



Mass suicide sparks curiosity about cults,
their characteristics and members.

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In Campus News

Women's basketball brought home the goods this past Wednesday. Read all about it on page 4.

In Opinions

John Fraley returns with an essay on those annoying anti-sex commercials, and J. Matthew gives everyone an excuse to lock their roommate in a closet...

In World News

Peace between Israel and Palestine is once more in question as Arafat and Hussein meet with President Clinton. (Page 10)

Column One

Welcome, race fans, back to the real *Crusader*.

I hope everyone enjoyed last week's *Inquisitor*. I assure you that we enjoyed it significantly more than you did.

Hopefully, this issue will be half as interesting as last week's, despite the fact that we didn't invent any of this week's stories. (Sorry.)

Two things weren't entirely fabricated in last week's issue. The first being the excitement that I have because of my staff, a great group of people whose talents will be put to great use and whose patience will be put through great tests during the next few months.

The other item was my concern over the name of our school's newspaper (and mascot) which I'm not sure how much I like. I have to admit a certain apprehension to even bringing up the subject, in fear of being labeled "PC," but I do have some concern. If anyone else shares this concern, or has an idea or two about what might be done, please write a letter (Box C in campus mail) and share your thoughts.

On a completely different note, let me apologize in advance for our lack of publication next week. I will be representing our school at Nazarene Student Leadership Conference in Colorado Springs (feel my pain) and other conflicts would make publication most difficult, if not impossible.

Enjoy,

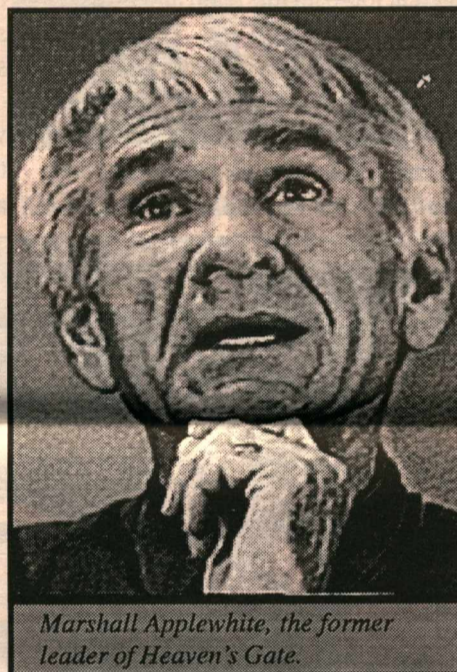
-- J. Matthew Isbell
Editor-in-Chief

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The cults are coming

The recent news coverage of the Heaven's Gate cult has opened, once again, the discussion of cults and their role as part of the religious diversity in the United States.

What is a cult? Who do they target? How does one get in or, more importantly, out? Assistant Cover Editor Amy



Marshall Applewhite, the former leader of Heaven's Gate.

Riley explores these and other questions in this week's cover story, beginning on page 8.

Where did my stereo go?

By Shannon Adams
Campus News Editor

Over spring break four Chapman dorm rooms were broken into, along with one unoccupied Morrison dorm room and a car parked at Corlett.

Reasons for the break in are unknown. Willie Taylor, NNC's...

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"Censorship reflects a society's lack of confidence in itself."

~ Potter Stewart, Supreme Court Justice, 1966

Lady 'Saders bring NAIA glory home

by Gina Grate
Asst. Campus Editor

The end of last semester is remembered by students as mostly cramming, men's basketball games, finals and packing to leave for spring break. However, the members of NNC's women's basketball team remember the finish of winter term as triumphant and exciting.

The Lady 'Saders won the NAIA Division II Tournament held in Indiana by 18 points. According to their coach, Roger Schmidt, it is the first time in NNC history that any team has brought home a title from a national competition.

Four members of the Lady 'Saders won five awards. Erica Walton, who was given the titles of first Team All-Tournament and Most Valuable Player of the Tournament, said, "It's a great honor. I don't think you could really say there was one MVP on our team. There were four or five people that could have gotten it."

Kari Smith, who was given

the honor of Third Team All-American said, "I felt like it was a great honor. I could never have done it without my team." Stacie Wilson, recipient of second Team All-Tournament said, "It was nice to get recognized, but it didn't mean as much as winning. It was fun to win it after working hard all season."

Coach Roger Schmidt who was given the prestigious title of Coach of the Year, shared his feelings: "That's a great honor--there's close to 200 teams. It's one of those you feel good about." Schmidt has coached women's basketball for 11 seasons, women's tennis for three and was assistant coach for the men's basketball team for four years.

"He definitely deserved it," said Walton. "I've been with him four years and we made it to the national tournament three of four years. He's done a great job with this team and I was really excited for him."

The Lady 'Saders have won NNC more than a title, they've brought back greater prestige for the institution as well. "More people contact us about coming to school and playing," said

Schmidt. 'Raised the visibility' is a better statement. [NNC has] a higher profile because of athletics, hopefully the athletics part has helped us as an institution."

"This is a good school for support and community. We have more students come to our regular games than came to the championship game back at Angola State. Other schools like to come play here because there's a crowd."

Josh Sharette, junior, said, "I'm proud of them...I'm glad they finally got recognition. They work so hard and you don't really hear much about women's basketball." Zamora Wilson, junior, and Mike Chisman, senior, said, "All it took was 'estrogen,' which the guys seem to be lacking."

Christy Farrar, a Lady 'Saders member, said, "It was a great accomplishment. We were very proud to give our school a national championship." Jessica Knowlton, shared her thoughts, "No one can take it away from you that you were the only team to win the NAIA for the first time at this school. It was just awesome!"

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, NNC Women's Basketball team won the Cascade Conference; and

WHEREAS, NNC Women's team players named to the 1st Team All Conference are Erica Walton, Ellen Duncan, and Kari Smith; and

WHEREAS, NNC Women's team player Staci Kirk was named Freshman of the Year Cascade Conference; and

WHEREAS, NNC Women's Basketball team set two national tournament records with 14 3-point shots in one game and a 50-point win (98-48) in the first round of a national tournament; and

WHEREAS, NNC Women's Basketball team won the National NAIA Div. II Tournament Championship; and

WHEREAS, NNC Women's Basketball team players named to the 1st Team NAIA All Tournament are Kari Smith and Erica Walton; and

WHEREAS, NNC Women's Basketball Team players named to the 2nd Team NAIA All Tournament is Staci Wilson; and

WHEREAS, named MVP of NAIA National Tournament was NNC Women's Basketball player Erica Walton; and

WHEREAS, all NNC Women's Basketball team players played in the National Championship game.

WHEREAS, NNC Women's Basketball team coach Roger Schmidt was named NAIA Div. II National Coach of the Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Winston K. Goering, Mayor of the City of Nampa, Idaho, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 2, 1997 as

NNC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMDAY

and invite all our citizens to honor this wonderful and courageous team and coach on their spectacular performance this season.



April 2nd's chapel honored the Lady Crusaders upon their return from the NAIA Cascade Conference Championship. Among those honored in the chapel were Coach Roger Schmidt as NAIA Div. II National Coach of the Year. President Hagood accepted on behalf of the school a crystal vase from Sears, a sponsor of the Women's NAIA.



NNCalendar

April 8 - 18	8 10:15a Faculty/Staff Fellowship - WDR	9 10:15a Chapel 9:00p Time Out 6:00p New Student Party	10 7:30p Faculty Award Lecture	11 10:15a Chapel 6:00p bb-WBC 7:30p NW's Musical - SLH	Weekend 12-13 11:00a bb- W Baptist 7:30p NW's Musical - SLH
	14 10:15a Chapel Class Council speeches and elections 7:30pm NW's Musical - SLH	15 7:30p NW's Musical - SLH	16 10:15a Chapel 7:30p New RA/PA mtg - MDR 9:00p Time Out PC apps due Class Council run-offs	17 Nazarene Student Leadership Conference	18 10:15a Chapel

Looking Ahead in April:

April 11th
Chapel Reduction petitions due

April 11th - 15th
Northwesterners Musical H.M.S. Pinafore

April 14th
Last day to drop classes without a "W"

NNC Notepad

Class council campaigning begins this week. Speeches and elections will be next Monday April 14th.

14 people are running unopposed for their desired positions.

Junior Mark Boothby is presently running for the office of both Vice President and Senator for the class of 1998. Jeff Poe, also from the class of 1998, is running for Social Board and Treasurer.

This past

week in Senate, the following ASNNC officers were sworn in: President Chris Field, Executive Vice-President Linc Loeber, Social Vice-President Lindsay Mittlestaedt, Secretary Kim Robinson, Business Manager Luke Heath, Community Relations Coordinator Erika McCray, Campus Ministries Coordinator Mark Walker and Publicity Director Debbie Bartlow.

Class Council run-offs will be held Wednesday April 16th.

This humorous musical pokes fun at the british caste system as well as the pride that is involved therein.

