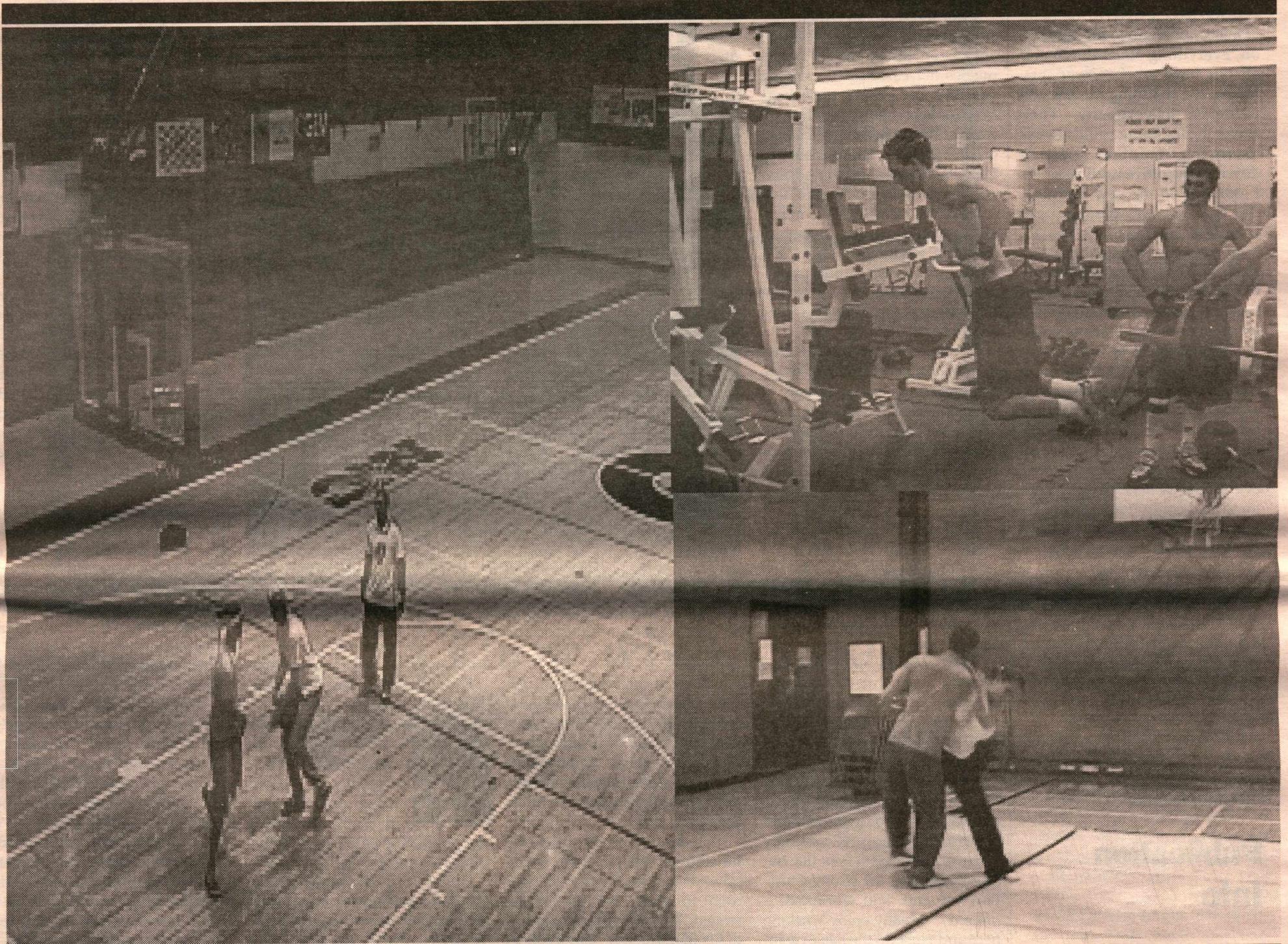


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## Column One

Maybe I should wait until the sunrise to write this. The light breaking over the campus might inspire me to write something memorable, or, at the very least something fleetingly interesting.

You have arrived to the point in my column where the lights go off, everything shuts down and all our hard work disappears. Maybe the lightning flashes will incite me to verbosity. Then again, the lightning could always mean the complete shutting down of the office until 9am. As I look out on the new morning, the sky appears disarmingly harmless, but don't be fooled. That very sky upset the work, sleep, and happiness of the entire Crusader staff. I suggest watching your heads. You never know what might happen above you.

While electricity was still letting us feel like we were in charge, major changes were made around our office. I only wish I could be here on Thursday morning when the Oasis staff shows up for their meeting. Don't worry, everything is here (well, except for the old computers), it's just relocated. Take a moment to look around, reorient yourself, and re-discover the floor.

Last week we added a new feature to recognize workers at NNC who aren't exactly in the limelight, but play an important part in keeping this campus running. I hope you take time to read it.

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# Dedicated worker shares her experiences

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For those of you who have a sixth period class, you've probably seen this woman as she pushes her cart full of cleaning supplies and empty trash bags from room to room down the hallways of Wiley. Between the hours of 3:00pm and 11:30pm, the Wiley Learning Center and the Administration Building belong to her.

Wanda Hensley is her name, and she is the reason that every morning when class starts, the Coke can you left sitting underneath the chair in the last row of the Felter Lecture Hall isn't there anymore.

Wanda, along with two other members of her cleaning crew, are responsible for making many of the rooms at NNC shine. In many ways, Wanda is the only one who has truly taken the place of our mothers here at college. She cleans up after us and still loves us.

"One of the best parts of my job is all the interesting people I get to meet, and the students I get to work with occasionally. I wouldn't trade the Christian atmosphere or the people here," Wanda said.

For Wanda, the time she spends emptying trash cans, mopping up spilled soda, picking up food wrappers and even cleaning bathrooms goes by quickly.

Wanda has been doing just that for the past six years. She is a third generation Nampan and came to work at NNC not only because of the great benefits, but also because of the strong Christian influence and workplace it offered. "I really enjoy working here and I just do the basic clean-

ing jobs for the building. I try to keep everything nice."

But Wanda's job is often more than that. Although she is only assigned the Administration Building and Wiley, Wanda often does much more than this in an

are nice kids."

During the summers when there are no students filling the classrooms, Wanda and her team are often involved in completing a major project of some kind. "Sometimes we strip the floor

plague--- the bathrooms. "Sometimes, I just wonder about the people that use them, but usually they aren't too bad." It is Wanda's upbeat and happy attitude that enables her to enjoy her job through every mess and every long evening alone.

Wanda's job isn't without excitement, however. When I asked her what memory stood out the most in her mind from her last six years of working at NNC, she turned a shade of red, and gave a slightly embarrassed laugh. "I don't know if that's something you want to put in the paper," she tittered.

Wanda had gone to the gym to help the crew over there clean up after an NAIA tournament game and was going to tidy up the empty locker rooms. "I think I was more embarrassed than the toweless man that came out of the sauna, but I let the gym crew clean on their own now," Wanda laughed with a blush.

It is Wanda's eagerness to lend a helping hand and smile through all situations that makes her such an essential part of NNC's campus. She is always wearing a bright smile and willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done. "It's nice to know that your job is appreciated, but I'm not the only one who works hard around here."

Wanda is a wonderful lady who does a magnificent, if often unrecognized, job. The next time you leave your half-empty can of Mountain Dew sitting on the floor of your class, remember who has to pick up after you. So the next time you see her pushing her cleaning cart down the halls of Wiley, take the time to let Wanda Hensley know what a great job she is doing and just how much she is appreciated.



This faithful and dedicated Wiley worker, Wanda, has worked at NNC for six years enjoying the Christian atmosphere of her job site.

evening.

She can often be found giving a helping hand in the student center or the gym whenever there is a big event of some kind. Wanda also comes to the rescue and picks up the slack when student custodians don't complete their jobs.

"I don't mind too much, we have to get the job done somehow. It just makes for a longer night of work," she said as she smiled. "Besides, even those students that might be bad workers

and refinish it or some other kind of thing like that, but it keeps us busy all year long."

For Wanda, the summers are the loneliest time, and make for one of the few things Wanda doesn't like about her job. "It gets really quiet in here and dark outside. Being in an empty building by yourself in the dark is sometimes a little spooky."

The only other thing that doesn't top Wanda's list of favorite things to do is something that most of us avoid cleaning like the

## Questions and answers concerning the upcoming change to semesters

This week, as with the upcoming weeks also, a small section featuring information on the conversion to semesters will contain some commonly asked questions and their answers about what changing to semesters will entail.

**Q** What is the difference between the quarter system and a semester system?

**A** A semester system normally has two 15-week sessions, plus finals. Our current quarter system has three 10-week terms, plus finals.

**Q** Will I lose credits when NNC converts to the semester system?

**A** No, both the number of credits earned and the number of credits required for a degree will be converted to semester credits.

**Q** How will Financial Aid and Tuition be affected?

**A** Tuition and Financial Aid will not be affected on an annual basis. However, students will pay tuition and fees twice a year rather than three times as we do now.

**Q** When do we change to semesters?

**A** The summer session of 2000

**Q** Will the change to semesters have an effect on my schedule for 1999-2000?

**A** It might. Check with your major advisor about scheduling courses you want to retake or about "sequential courses." Both of these situations should be taken care of, if possible, before the conversion to semesters.

