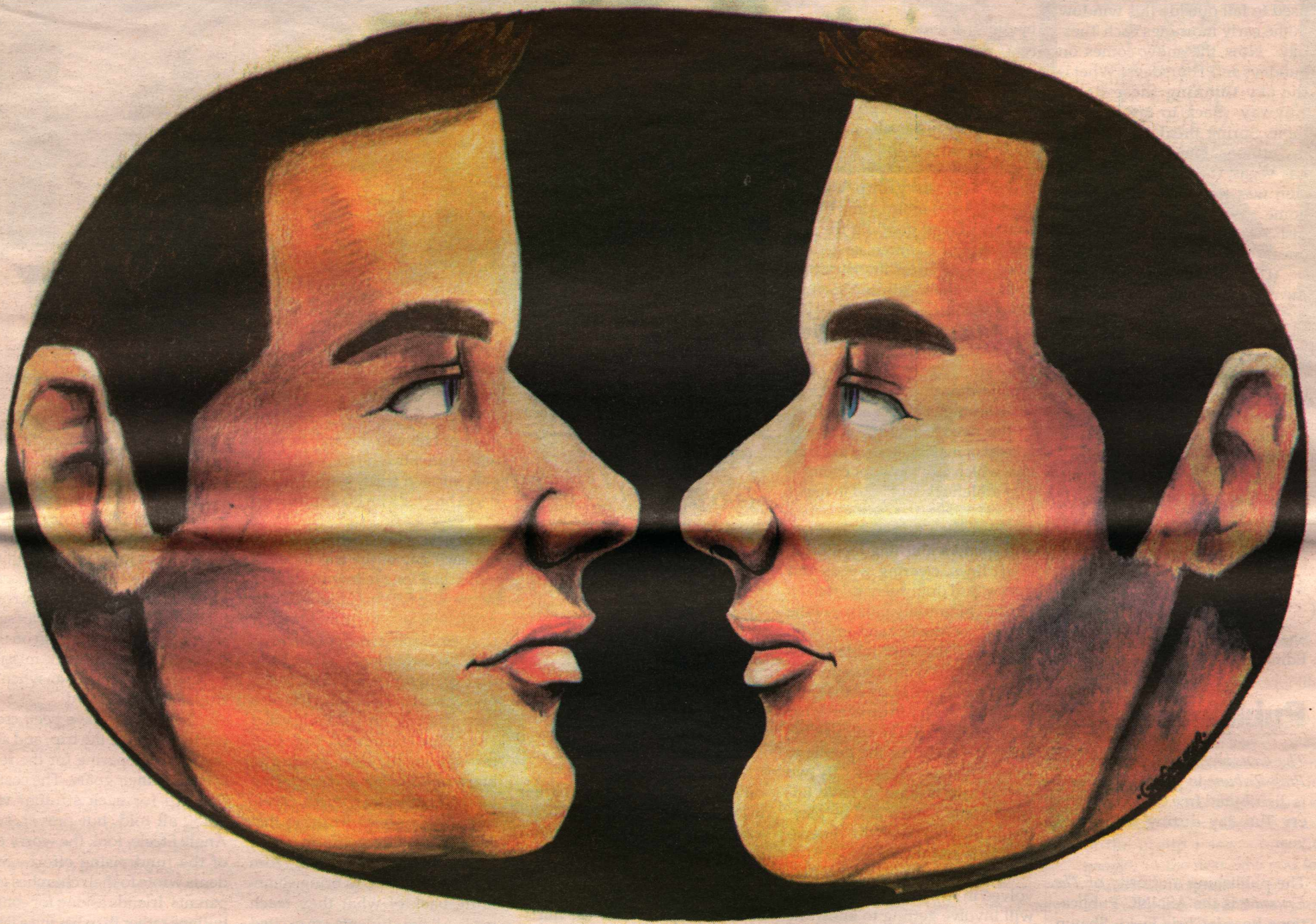


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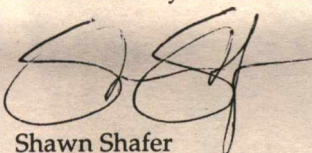


Column One

Week eight: This is it. The last week before finals. The last issue this term. More importantly, the last week we have to wait before Spring Break comes to relieve us from the burdens of living, studying, and working at this institution we hold so dear. Whatever happened to the lovely snow that used to fall outside this window in the early mornings each Tuesday. Now the snow comes on Sundays and Thursdays. What is the sky thinking these days? Anyway. Back to my favorite topic, Spring Break. I weighed my options, New York, Florida, Las Vegas, California. The decision was tough, but I'm going home. Where else can you see cash in larger denominations than ones?

That little excerpt was from the mind of Monica.

And now for something completely different...Do you ever wish that the people you vote for would always win? I'd worry if you said no. Vote Wednesday (again), and enough of that, "I can't decide" stuff. Just place a check in the vicinity of a name and let the election committee interpret your handiwork. Don't worry - they are all good candidates. Bye for now.



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Venezuela team geared for ministry

23 students will spend spring break in South America

by Amber Jerome

Crusader Staff Writer

The Venezuela team is excited and geared to go on a ten day journey to Barcelona, located six hours east of the capitol city Caracas. Barcelona is a coastal town, and the group will be working in its suburbs and the vicinity to finish building the second story of a church, as well as to engage in street ministry programs. Along with the manual labor of pouring foundations and putting up walls, the group will be meeting with people in the plazas, sharing in Sunday and Wednesday church worship and distributing clothing and games to the needy. One project will consist of making repairs to a concha, which is an outdoor community athletic court found in many South American urban areas. The 23 students going to Venezuela will spend a morning repainting court lines, clearing weeds and debris, and doing general repairs for the community patrons of the concha. Gene Schandorff, who is leading the Venezuelan mission, says this type of community service project is one that the teams always try to do every year they go down to the country because it's a gift for the public to enjoy. "It's fun," he said. "By two o'clock, we'll hope to have finished some repairs and be playing on the court with the Venezuelan kids and their families."

The team will also be involved in street ministries, which will involve getting to know the people in the city squares and public places, ministering to the needy and putting on puppet shows for children. Clothes will also be given to Venezuelans, and each student is bringing a duffel in addition to their allotted travel bag that will be filled with soccer and basketballs and other sports equipment to give to the Venezuelan children. "We still need prayer to get enough equipment, though," said Janet Krause. The team is still looking for a few more volleyballs, basketballs or any games that they might give to the kids. The clothes that will be distributed are ones that had been compiled during the drive for the Central American hurri-



Students who participated in the Venezuela mission trip last year pose in front of the Nazarene church with their new Venezuelan friends.

"We've been learning that we are not only going to serve, but to learn something from them."

~Angie Steele

cane victims in Honduras earlier in the year. The Hondurans, however, had been in need of monetary funds and were sent cash instead of the clothing, as storehouses of clothing donations had already poured in for the hurricane victims.

Fifteen university students from throughout Venezuela as well as three NNC alumni will be joining the NNC group in Barcelona and will help to accommodate language barriers. This team will work side-by-side with the NNC students, paving the way for international fellowship and language-intensive interaction. The Zickefoose family, long-time resident missionaries, will also be helping and directing the NNC volunteers while they are far from home and in a new environment.

The students going on the trip have been preparing themselves for their trip through con-

stant prayer and through talking with students who have gone on past mission trips. Culver Resident Director Kim Haddon set up a prayer support chart for the Venezuela team. The chart blocks out each day of the trip for each individual for a fellow student to be praying for them. Sophomore Angie Steele, who is making her first mission trip, said she is grateful for Haddon's support and that of her peers through the prayer chart. The group has also been praying for God's leading and has gathered together throughout the term getting to know one another and preparing for their work and witness. Steele said, "We've been learning that we are not only going to serve, but to learn something from them. I'll be able to bring something back of what they teach me." All the students are excited about the opportunity they will have to be exposed to a different culture and to share God's love with everyone they meet. "Basically, we want to show kids some love that they really don't get

anyplace else," said Dustin Herring. Senior Jen Revels agreed and is excited to work in the plazas and put on the puppet show for the kids. "It's going to be a good outreach for the community. We'll meet a lot of people. I think we'll be able to get a lot accomplished with the large group that's going." NNC has not seen such a big group joined in on this particular Spring Break mission to Venezuela since 1996, when 18 students participated.

The details have been coming together for the trip, and students are preparing for the realization of their goals. The cost of the trip for each student was \$1150 all told, but prayer, said Angie Steele, took the worry out of the fundraising effort. Students wrote to their churches and parents' friends asking for contributions rather than having a large fundraiser. Steele said, "I was really worried about having all the money come in, but God's done amazing things. We've all had faith that God's going to work everything out."

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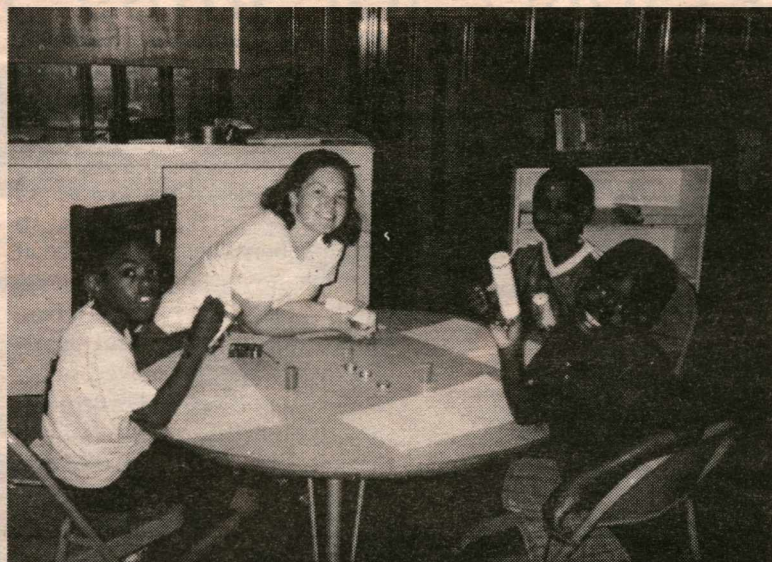
Communication, Community, and Integrity

Amy Mason finds ministry with Youth in Missions

A summer with children in Philadelphia teaches Mason about servanthood

by Melissa Tennyson
Crusader Campus Editor

This past summer, junior Amy Mason went on a Youth in Missions (YIM) trip to Norris Town, 40 minutes outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The ministry they took part in was a children's day camp which lasted from 12:00pm to 4:00pm each day. The camp emphasized biblical learning and Christian living. The team used scripture verses, miming and skits to bring a message of love to the children. They also played recreational games. The kids loved to play hand-slapping games, basketball, jumprope (especially double-dutch), dodge ball and limbo. Mason laughed



Amy Mason poses for the camera with several of "her boys" in the Youth in Missions summer day camp program in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

as she recounted, "the kids tried to teach us double dutch and I couldn't do it! My feet got all tied up in knots." The team would take the children swimming twice a week and on a field trip once a week. Field trips ranged from going to the "Magic Jungle," an arcade and jungle gym playhouse, to a night at the movies, to a day at the beach in Delaware.

There were five other people

on the team from other Nazarene colleges, including Chris Verner, a senior at NNC. The group was together for seven and a half weeks. Living in intimate quarters, they learned to work together in many challenging situations.

The experience in working with the children taught Mason much. She was responsible for the group of 6-9 year old boys.

"I learned that I couldn't solve their problems, but just love them for a season in their life while I was there."

~Amy Mason

"Those children became attached really fast," she shared. "They are so needy for affection. The little boys I was responsible for were so excited when I supported them and came to watch their street basketball game." It was very important to the children that the team paid special attention to them.

Mason noted, "this ministry was very different for me. I had to realize that I couldn't expect the children to know all the Sunday School songs or Bible stories."

