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## Brek Erickson



His job, his life

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## Column One

Both the students who noticed that we didn't come out on Tuesday might be wondering why. In order to make it to press on Tuesday, one of us editors would have to skip class (We both have 3L's) That means we come out on Wednesday now.

Now, for those of you who think the editor has multiple personalities, I have another news flash. The Crusader now has two editors in chief (or is that editor in chief's). The former editor, J. Matthew Isbell, had financial trouble, and couldn't finish out the term. That means you're stuck with Andy Diehl and David Stillman (me) for the rest of the year.

If you have a problem with this, write a letter to the editor. We love getting mail, and because we never get any from home and the only way that we get any is by claiming Crusader mail as our own.

This issue has been optimized and adjusted for your reading pleasure. Besides the nifty pointers on this page to guide you through this issue we would like to inform you that the reviews have temporarily moved to the Entertainment section so that you can be bombarded by a giant credit advertisement. We think that it is a cool ad so you should too.

Live Long and Prosper!

David Stillman  
Editor-in-Chief

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## A man named Brek

With the a smile and generous personality, it is rather amazing to learn that the man actually lives in Sutherland Hall.

Brek Erickson, Northwest Nazarene College's new Residential Life Supervisor, has graciously allowed *The Crusader* and Cover Story Editor Nathan Hydes to delve into his life and what drives him to excel at what he does best: love people.

Turn the pages with us to see what his job is, where this remarkable man has been and what the future may hold for him as he helps shape the future of the college.



For more on the life and times of Brek, turn to pgs. 8 and 9.

## Employment Available

### Crusader Press Services

As the term continues on, college students find that their hard earned savings is dwindling rapidly.

Employment opportunities are available both on campus and off. A listing of area job offerings is available in the Career Center and on the bulletin board outside of that office. The Career Center is located in the basement of the Administration Building. On campus employers include Marriott and Environmental Services

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"Do or do not. There is no try!"

~Yoda, Jedi Master, *The Empire Strikes Back*

# Students break ground in laser fiber optics

*Blum and Tennyson research the effects of photorefractive focusing on helium-neon lasers*

By Gina Grate  
Campus News Editor

The action hero lowers his laser gun and takes a bead on the villain, pulls the trigger and a dazzling battle of colored beams of light ensues. The cartoon robots miraculously dodge a plethora of laser shots, take aim with their own weapons and stun their enemies without effort. This is what lasers is all about, right?

Perhaps in popular media, but not in the reality of science. This does not mean that laser research and breakthroughs are not thrilling, Dr. Galen Duree, professor of physics at NNC, would argue. Along with senior Jeff Blum and sophomore Ken Tennyson,

"It could revolutionize computers . . . they could essentially be hundreds of times faster, maybe thousands, I don't even know,"  
~ Ken Tennyson, sophomore

Duree spent this past summer studying "photorefractive focusing" and "photorefractive defocusing."

Sound complicated? It is, to the layman. But the findings in this important field will have impact on everyone, from greater telephone efficiency to faster com-

**Fiber optics:** tubes filled with hundreds of fibers made of glass, along which light flows, carrying information; used recently in telephones.

**CCD camera:** sensitive digital camera used to take photographic cross sections of the laser.

**Helium-neon laser:** laser fueled by helium and neon gases.

puter technology.

"The telecommunications industry is going fiber optic," said Duree. Telephone systems used to send data by electrical charges along copper wires. Fiber optics, which send data by beams of light, however are much more efficient.

In 1992, Dr. Duree was a graduate student, assisting his advisor on a laser project for the Defense Advance Research Projects Agency--a branch of the Department of Defense, that, as Duree put it, "had the hush, hush things." The project, according to Duree, was to research ways to "protect army equipment from damage from stray lasers."

"I found this effect by accident," he said of his discovery that electrical voltage applied to a Strontium Barium Niobate crystal, focused laser beams to various diameters without having to change the size of the lens. But because of the DARPA project, he didn't have time to divert his attention to studying the focusing phenom-

ena.

Now that he is teaching at NNC, Duree decided to take time researching the phenomenon. For the past two summers, Duree and NNC students, have been studying the crystal and lasers. Sophomore engineering physics major, Ken Tennyson, said, "I spent about 12 weeks [this summer] working on the focusing aspect of the research. Basically, that's where we use the crystal to focus the laser."

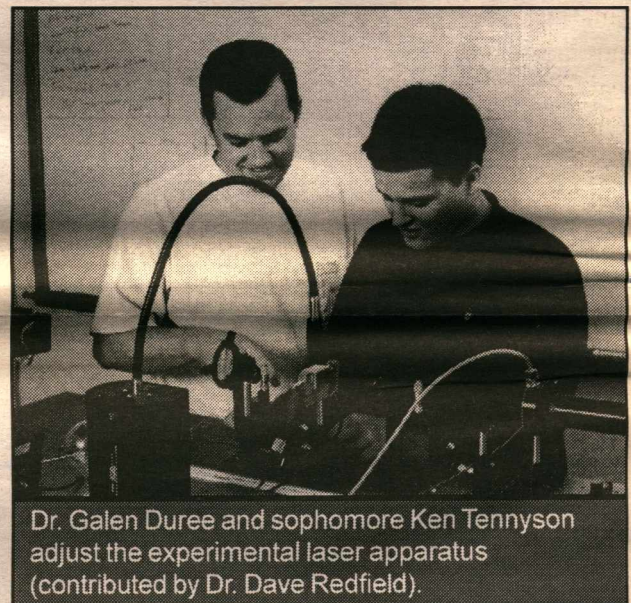
An average day in the lab for Tennyson, consisted of "spending about 9 hours with the lights off so I could see the laser. I spent a lot of time in the dark. I didn't get a tan this summer," he added. He worked with flashlights, "moving little micrometers one-half a millimeter at a time, and taking a picture; moving them again and taking another picture . . . an average data run was about half an hour, and then we'd stop and analyze it and set the crystal's charge back to zero."

Blum worked on a slightly different aspect of the crystal, specifically, on photorefractive defocusing. He actually exposed the crystal to negative voltage, rather than positive. "By reversing the polarity [of the crystal]," he explained, "you can make it focus or defocus."

"If you mess up anything, you have to wait fifteen minutes

to start over," Blum said, and added that he spent a lot of time waiting. "This stuff is really interesting and I like it. . . . No one has done this kind of research; studying how to build optical computers is new. It wasn't difficult research--anybody can turn knobs. But to be able to analyze what's happening and what needs to change took a lot of insight."

The equipment they used was somewhat costly, but much of it was provided by Research Corporation, Science and Math Associates, and the Murdock Foundation. The SBN crystal was donated by Rockwell International, and it is valued to around \$5000. The computer and software is worth



Dr. Galen Duree and sophomore Ken Tennyson adjust the experimental laser apparatus (contributed by Dr. Dave Redfield).

nearly \$10,000, including the CCD camera. The helium-neon laser was already a part of the NNC sci-

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## What is photorefractive focusing?

**Photorefractive focusing** is the process of eliminating some of the broadening of a laser the farther it travels from its point of origin. Just like the light from a flashlight gets broader the farther the light travels from the bulb, laser beams also broaden, thus diminishing their power. This presents a problem in fiber optics, because the glass fibers used to channel the laser beams (like a pipe channels water) may have openings too small for all the light of a laser to enter, if the laser beam has gotten too broad. Dr. Galen Duree, Ken Tennyson and Jeff Blum tried to find a way to solve this "light leakage" by focus-

ing lasers with a **Strontium Barium Niobate Crystal**.

This crystal is actually a cube and is used like a lens through which the laser passes. Just as a magnifying glass can focus sunlight into a very tight, powerful beam of light, this crystal lens focuses a laser. However, even this crystal alone cannot eliminate all the diffusion of the laser. But by attaching a battery to the crystal and sending voltage through it, one can compress the light beam to a very small diameter. The reason the electricity in the crystal focuses the laser beam passing through it, is that the electricity actually distorts the crystal, which results in the compression of light. The distortion in the crystal, how-

ever, is too slight to be detected by the human eye.

## Why is photorefractive focusing important?

Telecommunications technology, such as telephones, computers and Internet, all operate using copper wires and electricity. Right now, electrical charges are sent along the wires to your computer or telephone, and these charges send it data. The recent implementation of **fiber optics** in telecommunications, however, has begun to replace the copper wires with tubes that are filled with countless flexible glass fibers. Lasers are sent through various lenses into the glass fibers, and the light travels along the fibers until

it reaches your computer or telephone. Data sent at the speed of light, rather than the speed of electricity, is much faster and more efficient.

Photorefractive focusing has direct bearing on fiber optics, because focusing the laser to send all the data into the fibers is of the utmost importance. At this stage of its development, the variation in sizes of fibers requires various lenses to focus the laser at different breadths. This is costly and inefficient. Duree and Tennyson believe their research on the SBN crystal will eliminate the need for different lenses, because the crystal can be electrified to focus the laser passing through it, at various sizes.

# Journeys of faith: Reggie Edwards

**By J. Vito Montebalco**  
Assistant Campus Editor

"Doesn't matter how high you jump in church, but how straight you walk when you land." Reggie Edwards heard this quote and it hit home. Edwards, a freshman majoring in engineering physics, is your "always been" Christian. He has been going to church from day one, and though his life hasn't had the excitement of many others, it is always an encouragement to see how God has and can protect his children.

