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The history of a town called Nampa

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Column One

Yes this is finally it. The first issue of *The Crusader* for the new term. We apologize for any problems that this might have caused for your term so far and therefore bring you... The super huge and all powerful 28 page issue.

(space provided for awe inspired jaw drop)

This is a very serious issue as always. We have all of our great usuals plus more Dilbert and the return of DAVE BARRY.

(another space provide for jaw drop and applause)

Cover was really fun as I got to tour the Canyon County Historical Museum located in the Old Depot in Downtown Nampa. I would like to extend my extreme thanks to Joe Bell of the Canyon County Historical Society for all of his help and patience while having to deal with me.

The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 1 pm - 5 pm. Admission is by donation.

Our thanks goes out as always to Mark Aman at the *Owyhee Avalanche* for publishing us and for being flexible and for also having to deal with me.

And Dave and I think that the rest of the staff kicks fish too for doing all the work and letting us put our names on *The Crusader*.

Andrew J. Diehl
Editor-in-Chief

Published by ASNNC because Andy and Josh really didn't want to go to class today.

The Wild, Wild West



It's not exactly the story of cowboys and indians but Nampa does have an amazing and diverse history. From Chinese immigrants to the story of the 1909 fire, Nampa has grown and changed. Look back with us now as we look at the story of a town called Nampa.

Learn about the history of our great town on pages 13-15.

Super Bowl Party in Marriott

Andrew J. Diehl
Editor-in-Chief

Marriott will be the host to the annual SuperBowl Party. Doors will open at 2 p.m. with food coming out of the Kitchen at 3 p.m. till 8:15 p.m.

Door prizes this year include a pair of tickets to either Portland or Seattle.

Food will include sandwiches, rice krispie treats, brownies, buffalo wings and yes...cheese sticks.

The festivities are free if you have a meal plan and \$5.10 if you do not have a plan.

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"Don't avoid the media. They'll always get you."

~Susan Molinari, U.S. Representative, 1994

DNA testing tells NNC student relation between Owls

by Gina Grate
Staff Writer

Blood, DNA, gel, UV lamps and owls. What do all these words have in common? A research project on which Julia Paz worked this summer.

Remember the last owl story, in which Cody Schneider and Dr. Powers studied owls in the Sublett mountains? Paz also researched those owls, but her primary study of them was to determine if owls in

various canyons of the mountains were related; this would help Powers and others studying the small flammulated owl determine if these migratory predators return to the same nesting site where they were born.

To determine whether the owls in different parts of the mountain range were related, Paz needed to study the DNA in the owls' blood. Before she could extract samples and examine the DNA, however, she needed to figure out a process that would best support her research. "This involved a lot of research in the library," she explained.

Eventually, Paz settled on the RAPD-PCR process. "It's one of the hot new techniques in the field of genetics," she said. PCR, a common technique for genetic testing, was used in the O.J. Simpson trial, and is a fairly common tool in criminal investigations.

Next, Paz attempted to get blood samples to work with. "I went on four or five trips out in the field to try to get blood from the owls. Once we did capture the owls, we had to try to get blood from the jugular vein, but it was

really small. We didn't want to torture them, so we decided to give up on the smaller ones."

Since Paz was aiming at perfecting the process of PCR, it wasn't actually necessary to work only with the flammulated owls. So she purchased some ducks and

raised them, and extracted their blood to work with. She plans to "develop a technique using the duck blood, with the intent of using the same technique on the great grey owls." She will begin this study with Dr.

Powers at the end of January.

In the lab where she worked this summer, she uncovered a small machine about the

top of the PCR testing machine, Paz would slide in her blood samples and set the machine to run through a series of cycles, heating and cooling the blood samples to particular degrees. By heating and cooling the DNA, the machine will break the strands in half and double them, so that if she started out with one strand of DNA, at the end of the series of cycles she might have over 500,000.

The DNA would then be set in a gel, which is a clear square of a material similar to flexible plastic. She retrieved one out of a refrigerator; it was wrapped in generic ceran wrap.

"I don't like to touch them without gloves," she said as she slid a pair onto her hands, "because the stain is carcinogenic (causes cancer)." The stain to which Paz referred is a combination of ethidium bromide that colors the DNA so that under a UV lamp, they glow pink and are easier to examine.

"I just love looking at these." She added, "I get excited every time."

In a completely dark room, Paz unwrapped the square gel and held a small box over it which contained the UV light. Under the purple light, small patches of DNA on the clear square glowed a bright, hot pink.

"Once you go through the whole process and see the result

and find that it worked, it's pretty exciting." But she added that PCR

is a touchy process, that if too much of one thing is added or left out, the DNA bands don't visualize. "It's a hard thing to work out which concentration works best."

It is at this stage in the perfecting of the technique that Paz is in now. This term, she and Powers will be using the technique to study the great grey owl in Idaho, to determine its nesting patterns and discover whether members of the species living in two different areas are related.

Paz said that what she enjoyed most about her research was being able to be both in the lab and in the field. In addition, the PCR technique is a good technique to be familiar with, she said, because it is a common tool used in many laboratories. She hopes to

get a one-year research job after she graduates this spring, before applying to graduate programs and medical schools.



Former NNC student Dustin Barnett with a trapped Great Gray Owl.



Paz used Great Gray Owls, like this one for her research this past summer.

size and shape of a medium-sized computer printer. Under a lid on

What is DNA?

DNA is the basic genetic code of each lifeform. It exists in the form of a strand, with two sides held together by *base pairs*. These base pairs are molecules of various chemicals, and each type of molecule is naturally attracted to a certain different molecule. For instance, A is always attracted to C. Base pairs are bonded together by hydrogen molecules called *hydrogen bonds*. If one side of a DNA strand is separated from the other, new molecules of the same chemicals can come in and join the original half strand, and fill in the blanks left by the separating of the chemical base pairs.

What is RAPD-PCR?

It is an acronym for *Randomly Amplified Polymorphic DNA by Polymerase Chain Reaction*. This technique does not require specific information about a DNA sequence. It involves three different cycles of temperatures. The first cycle heats the DNA strand to 95 degrees celcius, which breaks the hydrogen bond that holds both sides of a DNA strand together. When the strand is divided, the second cycle begins, reducing the temperature to 37 degrees celcius. This allows a solution filled with separate DNA fragments to join the original divided strand, and fill in the openings on each half of the strand. By filling in the other side of each strand, the process creates two complete DNA strands, thereby duplicating the original strand completely.

I have a dream...Martin Luther King, Jr.

by Shannon Adams
Campus Editor

Cheryl Bookman and Heidi Allgeier took center stage as Curt Fraklin's song "More Than I Can Bear" began. Gracefully, the two danced across the stage. It was the opening of what would prove to be, for most, a powerful chapel honoring the dream of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Slowly, Paula Rogers and ten students walked down the various aisles of the Swayne Auditorium, each reciting part of King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Paula Rogers began, "I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation." And as Bree Zickefoose recited the last lines,

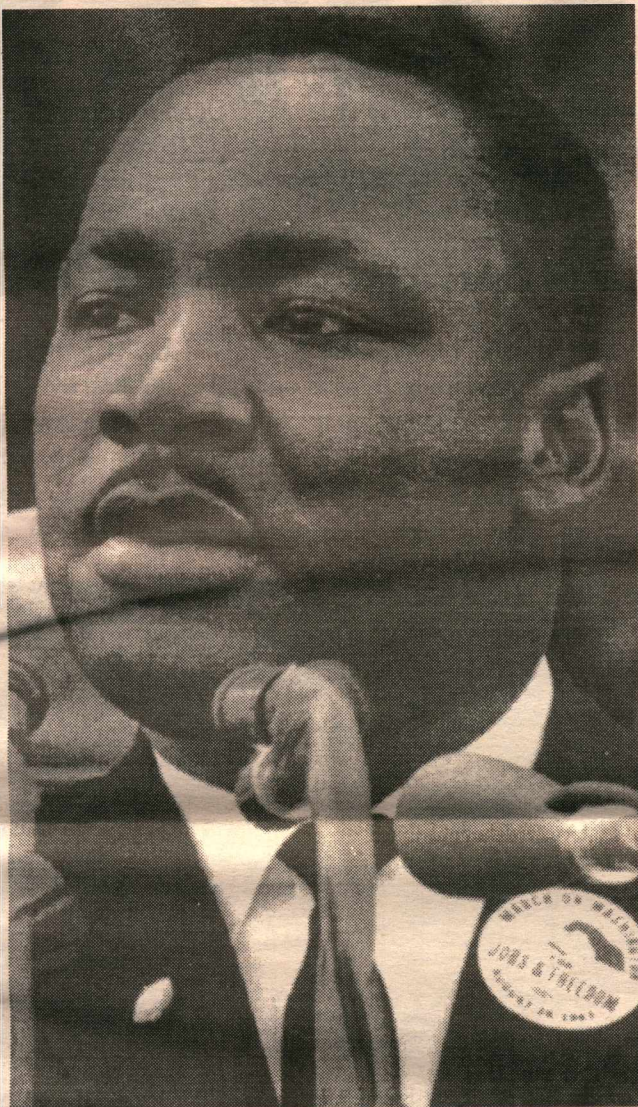
"Free at last, free at last; thank God Almighty, we are free at last," the screen came down and the student body joined in a rendition of "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."

Becky Wornell and J. Vito Montebalanco shared little-known biographical information on King. And then the student body sang again, but this time the song was "We Shall Overcome." Perla Aragon gave an emotional reading of King's last speech, "I See the Promised Land." Eyes throughout the auditorium misted over as Aragon tearfully read the last lines of King's speech, "I just want to do God's will. And

He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the prom-

ised land. And I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

The planning for the MLK, Jr. chapel started before the school year opened. Rogers said that date



for the chapel had been confirmed previous to this school year. And yet the content of the chapel itself had not been established; that had been left up to the Multicultural Peers.

Talking with the group revealed that originally they had deemed an off-campus speaker



would be the best choice for the chapel, but then it was decided that if it was student led, it would reach a more personal level. Rogers commented that our generation may no longer know people who

marched with, or remember King, and yet they keep his vision by continuing to celebrate and honor him.

Freshman Opey Freedle was the student who felt that singing King's favorite hymns and closing the chapel with "Amazing Grace" would add power to the chapel. The dancers, Bookman (learned in interpretive dance) and Allgeier (learned in ballet), choreographed the dance together in all of an hour and a half, though their fellow Multicultural Peers (MP's) claim that the dance changed every time they practiced.

The chapel was not intended to merely honor King, though, as sophomore Perla Aragon attested too. She spoke of the misconception that the MP's are only for minority students, we are all God's children and we come together as His children, period.

Sophomore Hope Frazier shared that she thought it would be important to share an entire speech of King's. We always hear the condensed version, but Frazier felt that by dedicating the time to an entire speech, the students would be able to better understand his ministry and all that King stood for. In fact, many students chose specific parts of King's "I Have a Dream" speech because they meant something to them.

Aragon also spoke of the importance of understanding King's ministry. "I don't want my children called derogatory terms.

I don't want my grandchildren to experience racism." It is important as an NNC community to recognize that racism exists, but Aragon pointed out, people don't believe racism exists unless it affects them personally.

The Multicultural Peers commented that other students had informed them of inappropriate comments made during the chapel. Frazier commented that people fail to understand that how they talk and even the jokes they tell, regardless of whether or not the ethnic group in question is represented

or not, the race in general is being put down. Freedle added that for Christians, it shouldn't be a matter of what color or gender a person is, but whether or not they are saved.

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~ Perla Aragon

As to how we are to approach people of a different race, Aragon replied with sincerity and simplicity,

"Approach them as you would anyone else."

Upcoming Multicultural Events:

Friday, Jan. 23rd: Ice Cream Blast, after MBB game, @ Clyde's until 11:30pm.

Tuesday, Jan. 27th is the first meeting of the Multicultural Student Association. It will be held at 8:00pm in the Student Center meeting rooms.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the Multicultural Student Association is welcome to attend this first meeting. Regardless of whether or not you are a "minority," come to learn about the issues that affect people outside of the NNC campus.

The only way to overcome racism and prejudice is to get to know other people, one person at a time.

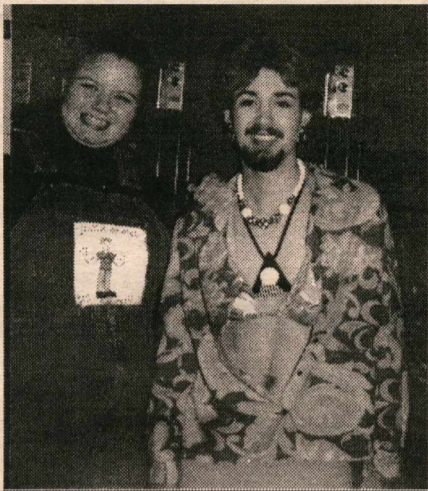
If racism hasn't affected you personally then, in your mind, it doesn't exist.

Rollerscamming: a night to cross over

by Shannon Adams
Campus Editor

Boy meets girl as girl but is, in reality, a boy. Make sense? Probably not, but two weeks ago, NNC hit the RollerDome once again as girls dressed as guys and guys dressed up as girls.

That Thursday, from 9pm until 11pm, the RollerDome was overrun with guys in skirts short enough to make any girl blush. The evening was



Freshmen Crystal Wilson and Paul Reynolds dress for the occasion.

highlighted by a limbo contest. As the competition began most guys seemed to find there new proportions cumbersome and lost their balance while attempting to duck under the bar. Finally it came down

to the brother and sister, Mike Mitterholzer and Marisa Mitterholzer. Looking very much alike because of his attire, the two siblings tried several times to beat one another before Mike won the limbo title.

As the gender-con-

fused student body returned to the "normal skate," there was time to

evening will no doubt remember it for years to come.



From left to right, freshmen Nikki Danielson, Bekah Kunz, Kara Wilson, Kim Benjamin and Rachelle Gienger.

NNC has been enjoying rollerscamming for years, but it was only last year that they have planned one for each term and all of them have had different themes ranging from first term's Toga skate to a Decade night from last year.

Roller scamming continues to be a favorite event among students. The event allows NNCers to dress in a persona that they usually wouldn't- or so we hope.

Who's who at NNC for 1997-1998

Congratulations to the 19 students appearing in the Oasis as well as Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges 1997-1998. These students will be asked to submit biographical and other pertinent information for the publication besides receiving a certificate. The basis for the nomination into the directory is on academic achievement, community service, leadership in and apart from their campus and potential for continued success. Over 1,900 colleges and universities have students that appear in the directory.

Joel Alsworth

Jeremy Culbertson

Carrie Dynes

Allen Ellis

Debra Emerson

Carloe Estigo

Chris Field

Lora Greenwell

Julia Hoffman

Ryan Ketchum

Casey Lund

Erika McCray

Heather (Tompkins) McKean

Michael Mueller

Igor Muniz

Kim Robinson

Lane Schmelzenbach

Joel Spencer

Tim Wiegman

NNCalendar

January-February	20	8:30a-12:00p ACT Exam 3:30p Faculty Mtg	21	10:15a CHAPEL 9:00p Time Out	22	23	10:15a Chapel 7:30p MBB- WOSU MP's ice cream blast after game-11:30p	Weekend 24-25	7:30p MBB-W Baptist All-School Super Bowl Party CHAOS - a ASNNC Event - p			
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	ASNNC Awareness Week											

Looking Ahead:

January 25th:
All-School Super Bowl
Party held in Marriott.
2:00pm pre-game

January 26th-30th:
ASNNC Awareness
Week

February 5th:
MR. NNC rehearsal

Journeys of faith: Michelle Wisecaver

by Shannon Adams
Campus Editor

Michelle Wisecaver comes across as someone wise beyond her years. Maybe it was the way in which she approached dating as she shared last week in Time Out, or maybe it's the integrity with which she lives out her faith.

Wisecaver shared that the summer after eighth grade was when she accepted Christ. She was attending the Evangelical General Assembly with a friend. Though raised Catholic, Wisecaver had not experienced a personal relationship with Christ for one reason or another. Yet, at General Assembly, Wisecaver's friend felt God calling her to the altar. Afraid to go alone, Wisecaver, who had felt the pull to the altar as well, went down with her friend. The two accepted Christ that night. Wisecaver reminisced, "[It was] so awesome to realize I could have a personal relationship with Christ."

Her freshman year of high school, Wisecaver began to attend Corvallis Church of the Nazarene with a friend. By her junior year, Wisecaver had become a member of the Corvallis church. The people at the Nazarene Church "challenged [me] to grow in my faith, [and to] grow closer to Christ."

It was difficult for Wisecaver to make the decision to join the Church of the Nazarene. While Wisecaver became

Nazarene, her Catholic friends were going through Confirmation. Her Father and Grandmother struggled with her decision, but they respected her choice.

And yet, Wisecaver shared that God's timing was perfect, even in when she became part of the Nazarene Church. It was during her junior year in High School

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that Wisecaver's parents divorced. This new church became her "Sunday family" as she tried to sift through the changes occurring in her life.

As for what led Wisecaver to NNC, she admitted that it was a winding road. She wanted to go to a Christian school and she applied elsewhere, but more people were in Idaho. She had relatives in Boise, her senior pastor and youth pastor from Corvallis had come to Nampa, Dan Ketchum and Mike O'Neill, "plus fabulous friendships from High School that came here too," Wisecaver added thoughtfully.

Since being here, NNC has met Wisecaver's needs, it is a home. "It has been really neat," Wisecaver shared, "to see how when you're obedient to God, how he can take someone who is from the world and give them so many gifts and talents." It is the fellowship, too, that Wisecaver appreciates. They are "like [the] family in [my] youth group. Instead of giving into the world, we want something greater, something more of God, maybe a revival." It is the

joys and struggles of her fellow students that she rejoices in.

All of this leads up to the person Wisecaver is becoming in Christ. It is easy to see in how she lives that Christ radiates out from within her heart. As Time Out last week showed, she speaks from her heart with sincerity and real life experience.

When asked why she chose to speak on dating at Time Out, Wisecaver shared that dating "has had a pretty big impact on my testimony. I don't want what the world gives, I want more of God." God, Wisecaver firmly believes, knows us better than we know ourselves. "He is transforming me into the person I need to be for my future husband and my husband for me, but also so we can serve God better." Wisecaver wanted to share something that was important to her. And share she did.

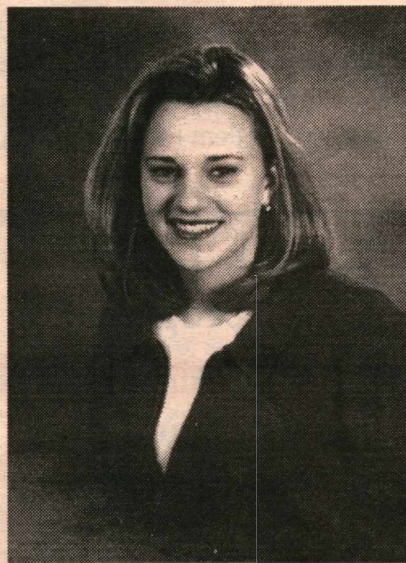
Upon being asked where she saw herself serving God in the future, Wisecaver candidly admitted that she had been praying and thinking about it recently. She replied that she could see herself in a para-church organization, over-

seas, or in the big-city. "I don't know what I see myself in, but I'm excited to see all these crazy dreams leading to God's plan."

Her honesty reflected a heart bent on serving God, as was reflected by the Bible verse she chose to represent what she feels her spiritual journey is at this point. Romans 8: 15-17: "For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into

fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him."

The idea of God as our Father continues to amaze Wisecaver. It isn't because the idea is new, but that she is coming to understand the idea anew. She eloquently explained how she saw a father-figure as someone who represents security, protection, and compassion, and yet someone who desires to push us that we might spread our wings and fly. "I need that stability so much, but I need to be pushed to be independent." Realizing that God, our heavenly Father, cares for us in a way similar to our earthly fathers overwhelmed Wisecaver.



"I don't want what the world gives. I want more of God."

In Our Community:

In the next few weeks, this section will be used to update the campus community about events within the Treasure Valley and outlying areas that might concern NNC students. These issues will vary from press releases concerning associateship information and summer job opportunities. If you have any local or pertinent information for the NNC campus, please send the information to Campus Box "C" and mark for "Campus."