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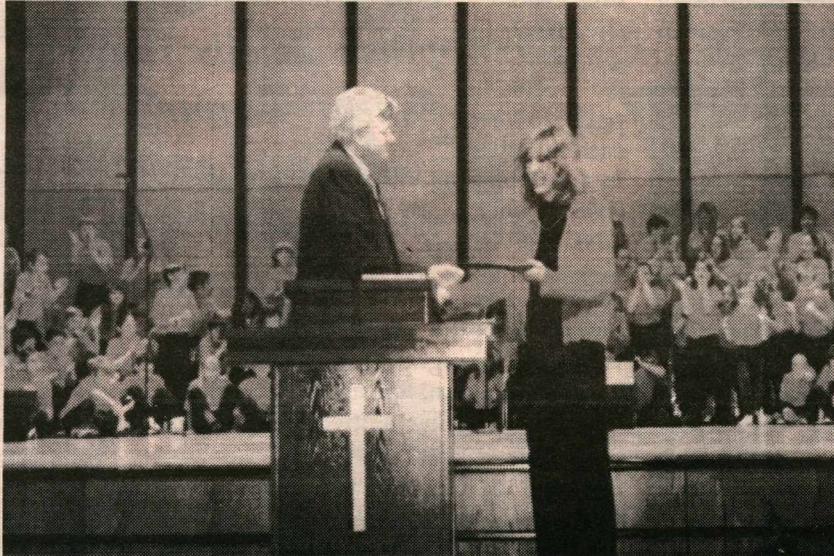
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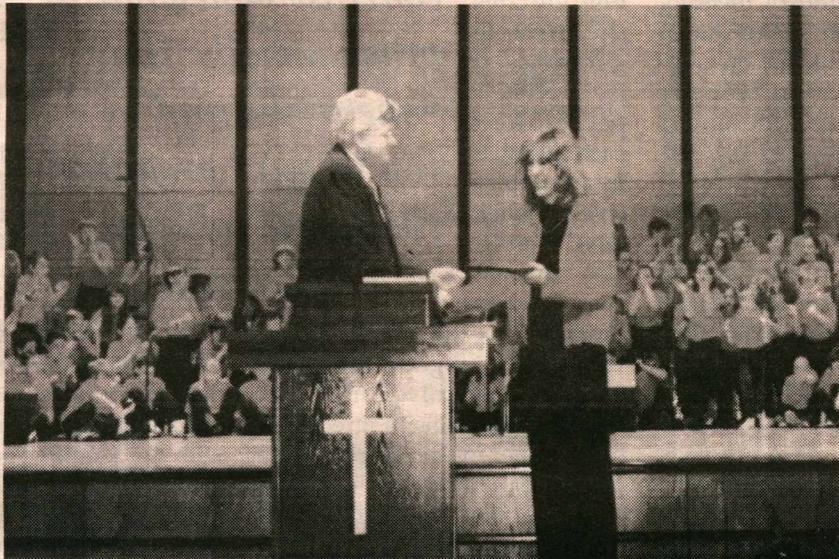
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# NNC addresses the concern of alcohol use

by Kari Wilde  
Crusader Campus Editor

This year at NNC, there has been a growing concern about certain life style expectations not being upheld. The great concern is that of alcohol use and abuse by NNC students, both on and off campus. There is a perception that alcohol use is greater this year than in years past.

NNC's faculty and staff have had a surprising number of students come to them with this concern. Though some people think that the administrators are oblivious to this and do not care to address it and do something about it, this is not the case. The faculty and staff are aware that every year there is a problem with alcohol use and abuse, and they try to deal with it as best as they can. However, people may not always be aware of what is being done to reduce alcohol consumption by NNC students.

At the first chapel of third term, President Hagood addressed this concern about the lax attitude toward the lifestyle guidelines. He stated that new measures are being taken to test the truth of this perception, and if so, they will take the necessary actions to address it.

President Hagood addressed the student body, reminding them that each and every member of NNC's community needs to fulfill NNC's mission statement in every area of life, including lifestyle choices, by developing a "habit of mind which enables us to become God's creative and redemptive agents in today's society."

After investigating and examining this perception, it was concluded that there is not much more alcohol use going on this year in comparison to past years. But because of the great concern here on campus, extra measures will be taken against the trend.

Some steps have already been taken. Student Development met with freshmen students

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along with their RDs and RAs. Students were presented with the concern on campus. Student Development went on to ask the students to be accountable to one another. This does not mean students must "tattle" on their friends and fellow students. Instead, they were asked to be accountable to each other and encourage one another to live according to the lifestyle guidelines that each student agreed to upon coming to NNC.

The response to this meeting

was very positive. Many students were surprised that the school administrators were aware of the problem and that they actually cared enough to do something about it. Many colleges and universities have similar problems and are aware of them, but they do nothing about them.

The same kind of meeting that was held with the freshmen was also held with the on campus sophomores on Monday night. The meeting for juniors and seniors is scheduled for Tuesday night.

There was also an off-campus Tuesday chape about the concern that off-campus students are not living up to all of the lifestyle expectations, especially with alcohol. A letter was also sent out to all off-campus students reminding them of the privilege it is to live off campus. This privilege can be revoked at any time if a person is no longer in good standing academically and socially by violating the lifestyle guidelines.

Another common perception among students is that athletes are less likely to follow the spiritual and lifestyle guidelines. Upon closer inspection of this matter, however, it was found that there is no more use among student athletes than among the students who do not participate in athletics. In keeping with the measures taken among the rest of the student body, actions have been taken in this sector as well. Coaches have met and are committed to our school's covenant.

They want to help in this action against alcohol use and abuse. The coaches are working on alcohol use policies and procedures that will be uniform for athletes as well as all other students.

When someone violates the lifestyle guidelines, it is NNC's policy to treat each situation in a redemptive way. NNC's policies contrast somewhat to programs like the "one strike and you're out" program that some colleges and universities use. Treating situations in a redemptive manner means forgiving the people. But, unlike the common misconception that NNC rarely disciplines offenders, NNC believes that, though the people should be forgiven, they must experience the consequences of their actions.

Students who violate the lifestyle guidelines must go through the Residential Life disciplinary process. Besides consequences directly related to the actions, other disciplinary actions that might be taken by the Residential Life disciplinary board can range anywhere from restricted dorm hours to community service, to being asked to withdraw, to expulsion.

For some people, this way of dealing with guideline violators seems too lax, while others think it is too harsh. NNC has adopted this policy because we seek to be

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a redemptive school instead of a creedal or confessional school. Creedal or confessional schools only accept students that have confessed to and show evidence to an active relationship with Christ. Because NNC follows the Wesleyan tradition in trying to express God's outreaching grace and is a school with a redemptive policy, no such confession is required. Therefore, some people who come here are not Christians or do not have an active relationship with Christ. The hope is that, by coming here, some will make the decision to follow Christ. Thus, to be unforgiving to those who violate the rules is to go against what this college stands for.

It is the hope of the faculty, staff, and most students that our school will be, as it advertises, drug and alcohol free. This can only happen if each and every person decides to follow the rules to which he or she agreed and to keep those accountable who choose not to.



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## Digital vision: The future of human sight?

by Heather Oglevie  
World News Staff Writer

What would your life be like if you could hear a name once and never forget it? What if you could digitally record everything you saw, or take notes during class without missing a word? What would it be like to be slightly... machine?

No, I am not talking about drastic new cosmetic surgery but rather a new application of computer technology which has existed (until recently) only on the pages of science-fiction. I am talking about wearable computers.

According to Rachel Ross, reporter for MSNBC's news network, the first appearance of the wearable computer pre-dates even laptops or personal digital assistants such as the PalmPilot by 3Com.

Its inventor, the University of Toronto's Steve Mann, has been working since the 1970's to produce a pair of digital eyes—computer-assisted glasses capable of projecting a small computer screen over the natural field of vision.

These glasses provide a link to what Mann calls the "visual intelligence collective" (any good Star Trek fan will immediately envision something similar to the Borg collective but without the sinister overtones).

He sees his "WearComp" as a means of creating a sense of community, a visual network on the world.

This system is to visual information as the Internet is to digital information—and it conveys it in much the same way.

Mann's glasses link the wearer to a database of visual information and present it as translucent messages in the foreground of a person's field of vision. This information appears whenever applicable and can be accessed at the mere flick of an eye.

A good example would be a person's name—whenever the glasses focus on an individual's face, his/her name is immediately presented on the screen alongside any other personal information he/she has submitted to the network.

The glasses can also record the visual data they receive—in other words, everything that the

person sees—and may play it back on command via the laser-generated display on the glasses' lens. What would it be like never to forget where you parked the car?

Plus, with a keyboard small enough to hold in one hand, it would be easy for college students with this system to take notes in class without once having to drop their eyes. This feature also makes them invaluable for safety reasons—who would attack you

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when you could record the entire event with your digital eyes?

Perhaps the most exciting—and disturbing—aspect of this WearComp is the ability to share information between other wired individuals. Courtesy of what Mann calls an EyeTap, another person may look through your digital eyes and see exactly what you are seeing.

The possibility also exists to pass messages to others through this visual network. Certainly in most cases, this sharing of visual information would be innocent enough—and would eliminate a great deal of misunderstanding between wired individuals—however, anyone can see how easily this system could be exploited.

The same source of information which is potentially invaluable to police officers could also be valuable to a pornography dealer, blackmail artist, or an assassin. Another concern being to what extent should our personal information be available to the general public? Mann replies that his system is actually a means of "shooting back" at an already intrusive and bugged world, but society as a whole must set WearComp's limits and they may disagree.

Even as the massive Internet started small and mushroomed, Mann's current network of only twelve Toronto users might be the beginning of a completely new generation in computer technology.

## Nato pummels Yugoslavia

by Ryan K. Dooley  
World News Staff Writer

YUGOSLAVIA - Satellite transmissions were interrupted at around 2:50 am in Yugoslavia. Military sources later confirmed that the Avala transmitter, the largest in Yugoslavia in the hills above Belgrade, had been hit. The attack disabled the transmitter's power supply, Yugoslav sources said.

The television station, which has become a clear target of NATO in its attempts to force Serbia to agree an autonomy agreement deal for Kosovo, resumed broadcasting shortly after 2 pm with a concert of romantic songs.

Another morning attack on Nis, Yugoslavia's third largest city, hit an army barracks and industrial areas in the second successive night of raids on the town, Yugoslav agencies and internet Web sites said. They also said a chemical factory in central Serbia has been attacked.

