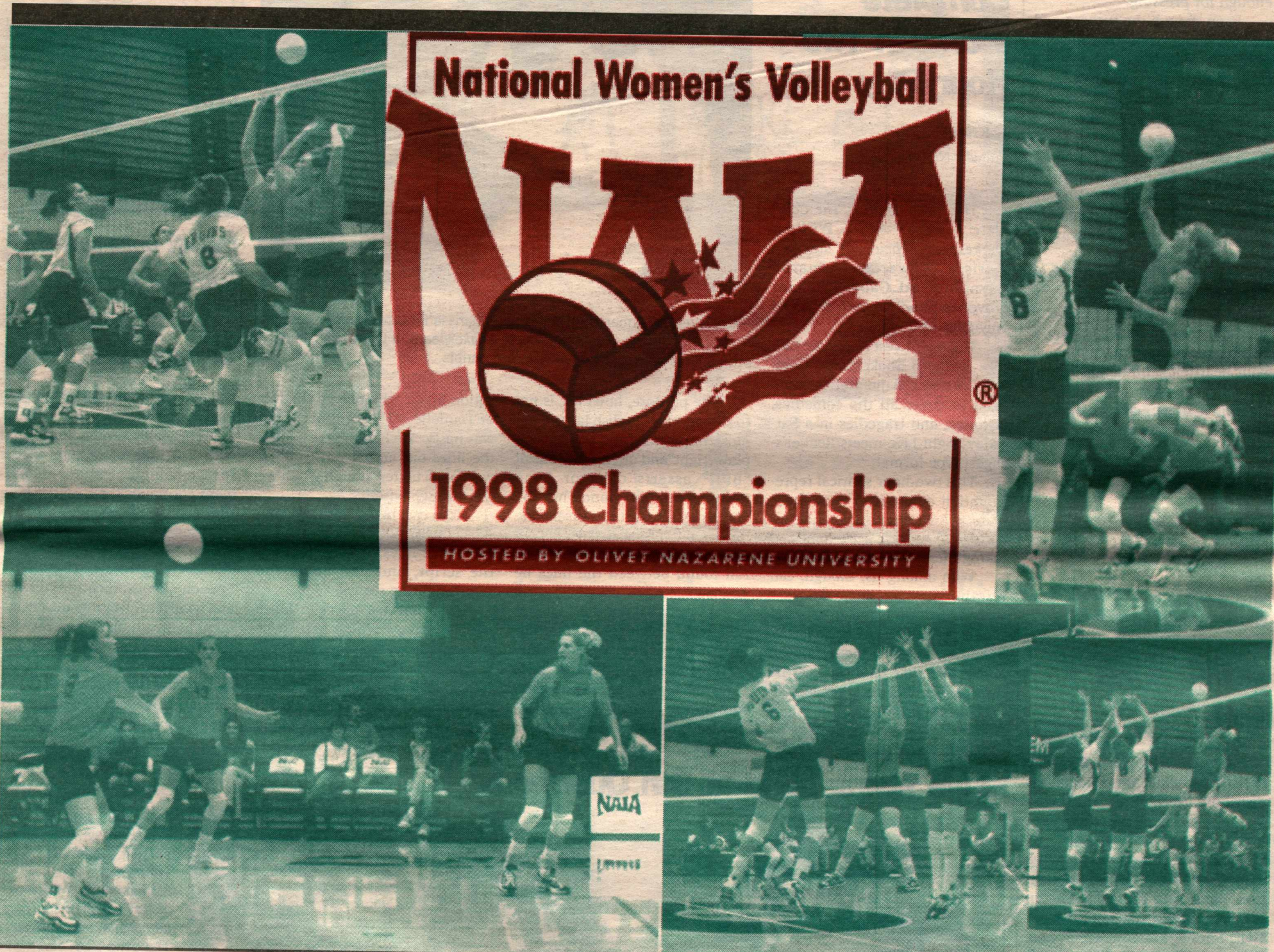


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Column One

Welcome to our last issue for this, the fall term, of the 1998-1999 academic year. Things are happening at an ever-quickening pace. Little elves scurry around the office even now trying to keep the strips of lead hot enough for pressing.

Even though the turkeys and cracked dinner rolls may be gone from sight right now, be careful they may just get you when you're least suspecting. After a weekend full of merriment and holiday cheer, it pays to keep a close watch on your neighbors. They will be acting most suspiciously; sneaking about trying to learn the innermost thoughts of your mind. I say again, beware.

Whew! With that of my chest, I feel obligated to tell you that, in an effort to further student relations, the Crusader personal column and classified section always has a place for your heartfelt sentiments. Students can place personals and classifieds free of charge (with a 20 word limit.) I urge you to take part in this wonderful opportunity for communal sharing of our bountiful blessings.



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Shakespeare condensed with humor

Three Actors Cover Complete Works in Two-Hour Play

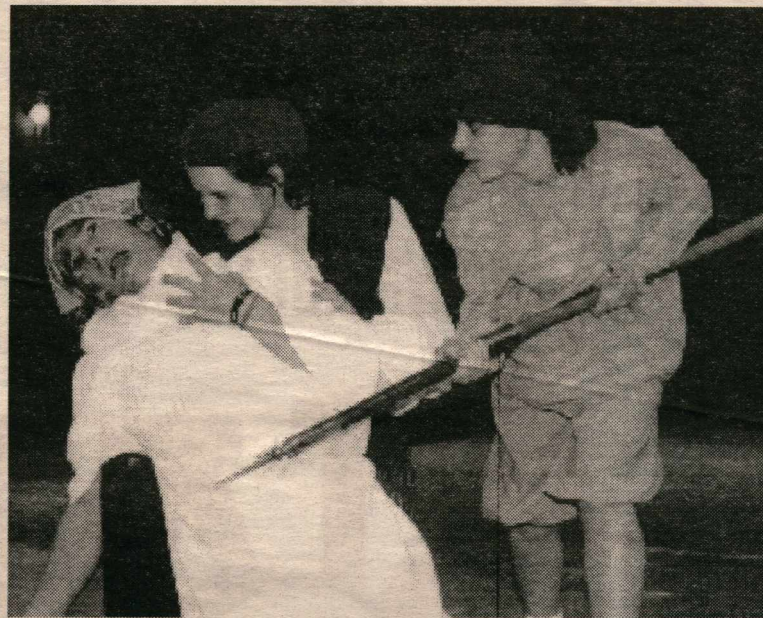
by Kristina Ritchie
Crusader News Staff Writer

This fall's comedy, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* starring Marissa Edwards, Armarna Raynolds and Gabe Sprenger proved to be wildly hysterical and engaging.

The Northwest Nazarene College Reduced Shakespeare Company, as they call themselves, managed to cover all the comedies, histories, and tragedies in a Saturday-Night-Live-meets-Reader's-Digest type format.

This two-hour satirical representation entertained even those of us who know Shakespeare's plays well and are accustomed to taking them a bit too seriously.

Who among us, though, can refrain from giggling when the story of *Othello* is put to rap and *Hamlet* is performed backwards? Spending most of their time on *Romeo and Juliet* and *Hamlet*, the three actors effectively prevented... I mean presented, the plays well.



Gabe Sprenger, Armarna Raynolds, and Marissa Edwards perform a scene from *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare*, a three-role comedy encompassing all of the famous writers scripts.

The purpose, however, is not to slander the "English language's most important and efficacious playwright" and offend the fans of "Bill," asserts director Lane Bottemiller: "We honor him by blathering his written morsels. We tip our proverbial hats to his genius by thoroughly savoring the fun found between the lines he penned."

And what about the audience members who are not familiar with Shakespeare? "If they weren't acquainted with these plays, maybe this was a little sugar to help the medicine go down," says Edwards, an elementary edu-

cation major who played the role of Danielle. "The original script was nasty. We had to take a lot of the lines out and clean it up. It was much better though when we got through with it."

The cast had their hands full with only five short weeks to memorize lines, rewrite parts of the script, and nail down the sword-fighting scenes.

"The hardest parts to learn were the lines which had to be spoken quickly and the ones spoken backwards," says Raynolds, a freshman English-education major who played Jessica. "The sword-fighting scenes also took us a long

"We honor [Shakespeare] by blathering his written morsels. We tip our proverbial hats to his genius by thoroughly savoring the fun found between the lines he penned."
~Director Lane Bottemiller

time to get down. I got stabbed a lot."

This fall's production brings with it a note of sadness as the speech-communications department continues their search for a replacement of Dr. Owens who announced his retirement this past Spring.

Bottemiller, a 1993 NNC Speech-Communications graduate, is currently serving the department as an adjunct temporary until a replacement can be found.

"The intention of the department," says Bottemiller, "is to hire someone to teach classes and take over where Dr. Owens left off."

Live swing band at 5th Quarter bash



Over 1000 people came through the student center last Friday night. Fans stopped in after the win over Willamette earlier that evening. The band High Street performed at this year's 5th Quarter featuring NNC's Shane Powers, an admissions officer, on trumpet. Students and alumni both raved about the entertaining swing music. High Street offers their own brand of Christian swing which they'll be playing all night long at their New Year's Eve party this year in Boise. Contact Shane Powers for more information.

Crucial AIDS awareness campaign in Clyde's

Servers at Clyde's will entertain students and sign-up lists for charity will be out

by Amber Jerome

Campus Editor

Tonight, from 6 to 8 pm, the AIDS ministry will be hosting a dinner to involve students in its holiday mission--to spread the warmth of the season into the homes of people in dire situations.

The purpose underlying the event is to make sure that AIDS patients and their families receive the gifts which they have great need for this holiday season. Approximately 25 Treasure Valley families are included on the list that will be posted at Clyde's. Activity coordinators are asking students to commit to a gift donation.

A great way to get involved,

suggest leaders of the event, would be for students to join with their roommates, wingmates, or even their entire floors to purchase a group gift. Even students without transportation could carpool and make an afternoon of the event, joining in a group shopping spree for a good cause.

The only way to find out what is needed, though, is to go to Clyde's and join the party. Students will have their fill of laughter and food as they are entertained by volunteer waiters dressed in "funky" costumes, according to Aragon.

Sophomore Jenelle Smith will be dressed as a clown, and other hosts will be dressed in tree foilage or will be serving drinks on roller-blades in style. The atmosphere will be similar to the *Galaxy's*, said Aragon.

Sophomore Melissa Lambert, the AIDS ministry contact for compassionate ministries, has been planning for the event for a long time. Those involved stress that it will be a fun gathering, but one also focused on a serious objective.

A heart for the hurting is at the bottom of the AIDS ministries. The AIDS ministry facet of Com-

passionate Ministries was restarted by Perla Aragon during the 1996-97 school year following what she says was "a burden God placed on my heart" for the ministry.

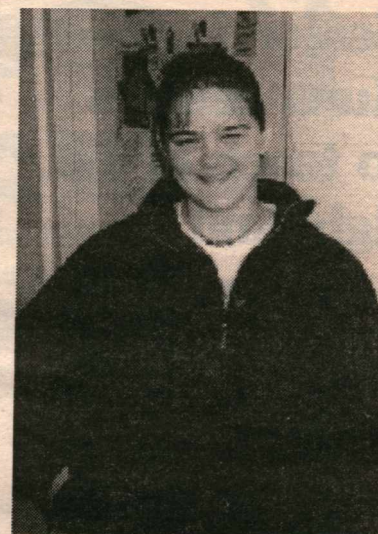
Aragon first started ministering to AIDS patients in 1992 while in high school, with the Peer Education Program of L.A. While at first Aragon said she didn't know what it was about, she started going to the meetings and getting to know the regulars of the AIDS program after a counselor told her she would be a good person to talk to and to help the hurting people.

