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Column One

What a great issue we have for you this week, ladies and gentlemen. It is, at least, for me; we proudly finished this issue a full day earlier than last week.

That may not sound like much but it means I just might get to sleep sometime within the next twelve hours or so, even homework looks promising.

That's not even the best part of it. You, my constant reader, may not have to comb through this meaningless drab I write up at 6:47am, if this trend continues.

Why who knows that we won't complete each successive issue a day earlier than the previous week. It could just be that in a couple months the rest of the issues for the year will be completed. By the time I graduate, the next two years of *The Crusader* could be put to bed.

That is if this quite attractive trend continues. Which, if all deadlines are met may just happen again. Right?

Where was I now? Oh yes, the meaningless drab I write up at 6:54am. There could be so many other unexpected benefits that it baffles my mind just to try and think of what only one of those might be.

Shawn Shafer
Editor-in-chief

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Harvest Havoc creeps into the gym

Caramel apples, spooky cider, bingo and prison games fill the evening

by Michael Mattei
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Saturday, October 31, the Montgomery Fieldhouse Gym was converted into the site of "Harvest Havoc," a party designed to be an alternative to traditional Halloween parties.

Costumes were recommended, and as a result, many interesting characters were on the scene.

Havoc attendees could join in on a game of "Trick," an alteration of the well-known "Bingo," appropriately renamed because candy corns were used as markers on "trick" cards.

Another favorite was the "Cupcake Walk," a variation of "musical chairs" that satisfied many a lucky steppers' sweet tooth.

Other refreshments were also available, including richly doused caramel apples and sparkling cider served from a spooky, steaming cauldron.

Dorms and clubs set up booths to entice and entertain. Corlett representatives operated a

"Fishing Booth" that "hooked" up players with cool prizes.

Culver dorm provided a photo booth where memories of fun and ridiculous costumes could be recorded for only a dollar.

Court number one was converted into a haunted tunnel, guaranteed to instill fear in claustrophobic individuals and anyone with a history of back pain.

Fortunately, the survivors of the harrowing journey were rewarded with a small piece of candy before they moved onto one of the other attractions.

The final attraction was a jail where someone could pay a dollar to jail a roommate or friend.

Soon the faux jail became a frightening example of police brutality: a group of "police officers" overwhelmed Jonathan Goff and began to drag him towards the jail in an epic battle of one man against the system. Before he could be imprisoned a reporter and a pair of darkly dressed men came to Goff's aid and he was set free.

A later jail-oriented saga took place when one "dark man" staged the break-out of his comrade. In the process, two other individuals escaped. They are still at large.

The night of havoc brought many out to the gym for some frolic and fun in creative outfits of their choice. From 8 to 10 pm, the event offered a brief, but interesting highlight to the weekend.



Sonya Wold, Yvonne Manley, Brandon Blewitt and Bob Van Allen cry out for help in the Montgomery cage, a real prison on this evening of havoc. Harvest goers couldn't resist the opportunity to "put your friend in jail for a dollar." (top).

Alesha Van Hooser looks like she has just survived the haunted tunnel, one of the many attractions of the creative and fun ASNNC festival meant to "treat" NNC students. Tons of NNC students joined in on all the fun in one-of-a-kind costumes.



ROTC poses challenge and decision

Jeremy Riehl and Steve Carlson attend retreat

by Cherie Hibbett
Crusader News Staff Writer

If you've ever walked into the Administration building through the back door, you might have noticed the ROTC sign over the doorway. Perhaps you wondered what exactly the ROTC is all about.

Faith Brown, publicity director for the organization, talked about the ROTC program at this school and the camp which members participated in last weekend.

A typical day for a member of the ROTC here on campus begins at 6:30 Monday morning with physical training. Although there

are only two females in the program, Brown still does all two hundred sit-ups and push-ups with the guys. After the day's classes, they usually go to another class for

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~Faith Brown
ROTC Publicity Director*

ROTC members.

On Thursdays, the cadets go to BSU all day. "It's a little bit more fun, because there are more girls,"

said Brown. Usually on weekends there is a lab, such as going to the shooting range or drills.

On October 23, ROTC members had the opportunity to attend one of the camps offered throughout the year.

Jeremy Riehl and Steve Carlson attended this retreat in Idaho City, which focused on land navigation, along with 26 other ROTC members from the region.

Cadets had a four-hour time frame to trek through the woods, compass in hand, searching for eight point locations. Performance of night land-navigation tests were also worked on.

For Riehl, the camp was a serious event. He is an MS-3 level cadet, which means he is in his third year with the ROTC.

Freshmen and sophomores are classified as MS-1 and MS-2 cadets, but the third year, ROTC members must contract with the army. "You get picked on a little

more, and you really have to be serious about what you are doing," said Riehl.

This summer, Riehl has the opportunity to go to Fort Lewis, WA, for a five-week training camp. There, he will be evaluated to see if he is ready for officer training. It is a serious part of the ROTC program.

An aspect of ROTC that is often overlooked is the capability for religious expression. Because much of what the ROTC recruit does is so stressful, being a Christian is encouraged. Every unit has a chaplain and attendance of a Sunday service is often required.

For Brown, the ROTC provides not only a family, but also an outlet for expression of her faith. "It would be so wonderful to get more Nazarenes involved in the military," Brown said.

The ROTC isn't just about push-ups and drills, but the opportunity for personal growth as well.

Upperclassmen seize council opportunities

Hill, Lundy, Potter and Roberts want to contribute their efforts to peers

by Kenzi Wilkes
Crusader News Staff Writer

The senator and chaplain positions for the senior class council were filled this past week by Ben Potter and Karolyn Roberts.

Roberts is a special ministries

major from Portland, OR. She plans to go on to Nazarene Theological Seminary after graduating from NNC this spring.

As chaplain, she will be working with her class council on graduation matters like the class gift.

Potter is a youth ministries major from Corvallis, OR. He is an avid coffee drinker and will be playing guitar for a worship team in chapel soon. As senator, he will govern student issues and play a part in creating and passing bills that allocate money.

Rachele Lundy, who was elected Vice President of the Class of 2001 says she wants to "blend in well with the sophomore council, to provide another point of view and to help the class continue

to be successful and have a great year." She added that she wanted to "add my experience to an already awesome class council."

Lundy's previous experiences include serving as associated student body president her senior year in high school, as well as serving as an RA in Ford Hall. Over the past couple years here at NNC, Lundy says it has been "amazing how much more real Christ has become to me."

Brandon Hill is excited about serving the sophomore class council as its new publicity director. He commented, "The position of publicity director is essentially that of a graphic advertiser. This is a field which I plan to pursue. I am excited to serve the sophomore class."

"The position is [related to] the field I plan to pursue. I am excited to serve..."
~PublicityDir. Brandon Hill



"I wanted to add my experience to an already awesome class council."
~V.P. Rachele Lundy

"I'd thought about [running] but didn't have a chance until now."
~Chaplain Karolyn Roberts



"I really wanted to get involved as much as I could since this is my last year here at NNC."
~Senator Ben Potter

Class of 2002 elect class council representatives

by Adam Wood and Vito Montebianco
Crusader News Staff Writers

Lane Chitwood, the new freshmen class president is from Spokane, WA, where he graduated from Mead High School with a 4.0 GPA. Chitwood is not only taking on the responsibility of class president. His academic journey will be paved with hard work, as he is majoring in engineering and physics. Back home, Lane was involved with his youth

group council, serving as president in 1997-98. Chitwood's goals for the freshmen class are to use his leadership skills for NNC students. Chitwood commented, "I really think that class unity makes the school a better place because everyone is more comfortable and can get along better with each other."

Known to his friends as "Sven," Jeremy Lee will team up with Chitwood in the presidential team. Jeremy was born in Umatilla, Oregon, and graduated from Umatilla High, where he maintained a 3.76 GPA and was vice-president of his freshmen and senior class. He is an accounting major and hopes someday to become an FBI agent. His vision for the class of 2002 vice president is to promote class unity. Lee said,

"At my high school we had a real problem with school unity and making sure that everyone's voice was heard; I just want to try and take the freshmen class to new heights."

Lee believes that if the freshmen come together and share ideas with each other, they can accomplish more and won't feel left out of decisions. Lee said he wants more involvement in student clubs and also more class activities for the freshmen. Behind Lee and his vision for class unity, the freshmen class will have the opportunity to unite as a family.

Sara Keller was elected class secretary. She said, "I want to be able to make an impact on NNC and the community...and I want to plan some great stuff for the freshmen class and get lots of people

involved."

Kara Lyons has officially been named the class of 2001 chaplain, after a vote-off with opponent Greg Buettner. Lyons was raised in Nampa and graduated from Skyview High, where she participated in many extracurricular musical activities.

Kara is a double religion/English major and enjoys meeting new people and learning new things. As chaplain, Lyons' job will be that of an "encourager," as she put it. Lyons said, "I would love to somehow let God use me to influence the spiritual life on campus."

Lyons has demonstrated her willingness to do God's work. So if there is a time when things are gray, just remember, Lyons will be there to listen and pray for you.



TWIRP coming

E.T., cosmic bowling and scavenger hunts on the itinerary

by Alesha Halvorson
ASNNC Executive Secretary

Are you feeling hindered by the "NNC way" of mar. . .uh, I mean, dating? Then how does a fun, pressure-free evening sound? This weekend is the "chick's

chance to charm" at T.W.I.R.P. No, in this case it's not some condescending term. I t means that on this weekend alone, The Woman Is Required to Pay. (No worries ladies, it's actually a measly amount—but don't tell the guys!)

Women, get your tickets for Friday, Saturday or both nights. (Hey, you could ask two different guys, even.)

So ask your favorite fun fella (or that hot guy you've had your eye on since Welcome Week) and come on out and have a good time!

Tickets may be purchased Monday through Friday between 11 and 1 and from 5 to 6.

The Plans:

FRIDAY:

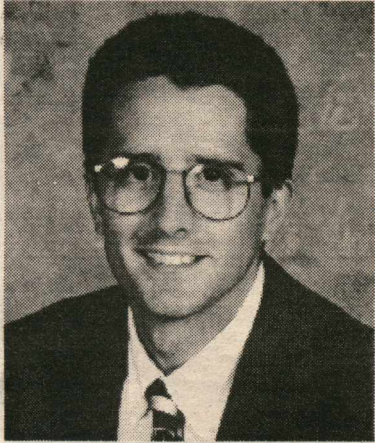
@ 6 p.m., Subway Sandwiches in Clyde's
"Bigger & Better" (scavenger hunt with a twist)
Sundaes in Clyde's
Cosmic Bowling
Tickets: 4\$ each

SATURDAY:

@ 5 p.m., meet in Clyde's for Progressive Dinner (You'll go to a different house for each course of the meal)
@ 8:30 p.m., after-dinner drinks in Clyde's
@ 9 p.m., on-campus scavenger hunt
@ 10:00 p.m., movie @ Frontier Cinema: E.T.
Tickets: 3\$ each

Thailand missionary now Information director

by Heather Oglevie
Crusader News Staff Writer



NNC is pleased to welcome Eric Kellerer, former missionary to Thailand, as the new Director of Information Resources. As such, Kellerer is manager and overseer of NNC's computer and printer systems, media resources and telephone network.

