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When a parent dies

by Gina Grate
Staff Writer



Losing a loved one is one of the most difficult things a person can go through. Losing a parent while still young can be even harder. For those who have never grieved the death of a friend or family member, understanding the emotions and changes in the life of someone who is grieving is difficult and confusing. It is hard to know how to help.

Several students who are still learning to cope with the loss of a parent have shared from their experience: the pain and anger, the questions, ways they are still finding to deal with the loss and advice to others who want to learn how to help.

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Tennis improves record

by Brandi Blacklock
Staff Writer

The 'Sader tennis team made its final roadtrip this past weekend to Ashland, Oregon. The six players, Coach Carey Cook and assistant Brian Lindner departed from NNC on Thursday afternoon and arrived back in Nampa around midnight on Saturday. The 'Saders were scheduled to

play Central Oregon Community College and Southern Oregon University.

The Lady 'Saders were supposed to face Central Oregon Community College on Friday afternoon on outdoor courts, but unfortunately, the weather did not permit. Because of a rain delay, the two teams met at a club in the evening for the match. The community college did not have a full lineup

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Campus ministry clubs

by Shawn Shafer
Editor-in-chief

Among the opportunities that are presented to students at NNC is the chance to be involved in ministry.

Providing students with the opportunity to come in contact with people who we, on campus, don't usually see these ministry groups are a unique opportunity.

During the next few

weeks, *The Crusader* will be reporting on the activities of the ministry clubs that are currently active on campus.

This week we are covering the PALS club (see page two). Articles on ministry to young parents, the elderly, HOPE house, Angels, and Compassionate ministries will follow.

If you are interested in becoming involved in any of these clubs contact Perla Aragon at 8778.

"It is difficult to see all the religions in the world and then come back to [one religion] thinking it has all the answers."

~Arthur Ashe, athlete, 1995

Column One

Grief, frustration. The focus of this week's cover story is one dealing with death. Particularly with the death of someone so close you feel like you can't go on without them there.

As college students barely experiencing our twenties (most of us, at least), our parents have played a huge part of our lives. Up until a year or more ago, our lives were entirely wrapped up in their existence and their lives.

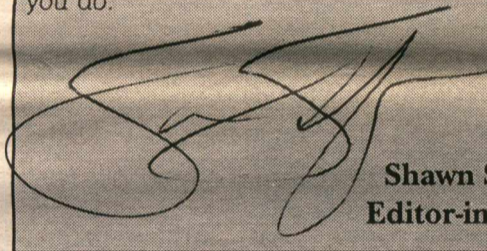
The change that takes place when we leave home is quite extraordinary. For me, it has given me the chance to appreciate them for who they are and what all they have done and are doing for me.

This change takes place in one form or another for everyone. But I believe it essential to attaining a mature relationship with them.

Now, losing them would probably be harder than it was before. The consolation that I will see them in the hereafter helps but I can't but think about those who don't have that assurance.

I hope you enjoy what Gina has to say on this subject of loss. Too many of our number go daily without this important asset in their lives. Our sensitivity to this subject is key to our being appropriate receptors of grief.

Have a great week in Christ in all that you do.



Shawn Shafer
Editor-in-Chief

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PALS ministry club

Part One of our series on our school ministry clubs

by Melissa Tennyson
Campus Editor

The Pals Club is a ministry to special ed. kids. This club meets weekly with high school students who are afflicted with Down Syndrome, Attention Deficit Disorder and Cerebral Palsy. The mission of the Pals Club is to develop loving, accepting friendships with these kids.

The club meets on Saturdays,

"[The kids are] so much fun because you never know what they'll say next!"

~Shawna Cloud

from 1-3pm. They do fun activities each week with the kids, such as bowling, playing in the park, having pizza parties, playing miniature golf and going out for yogurt. They also have seasonal parties each term.

This term, the club has three activities planned. They will go to the zoo, Chuck E. Cheese and Jonathan Lindley's house for a barbecue and s'mores bakeout. Three dates have been picked for these activities: May 2, May 16 and June 6. It hasn't been determined yet which activity will be on which date.

For more information about upcoming events, or how to become involved in the Pals Ministry Club, con-

Who: Pals Ministry Club
What: Ministry to disabled kids
Where: various locations in Nampa
When: Saturdays, 1-3pm
Contact: Shawna Cloud @ 8283

tact club president Shawna Cloud. The club pays for all activities, so the events are free to all participating NNC students.

Currently, twenty students participate in the Pals Club. They will be having elections soon for next year's council. If you are interested in becoming involved in this club or have any questions, call Shawna Cloud.

"Hopefully the club will grow substantially," Cloud commented. She envisions splitting the group into two teams as the club membership grows, so that more special ed. kids can be reached through this ministry. Cloud shares her excitement and delight to be involved with such a great group of kids.

She also comments, "the kids love our activities so much! If I don't call them, they call me! They really know our group and feel accepted. They don't really know about church, so it's exciting to have the chance to share Jesus with them." Cloud adds with a laugh, "they're so much fun because you never know what they'll say next! I've learned so much from them." The Pals Club offers a wonderful opportunity to NNC students to become an important part of a young person's life. Don't miss this wonderful ministry chance! And watch out, you may be ministered to as well!

Class Council Election Results

Class of 1999:



- President - Lisa Guy
 Vice President - Steven Carlson
 Secretary - Chryste Anderson
 Chaplain - Stephanie Ortman
 Treasurer - Jamie Blenker
 Publicity - Dave Stillman
 Senator - Shawna Cloud, Christine Johns, Jeff Norris
 Social Board - Kristen Crawford, Mandy Nixon

Class of 2000:



- President - Jody Lanham
 Vice President - Trevor Hall
 Secretary - Melissa Anderson
 Chaplain - Hunter Mizar
 Treasurer - Chris Gintz
 Publicity - Beckey Wornell
 Senator - Sanchai Dean, Jodi Peterson, Jeremy Riehl
 Social Board - Dana Grierson, *Nicole Thiel, *Tiffany White

Class of 2001:



- President - Bob Van Allen
 Vice President - David Foger
 Secretary - Nikki Danielson
 Chaplain - Erin O'Brien
 Treasurer - Brandi Blacklock
 Publicity - Jennifer Pritt
 Senator - Telfer Griffith, Missy Johnson, Amanda Marble
 Social Board - Ben Hausch, Krisy Heffner

*Run-offs will be held today, April 15. Overall, 315 votes were cast in class council elections, and 279 votes were cast for the budget. The budget passes.

NSLC participants travel to NNC

by Chris Field
ASNNC President

Well, it's finally here--the event we've all been waiting for. We have been anxiously planning this event and are excited that it is finally here. This event happens here on our campus only once every ten years or so. I'm speaking of the Nazarene Student Leadership Conference (NSLC).

This is an annual event which is attended by all of the Executive Student Body Councils of all the Nazarene colleges and universities, along with their directors, sponsors and deans (the Carey Cook-Dr. Hills-Kent Berggren-types). There will be approximately 120 visitors here ex-

ploring our campus from Thursday until Sunday morning, and I am sure that they would appreciate your help in getting from place to place and attempting to set their bearings for the weekend.

Not only is this an opportunity for us to "show-off" NNC a bit, but it is also a chance for many of you to learn about our sister schools and, perhaps, make some friends that will last for years to come.

These folks will not just be here having meetings but will also "experience" Idaho and NNC by hiking, working, and playing in our environment. It will be good to get these city kids into the sticks for a while.

We also want the student body to be involved by helping with some errands we may have and directing all the foreigners to the correct locations on campus, but most of all, we want the NSLC attendees to experience the NNC Student Body for what it is--fun, energetic, and excited.

In fact, there is an all-campus activity at Boondocks on Friday night at which you will be able to meet all the new faces that you desire.

Thanks ahead of time for all of your help with this huge event and don't be afraid to get to know some of our brothers and sisters from across the country.

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A race for candy and prizes



Sunday afternoon over 150 students gathered around the clock tower for the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Northwesterns. Students discovered over 600 eggs in their quest for prizes, such as a dinner for two to Outback Steakhouse.

Tax reminder

by Shawn Shafer
Editor-in-Chief

Today, April 15, is that dreaded day on which taxes are due for millions of Americans. College students are not automatically exempt from filing.

If you are unsure about your tax situation, contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 for information.

Tax forms are available at the Nampa post office or by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-3676. Contact your 1997 employer(s) if you did not receive the appropriate information regarding your income/wages.

A tax extension may be applied for in certain circumstances, but don't count on it. Get your taxes in the mail by midnight tonight.

