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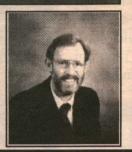
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Column One

How do I start out this column? I have no idea...but maybe if I pass it off to Shannon, something meaningful will be written.

I've always wanted to write in this "sacred" column. Something that has come to my attention recently (off on a totally new tangent) is the sense of spiritual community that has developed during chapel in our new fine arts building. I realize that

quite a bit of trepidation existed at first because of the building's size, decor, etc, but wherever two or three are gathered, He IS there. I should probably give this back to Dave now.

This isn't Dave. This is actually Nathan. This is my first time writing in this special gray box. Gee, this feels good. Back to Dave (for real).

Howdy again. Back to boring ol' me (Sorry folks, no pop this week. I'm broke) Hope you enjoy flipping through this paper and reading stuff. We've got death penalty in cover, Chad Cray in opinions and coverage of (get ready) our tennis team. If you skip everything else, at least read the article about NNC's annihilation of Albertson last Tuesday. Crusaders kick fish.

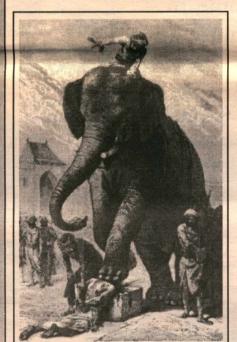
Jus Januar **David Stillman Editor-in-Chief**

Brought to you by ASNNC because Shannon's birthday is Thursday.

The Death Penalty

The death penalty has been controversial for years. Many question whether it is a humane and just way of dealing with criminals.

Our cover story this week is on the death penalty,



and how America has dealt with it through the years.

For instance, did you know that in the mid 1600's, a person over the age of sixteen who struck his parents could be put to death?

The use of the death penalty had moved full circle by 1967, when the death penalty was declared cruel and unusual punishment and thus unconstitutional.

The penalty was reinstated several years later, but society is still grappling with the issue. Find out how in our cover story.

> Find out about the death penalty. See pg. 6-7

Luv auction is this Thursday

David Stillman **Editor-in-Chief**

Can't buy yourself a date? Don't count on it. The LUV auction is this Thursday, and you can get the date of your dreams in exchange for cold hard cash. Remember, at this event it's not how smart you are, or how good looking you are. It's how much money you have.

All proceeds from the LUV Auction, which takes place in Mariott at 6:00, go to charity. Spend lots.

In other news, signups for ASNNC positions are up this week upstairs in the Student Center. Come up and check out the info on Linc's office window to find out more about this opportunity.

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"No man lives unscathed by chance; nor, if we may believe the poets, does any god." ~Theseus, King of Athens, "Heracles" by Euripides

Correction Notice

In our previous issue, several facts were incorrect as reported in the feature on Dr. Smucker. The following corrections should be made: the reference to Dr. Smucker's step-sons should refer to her step-daughters; she has only one nephew; the last name of her husband, Jim, is Shelly not Shelley. We, the staff of The Crusader, regret any embarrassment our errors may have caused Dr. Smucker and/or her family. Our intent is to inform; any frustration felt by those who are misrepresented is understandable.

Play a flaming success

This past Sunday marked the closing performance of the Jr. Class play "Arsenic and Old Lace." Well received and heartily enjoyed, the play was exceptionally well done

The directors of the play were Cori Severson and Holly Quick, the support crew included Robin Day, Sara Cobb and Ruth Gleason. The cast was headed up by Deniece Miller and Keri Ingle, but also including Joey Boerner, Jose Melendez, Steve Carlson, Norma Thompson, Opey Freedle, Lewis, Schmelzenbach, Joshua Dooley Erin Harri, Jeanine Riggs and

The most unexpectly dramatic moment of the play came, on Sunday afternoon only, when one of the candles lit to be part of the setting, burned down to the bottom and caught the candle holder on fire. Jose Melendez made a quick save, in character, and the play went on.

As the cast re-emerged for the curtain call, all were applauded, and gifts were given to the two women who had so resolutley directed this wonderful play.

Dr. Stellway, thirld world journeys

How he has come to identify with thirld world nations

by J. Vito Monteblanco **Staff Writer**

A woman recalled how her grandma would buy tea, how she and her sister would work all day on an empty stomach to purchase

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a package of tea, and when they ran out of food, even eat termites. Also they would sell their clothes to buy whatever food they could. A woman's husband disappeared on his way to the police station to report an accident, never to be seen since. "This kind of captures the things that have impacted me, even to the point where it made returning to the states really difficult," Dr. Stellway said concerning

his experience with Kenya. "There is a richness that comes from identifying with these people."

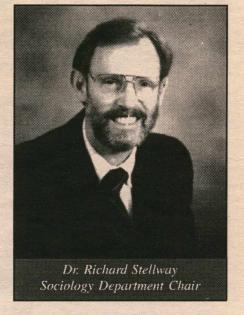
In 1988, Stellway went to Kenya for the first time for any great length and he has gone about ev-

ery year since. In Kenya, Stellway has had the opportunity to work in many different fields and jobs. He has taught in many schools there, helped in research projects and even was a student for a while. "One reason I went was because I have been interested in the third world, in the early eighties I went

> to India on a study program and have been Latin America, and to the Middle East another study program. I guess I have come to identify more and more with the third world," Stellway commented.

According Stellway, to Kenya is a land of great impoverishment and it has taught him a lot. Stellway recalls a time while in Kenya where the Lord helped him, his family and some friends in a situation that could

have been deadly. His wife had received word that her grandfather, who raised her, was very sick and so they needed to go and see him. Unfortunately, it was a day of many anti-government demonstrations,



to the point that the government suggested everybody not travel at all that day.

They went anyway. After going down one street and finding it blocked by demonstrations they tried another and found it the same way. Finally, it was realized that they were blocked in. God helped, though. They noticed a church nearby and went to it to ask for shelter, even though the pastor would not let them in at first, they were able to convince him and he eventually let them in.

"He let us hide the car and take refuge at his house. Through this we were able to talk to many different people, a leader of a Christian group at a university in Kenya as well as a board member of a local Nazarene church," Stellway said. According to Stellway, it was a great time of fellowship a chance to see the Lord work through a bad situation.

