause here on earth, it aspires also to help people imitate his life. The most predominant way the Church has done this is to create a doctrine of morality which dictates in simple terms the way one should respond to ethical dilemmas. This is obviously the easiest way to maintain unanimity within a community, but it has proven once again that the easiest and safest way is not always the best. While a system of moral absolutes is more convenient in that it can be easily monitored by the governing body of the Church, situation ethics based on the love of one's neighbor are preferable to a black and white, implacable morality.

The first reason situation ethics are preferable is that they are personal instead of mechanical. Because more than one option is presented with each situation, a human being is required to make a final decision. When moral absolutes are employed, the decision is made before it ever enters the conscience of a person. For example, if one accepts as a moral absolute that one should not lie, it requires no deliberation when he or she is presented with the opportunity; if it is lying, it cannot be done. One's reason for lying, whether it is to save the Jews in the Holocaust or to save one's own skin, is irrelevant. It is not even considered.

In this way, moral absolutes function more like a machine than a person. They fail in the same way all mechanical systems fail; they cannot judge according to context. It is the reason a computer's spell check is not effective in finding grammar errors, such as homonyms or capitalization errors. It can't because such decisions require contextual judgement. The word "There" would be incorrect in the middle of a sentence, but in the title of a work or at the beginning of a sentence, it is the correct choice. This sort of decision can only be made by a person with a knowledge of grammar. Likewise, most actions are neither moral nor immoral but must be judged according to context, of which only people are capable.

Another reason situation ethics are preferable to moral absolutes is that

they place priority on people rather than on man-made laws. The most glaring examples of such a morality come from Jesus Himself. Jesus often placed Himself in direct conflict with the rules of the Church of His day. He ate with prostitutes, thieves and tax collectors while others were avoiding the very appearance of evil. He broke the Sabbath on more than one occasion for the sake of the needs of people. When people needed healing on the Sabbath, He healed them. When they were hungry, He fed them. When the religious authorities, whose very name imply a religion that can be regulated, questioned Him on this matter, He re-

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sponded compassionately by saying, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."

It is obvious that Jesus was interested in helping people before He was interested in observing the hundreds of laws of His religion. This is not to say that He did not care at all about these rules. He followed customs and rituals when they did not interfere with His mission of compassion. He was baptized, He read Scripture in the synagogue, and He often went to the temple. However, Jesus seems to have had one moral absolute, and He told his disciples so. "Love your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself." If observing the Sabbath interfered, Jesus brushed it off. His concern for people always outweighed His concern for law.

Finally, situation ethics create, as C.S. Lewis put it, a certain kind of person rather than a person who does certain kinds of things. Judging the morality of an action according to the situation demands that the conscience work. Moral absolutes absolve us of

this responsibility. They act as the scaffolding that artificially upholds a disintegrating structure, the conscience. What once stood on its own no longer needs to support itself. Like all parts of our person, the conscience grows from use, and it will atrophy when it has no further job to do. If we are to be truly moral people, we must use our consciences to seek the good in every situation. If we fail to do this, we rely on the absolutes and destroy our consciences, the only protection against the abuse of the law.

In believing morality to be so simple, we not only are quick to judge the actions of others, but we are prone to living a life of deep, subtle evil while we sleep in the assuring bed of our ten commandments. When the rules are few and concrete, decisions are easy, and consciences get no exercise. Sooner or later, they turn to mush and the only morality left is that on paper. This kind of morality allows people to cheat others as long as there was technically no lying involved. It enables one to kill another person in conversation as long as no obscenities are used. It enables one to hate the infidel for the righteous reason that he denies the deity of Christ.

Even what Christ considered a true morality, loving one's neighbor, is transformed into a law which is not inscribed upon one's heart but on his daily checklist and certificate of salvation. This requirement, then, is easily fulfilled by the paying of missions offerings and occasional good deeds, often for chapel credit. Sadly, it is usually the closest neighbors of such a person that get left out.

This is, of course, precisely the environment into which Jesus was born. The Jews of the time held too strictly to a concrete set of morals. They had thus fallen asleep under the blanket of security this list gave them. They no longer knew how to think about right and wrong, for there was no longer a need. If Buddha was concerned with waking up, Jesus's life was a lesson in staying awake. And while it is easier to live in a community of perfect unanimity, the Church, if it is to be the body of Christ, must consist of truly moral, conscience-filled people.

