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Isn't the temptation there?

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Column One

I'm not particularly eager to see this column turn into my own personal soapbox, but things seem to be heading in that direction. It just seems that these days, a lot of things need to be said.

What are people afraid of? (I mean, of course, besides of me ending a sentence with a preposition.) I ask this question because of the shocking outcome of our latest survey.

Only eleven percent of our sample admitted to engaging in premarital sex while enrolled at NNC. One of my section editors says that figure could be valid. But I call b.s.

I think people were intimidated. But why? Did students think that this newspaper's nine editors are that interested in other people's sex lives? Did they think that we'd try to trace the more interesting surveys to the "offenders," draw up a list, and deliver it to Student Development? All we wanted to do was offer an accurate picture of the incidence of sexual activity among students. But I fear we've failed.

I've been here for a while, and it's clear to me that far, far fewer than 89 percent of students have been abstinent during their NNC years.

So take the results for what they're worth; although before you do, the most important thing remains to be said: "Happy Mardi Gras."

--John Fraley
Editor-in-Chief

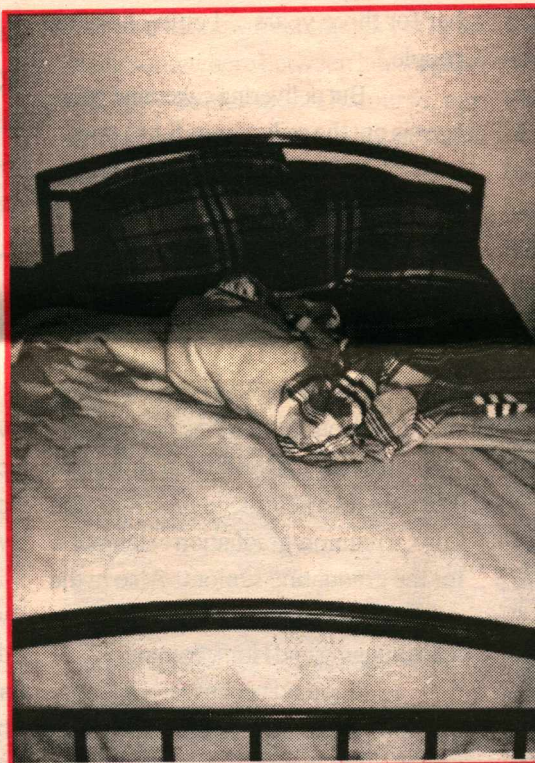
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A Crusader survey yields results that may (or may not) surprise you

Admittedly, this week's cover story, as well as our actual cover, were designed with the intention of grabbing your attention in a hurry.

We feel, however, that our survey does a lot more than just make you pick up the paper and exclaim, "Cool, man!" It's got substance: it enables you to reconsider your assumptions about this college. Maybe it shatters your conception of NNC as an institution whose students have overcome their carnal desires. Or maybe it causes you to realize that "immorality" isn't as pervasive as you thought. Either way, you should take the time to memorize our survey results.



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Our cover story can be found on pages 8 and 9.

Both BB teams crack top five

NNC's men's and women's basketball teams both rose to the number three slots in their respective national polls last week.

The Workin' Crusaders, who sport a 21-5 record overall, were ranked behind #1 Lewis & Clark and #2 Bethel of Indiana. The Lady Saders, who moved to 18-6 overall after this weekend's games, are looking for their fourth consecutive trip to the national tournament.

To find out how the Saders did this weekend, turn to page 11.

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"In the case of news, we should always wait for the sacrament of confirmation."

~ Voltaire, French philosopher, 1764

What does SAC do?

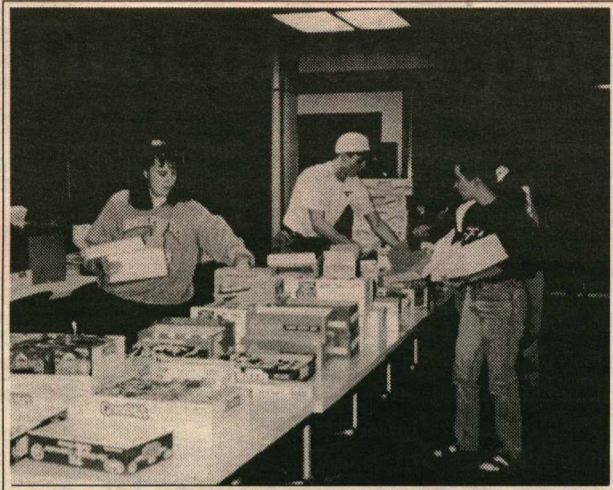
By Helen Warriner
Operations Manager

At the end of each semester, students are often puzzled by the sudden appearance of boxes filled with goodies at various doors in the residence halls. Those responsible for putting these finals survival kits together are members of the Student Alumni Council.

SAC is a group of students who work with the Alumni Council and provide a connection between alumni and current students.

"We see the student council as a support for any program sponsored by the Alumni Council," said Alumni Director Sue Stands. "They also work alongside other groups on campus."

The group prepares and delivers survival packages to students around finals time. At the beginning of each school year the council sends students' parents a letter asking them if they would like to purchase survival packages or birthday cakes to be delivered to their son or daughter. Parents can send personal messages to be included



Left to right, SAC members sophomore Christine Johns, senior Kyle Six, and sophomore Lisa Guy are putting together finals survival kits (Grate).

with the package.

"I wanted to be involved with something on campus and this has been a really worthwhile group to be a part of," said Kyle Six who has been a member for three years. "I enjoy helping people."

But delivering cakes and packages is not the only things SAC does.

"The council is also a community service group," said Stands. "In 1994, for example, the group went down to San Francisco and ministered to the homeless by handing out packages filled with food and toiletries.

The council is currently looking at and evaluating options for service projects for the rest of this year. They are also helping to plan Reunion Zero, a reunion/graduation celebration for the graduating seniors. Also in the works are plans for next year's Freshman mugging and Homecoming.

"I joined because it's an organization that assists in alumni activities," said Ken Finkbeiner. "A lot of students graduate without knowing about the Alumni Association, what it is, and why it is important. I believe that if NNC didn't have the support of the alumni, there

"This has been a really worthwhile group to be a part of," ~ senior Kyle Six

wouldn't be a school."

Each spring, students are invited to join SAC. They fill out an application and go through an interview process. The new members are then voted in by the current council.

"For me, being a part of SAC was a family thing," said current president Erin Coordes. "A couple of my siblings were members when they were here. I've been coming down to NNC events ever since third grade and I've been able to see all the events and activities sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Student Alumni Council. I like the idea of having a connec-

NNC Notepad

In Senate this week...

January 29th: Senate approved a transfer of \$1000 from the General Account for the C.A.U.S.E. trip to Belize.

A bill was read that would transfer \$210 for the purchase of a vacuum for the Brick House.

February 5th: The possibility of buying new vacuums for the dorms is still being investigated.

Western Recycling has quit taking NNC's recyclables, and a new recycling program has not been found. Suggestions were taken on how to find a new program.

A lengthy discussion followed on proper procedures for the first readings of bills.

Announcements...

After Hours Cafe is a '50s diner environment in Fireside Inn, that will follow Time Out on Wednesday, February 19th. Students can enjoy a hamburger, fries and a shake for \$2.00. Other snacks will be provided as well. The main purpose is to introduce Fireside Inn and Student Managers to students of NNC. Students are urged to attend dressed in '50s attire, if they so wish.

The Bertha Dooley Writing Contest deadline is February 21st. Entries should be given or mailed to Dr. Karl Martin of the English Department.

In recognition of "African-American History Month," the NNC bookstore has a variety of related books on sale 20% - 40% off the regular price.

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Alumni Director Sue Stands, also an alumnus, runs the Alumni House on campus.

NNCalendar

February 11 - 23	11 9:00a Mid-terms due @ Registrar's office 10:15a Faculty/Staff Fellowship - WDR	12 10:15a Chapel 9:00p Time Out	13	14 10:15a Chapel	Weekend 15-16 Valentine's Extravaganza
	March of Dimes Wing Challenge				
17 10:15a Chapel	18 8:30a-12:00p COMP Exam 3:30p Faculty Mtg	19 10:15a Chapel 9:00p Time Out Junior Class Play MASH @ 7:30p	20 8:00p Student Recital - AD AUD Junior Class Play MASH @ 7:30p	21 10:15a Chapel Junior Class Play MASH @ 7:30p	Weekend 22-23 8:00p ASNNC Coffee House Junior Class Play MASH @ 1:00p
March of Dimes Wing Challenge					

Looking Ahead in February:

February 24th
Executive Council sign-ups

February 25th
8:00p Combined Choral Concert-SLH

February 27th
6:30p LUV Auction

NNC Notepad

Twenty-one seniors were elected to Who's Who 1996-97:

Jason Alvis	Katie Klosterman
Cari Brown	Suzy-Lee Warner
Amy Cochran	Jonathan Lindley
Ellen Duncan	Shannon Mallory
Scott Edelman	Brent Peterson
Paul Edmonds	Erik Quissell
Brooke	Kyle Six
Ferdinand	Brian Stillman
Anne Frahm	Karla Unrau
Karl Ganske	Adam Watkins
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Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities is a national association that honors students who excel.

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Campus Construction projects moving swiftly along

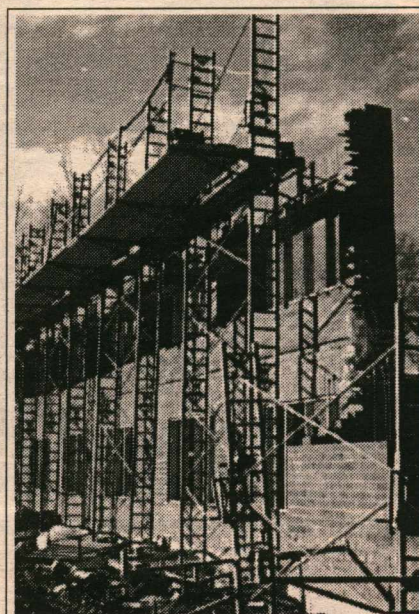
By Helen Warriner
Operations Manager

"It's been a cold, wet spring . . . it's slowed construction a bit," ~ Hal Weber, VP of financial affairs

Piles of lumber line the closed portion of Holly street and the sound of hammers and bulldozers echo through the crisp air. Buildings are rising around campus as construction workers brave the cold and struggle to keep construction on schedule. So when are all the buildings actually supposed to be done?

"It's been a cold, wet spring," said Hal Weber, Vice President for Financial Affairs. "It's slowed construction a bit, but we're still on schedule. The prayer chapel building is complete and our intent is for both the new Fine Arts and the new freshman dorm to be ready somewhere between late August and early September. Of course, our first priority is the dorm. We can't let it not get done."

The new 200-person dorm will be built much the same way as Dooley. There will be three floors, with a par-



Scaffolding helps construction workers lay brick on upper floor of the new dorm (Diehl).

ing is that if you put someone in a nice facility, they will take better care of it," said Weber.

The new Fine Arts building will hopefully be a draw for the college, also. The main building with the large auditorium and art and music galleries will be built first and is scheduled to be finished this fall. The long-term scheme is to add other complexes to the main building as the money is raised.