Alliance officials said all air-

paign.

"An end or a temporary halt to NATO's rocket and bomb attacks would open a good chance for a settlement," he said. "A continuation of air attacks, not to mention NATO ground operations, would only increase the mass suffering, the grief, the destruction and the number of victims."

In a separate development, President Bill Clinton spoke by telephone with Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

Clinton declared Saturday that the alliance would strongly enforce an oil embargo against Yugoslavia, but added that NATO would take care not to provoke violence on the high seas. "But we have to be firm about it," he said.

Earlier Saturday, NATO officials said that an embargo enforcement mechanism had not been worked

welcome Russia's efforts and hope they will continue," he said.

"Our alliance recognizes the tremendous importance of Russia to our alliance's future," Clinton said. But Russia's foreign minis-

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*~Chernomyrdin*

ter said Saturday his country would ignore any oil embargo of Yugoslavia, claiming such a move would violate international law.

Clinton earlier urged patience in bringing the Kosovo crisis to a conclusion saying that it takes time to reverse a Serbian military presence in the province estimated at 40,000 troops and 300 tanks. "We are doing what needs to be done with great vigor," Clinton said.

"In order for this strategy to succeed, we need two things: vigorous execution and patience," Clinton told a news conference during the summit originally intended to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the alliance. He denied that the United States and NATO were escalating into military engagement with Yugoslavia.

"We haven't weakened our conditions," Clinton said.

While some have questioned the effectiveness of the month-long air campaign, Clinton noted that allies bombed Iraq for 44 days before beginning a ground assault to force them from Kuwait.



U.S. Army Specialist 4 Jesse Napolitano, right, draws the interest of three Albanian boys as he waits for a caravan of trucks to leave Tirana Airport Sunday.

craft involved in the raids returned safely to NATO bases.

Chernomyrdin, 61, has taken center stage in Russian efforts to mediate with Yugoslavia since President Boris Yeltsin appointed him little more than a week ago, hoping his good relations with the West and Belgrade would be of benefit.

In an interview for Germany's Welt am Sonntag newspaper, Chernomyrdin reiterated Moscow's view that a peace deal will only be possible when NATO ends its bombing cam-

out yet.

Clinton sought to ease mounting tension with Russia, a supplier of oil to Yugoslavia, over the crisis. While Western leaders found Milosevic's latest peace offer—relayed by Chernomyrdin— inadequate, "nevertheless we

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# Nation mourns over victims

by Ryan K. Dooley  
World News Staff Writer

LITTLETON, CO -- Vice President Al Gore spoke to more than 70,000 people mourning the tragic shooting rampage at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. Gore told the crowd that nothing he or anyone else could say would be able to comfort them after such a tragedy. But he assured the people of Littleton that they were not alone in their grief.

"Why bad things happen to good people, I do not understand. . . I go on my knees and as, Why, oh Lord, why? . . . The heart of America aches with yours." Also stating, "All of us must change our lives to honor these children."

"We must have the courage not to look away in life or in death, from those who feel despised or rejected. . . Children learn from us and look to us. We must teach them right from wrong."

The crowd was expected to only reach 35,000, but swelled well beyond that. Mourners included retired General Colin Powell and Christian singers Amy Grant, Phil Driscoll and Michael W. Smith.

One of the killers, 17-year-old Dylan Klebold, was buried Saturday in a private service that was disclosed by his family afterward.

In their statement, the Klebold family said that their "sadness and grief over Dylan's

death and this tragedy is indescribable." They also apologized to the families who lost loved ones in the attack by their son and Eric Harris, 18.

About 3,000 people turned out on Saturday to remember one of the victims, 17-year-old Rachel Scott, a pretty, popular junior at Columbine High School, celebrated as fun-loving and deeply faithful. One week earlier she was the belle of the ball at her senior prom. Her date, Nick

one of the gunmen, which includes chilling references to Nazi Germany. The attack on the high school was launched on Hitler's birthday. This was the culmination of a year of meticulous planning, begun in April 1998.

In an interview with *The Denver Post*, a member of the "Trenchcoat Mafia" described life for members of his group as "hell... pure hell." He said that athletes at the school called him by an anti-gay epithet, bashed



Two frightened high school students from Littleton, Colorado place flowers on a classmates' car who was still unaccounted for and inside the school.

Baumgarten, said she looked like the film actress she aspired to become. "I swear, she was a movie star, I swear it," he said.

The first hint as to this disaster can be found in the diary of

him into lockers, and threw rocks at him as he rode his bike home from school. "I'm not saying what they did was OK," he said. "But I know what it is like to be cornered, and pushed day after day."

# New drug out for diabetics

by Jeremy Smith  
World News Editor

Diabetics scared of reports that the current diabetes medication may destroy some patients' livers may soon have some new options. Government advisers are recommending the approval of Avandia, a drug that will fight the disease with fewer liver risks.

The Food and Drug Administration panel said that they observed no serious safety concerns with another diabetes drug, Actos, though it said both new drugs will disclose the possible liver problems linked to its potential competitor, Rezulin.

Studies of over 4,000 patients who used Avandia have not shown signs of liver damage. Yet with the possibility of liver damage as with the competing drug Rezulin, then it may have fewer diabetics try Avandia, said FDA panel chairman Dr. Henry Bone of the Michigan Bone and Mineral

Clinic.

Avandia has been recommended for either use alone or in combination with metformin, another often used diabetes drug. The FDA is not bound to approve the drug because of the panel's recommendation on Avandia, but they typically follows its advice.

Due to incomplete data on the effectiveness of Actos, the panel has not yet voted on its approval.

"Avandia represents a significant advance in the treatment of diabetes and is highly effective in safely and significantly lowering blood sugar," said Dr. Douglas A. Greene, chief of endocrinology and metabolism at the University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor. "It has dramatically improved my patients' conditions, making them feel better and motivating them to take an active role in managing their disease."

But there are still safety concerns for Avandia. In studies, no

one got jaundice or liver failure. However, neither did Rezulin patients when it was studied.

In Rezulin's studies, 2 percent of patients showed significantly elevated liver enzymes. But Avandia patients shared no difference compared with patients taking a placebo or other diabetes medicines, FDA officials said.

Avandia is not without risk, the FDA panel said. It can increase cholesterol levels, particularly the so-called "bad cholesterol" or LDL. Diabetics with high LDL levels probably should not be prescribed Avandia, and all patients need cholesterol tests, the panel said. Also, the drug seemed to cause weight gain from 4 to 6 pounds, a concern because diabetics are supposed to lose weight.

"There will be a very interesting marketing battle," said Mehta Partners analyst Sergio Traversa. "But the diabetes population is so different. . . there is enough space for both."

# Underpass to be revamped

NAMPA, ID - The days of congestion at the 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue underpass will be coming to an end. Construction on a \$14 million project to widen the downtown Nampa underpass to four lanes should begin in the spring of 2001.

"This was a priority of mine when I took office," said Nampa mayor Maxine Horn. An informal meeting was held where city leaders, business owners and elected officials came up with ideas to reduce inconveniences during the project's construction.

City service vehicles are figured to be among the parties least inconvenienced by the road remodeling. A police substation planned for north Nampa will be functional by the time construction begins, and already there is a fire substation on the north side. City officials plan to will explore alternative routes as early as this summer.

# London blasted by another bomb

LONDON, ENGLAND - A neo-Nazi group claimed responsibility for the second race-related bomb attack in London in a week. The car bomb injured at least six people in the heart of the Bangladeshi community in London's East End.

Two hours after the blast, police received a call from someone claiming membership in an extreme right-wing group, Combat 18, also mentioning that the organization carried out this bombing, and the nail bombing of a week ago.

Prime Minister Tony Blair, speaking from the NATO summit in Washington, said, "These things are outrageous and we will not tolerate them, and we will make every effort to find out those responsible and bring them to justice."

Combat 18, which takes its name from the positions of Adolf Hitler's initials in the alphabet, is said to have formed in the mid-1980s by members of groups like the National Front.

# Car crash claims another life

PARMA, ID - America Avila, a 14-year old Parma cheerleader, became the third casualty of the crash that took the lives of two other Wilder High School students, David Dean Butler, 17, and his passenger, Santiago "Buge" De la Cruz Jr., 15. Avila was air-lifted to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center after the accident, suffering multiple trauma injuries. She died after eight days in the hospital.

The accident occurred when Butler ran a stop sign and his Ford Escort was broadsided by a pickup traveling north. JoAnna Contreras was the Escort's lone survivor. She and Butler were wearing seat belts, but it is uncertain whether Avila and De la Cruz were buckled in.

The pickup's driver, 17-year-old Ryan Thomas Crane of Ontario, OR, was wearing his seat belt. He sustained only bruises and abrasions from the collision.

# Local schools rethink safety

NAMPA, ID - After the nightmares of the Littleton, CO shooting that took the lives of 15 people on Tuesday and the Notus Junior-Senior High School shooting last Friday, safety is the No. 1 concern of schools.

Caldwell, Vallivue and Nampa school districts are reviewing their crisis plans to remind everyone of security measures already in place. Most schools are holding "shut down" drills to simulate a hostage situation. "Every staff member [in the district] has had some communication about being more aware," Caldwell High School Principal Julie Yamamoto said.

The school currently has security cameras and a full-time resource officer in place. Yamamoto said teachers are also monitoring halls more frequently. All of these methods are being used in hopes of better preparing the school for any crisis situation.

# South Africa rethinks execution

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA - The murder of one school principal and the beating of another by a mob of students have enraged South African opinion. These attacks, along with other high-profile crimes, have ignited demands for the restoration of the death penalty. The death penalty was outlawed after the 1994 election when the black-led African National Congress took power.

Recent statistics show violent crime leveling off, but at high rates, with on average a murder or attempted murder happening every 12 minutes and a rape every 26 seconds. No official polls have been taken, but an informal survey taken two years ago supports a return to the death penalty.