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: Contact: Tracy Jameson (208) 381-2002.

Carnations For Kids. St. Luke's Regional Medical Center's annual Valentine's Day flower sale to benefit children's services will be held on Friday, February 13th. All proceeds will go toward the new Specialized Children's Center, currently under construction. Carnations may be purchased at St. Luke's downtown lobby for \$1.25 each on Friday, February 13th, 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

GLACIER PARK TO HIRE 900 COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR SUMMER JOBS: Contact: Brad Parker (602) 207-1049. Glacier Park, Inc., is looking for students to fill jobs in all segments of the hotel and hospitality areas. Employees are needed this year from mid-May to late September. The company is especially interested in students majoring in hotel/restaurant, culinary arts, travel/tourism, accounting majors and music and theatre. For details on jobs and salaries, call Glacier Park, Inc., at (602) 207-2620, or write Glacier Park, Inc., 1850 North Central, Phoenix, AZ, 85077-0924.

Army Reserve Training Corps: R.O.T.C.

by J. Vito Montebianco
Staff Writer

Jeremy Ames, Jeremy Riehl, Steve Carlson, Jeff Lingelbach, Jason Barr, Ken Stark, Sanchai Dean and Von Wellington are a few of the NNC students who are a part of the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (R.O.T.C.). The affiliated R.O.T.C. program at NNC is through Boise State University's (BSU) Military Science Division.

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"I think it [the R.O.T.C. program] is great. It is a way that I can pay back the debt I feel that I owe those millions who fought and died for my country. I want to pay that debt back and this is one way I feel like I can," Jason Barr commented.

R.O.T.C. started around WWI to train officers for reserve. Today more than 1500 schools participate in preparing students to be commissioned as officers in the Army. This program trains college students to become leaders, officers and disciplined citizens, while at the same time allowing and helping the student to go through college and get a degree, accord-

ing to the R.O.T.C. pamphlet.

Students in R.O.T.C. are eligible for monetary scholarships ranging from \$12,800 to \$5,000 in four-year, three-year or two-year packages. In addition, each student receives \$450 a year for books and \$1,500 a year for living expenses (\$150 a month). Eligibility for this scholarship is as follows: Must be a U.S. Citizen; no older than 27 years on the 30th of June of the year of college graduation/commissioning; under 30 years

old if you have three or more years of active duty (must have honorable discharge). Also, one cannot have more than 10 years of active federal service; no part or pending civil or criminal charges or judgements; an ACT score of 19 or greater OR an SAT score of 850 or greater; a cumulative college GPA of 2.5 or greater. Finally, the student cannot be a sole parent and must have less than three dependents if married.

Students who are eligible and receive these scholarships

have some requirements that come along with them. Each student must take four "basic course" classes, four "advanced course" classes and attend an "advanced camp" after their junior year. Students with the two-year scholarship are exempt from the "basic course" classes because they would not have been in the program during their first two years in college. Instead they must attend a "basic camp," a six-week camp offered at Fort Knox. The camp is designed to give students the same level of understanding about the military as a student that took the two "basic course" classes. All classes, as well as camps, are designed to develop leadership, weaponry, tactical and other skills needed in the Army.

Some more requirements are that each student who receives a scholarship must pay it back either by serving in the Army Reserves, National Guard, or active duty or by paying it back as a loan. Upon graduating from college, each R.O.T.C. student will apply for commission as a second lieutenant, most receive their commission, making them an officer in

the Army. Once an officer, the student must choose where they would like to serve: in the Reserves, National Guard or active duty, along with what branch the student wants to be in. Through this program, students have the opportunity to apply to join almost any branch in the Army such as Chaplain, Military Intelligence or even Armory, though each student may not be accepted into the branch of his choice.

According to Jacob Proffitt, a new member of the

R.O.T.C. program who will start next year, this was the only way he could pay for college. Though this program means joining the Army, it may be worth it to have the ability to go to college and get military training at the same time, all at a fairly low cost.

"It [R.O.T.C.] is informative. Since I never really knew much about the Army, it has shown me what the Army really is about. It was a relief to find out how easy it was,

unlike all the movies and ideas that everybody has about the Army," Jeremy Ames said.

Through this program [R.O.T.C.] students are eligible for monetary scholarships that range from \$12,800 to \$5,000 in either four-year, three-year or two-year packages.

Burglaries over Christmas break

This letter is simply to provide you with information about the break-ins that happened during break. First off, I am sorry that some of you had personal items stolen and that the students had to return to rooms that had been gone through. The police were contacted in regards to each break-in. In each investigation that I am aware of, the police made detailed reports and photographed and fingerprinted the scenes thoroughly. Besides some of the dorms being broken into, the Student Development offices were also broken into twice. These offices were also vandal-

ized severely.

The Nampa Police Department, Can-Ada Security and I, all attempted to beef up security in response to the break-ins. Environmental Services also helped to beef up security by carefully checking windows and doors and by fixing unsecured doors and windows in a timely manner.

We all worked very hard to prevent further break-ins and are continuing to work hard to keep the dorms and buildings safe. It is important that you provide your personal information and a list of missing property to me if you had any items taken from you during the break, or if items belonging to

NNC were taken from your office during break. I am currently compiling a list to give to the police department as soon as I have a complete list.

I appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding during this time. If you have any questions, comments, etc. please feel free to contact me in person, by e-mail, or by phone (8550).

Thank you,

Willie Taylor
Director of Security

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The common cold of psychological problems

by Shannon Adams
Campus Editor

Although not merely an affliction of winter, many people suffer from depression during the dreary winter months. Depression, for many college students, is a fact of life, but many suffer in silence for various reasons.

Joanne Rittmueller, Director of Counseling, up in Student Development, said that many cases of depression go unmentioned. But depression is not an unusual disorder. Depression, is an emotion, not unlike happiness, sorrow, love and fear. Feeling depressed or "blue" at times is normal, but when these feelings persist, when blue days turn into weeks, and normal habits change, it may be time to visit a qualified counselor.

An article of Rittmueller's stated that "seriously depressed individuals do not believe that they have the power to act in their own behalf to influence or change the world. They have lost hope and give up; suicide often becomes an option." They often make poor choices and have continual feelings of anger and/or guilt, powerlessness and lack of control over their own lives; all of these feelings might be signs of depression.

A booklet put out by Intermountain Hospital of Boise says that depression can result from specific situations. A loss of relationship, a move, any life experience that is stressful, can trigger a depressive episode. College students are experiencing major life changes. Some of us are marrying, all of us are looking toward the "real world" and are anxious about the "next step." Severe anxiety over these changes can lead to an episode of depression.

Rittmueller commented

that during the winter months she usually sees 20 to 25 suffering, in some way, from depression or low self-esteem, though she is certain many other cases go unreported.

She also said that many cases of depression on our campus stem from the need to be perfect. When this need to be perfect cannot be met, students (most often women students) can take a defeatist attitude. "If I'm not perfect, then I'm not worth anything." This attitude shows a low self-esteem and can lead to self-defeatist behavior, such as an eating disorder.

"Understanding Depression," an article by Christian counselor Dr. Archibald Hart, says the Bible is an excellent resource to turn to in times of depression. "I find comfort in knowing from Scripture that depression has been around a long time. The Psalms, for example, have been a comfort to depressed people in every age. Scripture restores our trust in God and helps us put things in perspective, a vital step in resolving depression." Many times Christians who have not suffered from depression assume that the person suffering from depression is not relying on God enough, or has sinned against God, making depression their punishment. This attitude, needless to say, does not help the person suffering with depression. The last thing they need to be told is that they are to blame.

Some students may suffer

"Being a Christian and being depressed does not pose a contradiction."

from Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). An article from *The ASCA Counselor*, December 1992 issue entitled "A Sad Story" discussing college students and SAD. "Changes in lighting and temperature play a key role in SAD," author Dick Fox states. "SAD is a syndrome characterized by recurrent depressive episodes which occur primarily during northern winter months or cloudy weather" though it does

occur in other parts of the world as well.

Joan Brinn, a certified mental health counselor in the state of Washington, says that depression

"The more episodes of depression you have had, the greater the chance that you will have another."

is often referred to as "the common cold of psychological problems." By this, she means to emphasize the commonality of depression, not to trivialize it. Brinn also discusses the spectral reach of depression ranging from the "blues," mentioned earlier, to changes in a person's normal routine. "The reasons for depression," Brinn suggests, "are as complex as the person's history, temperament and personality."

Brinn, like Hart, emphasized the importance of recognizing that being Christian and being depressed does not pose a contradiction.

A book on depression put out by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, advocates the importance of seeking help if someone does believe they suffer from depression if for no other reason than "without treatment, a major depressive episode can last six to twelve months." According to this pamphlet, treatment can help prevent recurrences. "The more episodes of depression you have had, the greater the chance that you will have another."

Treatment is available if people seek it. Dr. Ken Hills is a psychologist and Joanne Rittmueller is a licensed counselor. Though they *cannot* prescribe medication, counseling can be a treatment by itself or with medication, should a doctor prescribe it. The important thing to realize is that depression can be overcome.

Those who suffer from depression are not alone either in the present nor in the past. In 2 Corinthians 1:8-10, Paul speaks of the "afflictions" he has had to suffer while in Asia. "For we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on Him we have set our hope that He will rescue us again."

DSM-IV Criteria for major depression disorder:

At least five of the following symptoms are present during the same period. At least (1) depressed mood or (2) loss of interest or pleasure must be present. Symptoms are present most of the day, nearly daily for at least two weeks.

(1) Depressed mood (sometimes irritability in children and adolescents) most of the day, nearly every day.

(2) Markedly diminished interest or pleasure in almost all activities most of the day, nearly every day (as indicated either by subjective account or observation by others of apathy most of the time).

(3) Significant appetite loss/gain.

(4) Insomnia/hypersomnia.

(5) Fatigue (loss of energy).

(6) Feelings of worthlessness (guilt and low self-esteem).

(7) Impaired concentration (indecisiveness).

(8) Recurrent thoughts of death or suicide (hopelessness).

Ways to combat depression:

(1) Eat and sleep properly.

(2) Get sunshine whenever possible.

(3) Exercise.

(4) Ride it out.

The important thing to remember about depression is that it can be helped either through personal means or using the resources offered by the community. Depression is not something to be ashamed of, but neither is it something you need to suffer alone. If you believe that you or a friend suffer from depression and these self-combatting ideas do not work, it is strongly recommended they see a licensed counselor, or a doctor, someone who has the experience and knowledge to diagnose depression.

REVIEWS

A war without an enemy

Q: Why does a dog wag its tail? A: Because the dog is smarter than the tail. If the tail was smarter, it would wag the dog. This is the first line of the movie.

Wag the Dog is a story about politics and show business. At first glance, one might think that these two concepts have absolutely nothing in common, when in reality, they make a pretty good team. The plot begins with

a president running for re-election. Two weeks before election day, a rumor is made public concerning the sexual relations the president had with a girl scout in the Oval Office. Knowing that this rumor will inevitably shatter the president's hopes to be re-elected, his campaign committee calls in one of the best spindoctors, Conrad Brean, played by Robert DeNiro. Brean has been in this line of work for the last thirty years, and is notorious for bringing light to what seems like hopeless situations.

The idea that Brean comes up with is to stage a war. He knows that if a war breaks out, the press won't put their focus on the girl scout, but on the war. He makes up the idea as he goes along while his assistants are taking notes almost verbatim. War will be declared on Albania. Why Albania you ask. Well, how much do you know about Albania? It seems like as good of country as any.

The story goes that Albania has a nuclear missile, and American troops are being sent in to recover the bomb and bring peace to the country once again.

Of course the entire story

was made up, but people will believe it when they see it on the news. One problem. Brean isn't sure how he's going to make it look and feel

like a real war. So, he gives a call to movie producer Stanley Motts, played by Dustin Hoffman.

When a spindoctor and movie producer team up, they can convince the country of anything.

This movie had some funny parts. These guys would get

the craziest ideas in their head and somehow they would get it filmed, and by 5:00 it would be on the news. America was totally fooled. They were suddenly anti-Albania.

Wag the Dog has a great cast including two academy award winners. Hoffman and DeNiro once again deliver flawless performances. The supporting cast includes Woody Harrelson, Dennis Leary, James Belushi, Jay Leno, Craig T. Nelson and country western singer, Willie Nelson.

The biggest downfall was the ending. It was dramatic and even a little depressing. The movie was pretty much a comedy throughout, that is, until the end. One minute you're laughing, and the next you're shaking your head in confusion. I'm not going to give away the ending. You're just going to have to go see it.

This movie is worth seeing. Some parts of it are not entirely

believable, but it will keep you entertained. If you want to see a good movie, and you don't want to see *Titanic* for the eighth time, I suggest you take a look at *Wag the Dog*.

-This motion picture is for restricted audiences only for language.

Wag the Dog

Dustin Hoffman,
Robert DeNiro

Reviewed by
Nathan Hydes

Crusader Rating



A new kind of relationship

"To date or not to date?" That is the question buzzing in the minds of thousands of singles since the April release of the book *I Kissed Dating Goodbye* by Joshua Harris. However, 22-year-old Harris explains that the point of his book is not about dating, but about understanding what God desires. God desires for us to view dating in terms of its relation to His overall plan for our lives.

Harris' book, therefore, is not about a current fad of impulsive decisions for singleness. Likewise, it is certainly not the pitiful cry of someone who cannot get a date (Josh is definitely a looker). Rather, *I Kissed Dating Goodbye* gives clarity and insight to timeless principles

and attitudes because they are Christ-centered. Yet Harris' thoughts will intrigue you because they are so revolutionary. We need not worry about dating because God has something so much better for our lives! This book is a desperately needed message

in a world that is constantly offering sin, pain and heartache. Harris is honest and real in dealing with hard issues; he gives practical answers to tough questions. All this is done with the power and warmth of great stories and illustrations.

At the age of seventeen, Harris ended a two year relationship and was pleading with God for something better. He was expecting God to bring him the ideal girlfriend or totally remove his desire for romance. God had something totally different in mind. He began to reveal to Josh through His Word what it meant for Josh to submit his love life to His will--something that Harris had never done before. Then came the understanding that God's lordship doesn't just tinker with an approach to romance--it completely transforms it. Harris realized that God not only wanted him to act differently, but to think differently. Harris needed to view love, purity and singleness from God's perspective, to have a new lifestyle and attitude (Philippians 1:9-10). Harris urges that we too, as God's children, need to get beyond what feels good and back to what *is* good.

That lifestyle

may take a great deal of waiting. Luckily, though, there is encouragement for those of us who are called to wait. Harris says that because we are doing what God asks we receive much more than we could have obtained on our own. Not only do we get something better *now* as we take advantage of the unique opportunities of singleness, but He'll also provide something better *later* when we enter into marriage. Also, when we stop viewing guys (girls) as potential boyfriends (girlfriends) we discover the richness of true friendship. And, YES, never fear! Harris does explain how one can come into a committed, intimate relationship and actually get married one day with-

out falling into the traps of dating.

Personally, my own decision to not date has brought numerous areas in my life into a refreshing new surrender to God-like I've never experienced before. But that's me. Some of you may think that Harris' philosophy of

dating is just a little too old-fashioned. No one, however, can contest that at the core of Harris' writing is insight to God's fabulous design for relationships with the opposite sex. Whether you are dating or not, *I Kissed Dating Goodbye* will take your point of view for a ride. Prepare to be intrigued, challenged and encouraged. Prepare for more fulfilling friendships with the opposite sex. And prepare to cherish that priceless jewel you now have, singleness.

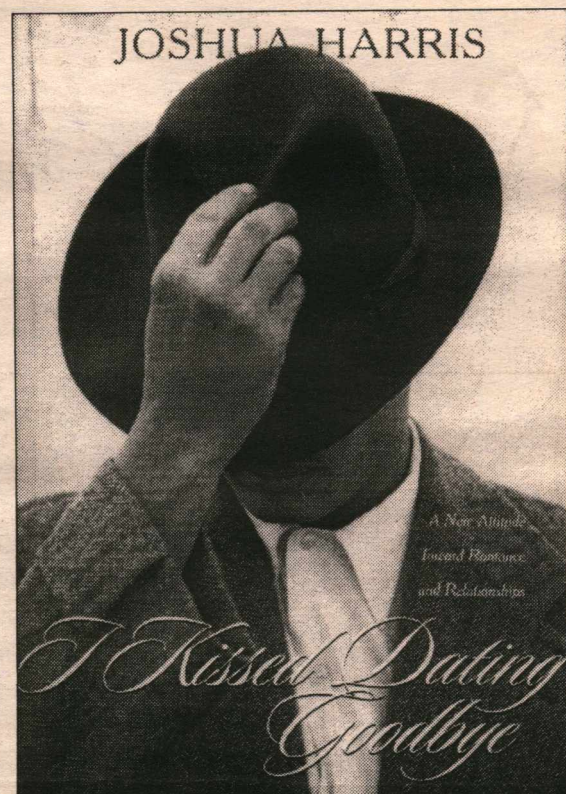
You can find *I Kissed Dating Goodbye* at Christian Bookstores for about \$9.

I Kissed Dating Goodbye

By Joshua Harris
About \$9

Reviewed by
Michelle Wisecaver

Crusader Rating



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- ✓✓✓ KICKS SOME SERIOUS FISH!!
- ✓✓ GOOD STUFF.
- ✓✓ DEPENDS ON YOUR TASTE.
- ✓ BUDGET HOUR.
- ☛ RISK OF DAMAGE.

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Bogus: Fast and fun

The cold night air rushes past. Passing through the shadows at breakneck speeds, you gain a true sense of freedom... until you realize that the eight-year-olds in the ski school are passing you fairly easily (and they don't have any poles either).

Welcome to Bogus Basin, 2,000 skiable acres that may be easy on the beginner or challenging to the experienced. Whether it is skis or snowboards, Bogus answers to all in the valley.

Located about 45 minutes from NNC, Bogus makes up in price what it lacks in space and trails. When you show your student ID on Friday nights, lift tickets are only \$10! Ten bucks!

Sorry, got a little carried away there. I'm too used to skiing in Colorado where you have to refinance your house and use your left arm and leg for collateral for a day's skiing.

On top of all of this, there aren't very many people. Ever skied one of those resorts that touts 12 inches of fresh powder only to find that you and half of the state all decided to go that day? Not at Bogus. Usually the only people that I have to contend with are the kids in the ski class.

Ever stood in line for the lift and felt like you should have brought your TV and stereo because you weren't going anywhere soon? Our record wait was about 30 seconds and that is because I had my skis all crossed up.

Bogus has seven different lifts running on the weekends, three of these and the rope tow running

on Friday nights. The majority of the blues and greens are lit for night skiing.

Bogus has a colorful history as well. In 1863, Capt. Tom Morgan and a group of "associates" laid in a mining claim in the vicinity of the current base.

Upon returning to Boise with the fruits of their labors, they reported to have in excess of \$50,000 in gold. With the credit of this amazing find as collateral, they proceeded on an infamous shopping spree. It was discovered that the gold was chemically enhanced Fool's Gold or Iron Pyrite. The men had skipped town just before, never to be seen again. (Thus the name.)

There are several places to rent skis. If you have a vehicle that can carry the equipment, rent at M^U Sports at the base. For conventional skis and boots for night skiing only, rental is \$10. At the top, it is around \$12. For a snowboard, rental at the top of the mountain is \$20 for the board and conventional bindings. Josh Dooley recommends getting the K2 Clickers from M^U for \$22. The Clickers are a snap in binder that is easier to get on and off. This is significant when trying to pack as many runs into a day as possible. Josh feels that one should waste as little time as possible and the extra two bucks is definitely worth it.

And since Friday night is college night, often one is forced to create intercollegiate ties and further goodwill in the Treasure Valley. All in all, Bogus kicks some serious "behind." It is close and cheap and is better for you than renting another movie or watching *Star Wars* again.

Bogus Basin '98

16 miles north of Boise

Reviewed by Andrew J. Diehl

Crusader Rating



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Queen of the high screens

How can anyone make a three-hour movie about a story that everyone* knows the ending to? *Titanic* should have been the biggest flop in film history, but it isn't just making money, it's making believers out of all those who thought it would fail.



