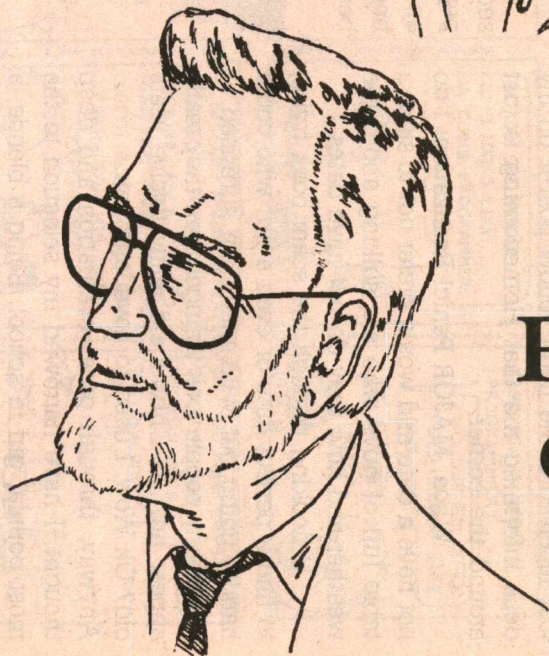
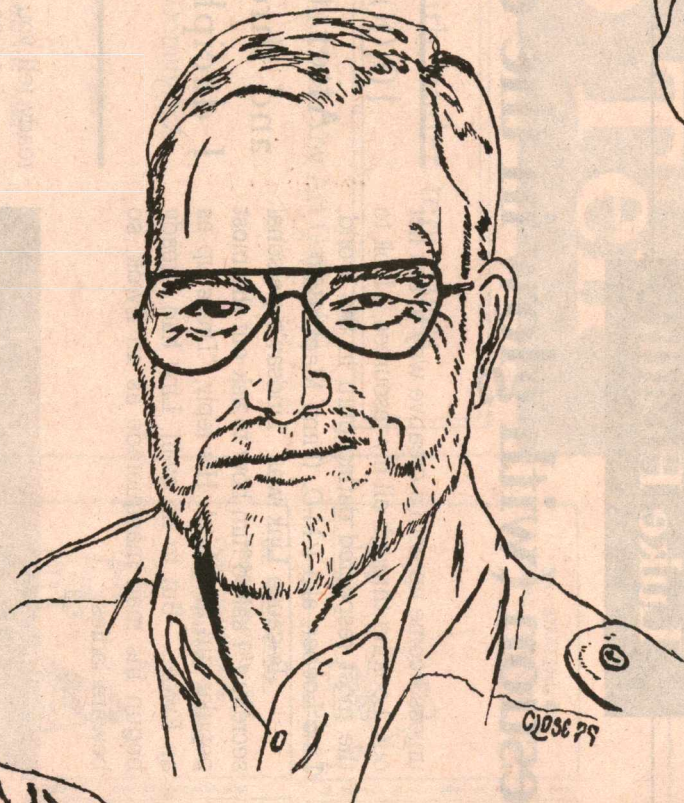


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**Patrick McManus**  
**Outdoor Humorist**

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## Column One

We were supposed to interview Patrick McManus at 4:00, but I couldn't find Caldwell. I've lost calculators, text books, bookbags, and, occasionally, small children, but I've never before misplaced an entire city. It was a new experience for me. (Talk to Robin Day for more information on my non-existent sense of direction. And no, I didn't run the stop light)

Once we found Caldwell, finding the Food for Thought bookstore, where McManus was signing books, was easy.

McManus was great. He signed books for two and a half hours without once complaining about wrist pain.

After he was finished signing, we got the privilege of talking to him for twenty five minutes. It was a hoot, not just because I've been reading his stories since I was five.

He talked about everything from his writing style to his wife. There's lots of great stuff in the interview (this weeks cover story) especially on the topic of writing. If you are a writer, want to be a writer, or speak english, you should definately take a peek.

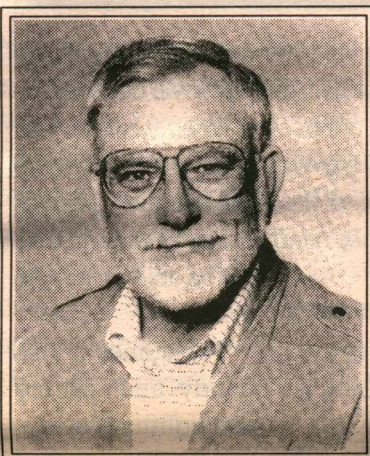
Also, many thanks to Ryan Close, who did cover art this week. (He also did the "burning money" cover a few weeks ago) If not for him, the cover this week would have been ... strait text. This is much better.

Well, that's all from me

David Stillman  
Editor-in-Chief

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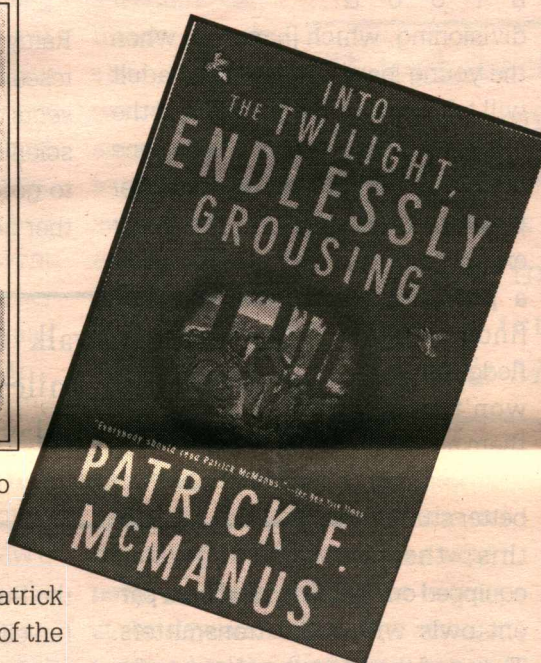
## The McManus Effect



Have you ever tried to write something funny, and ended up with the literary equivalent of kitty litter? Patrick McManus, a longtime native of the Northwest, has been there.

We talked to the renowned outdoor humorist Thursday while he was passing through the area on book tour.

He gave us several helpful writing tips, told us how he got into writing, and talked in detail about



how he came up with some of his story ideas.

See what Pat told us in our cover story on pages 8-9.

## Homecoming Tickets Available

Andrew J. Diehl  
Editor-in-Chief

NAMPA, ID-- With Homecoming directly around the proverbial corner, it's a good time to think about acquiring tickets for the different events that will be happening around campus.

Included in the festivities are the Homecoming basketball games, the Music Department's annual Homecoming concert and production of Handel's *Messiah*. The annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held in Marriott.

Tickets are moving fast for all of these events. These can be purchased for friends and family through the Alumni House at ex. 8841.

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"One voice doesn't make the voice wrong. One voice makes it the voice of courage."

~Laura Schlessinger, Radio talk-show host, 1994

# Schneider spends the summer chasing owls

By Jenifer Holmquist  
Staff Writer  
and  
Gina Grate  
Campus News Editor

Scratching trees and following owls for four months, night and day sounds like a strange way to spend one's summer, but Cody Schneider found it to be exciting. He was privileged to work with Dr. Powers on his study of the habits of flammulated owls after the baby owls have left the nest.

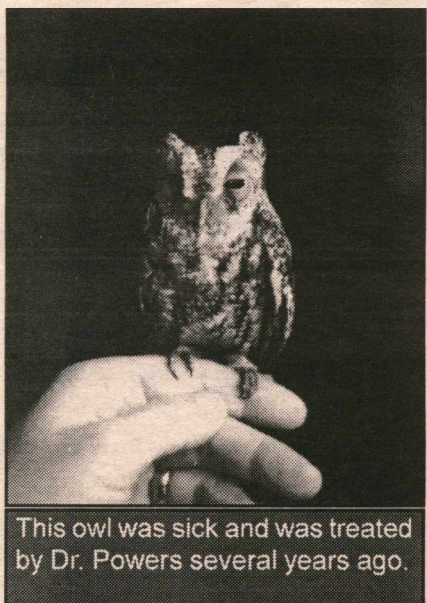
Flammulated owls are named for the rusty (flame-colored) patches of feathers around their faces. According to Schneider, they feed only on insects, and though they are common in Idaho, they are very secretive, and so are rarely observed. Dr. Powers said that the owls he has studied have been known to winter from the mountains of the Southern U.S. to as far south as Guatemala.

These owls are rarely seen or heard even when they are in Idaho which caused people to believe they had small ranges, or that they were scarce. Recent surveys show that they are actually widespread in Idaho.

Schneider and Powers, along with Julia Paz and Erin Chamberlain who were also working on research, traversed five major canyons in the Sublett mountain range.

As with most owls, these owls will only nest in a hollow tree cavity, so they need forests with old, dying trees.

"We located the owls by scratching [trees]. When they hear



This owl was sick and was treated by Dr. Powers several years ago.

the scratching, they think it's a predator climbing up the tree, so they poke their head out and look down," Schneider explained.

The researchers would scratch between 30 and 40 trees before seeing one. "We probably

scratched 500 trees this summer and found four owls."

The intent behind the research project which Cody Schneider undertook with Dr. Powers this summer, was to study a particular behavior trait in the owls.

"They're known to exhibit a phenomenon known as brood divisioning, which [happens] when the young leave the nest; one adult will take care of one young, and the other adult will take the other one or two, so that the young are better protected from predators," Schneider explained. If a predator finds one fledgling, it won't find them all."

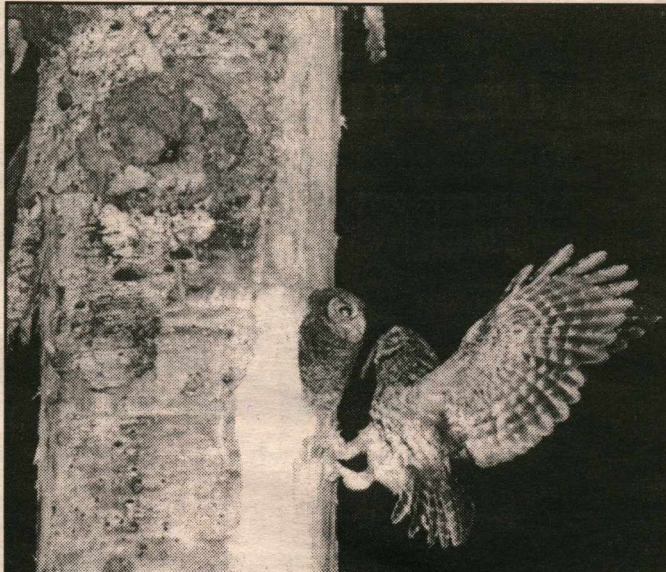
To better study this, they equipped one baby owl and both parent owls with radio transmitters. They tied the tiny transmitters to the underside of the owl's tail feathers with dental floss, and then secured them with glue. This ensured that the owl's flight would not be affected and the transmitter would drop off when the owl lost those feathers.

"Actually, catching the young owl was simple because they are very dumb," Powers explained. "I wiggled my fingers in front of him to distract him, then reached from behind and grabbed him when he was on a small bush."

These owls are also very tame when caught, making them a pleasant animal to work with.