# The arrival of the fitness craze finds NNC students

## The new Rec-Center passes sparked an enthusiasm in many NNC students for working out.

by Jayme Harding and Michelle Shroyer  
Crusader News Staff Writers

College students can often relate to the curse of the "freshmen fifteen" and the negative emotional effects it carries with it. Did you know that about seventy-five percent of college-age Americans feel that they are overweight?

Indoor fitness is a great way to release that physical pressure that many of us face in today's society. Intimidation plays a big part in our poor physical fitness. However, there is no need to feel insecure. People who use indoor facilities often encourage one another and push each other towards their goals.

Have you ever wondered what is beyond those great big intimidating doors of indoor athletic clubs? Some people are afraid that fitness centers are meat markets or that they are full of body builders. This is usually not the case. Allow us take you on a personal tour around a facility.

These facilities offer a variety of activities in which everyone can find

something that they will enjoy. They are fully equipped with everything from rock climbing walls to an indoor track; from swimming pools to courts of all kinds.

If you are a person who needs some motivation and has the desire to get back into shape but do not want to do it on your own, indoor athletic clubs offer a variety of classes led by certified personnel. For instance, several college students have become interested in the Tae-bo fitness videos.

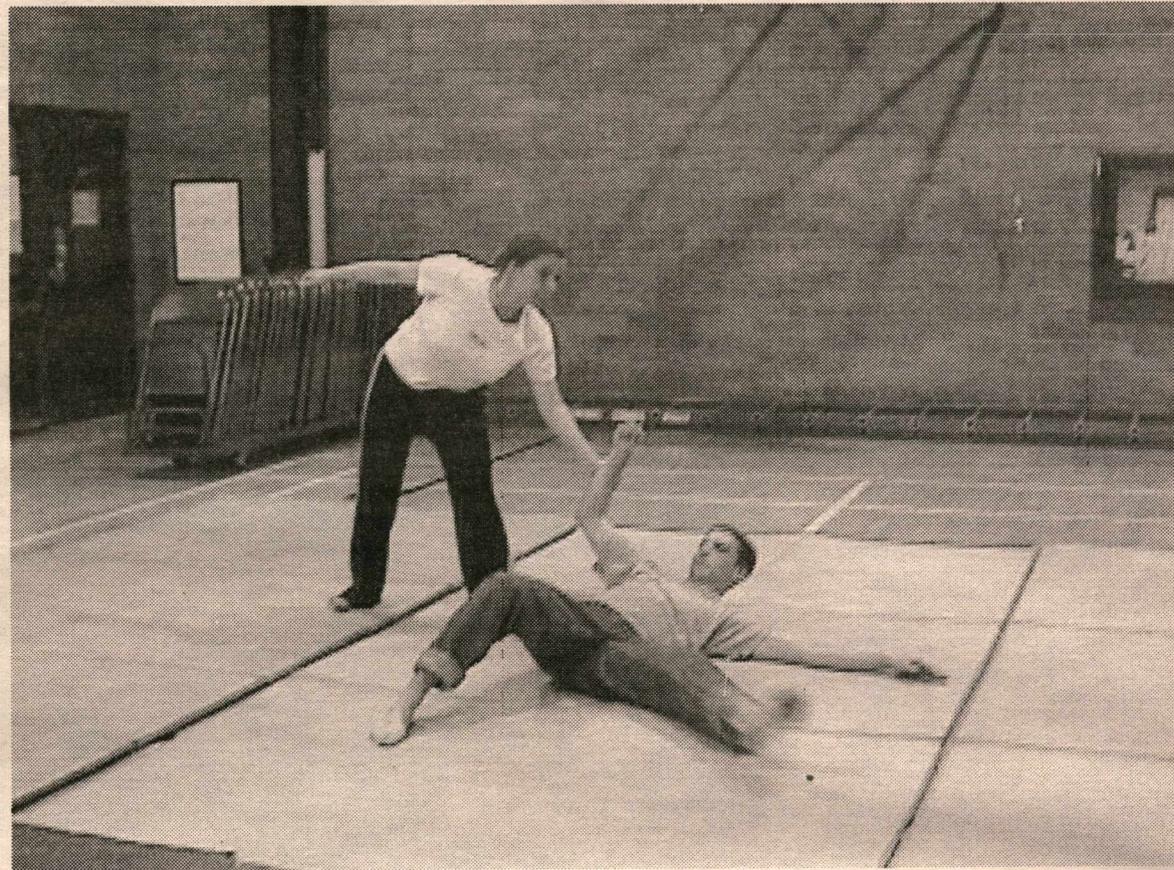
Many of these clubs offer classes such as Cardio Kick and Cardio Box which have many of the same characteristics as Tae-bo incorporated in them.

The clubs also offer step-aerobics and spinning cycling classes which are considered to be very high-energy and fast paced workouts.

Personal trainers are a very important asset to these athletic clubs. They run all kinds of tests which analyze your body composition, your weight and your fitness levels. Trainers can set up an individualized workout plan for you. These plans include cardiovascular and weight training exercises for you to do on your own.

However, if you would prefer to work with a trainer one-on-one, they are more than happy to schedule weekly appointments in which they will guide you through your workout and offer encouragement.

For those of you who are interested in aquatics, there are many activities from which to choose. They offer lap swims, water aerobics for all fitness levels and they



Amanda Kennedy throws Chad Cray to the ground demonstrating to their class what they should do if attacked by the back. Kennedy and Cray teach a self defense class on Monday and Thursday nights.

also have diving facilities. For beginner swimmers, swimming lessons are available year round. If you are a person who would rather just play in the water, they have open swims daily.

Most athletic centers are involved with community events. These events include Round-Robin racquetball, basketball and volleyball tournaments. They also plan triathlons and body-building competitions. Athletic clubs are also usually willing to host events for non-profit organizations to help fund-raising and community awareness events.

Parents who want to work out but do not know what to do with their children have options in an athletic center.

For infants and toddlers, there is standard child care available.

For older children, supervised sports, such as gymnastics, karate, kick boxing

and swimming, are accessible with little or no cost.

If you are on the run, many athletic centers go above and beyond the call of exercise. Many clubs have access to tanning beds and hair salons. Some even offer chapel services (no joke). Facilities often have snack bars available which offer sandwiches and health drinks. Several clubs have pro shops in which sport paraphanelia and equipment are sold.

On a more personal level, these athletic clubs allow a person to value his or her health and to boost self-esteem. Of course, these outcomes are not always quickly noticeable, but with self-discipline and hard work, positive results will come in due course.

Some people find exercising to be a very intense way to relieve the everyday stress and anxieties that they face.

Stretching and toning classes are helpful when there is a need to relax at the end of a hard day.

If you happen to injure your body while exercising, many clubs

offer physical therapy sessions in which they will assist you in recovering and rebuilding your injuries. This service usually costs a little extra, but is vitally important in maintaining your physical health.

As far as the prices are concerned, NNC has a great program affiliated with the local Nampa Recreation Center.

For one term, a full access pass costs thirty-six dollars. Granted this is only a trial run, and we do not know yet if it will be reinstated for this upcoming fall term.

Other clubs offer discounted memberships for college students at a monthly rate ranging from twenty to fifty dollars. If you think about the benefits this is really a great bargain for maintaining physical fitness.

As we have said, these indoor recreation facilities are an asset to the community. They offer a variety of programs to help you get in the shape that you so desire.

Indoor fitness creates a positive environment. It is also a fun place to hang out with your friends during those long, cold winter months when there is nothing to do. If you feel the urge to become more physically fit, we would recommend and encourage you to take a look into these awesome facilities.



Matt Gill, Justin Metzger, Jason Cruz and Jeff Dillbeck lift weights in the weight room at the Montgomery Fieldhouse. Some students lift to enjoy benefits such as increased muscle tone and improved self image.

# participating in many different physical activities

**With the sun out, many students have begun to engage in a range of outdoor activities from hiking to volleyball.**

by Dawn Stuvland and Sarah Haugeberg  
Crusader Staff Writers

Spring is definitely here, and with it comes all the fun recreational opportunities for students to enjoy outdoors.

Leisure time is hard to come by, but as the weather warms up, our stiff joints from the cold winter scream for wide-open spaces and sunshine. There are countless ways to enjoy the outdoors, on campus

or off.

On-campus activities range from organized intramural sports to a spontaneous game of ultimate Frisbee after class with your friends.

For a more relaxing alternative, some opt to picnic, sunbathe, do homework or sleep in the sun's rays. Just spreading out a blanket on the green grass near the Brandt Center with an iced tea and a group of friends or flying a kite on the soccer field are relaxing ways to end a stressful day.

Recently, Dooley residents have enjoyed volleyball games on their lawn.

Rollarblading is fun in the parking lots and on the sidewalks around campus.

Intramural sports for the spring term include soccer and softball. They are a great way to get outside and meet new people. Softball games began April 26, and participation this year is high.

"Softball has been a good way to get out, meet some new people, and have some fun. It's been a long time for some of us... I am really

enjoying myself." Shawna Heim said of her experience so far in intramural softball. Taking in a Crusaders baseball game is a good way to get outside and to release the school pride deep within.

Off-campus activities seem much more appealing to many people after winter term on campus, and there are endless options for poor college students.

One of our personal favorites is taking off for a day of hiking. There are beautiful places close by to hike, including Celebration Park, Jump Creek Canyon and Reynolds Creek Canyon.

These are just south of town and offer rugged terrain, some easier trails and breathtaking waterfalls. By contacting the U.S Forest Service, anyone can obtain a map with hiking trails and campgrounds.

Camping is a great way to experience peace away from the chunkiness of dorm life. You can really enjoy all of God's natural beauty and learn how to adapt to living away from modern conveniences. It also makes you appreciate these conveniences more.

Spring is a great time to camp.

In February a group of us went camping in four feet of snow. It was fun, but I sure miss the legs I lost to frostbite. Not really.

