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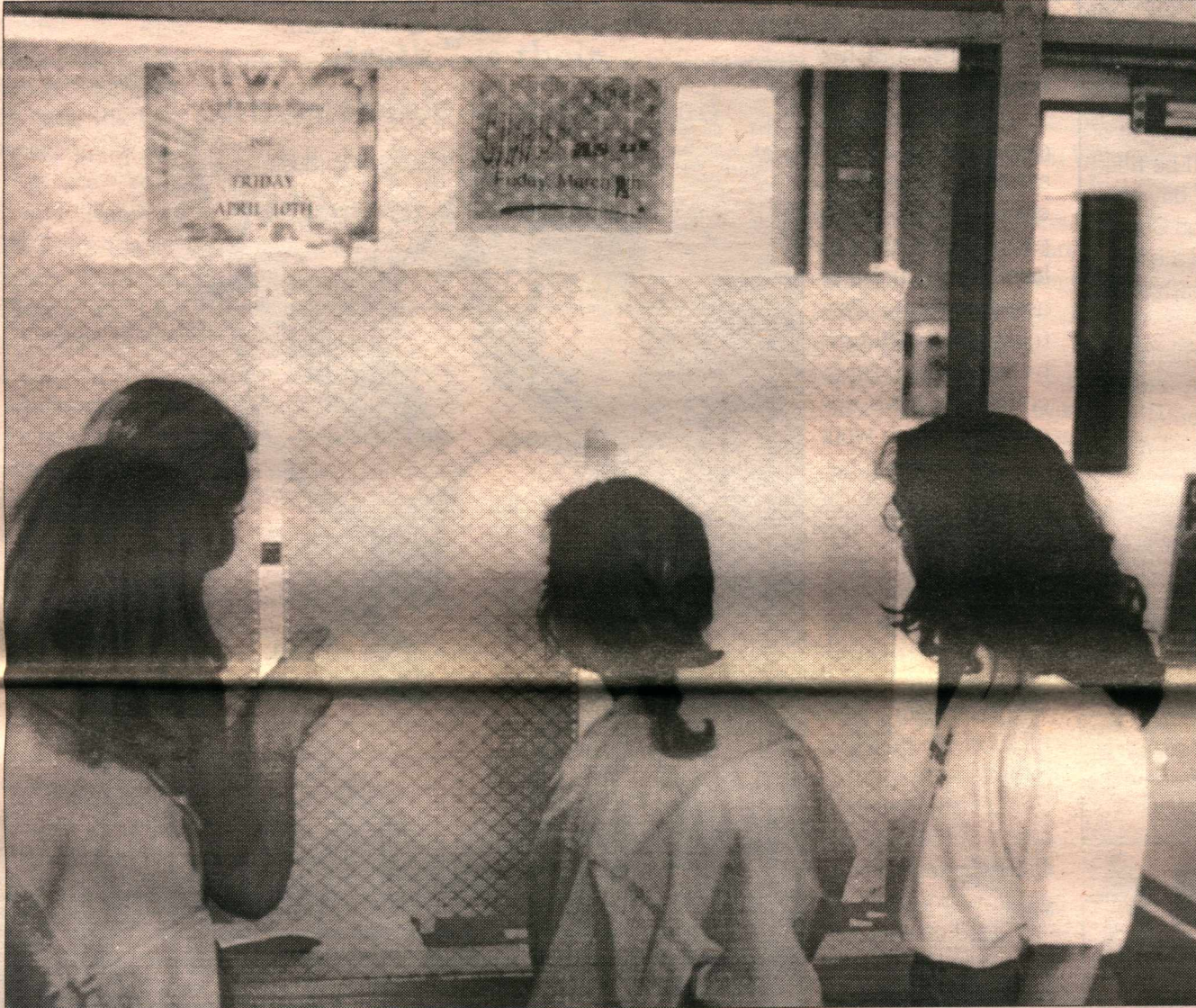
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Chapel, why must we go?



by Shannon Adams
Cover Story Editor

Who has ever felt that attending chapel in a mandatory setting is a nuisance. Most students like chapel and these students do not understand why so many people find it difficult to make their way to 24 chapels in a term. Perhaps for some students, it is the theory of mandatory chapel. But if chapel were not mandatory, would students attend? At Biola in Southern California the school tried removing the mandatory status of chapel. No longer were there fines, students instead signed a contract promising that they would attend a certain number of chapels. The honors system did not work, chapel attendance at Biola fell by 40%.

If NNC were not on the fine system, chapel might be tied to graduation. Could anyone imagine that students would prefer worrying about whether they would graduate or not rather than having extra money tacked on to their next terms tuition? Although, interestingly enough, the

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Milton Crea, the spokesperson for the "Enough is Enough" campaign, led interfaith services Sunday in the Brandt Center and at the BSU Pavilion. Focusing on being drug free, he is an uplifting and challenging speaker. He will be back in the Brandt Center this Thursday at 7:00pm to wrap up his series of services in the Boise-Nampa area.

Women gather in Boise

by Melissa Tennyson
Campus News Editor

This weekend, over 7,000 women gathered at the BSU Pavilion for an incredible weekend experience. This "Bring Back the Joy" conference was put on by the Women of Faith, a division of New Life Clinics. The Women of Faith travel all over, bringing their message of hope and joy to women across the United States. This began in 1996 with ten conferences held in churches hosting 2,000-3,000 women. The dream for Women of Faith quickly expanded. Now more than 200,000 women all over America from all denominations and nationalities have come together. The result has been much more than a one-

time conference experience. It is radically changing the lives of tens of thousands of women and igniting the spark in women's ministries all over the nation. Those women gathered this weekend in Boise experienced the power of God moving in our midst. We laughed and cried with the speakers as they shared their incredible stories and testimonies. The conference was a Friday night, and all-day Saturday event. I'd like to share with you some highlights of this incredible weekend.

On Friday night, Sheila Walsh spoke. She is the former co-host of the "700 Club," and host of her own show "Heart to Heart." She has also written a best-selling spiritual autobiography, *Honestly*, and two newly

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"[Journalists] believe in pursuing the truth, think sometimes it can be found and live in hope that it makes a difference."

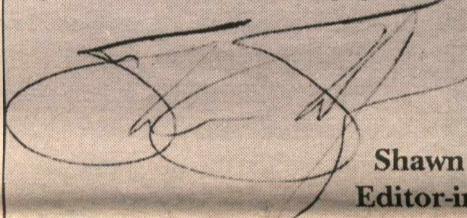
~Reese Cleghorn, journalism dean, 1995

Column One

Palm Sunday always marks the real beginning of the Easter season for me. Not having grown up in the Catholic tradition, I was not familiar with the concept of lent until the past few years. I appreciate the opportunity each year to reflect on the singular life of Jesus, His ministry and impact on the world around Him. Millions around the country will attend church this Sunday to celebrate His resurrection. *No Greater Love* at First Church and various other Easter programs will be performed this week. Children everywhere will receive baskets full of Easter treats from the mysterious bunny of the season.

This Friday, Good Friday, marks the day of Jesus' crucifixion. A chapel service will be held marking the event. But the rest of the day, at least on this campus, will be filled with classes. Why, on this day of all days, are we not allowed to rest and meditate on Christ? Are our lives so busy at NNC that we cannot allow even one day off to mark the death of our proclaimed Saviour?

It seems to me that on a Christian campus such as this the sacred day that is Good Friday should be preserved for the contemplation of Christ's crucifixion. Instead I am facing an examination and a paper.



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Spring Break missions

Students travel to Mexico City, Denver and Venezuela

by Jennifer Holmquist
Staff Writer

While many students played over spring break, twelve people from NNC were hard at work in Mexico City. The team stayed in Mexico from the twenty-first to the twenty-eighth of March. Their work included caulking, wallpapering, wiring, and painting the parsonage where pastor Accel Ruiz and his family live.

Some mission groups see themselves as going into a country to help people who do not have the resources to help themselves. This team was different because the team could not have accomplished the work on their own and because working with the people of the church was key. Newell Morgan, the team organizer and leader, stated that the team's "main goal was to cooperate with the local congregation to help in the renovation of the parsonage." Student Becky Galloway saw the trip as an opportunity to "be good stewards of our time by helping the Ruiz family." Two people from the congregation (the owner of an electrical store and a painter) did much of the work the students either did not have time or the ability to do. "The element of cooperation was important. Their contributions allowed us to do the job," stated Morgan.

While quite a bit of time was spent getting work done, students also had opportunities to see the sights in Mexico City, a city of 22 million people. As Morgan saw it, "part of my job is to help you as students appreciate another culture. I was pleased that [among the team members] there wasn't a critical attitude toward the people." Becky Galloway related that her most memorable experience was "probably the [Aztec] pyramids. I had been there before but never with a million and a half people there, many of them worshipping the sun. It was really different."

What Jeremy Klosterman thought he would remember most also happened when the

team was out in the city. "Me and some of the other guys were just playing around with the hackey sack when this little homeless girl, about six years old, came up and started playing with us. She was just beautiful." Seeing the homeless people in the city, especially the children, was one of the most difficult parts of the trip. Although the team did serve breakfast to the homeless one morning at a soup kitchen, it was still hard to pass beggars in the streets and be unable to help them.



Jeremy Klosterman works on the finishing touches of the parsonage the Mexico team worked on. Other members of the NNC group to Mexico include Dr. Newell Morgan, Amber Culbertson, Faith Doehring, Becky Galloway, Barbara Green, Shannon Grigory, Andrea Hodgson, Jennifer Holmquist, Jeremy Klosterman, Brian Stillman and Rich Walker.

Despite such tough lessons, some students were reluctant to leave. A lot of what Klosterman enjoyed about the trip was "the people, how caring and hospitable they were. Well, and also the food!" Morgan recounted that this trip was "more fun for [the students] and consequently more satisfying for me" because "most of the people knew some Spanish, and communication is very important...I was very pleased with every student in the group."

bring hope to life this Easter

Celebrate Easter at College Church

Sunday, April 12 • 10:00 AM

Praise Band/Worship Team
Orchestra/Festival Choir
Rejoice! and Drama

Continental Breakfast in Franklin Hall at 9 AM

Coming to College Church on Sunday, April 19

featured at 9:15 & 10:45 AM

Concert at 6:00 PM

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Students minister to individuals

by Amy Minard
Guest Writer

One of the three NNC mission trips taken over spring break was the urban trip to Denver, Colorado. On March 19, thirteen NNC students—Chad Cray, Gina Grate, Dana Grierson, Luke Heath, Tara Landis, Amy Minard, Lindsay Mittelstaedt, Amy Parsons, Toby Schmidt, Steve Unruh, Amber Wagner, Jennifer Walker and Dustin Zimmerman—and group leader Paula Rogers took a 13 hour trip through Utah and Wyoming to Colorado.

After first stopping in Greeley to share about NNC with the 500 high school students at the Colorado region's Main Event, the group drove on to Crossroads of the Rockies. Crossroads is located in Grace Church of the Nazarene in an urban area of Denver. The mission of Crossroads is to help people in a transition phase from unemployed to employed, from poverty-level to self-supporting.

The NNC group worked with Senior Pastor Dean Cowles and 1997 NNC graduate Shawn Riley who was hired as youth pastor in December.

Each member of the NNC group was invited to sit in on an interview during the food and clothing administration days. Each person who came in had personal contact and prayer time with a Crossroads worker or volunteer before receiving food and clothing. After three visits, the people were then required to volunteer at the church, receiving \$5 an hour towards food and clothing. This system gives the people a feeling of respect and also helps them gain work skills which many have not had the opportunity to acquire.

The NNC group also had the privilege of helping out with the S.A.Y. Yes program-- a program that is advertised in schools throughout the community as an afternoon program consisting of games, tutoring, mentoring, Bible instruction and dinner. Junior Dustin Zimmerman said, "It was really fulfilling to work with kids who don't get much attention scholastically; I think it was rewarding for them to."

Sophomore Amy Parsons said, "One thing that was really fun was when we took [two streetkids] to Casa Bonita (a mexican restaurant).

We just hung out with them and got our pictures taken." One of the kids was the daughter of a homeless woman, but has decided to stay in school; the other was a former graffiti artist who is planning a career in the field of computer graphic arts.

An alternative high school meets at Crossroads of the Rockies. A few of the classes are taught by Amy Riley, 1997 NNC graduate, who was hired in December. Amy arranged for members of the NNC group to be matched up with each of her students. The students asked the group many questions ranging from how they chose NNC, to how they feel they may relate with the Denver street school kids. It was a time of sharing with them and also getting to ask them questions and learn more about their lives, feelings, struggles, hopes and dreams.