Aragon recounts that at one of the first meetings, a bowl of pretzels was passed around, right after the group had finished discussing that the disease can't be contracted through casual contact. Aragon admits that she took pretzels and ate them slowly, at first, almost afraid of catching the disease, despite her knowledge. Aragon's fears were soon dispelled and replaced with a greater conviction for the spiritual needs of the people she met.

In the late 80's NNC had an AIDS ministry on campus, but not when Aragon came her freshman year. She felt convicted to promote awareness of the disease and, es-

pecially, to promote ministry for the people she knew were in pain. Aragon carried her dedication to the population suffering from this devastating disease to NNC when she became the president of Compassionate Ministries. Aragon said, "God opened the door for me, and we were able to incorporate the ministry."

The focus of the ministry is to pair up students with AIDS victims to foster supportive relationships and spread the love of Christ. Katrina Heinrichs has been ministering one-on-one in the homes of AIDS victims for the past two years. She said, "The ministry has influenced my Christian walk because it's a chance to minister to people in a time when they are really hurting." She added soberly, "But its also taught me to appreciate life more every day, because it's a blessing." Heinrichs, like Aragon, has experienced great hurt in seeing the people she gets to know pass away. They find comfort, though, in knowing they have made a difference in leading those people closer to Christ. The activity sponsored today in Clyde's is NNC's opportunity to actively love and share Christ with people whose lives are especially fragile.



Sophomore Melissa Lambert is responsible for making contact with the Idaho AIDS foundation and for helping to pair students up with AIDS sufferers who need friendship and support. NNC's AIDS ministry group also conducts biweekly food deliveries to homes and participates in the community AIDS vigils and awareness walks.

Lambert was also an activist for AIDS ministries in Germany during high school. Lambert spent her senior year in Kuwait before coming to NNC. She follows Katrina Heinrichs as this year's AIDS ministry representative.

Crusader Dessert Theatre

Crusader choir's first-ever holiday theatre concert will help fund trip to British Isles

by Cherie Hibbett

Crusader News Staff Writer

After the Christmas carols have all been sung in Friday's chapel, don't despair, because the holiday sounds have just begun.

As part of NNC's Christmas activities, Crusader choir will be hosting a dessert theatre on December 4 and 5. This is the first year the choir has done something like this, so it promises to be an exciting event.

Students are invited to join the festivities in the Brandt Cen-

ter lobby, which begins with live instrumental music. Tables will be set up and the choir will be serving Christmas cake. After dessert, they will perform a concert.

Usually, when one thinks of Christmas music, a picture of carolers singing traditional Christmas songs come to mind.

This concert promises a variety of music from sacred carols to secular classics such as "White Christmas." Also on the program are Celtic carols.

Why Celtic carols? This whole event is a fund-raiser for a trip to the British Isles this summer. Every three years, the Crusader Choir, Hallelujah Brass and the Northwesterners take turns going on a summer tour. This year it is the Crusader Choir's turn.

They plan to spend eighteen days in England and Ireland. Although the Northwesterners went to England last year, the Crusader Choir is sure to make their own mark in Europe.

They will be singing in London, in Stratford-on-Avon, near Manchester and in Northern Ireland. Singing in local churches is

going to be an exciting experience for the choir as well as their audiences.

This trip is a huge commitment for the students. Although the school will help with the expenses, each person must come up with \$1500, not including spending money. The end result, however, will be well worth the time and energy. Many of the students have never been overseas, and so this trip will be a wonderful experience for them.

Want a great way to help out the Crusader Choir? Buy a ticket and attend the Crusader Christmas dessert theatre, either December 4 or 5, at 8 pm.

Tickets are eight dollars per person and can be bought at the bookstore now. Hurry, because sales end on December 1.

Also check out the Crusader Choir's booth, which features their picture and fliers for the event, in the Brandt Center lobby before and after chapel.

For more information call 467-8209. Come and enjoy some great Christmas music and help support the Crusader Choir.

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Dawnell Perry wants to impart joy of learning

Senior from Kuna desires to teach in the tight-knit community in which she was raised

by Amber Jerome
Campus Editor

For senior Dawnell Perry, term one has been the beginning of a new phase in life. Working in a third-grade class to fulfill her student teaching requirements, Perry has done everything from making tepees with the kids to reading stories and teaching cursive, a.k.a. "how the big kids write." "Within two weeks, [I] was given the whole class," said Perry, of her experience at Chief Joseph Elementary in Meridian.

Beyond working one-on-one with students, Perry had to put in many hours of preparation. Five days a week Perry arrived at school at 7 am. "A lot of my energy was put into a unit on Native Ameri-

"You could play and make as much noise as you wanted to [on the farm]."

*~Dawnell Perry
Elementary Ed.*

cans," said Perry. She coordinated the children into different tribes and prepared lessons on food and culture which included constructing life-size tepees in the classroom. Recess duties ("they [got] kind of cold") were another aspect of this student teacher's full-fledged initiation into the career.

Though this phase of NNC's education program will end in December for Perry, she is looking forward to graduating in June. Like many other seniors in her footsteps, student-teaching is only the doorway to a whole new world.

Perry's philosophy of teaching is centered upon building for her students a solid foundation. "It is my hope that as a teacher I will be able to instill in students the joy of learning at an early age so that they will continue to find that joy in the years to come," she said.

As her reason why she hopes to teach the third grade, Perry

commented, "They're old enough to have independence, but they still like you." Perry actually registered at NNC as a secondary education major with an emphasis in history and sociology, but switched to an elementary focus early her freshman year. She admits that she might someday decide to teach high school, but not at this juncture.

Perry will soon be formatting her resume to send to schools in the area. "Better early than late," she added. Her desire is to stay in the Kuna-Boise valley where she was raised. Perry's contacts with four other local elementary schools through the NNC education program have provided her with a starting point. "[It's an advantage because] they know me," she said. She hopes to give back to the community and to maintain a small-town life. "You can get to know people and there's a more personal feeling," she emphasized.

Perry, who grew up on a small dairy farm with her brother Lee, now an NNC freshman, says that life as a kid was full of fun. "You could play and make as much noise as you wanted to [on the farm]." In addition, Perry says the work ethics which her parents displayed provided her with a valuable example in life. It is a work ethic she wants to mirror in her

classroom.

As part of the NNC community, Perry says she has been blessed with wonderful friendships and many growing experiences. With the exception of this term, Perry has been involved in the Angels ministry club throughout her college career. In high school, she was introduced to the ministry by a former NNC Angels club president who invited Perry's youth group to the elderly home. During the 1997-98 year, Perry

and her friend Crystal Larson became the co-presidents of the organization which serves mentally handicapped seniors.

"It's been great being a part of activities which are Christ-centered and have the purpose of helping," said Perry. When the time came to give up the ministry for an interlude, due to her teaching duties, Perry was dismayed, but she is eager to get back into the swing of things.

The journey Perry has taken



Dawnell Perry (far right), with a few of her best friends at NNC, (left to right) Heidi Jorgenson, Jill Matthews, and Jerla Chatelain.

is one filled with dedication and true concern for the people whom she serves, teaches, and works with. Through her career at NNC, Perry has embarked upon the goal she set for herself at an early age—to teach. Now the completion of that goal is only a short reach away.

Along with the people she has met at NNC, whom she cherishes as life-long friends, Perry looks forward to the future with a confident attitude and a humble heart.

Wreaths and gifts to cheer needy at Christmas

If you feel blessed, share it with others

by Kenzi Wilkes
Crusader News Staff Writer

There are several opportunities for NNC students to help out in preparation for the upcoming Christmas season. First of all, there is a Christmas Wreath Wing Contest this week. Each wing will be given a wreath to decorate in whatever fashion they desire.

The decorated wreaths will be judged by ASNNC at the end of the week. A pizza party will be given to the wing that receives first place.

Needy families in the area, who may not be able to afford a Christmas tree or wreath, will receive the decorated wreaths.

Hopefully, the wreaths will brighten up their homes during

the holiday season. Dustin Zimmerman, ASNNC community relations coordinator said, "The wreaths will be delivered with a letter saying that we're praying for them."

Another helpful opportunity NNC students can contribute to is the Nursing Home Gift Drive. *The Crusader* and *The Idaho Press Tribune* have been printing lists of gifts that elderly people have requested for Christmas this year.

These lists came from eight local nursing homes and included a total of nearly 200 people. Each person listed a few items that they wanted for Christmas.

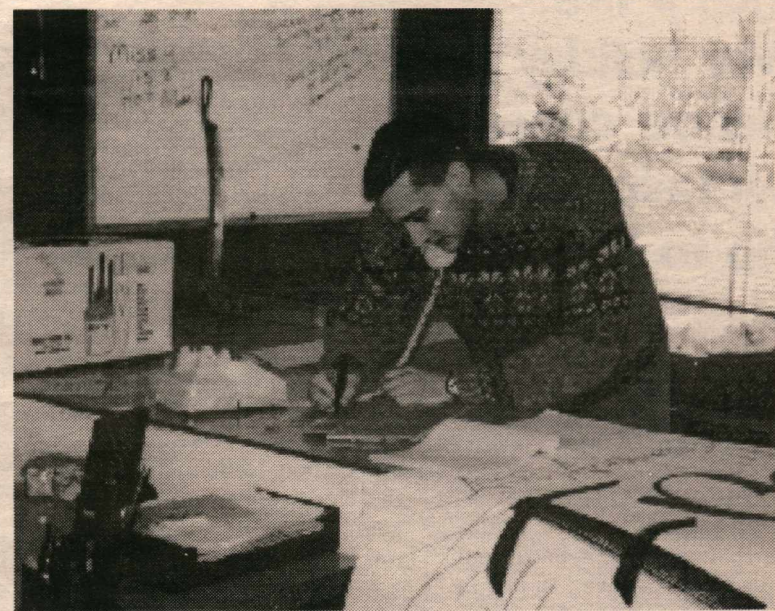
Zimmerman compiled the lists and had them printed in the papers so students, professors and people in the community could buy the gifts. Interested donors need to notify Zimmerman at 8778 of the gift that they plan to bring.

The gifts are due by Saturday, Dec. 5, and will be delivered to the nursing home recipients on the following Monday. If possible, the gifts should be wrapped and la-

"This is a way for us to bring Christmas cheer through Christ to people in nursing homes who are often neglected or forgotten."

*~Community Relations Director
Dustin Zimmerman*

beled so the deliverers know what's inside. According to Zimmerman, the decision this year has been to focus on the elderly in nursing homes because often



Zimmerman compiled a list of Christmas wishes from local nursing home residents and has worked long hours in his office taking calls of those responding to his publicity campaign, aimed at spreading holiday cheer.

they are far from their families, or have none to speak of.

The holiday season seems to amplify these abandoned feelings, so it is a perfect opportunity for

us to help. Zimmerman says, "This is a way for us to bring Christmas cheer through Christ to people in nursing homes who are often neglected or forgotten."

Michael J. Fox bouts with Parkinson's disease

by Ryan Dooley

Asst. World News Editor

A man who has been in the spotlight for many years in various ways by starring in *Back to the Future*, "Family Ties" and the recent sit-com of "Spin-City," Michael J. Fox, talked about how he has Parkinson's disease. He noticed the disease first while filming the movie "Doc Hollywood," in 1991.

He said that over the next few years, the disease progressed and he experienced stiffness and tremors in his entire left side. Joking about the tremors, Fox said he "could mix a margarita in five seconds."

Last March, Fox, 37, says he underwent a brain operation that eliminated the worst of the tremors. Parkinson's is a progressive illness of the central nervous system. It leaves some people unable to walk or talk, and it has no known cure.