Help Wanted... Men/Women earn \$375 weekly processing/assembling Medical I.D. Cards at home. Immediate openings, your local area. Experience unnecessary, will train. Call Medicard 1-541-386-5290 Ext. 118M

NNCalendar

April 14 - 26	14 10:15a Faculty/Staff Fellowship - WDR MP Applications due	15 10:15a Chapel 7:30p New RA/PA Applicant mtg-MDR 9:00p Time Out PC applications due	16	17 10:15a Chapel	Weekend 18-19 Kite-flying contest
	NSLC (Nazarene Student Leadership Conference) at NNC				
20 10:15a Chapel	21 3:30p Faculty Mtg Who's Who Recognition Blood drive	22 10:15a Chapel 9:00p Time Out	23 8:00p Student Recital-ABA	24 10:15a Chapel	Weekend 25-26 March of Dimes run
Mother - Daughter Weekend					
Crusader Choir Tour to Portland and Seattle					

Looking Ahead in April:

April 28:
COMP Exam

April 29:
Peer Counselor Interviews

April 30:
Housing info mtg
Faculty Award Lecture

NNC hosts career fair with ACI

by Melissa Tennyson
Campus News Editor

On Tuesday, April 21, be on the lookout for unfamiliar faces wandering about the gym! From 10am-2pm, NNC will be hosting a joint Career Fair with Albertson College. It will be located in the Montgomery Fieldhouse at Northwest Nazarene College, and will be open to all college students in the area. Students from all majors are encouraged to attend, including freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors! Over 70 businesses will be represented. There will be representatives from AmeriCorps, BSU Graduate Admissions, Canyon County Prosecuting Attorneys, Healthsouth Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation Center, the Idaho Press Tribune, INEEL-Lockheed Martin, Micron, Nazarene Publishing House, the U.S. Army and over 60 more businesses. A complete list of businesses represented at the Career Fair will be placed in students' mailboxes this week, or may be picked up at the Career Center. Also, students will be receiving a ticket for the Career Fair in their mailbox, which may be used for a special drawing at the fair. There will be drawings for door prizes such as a 13" television, two CD walkmans, an electronic planner, free pizza and other food prizes. There will also be free treats. This will be the first Career Fair at NNC, as well as the first event of this size ever planned in combination with Albertson College. Last year, Albertson College

hosted the first NNC/ACI Joint Career Fair, where 28 vendors were present. This year, over twice as many businesses will be represented.

There is something for everyone at the Career Fair, but it will not be a success unless students attend! It is also important that stu-

There is something for everyone at the career fair.

dents be prepared before they attend. Most of the companies attending the Career Fair are looking for students to fill current or future openings for internships, part-time, or full-time work. Even if you are not looking for an internship or job with any of these companies, this is an opportune chance to learn about your career of interest, talk to professionals in your field and make contacts for future jobs or referrals. It is helpful to think ahead of time about

working on resumes, discussing sample questions and discussing appropriate dress. The workshops will be offered at the Career Center every half-hour on Thursday, April 16 from 9am-12pm, Friday April 17 from 9am-10am and 11am-12am. For more information on the workshops, contact Dianna Gunderson or Darlene Brasch.

Another way to become involved in the Career Fair is to be a volunteer helper. The Career Center is still looking for students willing to help set up and take down tables or be hosts. There are sign-up sheets in the Career Center for volunteers to help set up on Monday afternoon, April 20, from 1:30pm on, and on Tuesday morning, April 21, from 8am-12pm. Volunteers will be needed to help take down on Tuesday from 2pm-5pm. Hosts and greeters will be needed on Tuesday to help the vendors find their booths, become familiar with the campus, and arrange lunch breaks. Since this is the first time most of these businesses will ever be exposed to NNC, it is impor-

tant that they have a good first impression. Helpful, friendly student hosts will make all the difference.

There has been strong support for the Career Fair from the faculty. This is a unique chance for NNC to show off the

quality of its students and faculty! Many professors are offering extra credit or points for attendance at the Career Fair. It will be a wonderful opportunity for all involved, so remember to mark your calendar: April 21, be there!

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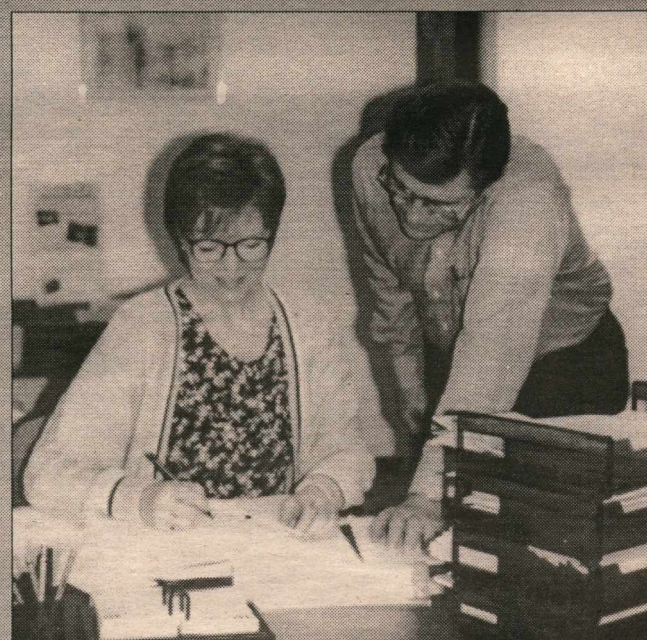
Vice President

April 8 Meeting:

In Gallery business, Oasis Editor Heather Olson made senate aware of the Northwestern's Easter Egg Hunt fund-raiser. President Field reported that NSLC will be here this week. Vice President Blenker reminded senate that campaigning for class councils is in full swing. Social VP Buckendorf reported that the Spring Fling/BBQ was a smashing success. Campus Ministries coordinator Aragon reported that about 50 people came out to Clyde's Friday and Saturday night, for the Spiritual Development weekend with Chuck

Blenker opened discussion for an all school vote needed to approve of term III budget. Senator Boothby suggested carrying out the vote with budget ballots alongside the class officer ballots. After some discussion, it was decided that the budget ballot be printed on each class council ballot.

Senator Boothby moved to add to the agenda the swearing in of editors. Senator Shawn Shafer, the editors of *The Crusader* newspaper, and Heather Olson, the editor of the *Oasis* yearbook were officially sworn in.



Dianna Gunderson from the Career Center has done most of the planning and preparation for the NNC/ACI joint career fair. The Career Center is an invaluable resource for students. It offers job placement help, resume editing assistance, information on current careers, graduate programs, study abroad programs, internships, summer work, as well as many other helpful career planning tools.

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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* staff, contact Shawn Shafer at 8656.

REVIEWS

New diner is out of this world

Thought you had to rent a movie to see Darth Vader, Alien, E.T? Think again. Rockets' Intergalactic Diner is populated by extraterrestrials, their ships and their favorite eats.

Rockets', in Meridian, is a unique restaurant with the atmosphere of a space station. The interior decor is corrugated metal and exposed girder, painted with brilliant reds and royal blues. The carpet is speckled with stars and galaxies. Along the ceiling hangs a chain from which several model

ships are hung, "flying" around the heads of the patrons. It's a popular spot for figures from famous sci-fi movies: in glass cases there are limited edition life size models of Darth Vader, Han Solo in carbonite, E.T., Alien and the Predator, as well as miniature models of Tie-fighters and X-wing ships from the Star Wars trilogy. Posters of Battlestar Galactica and Barbarella also adorn the walls.

The food. Now, even Quark's Promenade couldn't possible serve anything this great.

The menu is definitely one of variety, offering everything from huge sandwiches like Worf's Club or the Vulcan burger to warp coil fries, pastas, salads and appetizers like nachos, potato skins, buffalo wings and quesadillas. There are also Identified Flying Objects (pizza) such as the Greko pizza with feta cheese, sun dried tomatoes, garlic cream, pesto and four cheeses, or the Hawaiian pizza, barbecue

chicken pizza and the traditional pepperoni.

Now, you cannot dock at Rockets' without saving room for dessert. The desserts are most assuredly out of this world! There is the lemon cheesecake or the hazelnut gateau for smaller appetites.

For those brave souls who want to venture into the fifth ice cream dimension, I recommend the Mountain on the Moon. This is a massive slab of mocha and tin roof ice cream on a crunchy chocolate cookie, drowning in hot fudge, whip cream, choco-

late chips and toasted almonds, dusted with cocoa powder and powdered sugar. Each time I've tried this dessert, I've split it with someone and I still can't finish it because it's so large. It also draws the attention of everyone in the restaurant as the server tries to drag this hill of ice cream from the kitchen. For those who want to try this but can't handle its immensity, I recommend the Ice Cream Meteorite, which is virtually the same dessert, but is smaller and is coated in cocoa powder.

The prices are reasonable for the sizes of the meals and the food is top-notch. It's a great atmosphere for a fun evening away from campus. It gets packed quickly though, so it is best to arrive early.

To get to Rockets' Intergalactic Diner, take Highway 84 east from campus and exit at the Meridian exit. Turn left to cross the overpass and stay in the left lane. Rockets' is on the left after KFC.

Rockets' Intergalactic Diner in Meridian
Reviewed by Gina Grate

Crusader Rating
✓✓✓

Lost in Space not a total loss

Dr. Frankenstein and modern movie-makers have one thing in common. They both spend an awful lot of time and energy trying to re-animate dead things. In the realm of classic science fiction, this made for an interesting and successful story. It does, however, make for a sad commentary in the realm of contemporary film. *Lost in Space* has become the most recent installment in the why-come-up-with-an-original-idea-when-stealing-one-is-so-much-easier plan.

Beginning with *Star Trek: The Motion Picture* and *Superman* in the '70's, and propagated by the success of recent movies like *The Fugitive* and *The Saint*, film makers have gone with the "why not" attitude when it comes to using old television material for a movie idea. For those of you who didn't know, *Lost in*

Space was a mediocre '60's show about a family of five, a pilot and a stow-away getting stuck in the middle of a very large galaxy (ours) and not being able to find Earth again. This all sounds fine on paper, but made for a relatively unsuccessful television show. Why a flop of a show was used as the basis for a new movie, may not make sense to you either.

This criticism aside, it can now be stated that this was not a bad movie. The special effects were decent and numerous, the costumes and sets were pretty neat and the new plot twists were original (although some of them did measure an 8.5 on my "they're trying too hard"

scale). However, some of the new additions to the plot went completely unexplained. Portions of the movie left me thinking that the characters could have spent

more time asking questions, and therefore, explaining the validity and relevance of that scene to the audience, rather than just blowing the questions off and moving to the next plot twist in line.