DAN FREEBORN
FREELANCE JOURNALIST

REVIEWS

CINEMA

Weird Al's back--and with really bad hair

Presidents of the United States, U2, Soul Asylum, TLC, Coolio--what do all these artists have in common? Weird Al sings better versions of their songs. Well, at least more amusing versions of their songs.

From "Amish Paradise" (a parody of Coolio's "Gangsta's Paradise") to "Phony Calls" (A parody of "Waterfalls" by TLC), Al continues his run of excellent, hysterical albums which seem to improve on the originals. In addition, Al pulls out all the stops on his original pieces, treating us to such touching ballads as "I Remember Larry" (a sad piece about a practical joker who met an unfortunately violent end) and yule time happiness in "The Night Santa Went Crazy" (a jolly carol about Santa and heavy artillery).

"Amish Paradise" is about your average Amish rapper. It is also a social commentary on the realities of Amish life. From the boredom inherent to churning butter to the pride in wearing buttonless clothes, Al brings the listener closer to understanding and empathizing with Amish society. Especially apt is his discourse on Amish punishment techniques: "So don't be vain and don't be whiny; or else I might have to get medieval on your heinie."

Weird Al Yankovic: Bad Hair Day

Reviewed by Jason Isbell

"Everything you know is wrong" is about a man with a wolverine in his pants, discovering that, well, everything he knows is wrong.

"Cavity Search" is a mildly amusing parody of "Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me, Kill Me." The original song is great because of the music, so Weird Al's whiny voice ruins half the joy of this song, and his witticism does not quite make up for it. The one song on this CD that is not as good as the original.

The prize of this album is "Gump," a parody of Presidents' "Lump." Forget the original (it never made sense anyway), and focus your attention on this song about America's favorite intellectually challenged saint. "Gump was a big celebrity; he told JFK that he really had to pee." Awesome song, made the CD worth its price.

"Syndicated Incorporated," from "Misery" by Soul Asylum, is a decent parody, dealing with a man's obsession with television. Mildly amusing, but I usually skip it in favor of...

"Phony Calls" which not only is an excellent rip off of TLC's "Waterfalls," but stars one of my favorite people, Bart Simpson!! As an added bonus, for listening closely to this song you

can pick up a few descent (though old) phone pranks.

All Polka fans, calling all polka fans, Weird Al, the polka king himself, has not forgotten you! The tradition of putting contemporary hits' lyrics to polka music is here to stay in "Alternative Polka." Such popular tunes as "Black Hole Sun," "Loser," "All I Wanna Do" and "You Oughta Know" get lambasted. Oddly enough, I think Al improved on some of these songs too...

The other gem in this bag of fine music is "The Night Santa Went Crazy." Not since "Christmas at Ground Zero" have I found a Christmas song that brought me such joy, such happiness, so many tears in my eyes. While Christmas traditionalists may not like the off-beat direction that this song takes, and some children may object to the senseless, degrading violence, I still feel that this song will quickly become a Christmas favorite.

"Gump" and "The Night Santa Went Crazy" make this album one of Weird Al's best, well worth the twelve dollars. So as the immortal Forrest Gump would say, "That's all I have to say about that."

Crusader Rating
A-

"WEIRD AL" YANKOVIC



FINE ART

Cheap date--and culture to boot

Although this was not my first choice for spending my Sunday afternoon, I have to admit that the Boise Art Museum was more than I expected. While it's true that it's not quite the museum one would find in Denver or Portland, it was well worth the \$2 I paid to get in. In either case, it is now showing two major art exhibits: a Classic exhibit on loan from the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and a grouping called Chicano.

Boise Art Museum: Classical & Chicano Exhibits

Reviewed by Andy Diehl

I started out by going through the Classical exhibit because I had some idea of how to understand it. The majority of the exhibit was made up of small carvings and heads from busts or relief sculptures. It was fun to sit and look at a piece and think of it in the different perspectives that it may have had over time. Most artifacts were figures of gods or goddesses from the Greek and Roman eras. A few were of people that the sculptures were meant to be buried with.