Despite his disease, Fox still starred in roles for "Family Ties," and "Spin City," and acted in films such as "Back to the Future" and "The American President." Fox broke years of silence about this illness to tell people about his experience with the disease, including undergoing surgery, and his decision to go public. "It's not that I have a deep dark secret. It was just my thing to deal with... I think I can help people by talking. I want to help myself and my family."

Fox's family has been with him throughout the entire time. This has been a struggle that the entire family has worked with Fox

on. He has been helped by his wife, actress Tracy Pollan, 38, his son Sam, 9, and his three year-old twin daughters Aquinnah, and Schuyler. His mother has also played a role in helping him make it through the illness.

Parkinson's disease is a progressive degeneration of the central nervous system that ultimately renders some patients unable to walk, talk or care for themselves, and that has no known cause or cure. The illness afflicts an estimated 1 million Americans. Fox's neurologist, Dr. Allan Ropper says that Fox is in the "late mild" stage of Parkinson's disease (the doctor divides the disease into mild, medium and severe stages), "I don't think anything made Michael especially susceptible to Parkinson's. Among my patients, his case is not extraordinary."

His other neurologist, Dr. Bruce Cook explained to Fox about the procedure of the surgery on his brain, called a thalamotomy, and the risks he would face. "I told him that while the success rate was close to 90%, there was some horrible risk. These risks include paralysis, coma and death."

Being determined to go through with this, Fox went through with the procedure, which has almost completely eliminated his worst tremors. It is uncertain whether he will need further brain surgery. Fox says he continues to treat the disease with the drug Sinemet to control the milder symptoms, including his constant rigidity in his hips, tremors in one or both hands and a "tapping" feeling in his feet. At times, his arms and wrists are so stiff he cannot

even pick up the TV remote control.

Until now, Fox had not let anyone, other than his tight circle of family and friends, in on this illness.

Before Fox signed up for the job on "Spin City" in 1996, he made sure that the two men in charge, Jeffery Katzenberg of DreamWorks and ABC president Robert Iger, understood his situation. "I said it could get very bad or not get bad at all," says Fox. Fox gets exhausted by his 14 hour days on the set for "Spin City" and tells how he now plans to be teleconferenced into story meetings and how he foresees fewer physical stunts. "I want to be able to give myself permission to take it little easier, to dial it down to nine." Just getting through his rehearsals were tough enough for him. "I can't do things a million times. I can only do them once or twice."

Fox has said that he has a new life vision. "It's made me stronger. A million times wiser. And more compassionate, I've realized I'm vulnerable, that no matter how many awards I'm given or how big my bank account is, I can be messed with like that. The end of the story is you die. We all die. So, accepting that, the issue becomes one quality of life."

Pollan says that her husband is "truly remarkable. I tend to worry about the future, and he's always saying to me, 'Why are you living through something that might happen?' He lives today. He lives the moment. And the moment is good."

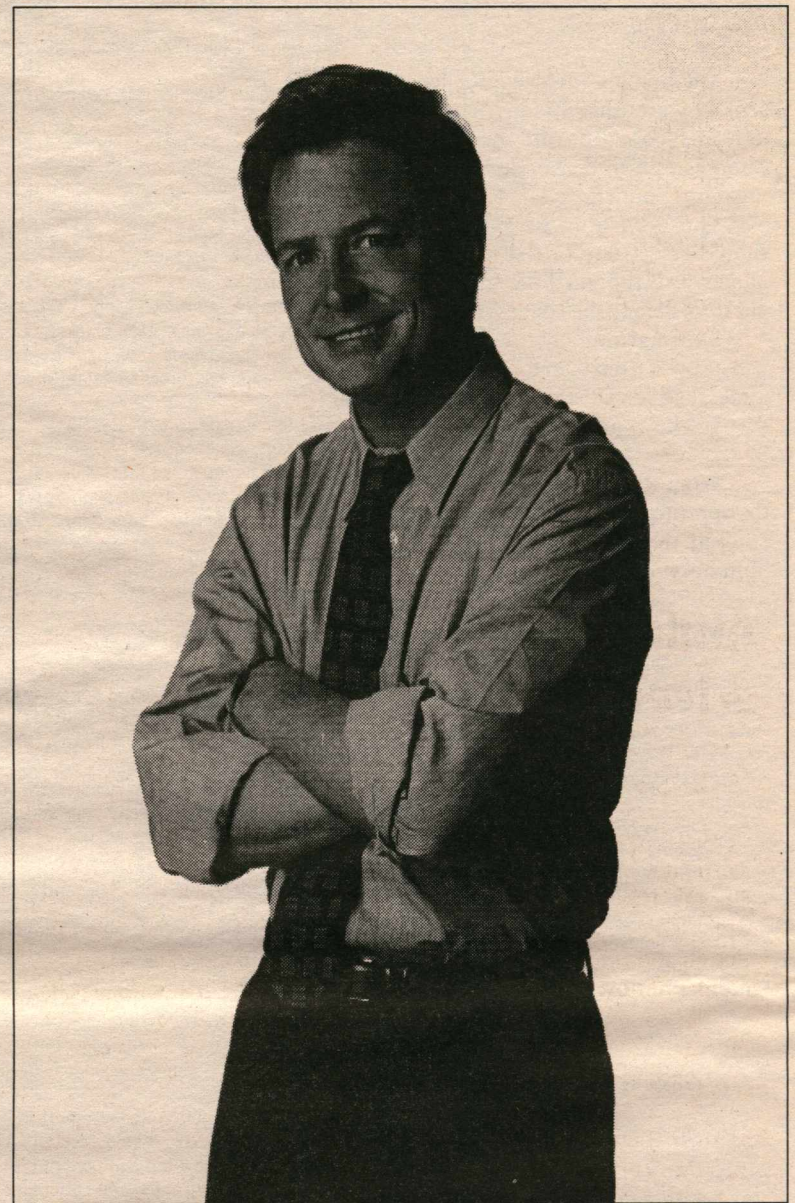


Photo by Greg Gorman/ABC Television

Actor Michael J. Fox, who stars in the ABC television series "Spin City," confirmed Wednesday, November 25, 1998, that he is suffering from Parkinson's Disease.

Voting for impeachment could start Monday

by Ryan Dooley

Asst. World News Editor

WASHINGTON DC -- President Clinton's responses do not add any new factual material to the record in the Judiciary Committees's investigation of potentially impeachable offenses by Clinton. They appear unlikely to charge the conclusions that committee members will reach when they vote on articles of impeachment.

The committee is expected to vote on articles of impeachment during the week of December 7

and, if the committee approves any articles, the full House would probably vote on them before the end of the year.

A vote to impeach, that is, to formally accuse, Clinton would not remove him from office. It would send the charges on to the Senate which would conduct a trial at which the president's lawyers would have the right to cross-examine witnesses and call their own witnesses.

Impeachment by the House requires a simple majority of the 435 members, while conviction of the Senate requires a 2/3 majority vote. Clinton can be voted to be impeached by the House and not the Senate and still stay in office.

Clinton still reiterates denials that he asked Lewinsky or others or others to lie about their relationship.

Northwest hit with storms

by Rebecca Miller

Crusader Staff Writer

SEATTLE, WA -- Early last week, on Monday evening, November 23, heavy storms hit the northwest. These storms brought high winds and torrential rains, and electricity was down for hundreds of thousands of people.

The winds carried a steady force at 50 mph, and sometimes reached more than 70 mph. Warnings were issued for the strong winds in western Washington. The highest wind speed was reported in Bellingham, with winds reaching 76 mph.

Rain fell steadily for 24 hours. Rain totals reached .22 of an inch in Seattle, 1.07 inches in

Bremerton, and .19 in Spokane. The high was reported in Forks, with 1.19 inches. There were also warnings for flooding along the Pacific coast in Washington, with waves there reaching 29 feet. The situation was called "extremely dangerous" by the weather service.

There were power outages that often lasted more than 24 hours. Falling trees and limbs blown off by the winds fell across power lines and were the cause of most of the outages.

Thirty transmission lines were down. Puget Sound was one of the worst hit with over 155,000 customers without power.

On Wednesday, there were still 36,000 who were lacking

power. Many people used candles and lanterns, and others had generators which they used for power.

Transportation was hindered somewhat. Ferries running between Seattle and Bremerton were canceled for passengers. Seattle-Tacoma International Airport lost electricity. Landings and takeoffs continued through use of a generator, but many other services, such as the subway, were hindered. Some of the flights were also delayed.

There was also extensive snow in the Olympia Mountains and the Cascade Range.

There were also two school districts that were closed due to power outages, in Mount Baker Orcas Island.

The first part of the int'l space station goes up

by Amy Crane

Crusader Staff Writer

The first part of the International Space Station, after a perfect launching from the small country of Kazakhstan, has begun the processes of a new age in space exploration. More than a dozen countries had many people representing them, saying that the station would become humanity's stepping stone to deep space — and specifically to Mars.

Zarya, (meaning "Sunrise") the first space station module, rose above the horizon on top of a Russian proton rocket from its launch pad at the Baikonor Cosmodome in Kazakhstan on time at 11:10 am

on November 20.

Ground controllers and on-lookers, including sixteen nations' representatives who were immediately involved in the construction effort that cost nations more than forty billion dollars, cheered just minutes after the launch upon hearing that the capsule had successfully separated from the three stage booster rocket and reached its first orbit 125 miles above the earth.

A few short hours later, the 41-foot long control and cargo module unfolded its large solar panels and extended its docking probe, shifting into an orbital movement that would maintain the heat in the craft itself. Zarya

also successfully completed a test of a new system that is designed to keep the solar panels pointed at the sun correctly as it travels around Earth, making an orbit every ninety minutes.

Zarya fired her thrusters over the course of a few days to raise her altitude, going toward a final circular orbit of 242 miles above the earth. The module is guided by Russian mission control but it is being monitored by NASA's mission control in Houston, Texas.

Unresolved questions over whether money-starved Russia could follow through on the multimillion dollar commitment for the future and fifteen years of fits and starts in the process of space

station planning were largely set aside as the project's first launch was celebrated by the officials.

"We know that we have a number of difficulties in front of us," said Antonio Rodota, director-general of the European Space Agency during a post launch news conference in Baikonor. "But I think that the difficulties are over. Now we just have to work and build the station."

The Russian space station industry is alive and well and is perfectly able to fulfill all of its commitment on the International Space Station," he said.

NASA administrator Daniel Goldin, who told congress once that he regretted giving the Rus-

sians such a very important key role in the station's construction, hailed the "flawless launch" as well as the positive spirit of international cooperation.

"Now we only have forty-four launches to go, about one thousand hours of space walks and countless problems, but because of the trust and mutual respect the International Space Station is going to be a reality," Goldin stated.

Zarya is the first of many parts that will be placed into the International Space Station. It will provide initial power and propulsion for the station.

Later on, when more pieces are connected, Zarya will serve as a storage facility.

Abdominal gun shot kills bus driver while driving on his route

by Jeremy Smith

Crusader Staff Writer

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON -- Police in Seattle are looking at murder-suicide as the possible cause of Friday's crash of a city bus, although the underlying reason remains unknown.

Passengers on Saturday described a scene both surreal and terrifying as a gunman shot their driver, sending their bus careening over the edge of a bridge and onto the street below.

Three people died, including driver Mark McLaughlin, who lost control of the bus after being shot. McLaughlin died at the scene from multiple gunshot wounds to the abdomen, the King County medical examiner's office said Saturday.

Authorities did not reveal the gunman's name, but said he may have been a passenger who shot himself in the head after firing at McLaughlin.

Citing police sources, KING-TV in Seattle identified the man as Silas Cool, a 43-year-old unemployed man.

The other dead passenger

was identified as Herman Liebelt, 69, who suffered head injuries and a pelvic fracture related to the crash, hospital officials said. He died early Saturday at a hospital.