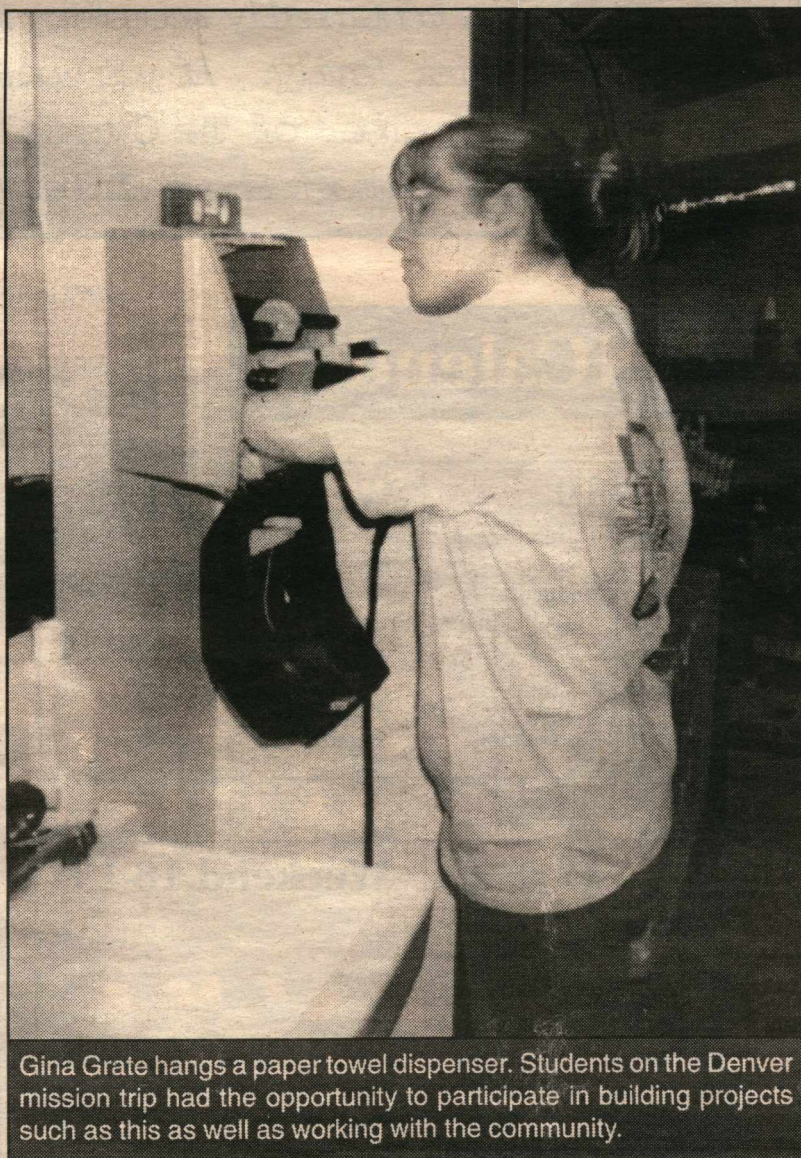
Throughout the week the NNC students did facility maintenance around the church, including filing, sorting, painting, building shelves and installing restroom fixtures.

As a result of the mission trip, junior Amy Minard and senior Steve Unruh are both hoping to return to Crossroads as summer interns.

"When we heard about the Arkansas shootings," Steve said, "all the kids raised their hands that they have heard shots at night [in their neighborhoods]. I just want to make an impact for Christ as Shawn is doing there."



Students travelling to Venezuela were able to participate in a number of projects. They helped in constructing this retaining wall next to the church in San Felipe, Yaracuy.



Gina Grate hangs a paper towel dispenser. Students on the Denver mission trip had the opportunity to participate in building projects such as this as well as working with the community.

The Northwesterners are having an Easter egg hunt. This Easter Sunday on the Wiley lawn. At 4:30pm, you have a chance to participate in this exciting contest for prizes, coupons and the knowledge you collected the most eggs. Over \$200 in prizes will be given away; including a free dinner for two at Outback Steakhouse. Pick up your ticket in front of Marriott during lunch or dinner. Come with your Blue Card to participate for only \$1, without is only \$2.

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Bring back the Joy

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released books: *Gifts for Your Soul*, and *Bring Back the Joy*. Walsh gave an amazing testimony of how it took a complete mental breakdown for her to realize that she didn't have to be a perfect Christian. Her message was that you don't have to try to be a super-Christian before God. Walsh closed with, "God has seen every part of your movie and he still loves you!"

Patsy Clairmont, the author of many books, opened the Saturday morning session. Also the founder of "Milk 'N Honey" ministries, Clairmont spoke about the need for Christians to step out of their comfort-zones, to take steps of faith in obedience to God despite their incapacity for handling the problems that come their way. She reminded us, "Don't look at your problem! Get your eyes off the problem, and look at the solution, which is Jesus Christ!"

Thelma Wells, a CEO, trainer, and public speaker with Zig Zigar's organization, brought a quiet message of hope and joy. As an African-American woman, she has been sub-

ject to prejudice, racism, and countless struggles in her life. She compared the Christian walk to the flight of a bumble-bee. Due to the size of their body compared to the size of their wings, they shouldn't be able to fly. Wells explained how Christians are just like bumble-bees. With countless trials and struggles, it may seem impossible at times to live the Christian life. Her message was that we can do "impossible" things with God's help.

Barbara Johnson, numerous published author, shared a humorous and painful story with us. She had an amazing story of what she had been through in her lifetime. She buried her two oldest boys, and found out that her youngest was a homosexual. After making many mistakes and saying many hurtful things to her son, she came to realize that you need to be able to accept someone for who they are, even if you don't agree with their lifestyle. She challenged the group to take a look at our attitudes, to see if we guilty of driving people farther away from the church by condemning and judging

them. Her message was that as Christians, we need to learn to love people unconditionally as God loves them.

Marilyn Meberg, a popular speaker and author, shared a message which I think is very pertinent to NNC. Her message was about learning how to express and deal with anger and other emotions. When asked 'how are you?' it is dangerous and destructive to hide behind a false mask of 'I'm fine, thank you' if you are not. She challenged us to be real with God and with other people!

It was an incredible weekend of growth and renewal for many women. God is moving through this conference, and we need to pray both for the women whose lives were touched by the conference, and for the speakers as they continue to travel throughout the United States, sharing their message with thousands of women. Praise God for what he is doing through Women of Faith!

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"God has seen every part of your movie, and he still loves you!"
~Sheila Walsh



NNC Notepad

Senate Notes: Heath thought it might be helpful to have clubs present their budgets to Senate in the future.

March 11 Meeting: Money needed to cover the cost of subsidizing the NAIA tickets for students was transferred to the President's account. Senator Ketchum read the budget for third term. Significant cuts were made to many budgets. Senate encouraged all clubs to fundraise for special events and trips they would like to take. Funding still exists for regular club ministry and events. After the rules were suspended, senate accepted the budget. Executive officers bid farewell to senate as this was their last meeting in office. Publicity Director Bartlow brought the proximity of NSLC and Mother-Daughter weekend to the attention of those attending. Business Manager

April 1 Meeting: Exec. Vice-President Loeber swore in the new ASNNC council: President Field, Exec. Vice-President Blenker, Social Vice-President Buckendorf, Secretary Halvorson, Campus Ministries Coordinator Aragon, Community Relations Coordinator Zimmerman, Business Manager Greentree and Publicity Director Rasmussen. Senator Ketchum remarked that the weight room needs new weights. Tim Wiegman should be contacted to write the bill. Heather Olson and Shawn Shafer were selected as the new editors for the *Oasis* and *The Crusader*.

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We are continually accepting new writers into THE CRUSADER family. If you would like to become a PAID member of THE CRUSADER support staff, contact Shawn Shafer at 8656.

NNCalendar

April 7 - 19	7	8 10:15a Chapel 9:00p Time Out	9 7:00p Enough is Enough - SA	10 10:15a Chapel Chapel Reduction Petitions Due Good Friday	Weekend 11-12 Passover Easter
	13 10:15a Chapel Class Council Speeches and Elections Last day to drop classes w/o a "w"	14 10:15a Faculty/Staff Fellowship-WDR MP Applications Due	15 10:15a Chapel 7:30 New RA/PA Applicant Mtg - MDR 9:00p Time Out Class Council run-offs	16 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">NSLC (Nazarene Student Leadership Conference) at NNC</div>	17 10:15a Chapel

Looking Ahead in April:

April 20-24:
RA/PA Interviews

April 23:
Student Recital

April 27:
New RA/PAs Selected

April 29:
PC Interviews

REVIEWS

Boondock's world of fun

Miniature golf is fun. Driving go-carts is fun. Batting can be fun (if you are blessed with decent hand-eye coordination). Playing video games is fun. Even getting wet behind the wheel of a bumper boat is fun. Anyone of the previous sentences would serve as proof that Boondocks is fun.

This past week included a visit to this mini amusement park by two Crusader editors. To begin the evening, we took a furious lap (or two, maybe more) around the go-cart track, bumping heads with some of the most juvenile people Idaho has to offer (included).

This track is one of the best that I have ever had the privilege of racing on.

It's better than the roads in Mackey.

Right. So anyway, I have been to many such facilities in Oregon and California and have yet to see an equal.

Next came the bumper boats. Again, this pool was one of the best (cleanest) I (we) have been in.

Not that we were actually in the pool.

The numerous obstacles made this pool even more fun. The ability to take out our aggressions on total strangers (or at least Robin) made for a worthwhile time in the water.

You spent the entire time running away!

I did not. *Did to.*

The batting cages allowed us sufficient time to dry off and try our eternally rusty skills at making little leather balls into lethal projectiles.

They weren't leather. They weren't even baseballs.

I made more base-hits off my session in the cage.

Yeah, well I hit the ball more.

They were all fouls.

You're foul.

The maturity level is sinking rapidly. Next came a nice dinner at the attached restaurant (Back Porch Café). This little place had a decent Italian menu and really good pizza (fresh tomatoes, never a bad thing). It also had a good atmosphere with nifty props all over the place. Also to its credit are the outdoor dining possibilities.

Boondocks' large assortment of video games was soon to be conquered by our intrepid edi-

tors. We took on the dinosaurs of The Lost World and lost really bad. Amid the roar of various extinct avians and the bark of gunshot, my heart rate nearly doubled.

The subwoofer tickled my feet.

This game is a shoot-'em-up on the dinosaur production facility that is the setting for the movie with (ironically enough) the same name. Quite intense.

I had three heart attacks.

And tickled feet.

And tickled feet.

Then the main attraction caught our attention. Miniature golf! The final frontier in Tiger Woods worship and first date

material.

Could we make it through all 18 holes? Who would emerge victorious? Would I lose my ball in the bumper boat pond?

Boondocks has two 18-hole courses. Either is fun. But neither is much of a challenge. The slopes of each hole put your ball in exactly the right position to get you an easy birdie. Also, it was noticed that the designer of the courses ran low on inspiration towards the end of the second course. The niftier the obstacles, the better a mini golf course. The last few holes just weren't nifty enough for my discriminating taste.

What's a putter?

Be sure to bring a camera if you plan to do the miniature golfing thing. There are plenty of photo opportunities in the props strewn about the grounds.

Say, Kevin. What are the prices like at an establishment such as this?

I'm glad you asked. Video games are the average 25 cents to a dollar. The restaurant is reasonable for the level of food being offered. Everything else is a solid \$4.50. Miniature golf: \$4.50. Go-carts: \$4.50. Bumper boats: \$4.50. See a pattern? I didn't think so. There is also an unlimited pass for \$22 that is good after 5:30pm. This gives you access to any ride as much as you want. A great deal if you have three hours or so to kill.

Boondocks is open 10am to 10pm Monday through Thursday, 10am to 11pm on Friday and Saturday, and 10am to 8pm on Sunday.

Go. Play hard. Prove that you are better than someone else. Like I am better than Robin at everything.

Newton Boys deliver excitement with class

The Newton Boys is a true story about four brothers who came from Uvalde, Texas and from 1919-1924 became the most successful bank robbers in history. The oldest brother Willis (played by Matthew McConaughey) was the ring leader of the show. He hooks up with his three brothers and a friend of his (played by Dwight Yoakam), and the three of them head out on a robbing spree accumulating millions of dollars.

The first question I had about this movie was, if these guys are the most successful bank robbers of all time, then why haven't I ever heard of them?

One of the main reasons was probably due to the fact that they didn't kill anybody (although they did manage to shoot one of the brothers during a heist). From day one, the boys agreed that they would carry guns, but they were only to intimidate people in case they were given any trouble. They also kept a low profile. All of the jobs they pulled were at night, and they didn't brag about their career. If anybody asked what they did to earn their wealth, they would calmly explain they were simple businessmen who got lucky with some oil wells in Texas.