Schneider and Powers also studied the owls' roosting habits. "We were studying what kinds of trees and what size of trees they roost in, what kind of cover. Mostly you found them in aspens or service-berry bushes," which are small and close to the ground, Schneider said. "You wouldn't expect them to be hiding a foot off the ground," he added, revealing his surprise.

The biggest obstacle to the study this summer was unpredictable weather. While the weather might be pleasant here in Nampa, it was often a different story at the research site 35 miles southeast of Burley.



The owl with wings spread is just returning from a successful night scavange with a caterpillar to feed the female peeking out of the roost (contributed by Powers).

"We had to walk up and down five miles of canyons every day,"  
~Cody Schneider, senior

Rainy weather was hard on both the researchers and the owls because insects are not out when it rains. The scientists would drive several hours to get to the research site, then either get nearly stuck in the mud, or not be able to find the owls.

"Sometimes it was windy and raining and lightning everywhere," said Schneider, "sometimes it was hot and sweaty... fighting

the bugs wasn't that much fun either."

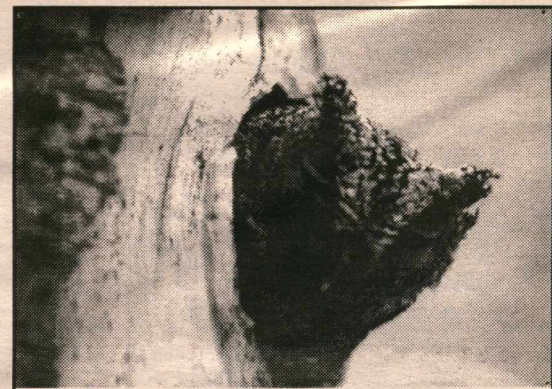
A possible obstacle in the future would be lack of funds because of the research site's distance from campus. Currently, the Murdock Grant provides funds for equipment, gas and pays students to do research over the summer. It would be disappointing to discontinue this research because it is "virtually the only

study on the nesting and post-nesting habits of these owls in Idaho," stated Powers.

After observing this family group of owls for a month, the researchers concluded that while the owls split up to some extent, they also keep "family ties." This was very surprising because a study in Colorado suggested the owls moved more than half a mile away from one another. The NNC study also confirmed that one young owl (this time the one with the transmitter) always goes with the father owl while the rest go with the mother. The NNC research team concluded that dividing the brood like this should keep other animals which might eat baby owls from getting all of the young.

"We plan on putting a paper together for publication in one of the scientific journals," said Schneider.

"It was a great experience," Schneider says. Though working with wildlife has always been his career choice, he has learned recently that there are really no jobs or money for education in this area, so he has changed his direction toward pharmaceutical work. In the near future, Schneider expects to make wildlife study a hobby, and perhaps to return to it as a career farther down the road.



This photo shows what Schneider would see after scratching a trunk which housed an owl (Powers).

## Hagood's statement on semesters

President Hagood released a statement this week on the issue of the school calendar, or better known, the "semesters issue."

After summarizing a history of the investigation concerning the possibility of switching NNC to the semesters system, Dr. Hagood explained why he decided not to bring it before the Board of Regents this past week.

"In agreement with the Academic Council, the ad hoc advisory group, and the academic dean, I have concluded that, to this point in time, a compelling case has not been made and/or embraced by the campus community favoring the semester over the quarter calendar."

Hagood said in his statement.

He went on to say that until the NNC community sees semesters as a positive change, "it would be counterproductive... to make the change."

Hagood explained that during the next four months, the faculty, administrators, staff and regents will be examining possible measures for "renewed institutional viability."

If a semester plan is viewed as fitting appropriately within the goals for enhancing the present viability of NNC, Hagood will take the issue to the Board of Regents in March.

# Journeys of faith: Michelle Morrison

By **Rebecca Miller**  
Staff Writer

As college students, we all know what it is like to have doubts and fears about the future. We do not know for sure what will happen. No one can sympathize more with this feeling than Michelle Morrison, a post-baccalaurate student this year. However, she has also learned the solution, which is to trust God to lead us step by step.

Michelle grew up in the Nazarene church. In fact, her father was a pastor. At eight years of age, Michelle went forward to the altar and gave her heart to Christ. "It wasn't anything really spectacular," she said, "but it has provided the basis for everything in my life since then." At the same time, Michelle felt a call to be in ministry or missions. Until very recently, this has been the main direction of her life.

She said that at first she had no intention of going to college. Then when she did come to NNC, she put off declaring a major for as long as possible. She still felt God calling her into the ministry, but she kept saying "no." That year she got a job in a church teaching seventh and eighth graders. Through that, she finally declared her major as Christian Education with an emphasis in Youth Ministry.

After graduating with her bachelor's degree, Michelle returned home, worked in a daycare, and began looking for opportunities for



Michelle Morrison is a senior, bringing a valuable perspective to her experience at NNC.

mission work. She was becoming quite discouraged, and then God sent a couple missionaries her way, Cary and Kathy Ketchum. Michelle felt God telling her to go ask Kathy about mission opportunities. Michelle, however, decided that she had had enough, and refused. So God went through Kathy instead. He woke her up one night, and told her to ask Michelle to go with them to Haiti.

So that August, Michelle made the move to Haiti. She taught seventh and eighth grade English at the mission school. It was an interesting experience for her. She saw a lot of poverty and she also caught Malaria. Overall it was quite a learning experience. Unfortunately, at that time there was a political uprising in the country, and the Nazarene church was forced to pull all the missionaries. Since the withdrawal was for an indefinite time period, the Ketchums

told Michelle she should go ahead and look for a job.

So Michelle began a search for a job as a youth pastor. She had many interviews, and was turned down many times - she felt often it was because she was a woman. Finally she found a church in Kirkland, Washington, where the pastor had set a precedent by just hiring a woman as children's pastor. Michelle became the church's full time youth pastor. This job lasted for three years. During that time, she was ordained as a deacon in the Church of the Nazarene.

Michelle was still experiencing a call to missions, and she kept fighting it. Finally she decided to get

a teaching certificate, which she hoped would provide an opportunity to get into missions. She re-entered Northwest Nazarene College as an English Education major.

This past summer, she had a changing experience. During that time, she did something which she said she would never do again, which was to work at the daycare center. She also got assigned to the first through sixth grade class - the class no one else wanted. "It turned out to be the best summer of my life," she says, "I just clicked with the kids."

Also during that summer,

she went through some intense prayer times. She was still fighting the call to missions. God was telling her to give it all to him, but she had some difficulty doing this. He asked her if she would be willing to go as a single person, and she finally reluctantly agreed "yes." Then she felt prompted to pray for a country. She really fought against this, afraid that God would give her a poverty-stricken third world country. After a long struggle she finally gave it up. A surprising thing than happened-- God released her of her missionary call. "I'm more willing to go now than ever before," said Michelle, "but God has other plans for me now."

She now felt a burden to

work with school-aged children. Over the summer, her abilities in this area had become apparent. She is now an elementary education major, and she

"I look back at the last ten years, and I see how much has happened-- just think what can happen in the next ten,"

~ Michelle Morrison, senior

plans to get her certificate and teach.

"I don't know what will happen in the future," she says, "but I know that God has something in store for me. I look back at the last ten years, and I see how much has happened - just think what can happen in the next ten." She concludes, "You never know where God will take when you are open to him."

## Semesters issue not presented to Regents

By **Sarah Wolfe**  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, President Richard A. Hagood announced the decision to keep the current three-term calendar while focusing on predominant subjects. "There are larger issues to be resolved," Hagood stated.

According to Hagood, these issues to iron out involve the future of NNC and deal with matters such as enrollment, revenue enhancement and program opportunities.

Dr. Hagood, along with the Academic Council and Ad Hoc, believe that a vote on semesters would be premature without further research and discussion.

On Friday, a proposal presented by Sam Dunn, Academic Dean, was passed. This proposal put

into effect the in-depth analysis of the issues related to the future of NNC. These issues include the change in technologies, perspectives and competition.

"The President and many fac-

ulty leaders on campus realize that they need to seriously discuss the issues facing NNC in the future," said Jenny Bangsund, student representative for Ad Hoc and the Academic Council.

Upon completion of the study an evaluation will be made as to the effectiveness of the term schedule in relation to the future.

"If the semester calendar

would prove more effective, then this is a solution we will visit," explained Hagood.

The research on the future of NNC is already under way. According to Ed Crawford, chairman of

the Academic Council, "The Academic Council will start researching material already collected by Sam Dunn on Monday. That material should

lead to the topic of alignment."

However, the issue of semesters is not guaranteed to show up again.

"I believe that President Hagood wants to give the leadership of the institution the time necessary to do some creative thinking to figure out what would be best for NNC..."

~ Jenny Bangsund, senior

# Rodeo spirit rides to Sutherland on bucking barrel

By Michael Davis  
Staff Writer

What is bucking-barrell? It is an oil drum attached by four ropes to four pole tops encircling that drum. It is a bull ride impersonator.

Brennan Pate and Brian Logan have just such a device set up at Sutherland Hall. In Sutherland's courtyard are two large pine trees and opposite them are two sawed-in-half telephone poles placed three feet in the ground, forming a square with sides of some 15 yards. Just inside the door one will find the barrell--your typical oil drum, though a bit dinged up from the weight of falling riders. Spun round and round the barrel is the duct tape that holds the carpet cushion, i.e., saddle, in place. At the barrel's four "corners" are metal loops to attach the four pole ropes to.

To operate it, the barrel is attached, and one courageous fellow mounts the drum, having attached a bull rope to hang onto. He sits at the front edge of the drum. Then four guys each grab



Andrew Diehl tries his luck on the barrel with the help of Brian Logan and Eric Ehmer.

one of the four ropes at about mid-length and start yanking, using their weight and muscle to manipulate the barrel.

The courageous fellow gets a ride "half like a bull and half not," says Brennan. The two forward yankers pull first, then the back yankers. A bucking rhythm is built up. To throw the cowboy, the barrel can be rolled or yanked down from the top of its flight. While riding it himself Brennan's head has reached the same elevation as the second story window top. He says a yank from this height is not really like a bull, though. Impossible to imitate for the rider is a bull's twisting motion.

Both Brennan and Logan, as he goes by his last name, were in high school rodeo. They built the bucking barrel for fun, mainly.

To get permission for their toy, they had to make up a waiver for all would-be cowboys to sign before riding. The waiver releases the school from any responsibility for rider injuries up to and including death.

It is hard to ride.

"If we get like four guys on here . . . there's no one in this school that can ride it," says Brennan.

That leads us to ponder the dismount. Brennan is an expert on bailing off, being a rodeo veteran. Still, even he's landed on his head several times and experienced the amazing feat of doing

first landing. Yet another rider came off the barrel and came down straddling a rope. However, Brennan says most riders just hang on, and when they say stop, the four yankers oblige--that's written into the waiver.

Brennan says he would like other people to come over to Sutherland and try out their redneck toy, as Logan calls it. That invitation goes to the gentler sex as well. Call Brennan at 8739.

## Class visits local prison

By Jennifer Hill  
Staff Writer

"Pick out your best bag lady costumes," warned professor and district attorney Ralph Erb, as he prepared his female students for the whistles and cat calls they would face inside the prison. "Better yet, you could even black out a few teeth."