"I have never had a death in the family that was close to home and my parents are both strong Christians. The hardest time I remember is this last year getting into a car accident. On my way back home with my sister, I dropped something on the floor and in order

**"I remember leaving the chapel, looking up in the sky, and the stars, and feeling totally free and at peace," ~ Reggie Edwards, freshman.**

for me to reach it, I had to take off my seatbelt. While I was leaning over to do that, my sister took her eyes off the road and watched me. When she looked up, the truck in front of us had stopped. She hollered my name, but it was too late. My head went into the windshield, shattering it."

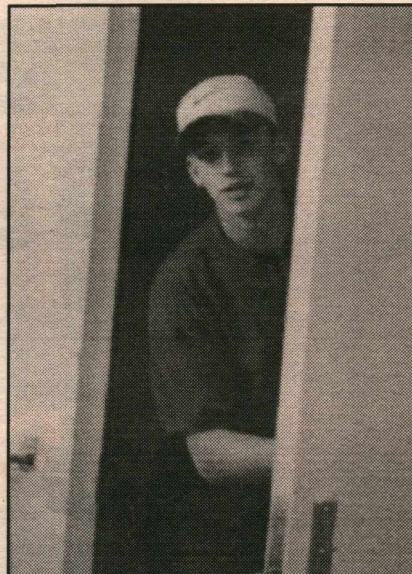
After Edwards was diagnosed with having a severe concussion, his life got tougher. Edwards was on his high school basketball team, but because of the injury he was out for the rest of the year. He wasn't only out of basketball, but also the first half of the track season.

"This was hard for me because sports are really big to me and not being able to do what I love isn't ever easy." But God is good! Edwards healed without any major difficulties and was able to participate in track for the second half of the season. "The Lord really put all of my faith to the test. I was put into a position to really trust in God and rely on him to see me through." This is but one way God has protected Edwards both physi-

cally and spiritually through his life.

He started his walk with the Lord at eight years old. "Though I can't remember all

the details of the time when I received Christ, I do remember it being at a church camp. [What happened] afterward was what I remember the most. I remember leaving the chapel and looking up in the sky, seeing the stars and feeling totally free and at peace." Edwards went in his younger



Reggie Edwards is a freshman with a major in engineering physics.

years with his family to a Bible Missionary church that "was really strict and legalistic and who took the Bible in a literal way; guys couldn't have long hair, nor could girls wear pants." When Edwards was in sixth grade, his family changed churches and started attending the Nazarene church in Meridian, though they lived in Emmett.

Even though Edwards grew up in the church and attended a Christian school, there were still struggles. "It was interesting growing up in a Christian school, but I struggled with something even there. It was easy since you went to a Christian school to get into the habit of praying and saying all the right words but not really having a personal relation-

ship with God. I am glad I am here at NNC. It is a definite change since I have more freedom to choose wrongs yet I am now more willing and able to get that personal relationship with God that I struggled with in high school."

Attending three work and witness trips to Mexico in '94, '95 and '97 really have given him an encouraged spirit. "It showed me that there are others in the world that truly serve the Lord and to see them worship the same way I do was an experience. The most touching part of the trips were seeing the kids willing to love people they really didn't know and even though they had almost nothing. That really changed my perspective on material things and my possessions."

Many other experiences in Edwards' life encouraged him in his walk with the Lord, but some people helped along the way. "My father was a big help in my life. He was so open and we could communicate easily. He taught me to rely on God no matter what may happen. Another person that affected me a lot was Ed Weaver, my youth pastor. It seemed like everything he said hit home." Though Edwards may be majoring in engineering physics and is here at NNC, he is still waiting for God to direct him in exactly where he is supposed to go. "I am not sure where I am called yet, but I know that when the call comes, you will find me there."

## Studying the impact of electricity on the SBN crystal

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ence division, and is valued at \$500.

"The phenomenon did not progress in the way we thought it would," said Duree. "I had preconceived notions of how the crystal would focus the laser. I expected a certain progression. It didn't happen the way I expected. I thought we'd be done with it this summer, but we're still doing it. We don't know what conclusions we're going to make yet."

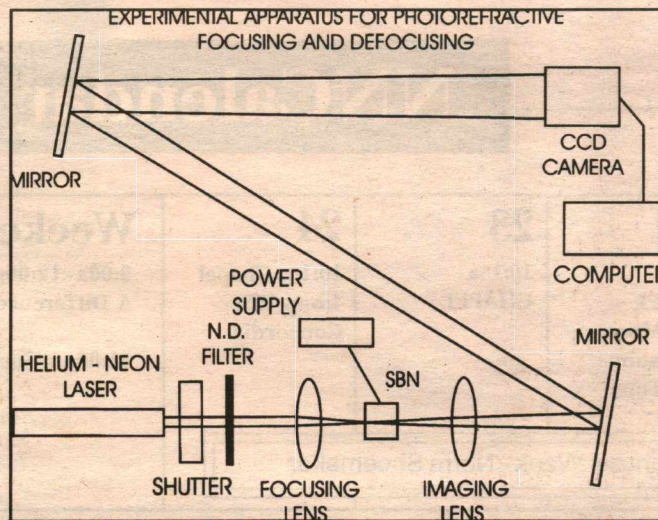
"I guess the biggest question for us," added Tennyson, "is, 'Will it ever be useable?' It works in theory. A lot of times something works great in a lab, but it could break down in a few weeks

[once set up in a daily environment]."

Duree said that this type of research, research on the cutting edge of technology, would not normally be done by undergraduate students.

"I think it could revolutionize computers," said Tennyson. "... they could essentially be hundreds of times faster, maybe thousands, I don't even know."

"It could make the comput-



A diagram of the experimental apparatus containing the helium-neon laser, the SBN crystal, and the CCD camera (contributed by Duree).

publish a paper in the Undergraduate Journal of Physics. I'll be presenting a poster at Murdock." Tennyson also mentioned that there is a possibility he could present at an optics conference on the San Francisco. Blum also plans to submit a paper to the UJP.

"I learned [to have] a good work ethic..." Blum said. "... don't slack, so your employer feels good for paying you to do what you're supposed to do. Be a go-getter, try and impress your employer all the time."

ers we have now archaic," said Duree.

Tennyson felt that his experience in research was valuable. "Hopefully, I'm looking to try to

# Dr. Leon Powers explores the wildlife of exotic Australia

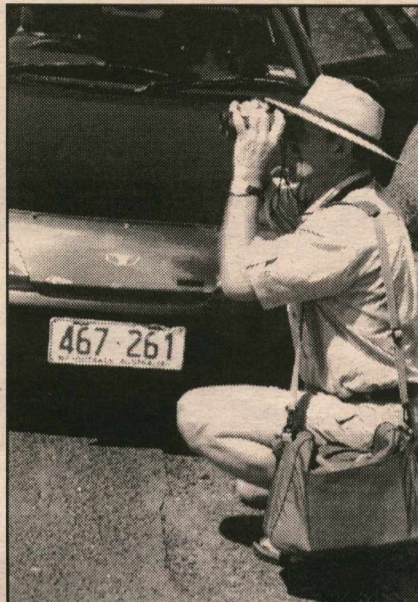
By Sarah Wolfe  
Staff Writer

If you have never ventured to the north side of the campus, you may have never met a truly interesting individual at NNC. Dr. Leon Powers, professor in the Department of Biology, adds a fascinating perspective to the NNC experience. Powers recently traveled to Australia to explore the foreign wildlife as well as the possibility of an overseas study program for NNC students in Australia.

His plan to return to Australia with a group of 10-20 NNC students became a vision while on a mission trip to Australia last summer. He was incredibly impressed with the tremendous variety of interesting wildlife and rich natural history unique to this part of the world.

Dr. Powers said of his first experience in Australia: "With a single field guide and scant time, I was able to become familiar with more than 80 new bird species and a variety of other wildlife that I had never seen nor heard of before. I would like to expand on that experience and share it with other interested people."

Dr. Powers feels that his program would add a wholistic approach to the Australian experience. "To my naturalist mind, a visit to Australia without a concerted study of its



Dr. Leon Powers scans the horizon for wildlife, while in Australia this past summer.



A koala stares back at Dr. Powers, startled to be captured on film.

proposal to the Dean. "I propose to develop a course that would offer NNC students an opportunity to travel to Australia and to experience first-hand, and study up-close, the 'Natural History of Australia'."

Dr. Powers, along with his wife and two other relatives, left for Australia on August 1. During his stay in Australia, Powers visited Brisbane, Cairns, Darwin, Alice Springs, Adelaide, the island of Tasmania and Sydney. Most of their nights were spent in caravan parks which would compare to low grade motels. The rooms came equipped with two double beds, a small kitchenette and a bathroom and cost the travelers around \$35 a night.

"Australia is a unique and wonderful place to learn about all kinds of wildlife," Dr. Powers answered when asked why he chose Australia to further his studies. "I love Idaho and the birds we explore

in Birds of Prey, but I needed to expand my knowledge of a broader range of birds."

