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Column One

Hey there, faithful reader, today I present to you a great issue of *The Crusader*. Though we are without a cover story (not alone because we are searching for a cover story editor), this is our first 16 page issue of the year. Many more, will be hitting campus newstands in the next weeks, with luck.

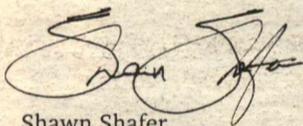
This week Kadee Wirick helped out Kevin in the copy editing department. Which means (not that Kevin doesn't do a great job) that we might catch a few more of the imperfections that occasionally slip past us at 2 or 3 in the morning.

Regardless, this is a great issue. Monday night, we drew for the winners of our Michael W. Smith concert ticket give-away. The lucky winners were Christa Klosterman, Scott Timm and Joey Boerner. They will be accompanied on their momentous tour of Boise (and freeways to and from the Pavilion) by myself in a stately (if not grey) NNC van (minus the sticker).

(It seems like I am using a lot of these parenthetical statements today. I wonder why that is?)

That's about it from me this week. Have a great one, I know I will. Crusader choir goes to McCall this weekend for retreat, so don't forget to buy a Blue Card.

Enjoy,



Shawn Shafer
Editor-in-chief

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Cascade science retreat a huge success

Students shared projects and ministry experiences

by Kenzi Wilkes
Crusader News Staff Writer

Seventy-five science majors, ten professors and one Gene Schandorff converged upon Cascade Christian Church Camp this past weekend for the third annual science retreat.

One bus and two vans arrived at the serene camp nestled near the edge of Cascade Lake around noon on Saturday.

Upon arrival, sleet and frigid temperatures greeted the guests. Later in the day, however, sunshine and warmer temperatures nicely accommodated hiking, volleyball, ultimate frisbee and bird watching.

The purpose of the science retreat was to introduce freshmen science majors to professors and upperclassmen in the division and acquaint them with current research projects. Science fields include biology, chemistry, physics, physical therapy, computer science and math.

On Saturday evening four upperclassmen presented their various summer experiences. First, junior Amy Mason shared about her summer in Philadelphia with Youth in Mission.

Next, senior Joel Sauder pre-

sented a slide show of his summer research tracking Great Gray Owls. Ten students then presented their research posters while freshmen milled around asking questions.

The student poster presenters included Greg Dement, Christine Johns, Jenifer Holmquist, Dan Redfield, Janet Krause, Robin Day, Kenzi Wilkes, Max Chtangeev, Mike Nelson and Christy Bayes. Junior Greg Dement shared his experiences this summer at Au Sable, a Christian environmental studies school on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound. Senior Christine Johns told about her summer working at a Nazarene Hospital in Papua New Guinea.

After the presentations, Professor Wally Johnson shared a short devotional which was momentarily interrupted by a friendly bat flying through the lodge. Later, students played rigorous games of Mafia while others tested their Twister skills, or just relaxed and talked.

Sunday morning worship was led by professor Johnson. The message was given by Gene Schandorff and was followed by a sharing special group prayer time.

All in all, it was a bright suc-



cess in which God's presence was readily felt. So in case you only think of pocket protectors, calculators and lab goggles when you hear the words "science retreat," be assured that it is much more fun than that.

Science as an avenue by which students can know God better and God's presence in students' lives this past summer were the overwhelming themes of the evening.



Students participate in science project presentations during the retreat (above). Amy Mason shared her Youth in Mission experience (below).

New ASNNC position serves commuters

Stephanie Ortman takes the challenge

by Kristina Ritchie
Crusader News Staff Writer

Stephanie Ortman, a senior and speech communications major, is filling a new position with ASNNC: the Non-traditional/Commuter Student Coordinator. This position is one specifically designed to reach out to all the non-traditional/commuter/transfer students who do not live in the dorms and usually miss out on activities.

Ortman expressed her concerns to Chris Field and Carey Cook after she moved off-campus herself and realized that "commuter students don't always make it into the student center, and then they don't know what's going on."

Field and Cook took action when they discovered that each

Nazarene school has a position comparable to this one.

"I'm kind of excited; kind of apprehensive," Ortman said about the new position. "I'm apprehensive because everyone else on ASNNC has something to go by. I'm excited because I'll get to make up the rules."

Ortman, who is also the manager of Clyde's, says that she is in the process of planning several events there like Sunday lunches, monthly parties and Bible studies for married couples and single moms, daycare included. Also, Clyde's will provide games and refreshment every Wednesday night after Time Out.

In addition to her duties for ASNNC and Clyde's, Ortman is president of Hope House and involved in Crusader Choir and intramural sports. With all of the activities she's involved in, not to mention homework, one would think Ortman might be a little stressed.

But, she says, she knows what's important: "One thing the Lord's been teaching me is that if I keep



Dustin Zimmerman, Carey Cook, Shawn Blenker, Shawn Shafer, Alesha Halvorson, Chris Field, Kari Buckendorf, Perla Aragon, John Greentree, Stephanie Ortman, Missy Rasmussen and Heather Olson gather on the pier at the LEAD Retreat. Ortman assumed the newly created ASNNC position of Non-traditional Student Coordinator last spring.

Him my number one priority, then He'll take care of everything else. That's my number one prayer this year."

Nandamudi brings perspective from beyond U.S.

Indian Professor hopes to promote cultural awareness

by Amber Jerome
Campus Editor

NNC welcomes Dr. Israel Nandamudi to the social science division of political science. His position at NNC marks the historical first time that a person of color has been on the college's full-time roster.

Dr. Stephen Shaw said, "We say, as a church, that we are a part of the effort to promote diversity. It's always been an all-white campus, as far as faculty, but now that's changed for the better."

Nandamudi, a Christian raised in India's Hindu tradition said that

he and his family felt "as if we were at home" when they first arrived.

Nandamudi's four children each have beautiful and unique names with significant meaning which Nandamudi and his wife Hanna picked out purposefully.

Divya, their eleven-year-old daughter, has the name "divine." Navya, their eight-year-old son, is named "new brightness." Dhanya, their five-year-old daughter, is named "blessed one." The youngest son, Nitya, has the name meaning "eternal" and was so named "so we can be reminded of our eternal life."

Coming from a different culture, Nandamudi said he wants to "impart knowledge and give back what I have experienced in other countries. I want [to bring] awareness of other cultures, societies and politics [so students] can appreciate them."

Born and raised in India, Nandamudi received his under-

graduate degree in political science from Andhra University, where he graduated first in his college. Upon completion of his masters in 1983, he received a gold medal for graduating with first honors.

Following his dream to serve his nation, Nandamudi applied to the Indian Administration Services, an honorary government role in India equivalent to a governor.

While Nandamudi successfully completed the three-step selection process, Hindu officials denied him the position for proclaiming his Christian faith in the final interviews.

Disappointed, but not moved in his faith, he turned to God and found assurance in the Scriptures. Nandamudi said he felt God say to him, "You did glorify me."

The doors were opened widely in 1991 when he was granted the only overseas fellowship given in India for a student of political science. Nandamudi, with his wife and four children came to the U.S. where

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he worked on his Ph.D. at Washington State University. On August 24 of this year, Nandamudi presented his dissertation, "American Perceptions and Policy Choices Toward India."

Dr. Nandamudi's appointment prepares the way for the formation of a political science degree program

previously unavailable at NNC. Nandamudi, who said it has been a "long-cherished dream" to teach at a Christian college, will teach geography, international study courses and comparative politics. One of his goals is to hold festivals which exhibit different cultural attire, food and other attributes.

Tyrus Clutter adds colorful hues to NNC art dept.

Painting is a specialty for new professor

by Monica Olson
Crusader News Staff Writer

During his senior year of college, Tyrus Clutter was trying to figure out what to do with a degree in art. He had never considered the possibility of becoming an Art teacher until his professors at Spring Arbor College gave him direction. "They influenced me both as Chris-

tians and as artists--to be excellent in both--and they weren't totally separate things; they can be together,"

he said. Their example led him to where he is today, in a position as the newest member of the NNC Art Department faculty.

The offer to teach at NNC appealed to Clutter because it was a good opportunity for him to get a



"The best part of [my] job is when you see students really make a breakthrough."
~Tyrus Clutter

full time job and teach the classes he wanted, including Painting and Art History. This quarter, Clutter is teaching Intro to Visual Arts, Begin-

ning Printmaking and Beginning Drawing.

Clutter grew up in Michigan. He spent his freshman year at Olivet Nazarene University and then transferred to Spring Arbor College in Michigan. He received his graduate degree from Bowling Green State in Ohio, then taught part-time at Bowling Green and at a Spring Arbor branch campus in Toledo. This fall, he left the Great Lakes area to teach at NNC.

Nampa was a desirable location for Clutter because of its size. In fact, Nampa is the largest town in which he has lived. So far his only problems adjusting have been get-

ting used to the dry climate and trying to understand the streets.

Painting is Clutter's specialty. His work has been shown at Mount Vernon Nazarene University; Bowling Green, in Alexandria, Indiana and at an international show in New York. Clutter's work is currently in Michigan. After a January show at Spring Arbor, Clutter plans to move his work to local galleries. An example of Clutter's work is featured on page 3 of October's Messenger.

