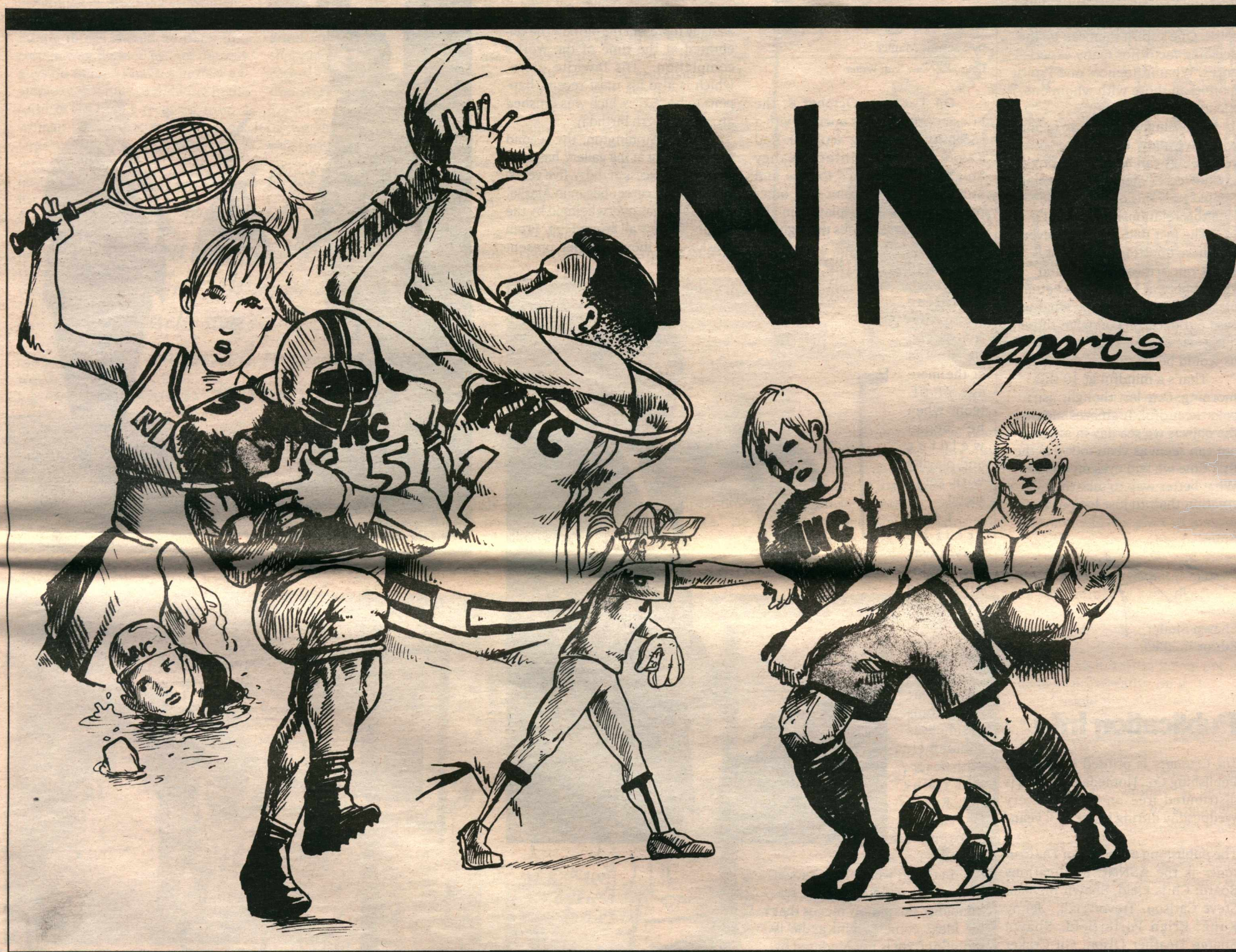


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Decisions about time can be hard. However, once made, they can be a source of immense relief. I am not sure how many times I have to think this to myself, but it seems to be true.

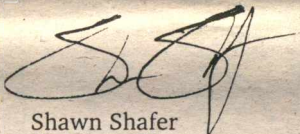
Saying "no" can truly be an uplifting experience. But then most anything can be, taken in the right spirit. One's spirit then can be the deciding factor for many experiences. What influences one's spirit more than those with whom one spends a majority of time?

Choosing wisely those factors which we allow to influence our very beings can be intimidating to say the least. Should I go dancing? Should I see this or that movie? Will this relationship turn out?

The fact that we would even ask these questions says a lot about our critical background gained here at NNC. What better place than NNC to shape what we base our decisions on what those things we choose to let influence us would be.

That's a mindful at 10 this morning. One last thought: isn't color beautiful. It amazes me that the objects we see day in and day out can seem as vivid today as the first time we laid eyes on them. What better way to take in creation than to just look at it.

Enjoy,



Shawn Shafer  
Editor-in-chief

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# Friesen Art Galleries opened Thursday

## Galleries feature the work of Rod Kagan and Nancy Stonington

by Sucanne Mauler  
*Crusader News Staff Writer*

On Thursday October 8, the Friesen Art Galleries opened with a reception featuring sculptor Rod Kagan and painter Nancy Stonington. Kagan's totems and Stonington's watercolor and other paintings will be displayed in the Brandt Center Galleries through December 1.

Kagan has been sculpting for twenty-five years. He started at the mere age of fifteen, when he began welding and playing with scrap metal.

This "child's play" was the beginning of a lifetime love for Kagan, who now creates beautiful works of art using tools as simple as a hammer. With no formal training, Kagan is truly a self-taught artist.

In the art world, he is known as a "direct sculptor." In lay terminology, this simply means that his ideas come to him as he is sculpting. He is not hindered by any rules of form or shape, but rather lets his personality take form in each of his pieces.

The only set process which he follows for each of his sculptures is to start with a 10' by 25' sheet of metal. Then, said Kagan, he applies this simple formula: "cut, weld, polish and sell."

The time it takes to finish depends on the size of the project. For a large sculpture, the process takes about two weeks. For a smaller sculpture Kagan can finish in three or four days.

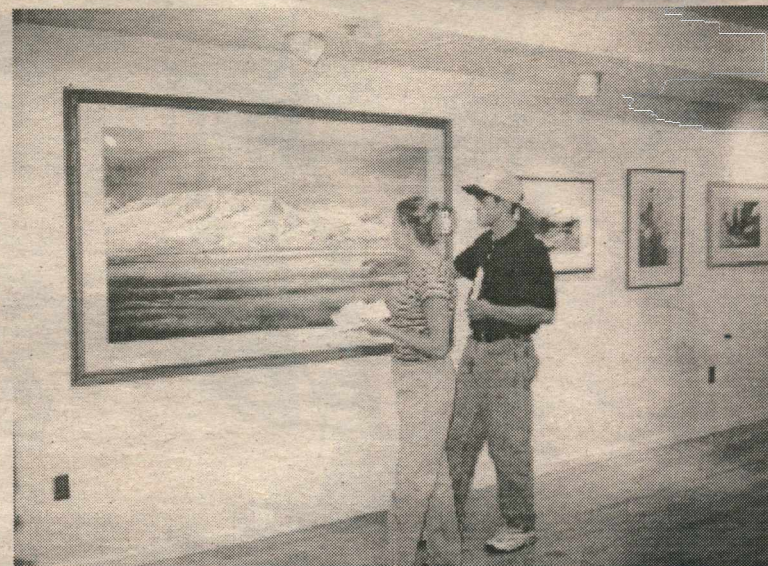
Many of Kagan's works seem unusual at first glance. For example, many are simply distinguished by a number, but these numbers don't signify the order in which the pieces were created.

Rather, his numbered creations actually represent the birthday he celebrated at the time of the work's completion. His favorite piece, which is also his most recent, happens to be "57," which was finished around his 57th birthday.

Nancy Stonington, the second featured artist at the gallery, has been painting in excess of thirty-five years. Her painting career began in Alaska. There, she was overwhelmed by the beauty she saw all around her. From Alaska, she moved to her present



residence in Ketchum, Idaho.



Rod Kagan speaks to Dr. Mary Shaffer during the Friesen Art Galleries openings (*top right*). Artist Nancy Stonington converses with Dr. Hagood (*top left*). Patrick Lebow and Chryste Anderson analyze and enjoy the natural and soft hues which Stonington uses to convey nature (*above*). Nicole Arsenaault speaks with artist Nancy Stonington about her watercolor pictures (*bottom left*).

Stonington sees art in the physical world and tries to capture that beauty in a painting. There are no hidden meanings in what she paints. She simply wants all to enjoy the beauty that surrounds them. Through her paintings she said she hopes people will discover this trea-

sure. The bronze totems of Rod Kagan and watercolor paintings of Nancy Stonington will be displayed in the Friesen Art Galleries through December 1, Tuesday through Friday from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m. For a gallery tour, contact Dr. Mary Shaffer.

# Skaggs appointed Institutional Advancement V. P.

## After six years as Director of Planned Giving, Skaggs makes transition

by Amber Jerome  
Campus Editor

As of September 1, 1998, Director of Planned Giving Gary Skaggs became the new Vice President of Institutional Advancement. Skaggs' new responsibilities are manifold.

He will oversee the many divisions of campus funding, enrollment management and marketing as well as the Alumni House.

Looking toward this year and the years ahead, Skaggs said he wants to help NNC "accomplish its

mission to young people." This involves, he said, making sure that the college offers students all it can in the way of the technology and the cutting edge tools which will gear them for the next century.

Skaggs, a native Idahoan and an NNC graduate, obtained his degree in secondary English education in 1972. After meeting his wife, Marilyn, at NNC and marrying, Skaggs was drafted into the military.