The main auditorium in the new fine arts building will be fan-shaped with a sloping floor and opera seats. The auditorium will hold 1,500 people. There will be carpet-

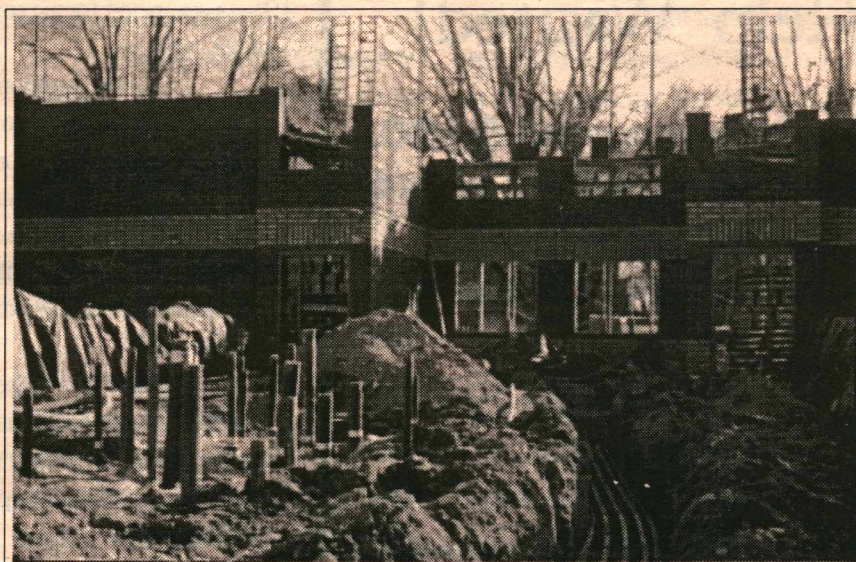


View of new freshman dorm from soccer field; construction began during first term (Diehl).

lor, study room and game room separating the men's and women's sides on each floor. Each hall will have rooms on each side of the hall with a resident assistant on the end. Each room will have a sink and modular, moveable furniture.

"Students will have a dozen or more options as to how they can arrange their room, since all the furniture will be moveable. We really wanted this dorm to be a draw for freshmen. Our think-

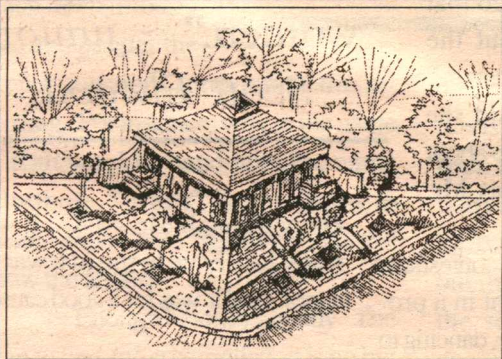
ing in the aisles, but not under the chairs, which "will really help with the acoustics," said Professor Michael Bankston. "The interior color scheme and design has not really yet been decided. We will be meeting with the architect later this week to make some more decisions."



New prayer chapel nearly completed, opens March 6th

By Brooke Ferdinand
Guest Writer

Currently, NNC is working on the interior of its new prayer chapel. The opening of the chapel is scheduled for March 6, 1997. "Our plan is to have the dedication during the Board of Regents meetings," Vice President Darrell Marks stated. The prayer meditation garden will be completed later.



An artist's rendition of the completed Chapel and prayer garden.

Junella Hagood has been instrumental in the Prayer Chapel project from the beginning. "It's like a dream come true," Junella Hagood said. When her husband, President Hagood, was elected to office in October 1993, Junella asked the Lord what her contribution to the college could be. Her answer was clear: to raise money for a new prayer chapel.

"I began to pray and raise up donors," Mrs. Hagood said. Then, along with Ruth Wood, NNC Women's Auxiliary President, Hagood found donors to pay for the chapel. Numerous fund raisers have been held and donations given to provide this addition to NNC campus.

Women's Auxiliary has made the prayer chapel their main focus for the past three years and Nazarene churches such as Salem First, Corvallis, Ketchum, and Portland have all given money in support through fund raising.

Though the chapel is paid for, the interior continues to be under construction. Once completed, the prayer chapel will consist of six prayer carrels, or partitioned stalls, along the walls of the north and east sides of the chapel. These are wooden walls that curve around to allow a person to kneel and pray in somewhat private quarters. Then the middle will be sectioned off with four dividers that allow a larger space for a group of three or four to pray or have devotions together.

A fountain and skylight will decorate the center to create a worshipful, serene atmosphere.

Vice President of Financial Affairs Hal Weber explained the importance of students' safety in the prayer chapel, so those responsible for the details are still working on the possibility of having 24-hour access for students, though this is not yet confirmed.

Students had a part in this chapel with their consecration of written prayers and scriptures placed in a steel box and sealed in one wall on November 7, 1996.

"It is a symbol on our campus that prayer is important," Junella Hagood said.

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Mike Mueller flexes all the way to a Mr. NNC title

By Stephanie Merick
Staff Writer

"People love the obvious oxymoron -- Male NNC students in a talent competition," quipped 1996 Mr. NNC Linc Loeber of Saturday's Mr. NNC pageant, who passed the title on to junior Mike Mueller.

Linc Loeber and Steve Carlson emceed as Tim Taylor and Val (Al's brother) Borlin. The Science Lecture Hall was packed to see two representatives from each class flaunt their testosterone to raise money for the March of Dimes.

Mr. NNC was organized by the freshman class council, and all the proceeds go to the March of Dimes. The amount made from Mr. NNC will be added to the \$260 that was made at the paper airplane toss at the last men's basketball home

prompted entertaining answers. Freshman Kevin Allen was asked, "If you had to choose between most attractive, most athletic or most handy which would you choose?" After a long pause, he responded with a smirk, "I don't have to choose."

Junior Scott Elwood's question was, "If you could have the world's largest collection of anything in the world, what would you choose?" With a genuine enthusiasm, he answered, "[F]ast cars... 'cause Nampa cops are really slow."

To complement the evening's events, the hosts of the pageant starred in a "documentary" featuring the campus construction workers and their "rigorous" daily routine. In addition, Loeber, according to Mr. NNC tradition, presented a retrospective video of his reign as Mr. NNC.

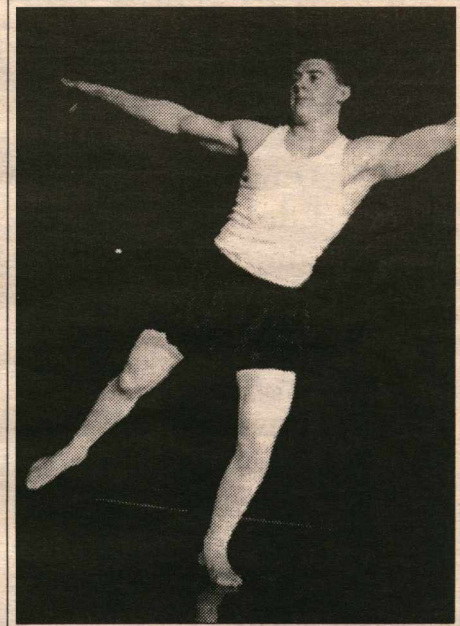
Freshman Kari Buckendorf said, "I loved Linc's video-- [especially the part about] 'Don't Cry for Me NNC.' It was really funny!" Freshman Doyle Harris said, "[I liked] the video that Linc did about the building construction." Angie Kee said she liked "his video about his past year as Mr. NNC."

The Mr. NNC contestants ended the night in a production number, dancing to

the tune of "Macho Man" by the Village People. Allen said, "The dance at the end was the funniest part for me, 'cause the guys are half naked on the stage and it's a fun time for everybody." Norris enjoyed "practicing the dance and getting together with a bunch of guys, and we got free pizza."

Sophomore Lisa Guy said, "It is fun to see guys doing... a mockery of a beauty pageant."

Mueller summed up the experience of winning with a metaphor. "You go to the carnival, you never expect to win the big teddy bears. When you do, it makes you



Junior Mike Mueller pranced in a tutu to the tune of "Flight of the Bumblebee (Chtangeev).



Former Mr. NNC Linc Loeber hosted 1997's Mr. NNC as Tim Taylor (Chtangeev).

game.

Freshmen Kevin Allen and Eric Manley, sophomores Jeff Lingelbach and Jeff Norris, juniors Scott Elwood and Mike Mueller, and seniors Dan Rouselle and Kyle Buck competed for the coveted title of Mr. NNC.

Like the traditional beauty pageant, the Mr. NNC contest features four categories of competition (with a few modifications): sports wear, talent, evening wear, and an interview. However, unlike the traditional pageants, cross-dressing is acceptable.

Talents ranged from Mueller's cello and musical saw number to Jef Lingelbach's "Who's On First?" routine, complete with live "dummy."

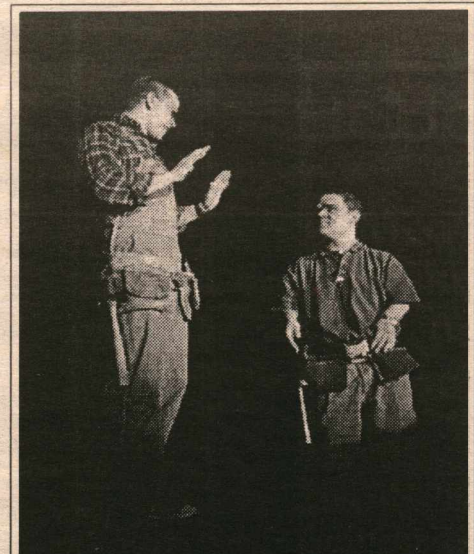
Interview questions

happy; it doesn't make you a better person, you just got lucky. Now I am looking for someone to share my big teddy bear with."

First runner-up Rouselle said, "[I was] pretty happy with the whole deal. The main thing is that I got to know a lot of people I did not

"[W]omen come to see guys without shirts, and the guys come to see the women." ~ junior Scott Elwood

know through Mr. NNC. It was really fun. Even to run in it was an honor. And it was for a good cause."



Loeber as Tim Taylor is joined by his sidekick "Val Borlin," sophomore Steve Carlson (Chtangeev).

REVIEWS

Sounds of Shakespeare

R & J soundtrack isn't to die for

Movie soundtracks often fail to catch my attention because I perceive them as meeting a standard far below the noble mark of pure musical expression.

Don't get me wrong. I realize most music for sale has at least a small commercial edge that cuts way beyond any pretentious notions of artistic integrity (sorry Rush fans, it's the truth).

Movie music obviously serves a good purpose by supplementing the on-screen action. With the success of recent soundtracks like *The Crow*, *The Bodyguard*, and *The Preacher's Wife*, people evidently like to take the tunes home with them so they can hear all the cool stuff without having to sit through the credits.

I was not as impressed with this soundtrack as I hoped to be. After running the metal/classical/jazz gamut, a different genre should do a soul some good.

Still, anything this radio-friendly is kind of scary. I must force myself to be fair, reach deep into my soul and ponder the deeper questions surrounding this recording. For instance, why in the name of Kali would a band with the name "Butthole Surfers" be included in *Romeo and Juliet*? I fear we will never know the answer.