The other Newton brothers were Dock (Vincent D'Onofrio), Jess (Ethan Hawke), and Joe (Skeet Ulrich). Joe Newton was the youngest brother and the last one to die. He died in 1989 at the age of 88.

One of the highlights of the movie is during the credits. After the

movie has ended, it shows actual footage of Willis and Joe Newton giving interviews in their old age. Willis' interview was taken in 1975 at his home, and Joe gives his interview on a 1980 episode of The Tonight Show.

One interesting piece of trivia about this movie is that Matthew McConaughey (who played Willis Newton) grew up in Texas only a few miles from the home of Joe Newton. His family bought a horse from Mr. Newton, but McConaughey claims that he and his family had no idea who he was at the time.

The biggest downfall of this film is a slightly weak plot. The acting was great, but the plot was basically four guys robbing banks. There weren't any exciting chase scenes and nobody was killed so that may be a problem for younger viewers who have come to expect a few good brutal deaths in the average blockbuster. Robbing banks sounds pretty exciting, but the robberies took place at night, and they were all pretty similar. If this wasn't a true story, there's a good chance it wouldn't have been filmed.

Nevertheless, I enjoyed it. I thought the cast was great. The dialogue was humorous at times, and touchingly serious at others. Though the plot was slightly weak, it held my attention. This movie probably won't win any Oscars, but I suggest that you give it a look anyway.



The Newton Boys

Matthew McConaughey
Ethan Hawke
Reviewed by
Nathan Hydes

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CRUSADER REVIEWS

Our Rating System

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- ✓✓✓ GOOD STUFF.
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- ☹ RISK OF BRAIN DAMAGE.

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Staff Editorial

Good Friday is a pivotal day for the Christian. It was on that day that our Lord and Savior was crucified. Without Good Friday there could be no Easter Sunday. Why then are we, at a Christian college, asked to attend classes on Good Friday? No doubt chapel will focus on it, but then we go back to classes where we will be asked to concentrate on other things—more important things? There was an uproar last year when students were expected to return to the dorms on Easter Sunday to prepare for classes on Monday. The problem was solved by moving the first day of classes to Tuesday.

What other options are there for Good Friday then? Either classes could be cancelled or not. If they were cancelled what should we be doing? I would love to see a chapel where students could gather to discuss the meaning of Good Friday or simply gather in worship. If that were not possible perhaps students could meet in small groups, by major, class or dorm, as long as they came together.

If classes were not cancelled it seems inappropriate to ask professors to devote class time to the discussion of Good Friday, but maybe such an idea is not unreasonable. I hesitate to simply ask that classes be cancelled because some students don't care. I hope they care that it's Good Friday and that they understand the implications of this day, but chapel provides enough time to think about it. They would rather go shopping or see a movie. If the majority of students feels this way then cancelling class is a ridiculous idea.

But what of those of us who really feel that Good Friday needs to be set aside as a Holy day? If Easter were on a weekday I'm certain that we would not be expected to attend class. What makes Good Friday any different? Everyone loves to celebrate Easter, families gather at friends and relatives homes to be together, religious and non-religious alike. And yet the Christian life is not always an Easter morning. Sometimes everything seems dark, not hopeless, but lonely and frightening, like that Friday.

His disciples had deserted him, He was being sacrificed for the atonement of humanity and at He would spend six hours on a cross dying. Maybe we like to gloss over Good Friday because it isn't pretty. We love Palm Sunday with its shouts of "Hosanna!" and waving of palm branches but no one gets excited about Good Friday.

There is nothing wrong with being reminded of how much our Savior suffered for us, how much that shows that he loved us! Surely for one day we could devote ourselves to carrying the cross with Him instead of carrying our back packs and books.

-Shannon Adams

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Living a Christian life at NNC

by Andrew Yoder
Guest Writer

I would like to start by making a claim. I believe it is more difficult to live an authentic Christian life on a Christian campus than it is to live it on a secular one, or out in the secular world. I thank God for bringing me to NNC almost every day, and most of my gratitude centers around the amount of spiritual insight I have gained because of many students and professors on this campus. Nevertheless, I have never had a more difficult time living as a Christian should live as I have here at a school surrounded by other Christian people. Why is this? I believe the answer is, because as we come into an environment where everyone is generally accepted to be Christian, we tend to look to others, rather than to God, for our spiritual checks and balances. Every value we hold, along with every goal, choice and spiritual discipline eventually fall prey to the danger of peer comparison. The obvious danger in all of this is that not everyone is in the same place along their spiritual journey, not everything that may be right for one person will be right for another, and not everyone who says "Lord, Lord" will enter God's kingdom.

When I came to school here I was very secure in my values and beliefs because I had to be. I had no strong church youth group, and no Christian friends. In fact, most of my friends dealt with serious problems like abuse and drugs. In a way, they inspired me to be more set apart. I don't mean set apart in the sense that I avoided my friends, but I do mean set apart in my desire for holiness and in choosing not to participate in or support things others did that I knew to be hurtful to the heart of God. When I came here, I was instantly with hundreds of kids who went to church, had a testimony of Christian faith, and

often came from solid Christian homes; what better place to become an on-fire Christian.

The worst and most ingenious facet is that we let the drifting Christians take us down with them. Soon, swearing really isn't that bad, since we just swear because it's funny, or because we are playing sports, or we're mad or whatever the case may be. Besides, there's nothing really specific in the Bible about it. Not swearing must just be legalism! Later on, watching movies with outlandish cursing, and glorification of evil are really not that bad. It's simply entertainment, and anyone who might think to object is simply a relic of a dead, legalistic, unenlightened generation.

On and on it goes. We justify and rationalize all sorts of behavior that we once thought unconscionable, all the while comparing ourselves to other people saying, "Well, if he or she can do that, then I am not so bad!" Then, after all that, we have the unmitigated gall to stand up and praise God for all He is doing in our lives, or to whimper about how much we are "struggling" right now with absolutely no intention to make any sort of change.

Sometimes we look for any excuse not to think about how far from a Jesus-patterned life we may have strayed. We often pride ourselves in being so "fascinated" in studying the Bible and asking all kinds of intellectual questions - is this

really sin, or is this what the Bible really means - that we don't even bother to *live the message!* It is at that point we take the sword and run it through the heart of Christian living. It is this kind of collective drift that has essentially killed the holiness message.

I know this picture is very bleak, but I want you to understand that this is where I found myself up until recently. I believe my story may be the story of many others. I had looked to all my peers to guide my heart rather than letting God lead me along the path. If I felt uncomfortable with something everyone else was doing, I went along with it anyway because we were all one big, happy Christian family. After awhile, I had an excuse for every single behavior that was actually inexcusable. Christianity became nothing more than something to do on Sundays - if that. Please understand that I am not blaming or condemning my peers. As Christians we all struggle and we all drift and fail at times. And not all my peers had a negative influence on me. My fault was in being influenced by their struggles and drifting rather than listening to God's direction in my life. Fortunately, my spiritual journey did not end on this note of despair.

It started with God getting a hold of my heart. One night I tried to talk a friend of mine into doing things he really did not want to do. I told him he was too old fashioned and he needed to loosen up and anything else I could think of to get him to do what I wanted. Eventually, he did. When he did, God did to me what only can be compared to grabbing me by the shirt and showing me up against the wall. God forced me to

We justify and rationalize all sorts of behavior that we once thought unconscionable.

look at my friend's beliefs. I realized that I wanted him to do what I was doing so that I would feel better about it. I remember how my other friends would sit around and talk about how we were finally bringing this guy around...and I felt absolutely horrible.

The more I thought about that, the more I began

to think about how far my value system had declined. Basically, I would watch anything not rated NC-17. Anything that was funny in any way I would say, no matter how vulgar. Anyone I did not like, I felt free to criticize and loathe. I realized that without meaning to, I had drifted to the point where I was no different than the unsaved. More importantly than realizing how far away I was from God, was the fact that I *repented!* I quit trying to run my own life and live as close to the sinful world as I possibly could. I may have killed holiness in my life, but I made a choice to let God *resurrect* holiness in me! The issue in holiness is not finding an itemized list of what is sin and what isn't. Holiness is about choosing to live in the overflow of pure, whole love for God and for others to the point where I don't want to live close to the world. In fact, holiness is about falling so in love with the Father that I don't want to be near anything that could possibly hurt the heart of God. The issue moves from "Is swearing a sin" to "Is it part of God's *best* for me?" No longer do I want to see how much I can "get away with." Holiness is not a one time experience. It is a daily "drawing back" into the center of God's will. It is a heart open to examination by God each day. Things will come up in my life where I drift out of the center of God's will. But holiness forces me to cry out, "search me, oh God! Try me, and see if there be any wicked way in me!"

Does Chapel really help?

When I was 16 years old, my parents became born again Christians. Part of their new found spiritual life involved going to church. Much to my brother and my dismay, they insisted on dragging us with them. Every Sunday, we were pulled out of bed and forced to go. It wasn't that I hated church. I didn't especially enjoy going, but it wasn't torture. The reason I didn't like going was that I was being forced to go. I really resented that. If my parents wanted to be Christians, that was fine with me. But the fact that they were taking me down with them didn't seem fair. As bad as that may sound, that was how I felt.

Luckily, I got a job in high school that required me to work Sunday mornings. That was pretty nice. You've probably guessed that I wasn't the most religious guy during high school. I never rejected God or anything. It just didn't interest me. I had college and other things to worry about.

The biggest reason I didn't want to have anything to do with the church was that it had been shoved down my throat for so long. I wasn't given the right to choose myself. Somebody in a higher position felt they needed to make the decision for me.

How does this relate to chapel? Pretty simple. Nobody wants to be forced to do anything. This includes chapel. A lot of students hold resentment towards the whole idea of chapel. We're all big kids. We should make the choice of whether we want to go to chapel or not. I personally, don't mind going to chapel on some mornings. I enjoy a lot of the speakers we have, and Mr. Schandorff says a lot of good stuff.

However, on other days, I don't feel quite as eager to go. I may be tired or I may have homework. Whatever the case may be, I don't want to go. I'll go in, grab a chapel card, find a seat, and fall asleep. I've done it a few times. Some mornings, it would take nothing short of an act of God to keep my eyes open. And on those mornings, it does nobody any good to have me there.

I know, I know, having chapel is just part

of a Christian school. That's the way it is. I've heard this argument before. Part of being a Christian school is having chapel. Well, I'll say this: if chapel is the only thing keeping NNC a Christian school, that's pretty sad.

NATHAN HYDES

Sometimes I sit in chapel while a speaker is delivering a less than riveting sermon, and I look around the auditorium. Try it someday. See how many people you see talking, sleeping, doing homework, and/or just not paying attention.

There's a ton. Can you really blame them though? They didn't ask to be there. The holy spirit didn't move them to be there. The fact that they might have to pay ten bucks if they don't show up tends to be a pretty big motivator.

If you want to say that our school just isn't very spiritual, you're wrong. Almost all of us have been to at least one Time Out. They're great.

People are excited to be there. They're more eager to stand, they sing louder, and you see a lot more people actually looking happy. You know why? It's because they want to be there. Nobody is being forced to go. They go because they love God and fellowship. Those are the right reasons for going.

I know a lot of students enjoy going to chapel, and that's great. I'm not trying to step on anybody's toes or hurt anyone's feelings. If you like going to chapel, then go and worship. I commend you for it. But for those of us who aren't quite as eager to go, we should have the right to stay home every so often.

I am a Christian, and I love our school. I really mean that. I just tend to think that a person's relationship with the Lord is a personal matter. It isn't something that the school should dictate. I've never known anybody who became a Christian through a threat.

Trying to get students to know God is a noble cause, but hanging a fine over their head to do it, isn't the way to go.

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Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues

Do you think students should be required to go to chapel?



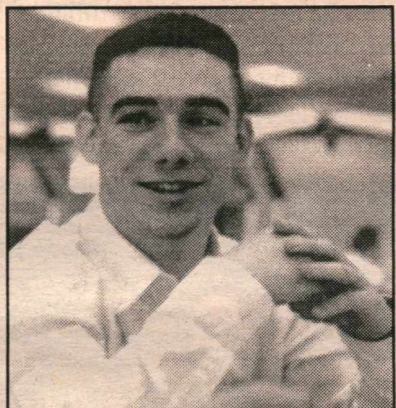
Becky Mullin
Senior
Finance/
Accounting
Moses Lake,
WA

"I think it's a good thing. It helps with your spiritual development."



Jason Person
Sophomore
Social Work
North Bend,
WA

"No. If people don't like chapel, they shouldn't be forced to go."



