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What's being
done to bring
ethnic diversity
to NNC?

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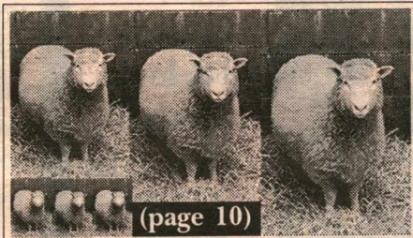
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Column One

Welcome race fans to yet another edition of Opinions Editor Jason Isbell writing Column One.

I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage all of our readership to try something new this week: read this entire paper, cover to cover.

I keep hearing from students that they just read the Entertainment section, "Staff Infection" (which nobody understands) and sometimes the opinions columns, if those happen to be funny or offensive.

This truly saddens me for two reasons.

1) A lot of people put a lot of work into EVERY section of this paper, hoping to keep the student body informed of events on and off of campus. We make every attempt to find out the most important and interesting news so that our readership will be both entertained and informed.

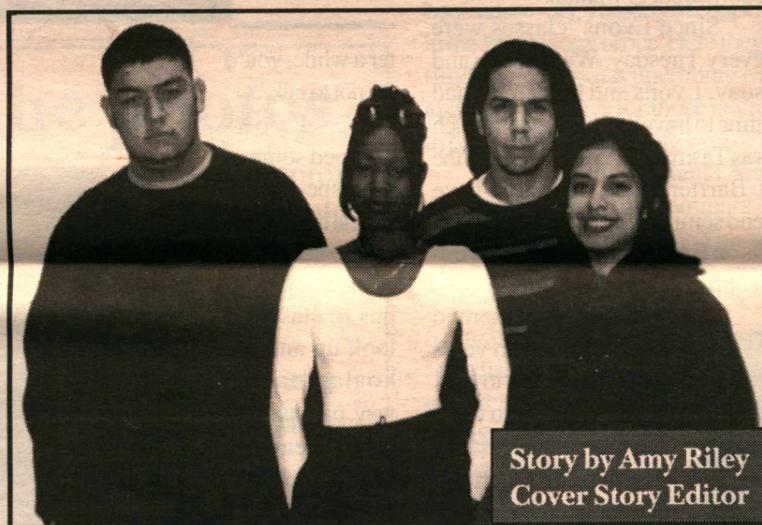
2) There is a lot of news out there in this place called Earth, and the NNC population misses the great majority of it. I have to admit that every time I see an article in the World section it is truly news to me and I presume that is the case for the majority of the campus. The World and Campus News sections have been doing an excellent job of finding the most important news of the week and relaying it to the students, but I'm afraid that the effort may be in vain.

Maybe the old adage that "NNC isn't the real world" has corrupted us into believing that the events of the world don't affect us -- hence our apathy toward world events.

-- Jason Isbell
Opinions Editor

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Cultural diversity at NNC: is it an oxymoron -- or not?



COVER PHOTO BY AMY RILEY -- THE CRUSADER

Story by Amy Riley
Cover Story Editor

All of you are certainly aware that Ralph, Cheryl, Steve and Perla do not constitute the whole of NNC's minority group membership.

At the same time, though, all of you are equally aware that NNC's student body is sorely de-

ficient in the area of student diversity.

Is anything being done to correct this? And are trends reversing themselves? Find out in today's cover story.

This cover story begins on page 8.

LUV Auction nets \$653.50 for charity

Thursday night's annual LUV auction saw NNC's best and brightest up for sale, with the proceeds benefiting Guatemalan refugees.

Top money-getters were ASNNC President Erik Quissell, who went for a hefty \$75, and senior Kim Keller, whose taker shelled out \$55.

All the lucky buyers earned a sweaty evening at laser tag arena Actual Reality with their beloved purchase.

Thanks to Lindsay Mittelstaedt and Erik Quissell for organizing the '97 event.

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"Dissension is healthy, even when it gets loud."

~ Jennifer Lawson, journalist, 1985

Dr. George Lyons spends sabbatical "down under"

By Heather Slater
Copy Editor

Dr. George Lyons of the religion department returned in December from a six-month sabbatical in Australia with his wife and children. During this time, Lyons taught at the Nazarene Theological College in Brisbane, Queensland (northeast Australia).

"They had about twenty-five students, fifteen full time. I had all fifteen in one of my two classes." Lyons taught a first-year New Testament intro class and a second-year Johannine writings, class courses he usually teaches here at NNC. "I deliberately used the same final tests [as I use here]. They did better."

The students that Lyons taught were highly motivated to earn degrees in religion, much because they were a bit older than the average NNC student, but also because there are so few Christians in Australia. "If you're a Christian, you're in a high minority," he said. "On any given Sunday, only about 2 to 4 percent [of Australians] are in church."



"As I walk across campus to class, I'd look up and see koalas on the way, parrots in the trees,"

~Dr. George Lyons.

Even though Australia is nearly the same size as the continental U.S., the population is only about 17 million.

Since Lyons' classes were only every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Lyons and his family had more time to travel on weekends to such places as Tasmania, Ayers Rock and the Great Barrier Reef. He also gave weekend seminars in several Nazarene districts on Bible study methods and frequently preached on Sundays.

Lyons commented that in the seven years since his last visit to Australia, the country has become "much less different from America." This can be attributed mostly to the influence of American television. The Queenslanders were inquisitive once they heard his American accent. "They want to hear your accent, ask you about America. Af-

ter a while, you'd try not to talk."

Lyons outlined some of the aspects of a typical day for him at the college. "As I walk across campus to class, I'd look up and see koalas on the way, parrots in the trees, hear the sound of kookaburras." Lyons taught two classes per day, with chapel time between the two. He took the rest of the day for writing a book entitled *More Holiness in Everyday Life* (a sequel to *Holiness in Everyday Life*).

The only complaints he ever had about his teaching was that his first

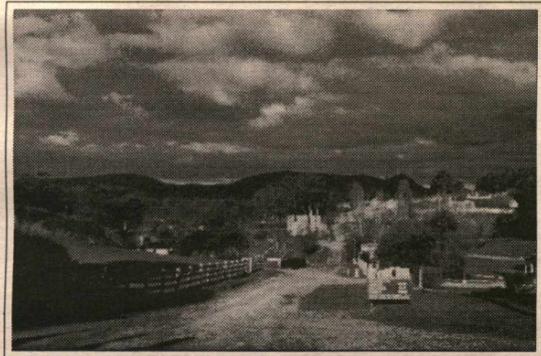
the Circle K convention was this weekend, Senate decided to promise funds to Circle K, but will not formally vote until next week.

Senate moved to accept a resolution that will encourage Idaho State Senators and Representatives to vote in favor of adding a student seat to the Board of Education.

Student faculty reports were given.

NNC Notepad

In Senate this week ...



A spectacular view of the Australian landscape (photo by Lyons).



Ayer's Rock is a famous natural geological formation in Australia (photo contributed by Lyons).

class ran slightly over dismissal time, an aspect he soon realized he had to change if he were to stay in the good graces of his students. "I had to let them out in time for tea. Morning teatime is a sacred thing [to them]."

NNCalendar

Feb-Mar 25 9	25 8:00p Combined Choral Concert	26 10:15a Chapel 9:00p Time Out Finkbeiner Fast	27	28 10:15a Chapel	Weekend 1-2 Men's basketball Semi-finals
	Concert Band Tour				
3 10:15a Chapel RA/PA applications available Exec Council campaigning begins	4 Men's basketball finals	5 10:15a Chapel	6	7 10:15a Chapel Last day to drop classes	Weekend 8-9 Alumni Board Meeting
Board of Regents					

Looking Ahead in March:

March 11th - 18th
NAIA National Basketball Tournament

March 16th
Procrastination Party

March 17th - 20th
Final Exams

March 21st - 31st
Spring Break

NNC Notepad

Sign up!

Sign-ups for various positions on ASNNC's Executive Council are posted on Executive Vice President Linc Loeber's door upstairs in Student Development. Applications are due on March 3rd, at 5 p.m., at which time campaigning begins.

A Call to Pray

Students are encouraged to pray for

Dr. Gary Ganske, head of Math Department. Ganske suffered mild heart trouble on Friday afternoon, but is expected to recover fully and is scheduled to return from the hospital on Wednesday.

Notepad notes compiled by John Fraley, Editor-in-Chief, and Gina Grate, Campus News Editor.

Psych club presents at Fox

By Shannon Adams
Assistant Campus News Editor

"The club is to provide anyone at NNC who has an interest in psychology the opportunity to be socially involved with other[s]."
~ Laura Clouser, junior.

Those who received roses on Valentine's Day may have the Psych Club to thank for them. But NNC's newest club does more than just sell roses.

The idea for a psychology club was introduced first term by Dr. Glenna Schubarth. Since then, junior Steve Reich has become the club's President, junior Laura Clouser the Vice President, sophomore Carlyann Sandidge the Treasurer and junior Kristen Powell is the social chairperson.

"The club," said Clouser, "is to provide anyone at NNC who has an interest in psychology the opportunity to be socially involved with other psychology majors or people who are even interested in it at all." The Psychology club is open to anyone, and the only requirement is a GPA of 2.0. The council members meet every Tuesday at chapel time in the Psychology office. Here they plan fundraisers, discuss upcoming events and different ways for those interested in psychology to interact.

Interested students are encouraged to attend the seminars coming up during chapel time on Thursdays. The first seminar will be about graduate schools for Psychology majors, with information such as which graduate schools are good, what one can do in grad school and what one needs to do to prepare for it. Another seminar will discuss what kinds of jobs are available for graduates with a Psychology BA.

According to Reich, major reasons for starting the Psychology club, were that, "[Psych majors] didn't really have a way to get involved and it builds a little more character and pride with the Psych department and the Psych majors... [Schubarth] is also interested in Psy Chi, which is a national honors society for Psych majors. It's like a Psych club, but your school has to have an official Psych club for a year before you're eligible to join Psy Chi."

This weekend the club took their first excursion and attended a conference at George Fox University. The group of fifteen was comprised of Dr. Ron Ponsford, Dr. Schubarth, freshmen Jennifer Kinghorn, Stacy Bishop, sophomores Miriam Takagi, Jim Imlah, Andrea Hodgson, juniors Steve Reich, Laura Clouser, Kristin Powell and seniors Robyn Millar, Julie Norris, Karl Ganske, Heather Hanson, and Melissa Fivecoat-Borger.