Upon his return, Skaggs thought about pursuing a legal career, but instead ventured into the world of business at New York Life. He and his family moved to Reno, Nevada, where they lived until Skaggs came to serve NNC in the fall of 1992.

It was a unique circumstance which brought Skaggs and his family back to NNC. During his time in Nevada, Skaggs had felt God calling him to full-time ministry.

In his search to find the place God wanted for him, Skaggs at-

tended an alumni gathering at which he was the only attendant. There, he met with Development Director Myron Finkbeiner and Director of Planned Giving Lewey Suiter, who was preparing to retire.

They encouraged him to apply for Suiter's position, and through the series of events that followed, said Skaggs, "the Lord validated that I was supposed to be here."

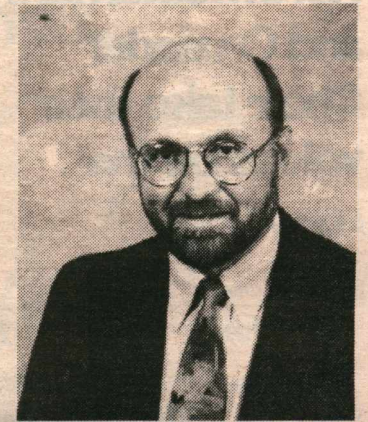
Skaggs served as the Director of Planned Giving from 1992 to 1998 before being appointed vice president of Institutional Advancement. Vice President Darrell Marks, who resigned from the position this year, has assumed the position of Volunteer Scholarship Coordinator for the college.

Skaggs said he is excited about continuing progressive growth at NNC - growth which aims to provide a Christian liberal arts education in a competitive setting.

He said, "I want students to see

*"I want students to see NNC as an amazing opportunity to grow in right relationship to God [and] to see this as a link to the rest of the world."*

~ V.P. Gary Skaggs



what they learn here - through what they can access from here," he said.

In support of President Hagood, who addressed the student body in the opening academic convocation, Skaggs firmly believes that NNC is a "doorway to the world," where students can have a clear vantage point as they look out, standing on a solid Christian foundation.

NNC as an amazing opportunity to grow in right relationship to God, but also [I want them] to see this as a link to the rest of the world through

# Scholarship donors and recipients attend reception

## Lynn Borud and Bill Stradley receive Eugene Emerson Award

by Monica Olson  
Cover Story Editor

As Barry Swanson put it, it was a night of "fun, food and fellowship." Friday night's President's Donor and Volunteer Appreciation Reception involved NNC supporters, alumni, community leaders and students.

The evening began with refreshments served by Northwesterners and scholarship recipients. "It was a good chance for us to serve them and make them feel welcome," said President Scholar Jayme Harding.

As the alumni and other NNC supporters mingled, they were impressed with the dramatic changes on campus. Most prominent was the Brandt Center where the reception was held.

Mimicking Warner Brothers' "Rhapsody Rabbit," the first feature of the program, NNC's piano quartet, including John Burton, Brandon Hoffman, Julia Hoffman and Heather Olson, played Liszt's "Hun-

*"[NNC] has been an asset to community building exercises and Lynn Borud has certainly been a part of that."*

~ID Press Tribune Editor Vicky Holbrook

garian Rhapsody" in tuxedos and bare feet.

Special thanks was then given to Capital Campaign Supporters who made possible the Brandt Center, the Prayer Chapel and Garden, new sports facilities and Ford Hall.

Also recognized were donors of the 210 endowed scholarships, as well as the Class Agents who contact alumni twice a year to ask for monetary support.

This night was also the time to award a special recognition. The Eugene Emerson Award has been given yearly since 1985 to recognize mem-

bers of the community for their support of NNC. This year there were two recipients. The first was Bill Stradley and Les Schwab of Nampa. Stradley is the manager. This business supports NNC with shirts, signs, basketballs and as sponsors for the NAIA tournament.

The other recipient, Lynn Borud, is a civic leader in Nampa, and the director of Development at Mercy Medical Center. "The college has been an asset to community building exercises and Lynn Borud has certainly been a part of that," said Idaho Press Tribune Managing Editor Vicky Holbrook.

Adding to the fun of the evening was a special encore from last year's musical, "The Phantom," performed by Amelia Cilley, Brandon Hoffman, Matt Sanders, Norma Thompson and Adam Watkins.

After this, President Richard Hagood spoke on the unattainability of the mission of NNC because of its commitment to educational and spiritual excellence. Then he reminded the audience that it is in giving that we receive.

As Hagood concluded his remarks, the curtains opened on stage to reveal the Northwesterners and the College Choir who sang "Let There Be Peace On Earth" as the grand finale of the night.

## A new sport in Corlett?



Nathan Durnan, Corlett resident, plunges boldly from the railing of the second floor onto two piled mattresses in the courtyard below. The event, which took place the first week of October, was a sight to behold and certainly a way to break in a new year's mattress.

## Senate Highlights, October 7, 1998

Senator Jodi Peterson moved that the Business Club be required to submit a budget for approval like any other club. Non Trad/Comm. Director Ortmann submitted that Senate fund a metal partition to divide the food section of Clyde's from the lounge. Carey Cook then discussed the issue of student directories. With money paid by students for the directories through student fees, some directories have been distributed to faculty members and various offices around campus. It was suggested that student fees be used only for student directories. Business Manager Greentree reported that 1100 stu-

dents would need a copy. Senator Riehl asked about the possibility of dorm copies. Cook said the Business Club would cover the cost of Dorm and faculty/offices copies. Senator Riehl said that the Business Club shouldn't pay for copies used by students in the dorms. 1200 copies will be produced. Senator Peterson asked about commuter students receiving FYI's. Non.Trad./Comm. Stud. Dir. Ortmann discussed the possibility of creating a newsletter to make the FYI's available. Senator Griffith suggested utilizing the home page and putting the minutes onto the Internet.

# Choir retreats feature lots of creative harmony

## Northwesterners and Crusader Choir take their voices on the road

by Monica Olson  
Cover Story Editor

The streets of McCall were filled with fairies, monks, cross-dressers and aerobics instructors on Saturday, October 3, as new Northwesterners endured their initiation. Initiation is an annual part of the Northwesterner retreat.

The purpose of the retreat is to give the group time to practice, spend time getting to know each other, discuss their mission statement and decide their goals for the year. This year they stayed at Quaker Hill in McCall, Idaho from Friday, October 2, to Sunday, October 4.

The fourteen new members were divided into four initiation groups. Amber Culbertson, Jubilee Carr, Carrie Gilbert and Stephanie

Wirick dressed up as monks. They were sent to a restaurant to chant "May I have a Pepsi, please," and to chant about a trip to Spain.

Melissa Mottram and Carrie Goldsmith, dressed as aerobics instructors entertained patrons at the local grocery store as they stretched and stressed about health food in every aisle.

"We had to wear spandex and a speedo. Cute was not in anyone's vocabulary when they looked at me in that outfit," said Mottram.

Dressed as women, Eric Vail, Ben Earwicker, Matt Freeby and Charlie Ruppert campaigned for the Women's alliance for Forest Fungi. They informed the public about this important problem by reading a long speech in Maverick and Moxie Java.

Laura Wakemen and Kim Benjamin wore tights, while Jeremy

*Amber Culbertson, Jubilee Carr, Carrie Gilbert and Stephanie Wirick dressed as monks and were sent to a restaurant to chant, "may I have a Pepsi, please."*

Lindley and Chris Nordyke wore ballerina costumes in an attempt to sell Nutcracker tickets.

"I now know that not only can I sing, I can dance like a fairy, too," said Lindley after performing routines in two restaurants

The Crusader Choir also had a retreat in McCall, October 9-11. The



Charles Ruppert speaks in public on behalf of "forest fungi preservation" in McCall's Moxie Java. He, along with Eric Vail, Matt Freeby and Ben Earwicker dressed up as women as a part of the Northwesterners initiation frenzy, which involved many creative ventures designed to help people to get to know each other.

choir spent the majority of their time rehearsing and getting to know each other. "Now we're like one big happy family," said Kara Wilson.

They also had devotions, and

worship services. "We sang at the McCall church, and that was really cool. It was our first performance," said Shawna Tiner.

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# 77 year-old John Glenn to man space flight again

by Joshua M. Dooley  
World News Editor

CAPE CANAVERAL, FL — It's been 36 years since John Glenn climbed into a rocket ship for a launch countdown, but he is getting his chance once again.

The 77-year-old Ohio senator grinned as two technicians strapped a parachute to the back of his orange spacesuit and made sure it fit snug. TV cameras caught Glenn's every move in his training aboard space shuttle Discovery. Glenn will make

another first for the NASA history books. He was the first American to orbit the Earth, and in a matter of three weeks will be the oldest person ever in space. The rehearsal ended with three seconds remaining on the countdown clocks and the crew successfully mimicking an emergency evacuation.

This past Thursday, Glenn scolded reporters for focusing too much on the human-interest part of his upcoming flight and not enough on the "cutting-edge" sci-

ence he'll conduct.

"Let me castigate the press a moment here," Glenn said. "Too often you get into the human aspects of this and you don't get into the scientific stuff that gets into everybody's house all over this country."

"But this is science at its very best out there on the cutting edge. I'd sure invite you to get in there and report that," he said.

*He will be the subject of many medical experiments in orbit...*

Glenn gave reporters a taste of what was to come for the mission as he pulled out a cue card and read a few of the 83 experiments planned for the nine-day mission.

Some experiments will include, Biological Research in Canisters, or BRIC, a plant-growth study and Microencapsulation Electrostatic Pro-

cessing System, or MEPS, a cancer-pill study.

Glenn admitted that the names were a turnoff, but stressed their importance.