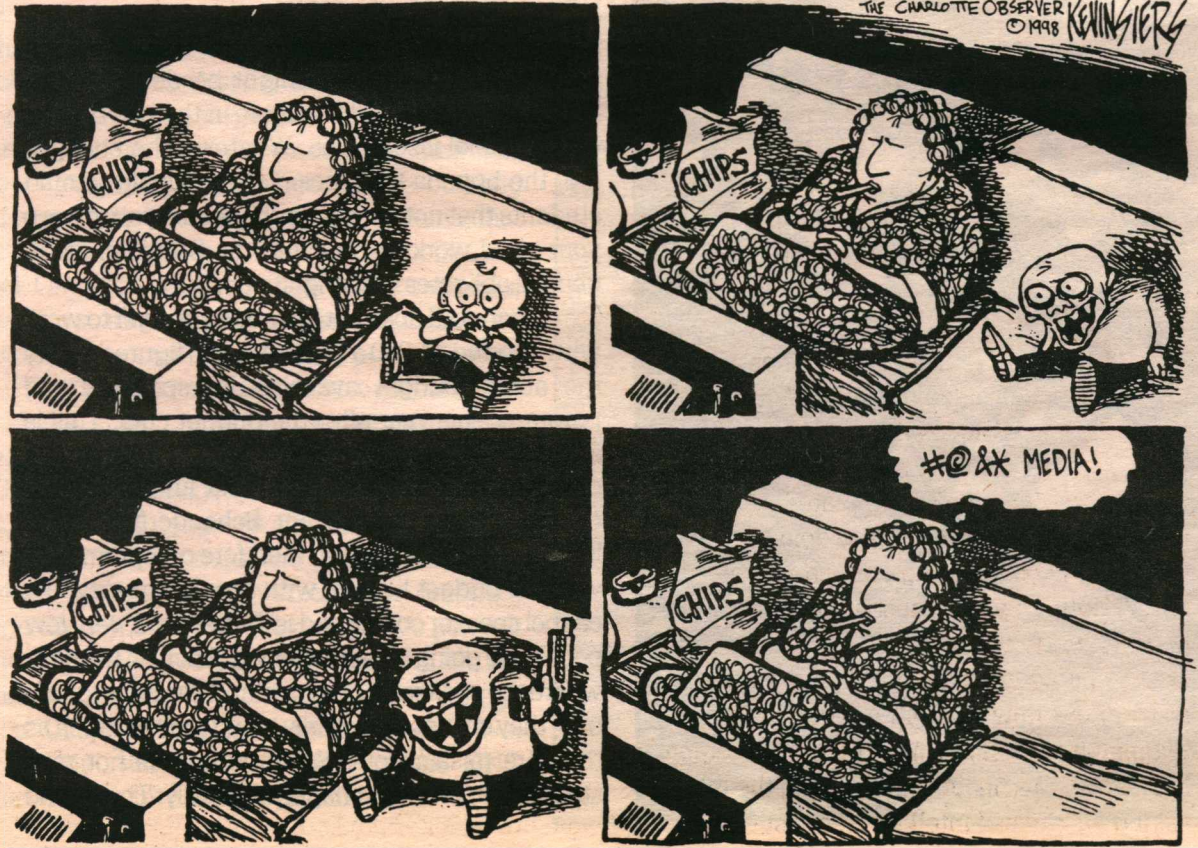
Chris Moore
Junior
Special
Ministries
Youth
Colfax, WA

"Yes, because we need the spiritual discipline to keep us on track in our spiritual lives."



Robin LaFrenz
Freshman
Elementary
Education
North Bend,
WA

"I think we should. If chapel is required, then there is a place that people can find Jesus."



Chapel: Necessity or opportunity

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school pulls in \$26,000 to \$30,000 *per year* in chapel fines. This is not pocket change. But the money does not go back into the chapel budget. Like any other department or club, it has a finite budget for the year. People are not buying their way out; they may rationalize chapel fines to make themselves believe it is okay, but they are selling themselves out.

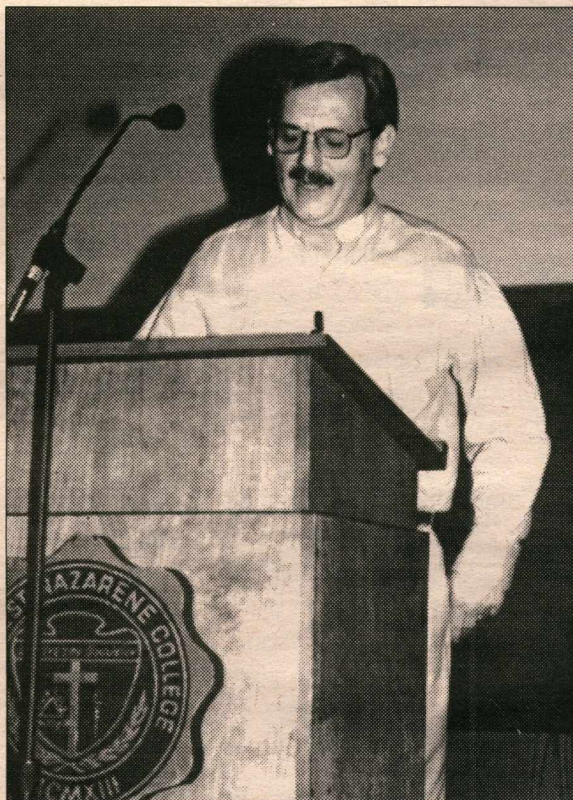
Are fines and the recognition that chapel is mandatory really what chapel is all about?

Some students enter the Brandt center only to pull out a book or drop off to sleep. In such cases their time is wasted. Interestingly enough, students who are blatantly rude in chapel can be called later during the day and told that their chapel credit for the morning has been revoked because of their earlier behavior. Everything remains confidential and, hopefully, it is not a common occurrence, but why are students coming to a Christian college if they did not plan to come to chapel?

Students were asked if they believed that chapel should be mandatory; most responded yes, it should be. Can a school claim Christianity as the mission of the school's existence and *not* require chapel? It is an interesting question that many would no doubt respond that it is not chapel which makes NNC religious. But is not chapel a large part of it? Would the spiritual community exist now without chapel?

Gene Schandorff came to NNC with a vision. He has realized that vision. The school used to have as few as 30 chapels a term. The idea was that by having fewer chapels the student community would be closer together. As for alternate chapels, only three could be attended. Time Outs were the only alternate chapel option and each Time Out only counted as 1/2 of a chapel credit. Schandorff kept the 30 chapels offered per term for the first year he was here, after that chapel options went up to 40. Five alternate chapels can be attended, Time Outs count as a chapel credit as do ministry club outings. Students still worry about meeting the requirement, but they have so many opportunities.

Schandorff's main concern was about how chapel and the requirements for it affected students. Students may feel pressed now, but the stress levels were much higher then. Students



Gene Schandorff has been the Director of Spiritual Development and Chaplain since 1992. Schandorff has a genuine love for the Lord and a heart for the students at NNC.

could only miss six chapels a term. Schandorff figured that by having more chapel opportunities, the amount of fines coming in would decrease. The fines have remained very much the same. If only students viewed chapel differently. Schandorff would love to drop the fine system, but the only other way to keep students accountable for their chapel attendance is to link chapel to graduation. Having graduation and chapel linked would create stress levels that are much higher than the stress levels students have with the fine system. Schandorff agrees that the fine system is punitive, but what other options exist?

One option that is not open to students is buying their way out of chapel. Students must attend at least half of their required chapels to be able to enroll in NNC the next term. Before Schandorff arrived, some students were simply paying the money and not attending chapel at all. This is no longer the case. Students are required to fill out chapel reduction

petitions if they are unable to make the 24 chapel requirement. The petitions are approved or denied by the administration. Schandorff never actually sees the petitions. Student chapel reduction petitions may be referred to Schandorff and a committee of seven students only if the petition falls outside of the published guidelines. The student chapel reduction committee makes the final decision on chapel reduction.

How do most students view chapel?

An obligation or an opportunity? Schandorff sees it as a chance to further our spiritual lives. Students do not walk into chapel after first leaving their minds on the foyer furniture (no doubt environmental services would not appreciate it either). What if instead students walked into chapel hoping to learn something new, expanding their minds spiritually? Chapel is not to feed only the turbulent emotional side of spiritual development; not that there is anything wrong with getting emotional, but if a chapel is judged as good or poor by whether or not it made some students emotional, then they should consider finding a better definition. Chapel is not only religious while our public lives are only secular. Somehow students need to understand that the two worlds collide in the Christian life.

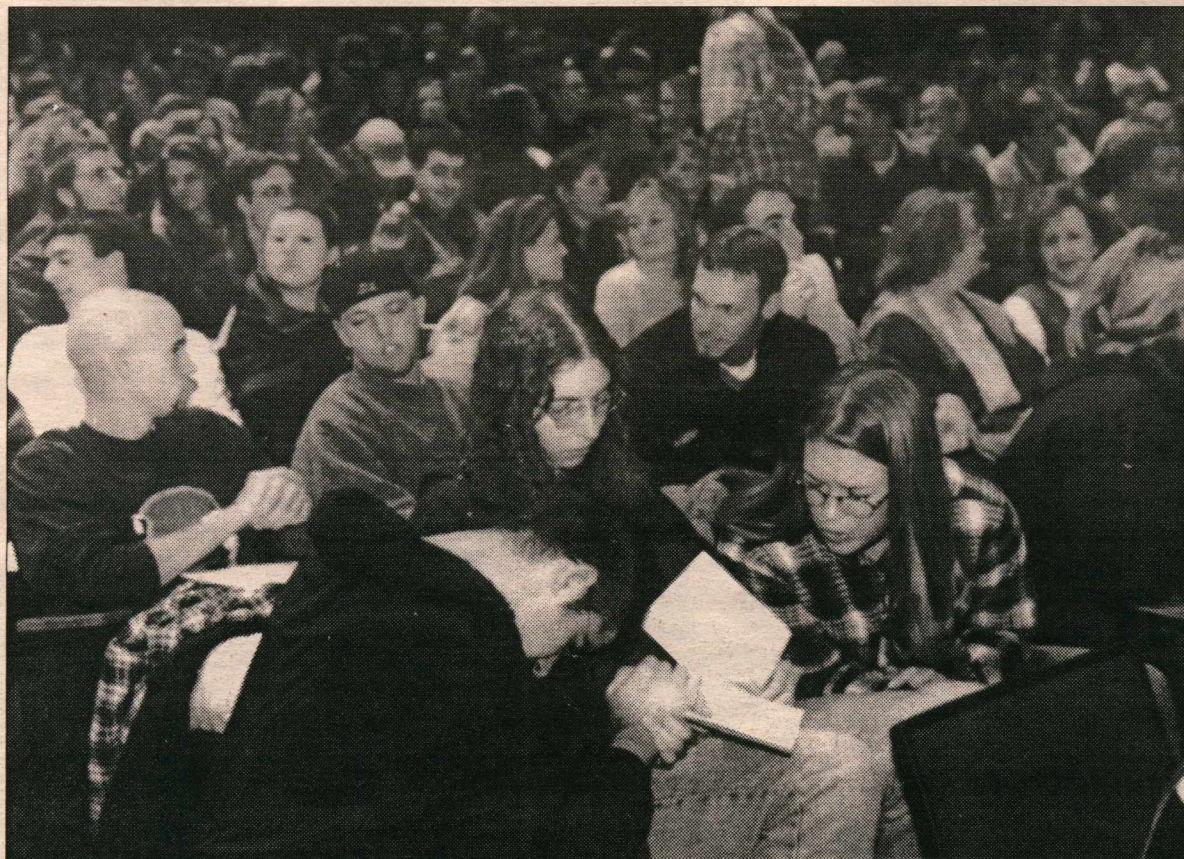
Four or five years ago a committee of twenty students gathered to create a mission statement for chapel and to share their vision of chapel. Schandorff created the committee by keeping in mind that chapel has to meet students who are at different spiritual extremes. Some students are not Christian or religious at all while others are born holding a Nazarene manual. Schandorff believes

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that it is time for another committee to be created. Chapel must be constantly changing with the student body. Schandorff mentioned several ideas for theme weeks that would create a more scholastic atmosphere in chapel. One theme was for a "Controversial Issues" week. Professors, students or community members would come give their opinion of an issue during chapel and,

ideally, they would then be able to field questions on a panel or individually later that evening. Schandorff planned a "World Religions" week three years ago and he would like to have a world religions week again. The idea is to have students keep asking for more. As long as Schandorff receives chapel cards asking for more student led worship chapels or fewer student led worship chapels, he knows that he has found the right balance. Schandorff would like to see more student led chapels, but they would not be praise and worship oriented. They might be devotional in nature or they might keep more in theme with the controversial issues idea. Whatever the changes are, the hope is that these weeks would remind students that not only does chapel ask you to keep your mind working, but that the Christian life in general obligates thinking.