At NNC, Clutter hopes to build up the art department by developing new majors, bringing in more students, and using the printmaking facilities more.

Class Council Signups
Monday, October 12
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CHAOS exposed students to ministry needs

Saturday's activity a success despite small numbers

by Amber Jerome
Campus Editor

Though the turnout numbers were lower than hoped for, the CHAOS ministries event Saturday spawned much enthusiasm and rewards for those who attended.

Tiffany Collins, president of Ministry to the Elderly, reported that the day's trip to the Sunrise Home and Holly Care Center brought positive responses from both the elderly and students involved. Collins presented a message in Scriptures, gave a testimony and led the group in songs.

Tabitha Chapman was excited about the opportunity she had to visit and mingle with the elderly and is looking forward to returning. Kristi Fenton commented, "The people were very excited about us coming back."

The Boise Rescue Mission group from CHAOS spent their time scrubbing floors, washing the chapel sanctuary and sorting clothes for the mission, according to volunteer Preston Madden.

Madden said that he had felt God's calling over the summer to be involved with ministries, particularly the Rescue Mission. He related that the core mission of the operation is not only to feed, but to minister and

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~April Fogerson*

offer the message to the struggling.

Michael Spangler said he felt very positive in his experiences with the Boise Rescue Mission because it is Spirit lead.

Chandell Lighthill added that CHAOS enabled her to get a larger picture of what the ministry is all about and how she could help. Lighthill said, "You get to know [the people] and it's a lot of fun."

The Turning Point division of Campus Ministries took approximately nine NNC students to its Nampa shelter, which currently is closed down. Turning Point houses struggling homeless families, who are at this time staying in individuals' homes.

NNC students washed shelter walls to help prepare for its reopen-



ing in November. Jennifer Pritt said the experience was "eye-opening. It made me feel fortunate for what I have."

Members of the Angels ministry played bingo with the residents of the R and V Shelter, a group home for the mentally disabled, and then took them out to eat at Wendy's. President Angel Fogerson said, "We had fun. People had smiles on their faces."

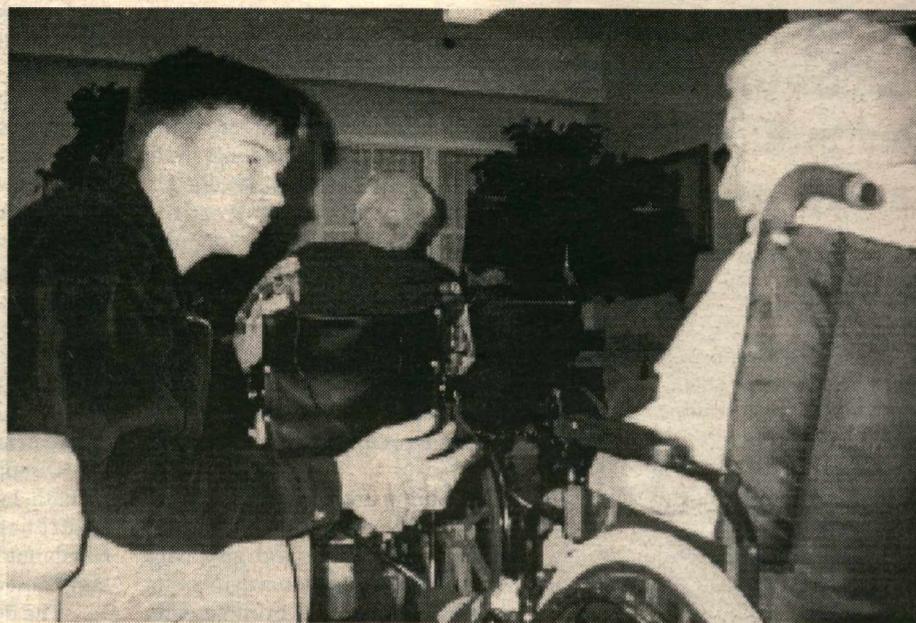
Smiles brightened up the day for Hope House children as well. The ministry team of about twenty NNC students spent the day playing softball and getting to know the kids. The CHAOS team then volunteered time at the thrift store for the children, which is preparing to re-open as well.

Finally, Ministries to Young Parents spent their service time in the refurbishing of a reception room in the Booth House for pregnant teens. President Karen Pillars and a group

of about ten girls spent over two hours in the tedious process of stripping wallpaper and repainting a ten-by-fourteen foot room.

According to Pillars, it was a tight fit with all the girls, but overall successful. "We want to go back and paint the ceiling and put up a wallpaper border," said Pillars.

Though only about one hundred of the two hundred available dog-tags were given out, the event was still a success, according to Com-



Brandon Workentin became buddies with Christopher from Hope House (top left). Toivo Kotilainen visits with a resident of Holly Care Center (above). Tiffany Collins ministered to the elderly at the Holly Care Center and Sunrise Home (left). Steve Ashbrook, Jeff Hall, Katrina Heinrichs, Jeremy Crowfoot and Chandell Lighthill help repair the Boise Rescue Mission (bottom left). Heidi Reimer gets to know a Hope House child over a game of cards (bottom).



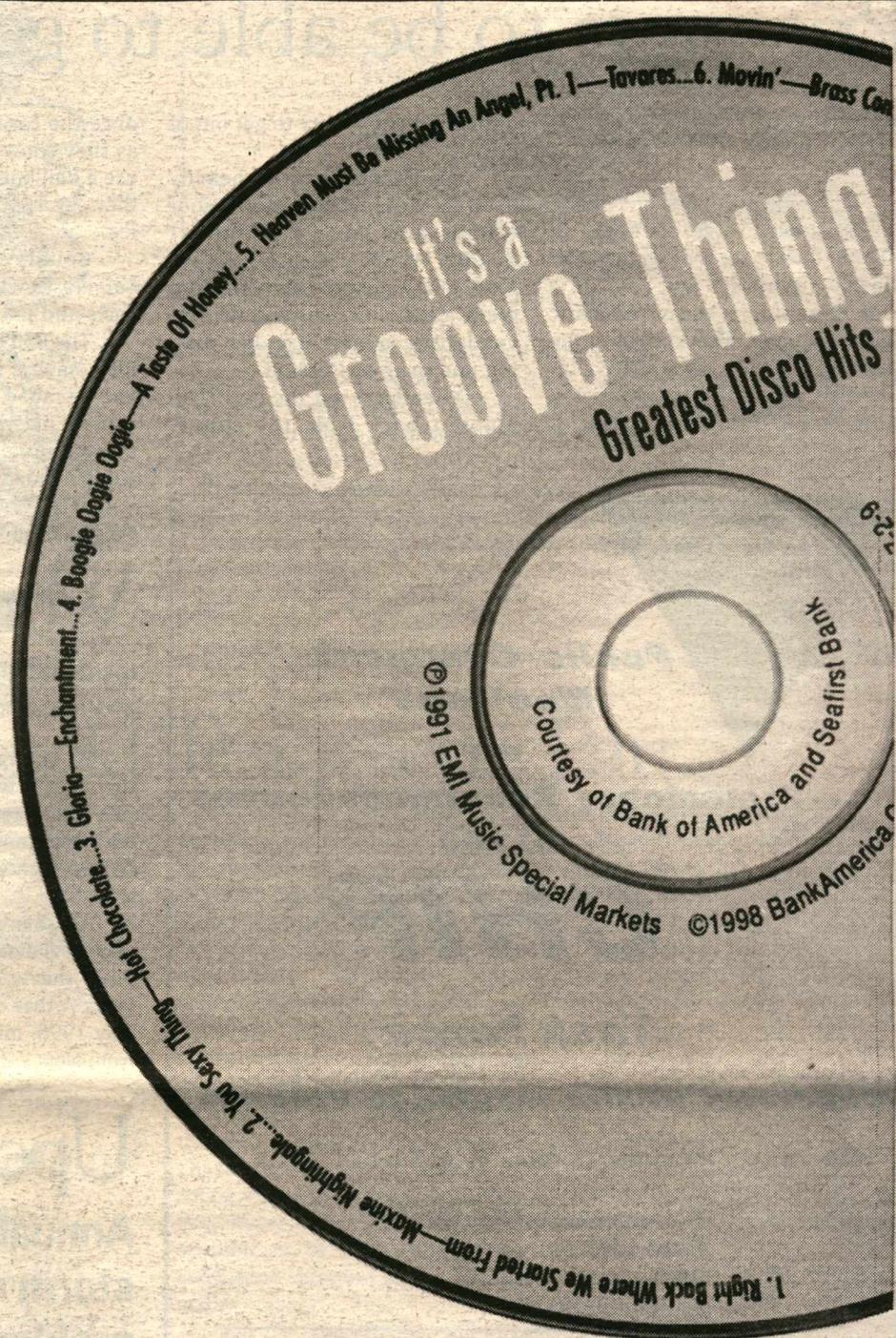
passionate Ministries secretary Jamie Boyd. Boyd said that the people who showed up did a good job.

She added that personal testimonies in chapel or even actual meetings with Hope House children like those that occurred in years be-

fore would help people get involved this year there was a problem with many students signing up and only about 100 showing up.

CHAOS is an initiation to NNC ministry opportunities. Students who would like to get involved should contact ministry presidents.