In addition, he helps maintain campus web pages and teaches faculty members how best to use technology in the classroom.

Kellerer is an NNC alumnus. After graduation, he moved to Kansas City, MO and attended Nazarene Theological Seminary. He preached in the Wood River Valley Church of the Nazarene for two years, and then, with his courageous wife Paula, flew overseas to spend four years as a missionary to Thailand.

They spent their first few years in Bangkok, which contains 10 million people in an area the size of the Boise Valley. Only 6% of its land is paved highway, compared to 30% in most large American cities.

The average traffic speed in Bangkok is four miles per hour. Kellerer reports that he and his wife would get up at 4:30 a.m. to make their 7:45 language class six miles away.

Before returning home, the Kellerers also spent some time in upper Thailand, living in grass huts and learning to appreciate the food, which frequently included maggots, parakeets and silkworms.

If you are involved in a rape situation call the NNC Counseling Center at 467-8674 for free, confidential advising.

In case of an emergency call the YWCA Rape Crisis Center at 345-RAPE (7273).

After spending two years visiting Nazarene churches, they moved to Nampa to raise their two children, Justin and Mekaela.

Although he does not feel he will return to the mission field

soon, Kellerer says that he still has a heart for missions. He would like to see more of an emphasis on technology in missions, particularly "distance teaching" to people in other countries through satel-

lite communication or the internet.

He adds that he wants to keep NNC on the cutting edge of technology and to train students who are familiar and comfortable with these resources.

Kellerer thanks all the students and faculty for their patience with the network and encourages everyone to report system glitches. Feel free to call the Help Desk or visit him in his office in Ed Media.



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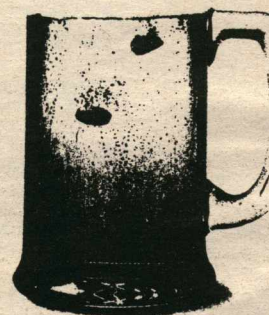
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Their weapon is drugs. Ruffies or GHB. Dropped in your drink. It incapacitates you. You can't fight back. Watch your drink. It's your best defense.

Abortion clinics receive new level of threats

by Jeremy Smith
Crusader Staff Writer

INDIANAPOLIS, IN - On Friday, October 30, four abortion clinics in three states received letters with claims of containing the deadly anthrax bacteria. Due to the extent of the danger, a clinic in Indianapolis was forced to be evacuated, sending 33 people to the hospital.

Clinics in New Albany, Louisville, Ky. and Knoxville, Tenn., also received letters, according to Planned Parenthood and federal officials. All of the letters received bore Cincinnati postmarks.

FBI agent Carl Christiansen said, "The initial investigation has clearly indicated that the substance is unlikely to be anthrax."

Scott Noinski, an FBI special agent in Knoxville, said the Knoxville Reproductive Health Center received a letter that said anyone who opened the letter had been exposed to anthrax.

Because of the hazard that accompanies anthrax, employees and patients at an Indianapolis Planned Parenthood clinic were stripped and scrubbed down by emergency crews after one of them opened a small powder-filled letter claiming to contain anthrax.

A postal carrier and two police officers were among the 31 treated in Indianapolis. Officials were still unclear as to whether the letter actually contained anthrax, which is a strain of bacteria used in biological weapons.

None of the people treated in

Indianapolis showed any symptoms, yet authorities took them to the hospital after there were decontaminated in a tent put up outside the clinic. All were given antibiotics as a precautionary measure. Even those who actually came in contact with the letter were released after antibiotics were given.

Another clinic in New Albany was not evacuated because the letter was not opened.

One other letter was sent to a Bloomington clinic and was thought to contain anthrax also,

yet was later determined to be an ordinary business letter.

"We receive threats from time to time, but nothing very substantial."

~Culp

Anthrax is a disease usually associated with animals such as goats and sheep. Its spores can infect people who breathe them in. If left untreated, it can kill. However, antibiotics can usually kill the disease.

While it has not been determined whether or not the powder actually is anthrax, authorities are in the process of analyzing it. "If it is confirmed to be anthrax, then those exposed will

have to take antibiotics for four weeks and possibly take a vaccine also," explained Virginia A. Caine, director of Marion county Health Department.

While some may be quick to pin this threat on pro-life activists, Delbert Culp, president of Planned Parenthood of Central and South Indiana, stated, "We receive threats from time to time, but nothing very substantial.... These are just political extremists who call themselves pro-life. This is not pro-life."

Ann Minnis, president of Gibson County Right to Life, an anti-abortion group in southwest Indiana, denounces the mailings. She says, "We are about saving lives, not about anything like that. Heavens, it's horrible."

Can it be the longest card?

by Ryan Dooley
Asst. World News Editor

Irbid, Jordan - It has been considered to be the longest card in history.

An estimated 15,000 Jordanians have already signed a 750-foot-long paper card which wishes King Hussein of Jordan a speedy return home and aims for a place in the record books.

The card has been open for signatures since Tuesday and or-

ganizers hope one million people will sign it.

King Hussein, the longest serving Arab ruler, has been away from home since July 14. He is receiving treatment for non-Hodgkins lymphoma at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

The soft paper card is three feet wide and has been placed in a red-velvet box with tabs on both sides to flip the pages. It was designed by the independent Society for Culture and Global Peace.

"It is a note of love, esteem and loyalty to His Majesty King Hussein, may God bless him and return him safe to his home," said Mashhour Sawalha, a member of a group that came up with the design. King Hussein's birthday comes up on November 14.

Sawalha said after Hussein reads the letter, he will have it registered in the Guinness Book of Records. If accepted, it will be the first entry for a longest birthday card.

Killer at large in Spokane

by Jeremy Smith
Crusader Staff Writer

Pierce County, Washington - A woman's body was found on October 26 in Pierce County where the Serial Killer Task Force is hoping fingerprints taken from the victim will lead to the identity of the woman. Pierce County officials are running the woman's prints through the local database looking for a match.

The body was discovered in a ditch on the side of the road in Pierce County. Her body was found less than five miles from where the body of a 24 year-old woman, Melinda Mercer, was also found. Mercer's body was found in December of 1997.

Spokane's Serial Killer Task Force detectives went to western Washington last week to compare notes and sketches with Pierce County investigators. The location

of the body is one reason the task force is interested in the murder.

Captain Dough Silver of the task force said, "Probably one of the biggest things we do have is the linkage of Mercer from that same area. So that's going to draw our concern a little bit closer than somebody from a completely different area."

As with other serial killer victims, the woman was shot and dumped in thick brush along the side of the road.

Pierce County authorities are still waiting for the identification of the body from a medical examiner. Upon discovering the body, it was so badly decomposed that the only reason to believe it was a woman was due to the clothing she was wearing. Authorities are waiting for the autopsy for confirmation of the victim's gender, but there is no word on how long until the results are back.

Through dental records, detectives have ruled out that the victim was Melody Ann Murphin, who has been reported as missing since Mother's Day. Authorities have listed her as another victim of the serial killer, although her body has not yet been found. Upon learning of the serial killer, Murphin's family feared the worst.

Murphin's mother, Wanda, has heard reports of her daughter being sighted anywhere from Texas to the east coast, however, none of the sightings have been confirmed. "I'm waiting for Christmas...because if I don't hear from her, then I know I won't because she's one of those who likes her fruitcakes," says Wanda.

The serial killer is also believed to be responsible for the deaths of nine other women. There is a \$10,000 reward being offered for information that leads to a conviction.

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President Yeltsin hopes to evade impeachment

by Ryan Dooley
Asst. World News Editor

Moscow, Russia — A very tired Boris Yeltsin left for vacation to the Black Sea on October 30 so that he could relax from the stressful life he has had during the past few months in Russia. Due to the pressure and the stress that is going on, Yeltsin went to a rest home last Tuesday in the woods outside Moscow to receive treatment and recover from what doctors said was extreme fatigue and unstable blood pressure.

in the summer of 2000.

Yeltsin has remained out of public view since the country was hit by an economic crisis in mid-August, and his deputy chief of staff, Oleg Sysuyev, acknowledged earlier this week that the president had turned control of the economy over to Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov. The president will for-

mally announce his reduced political role in a speech to parliament early next year.

Yeltsin feels comfortable giving the new Cabinet responsibility for day-to-day government affairs since it was formed with parliament.

"The political situation in Russia has changed," said Sysuyev. "In the past, the president engaged in every aspect of running the country."

Yeltsin's opponents have demanded his early resignation and immediate changes in the constitution to curb the president's sweeping powers. The Communist party leaders met on Friday to discuss their election strategy.

A few months ago, before Yeltsin's latest illness and the economic crisis, the Communist-led opposition in parliament started impeachment campaigns against the president. The campaign is expected to fizzle like all previous such attempts.

A poll by the independent

Public Opinion Foundation found 75% of Russians supported impeaching Yeltsin, 16% opposed.

The poll, conducted on Oct. 17 among the 1,500 people throughout the country gave no margin of error. Before leaving for a two-week vacation to the Black Sea resort of Sochi, Yeltsin met with Primakov to discuss the European Union meeting in Austria.

Primakov also briefed Yeltsin about his talks Thursday with the leader of breakaway Chechnya and other issues.

"The political situation in Russia has changed."

~ Sysuyev

Which direction will the U.S. be steered to?

by Jeremy Smith
Crusader Staff Writer

As of this past week, 55 percent of Americans believe the country is heading in the right direction, according to a survey by NBC News/Wall Street Journal. Yet, this week is the determining factor as to how the country's leadership will be determined, with the Republicans holding a slight seat advantage in the Senate and in the House.

The survey also revealed that 44 percent wished the maintain the Republican control and 42 percent wanting Democratic control, leaving 14 percent unsure as to which way they would like it. Having 34 senators, 435 members of the House of Representatives and 36 governors voted on, the

change of control will be the biggest issue of all. With the troubles surrounding President Clinton and the possibility of impeachment, who the electees ally with could have been a key factor to who was elected. Such an outcome came in 1974 when the Democratic party suffered a 48-seat loss due to being allied with the disgraced Richard Nixon, however, such an outcome is not expected.

With all the campaign ads and mudslinging going on, a decision was difficult for voters to come to. Republicans used the words of President Clinton pertaining to his sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky. To counter these ads, the Democrats used the name of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, playing on the disrespect that some people hold for him.