Glenn, who hasn't been in space since 1962, said he's been adequately trained, even though he's had to divide his time between NASA and Congress.

Glenn will be the subject of many medical experiments in orbit so NASA can compare the effects of aging to the effects of weightlessness.

"I'm not back as a legislative passenger," he stressed. "I'm back as a science passenger."

## 911 loses its line for 17 hours

by Ryan Dooley  
Crusader Staff Writer

Los Angeles, CA — The city's main 911 system was finally back up and operational Sunday, 17 hours after being switched to a backup system following a fire in an underground storage room in City Hall East.

The fire broke out at about 2:50 p.m. Saturday, two floors underground, police Cmdr. David Kalish said at a Sunday afternoon news conference in front of Parker Center.

The automatic sprinklers activated and extinguished the blaze, but water leaked into a room two floors further down where the LAPD's 911 communications equipment is housed.

"This required us to immediately switch to the fall-back system, to our alternate 911 lines," Kalish said.

"Automatically 911 calls which come into central dispatch center were routed to each local police station for dispatch. So in essence we had a decentralized dispatching situation... It's important to note that our backup system worked flawlessly... There was never any threat to public safety and no 911 calls were lost."

"The main 911 system came back online at about 8:00 a.m. and everything was running as normal," he said.

Police Capt. Michael Downing of the Communications Division said that a technical support person who was on lunch break noticed the water that was seeping down.

"He immediately shut down the power," Downing said. "When he did that he told our watch commander that our power was off and our system was going to shut down and they immediately switched the

phone system over to the backup system. So in essence we created 18 communication centers instead of just one."

Dispatchers helped the police officers who were answering calls at the individual police stations while the crews spent the night taking the water out and drying off all the equipment.

During the time of the incident, police asked the public to use 911 only for emergencies. Non-emergency phone calls were to be made through local police directly for help.

"We train for this all the time. The transition was flawless, so I was pretty pleased with the way things worked," Downing added.

The Los Angeles Fire Department said the fire broke out in a small storage room and was believed to have been caused by some illegal fire-works.

## Congress prevents shutdown

by Joshua M. Dooley  
World News Editor

Washington — Congress approved of a third temporary spending bill to keep the government from shutting down before the midnight deadline this past Monday. This third bill will allow the government to stay operational until midnight tonight in hopes that the White House and congressional budget bargainers will buy enough time to finish their battle over school spending and other policy matters.

After a matter of more than five hours of negotiating this past Monday between White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles and GOP leaders, House Speaker Newt Gingrich hoped to see a final spending deal for the fiscal year 1999 by yesterday and a package on the House floor by today.

Gingrich didn't see this prediction come to pass; "We've reached many tentative possible agreements,

none of which count until we've finished up the whole thing," he said.

As far as the big issues go, money seems to be the key. The Clinton administration wants about \$3 billion more in education programs. However, the Republicans have countered the demand with \$2.5 billion.

The problem doesn't end there though, there is also an issue of how the money will be spent. Clinton wants \$1.1 billion for helping school districts hire 100,000 teachers, reduce class sizes and introduce new technology for learning. This would also add funding to child literacy programs and Head Start.

The Republicans have countered that \$1.1 billion should be given to states as block grants to do what it takes to reduce class sizes.

The GOP also offered half of the \$46 million Clinton wanted for enforcing food safety and none of the \$100 million he wanted to toxic waste cleanups.

Some other points were brought

forth, small but important, to the spending. Some things included, sampling methods for the year 2000 census, birth control, environmental issues, foreign aid, a needle-exchange program to prevent AIDS and reforms to the International Monetary Fund.

"I know there's an election coming, but members of Congress can return home to campaign knowing that they put progress ahead of partisanship on the important issue of education," Clinton said. "We need 21<sup>st</sup>-century schools where teachers can teach and students can learn."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, in turn, criticized the president leaving town on his "hundredth fund-raising event" of the year.

"We have a part-time president and a full-time fund-raiser," Lott said.

Still, according to the Mississippi Republican, differences were narrowing. It is predicted that a final spending bill will be passed by today.

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# Hate-crime claims the life of a Wyoming student

by Ryan Dooley  
Crusader Staff Writer

FORT COLLINS, CO – Authorities plan to file murder charges in the death of Matthew Shepard, who died on Monday. He was a gay college student who attended the University of Wyoming who was pistol-whipped and tied to a fence post five days ago in an attack denounced nationwide as a hate crime.

*“Crimes of hate and crimes of and crimes of violence cannot be tolerated...”*  
~Clinton

Shepard, 21, died from his injuries early Monday morning without regaining consciousness. “He had been on full life support,” Rulon Stacey, the chief executive officer of Poudre Valley Hospital, told reporters.

Shepard had been in a coma since a bicyclist found him about twelve hours after he was tethered to the post in near-freezing temperatures outside Laramie, Wyoming, on Wednesday.

There are four suspects being held on various charges. Aaron

James McKinney, 22, and Russell Arthur Henderson, 21, both of Laramie, have been charged with attempted first degree murder, kidnapping and aggravated robbery by Albany County, Wyoming District Attorney Cal Rerucha.

The charges will be upgraded to first degree murder due to the fact that Shepard has died. Authorities are expected to stiffen kidnapping charges that have been brought up

against the two men.

The two men’s girlfriends, Chasity Vera Pasley, 20, and Kristen Leann Price, 18, were charged with being accessories after the fact.

President Clinton condemned the killing, saying that “crimes of hate and crimes of violence cannot be tolerated in our country.” The president also pressed Congress to cover offenses based on disabilities and sexual orientation.

In San Francisco, a huge rainbow flag at the corner of Castro and Market was lowered to half-staff to honor Shepard.

Shepard had been in critical condition at the hospital. His blood pressure dropped around midnight local time and his condition deteriorated rapidly after that. He died at



12:53 a.m. on Monday with his family at his bedside.

His parents flew in from Saudi Arabia, where his father works in the oil industry, to be with their son.

Rulon Stacey mentioned that within 24 hours of the death they received nearly 2,000 e-mails, and the website’s total hits jumped dramatically.

Funeral arrangements were pending. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be sent to the Matthew Shepard Fund.

Police have said robbery was the

primary intent for the attack. But the gay rights groups condemned the beating and called on Wyoming legislators to adopt laws to deter crimes against homosexuals.

Wyoming Governor Jim Geringer, a first-term Republican up for re-election next month, who hasn’t pushed for hate crime legislation in the past, said on Monday he was open to any new legislation that would strengthen the law. He did, however, urge against “over-reacting” in a way that gives one group “special rights” over others.

Current laws are already designed to assure “that everyone has an equal standing under the law,” the governor said. “This is a means to assure that everyone had the same rights in Wyoming.”

“I guess they (the people in the bar) knew that Matt Shepard was gay and maybe it got around that Aaron was gay or something,” Price said. “Later on, Aaron did say he told Matthew he was gay just to rob him, because he want to take his money for embarrassing him.”

The elder McKinney said there was no excuse for the crime, but the

story has been blown out of proportion.

“Had this been a heterosexual these two boys decided to take out and rob, this never would have made the national news,” Bill McKinney said. “Now my son is guilty before he’s even had a trial.”

Friends of Henderson and McKinney were surprised by the allegations.

About a thousand people attended a candlelight vigil Sunday night near the University campus to show their support

*“He felt this was the place to be right now.”*  
~Boulden

for Shepard.

“We are saddened, heartsick,” said the university’s president, Philip Dubois. “All of us I would imagine are haunted by the thought of a terribly battered young man with his future erased.”

“He had a lot of the same fears other people have coming into a small community,” said Walt Boulden, a graduate student. “When he left Wyoming he had just started dealing with being gay.

“But he really felt at home and comfortable here. He felt this was the place to be right now,” Boulden said.

## It’s time for the season of flu shots again

by Ryan Dooley  
Crusader Staff Writer

Pasadena, CA – Influenza, a seasonal respiratory disease that kills an average of 20,000 Americans yearly has already arrived in California.

Although the flu can be prevented by a safe and effective vaccine, many people fail to get immunized because of common disbeliefs about flu shots. In the past week, there have already been flu cases in both southern California and northern California.

“The first myth is that influenza is a benign illness,” said Stanley Shapiro, M.D., who chairs the Kaiser Permanente Flu Task Force in Southern California. “In fact, it is a killer. Too many people who should get the flu shot don’t because they are misinformed.”

“The death rate leaps during the flu season because of complications from the disease, particularly pneumonia,” said Dr. Steve Black, pediatrician at the Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center. “When the influenza epidemic

*“The death rate leaps during flu season...”*  
~Shapiro

struck last year, the number of people dying in skilled nursing facilities in one California county tripled.”

There are many myths to the influenza shot such as, “You can get the flu from the shot.”

Shapiro said, “Impossible. The shot is a killed-virus vaccine that can’t give you anything. A few people have a minor reaction to the vaccine that includes local discomfort and a mild fever for a day or two, but they don’t get the flu.”

Another myth is, “You’re more likely to die from the shot than from the flu.”

Shapiro again said, “It is another untruth. The number of people who have a dangerous reaction is

tiny, only 1 or 2 out of a million. The only people who should avoid the flu shots are those with serious allergic reactions to either eggs or prior flu shots and those with a history of Guillain-Barre syndrome. The vaccine is safe, even for breast-feeding women and people with HIV.”

A third myth is, “Flu shots are just for old people.”

“If you are over 65, you should definitely get an immunization,” says Shapiro. “But a great many other

people ought to get flu shots as well, including certain children.”

Residents in nursing homes and chronic-care facilities are groups that are at a greater risk. Also, adults and children with heart or lung disease, including asthma; adults and children with metabolic diseases like diabetes, kidney diseases, or suppressed immune systems; children and teenagers on long-term aspirin therapy and pregnant women.