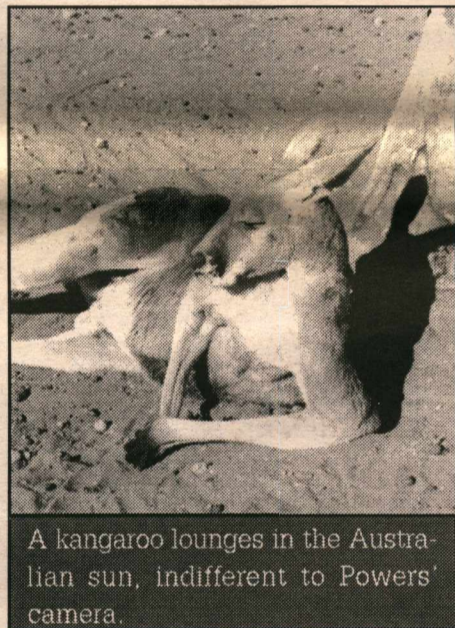
unique natural history seems somewhat akin to entering the Louvre merely to use its drinking fountain, or entering the Taj Mahal solely to make a phone call," he stated in a

Contary to the popular mental picture of Australia being a continent of brown flatlands, Dr. Powers described the scenery as "green forests closer to the coast and the equator, and beautiful reds in the sand and rocks as you move toward the center countries. It is beautiful."

Another magnificent experience for Dr. Powers was the sky at night. "It was so impressive to walk outside and see an entirely different set of stars and constellations." This is an aspect that many would not even think of, but as Dr. Powers said, "It is very obvious that you are in a different country in everything from the sky to the people."

Powers spoke of the people of Australia as "friendly and always willing to help." The binoculars, cameras and other paraphernalia of tourists would attract the people to the four explorers and they were always willing to answer questions about anything from birds to wildlife refuges.

Powers also expanded his diet with foods such as wallabie, emu, and camel meat.



A kangaroo lounges in the Australian sun, indifferent to Powers' camera.

He also acquired a taste for pumpkin soup, which was actually made from squash, and a dessert called, sticky date pudding. "My favorite thing to eat was probably the pumpkin soup. It was like nothing I've ever tasted," said Powers.

"I would go back tomorrow," Powers exclaimed. As he plans this study overseas with our sister college, Nazarene Theological College in Brisbane, students are encouraged to get to know this fascinating professor. He will be happy to share his knowledge and his

plans to travel to Australia next summer.

## NNCalendar

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**November 5th - 7th:**  
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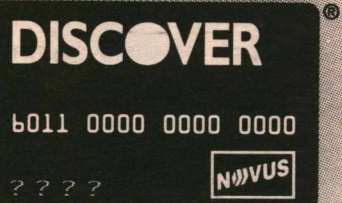
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Staff Editorial

Tardiness.

It is probably the single largest pet-peeve that is known to man.

What is it that draws some people to be late so consistently? Have they no respect for the rights of others? Are they so self-centered that their needs and wants can actually eclipse the needs and wants of the whole?

Mind you, we are looking at the whole problem of tardiness and looking to see if it's an extension of our modern technological society (it's always got to be society or their parents fault so society is taken care of) or plain old laziness? Did their parents leave them in the crib for that little bit too long that instilled them with this problem ( and now their parents are covered) or is it just a genetic disorder?

Really let's look at the real reason that people are late: They really don't know any better.

It's plain and simple.

People that are habitually late have no clue that they are late. They have this amazing ability to float through life without realizing that they have missed anything! Their brains have an extra chromosome that allows them to telepathically ingest that fifteen minutes that they missed. Because of this they never realize that they weren't there.

Now that we have delved into the deep meaning of tardiness we want you to remember this as you wait for your roommate or best friend outside of Marriott. Don't worry, it should only be another three minutes or so.

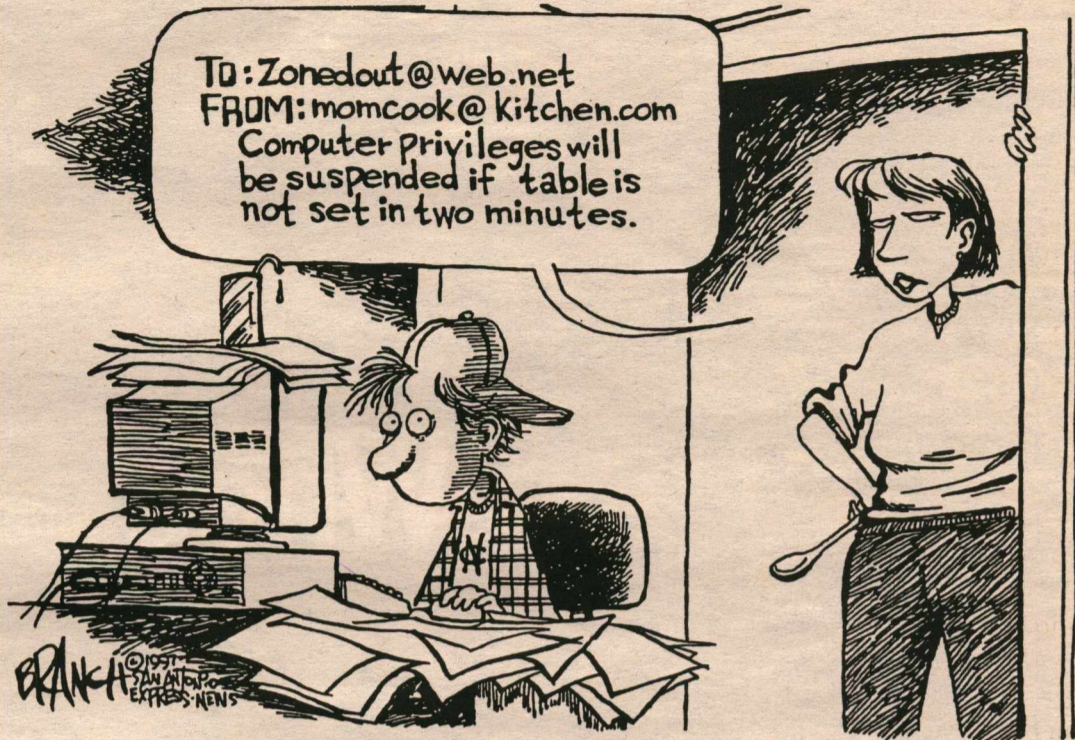
Staff Infection

She talked to me today!!! She wants me! I can't believe she actually talked to me ... If that happened at work I would be in real trouble ... I dislike girls more now that I have come than before; I didn't think that was possible ... I hate those life-insurance machines ... When I am in rigor mortis I am going to blink ... and then the fourteen-foot kangaroo jumped on the tent ... My mommy said I can't talk to you anymore ... I've got the hiccoughs ... Oh, is that what they are ... You ninny ... I like to eat, eat apples and bananas ... I have ... Yeah, but what you said isn't as strange as what he said ... I just don't like it when they use the word terminal at the airport ... Wildflowers in Nebraska? ... Its too early for snow ... I feel like singing ... Bats are versatile things ... so many common uses ... Personally, I like the reclining model ... But, no, mom, I already did ... I'm all alone at 5:45 in the morning with nothing left to say to anyone (this is good)

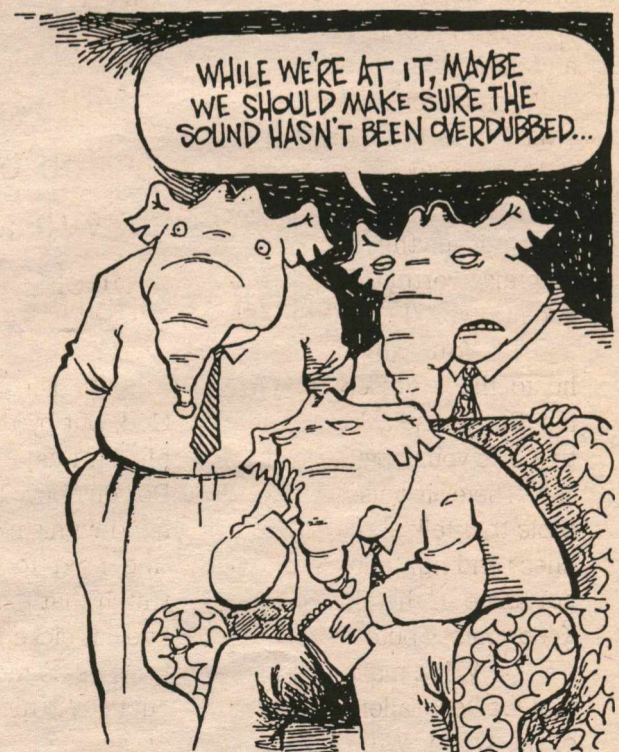
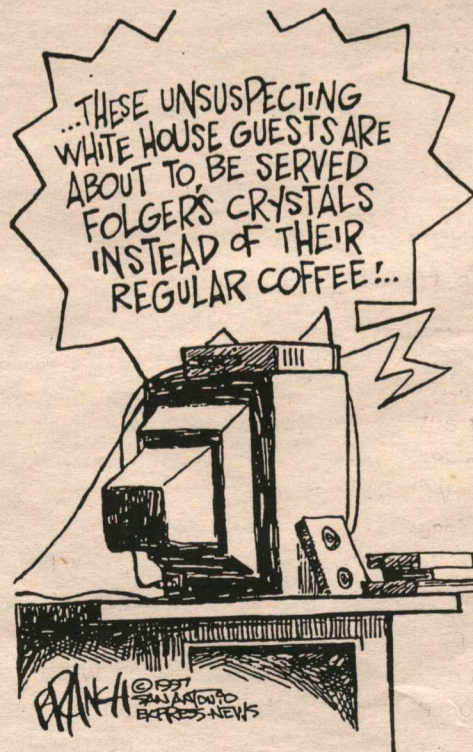
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## Be ye glad...sometimes at least

Don't you just love to hate those people who are always bright-eyed and bushy-tailed? Why is it that I always seem to run into the most boisterous of these people at the most inopportune times? I mean, I don't mind being around these people when I am fully cognizant and in a like mood; but when I need to talk to someone and the only person around is bouncing off the walls, I start to get a little annoyed. I do realize, however, that at times I am that chipper, grating person getting on the nerves of those around me.