The biggest questions that

plagued voters, despite the contentment that most Americans feel about the direction of the country, could be resolved with who goes into office:

-What, if anything, can the federal and state governments do to improve the quality of grammar schools and high schools in America?

-Should states abolish programs that give preferences in hiring to racial minorities and women?

-Should Clinton be impeached?

These past elections should give, at best, muddled answers to these important questions facing the country.

How- ever, with all the issues that the country is on the verge of confronting, it seems that most voters

vote solely on how they view the candidate, not on how they stand with the issues. Examples include President Clinton's effective freezing of any action by Congress, and substantial tax cuts by arguing that any federal surplus budget should be used to rebuild the Social Security and not be given back in tax cuts to Americans. To date, Clinton has nothing to follow that up. He has not provided any blueprints, plans, or any other sort of ideas that could be even slightly thought of as a change in the 63-year old life insurance and retirement plan.

Republicans have also joined in the vagueness of the changes by saying they would reform to more privatization of the system, that is, allowing workers to divert some of the Social Security taxes into accounts resembling 401-K

plans. To add to this, Republicans voted for a measure that would "reserve" 90 percent of any future federal surpluses in coming years for use in an as-yet unspecified Social Security rescue plan.

Only minimal growth is expected by economists for the next two years, possibly depleting the surpluses needed to make a reserve for the rescue plan. With only the two percent of growth predicted for the U.S. economy for the next two years, the nation's federal surplus could be in the range of \$50 to \$60 billion, compared to the previous year's \$70 billion. Of course, there is the other concern of the United States entering into a serious recession. The era of federal deficits may return sooner than the federal analysts were predicting only six months ago.

Education now comes into play with all the funds. Clinton and Democratic candidates such as Sen. Patty Murray in Washington take credit for the new \$1.1 billion federal subsidy to help public school districts hire new teachers. That provision was put in a massive spending bill that Congress recently approved. Some Republicans voted for the bill while protesting they were opposed in principle to this expanded federal involvement in education.

Today's campaign ads impose the question "who cares most about education?" Yet more pertinent question would be to ask "What can be done about the incompetent teachers that are failing their students?"

One candidate stated that "only a handful of 250,000 teachers in the entire state of California lost their jobs for incompetence. Common sense tells us this is patently ridiculous." This candidate believes that teachers should be

evaluated for competency every five years and fired if they are unable to meet the state competency standards. This candidate was Al Checchi, a Democrat who won only 12.6 percent of votes in the June 3 primary.

What now of the programs that give preferences to women and minorities in education and employment? In one state, Washington, voters will decide through Initiative 200 whether the state government shall be prohibited from discriminating or granting preferential treatment based on race, sex, or ethnicity in employment and education.

Two years ago, in California, 55 percent of the voters approved Proposition 209, a measure banning the use of racial and ethnic preferences by state and local governments. In the race for Governor in California, where Democrat candidate Gray Davis is opposing Republican

Dan Lungren, Davis has criticized Proposition 209 as a "totally unacceptable" example of "wedge politics" used to pit one group against another. With the possibility of Davis taking office, prop 209 could be reformed and changed, thus changing what the people voted on.

And what of the impeachment of Clinton? Voters do not feel that the votes that took place will affect the impeachment process. Of those polled by the NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll, 54 percent stated that "my vote for Congress has very little or nothing to do with the possible impeachment

of the President." Yet some candidates seem to gain ground for attacking those that give ambiguous opinions on what should be done, as in California when Republican Senate candidate Matt Fong attacked Sen. Barbara Boxer's unwillingness to take a stand in the impeachment possibilities of the President. However, that race has now changed to an attack on the character of each candidate with mudslinging from both parties, such as Fong being homophobic due to donations to the Traditional Values Coalition, and Boxer voting to weaken the U.S. military.

In past off-year, or non-presidential, elections during this century, the party that does not occupy the White House has gained a relatively large number of seats in the House. However, even with this past, veteran elections analyst Charlie Cook expects the GOP to

gain far fewer seats. So, the big question that remains is how many more seats the Republicans can gain in the House. If it is a substantial increase, they may be encouraged to push forward with a wide-range impeachment inquiry. However, if there is no loss in seats, or gain, GOP leaders may view that as a signal to curtail impeachment.

As the issues of our country continue to be unanswered, and the troubles with Clinton continue, this past election could be the deciding factor in which direction our country travels, and what changes will be made. It is a matter of what the people think should happen, and who they believe can take the U.S. in that direction.

"Who cares about most about education?"

There is the other concern of the U.S. entering a serious recession...

Chilean Senator Pinochet awaits trial

by Jeremy Smith
Crusader Staff Writer

United Kingdom - On October 17, General Augusto Pinochet was arrested while in a clinic recovering from surgery on a herniated disk in his back. London's Metropolitan Police were acting on a warrant from Spain investigating the disappearances of Spanish nationals and the deaths of Spanish citizens while Pinochet held power in Chile. However, the British High Court found that the arrest was unlawful due to Pinochet being a former head of state, and thus entitled to immunity, he was released. Spain has appealed the decision and the House of Lords is set to make a decision on the matter next week.

In an effort to have the House of Lords overturn the High Court's decision, Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Anzar, has traveled to the UK with lawyers of the families of those that were killed under the reign of Pinochet. These representatives say that Spanish authorities would be angered if the UK ignored the extradition request and allowed Pinochet to fly back to Chile. Even French Justice Min-

ister Elisabeth Guigou is calling for the trial, or at least questioning of Pinochet. Guigou stated, "The idea of immunity for someone like General Pinochet, who is responsible for several thousand mur-



ders, is unbearable."

How could the actions of one man warrant such an outcry? In the view of others, Pinochet's reign in Chile was one of terror. He took military control of Chile in September of 1973, and shortly thereafter, ordered over 3,000 of the former president's regime killed, with thousands of others tortured and even more to be exiled from

their home country.

After the killings, tortures and exiling had taken place, Pinochet declared himself president of Chile. He then took a tyrannical approach to restoring the economy and government, yet only saw himself as a patriot who was removing the threat of communism from his country.

Many of the people at the time actually agreed with him, solely based on the incredible improvements he made for the economy.

Yet even with the great advances and progress he made for Chile, Pinochet also set it back. He was constantly killing his political opposition, and during his reign thousands of other political diplomats and figures disappeared. They are believed to have been ordered killed by Pinochet because of the threat they could impose on his leadership. Pinochet was even linked with the death of U.S. diplomats that opposed what he was doing.

Pinochet was believed to stop at nothing to maintain his order and his power.

When the people of Chile finally took power back, Pinochet reluctantly resigned as president

in 1990. However, this was only done on the condition that he be made a senator of Chile for life.

Now the 82-year-old former dictator waits in the UK to see if the House of Lords will allow Spain to question, and possibly try him for crimes they believe he has committed.

The UK courts have allowed Pinochet to be free on bail, yet he must remain in the House of Lords until a decision is reached.

While the European world waits to see if justice is finally reached for the past crimes of Pinochet, the polarization of the people of Chile tears the country apart.

People riot to see Pinochet freed, while others cheer that there is the chance that he will pay for his crimes on their country.

With all the great turmoil surrounding Pinochet and his past, the fact remains that he has left a legacy in the world that is still dividing people that were once unified.

Both South America and Europe are feeling the pressure and suspense of the possible end to more than 20 years of tyranny and terror.

City sues gun manufacturers

by Dave Stillman
Asst. Cover Editor

The city of New Orleans is seeking damages from handgun manufacturers for homicides and accidental deaths caused by their guns. The city filed the lawsuit, which is modeled after suits against the cigarette industry, in partnership with the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence (CPHV). "Under the Louisiana product liability statute, a manufacturer can be held liable for damage caused by a product that is unreasonably dangerous by design," said CPHV legal action project director Dennis Henigan.

Fifteen gun makers, including Smith & Wesson, Beretta, Colt, and Glock, are named in the suit, as are several local pawnshops and gun dealers. "In this lawsuit, the city is alleging that guns that fail to incorporate safety systems that prevent their use by children or other unauthorized users are unreasonably dangerous in design," said Henigan.

The city feels that the corporations are liable because they have refused to include "smart gun" safety devices.

Hurricane Mitch kills hundreds in Nicaragua

by Dave Stillman
Asst. Cover Editor

A mudslide caused by Hurricane Mitch killed hundreds of people in ten communities at the foot of the Casitas Volcano in northern Nicaragua. The slide covered 32 square miles and buried entire villages. An unidentified journalist flying over the area said that bodies "could be seen every ten yards in an area stretching ten miles by four miles.

The slide occurred on the night of October 30. Soldiers and rescue workers couldn't make it to the region until Sunday. So far, rescue workers have recovered 360 bodies in four of the villages, but Nicaraguan army spokesman Capt. Milton Sandoval said that only 92 of the estimated 2,000 area residents have been found alive. The slide occurred when a volcanic crater filled with water and burst, sending a wall of mud

and water down the mountainside. One survivor said that the slide "looked like a line of helicopters flying really low and coming at us. You could see houses, trees, everything being covered."

Nicaraguan Defense Minister Pedro Joaquin Chamorro said that up to 1,500 people may have been

killed in the mudslide, which occurred during the night on October 30. Some unconfirmed reports say that number is closer to 7,000. The region's remoteness means that the true extent of the disaster may not be known for weeks. Even now, relief workers are having trouble getting to flooded areas because of hazardous conditions and deep water.

Other parts of Nicaragua were also hit hard. Flooding advanced the edge of Lake Managua by two miles in some places, covering the

town of San Francisco Libre and leaving 1,600 families homeless. According to NBC, townspeople had to climb trees and onto roofs to escape floodwaters. All were airlifted to safety, and no deaths were reported in that community. The flooding has left 400,000 Nicaraguans homeless.

Five thousand people are feared dead in neighboring Honduras, where floodwaters reached the third story of some buildings in the capitol city of Tegucigalpa.

The city's mayor and three others were killed when their helicopter crashed while they were surveying the damage. Widespread looting has stricken many parts of the city, as soldiers joined policemen patrolling the streets. The hurri-

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cane dumped 25 inches of rain on central America in six hours, and had wind speeds of 180 miles an hour when it hit the coast. President Clinton has promised

two million dollars in aid to the flood stricken areas.

The Coast Guard is still searching for a tourist schooner operated out of Miami by Windjammer Barefoot Cruises. So far there has been no sign of the Fantome, or its 31 passengers since it disappeared on Tuesday. "We are covering (a search) area the size of Colorado," one coast guard official said. "We found a life jacket that had washed up on the beach in Guanaja, Honduras, but besides that there is really no sign of them."