Oh, dear. I've gone and started criticizing it again. That's the thing with this film: It is a good movie that is a lot of fun to go and see, but for no easily explained reason. It wasn't the acting, some of it was decent, some of it was terrible. It wasn't the story; that alone is nearly 40 years old, and more than that, has been run into the ground by *Star Trek: Voyager*. It wasn't the

character development; there are just too many characters to develop in such a short period of time. It was still a joy to watch.

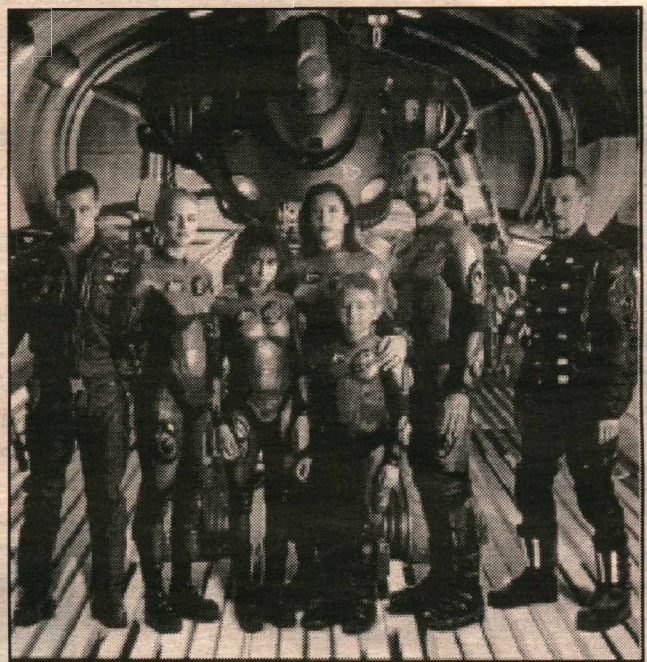
If you like sci-fi/action films, then this is worth the \$6.25. If you tend to be critical of things like unrealistic plot or substandard acting, then this is barely worth the \$1.75 you'll pay to see it at Karcher. My advice if you go to see it: Do not think. Go into the theater with an open (even blank) mind. In fact, maybe reading this review has ruined it for you. Stop reading now. In fact, just forget everything I said. Go and have fun. Just don't ruin it with a bunch of unnecessary thought.

Lost in Space

William Hurt
Gary Oldman

Reviewed by
Kevin Durfee

Crusader Rating
✓✓ 1/2



CRUSADER REVIEWS

Our Rating System

- ✓✓✓ Kicks a horse's pitoot.
- ✓✓ GOOD STUFF.
- ✓✓ DEPENDS ON YOUR TASTE.
- ✓ WAIT FOR BUDGET HOUR
- ☛ RISK OF BRAIN DAMAGE.

Reviews printed in *The Crusader's* Opinions pages reflect solely the view of the reviewer and are not necessarily the views of anyone else let alone the General Church of the Nazarene or NNC. All reviewers are PAID for their work. Contact the Opinions editor Nathan Hydes at 8715 if you would like to contribute to these pages.

Staff Editorial

Part of my job as the Opinions Editor for the Crusader includes picking out two political cartoons for each issue.

I come in on Monday nights, and I wade through five packets of cartoons looking for something interesting, thought provoking, or humorous. But this week, much like last week, and the week before, I was having trouble finding cartoons that didn't poke fun at President Clinton and his many alleged affairs with Paula Jones and Monica Lewinsky.

So, just for fun, I decided to count up the cartoons, and see how many of them did in fact involve these women. It may or may not surprise you that 15 of the 32 cartoons that I saw were shots taken at President Clinton; the vast majority of which, dealt with his sexual lawsuits. Does the phrase, 'beating a dead horse mean anything?'

Not only has the public grown bored to the point of nausea with this issue, they don't care.

In one of the cartoons, the President is portrayed as a pig with no pants on, chasing after a woman. In another he is approaching the judge of his recent case that was thrown out with his pants around his ankles offering his gratitude.

These may be funny to a few dittoheads or yuppie loyalists who still stick behind Reaganomics, but the public has spoken, and Bill Clinton was voted into office. He currently grasps a very high support rating, and Americans nationwide have expressed their obvious view that they really don't care what the President does with his social life.

Besides the fact that we're all bored with it, how about considering that Clinton is our President. He holds a position that demands respect. I'm aware that political cartoonists have been making fun of politicians for years, but there's a fine line between jeering Dan Quayle for misspelling potato and portraying the President as a farm animal in heat.

Newspapers nationwide have been printing these cartoons for the last few months giving Clinton no respect in the slightest. I guess that's just one more side of the liberal media. If only to be different, this is one newspaper that won't print Clinton bashing cartoons. - Nathan Hydes

Staff Infection

There were all sorts of jokes about Pooh on my underwear...Dave took a walk so hoe could get inspired...That was amazing, she called me a butthead...you dummyhead...I'm glad he won, he was my number three choice out of the three candidates...What's a sports psychologist? Someone who couldn't think of a major...my computer is possessed!...make it stop Shawn!...Is that a boy or a girl? That's a girl.(pause) Oh, she's pretty. You're mean.

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An honest look at gender stereotypes

by William Brown
Staff Writer

I have a rose hanging on my wall.

Why?

A rose can mean a lot of things: peace, friendship, romance, even death. Dear friends of mine gave me the rose last term. One of them didn't come back from spring break, so the rose is even more dear to me now. I've given a fair share of roses. It always did strike me as odd that I should never receive the same. I've thought for a long time that it would be a nice change to receive a rose from a woman.

To get off the point of flowers for a while, I want to discuss personality. We describe personality in a lot of different ways. Passive versus aggressive, easy-going versus ill-tempered, introverted versus extroverted. We explain personality on a number of different spectrums.

I behave one way, you behave another. You think one way and feel one way because you are you, and I don't because I am not. We are each our own beings, exceptionally complex in the nature of our personalities. We behave in such a myriad of different ways that we can barely begin to classify ourselves, but we do manage, if inadequately, using a variety of different personality spectrums, some of which I've mentioned above.

With such diversity, why do we then feel it necessary to associate certain behaviors with biological gender? A man walks with a certain swing, talks with a certain lilt, carries himself a certain way; he's pas-

sive, and nurturing. We call him effeminate. A woman speaks up in class, wears blue jeans, works a blue-collar job, and we call her butch. A person's biological gender is obvious enough, but we challenge our first gender impression when we observe a person behaving in a certain atypical fashion. A man can only act a particular way and still possess his masculinity. A woman can only act a particular way and still possess her femininity. I

type themselves, and this is a great tragedy. A person may act and dress a certain way, but he/she is not necessarily gay, nor is he/she trying to "act gay." We're going to have to learn to let people be who they really are without judgment or ridicule.

We still have a long way to go before we are free of the gender stereotypes we have made. Equal opportunity policies are put into practice everyday as a matter of regulation, but we lie to ourselves if we point to such policies as proof of our success. Such movements are synthetic reflections of a few administrators' noble ideals. We must still internalize our freedom if we truly wish to claim success. Not until then, will we truly possess the autonomy to be who we fully are.

Freedom from genderization may also bear a heavy impact upon the traditional family structure. The mystic fancy of the soulmate, the one in whom we find our completeness, fades away to romantic sentiment when we find that our soulmate, our identity and completeness, lies not without, but within. The structure of the family then transforms from a means of quenching sentimental familial urges to a miniature community of interpersonal support.

A lot of what I've said is common sense. Many of us are still imprisoned and suppressed, often by our own gender-fears, from living up to being the full person that we might truly be. In friendship, in dating, and in life, there are no absolute codes of gender discipline.

That means it's okay for a woman to give a man a rose.

With such diversity,
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don't pretend to understand the association between personality and gender; with such diversity, how can we ever pretend to limit ourselves simply because we have an X or a Y chromosome?

Our genderization limits us to particular societal roles. Man is the natural leader and provider of government, business, and family. Woman submits and nurtures. These are slight exaggerations on my part, but isn't it true that many of us still hold similar notions?

If such a stereotype is irrational, we take it to its most absurd when we "determine" the sexual orientation of a person based on his/her behavior and appearance.

I have a number of friends and acquaintances (myself included) who have been asked, "Are you gay?" But this question is ill-founded. I admit that some homosexuals stereo-

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Lessons Not Learned

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Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues

If you could open any kind of business, what would it be, and what would you call it?



Melissa Davis
Freshman
Psychology
Salt Lake City, UT

"I would have to say a Christian Counseling Service, and I would call it Mel's Helpers."



Andrea Fisk
Freshman
Music Education
Wenatchee, WA

"I'd open up a big, big music store and call it: Name that Tune."



Brian Koenig
Sophomore
Religion
Portland, OR

"I would open a 4x4 shop and call it Brian's Big Trucks."



Jesse Rench
Junior
Business Ethics
Medford, OR

"I'd open up a business that gives tips and supplies to help people steal and embezzle from their place of business. I'd call it Backstabbers."

Living for more than just money

In my short twenty year existence, there have been few people who have affected my life more than Jim Wilcox. Before he was my piano teacher in high school, he played jazz bass for sixty years during the height of the jazz era. From Count Basie to Sammy Davis, Jr., he played with them all.

He was in his eighties by the time I met him, and sometimes seemed weak, but never frail. And could he ever play! He could play a walking bass line to a song he had never heard, and transpose an entire repituiere so he could play on a bar piano that was tuned a half step flat.

This was made all the more impressive by the fact that he never had an ounce of organized music training in his life. From the age of sixteen, he learned on the job from the best in the business. He bought his bass then, and still had it when I took lessons from him 65 years later.

