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Column One

It's late at night (as usual) and the office is sick. I mean really sick, with the flu and other viruses. Which probably means the rest of us will get sick too. Oh well, it's not as if we've never shared anything else.

This is not the usual Column One by Monica. Basically, this is my last issue as sports editor, a position I've held for four years, so I've been allowed to force a few sappy thoughts on you. (HA, HA, HA!)

After four years, I am looking forward to sleeping Monday nights and not being a zombie Tuesday mornings. After four years, I will cut my Pepsi consumption by half and actually get my homework done on time. (At least, that's the plan.) I also know that after four years, I'm going to miss the deadlines, the fun of being up until 4:00 am, the laughter and the people who I've been privileged enough to work with. So if you still find me up in the office Monday nights, don't worry. I'm just reliving old memories.

Okay, now that that's over with, we worked really hard on this week's issue for you. Enjoy flipping through it. Be sure to read the cover story and check out the review of *Cazba* on page 14. And admire the photos of your friends in campus. Tell the first editor you see this week, "good job."

Pass all your finals and have a sunny spring break!

Robin Gintz

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Funds raised in honor of former student

by Lynette Brown
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In the 1988-89 school year, the Student Body President at Northwest Nazarene College was a student by the name of Kurt Finkbeiner. In April of 1989, he was elected to be Co-Chairman for NSLC (Nazarene Student Leadership Conference). In June of 1989 a tragedy happened. On June 10, 1989—the night of his graduation—Finkbeiner was swimming in Lake Lowell and drowned.

At NSLC in 1990, which was held at Olivet Nazarene University, the students decided to do something. Each Nazarene College in North America was encouraged to fast on or around Ash Wednesday to remember Kurt Finkbeiner. Each school tries to raise money in memory of Kurt Finkbeiner.

For the past couple years, our school has participated in the Finkbeiner Fast, as well as an event called the Luv Auction. The Fast has been successful at our school and has helped raise money for the fund. When a student signs up to participate in the Fast, Marriott not only provides an alternative meal for those students, but also donates \$2.50 per student towards the fund. Marriott has been generous enough to do this annually.

So, you might be wondering

what happened to the Luv Auction and why the Fund Fair took the place of that event. Kristy Heffner said that "The Luv Auc-

tion was getting old and it was time to do something new. I delegated it to Sarah Hughes and Jennifer Gerner." Sarah Hughes stated that "Jenn and I wanted to do an event that EVERYONE could participate in instead of just a few certain people who happen-

ing bid on." The Fund Fair seemed the perfect solution. It was an event where everyone could have fun at an affordable cost while still raising money for the memorial fund. Heffner stated, "New things take a while to catch on around here. I thought the dunk tank was a hit, and Joe Chapman sank everyone! Eric Manley, Shawn Blenker, Dr. Yoder, Dr. Sharpton and Nate Roskam were such good sports for volunteering to get wet!"

"The good thing about the Fund Fair is that it has a whole lot of potential. This is just the beginning. We have a LOT of room to grow, and it was only its first year. We have lots of ideas on ways to make it even better next year and on into the future—just wait!" commented Hughes.

The money goes into a memorial fund, but what happens with the fund? Every cent raised goes to the offices of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries. This year, the money raised is going to assist those students going to Mozambique, Africa.

Shawn Blenker said, "Although Finkbeiner died just two short months after his election to the position of NSLC Co-Chair, his passion for life, zeal to serve others and compassion for those in need are exemplified through this annual fast." Every student is encouraged to participate in these events next year.



David Munoz gets ready to try his hand at the dunk tank at the Fund Fair. The Finkbeiner Fast and the Fund Fair took place February 23 and 24 in order to raise money for Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.

Career Fair coming third term



CAREER FAIR! There will be something for everyone at the Career Fair that is being held on the Northwest Nazarene University campus, Thursday, March 30 in the Montgomery Field House (gym) from 10:00am-2:30pm. There will be great door prizes, including gift certificates for Old Navy and Mona Lisa, a CD player, a 20" TV/VCR and much more.

Two activities to help you get ready for the Career Fair are the Career Fair Convocation (for chapel credit) on Tuesday, March 28 at 10:15am in Felter Lecture Hall and resume workshops which will be available March 23, 24, 27 and 28 in the Student Center Lobby.

Find out information about career, employment and internship opportunities from over 90 organizations. For detailed information about the Career Fair, check out our website: http://intranet.nnu.edu/career_center/ccweb/career_fair.htm

Five SGA candidates have much to offer NNU

by Mindy Oldenkamp

Crusader Campus Staff Writer

Amanda Marble-- President
From Yakima, Washington,
Junior Communications major

students."

Steve Roth-- President
A Big Man ready for Big Gov-
ernment, Sophomore Steve Roth,
from Ridgefield, Washington, is



Amanda Marble, running for President

Amanda Marble has set her sights and aimed her standards high. Running for President, Marble hopes to set a leadership example for the student body and allow the students to make an impact on the campus and community around them. "I want to increase awareness on this campus as well as raise the level of involvement among the members of this campus," she stated. "By empowering the students, we can make a difference." When she's not involved in serving the student body through various councils or as an SGA Senator, Marble likes to take a little time just to relax. She might be found on the tennis courts, hanging out with her friends or nestled in a cosy coffee shop with a good book and a hot cup of java. As to how she would feel if she were to be elected? "I would consider it an honor to serve and represent my fellow

ready for just about anything. The Sophomore Class President comes with big plans and is ready for the position of President. "My main goal is to bring the SGA closer to the student body and create a sense of openness between the two bodies," he stated, "I also want to see an increase in involvement campus-wide." The Pre-Med/Biology major is an outdoors kind of guy who enjoys spending his time, when he isn't involved with RA, duties hiking, camping or his favorite-- snowboarding. "I would be totally thankful and honored if I were elected, and I would look forward to serving the students."

Jenn Gerner--- Social VP

What Sophomore elementary education major Jenn Gerner wants for the position of Social VP is MORE. Imagina-

tion, Organization, Responsiveness, and Excitement! "I want to create more imaginative activities as well as adding more imagination to the existing activities," she stated. "I also want to organize the budget and create a better flow of responsiveness between the student body and the council." With high hopes to increase involvement among the student body, Gerner is excited at what the future may hold. "I would consider it a privilege to represent the student body and would be excited to carry out MORE!" When she's not creating plans for the enjoyment of the student body, this

Sophomore Class Senator likes to read, hang out with friends and play basketball. She also looks forward to an annual trip to Disneyland, as well as shopping trips to the mall.

Allison McCray--- Social VP

A Sophomore elementary education major from Spokane, Washington, Allison McCray is an all-around fun-loving and adventurous kind of girl. She loves hanging out with her friends and creating anything crazy and spur-of-the-moment to do. Movies, skiing, and having a good laugh are also a common occurrence for McCray, who has spent the last year serving on the Sophomore Class Council as a Social Board Representative. All of her love for fun and adventure are also something that she hopes to incorporate into the position of Social VP if she is elected. "I want to bring more concerts and activities to this campus and create opportunities for exciting entertainment that are cheap enough that everyone can be involved. I hope to begin a once a month Friday night activity that brings the student body together for something like broom hockey or a game show night,



Steve Roth, running for President

or even a community-wide event open to all." McCray has a lot to offer the student body and states, "I would be ex-

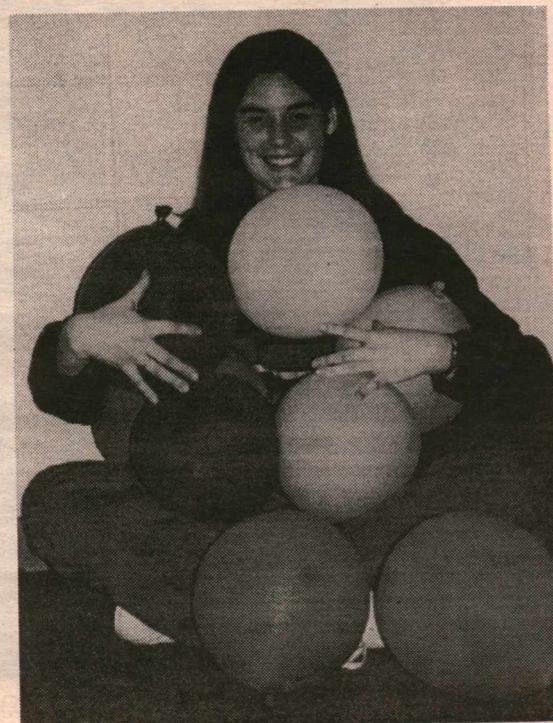
keep the senate running smoothly and make sure that the student government is serving who it is supposed to--the students." The Sophomore is excited for the new year and all the challenges that it will bring. He also is excited at the opportunity to "work with many excellent people." Aside from his plans involving the student government, McCray likes to spend his time playing just about any kind of intramural sport and hanging out with his friends. He also invests much of his time to the Business Club and SIFE. For Galloway, being involved in campus activities is important. "I'm excited for the changes that will come and look forward to serving the students."



John Galloway, running for Vice President

tremely excited to serve the campus because I have a tremendous amount of ideas to share and offer that would enhance the available activities, as well as create many more."

John Galloway-- Executive VP Business Administration major John Galloway, from Caldwell, Idaho, has great plans for the position of Executive VP. "Bob has done an outstanding job, and I hope to continue that tradition," stated Galloway. "I hope to



Jenn Gerner, running for Social Vice President



Allison McCray, running for Social Vice President

Rogers leads the life of college student and model

by Mindy Oldenkamp
Crusader Campus Staff Writer

Imagine, if you will, having a typical part-time job to help you get through school. Now further imagine a job where you are always guessing just exactly what may come up next. Add to this the possibility of traveling to various places near and far in order to work. The end result is an ever-changing career with endless possibilities, much like the one that freshman Ashley Rogers has found herself loving.

For the past two and a half years, Rogers has been modeling for various agencies and companies. A simple job that began with the position of Mall Ambassador turned into a full-fledged open opportunity for the Seattle native.

"My boss owned a modeling agency, and she gave me the chance at a few jobs, and that's how it got started," Rogers stated. Rogers modeled for various jobs, as well as doing a wedding exposition, and her career has taken off since its humble beginnings.

"There's absolutely nothing I don't love about this job! It's so unpredictable, and you never know what you're in for, so it keeps life exciting," Rogers explained. And since her move to Nampa for college, modeling has kept her weekends busy. Flying out for Seattle, Tacoma or Bellvue, Washington, in order to make a job took up much of Rogers' time this past term, "January was especially busy," she said.

Despite the excitement involved with a modeling career, Rogers isn't set on modeling forever. "I've been offered a job in New York that is still open to me, but I don't want a career right now," she stated. "God has brought me here to NNU and plunked me down in the middle of Nampa, and I am doing my best to follow His will for my life."

Whether it's working through the late night to finish an art project or flying out for Washington, Rogers is a busy freshman. "I love my job, but following God is important, and I try my best to do that above all else."

Reader's Theater to perform



Reader's Theater will be performing a variety of C.S. Lewis' works in the Ad. building auditorium on March 2, 3 and 4. Thursday's and Friday's performances will be at 7:30pm and Saturday's performance at 1:30pm. Professor Michelle Marshman and Union University, Lewis Scholar Karen L. Mulder will have a small lecturette on C.S. Lewis' life. The event is free to the public, but donations would be appreciated.