Mason also saw much need

and poverty in the children she worked with. "My youngest boy," she shared, "was so hungry that at the zoo he begged for pocket change from everyone until he had enough money to buy some food."

Reflecting on her trip, Mason shared, "I think I changed a lot from this experience . . . I have realized in a new way how much I need God. I've also learned to be vulnerable with people and communicate what's going on with me. I learned to let my teammates know when I was struggling. I also learned to deal with different types of people and problem solving styles."

In working with the young boys, Mason shared, "I learned that I couldn't solve their problems, but just love them for a season in their life while I was there. I had to learn to leave them in God's hands when I left and trust that he would take care of them."

Mason will be going to China this summer with YIM. She currently resides in Caldwell, Idaho. She is a Bio-Chemistry, Pre-Dental major at NNC and hopes to go into dental school.

Landscaping changes made on NNC campus

Measures taken to increase safety and security on campus as well as scenic beauty

by Mindy Oldenkamp
Crusader Staff Writer

If you are one of the many NNC students walking across the campus and thinking, "Didn't there used to be a tree there?" you are not alone. During the past two terms, NNC's campus has witnessed many changes of scenery, and has begun to look just a little different. Perhaps the most noticeable change on campus was the disappearance of the infamous "Center of the Universe" as well as the trees that lined the walkway leading to the Administration Building.

Another change was the removal of many old bushes and

dying trees all over campus, including the several large bushes nearly over-running the sidewalks near the gazebo. Lights have begun to appear along several campus sidewalks and most of the dead or dying shrubbery has been removed and replaced by young, healthy growth.

The changes being made on the campus are in an effort to not only beautify the campus, but to create a safer environment for students as they make their way across campus. The area around the Administration Building posed a problem of safety and security for students headed through that area after dark, as the trees provided an ideal place for someone to hide, giving opportunity for possible attacks. By removing a number of the various trees and bushes growing in that area, the potential for any kind of incident or assault is greatly reduced.

However, safety was not the entire motivation behind the bush removal. The trees that had grown along the walkway had also created an upkeep problem in that the roots had grown not only underneath the sidewalk, breaking it up, but also into the

sprinkler system. Maintenance had become an issue as well as safety, and the decision was made to redo the area in an effort to create a more scenic, safe campus.

Safety was the issue surrounding the removal of the bushes near the "V" in the sidewalk by the gazebo. Linda Waller of the Safety Office stated that local teens skateboarding in the area, as well as runners and people in a hurry, often collided with others on the walkway due to the inability to see oncoming people. The removal of the bushes should help to alleviate that problem area. The disappearance of other shrubbery and trees is due to the fact that many of them were either dying or already dead. Such plants were taken out and replaced in most areas for a total of over 150 new trees, attempting to create a campus reflecting the quality of the education.

As for the continuing improvements being made in the way of lighting on campus, new lights are being added to various areas of campus on a fairly regular basis. New lights have been added lining the walkway to the Brandt center, and the removal of

the trees in the circle drive area has allowed the present lighting to be slightly more effective. More lights are to be added in the parking lots of Mangum, the Brandt center, and the existing lighting in Wiley parking is to be replaced and repaired as needed. The clock tower that was so violently attacked by a flying apple is tentatively scheduled to be repaired as well; it has become a trademark of NNC. The clock tower was a gift from a previous graduating class and has been a distinctively recognizable feature on NNC's campus.

Other ongoing improvements are certainly on the drawing board, and Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Gary Skaggs, has great hopes for the appearance of the campus. "In the next year or two, we hope to have well begun the process of creating a campus that adequately reflects the high quality of education and community present at NNC."

There are many plans to upgrade the quality of the campus in the works, but "they are things that will not happen overnight, but over a period of a year or perhaps two, and require a consid-

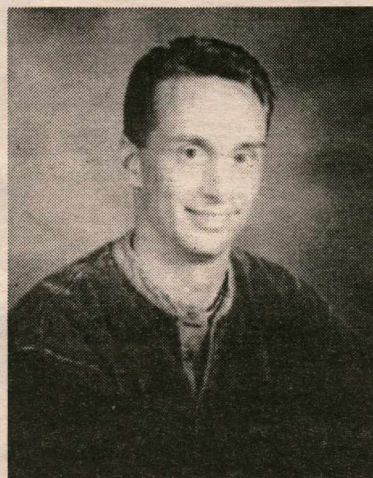
erable amount of fund-raising. We don't want to take the funds from tuition or the students. This process will take time," said Skaggs.

These plans involve some impressive changes to the appearance of the campus. The circle drive may be completely renovated and all the walkways in that area would be redone to be the same size to create some unity in the visual aspect of the campus. There are also early plans to remove Holly Street and create an area tentatively dubbed "Heritage Plaza." This area would be a small amphitheater chronicling the history and heritage of NNC and those who have gone before us. Other ideas being considered as well. One goal is to complete the entryways of the campus with signs, landscaping and a suggested campus directory at the main gate as well as signs identifying the buildings around campus. A perimeter fence such as the one at the Nampa Rec. Center has also been discussed. Those are but a few of the tentative plans scheduled to happen on NNC's campus in the next few months and years in order to improve the grounds.

Kent Berggren, an active NNC leader

Director of Residential life has many responsibilities and roles on campus

by Melissa Tennyson
Crusader Campus Editor



Kent Berggren, NNC's Director of Residential Life, is a man of many talents. His job is as multifaceted as his interests. Students are most aware of his responsibilities involving housing placement. He also chairs the Residential Life Board. This board looks at cases where violations have been made to NNC's student handbook, and decide what disciplinary measures to take. He also chairs the Exceptions Committee. They deal with exceptions such as food appeals for students who ask to be taken off the Marriot meal plan, and off-campus housing arrangements.

Berggren is also in charge of the resident directors on campus.

He also trains and hires resident assistants and peer assistants. In the summer, Berggren facilitates camps and conferences held at NNC. He works on making the NNC web page more user-friendly for students. He also works with Environmental Services on the improvement and cleaning of on-campus housing. Berggren is not involved in all of these activities at once. "My job is pretty big," he shared, "but it's kind of a cyclical thing, so it's manageable."

"The most difficult part of this job," Berggren shared, "is the discipline aspect. It's never fun to have to discipline students. It's a huge challenge! I want to help students through issues they

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~Kent Berggren

have rather than hitting them over the head with penalties. I rarely ask a student to leave. It is usually only after a second violation of the student handbook."

Berggren grew up in the Seattle, Washington area, where his father is a Nazarene pastor. "All my life I knew that I was going to come to NNC," he shared. "My parents came here." Berggren graduated from NNC with a degree in psychology. Af-

ter college, he met his wife Stacey at his brother's wedding. He moved to Nampa three months after his marriage, and got a masters degree in education at NNC, which he finished two years ago.

Upon arriving back in Nampa, Berggren first worked at Nampa Boy's Home. He also held a position at NNC as a resident director for several years. Two years ago, he moved to his current position as Director of Residential Life. He has been back in Nampa for a total of five years.

He is an active member of College Church of the Nazarene. He and his wife have been working with an engaged couples class at College Church for the last three years. They discuss important issues with engaged couples, such as how to handle finances, communication and relatives.

From his new perspective in coming back to NNC as a leader rather than a student, Berggren shared, "I see a lot of students that have energy and leadership ability as a leader. The quality of students and dedication to leadership at NNC is pretty incredible."

Berggren is not sure where the next bend in the road will lead him. "I see myself here at NNC for the next five to ten years. While I'm continuing my education, I'll stay here. This is my dream job," he commented. "I love working at the place I dreamed of going to all my life." Someday he plans to further his education. "I think I want to pursue my Doctorate of Education, but that's not immediate. Right now family is more important to me." His wife Stacey is pregnant, and is due on July 17.

Among Berggren's hobbies are golfing and traveling. His wife Stacey's family is from Florida, and he enjoys going there. "I love to plan fun summer vacations," he shared. A favorite place of his is the Hilton Head golf course in South Carolina. Berggren has a twin brother who also attended NNC as a physics major. His brother is currently a computer programmer, working in the Seattle area.

Berggren's leadership role on campus has added to the quality of NNC's campus life. His energy, direction and heart for God have made him an important and influential person in the lives of many students, especially those involved actively in student leadership. He handles his many roles and responsibilities with integrity and wisdom.

Senate Notes

In Senate this week, there was a Resolution/Bill discussed during Gallery Business, which would facilitate an outdoor center/house. This would be available to students and faculty, and include equipment to rent, from waterbottles to bicycles. A survey was presented to the students in Chapel on Monday. The location would probably be an off-campus, run down house that is really unlivable. It was discussed that hopefully Senate would provide funds to help the business get going, and then they would be self-run and operated.

In Executive Officer Reports, Resident Field reported that the library will soon be open on Sundays from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Social Vice President Buckendorf noted that there will be a free dinner in Marriot on Sunday, March 14 from 9:00pm to 11:00pm. Community Relations Coordinator Zimmerman reported that the blood drive for next term will be on April 22. Campus Ministries Coordinator Aragon reported that three men from the Boise Rescue Mission will be talking at Time Out this week.

In Standing Committee Reports, the Ways and Means committee reported that they finished budgeting for third term. The new Class A Organization Grant proposal was read by Senator Peterson. It was discussed which groups on campus should be considered for the Class A Grant. It was also discussed whether the organization should have to designate how the money would be used.

In Old Business, the Chemistry Club senate bill for conference funding was presented. It read: "Therefore, let it be enacted: That the sum of \$250 be transferred from the General Account to the Chemistry Club to provide supplemental funding for the above mentioned Conference." After much debate, the bill was passed 7-4. It was discussed that this bill was a special case which seemed to be falling through the cracks before the club could apply for a Class A Grant.

A senate bill was also presented, which read: "Therefore, let it be enacted: That the sum of \$300 be transferred from the General Account to the sophomore class council to provide funding for the all-school Jaws Night." Senator Marble expanded on the bill, explaining that she felt it was an activity that would be of interest to the entire student body, not just the sophomore class. A senate bill for \$2200, paying for homecoming, was also presented.

Kids' Activity Day involved games and fun



Photo by Jenelle Smith

Three children from the Nampa School District busily fingerpaint their "Kids' Activity Day" sign. The children played on an obstacle course, drew cartoons, had a science project and made "GAK" which is a putty-like substance, as well as many other fun activities.



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Baseball legend, Joe DiMaggio dies at 84

by Joshua Dooley

World News Editor

HOLLYWOOD, FL -- Joe DiMaggio - former Yankee Clipper baseball player, the man who had a 56-game hitting streak (known as "The Streak"), for a remarkable record, and is known as a baseball legend -- died early this past Monday at his Hollywood, Florida home. He was 84 years-old.

Just this past October, DiMaggio underwent lung cancer surgery. Since then he had been battling with complications for weeks, but ended up dying shortly after midnight, said Morris Engelberg, his longtime friend and attorney.

DiMaggio's body will be flown to Northern California for burial in his hometown, San Francisco, Engelberg said.

"DiMaggio, the consummate gentleman on and off the field, fought his illness as hard as he played the game of baseball and with the same dignity, style and grace with which he lived his life," said Engelberg.

When DiMaggio was allowed to leave the hospital back on January 19, New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner invited DiMaggio to throw out the ceremonial first ball at the Yankees' home opener by a sign on his bed that read "April 9 Yankee Stadium or Bust." This past Monday Steinbrenner said that he visited the weak but alert DiMaggio five days ago to remind him of the invitation. "He just smiled," Steinbrenner said.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig called DiMaggio "the personification of grace, class and dignity on the baseball diamond."

"As an immigrant's son, he represented the hopes and ideals of our great country," Selig said.

As a center fielder for the New York Yankees, DiMaggio ran the baselines for 13 years through 1951. In his career of baseball, he only missed three seasons so that he could serve in World War II. During that time he played for ten pennant winners and nine World Series champions, batted .325 and hit 361 home runs.