Jim lived in a mobile home in Peck, Idaho, with his wife, Virginia. He taught in a room with a piano, keyboard, two guitars, a bass, amps, several trumpets, trombones, and a host of other instruments too numerous to mention in a space no larger than a Sutherland Dorm room. He taught them all. If he didn't know how to play the instrument you wanted to learn, he'd learn it, teaching you lessons and staying three weeks ahead of you the entire time.

He my Brother and I for four years. Brian played the guitar and bass, and me on piano. He also taught my sister to play

the trumpet, and would often teach us a song so he could play

DAVID STILLMAN

along with his trombone or his bass, or whatever other instrument he had lying around. We'd

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play for hours, sometimes, and he'd play jazz riffs just like he had for so long.

When he first moved to Peck, no one wanted to take lessons from him, so he gave them for free. It seemed that nothing could quell his love of music or his love of life. He always had a smile, always a word of encouragement.

He never had a lot of money, but he had something that was infinitely more valuable: peace and joy.

That always seemed surprising to me, considering what he'd gone through. He nearly died when acid ate through the wall of his stomach and started coming out his side. He survived, but not without huge, terrible scars.

When he was sixty,

cancer nearly killed him. It had spread from his prostate to the rest of his body, and doctors didn't give him much chance to live. On the Sunday before he went to Phoenix for chemotherapy, his church prayed over him, and when he got to Phoenix, the cancer was gone.

It was his love for God that touched me more than anything else. On one wall of the piano room he hung a huge world map. He said he prayed for every country every night. More than anything else, he was a man of God.

Jim Wilcox moved to Roswell, New Mexico when I was a sophomore in high school, and I haven't seen him since. Oh, we kept in touch with Christmas cards, and we called him up once or twice to see how he was doing, but not recently.

Until I got a letter saying he died of Cancer last March, and I was left to wonder how a man who had so little in terms of wealth and power could have helped me so much.

Remembering him has forced me to reevaluate what's really important. Jim Wilcox's life had meaning, not only because of what he did or who he was, but also because of the effect that he had on me and his other students. It got me thinking. "What am I going to leave behind?" As it stands now, very little. That is going to change.

-Dave Stillman has worked for The Crusader for more than three years. Besides his term as co-editor for the past two terms he has served as Opinions editor, world editor and as a staff writer.

Understanding grief

From front page

Initial feelings

Senior Erika McCray lost her father to a heart attack one year ago, her junior year at NNC. She had been on the school-sponsored spring break mission trip to Venezuela and had only been back in the dorm a few hours when she was informed of her father's heart attack. She immediately took a plane home for the funeral.

"My initial feeling was disbelief because it was so sudden. I think disbelief would be a good [word] to use for the first couple months," Erika said. She describes the death of a parent as lifechanging. "I feel like I almost have two lives. I have the life that I had when my Dad was around, and the day he passed away I started a whole other life. It changes you as a person," she said.

Erin Lamkin lost her mother to cancer on September 13 of her senior year in high school. Her mother had been fighting it for a year and a half and was only 40 years old when she died. "When she died I was there because I had skipped school to stay home with her. I never did get any homework done that night," she laughed.

For Erin, the loss of her mother changed her into a person who became very busy and had all the answers, pretending all the time to be okay. "All of a sudden, I was this caretaker of the whole entire family," she said. Becoming busy and focusing on the needs of everyone else helped her ignore her own pain for nine months. Erin said that though she told people she knew God was in control and had allowed her mother to die for a good reason, inside she was angry with God and rebelling against him. It wasn't until summer camp that she finally allowed herself to grieve.

"I was angry the whole time I didn't deal with it, I was angry at God . . . I was just rebelling, but I had to do it subtly because I was a P.K [pastor's kid]. I probably talked more Christianity and more 'holier than thou' than ever before." At camp, she finally came to terms with her feelings and began the process of grieving.

Senior Latina Erickson was a freshman at NNC when her mother died of colon cancer. She had only been at school a few weeks. Her mother had been fighting cancer for several years. "At first I was in shock; I kind of denied it, didn't think about it. I tried to pretend nothing happened," Latina said. Eventually, she began to feel bitter and questioned God.

"I'm still working through it, but I've accepted it. I know even I can use it because I'm a psychology major and I can use that to help people," she said.

Erika also said that the loss of a loved one strongly influences a person's faith in God and relationship with God.

"Stick close to God because this is gonna happen whether you're close to God or not close to God."

~ Latina Erickson

The natural grieving process includes feelings of anger toward God that should not be considered negative or suppressed.

"The feelings of anger and being mad are okay," she said, "and I think it's even okay if it's directed toward God . . . I don't think it's okay to stay that way forever. But those feelings of anger are real and if you try to say you don't feel that way, it just makes it worse. You can still be a Christian and still be angry."

How can others help?

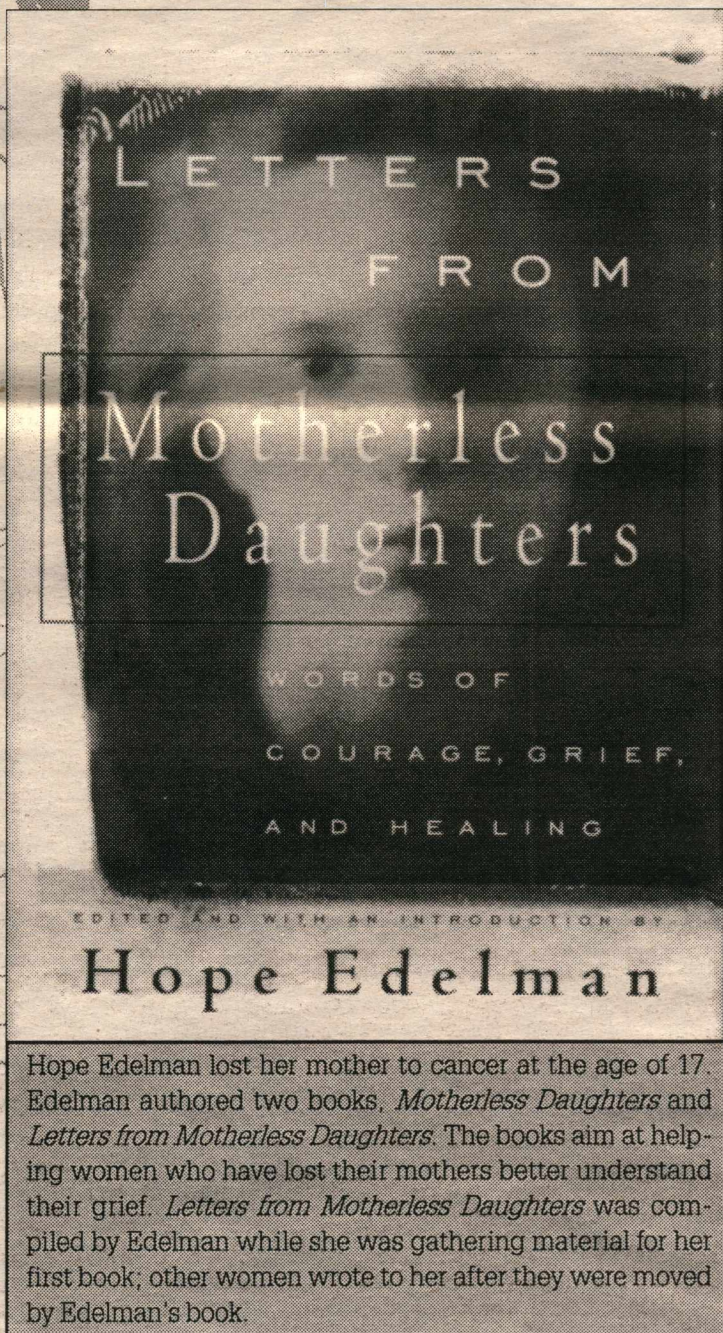
Many people become uncomfortable when a close friend loses a loved one; though they care and want to help, they don't know how. Erika, Latina and Erin all agreed that listening is one of the best things someone can do to help, and that accepting the person's feelings of anger or confusion or pain is equally important.

Erika said that when she returned to school, her friends were there to help her deal with her father's death. "Everyone was so

careful when I came back not to mention their Dad and that doesn't bother me because their Dad's were perfectly fine," she laughed.

"You have to let them know that you're there in more than just saying 'I'm there for you.' Everyone says that. When you have a hundred people saying that to you, you don't know who's sincere," Erika said. One person took the extra step with her, taking her out to coffee, to chat, not necessarily about her Dad, but just to get out and talk.

Erin said that several people helped her deal with her mother's death. One was a secretary at her church. "She's easy to talk to, she just



listens; she never says anything," Erin said. Another person sends her packages and letters and took her shopping for school clothes after her mother died. One important thing friends did to help Erin was to include her; they didn't treat her differently or tip-toe around her.

"Ask specific and pointed ques-

tions," Erin said. "Not general, like 'How are you,' but 'How has your last hour or day been?' Because your emotions change so fast. Just be there, make an effort to reach out."

"The best way to help that person [grieving]," Latina said, "is to not say 'I know how you feel.' It's possibly the worst thing you can say unless you *do* know how they feel, if you've been there. [Don't] give them a lot of advice, only give them advice when they ask you for it. They're not looking for advice... they're just looking for someone to listen to them. Listening is one of the best things you can do. Offer to be there to help, but don't push your help on them."

Another important thing friends can do to help is to avoid treating the person who is hurting differently. For instance, do not avoid them or fail to include them in normal activities, and guarding

what is said around them. Treating everything as normal, without pretending nothing happened, is what most people want who are grieving.

Moving on

Those who have lost a parent, or any loved one, know that time doesn't necessarily heal the pain. But life goes on, and so ways must be found to cope with the hurt. Many believe that holidays are some of the most difficult times because the empty place of the loved one is most noticeable.