The rest of the museum was filled with Chicano art: pieces from artists in the Central and South Americas. The works did not have a central theme other than a recurrence of spirituality in different forms. There was a piece on the fifteen chapters of the catholic prayer book and how a man would reflect on them at his death. The classmate I went to the museum with felt that most of these were kind of creepy. Some of the pieces even combined the spirituality of several cultures. One artist was dabbling with the idea of mixing Catholicism with different African religious beliefs. Another was on the power of rocks and their connection to the power of the earth. Some ideas were pretty far out, but so were the works that went with them. Several of the pieces dealt with

war and people's feelings in war. On of these looked from a distance like a quilt that had Smucker's strawberry jam on it. Up close though you could see the intricate pattern of skulls and skeletons that had the blood of a nation on them. Probably not something one would put in a dorm room, but easily something to make you think about the world we live in.

While I have to admit that I am usually not the one to go for the intellectual outlook on things, I found it a pleasant change of pace. The location on the Greenbelt near the Idaho Historic Museum and the Boise Zoo makes for a nice way to kill a day and not your wallet. You might even be able to prove to someone that there is more to your life than the Stanley Cup and action movies.

Crusader Rating
B-

CINEMA

Wow--more magic from Spielberg and Crichton

I hope I do not sound too pretentious when I assert that *Twister* may very well be the most visually gratifying movie we will see for a very long time. I cannot imagine that any movie can or will compete graphically with it for quite some time (i.e.--until Spielberg's next large scale venture). All I can say is that if you don't think that the effects looked very real, then you had better have some pretty impressive experiences on your resume, such as, oh, having flown inside of a tornado. Had it been any more real, you would leave the theater with scars from flying debris (i.e. tractors, cows, houses).

When I went to see *Twister*, it was in part to satisfy my curiosity. I wanted to know how even the great Steven Spielberg would make a movie about a bunch of tornados. Sure, I had no doubt that the graphics would be astounding, though even considering my enthusiasm for his previous work in *Jurassic Park* I wasn't prepared for what I saw. What I was really wondering about was the plot. Well, there was one, and it was pretty original, too.

The action centers on a group of freelance meteorologists who chase tornados. Their main interest is monitoring them, in hopes of one day finding a way to predict them. As for subplot, we delve into the turbulent relationship of Bill and Jo, the group's leaders, who happen to be in the midst of a divorce. The subplot fit into the plot without much awkwardness, and even furthered the plot with an added bonus--an unwilling spectator, Bill's fiancé, who had no idea that her weatherman husband-to-be had spent the past decade trying to get closer than humanly possible to these frighteningly destructive phenomena.

The cast, in keeping with classic Spielberg tradition, is made up of relatively low-profile actors, though not quite as unknown as some past billings. It's easier to get lost in the movie when you don't relate the cast members with their previous roles. Of course, this leisure is lost to those who know and love Helen Hunt as Jamie from "Mad About You."

Regardless of the plot, however, I believe that the graphics truly make this movie. Since it doesn't have any serious weaknesses dragging it down, I can justify giving it an A+. A strong plot (and original, too--not something to scoff at in Hollywood these days, where half of all new movies are based on T.V. shows, and vice-versa) and a score which complements the visual really well keep *Twister* from sharing the fate of flops such as *Waterworld*. If you really want to pick for something, I would have to say that the score, though it fit well, was the same as that of *Jurassic Park*. The ironic thing is that John Williams didn't even do the music, but instead Mark Mancina.

I feel as though I've not done a very good job of describing the true exhilaration of this movie. I don't think anyone really can quite get it across. All I can say is--see this movie. You will not be disappointed.

Twister

Reviewed by Shawn McDonald

Crusader Rating
A+

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SPORTS BRIEFLIES

Boise State women's basketball coach leaving for U of W

Boise State women's basketball coach June Daugherty announced last week that she will be taking the head coaching position at the University of Washington.

In seven years as coach at BSU, Daugherty amassed a 123-74 record, including 12-15 overall and 9-5 in the Big Sky conference last season.

Daugherty called the new job a "dream come true." She will be succeeding Chris Gobracht, who made Washington a women's basketball powerhouse with a 243-89 record in 11 years, including numerous appearances in the NCAA tournament.

Her base salary will be \$120,000 with the Huskies compared to the \$68,000 she was making at BSU.

Daugherty's husband, Mike, her assistant coach at BSU will have the same job with the Huskies.