One may wonder if, in our busy lives, one has any time at all left to worry about such trivial things as the moods we are in (as if we control them or

### Shawn Shafer

something). Well, the only reason I do contemplate such matters is because I know just how much of a difference one's mood makes in being receptive and open towards others. On the other hand, one's mood also determines the likelihood of one being willing to share one's burdens. When the highest meet the lowest, they don't connect; they explode or falter in some other way.

Once realizing this, I have to ask myself; how can I keep my fervency and dynamic energy in my good times and my soberness and vigilance in my down times at the same time as

always being receptive to the moods of those around me?

The answer is simple. Things like this do not need to be worried about. Jesus called us to cast all our cares on Him. In doing so, we place our faith and actions in His hands. Thus trusting, we can rest assured that in our times of great joy we will also possess a spirit such that we will appear receptive to those around. It is during these times we can be the greatest encouragers. As well, in our down times, we can trust God to place those near us whom we need to be with.

Let us pray that God would continually be active in our hearts and minds to eventually create a sacrifice wholly acceptable and pleasing.

## Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues

### How do you react to sexually explicit content in motion pictures, TV and print?



**Eric VanSoest**  
Freshman  
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"I don't really have a problem with it. It doesn't affect my spiritual walk. I don't like to expose myself greatly though."

## Purify my heart, oh God!

By Kelli Westmark  
Guest Writer

Sex. It's everywhere. You cannot turn on the television, radio or drive down the street without being bombarded with sex. Sex is not a bad thing. God created it to be enjoyed... *within the context of marriage*. The world does not obey this guideline, however, and it is costing us dearly. So how do we as Christians live in a world and not be a part of it?

Over and over again, the Bible talks about purity. "Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity" (1 Tim. 4:12). "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things" (Phil. 4:8).

You have probably heard those verses all of your life. But let me ask you a question. Are you obeying what they say? There are verses all over the Bible that talk about purity, holiness and righteousness. "...Do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure" (1 Tim. 5:22).

What makes me sick is that we have fallen into the trap of the world. We as Christians who have been called by God to "live a holy life" (2 Tim 1:9), entertain ourselves by renting

movies or jumping in our cars and going to one. Can't we think of more constructive things to do? I am just as guilty as you. As I point one finger at you, I've got three more and a thumb pointing back at me. But you know what? The Holy Spirit has convicted me and I have taken a stand never to see a movie, watch T.V. or turn on the radio to garbage. I don't care if there is "just one scene." The same sin Jesus died for I will not sit and watch or support with a couple bucks. It's trash!

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"They claim to know God, but by their actions deny him" (Titus 1:16). Is that you? Do you deny God by filling your mind with sin? If Jesus was sitting next to you, would you watch that movie? The Jesus I know is sickened by our sin. He loves us so much and is crying out to us to turn from our wicked ways.

Satan has a foothold. He knows that after a hard week of classes, we just want to relax.

Entertainment is the easy way out. All we have to do is sit there. Have we lost our ability to think critically? Have we become so immune to sin that we don't even flinch? Ouch!

In the name of Jesus Christ, flee from sin! If we all were to flee from sin, God would do some amazing things on our campus! He has given us the power to tell Satan to beat it. Why don't we use that power and say "No!" to sin?

I believe that God is calling this nation back to purity. The nation's problems start right here, right now, with us. God is calling you and me to be pure. We've hurt our loving heavenly Father too long! Now is the time to repent of our sin. If we've got our eyes focused even one degree off of him, in the long run we'll be far from him.

"Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God" (2 Cor. 7:1).

When was the last time you sang "Refiner's Fire?" Did you mean every single word? Make it your prayer to our holy God right now.

"Purify my heart. Let me be as gold and precious silver. Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within. Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy. Set apart for you Lord. I choose to be holy, set apart for you my master. Ready to do your will."



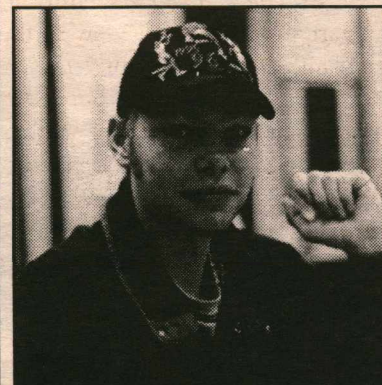
**Josie Skeesuk**  
Junior  
Social Work  
Ontario, Or.

"I'd rather not watch it. It makes me uncomfortable. Sometimes I fast-forward through those parts."



**April Fogerson**  
Sophomore  
Biology  
Enumclaw, Wa.

"I don't like it. Usually, I'll just leave the theatre."



**James Dewey**  
Sophomore  
Engineering Physics  
Denver, Co.

"I sit there like normal. However, I don't watch much TV or go to many movies like that."



# Brek Erickson tells us about his li

By Nathan Hydes  
Cover Story Editor

Most of us have probably seen the man walking around campus with the white cane saying hello to almost everyone he meets up with. Some of us have probably wondered, "who is that guy or what is he doing here?"

First of all, his name is Brek Erickson, and he isn't a student. His official title is: Residence Life Supervisor. "I don't like that title to be used though," Brek says. "I'm the only person on campus who has that title, so most people don't really know what it means."

Basically, Brek does what the RA's do. He lives in Sutherland where he spends one or two nights a week and two weekends a month on desk. He also works with ASNNC where he helps arrange activities for the students. Brek also helps students with homework whenever he can.

A big part of his job is working with freshmen. "I visit their dorms and I talk to them," Brek said. "What I do is help them adjust to college life." Brek admits he doesn't have a whole lot of spare time with his new job. "I stay busy with what I've got, believe me."

Brek got this position after he received a phone call earlier this summer. "I applied for the position of RD originally," Brek said. "That was two years ago." Unfortunately, NNC didn't need any RD's at that time. Fortunately, a position eventually opened up in Sutherland.

Brek, 34, originally grew up in Southern California. He has one brother, Tory, 31, who is an attorney in Los Angeles. Brek graduated from La Quinta High School in Westminster, California in 1981. From there, he packed his bags and headed south to Pt. Loma College in San Diego. Here he received his Bachelor's degree in Religion in 1985 and later went on to



Brek Erickson is officially known as the Residence Life Supervisor at NNC. His job is to talk to the students, (mainly the freshman) and help them adjust to college life.

earn his Master's degree in counseling in 1986.

In college, Brek participated in a number of small singing groups and choirs. "I really loved Pt. Loma," Brek said. "I'll always have a special place in my heart for it."

When he was all finished at Pt. Loma, Brek moved to Kansas City, Missouri where he attended the Nazarene Theological Seminary. He graduated from the seminary in 1989 earning himself a degree in Master of Divinity (MDIV).

His first job after school was in Salem, Oregon where he worked as an RD at the boarding school Western Mennonite.

In 1993, Brek decided it was time for a change. He left Oregon to see what Nampa had to offer. His first job in Idaho was at Nampa High School working as a teacher's aide in English. He spent two years at Nampa High before he lost his job due to budget cuts. The high school needed more money so they could hire security guards, and the English department was where they decided to get the funds.

Brek had also spent the last seven summers in New

Jersey working at a kids' Christian camp.

Brek was looking for a job for awhile, but the only available job he could find at that time in 1995 was at McDonalds. "It was great working there because I could witness for Christ," Brek said. "And the people were really nice." But the problem was that I was overqualified for the job with a bachelor's degree and two Master's degrees, Brek said. So, he left.

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**"I love the family atmosphere NNC has. There's a closeness on this campus that's hard to explain. It's like being part of a family." ~ Brek Erickson**

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That's when he came to NNC.

When Brek was asked what he thought about NNC so far, the first words out of his mouth were, "I love it. I love the family atmosphere NNC has. There's a closeness on this campus that's really hard to explain. It's like being part of a family."

Another part of NNC, that Brek thinks is great is the chaplain, Gene Schandorff. He's really good, Brek said. "He does a great job communicating with the students."

In his free time, Brek enjoys a number of activities. "I love playing Rook," he says with a smile. He also listens to sports. Baseball, he says, is his favorite sport. Other activities he



Brek dons his toga while skating side by side with his buddies Doyle Harris and Sanchai Dean at the rollerscamming party last month.

# life and what he's doing at NNC

likes to do when he finds time include: swimming, bowling, roller-skating and rooting for his favorite intramural football team.

This September, during LEAD Retreat, Brek and the other RA's went mountain climbing in the McCall area. When we got to this lake it was snowing already, Brek said. But that didn't matter. We went swimming in the lake anyway. Brek also enjoys reading, and he is currently taking voice lessons.

Towards the end of the interview, Brek was asked about his blindness and if he has always been blind or if he was afflicted later in life. "I was just waiting for you to get to that," he said. "But that's ok." When he was 17, Brek had an inner eye infection that caused his retinas to detach and then hemorrhage causing blindness.