Erika said that, for her, holidays are not the hardest times.

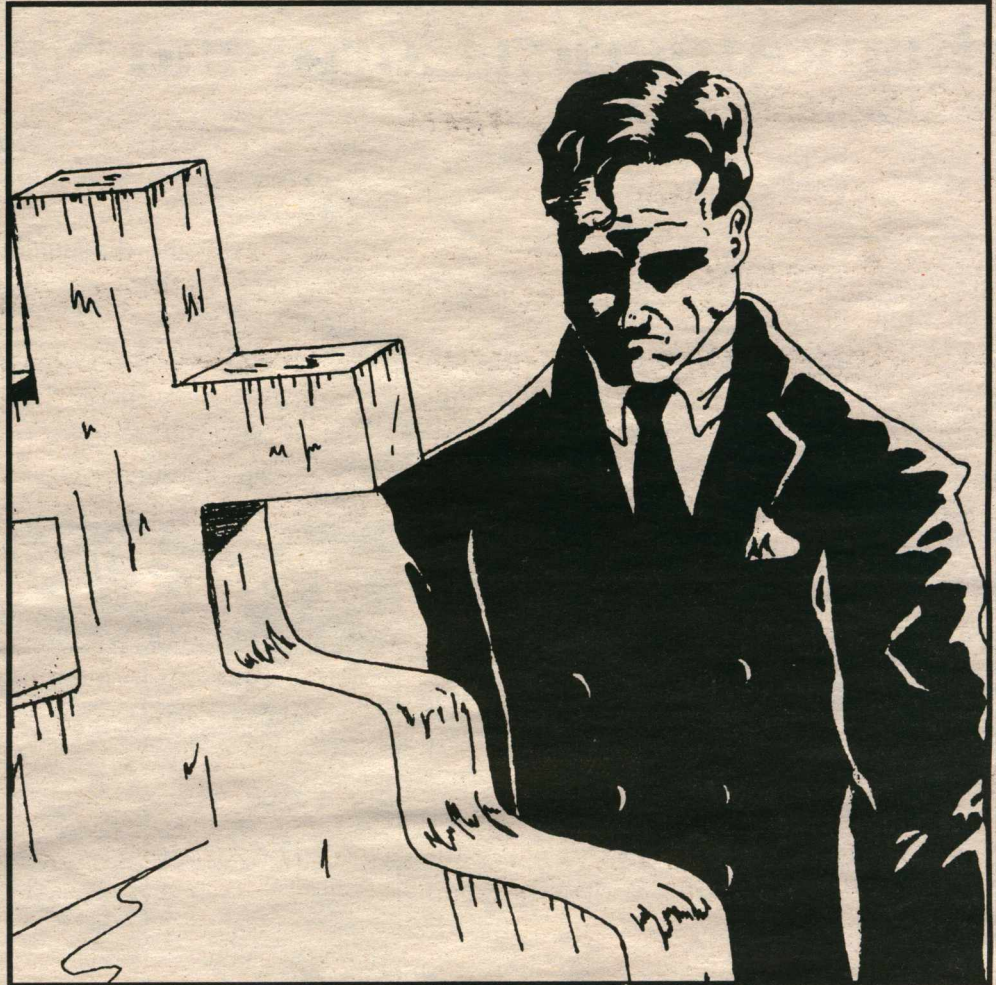
"You think the holidays will be hard, but you prepare for it," she said. There are times when a person is caught off guard and this is when the pain is most acute. "One of the hardest times is being in church or Time Out because it's so peaceful. You can just dwell in your own thoughts. It's really hard in quiet moments," she said.

Latina added her advice. "Ways to get through it is not to dwell on the death, to realize even though they are gone, at least you have the memories of them; some people don't even have that."

She said that working on a relationship with God is very important in the healing process. "Stick close to God because this is gonna happen whether you're close to God or not close to God. But if you're close to

"I was angry the whole time I didn't deal with it...I probably talked more Christianity and more 'holier than thou' than ever before." ~ Erin Lamkin

"The feelings of anger and being mad are okay and I think it's even okay if it's directed toward God...You can still be a Christian and still be angry." ~ Erika McCray



God, you have an advantage because he will give you the strength to get through anything that happens."

All three said that suppressing feelings is more harmful than helpful. Latina said that suppressing grief only delays facing up to the pain. "If you do [suppress emotions] it's just going to come up later in life and probably in a time when you can't deal with it very well. You need to deal with it as soon as it happens."

Erin said that dealing with the pain is a daily battle. "It's usually the average day when it's a really hard day and I want to go home and I miss my family--that's when it's hardest." For Erin, a sense of humor is a way of handling her mother's death. "Sometimes I just make jokes about it... It's just another way I deal with it. It doesn't bother me to say things like that because it's all in jest. Sales people are the best: 'Is Mrs. Lamkin there?' 'No, she's dead.' It's kind of funny because it takes them off guard... but it gets them off the line," Erin laughed.

NNC provides students with professional support for any personal and/or spiritual issues at no cost. The Counseling Center maintains strict guidelines of confidentiality to ensure that individuals can feel safe no matter what they may share. If individuals are in violation of school policy, confidentiality is still maintained and penalties do not result from the counseling situation.



Dr. Ken Hills

Dr. Ken Hills is the Vice President for Student Development. He has over 35 years experience in counselor education and has counseled in many different settings.

Joanne Rittmueller is the Director of Counseling in Student Development. She has an M.Ed. and an LPC in General Counseling. Ap

pointments can be made at Student Development. Mary Curran is a clinical social worker, professor of social work, CSWP, ACSW, LICSW, and is available approximately 6 hours per week.

Hills, Rittmueller and Curran offer personal counseling as do Scott Ziemer and Stacey Berggren. Scott



Joanne Rittmueller

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Stacey Berggren

Gene Schandorff, as the Director of Spiritual Development/Chaplain, is available for pastoral counseling in the area of spiritual development. The Student Development Office is located upstairs in the Student Center.

Pamphlets on grief, and other topics, can be found at Student Development as well. For those interested in community resources a few places to check: local home church office, the information desk at Mercy Medical, Student Development and the community meetings listed in the city paper.

Many options exist for students struggling with grief: counseling at school, off-campus, workshops and group meetings. The important factor is what the student is comfortable with and what will help them most. Student Development Office: 467-8643



Gene Schandorff

BankAmerica Corp. and NationsBank Corp. merge

by Andrew Diehl
Staff Writer

New York, NY — Monday the word came out that the second largest merger in history is about to take place. From this merger will come what has been called the first American Bank. BankAmerica Corp. and NationsBank Corp. Will have a \$60 billion merger between the two and create a bank that extends to both coasts and provides a myriad of services.

Some are calling it manifest destiny. BankAmerica founder, A.P. Giannini prophesied over 100 years ago that "It is coming gentleman and there is no way to stop it!"

"I think California is awfully big and we like that economy, let alone the entire West. but there's a lot of rationale for having a nationwide franchise," BankAmerica Chairman and Chief Executive Officer David Coulter told reporters Monday. "Actually the founder of BankAmerica, almost a hundred years ago, tried to put a nationwide bank together. We're a little bit slow, but we're finally getting it done."

Last week's proposed merger between Traveler's Bank and Citicorp for \$70 billion points out the need that the financial market is merger driven at this point and that banks need to find partners while there are still some left.

"Looks like it's now going to be a race," said David Katz, market analyst at

Matrix Asset Advisors. Anybody that does not have a partner is going to be looking fast and hard to find a partner. A lot of people have had discussions over the last few years — those discussions are going to accelerate."

Unfortunately, as with any major merger, there will be 8,000 positions cut as the two giants begin to cutback costs.

The new entity will have 4,800 dif-

sioned that it will become a well-rounded institution that provides financial services to every major center on the globe.

Both Coulter and his NationsBank counterpart Hugh McColl have voiced the size and extensiveness of the deal. The new corp. will have 180,000 employees and serve over 2 million businesses in 39 separate countries. The new bank will be the second largest in the world behind Citicorp and ahead of Chase Manhattan and J.P. Morgan with \$570 billion in assets.

"One-stop shopping" is the idea for the banking services to be provided. The question now is whether the idea will catch on with the rest of the outfits that are currently merging.

The biggest question to be faced is the Great Depression era laws that bar banks and financial institutions from joining together under one canopy. Most critics of the Glass-Steagall Act believe that the law is overdue for revision.

Coulter has predicted that the new corp. will generate revenues of \$50 billion for the first year and realize a pre-tax savings of over \$2 billion, or \$1.3 billion after tax. Executives are also expecting pre-share earnings to grow over 18% for the first year.

Top U.S. Mergers

Merger Amount	Merging Corporations (Corp./Corp.)
\$70.0B	Travelers/Citicorp
\$60.0B	NationalBank/BankAmerica
\$37.0B	World Com/MCI
\$29.0B	Bank One/ First Chicago NBD
\$25.6B	Bell Atlantic/NYNEX
\$24.5B	Kohlberg Kravis Roberts/RJB Nabisco
\$18.9B	Walt Disney/Cap. Cities ABC
\$16.4B	SBC Communications/Pacific Telesis

ferent branches in 22 states and over 15,000 automated teller machines. It is expected to reach 29 million U.S. households.

Coulter, who will be acting head of the company, stated Monday that the new bank will be "the nation's largest private clearinghouse for payment." It is envi-

Ireland reaches agreement on future of province

After over 3,200 deaths and thirty years of violence, British/N. Ireland Catholic conflict ends

by Rebecca Miller
Staff Writer

On Friday, the political leaders of Ireland reached an agreement that would decide the future of the province and would hopefully end the violence. For the past thirty years, there has been conflict over this issue and it has cost more than 3,200 lives.