Away from the city lights, the stars are astonishingly bright and you can enjoy wildlife other than squirrels, seagulls and the occasional magpie.

Just getting away for the weekend can be a great adventure. When you backpack and set up camp after hiking all day, you can explore more territory.



Kristi Fenton dives to save the ball during a friendly volleyball game. Many students like to start up casual games with their friends on weekends or after classes.

Mountain biking is becoming popular. Nathan Bankston, an avid biker knows of good spots to bike, "We are fortunate at this college to have unlimited possibilities for mountain biking right in our own backyard. Southwest Idaho is home to some awesome trails. Just 23 miles south of Nampa and 30 miles east in the Boise foothills, exist many singletrack trails of varying levels of difficulty. If you are willing to do some uphill riding, you

bridge jumping. I wouldn't recommend it in January or without someone who has done it before, but in the spring after a sweaty hike, go for it! Other water activities include rafting canoeing and kayaking.

There is a class called Outdoor Recreational Pursuits that teaches the basic skills in these areas. It is only offered Spring term, so look for it next year.

"I think it is cool to have classes like this at NNC. You learn a lot and then get to go practice what you learn in fun places around here," Mindy Gibbens said of the class.

Golfing and tennis are other fun ways to soak up a beautiful day. There is an excellent driving range west of town. Ask anyone who went on the car rally to get directions to the range. Tennis courts are easy to find around town. There are classes on both of these

sports offered here at NNC. These are just a few suggested activities that you might enjoy as you welcome the last spring of this century. But if you don't remember anything else you read here, remember, as the song says, to wear sunscreen.



Jonathan Pereira keeps the soccer ball out of the goal during a practice game on the soccer field. Soccer is a popular sport on the NNC campus and a lot of students are involved with soccer intermurals.

can be sure of fast, technical descents that will leave you crying for more."

The hot springs is a popular place to camp out or just visit for a night. Fishing is another things you can do while out camping or for an afternoon. While you're out near the water, another popular thrill is



Sarah Anderson and Kristina Roth climb up the side of a mountain. Hiking is both an enjoyable and relaxing activity that many students like to do. Most students like it because it gets them away from campus.



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# Alcohol policy limits exercising of personal convictions, misses important biblical points

by Jamon Payne

*Crusader Staff Opinions Writer*

Welcome to NNC: Christian training for the real world, or is it? Our wonderful chaplain Gene (whom I love dearly) often equates our environment here with that of the real world, but I wouldn't be so hasty to make that assumption. If I remember correctly, the real world rarely makes decisions for us. I also recall that the real world carries along with it certain rights protected by our legal system. Responsible drinking for those over the legal age of 21 is one of those rights. Apparently at NNC, the laws of the land just aren't quite good enough. In fact, they are so lacking that we need to add a few of our own rules just for the sake of teaching good Christian holiness. As you well know, one of those rules is the prohibition of alcohol consumption, even by those of legal age.

Having been one who has actually lived in the real adult world, I can attest that we often encounter circumstances that we aren't prepared for in a sheltered environment. Alcohol and the dilemmas regarding responsible drinking are two of these issues. Being sheltered from experience in this area my whole life, how was I to know how to drink re-

sponsibly without having had some previous encounters? Furthermore, how could I understand how to be a godly person and, heaven forbid, drink lightly as well? Thus, it is my opinion that,

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rather than presenting only a double dose of Christianity to students, incorporating Christian values into a secular setting would be far more beneficial for training Christian leaders for service in the context of the real world.

Most Bible-based arguments

against drinking come with a presupposition that drinking and drunkenness are the same thing. Unfortunately, this could not be farther from the truth. I think we would all agree that the Bible is quite clear that drunkenness is detestable in the sight of God. Does that mean that the Scriptures denounce drinking? No. Actually, Paul's first letter to Timothy sheds some light on this, when in chapter three he outlines the characteristics of a holy man, fit for service as a bishop or deacon in the church. In neither case does Paul tell Timothy that to be a church leader one must abstain from alcohol. Rather, one should be "not given to drunkenness" or "not indulging in much wine." Granted, circumstances were different in that day as the use of wine was in a different context than what is true today. Being drunk, however, has remained the same throughout the ages.

Perhaps more applicable to our case is Paul's instruction to the church in Corinth. There, the issue was one of appearances, specifically related to food sacrificed to idols. Much like our dilemma with alcohol, this was widely practiced socially acceptable, but one which became a touchy sub-

ject within the church.

Paul's instruction was not to abstain from consumption of such meat, but rather to be sensitive to those looking on. In fact, he tells the church, "Everything is permissible—but not everything is beneficial." This is followed by instruction for the believers on the proper time and place for this behavior. I believe we at NNC need to have the same freedoms granted to others, and those of us who profess to be Christians should be free to exercise a listening ear to the leading of the Lord for ourselves regarding what is

beneficial. This school, being a church community in some sense of the term, should be governed by the same guidelines as the early church, with emphasis given to proper context of time and place, rather than on placing restrictions on what is permissible for students.

Thus, my stance is that NNC should refrain from restrictions on behavior common to the real world, and should rather teach from a context of being responsible stewards of the freedoms granted outside this little bubble that we call home.

## Staff Infection

Oh my goodness, heads are going to roll!!!!...Forty lashes minus one...I could do it, I'm biblical...It reminds us of Will, cause he's Rooster on Annie...Gerry does...unfortunately he's frolicking in the woods instead of taking pictures for me!...Ding dong, home run...What were you thinking, you pervert...We should be accidentally eaten by a passing cat...okay, we will fill this chest o' memories--you want to spit in here, and we can see how much it grows?...My brother used to have that look on his face when I beat him up!!!!...Bevel's my inflatable doll boyfriend...Happy birthday grandma!!!!...Is that a rooster? No no, not him...BLACKOUT What if you just woke up one morning and said, "I wet myself." It'd be scary wouldn't it?...Amelia would pee her pants if I said something about her...Hooray the computer didn't crash before I finished typing this thing!...That's the shade of the ghost dancing in the tree...BLACKOUT takes computer out...All right, it's 10:07...the next morning...hope everyone enjoys this issue, cause nature tried its hardest to stop it from happening!!!

### Staff Editorial

As an educational institution set on expanding young minds and creating lifelong learners, it seems odd that the publication *World* magazine should be placed strategically throughout the student center of Northwest Nazarene College. As we in the *Crusader* spend a large part of our Sunday and all of our Monday nights diligently working in the upstairs of the student center, we cannot help but come into contact with this publica-

tion. If one takes a glance at the contents of *World*, one cannot help but notice the ultra-conservative (and dare we say totalitarian extremist?) stances overloading every bit of news provided by this publication. Conservative stances are not uncommon to the campus, but the publication goes beyond the conservative call of duty and slaps the name "Christian" upon the articles it contains. Looking through the magazine, it appears that the publishers have confused the word "Christian" with "Right-wing Republican."

In the April 17 issue of this pamphlet of rage, there was a nice little article explaining the origins of *World*. Contrary to popular belief, it did not originate in the bowels of hell. In fact, as the article stated, "Most *World* readers are probably unaware that this magazine started with a very childish idea." Childish is right. *World* puts about as much mature, open-minded thought into its publication as a preschooler puts into throwing sand into another

preschooler's eyes.

Now, one might think that this low opinion should be reserved for the *World* letters to the editor page. Wrong. By choosing to have *World* litter the STUDENT CENTER of this college, we perhaps unknowingly endorse its opinions as our own. Prospective students can hang out in front of Marriott, casually pick up an issue of this insult to mass media, and be innudated with the nega-

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tive and demeaning articles that do little more than allow a peek into the s m a l l - mindedness of the *World's* publishers.

If NNC has purchased a subscription on its own of this magazine, then it needs to be cancelled

IMMEDIATELY. If the subscription has been purchased for us, then it is high time we graciously declined the offer. Were this a school of a denomination that actively embraced fundamentalism, *World* would be more than appropriate. Fortunately, Nazarenes made the decision long ago to separate our denomination from the ranks of fundamentalists.

*World*, as a magazine published in the land of the free, has the right to state its opinions. We, as an institution that claims to encourage lifelong learning, need to reexamine that which we have left out as reading material, and replace it with something that better exemplifies the academic quality NNC strives for.

# NNC policy in need of consistent consequences

by Ben Bruening  
*Crusader Staff Opinions Writer*

It's Saturday night and, as many students do, a group of friends head off campus to get away from school. There are many places to go and many things for students to do in the Nampa/Boise area. Many may go to a movie and to Shari's for desert. Still others will find themselves at a friend's house for a movie and time to hang out together. This is fine, but there are several things that can go wrong in these situations.

Normally, people will watch the movie and have a good time. But occasionally, someone will bring some alcohol. This is indeed sad but it is not uncommon.

The problem comes when NNC students are in the presence of the alcohol. "I was not participating because I did not actually do it!" says one student. There are other students who make the argument that they are twenty-one years-old, so they can drink. Students also make the argument that they are off-campus and no longer have to abide by the rules set forth by the college. It is true that they can legally drink. But both of these arguments come down to lifestyles that go against the institution these students voluntarily attend.

In the Student Resource Guide (SRG) of Northwest Nazarene College there are a number of guidelines for students to follow. Many of them are quite vague which leads to people try-

ing to get out of anything with a loop-hole in the SRG. This policy on alcohol/drugs is written as follows (but has since been modified):

"Using, possessing, or procuring tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia, and the improper use of prescription drugs

*Legally they can drink, but it comes down to a lifestyle that goes against the institution that they voluntarily attend.*

is prohibited."

This policy needs to be more inclusive in its consequences when a student is "caught in the act." When students gets caught, nothing is done to persuade them to change their lifestyles. Many times they get a slap on the hand and a warning not to do it again.

I think that as Christians we are mandated to hold each other accountable in our actions with one another. It does not make any difference whether we are going to a secular school or a private Christian college. Because we are going to a Christian college, we have an increased obligation to let

others know where we stand. We do not want their decisions and actions reflect poorly on our campus community.