Brek only mentioned one change that he would like to see take place at NNC. And that is, he would like there to be more communication between students and faculty. "We're all adults here," Brek said. "Everyone here is over 18, except for a few young freshmen." For example, you don't see professors eating in Marriott very often, and I feel that the ties could be closer between the two groups.

Overall, things have been going well for Brek. "I've enjoyed helping people and making so many new friends. I don't know how long I'll be here," he admits, "But I would like to be here for at least a few more years. I expect the coming years to be fruitful ones."

"It challenged a lot of the guys up there because a lot of them had never been around a person with a disability before." ~Neil Weaver, Sutherland RD

## Students and staff offer their thoughts

Brek Erikson is certainly making his mark on the NNC campus. Some of the students have expressed what they think about Brek and what he's been doing around the school.

The first time Brek became associated with some of the students at NNC this year was at LEAD retreat in mid-September. This wasn't just a little drive to the city park for some lunch on the grass followed by pleasant conversation in the shade. This was a four-mile hike into the mountains near McCall. Brek completed the hike, and when he got there, he joined some of the other guys in taking a dip in the lake in spite of the snow.

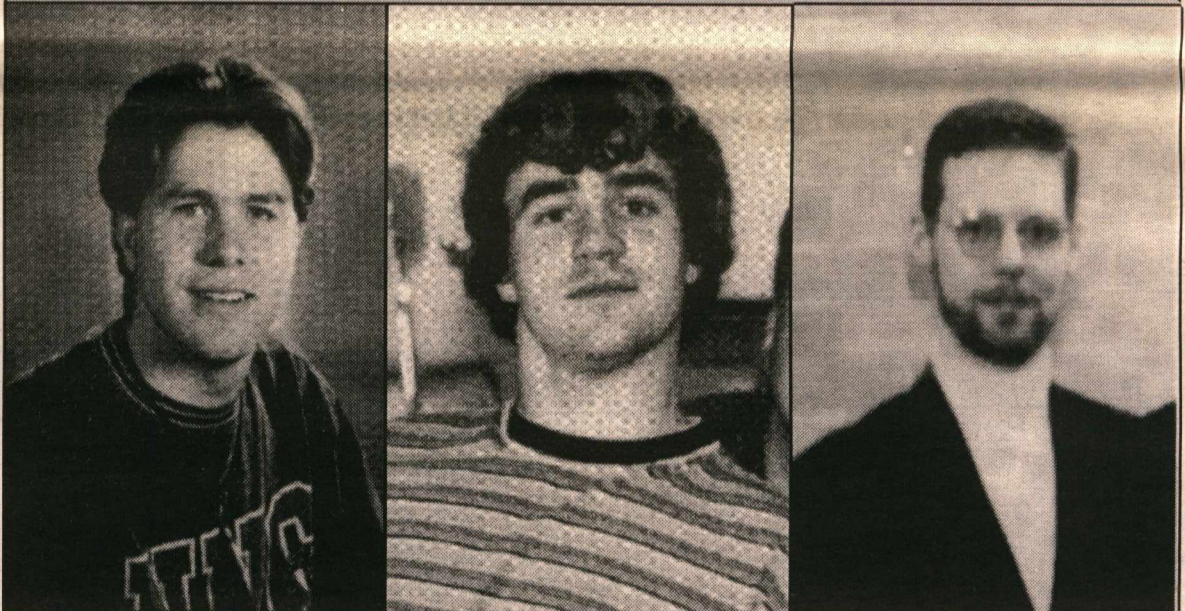
"It was great that he was there," Resident Director Neil Weaver said. "It challenged a lot of the guys up there because a lot of them had never been around a person with a disability before."

According to Weaver, Brek has been doing a great job. "He gets around a lot and meets a lot of people." He's definitely a positive attribute to the college.

Doyle Harris offered his two cents as well. "Brek does a lot of things I would never do if I had his handicap," he said. "He needs help sometimes, but for the most part, he knows where he's going."

"It was awesome," Kenny Wade said about having Brek at the retreat. "It was really inspiring." It's great just having him here. If people open up to him, they'll see that not all handicapped people are helpless."

"He's fun to joke around with too," Wade said. "The other day, Brek was walking outside to take out some garbage, and I said, 'Hey Brek, you can't go outside. It's dark out there.' Brek just turned around and said, 'It's dark all of the time, pal.'"



Doyle Harris, Kenny Wade, and Neil Weaver (from left to right) have all had the pleasure of living in Sutherland Hall with Brek and going with him on LEAD retreat to McCall.



Brek's unfailing sense of humor is one of his greatest assets.

*Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.*

*-Ephesians 6:6*



A thinking man in his own right, Erickson hold two M.A. degrees

## Clyde's Menu:

Soda	16oz	\$0.89
	20oz	\$0.99
	30oz	\$1.14
Coffee	12oz	\$0.60
Tea	12oz	\$0.50
2% milk	1/2 pint	\$0.50
Espresso	single	\$0.75
	double	\$1.00
	<i>Reg.</i>	<i>Tall</i>
Latte	\$1.00	\$1.25
Latte Brave	\$1.25	\$1.50
Mocha	\$1.00	\$1.50
Cappucino	\$1.00	\$1.25
Steamer		\$0.99
Italian Soda		\$0.99
Smoothie		\$1.99
Mugs (Refill-)	22oz	\$0.40
Cones		\$0.99
SIDE ORDERS		
Onion Rings		\$1.29
Egg Roll (each)		\$0.99
Cheese Sticks		\$2.89
Chicken Nuggets (six)		\$0.99
BLT		\$1.75
Chicken Strips		\$1.99
FROM THE GRILL		
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Crusader burger	\$1.39	\$2.89
Bacon chz burger	\$0.99	\$2.89
Chz Burger	\$0.99	
Hamburger	\$0.79	

You can get this and much more down at Clydes in the old Fireside. Drop in, you'll love it.

## \$1 hoax to sell off famous mid-1800's author's home

*School officials want Stowe's house removed; citizens are in disagreement*

by Joshua M. Dooley  
World News Editor

LITCHFIELD, CT - Litchfield might be home of many memories, but the one big story is of a gray house with a magnificent arched attic with garrets that were "splendid grounds for little people" and a view of Bantam Lake's "girdle of steel-blue pines."

The one story started with a man named Lyman Beecher. In this house he would write sermons as his daughter, Harriet, would curl up to read. Once in a while she'd watch her father study, sometimes aloud.

This was where Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," would first write about the lovely sags in the wooden beams and floorboards and the boarded up windows.

Now it's just a mere memory of where the writer-abolitionist was born in 1811. The 222-year-old house, renovated, moved twice and now sits abandoned, paint peeling, on the grounds of the private Forman school.

Just recently, the school put the house on sale for only \$1, in hopes of replacing it with a new dormitory.

This move has inflamed the debate concerning Stowe's role in American history.

"It sounds wonderful to keep the building as a museum on the school grounds, but it's not

realistic," the school's headmaster, Mark Perkins said. "We are not a historical society. As a school we have to stay focused on our mission."

So far this house has been on the market for a year and no one has taken up on the offer. The school recently decided to drop the price from \$50,000 and even threatened to demolish it November 1 if no one comes forward to save it.

This threat, however, did what it was supposed to, and that was to create a local outcry and a flurry of interest from prospective buyers. This gives Forman a handful of proposals to choose from by Monday.

The school officials admitted that the cost for Stowe's house, \$1, was just a joke. In reality the homestead would be too costly to move and rebuild. Prices were quoted being as high as \$1 million.

Stowe is the country's most famous abolitionist. Her best selling book "Uncle Tom's Cabin" sold 10,000 copies just in the first week. The book even had an affect on our countries late president Abraham Lincoln as he was quoted for telling Stowe, "So you are the little woman who wrote the book that caused the big war," 10 years after it was published.

Many of the New England townfolk, who live in stately mansions and extravagant country homes, feel that cost should come second to history. What's more, this woman's 1852 novel moved readers to weep for slaves.

## Israel help U.S. to capture its fugitive

by Chad Cray  
Staff Writer

JERUSALEM -- A 17-year-old American fugitive has claimed Israeli citizenship to escape charges of murder which has caused a diplomatic feud between the U.S. and Israel. Fortunately it is possible, according to Israel's attorney general, that Samuel Sheinbein will be extradited to the U.S. for trial.

Sheinbein claimed Israeli citizenship because his father used to live in Israel. Unfortunately for Sheinbein, his father left Israel when he was six, and Samuel has never before lived in Israel. These, and other facts, have lead Attorney General Eliakim Rubinstein to believe that, "...The position of the Ministry of Justice is that Sheinbein is not an Israeli citizen. There is a basis to assume, in part, Israel's refusal to extradite Sheinbein.

Hundreds of documents have been reviewed by Israel's Justice Ministry. These documents were sent by the U.S. in an attempt to show that the father's Israeli citizenship was questionable.

Former Justice Minister David Libai, who is representing Sheinbein, has stated that any decision to extradite his client will be appealed. This will probably allow Sheinbein to stay in Israel for several weeks.

The present Justice Minister, Tsahi Negbi, will have to appeal to a higher court to get Sheinbein extradited.

## Kenyans protest election laws

by Andrew J. Deihl  
Editor in Chief

NAIROBI, KENYA -- Eight protesters were arrested and many were injured after a clash with police and rioters. Police used clubs and tear gas to disperse demonstrators who gathered on a state holiday for independence warriors. Demonstrators are moving for changes in Kenya's election law.