George Fox, NNC and the University of Portland were the only schools to have presentations. Besides these schools, Concordia also attended. "The whole research conference wasn't as big as I thought it would be," said Reich. "I thought it was going to be much bigger, but there were only 15 people presenting papers."

Three NNC students presented at this convention. Hanson's

presentation was "Why - OQ [Outcome Questionnaire] normative and validity data from delinquent sample." Hanson has been working with Dr. Ponsford and she is researching an adolescence delinquent program to see if it is working. Fivecoat-Borger presented on "Androgenous and Intrinsic Females: their self-reported leadership positions." In her research she surveyed church leaders of both genders and how they

"Psy Chi ... looks good on our applications when we graduate from here. That was one of the main reasons why we started, but also just so that Psych majors could have a chance to know each other better and to understand what we can do in our fields."

~ Kristin Powell

perceived their leadership roles.

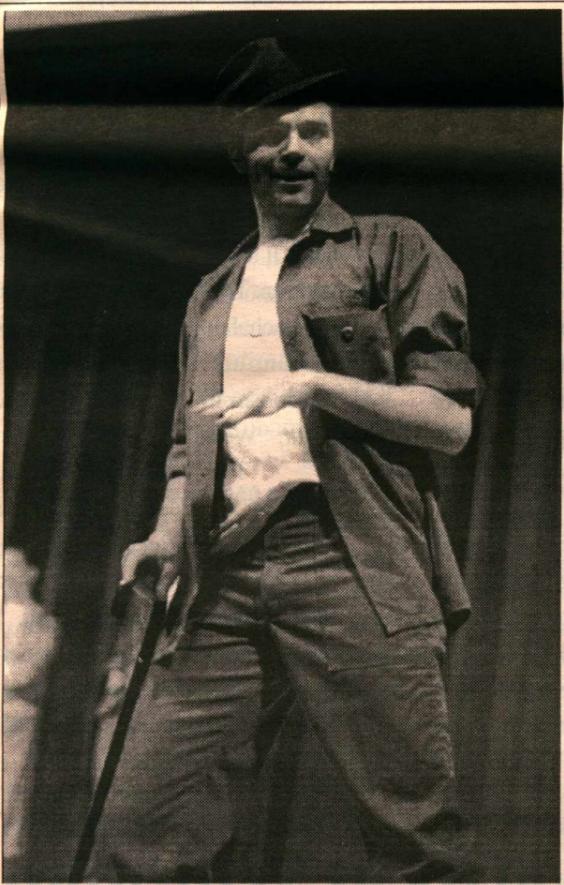
Kinghorn, who was the youngest NNC presenter, researched "[The] Effectiveness of spot focused practice versus repetitive practice for child and adolescent piano students." Kinghorn said, "It's research that I did on my piano students to test two different ways of practicing their music. I found that both of the practice methods were effective."

The last time a Psychology club was at NNC was in the 1940s. It didn't last, though, since there was a lack of participation, and those who founded the club were unfamiliar with the process of going through ASNNC with a constitution and a written contract.

Powell said a major reason for this club following through is due to Reich. "This year, Steve Reich decided that he really wanted to do that for us, because if we have a psychology club for a year then we can become members of the Psy Chi. Psy Chi is nationally known for psychologists and that looks good on our applications when we graduate from here. That was one of the main reasons why we started, but also just so that Psychology majors could get a chance to know each other better and to understand what we can do in our fields. It's really varied."

Coming up in April, the club will be attending the annual Western Psychological Association conference at Sea-Tac in Washington. Here, schools and psychologists come together to share research and presentations.

M*A*S*H: the photos



Left: Junior Todd Smith, as "Duke," does a smooth routine at a camp dance. **Below:** the cast gathers around junior Barry Lewis (Frankenstein monster) on whom they play a practical joke.

Photos by Max Chtangeev



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Regents convening next week

Students can voice concerns to their district representatives

By Helen Warriner
Operations Manager

On March fifth the NNC Board of Regents will convene its second term session on campus. The first plenary session will be open to students. The plenary session includes general comments, presentations and opening statements, according to ASNNC President Erik Quissell.

Students who wish to voice concerns about important NNC issues should attend the plenary session. President Hagood is always open to students and is a good link to the Board of Regents.

"Students are welcome to come see what the regents have planned," Hagood said. "Regents are definitely approachable and they love to see students and hear their opinions."

Quissell said that the best links are always between students and the regents from their home churches. "They definitely have a deep concern for students."

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~ASNNC President
Erik Quissell.

There are forty regents from the seven districts on NNC's region. Regents are layman and pastors who are voted into position at each district's assembly.

Watch for announcements concerning Regents sessions, which will be posted in Cru-Keys.

The following sessions are plenary sessions and are open to students.

Wednesday, March 5th 7:00-8:00p. Topic: Ministry and Spiritual Development

Thursday, March 6th 8:00a Topic: NNC's relationship with the Church of the Nazarene.

Friday, March 7th 8:00a Topic: Reports from standing committees. Committee reports will focus on the following: policy on sexual harassment/discrimination; criteria for Regents Award; Criteria for Honor Scholarship; policy on tuition credit for students who withdraw; approval of contracts; construction update.

NNC funds March of Dimes

By Helen Warriner
Operations Manager

March of Dimes is a charity which NNC has supported annually through various fundraisers during winter term.

Every year there are three events which raise money for the March of Dimes. These are Mr. NNC, the plane toss, and the wing challenges. This year, the wing challenge did not take place.

In previous years, buckets had been placed in each wing of every dorm. Students were encouraged to pitch in their loose

pocket change.

"We talked to the Chapman R.D. Kent Berggren about it and decided to not do it because we were so busy with everything else," said freshman class Presidents Joshua Pryor.

"The plane toss and Mr. NNC did so well. And the wing challenge has never made that much money anyway," said Pryor. "We have been tinkering with something else to replace it with, but we're not sure. We're just happy we did so well with the other fundraisers and could donate so much money to the March of Dimes."

"Any time you're trying to raise money for an organization, I think it is important to do the best you can. The freshman class council felt challenged to make more for the annual March of Dimes fundraiser than in the past," said Pryor. "We did it!"

The fundraisers sponsored by the freshman class this year were a big success. The annual plane toss made \$260; "Mr. NNC did very well," said Pryor.

March of Dimes is an organization that raises money for research and treatment of muscular dystrophy.

Debaters win awards at Whitman

By Crusader Press Services

The NNC Forensics Team completed its last season tournament on February 15th, at Whitman College. With the coaching of Professor Heidi Brough and Dr. Dennis Waller, the team competed against twenty colleges and universities from five states at the fourth Northwest Forensics Association Designated Tournament. The nine team members won a total of 17 placements.

The members of the forensics team are senior Jason Alvis,

freshman Angie Bradburn, junior Nicole Corbin, senior Brooke Ferdinand, senior Dallas McKellips, sophomore Missy Rassmussen, senior Brent Thomas, senior Helen Warriner and senior Adam Watkins.

Jason Alvis: 3rd Place J. Duo Interp

Angie Bradburn: 2nd Place N. Prose Interp

Brooke Ferdinand: 4th Place J. Parly Team Debate; 3rd Place J. Duo Interp; 4th Place J. Poetry Interp

Dallas McKellips: 3rd Place N.

Parly Debate Speaker Award; 4th Place N. Parly Team Debate; 7th Place N. Impromptu Spking

Missy Rassmussen: 4th Place J. Parly Team Debate; 2nd Place S. Duo Interp

Brent Thomas: 4th Place N. Parly Debate Speaker Award; 4th Place N. Parly Team Debate

Helen Warriner: 2nd Place J. Informative Spking

Adam Watkins: 12th Place J. Parly Debate Speaker Award; 2nd Place S. Duo Interp; 5th Place S. Drama Interp; 6th Place S. Prose Interp.

REVIEWS

It has to do with fish...

As a fan of Code of Ethics, I jumped at the chance to review this new album. Okay, I had already bought the album when I was given a review to write, but it was still new in my eyes. Having listened to it, I knew that it was worth the fifteen bucks that I had spent. While Code of Ethics has had a lot of personnel changes since they first started, they have matured and defined their music further with this album.

like Bob Herdman and Michael Anderson. These writers have written very straightforward and honest lyrics for this album.

Musically, this album sounds better than any of their other albums. They have moved from a heavy synthesizer and programming style of music to a modern rock sound that works

well for them. Driving guitars and solid percussion lead the way on this album, but they haven't given up completely on their synthesizers and programming. There are still elements of the songs that can't be done with the regular instruments, but the synths and programming are not the driving force of this album. There

SoulBait

Code of Ethics

Reviewed by
Jesse Rench

Crusader Rating



Barry Blaze is the band's lead singer and only remaining founding member of the band. He has changed their sound to their best sound yet. This album rocks both lyrically and musically. Bob Herdman, former Petra guitarist and founding member, has a big hand in the lyrics and the music for this album.

Lyrical, this album is spiritually challenging to the listener. Take this example from the title song "Soulbait"; *When they see me Do they see you? Do they see something else I do? Dangle me on a line In a bowl where fish are blind. Shine a light and they will see Be a hook and set them free It is true that we're all soulbait.* They even like to make fun of some of their previous lyrics on this album. When I was listening to it one of the lines sounded like it had been on their second album, "Something Real." The line has been changed a little for this album. It goes something like this; *Something special something real Way down deep in my soul...bait.* They added the bait on the end to make it fit with this album's theme.

Code of Ethics frontman Barry Blaze shares song writing credits on some of the songs with other writers,

is one remix on this album and it is of the title song "Soulbait." The rest of the songs on the album have incredible music that will rock your wing. The remix has an awesome bass line that starts out after the intro and then gives way to the drums and lead guitar.

When I saw this album in the store it immediately caught my eye. The cover art is extremely interesting with a fish hook followed by the three fish-head suited dolls. (See above.) The theme of this album is supposed to remind us that we are fishers of men. Code of Ethics wants to show us that we are soulbait for the blind, through our lives. Having Christian rock veteran Eddie DeGarmo as executive producer, and former Petra guitarist Bob Herdman on board for this project has resulted in a fine album. If you want an album that has great music and challenging lyrics, then this is the album you want to rush to the store and buy. In short, this album kicks fish (no pun intended).