Schandorff does not have a big budget to work with, around \$4,000 a year, and this figure reflects the actual budget available for speakers and programs this year after the budget cuts. This is about \$1,500 below the usual budget. The average outside speaker costs \$1,000. But finding a good chapel speaker is important. Schandorff contacts local speakers for chapel, therefore compromising with his budget but not with speaker quality. If a chapel speaker comes and is ill-prepared, very few people are going to pay attention. Then on the days where the speaker is prepared and students ignore him, they are not necessarily being rude as much as they are missing out. Schandorff does not take student responses to chapel personally. Those who



For students, chapel has many purposes. Some use it as a time to relax and enjoy the message while others study, talk with friends or even sleep.

choose to study or sleep during chapel, because it is a choice, are missing out. If someone sleeps through chapel and then thinks, "I really got them. I slept the whole time." Who was really taken? What if the speaker had something to say that was pertinent to them? They might have missed something. But the options that would insist on student attention would not be desirable: students being forced to check their books at the door or people walking around with sticks to prod students if they started to nap. Either option leaves everyone frustrated. They would feel that they were not trusted. But when students continually sleep and study in chapel, they prove that they cannot be trusted to pay attention. Students should appreciate that the rules are not stricter.

The new building has posed some difficulty for chapel this year. The first time students walked in, they were overwhelmed by the size. Massive and dark were the two words that come to mind. Many felt like they were attending a performance, they were the audience and not a part of a group worshipping. It has been difficult for Schandorff as well. Seating has been a problem. The Swayne auditorium contains twice as many seats as needed for chapel. The ropes were used at first to keep students in a smaller area, but the ropes did not



College Church was built, in part, to house a campus community that was too large for the auditorium in the Administration building. College Church was the mandatory church for students on Sunday mornings for many years.

work. The more students are spread out, the more difficult it is for the speaker to address everyone. Next year there will be a two-foot high intermediate platform in front of the stage. Schandorff tried speaking in front of the platform down by the altars but chapel card responses said that people in the back could not see him. Another reason the student seating was a problem was for cleaning. The more of the auditorium that is used, the more that has to be cleaned.

The altars have helped the auditorium feel more like a house of worship. The students have made it chapel more than anything else, though. Schandorff has been amazed by their adaptability. Worship teams have struggled with remembering that they are still leading worship, not performing. Stephanie Ortman got down on her knees during one chapel, after confessing to the student body that she had been singing to impress not to worship. Her honesty did more to humble the student body than any changes to the building could have done. There are always complaints that seem to distract students from the true content of chapel. One such comment, heard on occasion, is, "if we have so much money to spend on thrones for the stage why can't we...[fill in personal wish here]." The "thrones," as students have affectionately termed the large chairs on the platform, were donated by the interior designer of the building.

Chapel has changed much over the past 85 years. Students no longer sit alphabetically, nor are they required to attend College Church on Sunday mornings (when this requirement was dropped, College Church's attendance dropped 70 percent on one Sunday). NNC has outgrown both the Ad building auditorium and the sanctuary of College Church. Chapel is three days a week instead of five, but the importance and integrity of the NNC spiritual community has not faded at all.

1913-1998, 85 years of community

Chapel has long been part of the NNC tradition. In *From Sagebrush to Ivy*, which is the story of Northwest Nazarene College from 1913-1988, John E. Riley wrote that "on a small campus such as NNC's, it is possible, but not easy, to have regular convocations and/or chapels. Not easy, but quite necessary for the creation and sustenance of a community life and especially for a religious or spiritual life.

It might be said "There is no such institution as a Christian college without such regular gatherings."

The present mission of chapel, as outlined in the NNC student handbook, states that "the purpose of the Chapel/Convocation program at Northwest Nazarene College is to build and maintain a sense of community. The spiritual, technical and cultural content of these gatherings, in keeping with the Mission Statements of Northwest Nazarene College, is imperative to the pursuit of a Christian liberal arts education. Therefore, attendance is required.

But what did chapel used to be like? Dr. Gaymon Bennett and Dr. Lynn Neil shared their chapel memories.

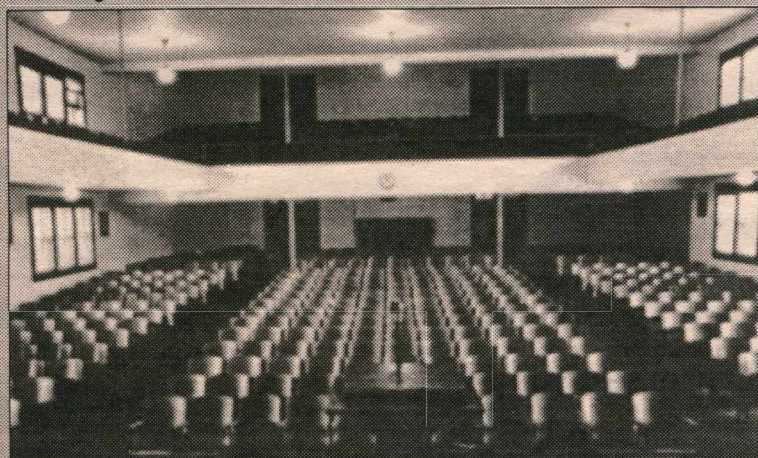
Dr. Bennett graduated from NNC in 1964 and returned as a professor in 1972. "I have many memories of chapel. When I was a student at NNC (1960-1964) we were required to attend chapel five days a week. Students sat alphabetically by class—the freshmen were seated in the balcony, sophomores under the balcony, juniors ahead of them, and seniors in the best seats in the house. The old Ad building chapel was an ideal venue for pranks. One morning we came into chapel to see what looked like a naked child hanging from a light fixture. (It was actually a skinned monkey taken from a biology lab.) On another occasion a group of sophomores dropped marbles in the back which rolled to the front, and each time it was almost quiet, they dropped a bunch more. On still another occasion, midway through chapel, an alarm clock began ring-

ing in a large green urn at the front of the hall; then another, and another and another. As soon as one was discovered and shut off, another—hidden elsewhere in the building—went a-ringing.

"The faculty all attended chapel then, and all sat on the platform. As a student, I spent many a

chapel hour either sketching professors or playing games with seat-mates "using" faculty members. One game was the 'what-animal-does-each-professor-remind-you-of' game. Another was 'what-musical-instrument...' Those were the days. The worst day: the day Tom Farr threw up while running out of chapel sick. The most harrowing: the day I had to give a nomination speech for a friend and overslept, and had to dress while running to the Ad building—tying my tie as I approached the stage. Probably my favorite memory of the auditorium itself was of plays I acted in on that stage: 'Joan of Lorraine,' 'Jane Eyre,' 'An Enemy of the People.' I met my friend Evelyn doing 'Enemy.'"

Dr. Lynn Neil, as the daughter of John E.



NNC chapels were at first held in the auditorium of the Administration building. Students were seated alphabetically and by class standing. Faculty sat on the platform.

Riley, has grown up around the college. "I attended chapels from an early age because I attended the college high school. So my history of NNC chapels goes back to 1954. We sat by classes. The freshmen were in the balcony, seated alphabetically. The sophomores were under the balcony, the juniors along the side, and the seniors in the front, middle section. All sections were alphabetized, so we really got to know the people around us after four years. They were chapel family." What happened if you did not attend all the chapels? "I can't remember. We just went to all of them. We didn't have fines then, but we were talked to, I think. The displeasure of our Dean of Students was enough punishment...not because he was fierce (he wasn't), but because we had respected him and wanted to please him." When did we switch from five chapels a week to only three? "After I graduated. We attended every day. No one thought it was a burden; it was more a 'family style dinner.' We were all together."

Dr. Ralph Neil added that he began his chapel career as a freshman sitting in the balcony of the administration building auditorium. "By my senior year I had worked myself out of the balcony to the third row, center section—prime seating!"

Instead of having fines students were given a certain number of "grace" absences for the semester. And even though chapel was five

times a week only three of those were "religious." The other two chapels were often club meetings, athletic or literary group meetings, class meetings or Men's and Women's club meetings. "Some chapels were intellectual life lectures or other special interest things...These daily meetings with many people be-

"...I spent many a chapel hour either sketching professors or playing games with seat-mates..."

~Dr. Gaymon Bennett

ing responsible for the content did a lot to bring the campus together and to create campus unity."

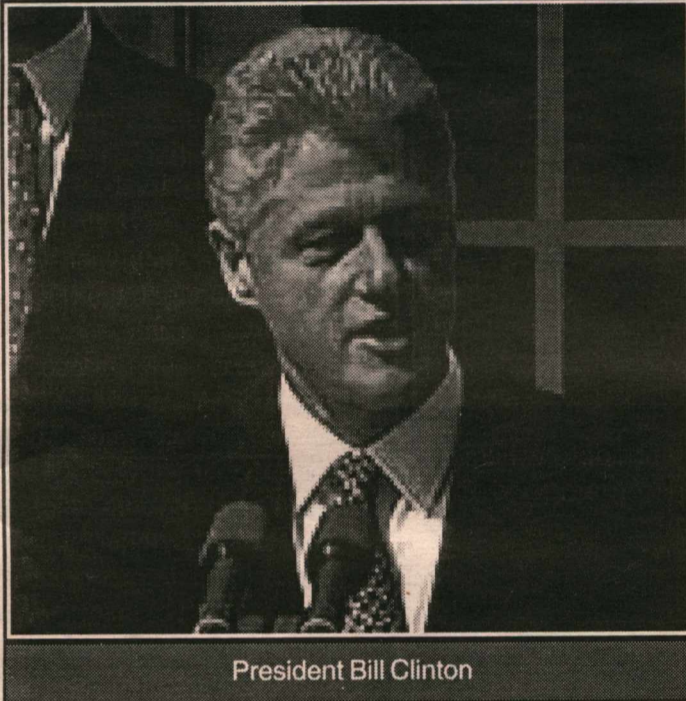
NNC's present chaplain Gene Schandorff shared his chapel stories from Pasadena College (now Point Loma Nazarene University). Chapel at Pasadena College allowed students to choose their own seats, but it remained their seat for the rest of the year. Many times, Schandorff recalled, a gentleman would sit next to the love of his life in November only to have broken up with her by February and then have to sit by her until June. Schandorff also shared that many of his married friends met because they were chapel partners: five days a week for four years, it naturally led to marriage. Chapel was often a place where life-long friendships began.

Clinton v. Jones harassment suit thrown out of court

by Rachel Roemhildt
Staff Writer

U.S. District Court Judge Susan Webber Wright threw out the Paula Jones case against President Clinton last Wednesday. Wright held that the behavior allegedly performed by then-Governor Clinton would not constitute sexual harassment.

However, since then, many questions have surfaced about what then constitutes sexual harassment, whether Jones will appeal and how the dismissal of the case will affect Kenneth Starr's investigation of the President.



President Bill Clinton

Jones alleges that while Clinton was governor of Arkansas, he exposed himself and propositioned her in the Excelsior hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The decision was delivered on April 1, and even President Clinton when told of the decision, first thought it was an April fool's joke. President Clinton, was on a twelve-day tour of Africa when the

decision came out.

"Obviously, I'm pleased with the decision. . . . I'm very much looking forward to going home and continuing the very ambitious agenda we've got there," said President Clinton.

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was more diplomatic with her response to the decision. "Both Bill and I have felt

throughout this whole thing that it would turn out fine . . . based on the fact that there was no evidence to support these groundless claims," she remarked.

Jones has gone into seclusion since the decision, but her attorneys have described her as "semishell-shocked."

The most interesting response

was that of William Ginsburg, Monica Lewinsky's lawyer. He said that, "this demonstrated that there never was a Paula Jones case as many of us suspected."

However, that was not what Judge Wright decided. In her 39-page decision, she wrote, "while the Court will certainly agree that the plaintiff's allegations describe offensive conduct . . . the conduct

as alleged by plaintiff describes a mere sexual proposition or encounter."

This then brings up the question, what does constitute sexual harassment?

Jones's spokeswoman Susan Carpenter McMillian asked, ". . . what is sexual harassment, if that's not?" If an allegedly lewd proposition is not sexual harassment, then a definition of what it is may be called upon. This decision may prompt companies to redefine what sexual harassment is and is not for the workplace.

As for Jones, she now can choose whether to appeal the decision or not.

John Whitehead, of the Rutherford Institute, which is currently paying for Jones's legal expenses, calls the chances of an appeal, "99 percent," but acknowledges that the final decision is up to Jones.

The final question is what effect the dismissal of the Jones case will have on the Kenneth Starr investigation of the President.

Starr maintains that the ruling by Judge Wright "has no effect on our authority, and we will continue working to complete the investigation as expeditiously as possible."