We want to help those who have a problem and at the same time let them feel like bad guys. We also want them to know that they are part of the NNC community and we want them to stay. We want to show those who do not get caught that this college takes this seriously. We take a stand we they do not want their students and peers to take part in this activity.

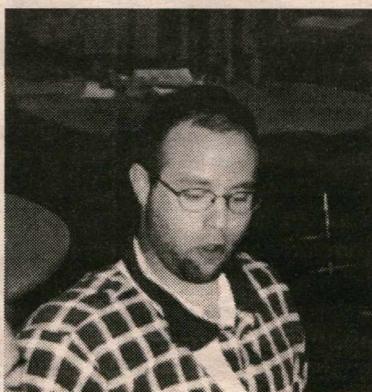
One way we need to be more strict is with our athletics. If someone is caught they should be held accountable by suspension. If it happens in the off-season and someone finds out about it, the consequence should be carried out at next time inter-collegiate play is resumed.

I would not say that we need to be more strict because I have seen what happens when someone is caught and it can be pretty harsh sometimes. There comes a point when a slap on the wrist is not enough and something needs to be done. We need to be more consistent in our disciplinary action because one person may get suspended from school, is merely for the same offense. When this happens students say, "Well he/she got this and I got this..." or "Why didn't he/she receive the same consequence?" Be consistent in whatever actions are taken to help control the drug and alcohol problem on campus.

## Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues

**"Do you believe that stricter gun control laws will lessen school violence?"**



Josh Bittle Freshman Political Science Salem, OR

"No, if they want a gun they will still get a gun. People kill people, guns don't kill people."



Crystal Woodrich Sophomore Gen. Studies Bellingham, WA

"I think that guns are too accessible to children. Stricter laws would help limit it, but it boils down to personal responsibility."



Daniel Epley Junior Elem. Ed. Anchor Point, AK

"No, because no one will have a problem getting a gun if they really want one."



Rachel Roemhildt Senior Social Sci. Ed. Cordova, AK

"No, I think more parental involvement in their children's lives will reduce violence."

# Life is Beautiful heart-wrenching behind the humor

When I headed out for a movie Saturday night, I expected to spend a small fortune to see another mindless film with a mindless plot. Fortunately, my experience did not live up to these expectations. The lines of the theater were long and full. The only movie I could still get a ticket to was one by the name of *Life Is Beautiful*, an Italian import starring Roberto Benigni, Nicoletta Braschi, and Giorgio Cantarini, complete with subtitles. I knew little about this film but took a chance anyway and was greatly rewarded.



Getting into the beginning of the movie was somewhat difficult with trying to watch both the action on the screen and read the quickly moving subtitles along the bottom, but I adjusted quickly. The film is set in Italy, during the Holocaust and portrays the wonderful story of one small Jewish family and its struggle to survive,

not only physically, but emotionally as well. The story starts off with the unlikely courtship of

Guido (played by Roberto Benigni), a Jewish waiter, and Dora (played by Nicoletta Braschi) a beautiful young school teacher already engaged to a brutish, narrow-minded man.

Guido is a relentless suitor who will manipulate any circumstance to win Dora's love. The energy that Benigni puts into the character of Guido rivals that of Robin Williams and creates a

number of hilarious incidents all for the love of a woman. Eventually Guido is successful and rescues his love from her own engagement party on a horse painted green by anti-Semites. Guido is a hopeless romantic and gives the movie it's upbeat feeling throughout.

At the beginning of the movie, there is very little mention of the Nazis' increasingly present power and oppression. The mood of the film is happy and in love. However, as the middle of the movie approaches, the mood shifts from carefree life to sudden struggle. Guido and Dora have begun a family and have a small boy of about three years old. Their son, Joshua, and his father are abducted by Nazi forces while the mother is away from home on the son's birthday. They are taken to a Nazi concentration camp.

At this point, the film takes a serious tone, and yet the humor is still present. Throughout the entire ordeal of being abducted and shipped away to less-than-human conditions, Guido makes a decision to keep his son alive by maintaining a sense of hope and love of a life that is beautiful re-

gardless of the circumstances. Guido manages to convince Joshua (Giorgio Cantarini) that the camp is only a game where if

amidst of horrible death and inhumanity, it is the only thing that keeps the both of them alive. Benigni's high energy level allows the movie to be tenderly believable. The acting in the film is powerfully gentle and the story is incredibly moving. The film itself is sometimes rather shaky and the scenes often look a little fake, but this can be overlooked as the plot wraps the viewer in the emotions of the movie. The story of the Holocaust is taken to a personal level as it follows Guido and his family through the concentration camp. The horror is dealt with through humor and deep, devoted love.

This movie is nothing ordinary and nothing short of spectacular. I left the movie not knowing whether to cry or laugh and with a much deeper sense of satisfaction than I ever had from any other film. Don't let the idea of subtitles scare you off; *Life is Beautiful* has a lot to offer. It will keep you smiling through even the most heart-wrenching moments.

## Life is Beautiful

Starring  
Roberto Benigni  
Nicoletta Braschi

Reviewed by  
Mindy Oldenkamp



they win by getting enough points, they will be able to go home. To the boy, the German guards are only yelling, angry men because they are behind in the game.

Although it is somewhat hard to believe that a father could keep up such a drastic charade in the

# Swing, country lovers alike enjoy The Palace

I have been hooked on dancing every since my sister Suzanne took me to her favorite line-dancing club. So, when I heard from my friend that the old Hot Spot was reopening as The Palace, I was very excited. Friday night was its Grand Opening. When my friends and I got there, there was already many people surrounding the front of the building. The crowd was made up mostly of junior high age, but there was also a range of people from six to sixty years-old. Some people were wearing zoot suits and some cowboy hats. We finally got through the doors as they were just starting the dance lessons on the country floor. At the Palace there are two floors. One is dedicated to country swing and the other to top 40 and big band swing. My friends and I opted for the country floor and we learned a line dance and two swing dances. The teacher was very good and we caught on quickly.

I might mention that I went with two of my girlfriends. There were no boys in our party. Some girls like to bring boys along when they go to a place like this because

otherwise you run the risk of sitting out for most of the dances. It is true that most of the guys there

*...Most of the zoot suit kids ended up jumping and jiving with the cowboys... we danced the Cotton-Eye Joe and the Watermelon Crawl, as well as many other popular dances.*

seemed to like watching the dancing instead of dancing themselves. I met a high school girl named Sue-Sue\* who told me that if I wanted a boy to dance with me I should go and sit on his lap. Well, that advice did not sound appealing to me but it sure worked for her. By the end of the

night Sue-Sue had rarely sat out a dance. Though I didn't feel comfortable using her tactics, I did ask a few boys to dance. One of them taught me some really fun swing moves. My friends and I all got asked to dance too.

The nice thing about The Palace is that it is tobacco and alcohol free. It has a nice atmosphere. The country floor seemed to be more fun than the top 40 floor (which was more like a high school dance), and most of the zoot suit kids ended up jumping and jiving with the cowboys. On the country floor we danced the Cotton-Eye Joe and the Watermelon Crawl, as well as many

## The Palace

Corner of Fairview  
and Five Mile

Reviewed by  
Brooke Humphrey



other popular dances.

My friends and I had a pretty good time. It was a little cheesy with the drawbridge and the fake fog, but most everybody was having fun. It is a nice place to go if you want to kick up your heels. The Palace is open from 8:00pm-12:30am every weekend. From 8:00-9:00pm there are free dance lessons. Friday nights are all ages and Saturday nights are 18 and older. The cover charge is five dollars. For more information call 321-1811.

\*name changed

## Crusader Reviews

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# Intramural softball begins with homeruns

## Soccer is over; softball starts

by Robin Day

Crusader Sports Editor

This past week saw the end of intramural soccer with two championship games. The winning women's team and winners of the coveted t-shirts included Melissa McClellan, Jen Revels, Kacy Madsen, Julie Satta, Megan Garske, Kim Phillips, Denise Thuline, Missy Rasmussen, Carey Laird and Sara Braker. Kudos to all.

The intramural men's soccer champs include Ryan Cantrell, John Galloway, Lane Chitwood, Kevin Andrews, Scott Strobel, Eric Vehlow, Clayton Borah, Lee Perry, Brandon W. and Aaron



Joe Pelton tries to out-manuver Kevin Andrews in the men's championship game. Andrews' team eventually won the scrimmage for the title.

Metzger. You get t-shirts because you just kick fish.

There will be a King and Queen of the Court tournament on Friday, April 30, beginning at with women's games at 8 p.m. The men's games will start at 9 p.m. It will be games of 3-on-3 and all are welcome to put their skills to the test. And, of course, there will be t-shirts for the win-

### *Blitzkrieg started off right, scoring seven runs.*

ners.

Also ongoing, is the racketball tournament. The bracket is posted in the intramural office window and players are listed on the intramural board. If you are interested in watching a match, contact the two participants to find out when they will be playing. Spectators are appre-

ciated.

This past Monday night was opening of the intramural softball season. Opening game for the men's league took place between depending champs Blitzkrieg and S.P.O.W.A.

Blitzkrieg got off to a strong start, scoring seven runs in the first inning and holding S.P.O.W.A. to only three. S.P.O.W.A. scoring rally came in the fifth inning, where they scored five runs, but their sparse scoring throughout the rest of the game was not enough to overcome Blitzkrieg's consistent three runs an inning initiative. Blitzkrieg came out on top in the end, 16-11.

Jeff Dilbeck led S.P.O.W.A. runners, crossing the plate three times, with Jake Profit, Kenny Turner and Scott Mortimer contributing two runs each.

For Blitzkrieg, Shawn Blenker and Travis Teows were in front of the scorers with three runs each. Adding two runs each to the score were Ken Wells, Jeremy Riehl and Loren Fairbands.