NW's musical premiers Friday

By Shannon Adams
Campus Editor

Gilbert and Sullivan's *H.M.S. Pinafore* is the Northwesterners' musical that premiers Friday night, April 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the Science Lecture Hall. It will also show at 7:30 p.m. on the 12th, 14th and 15th. All seats are reserved and can be purchased at either the NNC Bookstore (467-8844) or the NNC Music Department (467-8413) for \$5.00.



This humorous musical pokes fun at the British caste system as well as the pride that is involved therein. The musical takes place on His Majesty's

Ship (H.M.S.) Pinafore and portrays the ensuing events of its Captain (Adam Watkins), his daughter Josephine (Amber Lewis), a peddler-woman (Kendra Lubiens), a sailor named Ralph (Pete Kinnaman), Sir Joseph Porter, First Admiralty (Will Bennett), and the mix-up in which these five get involved.

The entertaining cast consists of this years Northwesterners: Cari Brown, Debra Emerson, Leslie Vail, Teri Kaptein, Toby Schmidt, Tim Benedick, Lisa Lande, Pete Kinnaman, Amber Lewis, Kendra Lubiens, Corey

Fivecoat, Andy Diehl, Julie Duerre, Stephanie Ortman, Caleb Gilbert, Adam Watkins, Bryon Knight, Joel Spencer and John Fraley. The rest of the cast includes: Shawn Shafer, Amber Culbertson, Cori Severson, Matt Freeby, Alysha Van Hooser, Danielle Sil-

vers, Tiffany Lande, Will Bennett, Bryan Ritchie, Erik Quissell and Linda Folkestad.

Computer News

Micron and NNC join forces for Surf-n-Toss

by J. Matthew Isbell
Editor-in-chief

The Kirkeide apartments are the first to test the network inside private rooms. The student is responsible for purchasing a network card for their personal computer, but everything else is provided for the student.

The new freshman dorm will also be connected to the network as soon as it opens, reports Dr. Paul Miller of educational media. Corlett will come next, with the rest of the dorms following at an undetermined time.

For those of us who lack network access at present, NNC has joined forces with Micron Internet Services to provide "Surf n'Toss" to

the students of NNC.

Surf'n'Toss works much like the ever popular disposable phone card. The student pays \$36 for an initial setup and deposit, and then deposits money into the account as needed. \$18 of the fee goes toward setup fees and \$18 goes towards the students account.

There are three different accounts to choose from:

The "Occasional" plan, with five hours a month of internet access is available for three dollars a month. So your initial \$18 deposit will keep your account active for 6 months.

The "Popular" plan comes with 60 hours of

internet access a month for nine dollars. You deposit will last for two months.

The "Unlimited" plan is ex-

actly what it sounds like. This plan comes with 744 hours per month (31 days x 24 hours a day) for \$18 a month, which means that your initial deposit will only last for one month.

Each account comes with an e-mail adress and 1 meg of space for you personal home page.

Advantages over other dial-up systems include ease of payment (you can pay in ed media) and an on-campus number. The on-campus number both assures easy access and a reliable signal.

The package comes with a CD-Rom for installing Surf-n-Toss and Netscape Navigator 3.01. Pegasus Mail can be requested from Ed-Media.

Surf-n-Toss can also be used by off-campus students dialing one of Microns regular Net.Now access numbers.

Surf-n-Toss is available for both Macintosh and IBM-PC Compatible systems. (See inset

for system requirement.)

In other computer/internet related news, students can now file their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) electronically through the internet.

While this news is too late for the great majority of students, those students who STILL haven't got their FAFSA in the mail can skip the hassle and file it at www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/express.html. The U.S. Department

of Education expects a 72 hour transit period between the student finishing the electronic FAFSA and the school.

FAFSA also helps guarantee against errors through electronic error checking and eliminating a number of middlemen between the student and the Department of Education's computer system.

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New security director hired

by Shannon Adams
Campus Editor

Willie Taylor, NNC's relatively new head of security and director of married housing, is not a newcomer to Nampa. A previous student of NNC, his roots here include his parents, Dr. Paul and Jane Taylor, as well as friends from his previous job as a reserve police officer for the Nampa Police Department.

Taylor has been working as NNC's security head since January first of this year. He heard of the job from his mother Jane Taylor, who works with Ed Castledine in the basement of the Administration building. Taylor and his wife moved back to Nampa from Pocatello, Idaho where Taylor had served as a Pocatello police officer for the past five years.

Taylor has brought obvious advantages to his new job. "I can see our side, and the police's because I've been there too," he explained. Part of this means Taylor brings a greater sense of professionalism to the NNC security team. He plans to bring in an officer from the Nampa Police force to help him "to increase the professionalism level of security" and "to

increase the leadership and training skills of security officers." This also includes more documentation (formal crime reports) training as well as general training. All of these changes will help the NNC security officers to feel even better prepared for their jobs.

Since taking the job as head of NNC's security, Taylor has continued to build upon the strong security program that his predecessor, Larry Tomlinson, left to him. Most recently Taylor has discontinued the use of Corlett as a base, implementing instead the use of a cellular phone to contact security officers directly. Taylor explained his reasoning by saying, "The call volume that we were receiving didn't warrant paying the PAs what we did." Besides being less expensive, the cellular phones give students immediate access to security guards, a factor that lessens the officers' response time.

Taylor and Dr. Hills have

also been evaluating CAN-ADA security. This service provides campus security after NNC security officers get off duty at 2:00 a.m. CAN-ADA and NNC security provide a check system for one another. Should an alarm not be armed, or a suspicious person be seen on campus after NNC officers are off duty, CAN-ADA can arm the alarm, or call in the authorities necessary. The evaluation oc-

curing, questions whether NNC should continue to using this service, or if the money presently going to CAN-ADA should be used in other ways. A major question this evaluation raises is that, should NNC decide to discontinue their partnership with CAN-ADA and then, at a later date decide to renew that partnership, the generous price CAN-ADA is giving us presently for their services would most likely be raised.



Students return to spring break-ins

... story continued from page one ...

head of security, wondered if the fact that BSU, area high schools, junior highs and NNC all had a coinciding break, had anything to do with the thefts. As for how these thefts could have been prevented, Taylor could only give a few suggestions. If possible, students should keep their cars off campus during breaks. The blinds and drapes should be completely drawn down. Taylor knows that, comparatively, the crimes that occur on campus are very few, but he also recognized that this fact made little difference to the victims of the thefts. He went on to say that "There's going to be times where you're [the student] doing everything right and it still happens."

The Chapman dorm room break-ins were discovered by a grounds person. Apparently, a BB gun had been shot at each of the four windows, each window was then punched out so that the latch could be unlocked. In total an esti-

mated loss of \$4,000 was accrued from the four Chapman rooms. Eric Depew, who was able to give the serial number along with a description of his stolen stereo, will be much more likely to receive his stereo back.

Those who accomplished the thefts stole things of completely different values. Jason Barr, the

RA of Dungeon West, said stereos were stolen, but the speakers were left behind. A necktie was taken a pair of shorts, empty CD cases, and a valuable baseball card (while another valuable card sat directly next to it).

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REVIEWS

Warning: 'The Devils Own' actually has a plot

If you are looking for a movie involving lots of explosions, cardboard characters, and sex, then watch something else (like C-SPAN). I went to 'The Devil's Own' expecting a flashy action movie that would allow me to spend two hours without conscious thought. The movie wasn't what I expected at all. It is, in reality, a moral drama that allows, and nearly forces, you to think.

The change of pace was nice, because you can actually follow the plot. It was refreshing to watch a movie that had little violence (except for at the very beginning and some at the end) and absolutely no sex.

In 'The Devil's Own', Brad Pitt plays Frankie McGuire, a member of the IRA who is

wanted by the British Secret Service for killing a bunch of British soldiers at the beginning of the movie. When McGuire travels to New York City to purchase stinger missiles and take them to Ireland, a friend arranges for him to stay in the home of Tom O'Mera, (Harrison Ford) under the name of Rory Devany.

If the only reason you wanted to watch 'The Devil's Own' was to see Harrison Ford, then the movie would definitely be worth it. His does a superb job of playing the 23 year vetren of the New York Police Department. O'Mera has no idea that McGuire is in

the 'States to arrange a missile deal, and he and McGuire become fast friends.

The movie goes to great lengths to show that O'Mera and McGuire are basically the same. However, their concepts of right and wrong are polar opposites.

Both McGuire and O'Mera believe in doing what they believe is right. At the beginning of the movie, a young McGuire witnesses the murder of his father by British Agents. McGuire's actions later in the movie make him just as bad as the British, and probably worse, but he believes that violence is the only way to make the British listen. His excuses for procuring weapons of

mass destruction almost make sense, in a twisted sort of way.

O'Mera, on the other hand, believes all violence is wrong, and does everything in his power to stop it. When these two conflicting ideas of right and wrong collide, things get interesting.