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Prisoners to be able to get fast money and leave jail

by Ryan Dooley
Crusader Staff Writer

For many prisoners, one phone call is allowed to get them out of jail, but now there is a new method that penitentiaries will use. It is something similar to an Automatic Teller Machine, also known to the people of the 90s, as an ATM. Instead of its ability to grant you more money into your pocket, it

grants you the ability to get out of jail.

It is expected to be heavily used by those who commit minor crimes and have bails under \$5,000, which is well within the limit many people carry on their credit cards. Crimes will include vandalism, assault, drunken driving and drug possession.

Defendants get the basic bail amount back from the county

once the case is resolved, as long as they show up in court. If they use a bail bond agent or the kiosk, they pay a \$500, non-refundable fee.

County officials said the bail kiosks will reduce taxpayer costs and jail overcrowding.

The Bail bondsmen hate the idea, saying the service is illegal because it's not state-licensed, like they must be. They also complain the "it's unfair competition."

"The first time I heard about this was last week, and I was flab-

bergasted," said Ted Wallace, president of the Santa Clara County Professional Bail Association. "We're

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definitely not bailing out O.J. Simpson; we're taking the crumbs."

San Luis Obispo, whose jail population of 500 inmates is about one-tenth the size of Santa Clara County's, has had a kiosk for four months. It is used mostly to post small bail amounts, but bail bond agents are still upset. "We're prohibited by state law from advertising in the jails, yet there is this kiosk in the lobby that every 15 minutes or so an-

ounces that you can use it to post bail," said Todd Dolezal an agent with San Luis Bail Bonds.

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Where: Cavanaugh's (formerly Quality Inn)
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When: Tuesday, October 13, at 7 p.m.

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Worn wiring found in older planes

by Joshua M. Dooley
World News Editor

At one time, when a manufacturer put a wire in a plane, it was said to be pretty much good for the life of the plane. It was until the crash of TWA Flight 800 that the theory held true.

Crash investigators found worn wire insulation in the wreckage of the 747 -- that was only in service for 25 years -- that exploded in mid-air in July 1996, minutes after it took off from New York's Kennedy Airport.

Recent inspections of fuel-pump wires on Boeing 737s have proven to indeed have some significant wear on them. These findings have added to the concern after last month's Swissair Flight 111 crash off Nova Scotia, where there was clear evidence of serious electrical problems.

This has become such a concern that as of this past Thursday, the FAA has asked the nation's airlines to participate in a new inspection and maintenance initiative that would target older commercial aircraft.

As it turns out, it seems that wire

insulation can become damaged over time by heat, moisture, vibration, poor maintenance and friction.

"We haven't seen the need to call for really invasive inspections like pulling up the floor and getting underneath to look for a whole lot of things," said Boeing vice president Tim Fehr.

The FAA wants to get a better look at all kinds of older wires to check and see if they show any signs of wear and chafing, but hoping the problem isn't too big or impossible to fix.

Upcoming meteor poses problems

Annual meteor storm could be a problem for satellites

by Joshua M. Dooley
World News Editor

If you like a good meteor storm, one that is sure to spark your interest will flash through the sky come mid-November.

Unfortunately it may not be so spectacular for many as some meteors could be "sandblasting" satellites and threatening everyday services such as cell phones, TV stations and data communications.

The last of the great meteor barages occurred back in 1966, although satellites weren't as big of an issue or as numerous back then. At that time, thousands of meteors per minute shot across the North American sky.

Unfortunately for many, since we are so dependant on the many satellites that float in our orbit, this could prove to be a rather large problem. The real problem could come to us if satellites that help in weather, relay data communications and TV signals and enable military

surveillance were to be damaged.

It is true, however, that the meteors are smaller than grains of sand, but when traveling at 40 miles per second, which is like a 10-second flight from San Francisco to Los Angeles, it could knock out or disrupt some satellites' delicate electronics.

"This meteoroid storm will be the largest such threat ever experienced by our critical orbiting satellite constellations," said William H. Ailor, director of the Center for Orbital and Reentry Debris Studies.

The 1966 storm appeared only over the continental North America, while this year's storm will be seen in Japan, China, the Philippines and other parts of east Asia, and possibly even Hawaii. The meteors are debris from the comet, Tempel-Tuttle.

Scientists from NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View hope they can get a good study of the shower from their aircraft flying out of Okinawa and broadcast live TV images of the shower over the World Wide Web.

The "Leonid" meteor shower got its name because the meteors appear to originate from the constellation Leo. In all actuality, the shower is a cloud of rocky particles orbiting the sun.

As the Earth travels around the

sun, it crosses the cloud's path every November 17 and 18. It is at these days of the year that amateur astronomers enjoy seeing the "Leonids" dart across the sky, sometimes several per minute.

It so happens that every 30 or so years, our planet crosses a particularly dense part of the Leonid cloud. So the "shower" is upgraded to "storm," with up to 40 meteors per second and sometimes 50,000 per hour.

Even though they are very tiny, we can see them because the particles move so fast that the friction with Earth's atmosphere will cause them to burn and glow. This glow can be visible from hundreds of miles away. The storm this year will appear to be like fireworks.

In order to try and save many of the satellites, they will be temporarily re-oriented.

"We are concerned, and we have been in meetings and making plans concerning the Leonid shower," said U.S. Army Maj. Mike Birmingham, a spokesman for the U.S. Space Command in Colorado which monitors American military and spy satellites.

"Fortunately, most of the particles... are very small, smaller than the diameter of a human hair, and won't survive passage through the Earth's atmosphere," Ailor said.

Impeachment hearings to be held Cereal healthy start

by David Stillman

Crusader Asst. Cover Story Editor

WASHINGTON D.C. -- After heated partisan debate, the House Judiciary Committee voted 21-16 to recommend a free ranging impeachment inquiry of Bill Clinton with no deadline for completion. The House of Representatives still has to approve the recommendation, but it's vote will likely be a rubber stamp of the Judiciary Committee's decision. House approval will start the third impeachment hearing in U.S. history.

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"We are not here today to decide whether or not to impeach Mr. Clinton," said Committee chairman Henry Hyde, "We are here to ask and answer this one simple question: Based upon what we now know, do we have a duty to look further, or look away?"

The vote to look further was strictly on party lines. All 21 Republicans voted for the inquiry; All 16 Democrats voted against. According to MSNBC, "The votes

came after the GOP counsel argued that Clinton committed 15 potentially impeachable offenses -- four more than alleged by Starr." According to USA Today, "he dropped Starr's claim that Clinton abused his presidential power, split some of Starr's charges and added conspiracy to obstruct justice and the allegation that Clinton concealed knowledge of Lewinsky's false testimony."

Democrats argue that many of these allegations are false, and the rest are not impeachable. "This is not Watergate; it is an extra-marital affair" said Rep. John Conyers, the ranking Democrat on the committee. Rep. Bill McCollum

feels otherwise. "Even if it were only shown to us that the president lied under oath, that is enough to impeach and for him to be thrown out

of office," he said.

Democratic lawyer Abbe Lowell disagrees. "If President Nixon's alleged lies to the IRS about his taxes were not grounds for impeachment in 1974, how then are alleged lies about President Clinton's private sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky grounds in 1998?"

The debate could drag on for months, and it's partisan nature will only make things worse. If Congress had been controlled by Democrats, the vote for impeachment inquiry would have failed, and the whole mess would be behind us. Instead, the country will have to live with it until an impeachment vote is made after the inquiry is over. "It

"It is my hope and prayer we could finish by New Year's"
~Henry Hyde

is my hope and prayer we could finish by New Year's," Hyde said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." I'm the last person in the world that wants to stretch this out. All of us are weary of this ... but we have a duty -- a constitutional duty -- to see it through."

House of Reps. passes bill for Y2K

by Kevin Durfee
Crusader Copy Editor

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a bill that protects computer companies that share their information about new Year 2000 theories and breakthroughs. This bill, called the Year 2000 Information and Readiness Disclosure Act, helps protect against liability if the company is free with its products and procedures for beating the Year 2000 problem. The bill had already been approved by the Senate, and simply needed the go-

...bank computers will show loans that have accumulated 5000-fold interest overnight...

ahead from Congress in order to make it to President Clinton's desk. The president has already praised the plan and is expected to sign it as soon as it passes under the

sunglasses of his Secret Service agents.

Most know what the Y2K problem is all about, and do not, therefore, need an explanation. For those of you who have been living under a rock, or in Medicine Bow, Wyoming, Y2K is the mother of

all computer problems. When the internal clocks on computers all over the world get to 12:00 am on January 1, 2000, the computer--which only registers the last two digits of the year--will think that the year is actually 1900, or 6000, or 200,000... anything but 2000. As a result, bank computers will show loans that have accumulated 5000-fold interest overnight, airline com-

The bill allows companies to speak of and share their findings without liability.

puters will not recognize tickets purchased for after this date, computers at nearly every medium-to large-sized business in the world may not pay any employees because none of them are expected to even show up for work for about 90 years. In

short, the computers will warp and contaminate every bit of information accumulated in the last 35 years.