The second men's game of the evening was a showdown between the returning team Manson Family and Team Olson. This is the third year that the members of the Manson Family have played together and their time input is beginning to show. Manson Family rolled over the top of Team Olson, 22-13.

Leading off in the first for the Manson Family, Luke Miller singled, then eventually scored, only to be followed by the next



Photos by Deana

Member of Blitzkrieg barely avoids being tagged out in the season's first game against S.P.O.W.A. Reigning champs, Blitzkrieg won the game,

two batters. Miller went on to cross the plate three more times that evening. Team Olson did not start off on the right foot, going three-up, three-down in the first inning. They returned the favor to the Manson Family in the third, but were unable to stop the heavy scoring in the fourth and seventh.

Chris Bowles led Team Olson scorers with three runs. The Manson Family had Bryan Berg add four runs and had three each from Nate Vanderpool and Gerry Singleterry. Singleterry had a home run that brought in two other runs early in the fourth. Singleterry finished the game with nine RBI's.

Women's games started with a contest between Peaches and Grasshoppers. Grasshoppers emerged triumphant, 13-9. Peaches did not score until the third inning, where they brought in five runs. Grasshoppers didn't

score until the second inning, going three-up, three-down in the first, but consistently scored in every inning for the rest of the game. In some sort of weird name/gender mix-up, Matt Sanders was the top scorer for the game, crossing the plate three times for the Grasshoppers.

The second game of the evening was scheduled between Team Blinker and team Fitch. Team Blinker, however, did not show, handing Team Fitch a forfeit win on their first game.

A schedule for the terms games is posted on the intramural board outside of Marriott. *The Crusader* most annoying team name award goes to S.P.O.W.A. for having the most obscure and difficult to type name. *The Crusader* most imaginative award goes to No Clue and 4-D, while Grasshoppers wins the smallest creature award.

## Stacia Hinson; tennis team Goals and dreams on the courts

by Jenifer Holmquist

Crusader News Staff Writer

In college athletics, focus and commitment can separate athletes who hold their own from those who do not. Freshman Stacia Hinson demonstrates this drive in her play on the tennis court.

She commented, "I love being on the team here; I like to workout in the weightroom, run, anything outdoors." Hinson attributes much of her dedication to her father's influence.

"My dad was a big college

tennis player and he wanted us to start out [playing tennis] earlier because he didn't start until college," she explained.

As a freshman, Hinson already shows promise as a leader on the court. One of the goals she hopes to impress on the team is "making every practice count." She also emphasized that "We need to work on being confident in ourselves because tennis is 75% mental."

Although sports have had a big part in Hinson's life all through high school, college tennis did bring one major change. Hinson commented, "I had never played doubles competitively, so when I first started playing this season, it was tough and frustrating at first."

Despite this preliminary difficulty, she went on to say, "My

partner Kristin [Crawford] is more experienced at this, and we want to do really well in regionals."

For the 'Sader tennis team, regionals include competition against teams such as Puget Sound, Lewis and Clark, Southern Oregon, George Fox, Linfield and, of course, Albertson. Hinson laughed as she commented, "Road trips are always fun. We beat Albertson's this last week -- we had played them three times and this is the first time we beat them as a team."

Even though Hinson admits her future is uncertain at this time, she stated that tennis was her number one reason for coming to NNC. "My top reasons to come back would be tennis and the people I've met," she concluded.

## Time Out with

### Preston Madden

Preston is on fire for God. After working all day (Wednesday is a three chapel credit day!), go to Time Out to have your heart stirred. Then stay afterward to pray over the AIDS quilt. It will definitely be better than actually doing your statistics homework, I guarantee it!

# NNC baseball team beats Albertson 13-9

## Deboi pitches for a victory; up for pitcher of the week

by Craig Craker

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The NNC baseball team came into a big week of games badly needing some wins. To start the week, they hosted 17-0 Albertson who they had not beaten since March 4, 1997.

Junior Zack Deboi was sent to the hill to see if he could end the dominance. He did that and more as he pitched a complete game, giving up just one run on five hits, walking three and striking out 11 'Yotes. He also added a two out two run double that proved to be the game winner in the fifth inning.

To start the fifth, Matt Davis singled, and then Justin Schneidt and Barry Warren laid down perfect sacrifice bunts on which the third baseman slipped and fell, setting up the big hit by Deboi.

In the top of the seventh Albertson got a lead-off homer, followed by a single and a double, so they had second and third with no outs. Deboi bucked up though, and struck out the side to preserve the win. In the second game of the double header, NNC closed to within 4-3 on a Jon Crozier three-run jack. But then Albertson showed their worth as they cruised to a 17-4 rout.

Friday night saw NNC hosting Concordia. Jon Crozier started out poorly, giving up three runs in the

first three innings, but he only gave up two hits the rest of the way.

The NNC batters took awhile but finally got going; with the game winner delivered by Andy Heyer in the big blow with a two

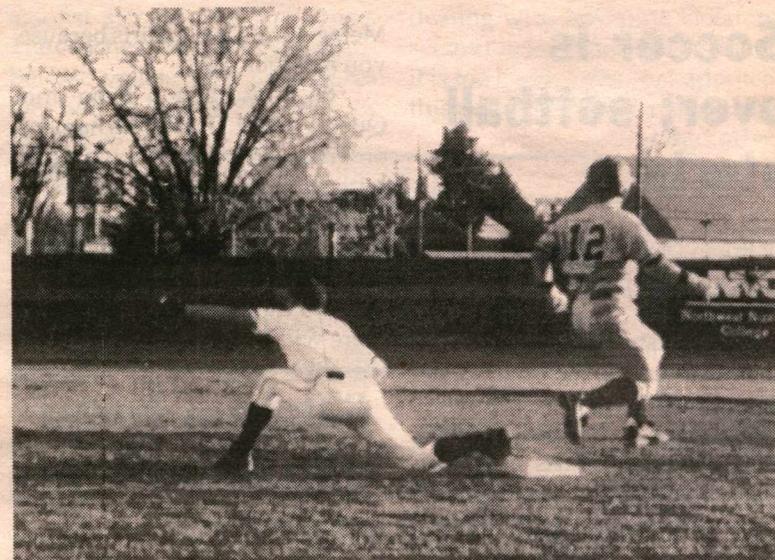
*Heyer continued his good hitting, driving in the only run.*

out two strike two run double, breaking a 0-9 slump for Heyer and starting what would prove to be a good weekend. Crozier gave up

three runs on six hits, walking three and striking out ten. Jason LaMont was 2-5, as was Deboi. A couple of errors early on allowed Ruben Burciaga and LaMont to drive in a run apiece.

On Saturday, Deboi started the first game, pitching a complete six-hitter game walking none and striking out eight. Heyer continued his good hitting, driving in the only run. With Deboi's dominating performance, he is up for pitcher of the week, which he strongly deserves after beating Albertson and shutting out Concordia.

In the second game of the double header, NNC got involved in a good old-fashioned slugfest as they won 13-9. Deboi was 3-4 with a double, a homer and four RBIs; Matt Onefrei was also 3-4 with a double



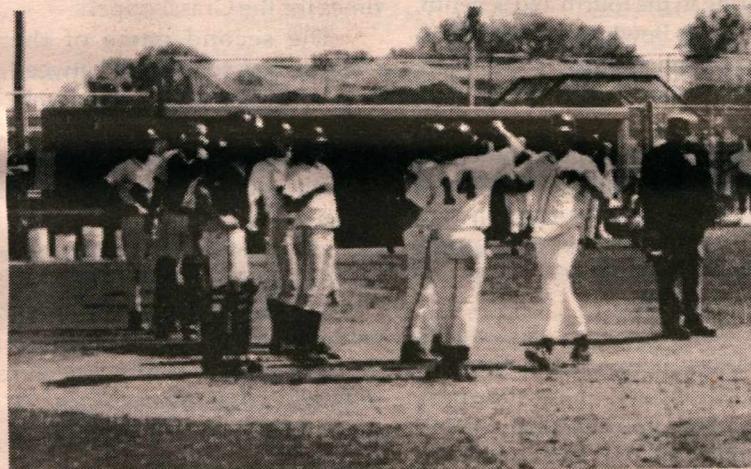
Dan Benedick stretches to finish the play for the out on first.

a homer and two RBIs. LaMont, Heyer and Crozier all had two hits apiece.

NNC's starter B.T. Parton got the win, his first, despite allowing seven runs. Jacob St. Mary pitched three and a third innings of relief for the save.

With this sweep, NNC is now 16-17 overall, 13-9 in the confer-

ence. They trail Western Oregon by five games for the final playoff spot. NNC plays at Eastern Oregon on Friday night and then come home for a double header starting at 3 p.m. They also play Western Oregon for the last three games of the season. Come out and support the Sadlers as they try to earn a playoff spot.



Jon Crozier crosses the plate to be greeted by the congratulations of Matt Onefrei (#14) and the rest of his teammates after hitting a home run.



The 'Sadlers catch Albertson in a pickle during Saturday's game, which NNC went on to win.

## Crusader tennis wins one against ACI also

### 'Sadlers win first game of season; prepare for regionals

by Brandi Blacklock

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The NNC Tennis Team ended their regular season matchplay on a strong note. Last Thursday, April 22, the group traveled to Caldwell to face off against cross-town rival ACI. The 'Sadlers meant business as they determined to come away with their first season win against ACI.

struggled to keep the ball in the court due to 30-40 mph winds, they began to wish they had brought their kites instead of their rackets. Despite the unfavorable breezes, the match continued. Coach Cook shared, "In weather like this, it has nothing to do with hitting winning shots, but it has everything to do with mental toughness."

The tournament started off with doubles matches. In the second doubles spot, team Hamilton-Blacklock were the only NNC duo to defeat ACI. They played with a lot of heart and were in control of the many long rallies. The Crawford-Hinson and Barnes-Nixon teams were both defeated by their opponents, 5-8 and 3-8 respectively.