At least the drinks are good

Do you realize how hard it is to find somewhere new to go in this town at the last minute? Obviously you all do since there are so many that save *The Crusader* to read on their lonely Friday and Saturday nights.

In any case, Jason and I found ourselves in this predicament on Sunday night as we realized that I was supposed to fill this space and had spent all of my time working and waiting in lines to see *The Empire Strikes Back*. Desperately we searched through that HUGE phone book that serves half of southern Idaho and found that there really ain't much in this town.

I know that this isn't a huge revelation for some of you, but I am just beginning to realize this. THERE IS NOTHING IN THIS TOWN. There is more in Marsing than in Nampa despite the fact that we have twice as many people and they count their cows.

There had to be a place that I could get to between practices and meetings. Then a light shone on me and I saw the answer. Actually Jason had turned on the desk lamp, but I still had found the answer: The Great Western Land and Pizza Co.

It must be understood that I've known about this place since I came to Nampa as a junior RAD student (I was once one of them, I apologize). I had just never had a desire before this point to drive all the way over by Karcher Mall just to try their pizza (even though several times a week I drive carloads of hungry stomachs to Taco Bell.)

We arrived at the location and found that they were running a special on their pies. A large one topping pizza was \$7.98 so we ordered one with pep-

peroni and black olives and two large drinks. The drinks were refillable on the large size only. Unfortunately they serve only Coke products but they did have Henry's Weinhardt's Root Beer available on tap for \$.90 a mug.

Then we waited.

Somewhere along the way they lost an order but they didn't and were rather confused. While we waited, I made notes of their decor. Serious need of remodeling is going on here. They tried to get the feel of a 1870's western saloon but ended up with more of a dark 1970's urban cowboy bar minus the smoke. The inside of the kitchen was in serious need of a fresh (post-1979) coat of paint since most of the walls were pretty yellowed.

The pizza arrived after about 20-25 minutes. The toppings were really generous. It had a good amount of cheese over the pepperoni and olives. The crust, though, was reminiscent of cardboard. I used to eat cardboard a lot as a kid

so you can trust my expertise.

Jason had to get back to campus to perform some "mission," so we boxed up the remaining pizza and headed out. Upon arrival we threw the box in "O blessed refrigerator of Publications" in order to properly dispose of the pizza later Monday night. Actually the pizza was better cold (maybe that's because I expect cold pizza crust to have that cardboard quality to it.)

For the most part I was not really pleased with my dining experience at Great Western. Of course I have also had a secret dream to be the urban cowboy so maybe I'll be there again, washing the cardboard down with Weinhardt's.

Great Western Land and Pizza Company

Reviewed by
Andrew Diehl

Crusader Rating



CRUSADER REVIEWS

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EDITORIAL

McDonald's burgers and human beings: easy to make and exactly alike

I must admit a certain fear. In case you haven't read the world section yet, scientists in England have managed to clone a mammal (If they can do a sheep, they can do a person).

Visions dance through my head: horrors of innumerable kinds, almost-persons sacrificed for organs, armies of super-men trampling the landscape, genetically altered "specialists" doing whatever their "creators" meant for them to do.

Few benefits spring to mind: cloning organs for perfect donor matches, perhaps?

More horrors: Infinite life for the rich and powerful. Grow a body, move a brain, live forever...

Benefit: Perfect animal stock, raised amazingly fast, to feed the planet's teeming masses...

Horror: Human life meaning even less than it does now...

I really don't know what to think. It seems that this ability will bring about a fundamental change in our world; that it can't help but be the most important, and frightening, scientific advancement since splitting the atom. In fact, I would say that it is the most important scientific advancement since we figured out fire.

I don't know what to say about this. My fellow editors want a call for legislation. Draw the line quickly between acceptable and unacceptable use of this technology. I'm sure legislation will be passed. Politicians will preach and rally. But one day, we Gen-Xers, the children of those who first came to grips with this issue, will be looking a clone in the face, and will tell stories of the time before...

--Jason Isbell, Opinions Editor

Staff Infection

We miss Tim ... Who said anything about a Spirit of Heresy? We've got a Spirit of Lethargy in this place right now ... As Dr. Martin would say, welcome to the Snaff Infection ... I hear the voice of Heather in my head ... Saint Isbell? We just wanted to see that in print ... Just because it's fact doesn't mean you can point it out to the entire world ... I need to borrow your pen to make a phone call! ... Amy, we're gonna get our Corvette back ... You know, sex is really gonna have to be good in order to be better than Henry's Cream Soda ... How's it possible that Albertson's did so bad this year? ... Heather has a continuity problem and Kevin has a problem with colons ... Gina has the image of a bunch of dark skinned guys running around campus looking for translators ... Quick everyone, Andy's honking! ... I think we should write a staff ed on ethical diversity ... sorry Chris for the funky byline -- we'll vote for you anyway... enough!!

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**Those Ten Obsolete Rules****John Fraley**

What if Jesus really meant what he said?

It's an interesting question. I wish its answer were a lot easier to deal with than it probably is.

What if he *really is* the new law? What if he wasn't just pulling a funny little prank when he was ridiculing the oppressive legalism of his day?

What would that mean for today? Of what prescriptions would our law consist?

Food for thought on that topic can be found in more than one location. First, consider an advertisement in the February 15th issue of *WORLD* magazine. This whole-page ad laments that a "survey by American rights found that less than 1% of teens and adults in sound Bible churches can name the Ten Commandments." I won't take time to challenge those questionable figures (although two out of six of our editorial board members successfully named all ten). I will take time, though, to safely assume that fewer than a third of you can name them all. Go ahead and try.

Did you make it? No? Well, good.

Your eyes do not deceive you. You can't recite those ten rules? Again, good.

Before I begin to state my actual point, here's another morsel for thought. One catchy little phrase that, as tends to befit catchy phrases, caught on widely, goes like this: "The Ten Commandments are not the Ten Suggestions." I've seen the soon-to-be-cliche on bumper stickers, in various articles, and on church readerboards. People like it. They're obviously attached to Exodus 20's most famous verses

and don't want anyone to imply that those rules are open to *any* form of criticism.

My question is: Why do we still hold so those rules of supposedly divine origin?

As far as Christians are concerned, the Ten Commandments may as well be the "Ten Extrapolations On God's Law Which Might Be Nice To Think About Ev-

Go ahead and try to name them. Did you make it? No? Well, good. Your eyes do not deceive you. You can't recite the Ten Commandments? Again, good. We don't need them.

ery Once In A While But Which Shouldn't Take Time Away From Our Own Calling."

For the Ten Commandments could hardly be what we, as Christians, want to project as our theology. Do we want passersby to identify our religion with a few thou shalt not's? I can't imagine anything farther than Christ's example.

No, hold on. Maybe I've got it all wrong (it's happened before). Maybe I've completely misunderstood Jesus' teachings.

Maybe my Christology is so screwed up that I'm starting to believe Jesus was more interested in improving human relations than establishing a new set of rules.

What a silly idea.

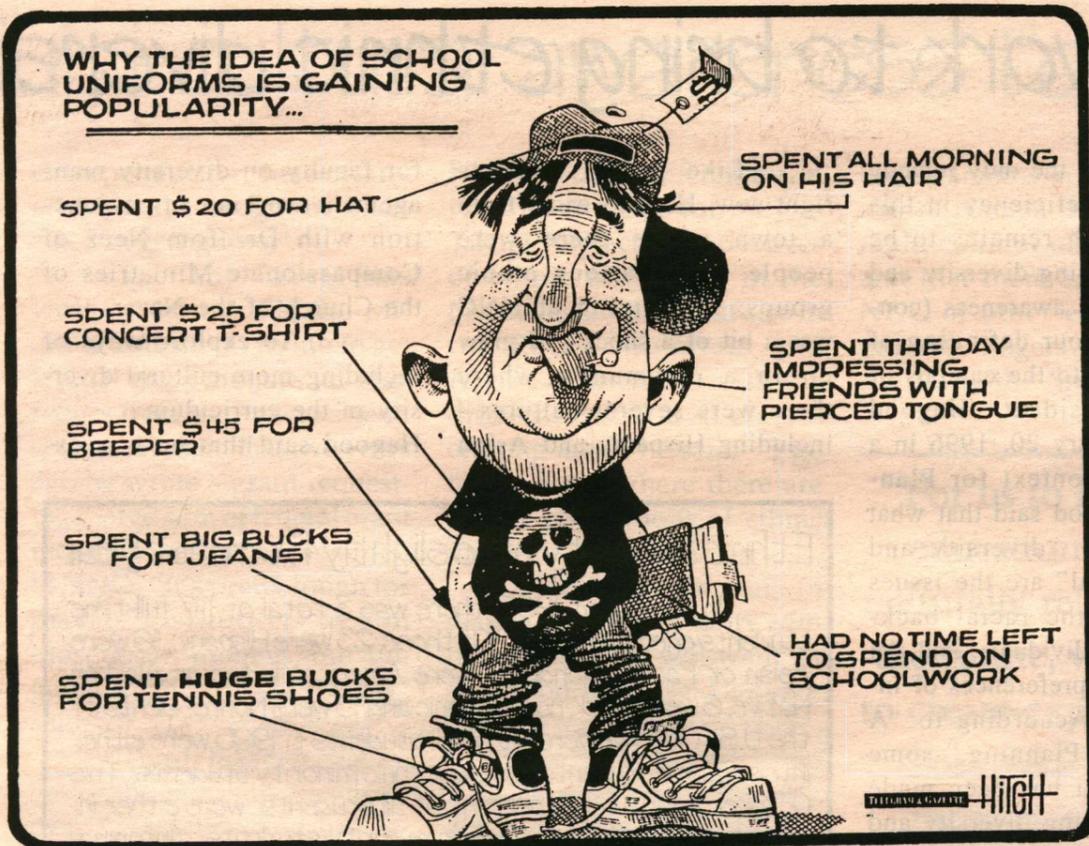
Honestly though, why do we need those commandments? We've got a law that is concisely and clearly defined by our movement's catalyst. Love God and care for everyone else.