All in all, I liked 'The Devil's Own'. Some of the violence at the beginning was a little graphic, and the middle was rather slow, but that didn't really detract from the movie.

If you are expecting thrills, watch something else. If you want good drama and good acting, than this is a good movie to see.

The Devil's Own

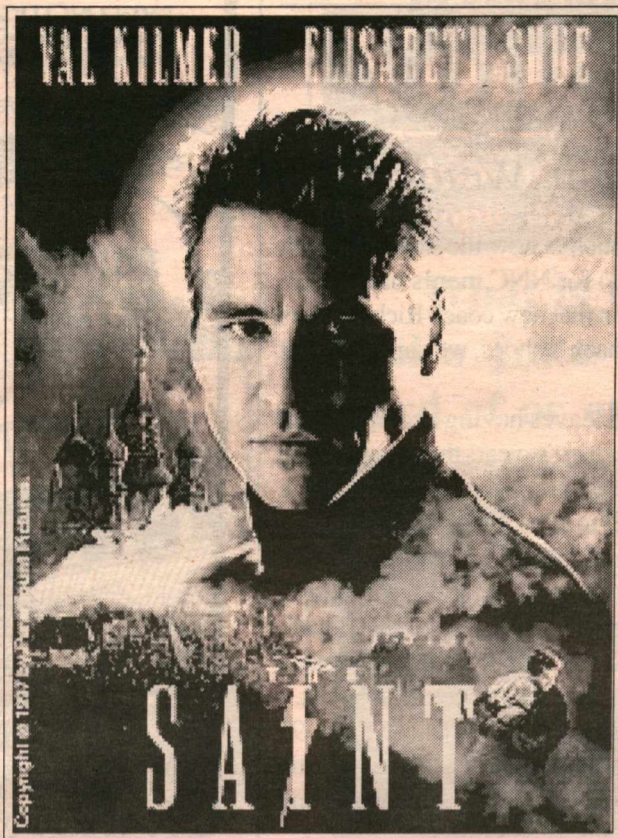
Harrison Ford and Brad Pitt

Reviewed by David Stillman

Crusader Rating



It was refreshing to watch a movie that had few flashy special effects and absolutely no sex



Kilmer is fantastic as the gentleman thief without a name. Come Oscar time, his name should be on the Best Actor list

Well, what do you know - crime does pay.

Just call him Simon. Or Thomas. Or Francis. Or John. Or August.

In fact, any Catholic saint's name will do. The Saint, played by Val Kilmer, is a gentleman thief whose multiple identities and mastery of disguises enable him to escape capture everywhere he goes.

However, the Saint's (Val Kilmer) solitary lifestyle is greatly altered when his employer *du jour* sends him on a mission to "relieve" Dr. Emma Russell --

played by the gorgeous Elizabeth Shue -- of her formula for cold fusion.

Once Kilmer meets Shue, the plot disintegrates. True, what is most impressive about *The Saint* is its unpredictable plot. It keeps the viewer wondering what'll happen next. Unfortunately, that's also the movie's most enervating flaw. The story line is simply too convoluted. Russian political instability, a few really ugly thugs, underground and underwater (wo)man-hunts, big guns, romance, sex, and pseudoscience: it's all there, assaulting you in no apparent logical order whatsoever. Eventually, it undermines the movie's credibility.

Credit the screenwriter, though, with some creativity concerning the resolution. If what you're looking for in *The Saint* is a mindless "happily ever after" conclusion, think again:

the ending is a fortunate one for the heroes, but it isn't as mindless as Hollywood action flicks almost always are.

Sadly, Kilmer and Shue's romance is really what brings the plot down. It stretches the limits of believability: Dr. Russell must have been unspeakably starved for romance if she is willing to overlook the Saint's apparent inability to tell the truth.

But if the plot was so silly, how come I liked the movie so much? It might have been that Kilmer is fantastic as the gentleman thief without a name. Come Academy Award time just under one year from now, his name should be on everybody's short list of nominees for Best Actor. Yes, he *really* was that good.

Or it could have been that there's always something going on. There is a lot to say for unexpectedness, even if it means sacrificing realism.

The Saint, thankfully, doesn't rely on special effects, heavy hype, an all-star cast, or breathtaking suspense. This isn't to say the film lacks excitement, because it does keep the viewer's attention from beginning to end. And, when it all comes down, what a moviegoer wants is solid, continuous entertainment, right?

The Saint entertains.

The Saint

Val Kilmer and Elizabeth Shue

Reviewed by John Fraley

Crusader Rating



CRUSADER REVIEWS

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- ★★ DEPENDS ON YOUR TASTE.
- ★★★ GOOD STUFF.
- ★★★★ KICKS SOME SERIOUS FISH!!

Crusader reviewers are PAID for their work, so contact Opinions Editor and star movie critic Jason Isbell at x8514 if you would like to join our fearless fleet. God bless, in Spiritu Sanctum, and party on, dude.

STAFF EDITORIALS

Thanks for the good times, Coach Weidenbach

Ed Weidenbach is now the *ex*-head coach (see story on page 13) for NNC men's basketball. While we are confident that new coach Rich Sanders will ably fill Weidenbach's shoes, we can't help but feel a little bit sad.

Weidenbach leaves having accomplished many, many times more in six years than every single one of his predecessors put together. Since Weidenbach took over in 1991, the Workin' Crusaders have made six consecutive trips to the nationals. And even if the tournament had not been held in Nampa the last five years, the 'Saders would have qualified four times. Prior to 1991, NNC's men's basketball teams had made only ONE appearance at nationals.

We congratulate, then, Weidenbach's 91-97 teams on their four conference titles, three Fantastic Four appearances, and an overall 71 percent winning percentage (144 wins versus 58 losses).

Most importantly, however, Coach Ed's formula for success has included, year after year, good sportsmanship. Under Weidenbach's leadership, the Crusaders have demonstrated that good sports can be champions too.

For these singular accomplishments, the *Crusader* staff salutes Ed Weidenbach and wishes him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

Staff Infection

Hey, maybe we should just put all those items in "Gina infection"! Which items, Jason? Well, items like "when I laugh my foot shakes" and "you can only open the window if I can run around naked for a while." Of course, Gina didn't say either of those things, but then again... Val Kilmer cut an album? As long as it's not as terrible as David Hasselhoff's, we're ok... Do you think Socrates was full of himself? We think he was a jerk... I could never be a woman, no matter what gender they are... Are we all God in this office? No, I'm Bored... Dooley wants a kiss from Kevin... Robin has better kisses than me... Just write about the guy's wedding... What????? ... write about the girl's winning. She said no way, and then verbally abused me... never go out with a librarian... I might even get a picture of Jay napping... That shouldn't be too hard... You can get much farther with a kind word and a gun than with a kind word alone... Dave, people are running against you! ... I'm toast. They're all cuter than me... Think about what?... Not you, Stillman, you're Opinions. You don't have to think... I just got compared to Rush Limbaugh!?!? My life is over!! *It's because of your build, isn't it, John?* Augh... Jason: Dream about me, O.K?... I did that once. It was one of the worst nightmares I ever had.

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Thumper and a deadly new illness

Spring is upon us. Do I know this because it is bright and sunny out? Obviously not. Do I know this because the squirrels are running through the parks, acting (as squirrels are prone to act) like squirrels as birds chirp incessantly overhead? No.

I know this because, just a few days ago, my calendar said "First day of spring."

That, and all of my friends have fallen in love.

Have you ever seen *Bambi*? You know that scene where all the animals get "twitterpated" (which, by the way, is my seventh favorite word) and show up with animals of the opposite sex? (Flower shows up with a female, which confused me at first, but now I'm better.)

My dorm is like that now. Just today a pair of seniors ran past me making strange squeaking noises and running circles around each other. I keep seeing people who, up until this term, walked around solo, or when in company, were in the company of the same sex, now walk ATTACHED to another person. I am not making this up (to blatantly rip off Dave Barry, who has an excellent column this week, by the way).

Okay, maybe they weren't attached, but they were holding hands and staring intently into each other's eyes.

Now, sometimes there is a perfectly rational explanation for two persons sitting negative three inches apart, holding hands and gazing intently into each other's eyes, such as practicing for the world championship marathon star-

J. Matthew Isbell

ing contest.

Usually, though, it's love, or at least twitterpation (they're very different). It's easy to determine if one of these two romantic states is responsible for an associate's entry into the world of Siamese twins. Here is the procedure:

1. Approach couples carefully, with a good, positive attitude, but don't smile! Some species take smiling as a challenge to their

Mention casually to either member of the infected party, "A fire just broke out and everything you own is now ash..."

own happiness, which they perceive as much higher than your own.

2. Mention casually to either member of the infected party, "A fire just broke out in your apartment and everything you own is now ash."

3. Wait. If there is no response, such as "My Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle collection!" or "My roommate!" then the odds are excellent that your friend, I am afraid, is "twitterpated" or "in love."