“Immunization is also advisable for health care workers, who are more likely to be exposed to and transmit the disease, and for people who live or work in the same household or residence facility as high-risk individuals,” Shapiro said.

Some people think that they can wait until there is an epidemic for influenza and then they will get the shot. Shapiro says, “You’ll be too late. It takes at least two weeks for the immunity to develop, and sometimes up to four weeks are required. That’s why we want people to get their shots now, before the disease begins to hit its high peak in December.”

People also tend to think that since they had a shot last year that don’t have to worry about getting one this year. “Unfortunately, the immunity diminishes after several months. In addition, influenza viruses change regularly. If you’re not inoculated

against what we expect to be this year’s strain, you’re at risk,” says Shapiro.

“This virus is the known cause of the flu outbreak in Alaska and western Canada this summer and in another in Florida and Tennessee. “A flu shot last year will not stop this year’s flu, both because immunity is lost within a year, and because the Sydney strain wasn’t a part of last year’s vaccine,” said Lisa Reif, PharmD, pharmacist specialist in infectious diseases of Kaiser Permanente. “You need to be inoculated with this year’s vaccine.”

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# NNC earns NCAA Division II provisional member status

## What does provisional mean?

### NNC has four years to comply with NCAA standards

by Dave Stillman  
Assistant Cover Editor

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, NNC began a four year period of provisional membership in NCAA Division II. "You're a provisional member for four years before they vote on you for full membership," said Dr. Hagood. "Really, that's an educational preparation and compliance period, so you understand what you're getting into and break yourself into compliance." A press release on the subject stated that "NNC will have dual affiliation with the NAIA and NCAA during this period ... (and) will continue to participate in the Cascade Conference for the foreseeable future while continuing to schedule, and perhaps increase, our competition with NCAA Division II colleges and universities."

One of the largest issues of compliance right now is the minimum number of sports. The NCAA Division II requires it's members to have

four men's sports and four women's sports. NNC currently has only three mens sports, and will have to add one in the next two years to become compliant. Athletic director Scott Armstrong said that track was among the sports being considered, but didn't want to elaborate further. A final decision will probably be made within a month.

According to President Hagood, adding the new men's sport "is only

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part of a bigger effort, though, to look at expanding sports across campus over the next four years ... we will be entertaining proposals about adding a number of sports and increase the number of students participating."

Most of the other rules aren't much different from the NAIA. For instance, The starting date for basketball practices in the NCAA is slightly later than the NAIA, but the

basic rules are the same. "Some (changes) will be easy, and some will take time," said athletic director Scott Armstrong.

Another regulation, the scholarship maximum, shouldn't effect NNC too much because we're way under the limit. Said Hagood, "we can grow quite a bit in basketball."

"NCAA rules are a little more precise and defined than in NAIA," said President Hagood. Armstrong described some of these rules. "The NCAA has lots of recruiting regulations that the NAIA doesn't have," Armstrong said. The NCAA also forces it's members to keep detailed records of compliance, which the NCAA can ask for at any time. For instance, many components of practices have to be documented and kept on file. "That will probably be the biggest adjustment," Armstrong said.

NNC will have "two years to comply as much as possible with the regulations," Armstrong said. "For the last two years, we have to be completely compliant."

NCAA also requires that schools have a senior women's administrator to oversee women's sports, and a compliance officer to make sure the school is NCAA compliant. Darlene Brach will fill both of these positions.



## Why was the decision made to join the NCAA?

According to President Hagood, a primary reason for the move was "the number of institutions that are making decisions and have made decisions to change affiliation," especially in the northwest.

Two entire conferences in the Northwest have left the NAIA for the NCAA in the last several years, making the Cascade conference the only NAIA conference in the region.

"About five years ago, approximately 30 - 35 institutions were playing NAIA," said Dr. Hagood, "and now that number is down to

nine."

Put this way, it sounds like schools are leaving the NAIA like rats fleeing a sinking ship. However, this decision was not simply a knee jerk reaction to the NAIA's rapidly diminishing presence in the Northwest.

Several other factors were considered, including the increased academic prestige associated with the NCAA.

"We can bemoan the fact that there is a correlation between how we are perceived athletically and how we are perceived academically."

Hagood said, "We can say that's not good, but the reality is that we are."

"These institutions that are leaving are high-caliber institutions," he said, "that NNC wants to be associated with."

ASNNC president Chris Field agrees. "Perception-wise, we want to be associated with NCAA Division II schools"

However, a move wouldn't simply raise academic perceptions at NNC. President Hagood noted that "I think that any time you raise the standard of expectation of an insti-

tution, you'll see ripple effects throughout all of the institution ... I do think this will have a tremendous overall impact on campus."

Belonging to NCAA Division II also allows NNC athletic teams to visit more of the region.

"We have constituency in Alaska, Montana and Colorado," Hagood said, "and Division II probably supports that regional interest more, in terms of being able to go out and compete throughout our region, and have our constituency follow us and come to our games."

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# Can we still be competitive?

## According to Dr. Hagood, the answer is yes.

One concern about NNC's move is that our sports teams, which have been excellent in NAIA, will be middle of the pack in NCAA Division II. Dr. Hagood disagrees. "(The move) doesn't mean that we can't be competitive. In fact, the championship game for NCAA Division II basketball was between Kentucky

Weslyan, which has 800 students, and the University of Claifornia Davis, which has over 20,000 students. I think Davis won, but Kentucky Weslyan has won several championships."

"The schools that are in this conference ... Western Washington, Central Washington, Lewis Clark State, Seattle Pacific, St. Martins, are teams that we have been competing with, even with our limited number of scholarships. I expect us to continue to be a very successful player in NCAA Division II."

## What about Albertson?

"They're certainly going to have to make their own choices in terms of what their interests are," said President Hagood. If Albertson ap-

really examine which direction we should go. Obviously (NNC has) done that, and now we have to do the same for ourselves."

*"It's not unreasonable for a strong NAIA program to compete with [NCAA] Div. II"*

~Dr. Hagood

plies and is accepted to NCAA Division II, then the rivalry would continue. However, Albertson has made no indication that they want to do that.

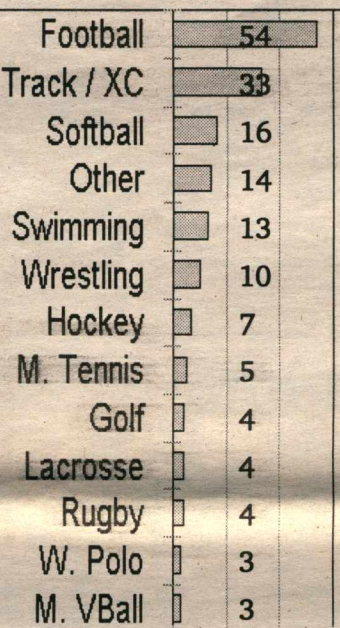
Albertson athletic director Marty Holly told the *Idaho Press-Tribune* that the NNC move "makes us

If Albertson decides to remain in the NAIA, the rivalry could still continue in some form. "It's not unreasonable for a strong NAIA program to compete with Division II," said Hagood. NCAA regulations state that men's and women's basketball teams must play at least 50% of their games with Division II or Division I opponents. This certainly doesn't rule out Albertson-NNC games in the future.

However, the excitement of the rivalry could diminish if Albertson and NNC are in different conferences, and the games don't affect conference standings. "We'll gain other rivalrys with other schools," said ASNCC president Chris Field, "but nothing like the Albertson-NNC games."

## NNC students state their opinions:

*If NNC were to add a sport, which one should they choose?*



170 students surveyed

# What happens to the National Tournament?

## The 1999 national tournament will remain at NNC

NNC's decision to join the NCAA will have no effect on the 1999 national men's basketball tournament to be held in the Idaho Center.

John Adkinson, NAIA Championships Event Coordinator said, "it's not going to affect the 1999 tournament. That's for sure." However, the fate of the tournament after next year is up in the air.

Last year, the NAIA signed a contract with NNC to hold the national tournament at the Idaho Center until 2001.

"After next year, we will have a contract for another three years," said President Hagood. "Each year, we'll evaluate the contract, as will the NAIA."

This means that the NAIA could move the tournament elsewhere af-

ter this year. "I think it might be reasonable to assume that the NAIA might want to look at the contract from the point of what's best for it's members," said Hagood.

John Adkinson, NAIA Championships Event Coordinator, wonders if leaving the tournament, in Nampa is in the NAIA's best interests. "Do we want to play a national championship ... at an institution that has applied to the NCAA and been accepted?" he asked in a *Press-Tribune* interview last week.

If NNC had waited another three years to move to the NCAA, then we wouldn't have to worry about losing the tournament.

*"Do we want to play a national championship ... at an institution [such as NNC] that has applied to the NCAA and been accepted [provisionally?]"*

~John Adkinson

How- ever, Hagood felt that "the shift in the environment is so dramatic in terms of institutions leaving, that we needed to make the move now."

If NNC had waited, then we would have had three years with the National Tournament, and then four years of provisional membership in the NCAA.

"I don't think that seven years is acceptable," said Hagood. "It's way too long to wait."

### The PacWest Conference

Northwest Nazarene College has applied for entry to the Pac-West conference. This conference includes many teams that NNC has played in the past, including Western Oregon, which left the Cascade conference for the Pac West this year.

Entry into the Pac West is by no means guaranteed. Athletic Director Scott Armstrong said that the Pac West wants to have 16 teams, and it currently does. However, Simon Fraser is in Canada, it's acceptance as a full NCAA member would require an ammendment to the NCAA constitution. If Simon Fraser is turned down, then NNC has a much better shot at getting in.