The bill allows companies to speak of and share their findings without liability. It does not, however, exempt them from liability if the company markets a product that fails to work. Nearly 40 industry groups are in favor of the bill, but some suggest that this bill does too little to protect the consumer. Still, with just a little over a year left to solve the problem, it is just hoped that a solution will be found.

by Ryan Dooley

Crusader Staff Writer

CHICAGO, IL -- A government study found out that cold breakfast cereal is the main source of the key vitamins and minerals for U.S. children. And that is not necessarily a good thing.

Children may be eating fortified cereal in place of vitamin-rich fruits and vegetables, which contain fiber and cancer-fighting substances, said Amy Subar, a research nutritionist with the National Cancer Institute.

Her findings were published Tuesday in the October issue of *Pediatrics*, a journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

"The findings show just how little of the foods with naturally occurring nutrients are in kids diets," she said.

Kellogg™, the world's leading market of ready-to-eat cereal, sees the study as good news.

"It really does show the role cereal can play in delivering important nutrients in kids' diets," says Subar.

Subar said that cereal is not necessarily unhealthy. In fact, fortified cereal appears to be the more nutritious foods children are eating.

"We just shouldn't kid ourselves that they are necessarily getting all that they need from cereal," Subar says.

The study of 4,008 children ages two through eighteen looked at 20 foods they ate between 1989 and 1991, and cereal was the number one source of vitamin A, iron and folic acid for every age. Folic acid has been shown to reduce the risk of certain types of cancer.

Researchers also found that cereal was the third highest source of zinc and magnesium.

The researchers did not reach a conclusion as to whether or not the children were getting a nutritionally sound diet, but the findings suggested their diets may be lacking.

For example, sugary drinks were the number two source of carbohydrates, behind bread. And high fat foods such as cakes and cookies ranked, among young children, in the top sources of vitamin E, protein, fiber, calcium and iron.

Gail Frank, a California dietitian and spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association, said the findings were not surprising, yet at the same time, were very worrisome. After all, she said, at least the children weren't skipping breakfast or eating high-fat fast food.

She said that parents should not discourage cereal eating, but should encourage their children to have it with fruit on top or a glass of juice to make it just a bit healthier.

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Many new soccer recruits added to women's team

Nine New Recruits add depth to the Soccer Team

by Jenifer Holmquist
Crusader News Staff Writer

Nine new faces joined returning women's soccer players on August 23, bringing the total on the team roster to fourteen. Although this is a rather light team, coach Jim Lang believes the new freshmen can

strengthen the team. He emphasized that "they understand what winning is about."

If the play of freshman Jamie Swanson during this weekend's Arthur D. Ortman Tournament is any indicator, these women will indeed be an asset to Crusader soccer. Swanson came away from the tournament with three assists and the Most Valuable Player award for the tournament. She, along with three other new freshmen, played on a state team for her high school, while two others saw some post season play.

Many of these recent additions pointed out NNC's environment as

a major factor in choosing to enroll. Swanson stated that a part of her decision to attend was that "the whole school gets together in everything."

J a y m e Mottram, another recruit, stated that she is looking forward to meeting people as well as adding to school spirit by cheering on the team. Mottram, along with Amber

Welsh, will not be playing this season, but will join the team in play

next year.

Welsh is looking forward to "recovering from ACL reconstructive surgery" and hopes to be fit for play after about six months of rehabilitation.

Sarah Hughes, another draft pick, is looking forward to being part of the team's future, which she sees as promising. She believes the Lady 'Saders have a lot of potential because "we've already established the building blocks" through

hard work and pre-season play.

Coach Lang hopes that the building blocks which these women, along with Nicole Arsenault, Kristal Watson, Mindy Gibbens, Jennifer Edmonds and Angie Smith have set up will help the team improve their record for the 98-99 season.

Through this team, the Crusaders hope to be in the top three for the conference in order that they may play after the normal season has ended. As Coach Lang stated, the team is definitely "faster and more athletic," hopefully enabling them to complete the season with a record that mirrors their potential.

"These girls understand what winning is all about."
~Coach Lang

A review of the women's soccer season

Backup and remember how well the Crusader's have played

by Amber Welsh
Crusader News Staff Writer

The Lady Crusaders' non-conference schedule included seven road games and only three home matches. They opened with a ten-day road trip to the north which included five matches.

First came Helena, MT and the Carroll College Tournament on Labor Day weekend. The women tied University of Mary (Bismark, ND) 3-3 with freshman striker Mindy Gibbens (Eugene, OR) scoring two goals and sophomore striker Denise Thuline (Arlington, WA) adding one

goal and two assists. Then the Lady Crusaders lost to the currently nationally ranked number thirteen National American University (Rapid City, SD) 5-1.

In Spokane, WA the Crusaders lost to NCAA Division I Gonzaga University 3-0 on Labor Day. Whitworth College of Spokane then defeated our women 4-1.

The final opponent of the road trip was NCAA Division I University of Idaho in their inaugural home match in Moscow, ID. The Vandals scored in the 16th minute off a corner kick, but didn't score again until the fourth quarter to defeat NNC 4-0.

Finally at home, the Lady Crusaders met their third NCAA Division I institution in Boise State University on September 14. NNC seemed to dominate the second quarter of play but found themselves down 2-0 at half-time. Freshman defender Nicole Arsenault (Boise, ID) scored in the second half as the Crusaders lost 4-1.

Timed in conjunction with new student orientation, the Lady Crusaders hosted their own Arthur D. Ortman Soccer Invitational tournament.

NNC opened tournament play with their first win of the season, a 10-1 pasting of arch-rival Albertson College of Idaho. Thuline scored three goals with one assist, while junior Amy Parsons (Boise, ID) scored two goals. NNC outshot ACI 51-2.

The Crusaders beat Evergreen State College (Olympia, WA) 1-0 to win their own tournament. Goalkeeper Carrie Seaney recorded her first shutout of the seasons by making a gutsy save late in the match.

NNC had five players named to the All-Tournament Team: juniors Seaney and Parson, sophomores Thuline and Beth Nixon and freshman Jamie Swanson. The Tournament Most Valuable Player was Jamie Swanson who assisted on five of NNC's eleven goals and played sterling defense.

The Lady Crusaders closed their non-conference schedule with a road trip to the Puget Sound. They extended their win streak to three games with a 2-1 overtime victory against Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA. Thuline headed in the game winner on a cross by Melanie Hays.

The last non-conference match saw the Crusaders take on then-nationally ranked number five Simon Fraser University. Executing their game plan to perfection, NNC led 1-0 at half-time even though they were outshot 14-4. SFU's high pressure helped to break down NNC's defense in the second half to win the match 5-1.

NNC ended their non-conference season 3-6-1, but there is optimism that they can compete this season in conference play. The Crusaders next home game will be this weekend Friday, October 9 at 1:30 p.m. against Cascade College.

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Sports focus of the week: Lisa Erickson

Junior Lisa Erickson up close and personal

by Dawn Stuvland
Crusader News Staff Writer

This is Lisa Erickson's third year playing volleyball here at NNC. The junior setter from Olympia, Washington first learned to play volleyball as a high school freshman when her best friend talked her into trying out. "It was really awkward at the beginning because I didn't know any of the fundamental skills or how to hold my hands or anything like that." But she jumped into tryouts,

competing against girls who'd been playing since 5th grade, made the freshmen team and worked her way up from there.

Her high school coach knew NNC's coach, Darlene Brasch, and they had Lisa come on a recruiting trip to NNC. "I liked the campus and I liked Darlene... I really felt like I should be playing here."

Comparing this year's team to her previous Crusader teams, she comments on how deep the team is this year, and couldn't say enough about how well her teammates have been working together. "Within the first week of training camp we just really bonded. We have a lot of girls with a lot of athletic ability and a lot of skill. I think this is the most athletic team that I've seen since I've been here."

Erickson believes the experi-

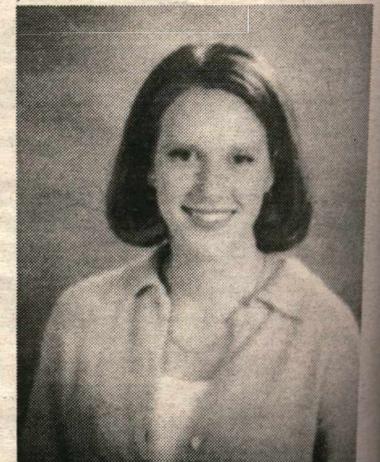
ence of returning players is a major key this year, but is also excited about the new additions to the team. "It amazes me how much the freshmen have improved over the last month." Overall she labels the '98 Crusaders as "very, very solid" and says that as long as they keep practicing hard with their goals in mind, they should be able to accomplish anything.

Erickson's major is secondary education and she will teach P.E., health, or human biology. However, she has dreams of traveling before settling down into a teaching position.

Before coming to NNC, Erickson didn't know what it meant to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Surrounded by Christians, she was very impressed by "...the way they act, talk and stand up for

their beliefs." In January of her freshman year she gave her heart to Jesus. "NNC's really been a blessing; the people, and the community the college provides."

Junior setter Lisa Erickson



Crusaders split away weekend

Volleyball team improves to 14-2 overall

by Robin Day
Sports Editor

Volleyball hit the road this past weekend, just like all the other teams, and headed to Oregon to play Western Baptist and Cascade College.