NNCalendar

10:15a Chapel 9:00p Tim Out 1st Round of Men's Play-offs **Finkbeiner** Fast (lunch

26 6:00p LUV 8:-00p Student Recital-ABA Shannon Adams' 21st & Lonna Elliott's 22nd b-days

10:15a Chapel 1st Round of Women's Play-

Weekend 28-1 **LUV Auction Date Nite** Kids' Activity Day **MBB-Semi-finals**

10:15a Chapel RA/PA Applications available WBB-Championships finals **Exec Council** campaigning begins

MBB-Finals

10:15a Chapel 9:00p Time Out

and dinner)

7:30p Reader's Theatre MP Applications Available 6 10:15a Chapel 7:30p Reader's Theatre 8:00p Jazz **Band-SLH** PC applications available Last Day to **Drop Classes**

Weekend 7-8

8:00p Jazz Band-SLH

Sunday-3:00p Rutter Requiem **Combined Choral Concert-**Swayne Auditorium

Looking Ahead in March:

March 2: **Exec Coucnil cam**paigning begins

March 9: **ASNNC Exec Coucnil** speeches & elections

March 10-14: **NAIA** tournament "As a band,

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Shawn Shafer

Band members return from Washington tour

by Shannon Adams **Campus Editor**

February 25, 1998

Monday morning, after 3:00 a.m., the NNC bus pulled into the parking lot in front of the fine arts building to let off 62 very tired students.

After four days and seven concerts, the band members were ready to be back home.

The band left Nampa Thursday morning and drove straight to Walla Walla. They performed there, at the Walla Walla Church of the Nazarene, Thursday evening. The band members then spent the day walking around, getting a chance to see the beautiful Whitman College campus. They spent the night there in Walla Walla, in different host homes.

In the morning, they drove to the Sunnyside School Christian Grandview, Washington. The band played for the school after having had a pizza lunch that the school had brought in for them.

The NNC band then drove to the Nazarene Church in Grandview,

and set up for their evening concert. The congregation consists of 700 people holds and three services every Sunday Though all 700 attendees were not at the concert, the sanctuary was still fairly full The Grandview church members housed

Washington

the band students for the evening. A wind storm came up and tormented the area that evening, cutting sleep short for some, but hurting no one.

The next morning, they packed the bus back up and headed off for Spokane. There the students had a couple of hours for free time when they reached downtown Spokane. After that, they proceeded to Deer Park Junior

> High, home of the Spikes. The band then went to the Open Door Church of Deer Park, the oldest church in the area Church had lasagna for them which was served by the The youth. band then went back to the junior high for a concert.

After tearing down from their concert at

the junior high, the band proceeded to the Spokane Valley Church where Pastor Denny, and his congregation, warmly welcomed the students for the evening in their homes.

Sunday morning the band played at Spokane Valley for two services and then headed to their last concert in Kennewick,

Washington

The trip was rewarding for the band members both to be able to minister with their music and to share with one another.

"As a band, we really grew," said Shawn Shafer, who plays French horn. "Professor Bankston led us toward a Spirit-filled time of worship and praise."

President Hagood is talking with the Alumni Council about subsidizing the cost of NAIA games for NNC students. Business manager Heath will be checking with Dr. Sharpton for possible use of the buses to transport games.

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Day will be this Saturday, final decision was not February 28th from 9-

President Field Those interested in volinformed the Senate that unteering are asked to sign-up on the poster situated next to the intramural board or call 8778.

> Time Out this week will be back in the Science Lecture Hall and Olivia Craker will be the speaker.

The ASNNC students to and from the coffeehouse will be next Tuesday March 3rd. The ASNNC sign- LUV Auction will this ups went up Tuesday the Thursday night at 6:30pm

Still under disdow. They will remain up cussion is the money to be allotted to the Jr. class Kids Activity for the Jr./Sr. retreat. A

Dean Dunn discusses new program and new class

by Shannon Adams **Campus Editor**

Dean Sam Dunn talked with editor-in-chief Andrew Diehl this past week. Dunn shared about a new inter-Nazarene college program.

NNC students, after paying NNC tuition, through NNC, can attend any Nazarene college. This program actually became available last fall, though students can only attend for one quarter or semester. Dunn mentioned that it is preferred that the students be of junior or senior standing

Dean Dunn is overseeing the application process for the program. There is room available presently, but students must keep in mind the different time schedule between the eight Nazarene colleges. Most, if not all of the other Nazarene colleges, are on semester schedules.

Overseeing the application process is Dean Dunn, so that the classes the student choose can be preapproved both by NNC and the Nazarene school the student will attend for a term. The credits for the

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Participating

Nazarene Schools

courses taken can then be guaran-

University (KS)

Dean Dunn also shared with Diehl about the quality of the freshman class. The survey, carried out by The Princeton Review and Time. looked at factors such as ACT scores, extra-curricular activities coming into college and GPAs. The survey then categorized the admissions selectivity of this freshman class

The survey will be in Time and The Princton Review, Spring 1998 Edition. The ratings were on a 100 point scale, classify numbers closer to 100 as more desirable.

Amongst Nazarene Colleges and Universities, NNC had a score of 82. With Idaho Colleges, NNC had a score of 82 again, but with Peer Colleges, NNC had a score of 83.

These ratings bode well for the freshman class. The Mutual Life survey featured in last week's issue discussed some of the priorities the class of 2001 has, while Time and The Princeton Review seem to be interested in where the freshman class is now, as opposed to where the class sees themselves heading in the future. Either way, the class of 2001 is looked upon as a class with great potential.

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Linfield College	75
Westmont College	75
Pacific Lutheran University	73
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rating on a 100 point scale. Higher numbers are better.

The questionable existance of Satan, part two

by Chad Cray **Staff Writer**

Yet another problem I have with the idea of Satan is that nobody could turn away from the full glory of God. For just a minute let us suppose that Satan was an angel that rebelled. If this is true, Satan/Lucifer would have had to have been in the presence of God in all of His glory. After seeing God revealed, how could Lucifer (or anyone, for that matter) walk away from God?! If Lucifer was able to rebel, God must not be that great

The idea that Satan does not exist is problematic, too, because he is mentioned in several passages of the Bible. Even the mention of Satan, however, can be explained as a misinterpretation.

dish and then The name "Satan" can be found in the Old Testament seventeen telling your little times, fourteen of which are found in the book of Job. However, when the kid not to eat it. word Satan is used in the Old Testament it is used as a vocabulary word meaning "to lie in wait," "to oppose" or "to be an adversary." The term "satan" as used in all the Old Testament passages refers merely to an accuser, not a single entity that traveled from place to place accusing people. Furthermore, as often as not, the "Satan" of the Old Testament is doing God's work

A great example of the use (or misuse) of this word can be found in Psalms 109:6 by comparing two translations of the Bible, the KJV and the RSV. The KJV says, "Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand." The RSV, on the other hand, says, "Appoint a wicked man against him; let an accuser bring him to trial." The KJV interpretation of this verse implies that there is a Satan while the RSV speaks only of a judiciary prosecutor.