Attention journalists and photographers

The Crusader is hiring a new staff to start next term for the upcoming school year.

All positions are open to interested students.

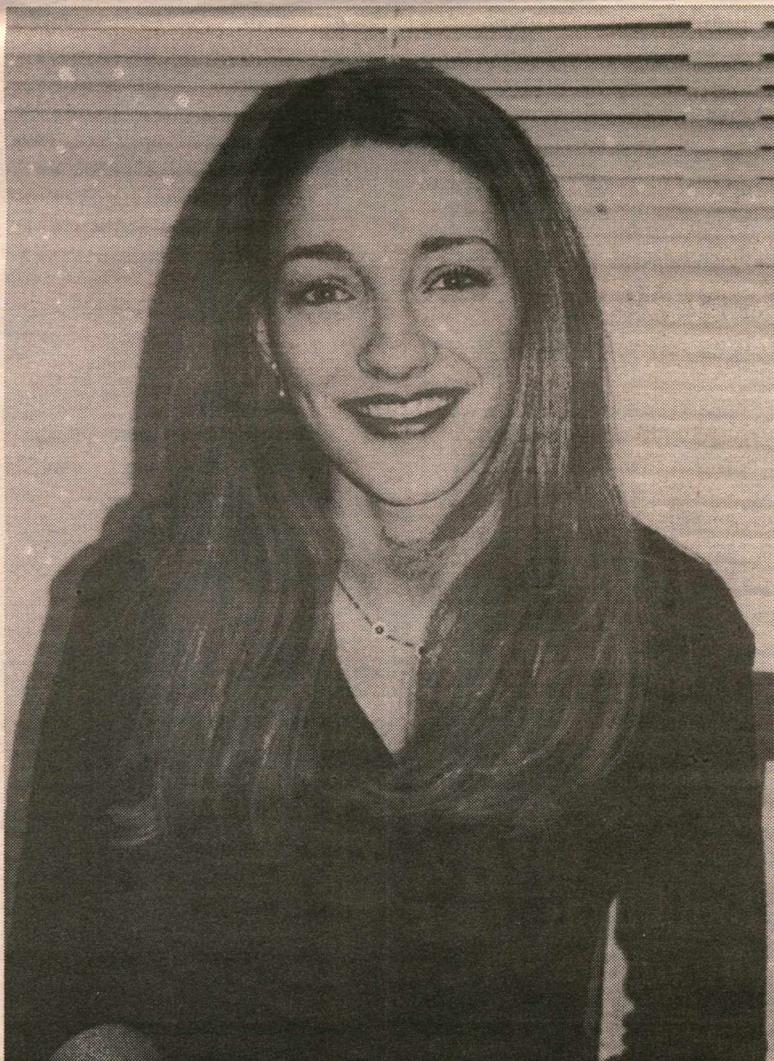
All jobs are paid positions.

Applications are available on the publications office door upstairs in the Student Center.

Jazz Concert provides great entertainment



Cory Madsen, Brandon Hill, Lucas Finch, Kenny Meier, and Eric Adamson play some improvisation solos with NNU's Big Band Jazz Band. The members of the Jazz Band performed in a free jazz concert on Friday, February 25 in the Brandt Center. Along with the Big Band, others performed, including small jazz combos.



Ashley Rogers, an NNU freshman, has a part-time job modeling. On weekends, she flies to various locations in Washington to model.

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by David S
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New treatment for cancer provides hope for patients

by Jeremy Smith
World News Editor

BOSTON, MA - Cancer experts are encouraged by results of a new study that uses a vaccine to treat people with advanced kidney cancer.

Though the findings are preliminary, they demonstrate that a new way of making cancer vaccines produces new hope for cancer victims.

Of the 17 people with kidney cancer that Alexander Kugler, a urologist at the University of Gottingen in Germany, and his colleagues vaccinated, four achieved complete regression of their disease and three more showed partial responses. Another two patients saw their cancer stabilize for over a year.

"It's pretty remarkable," says Dr. Donald Kufe, a cancer pharmacologist at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. "When I first heard about this data, I was so pleasantly surprised that I flew over there and met with the investigators and went over the scans, even treated a patient ... I was very impressed."

"It is perhaps premature

to make a 'great deal' out of it due to the small numbers tested," says Dr. Harmon Eyre, executive vice president for research and medical affairs at the American Cancer Society.

But, he continues, "The four complete responses and the other three patients' responses are far out of proportion to anything that

the researchers created a hybrid with all the specific markings of the tumor they wanted to target. Once the immune system attacks such a hybrid, it is primed to fight cells with the same markings anywhere in the body, so it can go after cancer cells that have spread from their initial location in the kidneys to other sites.

Because the study looked at so few patients, Johannes Vieweg, a urologist at the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Duke University Medical Center, cautions that the tumor regressions Kugler saw may still turn out to be chance recoveries.

To prove that the vaccine works, researchers will need to show that tumor regression goes hand-in-hand with an increased immune response and that the improvements in treated patients outweigh the responses in control subjects. Yet Vieweg still describes the study as "incredibly encouraging."

Several research groups in Europe and the United States are now testing similar hybrid cell vaccines in people with breast and liver cancer. Kugler also says researchers in Berlin have had preliminary success

vaccinating patients against malignant melanoma, a cancer that occurs in the eyes and skin. Even before Kugler's study came out, it attracted the attention of pharmaceutical companies in both the United States and Germany. They hope that this could be a final step towards the cure.

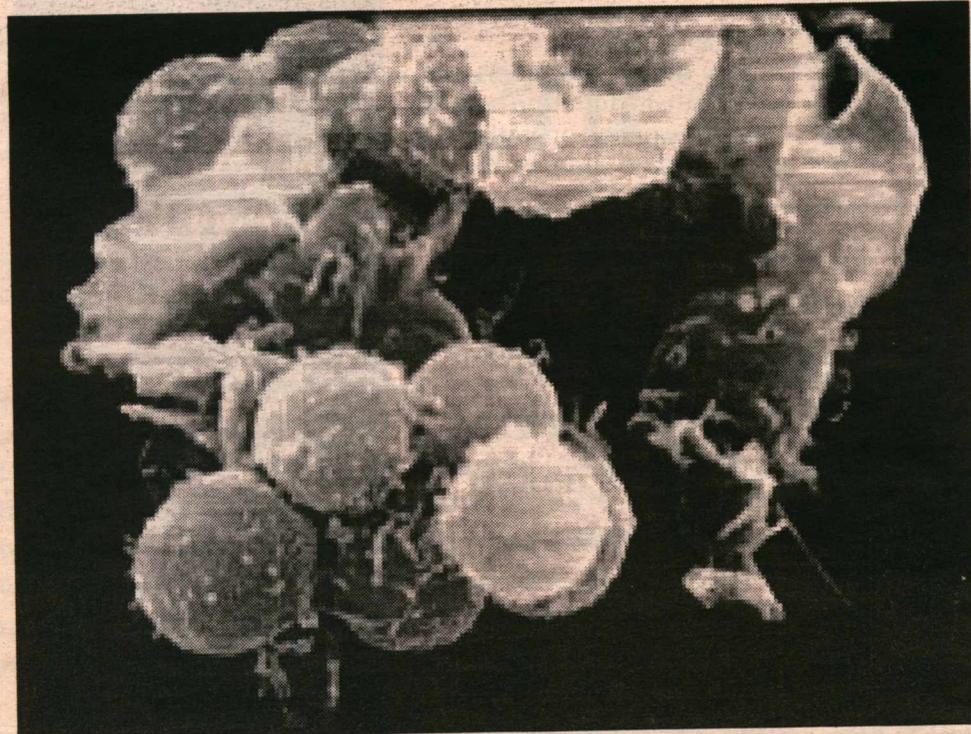
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~Dr. Harmon Eyre

any current therapy could do." What the study shows, he says, is the potential of the technique used to develop the vaccine.

Kugler and his colleagues made their vaccine using a new technique in which they fused cancer cells with a group of cells called dendritic cells that activate the infection fighting agents in the body's immune system.

To the immune system, dendritic cells are like bullfighters waving red flags to draw an attack. By fusing these cells with tumor cells,



Dendritic cell interacting with T cells, viewed through scanning EM.

World News Briefs

by José Melendez
World News Staff Writer

Ten Commandments back in school?

CHICAGO, IL — Schools across the nation are attempting to pass measures that would allow the Ten Commandments to be posted in classrooms while remaining Constitution-friendly. Indiana just recently passed a bill that allows for the posting of religious decrees as historical documents. Similar measures are currently pending in Illinois, South Dakota, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri and Oklahoma.

Nationwide school shootings are at the root of this movement. Americans are raising questions over the morality of high school students. Janet Parshall, a spokeswoman for the Family Research Council, stated that when school shootings become part of dinner conversations, parents become concerned. And while posting documents like the Ten Commandments aren't proven to make people good, Parshall asserted that "it certainly can't hurt."

Civil Libertarians are following the movement carefully. Their concern is that the message will be received as a religious message. If it is, the measures will be in direct violation of the Constitution.

Idaho bill to help with teen violence

BOISE, ID — Idaho legislators fear that the only way they can pass a new bill that will protect teens from domestic violence is to exclude homosexuals. The bill as it was originally proposed applied to all teens in violent relationships regardless of sexual orientation. The proposal, however, did not go over well with certain lawmakers.

Jen Ray, a lobbyist for the Idaho Women's Network, does not believe that this is the only thing that can be passed. As she stated, "We have trouble with any bill that singles out a group of people and discriminates." Her organization, however, may have to endorse the bill if there exists no other alternative.

The bill was introduced after Nampa resident Barbara Dehl approached Nampa Senator Jerry Thorne. Dehl's daughter, Cassandra Dehl, was killed in an automobile accident which she believed was due to a violent relationship. Dehl had attempted to place a restraining order for her daughters but was unable to due to the law's current criteria that the couple be either married, living together, or that they have children in common.

Joerg Haider announces resignation

VIENNA, AUSTRIA—Joerg Haider announced that he is resigning as the leader of the Austrian Freedom Party. The freedom party, which just recently became an official part of the Austrian government, has been extremely controversial. Haider has been strongly protested by the national as well as international committee for his praising of old Nazi policies. Israel and the European Union have protested the party by reducing ties with the country.

Currently the party serves as part of the ruling coalition, along with the conservative people's party. Haider became the party's leader in 1986 and is credited for transforming the small entity into a national contender.

Haider stated that he will continue to hold his position as governor of the Austrian province Carinthia and plans to remain involved in national politics. He does not, however, want to give the impression that the party's ministers are on tight leashes or that there are political puppets. The former leader will be replaced by Susanne Riess-Passer, Austria's vice-chancellor.

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South African residents are forced to evacuate as heavy rains flood several towns

by Jeremy Smith
World News Editor

Desperation has overtaken the people of Mozambique after weeks of floods, an aid official in the region said today. After a series of floods a few weeks ago forced people from their homes, many residents returned to their homes last week, only to have new floods force them away again, said Gorik Ooms of Doctors Without Borders, the Nobel Peace Prize-winning group also known by its French name, Medecins Sans Frontieres.