The hurricane also caused the crash of a C-47 cargo plane operated by a Protestant missionary group in western Honduras. The crash killed twelve occupants, and injured six.



NNC semester transition planned

By the fall of 2000, NNC will have switched to a semester system

by Kara Lyons
Crusader Staff Writer

NNC's planned transition to the semester system for the 2000-2001 school year will be difficult but rewarding, most involved say. This change, debated for some time, is intended to position the college for increased growth and opportunities in relation to other colleges and associations. Although the change will have a big effect on students, it is likely that the greatest effect will be on faculty. Besides scheduling changes, there also must be drastic reworking in class content, course requirements, and credit values. Among both faculty and students, there is some controversy as to the wisdom or possibility of this huge transition.

Much consideration went into the administrative decision to change NNC from its current quarter system to the semester system in the fall of 2000. The change has been proposed several times in the past few years, but was never favorably received. This time, however, the change will take place. In spite of many objections, the positive reasons for the switch outweigh the negatives. Still, many questions and concerns remain among those whom the transition most affects.

Students responded in a number of ways to questions

about NNC's change to the semester system. Some students were virtually unaware of the impending changes at NNC. "I haven't really heard anything about it up until now," said sophomore Sarah Reitan. Many others were unsure of the reasoning behind decision.

Some students expressed unhappiness or uncertainty about the switch. "It seems like you get more 'bang for your buck' with the quarter system," said senior Kenny Wade.

Many worried about their credits and graduation requirements. Reitan was concerned that she would not be able to receive the number of credits she needs

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of richness to the curriculum that comes with the number of courses~Dr. Lyons



to graduate on time. Junior Trent Friberg worried that the semester system wouldn't offer as many options for classes. Many students saw the benefits of the semester system. Reitan noted that the earlier start and dismissal in the academic calendar would make it easier to secure summer jobs. Freshman Laura Luckey remarked, "With semesters, the longer time in a class will allow you to cover more material than you would be able to with the shorter term system."

Other students recognized that the changes in scheduling

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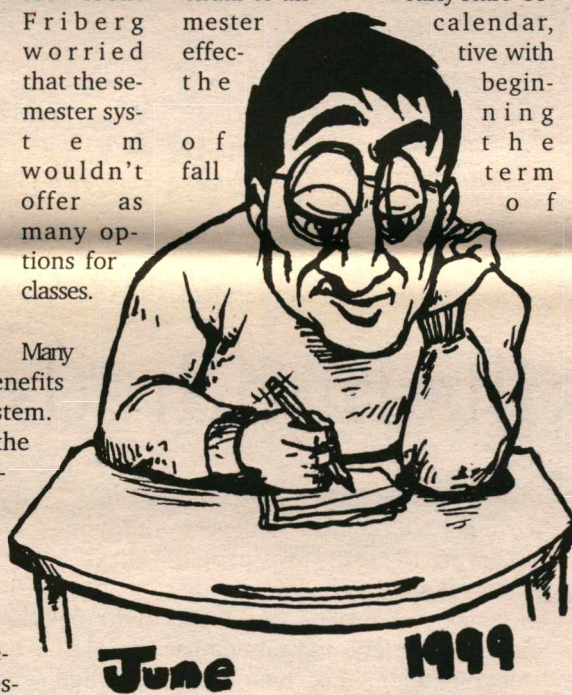


that the final decision lies in the hands of the administration. "I know they've been thinking about it," Wade commented. "The ad-

ministration is in place to make decisions because they're the most informed."

There is a considerable amount of confusion about what the change to the semester system will involve and the reasons behind it. To answer many of these questions, NNC's president, Richard Hagood, released a statement on administrative decisions on October 15. In this statement, Hagood explained the opportunities and issues that have led to the decisions made. He states his goals for NNC's future and the means by which he hopes to achieve them.

The move from the quarter calendar to an "early start" semester calendar, effective beginning the fall term



of the 2000-2001 academic year, will be done to facilitate certain objectives. Hagood lists four "big picture" opportunities that are of great importance in the decision to change to the semester system. These issues are development of alliances with other institutions of higher education in order to enrich the learning at our own; increased enrollment as a result of additional programs of study; marketing of the college through the implementation of the Albertson Foundation project; and consideration of the merits of moving the college to university status.

First, the development of associations with other colleges and universities through the change over to semesters was an important factor in the decision to make the switch to the more common semester system. With these ties to other schools, NNC students can receive a better, more diversified, educa-

tion. Because of the school's present schedule, it is not able to utilize as many of these opportunities as it could otherwise. Currently, NNC's strategic alliances include coalitions, sister colleges,



I believe that because of our objectives and concern about depth and breadth that the semester calendar has the potential to be a better framework by which to take advantage of alliances with other institutions and educational materials~Dr. Hagood

Friendship schools, Nazarene College Cooperative Programs and Engineering agreements. Each of these alliances hold many possibilities for students.

NNC's new affiliation with NCAA Division II is one of the more publicized alliances the school has made. Others offer similar possibilities for growth. The Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities has opportunities for American, Chinese, Latin American, Los Angeles (Film), Middle East and Russian Studies Programs.

NNC's sister colleges include Korea Nazarene University and the Nazarene Theological College in Brisbane, Australia. Nazarene colleges and universities have a cross-enrollment policy with one another. NNC also has engineering agreements with Boise State University, University of Idaho, Walla Walla College and Seattle Pacific University. Each of these programs opens a variety of learning opportunities for students that cannot be found on NNC's campus alone.

Hagood hopes that NNC's enrollment will increase soundly as the result of new and improved courses and majors that have been added, such as nursing and engineering. The addition of certain athletic and music programs is intended to attract more students to NNC. This growth will "enhance the financial well-being of the college."

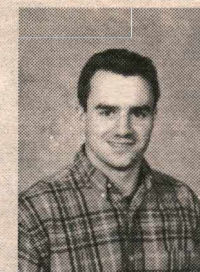
The Albertson Foundation Project was recently awarded for three years. This project has the potential to place the college at the

forefront of innovative instructional practices. This will provide a competitive advantage for NNC in the market place.

Along with making full use of strategic opportunities, the change to the semester system involves a complete redesigning of courses, majors and departments. The credit base, which has not been decided on as yet, must be completely redefined. Transcripts will have to be rewritten to fit the new system and credit assignments. All of these tasks will be difficult and time-

consuming. These changes are part of the job of the registrar.

NNC's registrar, Marilyn Thompson, sees the task ahead of her as exciting, but also "hard, hard work." In organizing and recording data for courses and majors, the entire system will have to be redesigned for the beginning of the new semester system. Since the redesignation of courses and majors will be the responsibility of the faculty, the registrar's office will be highly dependent upon the faculty's success. The registrar will compile new check sheets for all of the redesigned majors, to assist students in college planning. Another of the responsibilities of the registrar is to rewrite the entire college catalogue. The registrar works with students on their schedules and planning for graduation. The coming changes will



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multiply Thompson's already heavy workload.

Despite the tremendous amount of work ahead of her, Thompson said, "Change is exciting. A lot of times it rejuvenates you . . . It's refreshing." She said that the big question in the whole process is the credit base. There are many options, each with its own specific merit, that can be chosen. In many aspects of the change, there are things that can be entirely reinvented. Thompson said that whatever is chosen,

someone will find it frustrating. She sees the important responsibility falling upon the president's planned overseeing committee. It will be their responsibility to get the ball rolling for the faculty, who then will pick up the bulk of the job. She said that it is important that faculty get the information they need to begin making their decisions. The more discussion and agreement and expedience, the better.

Faculty will be forced to carry out many of the plans that the administration has begun. It will be up to them to, in most cases, completely redesign their plans for courses. Some, like Dr. Houghton, marketing professor, are looking forward to improvements to be made. Houghton said, "This is an exciting chance to start a new. I'm looking forward to the end result, if not the process." But



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many professors are finding it hard to see beyond the bumpy road of transition that lies in the next few years ahead of them.

When asking faculty about their feelings regarding NNC's change to the semester system, I experienced an unusually cold feeling from some of them. Several would not agree to an interview, and others would not answer some questions that were posed them. Others guarded their answers carefully, trying to make sure that they said what they intended to. Some faculty said that they did not feel safe giving personal responses to questions about the change.

This feeling, though unexpected to some, is understandable.

Dr. Lynn Neil, chairperson of the English Department, explained, "I work long hours right now, preparing for classes,



grading papers, working on committees and advising students. This is going to be a tremendous amount of work on top of that. I don't want to neglect my previous duties."

Other professors agree that the amount of work involved in such a transition will be difficult.

Dr. Lyons, professor of Biblical Literature, said that the change will be "costly in terms of time, energy and personal stress." Yet he affirmed that "we can do it, and we'll do it well."

Classes cannot merely be assigned a different title and credit value, then stretched to fill a longer time span. They must be compiled, cut, reevaluated, changed, or eliminated. Dr. Cartwright, director of teacher education, said, "The best thing that could happen would be for [the change] to push us to completely redesign our curriculum. If we just tweak things a little to try to make them fit into semesters, we'll only make things worse." It's not that everything, or even many things, about our present system is bad, but,

as Cartwright said, "If we do it right, it's going to be better."

Each department has its own specific needs and worries that will play a role in their process of transition. Some departments and majors are fairly independent and rely mostly on their own resources. Others, however, lean heavily upon other departments for classes that apply to their majors. Changes made within these departments as a result of the transition of systems, will inevitably affect those who depend on their courses.

The Education Department is one such department. Because students with an education major are required to take courses in other fields, their class load will be affected by departments outside of their major. In a time of change, these courses could become an overload, if not kept in proper check.

Dr. Lynn Neil, as chairperson of her department, said that they will need to rethink majors and their requirements. They will try to combine some courses and give others more depth. She said that, as a professor, she'll have to rewrite every course she teaches.

The different time schedule will also affect the classes them-

selves. There are positives and negatives to this change. Lyons said, "With semesters there is the necessity that we offer fewer courses. With that, there is a loss of richness to the curriculum that comes with the number of courses."

On the other hand, as Houghton pointed out, with the longer time period comes "more depth and time to grasp concepts." Professors have concerns about the time and effort that will be involved in bringing this change about. Yet, few will say that it won't work. Most look to improvements with excitement and expectation.

The administration is aware of how much work will have to fall on the faculty's shoulders. Dr. Dunn, Academic Dean, said that the next few months will be characterized by a great deal of work being done by the faculty. He has witnessed both positive and negative reactions by the faculty, from relief and excitement, to begrudging resignation to the inevitability of the change.

Hagood said the most important aspect of the transition is how smoothly the transition is managed. He said that he knows the amount of work it will involve for

everyone on campus, but knows that NNC is capable of pulling it off smoothly. He also noted that many other colleges do it every year--NNC is not alone. The administration is eager to help students and discuss with them their plans for the change. Dr. Dunn will be visiting dorms during the next week to talk about the transition with students. He will also make appointments with students to answer questions they have regarding the change.