In Friday's match against Western Baptist, the Crusaders took their first conference loss. In 5 games, Western Baptist defeated the Crusaders, 17-19, 13-15, 15-2, 15-0, 13-15. Said Head Coach Darlene Brasch, "The first two games were

kind of flat. After the second game there was a serving contest for the crowd and the girls came out of the locker room inspired and played really well."

The Crusaders led the fifth game and were ahead 12-3, then 13-5, before giving up ten points in a row to Western

Baptist. Coach Brasch commented, "They had a huge home crowd that was just roaring. They really fed off of the crowd."

Saturday took the team to Portland to take on Cascade College. The 'Saders were more than ready

to take out the previous evenings loss on the hapless Cascade team and easily won in three game, 15-3, 15-4, 15-8.

Going one and one for the weekend dropped the Crusaders from second in the region to third, and they will probably move down in the national rankings

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~Coach Brasch

also. The Crusader's next game will be at home on Tuesday against rival Albertson College of Idaho. ACI also lost to Western Baptist in five games, so Coach Brasch is anticipating a close, tough game.

Men's soccer new '98 recruits

New men's recruits share their hopes for this season

by Jenifer Holmquist
Crusader News Staff Writer

Coach Joe Pearson's young team proved their ability this past Saturday with a 3-2 win against Albertson College of Idaho. Although the transition from playing in high school to college is often difficult for freshmen, Pearson said the eight new players are "catching on and able to contribute because they work hard."

Middle fielder Aaron Metzger of Washington is "looking forward to winning the conference" and stated, "we have a pretty good chance this year," because of the team's demonstration of strength so far. Sophomore Jake Proffitt, a new recruit, also believes the team can see post season play. "If we keep improving, I'm excited about what we can do," he said.

These new soccer players chose NNC out of a variety of interests. Brad Parsons of Boise saw the close-to-home location as an advantage. Even though he did not come from a great distance, he said college gives him a chance to be on his own. He plays defense for the 'Saders and hopes to "keep good grades and play good soccer at the same time."

Metzger enjoyed the fact that

NNC offered him a Christian education alongside the chance for scholarship money. He said a major goal this year is to "grow spiritually." He would also like to "do well academically and improve in soccer." The players and coach of the men's soccer program, to him, demonstrate the moral foundation of NNC and are "a good group of guys."

One of Proffitt's main reasons for joining the soccer team this year came from his affinity for the game. Although he enjoyed playing baseball for a year, he eventually switched to soccer. Now he hopes to earn the title of "rookie of the year, or most improved." He also plans to do all he can to help his team "do well in the league and finish in the top three."

This past weekend in close-up

Women's soccer drops two

by Amber Welsh
Crusader News Staff Writer

The NNC women's soccer team opened its conference season this past weekend by dropping both matches. However, a big question was answered over the weekend: "Can we compete with the better teams in the conference this season?" The answer is a resounding "Yes!"

On Friday the Lady Crusaders played Western Oregon University in Monmouth, OR losing 6-2. It was a see-saw battle with NNC pulling within one goal at 2-3 in the 74th minute on a header by sophomore midfielder Melanie Hays (Colorado

Springs, CO) off a corner kick by freshman defender Jamie Swanson (Bonita, CA). Then the bottom fell out of NNC's defense as they made some terrible mistakes to allow the Wolves to embarrass them with three late goals. Sophomore Beth Nixon had scored in the first half to knot the score at 1-1.

The women shifted over to Salem, OR to take on Western Baptist College on Saturday morning. The Crusaders totally dominated the first half as they surged to 2-0 lead. Junior midfielder Amy Parsons scored early on a pass from sophomore striker Denise Thuline. Later, Thuline beat the sweeper by a step and rifled a beautiful 20-yard shot with the outside of her foot. NNC outshot WBC 14-0 at the half.

In the second half, the Crusaders were not able to hold off the pressing Warriors. WBC broke into

the scoring column when a shot went through junior goalkeeper Carrie Seaney's (Nampa, ID) hands. Their second goal came after a defensive clearance ricocheted high in the air behind the defense and the WBC player scored to tie at 2-2. With five minutes remaining in regulation time, Wendy Trent, WBC's leading scorer received a pass in the wide flank, dribbled 30 yards and scored the game winner.

The Lady Crusaders drop to 0-2-0 in the Cascade Collegiate Conference and are 3-8-1 overall. They played Albertson College of Idaho this Tuesday in a conference match. This weekend they will host a much stronger Cascade College team on Friday at 1:30 p.m. and last year's regular season leader, Concordia University, on Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

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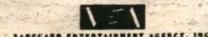
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Taking a historical look at the Old Testament, Part 2

by Will Brown
Crusader News Opinions Writer

This summer, I had the privilege of spending seven weeks in Israel at a place called Tel Megiddo. I didn't go to Israel as the stereotypical pilgrim, visiting the traditional sites of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. I didn't see the Dead Sea or the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, or the Mount of Olives. I didn't even get to Jerusalem. I traveled to Israel to study biblical archaeology as a volunteer archaeologist at Megiddo, and that's what I did.

While I was at Megiddo, I had the opportunity of meeting a personal hero, a biblical archaeologist by the name of Bill Dever. One night, I had the privilege of attending a lecture he gave on the topic of biblical archaeology and literary criticism. He spoke mostly of principles and not so much of specifics, but he said more on the topic than anyone else I've heard, condensing the clutter of thoughts that had been bouncing around in my head for months. Most of what I have to say in this article is inspired by what Dever said.

At its simplest level, biblical archaeology is the study of the archaeol-

ogy pertaining particularly and exclusively to the Bible. As such, biblical archaeologists constantly tackle with the question, "can the Bible be proven true?" Being at Megiddo for only a few days taught me the problematic nature of this question, the reason biblical archaeologists tackle with it so much. The question is often interpreted in a black-and-white manner, asking us to bifurcate the world of biblical archaeology into a world of "us and them." The problem is that the world of biblical archaeology is a world with a lot of gray. It is this exact fallacy, for example, that has humorously led some to dub Dever "Zionist" and others to dub him "heretic."

The problem with the question "can the Bible be proven true?" is that the inquisitor often fails to define what he means in asking the question. In other words, what does he mean when he says "prove" and what truth is he trying to "prove true?"

Biblical archaeology has proven to be full of surprises in recent decades. In a nutshell, it is now commonly believed in biblical archaeology circles that many of the Old Testament narratives cannot be taken as historical fact. The Creations in Genesis; the Patriar-

chal era of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph; the mass exodus of the Hebrew people from Egypt under Moses; and the military conquest of the land of

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Canaan all seem to be absent from the archaeological record, sometimes because of the lack of material evidence to verify such narratives and often because of the stark contradiction between the biblical narrative and the materially present archaeological evidence.

But these are only matters of

"proof," specifically as they pertain to the Bible's historical accuracy. There is still the matter of "truth." Again I credit Dever for helping sort out this matter in my own head. In essence, what he said is this: "though the Bible in not historically accurate, which archaeologically it cannot be, the question of the truth of the Bible is a question of theology, not of archaeology, and this cannot be proven or disproven by archaeology." For example, the question of the Israelite occupation of Canaan is not of the method of occupation, but of God's hand in it. "And that," Dever argued, "cannot be proven or disproven by archaeology. It is a theological question alone and is a matter of faith."

But the question that still nags many of you nags me, too: if a god is so mighty, why did his people bend their history to validate his might? Similarly, how can we feign to know a god first-hand if we are not given an accurate portrayal of his dealings with man? I don't think any of these questions have any quick or sufficient answers, but as is often the case, we try to give them anyway.

To the first question, at least, it can be said that the Hebrew Bible was

not composed until long after the time it alleges to portray. As I mentioned in my last article, the Old Testament is the result of a long string of oral traditions, written revisions, compilations, and additions at the hands of numerous revisionists with shifting agendas throughout the ages until as late as the first century A.D. So the answer to the first question isn't so much that the authors and editors of the Hebrew Bible intentionally twisted the story, but that they told the story as best as they could rebuild it, though their reconstructions were channeled subjectively through their personal theological paradigms.

But such an answer only leaves the second question gaping wider than before. If the picture we get of God is the amalgamation of a long history of half-remembered stories, channeled through any number of theological agendas, how can we say we know this god personally? How can we be sure that the picture of God we have been shown is not more a wish than an accurate portrait of a real god? And this is where I leave the matter. For now, I guess the best answer is, as Dever puts it, a matter of faith.

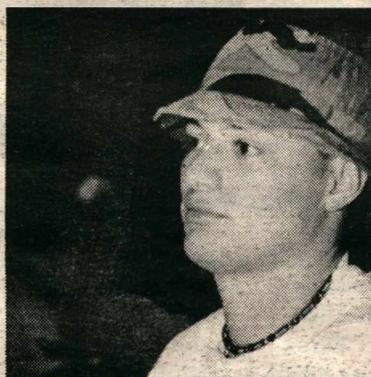
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Letters to the Editor

Congratulations on a good first paper and the good variety of campus coverage. I would however, as you get started this new school year, like to challenge you and your staff to consider adopting generally accepted standards of journalism (current Washington DC standards excepted). In other words, when your writers make a statement, check your facts first.

I refer specifically to Kevin Durfee's "Winds of change" article, which I found pretty enjoyable. I liked the good/bad listing. There was, however, an unfair implication and at least three statements that I don't think are based on facts.