If NNC is accepted, then many sports teams would make annual trips to Alaska and Hawaii.

The map shows the following schools and locations:

- Simon Fraser (provisional)
- Western Washington
- Seattle Pacific University
- Saint Martin's
- Central Washington
- Lewis-Clark State College
- Montana State University Billings
- Western Oregon State College
- Northwest Nazarene College (applied for entry)
- Humboldt State
- University of Alaska Fairbanks
- University of Alaska Anchorage
- Western New Mexico
- University of Hawaii Hilo
- Chaminade University
- BYU Hawaii
- Hawaii Pacific



Clockwise from left: Keeper junior Jermey Klosterman prepares to boot the ball to kingdom come, or at least downfield.

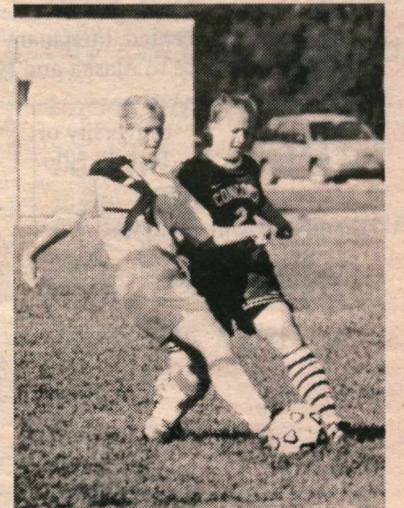
Freshman Sarah Hughes is poetry in motion as she concentrates on controlling the ball against Concordia. The Lady Crusaders lost to Concordia, 0-4.

Sophomore Scott Strobel works to keep the ball from a Northwest defender. NNC defeated Cascade on Friday, 2-1.

Freshman Mindy Gibbens is the picture of concentration as she races to beat the defender to the ball.

Senior Charlie Laird beats the stripped stockings to the ball, then passes it out of harms way. His efforts weren't enough, as the Crusaders lost to Northwest in overtime, 1-2.

Gibbens outnudes her Concordia opponent. NNC's Lady Crusaders won their game on Friday against Cascade, 2-0.



# Team Downey goes down for first time in two years

## Intramural football and questions about life

by Craig Craker  
Crusader News Staff Writer

This past Saturday, I found myself sitting on the track while the wind whipped and three death matches were taking place. I was watching intramural football games, in which goals were achieved and dreams were crushed.

The day opened with team Robinson playing an overmatched Dooley team that stood no chance. It just was not fair.

Dooley actually stayed with them until early in the second half when James Robinson and Matt Warner went to work. Robinson threw three consecutive touchdown passes to Warner to make it 25-14, and then just for the fun of it, Warner

hit Robinson to close out the rout 31 to 14.

As the second game opened it pitted Downey, a team that had not lost in two years, against the new favorite Team 4, Rob Russell's team. Team 4 opened the scoring on the ugliest touchdown this sportswriter has ever seen. Russell threw long, the ball was tipped by Dave Oliver and just as it was about to fall to the ground, Chris McKenzie grabbed it and scored a touchdown. It was ugly, but it counts.

Downey answered with a long bomb of their own to open the second half, but that was it. As I sat there and waited for a touchdown that never came, a defensive struggle was emerging. Dan Carew and Matt Sanders shut down Downey while Field seemed to be

doing all the work for Downey's defense.

As I sat there and watched this game unfold, I began to ponder life's questions such as: Why is Mike

Dickereson's bike on top of Williams Hall? And why did I skip breakfast to watch two teams play worse than the Seahawks ever have? (This is intramurals, after all, not the pros.)

Bringing me back to the game was the overtime last ditch attempt to debunk Downey. Russell throws a bomb and Ryan Brown comes down with it and finally it is over, Russell wins the game ending two years of mastery by team Downey. As Dave Oliver put it, "It was the biggest thrill of the year for me so far to beat my ex-teammates in such an exciting game like that."

The third game was as exciting

*I sat and waited for a touchdown that never came, a defensive struggle was emerging.*



as the other two. It pitted Niehaus' team vs. Schwab's team. Niehaus' team scored on a long bomb, and then tacked on another touchdown on an interception. Then they went to work on defense and totally shut down team Schwab and gave them no chance, though they did score in

the closing moments to make it 12 to 6.

This was a great day of watching some exciting football. I encourage all of you to take some time out of your busy Saturday to come on over to the track and watch some good NNC football.

## 'Saders win two this weekend

### Volleyball team is first in conference

by Robin Day  
Crusader Sports Editor

The Volleyball team added two more victories to their credentials this past weekend, after rolling over the top of Albertson College of Idaho, Northwest College and Concordia.

The Crusaders took on the rival 'Yotes on Tuesday, only to end the match in three quick games, 15-9, 15-5, 15-3.

Friday's game against Northwest posed no more of a problem for the Slammin' 'Saders. They won the first two games 15-3 and 15-2, before putting in the second string of freshmen and sophmores for the third game. After losing the third game 9-15, the Crusaders came back to crush Northwest in the fourth game 15-3.

Concordia came to challenge the 'Saders on Saturday, only to return to Oregon in the shame of defeat. NNC triumphed in the closer, first match 15-13, then went on to close the door on any of Concordia's hopes by winning the next two games, 15-6, 15-7.

Head Coach Darlene Brasch

praised her team's performance. "They were very focused and played well."

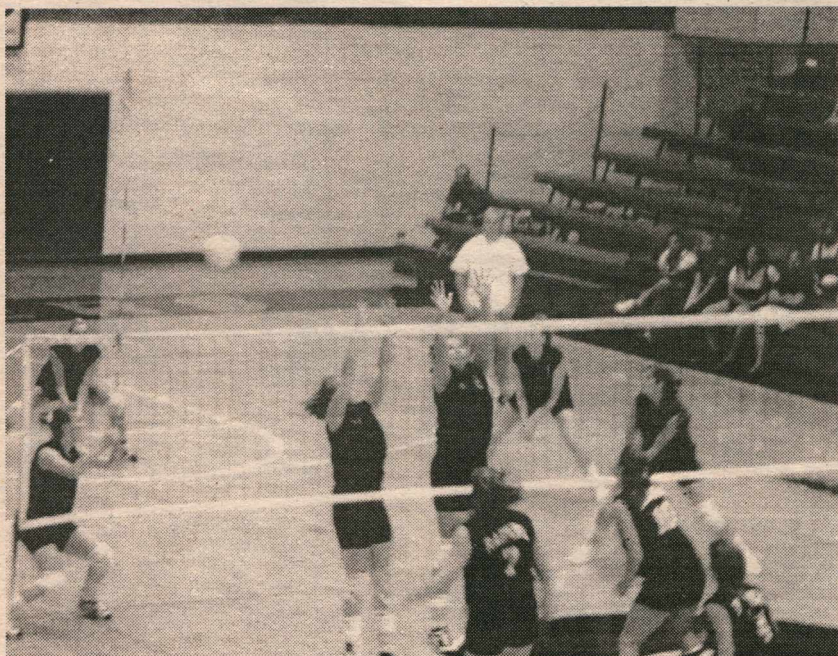
This upcoming weekend, the team will be traveling to Texas to compete in a twelve team tournament. Six of the teams are ranked in the top 25 in the nation and the number one ranked team will be competing. Brasch is hoping that this will be appropriate preparation for the team's final regular season game against Western Baptist in two weeks.

The Crusaders are currently ranked tenth in the nation and first in conference. The game against Western Baptist on October 23 will be crucial.

"They [Western Baptist] are the only team that's beat us. It was on their court and they had a huge crowd out making a lot of noise. They just fed off of it. We need a bigger, louder crowd," said Coach Brasch.

It will also be the senior's last home game. Senior Liz Benear is currently leading the conference in kills and is looking to improve her average against Western Baptist. Matches start at 7:00 on October 22 and 23.

Junior's Lisa Erickson and Tablitha Shipman block at the net, with sophomore Sarah Mcnard, senior Liz Benear, senior Jessica Ackley and sophomore Michelle Phillips as backup. This ball was Benear's.

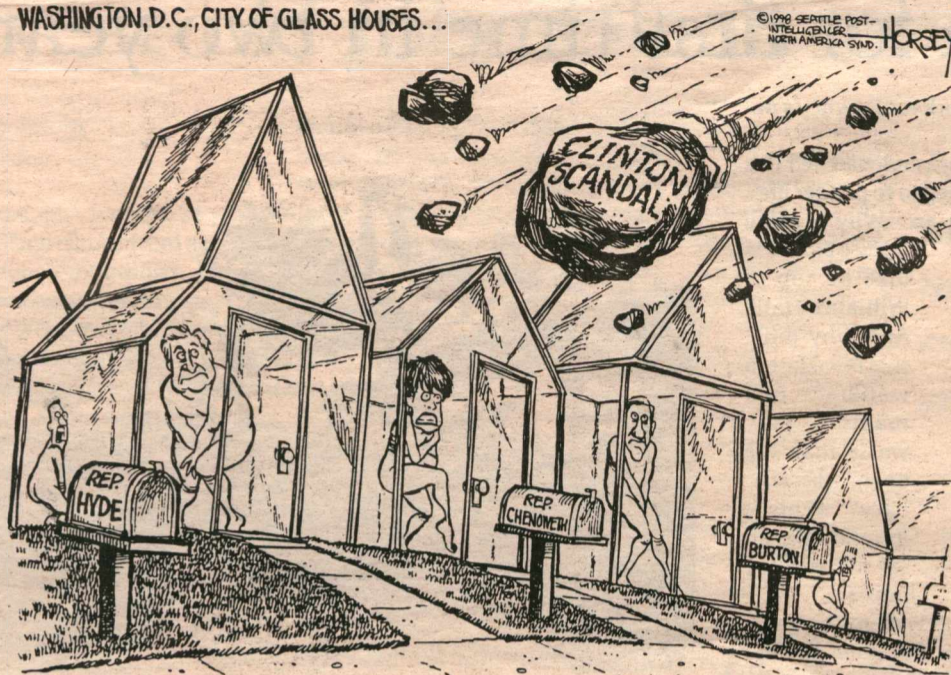


## Time Out

Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. in the Brandt Center or Science Lecture Hall. Ask your local Perla for more information.