Just after the country came out of the Great Depression, in the magical summer of '41, DiMaggio raised himself from a baseball star to a national celebrity through "The Streak."

In 1954 he raised himself even higher up the ranks of popu-

lar culture after he married the famous Marilyn Monroe. However, the storybook marriage ended in divorce leaving him brokenhearted. For years after she died in 1962, DiMaggio would go to her grave with roses, but at the same time, refused to talk about her.

DiMaggio was seen as a handsome man of quiet strength by many friends, unpretentious, proud and intensely private. DiMaggio was the kind of hero that parents would want their sons to model themselves after. He had class on and off the field.

Even though DiMaggio was usually shy, he came across as your friendly neighbor, just as he did in his later years, displaying the virtues of a savings bank and "Mr. Coffee" on television to a generation that never saw him play. Even in more recent years, he devoted himself to his grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and to raising money for the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, Florida.

No ballplayer in history has ever heard more cheers than DiMaggio did during "The Streak." There was even a song written about it, and crowds waited for him to come to town. In city after city, he kept "The Streak" alive, getting at least one hit in every game from May 15 until July 17 in Cleveland for a total 56 games. No one has come close since.

DiMaggio seemed surprised at the 50th anniversary remem-

...following that, he went on to begin another streak of 16 games which meant he batted safely 72 of 73 games.

bering "The Streak," in 1991, that his record still held. "There are a lot of great ballplayers," he said. "One day, someone's going to come along and break it. But I've been saying that for 50 years." Pete Rose fell 12 games short of tying DiMaggio during his best challenge in 1978.

During "The Streak," DiMaggio batted .408 with 91 hits in 223 at-bats, 15 homers and 55 RBIs.

In DiMaggio's 57th game it took a pair of outstanding fielding plays by third baseman Ken Keltner to stop DiMaggio. Immediately following that, he went on to begin another streak of 16 games which meant he batted safely 72 of 73 games.

His typical control of his



Photo via New York Daily News

New York Yankees Hall-of-Famer Joe DiMaggio, left, sits with Frank Sinatra at Yankee Stadium in 1949. DiMaggio died Monday, March 8, 1999, at his home in Hollywood, Florida, at the age of 84. DiMaggio, known as the "Yankee Clipper," was known for achievements on the field such as a 56-game hitting streak, 3 Most Valuable Player awards, 10 American League pennants and nine World Series titles in 13 seasons with the New York Yankees.

emotions showed true when Keltner robbed him of two hits, yet he demonstrated no disappointment that day.

DiMaggio went to New York in May 1936, at age 21. He introduced himself to Yankees fans with two singles and a triple in his first game, and never slowed until retirement.

Before DiMaggio became a star, baseball's biggest names were men like Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth. Although his accomplishments rivaled theirs in many ways, DiMaggio's style was in sharp contrast.

Cobb and Ruth were colorful, larger-than-life characters, one a belligerent, short-tempered man who played the game with a vengeance, the other a gregarious, party-going slugger who set the standard for all home-run hitters.

DiMaggio was one of the quiet reserved types who had a gift for making everything look easy, whether it was something like an over-the-shoulder catch of a 400-foot drive or a home run to the deepest part of then-cavernous Yankee Stadium. The other thing he was remembered for was his powerful, accurate arm that baserunners very seldom tried to challenge.

"I was out there to play and give it all I had," he said in 1991.

"I looked at it like 'I'm doing my best.' If I got the hit, fine. I always felt good that I had given my best,"

Only twice did DiMaggio have a batting average that was less than .300. He accumulated 3,948 total bases and drove in 1,537 runs. He finished his career with 2,214 hits.

DiMaggio received the Most Valuable Player (MVP) in 1939, 1941 and 1947. He was the American League (AL) batting champion in 1939 with a .381 average and 1940 at .352. He led the league in RBIs in 1941 with 125 and in 1948 with 155. He had the most homers in the league in 1937 with 46 and in 1948 with 39.

It would have been likely that if DiMaggio had not volunteered for Army service during World War II that he would have broken other records of the time. DiMaggio spent two and a half years in the Army's physical training program for air cadets. Even this proved his strong focus as he continued with the program despite the stomach ulcers that were bugging him part of the time.

Along with fellow slugger Ted Williams, DiMaggio was acknowledged by President Bush in a 1991 White House salute. President Bush said their military service "deprived them of even greater statistics, but also enhanced their greatness in the eyes of Americans."

DiMaggio struggled with a string of injuries during his career as he was forced to miss the opening day seven times. He underwent three operations within two

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years for bone spurs in the heels and bone chips in his arm.

In 1949, he was forced to sit on the sidelines for 65 games because of an inflamed heel. Immediately after he recovered, DiMaggio hit a homerun that helped the Yankees beat Boston 5-4, and he went on to bat .500 in their three-game series. It was as if he'd never been gone.

By the age of 37 DiMaggio, after giving much thought about it, decided to quit playing baseball.

"The old timing was beginning to leave me, and my reflexes were beginning to slow up," he explained.

By the end of his last season, he said, "it had become a chore for me to play."

"I found it difficult getting out of bed in the morning, especially after a night game," he said. "I was full of aches and pains."

The Yankees ended up winning the World Series in his final year with the team, and he finished with a triumph. He hit a home run in the fourth game, and had six hits in 11 at-bats.

It had been a long time after he retired that DiMaggio served briefly as a vice president and coach for the Oakland A's, and as a member of the board of directors of the Baltimore Orioles. When he was not traveling, DiMaggio lived alone in his home on exclusive Harbour Island, Florida.

DiMaggio helped make baseball that great American pastime and he will remain a legend long remembered by fans and players alike for years to come.

Italy's Prime Minister accepts U.S. apology

by Jeremy Smith

World News Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. - President Bill Clinton, coming in from an extended session with Italy's prime minister on Friday, said the United States accepted full responsibility for the deaths of 20 people when a Marine jet clipped an Alpine cable car wire while flying too low. Italy and other European states were appalled by Thursday's U.S. military court decision acquitting the jet's pilot of responsibility for the deaths.

Captain Richard Ashby was cleared Thursday of involuntary manslaughter and other charges coming from the February 3, 1998, disaster near Cavalese, Italy.

"The United States is responsible for this terrible tragedy," President Clinton said with Italy's Prime Minister Massimo D'Alema beside him. "We are profoundly regretful and apologetic for what has occurred."

While abstaining from commenting on the ongoing judicial proceedings, Clinton said he and D'Alema agreed that a top-level review of NATO safety regulations would be undertaken. But pressed by reporters, he conceded "Our presence in Italy ... were the context and environment in which this horrible thing occurred."

He also said the U.S. has to work to ensure something like this never happens again and must consider new compensation payments to the victims' relatives. "The United States is not trying to duck its responsibility."

D'Alema appeared to be satisfied with Clinton's apology, yet he



Photo by Pete Souza
President Clinton escorts Italian Prime Minister Massimo D'Alema from a press conference.

insisted that Thursday's verdict must not be the last word.

"We cannot and must not interfere with a specific judicial proceeding which is not yet over and will include new trials and new verdicts," D'Alema said. He then added "that event cannot be considered an ordinary occurrence. It is not normal for a military aircraft to fly in a valley 300 feet from the ground... We expect at the end of the process it is made clear who is responsible ... and that these people are punished for it."

In Europe, disgust and anger built on Friday ahead of the two leaders' gathering. U.S. diplomats were called for, protests were filed and a review of NATO agreements promised as Europe continued to react

aggressively Friday to the acquittal of a U.S. Marine pilot whose jet led to the death of 20 skiers in Italy last year. Belgium summoned the U.S. ambassador to protest the verdict. Poland and Germany said they would move to seek amends in European courts. NATO's top European military officer said repercussions from the case could hurt U.S. military's relations with the European public.

Ashby, regardless of his acquittal on involuntary manslaughter charges, could still be sent to prison, however, only for one year, if he is convicted of the lone remaining count of obstruction of justice. Ashby also told The Associated Press Friday that the crew wrote a letter of condolence to the victims' families a day after the tragedy, but the Marine Corps would not deliver it. A Marine public affairs officer told the crew, "We represent the Marine Corps, not you."

On NBC's "Today" show, Ashby's lawyer, Frank Spinner, said that although his client won the courtroom battle, he will never again fly for the Marines, a fact that gave little comfort to relatives of those who died in the Italian Alps.

"[Ashby's] career is over," Spinner said. "He has no career in the Marine Corps at this point, unfortunately ... the Marine Corps has lost a very talented, skillful, outstanding pilot."

In the interview, Spinner recognized the shock expressed by relatives of the victims, adding that, "perhaps the pain of their loss is so great that it's very difficult for them to see the objective facts."

Margo Anthonissen, whose

daughter was one of the victims, told "Today" that she and other relatives "felt our children were killed a second time ... On the 4th of March, America again killed our children."

In the courtroom at the Camp Lejeune Marine base, a cheer went up when the verdict was announced by the jury of eight Marine officers.

"All I really want to say is that this has been a tragedy for all involved, and my heart and thoughts and prayers go out to all the families of the victims," Ashby told reporters afterward.

Ashby, 31, was charged with 20 counts of involuntary manslaughter and one count each of destroying government property, destroying private property, willful neglect of duty and failure to plan the flight properly.

He could have faced a sentence of 206 years, had he been convicted of all charges.

"Capt. Ashby is certainly free to go," said the judge, Lt. Col. Robert Nunley.

However, Ashby still faces another court-martial. He has been charged with obstruction of justice for the disappearance of a videotape his navigator made during the fatal flight. He could receive a year in prison if convicted of this charge. The navigator, Capt. Joseph Schweitzer, also faces a manslaughter court-martial, however, it was unclear whether prosecutors will proceed with the case now that Ashby was acquitted.

"During closing arguments, Maj. [Daniel] Daugherty, one of the government's prosecutors, stated on the record that, quote, 'Capt. Schweitzer did not cause this accident,'" noted defense attorney Navy

Lt. Kathryn Clune. The accident occurred on the final leg of a 42-minute training run through the Italian Alps. After the incident, Italians demanded that U.S. landing rights be revoked at bases in their country.

"The families' reaction is shock," said John Arthur Eaves, who represents relatives of the German victims. He said several family members expressed grief in that there is "no justice in the world."

Prosecutors accused Ashby of "flat-hatting," or reckless flying. They said he violated the mission's 517-mph speed limit and 2,000-foot altitude restriction. His jet, traveling at 621 mph, cut the cable about 370 feet above the valley floor, prosecutors said.

People living in the Alpine ski area said they have long complained about low-flying jets from Aviano air base and their "Top Gun" antics.

Ashby, of Mission Viejo, Calif., said he believed the altitude restriction to be 1,000 feet. He claimed he was unaware of a mission speed limit. His attorneys also contested the jet's altitude gauge malfunctioned, and an optical illusion made Ashby think he was flying at a higher altitude than what he was actually flying.

Both sides agreed the Mount Cermis ski lift was not marked on Ashby's government-issue map. Ashby testified last week that he did not see the cable until the last second.

Two Poles, seven Germans, five Belgians, three Italians, two Austrians and one Dutch person died in the accident. Attorneys for the victims are trying to obtain damage payments from the U.S. government.

China possibly stealing U.S. nuke technology

by Jeremy Smith

World News Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. - China appears to be targeting U.S. nuclear weapons labs with broad, comprehensive and sometimes successful, attempts to steal the latest nuclear weapons technology.

In what has been the most flagrant instance, Department of Energy intelligence officials are investigating how China replicated part of the most sophisticated American nuclear weapon, known as the W-88, a compact warhead that packs the nuclear punch of larger weapons.

By stealing nuclear secrets from the U.S. the Chinese may have knocked off as much as 15 years from their nuclear research and development. The new smaller warheads, like the W-88

can be mounted on more mobile and covert missiles than their larger predecessors. This new size also allows for many warheads to be placed on a single intercontinental ballistic missile.