It is often assumed that the serpent. mentioned in Genesis is Satan. There is one major problem with this account of the serpent. tempting Adam and Eve. Mainly, it never happened. Our account of the fall of mankind is based on ancient Assyrian myth. If we say that this story

Staff Infection Double standards are only good half of the time . This is stupid, I'm not going to discuss this ... [Insert laughter here] ... capital punishment? ... No, CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ... You're not allowed to do that here ... Can too! This is my section ... NOT ANYMORE!! ... Let's talk about guppies and horses, what would their children look like? ... And now I shall thrash you with this ruler I hold in my hand before you ... remember the rule of thumb, and I have a HUGE thumb ... those who are no longer here (physically or mentally) are no longer allowed to share my oxygen--wait, that means me too, stink ... It's sticking, I don't want it to stick ... Shoot, where's the accent key? ... Well, that's 217 less mouths to feed around here ... Too bad we can't let him loose, he looked so cute with that swastika on his forehead and all ... let's ban censorship ... and all the people rejoiced ... yeah ... dicotyledons are good friends ... it's like two personalities in one little seed ... Well, it's not original, but, hey, it's never been published before ..

of Adam and Eve is historical truth, then we must give more credit to the Assyrian myths behind it. If they are right in one account, who's to say they aren't right in more?

My answer to this question is that neither the Bible, nor the Assyrian myth, tells us of an actual historical account. It is my belief that this account is not to be read literally, but allegorically. It is an almost ridiculous idea to believe that God made a special tree that produced a wisdom imparting fruit. It also seems to be a ludicrous idea that God put this tree in the garden of Eden and told Adam to stay away from it. This would be like placing rat poison in a candy dish and then telling your little kid not to eat it.

> If we look at this account from an allegorical approach it seems to make more sense. From this point of view the fruit of the tree of life becomes free will, and the serpent becomes the selfish desires of humans. Adam and Eve had the choice to follow God or go their separate way, the same

choice we have today.

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What about Satan in the New Testament? Much of New Testament doctrine is derived from Old Testament doctrine. The New Testament concept of Satan is based primarily on the misinterpretation of the Old Testament satan. If the idea of Satan in the New Testament is based on the erroneous interpretation of satan in the Old Testament, all we have left is ignorance built upon ignorance. I would rather not build my beliefs on such an unstable foundation.

What is my point in saying this? My point is that Satan does not exist, and, even if he did, he should not be acknowledged. Everyday I hear people complain that Satan is making life difficult. Or even worse, I hear his name in praise songs we sing. Personally, I am sick and tired of giving credit to a demi-god I do not believe in. It's time for people to stand up and take responsibility for what they say, do and think.

Finally, it is time for people to stop using Satan to get what they want. People use the fear of Satan to influence what others do. Start a rumor that a certain company is run by a Satanist or that a certain song has satanic messages and you can stop people from buying almost anything. This is not to say that everything is good for you. But Satan shouldn't be used to manipulate people.

Another important fact to keep in mind is the greatness of God's power. Lets suppose that I am wrong and there is a Satan. He could be sitting on my shoulder and I still wouldn't care. In fact, Satan can do whatever he wants to me, if he exists, and it still wouldn't matter one bit to me. I belong to God, and, therefore, Satan cannot do anything to me ... even if he were more than a fairy tale.

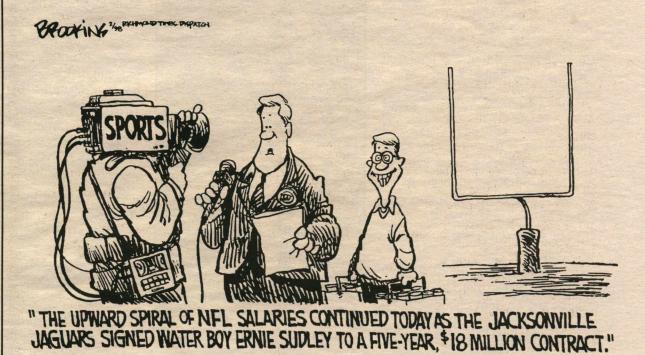
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Stepping out: a testimonial to the power of God

As I was singing praises to God during Time Out one cold night, I suddenly felt compelled to share something with my fellow NNC students. I think this may be the best way to do it because this isn't something I can say in a two minute testimony. There have been times in the past seven years that I have been unable to contain my joy, thinking of the mighty acts of God that have transpired in my life. This is one of those times. I feel like shouting it from roof tops - God has wrought miracles in my life!

When I was an infant, my mother could tell that there was something abnormal with my physical behavior, so, like any mother with her new child, she took me to a doctor. He briefly looked at me and simply labeled my mom as an overprotective, imaginative mother. She let it be for a while, since the doctor hadn't found anything amiss, but as time went on, she grew firmer in her conviction that something wasn't right with me. I wasn't progressing physically like other children. I don't mean to say that I was growing a second head or anything like that, but, among other things, I continued to crawl when I should have begun walking. She took me to another doctor. Once again, he said that nothing was wrong. I was taken to yet another doctor who, this time, gave me a diagnosis—cerebral palsy.

Relieved that my disability had been recognized and named by a professional, my mother took me home, knowing that we would just have to deal with this disorder as time went on. She took me to physical therapy—as was recommended by the doctor—five days a week. Before too long, this number was decreased to three days a week because I tired so easily. My mom would accompany me to these sessions and sit, watching me and the other cerebral palsy children. She also did her own research on this disorder. After studying the information and observing me, she began to firmly believe that I did not have cerebral palsy, but something else. Thus began a new search for a doctor to agree with her and help me. We went from one doctor to the nexta few did agree that it didn't seem like I had ce-

Angela Smith

rebral palsy, but they didn't know what else it could be, so the label stuck.