"The people feel threatened and they don't understand," said Ooms, the group's general coordinator for Mozambique.

"It seems there is no ending to their situation," he said. "They will have to rebuild their country all over again."

Officials did not know how many people had drowned but said the death toll would be high, probably in the thousands. They also added that many Mozambicans can not swim.

At least 350 people are

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~Gorik Ooms

confirmed dead, and more than 650,000 have been made homeless. Crops vital for surviving the coming winter have been swept away in Mozambique, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana in the three weeks of flooding caused by torrential rains.

Thousands of other victims have been rescued - just today some 3,000 were lifted from trees and rooftops by South African military helicopters.

"The situation is bad. No one knows exactly how bad, but thousands of people are still waiting on their roofs. We're not able to put numbers

on it," said Ooms.

"There will be thousands of people left behind tonight. These people will be on their own to get through the night," said Michele Quintaglie, spokeswoman for the U.N. World Food Program.

On February 28, Quintaglie said helicopters concentrated on rescuing people stranded in trees near Chokwe, a town of about 40,000 some 125 miles north of Maputo. Whenever possible, the rescuers first save those holding onto children.

"In some places, people had been hanging onto branches overnight with children on their backs," she said.

Five South African helicopters rescued 2,120

people Sunday after the Limpopo River burst its banks.

A two-yard-high wall of water struck Chokwe. Paul Tyndale-Biscoe, a water engineer who

was in Chokwe when the floodwater hit Sunday, said he saw human corpses and cattle carcasses being swept along the raging floodwaters.

A helicopter crew member said a woman threw her baby at an already loaded helicopter as it lifted off. The crew member caught the child by its arm, but it was unclear whether the mother had survived.

Other crews reported seeing buildings collapse under the weight of people minutes before they were about to be rescued.

Villages 25 miles downstream from Chokwe were

flooded, said Quintaglie, the World Food Program spokeswoman. She said it appeared many of the thousands left in the Chokwe

helicopters on the Limpopo River, Inyene Udoyen with the World Food Program in Mozambique told ABCNEWS.

"The immediate things we



Two children and their mother are winched to safety by a South African Air Force helicopter over the flooded city of Chokwe, Mozambique.

area overnight had survived.

The flooded Limpopo River will continue to rise in the next few days, the Mozambique Water Department said. The Save River, 600 miles north of the capital of Maputo, was also expected to continue rising.

Meanwhile, a Mozambique national radio broadcast appealed to private boat owners for help ferrying people from shrinking islands, roofs, trees and power and telephone poles to high ground.

A WFP aid coordinator said around 105,000 people were still awaiting rescue early today, some after up to four days without food or rest.

Britain's Oxfam charity said it was trying to get five rubber boats into the country to help with rescues, but so far the only vessels seen at work were local wooden ferries.

Nine helicopters were working on rescue operations, four on the Save River and five South African national defense

needed were more helicopters and it seems that there may be more forthcoming from the South African government," Udoyen said.

A South African Air Force spokesman told Reuters in Maputo that Pretoria had put two large Oryx helicopters on standby to join the relief operation as soon as donor funding was in place.

He said a reported \$1 million British donation would fund the existing operation for about 10 days more or the en-

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~Gorik Ooms

hanced fleet for about five days.

The German, Dutch and Norwegian governments also pledged to donate unspecified amounts to the rescue effort.

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Experience a Study Abroad

by Kadee Wirick
Crusader Opinions Editor

Before I even left to study in Jerusalem, Israel, I was told that I would change. Living and studying in a different culture was something that would force me, in all my American feminist independence, to change the way I looked upon both the culture I would be living in and the world as a whole. And while I had this knowledge firmly imbedded in my mind, I had no idea how radically it would change me and my world view forever.

This issue's cover story is about those students who, like myself, dared to step outside of their com-

fort zones for a semester and take the plunge into another way of life. From China to Russia to Israel to the Dominican Republic, students from Northwest Nazarene University were shaped and helped to shape the lives of those around them. The experiences were life changing and heart changing, and forced all of us to look at the world, and ourselves, in a different light. May these articles serve to, if nothing else, challenge your own world view and encourage you to take up the Lord's call to "Go into all the world."

Studying abroad offers priceless experiences

by Brad Tibbs
Crusader News guest writer

Attending classes wearing nothing but a loin cloth was difficult at first (being a white American, I stood out some), but I think the toughest part of living in the Dominican Republic was eating the goat brains for breakfast. Just kidding! (That was the attention getter to make you want to read my article.)

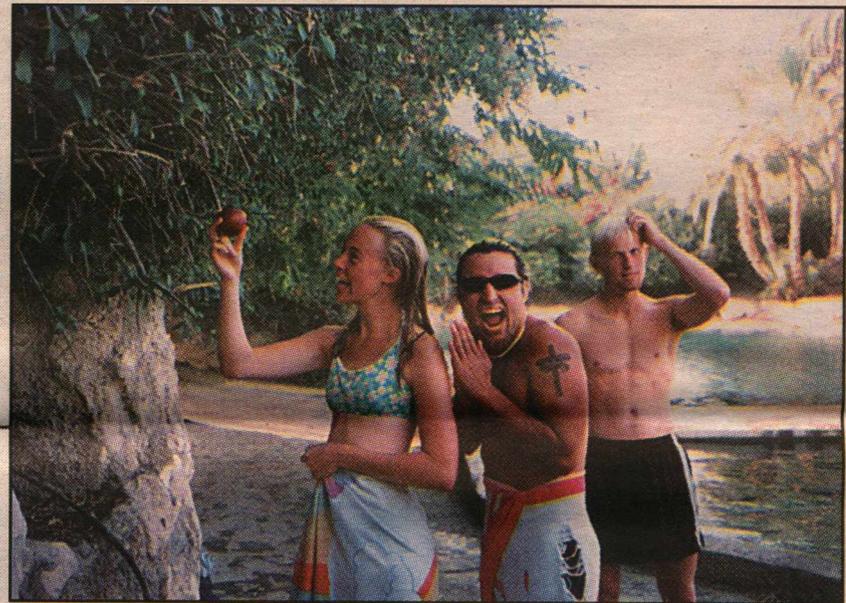
The D. R. is nothing like that at all. I went to the small country southeast of Cuba for the fall semester of 1999. The school is called Universidad Nacional Evangelica (National Evangelical University) and it is awesome. I was the only American student of about 1000. Most everyone gave me special attention, and this one girl called me "doll" once in class. If it didn't take me so long to translate what she called me, I would have said something like, "Hey, Stop calling me 'doll.' I'm just another student." But the truth was, I stuck out and I had to get used to it. All my classes were at night or on Saturday because most university students work full time jobs

or take care of younger siblings during the day. Here's what I did essentially every day: Wake up, devotions, eat Corn Flakes. Study Spanish, do any homework (that took a long time to do in another language). At 1pm I ate lunch that my host-mom fixed for me: fried pork, rice with beans, fried bananas and some veggies. (Socorro, my [rather stocky] Dominican mom had in mind to put ten more pounds on me in my 15 weeks there. She managed to pull off six, but when my favorite jeans were getting too tight I got feisty and dropped three pounds before I left.) In the evenings I went to class (Evangelism, Methodology of Investigation, Homiletics and Spanish). I got home, studied some Spanish and went to bed. I paid Socorro \$15 per day and I got my own room. I ate three meals a day. Socorro did my laundry, and taught me how to fix bananas nine different ways. (They have lots of different kinds there and different ways to make them—a lot like we use potatoes here.) The BEST part of the trip was my involvement with the local Nazarene Church. No one gave me

more love and support than the pastor, Cesar Sanchez, and his family. For a lot of reasons "La Iglesia del Nazareno - Buenos Aires" grew until it was busting at the seams while I was there. I think the two greatest ministries of the Church, with which I got involved were the Jesus Film Project and the home cell groups. Every Wednesday and some Mondays, the pastor drove a group of us on the team out to an area where we would set up a 10' screen and projector powered by a small generator. Sometimes we were in the city and sometimes a more remote village area. Once we went to a city park in Mao at dusk. When we got there we found people at open bars playing loud music and there were lights that would have made seeing the screen difficult. Our contact person for Mao didn't see any problem—he unscrewed the light bulbs until the park was dark and asked the bars to turn down the music for a second so we could make an announcement. The pastor used our speaker system to invite everyone to come see the life

of Jesus (according to the gospel of Luke) on video. Now this was pretty appealing to most of the people—like a free drive-in movie but in a country where drive-in movies don't exist. 125 people settled down on either side of the translucent screen and nine people came forward at the conclusion to receive Jesus as their Savior. At this point, names are taken and a Bible study is formed so that the new believers can begin growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. From the cell group Bible study, members are invited to attend the Sunday worship Service. Since there is no Nazarene Church in Mao, they cannot be in-

vited to it, but the pastor has hopes that through the help of two or three work and witness teams this spring, we can build a church in Mao for the young believing community there. It is primarily through these cell groups and the video project that my church in the Buenos Aires sector grew so much—as much as six new believers testified in church a week, and 14 or 15 Christians are usually baptized in an average baptismal service performed every two months. Not that ministry is about numbers, but it sure is about reaping what is ripe for harvest. Why have we stopped being thirsty in the U.S.?



Kadee Wirick and her travelling companions act out the fall of man. Wirick plays Eve in the Garden of Eden during spring in the Galilee region, while her friends play Adam and the servant.

by Brian Linder
Crusader News guest writer

My study trip to Israel contained so many awesome experiences and memories, I'll just give you a small glimpse.

One of the best experiences that I was privileged to participate in was volunteering in Bethlehem. I must admit that

I chose to volunteer at Joy House kindergarten because of its location in Bethlehem, rather than for any preference or call for working with kids. I had been warned that Bethlehem, being a Palestinian controlled city, was not a fun or very safe place to be. So when the opportunity came for me to go there every week, I didn't hesitate.

On my first trip there, I experienced some of the excitement that I was looking for. We were turned away by rude Israeli soldiers and principal John had to find another way into the town around the Israeli barricade.

At first, I didn't know if I really wanted to spend time with these little Arab kindergarten kids every week. In time, however, they broke me down, despite their constant fights and crying spells, and even the lack of any common method of com-

munication. I saw Jesus' love for children, and my heart is still stirred with compassion as I think about each and every one of the little Palestinians who made my Thursdays so special. I learned a noble truth of volunteerism, that I actually received far more than I gave to those kids.

I still have the scene freeze-framed in my mind when I walked through Bethlehem's bustling streets for the last time and looked at Nativity Square and the small-doored Church of the Nativity.