Speaking of the difference between twitterpation and love (what transition?), you may ask,

"How does one tell if one is, indeed, in love, or if one is merely twitterpated?" Medical scientists have been debating this question for years, however, I, J. Matthew Isbell, have the solution.

If you are ever singing Christmas carols off-season (say, as you read this article), you are twitterpated. Badly.

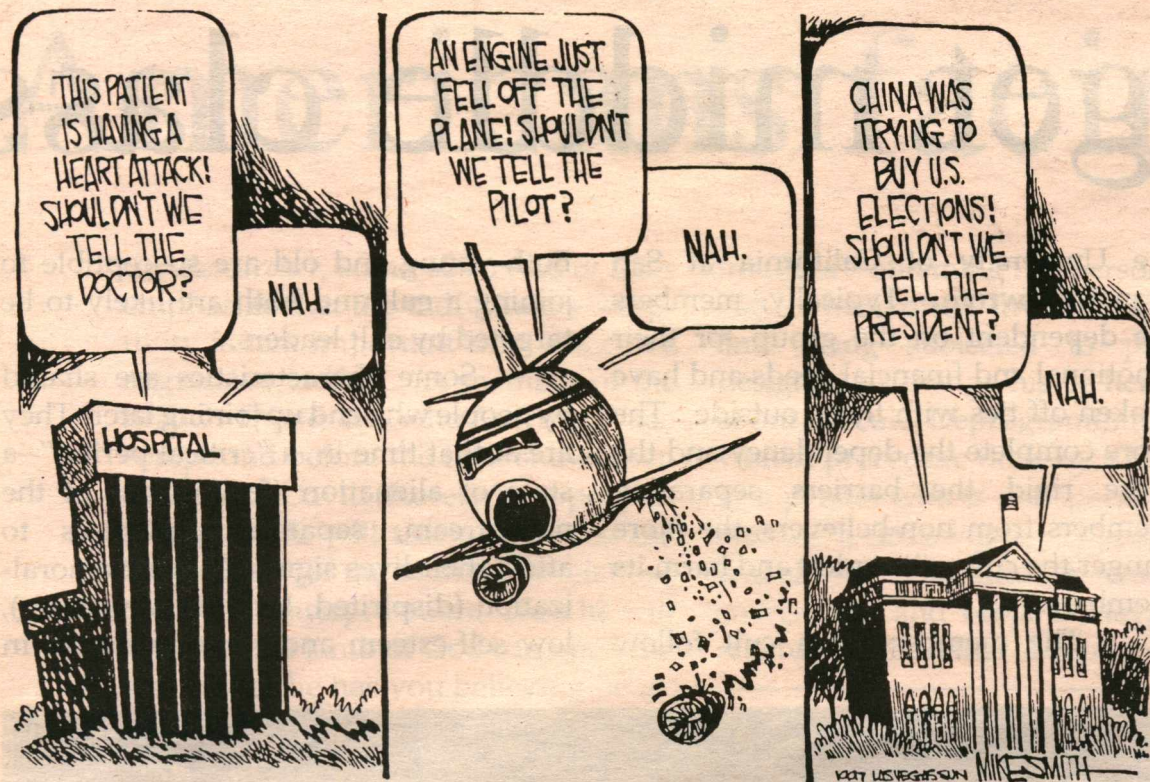
If you constantly think of a particular member of the opposite sex, then you are twitterpated. (If you just constantly think of the opposite sex, then you are male.)

If you ever say to yourself, "I am twitterpated," then you are twitterpated.

If you find yourself to be twitterpated, there is a solution. Twitterpation is cureable, in fact, twitterpation generally cures itself. However, to minimize the damage done to yourself and to your friends, I recommend locking yourself in your closet until the end of spring, or until the twitterpation passes. (Be forewarned: Contact with THAT person can cause a relapse into twitterpation!)

There ARE other signs of twitterpation, such as overwhelming happiness, incessant whistling, continually speaking about a particular person with annoying frequency. If you wonder if you might be twitterpated, just ask your friends, they'll let you know.

Twitterpation is an illness that most everyone faces. There are some persons, like myself, who NEVER get twitterpated, who have a natural immunity to this debilitating illness, but they are few and far between. Love, unfortunately, is much more serious, and incurable.



Can't use fear to fight teen sex

Whichever radio station you happen to listen to most of the time, chances are really good you've heard this one:

"Sex lasts a moment. Being a dad lasts your whole life."

Any ad that ends with that zinger is, without exception, stupid. Parenthetical statement: Yes, Mom, I promised to try and not use that word, but it fits, and I know you can deal with it. :)

Incidentally, that is the last time you'll ever see a :) in *The Crusader*, according to rookie Editor-in-Chief J. Matthew Isbell. (He'll lighten up, I promise.)

But back to the point at hand. Those ads are dumb.

Now John, you can't be serious. This is another one of those articles in which you write something you don't really believe -- one of those in which you're just trying to shock any reader naive enough to take you at your word.

I mean, John, you don't think kids should be having sex, do you?

Let's clear things up: I'm not particularly excited about kids substantially wrecking their futures by bringing another life into this world before they're mature enough to deal with it.

But advertisements that seek to curb premarital sex will never work as long as they rely on fear. I'm not exactly sure what tactic *would* work, but if there is one, it's not what they're currently trying.

How come?

Glad you asked. The rea-

John Fraley

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son is simple: kids have unprotected sex because a) they're horny, and b) they're sufficiently convinced that pregnancy or disease won't strike them.

You can't change a). That's why some schools started distributing condoms. Administrators weren't trying to encourage promiscuity, they were trying to deflate their students' pregnancy rates.

But, John, my pastor said that the evil liberal school authorities are trying to corrupt America's youth through condom distribution and outcome-based education.

Well, then, she's wrong. But enough on fundamentalism. And you can't change b) through campaigns based on fear, because the "it won't happen to me" attitude has conquered the "oh crap, it just might happen to me so I'd better

play it safe" perception.

In addition, I find it quite disheartening that the aforementioned ads take another step toward completely ostracizing the unfortunate few whose sexual experience results in pregnancy.

Huh?

Look, I'm trying to say that those kids who do get pregnant already have to put up with enough as it is without being told by these ads that their lives aren't worth living anymore. I mean, that's what the ads say: you have a kid, your life sucks forever. Why make teenage parents more pariah-like than they already are?

Last point. I promise. Consider these two statements: millions of parents in this country are eager to adopt. Millions of teenage mothers have kids.

Hm. Is it possible to put two and two together?

John, I know that there is no way that you're saying we should force pregnant teens to give their kids up for adoption. Not even you are that stupid.

No, I'm not. Of course, a mother who dearly loves her child is entitled to raise the kid, regardless of her age.

Yet at the same time, it's ludicrous for a mother to keep a child she doesn't want when so many prospective adopters are just waiting for their chance.

Let's fight teen pregnancy with something besides scare tactics or easing restrictions on abortion laws. How about encouraging adoption?

--John Fraley used to be The Crusader's Editor-in-Chief

Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues

What is the best April Fool's joke you've ever heard of or experienced?



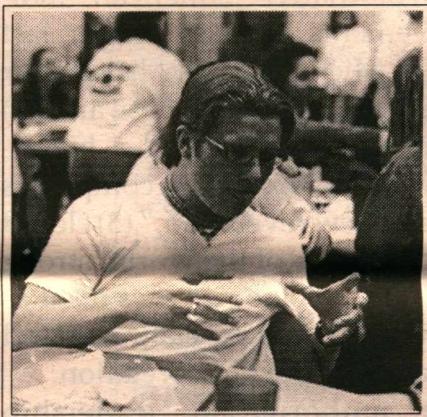
Phil Jensen

Junior

Theology

Palmer, AK

"Aaron Speyer proposed to me."



Jeremy Klosterman

Freshman

Chemistry

Woodenville, WA

"We played a good one on my 8th grade teacher. We took all of his desk furniture and stuck it out in the bus lot."



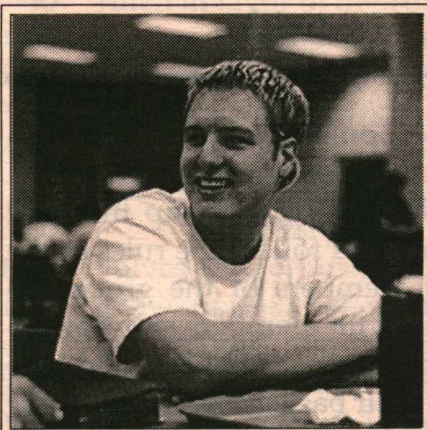
Shelly Brown

Senior

Elementary Ed/Special Education

Ketchikan, AK

"We fined all the girls in Mangum for not being where they were supposed to be over spring break."



Geoff Parker

Freshman

Elementary Ed.