The desire of the administration is to provide NNC students with world-wide educational possibilities and the close, personal environment of a small college. The change to the semester system is not an end of itself, but a way to better expand the college's alliances and resources for the student. The process may be difficult, but the results will lead NNC in the next step of its growth.

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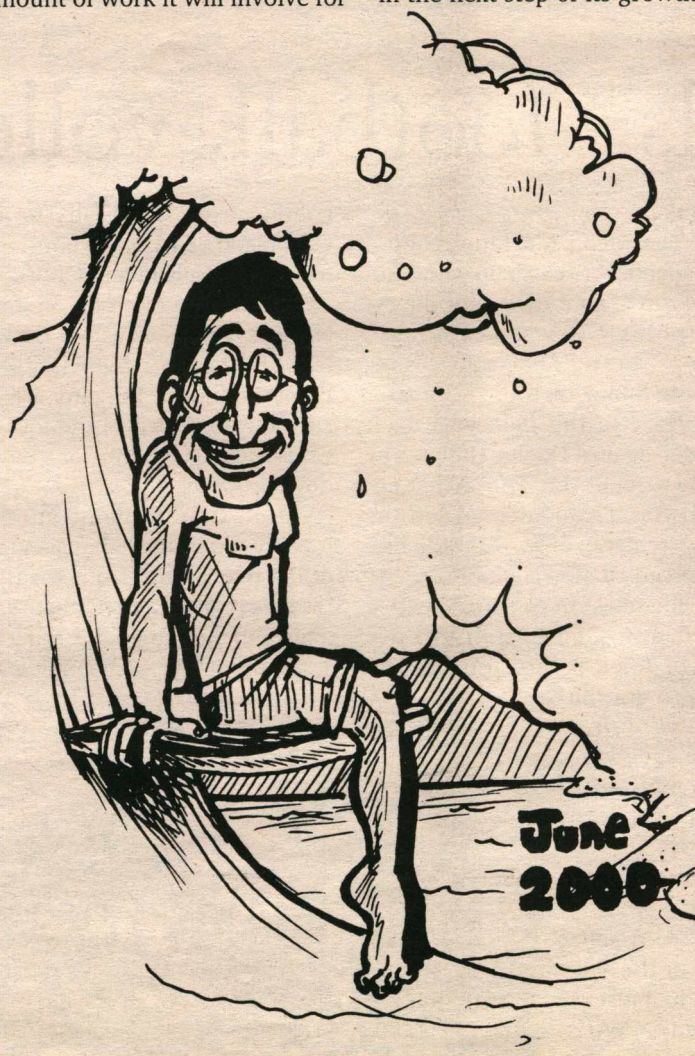
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Proposed Transition Year Calendar 1999-2000

This calendar is a rough draft that the administration is considering for the 1999-2000 year. It will likely undergo many changes before being finalized, but it gives an idea of what to expect.

Fall Quarter 1999

Sept 16-20
Thur-Mon
New Student Registration
Sept 21
Tue Classes Begin
Dec 3
Fri Last day of Classes
Dec 6-9
Mon-Thur
Final Examination

Christmas Break

Sat-Sun Dec 10-Jan 2

Winter Quarter 2000

Jan 3
Mon Classes Begin
Mar 7
Tues Classes End
Mar 8-10
Wed-Fri
Final Examinations

Spring Break

Mon-Fri Mar 13-17

Spring Quarter 2000

Mar 20
Mon Classes Begin
May 23
Tue Classes End
May 24-26
Wed-Fri
Final Examinations
May 28
Sun Commencement

Fall Quarter 2000

Classes will not begin before September 1

'Sader women finish off with a win over ACI

Women's soccer team defeats ACI and Carroll College

by Robin Day
Sports Editor

The Crusader women's soccer team's season is over. Complete. Finished. Their last game was played on Thursday against

Albertson College of Idaho, followed by a scrimmage match on Friday against Carroll College.

Against Albertson, the Crusaders enjoyed another shutout victory over a rival school. In the eighth minute, Melanie Hays scored off of a long pass from Beth Nixon.

In the forty-first minute, Jamie Swanson had a corner kick that Hays flicked, then Denise Thuline, who has been on the bench for the

last five games due to an injury, kicked it in for the goal, putting the 'Saders up 2-0 at the half.

*"We just keep getting better."
~Coach Lang*

When the game started up again, the Crusaders picked up where they left off. In the eighty-first minute of the game, Angie Smith passed the ball to Sarah Hughes, who scored. Later, Hughes scored again off of a pass from Hays to end the game and finish off Albertson with a score of 4-0.

Friday's scrimmage was just as successful for the Crusaders, as they also beat Carroll College 4-0.

NNC finished the season with a 4-6 conference record and a record of 7-12-1 overall. The team ended up fourth place in conference and there were many individual achievements

Freshman Mindy Gibbens tries to maneuver the ball out of the reach of the opposing team.



Sophomore Emily Rogers prepares to pass the ball as teammate Kacy Madson moves to back her up.



throughout the season.

Thuline, the team's leading scorer with 9 goals and 5 assists, was listed as the second leading scorer in the league, despite having missed five games to injury.

Carrie Seaney had five saves in Thursday's game and has had three-and-a-half shutouts this year: a career record for NNC.

Swanson has accumulated seven assists for the season, another NNC record. As Coach Lang said, "We're going to have to re-

write the record book after this year. This team has won more games in one season than all six previous NNC teams have won put together. We just keep getting better."

This year's team has improved vastly from last year. With many returning players, the coaches are excited for next year and have already started out on the recruiting trail. Coach Lang summed it up well. "We did a lot of positive things this year."

Intramurals: football, volleyball and the like

Team Downie loses again; Dooley is trounced

by Robin Day
Sports Editor

Saturday was another beautiful day that found the few and dedicated out by the track playing intramural football.

First on the field was team 5, more commonly known as Spunk, taking on Mean Machine. Spunk led off with the scoring, crossing the goal after a 60-yard run to the line off of a reception. Mean Machine retaliated with a safety.

Coming back from the half, Spunk had another long touchdown run, this one from Jeremy Schwab for 50 yards. Jeremy Glassco followed through on the extra point, making it 14-2, with

Spunk on top.

The Mean Machine made a valiant effort to catch up with a 30-yard run of their own, plus the extra point. It wasn't enough, though, and the final score was 14-9, with Spunk on top.

Next to the field was team Russell against Dooley Hall, led by the ever-enduring PA's. What ensued was a slaughter. When the final whistle blew, Russell had trounced Dooley Hall, 34-0.

Russell's streak started with a pitch from Rob Russell to Dave Oliver for a 5-yard touchdown.

Russell got the extra point, then ended the first half with what has been described as an "awesome 50-yard pass!" The team came out in the second half just as strong, with touchdowns

coming from Chad Duerre and Oliver, and extra points pouring in from Mike Nelson and Oliver.

Team Downie took on Team Niehaus in the next game. Downie led off the scoring with Matt Freeby taking a 20-yard run in. Niehaus answered in the form of Chris Niehaus running for a touchdown.

Half-time brought another touchdown from Niehaus and another two points from a safety. Downie managed to retaliate with a run and the extra point, tying the score up at 14, and sending the

game into overtime.

In overtime, Chris Niehaus crossed the line first, ending the game and giving Downie their second loss in two years.

Schwab, Oliver, Haggis and Blair Hammer were all given the honor of being named Player of the Game by the referees.

Next Saturday marks the last regular season games. Playoffs will begin in two weeks. Be sure to check the intramural board for game times.

In more intramural news, congratulations are extended to the winners of the King and Queen of the Court basketball tournament. Queens are Jill Willey, Christi Tiel, Beth Nixon and Keri Barnes. Kings



are Mark Pounds, Ken Wells, Michael Ratcliffe and Carey Cook, so next time you see Carey, be sure to refer to him as "Your majesty."

Volleyball games continue in the intramural circuit. The season is about halfway over, so be sure to catch the games weekday evenings while you can.

Also coming up soon is powder puff football. Girls, be getting your teams together and start practicing for the honor of those championship t-shirts.



NNC keeper's career ends

She started as a walk-on and ended as the best

by Robin Day
Sports Editor

When Carrie Seaney started playing soccer at NNC, it was the first time she'd stepped on a soccer field. "My freshman year, there were signs up everywhere for people to come and play. So I did."



The rest is history.

Seaney's first year was the debut year of women's soccer at NNC. It was classified as a club team and Seaney played left marking back. Because of the team's classification change from club to intercollegiate, Seaney wasn't going to play again her sophomore year. However, Coach Jim Lang asked Seaney to play as backup goalie, and in her words, "I said, 'okay.'"

Seaney beat out the original starting goalie before long and the position has been her's, undisputed ever since. She swears this is because no goalies were recruited this past year, but other's know differently. Seaney says, "I picked up things and learned as I went along. The goalie coach, Willie Taylor, was really encouraging. This past summer, we worked on things two times a week. He put in a lot of time and I'm really thankful to him."

Their summer work has paid off.

"The best was when I scored a goal."

Seaney has broken all of the previously held NNC records for keepers on the book and has been recognized at the conference level many times.

Seaney is a junior elementary education major. She wants to complete her master's in special education here at NNC, then go to work in a resource room. While she currently lives with her family in Nampa, she is originally from Randle, WA. There she was an all-around athlete, playing volleyball, basketball, softball and throwing in track.

When asked what her most memorable moment of Crusader soccer was, Seaney immediately replied, "Beating Albertson 10-1. That felt sooo good. No wait! The best was when we played Albertson the second time and I scored a goal! Coach put me in as a striker, as a fluke and I scored a goal. I was so proud of myself!"

This past weekend marked the end of Seaney's soccer career here at NNC, as next year she won't be playing, but will be student teaching instead. Fans will have to hear her cheering the team on from the sideline instead of in front of the goal.

Volleyball ties up first place

by Jessica Ackley
Crusader Staff Writer

The NNC volleyball team took a long road trip this past weekend to Oregon to take on the Raiders of Southern Oregon University and the OIT Eagles.

On Friday night, in an intense match-up, the Crusaders came out on fire. The first game was quick with the NNC offense and defense

playing solid. The 'Saders were in a zone and nothing could stop them.

Coach Darlene Brasch said, "It was the best game that I've seen my team play this year."

The Raiders took one game off the 'Saders, but NNC couldn't be stopped and went on to win in four games. The win clinched the first place spot for the Crusaders in the Cascade conference.

On Saturday, NNC traveled to Klamath Falls to face OIT. With the Crusaders still on a high from the Friday night win, the 'Saders finished the weekend by beating OIT in three games.