I love its randomness, the hanging meat, the CD vendors, the ever-

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present construction of Bethlehem 2000, the slanty dirt thoroughfare with no stairs, the little boy holding on to my hand because I was more sure-footed than he on construction-hewn Star Road, the 40 plus blue-clad, dark-skinned school kids mobbing us on our first walk through its back streets, the green-licensed

taxis and sheruts waiting patiently at Bab-is-cock, the imitation European football jerseys, Ala grocery, one shekel candy, four shekel Coke, the skyline with minarets and steeples thrusting above the antennas and roofs, the little alley that leads to Naheda's house, the gruff yet smooth-faced soldiers who check passports on the way back to Jerusalem, the behind-schedule garden outside Carlos' wood shop, the American wannabe pizza place overlooking construction of a Jewish settlement, the CNN feel to Rachel's tomb, the blue-jeaned youths sneaking quick looks at the blond girl who was never more than three feet from my side, saying Shukran in my best Arabic as we descended from a smoky sherut with decorations encompassing everything from a dollar bill to a studio picture of a modern Palestinian relative, the frustration of realizing I didn't have my sun-

glasses as we emerged in the white hot sun of Nativity Square, rushing back to JUC for a hurried meal of rice and disgusting yogurt...the list could go on.

This doesn't even touch on the kids. There was Achmad, a shrewd, coordinated boy who understood English far more than any of us

know. He always forgot five when counting from one to ten.

I have this inescapable feeling as I pray for the kids there that I'm going to meet an Arab man in heaven someday and we're going to kick around a soccer ball just like we did back in Bethlehem.

Then there's Aseel, possibly the cutest kid I've ever seen. And I don't want to forget the others either: Saceur with his speech impediment, salad-bearing mother and slippery soled shoes; Hanine with her constant quiet smiles and pretty dresses; Adham with his first-in-the-class dexterity and ability, always climbing the stacked chairs or begging for a helicopter ride.

Then there is also Hadeel's quiet dignity and non-chalant help in cleaning up the toys; Rasan's motherly facade and stereotypical playing of her gender, cooking, cleaning and babying; Mahmoud's uncontrollable giggle and unidentifiable odor, the well-padded body that made rolling him around so much fun; Safah's insistent leader-

ship during duck, duck, goose, and unsatiable desire to climb on anything bigger than she.

These are the children who formed the core of my experience in Bethlehem. Despite their numerous faults, which may have been a product of their culture or their tenuous situation in a border-town, I look back on our time with nothing but joy. It wasn't always fun, like when the largest two year old I've ever seen would not stop crying or grinning as he ran away, but it was definitely one of my most rewarding experiences in life.

As I watched the tiny town celebrate Christmas and New Year's on TV, I found that my heart is still there, that I'm still concerned with their day-to-day lives and that Bethlehem, which was chosen by God as the place where he would first come into planet Earth in human form and is now a bustling, random city of so much trouble and excitement, remains a big part of my Israel experience.

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by Kadee Wirick

Crusader News Opinions Editor

When I made it known that I was going to be living in Israel for a semester, most people immediately had visions of suicide bombings, thwarted peace talks and scary Arab men with machine guns. Thus I was told to dye my hair brown, pretend I wasn't an American, and avoid bus stations. However, I ignored these suggestions and, still very much a blond American, hopped on a plane bound for the tiny Middle Eastern nation of Israel.

I went there this past semester as part of a study program at Jerusalem University College (JUC). I was blessed to go with Brian Lindner and Chad Stoltzfus, my two wonderful NNU compadres. Brian, Chad and I all lived in a youth hostel called Beit Bernstein (Beit for short) right smack dab in the New City of Jerusalem with 25 other students from JUC. It was a 15-20 minute walk every day that took us right past the American consulate, as well as the Hilton, which is where Madeleine Albright and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton stayed while they were in town. Our school was built right up against the walls of the Old City, the part that has things like the Dome of the Rock and the Western Wall within its confines.

It took a day or two to adjust physically to the time change, but it took me several weeks to really get over the culture shock. All of my reading and research did not prepare me for what it is to be an American woman in a Middle East-

ern country. My blond hair caused problems, particularly with the Palestinian men, until I learned that simply pulling it back or covering it up could make all the difference in the world. Making sure that my shoulders and legs were covered also helped a lot. Accepting the difference between my American culture and the culture of the Israeli and Palestinian people was the key to having a blast in Israel. I learned to always have a guy with me wherever I went, to keep my eyes and ears open so as to be constantly aware of what was around me, and to not make eye contact or show any signs of acknowledgment when a man tried to talk to me. At first I walked in fear—then, praise the Lord, I learned to simply be aware of my situation without being afraid of it.

The best part of Israel, for me, came in the weekend adventures. We had scheduled field studies about half of the weekends while we were in Israel, but the rest of the time we were free to go wherever and with whomever. Every single weekend adventure ruled the planet. The weekend I spent hitchhiking around the Golan Heights, a region north of the Sea of Galilee, was my absolute favorite trip. It was a small group, just me and two of my guy friends, but we had the coolest, most incredible weekend ever.

It started out with our bus ride to Tiberius. From there we walked a few miles north to an orchard where we spent the night. That next day we hitchhiked around the Sea of Galilee to Gamla, a nature reserve on the southernmost border of the Golan. Gamla was an

adventure in and of itself. Without getting into too many details, I'll say that we made our way outside of the tourist boundaries of the reserve and into an active military firing zone which, praise God, was not being used because it was the Jewish Sabbath that day. After being caught by surveillance we were warned by the reserve range not to be so unaware again. We hiked across to the other end of the reserve after that and spent the night in an isolated parking lot surrounded by jackals. Let me tell you, there is nothing quite so exciting as waking up to the howls of a pack of jackals at three in the morning when the only protection you have is your sleeping bag and two fabulous, but very mortal, boys.

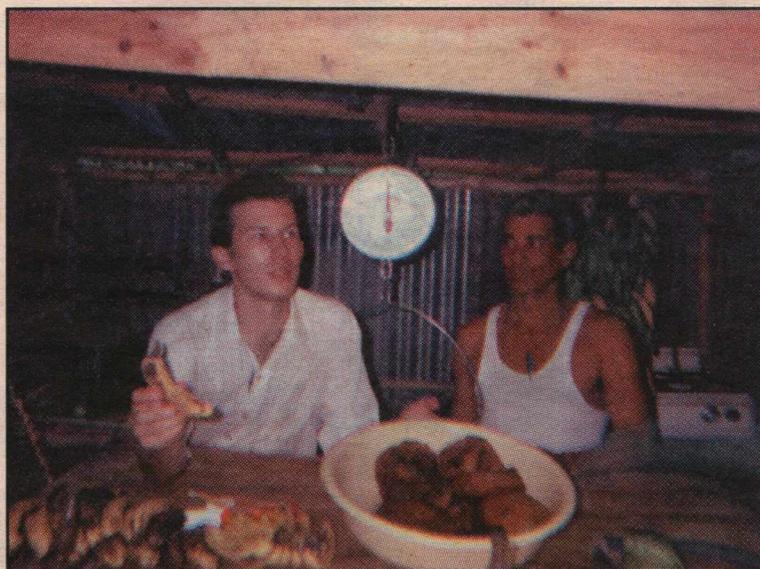
We hitchhiked all the way up north to Mount Hermon, where we were only a few miles away from the Syrian and Lebanese borders. It took many rides to get back down to Tiberius, and when we got there, we found we had missed our bus back to Jerusalem. Our options being limited, we tried to hitchhike for two hours, with no luck. We were getting ready to go camp out somewhere near the Sea

when a young kibbutz girl stopped us and asked us to walk her back to her kibbutz. We had no problem doing this, and ended up being fed dinner by the girl and allowed to sleep in her back yard. Both of these were totally the Lord's provision because by that time we had no more food left and

praying for time to finish everything, strength to stay awake and sleep when it looks as though I won't get it for a week. But as I learned in Israel, the Lord really does provide it if we but ask Him to, and it is often above and beyond anything we could have thought possible.

The hardest part about Israel was coming home. But just a few minutes before I left, my very awesome friend Laurie told me something that one of the shopkeepers in Jerusalem had mentioned to her that day.

"Don't think of it as leaving this great adventure and returning to the normal. Think of it as God taking you from glory to



Brad Tibbs spent first term in the Dominican Republic where he studied at the Universidad Nacional Evangelica--or the National Evangelical University.

were pretty well exhausted.

That whole weekend totally taught me what it meant to put my trust in the Lord for EVERYTHING. Safety, transportation, food—none of it was to be counted on that weekend and yet the Lord provided absolutely every bit of it. That lesson is something I've carried back with me here. In a Christian college setting the needs are a bit different. Instead of praying for food or safety, I find myself

GLORY."

And so I find myself in Nampa, Idaho, United States of America. And praise His Holy Name, I am walking and living in the glory of the Lord. He is at work here just as much as He is in the Holy Land and desires to pour out His blessings and lead us on many great adventures if we will simply step out in faith, reach for the sky, and trust in Him to provide.

by Chad Stoltzfus

Crusader News guest writer

About seven months ago I was on a plane flying to Israel. Eventual destination: Jerusalem University College in Jerusalem to study for one semester. I remember looking out from the tiny plane window onto the dry and thirsty land below—Israel. I was alone. I had no idea what to expect. I felt like I was in a dream. In a way it was a dream, a dream that lasted three and a half months.

As I stepped out of the plane and was met by a blast of hot, dry air, a nervous excitement ran through me. *So this is Israel*, I thought to myself as I smiled at the cloudless sky.

How can I sum up my study abroad in a nutshell? I can't, so I won't even try. Instead, I will share some highlights. I might as well start with the main reason I was there—the classes. Out of my four classes—Physical Settings of the Bible, Rabbinical Thought and

Practice, History of Egypt and its Contact with Israel, and Palestinian Politics and Society—I received the most impact from Physical Settings of the Bible. We took field trips throughout Israel to Galilee, Samaria, Jordan, Negev and Judea. Now, as I read the Old and New Testaments, I can feel the heat of the sun and the coolness of the shade. I can see the lay of the land. In short, I no longer merely read a Bible story; I experience it!

As I sat down to write, my mind was flooded with memories. I would pour out this flood if I were writing the only article for the newspaper. In light of the other articles that are choking the length of mine, I will merely let out a trickle of my many memories.

My mind goes back once more to the bus heading for the oasis called En-Gedi, one of the places that David took refuge from the pursuing Saul. The bus driver was on a timed schedule which was

quickly evident as he made the bus do things that only a little car that has no value should be made to do.

An hour later, however, saw five friends and me standing safely on the roadside watching as the bus moved on (thankfully) without us. Our weekend adventure had begun!

Perhaps I should depart from narrative mode into overview mode if I expect to finish sharing even one experience. In En-Gedi, there are springs, streams, waterfalls and lots of hot sun. After spending Friday night on the Dead Sea beach, right beside En-Gedi, we hiked up one of the streams in the stream to what was called The Hidden Waterfall. There is nothing more refreshing than a mixture of hot sun and water—paradise.