*Sheryll Rulloda is from the Phillipines. She is one of the most sincere, insightful people on this campus and everyone should go and hear what she has to say. So get yourself up off of your plaid upholstery sofa and go to Time Out!*

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# A Cause Worth Fighting for: Community Showers

by Brandon Stewart  
*Crusader News Opinions Writer*

I'm not sure who, but someone is about to put a severe damper on love and convenience in my local area by separating the shower heads with walls. I can feel the pressure build as every young man up and down my wing begins to slowly withdraw into himself, like a looming bumblebee blimp being mistaken for a Canadian spy plane, the warm cheese between us all shall soon freeze on our heads and we will be friendly neighbors no more (consult your local library for more info on US/Canadian relations). Somebody, who I'm sure has such a passion for alienating people that he memorized "get lost" in every known language, evidently has no idea how much it means to us all that we be allowed to shower in an unsegregated facility. I intend to point out many oodles of concerns that many men have expressed (well, sorta') to me that clearly and unequivocally show that Sutherland shower partitions will damage the modern facade of masculinity and quite possibly, cause an army of well

trained beavers to take advantage in our lapse of male security and construct a bean removing facility to torture our toy animals.

I once heard this speaker at Promise Keepers say, well actually he wasn't a speaker, he was a roadie, which would be fine unless you were there doing community service for putting crazy glue on the communion wafers, which he was (zero casualties, five conversions to snake handling and two new mimes on the block). However, he was speaking and he said "The people inside the rainbow have thirty seconds to free my favorite color or the leprechaun gets it!" Naturally I was curious as to why he said this, but then I noticed seriously raw areas on his elbows (which he called "the flattering mandibles of tender poy") and made an inquiry about them, why should he have them? Well, as the grim story unfolded, I soon became adamantly opposed to both a) partitioning shower heads and b) forcing children to sleep in a lead crib wearing a life-vest. The reason for the former is the subject of this article and will be shortly forthcoming, the latter I will only disclose

under the observation of a licenced psychotherapist and in the presence of a lawyer.

Group showering promotes kindness and conversation, encourages trust among men and reveals weaknesses in us all. How will we

*A shower should be a salvo of warmth under many cannons of delight. Not just a single nozzle slowly dripping away your right to instantaneous good hygiene.*

be able to casually reveal our quirks, like multiple kneecaps or split personalities; who would've ever known that I am actually an irradiated

meer-cat if not for community bathing? Also, as one individual put it (alias "Jimmy the Cream Puff" for his own protection) "I'm ready to blast off into applesauce baby, just where in the heck should a shovel go if it won't fit in my panty-hose?" I have no idea what this means but I'm sure he thought it while showering alone.

If these partitions should be put in our shower, where will my termite mound go? And just how will I clean my desk? These are the questions the instigators of this nefarious plot should be asking themselves. Besides, it will only confuse the cockroaches and cause them to divide into stall-tribes, inciting wars between the three clans, thus leaving a blemish on NNC's fabulous history of love and diversity. Well, love anyway, as long as you're not a cockroach, beanie-babie or Canadian.

So, what should a shower be? It should be an acoustically sound facility, a place where a Mariachi band would be happy to live. Where every gleeful "Arariba" should cascade into the halls forming a fiesta flood of the finest quality. A shower should be a salvo of warmth under

many cannons of delight. Not just a single nozzle slowing dripping away your right to instantaneous good hygiene, but thousands (well, three anyway) upon thousands (no more than three) of shower heads blasting away filth as it were a steam powered baptizing machine.

So, I ask you to join me, along with my club of proud plumbers and claustrophobic colleagues (max membership is 30, 29 positions are left, don't wait too long), in protesting this infringement on our student, civil liberties.

Speaking of which, I ran out of shampoo, so I went ahead and borrowed some Pert that was just laying there in a closed basket, but it was too thin for my rough scalp. I tried putting some toothpaste in it to thicken it and leave my hair minty fresh. But that didn't work, so I added some KFC gravy and Alka-seltzer for conditioning. It did the job, so I went ahead left the gravy in your basket over the weekend just in case you wanted some. Hope you didn't mind. Your friend and shower-buddy, Brandon Stewart.

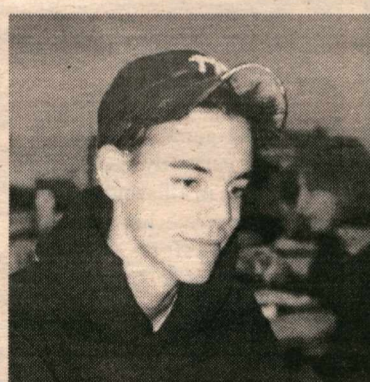
## YOUR TURN

Random answers from random people on random issues

### What is the worst movie you've ever seen?



**John Redfield Junior**  
"Right now, it's *Bed of Roses*. It has no plot, and it's a love story with no love."



**Craig Craker Freshman**  
"*Titanic*. They tried to make it all romantic, and it just turned out all crappy."



**Jinette Revels Freshman**  
"*Hot Shots: Part Deux*. That one just licks. It's not funny. Usually, sequels aren't as good, and I didn't like the first one either."



**Melissa McClellan Senior**  
"I hate *Reality Bites*. It's pointless, and it contradicts everything that I believe is right."



THE FINAL INSULT

## Another Sign of the Times

by Zach "The Dude" Lucas  
Crusader News Opinions Writer

Last Wednesday a gay man was beaten, found twelve hours later and taken to the hospital where he eventually died on life support.

Matthew Shepard was apparently "hitting" on another male at the bar in Laramie, Wyoming, and unintentionally embarrassed the suspect, Aaron McKinney. So McKinney and some friends decided to rob Shepard for embarrassing their friend. But instead of just robbing him, they "pistol-whipped"

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(being whipped with a pistol) him, then tethered him to a post for twelve hours. That put him in the hospital, and a coma, from which he did not wake.

Public, political and family outcry has screamed "GUILTY!" all across the nation in a 24-hour period. McKinney and his friends may be guilty, but unconvicted they are also. Bill McKinney father of the suspect, told *The Denver Post*, "Had this been a het-

erosexual these two boys decided to take out and rob, this never would have made the national news. Now my son is guilty before he's even had a trial." Apparently that is true.

Gay rights groups and other such affiliates raised heck over this accidental murder (or manslaughter), because gays are minorities in their own eyes.

I am sitting here trying to understand the reasoning on both parts. Why rob a man because he thought you were attractive? Would it bring him a lot of shame if we took his money? Or kill him?

If homosexuals want to be treated as equals, then why raise so much trouble and demand a penance? If a homosexual killed a heterosexual, there would be no outcry because there are no special groups to say that they were being oppressed.

Even the Governor of Wyoming, Jim Geringer(R) stated "that everyone has an equal standing under the law." Then why are so many people condemning the suspects? An equality of rights for minorities/majorities means fairness on both parts. Freebies aren't given out in civil rights, or federal, you have to work for them. In other words, an automatic conviction doesn't happen just because the person killed was gay.

But at the same time, attention to the prejudice must be paid. Each citizen of the U.S.A. has a constitutional right to a fair trial, i.e. one not biased by any group of people.

Equality does not mean special treatment, no extra phone calls or a special penance fee for committing a crime against a minority. People are people, and minorities are just smaller groups of people. But at the same time, you cannot just blow

off the murder of a homosexual because you think he may have deserved it. Biases should be left out of the legal system. That does not mean that minorities can cry or majorities turn a blind eye.

This may sound like a call to unity, but it isn't. It is something many think we've heard too

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much of. Maybe we have, maybe we haven't, but it looks as though those calls did little.

I can only believe by the grace of God, and in his word in Revelations, that we will some day be in unified. But I can wait, and deal with the atrocities of the world.

I do not have anything against gays, or Hindus, or Hispanics or any other "minorities." But I do know it says in the Bible that homosexuality is wrong, a number of times in Deuteronomy. But if my neighbor was gay, I would still love him, and if I was a minority heterosexual, I might feel uneasy, but I couldn't see the logic in asking for specialties just because I was different.

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# Antz crawls into theatres everywhere

Antz is the newest fully computer animated film to come to theaters since *Toy Story*. There is only one live shot in the whole film, and that shows up in the last 30 seconds. Everything else is pure computer, and all of this computer work has produced a little story about the (completely fictitious) lives of ants living in a colony. Of course, it is not just a cute little comedy. Woody Allen has top billing, so this movie is a thinly veiled social commentary.

Allen lends a voice to a worker ant known as Z. That's his name...Z. He is a pessimistic, whiny, little wimp who not only ends up saving the whole colony, but getting the girl too. The girl, in this case happens to be an ant princess with Sharon Stone's voice.



This little, random, worker ant switches jobs with his best friend Weaver, who is a soldier ant with the voice of Sylvester Stallone. As a result, wimpy little Z ends up going off to battle against an army of termites. He becomes a hero, completely by accident, and all the other ants in the colony see that their roles (worker, soldier, etc.) are not so rigidly defined after all. Especially if this insignificant worker ant can become a war hero. Total social upheaval ensues and allows General Mandible (Gene Hackman's voice), the chief of the soldier ants, to work his devious little plan.