Marlins' Al Leiter throws no-hitter

Al Leiter (6-2), the Florida Marlins left-handed pitcher, threw this season's first no-hitter on Saturday against the Colorado Rockies.

Leiter, who led the league in walks and wild pitches last season while pitching for Toronto, was starting in only his eighth National League game. Leiter threw hard and the Marlins scored plenty to help him along, winning the game 11-0.

With the crowd standing and hanging on every pitch, Leiter went to a full count on Eric Young before striking him out swinging.

"We didn't come close to a hit, did we?" Colorado's Dante Bichette said, "He threw hard, harder, and hardest."

The Marlins, who joined the National League in 1993, had never had a no-hitter pitched in their short history.

Florida's first no-hitter leaves the San Diego Padres, the Rockies and the New York Mets as the only teams never to have a no-hitter.

News reports say Cowboys' Michael Irvin wants to be traded

Two television stations reported that Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin wants to be traded to the Miami Dolphins.

Stations WFOR of Miami and KTVT in Dallas reported that agent Drew Rosenhaus has been in contact with both the Cowboys and the Dolphins about a possible trade.

Irvin, who played for Dolphins coach Jimmy Johnson at Miami University and in Dallas, was indicted April 1 for possession of drugs.

Rare triple dead heat takes place at Yakima Meadows Race Track

For just the 20th time in thoroughbred racing history, a three-way dead heat was run Sunday at Yakima Meadows.

In the day's third race, a trio of \$8,000 claimers all hit the wire together after running one mile.

The last time this occurred was at Arlington Park in 1990.

Yakima Meadows officials turned up only one other similar finish on the West Coast, at Hollywood Park although the date for that finish was not available.

Sonics sweep defending NBA champion Rockets with OT win

For now the critics in Seattle are silent. So is the rest of the NBA. And in the meantime, the Seattle SuperSonics are a much happier bunch.

This is all the result of the Sonics success in dominating Houston en route to a four-game sweep of the defending two-time NBA champion Rockets.

On Sunday, the Sonics completed the sweep with a 114-107 overtime victory, their 13th straight win over the Rockets.

The Sonics built a 20-point lead mid-way through the third quarter and

looked to be cruising to yet another lopsided victory in the best-of-seven series.

Not willing to be beat that easy, the Rockets came back behind the previously dormant three-point shooting of Sam Cassell and Robert Horry. The Sonics' mistakes in the final minute gave the Rockets the chance to tie the game.

During the extra period the Sonics went back to the offense they used to get this far, Shawn Kemp, Gary Payton, and Sam Perkins.

Throughout the last three seasons,

critics have pointed to the Sonics lack of a true center as a weakness that would keep them from being true post-season contenders.

Now that the Sonics have shaken the first round curse and shown the NBA what they are capable of, criticism is not in the headlines.

The Sonics will now wait to play the winner of the Utah Jazz-San Antonio Spurs series.

By TOBY JEFFREY
SPORTS EDITOR

NNC track ends final season by sending Marion to national meet

As the 1996 Pacific Northwest Regional Track and Field Meet came to an end, the final season of men's and women's track at Northwest Nazarene College also came to a close.

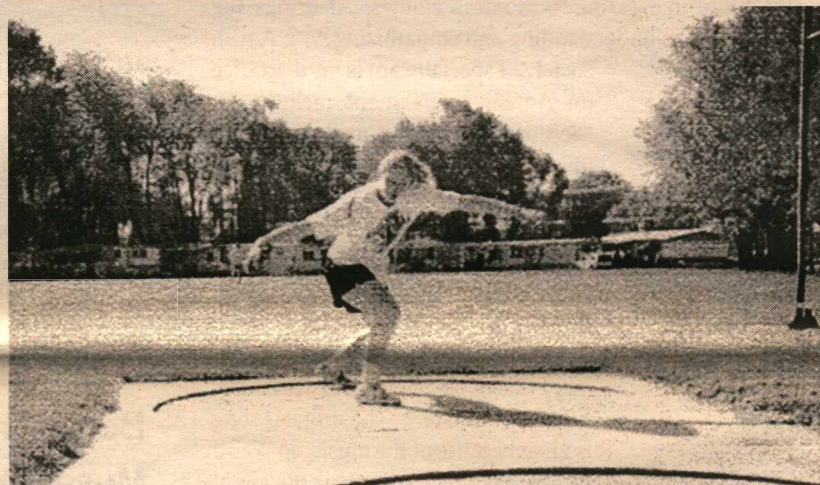
Out of 17 hard-working members of this year's Crusader track team, ten individuals went on to qualify in eight events for the Regional meet last Friday and Saturday at Western Oregon State College in Monmouth, Oregon. Although NNC did not have a great meet, the Crusaders ended a very successful season.