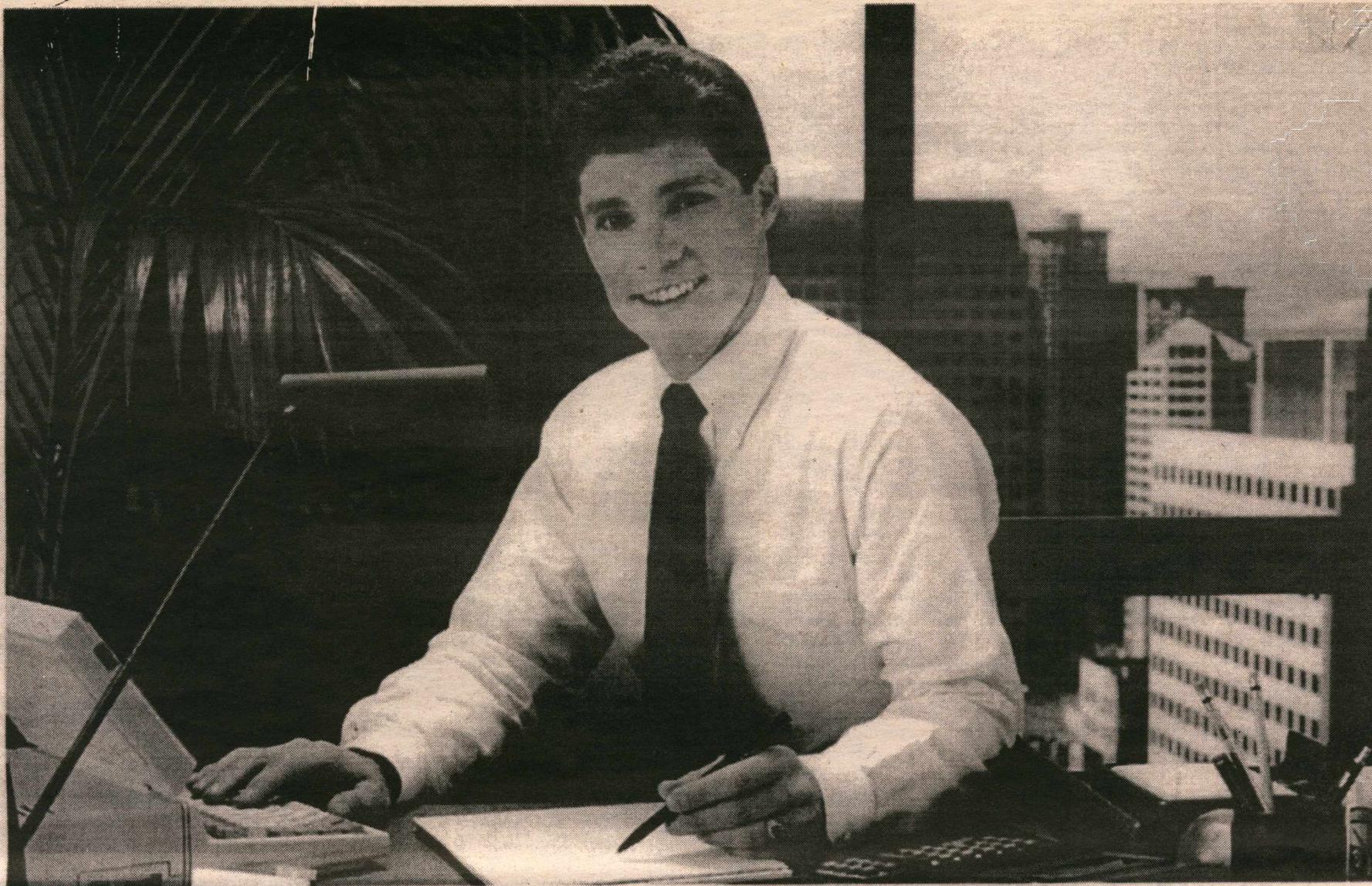
About two months later found five friends and I sitting uncomfortably (at least for me) on the top of camels heading towards the summit of Mt. Sinai. For ten dol-

lars, we had been told, the camels could carry us. For twelve dollars, we had been told once in the saddle, the poor little camels could carry us and our backpacks. About an hour later we were standing on the summit of Mt. Sinai. My friend Loren and I, after taking in the awesome view, went rock scrambling. That evening, after we regrouped with the other four and talked for a while, I went off by myself, rolled out my sleeping bag and did a solo. I bet those of you who have never done an outdoor solo are wondering what song I sang. I don't mean a "song" solo though. I am talking about some solo time, one-on-one with God. What an incredible experience!

The thing I enjoyed most about studying in Jerusalem was having most of the weekends free of homework. This is not to say that the classes were not challenging—I learned so much. I found that having weekends free allowed me to take a step back from

the business of life and look at my life with new glasses. With these new glasses I read the Gospel of Matthew and found myself staring in the face of God's tremendous love for me, for us! Seeing His boundless love showed me how much I had—and still have—fallen short of returning that love through loving those around me (see Matt. 25:31-46 for just one eye opening example).

Before I came to see that, I didn't understand, nor do I fully understand yet the extent of God's grace. A grace that, instead of making me lazy, makes me desire to go throughout each day looking for new ways to love. I have to smile as I realize that my most powerful experience in Israel could have, just as easily, taken place here in Nampa. Looking back over my study in Israel as a whole, I see a life changing experience, a life changing experience that has left me far from arriving but has given me what I need to begin.



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Men's basketball season over; women roll on

Men's season ends with loss to ACI; women defeat 'Yotes

by Craig Craker

Crusader News Staff Writer

The NNU men's basketball season came to a crashing end this past Wednesday night. The Coyotes of Albertson beat NNU 84-71, and in the process ended the careers of seniors LaMark Judkins, Jeremy Stockett and Jon Bussell. NNU finished the season with a 13-19 record, an improvement on last year, but not by much.

The game started innocently enough as Judkins hit a three-pointer, Stockett had a free throw and sophomore Josh Coopridier hit a three-ball. With NNU leading 9-8 with 15:40 to go, however, things changed quickly.

Albertson went on an 18-7 run over the next six minutes to open up a 28-16 lead, then following a three pointer by Judkins,

they closed out the half on a 17-5 run, taking a 45-24 lead into halftime.

I don't know what the coach said to them during halftime, but NNU came out fired up and determined to get back into the game. Bussell promptly hit two three-pointers, Stockett hit two lay-ups and Judkins hit another long ball to close out a 13-2 run.

Suddenly the 'Yotes led just 47-37 with 14:48 remaining. BJ Humphries led Albertson on a 5-0 charge to open the lead up to 52-37, but once again NNU responded. Coopridier hit a jumper, Judkins added a jumper and a three-ball and little used junior Matt Warner added a trifector of his own, and the lead was down to 54-47 with 11:06 to go.

But Humphries did not want to let this game get away and he scored six straight points. NNU responded for the last time going on an 8-2 run to cut the lead to 62-55 with 6:53 left, but Humphries and Sherman Ewell were just too much as they led the 'Yotes to the 84-71 victory.

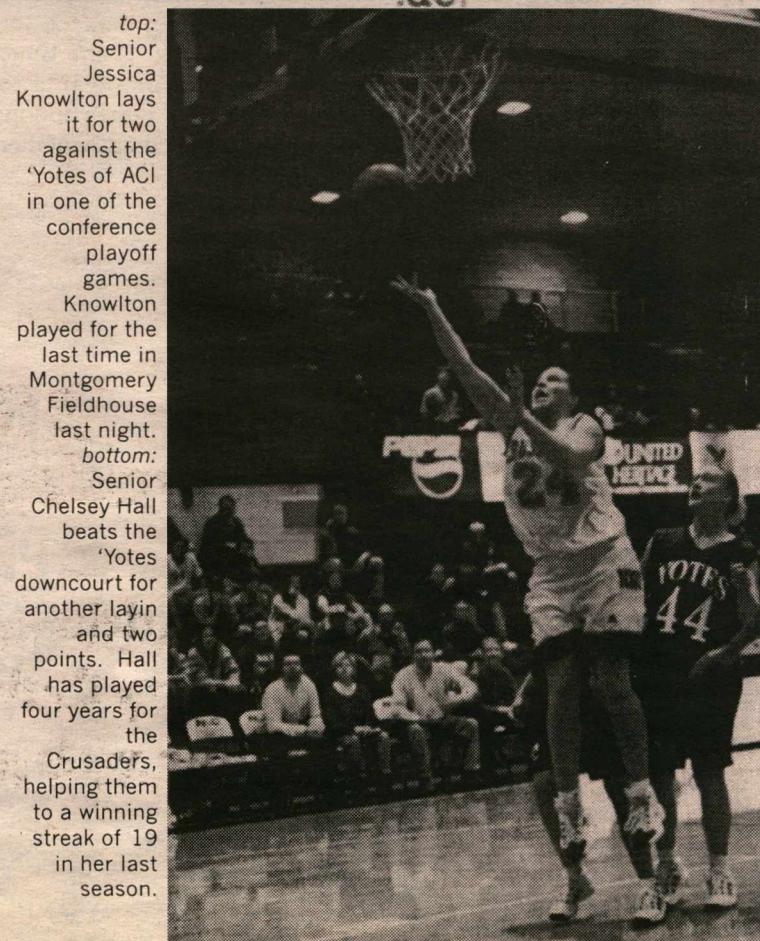
Judkins had 20 points, six rebounds and five assists. Stockett added 13 points and junior Jeff Nielson had nine rebounds to

lead the Crusaders. After the game I asked Judkins if there was any symbolism in his 20 points in his last game since he wears the number 20. Judkins responded that "I chose the number 20 because it means second to none. It was nice to close out my career by hitting for 23 and 20 in my last two games against Albertson."

That is it for this season. Be sure to keep tabs on the girls' team, though. It looks like they are going to have to win it all. I just want to say thanks to LJ. It has been a good two years and we will miss you out there next year.

The Lady 'Saders continued their winning ways Friday by destroying Eastern Oregon 73-41. On Monday night NNU hosted Albertson College to determine the champion of the Conference tournament. NNU and Albertson had met three times previously with NNU winning all three times.

After getting off to a slow start, NNU rolled to the 66-55 win over the sorry 'Yotes. NNU travels to Sioux City, Iowa for the National Tournament on March 8-14. NNU ends the year 29-4, 16-0 in the conference and are ranked 3rd in the nation.



top:
Senior Jessica Knowlton lays it for two against the 'Yotes of ACI in one of the conference playoff games. Knowlton played for the last time in Montgomery Fieldhouse last night.
bottom:
Senior Chelsey Hall beats the 'Yotes downcourt for another layin and two points. Hall has played four years for the Crusaders, helping them to a winning streak of 19 in her last season.

Time Out

with

Matt Fraley

Matt is a political refugee from The Galapagos, although he commonly passes himself off as French. In order to maintain his secret identity, he will speak to us about French subjects and concerns, such as the correct pronunciation of "french fries" and the origination of the French bikini. Come to Time Out, learn something new and get chapel credit for it too! Be at the **Science Lecture Hall** at **9:00 Wednesday night.**

IM sports

by Robin Day

Crusader Sports Editor

The intramural basketball season has almost come to close. There is only one game left, the A league championship. Team Marion and Chicago Bears will be competing for the coveted title and t-shirts. Game time is Tuesday night at 8:00 in the gym, center court. Be there and cheer on your favorite team.

Championships in the Women's league and C league have already been played. The Volleyball Team conquered the Freakin' Monkeys for the Women's title and The Magic Apes went home with new clothing after beating The Soccer Team for the C league title.

A special thanks goes out to all refs, scorekeepers and other officials who gave up their time. Also, thanks to James Robinson for organizing intramural play this year. Thus concludes second term intramural sports. We will have to beat the winter doldrums on our own for the rest of the year, or at least until third term softball begins! Start thinking about your team now!