The disagreement has mostly been between two cultural and political groups. The Protestant Unionists, who live mostly in Northern Ireland, desire to stay loyal to Britain. Meanwhile, the Catholic Republicans have been struggling to make a break with Britain and to create their own republic. Until this time, violence has been the main method of achieving these goals.

The agreement will create an assembly in Northern Ireland. It will address key issues in the province. The province will still remain a part of the United Kingdom. Two other councils will also be created. One will promote cooperation between Northern Ireland and the southern Irish Republic. The other council will bring together Irish lawmakers with other lawmakers from the United Kingdom.

This agreement became a reality when

the executive committee of the pro-British party voted to back it. Some of the members called it a sellout to the Republicans, but the majority believed it was a good compromise. Now that the agreement has passed the committee, it will be considered at the full council next Saturday. Many believe that it will pass. "When people sit down and analyze this document, I believe the result will be even stronger in our favor," said David Trimble, the party leader. The public will then get a chance to vote on the agreement on May 22nd.

The assembly created by this agreement will be aimed at cooperation and power sharing between the Protestants and Catholics. An election is being planned tentatively for June. The campaign and election will show whether the public supports the moderates or the "hardliners." At least a 70 percent majority will be required to pass an issue in the assembly. This will provide a safeguard against the Protestant bloc outvoting the smaller Catholic bloc.

President Clinton praised the pact, calling it "the best chance for peace in a generation." There are plans for him to visit Ireland in May, probably just before the public vote on the 22nd. There is talk about financial and symbolic assistance for Ireland from the United States. Senator Edward Kennedy said, "The

friends of Ireland in the United States will do all we can to help."

There are still some problems to be faced before Ireland can achieve peace. The chairman of the peace talks, George Mitchell, said, "It is a significant accomplishment, but I don't think anyone should be under the illusion that the problems of Northern Ireland have been solved with this one act." The agreement still has to pass the public, which may take some work. There is also some worry that disagreeing and militant groups from both sides may increase bombing and shootings in an effort to wreck the deal. Beyond these worries there is no certainty that the Northern Ireland assembly would actually be able to cooperate and work together effectively.

Nevertheless, this agreement is a landmark event for Ireland. "This agreement proves that democracy works," said Mitchell, as he told "men of violence all across Northern Ireland" that "your way is not the right way. You will never solve the problems of Northern Ireland by violence. You will only make them worse." There is now a chance for the Irish to live together in harmony. Their leaders have taken the step to bury their differences. Now the people must follow.

Yeltsin gives his plans for treaty 56 dead when mine floods

by Joshua M. Dooley
World News Editor

Moscow -- President Boris Yeltsin submitted an improved version of the START II arms control treaty to Parliament Monday.

The apparent treaty was signed by Yeltsin and President Clinton in 1993 and would cut the strategic nuclear arsenals of the United States and Russia in half.

In 1996 the U.S. Senate passed the treaty, but the State Duma, the lower house of Russia's parliament, so far has refused to allow it.

It was under the accords signed in New York last fall, that would have given Russia five additional years to destroy its long-range missiles. Parliamentary leaders now say that they expect the treaty to pass.

With Arms Control being the key issue here, Yeltsin sent a version of the treaty to Parliament Monday with a memorandum signed by Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov and U.S. Secretary of State

Madeleine Albright last September.

This version that Yeltsin sent in would supposedly extend the deadline for getting rid of the two countries' nuclear arsenals up to the end of 2007 from the original deadline of January 1, 2003.

Russia feels that the five extended years will give them an extra attempt to rid only those missile systems that have outlived their service life.

Yeltsin stated that by resubmitting the agreement it "corresponds to the interests of Russia." Along with the agreement, Yeltsin named Primakov and Acting Defense Minister Igor Sergeyev as his representatives to "shepherd the treaty through Parliament."

Duma Speaker Gennady Seleznyov said this past week that the legislature would debate ratification after committee hearings are concluded within the next several weeks.

Both Seleznyov and Vladimir Lukin, Chairman of the Committee for International Affairs, are optimistic that its ratification would take place before summer.

by Joshua M. Dooley
World News Editor

Mererani, Tanzania -- Just this past Monday, rescuers pulled a fourth body from a mine in northern Tanzania where at least 56 people were presumed dead when flash floods burst into the mine shafts.

Rescuers entered the Mererani Mine at Mbuguni, south-east of Arusha Monday in hopes of finding bodies or even survivors.

Unfortunately, other miners and relatives of those feared dead claimed that there would be little hope of finding any survivors after the disaster that took place last Thursday night. Much anger was expressed in the fact because they felt the whole thing was an inadequate government rescue operation.

The accident at the Tanzanite Mine trapped workers as deep as 1000 feet below ground after flooding caused 14 pits to collapse.

The tanzanite that the miners were mining is a semiprecious

stone unique to Tanzania and is mined by using primitive methods, often without safety equipment.

Arusha regional commissioner, Daniel ole Njoolay, said that a group of rescuers gathered a list of some 55 people known by the authorities to have entered the mine and were presumed missing or dead.

He went on to say that the death toll could be even higher as some may have entered the mine to work illegally.

"They managed to rescue the lives of 21 people. ... There could be 100 people dead," Njoolay said.

Njoolay explained that the accident occurred after a night of heavy rains and that the rescue effort was hampered by a lack of equipment and poor communications.

"The task force has been working round the clock for two days now and has retrieved three dead bodies," he said. "Pumping out the water is slow because the equipment is not adequate. We need bigger pumps."

...very briefly...

If someone were to hate using paper

Tax News

and wasting it, and they thought that electronic equals easy, they have a handful of options for filing their tax return. The IRS says with e-filed returns, refunds come in about half the time it takes with paper. Returns are often more accurate and e-filing lets you know the return has been received. The TeleFile phone system tells you how much your refund or tax bill is in about ten minutes.

The story has always been the same.

Gas News

When the thermometer rises, so do those gas prices. Already this week the self-service regular unleaded gasoline prices are three cents higher than they were three weeks ago. This all comes after seven months of price declines, but the cost of nearly \$1.05 per gallon still remains close to 18 cents below last year's price at this time. Expect to see higher prices in gasoline this summer, but not quite as high as in previous years.

As Microsoft makes their moves to be

Computer News

prepared for the new millenium, they have needed to make a few adjustments for the software that is being used right now, such as Office 97. "We'll be releasing a central repository of information on Year 2000 compliance of Microsoft products," said Jason Matusow, the company's Year 2000 strategy manager. Windows 3.1 needs some adjustments to be fully Year 2000 compliant, and patches need to be made for Windows '95 so that it can be Y2K ready also.

Did You Know...

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

Did you know...

Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from blowing sand?

Every time you lick a stamp, you're consuming 1/10 of a calorie?

The average American will eat about 11.9 pounds of cereal per year?

It's against the law to burp or sneeze in a certain church in Omaha, Nebraska?

The state of Florida is bigger than England?

More people use blue toothbrushes than red ones?

The average American drinks about 600 sodas a year?

It was once against the law to slam your car door in a city in Switzerland?

Bats always turn left when exiting a cave?

Dogs and cats consume almost \$7 billion worth of pet food a year?

The average person laughs 15 times a day?

Fortune cookies were actually invented in America, in 1918, by Charles Jung?

-- Compiled by Joshua Dooley

Around the world in eighty words

Compiled by Ryan Dooley
Asst. World News Editor

U.S. helps out China illegally

A classified Defense Department report has concluded that two U.S. firms turned over key expertise to China that has improved the country's nuclear missile program. The report stems from 1996 information on the rocket's flaws. It has been said that the Defense Department is unlikely to press criminal charges since the investigation was undermined this year when President Clinton approved a similar exchange of knowledge between one of the companies and China.

Violence occurs in Sydney

Violent clashes broke out Friday between police and picketers on the docks of Sydney, Australia, after non-union workers began to load ships for the first time in a half-century. The confrontation stemmed from a lockout at the Patrick loading company. The company has sacked about 1,400 union workers at 17 ports nationwide. Police were called to keep order, and a melee ensued when an unidentified caustic spray was released into the crowds, irritating protestors and police.

Firefighters take drastic pay cut

The forest fires that have been plaguing the East Kalimantan region of Indonesia for months may turn out to be an economic godsend. The United Nations Development Program recently began training unemployed people to fight forest fires that have destroyed almost half of Kutai National Park, where the Indonesian economy has been hit hard with this crisis. The firefighters are paid 10,000 rupiah (\$1.20) a day, which looks pretty good to the suddenly unemployed.

Crusaders go 2-1 against W. Baptist

Crusader baseball team wins 29-11 in double header game; break losing streak in a big way

by Robin Day
Sports Editor

The Crusaders ended their twelve game losing streak this past weekend with 2 wins over Western Baptist.

The Crusaders won their game against the Warriors Friday night and then proceeded to split the next day's double header.

The 'Saders lost the first game on Saturday to Western Bap-

tist, 0-1, before rolling over the Warriors in a 29-11 game.

Pitcher Jon Crozier gave up only (two) hits, both to (Matt) Riddle, who sent the ball over the fence during one at bat and had a double later. Unfortunately, the Western Baptist pitcher did better, striking out 10 Crusaders and only walking one.