Justin Marion earned the only first for the Crusaders as he sailed over 6-10.25 in the men's high jump. Marion, who broke his own school record with a 7-0 jump this season, will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia in two weeks to compete in the NAIA Track & Field National Championship meet. Marion is currently ranked in the top five in the nation.

Also competing in the men's high jump, senior Zach Smith came in eighth with a jump of 6-2. Zach, who jumped a personal best of 6-5 this season at the Bob Gibb Classic at Boise State, has been bothered by an ankle injury the last three weeks.

Competing in the pole vault, Reid Kornstad was unable to clear a height at Regionals despite clearing 14-1.25 last month at Western Oregon.

Jason Rossback, competing in the men's hammer, rounded out the men's



Ellen Duncan hones her discus throw during practice last week before the regional meet. (Jeffrey)

competitors representing NNC. Jason placed ninth with a throw of 137-04. Earlier in the season, Jason threw the hammer a personal best and school record 165-9 at Southern Oregon State College. That throw was two-and-a-half feet short of the national qualifying mark. Even though Jason cleared the mark in practice, he was never quite able to hit the mark in a meet.

Gina Miller's best time of the season in the women's 800 was a very good 2:20.54. At the Regional meet, Gina turned in a good performance, running a respectable 2:23.81 to place sixth.

Vondell Fox surprised a few people when she came out and threw a personal best 129-10 in the women's

discus to become the Cascade Conference champion in that event. Her season came to an end though, when she threw 121-02 last weekend to finish sixth. She also competed in the women's hammer and made throw of 99-10 to place twelfth.

Also competing in the women's hammer, Kim Crow finished eleventh with a toss of 106-8. At the conference meet two weekends ago, Kim threw her best mark of 114-2.

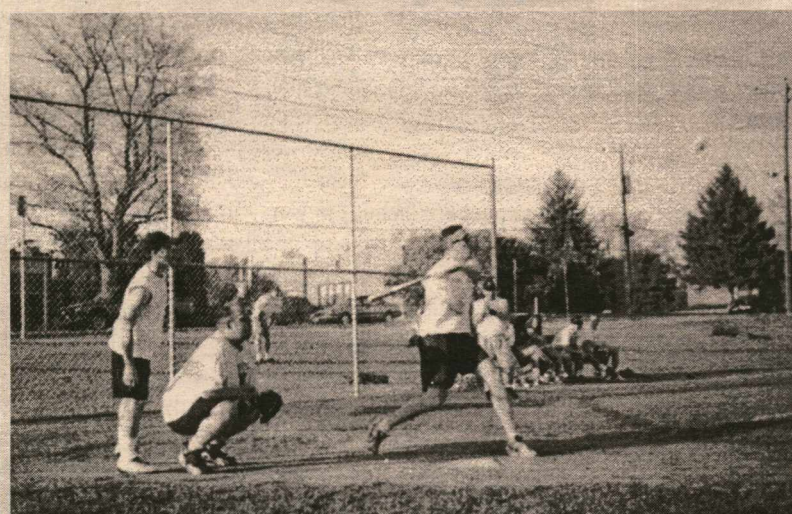
Tessa Phillips, competing in the women's discus, placed seventh with a throw of 120-7. Tessa made her best throw two weekends ago when she threw 127-3 at the conference meet.

Ellen Duncan performed well all season long. Duncan broke her old personal best throw of 130-9 in the discus this last weekend when she threw 130-10 to place second. Duncan also competed in the shot-put and threw a season best 38-7.75.