Enough baloney already. The *Romeo and Juliet* compilation is no big surprise in terms of style, but offers enough variety to keep things moving. Like a good soundtrack, *Romeo & Juliet*

features songs that reflect the themes of the movie it supports. Garbage's "#1 Crush" is the soundtrack's big winner, featuring a driving bass line and dark love/desire lyrics that bring to mind the movie's tragic story.

"Local God" by Everclear is the "bad boy" tribute to the feuding gangs, and the only true rock song on the record. "Kissing You" by Des'ree is your token mushy "chick flick" ballad. There's a little techno, disco, gospel pop and general weird stuff for everybody. "Talk Show Host" by Radiohead is an interesting lava lamp trip that takes a bit of a departure from the band's well-known anthem "Creep." "Pretty Piece of Flesh" by One Inch Punch (Nine Inch Nails, Six Feet Under, you get the

picture) is one of my favorites with its heavy industrialisms.

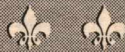
Hey, how could I forget the Butthole Surfers? (Uh huh, uh huh, he said...surf). Surfer Gibby Haynes' command to "rock out, whatever" seems to reflect my view on popular music in general: whatever.

Romeo & Juliet

Music from the Motion Picture

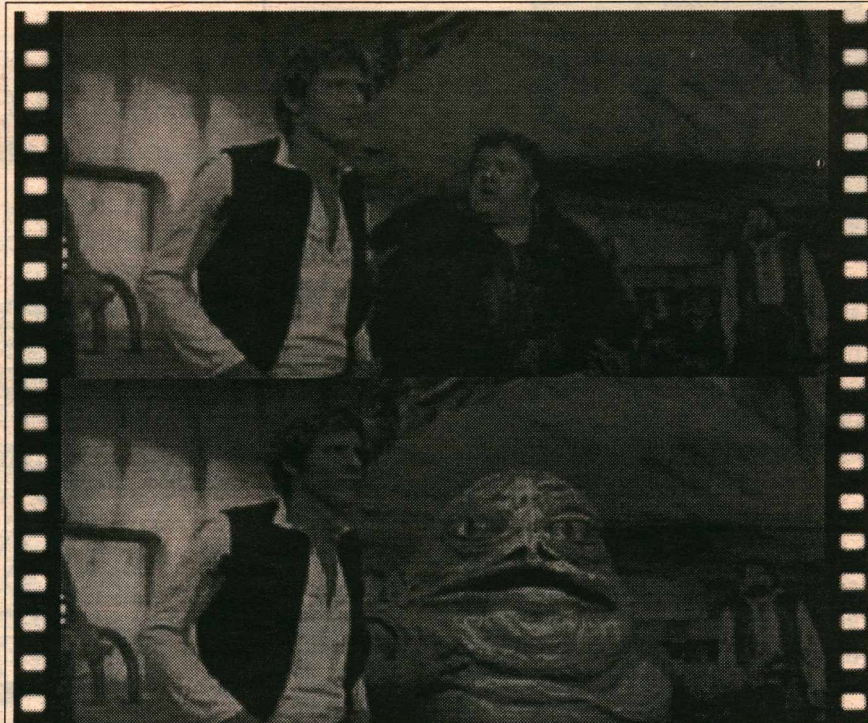
Reviewed by Tony Syme

Crusader Rating



Romeo and Juliet is nice, but if this is any indication of where music's been the last seven years, the industry is in need of a jolt. I thought about sending this record down the critical sewer, but that's not quite fair. Just because the songs aren't of a visceral sort, doesn't mean they're crummy.

I just hope aliens visiting from another planet don't pick this up and declare it high art.



Computers make all the difference. This Jabba the Hut scene, which originally made it only to the cutting room floor, was brought back to life by digitally inserting a computer model of the *Return of the Jedi* Jabba over the original Jabba the Hut, a rather disheveled human.

Other computer enhancements include the addition of *Jurassic Park*-esque dinosaurs and the immense growth of Mos Eisley, which is transformed from a small village into a major industrial-shipping complex.

Feeling the Force

Classic trilogy returns to the Milky Way

I have to admit that I am one of the unblest few who have never seen *Star Wars* on the big screen.

Until now. Six months of waiting and planning, standing in line at 10:30 a.m. in order to pick up the last tickets for the last show of opening night (just me and my 30 closest friends), and then waiting in line for an hour and a half in order to get half-way decent seats was getting off WAY too easy!

To completely ignore all grammatical etiquette, IT WAS SOOOOO COOL!

Okay, so much for my flashback to my childhood.

The big news about the re-release is all of the "original" footage that the theatrical version has in comparison to the classic version. Finally, Mos Eisley, seediest space port in the galaxy, looks like a busy spaceport instead of a small village.

The new starship scenes are great, and the inserted Jabba footage (see above) is just great.

On the other hand, the new Guido scene is dumb. (Guido: Super Bounty Hunter and Worst Shot in the

Galaxy!) As amazingly nifty as the new scenes are they only comprise about 5 minutes of footage, so the great majority of the movie has been seen about twelve billion times by every person in this portion of the galaxy.

This is not a problem. Why?

Two things: Big Screen, Big Stereo. That giant movie screen really makes *Star Wars* come to life. Luke is more annoying, the star ships are monstrous, the explosions are better, the guns are louder, the aliens are really, really weird (still) and, well, basically everything is really big.

The giant stereo, THX digitally mastered sound, ahhhhh... It's about time that I got to hear that opening Star Destroyer pass above my head with a deep thrum that shakes my teeth rather than a high annoying whine.

There were a few complaints by some of the more religiously fanatically devoted *Star Wars* groupies, such as the apparent smallness of Jabba the Hut and the lack of exterior change to Mos Eisley. However, the imperfections were amazingly minor compared to the greatness of this classic piece of science fiction cinema brought back for a new generation.

Star Wars

Starring Chewbacca, R2-D2 and C3-PO

Reviewed by Jason Isbell

Crusader Rating



CRUSADER REVIEWS

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- ★★★ GOOD STUFF.
- ★★★★ KICKS SOME SERIOUS FISH!!

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LETTERS

To the Editor:

Thank you for the recent coverage of the relief work up in Banks, Idaho, by NNC students and others. However, I feel constrained to clear up a couple minor points and insure that credit is given where it is due.

The recent article said that relief efforts for the mudslide victims had been organized by Sylvia Blake of Franklin Community Church, and by me. I do have the honor of serving as the pastor of that fine congregation, but I had utterly nothing to do with organizing our church's efforts in Banks. Sylvia did it all, and did it well. She didn't need my help!

More importantly, Sylvia was only responding to a need that was actually made public through the efforts of Joanne Rittmueller, one of NNC's school counselors, and her husband Jim. The Rittmuellers have become household names to the stricken people of Banks, and they, along with our chaplain the Rev. Gene Schandorff, deserve our thanks for the Christian leadership they have provided in meeting the needs of suffering fellow humans.

--Dr. Michael Lodahl
Professor of Theology

Staff Editorials

*Through rain, sleet, snow,
and even doughnut breaks*

Despite what you may have seen at Mr. NNC, construction on the new freshman dorm seems to be proceeding at an amazingly rapid pace. Construction can be seen going on right up until dinner almost every day of the week, even through plunges in temperature and recent snowfalls. We *Crusader* editors have even seen the construction workers arriving for work as we walk home on Tuesday morning...

About a block down the street we've noticed that walls have begun to appear on the new fine arts building. We look forward to having chapel in our new building this fall. So we offer our congratulations, encouragement, and gratitude to the workers who are making these new buildings possible.

Now if the dorm just had a name...

Let's all be mean! Or not!

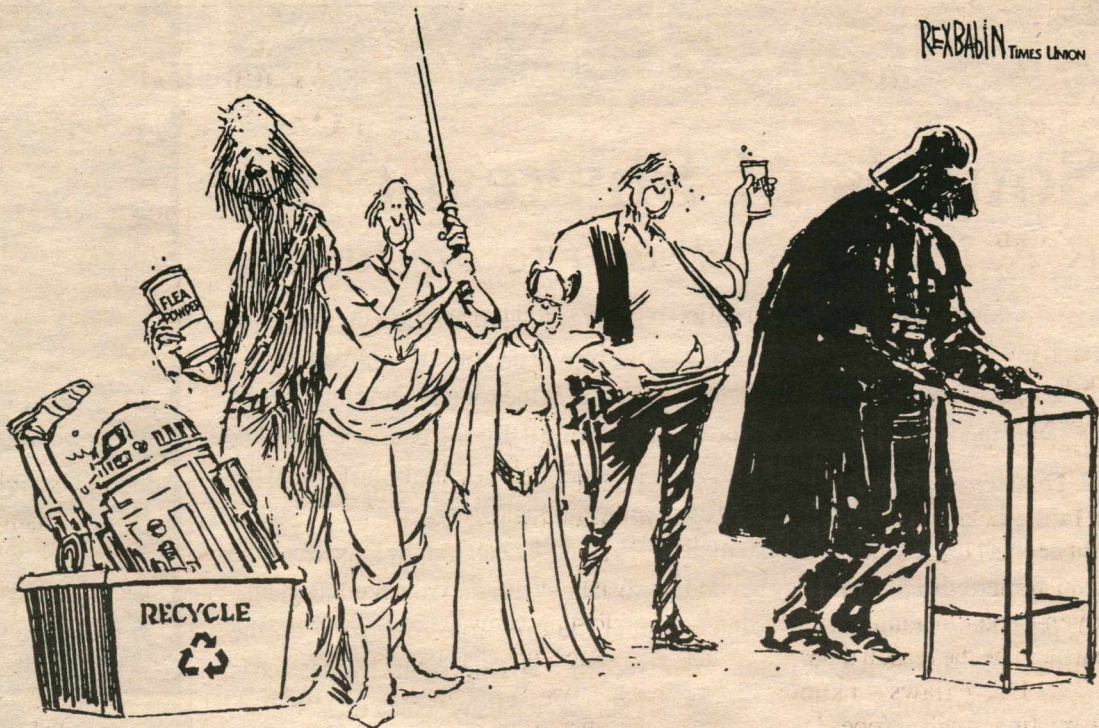
Just in case you've slept through the last five weeks, we'll restate that there seems to be a tad bit of animosity going around. Faculty, staff, and administrators are often at the receiving end of less than flattering remarks and actions.

Whether or not this animosity is warranted isn't at issue. What is at issue is the way in which this animosity has taken form as students instigate action against persons and their reputations. Certain posters of one particular person come to mind as being particularly unwarranted, unfounded, and immature.

While we understand the need for a public voice and understand all too well the desire for rebellion, there are better ways to deal with administrative and faculty animosity. There are ways that involve dialogue and class. There are ways that free up communication. Let's grow up and refuse to be afraid to use those avenues.