The Crusaders play Albertson College of Idaho in Caldwell Friday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m. and will host the conference tournament November 13 and 14.

Men's soccer in the playoffs

First post-season play in eighteen years

by Robin Day
Sports Editor

The NNC men's soccer team has managed to do something that hasn't been done for 18 years: they made it into post-season play.

Making it to the playoffs was the team's main goal at the beginning of the season. Now the team will get the chance to advance even further.

The Crusaders will travel to Oregon to play Western Baptist this Thursday in the conference semifinal match. If NNC wins there, they will travel on to Portland to play in the final match against Concordia College.

Head coach Joe Pearson is optimistic about his team's

chances. "We've split our games with them. We lost our away games with both teams and won our home games."

When they lost to Western Baptist, the Crusaders were up 2-0 at the half, when Western Baptist came back in the second half to win 3-2. "We won't be repeating that," said Coach Pearson. "We've proved to ourselves that they are beatable. It's just a matter of coming out, playing hard and doing what we need to do."

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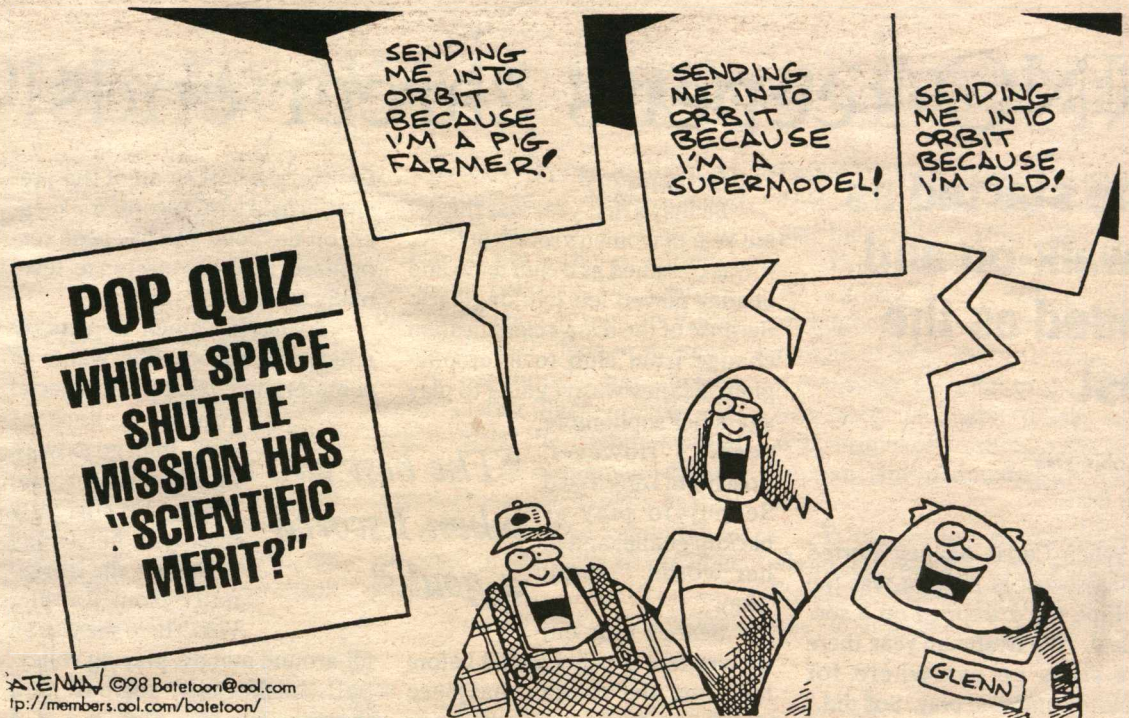
Jennifer Roemhildt will be speaking in Time Out this week. I'd give my left rigamajig to hear what Jennifer has to say. All of you out there should seriously consider the same kind of committment to hearing this exceptional speaker and keep your Wednesday night free for Time Out.

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You can impress your friends next Halloween

by Brandon Stewart

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By the rotting nostrils of a zombie Amway salesman, what a lame Halloween this has been! To work the appropriate epithet into an analogy: you might think the undead can give ya' a good bargain, but when they hand you the bill and start chompin' on yer noggin', man does it begin to stink! It wasn't so much having a stranger lobotomize me with his teeth, but how unauthentic and unoriginal his garb was that upset me. This has encouraged me to introduce some innovative solutions to the recurring nightmare of exhuming the same clothes each year for Halloween. So take those mummy rags and witch's hats, toss 'em into a blender and feed it to your iguana, cause after you read my list of new costumes you'll never be haunted again by the spirit of generic duds. However, I can't promise you won't be arrested.

1) Giant waffle with surgical

instruments inserted into the waffle indents delivering Aunt Jemima's baby. This suggestion is most appropriate with a date, though you could

Dress up like the man-who-drank-too-much-nitric-acid. Amaze the kiddies by allowing them to ride in your chest cavity.

substitute Miss Piggy for Aunt Jemima. I know it doesn't leave much room to hold candy, but you always could trade your surgical instruments for candy (giving you a place to put them in the indents), which is good because I'm sure it's illegal to walk around town with a

scalpel.

2) Skippy the stupid penguin. This one's easy, all you do is follow trick-or-treaters around and peck them on the head until they give you candy. Please make sure your beak is padded and blunt.

3) A disposable hippo spleen complete with lymph cannon. The cannon will squirt your favorite fluid over twenty-five feet; I would use chicken soup. However, you might want to fill it with water and follow the munchkin around just in case he gets out of line.

4) Man-who-drank-too-much-nitric-acid costume. Amaze the kiddies by allowing them to ride in your chest cavity.

5) Take a mouthful of PCP and go out as the meteor from *Deep Impact*. Or, combine this one with number four and hit the streets as man-who-ate-too-many-bricks.

6) Munchkin wearing a tutu while holding a charcoal lighter with corkscrews in his ears. Okay, this one could cause some personal injury, but

I'm sure that the nurses will give you some candy in the hospital.

7) A cannibalistic marshmallow. Stand outside a house and demand that the pathetic humans release your fluffy-butted brethren, then ritually skewer them over a fire

...or dress up like a cannibalistic marshmallow. Stand outside a house and demand that the pathetic humans release your fluffy-butted brethren.

(the marshmallows that is) and devour them while singing praises to Lord Smore.

8) An albino message-therapist

with lobster claws riding on a trampoline made out of human eyelids. You might be able to convince the Denver Broncos to carry you around, or you could go for a less frightening fiery mutant hell-beast, or do what I did and use a mini-van.

9) A rabid gummy bear.

10) A psychopathic poodle-tamer.

11) The depressed undergrad. Stay home and eat your own candy 'cause nobody wants anything from you anyway.

So there you have it dear sugar loaded listener, eleven fantastic years to prepare eleven fantastic costumes for eleven fantastic Halloweens. You don't need a liquored-up genie to predict for you what a great time you'll have with these ideas, and what laugh the authorities will have when they write up eleven consecutive police reports. Just remember when you're out there to find a trick-or-treater dressed up as a lawyer and to never, ever say I told you to do it. This has been a public service address by C.U. Later.

Your Turn

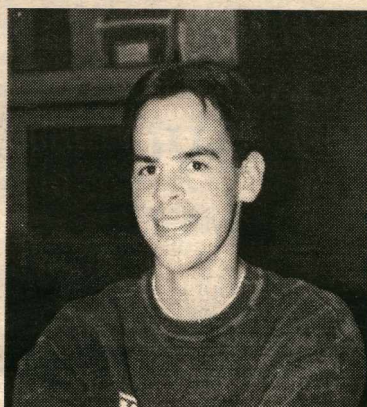
Random answers from random people on random issues

What state are you from and who is running for senator there?



Kara Van Winkle Senior

"I'm from Washington, but I don't have a clue. I haven't spent much time there in the last five years, and I've kind of lost track.



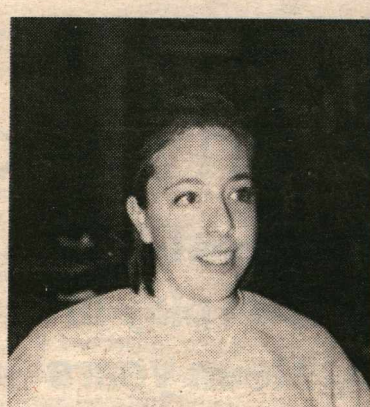
Telfor Griffith Sophomore

"I'd recognize their names, but I don't remember right off hand. I think Linda Smith is one of them.



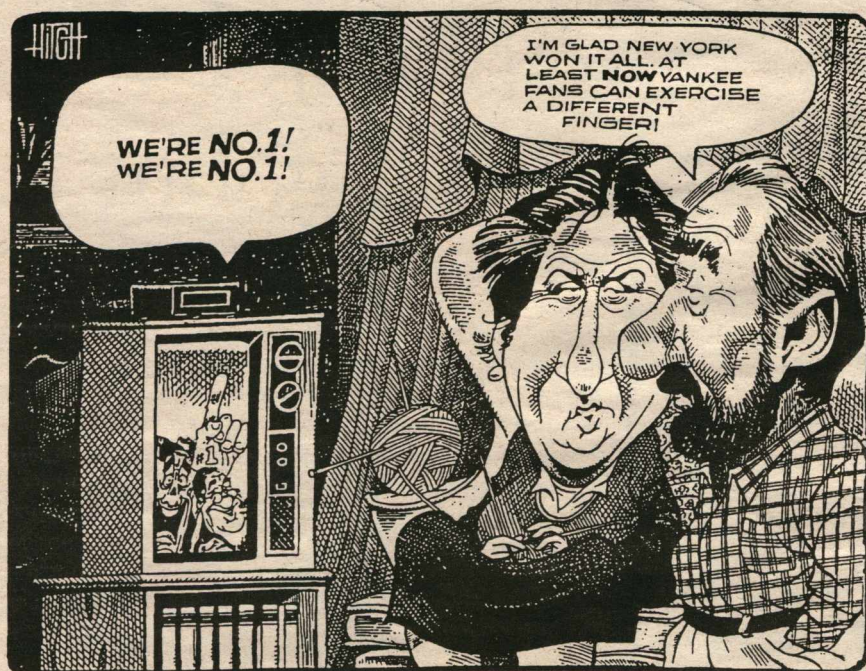
Travis Johns Junior

"Washington. Linda Smith and Patty Murray are the ones running.



Hillary Anderson Freshman

"Oh great. I'm from Seattle, and I have no idea. Um, let's see. Patty Murray is one and I think it's another girl."



Church writes to Clinton

The following is an open letter by the Board of General Superintendents to President Bill Clinton.