China's foreign minister, Tang Jiaxuan, today called reports that China had stolen U.S. nuclear secrets "irresponsible and also unfounded."

Some of the most sensitive, unauthorized technology transfers to China originated at Department of Energy labs, according to a classified congressional report concluded last December by a committee chaired by Rep. Chris Cox of California.

The Chinese and other foreign governments say DOE officials have taken advantage of a culture of openness, and lax security systems at the labs, which are

owned by the government, but run by the University of California, which makes the labs what one official calls a "Wal-Mart" for spies shopping for nuclear secrets.

From 1994 to 1996, a General Accounting Office survey found that eight people with known or suspected connections to foreign intelligence services were let into the Los Alamos lab without background checks, and five were let into the Sandia National Laboratories.

The GAO also established that in many circumstances, foreign visitors were allowed to roam unescorted after hours in sensitive lab areas. A Los Alamos official told the GAO in 1997 that the facility allowed the access to preserve an open "campus atmosphere" for researchers.

Chinese operatives also target

Chinese-American nuclear scientists during business travel and at scientific conferences, appealing to their ethnic roots, officials say.

A Chinese-American scientist at Los Alamos has been pointed to in an investigation of the W-88 case, which was discovered in 1995 and is now in what one official calls a "critical stage." The scientist, who recently failed two lie-detector tests, has been moved from his sensitive position, but not charged with any crime.

Another Chinese-American scientist at the DOE, Peter Lee, will be released in April after serving a one-year sentence for selling advanced laser technology to the Chinese, which may have helped them improve their testing of weapons. "I felt some

empathy with them," Lee told investigators.

But despite at least three compromises of nuclear secrets and at least six formal warnings about the nuclear labs' weaknesses to spying, the White House and Department of Energy held out against and delayed standard counter-intelligence techniques for at least three years, officials say.

Counterintelligence reform plans, such as the one President Clinton signed early last year still have not been fully implemented, and intelligence officials believe that Chinese espionage efforts at the labs are still going on.

Despite several anomalies, some scientists and officials insist the benefits of openness are worth the risks.

Twins:

More than meets the eye

by Stephanie Wirick
Crusader Staff News Writer

I had positioned myself to be in the lead. There was no way I could lose this one. I gave my sister a winning smile after rubbing my smashed foot gingerly. She had been kicking me in the foot for three days straight, so naturally it was going to be a little bit bruised.

I'd been spending that past eight and a half months in a space that left me with less than one inch between myself and her, and was feeling a bit claustrophobic. I knew that freedom was just around the corner. My head was down, my feet were up, and I was ready to charge. She, oddly enough, was positioned with her

feet down and her head up.

This, I felt, was not the proper way for her to be, but I had learned by that time that she always had to be right, and simply went about the business of getting out of there.

Suddenly I heard a strange new tearing sound, and saw her being lifted out of our living quarters by a large, gloved hand. I heard her give a loud cry of victory, and wondered what had happened. Then I realized...she had beaten me to it. My twin sister, Kadee, had been born first.

From the point of conception on, amazing things take place in the womb that will determine whether or not a person will enter this world alone. Twins have the rare experience of coming into this world with another soul that will (in all likelihood) live with them, eat with them, go to school with them, and compete with them until the natural course of life separates them.

Amazingly enough, this ex-

perience is shared by at least 7 sets of twins, and three halves of twins on the NNC campus. Some are fraternal, in which there were two separate eggs fertilized at conception. The others are identical, in which one egg was fertilized, but it ended up splitting into two separate parts, which then begin developing separately. After the usual nine months (although a large percentage of twins are born prematurely), the birth of these two individuals takes place.

Modern technology has made it nearly impossible for a woman not to know that she's have twins, but there are exceptions, as in the case of Melissa and Ken Tennyson.

"My mother was thrilled with a beautiful baby boy," Ken said. "Then the doctor said, 'Hold on a minute! There's another one in here!'" His twin sister Melissa was born two minutes later. The race out of the womb causes some births to happen very quickly, like that of the Turner twins who came out an amazing 30 seconds apart. Others saunter out of the birth canal while their mothers suffer inexpressible agonies, like the Anderson twins who came out a whopping 30 minutes apart.

Sibling rivalry is something that will inevitably affect everyone with brothers or sisters. With twins, however, there seems to be a little bit more pressure. "In sports, having a twin was a disadvantage. Every time he (Jessie) messed up, it was 'the Franklins' that messed up. The coaches couldn't tell us apart, and they never called us by our names," said identical twin Jeremy Franklin.

"I was supposed to get an honor from our local newspaper, but I didn't even get it until he was injured. I couldn't really stand out by myself."

Individuality among identical twins or fraternal twins of the same sex is something often hard to achieve. "The first or second month I was here I was always asked, 'Are you Erin or the other one?'" remembered identical twin Amber Hellberg, whose sister, Erin was playing volleyball for NNC at the time. "We are twins, but we have separate identities."

However, the natural tendency to mix up those whom God has created to look the same should never be a reason to

avoid them just for the sake of pride.

"It's really frustrating when I recognize somebody that should feel comfortable knowing who I am, and they turn away just because they don't know the difference, and don't want to have to guess. If you are in doubt, just say hi anyway. I'm not going to make you feel stupid," said Sara Turner. "I know there are some twins that jump on you if you get them wrong, but I would rather you do that than just ignore me."

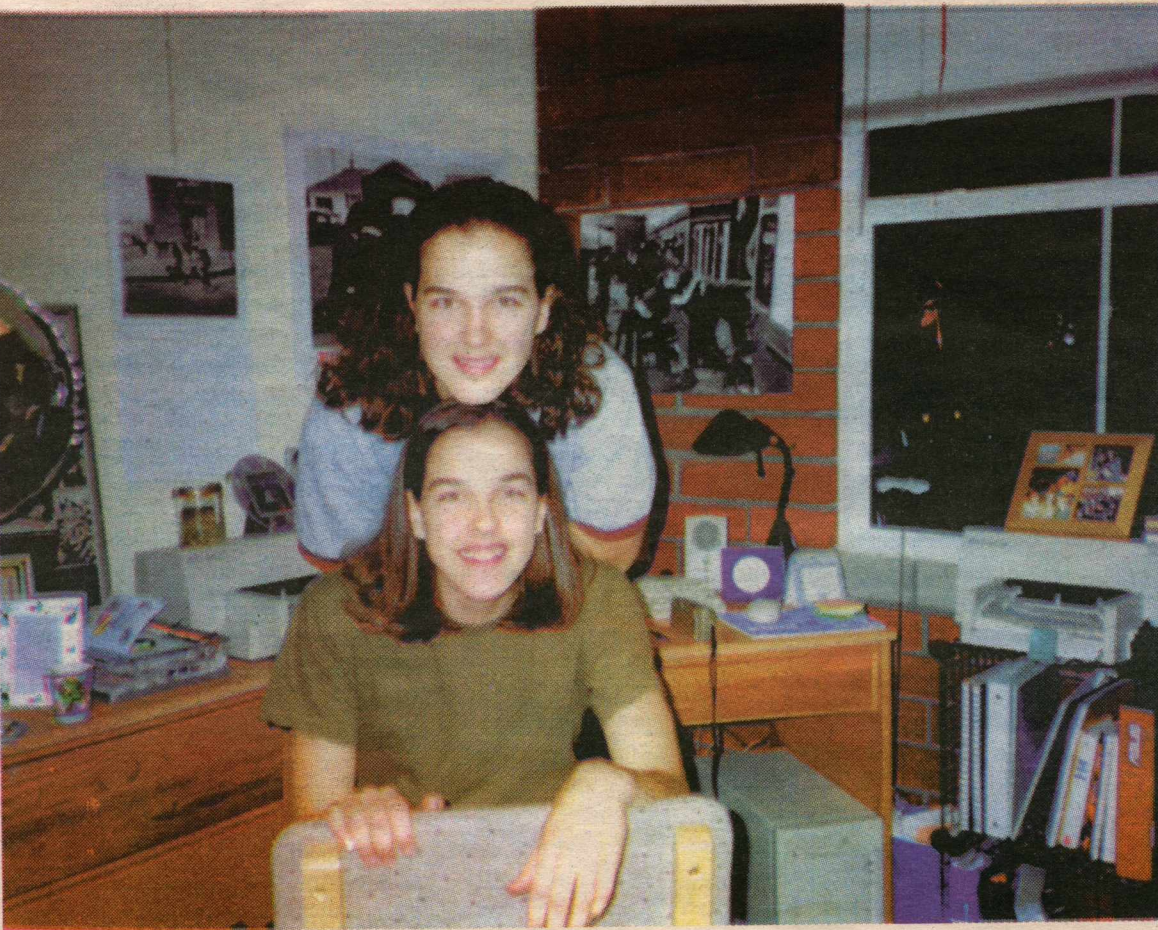
Of course, there are times twins can be positively cruel to those who don't take the time to get to know them individually. "When we moved to Federal Way we told people that there were three of us: Jeremy, Jessie, and Jeffrey," Jeremy Franklin said, which was followed by a sly smile from his identical twin brother Jessie.

"People will believe anything. One girl asked us if we were twins, and I told her that actually Jessie was adopted, but not to talk about it because it was kind of a sensitive issue. She was like, 'Oh my gosh! That's amazing! You two look so much alike!'"

Of course, with this seemingly endless quest for distinction, one might come to the natural question, "Well, why the heck did you come to the same college?" Sarah Anderson, whose brother Braden also attends NNC, answered with a response that many of the twins shared: "Well, it was expected for us to go to NNC." The Franklins, Tennysons and Andersons all came here mainly as a result of having either parents or other relatives previously attend NNC.

Kadee Wirick, an identical twin who rooms with her twin sister (me) had a different response. "We both went to different schools for our freshman year of college, but we both found them lacking in one way or another. So, we both just happened to decide to go to NNC to get what we wanted for our education."

However, not all twins on campus chose to attend college with their other twin. Nathan Hydes decided to separate from his twin brother, Dylan, who opted to go to Linfield College in McMinnville.



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~Jeremy Franklin

"I love my brother more than anything," explained Nathan, "But we both had different things we wanted to do. Our individuality was important to us so we really didn't have any problem going our separate ways. It's kind of nice to not be known as one of 'the boys' or 'the twins.' I find it interesting that people sometimes don't believe me when I tell them I have an identical twin; especially since I spent so much of my life being known as one of the twins. Once in a while at school, I'll get the always clever response, 'you mean there's two of you aheh aheh?'"

It could perhaps be thought that living with the same person day after day from the time of birth on could get rather tiresome, or in some cases cause friction between the two individuals. In the case of the Franklin twins, who didn't remember getting along particularly well until college, a few fist fights were lovingly recalled. The Anderson twins also were not on very friendly terms until they came to NNC. "We get along much better here...but I don't see her as much," said Braden.

Parents play an important role in determining the way twins view themselves and each other. "I think my parents did a good job of pushing us. They purposely separated us in elementary school, putting us in different classrooms. I think that was good because we weren't competing against each other," said Melissa Tennyson.

Purposely putting twins into separate classrooms during elementary school was a practice used by almost all of the parents of those interviewed.

From the point of birth on, twins, particularly if they are identical, go through the somewhat tiresome ritual of being asked how they like being twins.

"I don't know anything but being a twin. It'd be like asking if you like not having a twin," said Sara Turner, who lives with her fraternal twin Laura on cam-

pus. "Or do you like having brown hair, or being 5'2". For all of them, you just don't know anything different."