Please don't assume that I'm stating that any thoughts that happened to precede Jesus are trash we can't burn too quickly. Christians owe a lot to the Jewish tradition. (And we could learn extensively from Buddhists.) But it's upon Jesus' philosophy, which rested upon rebellion against the established order, that our beliefs should be built. If we forget that, or if we just pay lip service to Jesus' revelation, if we simply borrow the rules of the ancient establishment, aren't we running the risk of relapsing into that which Christ came to overturn?

What kind of effects can we attribute to placing the Commandments, rather than revelation in Christ, at (or even near) the center of our religion? The same effects as one can observe in our favorite Gospel characters, the Pharisees.

However, I may have to resign myself instead to accepting that when they become the establishment, Christians desperately cling to a legalism that their founder wouldn't hesitate to tear down.

--John Fraley is The Crusader's Editor-in-Chief



Your Turn

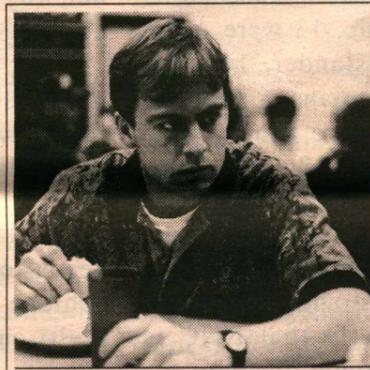
Random answers from random people on random issues

What do you think about multi-culturalism at NNC?



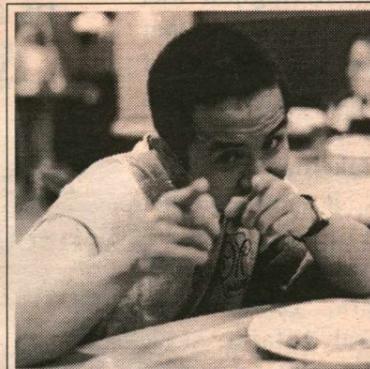
Eric Manley
Freshman
Youth Ministry
Puyallup, WA

"I don't know that there is anything that we can do to change the multi-cultural situation on campus. What will change it is how students treat each other with respect."



Travis Childers
Sophomore
Biology
Roseburg, OR

"You look around yourself, is it multicultural?"



Carloe Estigo
Junior
Engineering/Physics
Anchorage, AK

"I think that it's growing a little. Since I was a freshman, I think the number of multicultural students has grown a little and that's good to see."



Chris Britt
Junior
Religion
Coeur D'Alene, ID

"I don't think it's a multi-cultural campus. For Southern Idaho, having a few different minorities on campus is a multi-cultural campus."

Racism sneaks into Constitution?

I have to admit it--I was wrong. I know, I know, it's hard to believe, but it's true. The worst thing about it is that a liberal had to be the one to prove it to me. I'm sure that I will regret writing this because someday I will forget that I have been wrong before, and someone will use this instance to remind me that I am a mortal.

My area of fallibility is racism. I used to strongly believe that America is not a racist country. My belief rested in my faith in the United States, the land of opportunity for all. In fact, I had plenty of reasons and research to make such a claim... I thought.

Before I go any further, I would like to add that I have never thought that there are no racists in America. I would have to be a complete ignoramus to think something like that. I realize fully that there are some idiots wandering around out there with their brains completely unbuttoned; I just never thought that our country is racist.

Oprah Winfrey was one of my reasons for my erroneous belief about America. In case you didn't know, she is a member of The Forbes Four Hundred, earning more than \$70 million a year. In fact, last year, "The Oprah Winfrey Show" took in well over \$200 million. Obviously, this required her ability to attract and hold an extensive audience--of all races; not possible if America is a racist country.

What about Bill Cosby? He was another of my arguments. Cosby had the number one sitcom in America for several years. His show was so immensely popular that the World Series was delayed on Thursday evening so that the net-

Chris Field

work airing the baseball game wouldn't lose viewers--a feat accomplished by no one else. How in the world did his show have so much popularity if America is a racist country?

Of course, some of my other examples were more athletes and actors, such as Michael Jordan, Denzel Washington and Whitney Houston. These are people whose

I'm sure that I will regret writing this because someday I will forget that I have been wrong before...

successes could not have been without the support of many white people.

Here's a quick sample of some not-so-famous black achievers, according to *Black Enterprise*: Gail Snowden, president of First Community Bank Division, Bank of Boston. Roy Roberts, vice president and general manager of GMC Truck, the first black to head a Big Three auto division. Richard D. Nanula, senior vice president of Walt Disney's store chain. The list goes on and on, but there's not enough room on this page to name them all.

Now, for the moment you

have all been waiting for--my mistake. I realize that many of you may have read this and thought, "Hey, you can't be wrong, you're never wrong, you've shown me that America is not a racist country." I'm sorry to have misled you. My grief for leading you, my fellow conservatives, astray cannot be matched, not even by Bill Clinton's grief over whom he chose as a life mate. (Sorry, Hillary lovers.)

Not long ago, the people of California passed an initiative that would have effectively ended Affirmative Action in the state. The people decided that enough was enough with Affirmative Action: they knew that opportunity was there for all.

The liberal who proved me wrong about my views was a federal judge (whose re-election campaign was paid for by liberal unions) who declared the initiative -- passed by the people remember -- unconstitutional. This is where he proved to me that my views on American racism were skewed.

Someone please tell me where in the Constitution it says that we are to give a person a job on the basis of his or her skin color. I can't find it either. But it must be there; the initiative was declared unconstitutional. So, if said initiative is unconstitutional the Constitution bases rights on the color of skin. America bases everything on the Constitution so America is a racist country.

I'm sorry for my mistake, it will never happen again.

--ASNNC Presidential Candidate and Crusader columnist Chris Field wishes he was a closet Democrat

NNC faculty work to bring ethnic diversity,

By Amy Riley
Cover Story Editor

Looking across the campus on any given day, a stranger might be surprised with the overabundance of white students and faculty walking about, or with the near absence of students and faculty of other ethnicities.

As of October 15, 1996, there were 1,050 full-time undergraduate students at NNC. Of those 1,050 students only 70 were either of an ethnicity other than white or were non-residents of the U.S., according to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) a document of the U.S. Department of Education. Of those 70 students, 23 were Hispanic, 13 were Asian or Pacific Islander, 11 were American Indian or Alaskan Native, 10 were Black, non-Hispanic, and 13 were Non-resident alien (categories of ethnic status were taken directly from the IPEDS).

Any stranger would assume correctly that NNC is lacking in ethnic diversity.

The administration is well aware of this deficiency. When President Hagood was shown the IPEDS, he said that he'd like to see the numbers of ethnic minority students be much higher.

"I think that NNC has a ways to go. It shows me that we have a lot of people that are not represented at NNC," Paula Rogers, Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs, said. "But a lot of students come from the Nazarene church and a lot of Nazarene churches don't reflect society very well. Until Nazarene churches start reflecting their community, we won't reflect society," she continued.

The Nazarene Church is deficient in their ethnic diversity, and so NNC's deficiency is difficult to overcome. Hagood said, "We are probably more ethnically diverse than the Nazarene Church--our primary constituent--and I think part of our goal is to prepare ethnically diverse students to become leaders in the Nazarene Church."

Changing the ethnic diversity in the Nazarene

Church is not the only remedy for NNC's deficiency in this area. "Much remains to be done in bringing diversity and multi-cultural awareness (consistent with our definition of those terms) to the campus of NNC," President Hagood wrote February 20, 1996 in a paper, "A Context for Planning." Hagood said that what is meant by "diversity and multi-cultural" are the issues relating to the racial background of individuals, and not the lifestyle preferences of individuals. According to "A Context for Planning," some progress that has been made toward bringing diversity and multi-cultural awareness is the addition of two positions to the NNC faculty: an admissions counselor for ethnic and minority students and a multi-cultural student advisor.

"We've made some progress--not nearly enough--by the two positions now held by Paula Rogers and Patrick Takagi," Hagood said.

He also said that more needs to be done in order to achieve ethnic diversity and multi-cultural awareness at

"I think Jesus gave us a challenge when he commanded us to love others. We need to come in contact with them in order to do that."

~Patrick Takagi

the college. "My sense is that we need to have an awareness of what's happening in our own country. This country is becoming more multi-cultural, which is evident by looking at birthrates and emigration rates," Hagood said. "I think it's a very healthy trend in society and each of us can be enriched by the exposure to the diversity. By exposure I mean we need to have the opportunity to interact with people from backgrounds other than Caucasian," he continued.

Like many students right now, Hagood came from a town where there were people from various ethnic groups, so arriving at NNC was a bit of a shock. "I grew up in a community where there were several cultures--including Hispanic and Asian

for faculty on diversity management working in conjunction with Dr. Tom Nees of Compassionate Ministries of the Church of the Nazarene.

3) To explore ways of including more cultural diversity in the curriculum.

Hagood said that he was ex-

Ethnic diversity rose slightly from last year

In the fall of 1995, there was a total of 1117 full-time students enrolled at NNC. Of those, 23 were Hispanic, 16 were Asian or Pacific Islander, 7 were American Indian or Alaskan Native, 6 were Black, non-Hispanic and 13 were Nonresidents of the U.S. Only five percent of all students in 1995 were either international students or were ethnic minority students. This October, nearly seven percent of all students were either international students or ethnic minority students. (Information taken from the 1995 and 1996 IPEDS.)

American--and I went through school with people from other cultures and I felt that my experience was enriched because of it," Hagood said.

He said that ever since he first came to NNC as a student it was a goal of his to see the campus become more ethnically diverse and he has carried this goal with him as NNC President. He would like to see more students from minority ethnic backgrounds attend NNC. Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs Paula Rogers would also like to see that. "I think people from other backgrounds should have the opportunity for the education that NNC provides and I think it would be really beneficial to NNC students and faculty to have a more diverse group of people around," Rogers said.

Progress toward the goal of ethnic diversity among students is slow but there is progress. This past January the Nazarene college and university presidents met together with the NYI council and the Urban Youth Alliance, which is a group of high school and college students from all around the country, and were proposed the Urban Alliance Initiative which asked the presidents to work together with NYI to try to accomplish three specific things in the area of ethnic diversity:

1) To develop a national pool of resources for ethnic minority youth, which has already been started by Jeff Carr.