First the implication. "The three cottonwood trees that were chopped

down by Corlett were "supposedly" (quotes mine) leaning over too far. That implies that they really weren't. But suppose a situation where the ground is saturated with water and we have a storm; one of those trees falls over crushing student cars or a

part of the dorm. Then would the article in the Crusader say something like "campus officials supposedly thought the trees were safe?" Can they win in either situation?

Regarding computer labs in Mangum and Morrison: you're back to the "s" word again--where did you get your information that these dorms were "supposed" to be condemned years ago? Is this factual or your opinion?

I admit I may be defensive about "even the new computer labs were installed to make NNC sound good in brochures," but this is simply not true. As the person in charge of creating those brochures I can truthfully say that I have never witnessed a conversation in which this was ever implied or considered. I haven't asked Information Services if that was their motivation, but I doubt if the men who worked literally 16 hours a day all summer in very hot conditions so that students would have the convenience of in-dorm computer labs would say that they did it so my brochures could sound good. I do, however love the thought that another administrative branch, other than the one I work for, is willing to help me out by spending a hundred or so thousand dollars and dedicating their entire staff for a whole summer to make my publications sound good.

The fact is that the labs are a direct response to student needs. In last year's retention surveys, one of

the major concerns of students was availability of computer resources in their dorms. I feel it is unfair to minimize this effort to meet student-expressed concerns with an unsubstantiated statement like this. And why is this idea "absurd."

Next: "... NNC should consider making changes that go beyond the superficial to the core of this college's structure." No question about the truth of that statement, but I'm not sure that your peers would agree that things like painting and upgrading dorms where students live, providing beautiful landscaping here on the campus and spending huge amounts of money on things that improve students' daily lives are "superficial" changes.

As to substantive change, I'm sure that in upcoming issues *The Crusader* will cover the major changes that have been in the making for over a year. Last year saw campus-wide dialog regarding a possible calendar change. Over 100 regents, faculty and staff members have given a total of nine days since January to work together on such substantive issues as academic restructuring, administrative restructuring, major new academic programs, the long-term financial and academic direction of NNC and other such issues. *The Crusader* editor was a part of the most recent such meeting and knows the seriousness with which these issues

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are being considered.

None of us like to see trees cut down and there's probably very little disagreement that NNC has need for changes. But the way to make change happen is to deal with issues in a careful manner that does not assume attitudes or motives that may not actually be there, and to be responsible with the facts.

Barry Swanson, Director of Enrollment Management



Yale Prof. tells a tale of morality

by J. Vito Montebianco and Michael Mattei
Crusader News Opinions Writer

Degradation of morality in today's society is a needed discussion.

Where do we stand? Where should we? Is morality (the conscientiousness of right and wrong) only for politicians trying to get elected? Should we be conscious of politician's morality? Or are rules only in effect if they do not conflict with our goals and our desires to win?

Yale law Professor Stephen L. Carter spoke Thursday about this topic. He titled his address "Morality and the mess we're in."

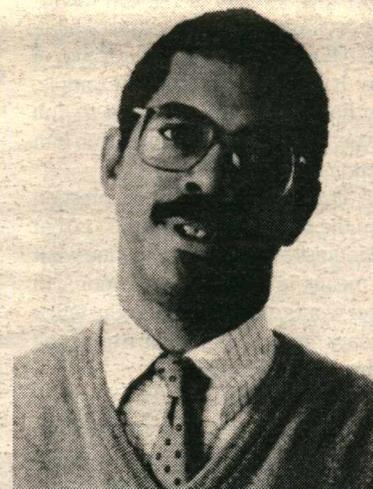
An interesting title, and one fitting in today's news with President Clinton. Carter stated in his address that he had hoped this situation with the President would "give us opportunity for much needed moral conversation." Yet it has not. The polls say that the public does not care about the morality of the President, just so long as he does a good job. Carter says that "the people, at least the people of Washington, and the media have utterly lost sight of any moral question and have reduced the entire debate to a question of who wins and who loses."

One reason for this, Carter pointed out, is a fear of the moral conversation and its personal implications.

Morality is not an issue in just Washington, it is an issue in our personal lives.

Carter told a story of a football game where a receiver missed the ball, yet the referee called that he had caught it. Once the receiver realized what the referee had done, he got up and rejoiced as if he truly had caught the ball. The commentator to this game, according to Carter, said that the play was a

"heads-up play." In other words, a good play by the receiver. The act of deception done by the receiver was glorified and encouraged. As Carter put it, the receiver was doing what he was trained to do. He thought of the team first and foremost. He had the mentality of "make



sure your side wins" and not one of right and wrong.

This is the morality of today. Carter refers to it as the mentality "what you can get away with is one's measure of morality."

How does one fix the morality of today? Carter talked of going back to the family and how it is in the training of our children that morality is lost today. Not just because of television or movies, but because we as adults do not hold a strong level of morality. Children learn from us that a strong level of right and wrong is not necessary, only doing that which benefits your goals.

Professor Carter likened moral growth in children to a three legged stool with the legs being school, home and religion. He voiced that he was disappointed in the lack of morality in this generation's children

and challenged those present that in order for them to have moral growth, each and every one of us must take a moral stand.

Are students at NNC living moral lives? Are we examples to our younger siblings of a moral life? The questions of morality that Carter brought up Thursday really need to be examined.

It is time that we as Christians and as Americans start living moral lives. Carter says that one cannot expect a country to be more moral than it's people. So we as a student body cannot expect a campus community that is truly Christ-like if the student's morality is not there.

The address given by Carter

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was not meant to give us a definite answer to the moral dilemma of today's society, but to give us some suggestions on how to change it. The most important suggestion being to start with ourselves.

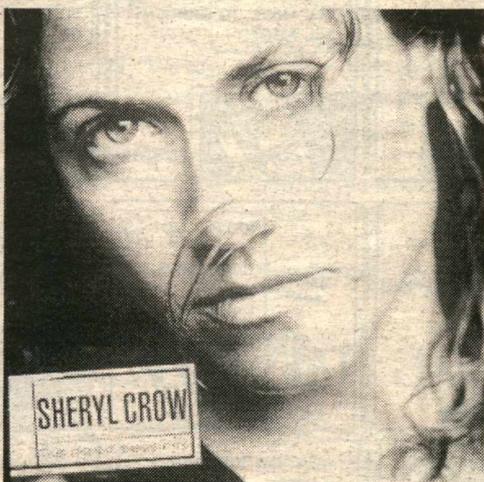
Let us examine ourselves before we look at the morality of our society and of others and start asking ourselves, "Am I living a moral life?"

Sheryl Crow's new CD is for the birds

"The Globe Sessions," is the third album in five years released by Missouri native Sheryl Crow. Some people say good things come in threes, but after hearing Sheryl Crow's new album, I tend to disagree.

"The Globe Sessions" has received mixed reviews. Some say it's Crow's best album to date while others insist that it should be left on the Wal-Mart shelf. I predict that the record will enter the charts simply because of the name, not because of the outstanding songs.

"The Globe Sessions" does have some good stuff on it. The opening track titled "My Favorite Mistake" is



a pretty good song that most of us have probably heard at one time or another on the radio. So far, that's the only single that has been taken off the album, and after listening to the CD a few times, I've decided that it may be the last. Although there are some good songs on the album, none really stick out. Compared to her self-titled album of 1996, "Globe Sessions" compares poorly. Radio favorites like "If it Makes you Happy" and "Every Day is a Winding Road" don't appear on the new album.

This is one of those CD's that if you listen to enough times, you'll probably like it. Unfortunately, it's not worth the effort. As I said earlier, there are some good songs on the CD. The problem is that at least half of them aren't worth listening to. "It Don't Hurt" is a good song worth checking out, and "Anything But Down" is one that you can't help but sing along with. "Riverwide" is a nice ballad that has Crow begging her lover not to leave her.

But for each good song, there's a song like "Mississippi." This is a song that Bob Dylan wrote for his last album, but decided not to use. After hearing Crow perform it, it becomes obvious why Dylan didn't use it. Main reason: it's no good. There are other songs that would fit into this "no good" category. Some of these would be "Maybe that's Something" and "Crash and Burn."

I can't really feel sorry for Crow because she has had two full years to get this new album put together. There's 11 songs on it, which means she had over two months to come up with each song. She either didn't put much effort into "The Globe Sessions," or she's a little short on talent. You can be the judge.

If you are a huge Sheryl Crow fan, you will probably like this album. If you don't really know who Sheryl Crow is or you only know a couple of her songs, I'd say skip it. If "The Globe Sessions" is the only Sheryl Crow album you hear, chances are you won't think too much of her.

The lowdown on this album is: if you really like Sheryl Crow, go ahead and buy "The Globe Sessions." It's got enough catchy riffs and variety to hold your attention for the 59:34 running time. But if you want something new to broaden the depth of your musical library I would recommend either of Sheryl Crow's earlier CD's.

Her debut album "Tuesday Night Music Club" is a great little album, and her second album which I mentioned earlier is easily the best from the three. It's too bad "The Globe Sessions" misses the mark.