Staff Infection

I like it warm, it makes me burp more ... 71-80% would even be high for Albertson College, says Stillman ... but for BSU? ... see the cover story for an explanation ... Is "muchly" a word? ... "Nobody has any private life up here anymore, do they?" "Or social life either, John." Oh ... Hey Gina, you're smarter than a door ... Jason: "I can die happily now!" You know, there are a lot of people who have been waiting a long time to hear that! ... The girl on your shampoo bottle! She is fine, dude! She is hot! ... poor Kevin ... Shakespeare wrote all of his stuff in iambic pentagrams, right? ... wow, 4:30 a.m. sure snuck up on us this morning



STAR WARS - THE NEW FOOTAGE

Semesters only the tip of the iceberg

By Adam Watkins
Guest Writer

On Thursday night, 64 students, faculty and a single administrator gathered in Feltar Lecture Hall to discuss how NNC will face the future: on terms or semesters. This is a topic rich in emotional opinions from the students, as hinted at in this paper's last issue. Samuel Dunn, the Vice President of Academic Affairs, was the lone administration official on hand, and at the onset, it seemed like he was not going to leave the room alive, so emotional were some of the opinions.

But in the short time allotted, Dr. Dunn gave a quick overview of a ton of information, dispelled several myths, gave a few clever examples and filled students in on the details of a possible change.

The reality is that the change from terms to semesters is a surface issue -- one that only hints at the real problem.

Fundamentally, the students have come to mistrust the institution we attend. The scenario is simple, and some don't even realize that they are victims of it until questioned. Several professors are asked to leave, others are treated poorly, students are kept in the dark even as tuition continues to rise astronomically, and a proposed change to semesters is rumored to be approved already -- the school is on the way to H-E double-hockey stick.

If doubt is a sickness of the soul, then most of us here at NNC are terminally ill in our opinions of the administration.

Thursday night was the

cure for the doubt that plagues us, yet only 64 were there to hear it, and after an hour, only 43 were left. How can we be cured and regain faith in this school if people don't take the time to try and get the medicine, much less take it?

Dr. Dunn started out with information about different schools that were on semesters and basically pointed out that so few schools are on terms anymore that we are in the minority. All Sam managed to do here was reinforce the rumor that we are changing just because everyone else is doing it. The good information was still to come. Dunn gave a list of benefits that

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would come if we changed. That presentation was short and after it was finished, the questioning began.

Questions ranged from specific issues about credits and transfers to the resonating issue of student concern: "Will it make any difference if we don't want to do this change? Won't the administration do it anyway?" Dr. Dunn was prepared for all the questions, but his answers to the last question speak louder than any others.

He stated several times what motivates him when he considering any change. "I am interested in the best interests of stu-

dents. I want to provide the best opportunities for students." Now Dr. Dunn didn't specify, but it was assumed that he meant the students of Northwest Nazarene College.

Not all the forum's activity was dreamy. The plan of Dr. Dunn, in strict communication terms, was badly stated. He stated no real reason for change in his plan. Although his benefits are grand, only a few impact the majority of students of NNC now and in the future, and none address strict academic concerns. This is a flaw that must be weighed.

But Samuel Dunn is selfless in the fact that he is putting the students' concern above his own on this issue. Why would he lie to us? The doubt that eats away at our faith in NNC has no root in the philosophy of Sam Dunn.

"The input of the students will be heard ... and taken into consideration." These are the words of a major figure in the administration to you. From all that has been told so far, the fact and the fiction, there is no reason to believe anything else. Terms vs. semesters? Beth Schafer? John DeJoy? Dr. Owens? What do we really know about these issues? Is the school "out to get us?"

What we know now is that we all watch too much television because we all think there is a conspiracy as big as the last presidential election at work on our campus. Let's just not go there. Let's believe what the administration says. They are not going to hurt us. Don't be afraid. They need us. Take your doubt-ridden body up into the administration building (it won't hurt you), make a free (no charge!) appointment with Sam Dunn or our President, have a chat and find the cure for what ails ya'.

ESSAY

An Attempted Explanation of the Dateless Female Life at NNC
Where Supposedly Every Girl Who Wants One Finds a HusbandA anonymously submitted
humorous essay

I'm not ugly.

At least I think that's true. I mean, I have my flaws, but I think the majority of Americans probably find my appearance socially acceptable. I have even been told at times that I am attractive. So there. Doubt number one, perhaps the most universal female doubt there is, is proven to be unfounded. Great. That can't be the reason then.

I have flaws -- I know. I bite my fingernails. Nope. I don't think that's it since many guys share that same flaw. How could they hold something against me that they do? So that's not it.

I sleep with a teddy bear. Most of you didn't know that. But it really doesn't matter anyway. I am a well-adjusted person, and many well-adjusted people sleep with

teddy bears. Deal with it.

Okay, now we're getting down to more specifics. I have bad days. Come on! Everybody has bad hair days, and I'm pretty sure that somewhere in the Bible it says that woman does not live by good hair alone.

All right. I'm running out of reasons. I guess I'll have to go with the stupidest one. It is one which, as I have been told by those not of my gender, is The One, so it continues to support my life's thesis that "Boys Are Stupid." I apparently intimidate guys. Why? Because I have a brain and act accordingly. This should not be taken as offense by those of my same gender who have boyfriends (fiances, husbands, dates); it is just a commentary upon the phenomenon that I have noticed. Many intelligent women are driven to act unintelligently simply to attract men. And I'm a lousy actress.

I can grasp the idea that if my aforementioned thesis is true, and if guys' egos are truly that fragile, then of course an intelligent woman would intimidate all guys into fear of any relationship with her. And that idea thus reinforces my life's thesis. "Boys Are Stupid." I guess that's the best explanation I can give.

Please don't misunderstand. I'm not looking for a "ring by spring." Desperation isn't a part of my vocabulary. And I'm not even suffering for social company. I just thought a female cynic ought to get some equal time against the esteemed male editors (cynics) of this publication.

Editors' cynical reply: No need to call us esteemed. Two things should be noted, though: four of this publication's nine editors are female, and those male ones haven't advanced a "Girls Are Stupid" thesis. But if you give us time...

World won't be saved by fright

Death. Plague. Famine. Pollution. Overpopulation. There is nothing quite like fear mongering from the environmentalist front. These threats about our environment is all we hear anymore.

Those on the environmentalist kick believe that the only way to get people to think about the environment is to scare them into caring. I don't know about you, but I would be persuaded much more easily to their side if they didn't resort to scare tactics. (This feeling I have most likely reflects those that the environmentalists would have if I preached a Hell fire and brimstone sermon to them.)

What irritates me more than their Doomsday predictions is that they do not reveal all the facts that relate to the environment and their cause.

Here are some environmental facts that are not widely publicized that I think are quite interesting. My source is Michael Sanera, Ph.D., Director/Research fellow of the Claremont Institute's Center for Environmental Education Research.

First, there is the topic of overpopulation. "The world population growth rate is decreasing--from slightly more than 2 percent in the late 1960's to about 1.7 percent in the 1990's--and is expected to drop to less than 1 percent by the 2020's."

There is also the fear of dwindling food supplies. Did you know that the world's food supplies are growing faster than the population? Statistics show that virtually all of the world's hunger problems

today is political--a result of war, or food used as a weapon in civil conflicts, or the outcome of government-controlled food production and distribution.

Another often used scare tactic is the global warming theory. What these folks "forget" to mention is the weaknesses of the predictive value of computer models. They also fail to mention that "most of the observed slight temperature rise (about 1 C) over the last one hundred or so years took place between 1880 and 1938, when the burning of fossil fuels was less than in the post-World War II era. According to temperature readings taken by satellite, the earth's average temperature has been level or has decreased slightly between 1979 and 1996."

Acid rain is another subject used in the debate about the environment. Here's something I'll bet you didn't know: the government funded a ten-year, \$500 million study of acid rain called the National Acid Precipitation Assessment Program. These researchers concluded that: "There is no evidence of widespread forest damage from current ambient levels of acidic deposition [acid rain] in the United States."

What about recycling? If you don't recycle everything, many of these wackos will accost you as though you were some sort of sadistic lunatic out to destroy the world. Recycling is great, don't take me wrong, but the truth about recycling

is that many (not all) types of recycling use more energy and natural resources and create more pollution than does producing products from new materials.

Paper or Plastic? Research indicates that paper biodegrades extremely slowly in modern landfills. Therefore, avoiding plastic or plastic products in favor of paper does not, necessarily, "help" the planet.

Sanera states that "If the U.S. continues to generate garbage at its current rate, it would take 1,000 years to fill a plot of land 100 yards deep and 35 miles square."

Finally, there is the "tree-hugger" debate. People have been cutting down trees and planting new ones for centuries. Even without the help of us humans, trees recycle themselves. (They have these little things we like to call "seeds.") Research shows that America has more standing timber today than it did in 1920, and more timber grows each year than is cut.

Allow me to end my little tirade here by saying that I am all for taking care of the world that God put us in charge of. It's the lying and extremism of some people that I have a problem with.

And now a word to the environmentalists out there: don't try to scare people into doing what is right. Instead, encourage people by showing the good that has been done by recycling and other projects. But, most of all, don't lie to me--it will come back to haunt you.

-- Crusader columnist Chris Field
is the Junior Class President

Your Turn

Random answers from random
people on random issuesWhat was your favorite act
at Mr. NNC and why?

Dave Zink

Senior

Engineering
PhysicsSalt Lake
City, Utah

"I wish I could have seen the synchronized swimming to compare it when I was a freshman and Will Bennett and Brent Fladmo did it."

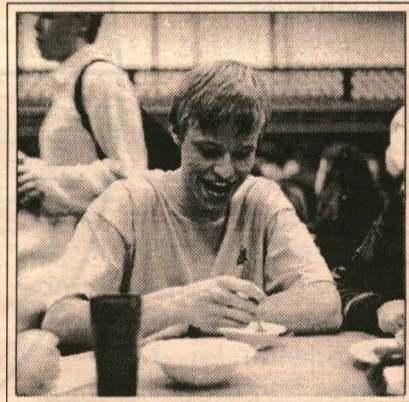


Erin Cross

Freshman

General
StudiesAnchorage,
Alaska

"Dan lighting his farts. It shows what people really like to do for fun on the NNC campus."



Brent Gould

Freshman

Mathematics/
Natural
Sciences

Boise, Idaho

"Linc's video. When he lied down and a car ran over him and he sang 'Evita.' It was very funny."

Shanda
Elwood

Freshman

Kinesiology
EducationEmmett,
Idaho

"Scott Elwood playing football by himself. It was original and creative. I only say that because I want to drive his Mustang someday."

How big of an issue is premarital sex?

By Amy Riley
Cover Story Editor

Beyond the basic results of the survey, the comments students offered gave insight into why students feel the way they do about premarital sex. I was glad to see a wide variety of comments on premarital sex and it was uplifting to see that many students have thought through their convictions about the issue. "I think talking about this issue is a good idea. It's too often not talked about. I find that one of the biggest problems with students and premarital sex is that it's not talked about and so they don't set the same boundaries as their girlfriend or boyfriend," said Joanne Rittmueller, NNC Director of Counseling.

One student who marked on the survey that she thought that premarital sex was unacceptable said, "I think while most people believe premarital sex is wrong,

there have been times when almost everyone has been confronted with the choice and people react differently to that choice based on experience, emotion, and their place with God. It's not for me to judge."