On November 4, 29 NNC students visited the Idaho State Penitentiary outside of Boise. The tour of medium security facility was part of Criminal and Juvenile Justice and Delinquency, a sociology elective offered on Tuesday nights. Students toured the chapel and adjoining classrooms, the recreation building, and the sleeping quarters. They experienced firsthand what it is like to be locked in a confined area, surrounded by criminals. The trip helped to erase many misconceptions that students had about the prison system.

"It tore my heart apart," said Amy Lewis. "You realized that these

people had to be punished for what they had done, but at the same time you realized they were simply normal, ordinary people who had made a bad decision."

Religious Activities Director Dennis Holmes, showed the group different areas of the facility and answered many questions on prison life. Holmes also discussed the difficulties that arise when prisoners want to exercise their religious freedom. "We have every religion represented here from Catholic to Buddhist, including many smaller groups like the Native Americans and witches. The members of Wicca think that they should be able to dance naked in a circle in the chapel at midnight." He explained that problems like these are only the beginning of what he deals with every day.

Junior psychology major, Carlyann Sandidge, was thankful for the experience. "I wasn't really scared or afraid. It made me understand just how real prison can be. You can't describe it. It has to be experienced."



Eric Ehmer helps wingmate Brian Logan onto the bucking barrel.

## NNCalendar

November	12	11 10:15a Faculty/ staff fellowship  7:00p JVVB- CSI	12 10:15a Chapel  9:00p Time Out  Oasis pictures retakes	13 8:00p Concert Band-SLH	14 10:15a Chapel  Red Cross Blood Drive	Weekend 15-16 5th Quarter --after MBB game
	23	17 10:15a Chapel Faculty Sharing Mission	18 3:30p Faculty meeting	19 10:15a Chapel Faculty Sharing Mission  9:00p Time Out	20 8:00p Student Recital - ABA	21 10:15a Chapel Faculty Sharing Mission  Last Day to Drop Classes 8:00p Fall Drama

## Looking Ahead in November

November 24th:  
Coronation Convocation

November 26th:  
Court Reception  
Homecoming Banquet

November 27nd:  
Thanksgiving Dinner  
Homecoming Concert

REVIEWS

Humor strikes again

*Into the Twilight, Endlessly Grousing* is a collection of 27 short stories by Patrick McManus. The format is great, because it allows absent-minded people like me to lose the book for several months, and then pick it up again without having to remember the plot.

McManus is one of the best, if not the best, outdoor humorist in existence (sure, there aren't very many of them, but still...) *Into the Twilight, Endlessly Grousing* contains some absolutely side-splitting stories about hunting and fishing. But some of McManus's best are his childhood stories.

"Mountain Men" is about McManus and his friend, Crazy Eddie Muldoon trying to convince Rancid Crabtree to teach them to be mountain men. He thinks they are a couple of loony kids, so the duo attempt to snare a mountain man using a peanut butter sandwich as bait. It goes on from there, but not in the direction you think it will.

In another, "Big Ben," McManus describes having fireworks blow up in his hand. "I can't feel my hand, I can't feel my hand."

"Don't be such a sissy. Your hand's fine, unless, of course, you might want to use it sometime." "My hand didn't look fine, although some of the little blackened twigs bore a slight resemblance to fingers."

Not all his stories are memories, however. One mystery parody is titled "Sam Spud and the Case of the Maltese Fly." Once again the master sleuth triumphs over the forces of evil and an IQ of 38.

Other stories are commentaries. "The Stupidity Alarm" struck

especially close to home. In it, McManus points out a need for a stupidity alarm that goes off every time we are about to do anything stupid. He describes various situations where this might be useful, but finally decides that it would be pretty annoying to have that thing going off all the time.

He also does a good job of lampooning small town life (I come from a small town. I know). In "The Crime Wave," he tells of a crime wave that strikes the town of Blight, Idaho, in which an old, rusty chain saw is stolen from someone's garage. (It is later returned.)

One of the neatest stories is the one in which he tells that ignorance is the bond that holds male friendships together, and tells us why (hilariously).

He titles another story "Work and Other Horrors." Need I say more?

Some of the stories require conscious thought, like "The Boy," in which McManus describes his relationship with a boy who was "smarter than lead shot, but not so much that you would notice."

Another, "Into the Twilight, Endlessly Grousing," tells of McManus's hunt with an old man. The ending is very thought provoking, something I am not used to in his stories. I liked it.

This book is great. The only drawback is that it is currently available only in hardback, and costs (gulp) \$21. It's worth it (even though I would have to write four of these reviews to make the money back), but if you aren't a diehard McManus fan, it might be a good idea to wait until it comes out in paperback.

*Into the Twilight, Endlessly Grousing*

Patrick F. McManus

Reviewed by David Stillman

Crusader Rating



Three words: Just don't go

What do I say about this movie? Normally I like very explosive movies. This definitely fit the bill of a violent movie that had really cool graphics. If you like graphics, then the movie is for you, and there are no doubts about that.

Let's start at the beginning. The movie starts out with an Internet type propaganda that mimics and laughs at the propaganda of WWII. Earth is on the brink of war with an alien planet that has huge bugs that hurl meteors at our fair planet in an attempt to annihilate the human race. The people of Earth have banded together into a Federation (sound a little familiar) and people

are separated into two classes: citizens and civilians. Only land-owning citizens have the right to vote. The only way to be guaranteed citizenship and all its rights is to go into military service.

The movie is run from the stand point of military propaganda that you can click your way through as you see the giant arrow move across the big screen. You are then moved into the scene by a fairly stupid reporter who stands in the middle of a battleground until he becomes bug bait.

That is just the beginning of stupid things that the humans of the future pull. Collecting everybody together is quite a good idea, you would think, if you had an actual plan. In most cases, the bugs were on a worthless planet that looked oddly enough like the sands of Tatooine and all human life had already been extinguished by the bugs.

**Diehl plan:** Nuke the snot out of the planet and kill them all. Do not attempt ground attack, do not go near the planet. Sit back in a large comfy chair and kill them from a couple of parsecs away.

**Earth plan:** Sit over top of the planet so that bugs can pick off your ships. Place the ships in orbit, one on top of the other, so that in the event of a rebuke from the bugs, we can all crash into one another and look like an L.A. freeway. Then try to land ground troops so that fewer numbers of humans can try to defeat LOTS of 20 ft. tall bugs.

**Diehl plan:** Plan a ground invasion using large tanks that have been fit with rockets for landing and retrieval. Howitzers do more damage and have more protection for forces than simple armor and conventional weapons. Also, lay supporting fire from airborne craft or some kind of missile system

**Earth plan:** Drop in hundreds of thousands of humans with small hand rifles (that somehow have unlimited clips except for three small points in the movie), all wearing armor that could probably be pierced by today's cheapest versions of ammunition. Do not lay any kind of supporting fire from the air.

That is only the beginning of things that, I felt, insulted my intelligence. Any self-respecting sci-fi nut should be enraged by the number of copied scenes and resemblances there were to *Star Wars* and *Star Trek*. It was enough to make me sick. From the rescue pod leaving the flaming ship like the Millennium Falcon leaving the second Death Star, to the ship captain calling her crew Number 1 and 2 when directing them to "warp" speed. Come on!

The absolute worst is the really cheesy *Saved by the Bell* plot. Three friends that end up in different branches of the military (two of them made a former couple) and swear to be friends to the end...GAG! Save me the melodrama, please! If I had wanted that, I would have saved myself the money and watched *Party of Five*.

To top it all off, there was quite a bit of unnecessary nudity and really gory violence to even pass my tastes. The movie tried to show the horrors of war from the serious side, but bugs tend to do more damage to humans than you would think.

Save yourself the six and a quarter and do homework or something else. Don't wait for Karcher, don't wait for video... not even when it is no longer a new release. It's not worth it.

-This motion pictured is for restricted audiences only due to it's graphic sci-fi violence and gore, and for some language and nudity.

*Starship Troopers*

Casper Van Dien and Michael Ironside

Reviewed by Andrew Diehl

Crusader Rating



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- ✓✓ GOOD STUFF.
- ✓✓ DEPENDS ON YOUR TASTE.
- ✓ BUDGET HOUR.
- ☹ RISK OF DAMAGE.

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# America's undeniable Christian heritage

By Chris Field  
Staff Writer

As promised, I'm at it again. Can you believe it? I'm mounting my horse of rightwing wacko conservatism and spewing forth that which causes truthfearers to quake in their sandals. I'm not charging forth into battle, rather, I and this steed are attempting to defend the basis upon which the country is founded against the religious hostilities we find today. In other words, it's time for a history lesson.

These hostilities have an interesting source: the courts claim that our history demands it. They explain that this is exactly why our founding fathers gave us the first ammendment. Well, they're wrong. They have completely misinterpreted the meaning of the first ammendment and have pushed aside what our founding fathers believed.

Woodrow Wilson once said, "A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday does not know what it is today nor what it's trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we don't know where we've come from or what we've been about." That's been our true difficulty--knowing where we've come from or what we've been about.

There has been article after article, book after book, lecture after lecture stating that the founding fathers were not Christians, that they didn't even believe in God.

They have been called agnostics, atheists and deists that gave us a completely secular government and wanted a secular document in the form of the Constitution. This is also a current theme being taught in our schools. Textbooks are teaching this revisionist history, and students in universities are being taught and tested that the founding fathers were agnostics, atheists and deists.

How about some truth? Let's take a look at the fifty-six men who signed the Declaration of Independence. I will grant that Jefferson and Franklin were probably the least religious, but that is obviously a comparative term. They were probably more "religious" than several "religious" people today.

I find it strange that the two men who were least religious are also the ones considered the most famous. Why is that? I would argue

that it is not because they did more, but because they did less religious group type actions. Is it not possible to contend that their fame has not come from their being outstanding, but it has come from the others being pushed aside because of their religious beliefs? People who are afraid of the truth tend to ignore it, push it aside, or make up a story about it in an attempt to discredit that which is their anethema.

Did you know that of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence, twenty-six had seminary degrees? Not bad for a bunch of atheists. Here are some more facts about our founding fathers you may find interesting or enlightening.

Reverend Dr. John Witherspoon was responsible for two American translations of the Bible. His 1791 Bible is considered the first American family Bible.

Charles Thompson finished the Thompson's Bible in 1808, supplying the first translation of the Greek Septuigent into English in America.

Dr. Benjamin Rush was the founder of America's first Bible society. The society's constitution explains that they needed to get the Word of God into the hands of every person in America. The other founders offered their support, and, in only eight years, that group started 121 different Bible societies in America.

Thomas McKean was the chief justice of the supreme court of Pennsylvania. After John Roberts was sentenced to death for treason he said, in the courtroom, "John Roberts, this sentence of execution means that you have very few days left remaining to you on this earth.

It behooves you in that period of time to find peace with your Maker. You need to find a remission of your sins through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. You need to call for someone who can lead you to that relationship with the Savior, whether it's a minister, a friend, or just the Word of God, because you're about to launch out into eternity, and you're not prepared to meet God. Let's take care of that right now."

The American Sunday School Association was founded in 1791, and its first president for a span of fifty years was Francis Scott Key. His two great loves were America and getting children into Sunday School to teach them about Jesus Christ.

Did you know that in the first ever session of congress they opened with prayer that lasted for three hours, that John Adams said they had a Bible study to open congress, that the first American English Bible was printed in 1782 by the congress of the United States. (Inside the cover you will find that this Bible was "for the use of our schools.")