Violence broke out as police moved to block a convoy of protestors heading to holiday festivities in downtown Nyeri, 60 miles north of Kenya's capital of Nairobi. Reformists had gathered in Nyeri to plant trees in memory of Dedan Kimathi, an independence fighter who was hung by British resistance forces in 1957. Kenya police have used force to break up all prop reform rallies with the exception of Kenyatta Day. Kenyatta Day protests laws that date from British rule that allow the incumbent President Daniel arap Moi to have the advantage in this year's up coming elections. Moi, 74, is currently in his fourth five year term.

This is the second demonstration to be broken up in as many days. Outside the town of Nyahururu, 120 miles north of Nairobi, a police and paramilitary force came in with orders to break up the peaceful demonstration. It looked as though the demonstration would end with little or no bloodshed but protestors with signs declaring "No reforms. No elections," defied dispersment orders. Police began to throw tear gas and fire live rounds of ammunition.

The crackdown on protests shows the contradictory stance that the Kenyan government has taken. While the government says that it will allow the protests while police are ordered to disperse all demonstrations.

# Clinton questioned for use of DNC donation funds

by Rachel Roemhildt  
Staff Writer

Questions about President Clinton's fund-raising tactics are souring due to the newly surfaced "White House Tapes." The tapes show Clinton meeting with Democratic National Committee (DNC) donors at a luncheon in December of 1995, the purpose of which was to raise campaign funds.

The tapes, along with the fact that the White House has recently confirmed that President Clinton did engage in phone solicitation to a few members of the DNC to raise campaign funds, urged some Republicans to call for an independent counsel to investigate the President's 1996 campaign.

The tapes show that Clinton acknowledging that the party funded "issue advocacy" television adds that helped elect him in 1996. The president is seen telling the donors that by using the DNC to raise money for the ads, "we could raise money in \$20,000, \$50,000 and \$100,000 blocks. We didn't have to do it all in \$1,000 [blocks]," he said. "There is a federal limit on his campaign that would restrict contributions beyond \$1,000." "Now we have it from the president's own mouth that the purpose of the money being raised by the Democratic National Committee was to promote his own campaign . . . a violation of federal law," said Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA)

Representative Dan Burton (R-IN) has brought up some questions as to whether or not the tapes were altered by the White House. This is due to there being a couple of abrupt breaks in the taping; However, the White House has said that the breaks are due to the way it was filmed.

Representative Henry Hyde (R-IL) reacted to the tape, calling it a "devastating statement," and said that it was enough reason for Attorney General Janet Reno to ask for a specific counsel to investigate the tapes and also the reported phone solicitation.

One report Richard Jenrette, a retired Wall Street investment banker, saying that on October 18, 1994, Clinton phoned him with the specific intent to raise money. Although he did not ask for a specific amount, Jenrette said that the president alluded to raising \$2 million from 40 "good friends."

The president has no memory of the call made to Mr. Jenrette.

However, the White House phone records do show that the president made at least six calls, including the one made to Mr. Jenrette, to other donors from the White House.

Some republicans say though that the matter is not where Clinton made the calls from,

but what the intent behind them were.

"For all of the period of time we've been wrestling with this question, it is apparent to us that the real issue is not who makes phone calls from what telephone, but was there a conspiracy to evade the federal campaign laws for the election," asked Hyde? However, law-

yers from both parties and the Federal Election Commission's former counsel, did also say that the ads were "appropriate."

Former President Carter reacted to the fund-raising scandal as the "most embarrassing and debilitating thing that I've seen evolve in the political structure in our country,"

"It gives the American people the impression, which is not always erroneous, that to get the legislation passed, or decisions made in Washington, you've got to contribute money and a so-called legal bribe in order to get what you need for your own business or your own financial benefit passed through the Congress and signed by the President," Carter said.

The one who may end up paying for Clinton's campaign funds scandal could be Gore, in the 2000 election. Carter said that the allegations could be "very debilitating" towards Gore's chances at the Presidency in 2000.

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## ...very briefly...

HANCOCK, MARYLAND --The

### People news

town of Hancock knows when Halloween is, but as far as the dressing up and getting candy ritual goes, they refuse to set a trick-or-treating date.

Since no date has been set, homeowners of the town must be ready all week long to give out candy to those who ring their doorbell.

"Last year, it got to the point people were running back and forth across the street up here every night," Dixie Weller, an upset citizen who wants a date set, stated. She feels that perhaps even October 31 would be sufficient enough.

The rule to disband the actual date of trick-or-treating came about 20 years ago because of all the reports of treat-tampering from around the country. The town officials felt it would be even more scary having to face personal injury lawyers.

"If you scheduled a night for trick-or-treating, the town would be more or less sponsoring it," said Town Manager Louis Close. "If the child got hurt, they could come back and say the town sanctioned it and we're responsible for the safety of the children."

Though the children like the idea of a week-long Halloween to go get more candy each night, much of the town seems to be against it.

WASHINGTON -- As of Sunday, Amtrak and a

### Business News

union of railway workers have made an agreement to extend a cooling-off period in their labor dispute by one week, reducing a chance of a strike or lockout on Wednesday.

Transportation Secretary Rodney E. Slater mentioned that an Amtrak strike would cut off the service to 50,000 daily riders and make it awkward for up 450,000 commuter train riders.

Rodney claimed that the agreement was an attempt to continue the talks on outstanding wage and working condition issues.

## This Week in History

Historical facts that may or may not deal directly with you.

Dating October 20 - October 26, 1997

October 21, 1977 -- The establishment of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Empire, Michigan.

October 24, 1979 -- A World Heritage Site is pointed out by Grand Canyon National Park.

October 26, 1984 -- The Agriculture Department orders the sale of thousands of acres of old-growth timber that was previously withheld, for environmental reasons, in response to a federal appeals court.

October 25, 1990 -- The signing of the Antarctic treaty's 50-year mining ban.

October 20, 1991 -- Through a continuing biological survey, it is discovered that Georgia's plant and animal life are slowly disappearing, where 230 plants and animal are recommended for protection.

October 22, 1992 -- In order to be cost-competitive with original products, automation is being tested to cut the cost of recycling consumer-generated plastic.

October 23, 1995 -- A five year plan has been agreed upon by the White House and north-western lawmakers in order to limit costs of saving salmon threatened by dams, and to fuse off potential rate increases from fish protection measures.

-- Compiled by Joshua Dooley

## Around the world in eighty words

compiled by Joshua M. Dooley  
World News Editor

### One man moves B-747

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA -- One man, Strongman David Huxley, recently met a substantially "big" challenge as he moved a 187-ton Boeing 747 Jet. Pulling jets behind him as become Huxley's specialty.

Even though this task seemed intimidating, Huxley strapped himself in a harness, and with a big breath of air, pulled the jet 91 meters (109 yds) to pull his way further than anyone else in the record book Tuesday.

### Too close to the action

BUCHAREST, ROMANIA -- A reporter, Adrian Fulea, got a little too close to his coverage on Sunday as a car that was suppose to just roll off a platform, launch into the air and explode on the ground.

What happened instead was the car swerved and crashed into Fulea. He was unaware of the event until he was hit from behind and knocked on the ground. Fulea and a few other spectators managed to make it out of the incident with minor injuries.

### Dead parrot sketch for real

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN -- A local woman plans to take a nearby pet shop to court for selling her a parrot which died after only a couple of days. The shops response is, "the bird may just have been sleeping."

The pet shop owner refused to believe the dead parrot story since there was no body to prove that not even the vet could help it.

Recently a case has been drawn up to go to a local court in Malmo, Sweden.

# Crusader Lady soccer split weekend

By Melissa Tennyson  
Staff Writer

This week, women's soccer played one away game and two home games. The away game on Tuesday against Albertson College was a tough loss, 0-3. The home game on Friday against Western Oregon was another tough loss, 1-5. Saturday's game, however, was a very exciting victory against Western Baptist College. The girls won in a shut-out, 1-0. Coach Lang commented, "We played very sluggish and uninspired in the first two games, but we were able to play extremely well against Western Baptist. It was a whole team effort. The defense really came together for the best perfor-



Though they haven't won many games, the Crusaders hold their own in individual standings in the league.

mance of the year in a shut-out. The team is to be commended for pulling it together and playing really well!" Power Player of the Week is forward Natasha Anderson. She is a freshman from Meridian. The Offensive Player of the Week is Chavon Weimer, who ranked as the sixth top scorer in league this week. She has accumulated 32 shots, 4 goals, 3 assists, and 11 points. Weimer commented, "We're doing really well. I'm proud of our team and I think the last game was the best we've ever played." Freshman Denise Thuline placed as eighth scorer in

league. Thuline has accumulated 32 shots, 4 goals, 1 assist and 9 points. The Defensive Player of the Week is Kacy Madsen, a freshman from Cortez, Colorado. Another commendable player is Carrie Seaney, who placed as sixth top goalie in league. She has accumulated a total of 119 saves!

As of this week, NNC stands fifth in conference, with a 2-10-0 record. They play a home game this Friday against Concordia, and another home game on Saturday against Cascade. Next Tuesday will be a home game against Albertson College. The Lady Crusaders have five games left in their regular season, and the next three are their last home games, so make sure to come and support them.



Sophomore backfielder Linsey Scott was an essential part of the team effort in beating Western Baptist on Saturday.



Freshman Chavon Weimer, Offensive Player of the Week, chases down the ball.