2) To provide training

cited about the three-part agenda of this initiative, but that it is still too early to say what the direct affects of the Urban Alliance Initiative will be.

Another issue to address when looking at raising multi-cultural awareness on campus is that Nampa has a large population of Latinos, yet very few attend NNC. "It's a difficult goal to achieve just because of the socioeconomics of these students, they need more financial support," Hagood said. "It's a little difficult, but we're involved in programs to try to reach Latinos from the general area. Just because of our pricing structure we're not as competitive for those students as BSU," he said.

The majority of the outreach to Latinos and other ethnic minorities from Southwestern Idaho is activated through Takagi, Admissions Counselor for Minority Recruitment, and Rogers, Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs. Takagi is involved in reaching out to ethnic minority people in Southwestern Idaho in a variety of ways. First, Takagi has worked with Image De Idaho in trying to assist Hispanic people in Idaho to make their futures fulfilling. He said he has made presentations and recruited high school students at Image De Idaho meetings. According to Takagi, Image De Idaho is, "an organization to help Hispanics gain the knowledge and the tools in order to compete in the U.S. in

...y, multi-cultural awareness to the campus

entrepreneuring, just in any area that they might be interested in going into."

Second, Takagi has worked with the Idaho Migrant Council on trying to get federal grant moneys for Hispanics from the area to attend college. He said that two years ago he wrote a grant requesting a large sum of federal grant money, but it was not awarded to NNC. "It's pretty tough for private institutions to win those grant moneys, but I'm going to keep trying," Takagi said.

Third, Takagi is a member of the Hispanic Businessmen Association and has assisted them in setting up their scholarships for Hispanic students who want to go into the study of business by helping the association write the scholarships. He said that the scholarships are awarded through the association and they range in value from \$500 to \$1,000.

Fourth, Takagi has been involved in the Hispanic Youth Symposium. He has done presentations and has recruited at their annual meetings. He is active in the lives of ethnic minority people from communities all over Southwestern Idaho.

Another program with which Takagi is involved is a tutoring program which also includes the participation of Hewlett Packard, Hispanics from the community and NNC students. This program was set up to help encourage Hispanic students to stay in school. Spanish-speaking NNC students are payed ten dollars per hour for tutoring these students and Hewlett Packard pays their salary. Takagi said that they started the program with a group of seventh graders, who are primarily migrant, low income students, and they plan to continue tutoring this same group of students until they graduate from high school and go on to college. Takagi said he'd like to see some of those students attend NNC. The program is still looking for one female and three male Spanish-speaking students to be tutors in the program.

Takagi also works with Native Americans from all over the Northwest. He attends the annual Northwest

Indian Youth Conference and recruits there. Not only is Takagi very active in the lives of ethnic minorities in the Northwest District, but also in the Rocky Mountain and Alaska districts. "I visit the different districts in our recruiting area," he said. "I go to the areas where there are higher populations of ethnic minorities," he continued.

He reaches out to people of ethnic minority with hopes that they will want an education, but he said it's very difficult for them to go to college because of the cost. "The biggest problem, especially here, in Southwestern Idaho, is not that Hispanics don't want to go to college. We get lots of applications from Hispanics. The biggest problem comes from financial need. It's difficult for our college to help meet their need. They have a really hard time taking out the loans that they would need in order to come to NNC," Takagi said.

According to Takagi, NNC is very close to other colleges in Idaho in their percentage of Hispanic students. He said that Albertson College of Idaho has about two percent Hispanic students, BSU five percent, and ISU two percent. "It's very hard with first generation to get them to go to college. That's why I think we need to get federal grant money for these students to get here," Takagi said.

Rogers is also very involved in the local community, especially Nampa, in working toward building a bridge between NNC and people of ethnic minority from the community. One of her goals is to work with and be a resource for local communities regarding issues of multi-culturalism.

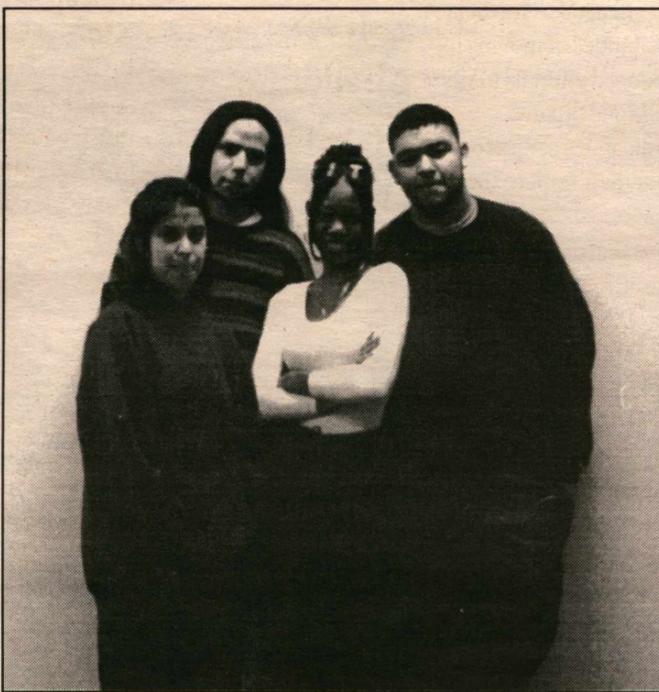
One way she said she accomplished this was through meeting with counselors at local high schools to find ways to get the high school to work with her in rais-

ing awareness in the community of Nampa that there is a multi-cultural office at NNC and that there are people at NNC of other ethnic backgrounds. Rogers also said that she leads the Multi-cultural

"For us to have an education that's culturally relevant to the future, we need to create experiences that make NNC more culturally diverse in curriculum and the living environment on the campus now."

~Dr. Hagood

Advisory Board, which consists of NNC students, faculty and three members of the community. A primary goal of this committee is to raise multi-cultural awareness at NNC while communicating with people



From left to right: Perla Aragon, Steve Jackson, Cheryl Bookman, and Ralph Johnson.

from the community as well.

One of Rogers' primary concerns is that NNC doesn't represent the ethnic diversity in society. "I think it's necessary for NNC to become more ethnically diverse because the world is made up of other people and we're going to be working shoulder to shoulder with people of other ethnic

backgrounds," Rogers said, "and we should reflect society in the NNC community."

Not only is there a poor representation of people of minority ethnic backgrounds in the student body, but also in the faculty. Academic Dean Sam Dunn has a proposal of a developmental program to help welcome ethnically diverse students back as faculty members. The program would allow for the college to pay for these prospective faculty members' graduate studies in exchange for a few years as faculty at NNC. This proposal, called the Western Interstate Compact for Higher Education (WICHE), is under discussion right now in Academic Council. "I don't know how long it's going to take. It won't be ready next fall. It's a long term process," Hagood said.

NNC's deficiency in the area of ethnic diversity needs immediate attention because the deficiency affects everyone. "I think that we can learn a lot from each other. I think it's worth celebrating in life that even though we come from different backgrounds, we still have needs for food, for shelter and for love. I think it's glorious that no matter what culture we come from--what language we speak or what religious or political system we come from--we have the need to know who we are and where we come from," Takagi said. "But I think we must also have a need to know what our reason for being here on earth is. As Christians, we know that sharing the love of Jesus Christ with others is a reason, and we want to love people from other backgrounds."

Someday soon a stranger walking past NNC might see something different. Hopefully this difference will be an abundance of students and faculty from various ethnic backgrounds and a campus that reflects the population of society better.

Tourists wounded in dispute

By Crusader Press Services

A man fired upon the observation deck on the 86th floor of the Empire State Building, wounding six and killing one before shooting himself in the head.

The 69-year-old gunman died at the hospital about five hours after being taken there by NYPD officers.

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani blames the incident on poor security and lax city gun laws. The building lacks metal detectors at the entrances but authorities still claim that security is adequate.

One child and one baby were trampled in the ensuing panic.

Serial bomber suspected in Atlanta

Bombs found in packages of "Lucky Charms" and "Cheerios"

By David Stillman
Asst. World News Editor

Five people were injured, one seriously, in an explosion at a gay nightclub in Atlanta. The bombing is showing a number of similarities with a bombing last January at an abortion clinic, leading many investigators to believe that a serial bomber is running loose. In both explosions, unexploded bombs were found in boxes of "Cheerios" and "Lucky Charms." There are also some similarities, though not as many, to the Olympic park bombing last year.

Investigators are not yet sure if both bombings were by the same person. However, the evidence is building. One investigator stated that the two bombings had similarities that a copycat wouldn't know about. In both of this

year's attacks, nails were packed into the device and used as shrapnel.

One woman had to have a three-and-a-half-inch nail surgically removed from her shoulder.

Thus far, two different groups have claimed responsibility for the blasts. The first calls itself the "Army of God." In a letter mailed to the Reuters news agency, the army said that abortion and homosexuality would not be tolerated. The group, which published a manual on how to blow up abortion clinics, threatened "total war" against the federal government. Pamela Swanson of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation said, "We're taking it [the letter] seriously. We're looking into the validity of the letter and the claims that they're making."

Another group, known as the "Sons of the Confederate Klan," claimed responsibility for the blast in a phone call

to the Gay Yellow Pages last Monday. The woman who took the call described it as "a new neo-Nazi" group in Los Angeles, California.

Both the recent bombings involved a second bomb timed to go off as rescue workers and police arrived at the scene. In the nightclub bombing, police were looking for a bomb and found the second device before it went off. It was then detonated safely. According to FBI spokesman Jay Spadafore, secondary devices such as these are uncommon in the United States. "There hadn't been one used in the U.S. for more than 30 years until last month."

According to criminologist Mike Rustigan, who worked with the FBI in the Unabomber case, the bomber is "a methodical bomber, someone who's stealthy, very careful and it might take a while to catch him."

Researchers successfully clone sheep

U.K. scientists are the first to clone a mammal from a single cell, ethical questions raised

by Andrew J. Diehl
World News Editor

LONDON, ENGLAND -- British scientists stated on Sunday that they have successfully cloned the first mammal from a single cell. This development takes medicine into the next century as the possibilities of moving toward entire herds of mass-produced animals for the purpose of supplying milk, blood and organs.