Although this student felt that it wasn't her place to judge others on this issue, some students wrote more judgmental

"People need to be allowed to make their own choices based on what they feel is wrong or right."
~anonymous

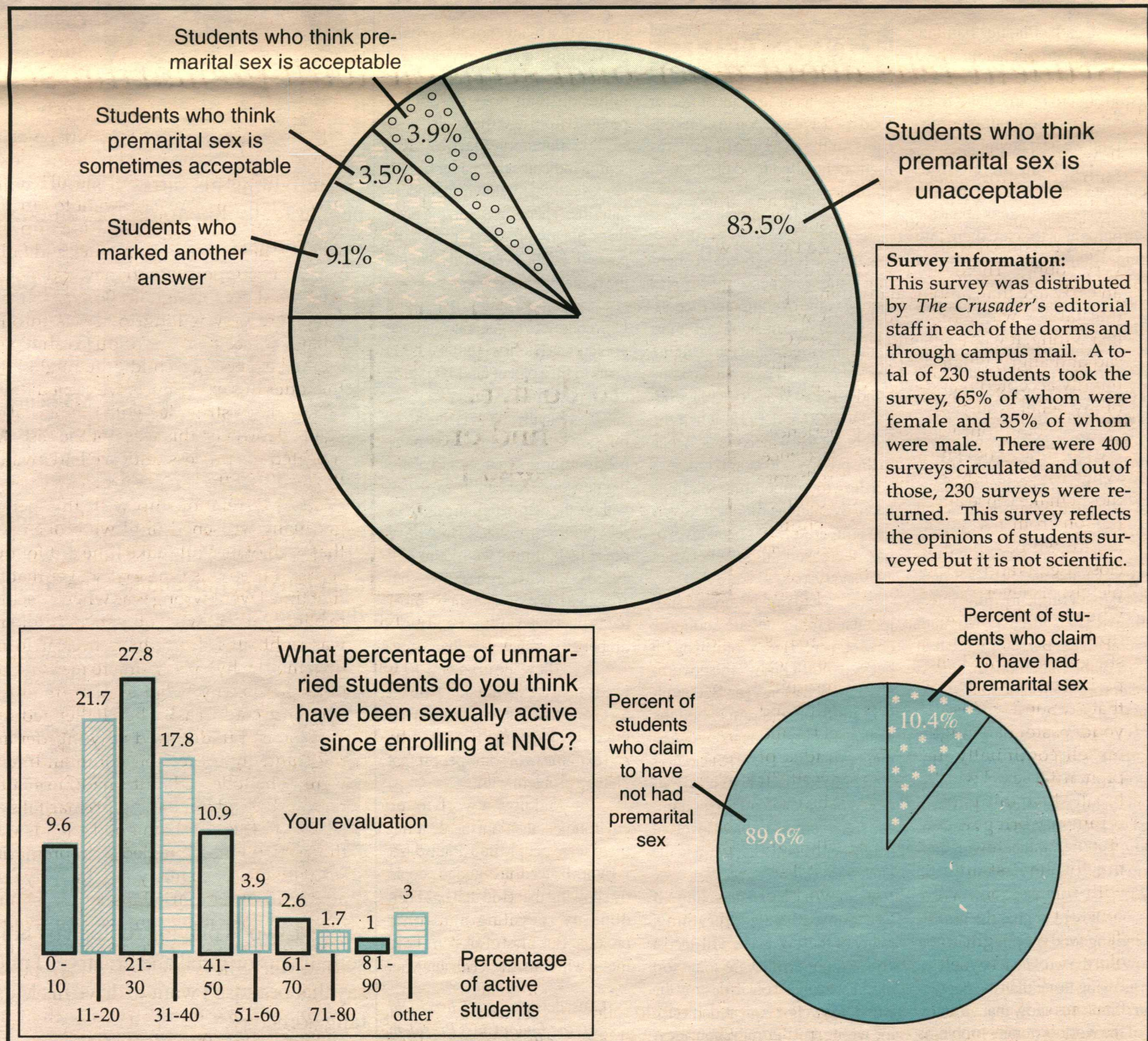
comments on their surveys. The survey results clearly showed that a large majority of the students who turned in surveys think

that premarital sex is unacceptable. Of the 230 students surveyed, 83.5 percent of them (192) said that premarital sex was unacceptable. Only 9.1 percent said that premarital sex was sometimes acceptable and 3.9 percent said that it is acceptable. But what do students do once their minds are made up about premarital sex?

One student commented, "Personally, I do not want to have sex until I'm married. However, it is not my position, nor should it be NNC's position, to judge students' personal lives." A common attitude students had toward premarital sex was that students should make up their minds where they stand on the issue and then respect whatever conclusions other students came to. It's pretty clear that most students agree that premarital sex is unacceptable, but they also felt that it's important not to condemn others who feel differently about the issue. This view of being careful not to condemn is important to keep

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Results of the student survey on premarital sex



those who have had premarital sex from clinging to guilt from the past.

Of all of those surveyed, 10.4 percent said they have had premarital sex since enrolling at NNC. If this survey is close to being accurate, then there's a very small portion of students practicing premarital sex while attending NNC. Of the 150 female students surveyed, 10.6 percent of them have had premarital sex while they were enrolled at NNC. Of the 80 males surveyed, 10.0 percent have had sex while enrolled at NNC. This is important to point out because it shows that there's not an imbalance of males or females being more promiscuous.

Students admitted much less premarital sex through the surveys than what they indicated that they had perceived. According to the survey, 27.8 percent of students thought that 21 to 30 percent of unmarried students have been sexually active since enrolling at NNC, when in actuality only 10 percent have. More students thought that 21 to 30 percent of students have had premarital sex than any other range of percentages on the survey. Those students who marked this percentage might have been closer to the actual percentage than what the survey indicated because so many surveys were not returned for tabulation.

For instance, 400 surveys were cir-

culated throughout the college through the dorms and campus mail, and only 230 surveys were returned to us. There's no way of telling the students' reasons for not returning those surveys and it might be worth speculating that a large portion of those students didn't feel comfortable sharing that they've had premarital sex.

What's important about comparing the amount of perceived premarital sex and actual premarital sex is that students should be careful not to let what they perceive pressure them into crossing the boundaries they've set for themselves on the issue.

Of all the reactions noted on surveys, the most disturbing ones were reactions such as, "It is God's command to be pure until marriage. How could anyone argue that?" and, "The Bible says No Premarital Sex!! Period!" These comments made me wonder how much these students are able to empathize with others. It seems that a caring person would take time to put themselves in another's situation and empathize with the struggle that many people face with premarital sex. One student commented, "I have never even given any thought to having premarital sex! There has been no question in my mind as to whether I will wait or not! It's not easy but it is a commandment from God!!!"

Certainly one of the dangers of going to a Christian college is to believe that

everyone agrees on what standards ought to be followed, and that everyone follows those standards. However, Rittmueller said that there's a tendency for students who have not been in a relationship where premarital sex has been an issue to not understand that it is a common struggle.

So, what is important about the issue of premarital sex? "I think communication in relationships about boundaries is very important. Students who have been sexually abused or who have made a mistake can start over and God allows them to be virgins again," Rittmueller said.

Joanne Rittmueller
and the other counselors
are available to all
students for
free and confidential
counseling. Joanne can be
reached at 467-8674 or at
her office in
Student Development
from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
or by special arrangement
at another time.

Student tells about a personal struggle with premarital sex

I know from my own experience how premarital sex can crush a person's faith and destroy relationships. I was raised in a home with a Christian mother and an unreliable father. My mother made sure that I went to church with her ever since I was very young. Therefore, I was taught from an early age that, among many things, premarital sex was wrong. In fact, it wasn't just wrong, it was a sin, and sin makes God sad and angry, whatever *that* meant. I just blindly accepted it and let it become a part of my belief system.

About four years ago I experienced the vexation of not knowing my conscience. What I was taught so many years before didn't make sense anymore. I was dating a person from my youth group at church. Before we began "dating" we were very close friends and we trusted each other completely. I never thought that this person, whom I had loved as a friend, would end up being my accomplice in the greatest struggle with my beliefs that I've ever experienced. I wanted to believe everything that my Sunday school teachers, mother and youth pastor had taught me, and yet I found myself continually justifying the idea of premarital sex. I would think to myself, "If I really love this person, it should be okay. It can only bring us closer together."

Just a few months after I thought this for the first time, I had premarital sex with this person. We entered a world of constant struggle between doing what we "knew" was right and what we felt was okay. I found myself slipping away from the friends I had at school and church and from my family. I even found myself resenting this person, but I was determined

to work through this struggle with this person by my side.

The longer I stuck by the one I loved, the harder the struggle became. We had silently decided within ourselves that we wanted to share premarital sex, and yet the

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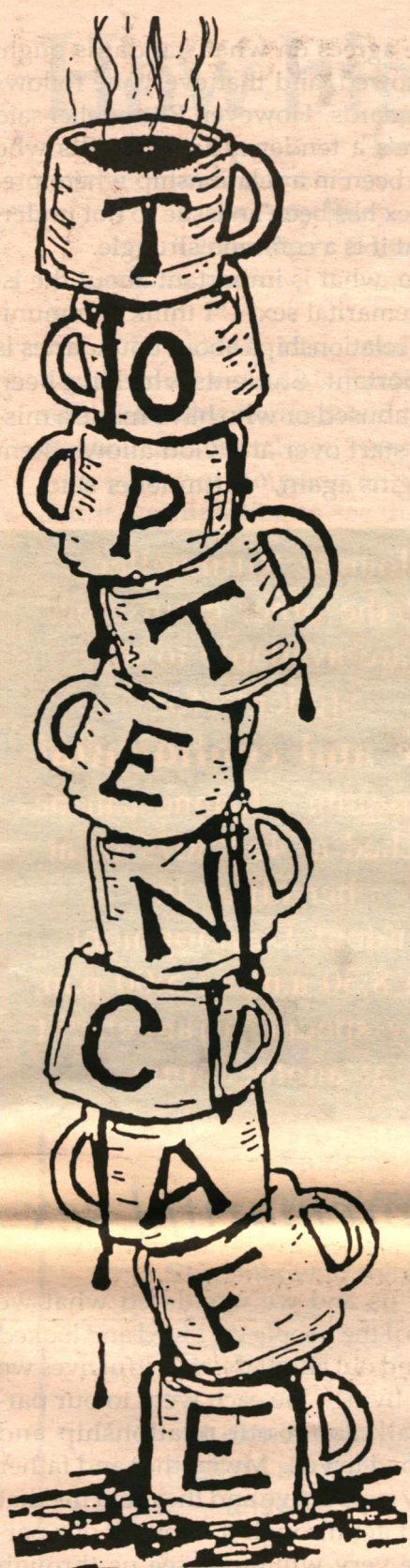
first time we did it we immediately regretted it. The worst part of it all for me was that I was going against principles that I felt I ought to obey, but I couldn't figure out why I should obey them. All the people I trusted had told me not to do it, but I couldn't find one reason why I personally shouldn't do it. It would have been easy for me to just turn my back on the whole situation and believe that the only reason I shouldn't have premarital sex was that it made God sad. But I wouldn't settle for that.