Centralia, WA

"Saran wrap on the toilet seat."

Cults target middle class

By Amy Riley
Asst. Cover Story Editor

What characterizes a cult?

Recent events surrounding a cult from the San Diego, CA area have stirred up criticism and anxiety toward these religious groups.

A total of 39 men and women were found dead in a rented, antiseptic, million-dollar mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, CA. Members of this group believed it was time to "shed their containers" in order to rendezvous with a UFO they believed was traveling behind the Hale-Bopp comet.

In Alternative American Religious Movements, a class taught last summer, Dr. Micheal Lodahl listed four major identifiers of a cult. These are: (1) Authoritarian leadership and a hierarchy of power; (2) a text that accompanies the Bible or a "new revelation;" (3) closed orientation in terms of the world, strong group pressure; (4) the cult sees itself as either a new and better revelation of God or a restoration of the old revelation.

The authoritarian leadership within a cult is indisputable. According to Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto Saul V. Levine, cults are rigidly structured, hierarchically and pyramidally. "That is, there is no disputing that there is a single, overall leader, who is usually imbued by the group with superhuman and mystical powers. At times he is formally deified, as with the Divine Light Mission's Maharaj Ji--'The Perfect Master'--or the Unification Church's Rev. Moon--'Messiah.'" These leaders can be young or old, male or female, alive or deceased and present or absent. Charisma,

Members are dependent on the group for their emotional and financial needs and have broken off ties with those outside.

contrary to popular misconception, is an unnecessary ingredient in the leader.

In developing a group that will stay together and follow the rules of the group, the members of the group are kept with the cult members and learn to depend on other members and the leaders for their basic necessities. In *The Wrong Way Home* Arthur J. Deikman, M.D., clinical professor of psychiatry at

the University of California at San Francisco wrote, "Typically, members are dependent on the group for their emotional and financial needs and have broken off ties with those outside. The more complete the dependency and the more rigid the barriers separating members from non-believers, the more danger the cult will exploit and harm its members."

The members of a cult follow

Both young and old are susceptible to joining a cult and both are likely to be targeted by cult leaders.

Some characteristics are shared by people who end up joining later. They are at that time in a "critical period"--a state of alienation (feeling out of the mainstream, separate, powerless to affect their lives significantly), demoralization (dispirited, lack of enthusiasm), low self-esteem and some problems in

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specific rules and practices. Each cult has a set of precepts and rules which are designed to regulate and control behavior. The various aspects of life so governed range from dress to diet, to sex, drugs, or social demeanor. The extent of control varies from moderate influence all the way to totalistic determinism. The rewards of following these rules are not only smiles, congratulations and compliments, but perhaps even rising within the hierarchy of the group.

Why do people join cults?

Cult members tend to have common characteristics. The average age of cult members is disputable, but other common characteristics exist.

According to Marc Galanter, M.D., the members of cults are young (median age 22), white, middle-class, relatively well educated and from intact families. There are equal numbers of men and women in most groups. According to *Modern Maturity* magazine, the age of cult members varies widely because cult leaders follow the money.

separating from their families. During that critical period, an individual has a void to fill, manifesting itself in an emotional and ideological hunger. He has a need for stability and goals, support and structure. "If during that particular period, a group makes itself available, a group that is clean-cut, seductive and attractive, from the same social milieu and is not threatening, then a small percentage (perhaps fewer than 1 in 200) will succumb to their warm invitation and overtures," wrote Levine.

The attitudes and events of a person's life can have some influence on his or her susceptibility to joining a cult. Galanter wrote, "Based upon interviews with members, ex-members and relatives, a number of clinicians have described members as emotionally disturbed. They have been seen as predominantly 'depressed, inadequate, or borderline antisocial youths' or as 'lonely, rejected and sad.'"

Cult membership does not rely only on the people who join, but also on the cult's recruiting tactics. According to

Americans facing change

CQ *Researcher*, some observers of cults emphasize that the individual's receptivity is less important than the cult's aggressive tactics. "A member of the Branch Davidians who left the Waco compound before the fatal showdown described David Koresh's appeal as follows: 'He will teach you what the Seven Seals [of the Book of Revelation] are, by his interpretation. Then he will say only the lamb of God can open the seal. Once he has you believing he is

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the lamb of God, then he's got you . . . The main motivation [for following him] is fear. With women, it's a combination of fear and the chance to be married to God.'"

Recruitment by cult members can be misleading. The techniques used to recruit, which are widely used on college campuses, are referred to as "love bombing," flirting, flattering repetitions of the target's name, limited and vague details of a "new group" and finally, pressure to choose from a narrow set of options for seeking new meaning of life. In order to keep students informed of cult recruitment tactics, colleges and universities hold seminars about cult awareness. Rev. Ross Miller, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Eugene, OR, wrote that on the personal level, students are advised not to argue theology with aggressive cult recruiters.

Cult recruiters provide their "targets" with the idea that they've discovered the answers to all life's questions and that the answers are quite simple. The whole threat of cults would be lessened if people avoided latching on to easy solutions to life.

How do people get out of cults?

After people have completely surrendered everything they have and are—including their money, possessions and their own free will—to a cult, it is difficult for them to leave the group. Two practices used in leaving a cult are "deprogramming" and "exit counseling."

According to Professors of Psychiatry at the University of California, Los Angeles [Thomas Ungerleider and David K. Wellisch, deprogramming

involves "obtaining" a person from a cult, which often involves kidnaping, and being subjected to procedures designed to change his or her thinking about the cult. Deprogramming can be a violent procedure done by a lay person, or a person who is not specially skilled because it can involve physical restraint and abuse. Ted Patrick, a controversial, charismatic and oft-jailed layperson is regarded as the father of deprogramming.



Cult Leader Marshall Applewhite

Other forms of deprogramming that have been attempted involve a deprogrammer infiltrating a cult in order to convince the members to leave. According to Ungerleider and Wellisch, reports exist of deprogrammers joining cults to extricate someone and then becoming converted themselves to the cult and having to be rescued and deprogrammed by others. For the friends and family of cult members, getting them to leave the cult can be nearly impossible.

In *Another Gospel* Ruth Tucker wrote, "Deprogramming is not the answer, and . . . often fails to accomplish its desired results." According to Tucker, deprogramming should not be used because deprogrammers such as Ted Patrick, who have employed extreme methods, have committed worse offenses than the cults themselves.

In his book *Let Our Children Go!* Patrick described instances of abuse that are more characteristic of torture than what might be considered "exit counseling." Patrick recalled such an instance in the case of Wes, who became involved with the New Testament Missionary Fellowship while he was studying at

Yale University. Patrick said the group gradually isolated him from the rest of the university as a result of frequent Bible study sessions and prayer meetings. With help of Wes' father and uncle, Patrick "rescued" him in a brutal fashion. While the three men attempted to kidnap him, Wes yelled, "Help! Help! They're kidnaping me. Call the police! Help me!" But no one responded. The three men then forced him into the car.

Patrick retells the story in *Let Our Children Go!* "Wes had taken up a position facing the car, with his hands on the roof and his legs spread-eagle. There was no way to get him inside while he was braced like that. I had to make a quick decision. I reached down between Wes's legs, grabbed him by the crotch and squeezed—hard. He let out a howl, and doubled up, grabbing his groin with both hands. Then I hit, shoving him headfirst into the back seat of the car and piling in on top of him."

Turning to deprogramming as the solution is like kidnaping and brainwashing in response to kidnaping and brainwashing. The best way to get someone out of a cult is to wait for him to decide for himself to leave. Statistical data backs up the idea that people leave cults on their own accord. "By the late 1980's, fewer than two thousand of the original nine thousand devotees initiated by Prabhupada remained active in the movement," according to *Another Gospel*. People are able to leave cults and if they want to, they will. After leaving a cult, it is suggested by professionals that ex-members seek counseling.

Deprogramming is not only unethical because of kidnaping and violent deprogramming procedures, but also because, many contend, it is a serious threat to religious liberty, especially when it has the endorsement of state and local governments and civil authorities. The hot controversies and lawsuits over deprogramming (some courts have ruled in favor of deprogrammers, others for their victims) do not have to be a part of a cult member's leaving the cult. Many observers of cults have substituted "exit counseling" as a voluntary alternative to involuntary deprogramming.

Voluntary exit counseling involves a rigorous intellectual challenge to the subject's beliefs, mostly in the form of questions and information about the cult's negative traits. Exit counseling is far more effective because people have willingly left the cults and they willingly go to a counselor.

Coming Next Week:

ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!

The Crusader is taking the week off to pursue other interests, however, 2 weeks from today we will return with stories such as:

Changes in the Business Department:

With three new profs and a new division head, what is in store for everyone's favorite capitalists in training.

And in the very near future keep your eyes out for our special series "Justify your job!" in which a Crusader employee follows around an administrator for a day and discovers what it is exactly that they do. Our first target:
Carey Cook.