Ian Wilmut and his colleagues at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh said that their female sheep, Dolly, was born seven months ago.

The researchers believe that the animal represents a major step toward more efficient animals used to make certain health products. Other experts, on the other hand, believe that the procedure was potentially applicable to humans and brought forth serious ethical questions.

Last year the team made headlines as they were the first to successfully clone sheep embryos. Two of the embryos have made it to adulthood and one is now pregnant.

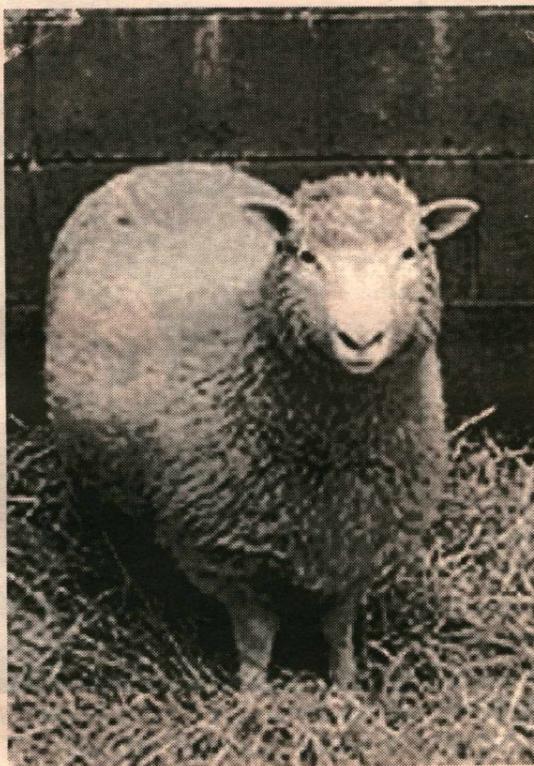
Other teams have been able to clone other animals such as frogs, mice or cattle, but Dolly is the first to grow from a single cell.

Any cell has the blueprints inside its DNA to code out an entire being. The problem with this method is that the cell is programmed also to only replicate into like cells. Skin cells create more skin cells; muscle cells create more muscle cells. Roslin's project concerns the fusion of two separate cells to create the starter cell.

Wilmut's team took the embryo of a normal sheep and removed the nucleus, which contains all genetic data for the life form, from the cell. They then took a cell from another sheep's mammary gland inside its udder and fused it to the "emptied cell." The nucleus moves into the empty cell and becomes a new fertilized embryo.

"It [the cell] behaves as if it has gone right back to the start," stated Dr. Ron James, Managing Director of PPL Therapeutics. PPL is the biotechnology company that is working in conjunction with Roslin Institute.

Roslin's fusion process makes the mammary



Dolly is a cloned sheep that is a genetic duplicate of her mother.

nucleus act as though it is an embryo nucleus which allows the cell to replicate into an entire animal.

The animal that is created is exactly like the parent in their respective genetic structures. Dolly is genetically identical to her Finn Dorsett mother, but she is not a genetically altered animal. Dolly is a normal sheep.

James, whose company was formed for the sole purpose of commercializing Roslin's findings, have opened up a far more efficient way to farm genetically altered animals. Once the breed is found for the desired purpose, clones can be created to replicate the same results perfectly.

PPI is currently using technology that Roslin created to engineer animals that can produce the human proteins that are formed in the sheep's milk. The main byproduct of this milk is the protein AAT which is now under testing for use on cystic fibrosis patients. For commercial reasons, James would not discuss any upcoming plans, but he did allude to the idea of creating blood clotting agents for hemophiliacs.

On the down side of this medical wonder are the ethical questions that have emerged from this breakthrough.

Patrick Dixon, author of a book on modern genetic techniques, points out many of these questions. "My view is that this allows us potentially to produce replicas of any living human being and also to recover the dead by using frozen material," Dixon stated. "The work has been done on sheep, but almost any technique that can be done with a mammal can be done with a human."

But James says that people are becoming more tolerant of his company's activities. "I see much less of the 'yuk' factor than I did a few years ago," he said.

Behind all of this, though, none of the researchers believe that this will ever become a beginning to Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*, in which humans were genetically engineered and cloned.

"Cloning people should be in the realm of science fiction," Wilmut said. "All those involved in this research would find it unethical."

Sources: CNN newswire, Reuters

Martin Luther King assassin may get retrial

King family willing to forgive Ray, states "another trial would probably vindicate" him

By Rachel Roemhildt
Staff Writer

The confessed killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., James Earl Ray, may not have actually pulled the trigger. Ray confessed to the killing and therefore avoided the death penalty in the trial of King's murder, but since then has proclaimed his innocence.

On April 4, 1968, King was in Memphis, Tennessee on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel when he was shot and killed. In 1969, Ray pled guilty and later accused his lawyer, Percy Foreman of pressuring him into that plea. Ever since, Ray has renounced his guilty plea and claimed that he was a "patsy" who was set to take the fall. Ray has said who the man who actually killed King was someone that he only knew as "Raoul."

Judges had previously turned down all seven of Ray's requests to a new trial. However, the family of Dr. King has now requested that Ray be given a new trial.

"For the sake of the truth and justice, we ask that a trial for James Earl Ray be expeditiously set and conducted," Dexter King, the King's youngest son, told reporters at an Atlanta-based news conference.

...very briefly...

The Hale-Bopp comet, which has

Science news

been touted as the most spectacular this century, will be visible in the early morning sky throughout the months of February and March. The comet will best be seen on April Fool's Day in the northeastern sky when it reaches its perihelion, the point when it is closest to the sun. Although the comet will only come within 122 million miles of the earth, its 25 mile diameter nucleus will create a tail that will stretch across over a third of the sky when it reaches its peak. March 25 through April 10 have been noted to be the best times to see the comet with the naked eye.

Two days after surgery to re-

People news

move a benign brain tumor, actress Elizabeth Taylor was removed from intensive care. The Oscar winning actress, who turns 65 on Tuesday, is recovering well, said her spokeswoman Shirine Coburn. Taylor has been moved to a private room at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and family and friends have come in to visit her.

Taylor, who won the Academy Awards for Best Actress for her work in *Butterfield 8* and *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* has had several serious operations in the past years and over 20 major surgeries. In 1990, she nearly died of pneumonia and in 1994 and 1995 she had both hips replaced. She was feeling well enough before the tumor operation to attend an early birthday bash that raised money for the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation. She is expected to be released from the hospital on Thursday.

The Mississippi Legislature is discussing a bill that

News of the weird

would allow the delegates to vote for their pay raises only if they sign a paper that states that they are gutless. Members who voted against the bill could only get the extra money if they signed a form that stated, "I was for the legislative pay raise, but didn't have the guts to vote for it." Lawmakers would make about \$6,300 from expenses and have a base pay of about \$10,000 - \$15,000 under the bill.

The main reason for the "rush for a trial" is because Ray, 68, who is currently serving his 99-year sentence, is dying of cirrhosis of the liver.

"Timing is of the essence, needless to say, because if Mr. Ray does not pull through then, certainly, this will die with him," Dexter King said.

Ray has said that the man who actually killed King was someone that he only knew as "Raoul."

Dexter King plans to meet with Ray and "hope[s] to forgive the former petty crook for whatever role he actually played in the assassination," according to *Reuters*.

King believes that "a trial would 'probably' vindicate Ray and cast suspicion on a number of shadowy figures." Dexter King also disclosed that his father's former Memphis associate had identified another person as the real gunman.

What do I care?

The Balanced Budget Amendment has been a key issue for the Republicans for years. It is up for a vote again this year, and the final outcome is too close to call. Thirty-four votes are needed for the amendment to pass the Senate, and thirty-three Democrats have come out in opposition. Because the amendment needs a two-thirds majority to pass, the Democrats will need only one more vote to submarine the bill.

Bill Clinton has come out against the bill saying that the amendment would "prevent us from responding to foreign challenges abroad or economic trouble at home." Fearing that the Treasury or a zealous judge could cut Social Security, or another program, to keep the budget balanced, Clinton instead thinks that the budget can and should remain balanced without an amendment.

The Republicans feel that an amendment is the only way to save Social Security. "The truth is this vitally important program needs the protection of a balanced-budget requirement. It's the only way to make sure Social Security stays solvent," said Rep. Bob Franks of New Jersey. Many Democrats disagree. Some say that a balanced budget amendment would signal the end of Social Security, because the government would have to run a deficit to pay the baby boomers when they retire.

Regardless of the effect on Social Security, both parties are committed to balancing the budget, which raises the question of why the amendment is needed at all. According to Representative Franks, it is needed to protect the United States ... from Congress. "The choice is now clear. Either we tie the hands of Washington and stop them from spending our money, or Washington will tie the hands of our children and continue spending them into debt."

A balanced budget amendment would certainly do this, but it would also limit the responsiveness of government to natural disasters, such as the recent flooding in the Northwest. The Senate must now decide if it is more important for the government to be solvent or flexible. Whatever they decide will affect every single one of us.

--analysis by David Stillman

Dexter King has even speculated that renegade federal agents might have been involved in the conspiracy due to his father's opposition to the conflict in Vietnam.

"It's no secret that my father during that time was considered enemy No. 1 to the establishments. It's no secret that he was not the most favorite person of J. Edgar Hoover, the head of the FBI. There may have been individuals [in the government] who saw him as a major threat. The country was in turmoil at the time, I guess you could say civil unrest, and this frightened many people. So, certainly there would be adequate motive," said Dexter King.

Ray's attorneys state that with new scientific procedures, it can be proven that the rifle that Ray allegedly used was not the murder weapon. The Remington rifle did have Ray's fingerprints on it and had been purchased by him. However, during the trial, ballistics tests could not conclude that it was the murder weapon because the bullet that killed Dr. King was damaged by impact.

"It's time to come clean and it's time to start letting people know that in order for this nation to come together, we have to deal with the sins of our past," Dexter King said.

Around the world in eighty words

Compiled by Andrew J. Diehl
World News Editor

Peruvians ready to negotiate

LIMA, PERU -- Peru's president is now ready to make some major concessions toward the release of hostages in the Japanese embassy in Peru.