We the Press: Journalists' Roles in Society

by Armarna Reynolds
Crusader Staff Writer

No matter where you look, no matter where you turn, the press is there. When one ascends the public platform, one must face the realization that the public is the jury and that they have just entered the doors of their own trial. Within the realms of fame come some unwanted attachments; most importantly, losing one's privacy.

Personally, I highly value my privacy. As a generalization, most Americans value theirs, too. So does any famous name that you might read about in a magazine or newspaper. The difference? Everyone knows what movies they've been in, what political side they might be on, who they're sleeping with . . . Thus, they lose their privilege to privacy.

Why the difference between Joe Schmoe and Miss Hollywood? We may collectively say that following a senator or president around is an act of immorality, that a line should be drawn. But can we honestly say that we follow this law of morality? No! of course not! If we did, the National Enquirer wouldn't be selling millions of copies daily.

The truth is that the American public want to know about other people. Journalists know that people want gossip, that the public thrives and lives on others' pains or struggles, and so they find the stories to sell the papers.

Does the public have the right to know what happens behind closed doors? On one hand, I would like to say that it isn't any of their business what so-and-so does in the bedroom, as long as they accomplish their job. If the situation begins to become a problem with the way that the President conducts business, then we should have an issue with it. On the other hand, I think that it

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is important that we know all that there is to know about the President, personal life and otherwise. After all, he is representing all of us. When he does something foolish, it makes the rest of us look bad. Of course, if that foolishness were never reported to begin with, then others would never know about it.

I agree with Justice Hugo L. Black's quote that the press is "to serve the governed, not the governors." The news is a source from which we get the facts, or the known "facts" at the time. Whether or not one wants to know these "facts" is their option. The reporter's method, whether

it is to hide behind bushes or simply to ask point blank, is their prerogative. As long as the public gets the news. I am not a fan of oblivion; I like to be aware of what might be of importance. The truth be known, most don't want to suddenly be hit with a surprise. Humans have an interest in what affects them.

All of the aforementioned is in regards to a person's privacy, but what about when information affects all of America? Overall, I prefer to think that the right of the press wins out over all, but what about in view of national security? If it's imperative that a situation's facts be kept secret for the better of the country, I would assume that reporters would not want to report on it. Wouldn't it be in their own best interest?

But I also know that the above statement doesn't necessarily hold true; journalists sometimes report on anything and everything . . . no matter the cost. If a piece of news is going to put the lives of society in danger, then there should be limits on that sort of story. The reporters should think first about what they put out on the front page. After all, the people reading their papers are those they are so unthoughtfully endangering.

It's almost a travesty that a group with so much power doesn't always use it responsibly, using the first amendment as an excuse. In my opinion, they shouldn't use the first amendment to make excuses for poor

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reporting, yet there is constantly a war raging about how far one should take what the amendment states.

The first amendment was written in a way that could never be misunderstood. We should not be allowed to renege on what was agreed upon. We shouldn't try to read something into the amendment.

What was written was what was meant. And without the press being a driving force to keep the government in check, the government would have total control. Americans would be left with very little power. The news is our power source, a tool that should be used toward the betterment of society.

In conclusion, I don't think there should be any law governing the press. By putting chains on them, the government is put-

ting chains on us, and we will collectively be forced to watch whatever stories they throw at us. In

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exaggeration, we would end up with a sort of "Wag the Dog" situation, never knowing what the truth really is.

However, I don't believe jour-

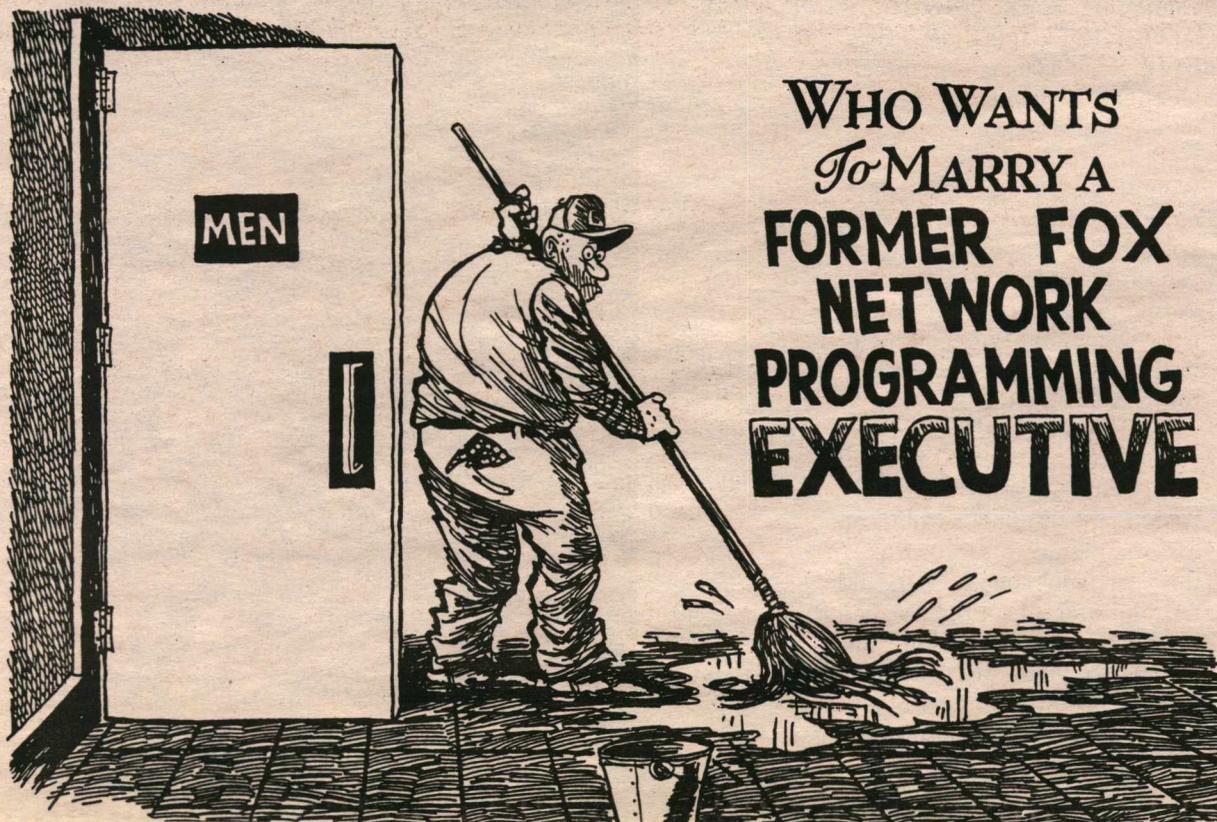
nalists are without blame in this situation. They should judge what is news-worthy and what isn't. If it is imperative that the public knows something of importance, then by all means, tell them.

Journalists of America: use your heads. Think before you act, and do your job with a sense of responsibility rather than to attain your goal to sell the most papers. Chances are, no matter the news, we'll buy them anyway.

Penicillin

"Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit." (2 Corinthians 3:17-18).

"And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness' Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me." (2 Corinthians 12:9)



The advent of DUH politics

by David Stillman
Crusader Staff Opinions Writer

Sometimes I think political candidates have a pretty good feel for the intelligence of the American people. During his 1956 presidential campaign, Senator Adlai E. Stevenson was once told "Senator, you have the vote of every thinking person!" He replied "That's not enough, madam, we need a majority!"

Have things changed in 44 years? Perhaps not. Try reading between the lines of a comment made by Karl Rove, George W. Bush's head political analyst, during last week's South Carolina primary. When told of a woman in Spartanburg, South Carolina who commented on push polling during one of John McCain's public forums, he replied "Kind of a technical term for a lady from Spartanburg to be using, don't you think?"

According to McCain the woman's son took a call from a supposed polling firm. "After asking some perfunctory questions," says a report in Newsweek, "the caller blasted McCain as a 'cheat, a liar and a fraud'."

Karl Rove was trying to suggest that McCain made the whole story up. But he also implies that it is unlikely that anyone, anywhere in America would know what push polling is.

Push polling is a relatively new campaign tactic, but not one

which is completely unknown. Bob Dole admitted using it in the 1996 campaign. Both Bush and McCain were accused of using the tactic in South Carolina. Just how uninformed does Mr. Rove think we are?

What really scares me is that Mr. Rove, and the political establishment in general, probably has a VERY good idea of how uninformed we are. Nowhere is this more obvious than in the race between Al Gore and Bill Bradley for the Democratic nomination for president.

I like Bill Bradley because he is naive enough to assume that Americans want programs that work. He put together a health proposal by going to experts and

ing and studied public opinion, he would have known that the privatization of Medicaid (which

is a relatively small part of his health care plan) was political suicide. But he didn't do that. He wanted to

make his plan as good as he could make it.

I want a president who is willing to tell me what I don't want to hear. I want somebody like Harry Truman, president from 1945 to 1952. During the Korean War, he dismissed the army's commander in chief, Douglas MacArthur, for violating presidential orders. MacArthur had gone against Truman's wishes and invaded North Korea, bringing China into the war. He wanted to use atomic weapons on Shanghai.

When Truman dismissed MacArthur, over 70% of the American people disagreed with the decision, and MacArthur returned home a hero. Truman decided not to run for re-election in 1952 rather than face almost certain defeat.

Bill Bradley is a person I would trust to make those decisions. This is largely because of his background, which I read about in a book called *A Sense of Where You Are* by John McPhee, which chronicles Bradley's college basketball career. Bradley was highly recruited coming out of high school and turned down a big scholarship at Duke to play at Princeton, which had no athletic scholarships and was not known for basketball. His se-

nior year, he led the nation in points per game.

This, while impressive, does not make him presidential material. But even as he led the nation in points per game, he built up a GPA at Princeton that was good enough for a Rhodes Scholarship. He was drafted in the first round by the New York Knicks, but chose to study at Oxford for two years before returning to the U.S. to play basketball.