Instead, I continued in my struggle and I gradually let premarital sex become a regular part of my life. The regret that I felt at first began to subside, but I couldn't help feeling guilty for breaking rules that I had been told to follow ever since I was young. Eventually, pregnancy appeared as a possi-

bility for us and we wondered what we would do if the people we loved and looked up to found out about the deceitful lives we had been living. We each went to our parents to talk about our relationship and where it had led us. My mother and father were very supportive and they told me that we would get through it. Both of our parents were very willing to see us through whatever faced us. To our relief, we weren't expecting a child. You might think that after this experience, we cooled things off and never struggled with premarital sex again. However, this was not the case. We repeated the process until we had awaited the results of three more pregnancy tests.

My relationship with this person gradually worsened until we broke up so that each of us could take time out for ourselves. I used this time to discover that the first time I went wrong was when I decided to blindly accept what other people told me was right. If I didn't have it clear in my own mind why I was going to make a standard part of my belief system, then that standard could easily be challenged and overcome. I understood why murder and theft and the other ten commandments were to be followed, but I hadn't seen the reasons behind not having premarital sex.

To this day I am good friends with this person who struggled with premarital sex with me for so many months. My only advice to other Christians is you should make up your mind why you believe the way you do about premarital sex so that when you come face to face with it, you will be confident with what you do. There's nothing more self-destructive than not knowing your conscience.



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O.J. found guilty this time

Simpson to pay out \$33.5 million in damages to both families

By Debbie Miller
Staff Writer

This past Tuesday, a Santa Monica jury blamed O.J. Simpson for the deaths of Ronald Goldman and Nicole Brown Simpson. The jury awarded the Goldman family \$8.5 million in compensatory damages. Currently the jury is deciding on the amount for the punitive damages. John Kelley, the Brown family attorney, reminded the jurors last week as the case went into the punitive damages phase that "Simpson had pledged in 1989 to pay Nicole Brown Simpson between \$5 million and \$6 million if he ever hit her again," according to *Reuters*.

The nation's average punitive damage award for the wrongful death of women who are 30-39 years old, (Nicole Brown Simpson's age) is \$7.13 million. If this comes to be the case for this trial, Simpson will end up owing \$15.63 million dollars.

Four years ago, Simpson's net worth was estimated at \$11 million. Now due to the cost of both trials, according to *CNN* and *Time* magazine, his worth is now down to \$3 million. However, most of that \$3 million is in pension and retirement funds that are un-touchable.

None of the \$8.5 million that was awarded last Tuesday will go to the Brown family. Her estate will receive part of the punitive damages. The \$8.5 million will go to the Goldman family. The Goldman family sued for the wrongful death of their son with a "specific assessment of blame" on Simpson. The Brown family filed a "survivorship" claim which only sues Simpson for the attack that led to her death. If the Brown family had filed a wrongful death suit, the heirs

of the Nicole Brown Simpson estate (being the Simpson's two children, Sidney and Justin), would have to testify in the trial. The Brown family thought it best, in the interest of the two children, if they did not testify against their father.

The criminal trial, in which last October, Simpson was declared not guilty of the two deaths, the jury had to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Simpson was guilty. In this trial, however, only a 50.1 percent probability of his guilt was needed. The jury was made up of six men and six women. Nine of the jurors were white, one was Hispanic, one was Asian-American, and one was of a mixed black and Asian decent.

"As an African-American attorney, I am not surprised about the verdict," said Frank Creft. "Most of the African American community realized that when the trial was in Santa Monica that it was destined that he would be found liable because it was obvious after the murder trial that white America was upset about the verdict..."

Tim Manson, a communications consultant, said, regarding the response to the verdict of the criminal trial, "As an African American I can tell you people weren't cheering for O.J. They were cheering because it showed the system is not necessarily fair." Manson said that he did not think that the civil trial brought us any closer to the truth about what really happened.

A decision reached on Monday afternoon finds Simpson paying \$25 million in punitive damages, \$12.5 million to go to each of the families. This is to be added to the \$8.5 million that was to be paid to the Goldmans for compensatory damages.

Milosevic gives in to the people

Power of the vote is returned to 14 towns by a special bill

By Rachel Roemhildt
Staff Writer

This past Tuesday, after 11 weeks of daily protests, Serbian President Slobodon Milosevic finally recognized opposition victories in local elections. True to what he promised, President Milosevic rushed a new law through parliament. According to the Ministry of Information, the government presented a bill to the parliament that allowed the opposition to win in 14 of the towns and cities in Serbia, including the capital, Belgrade. The government has requested that the parliament discuss the bill next Tuesday. The decision might yield economic benefit for Yugoslavia, since by accepting the election results, President Milosevic is able to press demands for much-needed international loans and other recognitions for his government.

This decision appears to be progress towards peace; however, for the opposition this decision is not enough. On February 6, Serbian Renewal Movement President Vuk Draskovic, in response to President Milosevic, said, "The opposition will stop the protests as soon as the Serbian parliament accepts this special law." At the time this was said, Draskovic was in Paris

with Vesna Pestic and Zoran Djindjic, the other two leaders of the opposition coalition called Zajedno (Together), trying to gain the endorsement of the French government which had previously backed Milosevic. The three leaders of Together attended a protest rally on the eve of their return from Paris. At this rally they expressed feelings of distrust and a desire that the law be respected.

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At a protest rally Zoran Djindjic told reporters, "[Milosevic] finally accepted what he should have accepted two and a-half months ago." While diplomats have wondered why Milosevic took so long to respond to opposition demands, sources in Belgrade hold that it took time for pragmatists to win over diehards in the socialist establishment.

It is difficult to tell what may be accomplished if the parliament passes this law. Many Serbian lawyers are skeptical about implementing to law, they say it is a ruse to create further confusion. Despite Milosevic's concession, few believe anything fundamental has changed. Vesna Pestic, who was beaten by police on Sunday, told the crowd it had won a battle, "but it's only the first round," she said. "We have to change the entire system, step by step, until liberty. We demand economic reform, we demand freedom, we want to live in dignity."

Army's top enlisted man is suspended

By Andrew J. Diehl
World News Editor

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- The Army Chief of Staff's top aide was suspended on Monday pending the results of the sexual harassment investigation against him. This decision came after the person that filed the suit against him made a remark of a "different system of justice" for the upper management of the service.

Retired Sgt. Maj. Brenda L. Hoster has accused Army Sgt. Maj. Gene McKinney of sexual harassment. The Associated Press reported that the Army has also begun a second investigation involving McKinney and a female sailor.

Since June, 1995, McKinney was the senior advisor to the Army's Chief of Staff. It is considered an esteemed post and is often regarded as a role model position to the rest of the Army. In his time as advisor, KcKinney was the speaker for the video explaining the Army's stance and rules on sexual harassment. "To

maintain a trained and ready Army, I expect all environments to be free of sexual harassment. There is no place for sexual harassment in America's Army," he said on the tape.

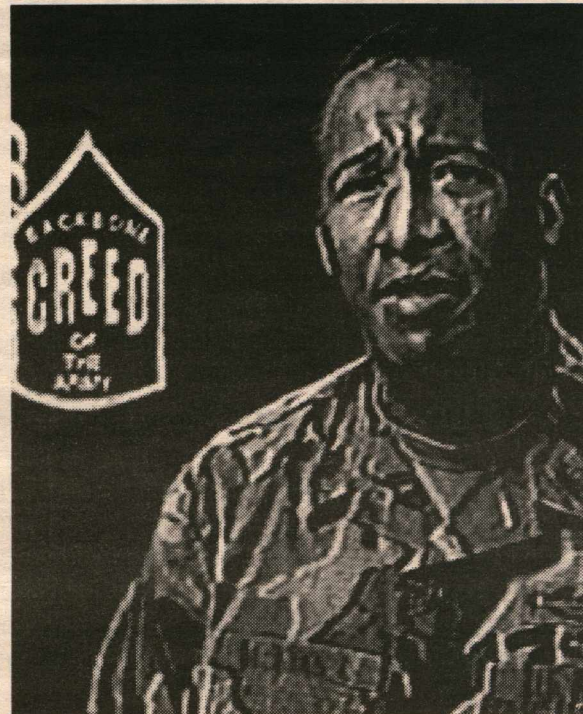
Hoster's accusations claim that McKinney violated these very rules on an Army trip to Hawaii. Hoster, who was a former aide, says that he made improper advances and unwanted physical contact.

Although these allegations had surfaced several months ago and an investigation had been initiated, McKinney was not relieved of duty until Hoster appeared on TV on Sunday night. In her statement she complained that the Army was giving McKinney special treatment, since other soldiers accused of similar acts were suspended im-

"There is no place for sexual harassment in America's Army."
~Sgt. Maj. Gene McKinney

mediately.

The Army Chief of Staff stated that McKinney had not been removed because of guilt but because it was becoming "increasingly difficult for McKinney to fulfill his responsibilities." Army officials also pointed out that he would be reassigned to duties that have yet



to be spelled out. McKinney has also vacated his position on the Army's panel to study sexual harassment.

...very briefly...

Science news
For around four hundred dollars, you can send and receive E-mail with your phone. The Axis contains a phone, keyboard and screen, and is able to access the internet via Compuserve. The phone accesses the E-mail account periodically and will blink a little indicator light when you have mail.

Scientists at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory have been able to heat ice to 52 degrees fahrenheit without liquifying. The scientists accomplished this by combining granules of ice with pressurized methane gas. Instead of melting, the ice formed clathrates, which are solid compounds of water and methane.

Business news
United Airlines, as part of an agreement with the city of San Francisco, has promised to give benefits to gay or unmarried partners of its employees. San Francisco won't do business with companies that don't give benefits to gay partners, and told United to give benefits within two years to all its employees nationwide or lose a lease to build new airport facilities. The city also butted heads this week with the Roman Catholic Church over this issue. The Church has agreed to designate a child, spouse, or any legal household member to receive benefits, in order to maintain leases for some of its churches.

news of the weird
A man in Monroe, Connecticut has been arrested for selling marijuana at a McDonald's drive-thru window. Nineteen-year-old Mence Powell has been charged with a number of infractions, including selling marijuana within 1,500 feet of an elementary school.

It is not believed that he was selling to children. "If they did not order any food, he would put it in a Happy Meal," said Daniel Brennan, Monroe Police public information officer. "He used the Happy Meal as a cover."

"Obviously, this is something we will just not tolerate," said a spokesman for McDonald's. "Certainly this is an isolated situation. We want to make that very clear."

What do I care?

While we celebrate Valentine's Day, people around the world will be living in fear. In the town of Vlore in southern Albania, a crowd of 5,000 to 7,000 people attacked a group of 120 riot police. Twenty of the officers were captured, stripped and beaten. They were then let go, and their uniforms and equipment burned in the city square.

Ten people were killed in the Chinese city Yinang when 1,000 Muslim separatists rampaged through the city, burning cars and buildings and beating ethnic Chinese.

In Algeria, waves of car bombings and massacres during the month of Ramadan have killed three hundred fifty people and wounded seven hundred more. 60,000 have been killed since a Muslim insurgency began five years ago after the government called off elections that the Islamic Salvation Front was expected to win.

Could things like this happen in America? Possibly. In parts of Los Angeles, people live in fear of gang warfare that has become an accepted reality. However, here in Nampa, Idaho, we really don't have to be afraid of anything. Our greatest fear is that someone, in the middle of the night, will sneak into our rooms and force us to wear yellow jackets.