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Bringing news and entertainment to the Northwest Nazarene College Campus.

Jordan and Israel meet

Leaders meet in U.S. to discuss recent barriers to peace

by Joshua Dooley
Asst. World News Editor

ROCHESTER, MN. -- Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu arrived in Minnesota Sunday during his visit to the U.S. to shore up the fragile Middle East peace process.

Netanyahu first met with Jordan's King Hussein at the Mayo Clinic. The meeting was also met with a great many protestors who were against Netanyahu's policies.

Last month's peace negotiations failed after Netanyahu went on ahead with plans to build a Jewish settlement in East Jerusalem on an area where the Palestinians had planned to build their own capital. As bulldozers broke ground at the site on March 18, the protests of angry Palestinians were violently increasing.

Palestinian students at Hebron University showed their anger Sunday as they burned U.S. and Israeli flags during student elections.

Israeli cabinet secretary Danny Naveh stated over an Israel army radio, "I can only state unequivocally that the construction in Jerusalem, the building in Har Homa, will continue."

As tensions rose, Arafat gave a green light to the protests that greeted the construction project,

including a suicide bombing in Tel Aviv which killed the bomber and three women.

Once in Washington, Netanyahu is expected to push his plan to complete the peace process in six months. Arafat has avoided the suggestion, as he feared that it would give Israel an excuse not to implement agreements the parties made in Oslo.

Arafat deputy Manmound Abbas and top Palestinian negotiator Saab Erekat plan to come to Washington for meetings with Albright and Ross after Netanyahu's departure.

Monday, Netanyahu met with President Clinton to discuss recent threats to the Middle East peace process and Israel's plan to push forward the negotiations with the Palestinians.

After the meeting Clinton, stated, "we had a very specific, frank, candid and long talk. And now we're going to talk to the Palestinians and see if there's something we can do to get this thing going again. We'll do our best and I'll do my best and that's all I think I should say right now." Clinton also proposes that the summit could be hosted by the U.S. at Camp David and led by former President Jimmy Carter.

Netanyahu later commented on Clinton stating, "Clinton is also taking tremendous efforts and tremendous pains to assist us in the process of peace with security. And I think both of us see eye to eye on the need to fight terrorism."

Solar Power gives power to neighborhood

by Andrew J. Diehl
World News Editor

LOS ANGELES, CA -- While scientists have considered solar power to be an ideal power source for the coming generations, the cost in changing the light energy into electric energy has been very prohibitive. Power companies in the Sacramento area are working to make it efficient today.

Two hundred and fifty homeowners in Sacramento have been recruited to begin an innovative plan that actually adds power to the neighborhood grid. Sacramento Municipality Utility District has been allowed to add photo-voltaic (PV cells for short) cells to the roofs of the houses in the area.

"This program has been very successful," says utility district spokesman Donald Osborn. "We have seen not only tremendous levels of participation by the customers -- it's one of the most popular programs that we have -- but also we've seen the cost of PV systems dramatically fall."

PV cells use a chemical reaction to change the sunlight into electricity in much the same way that a plant changes light into food.

In San Marino, CA, the plans have moved from theory to actually saving the district money in their street planning.

Southern California Edison had planned to tear up the streets and install larger transmission lines in the ground. By cutting a deal with Huntington Library to place PV panels on the library's renowned botanical garden. The new, clean electricity is moved back into the neighborhood.

Civilian begins conflict with students

by Joshua Dooley
Asst. World News Editor

KHARBATA, WEST BANK -- Palestinians reportedly stoned a Jewish settlers van on Monday causing him to get out and fire his M-16 assault rifle into the crowd of Palestinian students. After firing stopped, an 18 year old was seriously wounded from a shot to the chest, and a 27-year-old in the leg.

After driving away from the incident, Israeli police later apprehended the suspect. Soon after, a large Israeli police contingent arrived to inspect the scene of the confrontation. Through questioning villagers, it was determined that the attacker provoked the Palestinians into attacking his vehicle by driving through the village every day in spite of the fact that a bypass was specifically built for the Jewish settlers.

This violent attack came about as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited the United States for a meeting with President Bill Clinton to discuss restarting the peace talks.

This incident also follows three weeks of almost daily clashes between protestors and Israeli troops that have taken the area since Netanyahu sent in bulldozers to begin a controversial Jewish housing project in largely Arab East Jerusalem.

Despite the activity between Israel and Palestine, a group of Israeli peace protestors still hold out hope that the Israeli government can turn things around by severely curtailing settler activity. As a symbol of this, the Israelis shipped a load of ice to the West Bank, claiming that settlements are freezing peace.

Hong Kong defies the pessimists

Britain's largest colony continues to grow as turnover to Communist China grows near

by Andrew J. Diehl
World News Editor

HONG KONG -- In less than three months, Hong Kong will no longer be under the rule of the British. The United Kingdom's largest colony will split off and become, once again, a part of China. But what will the effect on the world be?

When the idea was first brought out, skeptics were numerous. The idea was first argued by the British and the Chinese in 1983. Most believed at the time that the communist Chinese would destroy and exploit England's crown jewel within a few years of the change.

Fearful of the economic change, the stock market dropped and the currency had to be tied to the U.S. dollar to keep it afloat. Most professionals emigrated to Britain, Canada and Australia.

In 1989, the skeptics felt that they were going to be even more correct than their first assessment of the situation led them to believe. The destruction of

the democratic movement in Tianamen Square by Chinese military troops seemed to confirm all fears.

Hong Kong though, has defied all of the rumors and fears that flourished in the '80s. It has completed a full 180-degree turn and transformed into a major part of the fastest growing segment of the world economy.

Trade is at a record high. Real estate and stock markets continue to climb even with the transfer looming over the horizon. Polls find strength and confidence from both investors and the 6.3 million residents of the colony.

There is a dark lining to this bright time. All of the economy is based on speculation and investment. any sign of downturn could send the markets reeling into the basement.

Hong Kong has shown through history that it can cope with the adversity that has plagued it in the past. So far it has gained several promises in writing from the Chinese. The colony has been promised to keep its own courts, laws and currency under the same boundary as held today. It is also in writing that the



View of Hong Kong Harbor from outside of Kowloon (photo courtesy Josh Dooley)

Chinese will not touch the \$62 billion in foreign reserves that Hong Kong currently has.

Items not yet safeguarded include "rule of law," through which Hong Kong courts can resist pressure to favor Chinese officials and businesses.

...very briefly...

LAS VEGAS, NV -- Microsoft Corp. announced Sunday that it has agreed to acquire the privately held WebTV Networks Inc. for cash and stock valued around \$425 million.

Science news

After its development in 1995, WebTV has created a set of technologies and guidelines to direct the manufacturers in the building of set-top boxes that allow consumer's televisions to view and surf the web in their homes. The Palo Alto-based WebTV will continue to be operated and directed by Chief Executive Officer Steve Pearlman.

Currently, WebTV is licensing its set-top box design to Phillips Consumer Electronics Co. and Sony Corp.

WASHINGTON D.C. -- Jack Kent Cooke, owner of the Washington Redskins, died Sunday of cardiac arrest. He was 84.

People news

Cooke, who has been married five times, owned parts of the Chrysler Building in New York City, the *Los Angeles Daily News*, the Toronto Maple Leafs (now the Blue Jays), the L.A. Lakers, the L.A. Kings and a horse breeding farm in Kentucky.

His life was one that made tabloids jealous because he didn't need a writer. He was divorced from his first wife by Joseph Wapner who later went on to preside over the *People's Court*. His ex then made the Guinness for the largest divorce settlement in history with \$49 million in 1979.

While his life was questionable, Cooke will be remembered by the people of Washington for his contributions to the city and for the stadium that has just been contracted for the Redskins.

JACKSONVILLE, FL -- R.J. Reynolds has been called

Business news

into court in the first lawsuit against a tobacco company. The suit charges the company with conspiracy and is seeking punitive damages.

The estate of Jean Connor claims that the company should have warned her. Connor found that she had lung cancer two months after she quit smoking. Norwood Wilner, the attorney for the estate, represents 500 other smokers. He has already won in a suit against Brown and Williamson last year, although Reynolds believes it was a fluke and won't happen again.

What do I care?

Once again, the great debate against

the evils of tobacco looms ahead of us in the daily news. This time, the evil ones face off in the courtroom in a battle to decide whether the tobacco companies should be held responsible for the health risks that their customers have been faced with.

The real debate is who is going to claim responsibility for other people's actions.

In the story below and to the side, the plaintiff believes that they were not warned by the tobacco company that smoking was dangerous.

Now let us for a moment and think back to childhood. If you were like me in any respect, then you had the unique privilege of terrorizing the ends of supermarkets while your mom was checking out. While I was supposed to be sitting and being good, but I was usually trying to figure out how to pick the lock open on the cigarette case. Not that I wanted the cigarettes, mind you. I wanted to be able to say I had gotten past the evil lock. In order to understand all about the evil case and the paths into it, I had to read all of the wording on the case. Even at that young age, I can fairly vividly remember the giant sign on the case that stated: **WARNING:** ... Not that I remember the rest of the thing, but it was a warning, nonetheless.