I am very impressed with that level of dedication and intelligence. If Karl Rove is right and "push polling" is a phrase that is too incom-

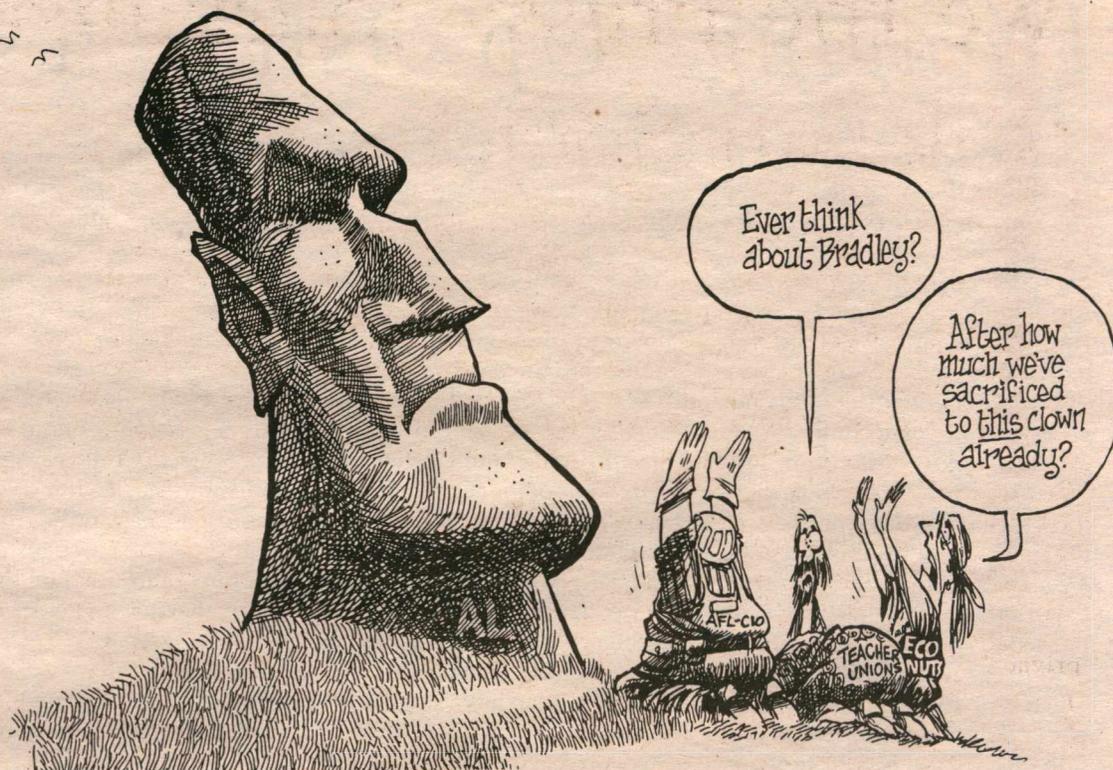
prehensible for the American mind, then we will most likely be stuck with another president who tells people exactly what they want to hear.

(Push polling is) kind of a technical term for a lady from Spartanburg to be using, don't you think?

~Karl Rove, head political analyst for George W. Bush

trying to propose a plan that would accomplish something. Included in this plan is a provision that would replace Medicaid with the private insurance policy that the government gives its workers. Bill Bradley has yet to defeat Gore in a state primary, largely because Gore has run ads talking about all the people who will no longer be able to get insurance from Medicaid if it is abolished under the Bradley plan.

If Bradley had done his poll-

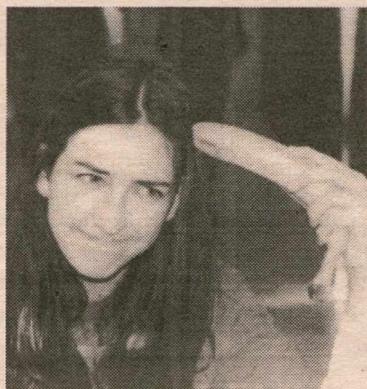


I like Bill Bradley because he is naive enough to assume that Americans want programs that work.

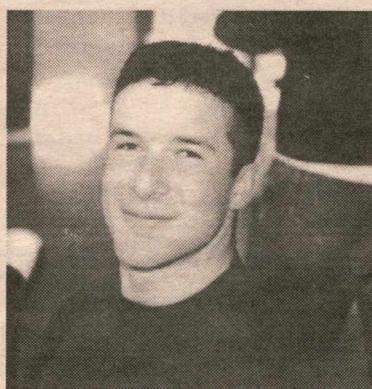
Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues:

If you had to lose one of your five senses, which one would you choose?



Katie Oelrich Freshman Boise, ID
Biology
"Touch. Cause then you could wear shorts in the winter and you wouldn't feel it. Then you could wear turtlenecks in the summer, too."



Stephen Swartz Sophomore Baker City, OR
Marketing
"Touch. Because I could still function normally without it, I think."



Rebecca Davies Junior Weiser, ID
Elem. Ed.
"Taste. Cause then you could eat whatever you want and Marriott food would all be great."



Dr. Gary Waller Professor Missoula, MT
Religion
"Probably smell. I'd hate to lose my sight and I'd hate to lose my hearing, and taste is so wonderful."

Hanging Up isn't a laughing matter

Last Saturday night, we and a few of our friends decided to check out the new flick of the weekend. From the previews, we had prepared ourselves for the biggest laugh of the year. But unfortunately this "comedy," starring Walter Matthau, turned into a drama. Who would have guessed? This was definitely not what we were expecting.

The movie started out with Eve (Meg Ryan) in a vehicle driving to see her father, Matthau, in the hospital. She appeared to be a very busy, somewhat distracted, small business owner who was burdened with the responsibility of caring for her elderly father. The reason for this was that both of her sisters (Diane Keaton and Lisa Kudrow) were both very pre-

occupied with their own careers and did not feel they needed to help because Eve had it under control.

The story consists of Ryan's struggles with her business and keeping her family together. Throughout the movie, many scenes from the past are inserted to show how former decisions are affecting the present situation. These provide comic relief and clarify some of the characters' reasoning and actions.

The relationship between Keaton, Ryan and Kudrow is very unique. They each have prospering careers in drastically different areas. Keaton publishes her own magazine, Ryan has a small business and Kudrow is a daytime soap star. Each of the sisters be-

lieve that their career is more important than the others', and they compete for respect from each other and their father.

Comic relief, though it is rare, comes from interactions between the three sisters and confrontations with their father's extracurricular activities. There is a scene in the movie in which the three sisters are going home to visit their father at Christmas time and find him in bed with a woman who used to clean their teeth as children. The three sisters are absolutely mortified by this, but their father just invites them in to meet the woman.

Even though we were anticipating a night of chuckles and smiles, we were very impressed with the diversity of Ryan and

Matthau. Ryan, who has been in many excellent romantic comedies, really impressed us with her sensitivity towards her father. This role was very atypical for her in that it showed her ability to be spontaneous and very dramatic. Matthau, on the other hand, really showed his diversity by portraying a loving father with many dramatic scenes in which his vulnerability shone through.

This movie is definitely one to see, but don't go into it with false pretenses. It is a very good portrayal of a dysfunctional family who has a lot of past issues to work through in order for them to move on with their lives and relationships. Ryan, Matthau, Keaton and Kudrow do an excellent job in this display of drama

Hanging Up

Starring

Walter Matthau

Diane Keaton

Meg Ryan

Reviewed by

Carrie Franks

Crusader Rating



and emotion. Girls, remember to keep kleenex or a shoulder to cry on handy.

Cazba a true international experience in Boise

If you are looking for an exciting cultural experience far removed from dull Idaho life, look no further than downtown Boise. For those of you who doubt the possibility of such an experience, I promise that a visit to Cazba is a true metropolitan experience.

Cazba is a restaurant featuring an Eastern Mediterranean menu. Located at 211 North 8th in Boise (another is located at 9 S Orchard), it is near the capitol building and its unique storefront makes it hard to miss.

Running late as usual (especially after the untimely demise of the pink truck about a month ago), the NNU restaurant review team walked up to Cazba. We were immediately struck at the beautifully designed front of the restaurant, which is reminiscent of ancient Greece.

"Cazba" is a word that means "market" or "gathering place." It's not hard to see why this restaurant has become just that. The interior of the building was breathtakingly decorated, giving the room a Mediterranean atmosphere. We found out that the walls were all hand-painted and the woodwork was all hand-carved. Our initial impression was that this was a trendy, upscale restaurant, and our opinion of Cazba only improved as our evening continued.

We were treated very attentively and all the employees were friendly to us, though there were many other diners there that Friday night. In fact, as we watched a little more closely, we noticed that the Cazba employees treated everyone like an old friend

(which Jen informs us is what everyone is like in Greece). They made sure we understood their menu and explained the various ethnic foods to us.

One interesting thing about

included falafel (deep fried vegetables, herbs and seasonings), tzatziki sauce (cucumber yogurt sauce), baba ghanouj (eggplant and garlic dip), hummus (chick pea dip), feta cheese, Kalamata olives (Greek olives with the seeds), raw vegetables and warm garlic herb pita bread. This broad selection of Greek favorites started our meal off well.

Jen ordered a Greek favorite, Moussaka. The menu calls this dish a "Greek lasagne," but Jen informed us that it is actually quite different from normal lasagne. Instead of pasta, Moussaka uses thinly sliced eggplant to form layers. These layers are filled with ground lamb, a mixture of cheeses, and special sauces. Judging from her repeated sighs of happiness and her adamant insistence that this was the best thing she had ever eaten in her life, I would assume that she really enjoyed her food.

Kara ordered Dolmades, which are grape leaves stuffed with ground lamb and beef, rice, and special herbs, covered in Cazba's special sauce. It had a unique flavor, not found in any American food, and every bite

was filled with the rich taste. Tangy but sweet, Dolmades are a dish that our reviewing team would recommend to anyone.

Jen and Kara were both well-acquainted with Greek and Mediterranean food before this restaurant visit, but Monica had yet to try this flavorful cuisine. She ordered Djaja Mishwi Wrap, a Lebanese dish consisting of a pita covered with grilled chicken, onions, and tomatoes (with many of the sauces we had also had on the appetizer). It came on a heaping full platter (as did the other meals) and Monica enjoyed it so much that she insisted on finishing every bite.

Though we were full to the brim, we felt it necessary to indulge in the wonderful desserts Cazba had to offer. Sharing a piece of baklava (the familiar Greek layered pastry) and a slice of a French chocolate and hazelnut dessert, we thought we were in heaven. The sweets were a perfect ending to a fabulous meal.

Another fun part of our visit to Cazba was getting to know the brains behind the business. Three relatives from Iran own the two Cazba restaurants and have done

a fantastic job at keeping the food authentic and the atmosphere comfortable, yet classy. We met Max and Ali Mohammadi and were told that the other partner, Mehdi, manages the Orchard location. Max started the Cazba and his two uncles joined in the business later. They've put a lot of work into making Cazba the wonderful dining experience it is.

(Max asked us to share with the students of NNU the opportunity to volunteer at Thanksgiving serving at Cazba. They serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal and have a lot of fun doing so. So if you're interested in helping out next year, give Max a call!)

So, if it hasn't become clear to those reading yet, the NNU restaurant reviewers (Jen, Monica, and Kara) wholeheartedly recommend Cazba to anyone who likes a little variety and wants a little class to add excitement to his or her life. The food was delicious, and wonderfully prepared and displayed. The service was attentive and very friendly. But the greatest endorsement of all: we can hardly wait to go back!

Cazba
Downtown Mediterranean & Greek Food
Located at:
211 N 8th
Boise
Reviewed by
Kara Lyons

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Cazba's menu is that some items vary night to night, including various "Ethnic Flavors." The food ranges in origin from all over the Eastern Mediterranean world. The menu includes dishes from Greece, Turkey, Iran, Lebanon, and Egypt. There is a wide selection of Greek favorites: kabobs, gyro platters and a variety of wraps (falafel, chicken, shrimp and vegetarian).