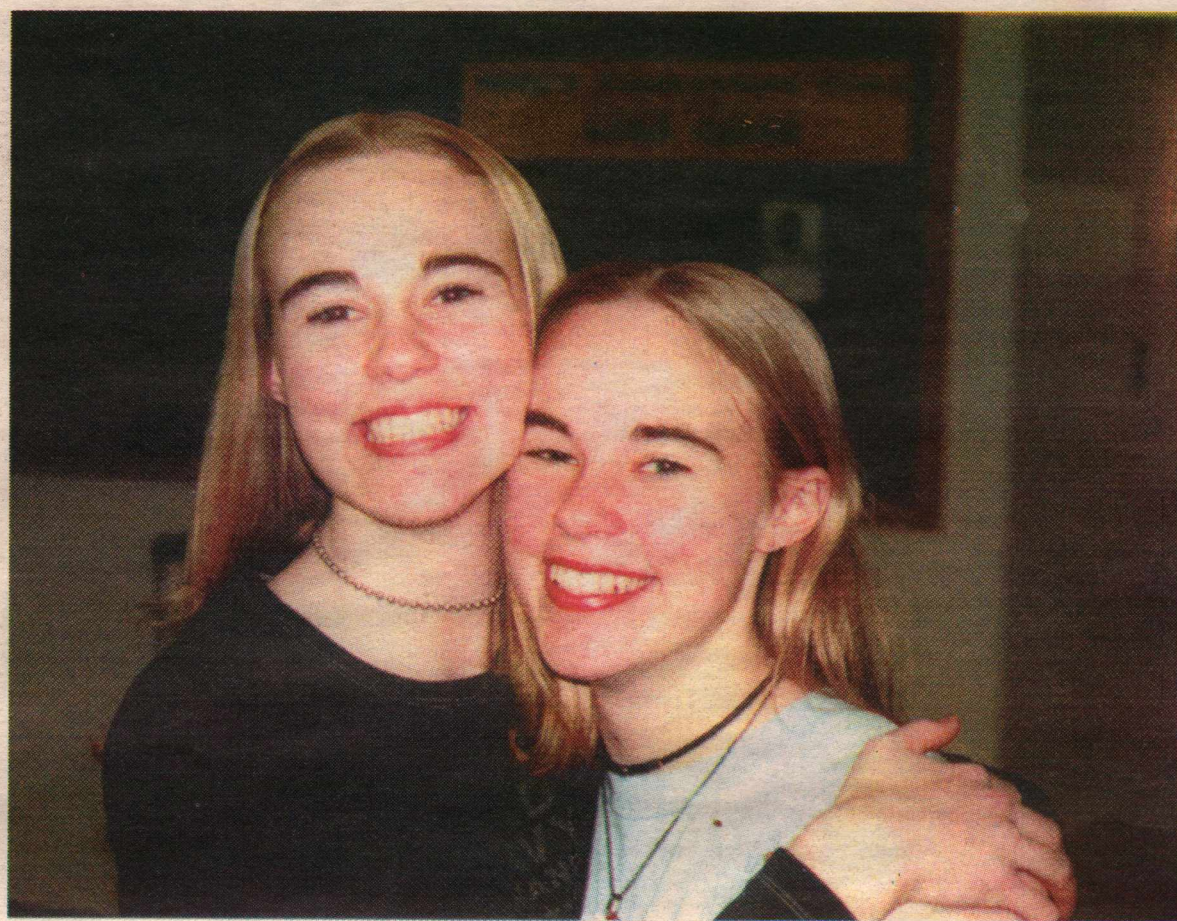
One of the most commonly asked questions for twins consisting of one boy and one girl was, "Are you guys identical?" Quick point of information: Identical twins CANNOT be of the opposite sex. When the egg splits, sex has already been determined. Another point of possible interest: Since identical twins are genetically the same person, one twin's children will biologically be the other twin's half-children. And if identical twins marry identical twins, genetically their children will be brothers and sisters. (I realize this makes for a rather sickening picture, but don't stop dating an identical twin if you are currently doing so. That's just not fair.)

Although there are some issues that at times are difficult to deal with in regards to being a twin, there can be many positive aspects. Sara Turner finds one of the most fun parts of being a twin in, "having those people that feel they know beyond a shadow of a doubt that I'm Laura who start picking up on a conversation they left off with her. I'll just say, 'Maybe you want to talk to Laura about that.' They get so embarrassed."

Fraternal twins are given somewhat different advantages than identical twins. "Being different genders made for awesome co-ed birthday parties. That's the biggest advantage. I'd be inviting guys I didn't even know just because my sister liked them. And if I had my eye on someone, Missy would ask them," said Ken Tennyson.

His sister Melissa added, "Being a twin was an advantage because you always had a playmate growing up. You had different perspectives. I really respect Ken's opinion, and am always seeking his advice."

The connection between twins, both physically and emotionally, has always been an area



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of fascination for doctors, scientists and bullies. "Bullies would punch me in the arm and ask Jeremy, 'Did you feel that?' And he'd say, 'No' and they'd say to me, 'Well, maybe I didn't punch you hard enough,'" said Jessie Franklin.

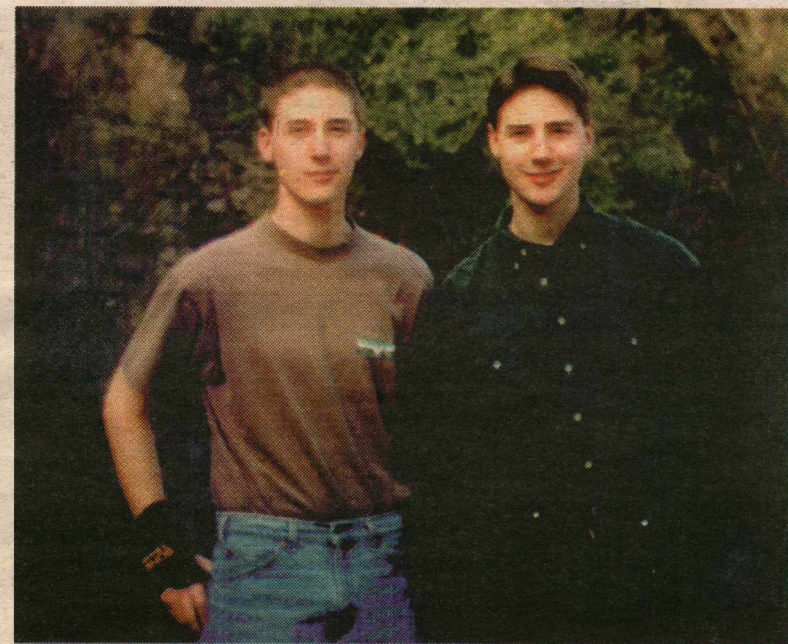
Although most of the twins felt that there was at least some sort of emotional connection due to the fact that they were twins, the idea of any sort of mystical, telepathic or ESP type things happening between them were very doubtful. "It seems that we go through the same types of stages at the same time (probably because we're the same age). We have that connection there, but I don't think it's mystical," said Melissa Tennyson.

All in all, the experience of being a twin comes with advantages and disadvantages, joys

and frustrations and arguments and hugs. The quest for individuality generally is the main source of frustration, but the unique advantage of always having a friend of the same age—who knows you possibly better than anyone else ever could know you—makes for a somewhat unique balance.

And for those of you who find yourself in the difficult situation of never being able to tell the differ-

ence between twins, don't be too terribly alarmed. "If you're confused, just ask. Don't just hang back and make assumptions about which one's which, or which one likes what," advised Kadee Wirick. "There's much more to each of us than just gorgeous faces."



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~Nathan Hydes

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Are you holding a stone: a look at Lewinsky

by Olivia Craker

Crusader News Opinions Writer

When I watched the movie *Titanic*, I was not impressed with the dialogue or the acting. I was pleased, though, to understand what life on the *Titanic* must have been like. When I saw the people falling from the deck, floating in the frigid water and crowding onto the lifeboats, the history lessons from years past came to life. The movie put faces with a story and I finally understood what I had only imagined.

When I watched Barbara Walters' interview with Monica Lewinsky, I wasn't impressed with the content or the attitude behind the answers, but a human being was put with a persona that the press had created. I finally saw who this woman really was. In some ways I was glad to see a real person emerge, and in other ways I wish that her name would mean nothing at all to me. The truth is Monica Lewinsky will mean something to a lot of people for a long time. The Lewinsky I saw on Thursday night was well spoken, sincere and intelligent. She

and Walters seemed to get along very well and even enjoy one another's company. I was pleased to see that this young woman was not a foolish valley girl like the press had made her out to be.

The thing that made this a sad story instead of a triumph for Miss Lewinsky was that she seemed to have little remorse for her actions. I was sad when she laughed at questions about her having guts enough to show the President of the United States her underwear. I cringed when she giggled about telling her friends about the cigar incident. Her mood of insincerity and laughter was at times quite offensive. It made me wonder if fame was what she wanted in the first place. It seemed that she enjoyed every minute of that interview. She was also pleased with her new book that has hit the bookstores. I wonder if it is because it tells her story or because it brought her a great amount of revenue. It seems that she has it all, or does she. Her friends have betrayed her, her name is known by every American. She was a big player in the impeachment trial of the President of the United States of

America, she has suffered great hardship, her family has been negatively affected and she will never live a normal life. Does she really have it all? I think not.

I was displeased with much that she had to say, but I had to remember that she lives in a totally different world than I do. In no way do I condone her behavior but judging her behavior is not something I can do. What she did was wrong, but what makes words of hatred and divisiveness any better? I was saddened as I watched her tell of the torture the past year or more has caused her. Some may say, "She deserved it, she made her bed and now she has to sleep in it!" But I don't think that is the heart that we need to have.

I was impressed with her response to Linda Tripp's comment that she would like to give Monica a hug. Lewinsky said that she pitied Tripp and wouldn't want to be her for anything. There could have been words of hatred, but Lewinsky seems to be a bigger woman than that. I was pleased with the way that Lewinsky dealt with the President. He has done much to hurt her in the past months, but

instead of trying to get back at him, she told the truth and nothing more in her depositions. I was glad that Lewinsky plans on seeking to live a more normal moral life, but this scandal will haunt her forever. Walters asked Lewinsky what a man's mother would say if he brought Monica home. We can all imagine what our mothers might think, but is that the right thing to think?

Millions of people in this world, probably even billions have had extramarital affairs. Sex to people outside, and sometimes inside, the religious faith is free to all who want it. Our country is in a sad state of disrepair because of what this woman and the President did, but I think there is something that is just as sinful going on in our own lives.

Christians seem to hold grudges more than any other group of people I know. Was not the ministry of Christ one of forgiveness and love? Shouldn't we who have been forgiven be quick to offer that to others? Yet we hold onto the things that make us feel sick or angry, or the things that we deem sinful. This is not the plan that Christ had for us.

As I thought of the way this interview made me feel, I thought about what Christ's response might be. It reminded me of the story of the woman caught in adultery in John's gospel. Is this the way that we are willing to treat Miss Lewinsky, or are we going to meet her bad behavior with our own hatred? I think we have a higher standard to reach. Let's offer the message of hope that Jesus did, "You who are without sin throw the first stone," and let's check our own hearts and make sure that we are not holding stones that we have no business throwing. Jesus has said to us, "Go and sin no more." Let's make sure that we are willing to share that with the world. We need to pray for those that are hurting and lost and living in sin. Instead of being sad that the President was acquitted, let's pray for him. Instead of hoping that Monica Lewinsky gets what she deserves, let's pray for her. What we need in America today are people who will pray for those who are making the choices that we so self-righteously would not make. Instead we condemn them and sin ourselves in the process.

Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues

What is your favorite part of the school newspaper?



Janie Graf
Elem. Ed. Junior
Grandview, WA

"Probably Poorly Drawn Man. It's the only thing I have the patience to read. It's amazing I guess."



Doug Plies
Communications Freshman
Fortuna, CA

"The letters to the editor from the students because it's nice to know what people think."