Back to today. If I saw the warning when I was 8, and I'm 20 now, then she must have seen the warning, at the least, in 1984. She didn't stop until 1995. If ELEVEN years of warning didn't affect her thinking, then how else was the company to warn her?

If tobacco companies really cared all about their customers, then they would close down all together. But they don't. The amount of money that is placed into legislation and lobbying is astronomical and could probably be used to feed several hundred small children in Africa. Wait ... make that several hundred thousand.

To kill the tobacco industry would be to kill a very significant part of the economy. Now honestly, what politician would say he helped kill part of the economy?

This whole thing is a problem that someone needs to own up to. If no one does, then the rest of America will inevitably pay for the damages in insurance policies that pay up for the different cancers. That isn't fair, but nothing ever really is.

--analysis by Andrew J. Diehl

Around the world in eighty words

Compiled by Andrew J. Diehl
World News Editor

Bomb diffused in Sea-Tac

SEATTLE, WA -- No one was hurt when a small bomb was found and destroyed in the baggage-claim area of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Police cordoned off the area surrounding the Alaska Airlines baggage carousel after the package was discovered Saturday. Bomb squad members used a high-powered blast of water to diffuse the bomb. Officials are not sure if the package was set to detonate. The package contained black powder, a battery, wires and a timing device. An investigation has been begun but there are no arrests or suspects at this time.

Explosion rocks monastery

SARAJEVO, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA -- A medieval Franciscan monastery was seriously damaged after an explosion on Sunday. The site, which is part of a planned tour by Pope John Paul II, is now part of a series of religious buildings that have been damaged in the country. Only windows and the facade of the building were damaged. One policeman was injured in the blast in front of the Kraljeva Sutjeska monastery near the Muslim dominated town of Kakanj, 20 miles south of Sarajevo.

80 slaughtered in rampage

ALGIERS, ALGERIA -- Over 80 people were slaughtered in a 12 hour rampage that has been blamed on Islamic rebels in the area. The worst attack fell on the village of Thalit in the Medea province. Guerrillas slit the throats of 52 of the 53 villagers. The weekend massacres happened after the Algerian Army supposedly killed 100 Islamic guerrillas a week earlier. At least 60,000 people have been killed since 1992.

Baseball almost over

by Nathan Hydes
Cover Editor

The baseball season is now underway and going strong. The team already has 18 games under its belts, and less than ten games left to play.

The return of the new season brings some new faces to the Elmore Vail baseball field. The team has two new freshman--Zack Deboi, all the way from sunny California, and Barry Warren from Leavenworth, Washington. The new roster also includes several transfer students. Dan Getz, a junior, joins the Crusaders from Spokane Falls Community College, filling the position of catcher.

Sophomore Jason LaMont, a shortstop/outfielder, comes to NNC from the University of the Pacific. Andy Heyer, also a sophomore, is a starting utility player who plays third base and right field for the 'Saders. The starting first baseman Mike File, another sophomore, transferred to NNC from Yakima Valley Community College.

The coaching staff has also undergone some reconstruction, with the addition of three new assistant coaches. The new pitching coach, Guy Jones comes

to NNC this year after assisting Nampa High School to a 1996 state championship. Nate Hoisen is a former pitcher for the Crusaders and a 1996 NNC graduate. He is a definite asset to the NNC coaching staff. Another coaching addition, Terry LeTourneau, is also an ex-player for the NNC baseball team. He played the position of catcher for the 'Saders from 1994-96 and is scheduled to graduate this June with a degree in Engineering Physics.

At this point, midway through the season, some players have distinguished themselves at bat and on the field. Junior Rich Wagner is leading the team in average by hitting a .378. Other team leaders are Deboi, who is putting away batters with a 3.00 earned run average, and File,



who is leading the team in the field with a fielding percentage of .977. The team as a whole is batting with a .285 average and has a fielding average of .903.

Right now, the Crusaders have a 5-13 record with a home record of 3-6. The toughest team in NNC's division is rival Albertson College of Idaho, against whom they still have three games left to play this year.

The 'Saders' next home game is April 11 against Western Baptist College. The two teams will face each other again on the 12th at Elmore Vail field.

Travels of the tennis team

by Melissa Tennyson
Staff Writer

Since our last issue of *The Crusader*, NNC's tennis team has been practicing and playing hard. When other students were heading home for spring break to relax, the tennis team stayed behind for several days. On that first Friday of break, March 21, the team played Lewis and Clark College. It was a hard match, and NNC unfortunately did not win.

Last weekend, April 4-5, the tennis team traveled to two tournaments. First, they traveled to Walla Walla, Washington, where they claimed a strong win over Walla Walla. Then they traveled to Willamette University, to whom they lost. Overall, the team played well last weekend. As they have worked together to accomplish their goals, the team has become more unified and aggressive. The partners played especially well last weekend.

As the season has progressed, the team has seen steady growth and accomplishment. Freshman player Stephanie Ridlen commented, "This year we've really made some improvements. The competition and level of teamwork has really improved. I think this year will be a good foundation for the years to come."

The tennis team's next match is the Alumni game on April 11 at the Health and Racket Club, here in Nampa.

IM Softball to begin

Intramural softball is here again to offer relief to pent-up energy kept in check all winter long. This year, there are nine men's teams competing for the championship T-shirts, and six women's teams. Competition will be tough, but an unnamed source is betting that Team Downie will be the one to watch in the men's league. Others are holding their opinions until after the first round of games.

Games start on April 10 and a schedule of games will be posted on the bulletin board outside of Marriott, as well as the team rosters.

Men's league

1. Team York
2. Team Duerre
3. Off
4. Chachi
5. Team Carr
6. Team Greentree
7. Team Downie
8. Stone
9. The Manson Family

Women's league

1. Gilbey Girls
2. Team Allen
3. The Rocketeers
4. George Bush
5. Like Butter
6. Team Volleyball

IM Softball Schedule

	5:15 #1	5:15 #2	6:45 #1	6:45 #2
4/10	1-2	<i>1-2</i>	3-4	<i>3-4</i>
4/14	5-6	<i>5-6</i>	7-8	<i>1-3</i>
4/15	9-2	<i>2-4</i>	1-4	6-8
4/16	1-3			
4/17	3-6	<i>1-5</i>	5-8	<i>2-6</i>
4/21	7-2	<i>3-6</i>	9-4	<i>5-2</i>
4/22	1-6	<i>1-4</i>	3-8	5-7

MEN'S GAMES IN BOLD, WOMEN'S GAMES IN ITALICS.

Final Four over; Arizona in control

by Hattie James
Staff Writer

In the women's Final Four NCAA Division 1 basketball tournament, Stanford, a perennial basketball and volleyball powerhouse, was defeated, in overtime, by Old Dominion, a team that struggled to the shocking win. Old Dominion overcame a fifteen point deficit to win 83-82. In the other semifinal, Tennessee's Chamique Holdscau scored 31 in a 80-66 victory over Notre Dame. The Tennessee Volunteers defeated Old Dominion in the Ladies' National championship, 68-59, with Holdscau scoring 24 points and pulling down

14 rebounds.

In the men's semifinal, fourth seeded Arizona knocked off North Carolina 66-58. Wildcats Miles Simon and Mike Bibby combined for 44 points to advance Arizona to their first national championship game. In the other semifinal, Kentucky overwhelmed Minnesota 78-69 for a chance to become the second team to repeat NCAA championships in twenty years. The championship game went right down to the wire. Arizona's 44-38 lead with 14:14 left to play was the largest of the game. Kentucky fought back and forced overtime on an Anthony Epps three-pointer with less than ten seconds left in the game. Kentucky prevented Arizona from making a single shot from the field dur-

ing the extra session. However, they still lost as Arizona converted 10-14 foul shots to seal a 84-79 victory. In their road to the championship, fourth seeded Arizona knocked off three number one seeds: Kentucky, North Carolina, and pre-tournament favorite Kansas.

Miles Simon led Arizona with 30 points in the title game. "I think we wanted it more in the end... I didn't want to let my teammates down" said Simon, "They tried to wear us down, and our legs pulled us out in the end. This is the most unbelievable thing I've ever done." Arizona shot 38 percent from the field during the game, but held a 34-9 edge on free throws. Miles Simon went 14-17 from the line, giving him the same number of attempts as the entire Kentucky team.