I was growing up and getting progressively worse; I no longer had the strength to go to physical therapy more than once a week. By the second grade, I got a wheelchair to try to make my life easier. Before that, I had been using a baby stroller when I went out with my family, but at school and home, I hadn't had anything, so I was constantly falling down. I walked in such a way that it was kind of painful to me and observers immediately noticed that there was something wrong with me.

I was getting worse so quickly that [my parents] believed that they would lose me before I would graduate from high school.

Before and after I got my wheelchair, I had to struggle with people. Because of my physical disability, I was often treated as though I had a mental disability, too. During my years, I found that kids and adults can be cruel in their ignorance.

In the meantime, I was still seeing doctors, but not finding the answers that we were seeking. By the time that I was ten years old, my parents feared for my life. I was getting worse so quickly that they believed that they would lose me before I would graduate from high school. They brought me to our church, where we had friends and family pray for me. God was merciful and my health ceased declining so rapidly.

The following year I saw a different doctor who believed that I did not have cerebral palsy, but the most help she could give was in the form of some medications that helped me with some of the pain and discomfort that my disorder caused me.

The next year, I saw yet another doctor. This time, though, my visit was different. He observed my physical behavior, asked many questions and listened to what we had to say. He then began to tell my mother and me about the patient of a colleague of his. This other patient's case sounded very similar to mine. This new doctor was very excited and tried putting me on some different medication. The change in me was remarkable. After being dependent upon a wheelchair for so many years, I was now able to get up and walk. I had a new diagnosis-not cerebral palsy but Segawa's dystonia, a rare neurological disorder in which the firing of the neurons in the brain that control muscular behavior are affected. Everything was not perfect for me from that day forth—I still had a lot of work to do, learning to develop and work muscles in my body that I had never used before—but it was a tremendous beginning

I don't know who was happier: Me, a 12 1/2 year old girl who now had a chance to live a normal life, my grandparents or my parents. We were all so full of joy that we sat down together, crying and thanking God for what He had done in my life.

Everyone has a story to tell of God's hand working in their lives. All of the stories would be different. Some have fought with cancer, some have been raped, some abused, some have dealt with addictions—the stories go on. I was dependent upon a wheelchair, dealing with a misdiagnosis for the majority of my life. I can now do things that I never thought I would be able to do. I have an independence that I cherish greatly because I never expected to have it. Despite my years of hurt, humiliation and loneliness and my times of questioning God, I am glad for the way He made me. Through my experience, He has given me an understanding and an empathy for others. I thank God for His healing power in my life.

-Angela Smith is a copy editor for The Crusader. She has been in this position for the past two terms.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This letter is in response to the article in last week's *Crusader* entitled, "The questionable existence of Satan." After reading the article I was, to put it lightly, concerned. I phoned the writer of the article and asked him if it was meant to be one of those literary pieces meant only to get us to think. He informed me that it was partially so, but was also something that he truly believed. At this point, my response moved beyond concern

To say that Satan does not exist and that he cannot be proven by Biblical texts is completely ignorant. Many of you reading this may think that is a judgemental statement and it is, because I am fed up with Christians who take the Bible as some book we have that has cool stories. My Bible says that, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness" (II Timothy 3:16, emphasis added). It may have been written by humans, but IT IS THE WORD OF GOD and is inspired by God. End of argument.

Even if one was to pick and choose what verses he or she wants to believe from the Bible,

there are still too many passages that talk about Satan (in the New Testament alone) to refute his existence. There are, in fact, too many for me to list here, but for the sake of making a point I will use one. Matthew chapter four talks about Jesus being tempted in the desert by the devil (or Satan, or Lucifer or whatever you called him.) Verse five says, "Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple." I do not know about you, but an idea cannot physically take me somewhere. Later on in the passage, beginning in verse eight, it says, "Again the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me." At the risk of being redundant, I would again assert that an idea cannot tell me to bow down to it and give me possession of wealth, kingdoms, etc. We could say it is all some neat little story that never really happened, and that it is really meant to lead us to some higher truth in life. However, I would propose that if you are of that opinion that, then you should simply put down the Bible and never pick it up again. You will do yourself more good that way.

One of my deepest concerns about the article written is that those who put themselves in a position of teaching the Word are liable for those who hear it. In fact, the Bible says that those who lead a child astray by their teaching (and we are children in the sense that all of us are young and still in the process of forming our ideas) are better off to have a millstone tied to their neck and to be thrown into the sea. My problem is that when we espouse teaching, whether or not it is just an opinion, we become liable before God for that opinion.

The bottom line is this, God is not impressed with man's theology (read I Corinthians 1.) Stick to doctrine and teaching the Word and this campus will be better off. You will also be liable for less offense in the eyes of God, who is also the Judge.

Because of Christ, Tim Wiegman

P.S. I will leave you with a quote from *The Usual Suspects*: "The greatest trick that the devil ever pulled off was to make the world believe that he doesn't exist."

Death penalty debate

by Andy Diehl Editor-in-Chief

Death is never an easy subject to face. Taking another's life is a subject that the average person does not contemplate on a daily basis. Yet, there are times when society as a whole must take responsibility for the actions of its constituents. This is especially true if the actions cause harm to other members of society. When society takes that responsibility, it must do so in a decisive and forceful way to ensure that these actions do not harm others again. Societies throughout history have taken many stances on dealing with deviant behavior. The stances vary due to the cultural norms and the damage caused by the behavior.

The hardest behavior to deal with in a rational and fair manner is the subject of murder. Whether intentional or not, murder is an emotional subject, especially when it is retribution for another crime.

Capital punishment is rooted in the ear-

"Have you noticed that

most of these right-to-lifers

are in favor of the death

penalty?"

~ George Carlin, 1988

liest English settlements in the American colonies. The criminal codes for the New Haven colony of 1642 and 1650, had eleven statutes that were punishable by death. Most of these pertained to murder in varying degrees. Other crimes that were pun-

ishable by death were carnal knowledge, homosexualism, stealing, lying with malicious intent, treason, rebellion and children above the age of sixteen striking their natural parents.

Death has been the traditional punishment for the majority of these offenses. The framers of the Constitution didn't consider death to be either cruel or unusual punishment because

of this tradition. Subsequently, they didn't outlaw it and the penalty became tradition in America. The death penalty is only considered cruel or unusual if the actual method of execution fits the category.