## Men's soccer team drops two

By Melissa Tennyson  
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team had a rough week. They traveled to Portland and Salem, losing both to Concordia (1-6) and Western Baptist (0-2). It seemed to be a disappointing weekend to players and coaches alike. The team has been dealing with injuries this week, both serious and minor. Jeremy Culbertson is out for the season due to breaking both bones in his shin during last week's game. The team as a whole seems a little battered and bruised. Coach Pearson felt that "it was kind of a disappointing weekend. This is the time of the year you hope to be peaking, but we don't seem to be. We only had three subs, and injuries had

hurt us. Some guys who played this weekend were bruised, and at least four had some minor injuries. The guys are playing well considering the injuries we've faced."

This weekend's results put NNC fifth in conference, just one game out of fourth place. Although the past few games have been a discouragement to the team, the last two games of the season should be great matches. The men play on Wednesday and Saturday, both times against Albertson College. Coach Pearson comments, "These should be a good couple of games against Albertson. Finishing up next week, we will probably take fourth place in league." Make sure to come and cheer on the men in their last home game on Wednesday at 3:30p.m.

## Intramurals almost over now

By Hattie James  
Staff Writer

Intramurals are drawing to a close. In fact, there are only two weeks of volleyball left; ultimate frisbee ends on November 12 and football ends on November 15.

Football is in full swing, as are the other sports. Leading the league with a perfect record is Team Downie, the defending champions, with three wins. Looking to repeat last year's title win, they have scored a total of 124

points this season and the other teams have yet to score against them.

Two teams are tied for second place, Team Buck, with a record of 2-1, and one of the two freshman teams. Fourth place belongs to Team Jones, with a record of 1-1; fifth to Team Vito, the other freshman team at 1-2; sixth place goes to Team Ames, 0-3 and Team McCallum, record unknown.

Last week's scores were full of forfeits. Team Ames forfeited to Team Downie and Team McCallum to Team Buck. Team Vito defeated the other freshman team 6-0.

## Men's volleyball club has first game

By Robin Day  
Sports Editor

NNC's own men's volleyball club played its first match on Monday against the Boise State University volleyball club. Coached by Carla Beebe and Jessica Menard, the team played well, but fell short of a victory.

In the first game, the two teams traded the serve for a full rotation before BSU scored the first point. The 'Saders played tough and showed a lot of hustle, but BSU's blocks and aggressive front row play gave them the 15-7 win. BSU went on to play the second game much like the first, winning 15-5.

In the third game, the Crusaders took the lead for the first time that night. They stayed close to BSU, making it a battle for each point. The close game ended when BSU managed to pull ahead of the 'Saders and win the game and the match, 15-11.

The volleyball club's next match is Monday, October 27 at the Bronco gym in Boise. The match will begin at 8:00 pm.

# Volleyball improves to 19-7

By Robin Day  
Sports Editor

NNC volleyball 'Saders improved their record to 19-7 this weekend, rolling over Cascade and Northwest College with what seemed to be complete ease.

Friday night brought the Cascade Thunderbirds to face the 'Saders. Senior Patty Grim started the Crusaders off with her serves, while sophomore Tabitha Shipman controlled the net. It was a close game, with the Thunderbirds finding the corners and side dinks, but hard hits from Grim, junior Molinda Vincent and Shipman put the 'Saders on top with a 15-8 win.

For the next game, the 'Saders got off to a good start, but a couple of misplaced hits allowed the Thunderbirds to catch up. The last few points of the close game were fought for brutally by both teams, but when the dust had cleared, the Thunderbirds had won 13-15.

NNC didn't make the same mistakes in the third game, pulling ahead to an 8-1 lead. Fighting for every point, the 'Saders steadily pushed on to a 15-8 victory.

The fourth game saw the Crusaders off to a good start, jumping to a quick 13-5 lead. The Thunderbirds managed to come from behind, bringing the score up to 14-9, before the 'Saders turned up the heat and put away the 15-9 win.

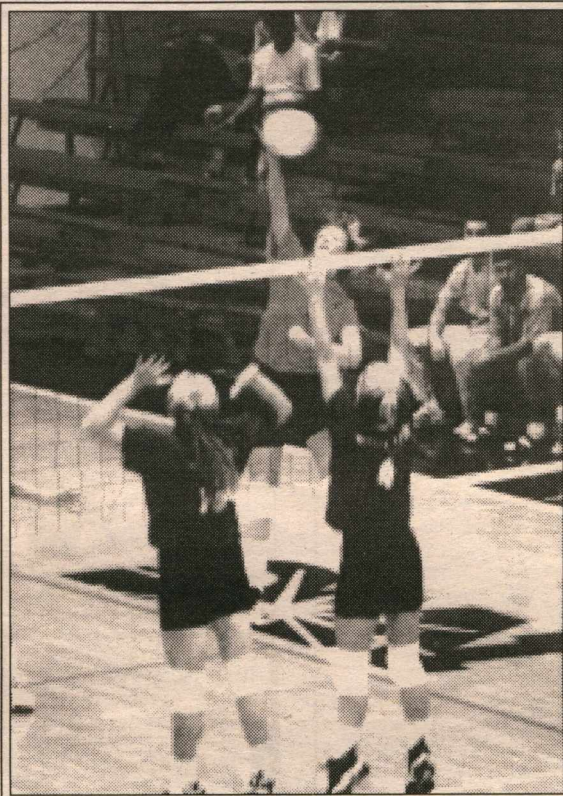
Grim accumulated 32 kills for the match, beating her previous personal record, and coming within two kills of taking the school record. She also had 19 digs and teamed up for one assisted block and two single blocks. Freshman Sarah Menard served up a storm with 3 aces, while big sister Jessica Menard gathered 16 digs. Sophomore Lisa Erickson kept things going with her 47 assists.

On Saturday, the Crusaders took on the Northwest College Eagles, in a match where everybody on the team played. As Head Coach Darlene Brasch commented, "Everyone got a kill, a dig or an ace." NNC started with the serve and got to a quick 14-0 lead. Northwest managed to score one point before the Crusaders finished them off, making the final score 15-1.

NNC quickly took the serve from the Eagles, taking the advantage and scoring eight points before Northwest was able to score two. There was a long discussion at this point in

the game about Eagles rotation, after which the 'Saders took control. Shipman ruled the net with her placed hard hits, and the Crusaders swept the Eagles 15-3.

The third game found Northwest College ahead for the first time, but it didn't last for long.



Sophomore Jessica Ackley pounds the ball over her opponents reaching hands on Friday night.

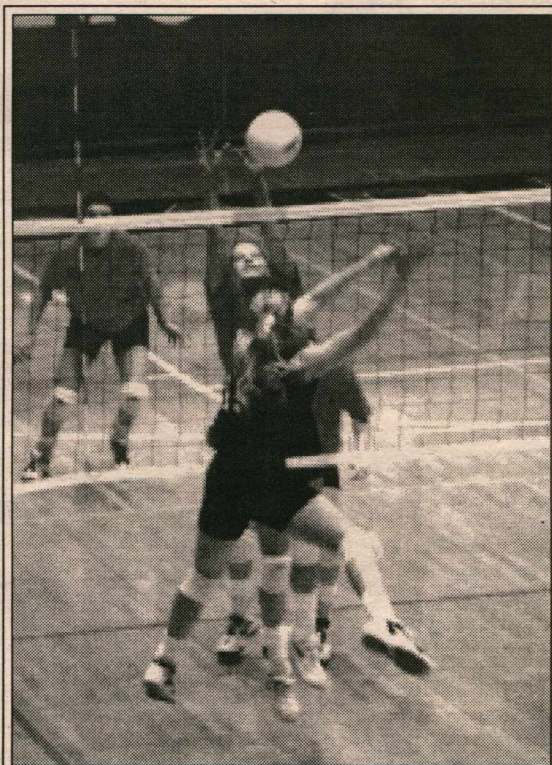
NNC's blocks prevented the Eagles from getting many hits over. It was a close game at first, with long volleys, until senior Jessica Menard's serves put the 'Saders out in front. The team never looked back and they slew the Eagles 15-6.

NNC is ranked fourth in the region and will probably move up again in the national rankings, which will be released October 21. The 'Saders go on the road during this next week, traveling first to LaGrande to play Eastern Oregon, then to Ashland to take on Southern Oregon and finally to Portland to the home of Concordia. Said Coach Brasch, "This is going to be a rough week on the road. We need

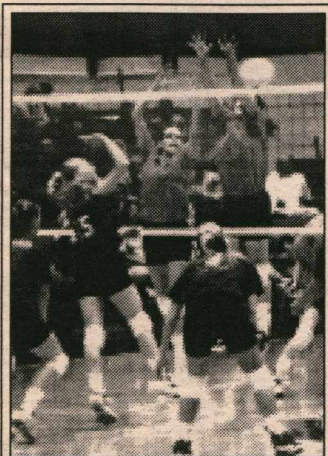
to beat Southern Oregon. They beat us at home and now we want to beat them at their home." Coach Brasch then added with a laugh, "It's going to be an ugly road trip, in our lovely van."

The Crusaders' next home game will be on Monday, October 27 at 7:00 pm.

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Freshman Sarah Standley stuffs a Thunderbird hit, while senior Molinda Vincent covers her.



Tabitha Shipman and Sarah Standley team up to block.