Thirty-two other passengers suffered injuries, and 19 remained hospitalized Saturday, one critical.

Survivors said the attacker was a passenger sitting across the aisle from the driver in the seat directly behind the front door.

The attack came without warning, said Rick Walsh, director of King County's Metro Transit division.

"There was no previous conversation," Walsh said. "No tension was apparent, and ... he pulled out a gun and shot the driver."

Lacy Olsen, 13, who was headed downtown on the bus to get her eyebrow pierced, was sitting not far away. "I saw two flashes and heard a loud pop-pop," Olsen said. "I saw the bus driver and his blood." Then the bus went out of control. "It like happened in 30 seconds," she said. "Everybody was screaming and crying."

Dan Hardesty was on the front porch of his apartment with friends when they heard the crash and saw chunks of the concrete railing come flying at them. Then the bus flew over their heads, hit the building and landed in Hardesty's garden.

"It just plummeted right over," he said. Hardesty ran inside to check on his brother in an adjoining apartment. He was OK. Then Hardesty called 911.

The line was busy since so many people were calling all at once.

The *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* reported the attacker was found near the bus with a fatal gunshot wound to his head and a gun that had been fired was nearby.

The long bus with a central, billoyed hinge was ripped apart by the fall. Residents braved shredded metal and spilled diesel fuel to help bleeding victims.

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U.N. continues inspections

by Jeremy Smith

Crusader Staff Writer

BAGHDAD, IRAQ -- Iraq's state-run newspapers on Sunday accused the United States and the chief U.N. arms inspector of blocking a review of Iraqi weapons programs in order to maintain tough economic sanctions on the country.

Iraq has argued that chief inspector Richard Butler has demanded a series of documents from Iraq as a way of blocking a comprehensive review, which Iraq maintains would show it has fulfilled U.N. demands to eliminate its weapons of mass destruction.

U.N. inspectors must certify that Iraq has eliminated its biological and nuclear weapons programs before trade sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait can be lifted. The sanctions limit the export of oil and have ruined Iraq's economy, once among the richest in the Arab world.

On Sunday, the Iraqi News Agency quoted the head of the country's monitoring directorate, which provides escorts for the U.N. teams, as saying U.N. inspectors carried out 15 "announced and surprise visits" on Saturday.

U.N. officials in Baghdad could not be reached immediately for comment about Amin's report, but they rarely speak about details of the inspections. A front-page editorial in the daily *Al-Thawra* also said that Butler's demand for documents was an impediment to the Security

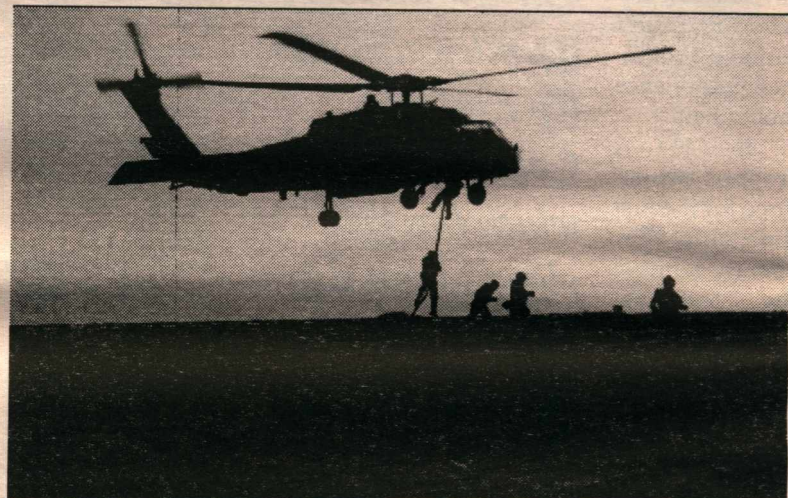


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US Navy SEALs fasten rope to the deck of the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise during an exercise. The Enterprise is on a scheduled six month Mediterranean and Persian Gulf deployment.

Council's promised review.

The paper of the ruling Baath Party said that after U.N. inspectors failed to find weapons that "do not exist," Butler has "started demanding documents which

also do not exist or have no relations to the disarmament procedures."

After Butler asked for a dozen

documents on Iraqi weapons earlier this month, Iraq said all relevant papers in its possession had been turned over.

Iraq charged Friday that traces of the deadly nerve gas VX found by a U.S. Army laboratory in warhead fragments were the result of "deliberate tampering." Iraq did not say who did the tampering, but the implication was that it was done by U.N. inspectors or by the laboratory itself. It was the

first time Baghdad made such an accusation in writing.

Ewen Buchanan, spokesman for UNSCOM, said arms experts were still studying the letter.

Butler had also asked about a report on the investigation of Kamal, an army lieutenant general as well as Saddam's son-in-law, and on actions he took to conceal biological, chemical and ballistic weapons.

Kamal, the former head of Iraq's Military Industrial Corporation, defected in 1995 and was killed when he returned to Iraq. During his defection, Iraq handed over to UNSCOM thousands of documents it said Kamal had hidden on his farm — documents that became known as the "chicken coop" papers.

He said that Kamal's action "to coerce some of the past programs' staff not to declare some activities" had been explained to the commission in 1995, without using the word "concealment."

Traces of the deadly nerve gas VX found by a U.S. Army laboratory...

Volleyball rides a 29-5 season

NNC wins berth with fourth place finish in regionals

The NNC volleyball team clinched a trip to the national tournament with a 15-10, 17-15, 15-8 win over Western Baptist in last week's regional tournament. However, losses to George Fox and Lewis-Clark State College led to a fourth place finish.

"We put a lot of pressure on ourselves against George Fox," said Michelle Phillips of NNC's first regional loss. "We played tight and tense. We loosened up a bit against Western Baptist." If the 'Saders are to do well at nationals, they will have to stay relaxed, and their national tournament experience should help.

NNC dropped two-of-three for the first time this year against some of the toughest competition they've faced thus far. Don't expect the 'Saders to fold at nationals, though. "We're fired up to go to nationals and do better," said Jessica Ackley. Coach Brasch hoped that the losses would help the team focus on nationals. "It (regionals) was a let down, but it was a good thing to happen before nationals to help us prepare"

If the Crusaders are going to succeed at nationals, they will need big games out of Liz Benear. "The teams we play will be look-

ing for ways to stop Liz" said coach Brasch, "She's one of the best players in the nation right now."

However, Benear can not do it on her own. A good showing at nationals will require teamwork. Fortunately, teamwork is one of this team's greatest strengths. "Their teamwork is excellent," said coach Brasch early in the season. "They bonded early this year."

"We have a lot of girls with a lot of skill," said junior setter Lisa Erickson, "I think this is the most athletic team that I've seen since I've been here."

The true key will probably be defense. "All the teams at the tournament will have great offenses because they've made it this far," said Brasch. "We did well last year because we played excellent defense."

NNC's chances are improved by the departure of BYU Hawaii, last year's champion, which is now ranked #1 in NCAA Div. II.

However, a number of tough teams have moved up to take its place. According to Brasch, the team to beat is undefeated and top ranked Columbia (MO), which has four players and an assistant coach from the Chinese national team on their roster.

How did we get a trip to the national tournament after a fourth place finish at regionals?

Each of the nine regional champions receives a berth to the national tournament, as does Olivet Nazarene University, the host team.

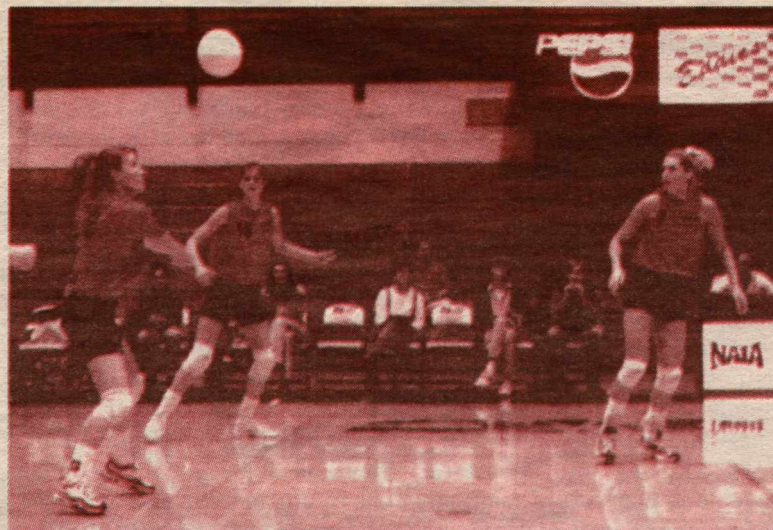
The ten remaining at-large berths are determined by the national rankings. These berths go to regions with multiple ranked teams. The Pacific Northwest region had four teams in the top 16 (all ten berths had been filled at this point), and thus received four berths to the tournament.

Other regions, such as the

Midwest, had only one ranked team, and received no additional berths.

Because the Pacific Northwest region is one of the most competitive in the country, NNC received a berth to the national tournament despite a fourth place finish in regionals.

The Far-west region also received four berths, while the Great Plains and South-west regions received three each. The other five regions didn't get any at large berths.



Liz Benear spikes the ball in Montgomery Fieldhouse

Tourney starts with pool play

NNC will play each team in it's pool (Pool D), and must finish in the top two to advance to the quarterfinals. NNC's pool includes Olivet Nazarene University, the unranked home team, as well as Western Oregon, which left the Cascade Conference this year to play as an independent. NNC's pool opponents are bolded on the final top twenty-five rankings on the adjoining page.

Pool A	Pool B
Columbia (MO)	Fresno Pacific (CA)
Dordt (Iowa)	George Fox (OR)
Texas Lutheran	Lewis-Clark State (ID)
Westmont (CA)	St. Edward's (TX)
Lee (TN)	Palm Beach Atlantic (FL)
Pool C	Pool D
Christian Heritage (CA)	Western Oregon
Lubbock Christian (TX)	Dickinson State (ND)
Bethel (IN)	Northwest Nazarene
Biola (CA)	St. Mary's (NB)
Houghton (NY)	Olivet Nazarene (IL)

1998 NNC Women's Volleyball Team

No.	Name	Height	Year	Position	Hometown
1	Jessica Ackley	5-11	Jr	Outside Hitter	Nyssa, OR
2	Angie Westerberg	5-7	Sr	Defensive Specialist	Mt. Vernon, WA
4	Lisa Erickson	5-8	Jr	Setter	Olympia, WA
5	Rachel Roberts	5-9	Fr	Outside Hitter	Boise, ID
6	Erin Hellberg	6-0	Fr	Right Side Hitter	Walla Walla, WA
7	Liz Benear	5-11	Sr	Middle Blocker	Nampa, ID
8	Tabitha Shipman	6-1	Jr	Middle Blocker	Hillsboro, OR
9	Sarah Menard	5-8	So	Setter/DS	Spokane, WA
11	Nancy York	5-5	Fr	Defensive Specialist	Aurora, CO
12	Mindy John	5-8	Jr	Outside Hitter	Walla Walla, WA
13	Michelle Phillips	6-1	So	Middle Blocker	Woodland, WA

Tournament playing times

Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 7:30
Olivet Nazarene University

Thursday, Dec. 3 at 1:30
Western Oregon

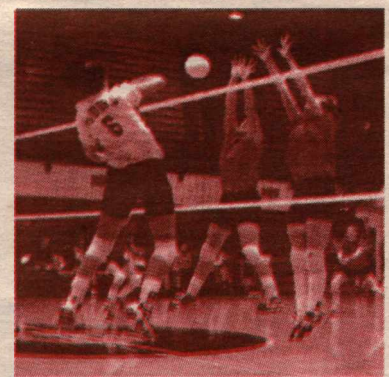
Thursday at 7:30
Dickinson State (ND)

Friday, Dec. 4 at 9:00
St. Mary's (NB)
Friday at 3:45
Playoff (if needed)

Friday at 6:00 or 7:30
Quarterfinals

Saturday, Dec. 5 at 11:30
Semifinals

Saturday at 6:00
Finals



to the national tournament

Girls volleyball: Season in review

The girls take it all the way to Nationals after a great season

by David Stillman
Asst. Cover Editor

The NNC volleyball team's trip to nationals came after a long season in which the Crusaders dominated opponents. Twenty one of their 29 wins were won in three matches. However, it was far from a cake walk.