Even though Starr admits that the dismissal may effect his investigation politically, he reaffirms that the dismissal will not hurt his investigation legally.

A former Justice Department prosecutor said that the dismissal may make it harder for Starr to bring any case to trial and win it. He said, "Everybody in the country now knows the (Jones) case was dismissed."

Groat charged with four counts of espionage

If convicted, former CIA Agent, Douglas Groat, could end up facing the death penalty

by Ryan Dooley
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A CIA covert operative, who was fired on Saturday, was charged with tipping off two foreign governments that the United States had broken their code systems. He was held without bond.

Douglas Fred Groat also was charged with trying to extort \$500,000 from the CIA in return for not disclosing its secrets. If convicted, he could face the death penalty.

Groat, a 50-year-old bearded and burly man, worked for the CIA from May 1980 through October 1996, but spent the last three of those 16 years on

administrative leave before being fired. The grand jury charged that he gave secrets about U.S. code-breaking to two foreign governments, which were not named, in March and April of 1997.

The grand jury said that Groat's attempt to extort money from the CIA began before his alleged turncoat activities and continued after them. The grand jury said that the attempted extortion lasted from May 1996 until February 1998.

"This case involves highly sensitive clas-

sified information that could have a serious impact on the national security of the United States," U.S. Attorney Wilma Lewis said in a statement outside the federal courthouse in Washington. "This is a serious espionage case."

Lewis said Groat attempted to extort more than \$500,000 from the CIA "in return for agreeing not to reveal to foreign governments CIA activities and methods that were known to him as a result of his employment." Those activities involved CIA efforts at breaking the codes used by foreign governments used to send secret messages.

"During Groat's employment with the CIA," Lewis said, "he participated in classified covert operations aimed at the penetration of cryptographic systems of foreign governments. The alleged unauthorized disclosure of these activities could have a significant impact on the national security of the United States."

CIA director George Tenet said in a statement today that Groat last had access to classified information in 1993. It was not immediately clear whether the CIA actually passed money to Groat. According to the indictment, Groat's attempted extortion stretched from May 1996 through last February.

Tenet said Groat worked as a technical officer in the CIA's Directorate for Science and Technology.

"The charges against Mr. Groat are extremely serious," Tenet said. "The full extent of any damage to U.S. national security has yet to be determined." Tenet said that the arrest "demonstrates that the U.S. government will not rest in our efforts against those who would commit espionage against the United States, nor will we be intimidated by threats of blackmail."

A federal grand jury said in its indictment that Groat gave both foreign countries classified information concerning "the targeting and compromise of the cryptographic systems of the foreign country by the United States with intent and reason to believe that said information would be used to the injury of the United States."

Groat, who was arrested by the FBI at his Washington office, entered a not guilty plea through his attorney at the federal courthouse, to all five counts against him. Two of the counts carry a maximum penalty of death.

"Based on his former employment with the CIA, he is trained in travel, false identity and deception," Dubelier said.

The FBI was not seeking any accomplices in the case, but officials would not say whether any foreign diplomats were being expelled from this country.

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Iran mudslide covers village UN inspectors leave Iraq

by Rebecca L. Miller
Staff Writer

Southwest Iran has been experiencing massive amounts of rain recently. This week marked the first tragedy as a result of it. The flood waters set off a landslide which swept over an entire village. It is believed that all 50 of the residents died as a result. "They are all assumed dead," said Hamid Ghaffarzadeh, a United Nations official. "Officials have not been able to trace anyone there yet."

The village was small and was located in the mountains. It was called Abkennareh. The inhabitants were tribespeople who herded cattle. They have had problems with flooding in the past, and they were cut off from the rest of the world in this emergency.

Rescue efforts for the village have experienced difficulty, partly as a result of the floods.

The helicopters that were sent on Saturday were not even able to locate the village. It was most likely buried by the mud. Then strong winds forced the helicopters to turn back. Relief workers who tried to reach the village on foot struggled along the muddy roads.

The week-long rains have caused other problems. Floods killed six other people, when rivers overflowed across seven provinces. More than 10,000 people were removed by helicopters when they were stranded. Officials are worried that more casualties could occur as rescue workers try to aid the remote areas. "The situation is still very dangerous," said one official, Zahra Falahad. "Our people have been working through the night." There have also been massive amounts of damage to crops, farmland, bridges and electrical lines. The damage is estimated at \$5.7 million. "The rain has been unprecedented," concluded Ghaffarzadeh.

by Rebecca L. Miller
Staff Writer

In February, there had been many discussions and threats of war as Saddam Hussein refused to let the inspectors inspect certain sites. These inspectors were not allowed to examine some presidential palaces where they believed Iraq might have concealed weapons. But on the twenty-third, a deal was made that would allow U.N. inspectors to investigate cities that Iraq would choose.

The weapons inspectors finished their very first inspection of the palaces last Saturday. They did not find any signs of banned materials, which include materials for chemical or biological weapons. Nor were there any signs that Hussein had been using the palaces to make the weapons. "We did not find, at this stage, any sign of prohibited weapons," said Roger Hill, the chief inspector.

Iraqi officials considered the episode a vindication for them. The Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz

said, "The group's visit has verified Iraq's credibility and exposed the allegations of America and Britain and their elements in the U.N. Special Commission." He declared that the U.N. should lift their sanctions imposed after the 1990 invasion of Kuwait. These sanctions were imposed until all the weapons were accounted for and destroyed.

The inspectors had not really expected to find anything incriminating, since Iraq knew ahead of time what would be searched. Hill described the mission as a survey and not as an exhaustive search. Senior inspector Charles Duelfer said, "We have not fully accounted for this biology program, the chemical program and, in fact, even the missile program."

One of the main goals was to establish a precedent of examining sites Iraq had made off-limits. In this sense, the inspections were a major step. This peaceful inspection also proved that there is a possibility for agreement with Iran. In this respect, the inspections were a victory for both sides.

...very briefly...

National Semiconductor Corp., the

Computer news

country's fourth-largest computer chip maker, is expected to announce on Monday a way to combine most of the chips used in personal computers into a single chip. The Santa Clara, California, company said its new chip could bring PC prices under \$500 and lead to a host of new computing devices. National's chief executive said the first working version of the chip will be completed by the end of the year and could be produced in volume by 1999.

A team of American climbers left on

Everest News

Saturday on a mission to clean up the world's highest peak. The Environment Everest Expedition will travel to Nepal to haul away hundreds of oxygen canisters, fuel containers and batteries that were left by previous climbers whom attempted to scale the 29,028 foot peak. One thing that they will not be removing are the dead bodies that are up there. The approximate count on that is 150. The reason is because carrying a full-grown man is very difficult.

President Clinton wants to ban the im-

People News

port of assault weapons modified to look like hunting rifles. The move will close a loophole that allowed thousands of assault rifles to enter the United States despite a 1994 ban on such weapons. Clinton reportedly plans to issue an executive order on Monday; permanently barring the importation of 58 modified weapons. A White House official said most of the affected guns are variations of the AK-47 and Uzi semiautomatic weapons.

Did You Know...

Little facts that you may never need to know, but are interesting to some

This Week in History may be back sometime in the near future, but for now here are some interesting facts.

Did you know...

A mole can dig a tunnel 300 feet long in just one night?

A hippo can open its mouth wide enough to fit a four foot tall child inside?

Until 1796, there was a state in the U.S. called Franklin, but today it's known as Tennessee?

A cockroach can live several weeks with its head cut off?

Over 1000 birds a year die from smashing into windows?

Thomas Edison, lightbulb inventor, was afraid of the dark?

Some ribbon worms will eat themselves if they can't find any food?

A sneeze travels out your mouth at over 100 M.P.H.?

Owls are one of the only birds who can see the color blue?

Around the world in eighty words

Compiled by Ryan Dooley
Asst. World News Editor

Baby Born In An Airplane

During a flight from Nigeria to the Ivory Coast, a pregnant woman gave birth to a healthy boy. They were midway through their flight at about 30,000 feet. Saidatou Ayoni's water broke and she quietly went into labor; somewhere over the Ghana or Benin, she gave birth. A flight attendant on Cameroon flight 704 asked the passengers if there was a doctor aboard. Fortunately there was.

Prime Minister Nominated

Russian President Boris Yeltsin says he won't back down on his nomination of Sergei Kiriyenko as Prime Minister, the Interfax News Agency reported Sunday. Yeltsin is confident the Lower House of Russia's parliament will confirm his choice, but the agency quoted an official on Yeltsin's staff as saying he will renominate Kiriyenko if he's rejected on the first ballot. If the Duma rejects three nominations, new parliamentary elections would automatically be triggered under Russia's constitution.

Muslims Seek Old Sermon

On Monday, two-million Muslims began their slow trek to Mount Arafat, in Saudi Arabia, the place where Prophet Mohammad's last sermon 14 centuries ago took place, for the climax of the sacred Islamic pilgrimage known as the hajj. The throng of pilgrims, dressed in white and some carrying umbrellas for protection from the sun, stretched for as far as the eye could see. They chanted, "I have answered your call, God. There is no God but you," which reverberated around the hills in the area.

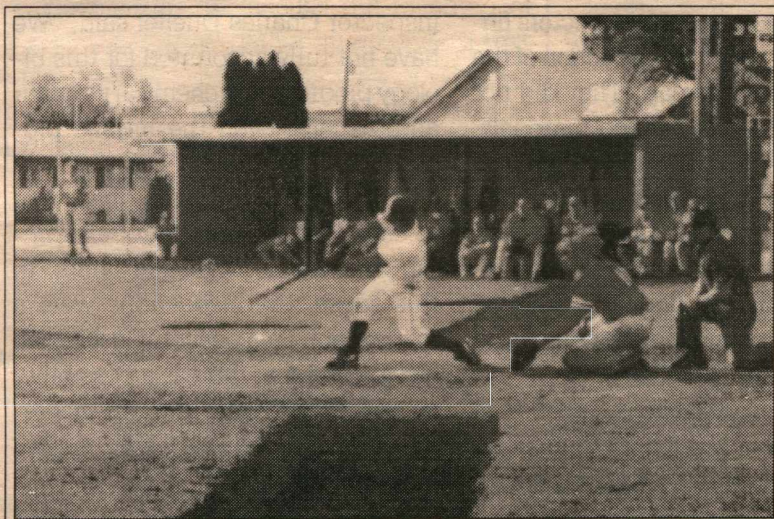
Crusaders fall to Western Oregon

Crusader baseball team loses heartbreaker game on Saturday; play again next weekend

by Dave Stillman
Staff Writer

A number of words could be used to describe NNC's three weekend games against Western Oregon. Luck isn't one of them. It started out on Friday with a 6-0 loss. The 'Saders collected just two hits, and were shut out for the fourth time in the season.

However, the real heartbreaker came in the game. The 'Sader's Justin Schneidt was one strike away from the final out of Saturday's early afternoon game when he gave up a grand slam



A Crusader batter gets a foul tip in Saturday's game against Western Oregon. The 'Saders dropped all three games this weekend.

which led to a 7-4 victory for Western Oregon. NNC scored early, with Jason LaMont scoring on a sacrifice fly by Mark Grange in the first. Mark File hit a solo homer in the second for a 2-0 NNC lead.

The Crusaders extended their lead to four runs when Andy Heyer doubled off the left field wall to send in Casey Fivecoat and Jason LaMont to score in the bottom of the fifth.

Chris Falke had pitched five scoreless innings for the 'Saders, but that would soon end as Western Oregon scored two runs with two outs left in the sixth. However, NNC still held a 4-2 lead going into the seventh.

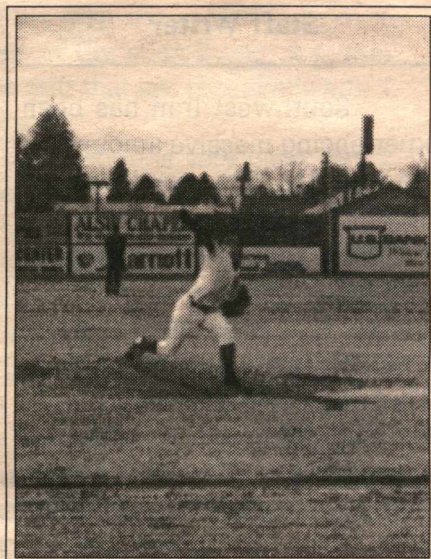
Because it was a seven inning game, the 'Saders needed just three outs for a win. Falke got the first out, but then gave up two singles and a walk loaded the bases for Western Oregon, and Justin Schneidt was called in to pitch the 'Saders out of one heck of a jam. He hit the first batter he faced, which cut NNC's lead to a single run. He got the second out on a ground ball, but then gave up the grand slam.