## TIME OUT

Wednesday  
9:00pm

This week in the  
Science Lecture  
Hall with Spiritual  
Emphasis week  
Speaker:  
Norm Shoemaker

Now  
Introducing:  
**Clyde's**  
The new  
student lounge  
is open and  
ready to serve  
your late night  
cravings.  
Open 9-12  
Mon, Tues. and  
Thurs.  
10-12 Wed.  
after  
**TIME OUT**

Check page 10 of this  
issue of *The Crusader*  
for a copy of the Menu!

# Top Ten

Top ten things you don't want to hear over an airplane intercom

10. The song that never ends.
9. "Oops."
8. "Why do they put the landing gear switch so close to the fuel dump switch"
7. "It's not my fault. It was on auto-pilot"
6. "Prepare for the jump to light speed"
5. "Five bucks says I can do a barrel roll ... You're on"
4. "Welcome aboard TWA 800"
3. "Fly? Yes. ... Land? No."
2. "Don't worry. These planes are designed to fly with one wing"
1. "Hi, My name is John Denver, and I'll be your captain this evening ..."

From the caffeine crazed minds of Kevin Durfee, Andy Diehl, David Stillman, Nathan Hydes, Robin Day, and a bunch of other people.

You can turn **Top Tens** in to NNC Box C. If you make them funny, they stand a heckuva lot better chance of being printed. Happy listmaking.

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or  
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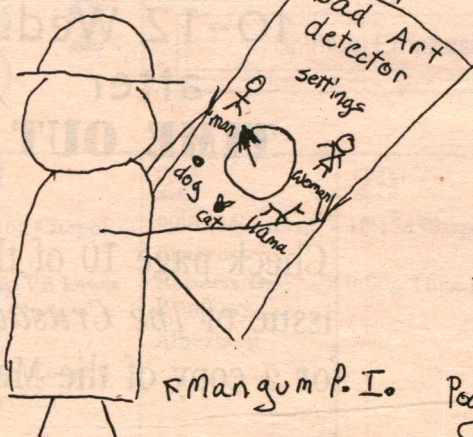


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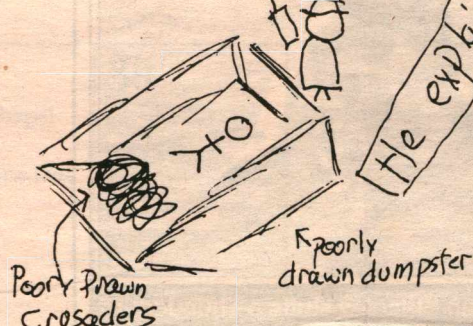
## Poorly Drawn Man

By David Stillman

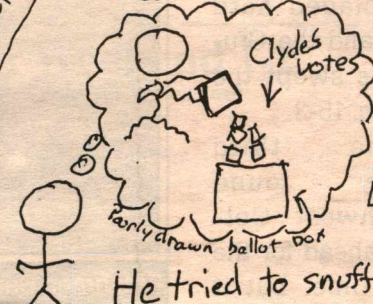
This should help me find Poorly Drawn Man



Poorly Drawn Man is found in a dumpster  
beep beep



I caught Clyde the nefarious Squiggly guy stuffing ballot boxes in the 'Name the Student Lounge Contest'



As punishment for his crimes, Clyde is sentenced to erasure



The new lounge is renamed Poorly Drawn Lounge to honor our hero's role in uncovering the conspiracy

Case Closed

REVIEWS

How to lose your friends

Looking for something to do on Friday night? Tired of that stale dinner-and-a-movie date idea? Don't think you could choke down any more Shari's hamburgers or Yogurt Express mochas? Still waiting for Sweetwater Junction to open its doors (did someone forget to finish building that place)? Well, look no further. Some mind-bogglingly creative farmer gave up his crop, and broke out his Weed Eater to create The Maize.

The Maize is a 5-acre field of twelve-foot corn stalks that has one, and only one, exit. Dead ends are a dime-a-dozen and cutting through the corn is not only difficult, but quite against the rules.

Most people (primarily men) go in with the attitude that making it through this course would be as easy as getting a date while standing in Morrison lobby with a three-week old Cocker Spaniel. This is not the case. If you run (also against the rules) and if you take absolutely zero wrong turns, you'll make it through in about fifteen minutes. The problem is that 5 acres is a large area, and there are many wrong turns. To navigate this particular 5 acres effectively on the first try, one either needs a map or a large tractor.

There are two rickety bridges in the field that take you above the corn for a little look at the whole place. These are to help you get your bearings if you're lost, but they don't help much at night.

Every so often you will come upon a small sign that will tell you a little fact about the state of Idaho, or perhaps about corn. These little

random facts are strewn all over the field. One example is a sign that said that when Idaho first became a state, there were sixteen governors, four of which never set foot in the state. You may also run into the "corn cops" at different intervals during your run through the corn. When you do, be prepared to show the stamp on the back of your hand (put there when you pay your money). Also, feel free to give them a bad time. Most of them play right along, and you may even have classes with a couple of them.

The Maize is only open from 5pm to 10pm (meaning they let people enter until 10pm) on Monday, Thursday and Friday, and from 1pm to 10pm on Saturday. It does not open at all on Tuesday, Wednesday or Sunday. Although open during some daylight hours, night runs through The Maize come highly recommended. Finding your way out takes about half an hour if you're really unlucky (read, really fast), to . . . well, many, many hours if you should so desire. An average time would be a little over an hour. The cost is \$5 unless you have the coupon or if you can present your NNC ID card, in which case it's \$4. Take a friend, better yet, take lots of friends. It's a lot of fun, but only if you go to get lost. The fun is not getting through as fast as you can, but taking some wrong turns and avoiding the exit for as long as possible.

To get to The Maize, take the Eagle/McCall exit off I-84 and take a right on Eagle Rd. It will be on the right after a couple of miles.

The Maize

Cornfield on Eagle Rd.

Reviewed by Kevin Durfee



They're not secular yet

This is it! Here is the review that you have been waiting for. Jars of Clay have finally released their second album. This album has been long awaited after their first album did as well as it did. Unfortunately for those many fans of Jars of Clay, they have left the acoustic soft rock and turned to a musical style that is best described as punk. Of course, I am only making up that last sentence. While it has taken the band a while to put out this second album, they have been keeping themselves busy. There are the tours with various artists like Michael W. Smith and PFR, then there is also opening for Sting in concert,

and also the song that they did for the soundtrack and movie "The Long Kiss Goodnight." Oh, and don't forget the radio play of the song "Flood" off of their first album and the radio station visits that they have done. Indeed, the members of Jars of Clay have had a whirlwind couple of years.

It is evident from this album that the members of Jars of Clay have matured mentally, emotionally, musically as well as spiritually. A lot of the maturing that has occurred is the direct result of the rapid rise that they had to stardom. No other Christian band has sold as many copies of a self-titled debut album as Jars of Clay has. No other Christian musician has

had such an immediate impact on the industry and fans in such a short time. Usually, it takes years of small concerts and rough times to make it big, but these guys did it after their first album. That is a heavy burden to bear and they have carried the weight well. Putting out an album that would be comparable to or better than their first album is also a tall order. But again they have a pleasant surprise for anyone willing to listen.

This album is a solid second effort that proves that the Jar Boys deserve the attention that they have received for their music. Jars of Clay has again put out an exceptional album that weaves tight music with thought-

provoking lyrics. Look at these lyrics from the title song "Much Afraid": *All of these things / Held up in vain / No reason or rhyme / Just the scars that remain / Of all of these things / I'm so much afraid / Scared out of my mind / By the demons I've made / Sweet Jesus, you never ever let me go / Oh, sweet Jesus, you never ever let me go.* I think that these lyrics prove that Jars is not going secular. The music is also superb and is great listening for falling asleep to. This album is good from beginning to end. The members of Jars of Clay have produced an album that shows the growth and experiences that they have faced, while also making an incredible album.

Much Afraid

Jars of Clay

Reviewed by Jesse Rench



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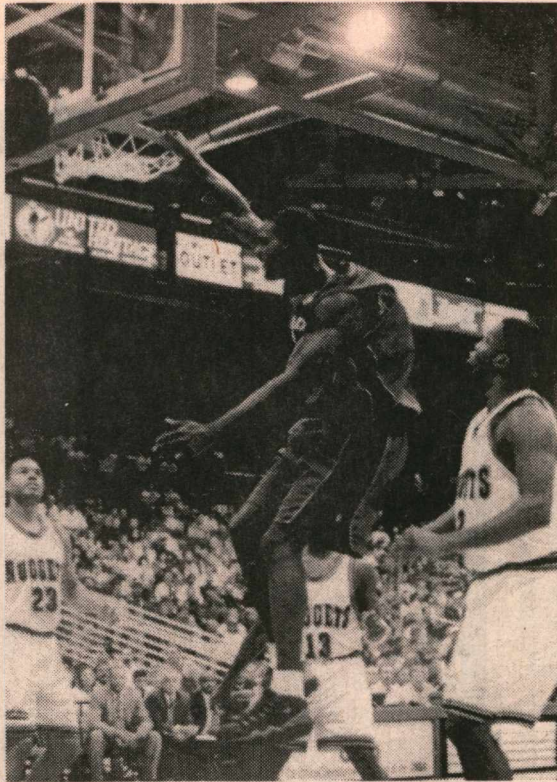
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- ☹ BUDGET HOUR.
- ☹\* DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME.

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These Pictures are a preview of our always cool Basketball Pullout in two weeks