Singles matches followed and

singles player Crawford dropped her first set 4-6 to her opponent but then compensated with a tough 6-1, 6-3 finish. Blacklock, playing third singles, also for-

*"I have been hungry all year for a second chance at ...ACI"*

*~Keri Barnes*

feited her first set 4-6 after being ahead. With determination she fought back to win in three sets with second and third set scores of 7-6, 6-2. Fourth singles was dominated by Hamilton, who

with great skill and precision, put her competitor to rest with a 7-6, 6-3 win.

NNC's Barnes was out for revenge in her sixth singles match. She played with heart and persistence as she sealed the victory in two sets, 7-6, 6-2. Later, Barnes reflected, "The win felt so good. I had been hungry all year for a second chance at the ACI number 6. Now she will have to finish the season wishing for another chance."

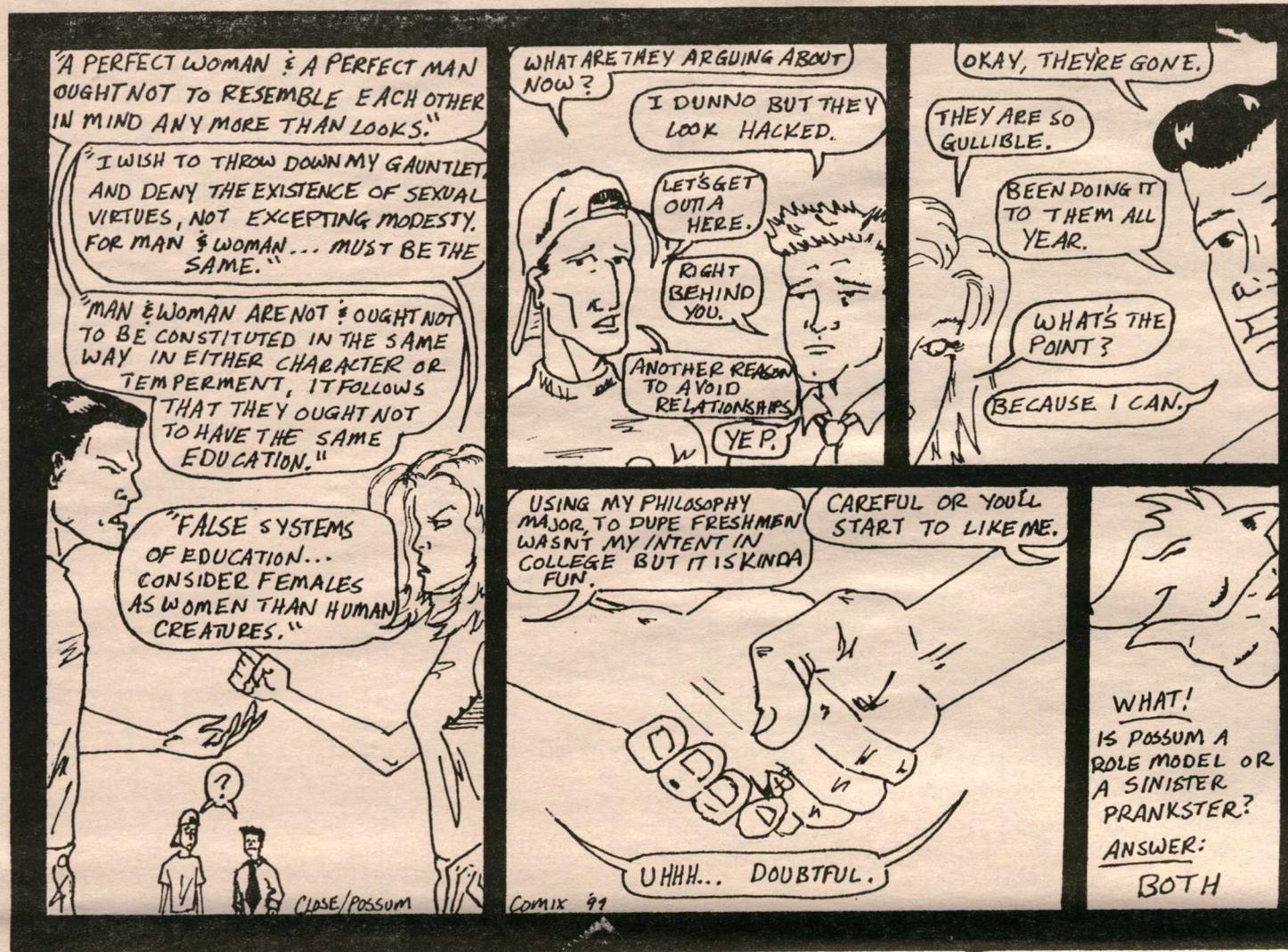
Second singles player Hinson also put out a great effort in a long three-setter against her adversary. After splitting sets 7-6, 0-6, she was finally defeated 4-6 in the third. Kung of NNC also fell victim to ACI 2-6, 2-6, in the number five position.

The good news was that at the end of the windy day, the one

doubles win and the four singles wins computed into an overall victory for the 'Sadlers, who defeated ACI, 5-4. When Coach Cook briefed the team in practice the day before, he informed the team that, "the pressure was on because every other sports team at NNC beat ACI at least one time this year." After hearing this, the Crusaders went into the match with confidence. The team meant business, and were determined (and successful) in walking off the courts with their first season win against ACI. This was a good confidence-building match for much of the team and everyone did a great job contributing to the overall goal.

The team will make one final voyage to Seattle this weekend for the Regional Tournament hosted by University of Puget Sound.

## Possum by Ryan Close



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# You don't wanna know what's under his hood

I may be 51 years old, but, darn it, I'm still a "rock and roll kind of animal." So when a friend named Gene offered me some tickets to a Beach Boys concert, I jumped at the chance. As a result, I strained my back and had to lie down for six days.

But after the pain subsided I was very excited, because I'm a huge Beach Boys fan. I'll never forget the first time I saw them in person, back in 1964, at a fantastic concert in New York. ... Wait, no, it was Philadelphia, and it might have been 1967. And come to think of it, it wasn't The Beach Boys; it was the Bee Gees. Or maybe the Turtles. It was definitely a plural name. Although now that I think of it, I'm not 100 percent sure I was there.

But never mind the details. The point is that I've loved the Beach Boys' music since WAYYY back when I was in junior high school, and America was happy and care-free because the Civil War was finally over. I went through puberty with the Beach Boys (not LITERALLY, of course; we all had separate rooms). Their songs expressed a new kind of feeling that was stirring deep within the bowels of my loins; a feeling of vul-

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Syndicated humor  
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nerability, of tenderness, and - yes - of sexual desire.

For cars, I mean. When the Beach Boys sang, "She's real fine, my 409 ... my four-speed, dual-quad, Posi-Traction 409," they were giving voice to the fantasy of every pimple-speckled male at Harold C. Crittenden Junior High. We LUSTED for Posi-Traction! Whatever it was!

I still know all the words to all the Beach Boys' car songs. When I'm driving, and the radio plays "Shut Down," which is about a drag race, I sing along at the top of my lungs: "He's hot with ram induction, but it's understood; I got a fuel-injected engine sittin' under my hood." The truth is that I have no idea what kind of engine I have sittin' under my hood. I could have a food processor sittin' under there. But the Beach Boys still make me feel like Mr. Stud Piston.

And the Beach Boys were not just

limited to car songs. They took on the important social issues, too, in songs such as "Be True To Your School" (actual lyric: "Rah rah rah rah sis boom bah!") and "I Get Around" (actual lyric: "I'm a real cool head! I'm makin' real good bread!").

They don't make music like that these days. In fact, sometimes they don't even make MUSIC. I saw a TV show recently wherein a group of "hip-hop" DJs competed to see who was the best at making sounds with a record turntable. They'd put the needle on a record, then they'd spin the turntable forward and backward violently, thereby creating unique, by which I mean ugly, noises. I used to do that when I was 7, and my mom would yell, "STOP FOOLING WITH THE RECORD PLAYER!" But these guys were SERIOUS; they had expressions of intense concentration on their faces, as though it took vast artistic skill to simulate the sound of deranged squirrels fighting in an amplifier. A panel of judges looked on, frowning thoughtfully, as though they were listening to Beethoven's Fifth Symphony (actual lyric: "Dum dum dum DUM"). I wanted to scream at the

TV screen: "A turntable is NOT A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT, you morons! It's an APPLIANCE, like a toaster-oven! Or an accordion!" So, OK, I'm too old to appreciate "hip-hop." But I'm smack dab in the middle of the Beach Boys' demographic, to judge from the crowd at the concert I attended. Many of us are grayer than we once were, and our loins are larger. But we still know how to "party hearty." We had our cell-phone ringers set on "vibrate" and were ready to ROCK AND ROLL when the Beach Boys stormed onto the stage. OK, "stormed" is a little strong. "Shuffled" is more accurate. Because the Beach Boys have gotten older, too. Although some of them apparently have gotten YOUNGER. A couple of the ones I saw definitely had not been born yet when they made their first record.

But even though some of the older Beach Boys could enter the Ernest Hemingway Look-alike Contest, they still SOUND like the Beach Boys, and that was all that mattered. Within 15 minutes the crowd was on its feet (it would have been on its feet sooner, but it has to be careful with its back).

The Beach Boys sang a medley of their car songs, and I sang right along with them, and when, together, we sang the technical part of "Little Deuce Coupe" ("She's ported and relieved, and she's stroked and bored") there was genuine emotion in my voice. But without question the highlight came when the entire crowd - not just us older folks in our 50s, but also the young people in their late 40s - joined together to sing "Barbara Ann," all of us united for the moment by our inability to remember that one verse that goes something like:

"Tried Betty Sue  
Did the boogaloo  
Went to the zoo  
And I saw a tiger poo"

It was a great night. And even though I didn't get home until almost 10:20 p.m., I was so excited that I stayed awake until almost 10:27. 'Round 'round get around, I get around.

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Poorly Drawn Man - by David Stillman

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