Thomas Paine wrote an article arguing against public religion and asked Benjamin Franklin to give his opinion. Franklin didn't want him to publish it, in fact he said, "I advise you to burn this piece before it is seen by any other person. By

the way, if men are so wicked with religion, what would they be without it?"

Thomas Jefferson authored three plans of education for Amerca, and in all three he included the Bible as the primary reading text in public schools. And he's one of the "least religious."

This is the caliber of leadership that we had for so long, and now we're told that these men didn't want public religious expression, didn't want prayer in public, didn't want the ten commandments in courtrooms, etc. I wonder how our founders would be labeled if they were here today--religious right? There is example after example to show that our founding fathers had religious convictions and that they used them to establish this nation. It's time to face the truth, revisionists.

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~Woodrow Wilson

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### Staff Editorial

At times, all we need to do is just slow down and take a long, relaxed look at the things going on around us. There are those times, however, when all we need to do is just wake ourselves up out of our daily routine to get a life into our lives. You all know what I am talking about. When you realize that its already almost Homecoming and you haven't even had a date yet. Or worse yet, when you realize you're almost twenty and haven't been on a date yet (which isn't necessarily all bad).

There are plenty of people of who are much worse off than we are. Can't we just enjoy life a little bit more (even in the midst of all our studying)? Make this your day to go and find a brand new way to enjoy yourself; whether it be taking a brisk walk through what is left of Kurtz Park, or simply finding a book to go to sleep with. Simply put, I challenge you to know when you're happy and smile.





## Your Turn

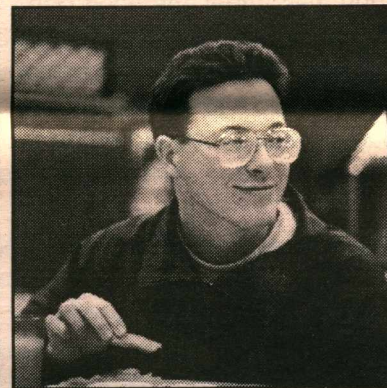
Random answers from random people on random issues

How do you respond to the following: "Saddam Hussein is dangerous, thus the U.S. should take any precautions necessary to ensure his demise."?



Travis Dick  
Freshman  
Biology  
Albuquerque, NM

"I say they kill him."



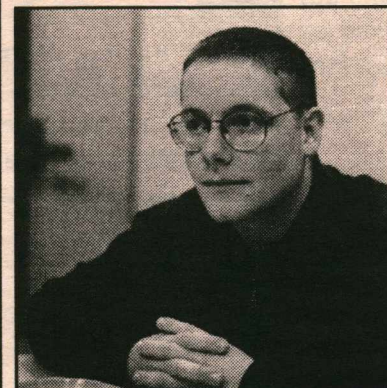
Ken Finkbeiner  
Senior  
Accounting  
Waterville, Wa.

"With the initial opportunity lost. It leaves the world at a loss."



Christa Klosterman  
Junior  
Special Ministries  
Boise, Id.

"No, he's just suffering from rejection because he wasn't asked on TWIRP when he was in college."



Dave Lafrenz  
Sophomore  
Theology  
North Bend, Wa.

"I think that'd probably be a good thing."

## Thoughts on Christian stupidity

By John Fraley  
Former Staff Writer

Working in a professional newsroom is probably one of the best ways to get a handle on how the world views Christians. As events come through the wire, as various issues surface in the community, persons of all ages, backgrounds and worldviews will sometimes debate the ensuing implications raised. Inevitably, after a while, something embarrassing to the Christian church will occur, and it becomes easier to see just how dumb Christians can appear to skeptical observers.

I'm not going to join in the world's persecution of Christianity. But I am going to point out ten inescapably dumb things believers like to do — ten things that *can* be fixed.

**10. Protesting against Halloween.**—It's become fashionable for churches to present alternatives to this holiday. "Neewollah" is a local favorite. Some congregations plan celebrations called "Harvest Parties." All these do is make it look as if Christians are scared of evil and unwilling to let kids have fun. For one, we shouldn't be scared of evil, even if it were present, and besides, there's no satanic worship going on when thousands of cute seven-year-olds dress up as vampires and ask their neighbors for candy. In fact, Halloween may represent the last truly community-oriented holiday in our culture. Is that something we should really be tearing down?

**9. Mormon-bashing.**— Latter-Day Saints are frequently among the most respected persons in the nation. Their strong dedication to family values, their emphasis on mission work, and their clean reputation cause secular onlookers to turn into

overlookers: after x million acts of kindness, outsiders tend to forget the LDS Church's quirky rules and cultish theology. Face it: Mormons are basically good, family-oriented people.

So how do Christians look when they try to tear down Mormons? Several words come to mind: jealous, petty, intolerant, self-centered, self-righteous, just to name a few. Not a good strategy for spreading unconditional love and forgiveness.

**8. Singling out sexual sins for special punishment.**— American Christians are ob-

Not a good strategy for spreading unconditional love and forgiveness.

essed with sex. Evangelicals have found the unforgivable sin, and it is homosexuality. (Fornication and abortion are close behind, if you're keeping score.)

Why the insistence on condemning the gay community? A sin is a sin is a sin is a sin is a sin. Homosexual lust is heterosexual lust is coveting your friend's car is gossiping is lying is not forgiving is stealing is murder is greed is abortion for convenience is pride. Until Christians get that into their collective head, they will always be seen as a group seeking to make life miserable for others.

Unbelievers aren't stupid. They know that every time we point fingers at homosexuals, they can point just as many or more right back at us.

**7. Boycotting Disney.**— You know all the arguments behind the decision by Southern Baptist leaders to boycott Disney and its subsidiaries. Sex in the clouds in *The Lion King*. The minister in *The Little Mermaid* has an erection. Disney owns

Miramax, which produces objectionable movies. Disney offers health insurance to live-in partners of its gay employees. Michael Eisner's middle name is "Beelzebub."

No, wait, I apologize, I got carried away. Please don't sue. For the record, Eisner's *real* middle name is "The Great Whore Of Babylon Adolf Hillary Rodham Lucifer Buchanan 666 Yay Armageddon."

Needless to say, Eisner got teased a lot as a kid.

Sorry about that. All the other Baptists' beefs are accurate. In any case, such a boycott logically leads Christians down the most virtuous, most respectable, and most courageous line of action. It leads to abandoning all businesses that have ever promoted anti-Christian ideas. Three paragraphs ago, singling out sexual immorality was wrong. It still is. All forms of sin are equally displeasing to God.

Problem is, boycotters are unable/unwilling to follow their reasoning to its logical end, which is, eventually, a complete boycott of all forms of entertainment and every large business in the country. All are guilty, at least by association, of promoting some brand of perversion.

However, what part can one take in actively redeeming the world if one removes oneself from it entirely? It may be tough to be *in* the world but not *of* it. The moral tightrope is there for Christians to walk, not to avoid. When you fall, the net saves you. Even if you jump, it's awfully hard to leap beyond the net's reach unless you really try. After a bit of practice, you can start to take enough steps to think about reaching the other side. If you never walk the rope, you sure don't stand a chance of falling, but you'll also never get to the other side.

...to be continued next week...



# Sharing a few thoughts

*The Crusader talks with nationally renowned local humorist, Patrick McManus, at a*

**Interview conducted by  
David Stillman Editor-in-Chief  
and Robin Day Sports Editor**

**Crusader: Are the characters in your stories real people?**

McManus: They are based on real people.

Crusader: What do the people you base your stories on think about what you write about them?

McManus: Most of them enjoy it. They get a kick out of it. Some of them, like Rancid Crabtree died about 15 years ago. Rancid never knew that I was using him in the stories. He wasn't a great reader. But most of them have had these experiences with me, so even though I changed their names, they know who they are.

I did one called "The Human Fuel Pump" where a guy was under the hood dribbling gas directly into the carburetor while we backed up a very steep mountain. His actual name was Scerry Rubbel, and he recognized himself, even though I turned him into Al Finley in the story.

**Crusader: That actually worked?**

McManus: You bet. A Chicago conservative commentator wrote an article on a guy who had read that same humor piece. The guy found himself out in the mountains in dire circumstances. He remembered reading that story, and he remembered how I had written about the fuel pump. Well his fuel pump had conked out on him too, so he took the windshield washer reservoir and the tube just as I had and he hooked that up so it dribbled gas directly into the carburetor, and it worked. It saved his life.

Crusader: Do you spend a lot of time out hunting and fishing as research for your stories?

McManus: I try to. I haven't been too successful about that lately. My wife and I just returned from a 1,300 mile trip up that Amazon river, which is quite an adventure.

**Crusader: Do you plan on using any stories out of that?**

McManus: I probably will, that was my second time in Brazil. The first trip was fairly rugged; we were much younger.

**Crusader: How much time do you spend revising a piece after you've written it?**

McManus: Well, that depends. Typically what will happen with this is you'll start writing...

What you'll do is you'll have an idea for a piece. You need about 1500 words for one of these things, and you'll get

600 words, and the piece will end. So then you start over with another idea. You just can't push that idea beyond 600 words. Now, if you are a newspaper columnist, then that's all you need, but if you're a magazine columnist, you need to go to 1500 words.

My humor differs from, say the Dave Barry and newspaper columnist, in that the humor arises from the relationships between the characters. And so the continuing characters and the humor arises out of their personalities and so on. That's one of the major difference. A newspaper columnist doesn't really have time to develop characters.

Crusader: What do you do when you have a major deadline coming up and you can't come up with anything to write about?

McManus: Well, you write something (laughs). You have to write something. And I've written these things for thirty years, so you pick up a lot of tricks. Typically what you write using different devices and tricks turn out to be nearly as funny as the piece that kind of arises organically from a tiny idea of some kind.

**Crusader: What's one of the tricks you use?**

McManus: A typical trick that you would use would be a play on words. What you work for in humor is surprise. It's very important to have the element of surprise. If you have a friend who tells a lot of jokes, the ending has to be kind of a surprise. Surprise is very important in humor if you want to get people to laugh. It has to take them off guard. Much of

the work that you do in humor is doing it in such a way that the reader is surprised. One of the ways I will do this is to put in a series of clues rather than trying to describe a comic scene as it happens.

In one Bobsled and the Bobcat, Rancid Crabtree mistakenly slides down this hill

on a kids sled. It's actually a skid trail. He didn't expect it. And so rather than describing this in great detail, you should surprise the reader with that. It's impossible to make that funny describing it, in a sense, so you want to give the impression of an observer. So I have

this daffy old woman, Mrs. Swisher, and she is down driving her car along the road, and Rancid Crabtree zooms by her on this sled.

She gives her impression of what has happened, so the reader gets a series of clues about this. When the final clue falls into place, the scene explodes instantly. And so it's these clues, and the handling of these clues, that give you the surprise. You can't describe physical action very well without giving it all away because it takes you so long.

One time I tried to do that. I learned this years ago, and at that time I was trying to describe all these boys crowded into a mountain tent. It's got air tubes on each end, and they hear this sound, and they start racing for home. I had a page and a half of describing this, and ... it wasn't funny.

This is where I began to learn that comic action on a screen, a motion picture screen, is funny, but it's not funny when you describe it in print. So that's the difficulty that you have, and so eventually I shortened this whole thing down to a single sentence, and then it worked. But the reader had to create the whole thing himself.

Are you both journalism majors?

Crusader: No I'm computer science.