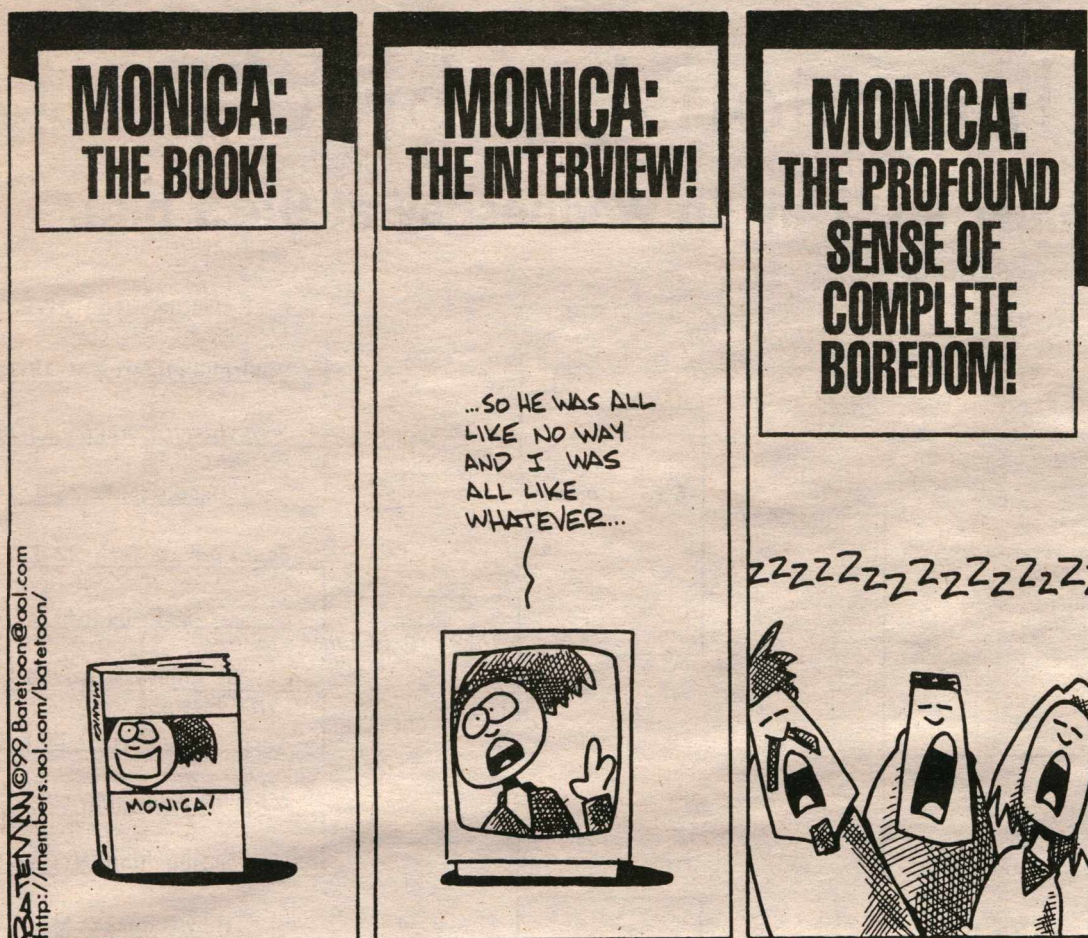
Lesley Butler
Special Ed. Freshman
McCall, ID

"The sports. I love sports, and I like to know what's going on."



Adam Reed
Business Ad. Freshman
Brookings, OR

"I like Dilbert because it's funny and kooky."



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Down with sermons, up with community involvement

by Chad Cray
Crusader News Opinions Writer

All my life (well, perhaps I should say all my life until I started college) I have attended church services, but now I refuse to go to them. Altogether, I have been to ten different churches of various denominations. There are two similarities I have seen in all of these churches. The first one is an overwhelming lack of usefulness. The second one is that I've hated every one of them.

Of the ten churches I've visited and the dozens I have heard about, I have yet to find one that does anything but drain the money from the congregation in order to foolishly waste the money on beautiful buildings, nifty billboards along the highway, or those incredibly obnoxious reader boards that every church seems to have. What good is a reader board or billboard? Well, the first use I can think of is to advertise when the church services are. Unfortunately, many pastors have overlooked this and instead try to post witty sayings. Most of the time these sayings lack any wit and have been used thousands of times, and I seriously doubt any of them have encouraged a person to attend church. So why

have them? It must be to waste money, because I know it sure isn't witnessing to people!

The monetary aspect of churches is only one small part of the problem, and so I will finish my little tirade on it here by saying that any church which devotes even one single service to the topic of tithing money

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should be burned to the ground. Giving money to the church is NOT something that should be expected and certainly should not be pressed by the pastor. Jesus never asked for monetary gifts from his followers or condoned asking for them. This is an Old Testament idea. I'm not

saying Jesus turned away such gifts, but He certainly did not ask for them!

Another reason churches are useless is because most (if not all) have absolutely no idea of how to reach out to the people in the community. I hate to burst everybody's bubble, but having services on Sunday and Bible studies on Wednesday does not attract people from the community. Unfortunately, these services are the heart of most churches. Why on earth would anybody want to attend a church service when they know absolutely nothing about it?

In order to be effective I think the church needs to put the services on the back burner (or forget about them altogether) and start getting into the community. Instead of buying a stupid reader board, buy some blankets for the homeless. Instead of having a Wednesday night Bible study, have a Wednesday night support group for teenage moms. The bottom line is this, if the church wants to witness, it needs to give up on the useless services (which are usually incredibly boring anyway) and start *working* in the community.

I'm not saying that church services should be thrown out. Well, actually, I guess I am. I see no need for the services because all it leads to is a bunch of

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am told that a friend of mine can open 90% of the mailboxes with little trouble and have myself seen two people open over a hundred each in less than an hour. Another student told me that the mailbox her father had when he went here over 30 years ago still opens to the same combination.

-Ruth Gleason

Dear Editor:

I want to apologize to those of you whom I offended at the most recent Mr. NNC event. The EEC was not

fully aware of what my acting was to consist of that evening. I also want to give my apologies to them for the credibility that may have been lost, but most of all, for my untruthfulness.

Travis J. Toews

Dear Editor:

We have been told by the administration that our actions during the Mr. NNC pageant offended many people. If so, we apologize. It was not our intent to offend anyone. If you were one of these people offended please give us a call at 8384 for Dave and 8511 for Nick.

David Coles and Nick Allen

Staff Editorial by Shawn, Monica, and Nathan

I hope you're getting ready. Christmas is only 291 days away. It's not too early to get out there and do your shopping. There's a great deal right now at Fred Meyer's for some Teletubbies on aisle 23. They're on sale until March 12. That means you have to hurry. The fastest selling Teletubby is the lavender one.

By the way, for all of you who have the need to clip your fingernails in church, for the love of all things holy, STOP! People don't like kneeling down to pray only to be impaled on the world's largest and greenest fingernail. Either go in the bathroom or someplace else where nobody wants to look at you. Probably because they hate you.

people getting together and ignoring the community and admiring their beautiful sanctuary. Instead of having formal services, churches could find a way of working God's word into

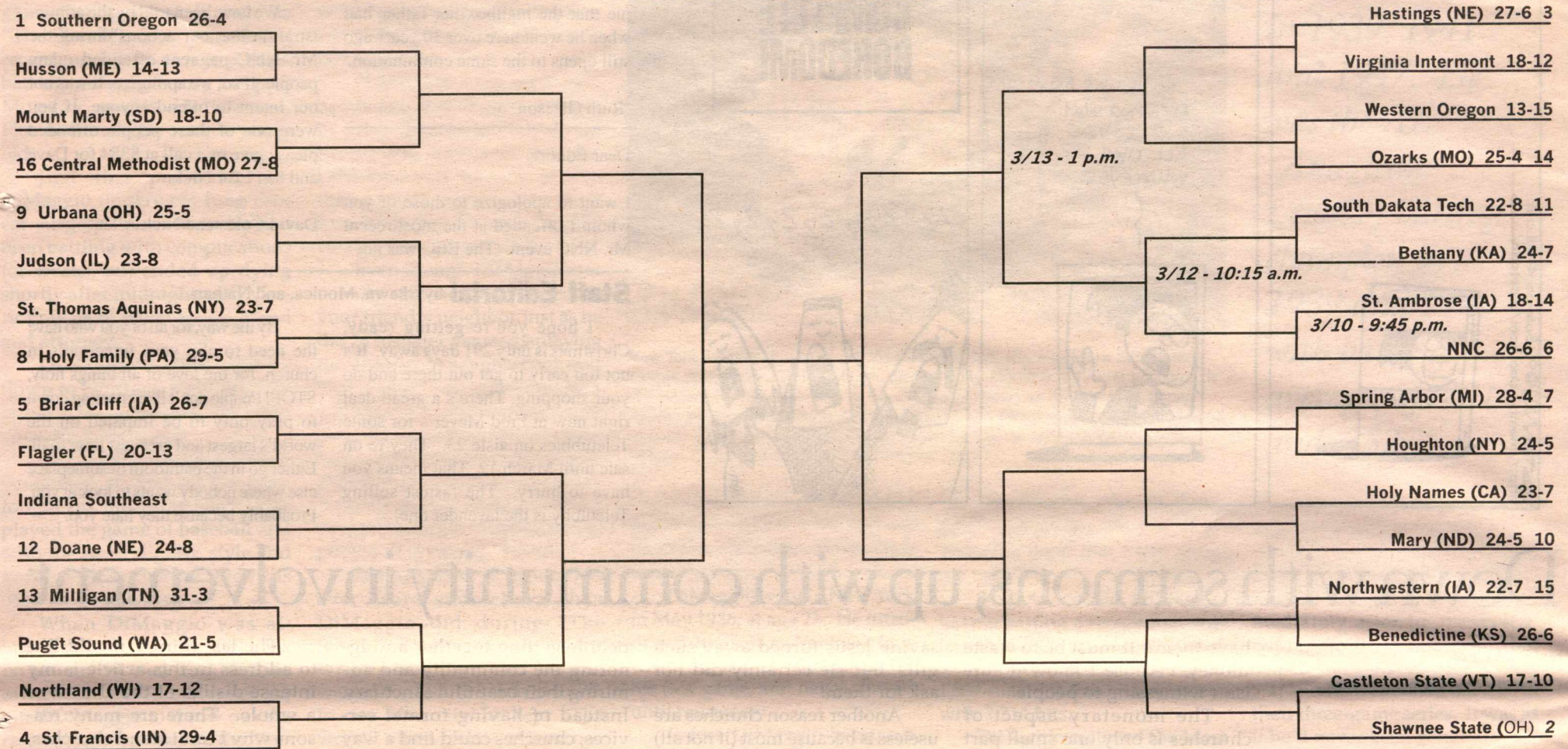
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their witnessing. For example, after helping at the homeless shelter Sunday morning, the pastor (or some other church member) could take a few minutes to share the gospel with whoever wants to hear it. This way, the church members get to hear God's word, and so do those people at the shelter. This way, neither the church-goers nor the homeless are being neglected.