In the second game, Jon Crozier went the distance, striking out 17 batters, while giving up three hits and three walks. He pitched masterfully, except for

several wild pitches in the sixth that led to all 3 of Western Oregon's runs. NNC's lone run was scored by Andy Heyer on a RBI single by Dan Getz.

The three losses put the 'Saders on a 12 game losing skid. However, previous performances show that the 'Saders are capable of much more. They won their seven games with a combined score of 113 - 20, with an average margin of victory of 13.3 runs.

The 'Saders took two of three from their next opponent, Western Baptist with scores of 16-1, 0-2 and 12-1 in Salem during the first weekend of spring break. Hopefully, the 'Saders will give their fans a similar offensive show when they take on Western Baptist College at home on Friday and Saturday for a three-game series.



NNC pitcher Chris Falke had five scoreless innings for the 'Saders during Saturday's early game.

Tennis team improves to 3-1

Lady Crusader tennis team has a rainy road trip, but conquers anyway

by Brandi Blacklock
Staff Writer

This past weekend, the Lady Crusader tennis team traveled six hours to Spokane, Washington to play three matches. They were scheduled to play Whitman, Spokane Falls Community College and Whitworth. The team left early Friday morning and returned mid-afternoon on Sunday.

Friday afternoon, the team went head to head against Whitman College at a local high school. The Crusaders successfully defeated Whitman in only one out of three doubles matches. Kristen Crawford and Stephanie Ridlen battled out the win for the 'Saders with an 8-7 victory. When asked what she and her partner did well in the match, Ridlen said, "We decided not to think about all the technical stuff and just play...so we did and we had fun."

Partners Sara Hamilton and Brandi Blacklock were unsuccessful in defeating Whitman, as were Betsy

Hamann and Amanda Johnson.

After all the singles matches began, they were cut short because it got too dark outside to continue play. Unfortunately, because the end of the match was cancelled, the match cannot count on NNC's overall record.

"We never doubted that we were going to win, it was just a matter of getting our butts in gear."

~Amanda Johnson

This trend of unexpected circumstances continued Saturday morning as the team drove to the courts to play Spokane Falls Community College. It was raining and the courts were drenched with water. The 'Saders were forced to return later in the day and begin the matches on damp courts.

The team won three out of three doubles matches. Third doubles team Amanda Johnson and Betsy Hamann, were behind in the first set, but came back to win the match. After the match, Johnson playfully commented, "We never doubted that we were going to win, it was just a matter of getting our butts in gear."

The 'Saders also made a

clean sweep in all six singles matches. Sophomore Sara Hamilton snagged a 6-1, 7-6 victory in her singles match. When asked about the strengths of her match, Hamilton said, "I played well at the beginning, but played down to my opponent's ability in the second set. However, I was able to pull off the win."

The team victory against Spokane Falls Community College brought the Lady 'Saders' overall season record to 3-1.

Late Saturday afternoon, the team traveled to Whitworth College for its third and final match. Soon after the team arrived at the courts and began singles-match play, storm clouds rolled in and it began to rain. At first, only a few sprinkles dotted the courts, but a few minutes later, the rain was too heavy to continue and the matches were once again stopped. The team at this point, was both frustrated and disappointed.

Coach Carey Cook's reaction was, "I was frustrated that we didn't

have the opportunity to finish the matches against Whitman and Whitworth because both of those schools would've provided valuable experience. However, I am happy that we are 3-1."

Overall, the trip was enjoyable for the six players, despite the unpredictable weather situations. Next weekend, the Lady 'Saders will travel to Medford, Oregon to play against Central Oregon Community College, Southern Oregon University and Oregon State University.

The team's next home match is Tuesday, April 14 against Albertson College. The match will be held at the Health and Raquet Club in Nampa. All NNC students are invited to come and cheer the tennis team on to another victory.

Lady 'Sader Tennis Team Lineup Coach: Carey Cook

Singles	Doubles
1. Kristen Crawford	1. Kristen Crawford
2. Stephanie Ridlen	Stephanie Ridlen
3. Amanda Johnson	2. Brandi Blacklock
4. Betsy Hamann	Sara Hamilton
5. Brandi Blacklock	3. Amanda Johnson
6. Sara Hamilton	Betsy Hamann

And the end of it all

Men's basketball season comes to an early close

by Jon DeRoos
Staff Writer

The Northwest Nazarene College boys' hopes for a national championship fell short with a loss in the semi-final game of the NAIA div. II playoffs. Oregon Tech's hot play ended the careers of the five seniors who were extremely disappointed at the end of the game.

Said Kai Knell, "Yes, we were certainly bitter about the loss; however, upon looking back at my last two years here at

NNC, we have been nothing but successful. I know that I can look back on my college years with a lot of pride."

Up to the semi-final match, the NNC men were putting together valiant effort after valiant effort. They defeated Indiana Tech in the first round--a game where the Crusaders found themselves behind by 9 points at halftime.

In the second half, the Crusaders followed Brent Darnell's lead, who began to get out and push the ball more, and NNC was able to pull ahead late in the second half. Leading scorers for the game were Jay Lassen (19 points) and Jawanza Hadley (18 points).

In the next round of the NAIA tournament, NNC faced the 6th seeded Warner Southern of Florida. Once again, the Crusaders found themselves behind at the break, but they came out with tremendous emotion in the second half. Once the Crusaders grabbed the lead (54-53) at the 16:11 mark, they never looked back. NNC, behind the play of their big men, got rebounds, fast breaks and lay-ups.

"That's been our strength all year," said NNC's Jawanza Hadley, who had a game-high 14 rebounds and added 15 points. "We've come out all year and pounded inside."

NNC's big men, Jay Lassen and Kai Knell,

scored 24 and 30 points respectively. With their win against Warner Southern, the Crusaders advanced to the NAIA quarter finals where they met the 3rd seed Mayville State (N.D.).

Previous to the quarterfinal game against Mayville, NNC had been exploiting their opponents weakness on the inside. However, on this night, it would be NNC's wing players who would have to step up.

With two of the Crusaders' big men, Jeremy Stockett and Jay Lassen, in foul trouble, Mayville's big men tried to capitalize; but it would be the Crusaders' longevity that would prove det-

perimental to their opponent. Jawanza Hadley (21 points) and Jon DeRoos (25 points) each found the right time to help the 'Saders make their run towards the final four.

Unfortunately, the Crusaders' run for a National Championship fell short in an 82-75 loss to Oregon Tech.

So, with the end of one season, a new one is just beginning. Next year's squad is already avidly practicing and training for next year by conditioning and lifting weights. Two new players have already signed letters of intent: Kelly Herron and Elijah Effinger. These two shooters will fit in nicely on the perimeter. Herron, a 6'3" junior, is from the Tri-Cities area in Washington, and Effinger, a 6'3" sophomore is from Wenatchee, Washington.

"We are excited about the addition of such great young men to our program," said head coach Rich Sanders. "Eli and Kelly are outstanding shooters and they will bring a tremendous amount of athleticism to our perimeter play."

The Crusaders will lose five seniors from this year: Brent Darnell, Jon DeRoos, Jawanza Hadley, Kai Knell and Jay Lassen. All five are starters and will be missed by fans for their excellence and attitudes both on and off the court.

"I know that I can look back on my college years with a lot of pride."

~Kai Knell

With the end of one season, a new one is just beginning.



Coach Sanders



The 1997-98 NNC men's basketball team in one of their more serious moods, contemplating the season's success and their battle plan for the next game. Coaches not included.

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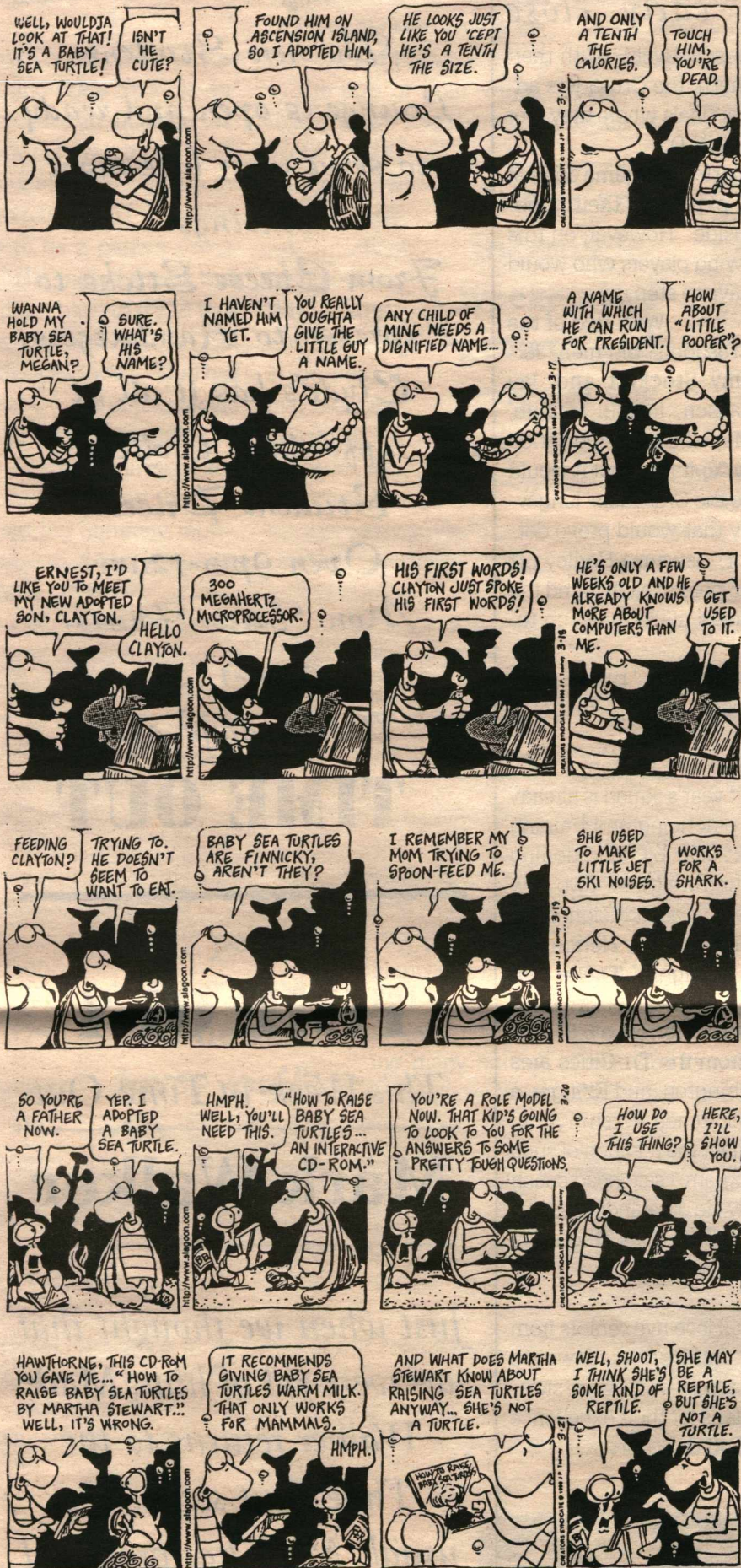
Mark Walker

Just when we thought that we were rid of him, Mark Walker returns to the Time Out scene. As usual, Mark has promised not tell us stupid stories this week. He will have a lot of insightful things to say to the student body, so go to Time Out and hear what he has to say.