Seventy-two hostages are still under the control of Marxist rebels. Rebel leader, Nestor Cerpa, has attended meetings on Thursday and he was expected to make Monday's meeting.

Police continue their psychological war against the rebels by blasting the compound with music that ranged from Top Gun to Beethoven while the rebels have booby-trapped the building and continue a stand that is now a week longer than the previous record for hostages in Peru.

France cracks down on aliens

PARIS, FRANCE - The French government moves to control over 300,000 illegal immigrants who work and live in France. Protesters filled the streets and tens of thousands came out in Paris to oppose the bill. Opponents of the bill feel that it is part of continuing move over the last 25 years of stronger discrimination. Leaders of the National Front feel that the bill is only the tip of the iceberg in controlling immigrants.

China mourns loss of Deng

BEIJING, CHINA -- China declared six days of mourning to grieve over the passing of Communist leader Deng Xiaoping, who has been the paramount leader for the nation over the last two decades. The people are now moving to find a replacement in Jiang Zemin, Communist Party leader. 92-year-old Deng died in the late stages of Parkinson's disease from respiratory failure.

IM basketball goes out with a bang

The results are in; Monopoly, The Union, Team Warwick, and Silver Tab are the champions

By Brent Gould
Staff Writer

C-League Semifinals Aqua Velva-40, Team Carr-36

Aqua Velva set the pace for most of this game. Kapeli Odood scored over half of Aqua Velva's points with 21 huge points. Aqua Velva was also hot at the free throw line, tallying 22 of their 40 points at the line. Scott Englund led Team Carr with 11 points and was aided by Erik Miller who scored nine points, all from behind the 3-point line.

B-League Semifinal S.W.D.F.S-56, Walking Wounded-38

S.W.D.F.S started the game off right with an 8-2 run that would prove to give them the lead for good. At the end of the first half, the score was very close, but during second half action, poor passes plagued Walking Wounded, and excellent rebounding efforts by S.W.D.F.S gave them the semifinal win.

A-League Semifinal Stars-67, Alumni-61

The Stars took control of the game and avoided being out-hustled and out-rebounded by the Alumni to pull off the win. Seth Snider led the Stars in scoring with 23. Eric Manley also gave the Stars some big points, scoring a

huge 20 points. Good offense gave the Stars the advantage they needed, but the Alumni didn't give up without a fight. Carey Cook of the Alumni drained five 3-point shots, but it wasn't enough, and the Stars advanced.

C-League Final Game The Monopoly-52, Aqua Velva-42

This game was close throughout the first and second halves. However, a fight that broke out during the game between an Aqua Velva member and a referee, and Team Monopoly capitalized on Aqua Velva's lack of composure.

The game's momentum was fast-paced. Team Monopoly pulled down some crucial rebounds. Aqua Velva couldn't get the ball in the hole toward the end of the game, and Monopoly, last year's runners-up, took the '97 C-League Championship title.

B-League Championship Game The Union-39, S.W.D.F.S-38

This game was also very close throughout. The excitement came at the end of the game. Both teams were tied with only seconds left to play. The Union's Benji Rodes had an open lane to the hoop but missed the lay-up. S.W.D.F.S rebounded, and drew a foul. The first free throw rimmed out, but the second was made, putting S.W.D.F.S up by one. Ricky Plota inbounded the ball; Nick VanArsdel caught it at the 3-point



Jason Scriver and Adam Williams look on as Ryan Brwon shoots for two in the A league championship game between Team Warwick and the Stars.

line, and quickly tipped it to Craig Pentecost who laid it in for the B-League title.

A-League Championship Game Team Warwick-96, Stars-51

Without Seth Snider to lead them in scoring, the Stars suffered poor

shooting and were out-rebounded by Team Warwick through most of the game. Team Warwick was aided by Ryan Warwick who hit five 3-pointers and 6'9" Joe Ferguson, who pulled down the majority of Warwick's rebounds. The Stars' leading scorer was Eric Manley with 11 points. At the start of the second half, it appeared as if the Stars were making a slow comeback, but Warwick's relentless offense led to their A-League champion title.

Women's League Championship Flamers-34, Team Matthews-29

This game was fast-paced and aggressive through both halves. Chelle Coleman led Silver Tab in scoring. She had eight points to end the game, including two 3-pointers. Team Matthews did have a secret weapon who turned out to be Kim Hazelbaker. She led all scorers with 12 points.

Team Matthews also made a small run in the second half when Silver Tab's defense grew weaker, but timely shots and good offensive execution gave Silver Tab the coveted t-shirt.



Senior Brad Anderson celebrates his team's victory in this year's Intramural Basketball tournament.

Lady 'Saders conference champs

After beating ACI again, the Lady Crusaders take over the conference lead

By **Melissa Tennyson**
Staff Writer

This past Friday night, NNC's women's basketball team defeated archrival Albertson 68-57. The game, which was close throughout, was played on ACI's home court in front of a packed crowd of 1,500.

NNC ended the first half trailing the 'Yotes by two. In the second half, the Lady Crusaders had all the momentum, outscoring Albertson 40 to 27. The team's field goal accuracy for the game was 48 percent, compared to Albertson's 40 percent.

Senior Kari Smith was NNC's big scorer for the night. She played a great game, with 25 points, three assists, and four steals. Senior Ellen Duncan added 16 points to the score, sinking two 3-point shots. Freshman standout Staci Kirk contributed the only other 3-point shot for the Crusaders, as well as 10 points, three assists, and two steals.

Smith commented, "I thought we played really well together. It was a great game to win going into the [conference postseason] tournament."

Coach Roger Schmidt said, "We came out and played real well in their gym. Kari Smith really stepped in to take a senior leadership role. Eleven players were in the game that night and they all did well."

This was NNC's last regular-season game, giving them a season record of 20-7, with a conference record of 10-2. The 'Saders finished first in the Cascade Conference and have solidified their no. 3 national ranking. In a season review, Coach Schmidt said, "We've had a real good season. We've been rated among the top three teams in the nation for the last three weeks. This season there has been a good number of returners to our program and we have added quite a few good new players as well. It's been a successful year."

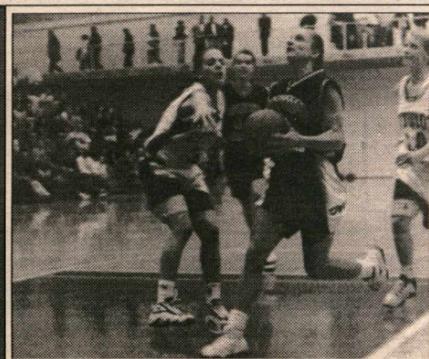
Smith commented, "We played really well together this year, especially with all the new people we

brought in. Roger did a really good job of getting us all to play together as a team. It was a great season."

Another memorable aspect of the women's basketball season this year is the fact that seniors Smith, Duncan, and Erica Walton all passed the 1,000-point mark in their cumulative career scores.

On Friday night, NNC will host... Albertson in the first round of the Cascade Conference tournament.

Senior Kari Smith goes in for two of her 25 points against ACI on Friday.



ERIN COORDES - THE CRUSADER

Crusaders demolish Albertson at their place

85-62 spanking sends ACI reeling for 4th time this season

By **John Fraley**
Editor-in-Chief

There was a game in Caldwell on Saturday night, but it didn't last long.

With just over thirteen minutes gone by in the first half, the 'Yotes appeared to be in control, sporting a 28-23 lead.

Then it happened. The 'Saders held ACI to just two points the rest of the half, paused for intermission up by five, then came out and scored sixteen in a row during the second half to cap off a suspense-killing 28-4 run, opening up an insurmountable 51-32 advantage.

The outburst was keyed by Tony Schumacher's five 3-pointers. Albertson head coach Marty Holly was impressed after the game: "Tony Schumacher has my respect," Holly stated. "He's a class guy and a tough guy who comes to play every night. I'm just sorry he had such a good night against us."

The Crusaders had five players post double figures in points: Schumacher finished with a game-high of 19; Jawanza Hadley added 15. Kai Knell muscled in 14 on 6-of-6 shooting from the field, while Nate Smith had 13. Point guard Brent Darnell also contributed 11.

The Coyotes were led by Jermaine Galloway's 17 points and 8 rebounds.

NNC's domination covered the whole stat sheet. The 'Saders outboarded the 'Yotes 42-24, outshot them 64 to 40 percent and outpassed them 21-6. "They kicked our butt. They were a superior basketball team in all phases. When NNC plays like they did tonight, it's hard to imagine they're not the best team in the conference," Holly said.

Coach Weidenbach expressed feelings of homesickness, however. "We've had five straight road games, so it'll be good playing at home," he commented.

The 'Saders came away from the five-game stretch with a 3-2 record.

It was NNC's fourth victory over the defending national champions this season. "That was nice," Schumacher said, "beating them four times this year. Last year they got us good."

Albertson, which fell to 11-15 overall, failed to qualify for the Cascade Collegiate Conference playoffs when Eastern Oregon beat Concordia on

Saturday night. This season marks the first time in Marty Holly's 16 years with the Coyotes that his team will not participate in postseason festivities.

The Crusaders, meanwhile, earned the second conference seed when Western Baptist squeaked by Western Oregon 65-64 last weekend. NNC will host a semifinal game this Saturday night against the winner of tomorrow's Eastern Oregon-Western Oregon game.

Source: *The Idaho Press-Tribune*

NAIA stays!

Tourney in Nampa until 2001; will have test run in Idaho Center next year

By **Robin Day**, Sports Editor and
Gnia Grate, Campus News Editor

NNC has just signed a contract keeping the NAIA Division II Men's National Basketball Tournament here in Nampa for the next four years, until 2001. The city of Nampa stands to benefit greatly from this contract, as the tournament next year is estimated to bring over 2 million dollars to the community.

Next year's edition is scheduled to be held in the new Idaho Center. Steve Tester, Chairman of the Urban Renewal Agency, said, "It's an honor and we're looking forward to next year."

Athletic Director Eric Forseth signed a one-year contract with the City of Nampa, designating the Idaho Center as host to the 1998 NAIA tournament. Tester remarked, "We're not ready for the NAIA this year, partly because we didn't get all of our professional equipment."

Presently, the floor for the Center is being laid down and workers are waiting to install television lights and electronics. The new Idaho Center will have fixed seating for a little over 11,000 basketball fans. According to Tester, however, "It is conceivable to get into the 12,000 range for basketball."