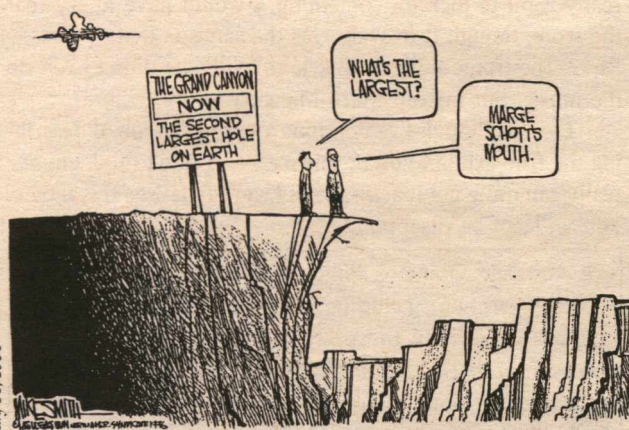
Debi Carter was the only woman, other than Gina Miller, who made it to Regionals that was not a thrower. Carter competed in the women's long jump and finished seventh with a jump of 36-02.25, a season's best by nearly three-and-a-half feet.

And so the final season of Northwest Nazarene College will come to a close after Justin Marion's trip to nationals.

By RYAN STUTZMAN
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T-shirt Dreams: Intramural championship is Thursday

Tim Whetstone (left) and Jeff Poe (catching) look on as Joel Marion takes a major league cut at the ball during tournament play. (Jeffrey).



More "Stuff That Guys Do," such as spit and throw stuff

Today we present another part of our ongoing series, "Stuff That Guys Do."

Of first example of guys doing stuff comes from the University of Washington Daily, which on Feb. 27 published a report written by Jeremy Simer and sent in by alert reader Donna Bellinger, headlined "Fraternity Game Turns Into Arrest."

What happened, according to the report, was that some guys were up on the roof of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity house, and, as guys will do when they spend any time together in an elevated location, they began sharing their innermost feelings.

I am of course kidding. These guys, being guys, began dropping things off the roof, starting with smaller items, and eventually escalating -- this is when the police were summoned -- to a chair and a rowing machine.

A fraternity member is quoted as follows: "We're frat guys. What can you say?"

Far be it from me to indulge in sex stereotype here, but I am willing to bet that the reaction of you readers to this story is divided along gender lines, as follows.

FEMALE REACTION: "Why would anybody do anything so STUPID?"

MALE REACTION: "A rowing machine! Cool!"

The simple truth is that guys have this overpowering urge to watch stuff fall and crash. If you ever see an inappropriate object, such as a piano, hurtling toward the Earth from a great height, you can be virtually certain that guys are responsible.

Ask yourself this question: If you were standing in the middle of a bridge spanning a magnificent wilderness gorge, at the bottom of which was a spectacular whitewater river, what

would you do?

FEMALE RESPONSE: Admire the view.

MALE RESPONSE: Spit.

Yes, the truth is that there are few things that a guy enjoys more than proudly watching a gob of spit -- HIS spit; spit that HE produced -- falling a tremendous distance. This is a male impulse that females frankly cannot relate to, just as males cannot relate to the female impulse to go into greeting-card stores and spend hours shopping

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for greeting cards, even when there is no particular occasion or person you need to send a greeting card to, which is what women frequently do when guys are out spitting.

I am not suggesting here that all guys ever do is drop stuff. Sometimes they also throw stuff, and sometimes this can lead to trouble. I have in my possession an official U.S. government memorandum, sent to me by an alert but anonymous reader, that was written last year by Paul E. Thompson, acting director, Western Region, Inspection Operations, Food and Safety Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Here is the first paragraph of this memorandum, which I absolutely swear I am not making up:

"This is to remind all personnel of the danger and inadvisability of engaging in activities commonly referred to as 'Horseplay.' A few examples of horseplay include, but are not limited to: throwing spleens, squirting water,

and flipping lymph nodes."

In professional journalism, we have an old saying that we frequently say, which goes something like this: "You do not print a story about federal employees engaging in horseplay involving spleens or lymph nodes without making a sincere effort to get the other side." So I contacted the USDA's Western Region office, which is located -- and let this be a lesson to those who claim that the federal government is poorly managed -- in the West.

I spoke with Dr. Bruce Kaplan, a public-affairs specialist, who explained that, "on rare occasions," poultry and meat inspectors, as well as plant employees, will become bored and flip meat and poultry organs at each other. (He did not specifically state that these were guys doing this, but some things go without saying.)