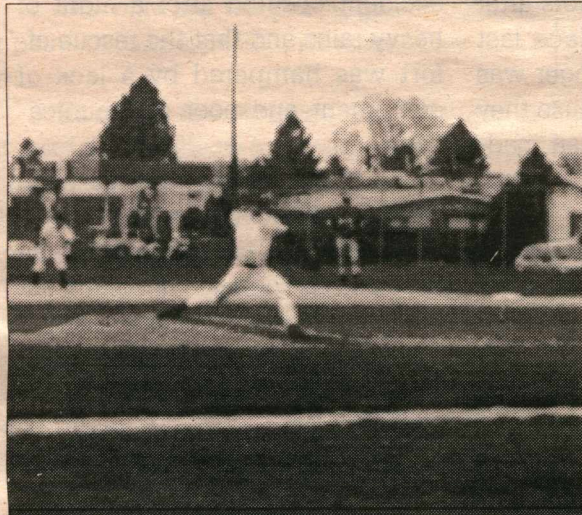
On Saturday's second game, things just got ugly for the Warriors. The Crusaders scored 7 runs in the first inning, eight in the fourth and another six runs in the eighth. Both teams struggled with pitching problems, Western Baptist calling in seven subs and NNC using four.

Corey Davidson started the game for the Crusaders, holding Western Baptist to one hit until the third inning, where he gave up 6 points.

Ryan Turner gave the Crusaders the mound strength they needed late in the game, pitching four shutout in-



Andy Heyer was responsible for 10 runs during the second half of Saturday's double header, crossing the plate six times and getting 4 RBI's.



Ryan Turner came from the bullpen to pitch four shutout innings during Saturday's double header.

nings as a relief pitcher.

Matt LeBaron got his first NNC career hit and RBI in the eighth inning, later scoring. Andy Heyer circled the bases six times that evening, with 4 RBI's.

The Crusaders' next games will be Friday and Saturday against Concordia University here at NNC. The game begins on Friday at 6:30 and the double header on Saturday begins at noon.

Tennis has another good weekend

Lady Crusader tennis team improves record to 5-2; win two on the road

From front page

of players for the three doubles and six singles events, so the match counted as a default win for the 'Saders.

Despite this setback, each of the six NNC players were able to play once. Stephanie Ridlen and Kristen Crawford won their doubles match 8-3. Crawford stated about the match, "Once we started focusing on the match and not our opponents, we began having more fun and we were able to pull off the win."

Freshman Brandi Blacklock was the only one to win her singles match. After the match she stated, "I felt like I played the best that I have so far this season. I stayed focused and took control of the points." Senior Amanda Johnson, junior Betsy Hamann and sophomore Sara Hamilton all fell a little short in their singles matches, but played well.

Saturday morning the 'Saders returned to the club to play Southern Oregon University. This was the second match against SOU

this season. First doubles team Ridlen and Crawford played a tough match and came away with an 8-6 win.

The Johnson/Hamann team and the Hamilton/Blacklock duo were both defeated by SOU. Hamilton commented on the match

"I felt like I played the best that I have so far this season."
~Brandi Blacklock

because of our opponents' lack of tennis etiquette. Therefore we were unable to stay mentally in the game."

Later in the singles matches, NNC successfully snagged victories in three out of six matches. Kristen Crawford, Betsy Hamann and Brandi Blacklock all defeated SOU. Hamann had a long, three-set match in which she hit consistent groundstrokes and tough serves. Hamann later shared about the match, "I felt really confident about my strokes. All it really came down to was my mental focus."

by saying, "We didn't have a very enjoyable match

SOU's team had their number two player back from an injury at the previous competition, so NNC faced a tougher lineup. In the end, the Crusaders came up one match short for the victory, the same outcome as the last match against SOU. In light of this, Coach Cook commented, "It is still encouraging to see because we are beating the teams we should beat and we're right on the verge of winning the tougher matches." After the weekend, the 'Saders have earned an overall season record of 5-2.

This week, the Lady 'Saders have three home matches at the NNC courts. On Tuesday, they will play Albertson College of Idaho and on Saturday they will host a double-header against Lewis-Clark State College and Rick's College. All students and faculty are invited to come and cheer.

Lady Crusader Tennis Spring 1998

April 17 Ricks College
Nampa, ID

April 25 Albertson College
Caldwell, ID

May 1-2 Regional Tournament

Lady 'Sader Tennis Team Lineup

Coach: Carey Cook

Singles

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

Doubles

1. Kristen Crawford
- Stephanie Ridlen
2. Brandi Blacklock
- Sara Hamilton
3. Amanda Johnson
- Betsy Hamann

And the end of it all

Men's basketball season comes to an early close

by Jennifer Holmquist
Staff Writer

Junior Betsy Hamman began her career as a tennis player long before she reached NNC. "My whole family is athletic," she stated, "and tennis was the only sport I really excelled at." This influence also reflects her out of school interests in "running, biking, camping, downhill skiing--anything outdoors."

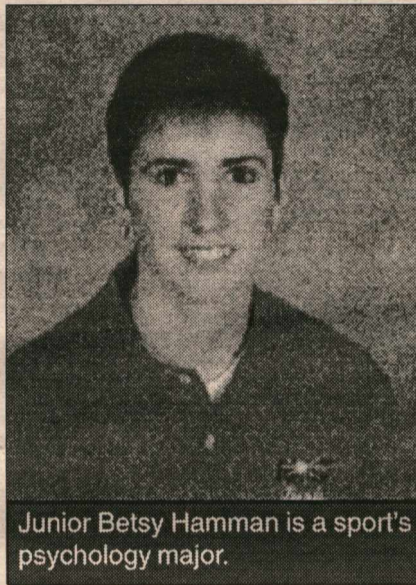
Hamman sees tennis as "really fun, and a great way to meet people." She says this sport "plays a big part in helping me be confident in myself, and in dealing with other people."

Although playing doubles this year has, at times been frustrating for her, she has had an excellent season as a singles player, winning all but one of her matches thus far. Increased self confidence has aided her in this area also. "What has made the difference is a winning attitude and better mental preparation," she said of this year.

Her interest in preparing herself mentally for matches should also help Hamman in her career goal as a sport's psychologist. Currently a psychology major, she is planning on going on to

grad school so she can "work with professional athletes in their goals and motivation." She wants to "help them [other athletes] realize their strengths and weaknesses and focus on their strengths."

Hamman's time at NNC has also given her the lifelong goal to "be happy in whatever I'm doing." Alongside of this, she has also grown spiritually. She stated that NNC "really helped me to choose for myself to get closer to God. Having a good spiritual foundation has made a lot of impact as well."



Junior Betsy Hamman is a sport's psychology major.

IM softball begins

by Robin Day
Sports Editor

Intramural softball has started this year, despite the rain and wind. There are eleven men's teams and four women's teams competing for the championship this spring. First games were played on Monday, April 13.

The evening's first contest was between Blitzkrieg and Mangum. Blitzkrieg, having been in existence longer, conquered Mangum 16-6. Junior Nathan Mason commented, "There were too many good plays to count. Carlo Estigo's pitching was exceptional!"

In the only women's game of the night, Here Comes Treble (from the music department,

surprise, surprise) forfeited to Grasshoppers, putting them in first place for the time being.

Team 1 defeated Team Knight Riders, 12-2. J.B. Downie brought in the final runs for 1, with a grand slam.

The final game Monday night was between Team Culbertson and Hoosier Daddy. Hoosier Daddy managed to pull through with an 11-9 victory. Team Culbertson's comments were unprintable.

Games were also held on Tuesday night, but results were unavailable. They continue on Thursday at the corners of the soccer field.

There are sign-ups downstairs on the intramural board for co-ed volleyball and soccer. Schedules will be released by the end of the month, so go and sign up now.

Intramural Softball Schedule

4/13	Field 1	Field 2
5:00	M7-M10	W1-W3
6:30	M1-M6	M3-M8
4/20		
5:00	M3-M6	W2-W4
6:30	M5-M8	M1-M4
4/21		
5:00	M9-M2	W1-W4
6:30	M11-M4	M5-M10

Intramural Team List

M1	Blitzkrieg
M2	Mangum
M3	1
M4	Team Knight Rider
M5	Team Culbertson
M6	Hoosier Daddy?
M7	Team Heath
M8	The Manson Family
M9	2nd Floor ND
M10	The F-Bombs
M11	Team Oliver
W1	Grasshoppers
W2	Here Comes Treble
W3	Team Friedly
W4	Team Allen