Through the ages criminals have been

Through the ages, criminals have been burned at the stake, boiled in oil, flayed, impaled or crucified. The Mithridates of ancient Persia encased the offender in a box after force feeding them milk and honey, and then coating the person in the mixture. They were then left in the sun for seventeen days until the victim had been devoured alive by insects and vermin that had bred in the body.

Sentencing to Death: 1864 - 1967

On January 20, 1864, William Baret and Sandy Kavanagh were executed in the Vermont State Prison for the crime of murder. This was the first state exercised execution in a prison. The death penalty obviously existed, but not in the current legal frame and formal context. In the one hundred years following their deaths there were 5,707 state imposed deaths. Less than

1% of these sentences occurred before 1890, but the number grew rapidly after that point. The greatest number was during the 1930s with over 1,500 executions alone. The numbers then declined until there were only 191 in the 1960s.

"I'd rather be fishing."

~ Jimmy Glass, just before

his electrocution on June

12, 1987, for the robbery-

murder of a Louisiana

couple.

The death penalty was banned in 1967. The last execution to take place was in Colorado when Luis Jose Monge was executed on June 2 of that year.

The return to the game

By the time the ban was lifted on capital punishment in 1977, there were over 400 inmates awaiting their turn. The first execution to happen came in the first few weeks of the year when Gary Mark Gilmore was executed by the State of Utah. The trial made national headlines not just

for the fact that it was the first execution in more than a decade, but because it became a circus after a series of bizarre incidents.

The trial began with Gilmore firing all of his attorneys and requesting that the court allow him to represent himself. His first act as his own counsel was to

remove his appeal, and request that his execution happen at the earliest date. Gilmore went as far to appear before the U.S. Supreme Court to argue his "right to die." Attorneys petitioned the Utah courts that he was insane and could not function as his own counsel. Even his mother appealed to the system that her son was mentally incompetent. The court dismissed her appeal as she had no right to appeal in the place of her son.

The case took a turn to the ironic side as Gilmore attempted to commit suicide on November 16, 1976, by overdosing on sedatives. At the same time, 40 miles away in Provo, UT, a young woman named Nicole Barrett, also tried to com-

More than 25 years after the slayings, Charles Manson still remains a celebrity in the media's eye. Manson still receives fan letters from all around the world and numerous requests for interviews.

mit suicide by overdose. It seems that the death pact had come between Barrett and Gilmore as part of an affair that the two had tried to have. Both survived the incident.

Capital Punishment in the 1980s and 1990s

Since the reinstatement of the death penalty, the number of offenders on death row has increased. In the 1990s, the number of executions has begun to grow rapidly as felons exhaust their appeals.

The number of appeals has been drastically curbed after the Supreme Court decisions of *Pulley vs. Harris* and *Barefoot vs. Estelle*. In the Harris case, the inmate appealed to the Supreme Court that California's capital punishment law was unconstitutional as cruel and unusual punishment. He felt that because California did not have a clause that automatically reviewed whether the punishment was equivalent to other punishments and offenders. The Supreme Court stated that this didn't matter because all of the punishments were dealt out on

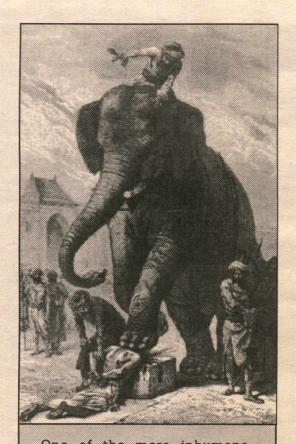
an individual basis by completely separate courts and that the punishments were not related to each other.

In the Barefoot case, the Court stated that appellate courts can compress the time that they spend on appeals as long as the case is reviewed to the extent of its merit. The case also noted that stays

of execution were not automatic with the filing of the appeal paperwork.

There are four major rules that govern appeals and reversals of the conviction. In the appellate system, the burden of proof is on the defense to prove that the client is innocent rather than not guilty. Because the conviction has been made, the system requires that innocence is proven.

The plain error rule allows that if a constitutional right has been denied at any point, it can be appealed even if it is not brought up in a timely manner. "Plain errors, or errors that affect the substantial rights" of the client are always appealable.



One of the more inhumane punishments in India at one time included having the criminal's head stepped on by an elephant.

continues to be hot topic

Crusader

The automatic reversal rule is placed in effect when there has been an error made that it is great enough to call for and automatic reversal of the conviction. Situations like this include lack of due process as protected by the 14th Amendment, denial of counsel during the trial and involuntary confessions.

The harmless error rule is where the error does not substantially influence the case. Evidence seized outside of the 4th Amendment, or lack of counsel at a pre-trial hearing are harmless errors.

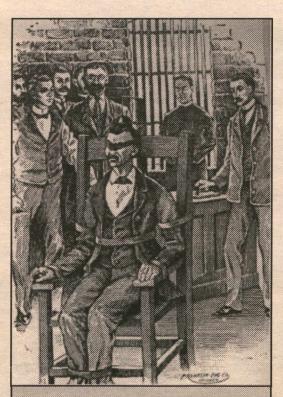
The final rule is the invited error rule. This is where the defense makes the mistake of asking for an erroneous ruling. It cannot come back and ask for an appeal based on its own mistake.

Methods of execution

There are several methods that can be used to complete the sentence. The primary ones are lethal gas, lethal injection and electrocution. Others include hanging and firing squad.

These methods have been questioned under the 8th Amendment ban on cruel and unusual punishments. Only in California has lethal gas been outlawed. The use of lethal gas is when cyanide is dropped into sulfuric acid and the resulting cyanide gas kills the inmate. It has been held that the felon loses consciousness instantly. It is questioned because the person appears to be struggling for air even though they are unconscious. Also, the person may not go under for up to a one minute after the gas hits them.