This movie set a new standard for future films and shattered all expectations based on past films. At no point during your three-hour experience will it occur to you that this is just a movie. This movie seems like it is recalling memories from your own past, leaving you to wonder why your name doesn't appear in the credits. You may shiver during scenes in the freezing water. You may smell the cigar smoke during rich-man bonding scenes. You may feel the panic associated with pending entrapment in a watery grave.

Leonardo DiCaprio (*Romeo and Juliet*) and Kate Winslet (*Sense and Sensibility*) star in this most amazing of documentaries. It cannot be adequately explained what it is that lends so much validity to this film: The acting, the script, or the cinematography (a big word that means "pretty pictures"). The reason it cannot be adequately explained is because at no point did my mind pull back and say, "this is a movie, now let's rate the acting." Best guess would be that all of these factors contributed to the realism of this film.

Never once is the audience left to doubt the authenticity of each character. Never is the audience left out of the thought process behind an action. Not once is the audience left to guess at an emotion. Everything is clearly spelled out so that every nuance of every situation hits the viewer full across the heart. The sets were also immaculate. Half of

the ludicrously large budget was spent on making a 9/10 scale model of the ship rigged with hydraulics to make the ship appear to be sinking.

Rumor has it that the model would have been built to the exact dimensions as the original Titanic, except that the 9/10 model made Leonardo DiCaprio look taller. Other than the smaller model, nothing is out of place, nothing looks fake, no detail is forgotten. Everything looked just the way it should on a cutting-edge 1912 luxury liner.

Titanic is a drama, but it has all the elements to make it an action/adventure, suspense or even a \$200 million historical documentary.

Many have experienced this phenomenon, but many have yet to add their behinds to the theater chair for this three-hour and fourteen-minute piece of history. Maybe this review is a little late in coming, but don't wait for this one to come out on video. This should be seen in a good theater with a good sound system. Review summary: Excellent movie. See it. Now.

*At least those who haven't been living alone in a damp cave for the last 86 years.

-Audiences of this motion picture should use parental guidance for children under 13 because of disaster related peril and violence, nudity, sensuality and brief language.



Titanic
Kate Winslet, Leonardo DiCaprio
 Reviewed by **Kevin Durfee**
 Crusader Rating
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Staff Editorial

Athletic Support Needs to be Equal

I have a news flash for this campus. We have many sports teams. Somehow this campus has gotten the idea that the only team worth supporting is the men's basketball team. Why do they always get the later game when both the men and women play? Many spectators can't come to the early game, so they just show up for the later, men's game. So why can't the women play the later game once in awhile? Because they don't "fill the seats" like the men do? There is definitely something wrong with that.

And why are other teams treated more like clubs? Both the tennis and baseball teams are having to do fundraisers to pay for the travel to their away matches. Do they have to raise money in order to justify their existence? How come people won't pay to support any NNC teams other than basketball? It can't be that the games aren't fun to watch, on the contrary, games are action-packed and just as tense as any good basketball game. The events don't cost anything so it can't be that. The only reason that people don't show up to support other student athletes, is apathy. It's sick. It's wrong. These very talented athletes are playing for empty seats and trying their best to get the energy and hype needed to win games from a dead gym or field. You can say, "well, they should just get mad and prove what they're capable of." Guess what. Many teams have done just that. Volleyball went to nationals for the second time in a row. They garnished a third place trophy. Girls basketball finished first in the nation last year, and still have to play without the benefit of a crowd. And the baseball, tennis and soccer teams are struggling to gain whatever foothold they can in an effort to improve their chances of winning. This campus should get its butt in gear and get behind ALL of our teams.

Staff Infection

To install the CD-ROM I need Windows, to install Windows I need the CD-ROM ... Fat ladies and a chicken ... Greek language!?! ... Why there should never be two people in the same room speaking Pig Latin ... An eternity passes, life continues, yet [unnamed person] is still working ... I ran into [hmm, hmm] all the basketball players at the NAIA tournament ... No, literally, I did ... Oh look, my calculator's using rads ... Help, I'm being irradiated ... Ok, who thought of that little plot twist and what was he on? ... Where's the final score ... I am so sick I wish I would have sunk on the Titanic ... Speaking of the Titanic, the day after it sank there was a train wreck just outside of Nampa; 137 people died ... How tragic ... Fortunately, I get to go home to bed now ...

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How can you love an infinite God?

By Seth Davick
Editor Emeritus

Mark 12:30 states, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." I believe that this one commandment alone holds the key to being a Christian. We must be interconnected with God before we can truly serve Him. True we can still say that we are serving Him through various actions or giving, but if we are not doing it truly for Him, then is it not done in vain?

Being interconnected with God is like having a love affair with God. A true love affair is not a brief moment of passion, but an eternal longing for loving communion. Imagine a married couple who is so wrapped up in love for each other, they want to spend the beginning and ending of each day together. They want to do this not only because they enjoy their conversation, but also they enjoy those silent moments when they can almost feel what the other is feeling. It is times like these that our Heavenly Father wants to spend with us. Which brings us to the question, "How can you love an infinite God?"

Where do all love affairs start? Well, in getting to know the other person, of course. We must spend time talking to Him (praying). As Jesus said to the disciples that He can only do what He sees His Father in

heaven doing, so we can only do what we see our Father in heaven doing. We must spend some time getting to know Him so that we can truly learn how to love Him. He will show us His great love as an example of how we can love Him.

Even so, a lot of well-meaning people pray, but they do not really know the meaning of prayer. I have come to believe that prayer is a love affair, or an eternal longing for loving communion with an infinite God. Some people have a few misconceptions of what prayer is. This is partly the purpose of this article, so that the reader would come to realize that prayer cannot be taught. Some people have the idea that to pray effectively one must say all the right words, and pray for a certain amount of time. This is described as mechanical prayer. This is probably one of the biggest misconceptions of prayer. Prayer is not

something that can be duplicated from person to person. Our relationship with God is just not go-

ing to be the same as the "next guy's." It is supposed to be an interpersonal relationship between you and God. Another common misconception of prayer is that it is a tool. One question that accompanies this misconception is, "Does prayer really work?" This looks at prayer as a utilitarian practice. Making prayer an act that one does to get something in return. Does this describe a love affair?

Prayer must be approached as an eternal com-

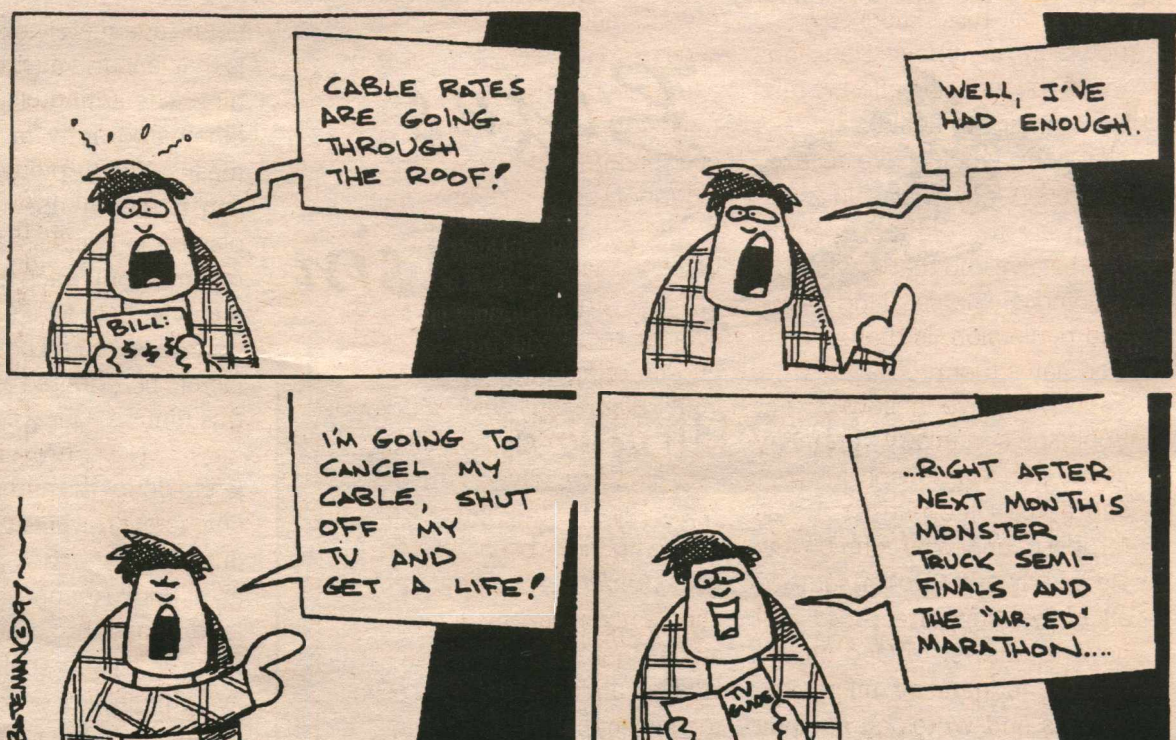
munion between you and the God you love. If our prayer is to be described as this, then what do we need to do? How can we truly have a love affair if we bottle our feelings up inside us? I have a challenge for you this month—whenever you get angry or frustrated at anything, be it a person or even God, then let Him know. I think some of the most passionate and loving prayers were those of David who, when he was angry, did not hide it. He yelled and screamed at God several times. You see, God knows what we are going through. We know that He will always love us, so what keeps us from being honest before God?

Honesty is one of the most important aspects of a love affair. Let it out. He knows and understands you better than you do yourself. This is the most amazing thing to me: He knows me better than I know myself, but He still loves me. I think that the only way we can be open and honest before God is by peeling off our flesh, in a sense, and revealing our spirit. For prayer is not conversation between your flesh and God; it is conversation between two spirits.

I believe that when prayer becomes an eternal communion between you and God, prayer will become an aspect of your life that you cannot get away from doing. This will not be because you have to do it for further spiritual growth; you will want to do it.

Prayer is a love affair, which is individual and personal between you and God. Prayer is the foundation for our love of God. This is where He teaches us how we can love Him.

Our relationship with God is just not going to be the same as the "next guy."



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Dr Hagood:

I want to let you know what a wonderful time I had at the "Renaissance of the Arts" Homecoming and my 40th class of 57 reunion. Sue Stands was such a gracious hostess and treated us all like kings and queens.

It was such an honor to be able to stay in the Alumni House with my family, the Gishes and renew old acquaintances with the Double E Hills. The LOVELY Dinner Party at the Marvin Stallcops was absolutely wonderful. I enjoyed almost every minute of the 5 days I was there and didn't want it to ever end.

I picked up several of *The Crusader* newspapers to keep with all my other momentos and to send one to Del & Marge Gish because of the nice picture and article on Del.

To my horror, I read a terribly slanderous and offensive article titled, "Stupid Christian Tricks, Part Two," by John Fraley, only to be called "a hopelessly devoted self-conscious wacko" who follows a "lunatic," Pat Robertson.

I can't tell you how shocked I was to read such slander and persecution from a "Christian College" that should know the Word of God enough to follow God's rebuke to "touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm."

It is obvious that John has not a clue about AGAPE LOVE and how to respect his fellow brother in Christ. Instead he opened himself up for a slander lawsuit from the Christian Coalition. He admits that he doesn't know "what they might be," therefore he should not have knocked them down in an article. Had John taken the time and effort to read the manifesto/agenda of the NOW, he would have realized that everything Pat said about them is true. We are to speak against evil and that is what Pat is doing. He hates killing babies and perversion. Is that so bad? God hates them too.

I have followed Pat Roberson's ministry for many years. I am a full-gospel believer and a 700 Club partner. I was terribly offended by John Fraley. He has hurt Pat Robertson and all of his supporters and will have to answer to God on the day of judgement unless he repents and writes an apology article. **PAT ROBERTSON IS GOD'S FAVORITE PERSON IN**

ALL OF THE WORLD. WHEN WE HURT HIS CHOSEN. WE HURT GOD. God has chosen Pat Robertson for a very special PURPOSE; to spread the gospel around the world through many different avenues.

NNC has changed so much in the 40 years since I was there. Some good and some bad changes! The thing that sickened me the most was the lack of respect I saw at the Point Loma game as I tried to sing the National Anthem. I never dreamed I would receive such a response or I would never have offered to sing. I have sung for over 20 years to the homeless in the missions where I have had burping, coughing, talking and "ho hums." But none were as distracting as the NNC students Saturday night. I couldn't even hear the track, thus I got lost, not being able to hear over the noise.

Then to see the bad sportsmanship displayed between these brothers in Christ was appalling! I am an avid NBA basketball 'Blazer fan and watch or listen to all the games. I saw attitudes and scrapping just as I see with heathen team members. This ought not to be in a Christian College.

Another article about which I would like to comment is "Where Have All the Hymnals Gone?" I agree that there are silly choruses and that they have no place in true worship. I agree that we should sing the old hymns of the church that MAGNIFY GOD and drop the ones with all the "I's" and "MY's." But the choruses we sing in my church are taken right out of the WORD OF GOD. You can't get more power than God's Holy Word.

Now, I realize that you have placed a disclaimer in *The Crusader* and I also realize that the students have "freedom of speech." However, I think you carry the 1st amendment a little too far when it breaks God's commandments to LOVE thy neighbor and not bear false witness against him/her. I believe it would be wise to set up some ground rules to **NEVER slander by name one of God's chosen or anointed ones. don't you? Slam the devil all you want, but NOT God's chosen.**

I dare say, if Pat was a Nazarene Pastor, this article would not have been allowed to be printed. Denominations should not make any difference, since there will be none in Heaven and God does not even recognize them.

I am praying that God will give His divine WISDOM

AND UNDERSTANDING. But most of all, His great power of LOVE to lead NNC to a mighty outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

May *The Crusader* be full of powerful words of WISDOM AND ENCOURAGEMENT and NEVER EVER make satan pleased with its words.

May God richly bless you in your labor of LOVE.

In Jesus' LOVE,
[Signed Delores 'Dee' Edwards]
Delores "Dee" Edwards
AKA Marlene Graves, Mrs. Don Edwards
Class of 1957
CC: Pat Robertson & The Christian Coalition, *Crusader* newspaper Editor, NNC Board of Regents

Over break, *The Crusader* received a copy of the letter to Dr. Hagood that you see on this page. It is the paper's policy to print all letters that are received and this one is no exception.

NNC has changed a lot in the last 40 years. So has the Church of the Nazarene. So has the world in general. Not to say any of these changes are good or bad, it is just the way of things and of progress.

The first amendment was founded on the ideas of freedom of thought and expression. This expression can be seen through religion and press and probably fifty other ways that we never even think of in the average day because they are so expected by us. It is my belief that a person's ability to express themselves in a publication is fundamental to the freedom of religion and vice-versa.

There are points in Mr. Fraley's article that I don't agree with. There are points that members of the administration didn't agree with. But they are Mr. Fraley's OPINIONS. Many of Ms. Edwards' thoughts are her opinions as well. There are several points that I highly disagree with. But we are printing this letter, as is our policy.

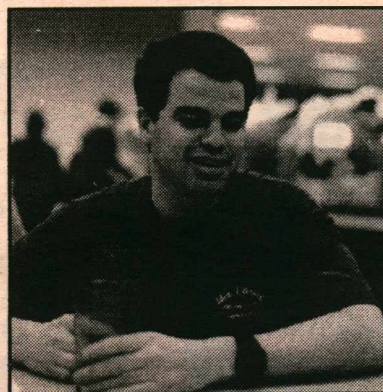
If anybody goes to the point where they will censor other people's thoughts to promote their own beliefs then we are all in a serious world of hurt. That is the exact point where our religious freedoms can also be censored.

It is the task of *The Crusader* to print articles that are thoughtful and force our readers to think for themselves. I would rather have my audience's thoughts provoked so that they understand what their beliefs are when confronted outside of the safe walls of the NNC bubble.

-Andy Diehl
Co-editor-in-chief

Your Turn
Random answers from random people on random issues

What thoughts do you have on the 700 Club and/or the Christian Coalition?



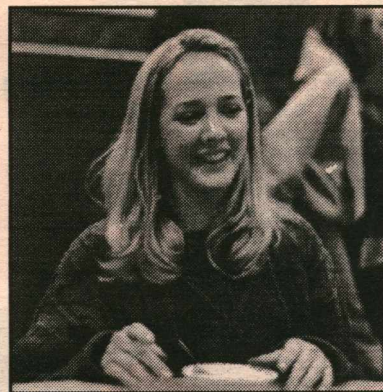
Myron McCasland
Sophomore
Business Administration
Denver, Co.

"[The Christian Coalition does] a lot of things in the name of religion that I don't think they can really back up."



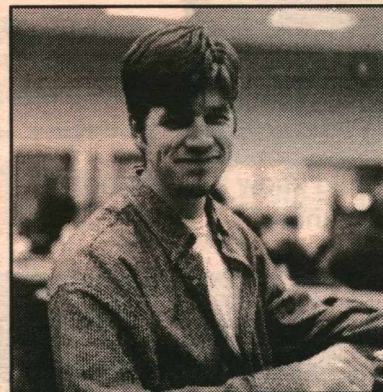
Julie Satta
Junior
Recreation
Vancouver, B. C.

"I'm Canadian. I have no clue what that is."



Casey Madsen
Freshman
Biology
Cortez, Co.

"What is the Christian Coalition? I know I saw them praying on the 700 Club once."



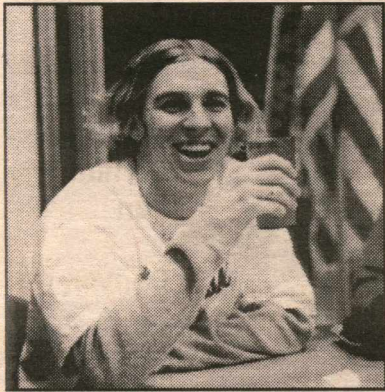
Al Ellis
Senior
Music Education
Nampa, Id.

"I think my mom used to watch it."

Your Turn

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Would you happen to know what the capital city of Canada is?



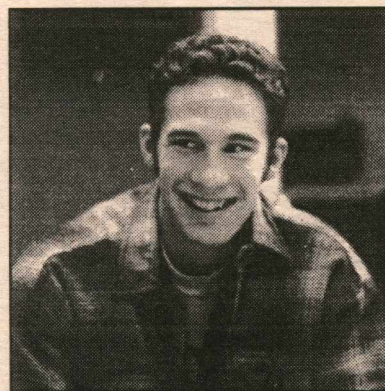
Kyle Fletcher
Freshman
Eng. Physics
Centralia, Wa.

"You want to know the capital of Canada?...It's definitely Quebec."



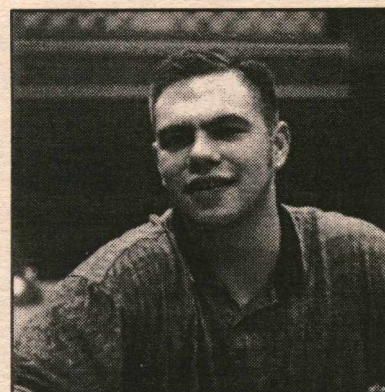
Jessica Curtis
Senior
English/
History- Film Stud. Emph.
Athena, Wa.

"It's this place up north of us on the eastern side of the continent."



Reuben Arts
Freshman
Electronic Engineering
Valdez, Ak.

"Ontario?"



Ben Conyers
Senior
Youth Ministries
Portland, Or.

"Oh shoot. I should know that. It's not Montreal. I don't know."

The capital of Canada is Ottawa, Ontario. It is situated by the Ottawa river on the border between Ontario and Quebec.

Femi-Nazi... My life in Christ

Shannon Adams

I don't know that I've ever called myself by that title, but I've been referred to as one by people who know me (or don't). My question: what does it mean to be a Christian "femi-Nazi?" Let me start with the fact that I am a Christian. I have chosen to devote my life to the following of Jesus Christ, my Lord, Savior and Redeemer. I read the Bible, I believe the Bible is God inspired. I believe in God and the Holy Spirit, but I also believe that people can share this eternally important uniting declaration of faith, but live it out differently. I don't believe that I am inferior to men. Eve came from Adam's rib, not from his foot, nor from his head. I believe this to mean that men and women are equal. Equal contributors, not clones. I live in a fallen world. I have been redeemed through Christ, but because God has not come yet to restore the Kingdom on earth, this world remains fallen.