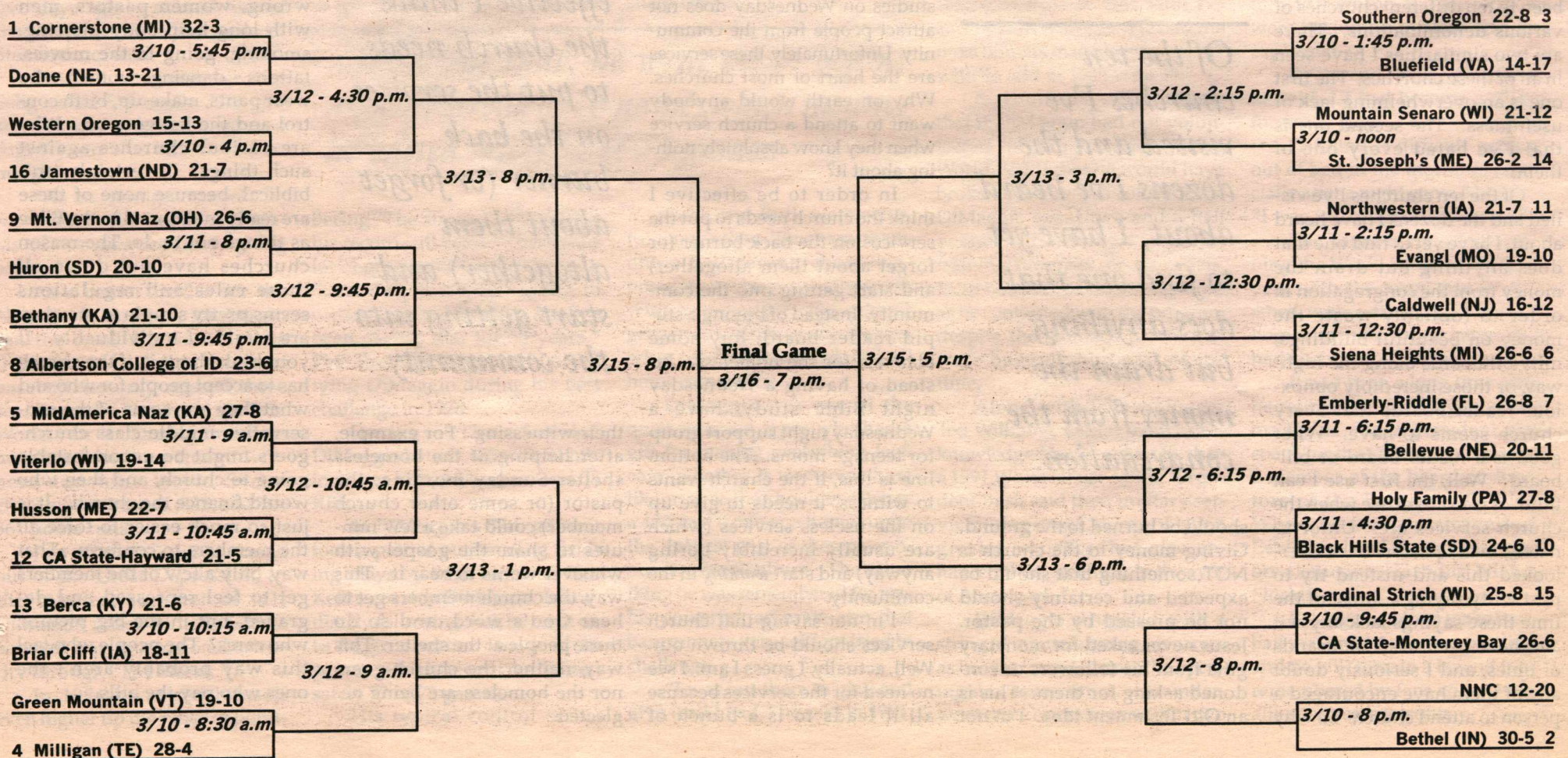
The last thing I would like to address in this article is my intense dislike of the church as a whole. There are many reasons why I can't stand churches, but the best way to sum it all up is this: the church is too closed-minded. For example, in various church denominations these things have been considered wrong: women pastors, men with long hair, body piercing, smoking, going to the movies, tattoos, dancing, women who wear pants, make-up, birth control and the list goes on. Why are various churches against such things? It certainly isn't biblical, because none of these are really mentioned in the Bible as things not to do. The reason churches have put down all these rules and regulations seems pretty simple to me: they are afraid of individuality. If you think about it, if the church has to accept people for who and what they are, some of the conservative middle class churchgoers might be uncomfortable going to church, and then who would finance the church? It is just so much easier to force all the members to conform. That way, only a few of the members get to feel repressed and degraded, but in the big picture, who cares? The people who feel this way probably aren't the ones who pay the bills.

NAIA tournament championship brackets

Women's bracket: 'Saders ranked number six; play on Wednesday at 9:45 p.m.



Men's bracket: Crusaders to play on Wednesday at 8 p.m. against Bethel College



First home game for 'Saders

NNC wins three games against W. Baptist

by Craig Craker

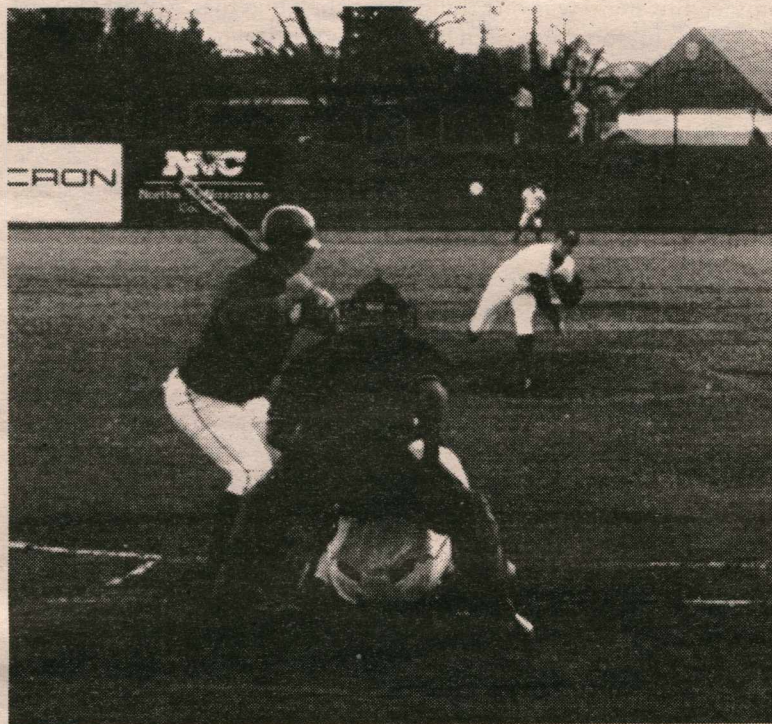
Crusader News Staff Writer

The NNC baseball team played host to Western Baptist in the home and conference opener. The 'Saders were coming off of two wins the previous weekend and were quite ready to flex their muscle against a conference opponent.

Western Baptist scored first with a solo home run in the second inning and it looked like it might be a tough night. Then in the bottom of the third inning Justin Schneidt singled. He was followed by a Dan Benedick double that scored Schneidt to tie the game. Then up came who would soon prove to be the man of the night, Zack Deboi dropped a *bomb* deep over the center field wall to make it 3-1.

The rout was on; NNC picked up two more that inning on a RBI double by Andy Heyer and a wild pitch. After three innings it was 5-1, with NNC in control.

In the fifth inning, Deboi came up and tripled deep in the right center gap. He scored on a Jon Crozier single to make it 6-1. NNC went on to score four more runs throughout the game and win 10-3. Crozier, making his second start of the season, went eight innings giving up just the one run on five hits, he walked one and



An Umpire's view of the powerful pitching action of the NNC hurlers.

struck out ten; with the win Crozier is now 2-0 on the season with a team high 28 strikeouts.

On Saturday NNC got ready for a twin bill with Western Baptist and looked to rip them up as they did the night before. Ruben Burciaga led off with a hit, followed by a Jason LaMont fielder's choice, and then Deboi doubled in a run. Later that inning Crozier hit a 3-run homer to right center, and Heyer added a 2-run shot in the fifth as NNC went up 8-0.

Matt Davis scored on a wild pitch in the bottom of the fifth to make it 10-0 and forced the umpire to call it due to the 10-run rule. Zack Deboi went the distance pitching five innings, scattering two hits, walking three and fanning six; he went to 2-0 on the season. In the second of two,

Western looked to get something going as they scored two runs in the first inning, but the lead was short lived.

Crozier came up with the sacks packed and promptly smoked a bases-clearing double into the gap giving NNC a 3-2 lead. LaMont, Deboi, Crozier and Barry Warren all added RBI's in the fifth making it 11-2. Deboi scored on a wild pitch in the bottom of the sixth to once again force the ten-run rule to be imposed. Justin Schneidt picked up the win climbing to 1-0; he pitched six innings giving up two runs on four hits, with three walks and three strikeouts.

With the wins NNC climbed to 5-0, 3-0 in the conference. We host Albertson on Thursday at 2 p.m., come on out and support your 'Saders.



One of the Crusader's many Saturday sluggers keeps his eye on the ball and connects with the rest of the team looking on from the dogout. Crusader's went on to win both of Saturday's games against W. Baptist.

Time Out with Boise Rescue Mission

There is some confusion about Time Out this week. Be sure to check with Perla to see if it is canceled for basketball. But if there is Time Out, Boise Rescue Mission will be leading.



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Psychology majors should hurry to see *Analyze This*

When I went to see this movie, I had my doubts because I am not a big fan of Billy Crystal's and generally avoid his work. But this movie may have changed my view of his acting ability some. Despite my biases, I ended up enjoying this movie.

The movie *Analyze This* is for the most part, a mob movie. If you haven't seen a preview and can't tell from the title, it is about a mob boss (Robert DeNiro) who saw his father killed and now doesn't really have what it takes to be a proficient gangster. So he seeks the help of a psychiatrist (Billy Crystal) who is not altogether willing to help such a notorious individual. But this is a mob movie, so he ends up getting "convinced" to help the mob boss, despite the fact that he is getting married at the same time. The reluctant psychiatrist is now bothered constantly by the this mob boss who interrupts

Analyze This

Starring
Robert DeNiro
Billy Crystal
Reviewed by
Ken Stark



and ultimately stops his wedding three times, causing some turmoil to say the least. Billy Crystal's soon to be wife played by Lisa Kudrow, also adds some humor to these situations.

For the most part, this movie was pretty good. It was really

funny throughout the entire movie. But there was one thing that was a bit too much of in my opinion: namely the swearing content in this movie, which was rather extensive to say the least. I guess we have to go on the premise that mob bosses swear constantly and are an overall "bad" type of person? So whether you think swearing should be a "true to form," part of a movie with mobsters in it or not, you can decide if the swearing content was too much or justified.

Besides that, there was not much else to complain about in this movie. There was some violence, but not bad considering the going rate of violence in movies these days. There was some sexual talk and discussion, but there was no nudity or explicit sex scenes to worry about.

The best parts of the movie

were the "sessions" the two actors had together. Robert DeNiro is the ultimate gangster movie



actor in my opinion, and this movie is a credit to his acting abilities. He and Crystal did a

good job all around on the acting side of things. Their sessions together are quite funny for the most part, and lead to some interesting and humorous situations. DeNiro's character is a mob boss, who has lost the will to kill and has developed a sensitive side which is completely unacceptable for a gangster. The problems of trying to "cure" him of this provide a lot of entertainment.

This movie was decent and enjoyable. I would specifically recommend this movie to psychology majors due to the fact that there is a lot of psychological jargon that is employed in this movie. Since I have taken some psychology myself, I believe I enjoyed it more than someone with no knowledge of psychological terms and therapy types. But even if you don't know much about it, you will probably enjoy this movie anyway.

Office Space proves that realism is the best comedy

Someone famous and wise once said that humor is an attempt to laugh at ourselves. *Office Space* was absolutely hilarious. This rather macabre movie follows four men and a woman in their search for freedom, money, and manhood. The first half of this movie had me laughing so hard it hurt -- the second half, though not quite as funny, had its memorable scenes and was a decent, optimistic story. It also raises some interesting intellectual questions: since when did we decide to take all our best and brightest young men and stick them in little boxes? What freakish twist of nature allows a seller of magazine subscriptions to make more money than a college-educated software engineer? Why can't everyone just be nice to poor Milton?

This movie's opening scene, the morning commute, is worth the price of admission in itself. It's one of those laugh-till-you-cry situations, and even makes itself useful by introducing us to the plights and temperaments of the main characters. It sets the tone of the movie: this is a story about frustrated people who have no control over their own destiny. We get to laugh at them because we can pretend they're not us.