"In the poultry plants, they will flip spleens," explained Dr. Kaplan. "In the red-meat plants, they will flip lymph nodes."

Dr. Kaplan stressed that "there is absolutely no danger in terms of food safety." The problem, he said, is the safety of plant workers: "When they walk on the floor where these organs fall, they could slip."

In hopes of making the public more aware of the potential danger, I asked Dr. Kaplan to describe a poultry spleen.

"These are little small spleens," he explained. "They're little tiny slippery spleens."

I think we can draw several conclusions from this story:

1. First and foremost, "Slippery Spleens" would be an excellent name for a rock band.

2. Although it has become fashionable to knock "big government," we must not forget that, without the quick and decisive action by the USDA in the form of acting director Thomp-



son's memorandum, the ordinary public, in the form of food-plant workers, would have no protection from the threat of slipping on organs flipped by USDA inspectors.

3. If the USDA ever has a shortage of inspectors, it should definitely consider recruiting members of Theta Delta Chi.

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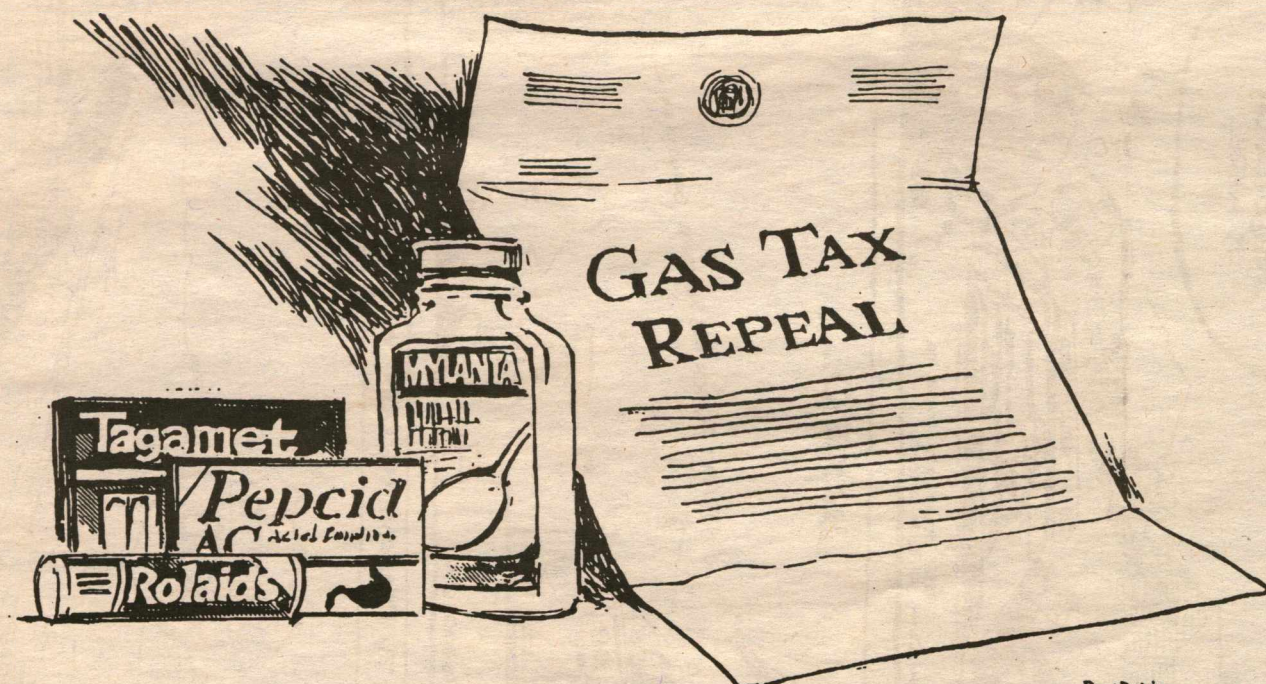
Top Ten least popular mall shops we've seen

10. Gap for Losers
9. Roseanne's Secret
8. Chiggers 'N' Stuff
7. TCBY, So Deal With It, OK?
6. Pricechoppers Clam Clearance
5. Letter J-Only Monogram Shop
4. Just Lint
3. Ye Olde Deadly Virus Shoppe
2. Jesse Helms' Rigidly Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor
1. Pedro's Super-Itchy Swimwear

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