This translates, for me, into a world where the gender conflict is stretched taut, almost to the breaking point, with the competition between women and men to see who can prove themselves to be better leaders. Was this God's intention? I believe the answer to be an emphatic "NO!" It tells me in Genesis that God created them, male and female, in the image of God. It does not say that only man was created in the image of God, but that men and

women were created in the image of God. Now I'm getting to why some, even my friends, see me as a femi-Nazi. I see who I am, as a woman, reflected in the attitudes of my genderless God. Marriage is the personification (pardon the gap that language creates in my metaphor here) of the unity God represents to us. The characteristics of man and woman united together is ideally what God represents, as I see it.

My friend and I were discussing how I deal with Paul's admonition that a woman's place in the church is to be silent and not to be in a position of authority. From where I stand right now, and as I perceive the Bible speaking to my world, I see this being Paul speaking to a specific problem in a specific church. The problem that I see is this: if I take a leadership position in the secular society, one that is over men and women alike, why do I need to step down in the "spiritual so-

ciety?" If my goal is to unify my Christian private life with my public life, then why should the gifts that I have in the "public" sector be different than the gifts I bring to the "private" (spiritual) sector?

You can hear the traditional "cultural" opinion coming out in what I say as well, and that's my point. There needs to be a marriage of acceptance between the "opposing" sides of

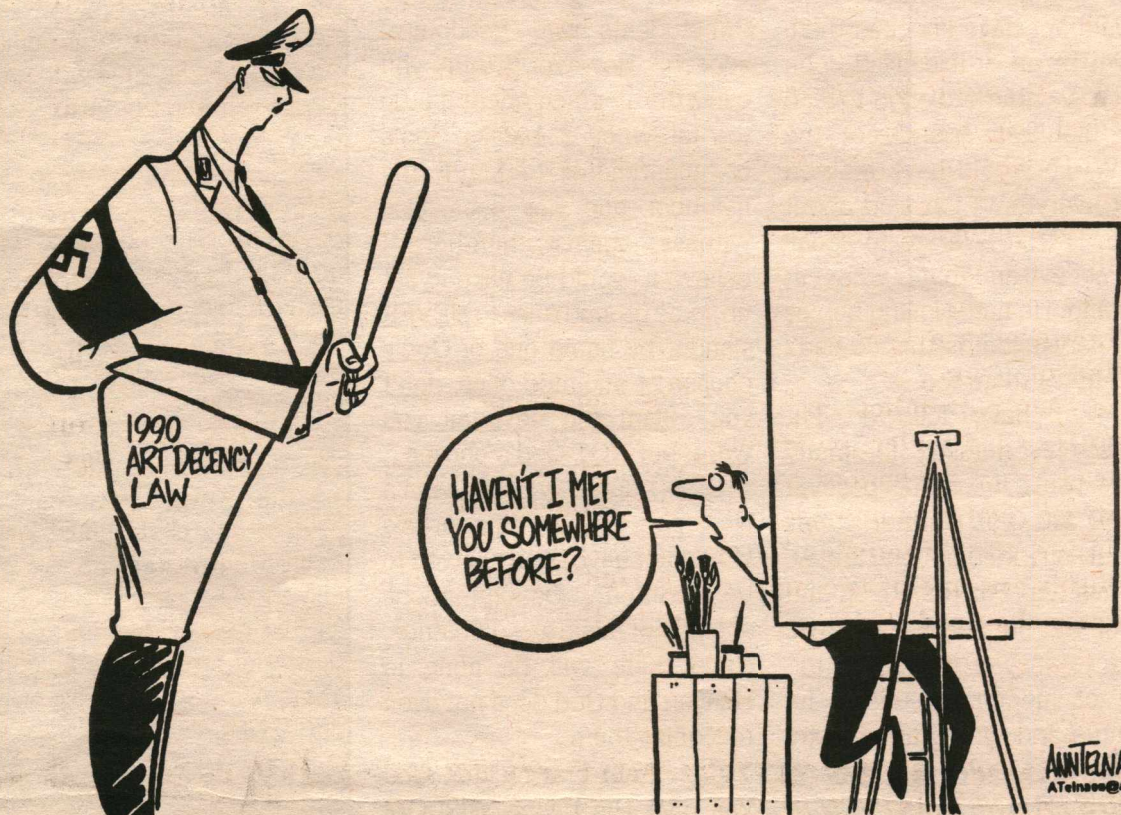
what it means to be a Godly woman. Because when it comes down to it, that's how I hear the argument. Obviously, being a Christian femi-Nazi is considered an oxymoron, and not a compliment either. But why does it have to be that way? I don't feel that all women are called to be in positions of leadership, but all women must feel free to answer the call they hear God giving them. Women can serve God as mothers, homemakers, political leaders, church leaders, or tractor drivers without sacrificing what it means to be a woman of God.

I'm not sure where to move to, but I don't feel the freedom to profess my views without being labeled a heretic. Unity in eternal essentials, tolerance in non-essentials. The bottom line is whether my talk affects my walk. If I'm out of line, my life should show it--if I'm not, it should show as well. God calls each of us, but God does not call all of us the same.

-Shannon Adams is the Campus News Editor. This is her second non-consecutive term as editor and has been a staff writer for the past two years.

There needs to be a marriage of acceptance between the "opposing" sides of what it means to be a Godly woman.

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A look back at the history of the town we live in: Nampa, Idaho

The history of a town called Nampa

by Andy Diehl and
Nathan Hydes

In the beginning...

The dust blew across the open prairie. A lone hawk circled over the sagebrush as two government surveyors examined the land. The date is April 20, 1883 and officially the land that the men stood on would come to be known in their report as Township 3 north, range 2 west of the Boise Meridian. The railroad had already passed through and placed a watering station and town inside the plot of land. A single word was painted in black across the tower: Nampa.

In 1885, Caldwell citizen James McGee was in Portland visiting his brother-in-law and met Alexander Duffes, formerly of Burlington, Canada. McGee was a great planner and schemer. He looked ahead to irrigating the land in the Treasure Valley and re-routing the Oregon Short Line Railroad north from Kuna, ID to pass through Boise City, the territorial capital of Idaho.

McGee led Duffes to believe that Nampa was a land of promise. On November 11, 1885, Duffes filed under the Homestead Act on the land where the city of Nampa is now located. Under the Homestead Act Duffes had one of two ways to acquire the deed to the land: 1)

The homesteader could build and live on the property for eight months then purchase the land from the government or railroad for \$1.25 per acre or 2)

live and work the land for five years and be given the land. Duffes was looking to build the town up and sell off the land so he took money from his ventures in Canada and bought the land after eight months and paid \$200 on July 19, 1886.

McGee and Duffes collaborated with James M. Stewart to incorporate the town. Neither McGee nor Stewart had any financial interest in the work. By law though, three people are needed to incorporate. They also began the Phyllis Canal Company for the purpose of bringing water to the area. Only with the railroad and the irrigation could the town possibly survive. For the sum of \$450, Duffes deeded the land to the corporation, minus some property for himself.

Stewart drew up and filed the city plan on November 8, 1886. On November 11, 1886, Nampa was officially incorporated.

Initially it was impossible to work the land. The soil was

rich, but there was no water available. Wells could be dug for drinking water but they were unpredictable at best and none

could hold under the strain of watering crops. The Nampa Land and Improvement Co. was founded to further the town and to dig ditches. It took six years for the Morris Canal that was built by William H. Ridenbaugh to actually open up and for farming to finally take off.

The Idaho Central Railroad had been incorporated in the summer of 1886. Two of its board members just happened to be one James McGee and one James Stewart. The primary purpose that Idaho Central had was to establish a line between Boise and Nampa. Caldwell already had plans in place to build the line, but the city and McGee had a falling out, thus McGee's interest in Nampa. Track was eventually laid down by Chinese immigrants and in 1887 the railroad opened up to Boise.

Life in town...

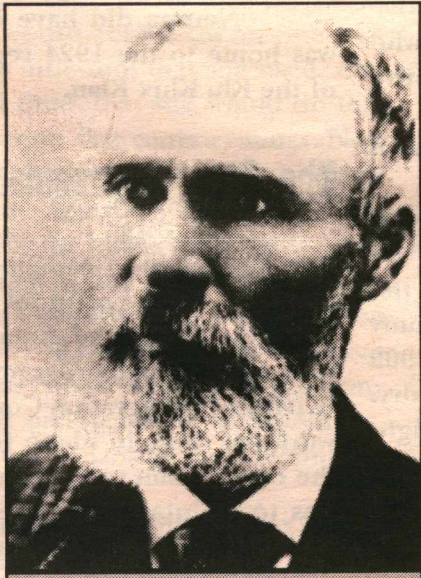
Life in Nampa in the early years was that of the typical western frontier town. The first school was opened with only the necessary nine children. These nine only came after Duffes searched the area as far as Kuna to talk parents into enrolling the children. The majority of children in town were the offspring of the saloon keepers and most of them were expected to help work the family business.

Before farms could be laid out on the range, the sagebrush needed to be cleared off. One man working alone could clear off about an acre per day. When money was in short supply, homesteaders would take the sagebrush into town and sell it to the towns folk to burn instead of wood. When it didn't rain, the jackrabbits would venture into the hot and dusty streets of Nampa. Many Nampans took advantage of the five-cent bounty on jackrabbit ears.

Despite the religious fanaticism of Duffes, Nampa had several saloons before there was ever a church built in town. The Boise Statesman wrote that Nampa was a fine location even though there was no preacher. One Nampa resident said, "We can get along for awhile without either if we had only a

drug store, a barber, a blacksmith shop and a doctor, although there is no sickness yet. By the end of 1887 there were three saloons.

Along with the towns vices, there also came prostitu-



Alexander Duffes was the founder of Nampa. He purchased the land for \$200.



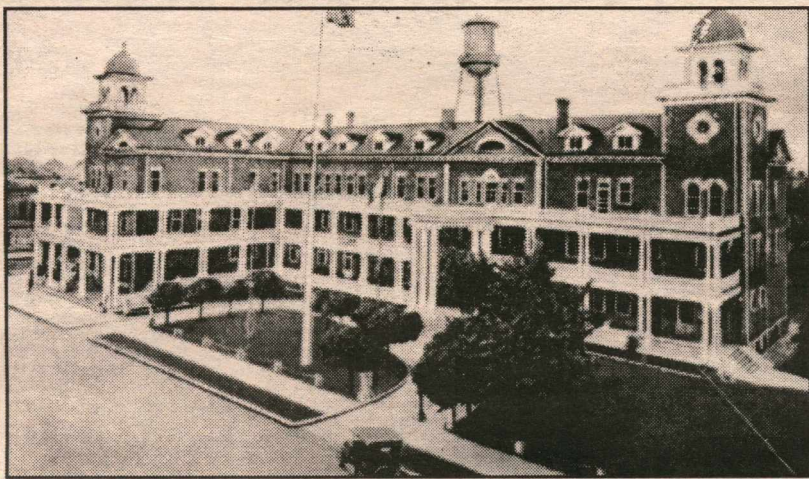
James McGee Convinced Duffes to come to Nampa and settle here.

A special feature put together by Nathan Hydes and Andy Diehl

Nampa: The early years to WWII

tion. By 1890, there was at least one house in town, and in that same year, the rest of the citizens of the town had created the Social Betterment Committee. The Committee requested that the business of the houses be suppressed.

The city council rejected the idea and a "don't ask, don't tell" policy came into effect as the issue was laid under the table for the time. The editor of the *Owyhee*



Avalanche went as far as calling Nampa a "very, very wicked town."

By 1906 the city council was ready to take an active stance in regulating the "recreational industries" of the town. The cigar store on Pullman St. was closed by the mayor because gambling was the favored activity. Within months there was an ordinance passed that prohibited boys under the age of sixteen from entering the billiard halls.

1889 saw the town's first church. There were several congregations in town, but none of them had a building until the Townsite Committee donated land to the episcopal church. The Brethren congregation quickly became the one of the largest in town. Sam Bock of Dayton, OH was the emigration agent for the Oregon Short Line. He is credited with the move of hundreds of brethren to the Snake River Valley.

The Turn of the Century...

The financial continuation of the town has been credited to Col. William Dewey. Dewey was a mining speculator from Silver City.

Dewey came to Idaho and gained and lost another fortune and gained it back in time to have \$6,000 on hand to purchase the remaining lots from the Nampa Township Committee in 1896. This saved Nampa and set Dewey up in the town.

He began his pet project of constructing the Dewey Palace. Originally it was to

cost \$35,000. He would build if the city would donate the lots necessary. The hotel was to be part of grand scheme to pressure the Oregon Short Line into putting a line into Boise. On returning to Boise from selling a mine to finance the project, Dewey found the the rest of his party had backed out. Dewey was so angry that he swore to never do business with Boise and that he didn't "care if grass grows up in

the streets of Boise."

Dewey turned to Nampa to construct the palace and to survey and build a rail line from Nampa to Murphy. This line was then extended to Emmett.

Dewey ended up paying for half of the site and the 43,000 sq.ft. building ended up costing \$200,000 to build. When completed, some said that the Palace rose like a castle in the sagebrush. The palace was razed in 1963. The frame work of the livery can be seen today in between the First Security building and the Goodyear in downtown.

Business boomed for the rest of the city as well. The first decade brought a new sugar beet factory (the current factory is the second in the city's existence). There were some who were discontent with the building of the factory, not for the smell but because it was built by Mormons.

The Cresnet Brewing Co. began producing Overland Beer. Nampa was the only town in Canyon County to allow alcohol in the 1909 vote to make the county dry. Cresnet continued to fight these pressures through the prohibition years.



Colonel W. H. Dewey was the master behind the plans of the Dewey Palace.

The Fire of 1909

The fire of 1909 is probably one of the most devastating occurrences in Nampa history. The town was preparing for the Fourth of July celebration. It was to be the greatest celebration in southern Idaho and the surrounding area with races, fireworks and a rock drilling

contest for the miners.

A well dressed stranger entered the Arnold cigar store at about 3p.m. on July 3rd. The gentleman inquired about the flammability of the display and proceeded to light one of the bombs... in the store, in front of the rest of the fireworks. Before Mr. Arnold could relieve the man of his explosive, it blew up and proceeded to ignite the rest of fireworks and the building, and subsequently, the majority of the blocks that are now downtown Nampa.

The majority of businesses didn't have the insurance to cover the fire. Damage was estimated at \$300,000. Ironically, two days before, the city had approved a \$20,000 tax to create a fire department.

The next twenty years brought on the major developments of the hospital and the Northwest Nazarene College. Most of the rest of the town was consistent with the rest of the nation at this time.

Idaho made contributions to the war effort. The town was also home to a championship baseball team.



Nampa was host to a KKK rally in 1924. The Dewey Palace is seen in the background.

Nampa did have its sordid points it was home to the 1924 regional convention of the Klu Klux Klan.

The Great Depression

The Depression brought many changes to Nampa. With President Roosevelt's New Deal, the people of Nampa began to find new work through programs such as the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps). Most of their work was done in Idaho forests, but one of the corp's main projects in the Nampa area was to maintain the federal game reserve and to build a dam at Lake Lowell, which they did.

In September of 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt paid a visit to Nampa while on his tour of the Boise Valley. While staying in Nampa, Roosevelt saw the school which was to be named in his honor, Roosevelt Grade School.

The background of these pages is a copy of the original city plan that Duffes filed in 1886. Close examination shows the date and parties involved.

*Filed Nov 8th 1886
at request of Alexander
Duffes
C J McCoull
Recorder*

*Nampa Idaho
Scale 300 ft. = 1 inch*

Drawn by J. H. ...

Nampa: From 1940 to Today

The 1940s

The biggest event to happen during this productive decade was obviously the second World War. Many young men from Nampa traveled overseas and gave their lives for their country; 57 men to be exact. The war had a big impact on the people who stayed in Nampa as well.

Rationing was a very important part of living during the early and mid 40s. Sugar, meat, shoes, gas and tires were all rationed. And some items, such as clothespins, soap and cigarettes were nearly impossible to get. Ration coupons were given to Nampa residents, and when they ran out of coupons, they could no longer buy anymore sugar, or gas, or whatever the coupons were good for. Often times, shopkeepers were accused of hiding food behind the counter and saving it for themselves.

Nampa residents Bill and Frieda Shaw had this to say about their memories of rationing: "Tires were hard to come by. Almost impossible. They lowered the speed limit to thirty miles an hour, or thirty-five miles. You weren't to drive faster than thirty-five in order to save tires and gasoline. And people cooperated. It was a matter of survival. People seemed to have sense enough to know that..."

"There was a little lady that lived on 16th Avenue across from the Catholic School and she would repair runners in hose. I'd take my hose to her to repair and she would reknit them. She had some kind of a little tool that she used. Can you imagine? I think that she would do that for twenty or twenty-five cents a runner. Now you just throw your hose away when they have runners in them. Anyway, I do."

Labor for the farms was hard to come by since so many of the men from around the area left to fight the war. The only men left to work were 4F's and floaters. 4F's were the men that had been rejected by the army due to physical handicaps or incapacibilities. One solution to this problem was by putting German POW's to work.

Two German prisoner of war camps had been built in the Nampa area. One of which was built on the property of longtime Nampa resident, John Brandt. Surprisingly, the prisoners weren't angry or hostile. It was as if "they were glad to be prisoners," Brandt said. The prisoners worked as farm hands, but back in their country, many of them were lawyers, doctors and businessman.

One woman, Flossie Stark, remembers visiting with the Germans and having lunch with them. She could hardly believe how different they were than what most people thought. "Most of them were actually in the army because they were drafted and they weren't really Nazis..." she said. "Most of the prisoners that were there were happy to be working in the fields and they sang all the time they were working." Their

favorite song to sing was "Don't Fence Me In." The prison was in existence for about three years and housed about 250 prisoners.

The 1950s

With a new decade came a new war in 1950. The Korean War didn't see as many casualties as World War II, but there were four young men from Nampa who died in the war. Ralph Harrison, Herbert A. Littleton, Donald Lee Munster, and John White were



President Franklin Roosevelt came through Nampa during his tour of the Boise Valley in September of 1937. He greeted the residents and saw the Roosevelt grade school which was named in his honor.

all killed in action..

Private First Class, Herbert A. Littleton received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his efforts. While serving as a radio operator, Littleton and his crew fell victim to a surprise night attack. When an enemy hand grenade was thrown at his team, Private Littleton threw his body on top of the grenade and saved the lives of his comrades. Littleton was killed.

The 1960s

The 60s was one of the most productive decades in Nampa's history. For the first time, major shopping centers were being constructed. In the past, all of the shopping had been located in Nampa's central business district. Little "mom and pop" grocery stores were located on almost every other block. Offices, retail stores and government and city services were all within the same area of town.

In October of 1962, construction was underway on the Holly Shopping Center. It originally featured a grocery store, a barber shop, a laundromat, a drug store and offices. Today, it is home of Super Thrift, Deseret Industries and the Razzle Dazzle College of Hair Design.

In 1965, the Safeway Grocery Store took out a building permit to build the Owyhee Shopping Center on 12th Ave. near

Lake Lowell Ave. It now houses Paul's Grocery Store and King's.

In the same year, work began on Karcher Mall on Nampa-Caldwell Boulevard. Most of us consider the Karcher Mall to be a fairly small mall, but it has grown considerably. Originally, it was only 103,000 square feet, but over the years and through the expansions it has grown to 538,000 square feet.

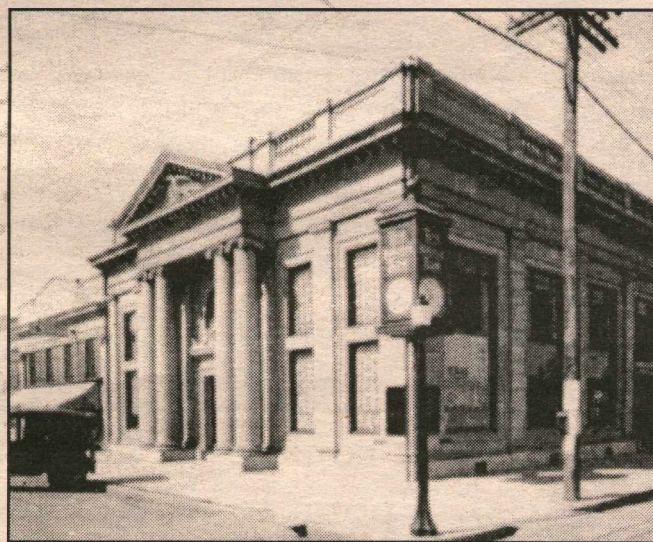
With the expansion of all of these new shopping centers, the once booming downtown area of Nampa was now dying. It wasn't until the 1980s did some of the life return to downtown. With donations from public and private sources, businesses and offices returned to the area.