One of their tougher opponents was Southern Oregon, who knocked the Crusaders out of last year's conference tournament. This made their game on September 18 something of a grudge match. Southern Oregon took a 2-1 lead by thrashing the Crusaders 15-1 in the third match. The Crusaders nearly lost the game completely in the fourth match, but came back to win 16-14 behind eight kills by freshman Erin Hellberg.

NNC went on to win the game 3-2. "Beating Southern Oregon was one of the high points of our season," said senior Angie Westerberg.

This was certainly not their first close game. In the Whitworth tournament on Sept. 4 against George Fox, the Crusaders came back from a 2-0 match deficit by winning three straight matches. The Crusaders went on to place second in the tournament, losing to North Idaho rival Lewis-

Clark State in the final.

The Crusaders would not lose again until October 2 against Western Baptist. They once again dug themselves into a 2-0 hole by losing two close matches (15-17, 13-15), but dismembered the Warriors in the next two games 15-2, 15-0.

"After the second game there was a serving contest for the crowd and the girls came out of the locker room inspired and played really well," said coach Darlene Brasch.

The third game was looking to be the same, but the 'Saders blew a 13-5 lead by giving up ten straight points.

The Crusaders pulled together after this loss, and beat Western Baptist later that month behind a strong crowd at Montgomery Fieldhouse. "This is the best crowd I've seen since I've been at NNC," said Jessica Ackley. "They really kept us going."

Sandwiched between the two Western Baptist games was the Powerade Challenge Tournament in Austin, Texas. The Crusaders were definitely up to the challenge, and emerged from pool play undefeated after handing Houston Baptist one of its four losses for the season. After losing to a strong St. Edward's team, they defeated Masters College 16-14, 15-7, 15-2 to place third.

The Crusaders plowed through the rest of the season, and entered the conference tourna-

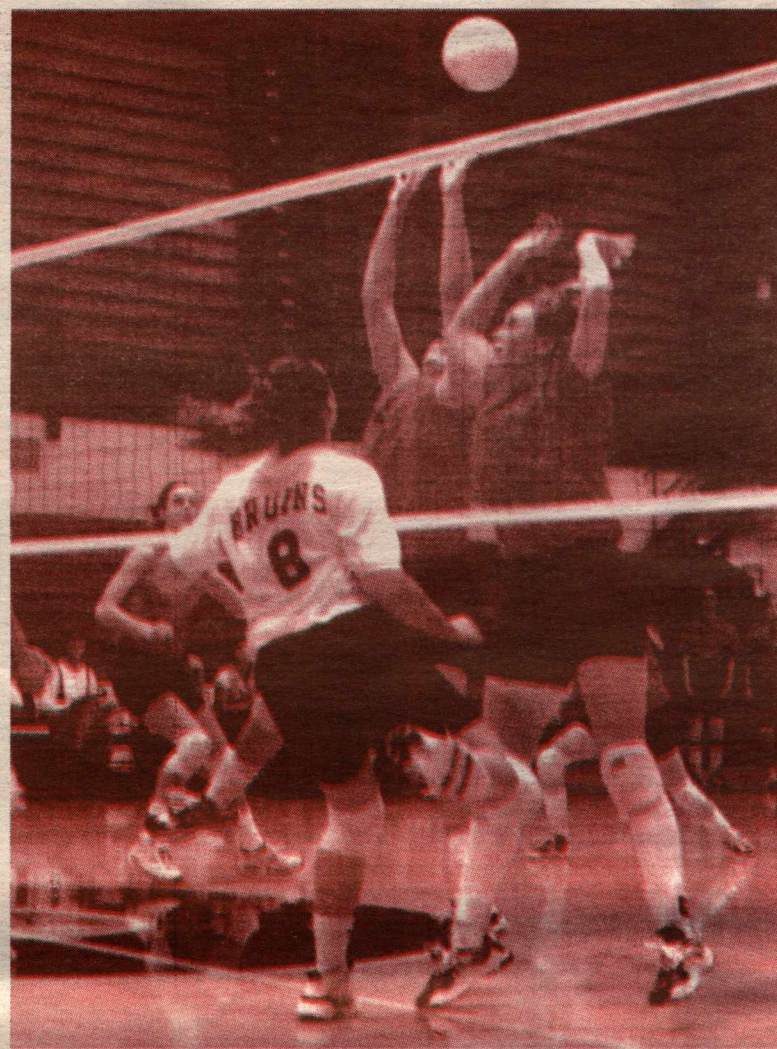
ment with an axe to grind. The team had come into the tournament under similar circumstances last year, and were bounced out with two consecutive losses. This year was different, as the Crusaders rolled over Albertson and Western Baptist to take the conference title. The championship was especially sweet for the returning members from last year's squad. Every single volleyball player interviewed listed it as a high point for the season thus far.

It was definitely more memorable than the regional tournament. The Crusaders faced George Fox, a team they had

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come from behind to beat at the Whitworth tournament at the beginning of the year. However, this game was different. The Crusaders lost in straight sets (10-15, 6-15, 5-15).

"We put a lot of pressure on ourselves, and played tight and tense" said Michelle Phillips. Fortunately, their next opponent was Western Baptist, which had become the 'Sader's favorite chew toy. A 15-10, 17-15, 15-8 victory sent NNC to nationals and the Warriors to their end-of-season awards banquet. The Crusaders then dropped their final match to Lewis-Clark State College, giving them a fourth place finish. Not exactly a stellar performance, but good enough to get back to nationals.

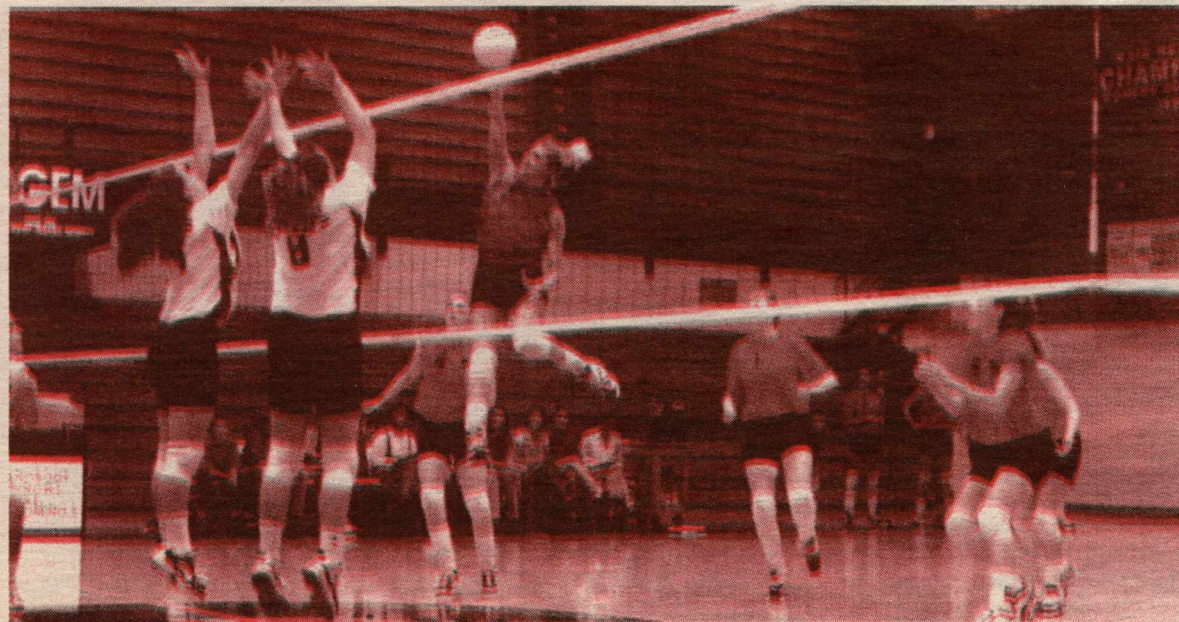


Jessica Ackley and a teammate go jump to block a spike

NAIA VOLLEYBALL RATINGS TOP 25 - FINAL RATING

Rank	Last Week	Team (Region)	Record	Total Points
1	1	Columbia	36 - 0	225
2	2	Fresno Pacific	27 - 1	216
3	3	Biola	21 - 3	204
4	4	Lewis-Clark State	25 - 5	196
5	5	Dickinson State	22 - 5	186
6	6	Lubbock Christian	32 - 2	178
7	10	Northwest Nazarene	28 - 3	170
8	8	Hastings	33 - 1	157
9	9	Texas Lutheran	30 - 5	152
10	15	George Fox	28 - 4	141
11	13	Bethel	39 - 2	133
12	7	Western Oregon	24 - 8	117
13	12	Dordt	39 - 2	110
14	14	Christian Heritage	27 - 6	105
15	15	St. Mary's	22 - 9	92
16	17	Westmont	20 - 10	79
17	11	Taylor	40 - 5	73
18	21	Western Baptist	18 - 9	66
19	18	St. Edward's	24 - 11	59
20	20	Georgetown	25 - 7	54
21	19	St. Mary	30 - 4	51
22	24	St. Ambrose	25 - 18	38
23	23	Houson Baptist	31 - 4	29
24	22	California Baptist	11 - 15	20
25	NR	Puget Sound	16 - 6	16

Teams in NNC's pool are bolded



Sarah Menard bumps the ball while Michelle Phillips and Liz Benear look on

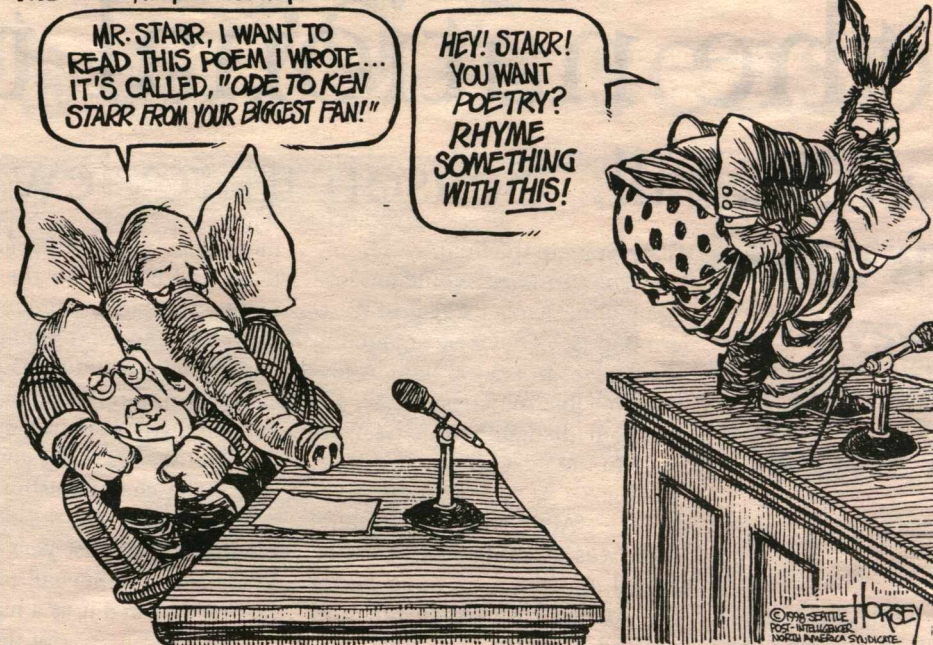
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The sober, impartial impeachment deliberations...