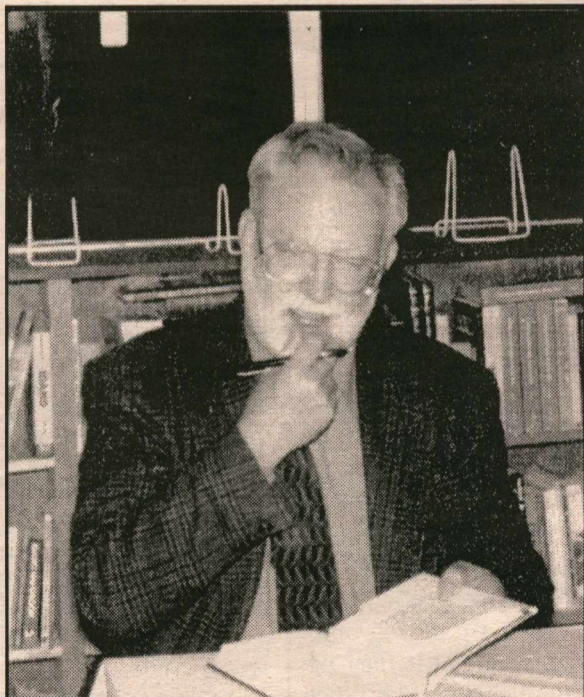
McManus: So you actually want a job when you graduate?

Crusader: Well, I was hoping for one.

McManus: You see, I was an English major, and English majors have no hope of ever finding a job, so the only thing you can do is become a writer.

**Crusader: What is the most important thing for people getting into writing to remember?**

McManus: The important thing to remember is that it's very hard. People have the impression that either I'm a writer or I'm not; that writing is a natural thing ... and so on. And so they'll sit down and write something, and it's not very good, and so they'll say, 'well, I'm not a writer.' You've probably heard this



**Idaho native, Patrick McManus, rubs his beard in deep thought as he signs copies of his latest book for admiring fans from the Treasure Valley.**

# with Patrick McManus

*well attended book signing at the Food for Thought Bookstore in downtown Caldwell.*

yourselves. And so it's something you have to learn because it's very hard and it's very complex. You're thinking about what's going on in the reader's head all the time. What's happening in there? You can't see it. You have no idea what's going on in the reader's head. One of the things I do is try to guess what's going on in the reader's head.

I'd give my students exercises, and in one of the exercises, I'd give them the phrase: "The tarnished walnut paneling on the stairs." That was the clue that they had. From that, I'd have them build their own house, in their minds. And then, I would use that house. It was kind of a nice house because of the walnut paneling. It was a two story house, and it was kind of old, and those are the clues. I would check afterwards what kind of house they had. They all had a house in their minds. And I'd say, 'did you have wallpaper upstairs? What kind of wallpaper? what did that wallpaper look like?' They'd tell you they had flowers on that wallpaper.

And see, that house is created in their minds in complete detail. It's very real, and so if you're a writer, you want to trust that house, and not mess with that wallpaper. You don't want to turn left at the top of the stairs, because in their house, you turn right see. And that messes up their house, and they have to reconstruct their house. So if there's no reason for them to turn left, you never make them turn left. You try to use that house, and imagine that house and what's happening there.

This gives you the necessary brevity and the condensing in your writing. That's just part of it, but the main thing for people to know is that it's really hard.

I was just down in, can't remember the name of the place. It was yesterday, and my freshman English Composition teacher came in. This was a teacher who gave me six or seven F's in a row when I first started out, and he had me really scared. And so I kept working on this, and finally got a D, and then a C and at the end of the semester I got an A.

Something no one had ever heard of this guy giving out was an A, and on my last essay, I got an A+. I was then recommended for honors English. So that thrust me into this whole English thing, but I flunked almost all my other subjects getting this A+ in English because then I had to study grammar, learn grammar, learn punctuation, learn spelling, learn syntax, and it was tremendously hard. But I told him last night, 'if I hadn't had you for my Freshman English Composition teacher, I would never have become a writer.'

This guy made me a writer, no doubt about it.

**Crusader:** I've always wanted to know, what is your wife's name?

McManus: Darlene.

**Crusader:** You always call her Bun in the books, and in "Whatchagot Stew" there was a name, but I don't remember what it was.

McManus: Darlene is her name, although she gets mail addressed to Bun now, and it gets delivered.

**Crusader:** You said you wouldn't move out of the West. Is it hard to write for east coast publishers?

McManus: Well, it's easy. I push a couple of buttons on the computer and the story goes into their computers, and they push a couple of buttons, and it's never on paper until it's printed in the magazine. It goes into their computers, and the type is set, and it all goes on from there.

**Crusader:** When did you start using a computer?

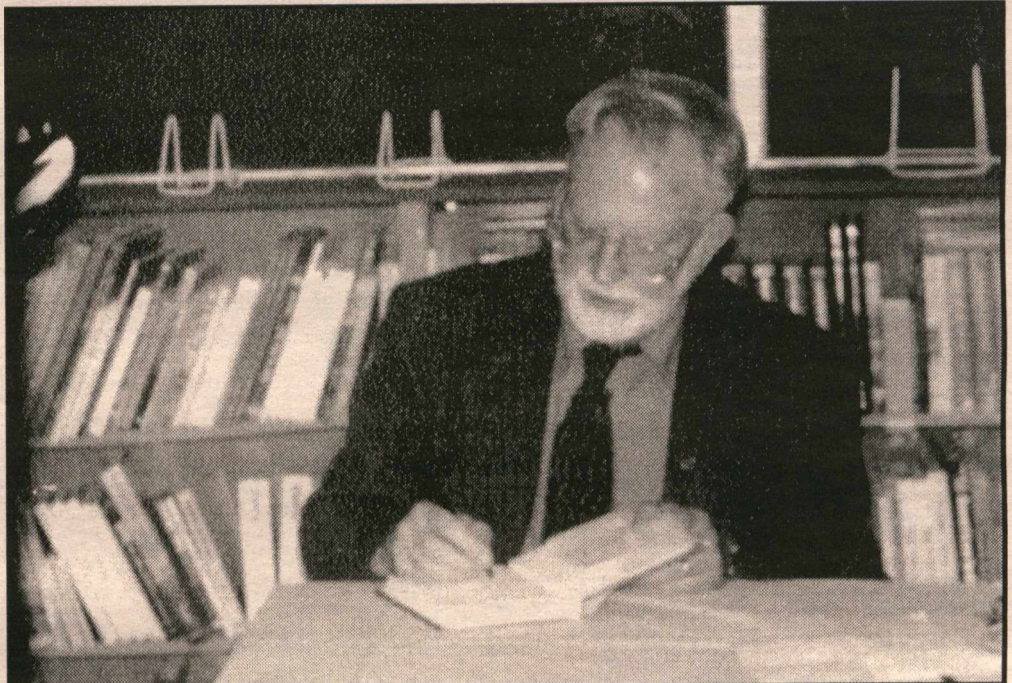
McManus: About 1982.

**Crusader:** There was an actor coming in who was doing some of your stuff. Is he still doing that anymore?

McManus: He was. He's now done something like 350 performances. 150,000 people have seen the two plays together. The first play is "Fine and Pleasant Misery," and the second one is "McManus in Love."

He's coming back. He was supposed to be here tomorrow night, but we were in Texas, taking a tour through Texas and Oklahoma. When he was driving back, he started getting sick. He got sicker and sicker, and finally he was put in the hospital, and he's been in the hospital for five weeks. He was in intensive care because they thought he had pneumonia.

He actually had legionaire's disease. It's very rare. I haven't heard of it since the 1970s, but it's really serious. He was on 80% life



**McManus's combination of outdoor humor and wisdom have held the attention of fans for over 30 years. In combination with his work on *Field & Stream* and *Outdoor Life*, he has found the time to write twelve books and two plays.**

support, and when he got to 50% life support everybody was relieved. Tim can now breathe half of the time on his own, so it was bad stuff. He will be back, and he'll probably be down here in January.

**Crusader:** Do you ever write non-humor stories?

McManus: Yes, I do, but once you have the reputation as a humor writer, it's hard to sell anything that's not humor. I have moved into another area where I'm working on things besides just a laugh. I want to be comic, but I have other things going on. Some of the stories in my new book are an example of that. The very first story is kind of an example where a lot of what's going on is between the lines, and so the reader has to work a little bit harder to pick up on that.

## About the Author...

Patrick McManus has devoted the last thirty years of his life to writing outdoor humor. His stories currently run monthly in "Outdoor Life" magazine.

Originally from Sandpoint, Idaho, McManus now resides in Spokane Washington. He currently has twelve books in print:

- Never Cry "Arp!"*
- How I Got This Way*
- The Good Samaritan Strikes Again*
- Whatchagot Stew*
- Real Ponies Don't Go Oink*
- The Night the Bear Ate Goombaw*
- Rubber Legs and White Tail-Hairs*
- The Grasshopper Trap*
- Never Sniff a Gift Fish*
- They Shoot Canoes, Don't They?*
- Kid Camping from Aaaiiii! to Zip*
- A Fine and Pleasant Misery*

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## Iraq keeps country closed to inspectors raising tensions

By Joshua M. Dooley  
World News Editor

UNITED NATIONS -- Even though diplomats would like to avoid a military confrontation, it may be possible as Iraq claims it will hold on to its refusal to allow Americans to enter their country.

Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, Tariq Aziz stated, "those who create the crisis... are Americans," referring to American members of UNSCOM, which is the U.N. Special Commission on Iraqi disarmament.

Aziz also went on to accuse the U.S. to be making up the fact that the reason the U.N. was so compelled to enter Iraq was for arms inspections which would prove to be hostile to President Saddam Hussein's government.

President Clinton has gone to his Security Council for a firm statement on the importance of continuing U.N. weapons inspections in Iraq. Clinton also criticized the fact that Baghdad will continue to stand their ground as long as an American must be present for the inspections.

"The United Nations U-2 plane was not fired upon," Clinton told the White House, "but it does not change the larger issue, which is that the U.N. inspections have been stopped

by Saddam Hussein. So the next step is to get a very strong resolution from the United Nations manifesting the determination of the international community to resume those inspections."

Aziz pleaded with the U.N. Security Council to listen to the complaints of Baghdad "before stampeding another unjust resolution against Iraq."

The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Bill Richardson earlier felt that there wasn't anything that Aziz told the U.N. that would cause a resolution for this situation.

Richardson stated, "He (Aziz) talks about dialog, but when the Iraqis come to the U.N., it's just more delay and deception and denials so we don't expect much from the visit."

Along with an ending to this deal, Iraq wants a timetable for an end to inspections, which would be the key to raising the crippling economic sanctions that were placed on the country after it invaded Kuwait in 1990.

Through this ordeal, the U.S. claims that it isn't ruling out any options, including military involvement.

## U-2 spyplanes check out Iraq from above

By Ryan Dooley  
Staff Writer

UNITED NATIONS -- On Sunday, Iraq said no to U.N. weapon inspection teams for the seventh day in a row and sent Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz its case before a 15 member Security Council, which met Monday afternoon.

This past Monday, the United Nations sent a spy plane to fly over Iraq, although Saddam Hussein stated that he would shoot down any aircraft that made any attempt to. A U-2 spy plane flew the mission at an altitude of 70,000 feet which would be out of the range of their guns. It was also confirmed that during the three hours of flight there was at no time a lock on missile-firing radar.