The 1970s and forward

The past thirty years have been fruitful for both Nampa and the surrounding areas. Not only has Nampa increased in size, but Meridian and Caldwell have been growing considerably. Boise is currently one of the fastest growing cities in America.

During the late 60s and early 70s, the Vietnam conflict claimed the lives of seven young men from Nampa. Gerald Lee Baldwin, Jess Burton Boicourt, Jr., Albara Quezada Garcias, Kay Kazu Kimura, Lynn Randall, Jimmy Lee Ward and Edward Joseph Weidenbach were all killed in action.

The 80s saw the construction of many new buildings and projects. In July of 1980,



The First National Bank on Eleventh Street was built in 1919. In 1966, it was turned into the Nampa Public Library.

the *Idaho Free Press*, started in April of 1919, merged with the *Caldwell Tribune* and became the *Idaho Press Tribune*.

Nampa continues to travel on into the next century. By the year 2000, city planners are expecting somewhere around 47,000 inhabitants. Construction and housing are booming industries as Nampa becomes a major player in several industries. Growth from both Zilog and Micron has brought in jobs and economic prosperity.

Now to see what happens in the next 100 years.

The U.S. deals with new terrorism threat possibility

by Joshua M. Dooley
World News Editor

Is the issue of chemical and biological weapons becoming an issue that drives fear into more and more of the hearts of Americans? To some experts, these weapons are called "poor man's nukes." Their production is inexpensive, but for this cheaper price they are powerful enough to murder thousands, possibly millions, of people. It could even get to the point to where these type of weapons could soon be the top choice in a new age of terrorism where killers would seek to threaten a vast amount of people.

"What we know is it can happen and we have to be prepared," Army Major General Friel warned. Friel, the commanding general of the U.S. Army Chemical and Biological Defense Command, made a federal effort to train 120 cities across the country in order that they may learn about terrorists packing a new kind of weapon.

This is one of 40 plus different projects that the federal government is spending billions of dollars on in an effort to defend citizens from the dangers of biological terrorism.

This month, Friel met with 200 local and federal emergency workers in Washington D.C. for a week, making preparations for a possible terrorist attack in the nation's capital. This particular training ended with a whole day of concentrated discussions about what would happen should a chemical weapon be deployed at the city's new \$225 million MCI Center indoor stadium.

During these exercises, the police had their own complaints of not having sufficient personnel to defend the city even after being warned by the FBI.

Hospital workers were even concerned as to what they should do with walk-in patients who might still be contaminated.

Staff assistants who worked at the City Hall worried over how to deal with the media. Others suggested that communications with emergency workers may break down over E-mail, telephone or fax during a terrorist attack

Project manager, John Bond, feels that each of these groups can come up with a solution, but feels that "there are no cookie-cutter answers. Each city is unique."

Consultants feel that the answers may be hard to come by as a biochemical weapon attack may be difficult to discover, even after the episode. In fact, the terrorists may even choose to use an aerosol that can to quietly spray the biochemical agent, sprinkle it from a small plane or even disperse the deadly substance from the exhaust of a car passing through town.

The effects of such a substance begin from the moment it comes in contact with another being that could cause days of swelling pain, then death. Some biochemical agents could even cause people to choke, gasp and vomit as extreme pain knots their stomachs... then nerves numb,

muscles contract, fever grips the body, blisters and ulcers lace the skin. There are others that will kill almost instantly, which would allow no time for medics to administer treatments.

Though right now, the obstacles acting on an effective deployment provide the best protection from a large-scale biochemical attack, it may be only a matter of time before someone, or some country, comes up with a way to overcome these obstacles. Defense Secretary William Cohen stated recently, "the ability to unleash mass sickness, death and destruction today has reached a far greater order of magnitude as the new millennium arrives.

Regional aggressors, third-rate armies, terrorist cells and even religious cults will wield disproportionate power."

The ongoing tensions with disputing nations around the world just aggravate fears of a possible terrorist strike. There are even some countries that seem to be very willing to use these weapons of death without warning. U.S. officials exert caution that terrorists carrying vials of toxic agents could just sneak over the nation's borders undetected.

Iran and Kurdistan's dead bring a silent testimony to the willingness to unleash weapon of mass destruction.

Through the command of President

Saddam Hussein, their nation may now have stockpiled more than enough raw materials to kill every man, woman and child on the planet several times over if made into actual weapons.

As hard as it may be to believe, threats from our country itself could be just as serious as those around the globe.

Domestic groups that are made up of religious fanatics, secret right-wing militias, anti-abortion extremists and ethnic hate groups have also been showing a disconcerting interest in biochemical weapons, according to sources from the FBI.

There are more than three dozen occurrences on U.S. soil of people attempting to develop or use such weapons that are under active investigations by the FBI's antiterrorism unit, a number which doubles that of previous year.

This trend seems to foreshadow a new age in terrorism, one where weapons of mass destruction get into the hands of those individuals who seek to murder continuous numbers of people as an end in itself.

The other problem seems to be that not everyone is convinced that there is a new terrorism threat. The feelings that arise here is that the government authorities have overreacted to a situation that only may bring about minor consequences.

"Terrorism is in decline. More people die from drowning than terrorism, but we're not restructuring society for 500 deaths in bathtubs," said David Kopel, an analyst with the Independence Institute, a libertarian think-tank in Golden, CO.

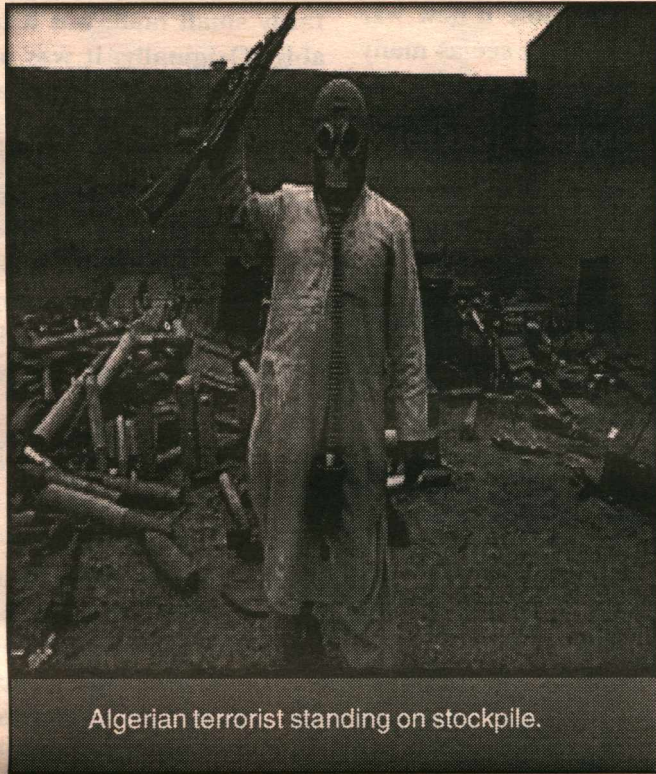
Kopel, and others with him, feel the new spending programs and sweeping new laws, such as the 1996 anti-terrorism bill, give

way too much authority to federal agencies. Kopel even disagrees with the fact that the Clinton administration is pushing to limit encryption technology, all being a part in anti-terrorist measures.

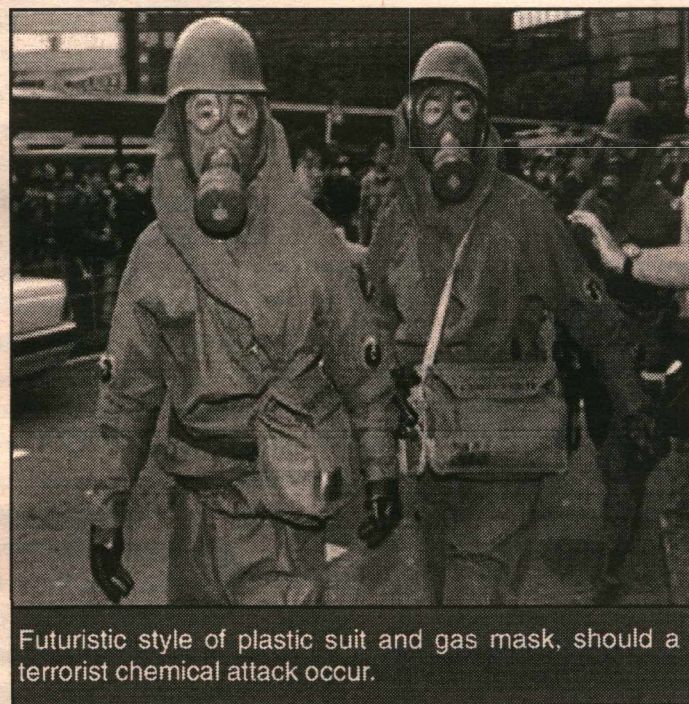
He says,

"The FBI now wants the ability to read everyone's E-mail." Still the development of possible biochemical attacks trouble even Kopel.

No major attacks have yet occurred, and chemical and biological weapons have been around since the turn of the century. Javed Ali, a research associate with Chemical and Biological Arms Control, said, "Production is one thing, but delivering the weapon is totally different, if terrorists thought they were such an attractive tool, then they wouldn't be running around using bombs."



Algerian terrorist standing on stockpile.



Futuristic style of plastic suit and gas mask, should a terrorist chemical attack occur.

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Clinton claims to have no memory or acquaintance with Jones

by Andrew Diehl
Editor in Chief

WASHINGTON -- This weekend began the first successful attempt to prosecute a president of this country. Sunday, Bill Clinton spent six hours of the day in a deposition at his lawyer's office near the White House. The deposition concerns the lawsuit against him from Paula Jones for sexual harassment.

Sources close to the president say that his story boils down to, "he doesn't remember and he didn't do it."

Clinton is facing Jones on charges that he asked her for sexual favors in a Little Rock hotel in May of 1991. At the time, Clinton was the governor of Arkansas and was beginning to gain support and notice in national circles.

At the end of the meeting, both Clinton and Jones left through the basement garage and both declined comments on the outcomes or thoughts on the deposition. On arrival at the



White House, Clinton waved and ignored reporters questions as he entered the house and retrieved a copy of his upcoming State of the Union address.

Jones' spokeswoman did make comments to reporters. She stated that they had planned for Jones to make a small statement after the proceedings but the media rush of earlier in the day had forced them to change their minds. That morning reporters and camera men had jumped atop the car as it attempted to enter the law firm. The media blocked off the entrance to the firm.

Before the rush of media personnel, Jones is quoted as saying, "I feel so proud...to know that a little girl from Arkansas is equal under the law to the President of the United States."

When the spokeswoman was asked about thoughts on the polls that have shown that the majority of the country doesn't believe Jones' story, she replied, "Paula hasn't really cared what the rest of the country thinks. Paula has to be worried about what the twelve jurors in Arkansas are going to think."

White House staffers are feeling the pressure from the event and are somewhat worried by the proceedings. Most of the president's aides have kept themselves busy preparing for the State of the Union address.

The possibilities of a settlement are improbable. This news come shortly after Jones raised the amount of an out of court settlement from \$700,000 to \$2 million. She continues to demand an apology and Clinton refuses to give it.

Other sources point that Kathleen Wiley said under oath that Mr. Clinton made advances toward her while she was employed by the White House. Clinton attorneys fought against her deposition, but Jones' attorneys countered that it would establish a pattern of misconduct.

The deposition from Sunday was video taped. It is to remain sealed, but can be opened if the courts decide to go to trial and use it as part of the president's testimony.



Four Russians die in gas explosion

by Andrew J. Diehl
Editor in Chief

RUSSIA -- Four people died in a methane gas explosion in the Russian arctic Sunday. Five were injured and two dozen more are trapped in the coal mine where the explosion occurred. Local officials believe that the possibilities of retrieving all of those trapped are very small.

The blast caused a collapse of the section of the mine that the workers were in and caused fires that rescuers were having trouble quenching until later in the day. Debris also was a hassle for those trying to navigate through to find the lost.

Forty-nine workers of the overnight shift in the Tsentralnaya mine when the explosion occurred. This is the second explosion of this type in two days in the Russian wilderness. Twenty-nine others were killed in a similar methane explosion. Tsentralnaya was an especially dangerous mine because it had a high concentration of both methane and free coal dust in the air.

Sixty-seven others were killed in an explosion in yet another mine last month in Siberia.

The Russian government plans to close 86 of the current 200 mines. Workers protest this despite the poor conditions because they fear that they will lose their jobs.

1997 in Review

~Issues that had an impact in one way or another for 1997 in no particular order of importance.~

Death of Princess Diana:

Diana's black Mercedes crashed at high speed in a tunnel in Paris on August 31. Just hours after the princess, as well as her companion Dodi Fayed, and driver, died. Diana was 36 years old.

Alcohol was believed to be the cause to this accident that abruptly ended their lives.

Hong Kong is Handed over to China:

The formal handover went off without any problems, although concerns remained as to whether China would squelch the human rights of Hong Kong's 6.4 million people.

Britain's 99-year agreement lease, back from after the first Opium war with China, was the reason they had to hand it over.

Dolly is cloned:

Scientists at Scotland's Roslin Institute announced their successful cloning of a ewe. Dolly, who was cloned from another sheep's udder became a quick celebrity as she was produced without the use of sperm or egg.

Tobacco Settlement is reached:

A settlement between the tobacco industry and the attorneys general of 40 states, worth billions of dollars, was agreed upon in turn for the industry's immunity from future legal action.

Sen. Richard Lugar, an Indiana Republican, submitted a bill as to which industry would pay \$15 billion to buy out some or all of the nation's 124,000 tobacco farmers and end government programs that have supported them for 59 years.

Mother Teresa dies:

The well known nun, Mother Teresa, died at the age of 87 from cardiac arrest in her religious order's headquarters in eastern India.

UPS Strike:

Drivers, package-sorters and loaders shut down UPS facilities across country just hours after their talk over pay, benefits and job security failed to give the teamsters what they wanted.

More than 185,000 teamsters walked out disrupting deliveries of millions of packages across the nation.

Even the Independent Pilots Association said its 2,000 UPS pilots would refuse to work.

Balanced Budget Agreement:

Clinton claimed over the radio that our strong economy would help the new balanced budget agreement work, because there is more money coming in than there has been in the past. There were 12 million new jobs, the highest economic growth in a decade, the lowest unemployment in 24 years, the lowest inflation in 30 years, the largest decline in income inequality since the 1960s and the deficit had already been cut by 77 percent, from \$290 billion a year, to \$67 billion in '97.

This agreement was said to bring the deficit down to zero over the next five years.

-- Compiled by Joshua Dooley

More safety-related violations for AirTran

by Joshua M. Dooley
World News Editor

CLEVELAND, OH - Federal inspectors found numerous violations that would appear to be a serious safety hazard on the air carriers that were known as ValuJet Airlines.

Back in 1996, a ValuJet DC-9 crashed into the Everglades just briefly after takeoff from Miami International, which killed 110 people on board. Maintenance records that entered falsely are the blame for the cargo fire that caused the flight to plunge into the Everglades.

AirTran Airlines, as they're now called, was found to have falsified documents, improper maintenance, faulty repairs and repeated failures to supervise contractors.

The findings were from a three-week inspection of the FAA, that ended Nov. 7, and revealed that the airline had more serious violations than did ValuJet in a February 1996 report, which, subsequently, recommended it to be grounded.

The warning was then disregarded until another ValuJet, flight 592, crashed on May, 11 1996. It was shortly after that incident that grounded the airline for more than three months. It was believed by the National Transportation Safety Board that improper labeling and stowed oxygen canisters in the DC-9's cargo hold either started or fueled a fire that brought that plane down.




The FAA documented AirTran and noted numerous safety problems that have been documented in, at least, the past four FAA inspections. Such reports included: Three instances of a failure to properly calculate the proper weight and balance of the aircrafts, which is very important in determining safe takeoff and landing speeds; a senior pilot overlooked the qualifications of other numerous pilots; a failure to examine seven planes' transponders, which is needed to give air traffic controllers the altitude and directional information, after the planes' major overhauls and a rudder was found on the new AirTran to have been reinstalled improperly.

Margaret Gilligan, the FAA's deputy associate administrator for regulation and certification, claimed that she wouldn't be able to comment until the final report was completed, and its findings are validated.

Lori LeRoy said, "informally, we understand that everything turned out very well." She then declined further comments on the findings.

U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-OR, a House aviation subcommittee member, found the FAA's handling of the situation disturbing. "If these allegations are all true about the serious nature of the defects and the attempts to dilute that, the FAA has got to be called to account and not just the airline."

Iraq demand new team of U.N. arms inspectors

by Ryan Dooley
Staff Writer

BAGHDAD, IRAQ - Iraq blasted the new composition of a new team of U.N. arms inspectors shortly after their arrival in Baghdad on Sunday. Iraq said that it was unbalanced in favor of American and British experts.

Earlier on Sunday, Iraqi Trade Minister Mohammed Mehdi Saleh said that Baghdad would resume oil exports within two days under the third phase of its oil-for-food deal with the United Nations.

An official spokeswoman stated that the team of 16 within nine Americans, five British, one Russian and one Australian reinforced Iraqi concerns that the special U.N. commission charged

with destroying its weapons of mass destruction was dominated by the British and Americans.

The official spokesman for the U.N. stated, "We always raise the subject of imbalance in the composition of the Special Commission and its activities in Iraq and the Ameri-

cans and the British are the majority in the composition in this Special Commission and they control its duties whether in its center in New York or in Iraq."

The spokesman also added, "That since there is an imbalance in the composition of the special committee and its activities, Iraq stresses its serious reservation on the statements and conclusions issued by the Special Commission about the progress of work accord-

ing to the (United Nations) resolution 687 and its reports about what happens during inspections."

Alan Dacey, spokesman for the U.N. Special Commission, charged with dismantling Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, confirmed the arrival

of the team but wouldn't discuss anything about its composition. "We hope that the inspections go on as smoothly as they have been since November," he told Reuters when asked if UNSCOM expected new tensions as a result of the Iraqi remarks of the new team.

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~Alan Dacey,
Spokesman for the U.N.**

16 robbed and five raped during college trip to Guatemala

by Joshua M. Dooley
World News Editor

ST. MARY'S CITY, MD -- It was apparently only an issue of money, not politics, when gunmen forced a rented bus, full of 16 U.S. college students and teachers on a study tour in southern Guatemala, off the road last Friday.

Thirteen college students and three representatives were then ordered to enter the sugar cane field where they were all robbed, and five women were raped in what ended up being a 90-minute attack.

Since Jorge Rogachevsky's, the Spanish professor, plead for freedom went unheard, it was assumed that they were just in it for a robbery and not a political issue as the students were working for the rights of peasants like the gunmen.

The robbery ended up in a rape because of the fact that the gunmen became frustrated that they couldn't find what they came to find: money.

Rogachevsky tried to explain that they were at the end of their three-week tour and had very little money, but this seemed to disturb the gunmen all the more.

The gunmen forced Rogachevsky to lie down, even after he tried to translate for the others; "I was helpless to pre-

vent what was occurring," he said.

Two of the men were later apprehended and cooperated with authorities claiming there were two others involved.

The U.S. State Department claims to be working closely with the Guatemalan authorities on this case.

Brutal attacks and robberies toward tourists is said to not be uncommon in Guatemala, and the U.S. State Department warns tourist of the risks they face there.

The five women were between the ages of 18 and 20, and were treated at a local hospital where they left Saturday. The rest of the group left the country on Sunday.

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New York and New Jersey face Supreme Court for Ellis Island

by Ryan Dooley
Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — The only real thing about the Ellis Island issue is the bragging rights. The long and sometimes bitter battle over Ellis Island enters its final round on Monday when the lawyers from New York and New Jersey go before the Supreme Court to lay their claim to the landmark.