Lethal injection is the process of literally putting the personally to sleep like an animal. It has been questioned because legal medical practitioners cannot perform it because of their Hippo-

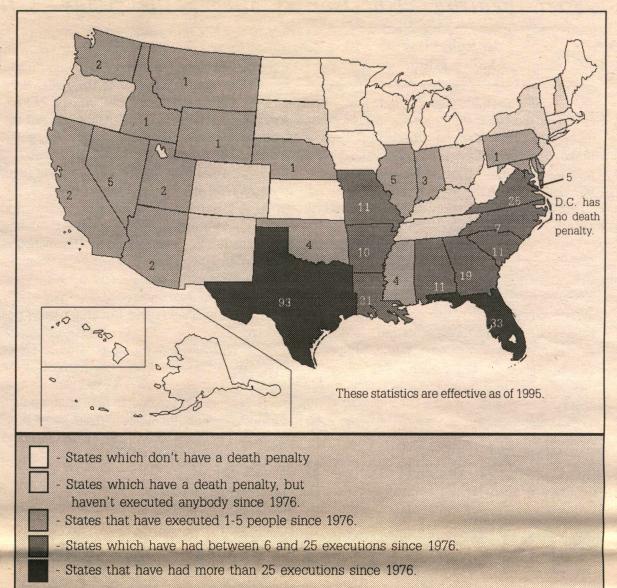


The first execution by electrocution took place at Auburn Prison, Auburn, New York, on August 6, 1890. The prisoner, William Kemmler, was executed for murder.

cratic oath. It is also possible to miss the vein and may cause pain when trying to find a vein can take time.

Electrocution kills the person instantaneously, but the current is kept on to prevent the body from living after the brain has died.

None of the methods sound very pleasant. In fact, many people find all forms of capital punishment to be inhumane and unacceptable. The



capital punishment debate has been going on since the beginning, but recently the anit-death penalty believers have been making themselves more heard.

Is the death penalty an acceptable punishment?

One of the biggest arguments in favor of the death penalty claims that taking the life of a deranged criminal saves the government as well as the public a large sum of money. Unfortunately, this argument isn't a very strong one.

Once a death sentence is given to a prisoner, then he/she has the right to have their case appealed as many times as it takes.

All quantitative studies have shown that after a criminal has gone through all of his/her appeals, the death penalty actually costs the taxpayers more than it would cost to house that prisoner for the remainder of their life.

The most simple argument is the one that states that a person who commits an act as gruesome as murder deserves to die. It's not a matter of expenses or moral character. It's the simple fact that the person deserves to die. This view point appeals to a lot of people, and it's very difficult to argue against.

Whatever the argument may be, the statistics point to the

death penalty for many years to come. The truth is, capital punishment appeals to most Americans.

Student survey results 76 students responded to our unscientific survey outside Marriott on Sunday night. Should there be a limit on appeals? Undecided (5.26%) No (19.74%) 57 Yes (75.00%) Do you believe in capital punishment? Undecided (6.58%) No (31.58%) 47 Yes (61.84%)

fact that we will most likely have some form of a People get a small piece of satisfaction knowing a convicted sociopath got a dose of his own medicine. It's only natural. But does that make it right?

Woment beat rivals at home

After beating Albertson College, the Lady Crusaders are ranked third

by Robin Day **Sports Editor**

Saturday night was a night to howl. And NNC fans did just that at the women's last home game, when they took on Albertson College of Idaho, in an incredibly close game. The 'Saders managed to pull through at the end to win, 55-50. Head coach Roger Schmidt commented, "That's the best 40 minutes we've played all season."

The game started off intense, with the Covotes winning the jump and putting up the first missed shot quickly. Sophomore Jessica Knowleton rebounded the ball and junior Staci Wilson put in the first two points of the game.

Both teams found it hard to score in the first half. Albertson came out with a full-court press, making Crusader guards fight to set up the plays. Three turnovers in a row from ACI helped the 'Saders take a slight lead at 11-10. Good defense from both teams held the score there for several minutes before the 'Yotes managed to steal the lead.

At the half, Alberston was in front, 26-28. Neither team had been ahead by more than three points the entire first half, and the stage was set for the final battle.

Once again, the Coyotes started off with the ball, but turned it over to NNC and Wilson scored the first two points of the half. NNC took the lead after two minutes with a shot from sophomore Staci Kirk. The biggest lead of the game came with 15 minutes left in the game when NNC was ahead by 5.

Several bad foul calls on the Crusaders gave ACI the chance to tie the score again, but in the last few minutes, a lot of hustle from the 'Saders and a few free throws gave the home team another five-point lead that they managed to hang on to win, 55-50. Said Coach Schmidt, "It's always nice to beat Albertson. It's a good rival game. Our kids were ready to play. They executed the offense and frustrated [ACI] defensively."

Wilson was voted as conference Player of the Week due to her performance against the Coyotes. This is the seventh week running that she has scored in the double figures and pulled down ten or more rebounds. Wilson led all scorers with 19 points. Junior Lisa Sorenson scored 11. sinking three 3-pointers, and Kirk followed closely behind with 10 points. Knowleton played the entire game, getting 2 steals and 7

Saturday night was also senior night. Seniors Rachel Gottschalk, Sunshine Cecrle, manager Stacie Osborne and their parents were honored by the athletic program and coaches.

The Crusader's win gives them a thirdplace ranking in the Cascade conference. They played their first play-off game on Tuesday against

Eastern Oregon. Coach Schmidt commented, "Any night, any of the top four teams can win. We have a real legitimate shot at winning the conference."



NNC declares war on Coyotes

Men 'Saders defeat rival Albertson College 91-76; ranked first in conference

"We came out

the aggressors

this time."

~Iawanza Hadley

by Hattie James **Staff Writer**

The battle of the century was fought this past Tuesday night, February 17, between the NNC Crusaders and the Coyotes of Albertson College of Idaho. The sting of the loss to Albertson earlier in the year could still be felt by the 'Saders, and all their fans. In fact, with the win over Albertson, the 'Saders maintained a perfect at-home record. The hopes of the Coyotes for another win were dashed by the Cru-

saders, 91-76 With the enthusia s m called for У Coach Rich Sanders and the fans, the Crusaders were able to maintain the lead they earned just beHadley credited a different mindset cheerleader's megaphone by cheer-

for the 'Saders being able to defeat Albertson. "We came out the aggressors time," he said, "and that's been the difference between all our wins

and losses this year."

momentum going by painting themselves red and black, and hold- Lassen led rebounds with 11 and

fore the half. The 'Saders led 41-39 ing a competition for the best at the half. Senior forward Jawanza painted. The winner was given a

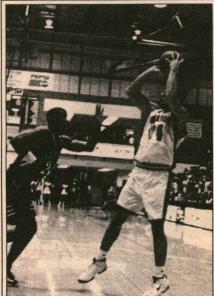
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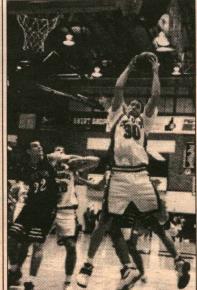
led by Hadley and fellow senior forward Kai Knell. Both poured in 24 points. Senior quards Jon DeRoos

and Brent Darnell each had 14 The fans helped keep the points, and senior center Jay Lassen added 13 to the effort. Knell pulled down 7. NNC outrebounded Albertson 40-23.

