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Buddy Bear drive was a huge success.
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Column One

Have you ever loved a song on the radio, but not agreed with the lyrics? A new country artist, Steve Azar, recently released a song entitled *I Don't Have to be Me 'Till Monday* and I love it but don't understand it.

In the song, Mr. Azar calls in to work on Friday to tell his boss that his back hurts (which it doesn't) and then cruises off in his new car for a three-day weekend. The first line of the chorus says, "I don't have to be me 'till Monday; Friday, Saturday, Sunday I ain't gonna face reality."

Every time I hear this line, I can't help but think, "Who is he going to be if he's not going to be him?" and "What alternate plane of existence will he be facing, if not reality?" Is Mr. Azar leading a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde-type lifestyle? If so, does his mom know about it?

It is possible that I'm reading too much into a fun song about skipping work to have a long weekend, but it brings up a few questions about lifestyle. Do we have a work lifestyle and a non-work lifestyle?

As Christians, we are called to live as full-time witnesses for Christ. One of the applications of this is putting as much effort into work-time as play-time. Second, we must behave in a way that is pleasing to God at work and at play; we are to be a continual reflection of God's grace.

I have often asked friends, some Christians, who are lazy or frequently absent at work why they behave so. 90% of the time the response is that his or her boss is unfair or doesn't like him or her. Therefore, if the boss is unfair, why apply oneself for them?

This logic falls through for people who are followers of Jesus. Paul addresses this in his letter to the Romans saying, "Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established" (Romans 13:1a).

I am striving to be a continuous Christian and to give the same amount of effort to work as I do play. I don't want my school associates to see me away from campus and not recognize me because of my play-style. All I have to be is me; other people aren't options.

Amy Ogilvie
Editor-in-Chief

Comedy or Controversy

Mr. NNU concerns brought to light

By Shawna McArthur
Photo Editor

Every year, around the month of February, Northwest Nazarene University puts on a show for its student body called Mr. NNU. This contest consists of two males from each class competing in categories such as talent, swim and evening wear for the title of Mr. NNU.

What many students might not know is the history of Mr. NNU. This particular contest started in 1993 with similar categories and a familiar idea of making the crowd laugh. There have been little changes along the way to try to improve the overall event such as having all female judges like during the contest in 1996.

But for the most part, Mr. NNU has stayed the same, from its spoofs on movies and television to dressing as females and children.

This year, along with every



Shawna McArthur

Mr. NNU judges evaluate the contestants of this year's show. Left to Right: Lance Nelson, Becca Kuntz, Kathy Burns, Jan Cantrell and Terry Cantrell.

other year, the questions are again asked, "How could this be done better or does it even need to be changed at all?"

Many believe so, while others are content with the continuing tradition of skits and laughs. "It's cheap entertainment and

the money raised goes to the

March of Dimes," said Carrie Hays, a member of last year's freshman class council. She added, "Last year, our university was able to make a large contribution to the March of Dimes because of events like Mr. NNU."

The March of Dimes is a non-

profit organization that the freshman class council is in charge of raising money for through events such as the plane toss and Mr. NNU. This organization focuses on raising money for things such as reducing birth defects, infant mortality, low birth weight among infants and increasing prenatal care for women during the first trimester.

Lance Nelson, a judge for this year's Mr. NNU believes "Mr. NNU is a fun great event that has done a lot of good in raising money for the March of Dimes."

So with all this good done for a non-profit organization, why so much controversy? After last Saturday night's event, outside the Science Lecture Hall many comments and opinions could be heard.

"It needs to be more original comedy. Not just people taking other pieces of skits not belonging to them or just getting up on stage and taking

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Switzerland joins the United Nations

By Amber Adams
Off-Campus News Writer

After fifty years of independent observation, Switzerland has finally voted to be part of the United Nations. In 1986, 75% of the Swiss population rejected the same position in a similar referendum. The government-backed referendum to join the 189 countries in the world body had received impassioned appeals from nationalists.