The Globe Sessions

Sheryl Crow

Reviewed by Nathan Hydes



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Simon Birch

Starring Ashley Judd and Jim Carrey

Reviewed by Scott Timm



Simon Birch, family movie of the year

Simon Birch is the best family movie to come out this year. The movie takes place in the 1960s and is inspired by the John Irving novel entitled, "A Prayer for Owen Meany."

The film starts with Joe (played by Jim Carrey) visiting his friend Simon's grave. From there he narrates the story of two young boys who were not only the best of friends, but also kindred spirits. They had much in common, especially the way people looked at them in social settings.

Nobody truly accepted the boys for who they were except for Joe's mother. Even Simon's parents thought Simon was a mistake.

Joe did not exactly come from good blood. He was an illegitimate child. His mother never told anyone, including Joe, who the father was, and this became the scandal of the town.

Both Joe and his mother lived with Joe's grandmother, who was a little up-tight to say the least. She was everything a good southern woman should be: primp, proper and unaccepting of lower classes.

Simon was born...very small shall we say. When both boys were 12, Simon was the size of a third grader. As Simon said, everyone thought he was cute. Not in a good way, but in a demeaning, far off way. It was as if he was a doll or puppy to play with.

The story covers about three years of the boys' lives. There were the baseball games where Simon was always walked and trips to the swimming hole (which entailed a short run and a contest to see who could hold their breath the longest). Then there were Sundays at

church. It would be nice to say church was where Simon was accepted, but it is not the case. Simon was nothing but a scapegoat for the church leadership. In Sunday school the other kids would pick him up and pass him around as if he were crowd surfing. From there he would scream to be put down. Yet Simon was the child that was scolded. Though the church treated Simon poorly, he still believed that God had a plan for him and he was going to be a hero.



This movie has it

all, heart, humor, friendships, and yes, even violence. I told you it had it all. The fight was in the church, which made it all the better. It's was a day the church would never forget.

Our parents tell us how much better the past was. They would say how people were nicer and more caring, and people would work together for the common good. The movie shows how nothing really changes, everything remains the same. Kids, adults and even church leaders were as cruel to Simon then as people today would be.

I went to see the movie having never heard of it before. I guess I was a little sheltered. Another person in our group had heard of it, so the rest agreed to it as the movie choice for the evening. Good thing she was there because this is a must-see movie. There is none of the mass commercialism of other movies such as *Armageddon*, *Godzilla* and *Toy Soldiers*. I can't say it was a true feel-good movie, but it will warm your heart. So put down your homework, get off your butt and watch this movie today.

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My fingers hurt...ls security still working... Hey, where's Angela...You are so patronizing me...Where are my keys...and now introducing the human tater tot...who would want to go to the National American University (as opposed to the National Canadian University)...how unoriginal is that...that's funny...what am I thinking...Ask me, I know all...good night Kevin...we shall anticipate your return...I'm going

to bed...what did he say...idunno... You are so not helpful right now...Can you even make an "s"...I have nice "S's", what about your pathetic exclamation points...We're looking for a date for Shawn Shafer...If you are interested please call Joey at 8488...Was Nixon the Watergate guy...No, Forrest Gump was the Watergate guy...duh...what time is it...another day, another dollar...Don't forget to call 8488...ask for Joey or Shawn...

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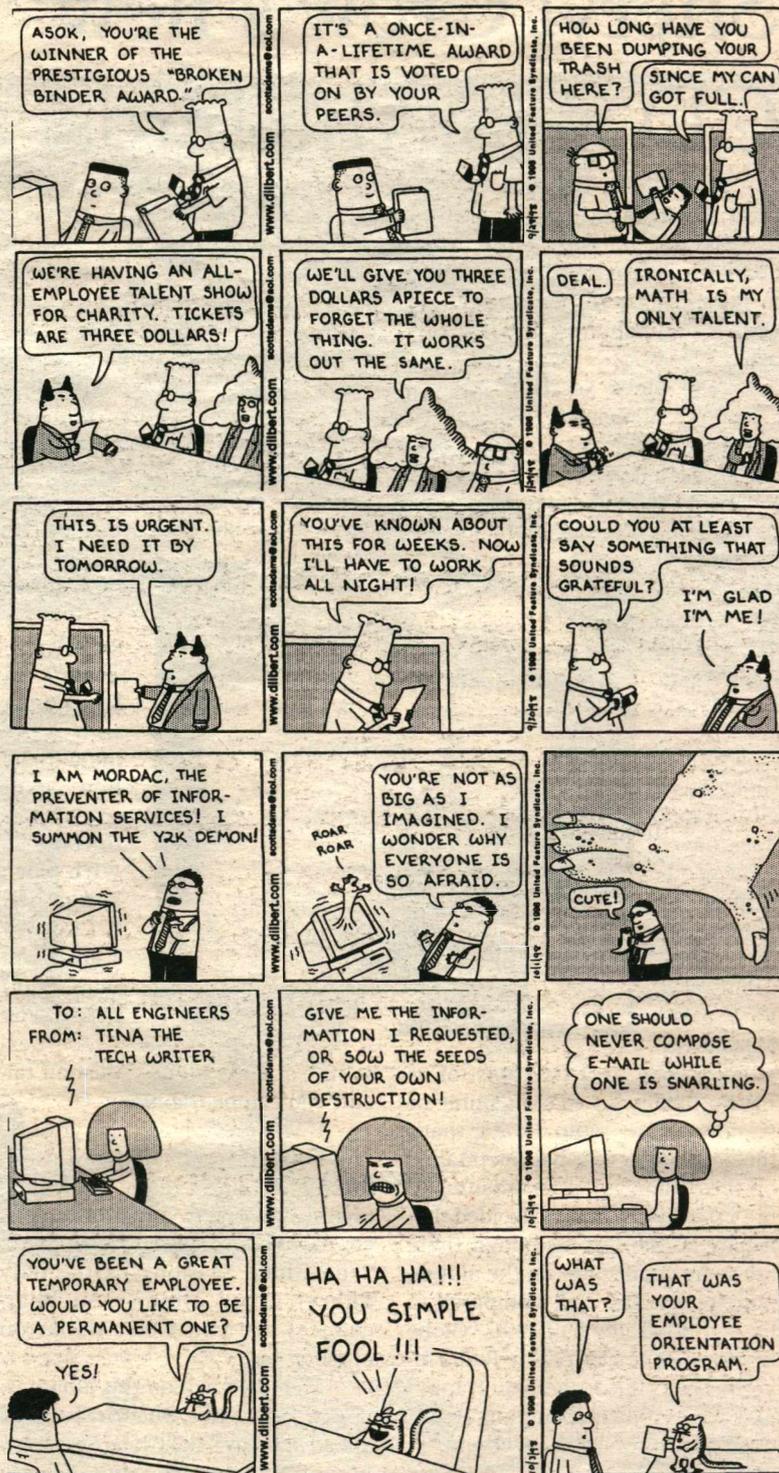
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we commune,
sharing silence
more full of
ourselves than
only words.

-Andi Weisen

Dear Lord, what trouble do you hold
for me?
What agony? What Pain? What
Shame?
What trouble do you hold for me?
What knocks so stealthily?
What knocks upon my door?
The hour late. The dawn does wait.
What trouble knocks upon my door?
What yearning does my body make?
What chill does wake my bones?
It keeps me cold. So young, so old.
This chill that wakes my bones,
What dark masked figure waits for
me?
He waits, He watches, He yearns.
From my Pain, my Agony, He learns.
He learns to wait for me.
And when my time is near—my
rhyme calls fear.
he comes and claims my tears.
Claims my final breath.
He takes me to my resting place. He
takes me to my death.
My time is near. My rhyme called
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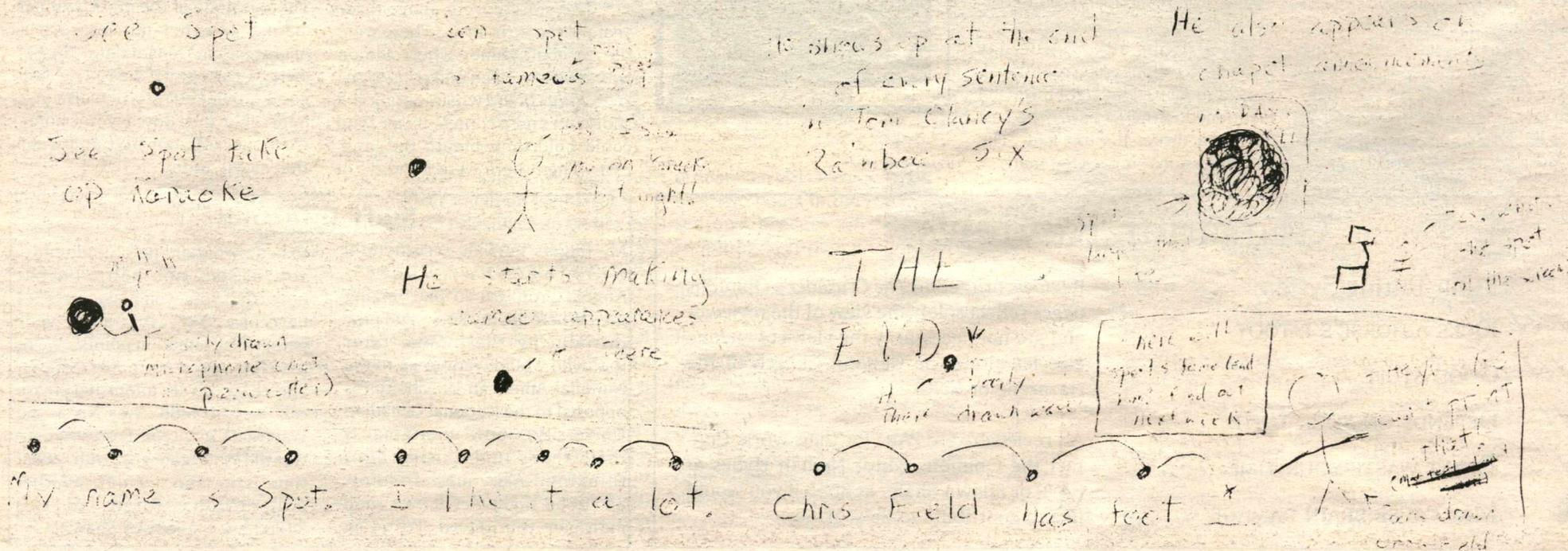
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Poorly Drawn Man - by David Stillman



High school seniors face big choices: Prom date, college

My son is a senior in high school, which means that pretty soon he, like millions of other seniors, will have to make a crucial decision, the consequences of which will remain with him for the rest of his life: Who will be his prom date?