"We're not at war with New York, but we do have a strong disagreement," New Jersey Attorney General Peter Verniero said. "This case is not unlike two neighbors arguing over a

boundary. The difference being that the neighbors are sovereign states and the dispute has been going on forever for over 160 years.

The U.S. Government has decided to take the side of New Jersey. Some of the historians and preservationists have added their two cents worth that the island, where legions of turn-of-the-century immigrants set foot in

America, lies within New York's boundaries.

"There are millions of Americans who can trace their ancestral roots through Ellis Island. Those folks who came here knew two things. They knew that they were in America, and they knew that they were landing in New York," Dennis Vacco, New York's attorney general said.

Everyone seems to agree that the original part of the island, three acres rising above the high-water mark, is in New York. In dispute, however, is the rest of the 25.5 acres of island that were created through the years of filling in parts of the harbor that New Jersey claims.

Last spring Paul Verkuil, a former Columbia University law professor, recommended that most of the island be awarded to New

Jersey. The island's museum and major monuments would remain in New York. However, both sides are urging the court to reject many of Verkuil's recommendations.

New Jersey still wants the court to recognize New York's jurisdiction as extending only to the

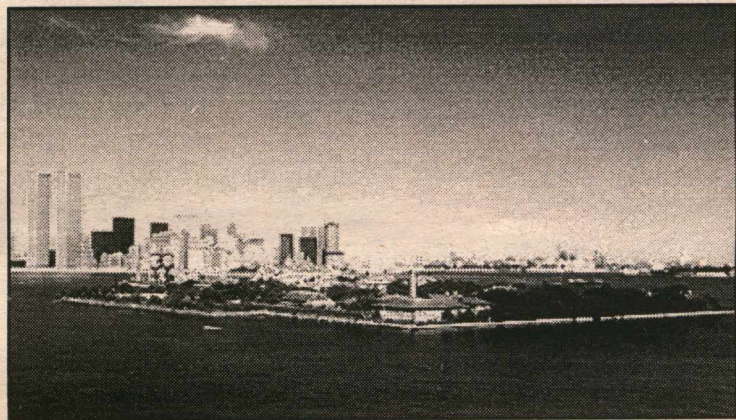
original high-water mark, but that would leave the island's main historic building, in which houses the museum, split between the two states.

New York maintains that history, tradition and the law entitle it to sovereignty, citing an 1834 compact awarding Ellis Island to New York "with no limitation on the size of the island."

Some preservationists fear that New Jersey politicians plan to push for a bridge from New Jersey to the island and want a hotel-conference center built there.

"In a historical sense, New York has long exercised attentive stewardship toward the historic resources of Ellis Island," said Edward Norton, a lawyer with the Washington-based National Trust for Historic Preservation.

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Tensions may yet rise again as Iraq declares a holy war

by Ryan Dooley
Staff Writer

BAGHDAD, IRAQ — On Sunday, Iraq declared a holy war on U.N. sanctions, calling for a one million strong volunteer force to push for an end to the seven-year embargo it says has caused widespread starvation and death.

"We are determined to carry out a great jihad to lift the sanctions," Vice-President Taha Yassin Ramadan said. "There is no alternative to this after seven years of patience and cooperation with the United Nations and its committees."

The Iraqi News Agency quoted Ramadan as saying one million people, men and women, would be given weapons training in a volunteer force from the start of next month. Iraq called on its people to enlist for the training earlier on Sunday.

Ramadan did not say how they could overthrow the sanctions regime, imposed in 1990 for Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

The United States said the sanctions could be lifted when U.N. weapons inspectors affirm that Iraq has taken apart all elements of its weapons of mass destruction.

Both the United States and Iraq have stressed that they are not seeking military confirmation, but that their patience is wearing thin.

"We have entered the eighth year of sanctions, with all the patience and cooperation which Iraq has shown during the past seven years. But there is nothing to indicate that the sanctions will be lifted by a decision of the U.N. Security Council," INA quoted Ramadan as saying.

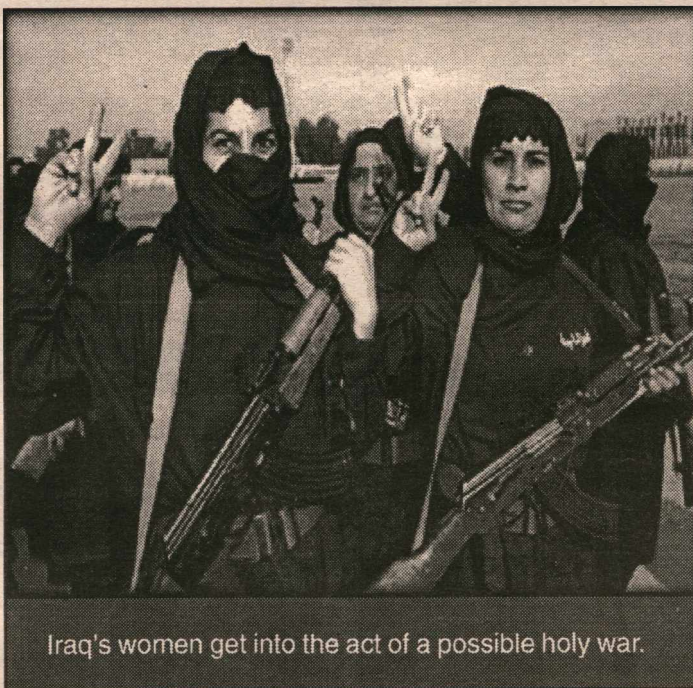
"Instead America, the guardian of the Security Council and its committees, has been unrelenting in its aggressive position to extend the sanctions and expose the Iraqi people to death, starvation and illness," he said. "The Iraqi leadership and its people reject this and are ready for jihad to lift sanctions."

Speaking on Saturday, the seventh anniversary of the outbreak of the 1991 Gulf War,

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein warned the United States against using military force to resolve a row over U.N. weapons inspections, which flared again last week when an American-led team was barred from work.

He also threatened to carry out a recommendation by Iraq's parliament which gave the U.N. weapons inspectors a May deadline to complete their work.

Close U.S. ally Britain said on Sunday it still hoped for a diplomatic solution to crisis and dismissed Saddam's speech as "bluster."



Iraq's women get into the act of a possible holy war.

Defense Secretary George Robertson told BBC television: "I think we are likely to hear a lot of noise but hopefully a diplomatic solution will be found."

Britain on Friday sent the aircraft carrier Invincible to the Gulf from the Mediterranean to back up diplomatic pressure on Iraq, describing the move as a precaution.

The U.N.'s chief arms inspector Richard Butler, who heads the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) charged with removing Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, is due in Baghdad on Monday.

Iraq needs a clean bill of health from UNSCOM before sanctions can be lifted, but it has complained that the inspectors are dominated by Americans and Britons committed to extending sanctions indefinitely.

It is seeking "more balanced" teams, a change to the U.S. U-2 surveillance planes which fly over its territory as part of UNSCOM operations, and has barred inspectors from all "presidential sites" around the country.

Butler, who says the inspectors need unrestricted access anywhere in Iraq, has pledged to listen "so their legitimate concerns of dignity and sovereignty can be attended to."

But the United States has deployed a powerful military force in the Gulf and said it was losing patience with Iraq. It insisted the international community was committed to ensuring the dismantling of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction.

Ambassador Bill Richardson told CBS television on Saturday the Iraqi president was "dreaming" if he thought sanctions would go unless Iraq complied with all U.N. Security Council resolutions and allowed "full and unfettered access to all sites of weapons of mass destruction."

While Iraqis focused on their latest confrontation with the West, Baghdad announced that a senior diplomat had been killed in neighboring Jordan, along with his wife and six other people.

Confirming the Iraqi statement, a Jordanian official told Reuters: "Iraqi diplomat Hikmat al-Hajou was killed along with seven others including an Egyptian, and they were killed with knives in Algerian style."

The killing followed the attempted shooting of another Iraqi diplomat in Amman earlier this month, blamed by Jordanian authorities on a family dispute.

Last month the monarch blasted Iraq for executing four Jordanians convicted of smuggling.

Crusaders had a bleak Christmas

Crusaders men's basketball team take the Golden Rule Tournament, then head to California

by Jon DeRoos
Staff Writer

The NNC men's team successfully defended their Golden Rule championship; in similar fashion to last year, the Crusaders went out and defeated Albertson College to retain their title in the 11th annual Duane Wolfe Memorial Golden Rule Shoot Out. It was the first of three meetings between the rival teams.

NNC defeated Pacific Lutheran University and advanced to the tournament final against the Coyotes who had beaten Linfield College on the previous night. On this particular night, both teams started out pretty slow. With 4:02 left in the first half, NNC led with the score at a mere 23-11.

"You could tell the kids were nervous," said NNC Coach Sanders "both teams were so tight."

Albertson Coach Marty Holly agreed, "We were nervous, and that had something to do with our missing shots, but also give [NNC] credit for their defense. They took us out of things and made us hurry shots."

Chad Mitchell received much of the task of guarding Albertson's leading scorer Everett Ratleff. He responded to the call extremely well by hounding Ratleff every time he touched the ball and forced him into a poor shooting night--Ratleff shot a dismal 6 for 19 from the field.

Another noteworthy factor in the game was NNC's bench production. Sophomore sensation Jeremy (Easter Bunny) Stockett gave the 'Saders an especially good night.

"The whole group did a good job," said Sanders about his team's performance. "On any given night our second bunch can give us a boost too. Jeremy Stockett gave us one tonight."

Leading scorers for the Crusaders were Jawanza Hadley (15 points), Jon DeRoos (18 points) and Kai Knell (23 points, 15 rebounds). These three players were also honored by being selected to the all-tourney team for their outstanding play throughout the tournament. Jawanza Hadley was named the MVP of the Golden Rule Shootout.

Most significant of NNC's win on this night was that it was the third tournament that the 'Sader's had played in, and it was the third championship that they were able to bring home. This seems to be very promising for NNC with two more tournaments to go: The league tournament and then on to the NAIA shot at the National Championship.

NNC men's team then dropped three straight. Playing three games in three nights was by far the most difficult task that the Crusaders had to face up to this point in the season. Forward Michael Ratcliffe said of going to California: "Possibly, the only good thing that the trip to California had to offer was the warm weather." "Southern Cal" wasn't willing to give up a loss to the 8-1 Crusaders, and instead the Golden State sent them back home to Idaho to prepare for league with an 8-4 record.

On the first night, the 'Saders played Biola University which was ranked in the top

10 in the NAIA Div. 1 poll. The hard fought battle took place in La Mirada, CA. The men's team lost, but not without the lack of valiant efforts from Jawanza Hadley (18 points), Kai Knell (17 points, 8 rebounds), Jon DeRoos (13 points) and Brent Darnell (12 points). With four players in double figures, one may often assume a victory in the game of basketball. However, it was in the second half when things started slipping away from the visiting team.

After squandering a six-point half-time lead, Jon DeRoos' shot at the buzzer fell short and the game was forced into an extra period. The final score after the hard fought overtime was 77-76 in favor of Biola. The Crusaders were out rebounded 34 to 32 and this long, hard-fought battle would only be the beginning of NNC's California blues.

The next night, the men's team traveled to Santa Barbara. Here they played the Westmont College Warriors and another chance for a win slipped right through NNC's fingers.

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~Michael Ratcliffe

Just as the night before, the 'Saders had the lead at half-time 41-31, only to let it squander away. Once Westmont gained the advantage in the second half, they never looked back. Led by Brian Gomes, who was 12-of-15 from the floor, burning NNC for 25 points and 10 rebounds, the Warriors were able to defeat the Crusaders 70-66.

Leading the scoring box for NNC on this unpleasant night was Jawanza Hadley, who ended up with 14 points. Leading the 'Sader's efforts from the bench was Chad (Sly) Mitchell who poured in seven points and managed to dish out five assists.

"The real story, or the determining factor in this game, was what went on in the battle for the boards," said Eric Vance. NNC had their worst showing on the boards this season; they were outrebounded against the Warriors by 14 boards--38 to 24.

"This trip we haven't had that killer instinct," stated coach Sanders after the Friday night game with still one more game to play. "We'll see what we're made of." The men's team would be headed to play NCAA div. 2 school UC Riverside in Riverside, CA.

For the third night in a row, the Crusaders fell victim on the road; this time to the UCR Highlanders. This game was put out of reach in the opening minutes of the second half, when Riverside put on a 16-0 run that had started towards the end of the first half and continued on after the intermission.

"They're a good team and they shot the ball very well from the perimeter," said Coach Sanders. Riverside managed to hit 10 three-pointers that night which helped aide their larger scoring spurts.

Jawanza Hadley led NNC with 13 points and Kai Knell and Jeremy (Eraser) Stockett each

had 12 in the 86-64 loss to Riverside. For Riverside, Erik Kennady had 24 points, including a 4-of-4 night from behind the three-point line.

After the disappointing road trip in California, the Northwest Nazarene men's basketball team hoped to break out of their daze with a strong start in league. The men traveled to Portland to play the Cascade College Thunderbirds (Jan. 2), and then play the next night (Jan. 3) at Concordia Col-

lege, to take on the Cavaliers. However, instead of leaving the city of Portland with two wins, the NNC men's team would have to settle for a one win-one loss split and an empty can of French pastries--not the way that any team wants to start off in league.

The first night against Cascade, the Crusaders were able to roll to a sweet victory over the Thunderbirds defeating them 86-63. NNC--minus DeRoos who has a sissy foot injury--was able to get a huge night from its other four Seniors Jay Lassen (14 points), Jawanza Hadley (21 points), Brent Darnell (16 points, 7 boards) and Kai Knell (16 points). Contributing off the bench for the 'Saders on this fine night was Jeremy Stockett who had 8 rebounds and 1 blocked shot.

Another player worthy of mention is Chad Mitchell, who was starting in place of the injured DeRoos. Mitchell, who was assigned to guard the Thunderbird's leading scorer, was able to hold him to only three points.

"Mitch can play some serious 'D'," said Jawanza Hadley. "Unlike me, he is a specialist at that part of the game."

"The four seniors stepped it up tonight and shot about 70 percent as a group," said coach Sanders. Even so, it would be against Concordia that this phenomenal shooting from the night before would disappear as if it took a National Lampoon's Vacation trip to the Bermuda Triangle.

"It was no secret that we struggled against the zone that Concordia played on us," stated Todd Craven. "Still, on this night, a completely different team showed up."

Against Concordia, NNC's shooting woes started from the opening tip; in the first half they shot 39%. Despite the poor percentage, the boys managed to go into intermission with a 31-27 lead; unfortunately, at the start of the second half the Crusaders' poor shooting continued. The Cavaliers eventually got hot through the inspiration of their sharp-shooter Chris Swallow--Swallow led all scorers with 26

total points on 4-for-5 shooting from "three land." "Swallow really tore our hearts out," said Craven.

Once Concordia earned the lead in the second half, the Cavaliers never looked back and NNC's second half troubles, reminiscent of the California trip,

looked as if they were once again present. In the second half, the Crusaders were outscored 56-35, and as a result they lost an extremely disappointing league game. NNC finished their Christmas break 1-1 in league play and with a 9-5 overall record.

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~Coach Sanders

"The real story was what went on in the battle for the boards."

~Eric Vance

Lady Crusaders go 2-4 over break

Western WA tournament, three games in CA and two away games leave 'Saders dry

by Robin Day
Sports Editor

The Fighting Crusaders played six games over Christmas break, so while the rest of the school was at home, fighting blizzards and being snowed in, the 'Saders women's basketball team traveled to sunny California to play some ball (and visit Disneyland).

Before heading off to the land of the sun, the 'Saders traveled to Washington for Western Washington's Tournament. Taking on Seattle Pacific in the first round, the Crusaders played a close game, but fell in the end, 71-85. Staci Kirk led the 'Saders in points,

scoring 22. In the second round of the tournament, NNC faced Western Washington University, only to lose that game also, 61-72. Wilson led both the scoring and rebounding for the Crusaders, with 16 and 13 respectively.

The next week found the Crusaders bound for La Mirada, California to take on Biola University. The team put out a solid performance, winning 64-52. Lisa Sorenson led the game with 24 points. Wilson controlled the boards with 13 rebounds and Jessica Knowlton was a defensive terror with three steals.

Having conquered Biola, the Crusaders then moved on to challenge Concordia University.

According to Head Coach Roger Schmidt, "Concordia was one of our better team performances." The girls won the game, rolling over Concordia 78-62. Wilson played an outstanding game, leading the scoring with a game high of 28 points and controlling the boards with 19 of NNC's 48 rebounds. Kirk followed closely with 19 points.

The 'Saders finished off their California campaign with a game against Point Loma. NNC lost the game 59-62, despite Wilson's game-high 16 rebounds and four 'Saders scoring in the double figures. Said Schmidt, "We just didn't prepare mentally for the game. We played well, but Point Loma shot really well. They hit some shots

that they haven't made all year and just played solidly where we didn't."

NNC completed their break play with a conference game at Albertson College. In spite of Wilson's leading the field in boards (seven) and scoring (19) again, the Crusaders fell to the 'Yotes 60-73. Sorenson and Kirk also scored in the double figures, but to no avail.

As of the publication of this newspaper, the Crusaders are looking at conference games for the rest of the year. Coach Schmidt sees NNC as one of the top three teams, in a conference where no one is a dominator. "On any given night, any one of those teams might win. We'll play them [ACI] any night of the week."

Men destroy Southern Oregon on Friday

by Dave Stillman
Editor-in-Chief

The men's Crusader basketball team overcame a slow start to defeat Southern Oregon 81-68 in a hard-fought match.

The Crusaders started their first home game without starter John DeRoos. Our offense couldn't seem to get on track, and Southern Oregon was picking our defense

apart. Worse yet, we were actually losing, 14 - 22. The 'Saders, desperately in need of a lift, got one as Kai Knell was fouled while making a layup, and Southern Oregon's Jacques Francis was called for a technical foul. After making two of the three free-throws, the 'Saders got the ball to Jawanza Hadley, who nailed a three-pointer to put NNC within one. After scoring seven points in twenty seconds, there was no looking back. The 'Saders ram-

aged on a 24-5 run to turn an eight point deficit into an eleven point lead. A late surge by the Raiders cut that lead to seven, and the the first half ended with NNC up 41-34.

Southern Oregon slowly chipped away at the Crusaders' lead in the second half, and seemed poised to take the lead when they closed to 63-60 midway through the second half, but a three-pointer by Jon Bussel put the lead back up

to six, and the Raiders never threatened again.

Bussel and Ryan Brown saw increased playing time at shooting guard, and went a combined 2-3 from behind the arc. The 'Saders shot 62% on three-pointers in the game, going 5-8. However, most of the scoring output came from the post, where Knell made 25, Jay Lassen had 19 and Michael Ratcliffe had 9.

Volleyball places third at nationals

by Melissa Tennyson
Staff Writer

The volleyball team had an extraordinary season this year. While they didn't qualify at conference for regionals, they won the bid to go to regionals. They were seated fifth out of six teams at regionals, yet they won the tournament. Coach Darlene Brasch commented, "That was the best thing - that we won the regional championships!" This victory sent the team to Nationals at Olivet Nazarene University during the last week of classes last term. At Nationals, they were not expected to win in their pool. But, they came to be known as "the Cinderella team" because they not only won in their pool, but went on to tie for third place, and finally lost in the quarter finals.