Because we don't live in fear, we are free to do pretty much whatever we want. Sometimes we have to stop and realize that in some parts of the world, people worry more about staying alive than about the final outcome of the NBA All-Star Game.

At NNC, we sit and argue about switching to the semester system. In Yugoslavia, students spent nearly a hundred days demonstrating against a government that annulled election results.

College students made up the bulk of protesters who were beaten by police for weeks and kept coming back for more. Eventually, the government caved in and relented to the protesters' demands (see story on opposite page).

The point is, we're lucky, and we should be thankful for it. If we don't have to live in fear, then you have to admit that our government is doing something right.

--analysis by David Stillman

Around the world in eighty words

Compiled by David Stillman
Asst. World News Editor

Two pipelines explode in WA

Two natural gas pipelines exploded in Washington last week. The first blew on February ninth in Everson, in the northwestern part of the state where flames shot hundreds of feet in the air, and lit up the skies for forty miles. The second explosion was north of Kamala, a town thirty five miles north of the Oregon border. The fire was put out within several hours. No one was hurt in either explosion, both of which occurred in sparsely populated areas.

India's "Stove burnings"

A string of "stove burnings" in India and Pakistan has brought outrage from the international community. Hindu brides are sometimes burned to death for bringing inadequate dowry to a marriage.

"What has been happening in the garb of stove burning cases ... has been used as a facade," said Rawalpindi Police Superintendent Shoab Dastgir in a CNN interview. The women have been abused, kerosene oil is thrown on them, set on fire and the stove being blamed for the accident.

A recent investigation of two hospitals by human rights activists showed that 500 women were burned to death over three years.

Strike threatens AA pilots

A threatened strike by American Airlines pilots could ground a fifth of the U.S. airline fleet. The pilots, who make \$120,000 a year, are upset because they haven't received a raise in three years, while American Airlines has made billions.

The strike, which could cost American Airlines up to one billion dollars, would destroy vacation plans for thousands of Americans traveling on President's Day weekend.

Lady Crusaders sweep weekend

By Melissa Tennyson
Staff Writer

Last weekend, NNC's Lady Crusaders went on the road to play Northwest College and Concordia University. The Crusaders won both matches and enjoyed a weekend of victory.

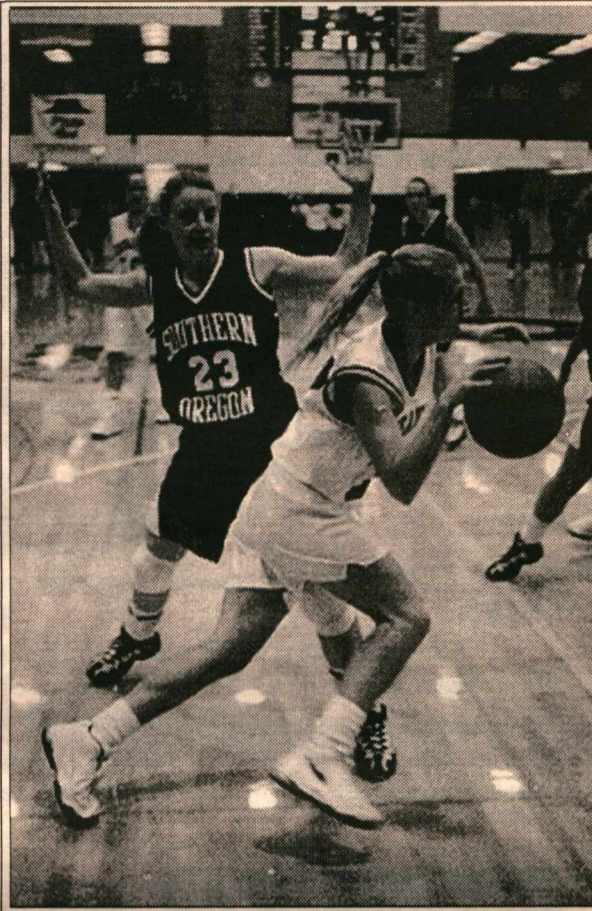
Friday night, NNC played Northwest College. The 'Saders won by 19 points; the final score was 81-62. Senior Erica Walton had a phenomenal game. She not only led the 'Saders in scoring, but she shot with 100-percent accuracy on her free-throws, making five out of five, as well as sinking a 3-pointer and getting the most playing time on the team. In that game, she passed the 1,000-point mark in her cumulative career score. Prior to that game, seniors Kari Smith and Ellen Duncan also passed the 1,000-point mark.

Senior Jennifer Myers contributed 15 points to the team's score for the night, while Staci Wilson and Smith contributed 10 and 11 respectively. Freshman Staci Kirk played strong defensively and offensively, with three steals and eight assists. Freshman Chelsey Hall and sophomore Christie Farrar both sunk one 3-pointer each.

Saturday night, NNC played Concordia University, winning by 14 points this time; the final score was 75-61. Walton had another great game, with an amazing 26 points, 16 rebounds, two 3-point shots and 10 out of 11 successful free throws. Smith also had a great game with six assists and four steals. She added 21 points to the 'Saders' score, including making seven out of eight free throws. Wilson added 14 points and 19 rebounds. NNC had an excellent 89-percent accuracy for free throws that night.

Head Coach Roger Schmidt commented, "On the road last weekend we played pretty well. We lacked some consistency, but overall we did all right."

This weekend, NNC's Lady Crusaders played two home games. On Friday night, the 'Saders played Southern Oregon State College in a fairly close game which NNC won by nine points, with a final score of 87-78. Walton led the Crusaders in scoring for the night, with 18 total points, while adding eight rebounds



Kari Smith drove around the Southern Oregon defense Friday night for a 87-78 victory.

and three steals. Kirk added 15 points, and Smith had 13, including making seven out of her nine free throws. Kirk and Hall both made two 3-point shots for the night, and Walton and Farrar each added one. NNC had a strong shot accuracy of 58 percent compared to Southern Oregon's 43 percent.

Coach Schmidt commented, "Tonight was the best we've played together against a real good team. We played 32 minutes of good basketball. Some kids stepped in to play really well. This was also a real good game for the seniors."

Saturday night, NNC played Eastern Oregon State in front of a crowd of 1,500. NNC won by a large margin of 21 points, with a final score of 80-59.

NNC's main shooters for the night were

"Tonight was the best we've played together against a real good team."

~ Coach Roger Schmidt

and Hall each had one.

Coach Schmidt commented, "Eastern Oregon came to play, but we played a little mediocre." Duncan added, "We were kinda down from last night, but it was a pretty good effort from everybody." About next weekend's away games against Western Baptist and Western Oregon State, Coach Schmidt commented, "Those will be some tough games for us next weekend. We hope to at least split the weekend."

In the Cascade Collegiate Conference, NNC currently holds the first standing. In Conference individual records, NNC players also hold many titles. For individual scoring, Walton holds third place, Smith holds seventh, Duncan holds tenth and Wilson holds seventeenth. In rebounding, Wilson holds third place. In two-point shot accuracy, Wilson holds first with 58 percent, Duncan holds fifth, Walton holds eighth and Smith holds twelfth. In three-point shot accuracy, Farrar holds first, with 50 percent accuracy. Walton holds third, Kirk holds eighth and Duncan holds twelfth. In free throw accuracy, Walton holds fifth place, with 79 percent shot accuracy. In assists, Smith holds fifth place and Kirk holds sixth, and in steals Smith holds fifth and Kirk holds seventh. Walton was also named the Cascade Conference Player of the Week due partly for her performance against Southern Oregon and Eastern Oregon, when she averaged 19 points.

'Saders tied for first in conference

By Robin Day
Sports Editor

The last few weeks have found the Crusaders winding down the season, with only three more regular season games left, and then the conference and national tournaments. After winning three of their four past games, the Crusaders are now in a three-way tie for first place in conference.

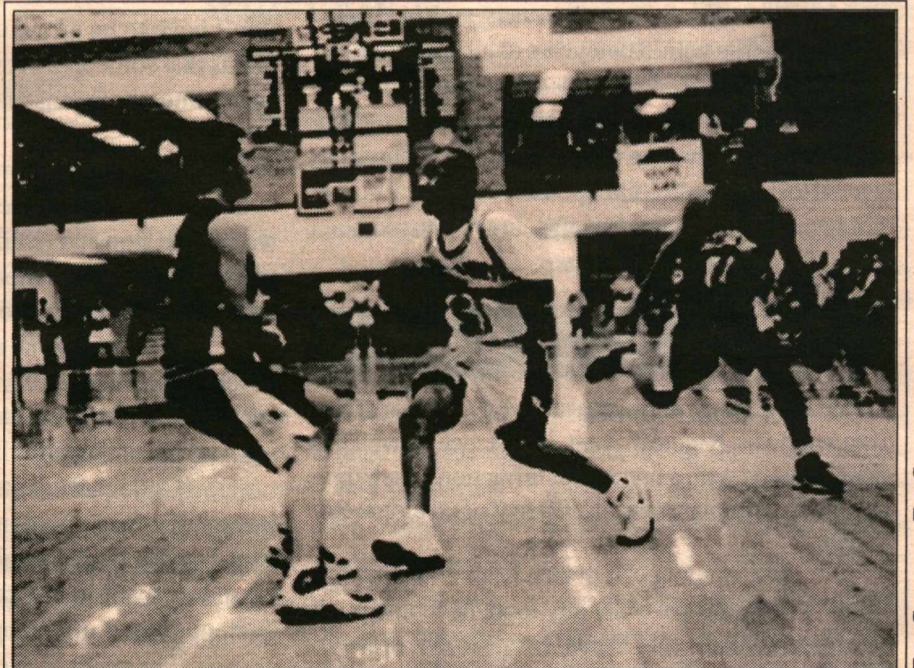
Friday, January 31, the 'Saders took on Eastern Oregon State College, winning by three. The game was close, but the 'Saders pulled away late in the second half. With three minutes left, EOSC tied the score up to 60, but once again the Crusader defense, helped by some clutch free throws by Hadley, saved the day and prevented the Mountaineers' comeback, ending the game with the 67-64 victory.

A high point of the game occurred when junior Jawanza Hadley got the fast break and dunked it, to the enjoyment of the fans. Hadley scored 8 points altogether, and the team was lead by junior Kai Knell, with 12 points. The 'Saders also continued to control the boards, out-rebounding EOSC 32-25.

The Crusaders continued with their home winning streak on Saturday, February 1 against Concordia, crushing the opposition 77-67.

Saturday's game was also the seniors' last home game and NNC honored five graduating seniors; Jason Adams, Brent Deakins, Jeff Kinneveauk, Tony Schumacher, and Nathan Smith. Kinneveauk showed more of his lightning plays and "heads up" passes, while Schumacher and Smith played solidly, demonstrating their great team leadership. Junior Jay Lassen added to the spirit of the evening, leading the team in points and rebounds with 16.

Last weekend the 'Saders traveled to Oregon,



Senior Jeff Kinneveauk pulls up for two of his nine points on a fast break against Eastern Oregon.