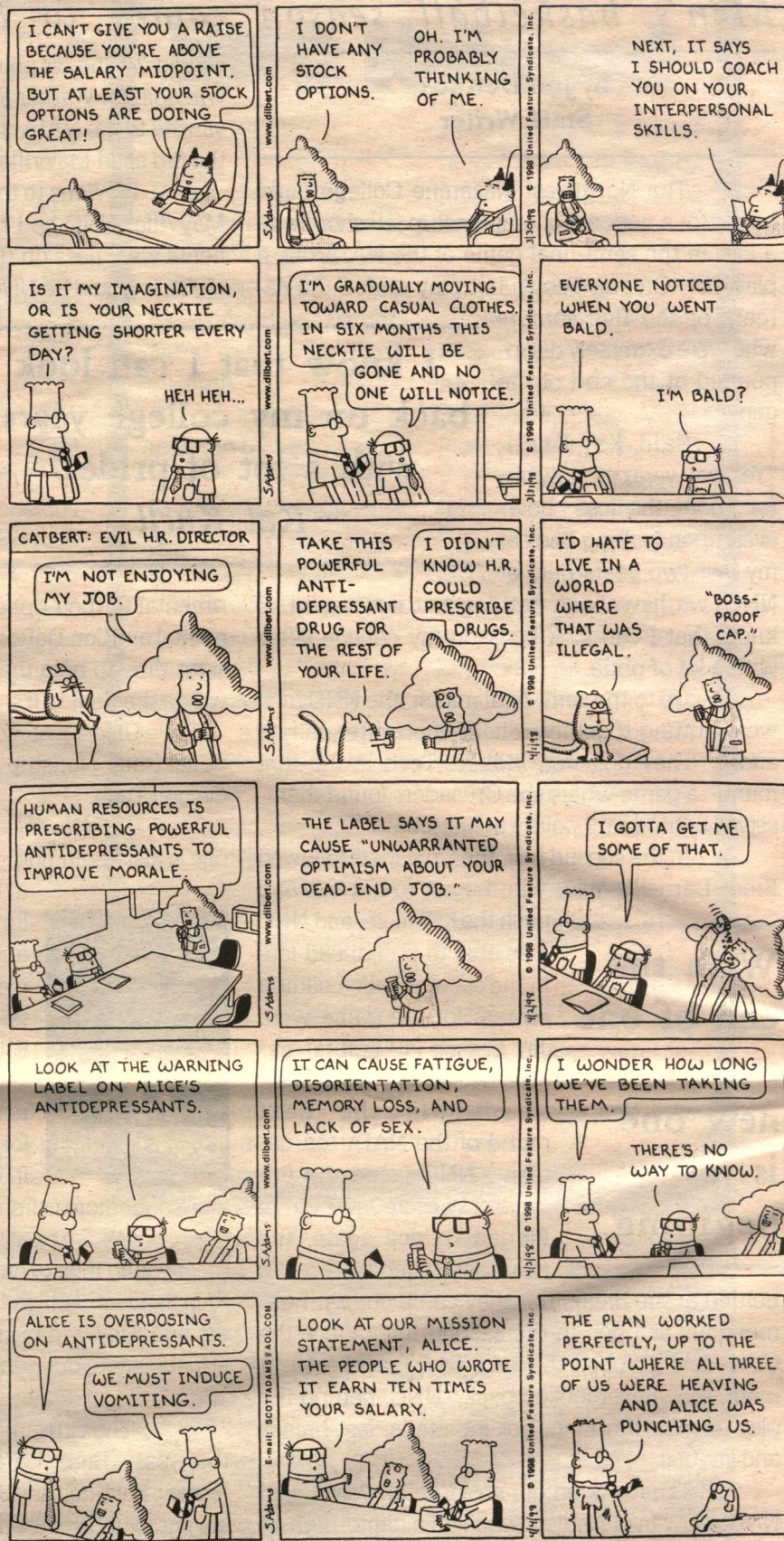
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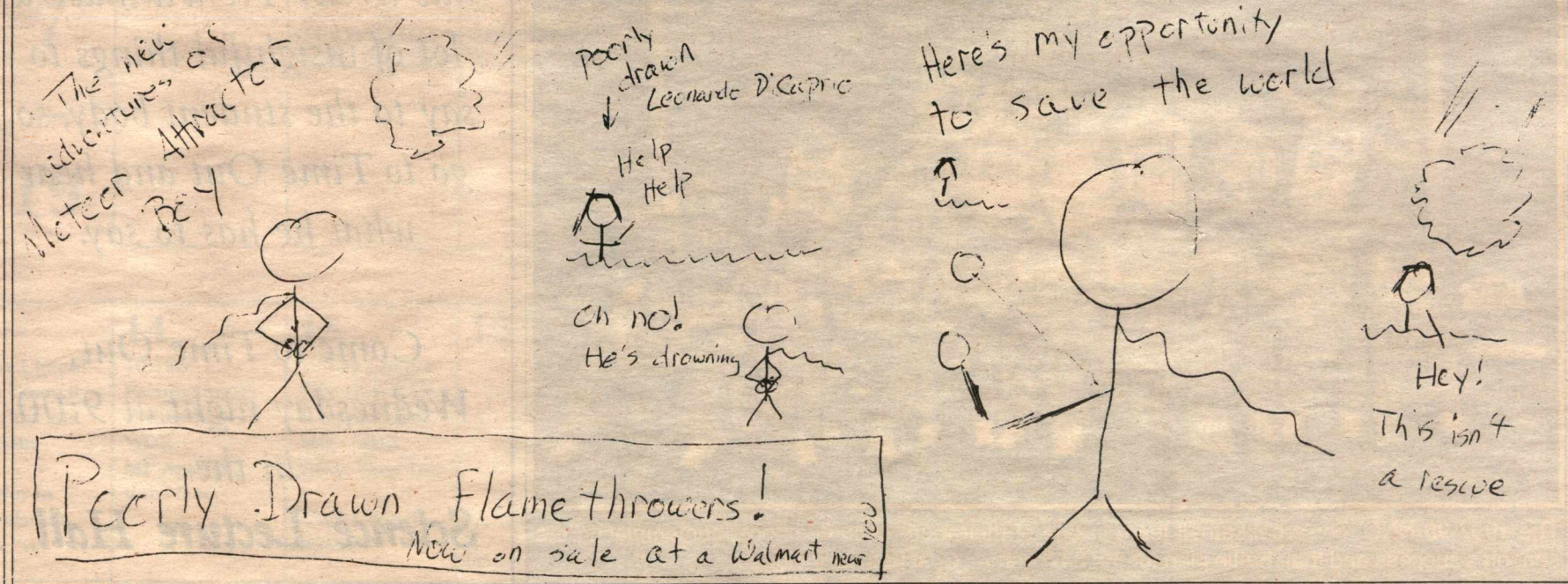
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Poorly Drawn Man

by David Stillman



Dave Barry

Beware of Killer Ducks!

I imagine you sports fans are dying to learn the results of my golf tournament.

That is correct: I have a golf tournament. It used to be that you had to be a major star such as a Bob Hope or a Moammar Gadhafi to have one, but now anybody can. It has reached the point where, if you apply for a credit card, the first two blanks on the application are "Your Name" and "Name of Your Golf Tournament."

Mine is "The Dave Barry Classic," and it attempts to raise money for the American Red Cross. I'm a fan of the Red Cross, because after Hurricane Andrew devastated South Florida, the Red Cross provided us with the one thing we most desperately needed: showers. This was a godsend, because after a few days without plumbing, we all smelled like Eau de Athletic Supporter.

And so when the local Red Cross chapter asked me if I'd host a golf tournament, my answer, without one instant of hesitation, was: "I don't play golf." This is true. I don't have anything against golf; it's just that, if I'm going to play a sport, I want one that provides more aerobic benefits, such as "Rock, Paper, Scissors."

But I told the Red Cross people I'd host the tournament anyway, because I sincerely believe in "giving something back" to the community. Plus they said there would be beer.

The Dave Barry Classic was held at Doral Park, Fla., which is a residential golfing community catering to people who enjoy combining the pleasure of living in attractive homes with the pleasure of never knowing exactly when a small, hard, white sphere will penetrate your recreation room traveling upward of 140 miles per hour. This happens routinely because golfers, despite the fact that they are using expensive, modern golf clubs made from space-age materials and engineered to

tolerances of thousandths of an inch, have absolutely no idea what the golf ball is going to do once they hit it.

I say this after spending a day observing the golfers in my tournament. These were mostly middle-aged business guys who had come out because they truly believe in the ideals of the Red Cross, especially the ideal of holding a golf tournament on a Friday afternoon.

"I would love to stay in the office wearing a tie and talking on the phone with boring people I dislike," they probably told their business associates, "but I have an obligation to the Red Cross."

In addition to the business guys, we had some big celebrities on hand. I do not mean "big" in the sense of "famous"; I mean "big" as in "larger than your junior high school." For example, one celebrity was Charles "Gator" Bennett, a former defensive lineperson with the Miami Dolphins. At one point, "Gator" playfully put his arm, which is the size of Keanu Reeves, around my neck, thereby playfully shutting down my trachea for what at the time seemed like an eternity, but which in fact, as I look back on it, was probably only about 45 minutes. This is exactly why I hated gym class. I was afraid that "Gator" would decide to snap me

with a towel, and I would never walk again.

Not that I felt much safer on the golf course. For one thing, there were the killer ducks. The Doral Park course has a large colony of ducks that, after years of eating food dropped by golfers, have become large and aggressive. If you stop your golf cart, they surround you, dozens of them, pretty much demanding that you give them something to eat.

"We can peck you to death," is their unmistakable message, "and the authorities will do nothing to us, because we are ducks."

More than once I found myself stomping on the accelerator and rocketing away at top golf-cart speed ("mosey"), with a herd of irate ducks waddling after me, like a terrifying scene from a Steven Spielberg movie called "Jurassic Duck."

But the scariest phenomenon on the golf course, as I noted earlier, is the golfers. Basically, every time they hit the ball, they go through two distinct phases:

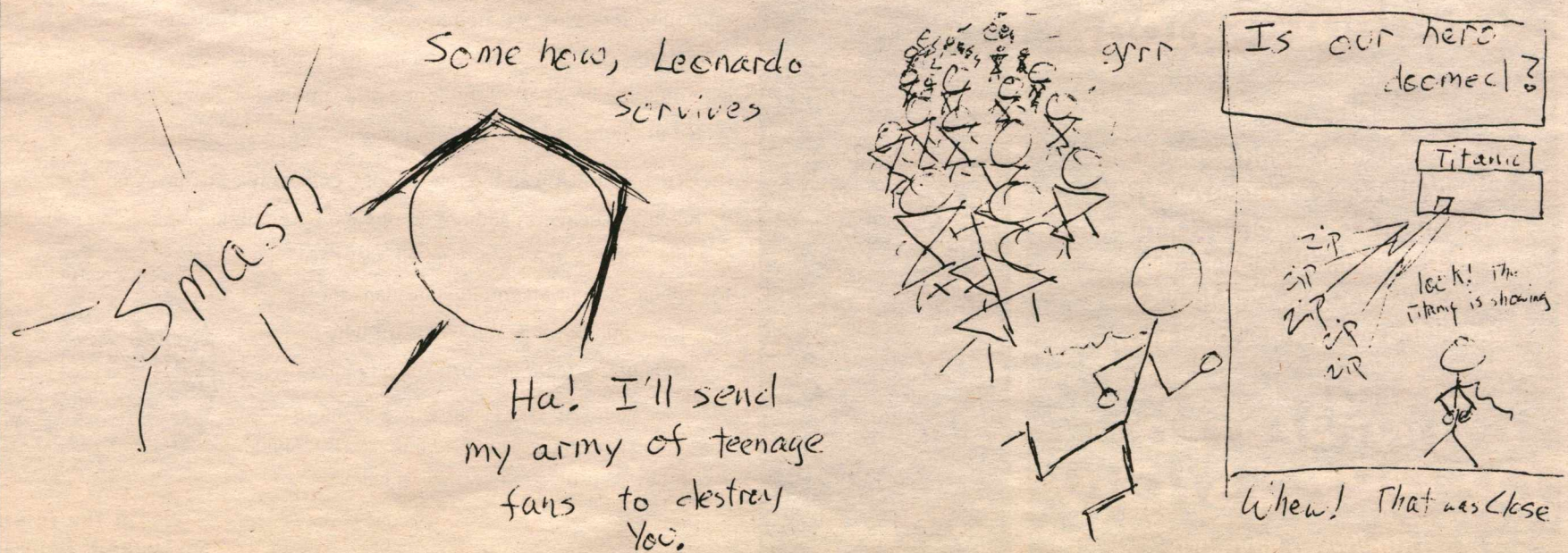
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Poorly Drawn Man

Guest written by Andy Diehl



The Killer Ducks

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PHASE ONE — They are a foursome of serious, middle-aged accountants, bankers, lawyers, doctors, etc., gathering around a golf ball, studying it intensely, as though it were an unexploded terrorist bomb. Then one of them takes a club, stands over the ball, waggles his butt around, hauls off and hits the ball, which leads to ...

PHASE TWO — All four golfers instantly transform into lunatics, gyrating their bodies and screaming contradictory instructions at the ball ("STAY UP!" "GET DOWN!" "STAY DOWN!" "GET UP!"). They sound like the deranged homeless people you sometimes see shouting on city streets, the difference being that, at least some of the time, somebody might be listening to the deranged homeless people, whereas the ball never listens to the golfers. It goes wherever it wants, laughing the laugh of the truly carefree.

So what with the golfers and "Gator" and the gangsta ducks, it was a scary day out there on the "links." But I'm pleased to report that we got through The Dave Barry Classic without any unnecessary deaths, although as of this morning there still were several tee shots that had not yet returned to Earth, so if you live within 250 miles of Miami, you are advised to cower under your bed until further notice. And if, God forbid, something bad should happen, you may rest assured that the Red Cross will be there for you.

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WILD THINGS (R) 7:20PM 9:45PM

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— KARCHER REEL —

SPHERE (PG-13) 2:20PM 7:00PM

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(4/11) 8:45PM

— LINDEN —

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