Dear Mr. President:

The Scriptures admonish us to pray for those who have authority over us. We want to assure you of our sincere prayers on your behalf, your family, your Cabinet, and the Congress during these stressful days.

Your leadership has brought some good things to our country and to the American people.

[Clinton's] leadership has brought some good things to our country and to the American people. For this we commend [him].

For this we commend you. We would like for you to be remembered by these positive achievements.

However, your actions throughout the past two years have added significantly to the already rapid erosion of moral and spiritual values in our society. You have brought reproach to the office of the presidency and severely damaged the ability of your countrymen to place their confidence in you and your leadership. Jesus admonished us, "Judge not, that you be not judged" (Matthew 7:1). Spirit-

ual matters are ultimately between each individual and God. We readily acknowledge that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," but we believe that forgiveness through Christ is available on conditions of genuine repentance and faith. This we earnestly desire for you. While your wrongful relationships are forgivable, they are inexcusable.

You have acknowledged your error or, as you labeled it, your "sin," and also the fact that you have been untruthful. Some are saying that you have committed impeachable offenses. We sincerely hope our Congress and the American people will be spared the debilitating exercise of determining the validity of this claim.

Mr. President, BECAUSE your recent personal behavior is beneath the dignity of the presidency; BECAUSE the nation will be further weakened, divided, and placed at risk by extended conversations regarding the possibility of impeachment; BECAUSE your remaining months in office - should you remain - will be immeasurably hampered due to diminished trust in you;

BECAUSE your public statement of "penitence" will have far more credence if you willingly accept the consequences of your actions; THEREFORE, we implore you to give serious and prayerful consideration to resigning the office of the president.

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This is a "moment of truth" in the life of our country and in your life personally. If you choose, you can continue to mount a "vigorous" defense based on legal technicalities; or you can lay aside personal desires and sacrifice these for the good of the people who elected you to this high office. The choice of the latter will highlight the finer side of your character

for which we and history wish to remember you.

Sincerely,

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Friends,

Recently I received across the electronic wire a copy of the letter the General Superintendents sent to President Clinton regarding his moral shortcomings and the controversy surrounding him.

Overall, I thought your letter was well written and you articulated your position and points in a clear and respectful tone something that has not been very characteristic lately of the dialogue around this topic. Although I have not personally reached a judgement yet on whether or not I would like to see the president resign, I do respect the thoughtfulness that I can tell went into the board's decision to write this letter.

Frankly, I was surprised, however, by the decision of the Board of General Superintendents to send this kind of a letter. It has always been my understanding when talking with general church leaders that we have a policy (either formal or informal) of not speaking out or making statements on "political" issues in the public arena or secular society.

I'm assuming the decision to "enter into the fray" at this juncture in time is because of the moral nature of President Clinton's personal improprieties, and the wrenching effect it is having upon our nation.

While this certainly is a difficult time in the United States, your decision to speak out now, and on this particular issue, does seem to be a difficult decision to justify. Are there not other equally important moral issues that we as a Wesleyan-Arminian church that is rooted in a tradition of social action should also be speaking out on?

What about the morality of an economic system that is driven completely by market forces, which don't take into account the effect those market forces have in impoverishing human beings who were created in the image of God?

What about the morality of the government of the richest country in the world being unwilling to provide universal health care for all its citizens? Where were the moral voices of the Church of the Nazarene when we were ready and willing to bomb Iraq last February, or when we recently bombed "suspected" terrorist camps in Sudan and Afghanistan?

What about speaking out on behalf of campaign finance reform that would return us to a more truly democratic society?

Are these not issues of morality that need to hear a chorus of Christian voices who are willing to speak out based on the biblical principles of justice, compassion, mercy,

and non-violence?

I hope you understand that I am not angry that the board decided to speak out on a social or political issue, I just long for the day when our church would be a consistent and militant voice that refuses to be silent about all the moral issues that face the United States and the rest of the world. If I was a Nazarene living in eastern Europe right now, I would be wondering why the Board of General Superintendents of the International Church of the Nazarene is not speaking out about the ethnic cleansing that is taking place in Kosovo.

Why aren't you calling for the resignation of Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic or issuing a public statement decrying this kind of barbaric genocide?

Are we an "international" church, or are we truly just a North American, or rather a United States church, that likes to "think" we are international? If you as our elected church leaders make the decision to speak out only on issues pertaining to the personal morality of one human being (albeit the President of the United States), I believe we diminish our credibility to present a holistic gospel to the peoples of the world.

I am sure there is some apprehension on the part of the Board of General Superintendents in becoming just "political activists" or in being criticized by people who would fall on either side of the issue you take a stance on, and by some who would rather have you say nothing at all. I hope that this apprehension, or letters from people like me, do not drive you back into a closet of public silence on important holistic moral issues facing our world.

While it is risky to say something, sometimes I believe silence is even more risky because it implicitly supports the status quo and may lead to the church forfeiting its historic prophetic role to speak to the holistic moral issues of the times.

I believe we have a powerful and dynamic biblical message and faith tradition in the Church of the Nazarene that gives us credibility to speak, especially if it is backed up by action that supports our words.

May God help us all to be the kind of people and the kind of Church that authentically and boldly lives out our faith in Christ.

Sincerely,

Rev. Jeff Carr
Executive Director
R. F. Bresee Foundation

Pleasantville gives a colorful look at life

David Wagner and his twin sister Jennifer see life in the nineties distinctly differently. Jennifer is concerned with guys and popularity while David is concerned with nothing but the "Ozzie and Harriet"-esque "Pleasantville" television show.

Meant to represent the golden by-gone days of the fifties, Pleasantville has the all-American family, the Parker's. Mom is in the kitchen baking 24-7, Dad greets her with "Honey, I'm home!" every night, two precious teenage children and a twin bed for every family member (mom and dad too).

There is something about the swellness of Pleasantville that attracts

David to watch the show to an obsessive amount. He knows all the trivia, all the episodes, all

the nuances of the show. So when the Pleasantville marathon is on and his sister wants to watch MTV with her date, David has a con-niption.

Between their fighting the television's remote control breaks: enter strange TV repair man Don Knotts who happens to be in the neighborhood with another remote.

As the strange repairman leaves, David and Jennifer resume fighting over who gets to watch what. A button is inadvertently pressed and the twins find that they are suddenly Bud and Mary Sue Parker, members of Pleasantville's Parker family.

David, now Bud, is ecstatic. Jennifer, now Mary Sue, is mortified. They both come to find that Pleasantville was in black and white for more than one reason. It might have been all that television offered in the fifties, but in the town, it represents the small minds of the town folk. Everything is obvious morally, academically, domestically: all issues are in black and white. When David and Jennifer enter the town, they bring with them the knowledge of the real world, a world where things are rarely in black and white.

Pleasantville, as I was afraid it might, did not get stuck in a rut

of nostalgia. It made fun of itself at many times. People around me laughed aloud as a character in the film cried, "and then, I realized SHE hadn't made MY dinner." In another scene, the perfect record high-school basketball team practices making shots, from any angle. All of them go in. David tries, but no matter what he does, nothing but net.

In many ways, though, it was the creation story retold. The strange TV repairman has his created paradise and he searches for the ideal creature to rule it. David is chosen and enters the garden, but life in black and white is not enough for him, so when the apple is offered to him, he eats and suddenly the

world is cluttered with colors of chaos, joy, despair and knowledge.

I thoroughly enjoyed Pleasantville, mostly because it was not at all what I expected. It was unique, well cast, well scored, well done. The story presented has a twist that I hadn't seen before. I don't know that I was quite satisfied with how it turned out, but I left the movie thinking. The fact that the movie left me something to chew was the biggest reason why I enjoyed it.

The actors in the film are not necessarily well-known. Jeff Daniels was the owner of the town soda shop, Reese Witherspoon (The Man in the Moon) was Jennifer/Mary Sue, Tobey Maguire was David/Bud, Don Knotts was the strange t.v. repairman and J.T. Walsh was the Pleasantville mayor.

The soundtrack for the movie was exceptional. It was only occasionally that I noticed it. It blended in perfectly with what was happening in the movie, and it didn't stick out so much that I was paying more attention to the music than I was to the movie itself.

Pleasantville was rated PG-13 because of the emphasis on sexuality, or even just for the emphasis on sex, and for that reason not everyone may enjoy it. For what it's worth, I think it made a viable point with its use and discussion of sex.

Pleasantville

Starring
Tobey Maguire and
Reese Witherspoon

Reviewed by
Shannon Adams



Todd then says to Mr. Denker, "Tell me everything. Tell me everything they won't tell us in school."

Apt Pupil

Starring
Brad Renfro and
Ian McKellan

Reviewed by
Nathan Hydes



Apt Pupil is disturbing, but great

Apt Pupil is without a doubt, the most twisted movie Hollywood has given us this year. I thought it was great. It was exciting, and I'm proud to say it didn't have one explosion, no car chases or anybody shooting two handguns simultaneously while leaping horizontally out of a speeding car. This proves that a movie can be exciting and very intense, while at the same time keeping the budget under a zillion dollars.

Apt Pupil was written by Stephen King. I know a lot of you don't like King's work, and may even consider it to be evil, but Apt Pupil came out of his book "Four Seasons," which contains four novellas. Of these four, three have been made into movies. The other two were "Stand By Me" and "The Shawshank Redemption;" two great movies which were not horror flicks. "Apt Pupil" isn't a scary movie. It's a thrilling story.

The director was Bryan Singer. The only movie he has to his name is the almost equally intense, "The Usual Suspects."

The film begins in California. The year is 1984, and high school senior Todd Bowden (played by Brad Renfro) is looking forward to his college career. Todd is first in his class and is popular among his peers. He seems to be a great guy. There is just one problem. Todd is an intense World War II buff. His main point of interest is the Nazis and the concentration camps they ran. He collects books, pictures, newspaper articles and whatever else he can find about the this aspect of the war.

Todd notices one day on the bus that there is an old man who looks a

lot like one of the Nazi soldiers in one of his books. After dusting the old man's mailbox for fingerprints, he is certain that the elderly Mr. Kurt Dussander is none other than Nazi soldier Arthur Denker.

Todd then goes to Mr. Denker's house and tells him, "Tell me everything they won't tell us in school." He blackmails the old guy by threat-

ening to turn him into the authorities if he doesn't do as he says. Dussander (played by Ian McKellan) has no choice but to agree.

As their relationship progresses, it becomes increasingly dangerous. By talking about his past, the boy awakens the old Nazi's wicked nature, the nature he has been repressing

for the past 40 years. After many talks with the boy, Denker wants to relive his old memories by catching a stray cat and cooking it alive in his oven.