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IM's heading to playoffs next week

Another week in Intramural basketball brings teams closer to a coveted championship title

By Brent Gould
Staff Writer

C League
Kickers of Fish 52,
Manos, the Team Of Fate 46

Despite the non-stop barrage of three pointers by Jason Gill (who finished the game with eight altogether), Manos, the Team of Fate fell to the Kickers of Fish in an overtime loss. The game appeared to get a little violent when the Kickers of Fish decided the goal of the game should be to beat up Jason Gill instead of playing on. Nevertheless, the game continued on, and great overtime defense by the Kickers of Fish, who held the Manos scoreless in the extra period, made the final difference. High man was hot-handed Jason Gill, who ended with 26 points. James Lorenzen led the Kickers with 16 points.

B League
The Union 71,
Walking Wounded 68

Tough defense dominated this game. The Union pulled away for a 43-21 halftime lead, only to have the Walking Wounded outscore them by 17 in the second half. It was the Geoff Parker's two 3-pointers in the second half that helped deliver the win against Union. "It was a pretty laid back game," said Parker, who ended the game with 21 points.

A League
Alumni 78,
Stars 65

This game could easily have been classified as the Battle Of The Giants. Team Alumni consisted of many of the Crusaders' old players, including Bobby Tamminga, who all but towered over the Stars. The

Alumni used their defensive strength and aggressiveness under the boards to pull off the win.

Much of the Stars' strength came from former NNC varsity center Seth Snider, who pulled down ten boards, while adding 17 points for the team. Nevertheless, missed baskets by the Stars seemed to plague them toward the end of the game.

Women's League
The Shooters 39,
Silver Tab 36

Freshman Chelle Coleman had 16 of Silver Tab's 36 points against The Shooters, but her efforts weren't enough. The Shooters had two players who scored in the double digits: Debra Emerson and Staci Sharp tallied ten points apiece. Great defense on The Shooters' part led to their win in this fast-paced game.

Aces mark start of NNC Tennis season

By Robin Day
Sports Editor

The 'Saders first match was this past Saturday, February 8, here in Nampa at the Health and Racket Club. A team made up of seven girls competed against Southern Oregon State. There were six single matches and three doubles matches. Unfortunately, the 'Saders didn't win any of their matches, but the team remains hopeful. Freshman Sara Hamilton remarked, "Overall we did really well. We have a lot to work on, but we were very competitive with [Southern Oregon] and the sets were really close."

This year's tennis team consists of Stephanie Ridlen, Betsy

Hamann, Amanda Johnson, Sara Hamilton, Jessica Menard and Jenny Kung playing singles, as well as Stephanie Ridlen and Sara Hamilton, Amanda Johnson and Betsy Hamann, and Jessica Menard and Nell Cochron pairing up for doubles. The girls are coached by Darrell Humphreys and Carey Cook, with help from student coaches Soo Kang and Greg De-

"We did really well for a first match this weekend. These next matches should be really good."
~Sara Hamilton

ment. The Crusaders' next matches are next weekend, one at Washington State University, followed by Lewis & Clark State College and then a weekend wrap-up at Whitworth College. Hamilton commented, "We did really well for a first match this weekend. These next matches should be really good."

NNC's 1996-97 Tennis Team

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| #1 Singles
Stephanie Ridlen, Fr. | #6 Singles
Jenny Kung, So. |
| #2 Singles
Betsy Hamann, So. | #1 Doubles
Stephanie Ridlen, Fr. |
| #3 Singles
Amanda Johnson, Jr. | Sara Hamilton, Fr. |
| #4 Singles
Sara Hamilton, Fr. | #2 Doubles
Amanda Johnson, Jr. |
| #5 Singles
Jessica Menard, Jr. | Betsy Hamann, So. |
| | #3 Doubles
Jessica Menard, Jr. |
| | Nell Cochron, Fr. |

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION POST-SEASON SCHEDULE

		7:00 N	7:00 S	8:00 N	8:00 S	9:00 N	9:00 S
M	2/17	GAME W1 5th W- 4th W	GAME W2 6th W- 3rd W	GAME C1 8th C- 1st C	GAME C2 7th C- 2nd C	GAME C3 6th C- 3rd C	GAME C4 5th C- 4th C
T	2/18	GAME W3 Winner W1- 1st W	GAME W4 Winner W2- 2nd W	GAME B1 5th B- 4th B	GAME B2 6th B- 3rd B	GAME A1 5th A- 4th A	GAME A2 6th A- 3rd A
W	2/19					GAME A3 Winner A1- 1st A	GAME A4 Winner A2- 2nd A
T	2/20	WOMEN'S	CHAMP	GAME C5 Winner C4- Winner C1	GAME C6 Winner C3- Winner C2	GAME B3 Winner B1- 1st B	GAME B4 Winner B2- 2nd B

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1997
MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP - MAIN COURT

"C" LEAGUE - 1:30 PM "B" LEAGUE - 2:45 PM "A" LEAGUE - 4:00 PM

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taking a stand against Southern Oregon and Oregon Tech. After beating Southern Oregon Friday night, the Crusaders fell to Oregon Tech on Saturday, tying the two teams with Western Oregon for first place in the conference.

Friday's game was slow, with the 'Saders rolling over Southern Oregon, 76-54. Coach Rich Sanders commented, "Brent Darnell had a real good game; he couldn't miss a shot the whole game." Darnell led the team with 17 points, making six of six field goals and sinking three of three 3-pointers. Knell led the attack on the boards with eight rebounds and followed Hadley, who had 14 points, with 13 points.

On Saturday, things began to heat up. NNC went into the game ranked third in the country; Oregon Tech was ranked ninth. The game was close until the last five minutes, when Oregon Tech began to pull ahead, leaving the 'Saders behind them. Said

Coach Sanders, "When we played them here at home, we hit the shots in the last few minutes and they didn't. This game, they were on top; they hit the shots." Senior Nate Smith, who continues to improve from his injury earlier this year, led the 'Saders' efforts with 29 points, a season high. Lassen towered over the floor with seven rebounds, as the 'Saders out-rebounded Oregon Tech 36-33.

The 'Saders have an overall record of 21-5, are 9-2 in conference and only have three games of regular play left before the playoffs start. Coach Sanders remarked, "We have three games left and we need to win them all. If we win, we can go in first, and not in a tie."

The team is doing well individually in conference also. Smith, Hadley, and Knell all made the top ten in individual field goal percentages, and Darnell, Kinneveauk, and Schumacher made the top ten in individual assists.

Dave Barry

Those commercials we hate: first of two parts

Whew! Do I have a headache! I think I'll take an Extra Strength Bufferin Advil Tylenol with proven cavity fighters, containing more of the lemon-freshened Borax that is recommended by doctors and plaque fighters for those days when I am feeling "not so fresh" in my personal region!

The reason I'm feeling this way is that I have just spent six straight days going through the thousands of letters you readers sent in when I asked you to tell me which advertisements you don't like. It turns out that a lot of you really, REALLY hate certain advertisements, to the point where you fantasize about acts of violence. For example, quite a few people expressed a desire to kill the stuffed bear in the Snuggle fabric-softener commercial. "Die, Snuggle Bear! Die!" is how several put it.

Likewise, there was a great deal of hostility expressed, often by older readers, toward the relentlessly cheerful couples depicted in the competing commercials for Ensure and Sustacal. These commercials strongly suggest that if you drink these products, you will feel "young," which, in these commercials, means "stupid." People were particularly offended by the commercial where the couple actually drinks a toast with Ensure. As Jamie Hagerdorn described it: "One says, 'To your health,' and the other says, 'Uh-uh, to OUR health,' and then for some reason they laugh like ninnies. I want to hit them both over the head with a hammer."

Some other commercial personalities who aroused great hostility were Sally Struthers; the little boy who lectures you incessantly about Welch's grape juice; the young people in the Mentos commercials (as Rob Spore put it, "Don't you think those kids should all be sent to military school?"); everybody in all Calvin Klein commercials ("I am sure they are what hell is really like," observed Robert E. Waller); the little

girl in the Shake 'n Bake commercial -- Southerners REALLY hate this girl -- who, for what seemed like hundreds of years, said "And I helped!" but pronounced it "An ah hayulpt!" (Louise Sigmund, in a typically restrained response, wrote, "Your mother shakes chickens in hell!"); Kathie Lee Gifford (Shannon Saar wrote, "First person to push Kathie Lee overboard gets an all-you-can-eat buffet!"); the smug man in the Geritol commercial who said, "My

Rocky Mountains in the Coors Light ads. (Matt Scott asks: "Will they step on us if we don't buy their beer?" Scott McCullar asks: "What happens when they get a full bladder?")

Also, many people would like Candice Bergen to just shut up about the stupid dimes.

Also, I am pleased to report that I am not the only person who cannot stand the sight of the Infiniti Snot -- you know, the guy with the dark clothes and

it's getting old. And some people wish to know what "genuine Chevrolet" means. As Don Charleston put it, "I intended to buy a genuine Chevy, but I couldn't tell the difference between the 'genuine' and all those counterfeit Chevys out there, so I bought a Ford."

But the car-related ads that people hate the most, judging from my survey, are the dealership commercials in which the announcer SHOUTS AT YOU AS THOUGH YOU ARE AN IDIOT and then, in the last three seconds of the ad reads, in very muted tones, what sounds like the entire tax code. Hundreds and hundreds of people wrote to say they hate these commercials. I should note that one person defended them: his name is George Chapogas, and he is in -- of all things -- the advertising business. Perhaps by examining this actual excerpt from his letter, we can appreciate the thinking behind the shouting ads:

"I write, produce, and VOICE those ads. Make a darn good living doing it, too. Maybe more than you even. And would you like to know why? Because they move metal, buddy."

Well, I'm out of space. Tune in next week, and I'll tell you which commercial the readers hated the most; I'll also discuss repulsive bodily functions in detail. Be sure to read it! You'll lose weight without dieting, have whiter teeth in two weeks by actually growing your own hair on itching, flaking skin as your family enjoys this delicious meal in only minutes without getting soggy in milk! Although your mileage may vary. Ask a doctor. Or somebody who plays one on TV.

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wife... I think I'll keep her!" (the wife smiled, but you just know that one day she will put Liquid Drano in his Ensure); the bad actor pretending to be Dean Witter in the flagrantly fake "old film" commercial that's supposed to make us want to trust them with our money; the woman in the Pantene commercial who said, "Please don't hate me because I'm beautiful" (as many readers responded, "OK, how about if we just hate you because you're obnoxious?"); and of course the Pillsbury Doughboy (I would sacrifice my microwave to watch him inside on high for 10 hours," wrote Gene Doerfler).

Also they are none too fond of the giant Gen X dudes stomping all over

the accent, talking about Infiniti cars as though they were Renaissance art. As Kathleen Schon, speaking for many, put it: "We hate him so much we wouldn't buy one of those even if we could afford it, which we can't but we wouldn't buy one anyway."

Speaking of car commercials, here's a bulletin for the Nissan people: Nobody likes the creepy old man, OK? Everybody is afraid when the little boy winds up alone in the barn with him. This ad campaign does not make us want to purchase a Nissan. It makes us want to notify the police. Thank you.

And listen, Chevrolet: people didn't mind the first 389 million times they heard Bob Seger wail "Like a rock!" But

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