Peter Gibbons, our hero, is a software engineer at Initech who hates his job and just wants to sit around all day doing nothing. He manages to accomplish his goal during most of his work hours. He is even able to convince himself that it's not that bad, although he has eight bosses, a tiny, sound-transparent

cubicle and a hundred or so reports" to fill out. A rather unlikely string of events brings him to enlightenment; he realizes that he doesn't like his job and is "just not going to go anymore." He is following this plan when he finds out that two of his best friends Michael and Samir, also Initech employees, are about to be downsized. They join forces and try to fight the system.

This movie hit so close to home it almost wasn't funny a couple of times. Peter's eight bosses each stop by his cubicle to ask if he got a certain memo (yes, he did) and if he would like another copy (no, he wouldn't). A friend of mine who works for the government cringed, leaned over, held up four fingers, and whispered, "Four! I have four bosses!" Later in the movie, an

impromptu meeting is called to meet two new consultants, Bob and Bob, who will do their best to downsize as many unnecessary employees as possible. I tell you the truth; I have *been* to that meeting. You know the characters in this movie, and you feel for them. When they fight back against the legions of vague, annoying bosses, you cheer their cause. When they beat a symbol of their oppression into an unrecognizable pile of plastic and wire, you feel the juices of liberty rising in your own soul. "Yes," you think, "this is what America is all about."

Plus, it's just really funny.

This movie is rated R for language (not surprising, considering the soundtrack: imagine Dilbert set to hard-core gangster rap) and one very bizarre bed-

Office Space

Starring
Mike Judge
Jennifer Aniston
Reviewed by
Ruth Gleason



room scene. It's not for everyone, but if you enjoy irreverent humor, have ever had a job and know any computer geeks, it's for you.

Staff Infection

Shoot, I thought I grabbed all of it, but I didn't...I don't find my dad attractive...here's a guy for you...a 47-year old man with who "wuvvs" animals...how can you turn him down?...you're way too picky...Hi Angela, this is my last staff infection, so this is the last time I will say hi to you. It's been great...People used to make out on that couch...So you're saying that couch has seen some action...Hey, that's why it's called the liberty couch...the cake is

supple...supple skin is what you want...I'm eating pure suppleness...when I was looking at Marilyn Manson, I looked up and saw NNC's logo on the wall...It reminded me that NNC provided me this great opportunity to attend the concert...my plumbing is superior to your plumbing...Del Griffith, how are you...Well, I'm still a million bucks shy of being a millionaire...this is Nathan signing off and saying s'long.....

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- ✓✓✓ GOOD STUFF
- ✓✓ TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT
- ✓ DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME
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Possum by Ryan Close



When swordfighting a varlet, wear a trombone

I was surprised to learn that there are people in Miami who practice swordfighting. I never thought of Miami as a sword kind of town. Down here, we like to brandish our weapons at other motorists from inside our cars, which would be risky with a sword:

FIRST MOTORIST (honking): Watch where you're going!

SECOND MOTORIST: Oh YEAH? (He brandishes his sword.)

FIRST MOTORIST (fleeing): Yikes!

SECOND MOTORIST: I showed him! (To his children in the back seat.) Kids, could you look on the floor and see if you can find daddy's ear?

But it turns out that Miami does have practicing swordfighters. They belong to the Renaissance Historical Society of Florida, a group of people who wear costumes and pretend they're living during the Renaissance. The Renaissance — as you recall from not spelling it correctly one single time in your entire academic career — was the historical period that started in the 15th century at approximately 3:30 p.m. when humanity, after centuries of being cooped up in the Dark Ages, finally stumbled out into the light

Dave Barry
Syndicated humor columnist



and got a whiff of its own armpits and said, "Whoa! Time to invent cologne!" This was followed by tremendous advances in science, philosophy, literature and paintings of naked women.

On a recent Sunday afternoon I watched members of the Renaissance Historical Society rehearse for a public performance at an upcoming Renaissance festival. They were leaping around, swinging large, realistic swords at each other and yelling Renaissance insults such as — this is an actual insult they yelled — "You snotmuffin!"

When they were done, I talked to two of the organizers, Roger Zollo and Kyle Mathews, about the Renaissance movement, which involves groups and festivals all over the country.

"We try to be as period as possible," said Zollo.

"Although we do bathe," noted Mathews.

"Right," agreed Zollo. "We don't

want to smell Renaissance."

The re-enactors wear authentic costumes, which means the men wear tights. (And before I hear any snickering from you guys out there who think men look silly in tights, I have two words for you: "golf pants.") The Renaissance men also wear codpieces, which are pieces of cloth that cover up a man's, um, codpiece area. Zollo and Mathews told me that some guys make their own codpieces and personalize them: One guy made a fuzzy red codpiece that squeaked if you squeezed it. (My feeling about that is, if you have a squeaking codpiece, you had better have a really big sword.)

The Renaissance people also spend a lot of time learning authentic swordfighting techniques. I have an interest in this topic dating back to 1964, when my friend Lanny Watts talked me into joining the Pleasantville High School fencing club. This was a serious competitive club, but Lanny and I frankly did not have the correct attitude, a fact that became clear when it came time to form into pairs and practice a basic fencing technique. Lanny was paired against one of the veteran club members, who had assumed

his fighting stance, holding his fencing sword in the ready position; suddenly Lanny ran from the room, only to return a moment later holding: a trombone. Even though I was lying on the floor and trying not to wet my pants, I still have a vivid motion picture in my mind of the scene that followed: Lanny charging forward, blowing into the trombone and thrusting boldly with the sliding part, as his opponent retreated in confusion and — yes — fear. Lanny and I were immediately kicked out of the fencing club. But I think they knew who won.

Anyway, my main question about swordfighting technique is this: How come, when you see a swordfight in the movies, where two guys are doing everything they can to kill each other, and one of them finally gets the upper hand and has his sword point pressed against his enemy's neck, instead of killing him — which he has been trying hard to do for 10 minutes — HE MAKES A SPEECH, usually involving the word "varlet"? Because while he's yakking, the other guy ALWAYS gets away.

I asked Zollo and Mathews why movie swordfighters did this, and they answered, "theatrics." They

also said they rarely kill people in their performances.

"We try to show respect for life," said Mathews.

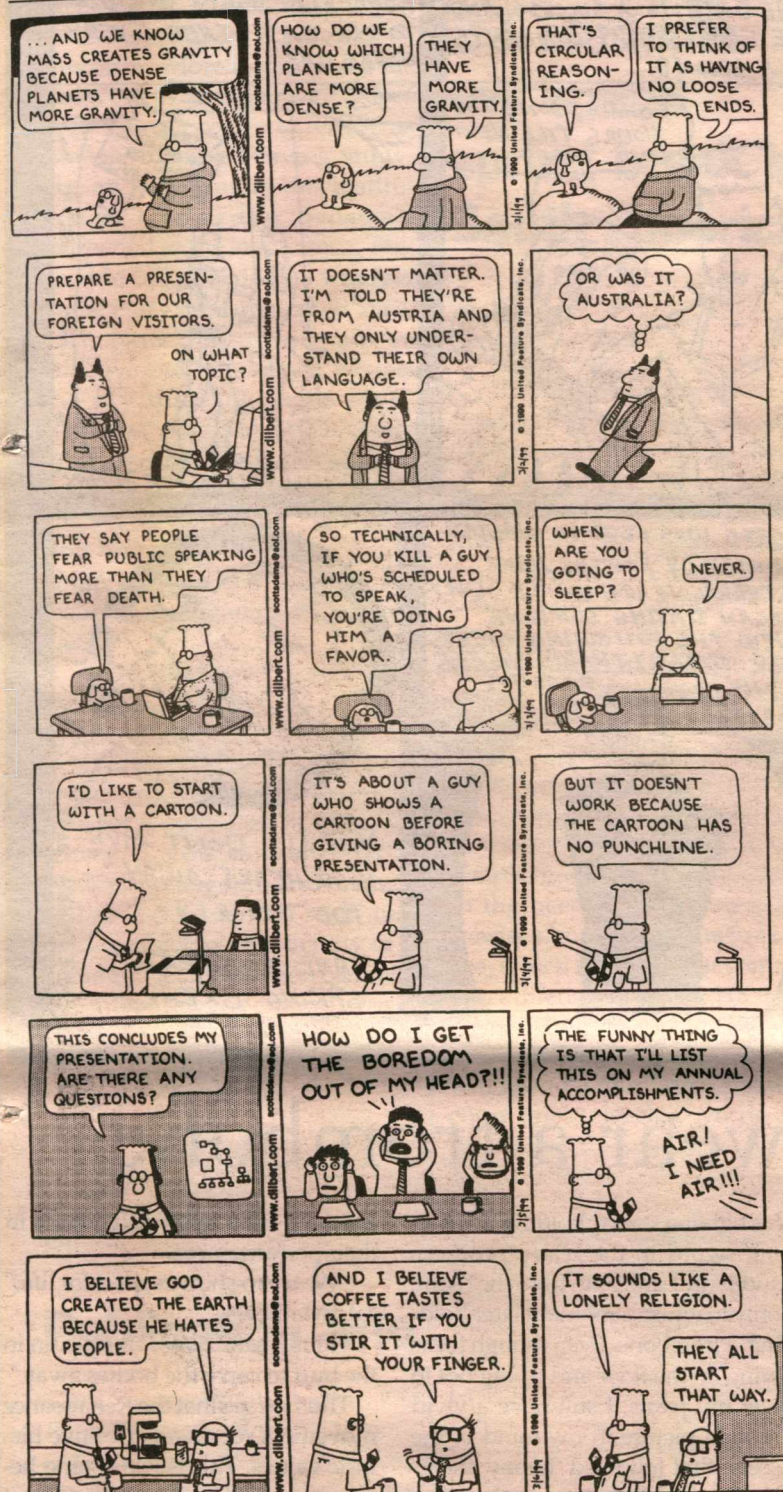
"Plus," said Zollo, "it's a pain in the butt to carry the bodies away."

Thus we see that the Renaissance movement represents positive historic values. This is heartening because many of its members, at least in the group I saw, are young people. So the next time you find yourself thinking that today's youth are nothing but mindless, giant-pants-wearing, tattoo-getting, MTV-clone snotmuffins whose definition of "ancient" is "before Ginger left the Spice Girls," remember that there ARE young people who are interested in preserving, and promoting, a vital part of humanity's cultural heritage. And while you're remembering that, bear in mind that "Varlet and the Squeaking Codpieces" would be an excellent name for a rock band.

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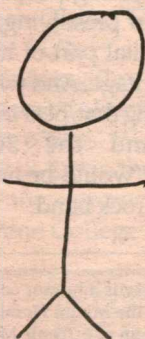
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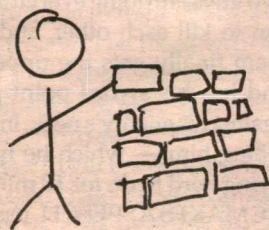
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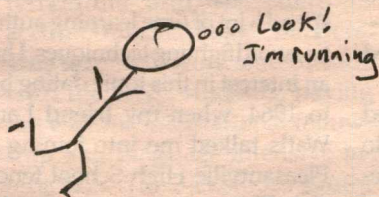
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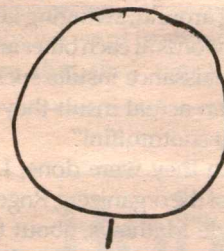
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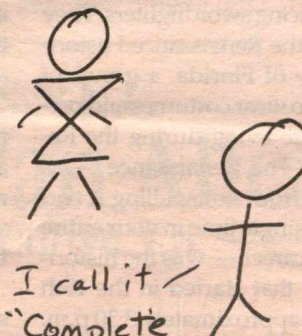
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