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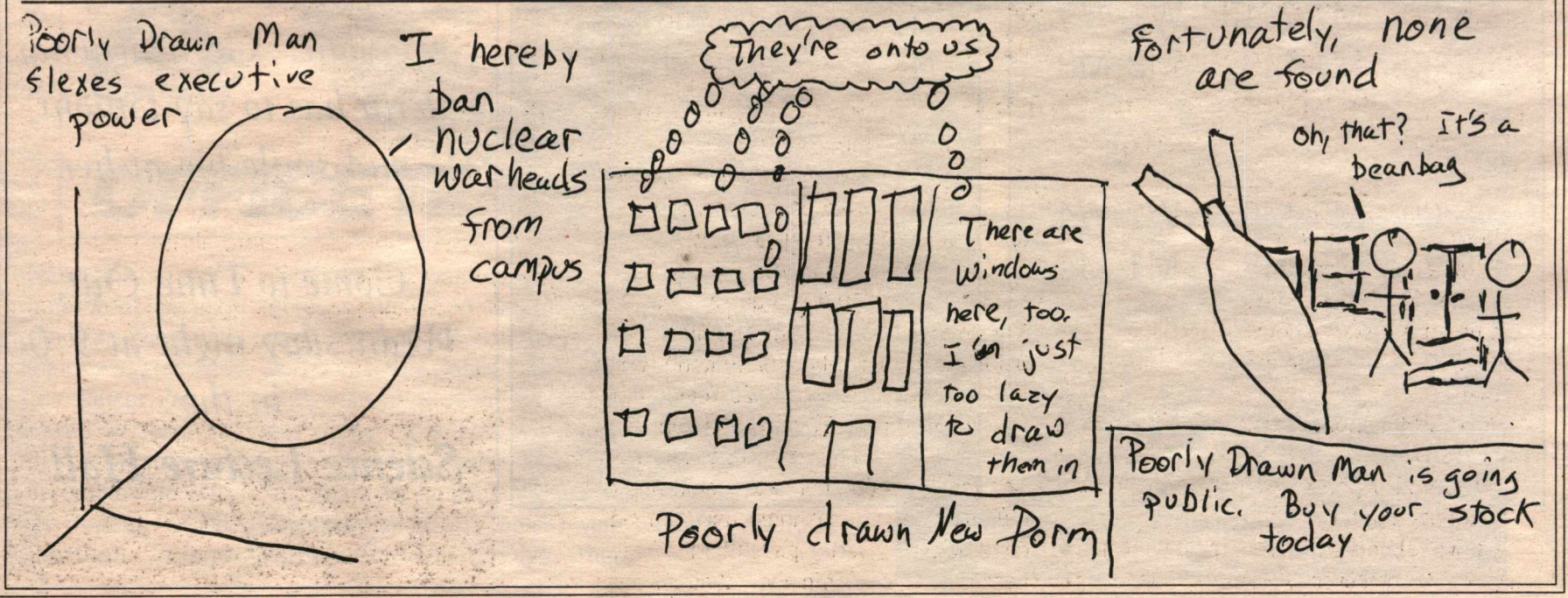


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Poorly Drawn Man

by David Stillman



Dave Barry

New toilet makes me proud

As an American, I am feeling pretty darned proud of my country (America). I will tell you why: My new toilet.

I wound up with this toilet as a result of a column I wrote last year, in which I complained bitterly about the new toilets that we Americans had been saddled with as a result of an act of Congress (official motto: "100 Senators; 435 Representatives; No Clues").

This was the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1992, which decreed that all new toilets had to use 1.6 gallons of water per flush — less than half the amount of water that the old toilets used. This was supposed to save water.

Unfortunately, the new toilets have a problem. They work fine for one type of bodily function, which, in the interest of decency, I will refer to here only by the euphemistic term "No. 1." But many of the new toilets do a very poor job of handling "acts of Congress," if you get my drift. They often must be flushed two or three times, and even more if it is an unusually large act of Congress, such as might be produced by a congressperson who recently attended a fund-raising dinner sponsored by the Consolidated Bulk Food Manufacturers. The result is that these new toilets were not only annoying, but in some cases seemed to be using MORE water than the old ones.

So I wrote a column complaining about this, and expressing support for a bill, introduced by Rep. Joe Knollenberg of Michigan, that would allow us to go back to toilets that have the kind of flushing power that made America the most respected nation on Earth.

You know how cynics claim that Americans are just a bunch of TV-sedated zombie slugs who don't care about the issues? Well, I wish those cynics had been standing under my mail slot after my toilet column was published, because they would have been crushed like baby spiders under a freight locomotive. I got a huge quantity of letters — some of them far more detailed than I would have liked — from Americans who care DEEPLY about the issue of their toilets, and the vast majority of them HATE the new ones.

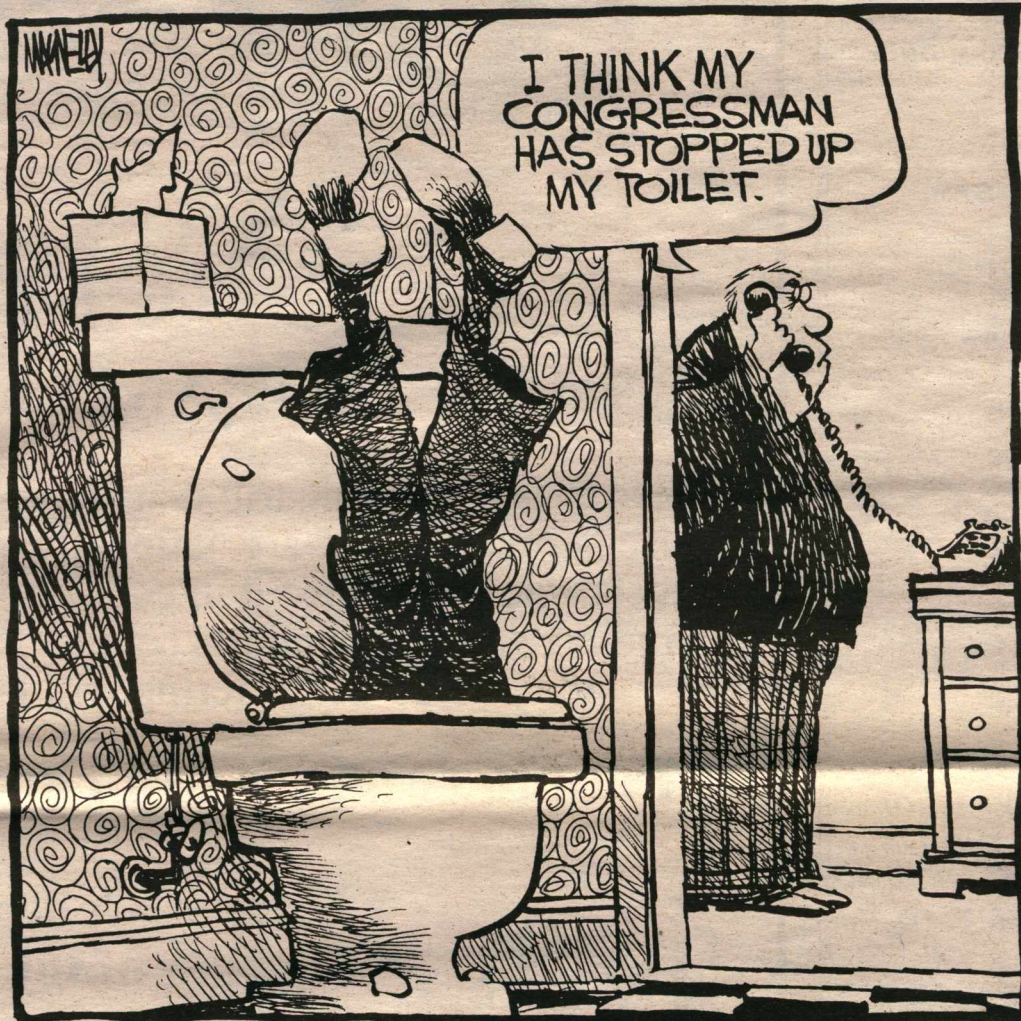
Granted, I got a few letters supporting the new toilets, but these were mostly from ecology nuts who, because of their organic granola diets, probably don't even NEED toilets, just whisk

brooms. There was also a somewhat snippy editorial about my column in The Washington Post (motto: "Even Our Weather Forecast Comes From Anonymous Sources"). But the vast majority of the people who responded agreed strongly with

income-tax deduction.

And so in March a Contractors 2000 member, Anthony Fleming, and his wife, Michele, came to my home and installed a new toilet. I cannot speak highly enough of this toilet. It is an inspiring example of American ingenuity and engineering "know-how." It has become like a member of the family; I have affectionately named it "Maurice." The bottom line is this: If there is an act of Congress that Maurice cannot handle in one flush, I have no personal knowledge of it.

I can't use this column for advertising, so I won't specify the brand of the toilet, but you can write to Contractors 2000, 2179 Fourth St., St. Paul, Minn., 55110. By the time you read this, there will probably be other brands of 1.6-gallon toilets that can get the job done; you can ask your plumbing contractor. Of course, by the time you read this, Congress may have passed a new law, requiring that toilets must flush with a maximum of four teaspoons of water, AND be equipped with air bags. Congress is just full of acts.



me and were ready to revolt over this issue, just as, in 1773, the courageous Boston Tea Party patriots revolted against British tyranny by throwing 1.6-gallon toilets into the harbor.

Then, about five months after my column appeared, I got a letter from Charles Avoles of Contractors 2000, an association of independent plumbing contractors. He said that a New York City company, Varsity Plumbing, in an effort to find a 1.6-gallon toilet that actually works, built a testing laboratory with room for six toilets side by side. Avoles said that Varsity duplicated all the standard toilet tests, but then, in its quest for the ultimate small toilet — the Tara Lipinski of toilets — Varsity "pushed the criteria even further, straining each model to its limits." It must have been exciting: Six toilets, pushing the envelope, going head to head! I don't even want to think about it.

Anyway, according to Avoles, Varsity "found one particular 1.6-gallon toilet that actually works," and the company president, Bobby Bellini, made a one-hour presentation on this discovery at the Contractors 2000 annual meeting (as Avoles put it: "Picture 500 people in a hotel ballroom watching videos of toilets flushing"). Contractors 2000 offered to install one of these toilets in my personal home, and I agreed, on the condition that I would pay full price for it, so that I could write a column about it and claim it as an

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10:05PM
MY GIANT (PG) - 7:30PM, 9:55PM
TITANIC (PG-13) - 8:00PM ONLY

— KARCHER REEL —
377-2620

WAG THE DOG (R) - 2:45PM,
7:00PM
SPICEWORLD (PG) - 5:00PM,
9:15PM
BORROWERS (PG) - 5:15PM,
9:25PM
MOUSEHUNT (PG) - 3:00PM,
7:15PM

— FRONTIER —
467-7469

SPICEWORLD (PG) - 7:00PM
WAG THE DOG (R) - 8:45PM

— LINDEN —
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4:30PM, 7:00PM, 9:30PM
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7:20PM, 9:40PM
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