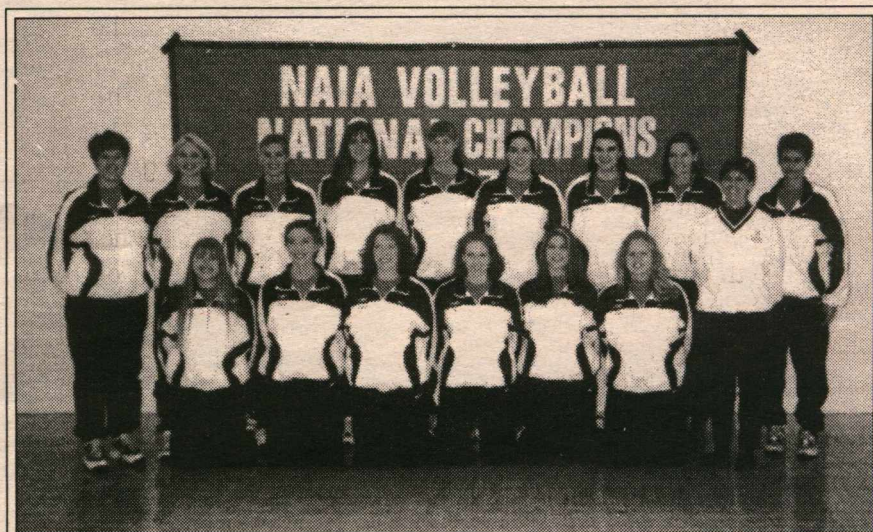
NNC's first match at Nationals was against Georgetown, which was an easy 3-0 win. In fact, the first game was a shut-out 15-0 victory! Next, the girls played Fresno Pacific, which was seated first in the pool and third in the tournament. NNC beat them in four games. The third match was against Incarnate Word, a Catholic School from Texas. This team was seated sixth in the tournament, and second in the pool. NNC won in four games. In the final pool match, NNC took on Georgetown again, this time beating them in five games. NNC was one of only three teams that came out un-

defeated in pool play. They went on to play Taylor University, who was seated fifth in the tournament. The girls won in five games. In the first game of this match, the girls came from behind, 6-14, and won, 16-14. If it hadn't been for this incredible win, the team wouldn't have gone on. NNC's last game was played against Biola in the final four. Biola was seated eighth in the tournament. The girls lost in five games for third place overall.

Several individual NNC players really did well at Nationals. Senior Patty Grim received All-Tournament team, and 2nd team All-American. Junior Liz Benear received Honorable Mention All-American. Senior Jessica Menard received the All-American Scholar Athlete award. Grim was rated the sixth overall top player and Benear was rated the thirteenth. Sophomore Lisa Erickson was rated number one setter. Grim was rated fourth best hitter and Benear was rated fifth. Menard was rated seventh backrow player and Grim was rated tenth. For front row playing,

Benear was rated fourth, Grim was rated seventeenth and sophomore Tabitha Shipman was rated eighteenth.

Coach Brasch felt that Olivet did an awesome job running the tournament, and their honorary coaches were excellent. NNC's honorary coaches (Schreffler's Funeral Home) took the team to the tournament banquet in limos as well as giving each player a sweatshirt. Coach Brasch commented about this trip to Nationals, "It was the most fun I've ever had coaching."



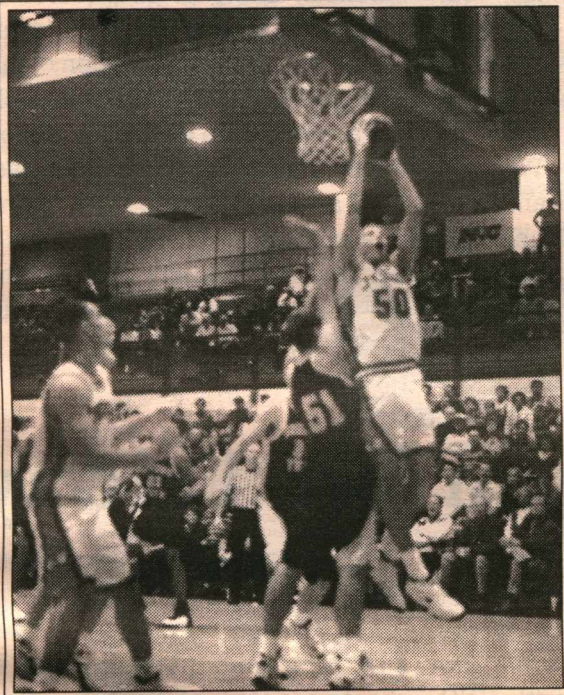
The 1997 Crusader Women's Volleyball Team at the National Championships.

Men win at home over OIT; 79-62

Saturday, the Workin' Crusaders roll over conference favorite; the OIT Owls

by **Hattie James**
Staff Writer

The Workin' Crusaders finished their first home series of the year with a win over Oregon Institute of Technology, the conference



Senior Jay Lassen powers up for the basket during Saturday's game against OIT.

champion favorites ranked 8th in the nation, with a score of 79-62. The 'Saders consensus was that returning to their own turf factored in their wins over the weekend. Said guard Jawanza Hadley, "We were glad to be home." Center Jay Lassen concurred.

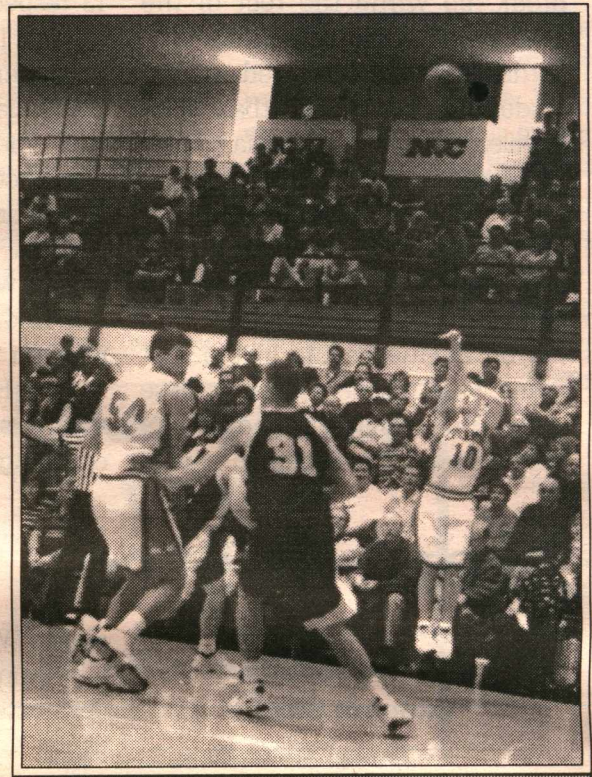
The game Saturday evening started out sluggish for the Crusaders. They had to find their groove in order to shut down the defenses of the OIT Owls. That meant stopping their three-point shooters from throwing up their average thirty a game. Hadley believed the defense was playing better that night than they had been in a long time and they were able to shut down the Owls' offense.

Sanders' expectations of the players were reached Saturday night by the formidable combination of starters and bench players. Kai Knell led the team with 18 points, followed by Jay Lassen with 15. Jawanza Hadley and Brent Darnell rounded out the top four with 10 and 14 respectively.

Hadley also contributed 6 of the teams 20 assists. Jon Bussel led the team's 12 steals with 3, followed by Darnell with 2. Michael Ratcliffe led blocks with 2 out of 5.

The team's free throw percentage also helped pull them away from the Owls. The team shot close to 70% Saturday night.

Overall, Sanders and the team were pleased with the effort they pulled out over the weekend and are looking forward to their next home game, Friday the 23rd.



Sophomore Todd Craven shoots from behind the arch, sinking his only three for the weekend.

Women go 1-1 for the weekend

Crusaders dominate over Mountaineers

by **Jennifer Holmquist**
Staff Writer

On Friday, January 9, the Lady Crusaders soundly defeated Eastern Oregon's Mountaineers. The Crusaders dominated the entire game, which ended in a 53 to 44 win.

The win was no surprise to head Coach Schmidt, who stated, "We knew Eastern Oregon didn't shoot very well, so our goal was to get everyone in the game and keep them from scoring."

He also commented that "Friday was a good team effort." Freshman RaChelle Lundy also remarked on their team work, stating, "We played good as a team and everyone worked real hard."

All of the players who were interviewed agreed that the win on Friday before Saturday's harder game was a definite positive. Lundy stated, "We needed the win so we'd be above 500 again - we were 5 to 5 [wins to losses] but now we're 6 to 5." Another high point was their success in rebounding and making a high percentage of free throws.

The Crusaders clearly over-

powered the Mountaineers in the first half of the game and held their own well in the second half as Sophomore Jessica Knowlton observed. "We played a good first half, but when we were up by sixteen at half time we came out without much enthusiasm. The win was good though."

Coach Schmidt also remarked, "Everyone played at least five minutes against Eastern. That's one of the best rewards I can give the girls; playing time."

Attendance at both the women's and men's game was lower than in previous seasons. Coach Schmidt remarked on two possible causes of this. One reason is the increasing number of professional games held in the Nampa area on weekends. Also, "You [speaking of the Crusaders] get a tradition of being successful and you kind of lose a little of the support you had getting there." In this way, the Crusaders' success in recent years has worked against them. Players remarked that attendance and overall team morale would be improved if the pep band and cheerleaders came to all of the games (the cheerleaders did come to Saturday's game).

NNC loses a close one in last few seconds

by **Dave Stillman**
Editor-in-Chief

The top ranked Raiders of Southern Oregon were clinging to a one point lead when the Crusaders got the ball with 28 seconds left. But the Southern Oregon defense held fast until a controversial traveling call on sophomore Jessica Knowlton dashed hopes for an upset.

The loss was especially heartbreaking as the Crusaders led the top ranked Raiders for most of the second half, leading by as much as ten.

The Raiders led by three at the half, but the 'Saders quickly overcame a 32-37 deficit with a 17-4 run to start out the half.

Sophomore Staci Kirk, who was five for six from behind the arc, nailed three pointers on consecutive possessions to put the 'Saders up 51-41 midway through the second half. But the Raiders came

right back with a 11-2 run to pull within one with ten minutes left in the game.

The 'Sader lead bounced between one and five for the next several minutes behind strong play by junior Staci Wilson, who scored 11 consecutive Crusader points at one point in the second half.

The Crusaders had a 68-63 lead with five minutes to go when their offense went cold, scoring only two points in the final five minutes.

The Raiders capitalized to take a 70-71 lead with two minutes to go, a lead they maintained until the final four seconds, when a free throw increased the Southern Oregon lead to 70-72.

Wilson came down with a game-high 11 rebounds, but Southern Oregon dominated the boards, pulling in 34 rebounds, to NNC's 24.

Wilson also led all scorers with 25 points, followed by Kirk, who scored 23.

The women's next home game will be on Friday, January 30, against Concordia University at 7:00 pm. The men's next home game will be on Friday, January 23, against Western Oregon University at 7:30 pm. Come support both teams.

IM starts this week

First games played; \$ and Cool People winners

by Robin Day
Sports Editor

Intramural basketball games started yesterday for NNC students who love the game, but are not tall enough to play for the school. With only six games played so far, it's hard to tell who will come out on top, but here is a quick introduction to the teams.

In the men's A league, there are only four teams: Seven Sisters, the Alumni team, A2 and A3. Team A3 should be interesting to watch, as they have only four players signed up.

The men's B league consists of seven teams: Hoosier Daddy, B League Champions, B3, Team Downie, Vatos Locos, B6 and B7. B7 also has only four players signed up, but will do their personal best to make the "B League Champions" eat their words.

Nine teams will be competing for the men's C league championships, including the ever-coolly named team, Kickers of Fish. They will be going up against the Cool People; Redneck Stomp; \$; Hungry, Hungry Hippos; Slick; Mangum; Poundcake and the slightly anonymous, C4.

The Blue Flamers are back to defend their women's league title. They will be facing the team-naming champions, Carly's Angels, Team Matthews, Team Volleyball, who happen to be accustomed to winning and the imaginative teams, W3, W4 and W7.

Intramural games started on January 19, with the long awaited match between the defending champs, Blue Flamers, and freshmen challengers, Carly's Angels. No one except the players know who won the game, so be sure to ask. The same applies to the matches between Hoosier Daddy and the B League Champions; the Seven Sisters and Team A2; and the Hungry, Hungry Hippos and Slick. Go ask your favorite player for the score.

Results are available for two games entirely by accident. The Cool People beat Redneck Stomp, (sorry, no score available) and Team \$ defeated C4 with a score of 57-27. Said junior Dave Stillman, "They squeaked by us with a long three-pointer at the buzzer. I'm bitter." An unknown subscriber to *The Crusader* suggested that Team C4 be known as the Tall and Skinny Guys, so until an official name is submitted, so shall they be known.

Games continue tonight.

"They squeaked by . . . at the buzzer. I'm bitter"
~Dave Stillman

Intramural Team List

- A1 Seven Sisters
- A2 Team Goehner
- A3 Team Mettler
- A4 Alumni
- B1 Hoosier Daddy
- B2 B League Champions
- B3 Team Robinson
- B4 Team Downie
- B5 Vatos Locos
- B6 Team Crowfoot
- B7 Jackson
- C1 Cool People
- C2 Redneck Stomp
- C3 \$
- C4 Tall and Skinny Guys
- C5 Hungry, Hungry Hippos
- C6 Slick
- C7 Mangum
- C8 Kickers of Fish
- C9 Poundcake
- W1 Blue Flamers
- W2 Carly's Angels
- W3 Team Zee
- W4 Team Heitschmidt
- W5 Matthews
- W6 Volleyball
- W7 Team Hoffman

Intramural Basketball Schedule

	1/20	North	South
	7:00	W3-W4	W5-W6
	8:00	B1-B3	B2-B4
	9:00	B5-B7	C7-C8
	10:00	C9-C2	C1-C4
	1/22	North	South
	7:00	W5-W7	W2-W4
	8:00	B3-B6	B4-B5
	9:00	C5-C8	C3-C6
	10:00	A1-A3	A2-A4
	1/26	North	South
	8:00	W1-W3	B3-B4
	9:00	B2-B7	C9-C4
	10:00	C7-C2	A3-A4

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Crusaders holding first place

'Saders men's basketball team wins big at home over Eastern Oregon University

by Hattie James
Staff Writer

Saturday, January 17, the Workin' Crusaders were back home hosting the Eastern Oregon University Mountaineers. It took the 'Saders until the second half to sweep away the opposition. Starting senior forward Kai Knell conceded, "We didn't see anything we didn't expect." However, he did say that Eastern Oregon's posts and forwards matched up to the 'Saders better than many of the previous opponents. Said Coach Rich Sanders of the 100-79 win, "We did a great job."

The team effort of late has been added to by strong bench play. "The bench gets bet-

ter each outing," Sanders said. Guards Todd Craven, junior, and sophomore Jon Bussell have seen more playing time in the last month than before Christmas break. Junior guard Chad Mitchell has had to step up from second team due to the injury to senior guard Jon DeRoos.

Saturday night, Mitchell scored 10 points. Mitchell has scored double figures in all the games following DeRoos' injury. "He's a great defender," said Sanders. "We give him the toughest guy to defend every night." Sanders also said that the injury to DeRoos "has sped up [Mitchell's] development."

Knell led scoring Saturday night with

24 points. The biggest disappointment for him Saturday night was the technical called on his alley-oop. "I didn't deserve it," he said, laughing.

Senior forward Jawanza Hadley added

18 points and three rebounds to the effort, while senior center Jay Lassen led rebounds with 6, converting those into 12 points. Senior guard Brent

Darnell contributed 10 assists and 14 points.

For now, the Crusaders are looking forward to their meeting with Albertson this weekend. "We're tied for first [in Cascade Conference]," said Sanders. And they want to at least keep it that way.

"We did a great job"
~Coach Rich Sanders

Crusaders "go home" and humiliate Northwest College; 'Saders lead conference

by Jon DeRoos
Staff Writer

The Northwest Nazarene men's basketball team took a one-game road trip this past Thursday to take on Northwest College in Kirkland, WA. The short excursion to the state of Washington proved to be a welcoming one for some of the team's players due to the fact that many are from the Seattle area. Said Kai Knell about the home away from home: "Its nice to play in my hometown area, I know that it meant a lot for some of the guys to go and get that win in front of their families. We all felt that we had to play good in front of them. I also noticed that there was local support from the Nazarene Churches in the Northwest. With all that support, it just didn't feel like an away game."

**"It's hard to lose
when you . . . shoot
the lights out."**

~Jon Bussell

The Crusaders took advantage of the divided crowd and got out to a very quick start. By the time the first half was over, NNC had a 21 point lead. Brent Darnell said of the quick start: "Yeah, we got out really fast and put a little scare into them, but we still need to work on our second half effort."

Coach Sanders agreed, "That's been our problem all year, they pressed in the beginning of the second half and instead of attacking it, we got a little conservative."

Northwest, through their full court pressure, was able to get the NNC lead down to nine points in the second half, but eventually the Crusaders would edge the margin back up to 18 and maintain this type of comfortable lead for the rest of the game.

"Once we attacked their pressure, we really put it to them so that the full court press

was no longer effective," said first year coach Rich Sanders. "Give them [Northwest] credit, we took their guards out of the game, but they had a good big man. They're a good team that went out to beat Albertson the next night. We turn around and play them again next week."

The key to the men's 90-72 win was the defense. "I thought we had a good defensive outing," said Senior Brent Darnell.

The defense, combined with the Crusader's phenomenal shooting night (60% from the field), made for an overall great game. "It's hard to lose when you play good "D" and shoot the lights out," said swingman Jon Bussell.

Leading scorers on the night were Kai Knell (25 points), Jawanza Hadley (21 points), Brent Darnell (20 points) and Chad Mitchell (16 points).

Next, NNC played at Albertson College of Idaho last night and will host Western Baptist and Western Oregon in two weekend games.

Women 'Saders win two straight

by Melissa Tennyson
Staff Writer

This past week, the women's basketball team played two away games, winning both. On Friday, January 16, they played Northwest College in Kirkland, Washington. Saturday's game was against Concordia in Portland, Oregon. NNC won the game against Northwest, 70-66.

Coach Schmidt commented that the girls were a little road-weary on Friday when they

arrived to play after a long van ride. Schmidt felt the girls didn't handle pressure as well as he'd like, but they did play very well in their free-throw game.

Christy Farrar shot an excellent 8 for 10 from the free-throw line. Farrar commented, "We are having a tough time playing to our level of competition. We struggled in the first game this weekend, but we came back stronger in the second."

In the second game, NNC beat Concordia, 76-49. The girls pressed Concordia right off the

bat, leading in the first half, 41-17. Coach Schmidt commented, "Everyone got a chance to play in the Concordia game. Game time is different than practice, and it was good to give everyone opportunity to get on the floor that night."

Schmidt also commented that it was an excellent shooting game and "we really executed well in the first half." Stacey Kirk sank

five 3-pointers in a row, and Staci Wilson shot 9 for 11 from the floor.

**". . . we came back
stronger in the
second."**

~Christy Farrar

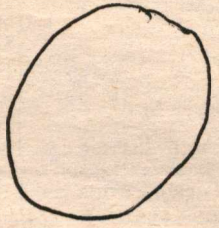
These two victories for NNC bring their record to 3-2 in conference, and 8-7 overall.

Their next game will be an away game at Western Oregon State University this Friday.