Weidenbach resigns

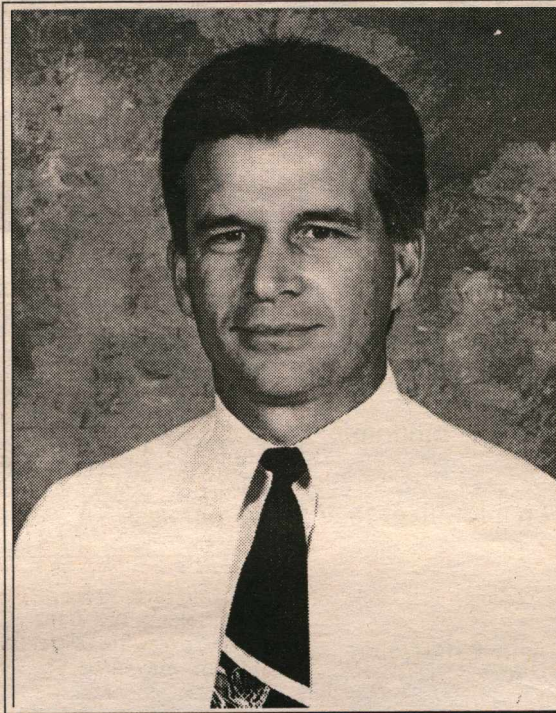
By Robin Day
Sports Editor

During a press conference on March 19, athletic director Eric Forseth announced that Ed Weidenbach is resigning from his position as NNC men's basketball coach. Forseth also introduced Rich Sanders as the man who will be replacing Weidenbach next year.

Weidenbach has said that the team's performance in the national tournament had nothing to do with his decision to resign. "I made the decision prior to the end of the regular season, but waited to make the announcement so it would not affect the team or the NAIA tournament. This is the best time for a break. I'm leaving the program in great shape and this gives me an opportunity to focus on different challenges." Weidenbach is pursuing jobs in the Treasure Valley which allow him to use the skills he has utilized for years in coaching. Also affecting Weidenbach's decision is his family. His son will be a high school senior next year and Weidenbach would like to have the time and opportunity to support him, as well as spend more time with the rest of his family.

Sanders, who has worked as Weidenbach's assistant coach for the last eight years, is looking forward to the future challenges. "I've always thought of myself as the student and I've had a great teacher. Now I take my final exam." When asked about his initial reaction to the news, Sanders replied, "I had a pretty good feel for where Ed was in his career. His decision was made and I wasn't going to be able to talk him out of it." Sanders will be under a microscope for the first few years as head coach, but as Forseth commented, "He can successfully lead the Crusader basketball program." Sanders has already assumed the responsibility of recruiting for next year and plans to place recruitment as a top priority.

Weidenbach is retiring after six years of leading the NNC men's basketball program. He has made huge contributions to the program, coming in after a 9-21 season, and immediately improving the next year's record to 26-9. Weidenbach has a cumulative record at NNC of 144-58, a winning average of .712 and is the most successful coach that NNC has ever had. He has



Assistant coach Rich Sanders has been hired as the new head coach for the 1997-98 year.

led NNC to the national championship for six years; reaching the quarterfinals five times, the Final Four three times and a runner-up finish in 1995. President Richard Hagood had only good things to say about Weidenbach, "He is committed to building champions and has always been strongly supported by the faculty."

With regard to his success as a coach, Weidenbach replied, "The reason that you win is the players. I want to thank all of them for the last six years." Seniors Jeff Kinneeveauk and Tony Schumacher attended the press conference, showing their support for their coach. The news of their coach's resignation came as a shock to the team. "It was giving them two gut punches in a row: first the loss in the national tournament and now this," sympathized Weidenbach.

Sanders has served six years at NNC as the assistant coach and has taken several other positions, including Sports Information Director, Intramural Director and National Tournament Media Coordinator, as well as serving as a Physical Education Professor. Said Forseth, "Rich has acted six years as Sports Information Director and assistant coach. He's paid his dues and deserves an internal promotion." Hagood and Weidenbach both expressed their relief at having someone inside the program to take over and carry on NNC's winning tradition.

NNC fans will miss Coach Weidenbach and what Forseth calls "his innate ability to make sound coaching decisions with split second timing." Everyone associated with the athletic department believes that Sanders is the best man to step in and maintain the standard of excellence Weidenbach has brought to Crusader basketball.

"I've always thought of myself as the student and I've had a great teacher. Now I take my final exam."

~Rich Sanders



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6. One word: French.
5. We may not have to salute the new Editor-in-Chief, and refer to him as "his eminence."
4. We'll have to find another "Spirit of Heresy."
3. No more intently demise of lesser editors who ask if he is related to Chris Farley.
2. No more entertaining phone threats directed at him.
1. We'll have an editor who knows there's more than 88 keys on a keyboard, and that C is nowhere near the middle.

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By Garrett Schmelzenbach

CUTENESS AT EXTREME LEVELS WITHIN THE **ABODE**, SEEMINGLY IMPERVIOUS TO PHYSICAL ATTACKS, SUSPICIOUSLY IN APRIL...

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KIND OF LIKE THIS NEWSPAPER...

I'M A SCHLACKIFE MUSLIM

Dave Barry

Two of life's great evils: Taxes and hyphens

It's time for my annual tax-advice column, which always draws an enthusiastic response from grateful readers.

"Dear Dave," goes a typical letter. "Last year, following your advice, I was able to receive a large tax refund simply by claiming a \$43,000 business deduction for 'paste.' I am currently chained to a wall in federal prison, but they tell me that, with good behavior, in 25 years they'll remove the skull screws. Thanks a lot!"

Yes, helping people is what this column is all about. That's why today I'm going to start by answering a question that taxpayers are constantly asking, namely: "When writing to the IRS, should I use hyphens?"

Not if you can help it. I base this advice on a *Washington Post* news item, sent in by alert reader Bob Pack, concerning an internal memo distributed by the IRS council's finance and management division. This memo, according to *The Post*, stated that the deputy chief counsel, Marlene Gross, "Does not want to receive any memorandums, letters, etc. with hyphenated words." This was followed by a SECOND memo, which stated that Gross "does not want hyphenated words in letters, memos, unless it is at the end of the sentence."

The Post item does not say why the deputy chief counsel feels so strongly about hyphens. But it's quite common for people to develop hostility toward certain punctuation marks. I myself fly into a homicidal rage when I see business names featuring apostrophes on either side of the letter "n," such as "The chew 'n' swallow Cafe." Many historians believe that the 1970 U.S. invasion of Cambodia was a direct result of the fact that Richard Nixon received a memo containing a semicolon. The important thing for you, the taxpayer, to remember is that if you write a letter to the IRS finance and management division, and you MUST use a hyphen, you should place it at the end of the sentence, as shown in these two example sentences provided by the American Association of Tax Accountants

Wearing Suits:

WRONG: "You fat-heads will never catch me!"

RIGHT: "You'll never catch me, fat-heads!"

Speaking of finance and man-

people can understand?

A. Our top political leaders have all voiced strong support for this idea.

Q. So you're saying it will never happen?

noon tomorrow, you should contact your personal congressperson; or, if you are staying in the Lincoln Bedroom, simply stomp on the floor.

Q. I have been trying without success since 1962 to get through on the IRS Taxpayer Assistance Hot Line. I understand that the IRS now also has a help site on the Internet.

A. That is correct. Now, in addition to failing to receive help by phone, taxpayers can fail to receive additional help by trying unsuccessfully to connect with the IRS World Wide Web site at <http://www.bunchofletters.gov>.

Q. If I COULD get through to that web site, what would I see?

A. Photographs of Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, naked.

Q. When you write columns like this, don't you worry that the IRS is going to get ticked off and audit you with an electron microscope?

A. No, because the guys and gals at the IRS are a fun bunch, and they know I'm just kidding around. "Ha-ha," is their reaction, unless they work in the finance and management division, where their reaction, if they know what's good for them, is "Ha ha."

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agement, I have here an Associated Press story, sent in by many alert readers, concerning a congressional audit of the IRS. The key finding, according to the story, was that the IRS "cannot properly keep track of the \$1.4 trillion it collects each year." Isn't that ironic, taxpayers? The IRS -- the very same agency that expects you to maintain detailed records of everything but your toenail clippings -- can't keep track of \$1.4 trillion! Although I'm sure there's a good reason for this. They probably have their hands full at the IRS, what with this hyphen crises.

But enough about punctuation. Let's answer some other common taxpayer questions, using the popular Q-and-A format:

Q. Are you saying that, as a taxpayer, I DON'T have to maintain detailed records of my toenail clippings?

A. Not if they account for 4.7 percent or less of your Adjusted Gross Bodily Debris, which you are of course required to report quarterly on Form 2038-YUK (not available) unless you are a single taxpayer filing jointly or vice versa, whichever comes first.

Q. Are we EVER going to have a federal tax system that regular

A. Right.

Q. At 9:30 a.m. today, I made large cash contributions to both major political parties. As of 1:30 this afternoon, the federal government had still not enacted special tax-break legislation just for me. What kind of country is this?

A. Unfortunately, because of the high demand, the federal government can no longer provide "same-day service," but if you don't see action by

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