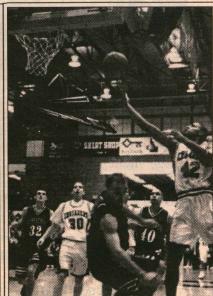
Sanders' plan of attack for this game was to take the ball inside to Knell and Lassen since Albertson has grown weaker on the inside with the loss of Ryan Wilden for the season. When asked what he expected of the recent NNC-ACI game, Sanders said, "War."

The 'Saders are now tied with Western Baptist for first place in conference, and the Cascade Conference tournament will take place at NNC beginning Wednesday the 25th.









far left: Kai Knell makes a fade-away shot. middle left: Jon DeRoos comes down strong with a rebound. middle right: Michael Ratclift maneuvers around the Coyote defense for the shot. far right: Jawanza Hadley soars over defenders. photos by Max Chtangee

Intramural tournament

Semi-final games already played; finals on Thursday

by Robin Day **Sports Editor**

Intramural basketball is almost over. with only a few more games left to be played.

In the men's A league semi-finals, the Alumni team played Team Mettler and Seven Sisters took on Team Goehner. No results from either game have been turned in.

Men's B league is almost over. The first games included B league Champions defeating Vatos Locos, Team Downie losing to Team Robinson and Team Crowfoot triumphing over Johnson. Team Robinson and Team Crowfoot faced each other next and B League Champions faced off with Hoosier Daddy. The results of these games were not available.

To kick off the C league tournaments.

Mangum and Kickers of Fish played and the winner of that game fell to the Hungry, Hungry Hippos. The Hungry, Hungry Hippos go up against Cool People, who deafeated Tall and Skinny Guys earlier in the tournament. Poundcake rose above Slick and will face \$, who beat Redneck Stomp this past Thursday.

In the women's league, Suckin' Air forfeited to Shooters. The Shooters played Blue Flamers on Monday evening. Heitschmidt took on the winner of the Matthews/Carly's Angels game, also on Mon-

All semi-final games will be played on Thursday, starting at 7:00 p.m. Final games have yet to be schedued. Check the intramural board for more details and go to the games to cheer on your friends.

Tennis has first meet

First meet against Southern Oregon; NNC wins four

"We've improved a

~Sara Hamilton

by Jennifer Holmquist **Staff Writer**

On Friday the 20th, the Crusader tennis team started off their season with a good effort against Southern Oregon University. After playing nine matches each, the Crusaders ended by winning four matches while Southern Oregon took five. The match was held at the River City Racquetball Club in Nampa and lasted from about 5-10:30 in the evening.

Both the players and coach Carey Cook

were optimistic about the season, even though the entire match will go down as a loss. Cook stated, "We're going to lot since last year." be a lot more competitive this year if we can improve in practices and get more match

tough. I think we'll surprise a lot of people this season." Returning player Sara Hamilton stated, "For our first match we did really well...We've improved a lot since last year." Southern Oregon had something of an advantage because this was their fifth match.

Brandi Blacklock and Kristen Crawford, both new to the team, felt they personally did very well. Blacklock felt that "In doubles I think we both played fairly well, and in singles I felt good about the match. I'll probably be less jittery for the next match, as this was my first college match." Crawford felt her doubles match with teammate Stephanie Ridlen would have gone better if the other team had played better. "We had to call a line judge, and that made things difficult," she said. Crawford also did well playing singles.

Last year at the regional tournament in May, the Crusaders came in sixth, but this year they hope to improve on their placing. Before

the tournament, the team will play 14 or 15 matches. Many of the players' goals center around the regionals. Hamilton said that this year the team "is more focussed on pushing ourselves to be better and to be more competitive." Crawford stated her personal goal is to "do good at regionals and possibly make it to nationals." She also desires "to get past the Australian girl at Lewis and Clark," whom she played against last year on the Portland State team.

Although in the position of head coach for the first time this year, Carey Cook has worked with previous years' teams and sees a

> great deal of potential in the current team. While talking about the team, he said that the returning girls have improved a lot and "there are overall better players at each spot this year." Freshman

Brandi Blacklock stated that Carey "has been encouraged by our hard work in practice" and it also "feels like we have more potential to win this year." The tennis team has definitely demonstrated a lot of dedication this year in practice. They practiced for about five weeks in the fall and resumed practices the second week of this term.

If the dreams and goals of the tennis team this year are well founded, the team has an exciting season to look forward to. The next match will be March 3 against ACI and then March 6-8 at Idaho Falls. The match on March 3 will begin at 4:00 p.m. somewhere in Caldwell, weather is dependent. Fan support is always appreciated. "It's always good to have people come and cheer," commented Hamilton.

Members of this year's team are Stephanie Ridlen, Sara Hamilton, Brandi Blacklock, Kristen Crawford, Amanda Johnson, Jenny Kung and the only senior, Betsy Hamann.

Clyde's

The new Student Lounge is open and ready to serve your late night cravings. From Cheese Sticks to Espresso to Hamburgers, Clyde's has it all at affordable College Student Prices! Open 9pm-12am Mon. Tues. Thurs. 10pm-12am Wednesdays after

TIME OUT

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This Week in Time Out

Olivia Craker

If you like breath mints then you will like what Olivia has to say. Her message will be as refreshing as the spring rains, so go and get your soul washed out. Thank you and good day.

Come to Time Out, Wednesday night at 9:45 in the Science Lecture Hall

Car bomb claims no casualties

by Ryan Dooley **Staff Writer**

PORTADOWN, NORTHERN IRELAND - A car bomb exploded in a staunchly pro-British Protestant town Monday a few hours after peace talks resumed.

Police said that the blast caused considerable damage to the commercial of Belfast.

Several warnings were phoned to the Belfast media about 40 minutes before the 11:59 GMT blast that allowed police to evacuate surrounding streets, and no casualties were reported.