Why boys are stupid: Two single girls speak out

by Kara Lyons and Monica Olson
Staff Writer and Cover Story Editor

It's Friday night and the girls of NNC are contemplating what to do. In an ideal world, the night would already be planned for them by a nice college man. Oh, wait... are there really "men" at this institution? MAN: def. A male creature with the guts to ask a girl on a friendly, nonthreatening, pleasant, chivalric, generous, fun outing (a.k.a. a date).

One can't help but wonder what the boys at NNC are doing. Besides male bonding, involving strange rituals (can we say nudity?), we really can't think of much else. Sure, you'd like to pretend that there are those good wholesome guys out there spending their Friday evening studying for their upcoming biology exam (as if that ever happens). On a Friday night, it is a man's duty to ask a girl out. Not that a date has to be a formal affair. What is wrong with say, a date to Time Out, to chapel, to Marriott or even the Sunday morning service. In our eyes, nothing at

all-- as long as the word "date" is mentioned in casual conversation, it counts.

Dozens of available girls are just waiting for a guy, *any* guy (almost) to ask them out. An anonymous freshman said, "I'm wait-

On a Friday night, it is a man's duty to ask a girl out.

ing for something that has two legs and a pulse." Although not all NNC females are quite this desperate, most would like to have the dating experience college is supposed to offer. We know lots and lots of girls (exact numbers are unavailable as yet) who not only are available, but who are also decent people. Yes, you can bring these girls to an event that doesn't involve having to wear a mask! Why should beautiful, intelligent, talented, thoughtful women be forced to endure a college career without a single date?

If we were boys, we would date ourselves... whoops!... we mean the other girls who don't have dates!

Personally, we think that the guys at NNC need to realize just how lucky they are. We mean, the girl-to-guy ratio is nearly 3:1. What kind of opportunities does this afford for the boys around here? This means that on an average Friday or Saturday night, 2 out of every 3 girls will be sitting around without a date, even if every guy asked a girl out. However, this isn't how it works. Let us spell this out for you guys: Even if you are a big loser, you will be able to convince some girl to go on a date with you. NNC is practically a haven for rejected males. Where else can you have such a promising dating life?

Guys are quick to offer a myriad of excuses for not asking girls out. These may include anything from, "I'm shy," to "I don't have money" or "I don't have a car." These are, of course, stupid. Shawn Shafer explains the real reason. "All guys are pigs," he says. "I'm a pig." To verify this truth, an anony-

mous freshman oinked in unison, "Here's the problem with the girl to-guy-ratio at NNC: two of the three girls are ugly!"

NNC men are still little boys who expect women to take control. Let's delve in to the case history of one such college student. His mother always washed behind his ears for him and dressed him before school each morning. His mommy tied his tie for prom night and picked out a corsage for his date (her best friend's 12 year-old daughter) to match. After driving them to the event in the family's wood-paneled station wagon, she instructed him to call before 10:30 to be picked up. This pathetic loser who has never asserted himself actually thinks that even though he's in college, the girl should ask him out. The time has come to grow up.

Although admittedly, some girls expect a ring the moment that your eyes lock with hers. Don't be afraid. As far as we are concerned, one date is not a life-time commitment. Ask a girl out just to have a good time as friends. Go to dinner, go bowling, eat a picnic in a park, visit the zoo, walk through the mall or even just sit somewhere and talk, but do

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something. Consider fun school activities that could be transformed into dating opportunities: parties, study sessions, basketball games, Saturday brunch, etc. The possibilities are endless. Creativity is a bonus!

Marriage proposals should be reserved

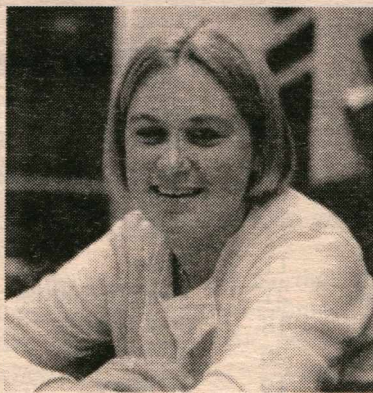
until at least the fourth date.

Take pity on a couple of honest, competing freshmen girls who want some action on their gameboard. After all, what fun is playing The Date Game, when you never get any points? For details call 8050 or 8043.

Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues

What would you do with a bottle of rain?



Natalie Taylor Freshman

"I would save it because Idaho is so dry."



Gerry Singleterry Soph.

"I would pour it into the ground so I could make a flower grow. Then I could share its beauty with everybody."



Angel O'Brien Junior

"It depends where the rain is from. If it were from Seattle, I'd remember it and label it "Seattle rain."



Wyatt Werner Junior

"I'd sprinkle on it on my head."



Letter to the Editor

NO NAZERCISING! I am writing this in response to the 5th Quarter last Friday night. There was a controversy over student dancing, and I would like to defend the actions of myself and my peers. I am at a total loss as to why NNC would bring a swing band on campus and not permit dancing. Swing is not easy listening music; it's up-tempo, jumping and jiving, dance music. Swing music is intended to be danced to, and I find it impossible to listen to a live band and not get out on the floor.

It was explained to me that the reason NNC would not permit dancing is that alumni would be upset. However, I was told by a large number of alumni that they enjoyed our dancing and thought it was unfortunate that we were told to stop. Swing dancing is a lot of fun, so it was very frustrating that NNC took such an unreasonable stance. Alumni members told me that it is "hypocritical" of

NNC to play swing music and not allow us to SWING!

For those of you that are not aware, the Nazarene stance on dancing is not biblically based, but rather a long-standing tradition in desperate need of revision. The question is raised, if swing dancing does not oppose any fundamental Biblical values, then what's the problem? Are we as Nazarenes so steeped in tradition that we can't see the silliness of our stance? I know several Nazarene pastors who believe that the Nazarene doctrine should be amended to allow dancing. Dancing is simply an expression of joy in God's wonderful gift of music. Psalms 149:3 says, "Let them praise his name with dancing." Historically, Jewish people celebrated with dancing, it was an accepted part of their culture. Today in the Christian church, many of our brethren such as the Lutherans, do not oppose dancing. The kind of dancing that is harmful is that

which is sexual in nature, and swing dancing is certainly not. Tasteful dancing is not sinful, and I challenge anyone to prove me wrong. My Christian faith is not hindered in my enjoyment of swing dancing, so I choose to challenge the long-standing Nazarene tradition. It is my belief that almost all of NNC students support tasteful dancing; it is a matter of personal preference and should not be dictated by college rules.

I apologize if the organizers of the function received any negative responses for our actions, but I stand firm in the belief that dancing should be allowed. God gave us the gift of music and dancing! I choose to celebrate this gift while others may choose not to. My final word to NNC administration is that if you must enforce an out-of-date policy against dancing, then don't force the issue by exposing us to "kicking" swing music.

Ken Tennyson, NNC student

Evangelical Christianity, right or wrong?

by Olivia Craker

Crusader News Opinions Writer

Jim Wallis, author of *Who Speaks for God?* writes, "I am an evangelical Christian. But I am deeply disturbed by what *evangelical Christian* connotes in American public life today." This is a reference to the Christian Coalition and its claim that all evangelical Christians are represented by the coalition and share its similar beliefs. I find this to be both untrue and frightening. The Christian Coalition and I have nothing in common except that we both call ourselves Christians. Many of the standards and political platforms this group stands for go directly against what I believe as an evangelical Christian.

Here at NNC there is something that propagates this belief and symbolizes exactly what it is that makes some Christians uncomfortable with the stereotype they have been given by the media and non-Christians. It is "World" magazine. (You can find this publication in the student center lobby; it has been donated by one of the members of the board of regents). I have only had the opportunity to view three of the issues, October 17th, 24th and 31st, but I feel this has given me enough information to realize that it is something that needs to be ad-

dressed here at NNC.

This is supposed to be a caring, accepting, and loving community of Christians. We respect the Christian professors that we learn from, admire the leadership of this campus, and trust that our large tuition bills are worthwhile for our futures. If this was not true then we wouldn't be attending this school or paying the bills. But it is true; this is a great place to be. As I have been learning more about God and the Bible in religion classes, I have been challenged in my faith. This challenge has also led me to evaluate my political stance. This re-evaluation has shown me what is wrong with "World" magazine.

As I have read each article in this publication, I have become more aware that I as a woman, am looked down upon in some conservative circles, that I am not entitled to the same rights as men, and if I question this, I am considered a feminist. The cover story of the October 17th issue talks about the Democratic women who have

been elected to the Senate. Bob Jones writes, "Next month, those year-of-the-woman incumbents face the judgment of the voters. Maybe the Old Boys' Club can start dusting off its 'no girls allowed' sign." Jones was wrong because the majority of those women running for re-election were elected.

This though is not what is important. What we as Christians need to realize is that sexism is not appropriate, and not within the will of God.

I have also read a number of articles about minorities that seem rather racist and condescending. On the cover of the October 31st edition, a headline reads, "Can GOP court minorities without moving leftward." Why do

we need to be "courting" anybody? What we need to be doing is standing up for what is right and accepting all people not dependent on race, sexual preference, or gender. Equality is not just one option of many choices; it is the choice, period.

Equality does not mean "special rights," as so many conservative Christians have interpreted it.

When someone wants to have a job, to receive health care, to have the things that you and I--the majority--have, that is not "special," that is equal. I am not a supporter for gay and lesbian marriages, but I am a supporter of fairness to people. These people are God's children, and if all we show them is hatred and unfairness we are not demonstrating God's love, rather we are demonstrating the sin that is in our own hearts. Love is what being a Christian is all about, not punishment.

Often through this magazine we find Democrats labeled as "pro-choice," "extreme liberal," "ultra-liberal," "too far to the left" and many other titles that tell us little of who they really are. Republicans are often called, "conservative Christian," "religious conservative," "champion of school prayer," "evangelical Christian," "pro-life." These names also tell us only small tidbits of what these people stand for. Is this to say that to be a Democrat is to be a non-Christian? Is this

to say that to be a Republican makes you sanctified, holy, God-fearing? In the magazine's perspective? Yes. But I don't think so. I know a number of strong Christian people that are Democrats, and I know many non-Christian people who are Republicans.

There is, though, in this publication a feeling that to be a Democrat is a sin, and to be a Republican is the only way towards true Christianity. That is a fallacy and a falsehood.

There are a number of informational and interesting articles in this magazine. That is not enough to make it worthwhile. It is Republican propaganda under the guise of Christianity. Why? Be-

cause a little bit of hatred is as bad as a lot of hatred, some bigotry is the same as much bigotry. We need to be sowers of love and peace, not hatred and conflict! This article is not to say that being a Republican is wrong, or being a Democrat is right, but if we continue to allow ourselves to be fed by hatred that is all that we will regurgitate. I know that I want to be a demonstration of love and that is what it means to be an evangelical Christian.

Many of the standards and platforms this group [The Christian Coalition] stands for go directly against what I believe as an evangelical Christian.

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Crusaders go 1-1 for Homecoming weekend

'Saders win first home game; are 2-5 overall

by Craig Craker
Crusader News Staff Writer

It was a standing-room-only crowd out to watch the NNC Crusader men's basketball team try to end their five game losing streak as well as win their first home game.



Freshman Josh Coopriders puts up a jump shot from the outside.