By now, I'm sure you've noticed a lot of familiar names in this movie. Besides Woody Allen, Sharon Stone, Sylvester Stallone and Gene Hackman, this movie also features such names as Danny Glover, Anne

Bancroft, Jennifer Lopez and Christopher Walken. If I may be so bold, why do all these big names, who are normally so discriminating about the scripts they will take, jump immediately on the bandwagon the instant a dumb little animated feature comes along?

Despite all these impressive names, this movie is a little on the dumb side. It is cute, it is funny and it has valid (if unoriginal)

points to make, but Woody Allen is the main character. That fact alone was enough to annoy me in the first two minutes of the film. If you can get past this fact, or even if you \*gasp\* like Woody Allen, you may just like this movie.

For people like myself, it is Christopher Walken's character that makes this experience all worth while. His character is Colonel Cutter, a soldier ant who starts as a bad guy, but winds up as a helping hand in the end. Again, this is not the first time in movie history that this has happened, but it is still a neat, "aaaahhhh-inspiring" little occurrence. Oh, and then there's the fact that Walken's raspy, bordering-on-evil voice is a welcome sound in any film.

If you happen to be really bored and have a couple extra bucks laying around, grab the kids ("kids" can, of course, be substituted with "nachos") and go see this politically correct, animated film. Just don't expect to have your socks blown off. At best, you may laugh a few times. At the worst, you will begin to fantasize about maiming Woody Allen. I did.

**Antz**

**Woody Allen  
Sylvester Stallone**

**Reviewed by  
Kevin Durfee**

*Crusader Rating*

✓ ✓

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**Step up to the  
Microphone**

**Newsboys**

**Reviewed by  
Steve "Stoner" Unruh**

*Crusader Rating*

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

# The Newsboys are making headlines

I just can't help singing along with the Newsboys. Yes, I know I am a prison singer. I don't have the right key and I am behind several bars, but if you have listened to this album you would be singing too.

Less than one week since Michael W. Smith came to Boise for a concert, there was another Christian concert. This time the Newsboys were in the house. It was a kickin' concert that they put on last night

I am still singing it. The Newsboys, in the August issue of CCM, said that they have a never-give-up attitude. That's good since they have had to make some changes with the loss of a member, they took a new turn in their style of music and they recorded a new album without their long-standing producer. Their new producer is Steve Taylor, which is not a bad trade-off.



in the Pavilion. The special effects were awesome. Some of you know what I am talking about. The rest of you needed to go, but do the next best thing and go buy their album. I'm sorry Newsboys fans, but I have just got into them primarily because of this album. I am not a true Newsboys fan because I just got on the bandwagon, but what I heard on their newest album made me a fan. I first got hooked by listening to the radio. I was not really paying attention, but when the station played the 4th track "Believe" off of *Step Up To The Microphone*, I was instantly tuned in. The instrumental lead caught my attention the most, but then I listened to the words and I was struck by their belief and passion for Jesus Christ.

The title track to *Step Up To The Microphone* has a very catchy chorus as you heard above (like a teacher with her nails on a chalkboard). I was singing it when I went to the Michael W. Smith concert and

To see how their changes are affecting their fans, they have been known to stand in the ticket lines and even sit on the toilet listening to people talk about the concert during the intermission.

"The songs [on *Step Up to the Microphone*] are based on different conversations and experiences we've had. We tried to write out of honesty...and it's honoring to God to write out of honesty," band member Joel said of the new album. By being honest before God and their fans, they said that they have been able to relax in the midst of all the changes and let God call the shots.

No matter how much the Newsboys have gone through, the never-quit attitude has kept them together. They say that they are closer now because of the changes. God does work for the good of those that love Him. So there you have it. The Newsboys are still the Newsboys with another great album that you all need to listen to.

**Staff Infection**

ooh ooh ooh... he was beaten, now he's dead...when my computer hated me, I sacrificed David and Shannon's love child...When I have a kid, I'm going to name him Goliath. Nobody ever uses the name Goliath anymore...Why, me God?...Your weirdness attracts flies...no, that's my lack of personal hygiene...How would you know...Haven't you ever heard of a man's intuition...Hey, why are you laughing?...I'm going to get married and then I'll have a wife and a woman...Everybody can fire everybody else...Shawn, you're no longer a viable part of the workforce, we're going to have to terminate you...in other words, we're downsizing...you understand...Hi Angela...

**Crusader Reviews**

**Our Rating System**

- ✓✓✓ KICKS A HORSE'S PATOOT
- ✓✓ GOOD STUFF
- ✓ DEPENDS ON YOUR TASTE
- ✓ WAIT FOR BUDGET HOUR
- ☀ NOT IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDED ON IT

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# It's very most definitely a guy thing; I think

Today's Topic Is: Domestic Tips From Guys.

Guys do not get enough credit for being domestic. This is because the people who give OUT the credits for being domestic are — not to generalize or anything — women.

Women tend to believe that domestic things should be done in a certain way, defined as "not the way guys do them." I have a perfect example of this type of thinking in the form of a letter I received from a woman named Karen in Portland, Ore., who does not approve of the way her fiance handles his dirty dishes. Here's how he handles them: He puts them in the refrigerator.

Now I can hear you women asking: "Why?" But I bet

most guys immediately grasped the reason, which is: If you put dirty dishes in the sink, after a couple of days they get moldy; whereas in the cold, airtight environment of the refrigerator, mold takes much longer to develop. Karen says her fiance



does not actually wash the dishes "until (a) he runs out of dishes; or (b) his refrigerator gets full." Fortunately, he has a lot of room in the refrigerator, because, Karen states, "he hates to go grocery shopping." She also notes, for the record, that "he has a dishwasher that works perfectly fine."

"I'm wondering," Karen wrote, "if we should just ask for an extra refrigerator for a wedding gift."

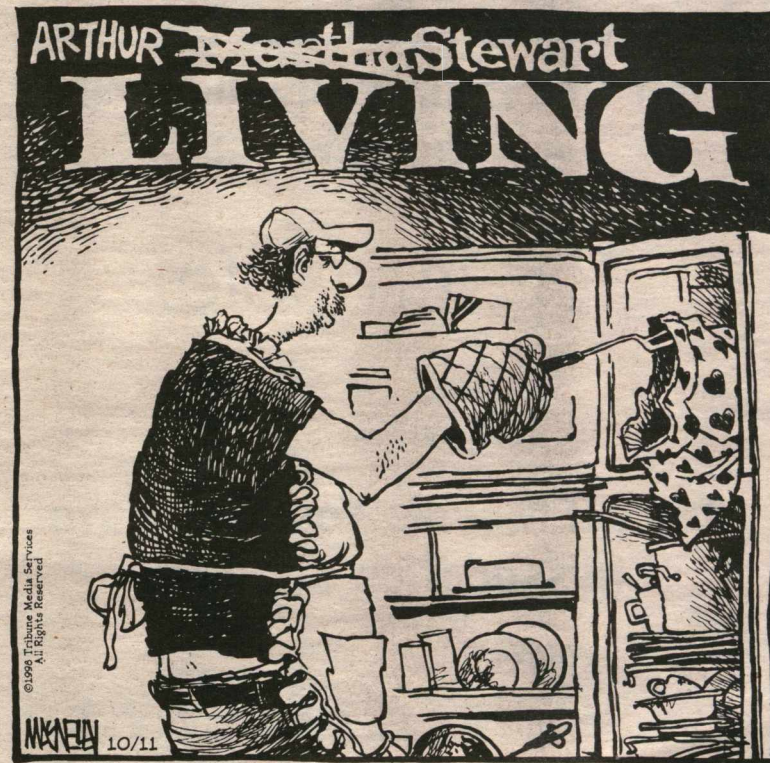
My feeling is, no. It makes far more sense to get a freezer. Not only will a freezer hold a lot more dirty dishes than a refrigerator, but, thanks to the lower temperature,

these dishes can remain relatively mold-free in there forever. This will leave Karen's guy with more time for other domestic chores, such as laundering his underwear in the dishwasher, unless that is where he keeps his canned goods.

Speaking of which, what this nation needs is an Institute of Guy Domestic Research, where guy scientists wearing white laboratory coats stained with Cheez Whiz would conduct experiments to answer household questions that concern guys, such as: If you leave your used underwear in the freezer for a week, is that as good as laundering it? Or should you also splash a little Old Spice on it, just to be safe?

But getting back to my main point: Guys are sometimes accused of not having a domestic "flair" just because they tend to accessorize a room with used pizza boxes. But there are examples of guys coming up with decorative "touches" that Martha Stewart would never conceive of even with the aid of world-class narcotics.

For example, I have here a fascinating newspaper article sent in by alert pastor Pete Beckstrand of the Zion and Franklin Lutheran Churches of Viroqua, Wis. This article, which I swear I am not making up, is from the Sept. 26, 1996, edition of — get ready for an excellent newspaper name — the Vernon County Broadcaster. It concerns a local resident named Mervin Langve who, according to the article, "discovered a slice of toast in an old-time toaster ... in an old cookstove." He realized that the toast was made



*He realized that the toast was made from bread baked by his mother; thus, as the article states, "Mervin determined that the toast is 36 years old."*

from bread baked by his mother; thus, as the article states, "Mervin determined that the toast is 36 years old." I am telling you right now what a woman would have done if she had found a piece of toast older than all three Hanson brothers combined, and even older than some Christmas fruitcakes: She would, using tongs,

throw the toast away, then throw the tongs away, then get out her industrial disinfectant and violently scrub the entire house as well as several neighboring houses. But that is not what Mervin Langve did. According to the Vernon County Broadcaster, he "mounted this piece of toast on a breadboard he now has hanging in his kitchen." The Vernon County Broadcaster states that it makes for "a very attractive keepsake."