In Belfast, negotiations on Northern Ireland's future had resumed with the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party excluded because of two killings this month blamed on the Irish Republican Army.

Sinn Fein is being barred in punishment for two killings this month that the British and Irish governments blame on the IRA. The IRA's adherence to a seven-month-old truce is required for party. Sinn Fein's participation.

Sinn Fein is demanding to meet with the British Prime Minister Tony Blair, otherwise it might not return to the talks on March 9, the date specified by the governments.

Another Protestant party was al lowed to regain admission Monday to the negotiations at Stormont, the center of British administration for Northern Ireland where the talks began in June 1996.

The Ulster Democratic Party was center of Portadown, 30 miles southwest barred four weeks ago after the pro-British paramilitary group it represents, Ulster Defense Association, admitted killing Catholics in violation of its own October 1994 truce.

> Former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell, chairman of the talks, requires all participants to adhere to a nonviolence code or risk indefinite exclusion.

Ulster Democratic leader, Gary McMichael, said the governments were "running scared" of the possibility that the IRA might resume full-scale bloodshed in Northern Ireland and Britain. He said Sinn Fein should have been excluded for at least as long as his own

Seven found dead after election related violence

by Ryan Dooley **Staff Writer**

New Delhi, India - At least seven people were killed in election-related violence Monday, bringing the death toll in two days to 41.

At least five paramilitary troopers died and 26 were seriously wounded in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, when a land mine, which was planted by a Maoist rebel organization, went off under a bus carrying troops back from election duty.

"At the moment, we can only confirm five deaths. But the toll may be higher," a state official said. The blast took place near Dichpally town, some 81 miles north of the state capital of Hyderbad.

Domestic news agencies said 16 people had been killed since Sunday in the remote northeastern states of Nagaland and Manipur, where secondphase voting began for two Lower House seats. Ethnic rivalries and tribal extremism plague the areas

Authorities said paramilitary forces and police fanned out in the hilly region to ensure peaceful polling

Two people were shot dead by unidentified gunmen in Mokokchung town in Nagaland near the border of

Four civilians and two policemen died in a landmine blast that was blamed on Maoist People's War Group in the state's Chintapalli tribal tract.

Burma. One of the victims was a polling agent, the Press Trust of India said.

The United News of India said guerrillas of the tribal Zomi Revolutionary Army gunned down 14 members of the rival Kuki tribe in two incidents in Churachandpur district of Manipur on Sunday, but the violence was not directly related to those elections.

At least 14 people died in pollrelated violence on Sunday in the second phase of the elections.

Four civilians and two policemen died in a landmine blast that was blamed on Maoist People's War Group in the state's Chintapalli tribal tract.

Gov. Ramesh Bhandri, who is federally appointed, dismissed the elected government after some of its smaller allies walked out, depriving it of its legislative majority. The governor appointed one of the defectors as the new head of the government.

...very briefly...

Wireless Wireless phone compa-

nies are anticipating that day when their callers can pay for the air time that they are using when they use air time for mobile phones. The industry plans to ask the FCC on Monday to create a uniform national requirement on how to notify callers that they are being billed for the times that they call up a mobile phone user. Europe and Asia have already begun their participation in the "caller pays" program.

SWITZERLAND --Could artificially intelli-

Robot

gent robots signal the end of the human race? Some Swiss scientists say such a threat may be closer than we think. Their doom and gloom talk was prompted by one of their own creations: an autonomous robot that learns from its environment. Within a few minutes, the microprocessor-based robot can learn not to bump into a barrier. No one programs the robot's actions, and its creator isn't exactly sure how it will behave in any given situation.

Los Angeles, CA -- The

People

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California was ranked first among 42 water samples evaluated Saturday at a Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, festival. The district that provides tap water to Los Angeles edged out Montpelier, Ohio; Huntington Station, New York and Dover, Delaware. The competition is similar to a wine tasting. The judges rank the water by appearance, odor, flavor and aftertaste.

This Week in History

Historical facts that may or may not deal directly with you

Dating February 22 - February 28

February 22,1630 -- Popcorn is introduced to the colonists by the Native Americans at the first Thanksgiving Dinner.

February 23, 1927 -- Congress creates the Federal Radio Commission to oversee national and international communication.

1954 -- Polio vaccine is given to school children in Pittsburgh, PA.

February 24, 1868 -- The first impeachment proceedings are made against President Andrew Johnson.

February 25, 1836 -- Samuel Colt is given a patent for his revolver.

1913 -- The 16th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, to authorize the income tax, is passed.

February 26, 1919 -- The Grand Canyon is made a national park.

1951 -- The 26th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution is passed to limit the president to two terms of office.

February 27, 1939 -- The Supreme Court rules sit-down strikes to be unconstitutional.

February 28, 1854 -- The U.S. Republican Party is formed.

1977 -- The first killer whale is born in captivity at Marineland in Los Angeles, CA.

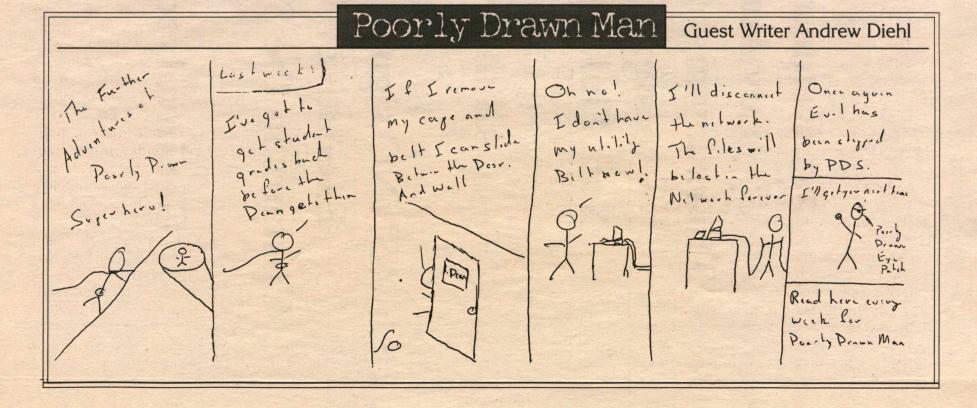
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Kurt Finkbiener fund

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Upstairs in the Student Center

Get involved in NNC!