The contract signed with the NAIA also gives NNC an automatic berth in the tournament for the four years that it is held here in Nampa. Ken Harward, Director of Finance and Administration in the City of Nampa, praised Forseth's success in this endeavor, saying, "We really compliment Eric Forseth for all of his efforts for securing the tournament for NNC and Nampa."

cTopTen

Top Ten most creative renderings of "Board of Regents"

10. The Board of Regrets
9. The Court of Rich Hagood
8. The Horde of Degenerates
7. The Ford Reliants
6. The Boredom Regions
5. The Gourd of Rejuvenation (or Regeneration, whichever)
4. The Sword of Revenge
3. The Lord of the Rings
2. The Imperial Senate
1. The Puerto Ricans (you have to say this one aloud)

This list was inspired by #10 and #1, which are absolutely authentic misunderstandings of "Board of Regents." This list is a joke which certain staff members found humorous. Don't you dare even consider thinking about getting upset.

Your turn ... Your turn ... Your turn ...

You, too, can enjoy the rush of seeing **your** Top Ten in print. But in order to do so, you have to turn it in. Any lists lacking in obscenity, vulgarity, poor jokes, and general bad taste stand a fair chance at being published in *The Crusader*. We do reserve the right to refuse any list, however. So what we're saying is "Act now!" Send your lists to Box C in campus mail, and start your trek toward campus fame **today**.

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by Scott Adams

I HAD TO PROMISE THE CUSTOMER WE COULD BUILD THE THING IN A MONTH EVEN THOUGH YOU SAID IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

I'LL SOLVE THE TIMING PROBLEM BY SHIFTING BLAME TO ENGINEERING WHILE SPENDING THE HUGE BONUS I GOT FOR THE SALE.

YOUR PLANNING HAS IMPROVED.

BEGINNING BLAME TRANSFER NOW...

I'M TOTALLY FRAZZLED. THERE SIMPLY ISN'T ENOUGH TIME IN THE DAY TO MEET MY UPCOMING DEADLINES.

LET'S HAVE AN ALL-DAY MEETING OFF-SITE SO I CAN EXPLAIN WHY THE DEADLINES ARE SO IMPORTANT.

SO, YOUR THEORY IS THAT I'LL HAVE MORE TIME IN THE DAY IF YOU EXPLAIN SOMETHING I ALREADY KNOW?

I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TOOLS HERE.

HAVE YOU SET UP OUR OFF-SITE MEETING SO WE CAN TALK ABOUT HOW OVERWORKED YOU ARE?

I WAS THINKING WE SHOULD INVITE THE REST OF THE STAFF, TOO. WE CAN DISCUSS OUR MISSION STATEMENT, MAYBE HAVE A SACK RACE.

DID YOU KNOW THAT IF YOU'RE A STATE TROOPER, YOU CAN SHOOT ANY ANIMAL THAT'S BEEN HIT BY A CAR?

I'VE HEARD THAT SOME PRIMITIVE CULTURES HAD NO MATHEMATICAL CONCEPT OF "ZERO."

SOMETIMES I THINK YOU'RE LIKE THAT WHEN I TELL YOU I HAVE ZERO TIME LEFT FOR ADDITIONAL WORK.

THE CONVERSATION ISN'T DOWNHILL FROM THE... NO, THAT'S "ZORRO." YOU'RE NOT LIKE ZORRO!!

DILBERT ASKED ME TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT THE PROJECT PLAN YOU CREATED WITHOUT HIS INPUT.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, YOU ARROGANT BABOON!!!

LEAN OVER HERE SO I CAN SLAP YOU.

I'M HAVING FLASHBACKS TO MY HONEYMOON.

AS YOU REQUESTED, I HAVE LEARNED TO "DO MORE WITH LESS."

I'M DOING MORE UNNECESSARY WORK, WITH LESS PLANNING, LESS INTELLIGENCE, AND LESS GUILT.

I HATE THE FIRST STAFF MEETING AFTER BUDGET CUTS.

AND LESS CAREER ASPIRATION, TOO!

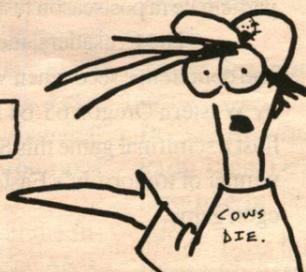
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The Abode

By Garrett Schmelzenbach

DUE TO UNHOIY AMOUNTS OF WORK, THE ABODE HAS BEEN UNOFFICIALLY DISPLACED TILL NEXT WEEK WHEN WE TAINT A GREAT CHILDREN'S STORY WITH A GENEROUS SING OF BARBARISM.

"A DEADLY SWEET TOOTH"



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Dave Barry

Die, veggie, die! Or should we pray for it instead?

Two dramatic developments have demonstrated, once again, why these are such exciting times to be a vegetable.

For openers, scientists have finally realized one of humanity's oldest dreams -- the dream of creating, in the laboratory, a potato that commits suicide.

If you don't believe me you should dig out your Oct. 24, 1996, issue of *Machine Design* magazine and check out the article on page 139, sent to me by alert reader Mark Mielke, concerning work being done by leading potato scientists in Cologne, which as you know is a city in France or Germany or possibly Belgium.

But wherever it is, Cologne contains the Max Planck Plant Breeding Institute, where scientists have been messing around with potato genes. Genes are little items that are found in every living thing except Sen. Alphonse D'Amato. As most of us recall from biology class, a gene can be either "dominant" or "recessive," depending on which type of gene it is. With this knowledge and a pair of very tiny pliers, scientists can alter a potato so that, if it catches a fungus disease, it will cause itself to die. (I did not follow the technical details of how the potato does this, although we can probably rule out firearms, because many states, despite the clear intent of the U.S. Constitution, no longer allow vegetables to obtain handguns without a "cooling-off" period.)

The question is: is it morally right to make potatoes commit suicide?

Potatoes are, after all, living organisms that perform the same basic life functions as humans -- growing, reproducing and purchasing state-lottery tickets. Can we look a potato square in its eyes and say that we have the right to "play God" this way? And once we do this to potatoes, what is to stop us from doing it to other species? Every day, In TV

"tastes so bad that even a starving goat spits it out." If we're goin to make ANY vegetable suicidal, this is where we should start.

But enough about killing vegetables. What about the other side? What about the issue of HEALING vegetables, specifically tomatoes, through prayer? This issue recently was the

also invited to "think powerful healing thoughts when the tomatoes are periodically shown on your TV screens."

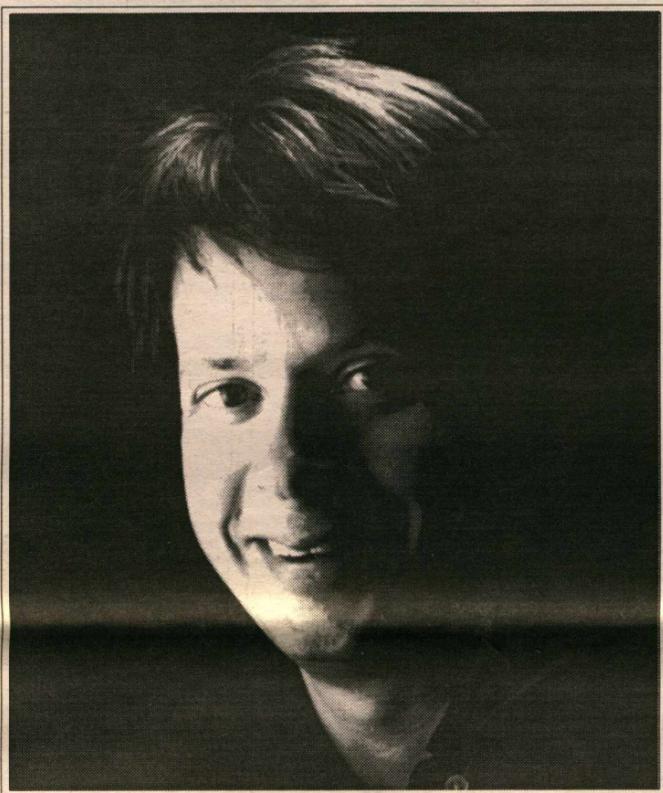
The results, according to the show's World Wide Web site -- [http://www.stemnet.nf.ca/\(tilde\)yliu/tomato.html](http://www.stemnet.nf.ca/(tilde)yliu/tomato.html) -- were as follows:

"In the three tubs that had good thoughts sent to them, the average size of the wound was virtually the same as the wounds on the tomatoes in the control group. However, of the three tubs of tomatoes prayed for, one tub was interesting in that the size of the wounds was the smallest of the six tubs. What is the explanation for this? is it simply biological variation? Or is there something else at work here? More tightly controlled experiments would need to be conducted to explore this outcome."

So there you have it: a definite "We don't know" from the groundbreaking Canadian tomato-prayer experiment. The Web site does not say what happened to the tomatoes, but it would not surprise me in the least to see them on TV advertising their

new psychic hot line. Meanwhile, all this research has aroused my scientific curiosity. I'm going to go conduct a tightly controlled experiment to see what happens when you put ketchup on fries. Pray for me.

Dave Barry is a columnist for the *Miami Herald*. All rights reserved.



I don't know about you, but I hate it when I order a salad, and instead of nice, green lettuce, I get the scrawny springs of raddichio, which is Italian for "tastes so bad even a starving goat spits it out."

commercials and magazine advertisements, we see close-up pictures of the feet of human beings who are suffering from the heartbreak of toe fungus. Are we going to start putting suicidal potato genes into these people? I hope so, because those pictures are disgusting.

We also need to give serious thought to the issue of radicchio. I don't know about you, but I hate it when I order a salad, and instead of some nice, green lettuce, I get these scrawny springs of radicchio, which is Italian for

subject of an experiment, which I absolutely swear I am not making up, conducted by Jay Ingram, who does a science show on the Discovery Channel on Canadian TV. According to newspaper articles sent in by several alert Canadian readers, the experiment involved six tubes of tomatoes, some of which had been punctured and infected with tomato blight. Some of the tomatoes were visited by healers, who, according to Ingram, directed "healing thoughts" toward them. The public was

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