The 'Saders started hot, as the offense looked a lot smarter and more in tune than when we last saw them two weeks ago, as they opened up with a 9-2 lead. The 'Saders were swarming on defense as they were everywhere holding Willamette to just 30% shooting from the floor in the first half. After a long 3-point bomb from Kelly Herron, NNC found itself in command with a 16-6 lead, with 11:54 remaining in the first half.

Willamette started to inch its way back into the game with a 9-4 run that cut the lead to 20-15. The teams traded baskets for the rest of the half as neither team could pull away, and NNC found themselves leading 36-34 going into the break.

Coming out of the gates in the second half, the Crusaders tried to give the sellout crowd something to cheer about with Chad Mitchell, hitting two 3-pointers and Todd Craven adding one of his own, keying a 9-2 run that made it 45-35. The 'Saders maintained a ten point lead until about five min-

utes to go. Willamette went on a run to cut the lead to 66-59, and then slowly chipped away until with 39.2 seconds remaining they trailed 67-63.

After a foul shot and a lucky tip-in, NNC was somehow only leading 67-66 with 26 seconds to go.

The entire crowd was on its feet after Detmetiros McBride nailed two clutch free-throws to give the 'Saders a 69-66 lead with just ten seconds to go.

Willamette charged down the court and as they were about to take a desperation three, Todd Craven stole the ball and hit McBride for a breakaway Phi Slama Jama at the buzzer. 71-66, the 'Saders win!

With the win, NNC climbed to 2-6 on the season, and started up the long road toward recovery. Coach Sanders said afterward "...hopefully this game will get us over the hump. We played a much more controlled game as we slowed the offense down and did not try and shoot so many 3-pointers. All around it was a great game."

Chad Mitchell led NNC with 16 points as he hit many clutch jumpers down the stretch, McBride ended with 13 and Todd Craven added 12 points.

Once again it was a full house out to watch the NNC Crusaders tackle the #4 Mid America Nazarene Pioneers. This game was all about defense with 13:33 left in the half, NNC was leading 7-2. After a 3-pointer and two free-throws by McBride, the 'Saders led 17-11 with 4:49 remaining in the first half.

With the first half being rather dismal to this point, both teams caught fire for the last 4 minutes as they went back and forth with Elijah Effinger hitting a long bomb and Josh Coopriders

nauling a jumper at the buzzer. NNC was leading MANC 30-19 at the half after a strong defensive showing, but with an offense that refused to kick-start.

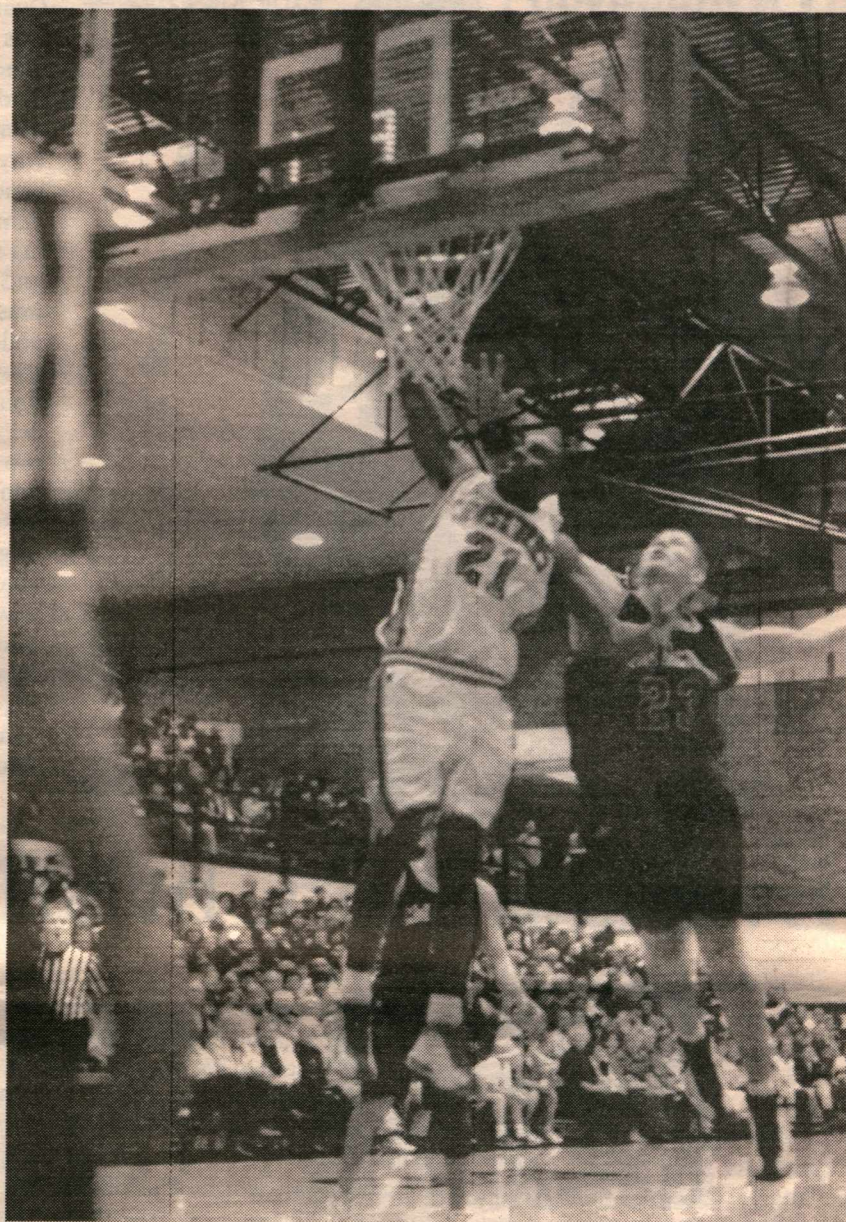
At the half, they were doing the Shooting Stars

for Scholarships and I was thinking to myself, "Do they find people that cannot play basketball just so they don't have to donate as much?" When suddenly Chuck Wilkes is standing at half court facing away from the basket and he throws the ball up over his head and it hits nothing but the bottom of the net. The place went berserk. That was the highlight of the night, as we all watched this guy make the luckiest shot in the world.

Coming out of half-time, MANC started to hit their shots and went on a 20-10 run over the first five minutes and found themselves trailing just 40-39. Then, as if to add salt to a wound, the Pioneers went on a 6-0 run that put them up 45-40 with 11:00 minutes to go in the game. Scott Bishop helped keep the 'Saders in the game as he nailed two free-throws and hit a nice fade away put back to keep NNC within 4, at 51-47.

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Senior Detmetiros McBride controlled the game on Friday night, nailing two free throws and the dunk in the final seconds. McBride's efforts on Saturday were similarly spectacular, but not quite enough to carry the team to the win.

run out of time as they trailed 57-51 with just 5 minutes left and MANC with the ball, but after a turnover and a three point bomb by Chad Mitchell it was just 57-54. The next 2 minutes were full of sloppy ball on both ends and the 'Saders were not executing at all on the offensive end when Bob Lowe launched a 3-pointer up and hit nothing but nylon. The place exploded as NNC climbed within 66-63 after a put back by McBride with just 10.5 seconds remaining.

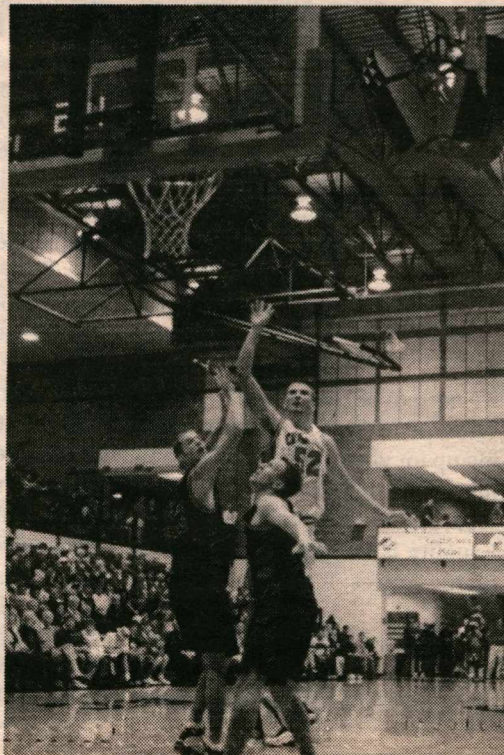
Everything looked like it was over when suddenly the man of the night, McBride, stole the inbounds pass and threw down a monstrous dunk to cut it to 66-65. The gym exploded louder than ever and we were all praying and hoping that another miracle could be had.

But when NNC failed to foul the Pioneers with 7 seconds to go, in the backcourt and instead settled for a foul with just 1.4 sec-

onds remaining, they forfeited their best chance for winning the game.

After a free throw by MANC, the second shot was purposely missed and time ran out as the 'Saders tried to foul once again. As the time ran out, one could not help but wonder how could we possibly play such good defense and have our offense shoot itself in the foot. To hold the #4 team in the nation to that few points and to play them so tight the whole game only to lose is a big disappointment, but the team is definitely getting better.

Coach Sanders talked about how he was disappointed with how many turnovers we had, and said "... the first 5 minutes of the second half killed us, we turned the ball over on our first 6 possessions and gave up more points than we did in the entire first half." But the team played much better and things are turning around, so be sure to come on out and support the team next time that they are in town.



Senior Scott Bishop towers over the Pioneers in Saturday's game.

'Saders win three at home

Crusader women win big at Homecoming; are 7-2

by Robin Day
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team is on a roll, winning their last three home games and bringing their record up to 7-2. Over Homecoming/Thanksgiving the Crusaders took on Point Loma, Willamette and Pacific Lutheran, dominating all three teams.

The 'Saders first game was on Thursday, probably the first Crusader basketball game ever played on Thanksgiving, against Point Loma. Point Loma beat the Crusaders the last two times the teams have played, but now was the time for revenge. NNC avenged the past, coming out strong in the first

half, outscoring Point Loma, 40-27. In the second half, NNC, with no intention of losing their lead, tightened up the notch and rolled over Point Loma, 41-32.

High scorer of the game was from Point Loma, but three NNC players scored in the double digits, indicating a strong team performance. Staci Kirk led NNC scorers with two 3-pointers and a to-

tal of 19 points. Amber Hellburg had 14 points and Staci Wilson was close behind her with 12 points. Wilson also led both teams in rebounds with 10. Hellburg followed with eight. NNC towered over Point Loma, outrebounding them, 61-33.

Friday brought Willamette University up against the 'Saders. They did not fare any better against the NNC machine. By the end of the first half, the score was 28-45, with the 'Saders firmly in the lead. Both teams played tighter defense in the second half, but the Crusaders were still unstoppable.

The 'Saders controlled the boards, pulling down 44 rebounds to Willamette's 22, 13 of those boards belonging to Wilson. Once again turning in an excellent overall team performance, with Kirk, Wilson and Hellburg again scoring in the double figures with 17, 17 and 13 points respectively.

High scorer of the game was from Willamette with 26 points, but that was about all that the team turned in. The second half ended with the Crusaders standing immovably on top of Willamette, 78-50.

Pacific Lutheran managed to get up the nerve to challenge the Crusaders on Saturday, in what was to be a very close game.

NNC was looking to end their

home streak on a good note, with Pacific Lutheran trying to upset the basket. Neither team dominated the boards, although Wilson led in rebounds with 11.

Both teams were fighting hard and at the half, the score was tied, 27-27. Ironically, in the second half, both teams scored another 27 points each, leaving the score at 54-54 and sending the game into overtime. Once in overtime, the Crusaders poured on the heat and

quickly outdistanced Pacific Lutheran for the win 68-56.

Wilson also led all scorers with 22 points.