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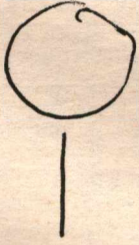
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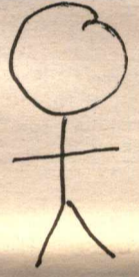
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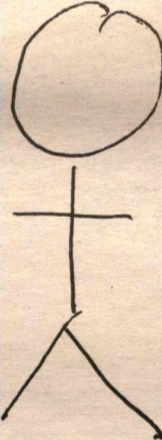


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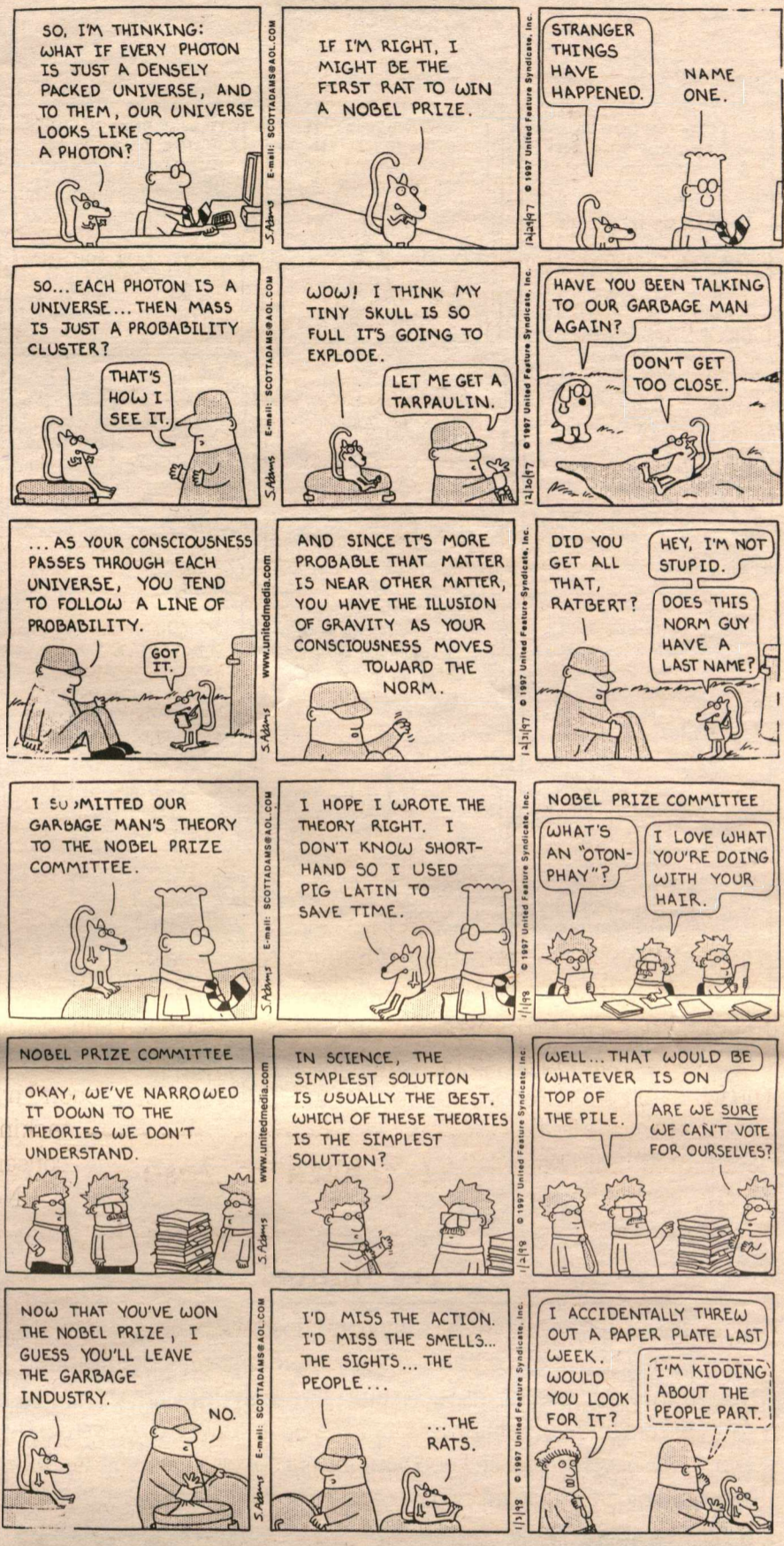
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You should now have a very unprofessional looking Poorly Drawn Man. If it looks professional, you're probably an art major, and will never master poorly drawn art. Go draw some art major stuff.



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IF I'M RIGHT, I MIGHT BE THE FIRST RAT TO WIN A NOBEL PRIZE.

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SO... EACH PHOTON IS A UNIVERSE... THEN MASS IS JUST A PROBABILITY CLUSTER?

THAT'S HOW I SEE IT.

WOW! I THINK MY TINY SKULL IS SO FULL IT'S GOING TO EXPLODE.

LET ME GET A TARPAULIN.

HAVE YOU BEEN TALKING TO OUR GARBAGE MAN AGAIN?

DON'T GET TOO CLOSE.

... AS YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS PASSES THROUGH EACH UNIVERSE, YOU TEND TO FOLLOW A LINE OF PROBABILITY.

GOT IT.

AND SINCE IT'S MORE PROBABLE THAT MATTER IS NEAR OTHER MATTER, YOU HAVE THE ILLUSION OF GRAVITY AS YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS MOVES TOWARD THE NORM.

DID YOU GET ALL THAT, RATBERT?

HEY, I'M NOT STUPID.

DOES THIS NORM GUY HAVE A LAST NAME?

I SUBMITTED OUR GARBAGE MAN'S THEORY TO THE NOBEL PRIZE COMMITTEE.

I HOPE I WROTE THE THEORY RIGHT. I DON'T KNOW SHORT-HAND SO I USED PIG LATIN TO SAVE TIME.

NOBEL PRIZE COMMITTEE

WHAT'S AN 'OTON-PHAY'?

I LOVE WHAT YOU'RE DOING WITH YOUR HAIR.

NOBEL PRIZE COMMITTEE

OKAY, WE'VE NARROWED IT DOWN TO THE THEORIES WE DON'T UNDERSTAND.

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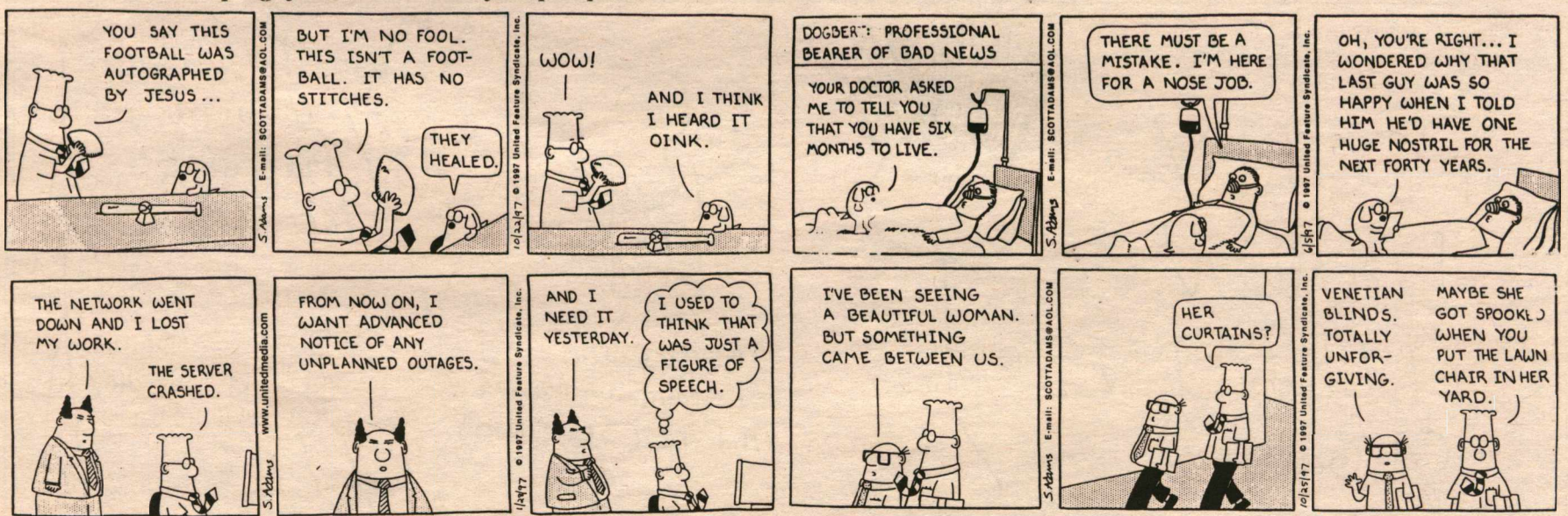
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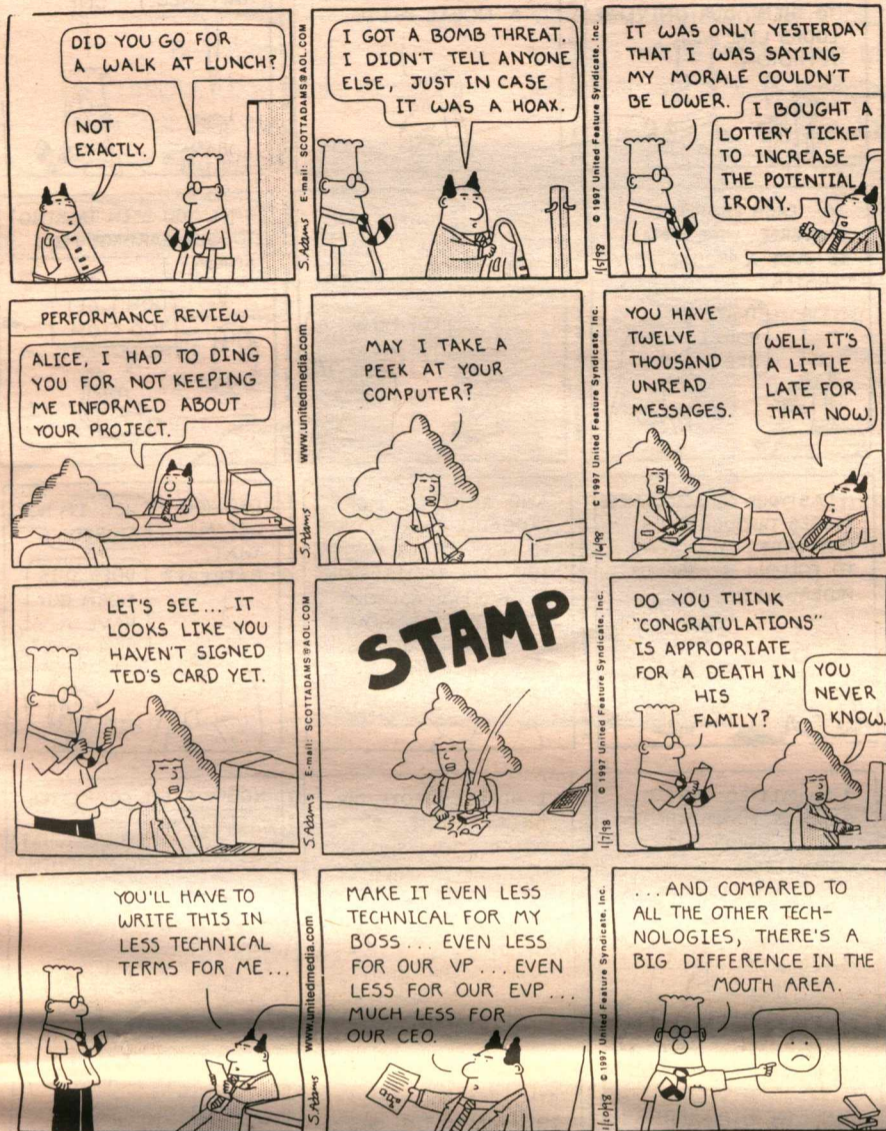
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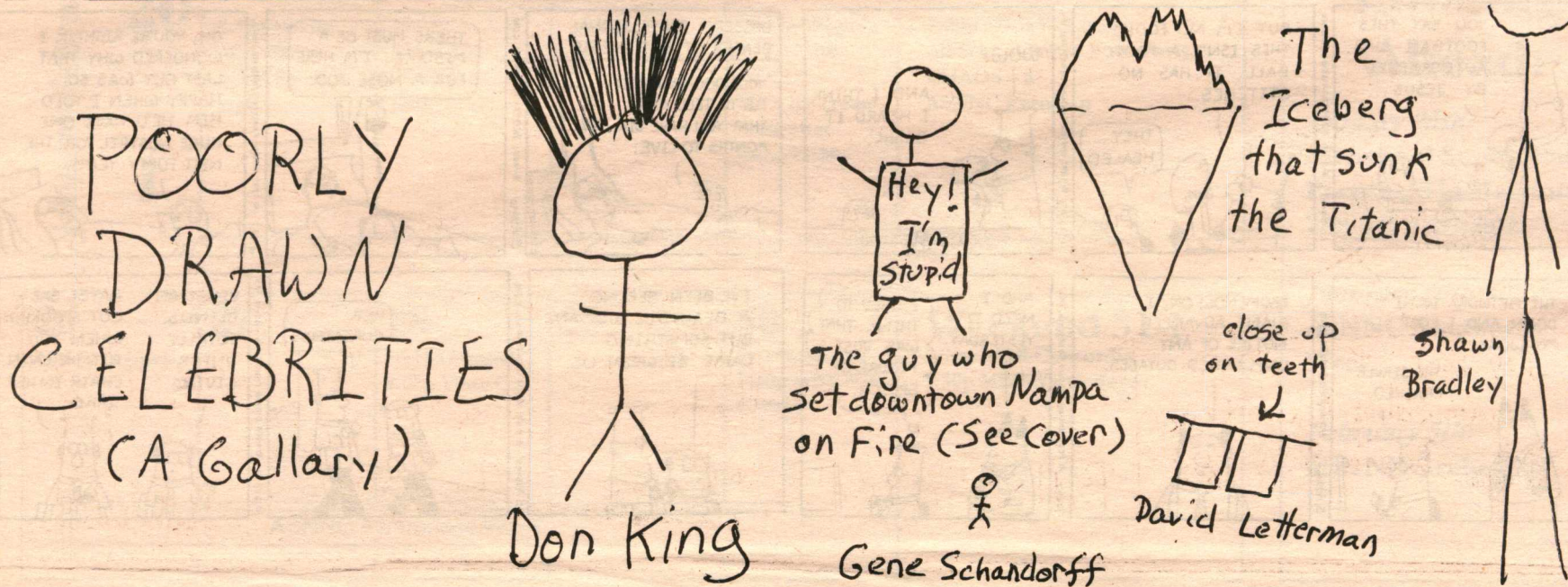
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Poorly Drawn Man

By David Stillman



Dave Berry

Americans owe a lot to lawyers

I am sick and tired of all this lawyer-bashing. When I hear somebody say something bad about lawyers, it makes me want to walk up and spit in his face, thereby causing him to shove me, so I can fall down and file a \$17 million personal-injury lawsuit against him.

I happen to think lawyers are great. I am darned grateful that I live in a country that has, pound for pound, more lawyers than any other country in the entire world. We NEED a lot of lawyers, to protect all these rights we have as Americans, including -- but not limited to -- the rights to live, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, job security, decent housing, affordable health care, the capture of happiness, a non-smoking section, a joke-free work environment, a smoking section, cable TV, a team that makes the playoffs, rain-free outdoor weddings, risk-free bungee-jumping, warning labels on everything including spiders, self-esteem and a choice of low-fat desserts.

We have so many rights that we cannot possibly keep track of them all with our primitive legal minds. This is why we need all these lawyers out there fighting for us, even when we are not aware of it. A fine example of this, brought to my attention by alert reader Leon Rothman, is the Case of the Denture Adhesive Menace, as reported in a Miami Herald story by Bruce Taylor Seeman. In case you missed this story, let me review the facts of the case:

From 1985 to 1998, a company named SmithKline Beecham manufactured denture adhesives sold under the names "Orafix Special" and "Brace." SmithKline recalled these products in 1990 after they were found to contain benzene, a carcinogen. SmithKline contends that the products were not harmful. There is no evidence that anybody got cancer from using them.

Then a retired Philadelphia auto-supplies dealer named Meyer E. Duboff, who used SmithKline denture products, contacted his lawyer, Jay S. Cohen.

"He called me and said, 'I've been using this stuff for years. Can you check it out?'"

OK, is everybody following this so far? ONE GUY has called his lawyer. This guy does NOT have cancer. NOBODY has cancer. No-

body is claiming that ANYBODY actually got hurt.

So the lawyer told the guy: "Gosh, Meyer, nothing really happened. Why don't you just forget about it?" NO! Just kidding! That might happen in some backward, under lawyered nation like Japan, but not here in the U.S.A.! What happened here, of course was that Cohen and some other lawyers filed a class-action lawsuit against SmithKline on behalf of Duboff and all the other denture-adhesive users out there who, because of a tragic

received \$7. Another 2,800 people -- who did not have proof of purchase -- filled out forms certifying that they had purchased at least one tube of either product; each of these people received a package of discount coupons for SmithKline products.

3. THE LAWYERS FOR THE PLAINTIFF. If you are a fan of Justice, American Style, you will be very excited when I tell you what the lawyers got, in expenses and legal fees.

They got \$954,934.57.

"It's a lot of money," said Cohen. "But there's also a lot of money that goes into these cases."

I am sure there is! A lot of money! Also a lot of work! It cannot be easy, taking a case wherein it appears, to the naked untrained layperson eye, that nobody has suffered any observable harm, and, using legal skills, turning it into a financial transaction that involves thousands of people and a million dollars! Plus coupons!

So the lawyers certainly deserved this money, although I'm certain that, for them, the really important thing was simply the satisfaction of knowing that all those victims are now finally able, at long last, to put this horrible denture adhesive nightmare behind them and begin leading happier lives, possibly by applying their \$7 settlements toward world cruises, vacation homes, etc.

Yes, we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to those lawyers and the estimated 14.2 billion other members of the American legal community, many of whom, I am sure, will write to me on their official letterhead stationery to respond to this column. I look forward to reading these letters; I just hope that, in handling them, I do not suffer paper cuts, which could cause me, as a writer, to become incapacitated, not to mention pain and suffering.

And I'm not settling for any stinking coupons.

Dave Berry is a syndicated columnist for the Miami Herald



lack of legal representation, had not yet noticed that they were victims.

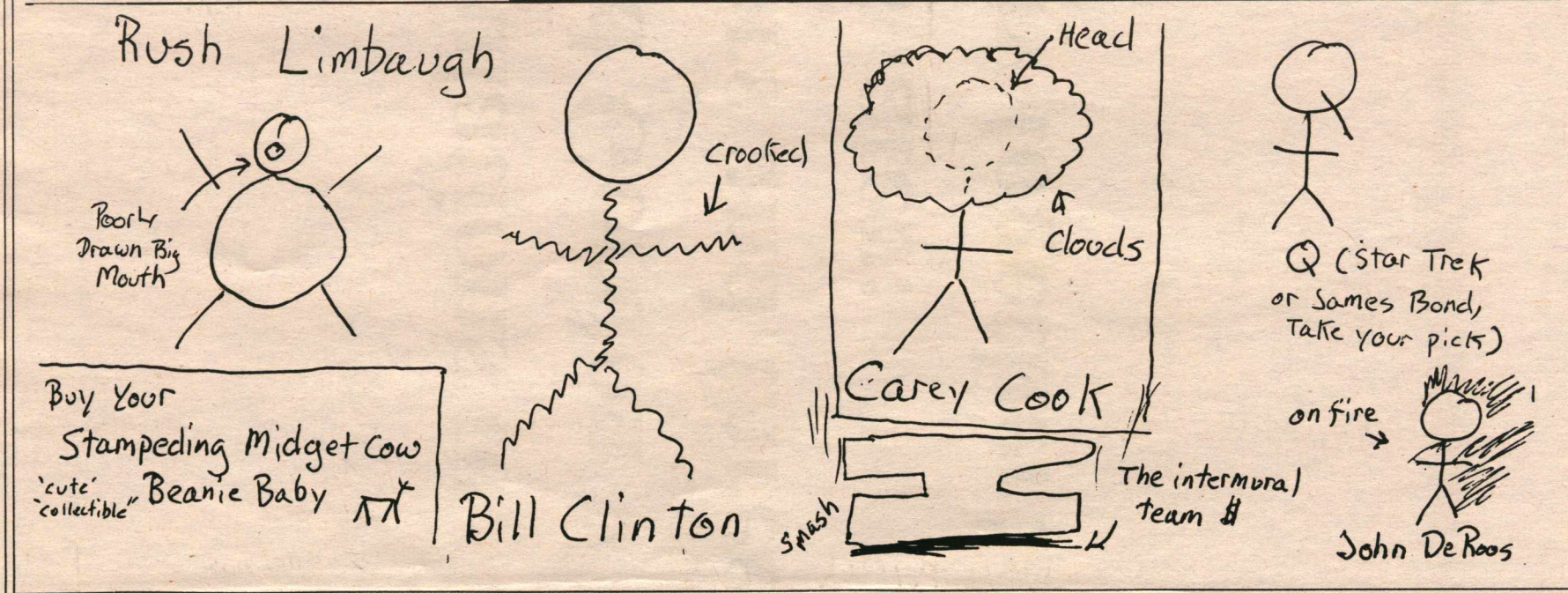
And of course SmithKline, to avoid the hassle and publicity and legal expense of a trial, settled out of court. Three groups got money in the settlement:

1. MR. DUBOFF. He got \$25,000. Fair enough. It was his idea in the first place.

2. THE OTHER DENTURE-ADHESIVE VICTIMS. They were notified of their victimhood via newspaper advertisements and direct mailings, paid for by SmithKline. About 650 people sent in proof that they had purchased Orafix Special or Brace; each of these people

Poorly Drawn Man

by David Stillman



**Congratulations to
Judi and Gordon
Thirty Years and three
boys later:
Still happy together!**