Iraq has made a statement saying, "American weapons inspectors that are working with the U.N. are spies that are trying to prolong U.N. economic sanctions imposed on Iraq after it invaded Kuwait in 1990 and was defeated in the 1991 Gulf War."

The U-2 flights that are going on over Iraq are to be considered integral to the weapons inspection program. The United States will be seeking the "strongest possible action" when the Security Council meets to discuss Baghdad's refusal to cooperate with the U.N. inspections, as long as the Americans can be included.

The U.N. ambassador stated "The U.N. is not ruling out any options, including a military option."

Iraq has also asked for a timetable so that there can be an end to inspections, which are the key to lifting the crippling international economic sanctions that have been imposed on Iraq after their invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

## Assisted-suicide Legal in Oregon

By Andrew J. Deihl  
Editor in Chief

BOISE, ID -- As of today, Idahoans could have the opportunity to move to Oregon and qualify for doctor assisted-suicides under a new Oregon state law that just went into effect.

Oregon is now the only state in the Union that allows for doctor assisted-suicides. This has prompted the state medical board and the Oregon Medical Association to warn doctors that they need to make sure that their patients are residents of the state.

The law requires that patients be residents of Oregon but that state currently has no time limits on residency.

The Medical Association is asking doctors to have patients provide proof of residency such as a driver's license or voter registration card. This is only a minimum wait of twenty-one days so their is worry that some may cross the border to qualify under the law.

Oregon residency can also be proven through pay stubs, mailing addresses or even rental contracts. Residency in Oregon is easy to obtain. Laws may need to be enacted to stiffen the residency requirement if people abuse the current system.

There are other fail safes in the law to help deter people from wanting the service and allowing them to change their minds. Two doctors from different practices must diagnose the patient as terminally ill with less than six months to live. A third physician agrees to give the prescription for the drugs but also agrees to wait fifteen days before prescribing the dosage.

# Russia and China meet for ties, but not an alliance with each other

By **Ryan Dooley**  
Staff Writer

BEIJING -- Last Monday, President Boris Yeltsin of Russia and Jiang Zemin of China met to discuss how they wanted to make a "strategic partnership" of economies and political ties, but would not revive their formal alliance of the 1950s.

Yeltsin and Zemin met in a calm and peaceful atmosphere and settled a ten-year-old border dispute and supervised the signing of agreements on trade

and the protection of rare Manchurian tigers.

A couple of leaders described this meeting as being the same type of meeting that President Clinton made a couple of weeks ago to promise closer ties between the U.S. and China.

Yeltsin stated that he and Zemin developed a "relationship of trust." To show that he meant what he said, the two men smiled and

exchanged bear hugs for the photographers.

"I think the bilateral relationship is a strategic partnership of equality and mutual respect. We will not form an alliance, and this kind of long-term relationship is not directed against another country," said Jiang, in a veiled reference to the United States.

When the Chinese and Russians bonded in communism in the 1950s, it gave way to many rivalries in the social world. In the 1970s, the United States and Beijing came together out of their suspicion of Moscow. Now China and Russia are considering finding counterbalances to the United States.

The United States began to show concern, so Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott has been scheduled to hold talks in Beijing on Tuesday with Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen and Qian's top Russia expert.

Trade was the key issue of the talks between Russia and China. The first item was to set up a target of annual trade of \$20 billion by the year 2000, but this year it might not even

reach the \$7 billion that it made in 1996.

Jiang Zemin selected five industries to target for improvement: oil and gas, power, aeronautics and aerospace, machinery and high technology.

Jiang and Yeltsin stood watching as the Deputy Prime Minister of Russia and Deputy Premier of China signed three documents on economic and technology cooperation on oil and gas. The areas that were covered are the framework agreements on a \$12 billion project to build a pipeline to bring natural gas from Siberia to China's Pacific Coast. Under the draft plan, gas would be pumped for 30 years and would be available to Japan and South Korea also.

Other agreements that were made covered cooperation on regulating trade in financial services, the diamond trade and protecting the Manchurian tiger. There are supposedly 400 animals, also known as Amur tigers, in Russia, and about 20 in China.

Although weapons are a main issue in talks between countries, this was actually one issue that was not covered. President Yeltsin felt that it was necessary for them to cover trades and boundary agreements before they went on to any other subject.

**"...We will not form an alliance, and this kind of long-term relationship is not directed against another country."  
~Jiang Zemin of China**

## ...very briefly...

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM -- What better

### Shower news

way to start your mornings than with the gift of getting showered lying down. The Octopusi is a new shower designed to allow the user to lie down and shower in order to ease into the morning routine.

This family of the Jacuzzi has a shower and a steam bath and is taking the show at the 46th Annual Inventor's Fair in Brussels.

Juan-Gabriel Antuna, the inventor, designed it for his comfort from chronic back pains and stress.

Its functions involve you lying on your stomach face down in a box with your head sticking out of one end. This somewhat resembles a box magicians use to saw people in half with. A battery of 36 nozzles shoot warm water up and down your body in waves and lasts for 8 minutes.

The Octopusi is said to be good for the lymphatic system, relaxing muscles and increasing blood circulation.

ORLANDO, FL-- A little in-

### People News

fant girl who was dubbed "Princess Jasmine" by nurses, was reported to be in stable condition this Monday as she was discovered in a toilet at Walt Disney World over the weekend.

This girl was apparently just minutes old when she was found Saturday night in a restroom in the Magic Kingdom's "Tomorrowland." The baby's head was above water with the umbilical cord wrapped around her neck.

If the mother is found, she could face attempted homicide charges.

## This Week in History

Historical facts that may or may not deal directly with you

Dating November 10 - November 16, 1997

November 15, 1761 -- La Verendrye, a member of a family of famous explorers, drowned when his ship, heading from Quebec to France, was destroyed on the shore of Cape Breton during a strong wind.

November 16, 1885 -- Louis Riel was hanged for his crimes, but not before meeting with his priest, Father Andre where he recited the Lord's Prayer and was converted.

November 11, 1918 -- In a rail way coach near Campiegne, France, the French Field Marshal Foch and the members of the German Armistice Commission signed the formal surrender that brought the end to the First World War.

November 14, 1922 -- Bob Edwards, the colourful editor and publisher of the *Calgary Eye Opener* which was both popular and feared, dies.

November 11, 1931 -- Remembrance Day is declared a legal holiday in the memory of the Canadian veterans that fought in WWI and other wars.

November 14, 1947 -- Alberta Potteries of Redcliff, Alberta closes plant doors after the decision of Saskatchewan to charge a royalty on raw clay obtained from the province.

-- Compiled by Joshua Dooley

## Around the world in eighty words

compiled by **Ryan Dooley**  
Staff Writer

### \$1 billion pledge to U.N. a hoax

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA -- A so-called Asian prince pledged \$1 billion to the United Nations to fight poverty was found to be just a hoax this past Monday.

A further investigation is taking place to check the "prince's" credentials. If found to be a hoax, then it will be an embarrassing moment, especially for the Gift Foundation.

### Travel ban on Iraqi officials

United Nations-- The U.N. security council net Tuesday evening so that they could decide how they want to impose a travel ban on Iraqi officials and warn them of other measures that will be taken if they do not cooperate with the U.N. arms inspector. The resolution does not include the threat of military force however, and does not repeat the "serious consequences," but it does include that statement that was in a council statement that was made earlier to warn Iraq.

### Hurricane strikes Mexico City

Mexico City-- It wasn't too long ago when Mexico City was hit by a hurricane, and now again they were ordered to evacuate their city. Hurricane Rick plowed through Mexico City and left it only so that people could go home on Tuesday to pick up after all of the damage that was done to their city.

# Intramural football almost over

Championships games will be played next weekend; Powder Puff games coming up soon



above Some players tried unconventional means of tackling (note the left hand), while others right went for the legitimate tackles. Next Saturday brings more football action.



By Robin Day  
Sports Editor

Intramurals this week mainly consisted of football. Unfortunately, no information on the actual games is available, only the scores of the games on Saturday, November 8. They are as follows: Team Jones beat Team Vito 13-0, before moving on to win by forfeit against Team Dayton; Team Buck also won by forfeit, defeating Team Ames; Team Downie was the other winner of the day, winning big over Team Frosh, 20-0.

The final team standings have Team Downie in front with a 6-0 record, followed by Team Jones, 5-1. Team Buck is in third place, 4-2, and Team Vito is in fourth with a record of 3-3. Team Frosh has a record of 2-4 and

Team Dayton and Team Ames bring up the rear, both with records of 0-6. Intramural football championships will probably be played on Saturday of next weekend.

Also coming up in football are the Powder Puff games on November 22. There is a sign-up sheet on the Intramural board and women are encouraged to get a team together to join in the fun. There are, of course, t-shirts for the championship team.



An intramural player tries to dodge the opposition and make it to the endzone in one of the games.

## Baseball team begins season early

By Melissa Tennyson  
Staff Writer

This fall the baseball team has been getting ready for a strong spring season. They've also had the chance to play some practice games this fall season, which is an opportunity they didn't have last year. They have played 12 games, with a win-loss record of about 8-4.

Sophomore player Mark Grange commented, "Overall, it was a very successful practice season. It started out a little slow, but we ended pretty strong. We should have a good team this year. The team is mostly juniors and seniors this year, so we've got a lot of experience. We also get along good, and that's important."

The team will weight train and work out in November and December, begin indoor practice in

January and move outside for practice in February.

Coach Brian Muir felt fairly pleased with the fall season. He commented, "It helps you kind of see where you're at and make some corrections. Our strongest point this fall was pitching, our second strongest was defense. But we still need to work on hitting as a team. Our team batting average this fall was .300. That's probably our weakest point."

Besides playing games, the guys have also been busy with fundraising to pay for expenses. They have been selling oranges and blankets. They also held a marathon baseball game which lasted 100 innings! Coach Muir feels optimistic about the upcoming season, and "with some good hard work in the off-season we should have a great season this year!"

### SPORTS BRIEFLIES

Compiled By Dave Stillman

#### U.S. clinches World Cup berth

With a dominating 3-0 victory over Canada Friday, the United States national soccer team clinched a berth in the 1998 World Cup in France, becoming the 23rd nation to qualify for the 32 team tournament.

Roy Wegerle had a hand (or rather, a foot) in every goal, scoring two and assisting in the other.

The win is a big one for the U.S., which has been struggling in international play after tying with Mexico and Jamaica.

The U.S. clinched the berth because El Salvador tied with Jamaica and Costa Rica tied Mexico. If either team had managed a victory, the berth would still be up for grabs.

#### Seahawks squeak by Chargers

The Seattle Seahawks defeated the San Diego Chargers 37-31 behind another excellent game from 41-year-old Warren Moon. His 40 yard touchdown pass to Joey Galloway with 2:20 left in the game put the Seahawks ahead for good. Galloway made the catch despite playing on an ankle he sprained early in the fourth quarter.

The Seahawks, who blundered into a 14-0 first quarter deficit, managed to pull within seven on a touchdown pass to Galloway with :22 left in the half. Seattle pulled ahead in the third, only to have their lead erased by a 56 yard interception return.

The Seahawks are now 6-4, and have won four of their last five.