If you think the old Nazi is the creepiest guy in the movie, you are sorely mistaken. Todd is so caught up in what he's doing, his life spins out of control. At one point, he buys Mr. Denker a Nazi uniform at a costume shop and orders him to not only wear it, but to march around the house. "Be careful boy," the old man says, "you don't know what you are getting yourself into." Mr. Denker proves to be right.

The best character in the movie is David Schwimmer. He has a small part playing Todd's guidance counselor, and does a great job. His character is a pathetic one, but he does it convincingly. The last scene of the movie with Todd and Schwimmer is eerie to the point of being scary.

Apt Pupil is a thrilling movie that is one of the best of the year. Although it is somewhat disturbing, it's disturbing in a good way.



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Let's declare war on Canada over their illegal toilets

I say it's time our "leaders" in Washington stopped blathering about sex and started paying attention to the issues that really MATTER to this nation, such as whether we should declare war on Canada.

I say: yes. I base this position on a shocking document that I have obtained via a conduit that I will identify here, for reasons of confidentiality, only as "The U.S. Postal Service." Here is a direct quote from this document:

"STEP ONE: Before inflating Passionate Pam..."

Whoops! Wrong document! I meant to quote from an article in the July 1998, issue of Contractor magazine, which was sent to me by alert reader Steve Hill. The article,

[Canada's] of the few foreign nations that average U.S. citizens...can locate on a map.

written by Rob Heselbarth, begins: "WINDSOR, ONTARIO - Americans are crossing the Canadian border near Detroit to purchase 3.5-gallon-per-flush toilets."

That is correct: Canada has become a major supplier of illegal 3.5-gallon toilets. These toilets were banned by Congress in 1992 under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, which decreed that henceforth U.S. citizens had to buy 1.6-gallon toilets, which would conserve a lot



of water if they worked, which unfortunately most of them don't, the result being that U.S. citizens now spend more time flushing their toilets than on all other forms of exercise combined.

But that is not the point. The point is that 1.6-gallon toilets are the law of the land, and as the late Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter stated: "Just because Congress passes a stupid law, that is no excuse for awwwggh." Unfortunately, Justice Frankfurter died at that

point, but most legal scholars believe he intended to finish his sentence by saying "... that is no excuse for people to go up to Canada and buy working toilets."

Yet that is exactly what is happening. The Contractor article quotes a Canadian plumbing wholesaler as follows: "We've definitely seen an increase in the sales of 3.5-gallon toilets. The people who buy them are mostly from the States. They tell us outright they're Ameri-

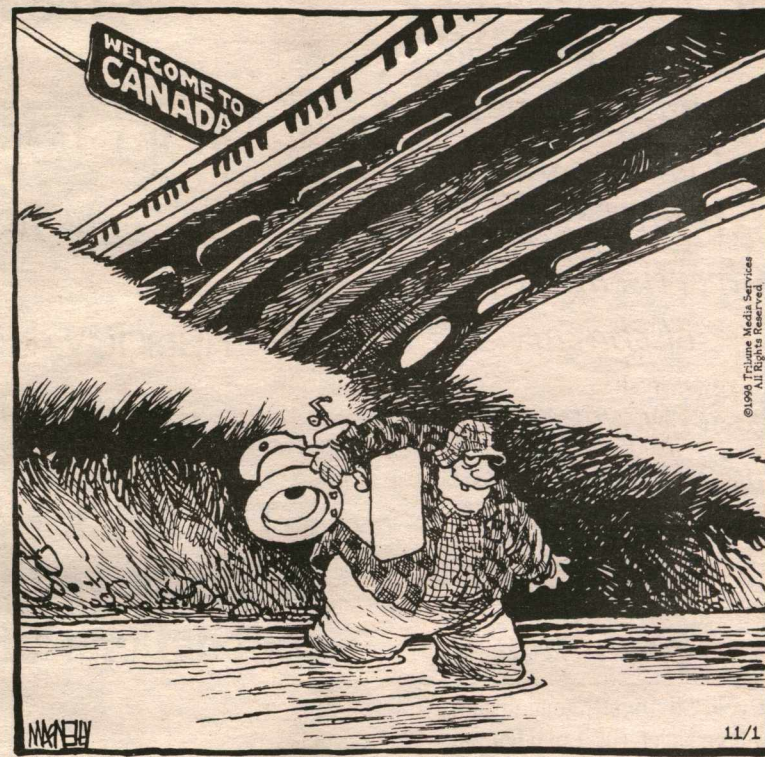
cans who came here to buy them."

The article quotes officials of both the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency as stating that it is illegal to bring these toilets into the U.S. But it also quotes a Customs Service official as saying that Customs makes NO EFFORT to confiscate the toilets. "As long as they tell us they have them," the official said, "it makes no difference to us."

In other words, people can simply waltz across our borders with illegal toilets supplied by ruthless Canadian toilet cartels headed by greed-crazed Canadian toilet kingpins who will stop at nothing to push their illicit wares on our vulnerable society. If you are a parent, consider this chilling scenario: Your child is attending a party, when another youngster - a "bad apple" - approaches and says, "Psst! Wanna try a 3.5-gallon Canadian toilet? All the other kids are doing it!" The next thing you know, your child is acting furtive and sneaking off to a "bad part of town" whenever nature calls. Your child is HOOKED.

Perhaps your parental reaction is: "My little Tommy would NEVER do a thing like that!" Well, let me ask you a couple of questions:

- Do you fully comprehend the power of peer pressure?
- Are you aware that your child



is not named "Tommy"?

- Did you realize that "peer pressure" was a toilet-related pun?

If you answered "yes" or "no," then maybe you are beginning to see why we, as a nation, need to send a clear message to the Canadians, in the form of either a sternly worded letter or a nuclear strike. Strong words, you say? Perhaps you will

change your mind when you hear what ELSE Canada is exporting. I refer to an article sent in by alert reader Joe Kovanda from the June 1998, issue of Farm Times, reporting that Canada's foreign trading partners were complaining that shipments of Canadian feed barley contained excessive amounts of - get ready - deer excrement. The headline for this article, which I am not making up, states: "DEER MANURE IN BARLEY MIFFS JAPANESE."

So there is little doubt that the entire world, or at least Japanese barley purchasers, would stand with us if we put a stop to Canada's criminal reign of terror; if we finally stood up to Canada and said: "Listen, Maple Breath, we are FED UP with your efforts to DESTROY OUR WAY OF LIFE with your LARGE, WORKING TOILETS and your EXCESSIVE DEER DOOTS, which by the way would be an EXCELLENT NAME FOR A ROCK BAND."

Some other advantages of declaring war on Canada are (1) It's one of the few foreign nations that average U.S. citizens - even possibly the CIA - can locate on a map; and (2) professional ice hockey would be canceled. There's virtually no downside! So I urge you to call your elected representatives TODAY and tell them, in no uncertain terms: "I am strongly in favor, although don't ask me of what." Also let them know that we, the people, don't want to hear another word about this Washington sex scandal. Or, if we HAVE to hear more, how about some new episodes?

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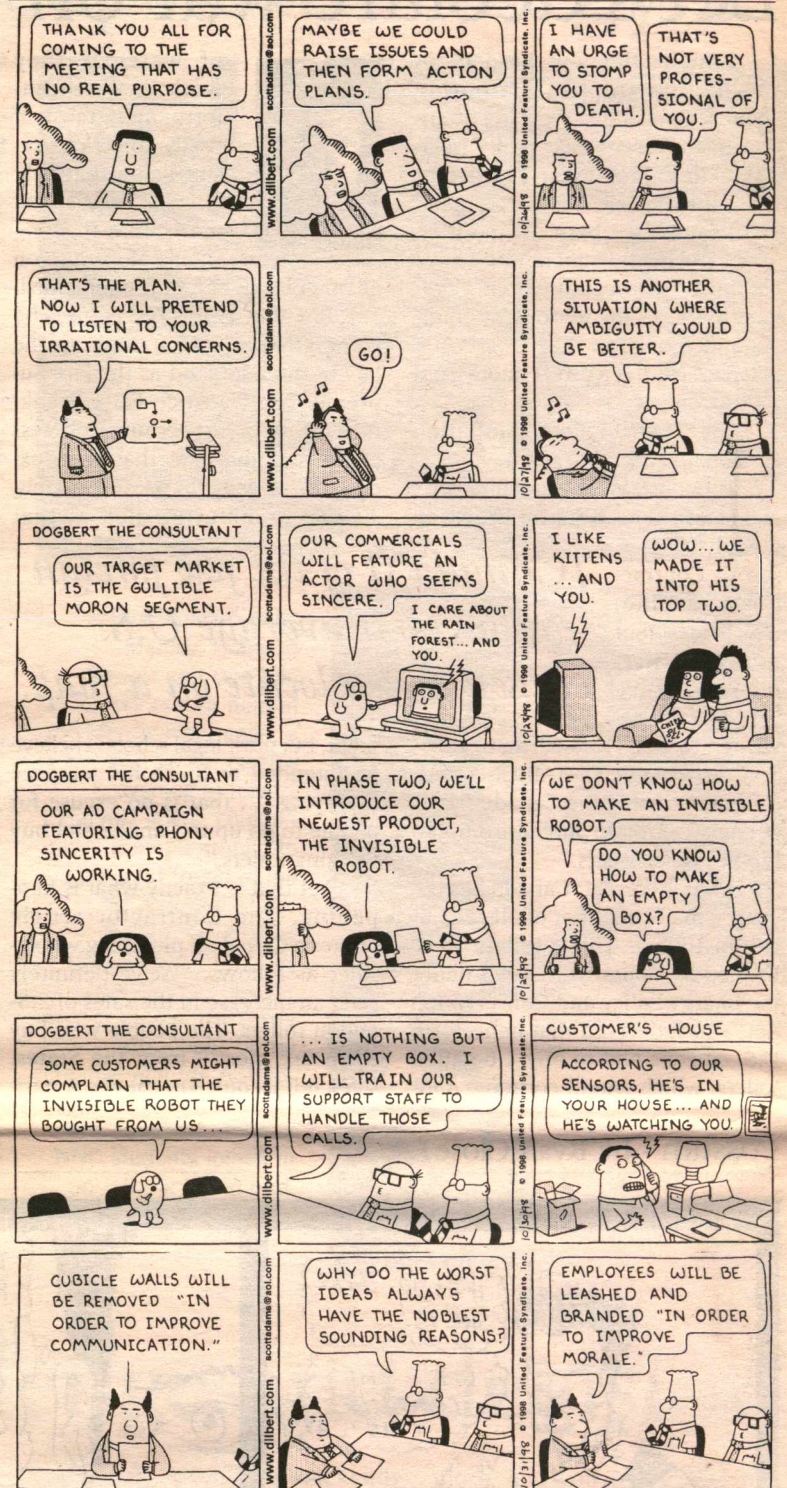
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