With so many options in front of us, we found it hard to decide. While we perused the menu, our waitress, Alicia (who was, by the way, really cool and helpful), brought us a wonderful sampler appetizer. This platter

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Our Rating System

- ✓✓✓ OPEN UP A CAN...
- ✓✓✓ SOLID PIECE O' WORK...
- ✓✓ TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT
- ✓ DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME
- ☛ CAUSES CANCER IN LAB RATS

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Ladies, were you left out this Valentine's Day? Take action -- Leap Year only happens once every four years!

by Monica Olson
Crusader Editor-in-Chief

Leap year comes around only once every four years. But February 29 is more than a scientific phenomenon. February 29 is also, traditionally, the only day when women can propose to men.

This tradition might have started as early as the fifth century in Ireland when St. Bridget complained to St. Patrick that men were too slow in proposing. St. Patrick decreed that impatient women could have this day to propose.

In England, February 29 had no legal status, and so people figured that conventional traditions also would have no status. So the leap year solution solved not only a problem in the calendar, but also an unjust custom.

Scotland passed a law in 1288 that allowed women to pro-

pose marriage to the man of their choice in that year. Men declining proposals during leap year had to pay a fine, e.g. a kiss, silk dress or gloves.

February 29, according to rumor, is related to Sadie Hawkins' Day. While most people think of Sadie Hawkins as merely a girl ask guy dance, there is more to the story. Sadie Hawkins was a character in Al Capp's cartoon strip, Lil' Abner.

In the strip, Sadie was a very homely daughter of the most wealthy and powerful man in town. Mr. Hawkins did not want the pride of his family to be threatened by having an old maid in the family. So, the father set up a race. He lined up the eligible bachelors and shot of his gun; ten seconds later, unwed girls left to try to catch a man.

Men brought back had no choice but to marry the woman. Sadie was the only woman lucky

enough to catch a man, but the other girls decided to continue the tradition.

Sadie Hawkins Day was first celebrated on November 1, 1938, when the *Charleston Gazette* sponsored the celebration at the Morris Harvey College. It consisted of a race and mock wedding between the halves of a football game.

Residents dressed up in hillbilly costumes and lined up to be married by Marryin' Sam. Girls' costumes showed a little leg, scandalizing parents.

The tradition expanded into a dance, which was also created by Al Capp. This craze spread across the United States.

Anyway, this is leap year, so take advantage of February 29. It's your chance to propose, chase down a man or dress like a hillybilly. Remember, you only get an extra day once every four years!

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When it comes to kitchen appliances, I am toast

Recently, The Washington Post printed an article explaining how the appliance manufacturers plan to drive consumers insane.

Of course they don't SAY they want to drive us insane. What they SAY they want to do is have us live in homes where "all appliances are on the Internet, sharing information" and appliances will be "smarter than most of their owners." For example, the article states, you would have a home where the dishwasher "can be turned on from the office" and the refrigerator "knows when it's out of milk" and the bathroom scale "transmits your weight to the gym."

I frankly wonder whether the appliance manufacturers, with all due respect, have been smoking crack. I mean, did they ever stop to ask themselves WHY a consumer, after loading a dishwasher, would go to the office to start it? Would there be some kind of career benefit?

YOUR BOSS: What are you doing?

YOU (tapping computer keyboard): I'm starting my dishwasher!

YOUR BOSS: That's the kind

of productivity we need around here!

YOU: Now I'm flushing the upstairs toilet!

Listen, appliance manufacturers: We don't NEED a dishwasher that we can communicate with from afar. If you want to improve our dishwashers, give us one that senses when people leave dirty dishes on the kitchen counter, and shouts at them: "PUT THOSE DISHES IN THE DISHWASHER RIGHT NOW OR I'LL LEAK ALL OVER YOUR SHOES!"

Likewise, we don't need a refrigerator that knows when it's out of milk. We already have a fool-proof system for determining if we're out of milk: We ask our wife. What we could use is a refrigerator that refuses to let us open its door when it senses that we are about to consume our fourth Jell-O Pudding Snack in two hours.

As for a scale that transmits our weight to the gym: Are they NUTS? We don't want our weight transmitted to our own EYE-BALLS! What if the gym decided to transmit our weight to all these other appliances on the Internet? What if, God forbid, our refrigerator found out what our weight

Dave
Barry

Syndicated humor
columnist



was? We'd never get the door open again!

But here is what really concerns me about these new "smart" appliances: Even if we like the features, we won't be able to use them. We can't use the appliance features we have NOW. I have a feature-packed telephone with 43 buttons, at least 20 of which I am afraid to touch. This phone probably can communicate with the dead, but I don't know how to operate it, just as I don't know how to operate my TV, which has features out the wazooty and requires THREE remote controls. One control (44 buttons) came with the TV; a second (39 buttons) came with the VCR; the third (37 buttons) was brought here by the cable-TV man, who apparently felt that I did not have enough buttons.

So when I want to watch TV, I'm confronted with a total of 120 buttons, identified by such helpful labels as PIP, MTS, DBS, F2,

JUMP and BLANK. There are three buttons labeled POWER, but there are times - especially if my son and his friends, who are not afraid of features, have changed the settings - when I honestly cannot figure out how to turn the TV on. I stand there, holding three remote controls, pressing buttons at random, until eventually I give up and go turn on the dishwasher. It has been, literally, years since I have successfully recorded a TV show. That is how "smart" my appliances have become.

And now the appliance manufacturers want to give us even MORE features. Do you know what this means? It means that some night you'll open the door of your "smart" refrigerator, looking for a beer, and you'll hear a pleasant, cheerful voice - recorded by the same woman who informs you that Your Call Is Important when you call a business that does not wish to speak with you personally - telling you: "Your celery is limp." You will not know how your refrigerator knows this, and, what is worse, you will not know who else your refrigerator is telling about it ("Hey, Bob! I hear your celery is limp!"). And if you

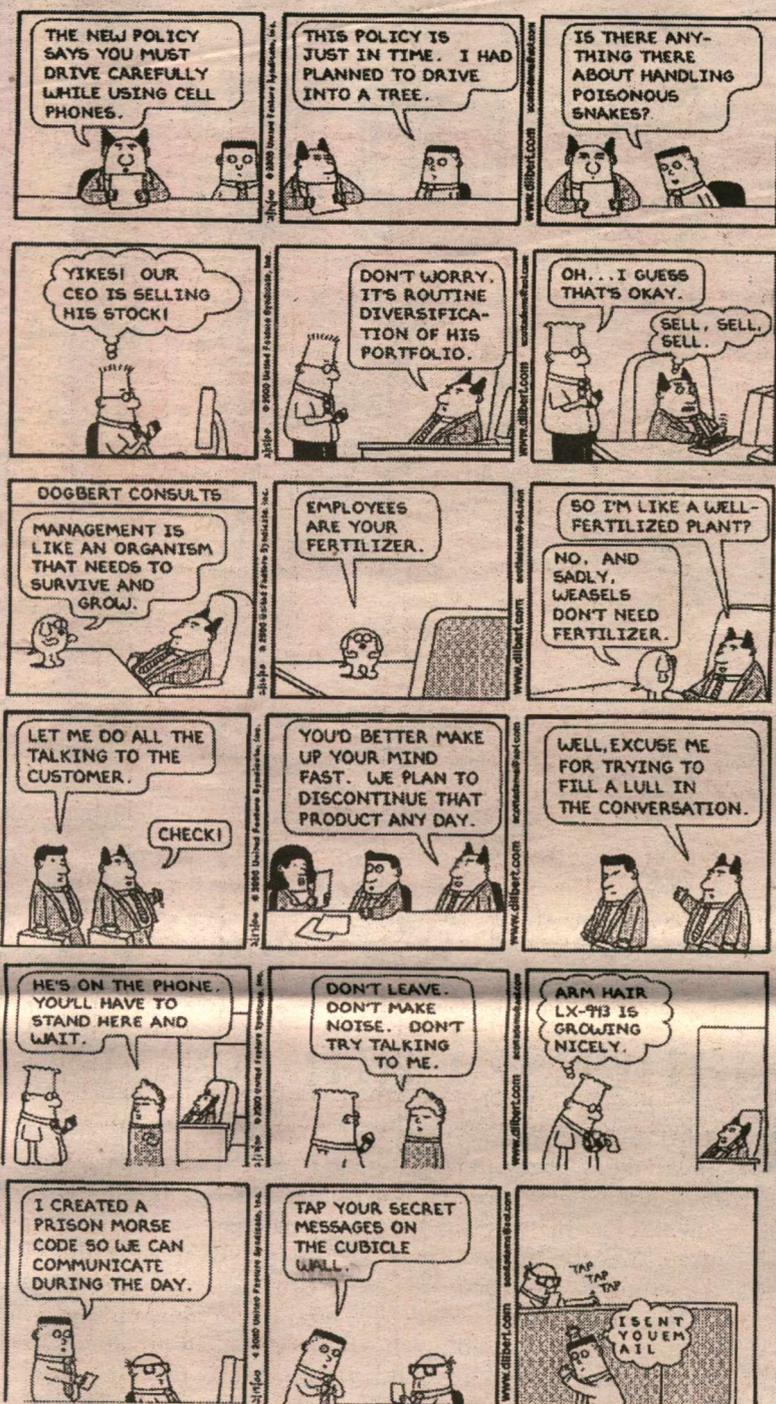
want to try to make the refrigerator STOP, you'll have to decipher Owner's Manual instructions written by and for nuclear physicists ("To disable the Produce Crispness Monitoring feature, enter the Command Mode, then select the Edit function, then select Change Vegetable Defaults, then assume that Train A leaves Chicago traveling westbound at 47 miles per hour, while Train B...").

Is this the kind of future you want, consumers? Do you want appliances that are smarter than you? Of course not. Your appliances should be DUMBER than you, just like your furniture, your pets and your representatives in Congress. So I am urging you to let the appliance industry know, by phone, letter, fax and e-mail, that when it comes to "smart" appliances, you vote NO. You need to act quickly. Because while you're reading this, your microwave oven is voting YES.

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Top Ten Things to do in an Elevator

10. Stand with your face in a corner
9. Take a piece of chalk and draw a square around you and say, "This is my personal space."
8. Scratch excessively
7. Press the buttons to every floor
6. Meow
5. If someone brushes against you, recoil and scream, "Bad touch!"
4. Try to get everyone to sing "Row, Row, Row your Boat" in rounds.
3. Sing every musical song you know in cut time.
2. Flatulate
1. Open your purse a crack, peer into it and ask, "Got enough air in there?"

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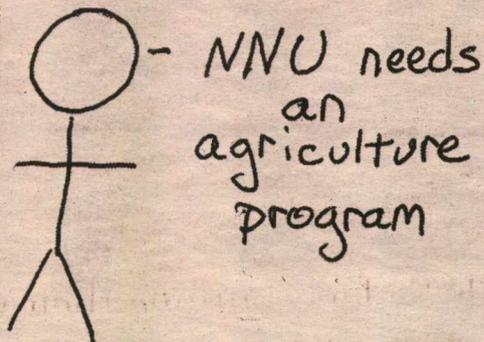
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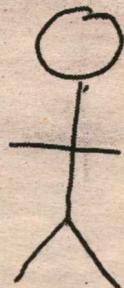
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Poorly Drawn Man runs for student body president



President Hagood isn't using his office, and it's the perfect size for 2 or 3 cows



After I abolish tuition, we can store hay in the Business Office



Later... ..

- I've been courting the hick vote

4 people voted last year. That could be enough