#### FSU, Michigan share No 1 rank

Nebraska is still undefeated, but its 45-38 OT squeaker over Missouri took its toll. Nebraska returned a fumble for a touchdown with no time remaining to force OT.

Florida State was No. 1 in the USA Today poll, after it's 20-3 rout of then undefeated North Carolina. UNC was ranked #5, and was hoping that a win over the Seminole's would propel it into college football's elite. Instead, they gained under a hundred yards in total offense.

Michigan was top ranked in the AP poll after a 34-8 thrashing of #2 Penn State. Penn State was also undefeated, and a victory would have made them first in the nation.

Nebraska is ranked #3 in both polls.

# 'Saders win three more

By Robin Day  
Sports Editor

A lot has been happening on the volleyball court recently. The 'Saders begin tournament play on Friday with the Cascade Conference tournament in Monmoth. The Crusaders are ranked second in conference, behind Western Oregon, even though they are ranked second in the region ahead of Western Oregon. NNC will play third ranked Western Baptist on Friday. But first, a quick update.

This past Tuesday brought out the standard redheads to watch the Crusaders play and cheer them on during their last home game against rival Albertson College of Idaho.

The Crusaders had to play without freshman left side hitter, Sarah Standley. Standley twisted her ankle in practice the day before the game, but is expected to return in time for tournament play. The Crusaders' bench pulled filled in and Standley's absence from the game was not crucial, as the 'Saders beat ACI in four games.

N N C won the first game, with a score of 15-9. In the second game, NNC took the lead quickly and pushed the score up to 11-1. They slacked off the intensity a bit, allowing ACI to score three, before bringing the game to a close, winning 15-6.

The 'Saders and the Coyotes traded the serve a couple of times at the beginning of the third game. Unfortunately, ACI won the serving war, scoring 5 points before the Crusaders scored 1. Albertson continued to find the holes in the court and coupled with some bad passes on NNC's part, it was enough for them to win 8-15.

The Crusaders didn't start off the fourth game on the right foot either, falling way behind, but good team communication and excellent play helped them to take the lead and run with it, winning 15-8.

The game was the final home game for the four seniors on the team. Patty Grim, Michelle Burge, Jessica Menard and Molinda Vincent were each honored by head Coach Darlene Brasch for the commitment and contribution to the 'Sader vol-

leyball program.

Grim and Menard have both played for the Crusaders since they were freshman and have been an essential part of the 'Sader team for these last four years. Vincent transferred to NNC before her junior year and her offensive play helped the Crusaders to the national tournament last year and hopefully a repeat performance this year. Burge was not able to play this year due to shoulder surgery, leaving her with another year of eligibility. She is scheduled for another surgery after Christmas and hopefully will decide to be back to play next year.

This past Friday, NNC went up against Northwest College winning in 3 games, 15-4, 15-9, 15-7. Northwest has not won a conference match this year.

Saturday brought a match between the 'Saders and Western Washington. The Crusad-

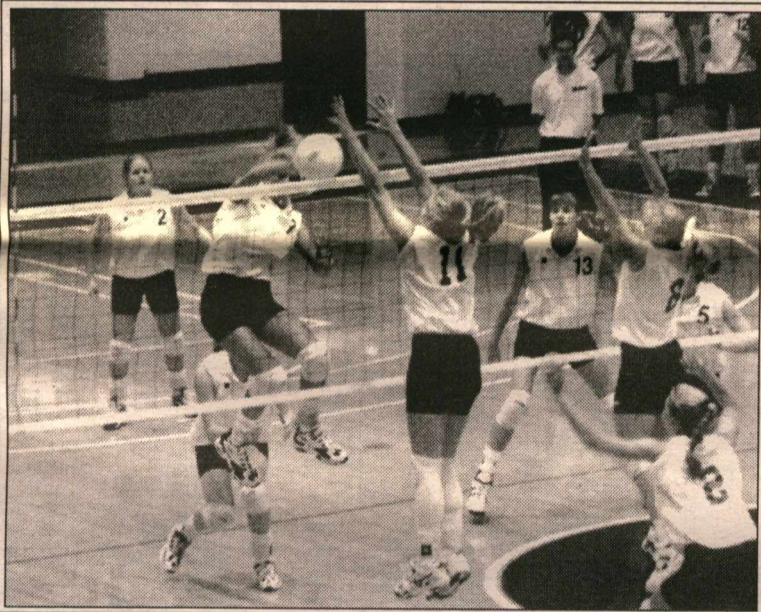
ers came out on top of the encounter, winning in four games, 9-15, 15-10, 15-7, 15-10.

Coach Brasch commented on the weekend's play saying, "We were really flat this weekend, but we played well enough to win. It's tough to keep intensity going for that long of a

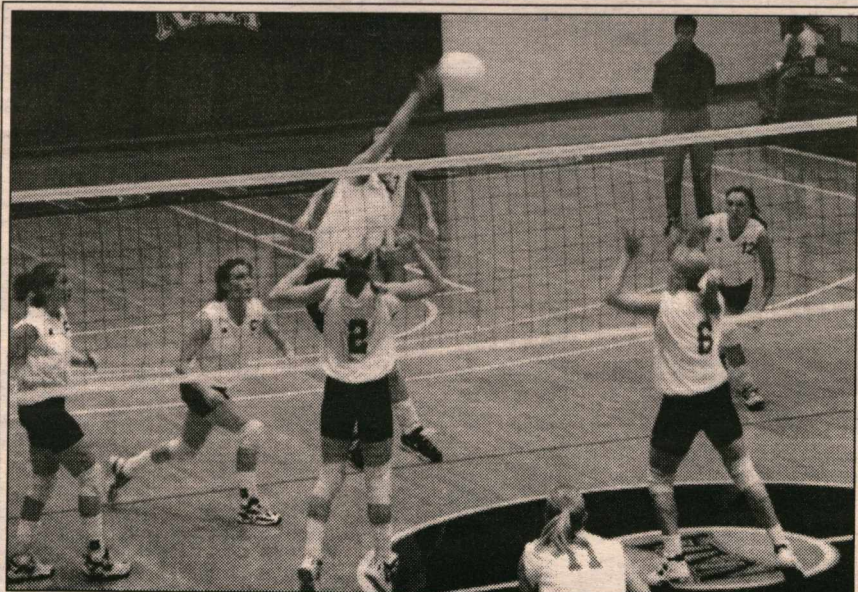
time." Brasch then added, "But we'll have to get the intensity back before we play in the tournaments."

The Crusaders' record is now 28-7 and they are currently ranked ninth in the nation.

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Junior Liz Benæar scores a kill during the match against Albertson on Tuesday, November 4.



Sophomore Tabitha Shipman hits over Albertson defenders, while Lisa Erickson, Sarah Menard, and Jessica Menard cover her back.

"We were really flat this weekend, but we played well enough to win."

~Darlene Brasch

## Clyde's

The new Student Lounge is open and ready to serve your late night cravings.

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10pm-12am

Wednesdays after

**TIME OUT**

Check out page Ten of this issue of The Crusader for a copy of the Menu.

## TIME OUT

Every Wednesday

evening at

9:00 pm

In the Science Lecture

Hall

This week:

**Mark Boothby**

Take a break from the week with a time a of Praise and Worship.

If you have any questions or concerns or if you would like to speak at **TIME OUT**

contact Mark Walker at

8480 (office) or 8512 (home).

# cTopTen

Top Ten books with under ten pages

10. "How to Sustain a Musical Career" by Art Garfunkel
9. Al Gore: The Wild Years
8. Ethiopian Tips on World Dominance
7. Everything Men know about Women
6. Everything Women know about Men
5. Mike Tyson's Guide to Dating Etiquette
4. Staple your way to success
3. Different ways to spell "Bob"
2. "Things I wouldn't do for money" by Dennis Rodman
1. Amish Phone Directory

Shamelessly kyped off the internet to keep you from having to read the best thing we could come up with: "Top ten favorite numbers"

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.

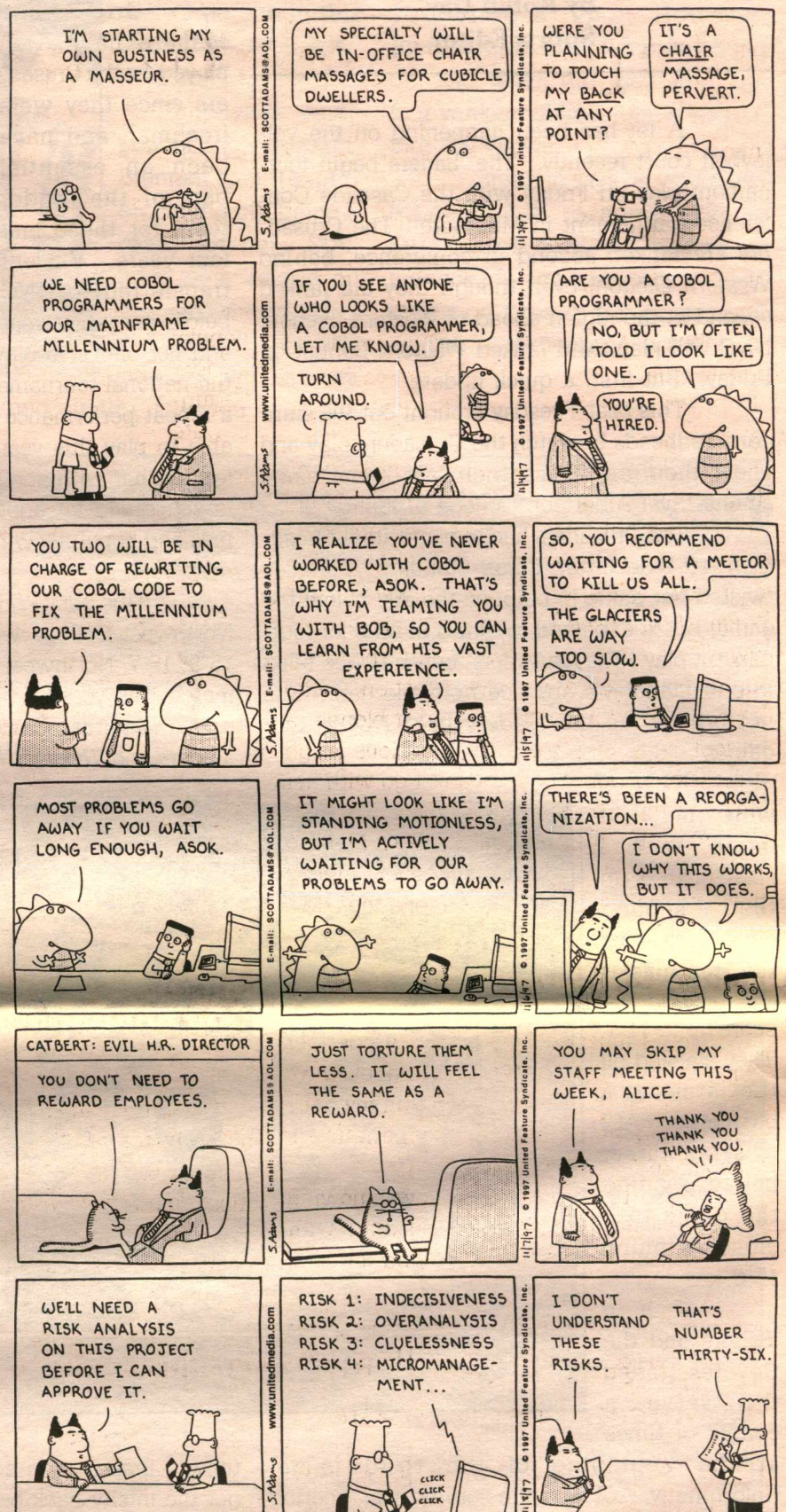
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## Poorly Drawn Man

By David Stillman

Poorly Drawn Schandorff

Oh no! I have a test to write for Bib Lit

Unfortunately, our hero loses his notes and has to ad lib

Poorly drawn man 2

There were these 5 Romans Larry, Curly, Moe, Bob, and Sylvester...