Heather Doncaster followed at a distance with 14 and Alison Kirk put in 11 points. Staci Kirk had the flu and was running a temperature of 103, but still managed to play for much of the game. Head coach Roger Schmidt said, "She wasn't as effective as normal, but Alison Kirk, Chelsey Hall and Jessica Knowlton really came on in the stretch for us." Knowlton led all teams, all three nights in assists with seven, eight and nine consecutively.

Next weekend the Crusaders welcome Carroll College and Montana Tech to Nampa. Coach Schmidt anticipated, "Carroll is one of the only teams that's beaten us and that was early on in the season. We're looking forward to the opportunity to play them again. We're playing more minutes together now than we were. You can see the pieces of the puzzle coming together. We're starting figure out who's job is who's. We're really developing and maturing as a team."

The games starts at 7:00 pm on Friday and 5:00 pm on Saturday.

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~Coach Roger Schmidt

First term Intramurals over

by Robin Day
Sports Editor

In our last publication of *The Crusader*, the intramural football article stated that Chris Field and Matt Freeby had been suspended for two games based on information that had been received. We have been informed that this information is false. Joe Cilley was the player who had been suspended. Apologies to anyone who may have been offended by this

mistake.

Congratulations again to Mean Machine, who won the football championship, wresting the title away from two-year champions, Team Downey.

In other intramural news, there are signups for a men's and women's floor hockey tournament on the board outside of Marriott. Only one team (women's) has signed up as of yet, so they are soon to be declared the unchallenged champions. The

tournament is scheduled to be held or not held, as the case may be, on Friday, December 4 at 9:00 pm. I, personally, have never seen a floor hockey tournament. Another team needs to sign up, so that the ignorant (like myself) can get in on this once in a lifetime experience.

Also on the board is a reminder that basketball signups will be up in January. Start getting your teams together now so you won't be left out of the action.



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"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

Alanis Morissette hits mark again

"Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie" is the second album for Alanis Morissette. As someone who still overplays her first album "Jagged Little Pill," I was ecstatic for the release of this album. It was not what I expected, whatever that might have been, but neither have I been disappointed.

I read somewhere that between these two albums, Morissette has spent some time in India, coming to find herself and her god. She also seems to have come to grasp the purpose of what lies between life and death. "Infatuation Junkie" reflects this journey, one that is continuous for Morissette.

The sound of the majority of the songs, there are 17 on the album, also seems to reflect

her middle east pilgrimage. Some of her ballads, such as "That I would be good" are beautiful compositions played by the guitar, strings and flute. The sound is very pure, the differing musical lines are very simple, allowing the lyrics and the music to flow together creating perfect continuity within the song. "Thank You," which is incessantly on the radio, has a stronger sound with the majority of the song being carried by percussion which places all other instruments in the background for a subtle background sound.

One critique I read of this album said that Morissette had too many songs that sounds exactly alike. I disagree. I would easily be able to recognize any of the songs off of album due to their specific middle eastern tinged sound, but not because of the repetitiveness therein. Morissette's intermixing, in some of her songs, of flute with bass guitar and synthesizer creates a haunting, yet strangely soothing style that reminds me of India or Israel and their cultural music.

Lyricaly, this album reads like a journal. After reading through the lyrics I felt that I understood what Morissette struggled with and what she dreamed of. She

showed that her greatest discovery during this album was finding herself. Again, in the song "Thank You" Morissette sings, "The moment I let go of it was the moment I got more than I could handle. The moment I jumped off of it was the moment I touched down....Thank you India, thank you providence, thank you disillusionment, thank you nothingness, thank you clarity, thank you thank you silence."

Though I enjoyed coming to better understand Alanis' journey to self, some may find the journey to be tedious and egocentric. Few of the songs on "Infatuation Junkie" are cute and catchy as "Ironic," "Head Over Heels," and "You Learn" were off of "Jagged Little Pill." Her new album is more grown up than

her firstone, but in many ways is a continuation of "Jagged Little Pill," maybe even picking up where the last one left off. Even the upbeat songs are contemplative and issues of importance, if not to her, then to society as a whole.

The vocals and Morissette's obvious talent are what make her album. If she isn't wailing, she's almost chanting, or maybe flying. Her talents as a musician are unveiled as being even greater on "Infatuation Junkie." Not only did Alanis write all the lyrics, but the music to four of the songs as well. She also does her own background vocals, plays the harmonica, flute and piano to accompany herself.

Even considering the weakness the context of the songs themselves might present to some people, I would highly recommend the album. It is not merely an emotional experience, but an intellectual one as well. I enjoyed following Alanis on her journey toward finding herself and where she fits into this thing called life. The contemplation she offers assures me that this won't be an album that I will listen to for a few months and then keep only to stop the dust from collecting on my other CDs.



Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie

by
Alanis Morissette

Reviewed by
Shannon Adams



Her new album is more grown up than her first one, but in many ways is a continuation of Jagged Little Pill.

Who wrote the Gospels

by
Randall McCraw
Helms

Reviewed by
Will Brown



Book on the Gospels takes new approach

I can imagine your surprise at the words, "the gospels are so anonymous that their titles, all second-century guesses, are all four wrong..." The thought is shocking, given that it was partially based upon the gospels' supposed apostolic authorship that they were canonized. But then, that didn't happen until the fourth century. The gospels were written throughout the latter part of the first century anonymously, and were not assigned authors until the second century, and even then, these names were open to debate. Given that the reasoning upon which the church fathers based their decisions of authorship was prone to error, such a claim doesn't seem so impossible.

In *Who Wrote the Gospels?* Helms goes beyond abandoning the traditional authors to search for the real ones. Don't get Helms wrong. The book doesn't seek an alternate persona or church father. For such a search would be as errant as that of the second-century church fathers. Rather, Helms attempts to get behind the minds of the authors, to the environments and theological situations to which they reacted in their gospels.

Though "Who Wrote the Gospels?" has only one hundred and sixty-eight pages plus introduction, the book is a thick read. Helms' paths of reasoning are convoluted. It takes some time to tear through the sheer volume of information he provides to understand his points, deserving a re-read or two to fully comprehend what he is getting at.

But for the depth of Helms' reasoning and the sheer quantity of sources he uses, his logic is tragically subject to a thread of sensationalism. It sometimes seems that Helms is more interested in creating a colorful gospel author, as is the case when he pre-

sents the author of Luke-Acts as a woman.

"Who Wrote the Gospels?" is not watertight. Helms' logic is a study-in complexity, but unfortunately, it is also a study in logical fallacy. Helms often carries probability to a faulty extreme, mistaking it for necessity and neglecting the fact that the improbable occasionally occurs. The circumstantial evidence he employs is even more harmful to his thesis as he often forgets that circumstantial evidence fails to prove anything. He also commits that cliched fallacy, mistaking coincidence for correlation and correlation for causation. Finally, Helms makes numerous unqualified assumptions. Though some of the fine details of Helms' arguments are dismissable, much of his general argument seems valid.

Biblical historian Helmut Koester said, "the epithets 'heretical' and 'orthodox' are meaningless. Only dogmatic prejudice can assert that the canonical writings have an exclusive claim to apostolic origin and thus to historical priority." The story of Jesus' life has always been significant to Christians, and many authors sought to tell as compelling a story about Jesus as possible within their own theological idioms. The early centuries A.D. did not know only four gospels. It exploded with them, and it's an interesting exercise to ponder why we claim only four. Why did the four we have in the Bible take such precedence in the formation of the New Testament canon? And even more importantly, was this a valid decision? That's a personal thing, so I'll leave it there, but I think this book deserves a read. The early centuries A.D. were an exciting time for the religious, and this book provides an interesting focus into those years.

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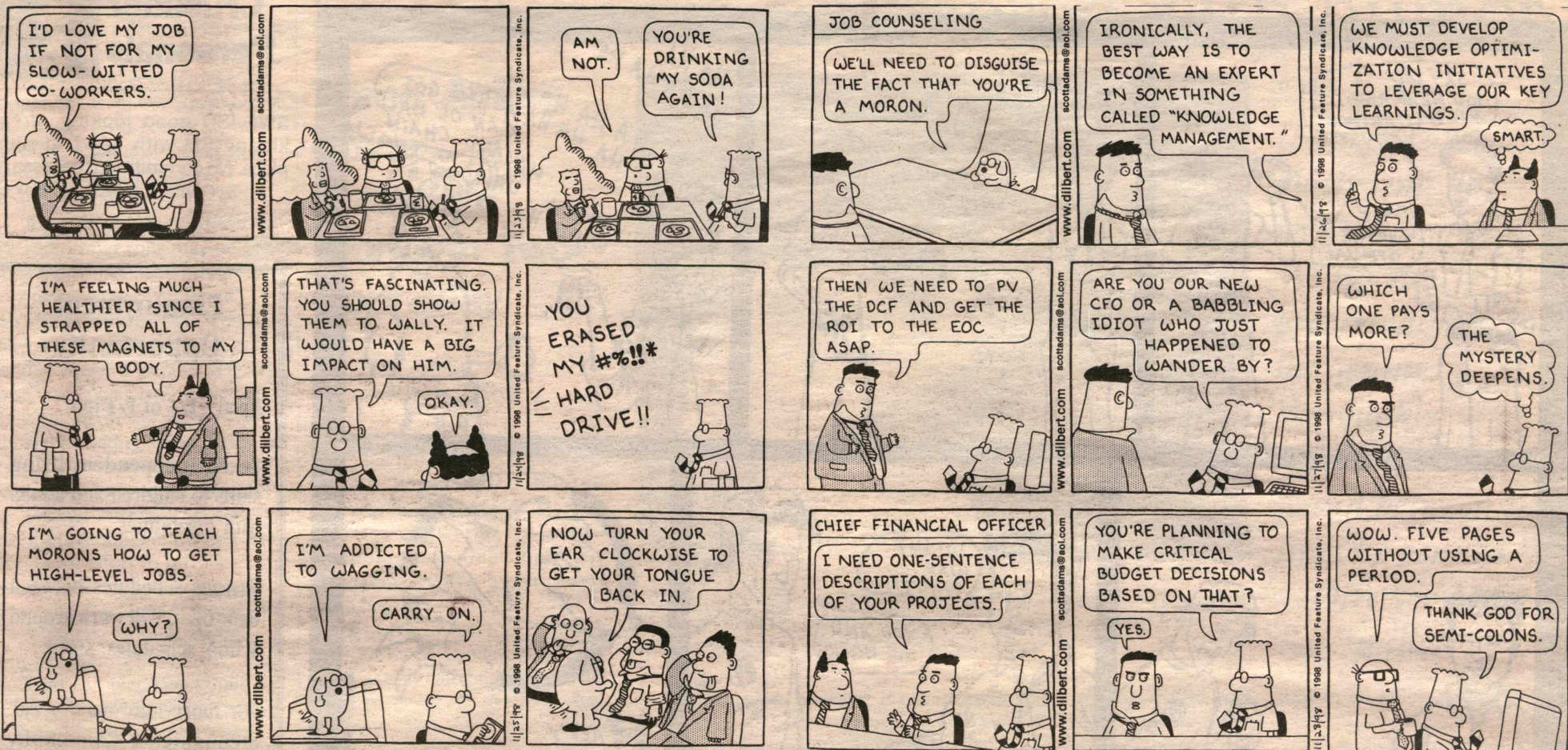
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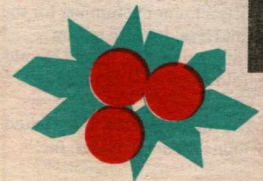
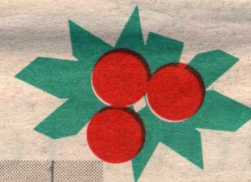
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