Also, at some point, he'll probably select a college. In fact, we've already gone on several college visits, which are helpful in choosing a college because you can get answers to important academic questions such as:

- Is there parking?
- Are all the students required to get body piercings? Or is this optional at the undergraduate level?
- Is there a bank near the college that you can rob to pay the tuition?

Most college visits include an orientation session, wherein you sit in a lecture room and a college official tells you impressive statistics about the college, including, almost always, how small the classes are. Class smallness is considered the ultimate measure of how good a college is. Harvard, for example, has zero students per class: The professors just sit alone in their classrooms, filing their nails.



I noticed, in these orientation sessions, that many of the kids seem semi-bored, whereas the parents not only take notes, but also ask most of the questions, sometimes indicating that they've mapped out their children's entire academic careers all the way through death. There will be some girl who looks like she's 11 years old, and her dad will raise his hand and

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say: "If my daughter declares a quadruple major in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Large Scary Equations, and she graduates with honors and then earns doctorates in Medicine, Engineering, Law, Architecture, Dentistry and Taxidermy, and then she qualifies for a Merwanger Fellowship for Interminable Postdoctoral Studies, does the Nobel organization pay her expenses to Sweden to pick up her prize?"

I was intimidated by these parents. I have frankly not given that much thought to my son's academic goals. I assumed he was going to college for the same reason I did, which is that at some point they stop letting you go to high school. I tried to think of questions to ask the college officials, but the only one I could think of was: "How come these lecture-hall desks are never designed for us left-handed people?" Although I didn't ask this, because it's probably considered insensitive on college campuses to say "left-handed people." You probably have to say something like "persons of handedness."

After the orientation session, you go on a campus tour conducted by a student who is required to tell you the name of every single building on the campus, no matter how many there are ("Over there is the Gwendolyn A. Heckenswacker Institute for the Study of Certain Asian Mollusks, which we call 'The Heck.' And over there is the Myron and Gladys B. Prunepocket Center for Musty Old Books That Nobody Ever Looks At. And right next to that is The Building Right Next to the Myron and Gladys...").



After the tour, the kids have interviews with college officials. My son revealed little about what goes on in these interviews. My theory is that the officials close the door and say: "Relax. You'll spend the majority of college attending parties, playing hacky sack and watching 'Friends.' The tour is purely for the

parents. The guides make up the building names as they go along." One of the colleges my son visited was my alma mater, Haverford College (proud motto: "Among The First In The Nation To Drop Football"). I was a little nervous about going back: I expected that, at any moment, the dean would tap me on the shoulder and say: "Mr. Barry, we need to talk to you about your share of the Class of 1969's bill for the cost of scraping an estimated 23,000 butter pats off the dining-hall ceiling."

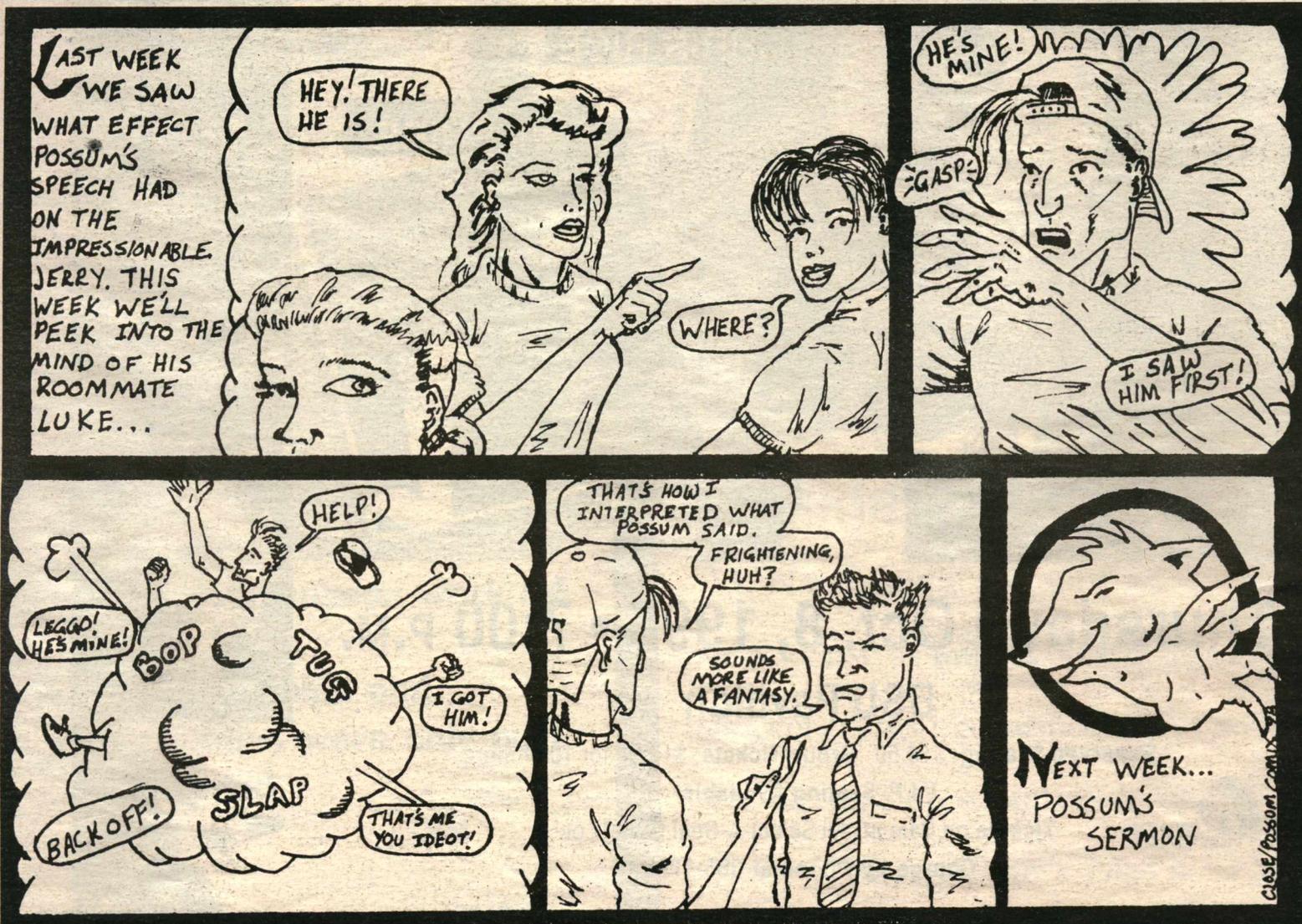
Fortunately, this did not happen. Our student guide gave an excellent tour, although he failed to point out some of the more historic sites at Haverford, including:

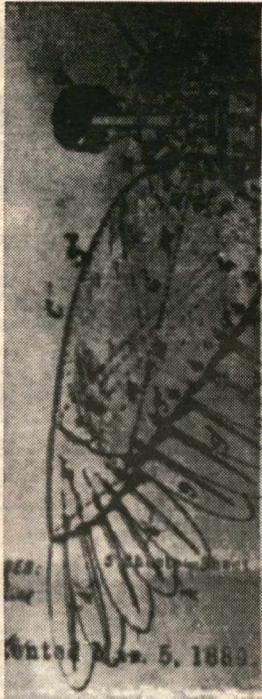
- The building where, in 1967, the rock band "The Federal Duck" made the historic discovery that if it was going to play "Purple Haze" correctly, it needed WAY bigger amplifiers;
- The dormitory room where my roommate Bob Stern and I accumulated what historians believe was the world's largest man-made pile of unlaundered briefs.

Those are my most vivid memories, although I also vaguely recall attending classes and learning numerous English-major facts that still come in mighty handy whenever the topic of conversation turns - as it so often does - to 17th Century English metaphysical poetry. Yes, college was a valuable experience for me, and I'm sure it will also be one for my son, wherever he decides to go. On prom night, I mean.

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