I called Mr. Langve, and he told me that the toast is still on his wall and looking as good as ever, despite the fact that he has never put any kind of preservative on it.

I asked him if visitors think his wall decoration is unusual.

"They sure do," he said. "They can't hardly believe it."

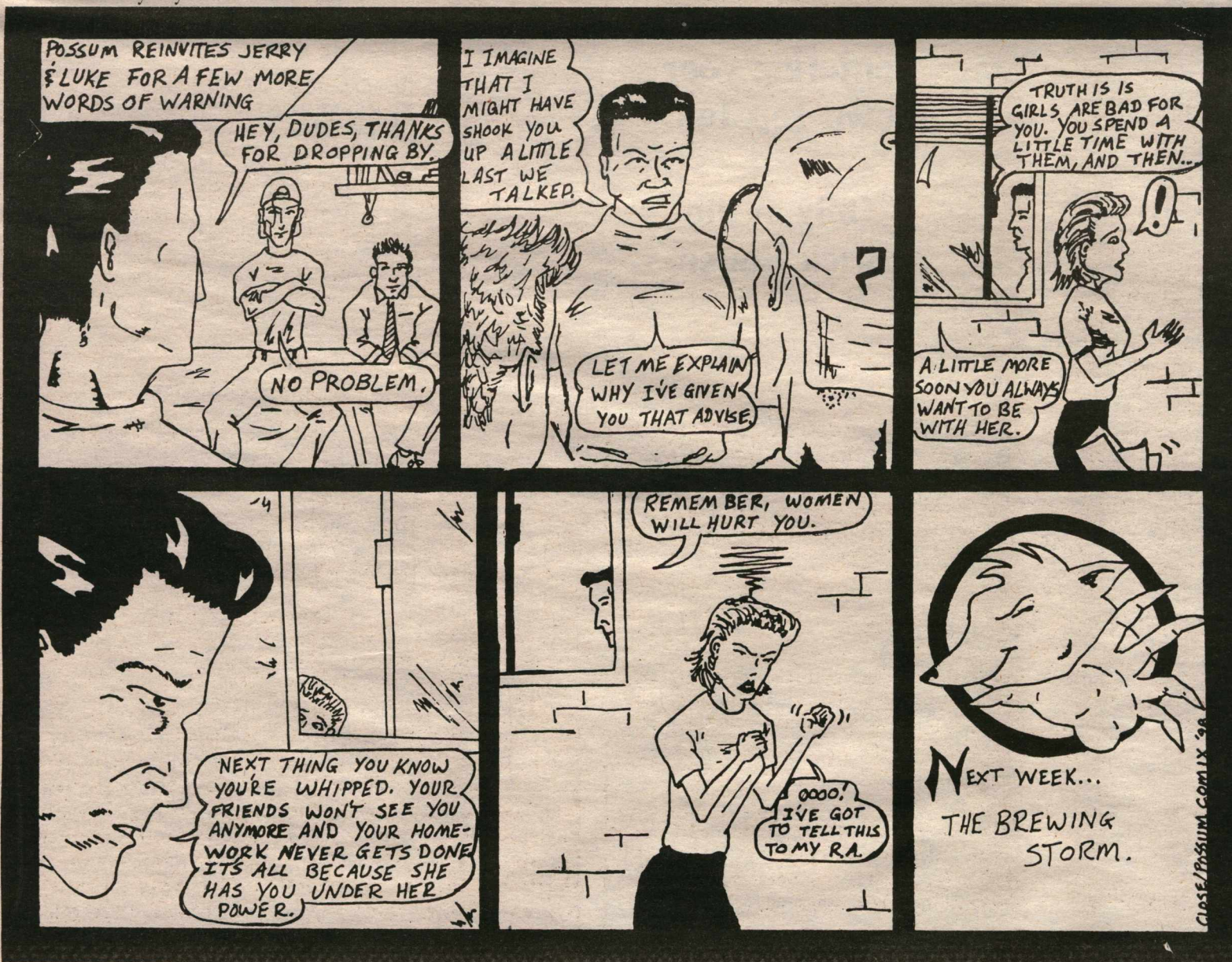
I bet they can't. And I happen to think that — despite the fact that this entire story has been ignored by so-called major newspapers such as the so-called New York Times — Mervin Langve has broken important new interior-decor ground with the concept of wall-mounted heirloom foods. Think of the possibilities! ("... and on this wall is the actual meal that Uncle Walter was eating when he passed away; you can see his forehead impression in the mashed potatoes.")

So let's not say that guys are not domestic, OK? When we see a guy who makes drapes by nailing trash bags over his windows, let's remember that he might have a legitimate domestic reason, such as that he ran out of duct tape. Let's be fair; let's be open-minded. And above all, let's remember to let our underwear thaw before we put it on.

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## Possum - by Ryan Close



Watch this space for upcoming information about the new

# Top Ten Cafe.

This week's list:

## Top 10 Movies You May Have Missed This Summer

10. Aunts
9. Soap Floats: A Sutherland Shower Saga
8. The Wedding Shingler
7. Re-re-release of Grease
6. I'm Almost Sure I Know What You Did Last Summer
5. Mow-lawn
4. Halloween H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>
3. TripleX-Files
2. There's Something About Larry's Boil
1. Shaving Private Ryan

## Poetry, etc.

Maybe you noticed that last week two poems were feature here. That's because we at *The Crusader* are dedicated to serving you however we can. We believe that giving you the opportunity to share your creativity in whatever form you possess.

This space is being reserved for your creative writing attempts. The Bertha Dooley contest comes but once a year, let this be your chance to express yourself through words.

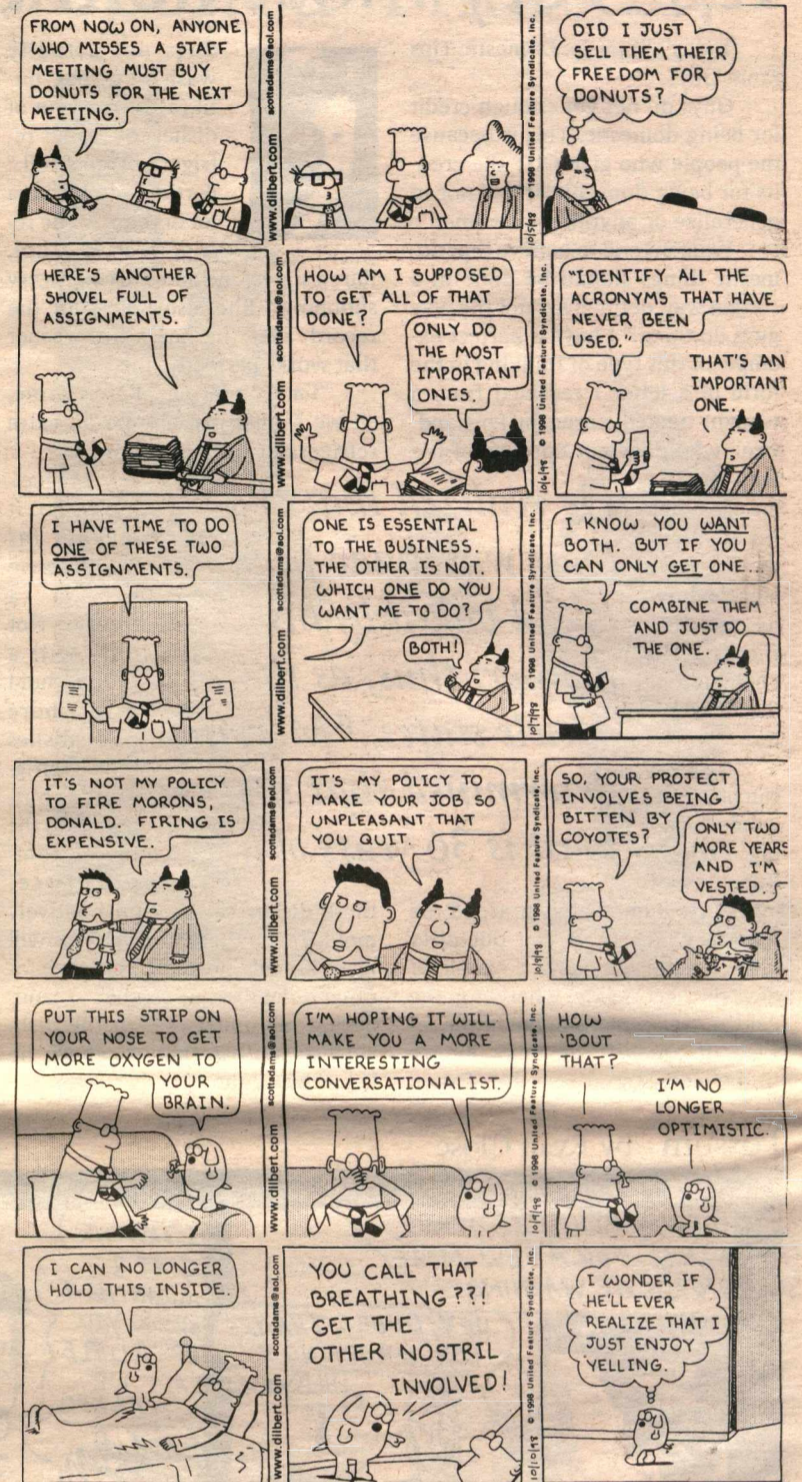
Contact Shawn Shafer at 8656 if you are interested in contributing to this section.

**Remember-  
The Brick House will be bringing you their Top Ten concoctions (they're cheap.)**

**You can win drinks simply by writing and entering your own Top Ten.**

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## Dilbert® - by Scott Adams



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## Poorly Drawn Man - by David Stillman