Can you give this sermon on Romans five? I need to skip chapel

Poorly Drawn Schandorff

Sure

Not a church with a big ball on the pulpit

... wait, it's Romans 5 not the 5 Romans ...

... The Romans 5 were one of the hottest rock bands in Ancient Rome...

... Oh, Romans Chapter 5...

Luke Heath

Luke pops the question (with glow in the dark paint)

October 17, 1997

Hi, this is Luke. I am upstairs in Student Development at this very moment. I have just received some neon yellow post-it on my desk informing me that Homecoming is just around the corner.

Whoa, MAJOR Panic! Realization: I do not have a date and would prefer not to sit at a table full of guys who are sulking about the weather and how they do not have dates.

Looking through the scam book trying to find a perfect date or even a girl who could handle going out with me, I am surprised at how many people look younger than they really appear now. Is Chris Field really twelve years old? Oh Wow, I used to have long hair.

Anyway, through great evaluation and deep thought, I have narrowed my selection to the most popular girl in school. Being a blonde, a good looking dame; and with a curious laugh that makes me wonder, why can't I go with her I think she must be the one for me.

Yes, this may be Tom Cruise's Mission Impossible. However, I still choose Lindsay Mittelstaedt as my dream date despite the odds.

October 18, 1997

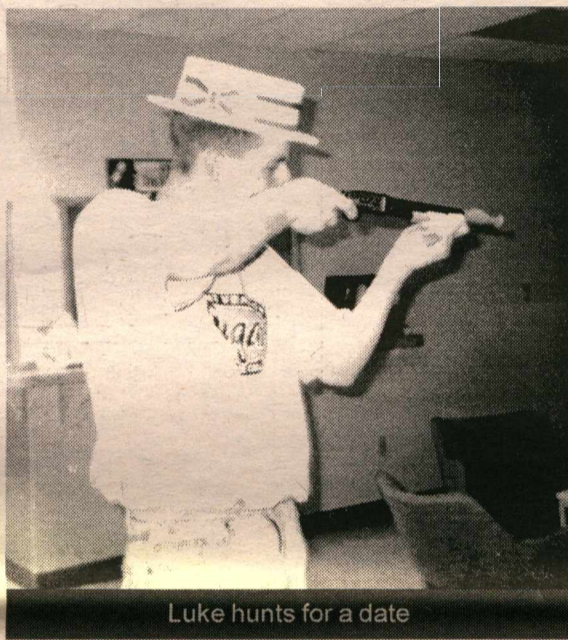
Now I must scheme how I can get her to come to the most prestigious social event of the NNC's fiscal year. Looking through my daily planner, I see that Homecoming banquet is November 26.

I need to start the plan now; knowing that I am not a good-looking guy, skinny with big ears, I will be screwed, glued and tattooed

Looking through all my resources, I look to the most respected dating guru in the world, Linc Loeber, aka P.M.D. (Pimp MacDaddy).

unless I come up with a creative way to ask her out. Looking through all my resources, I look to the most respected dating guru in the world, Linc Loeber, aka P.M.D. (Pimp MacDaddy).

Because Link was Lindsay's personal secretary, I asked him how to ask out the most popular girl in school. His reply, "Dress up as an Ewok..." But to no avail, Linc had already begun his mad masquerade as an Ewok, so beware ladies.



Luke hunts for a date

I tried many dating magazine articles, and a bunch of other stuff; but I had to finally resort to my trusty sidekick, Christa Klosterman. Her wise dating input lead me to the creative idea of mixing glow in the dark paint and Lindsay's ceiling, she told me to figure the rest out for myself.

October 23, 1997

7:00pm Plan in Action! I, the Man in Black, walk through Corlett lobby and into the palace of apartment 108. The princess was out for the evening and the plan was going smoothly.

Hopping on her bed, gingerly I picked up my paintbrush and wrote the words, "WILL YOU GO TO HOMECOMING WITH ME?" Now the waiting begins. I hate this part. Did I al-

10:00pm Phone Call. After tons of screaming and through tears of joys, I deciphered her response as "YES!"

ready tell you how much I hate this part???

10:00pm Phone Call. After tons of screaming and through tears of joys, I deciphered her response as "YES!" Then my friends, Dustin Zimmerman and Kevin Jensen picked me up off the floor and began singing "He is a jolly good fellow," then I informed Lindsay that I was excited to accompany her to Homecoming.

The shock didn't hit me until after I hung up the phone. I hadn't written my name on the ceiling. How did she get my phone number and how did she know I was the guy who was asking her the banquet?

Then the strangest thing occurred to me, "Lindsay Mittelstaedt is my girlfriend why did I do all this?" Maybe it is respect or maybe it is because Homecoming should be a peltroa of fun for everyone.

I am writing this for the girls who do not want go through another TWIRP. This is a call to arms for all guys(including Mark Walker, Kevin Jensen, and Dustin Zimmerman who are going to be sitting at home watching Dating Dynamics reviews on Homecoming night and complaining how they can't get a date).

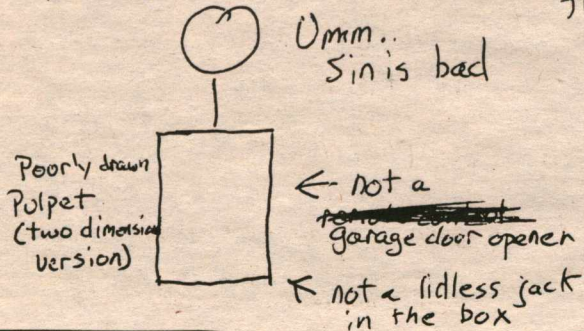
Thus, be interesting as the freshman boys, stay in school and as Nancy Reagan would say, "Say no to drugs." Thank-you.

**Luke Heath is the ASNNC Business Manager, and uses it as an excuse to hang out in Lindsay's office**

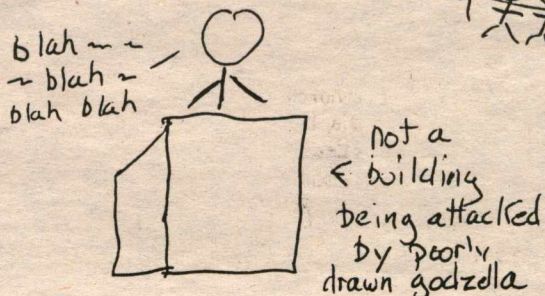
Poorly Drawn Man

By David Stillman

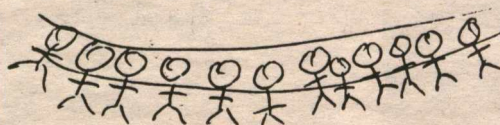
Flustered, Poorly Drawn Man attempts to remember something about Romans, Chapter Five



Everyone starts falling asleep... Until our hero starts preaching from Song of Solomon

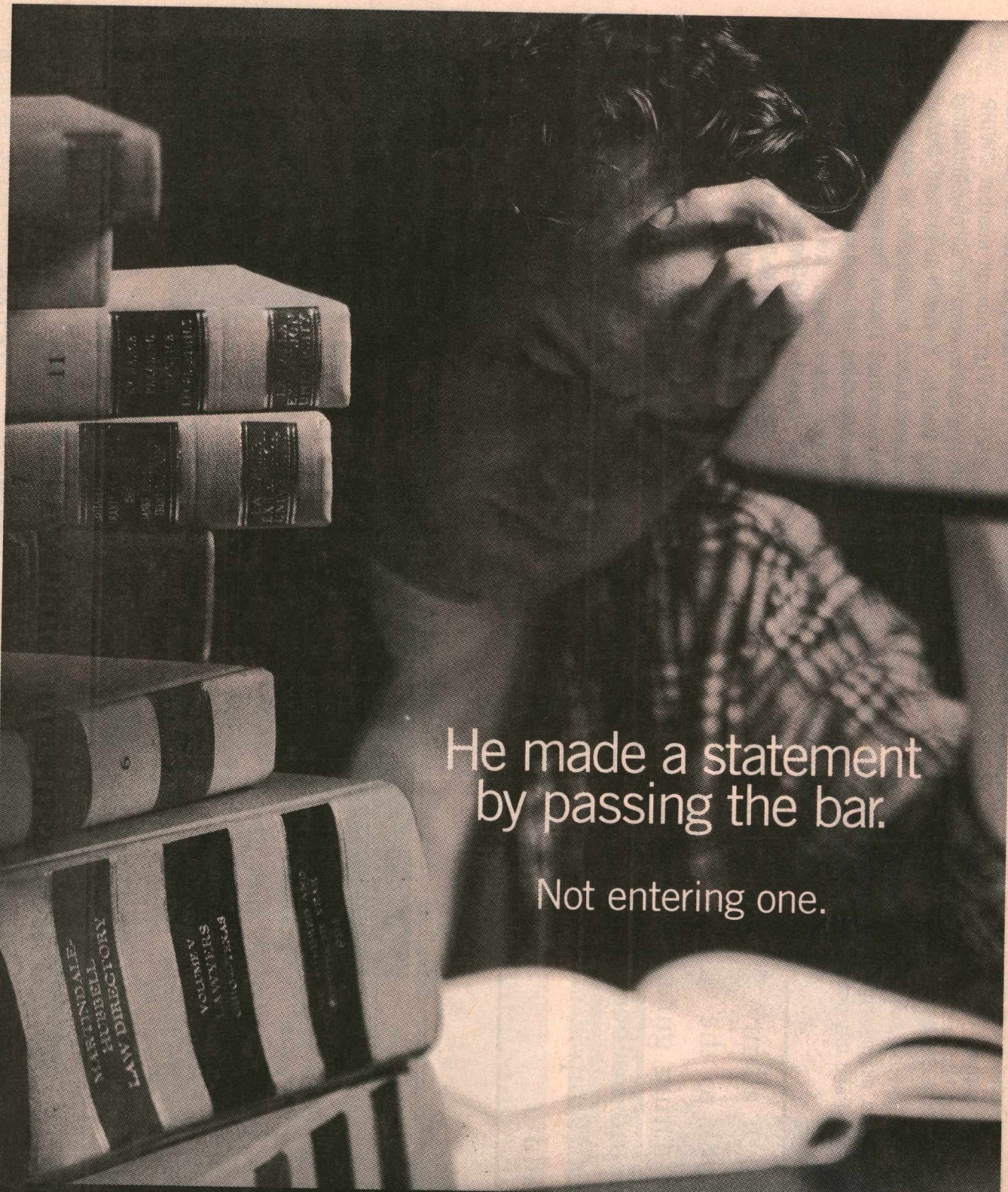


After the moving sermon, the alters are filled



Despite his success, Poorly Drawn man decides preaching is not for him and quickly retires





He made a statement  
by passing the bar.

Not entering one.



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