For a long time, Switzerland had been a dues-paying member of several UN specialized agencies such as the World Health Organization and the International Labor Organization. It had remained, however, an observer state in the UN General Assembly, along with the Vatican.

The government - backed by

Swiss industry, banks and interest groups - claims that the political climate has changed since the Cold War and that the time has come for the 7 million Swiss to join the rest of the world. Not only did the government think

it was high time for the country to become an active member of the UN, they also feared that another full rejection of the membership would turn Switzerland into an international outcast with a selfish and uncaring reputation.

The votes to join were not en-



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Switzerland's flag will soon join its fellow 188 flags outside the UN building, pictured above.

tirely one way or the other. In fact it was extremely close as to whether or not the vote would pull to the side of membership. Of the 23 cantons, or states, 11 voted against joining while 12 voted favorably towards it. For two hours it

was 11-11 until Zurich, the largest canton, voted in on the side of the UN supporters. Tallies taken in all precincts showed a nationwide margin of 55-45% in favor.

Several opponents claimed that joining the UN would cause Switzerland to pay out millions

of dollars a year for nothing. Though they had not yet joined, Switzerland was already providing logistical help to peacekeeping operations and consistently followed UN sanctions.

The man leading the opposition has been Christoph Blocher - a billionaire industrialist who says that Switzerland is successful and wealthy precisely because it is different.

"We have our system of direct democracy, neutrality and federalism. We would lose that if we became a member of the United Nations," Blocher said in a recent debate. In 1992, Blocher, a leader in the nationalist Swiss People's Party, was able to swing the vote against membership in a loose European free trade pact, which forced the government to put aside plans to join the European Union.

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Definition of sin, alienated relationships

By Gene Schandorff
Campus Chaplain

I would like to offer my heartfelt apologies to all the cat lovers at NNU. I certainly meant no offense to the good folks in the NNU community who think it would be a sin to do any sort of damage to any sort of cat for any sort of reason.

There was a time in my life when any cat casualties in my neighborhood would have been suspect, but I am doing much better these days. I even have a cat of my own. Well the truth is, the cat belongs to our dog, but the dog lets me hold the cat in my lap occasionally.

It is not that I've actually changed the way I feel about cats all that much. (I've never really disliked cats at all.) It's just that a while back I discovered that there was something a whole lot more rewarding than driving cats crazy. That would be driving cat-lovers crazy. You see, with cats, you

have a very brief opportunity to be really annoying before the cat remembers that it's a cat, and that it doesn't need you, or anyone else, and simply walks away. Cat lovers, on the other hand will sit there and take it for hours all the while growing increasingly defensive, effusive, depressive, and if you really get lucky, down right furious. Even if you nearly love cats, you can hardly resist this sort of mischief. (I guess I mean, even if I loved cats - which I almost do - I can't resist this sort of mischief.) But this article, after all, is not about cats. It's about sin. Several of you helped me sharpen the focus of this morning's message with your very thoughtful questions about the nature of sin. So, in deference to the "friends of the cats," let me change the analogy and come at it from a different direction.

First, if you love windows, (the glass kind that you put in the wholes in the side of your



Gene Schandorff

house) I'm sorry. I don't really care if I offend you, I just feel sorry for anyone who loves windows.

Suppose the neighbor's twin ten-year-olds are playing "three flies up" in the backyard in early spring and an errant fly goes through your window. Bobby, or was it Robby, comes to the door and confesses the whole sordid deal, promises to make it right, and then asks timidly for the ball, which, as luck would have it, landed on the cat. Your win-

dow has been broken, but your relationship with the neighbors has not been damaged. If it has, you have got other issues.

If, on the other hand the evil twins from next door hid behind the bushes until you left home and then threw bricks through your window, this time failing to hit the cat... Well, I doubt there was much of a relationship there to begin with and if there had been, it's gone now.

In the first scenario, the only way for the relationship to be damaged is for the "guilty party" to deny the act and refuse to make it right. In the second, the only way for the relationship to be healed is for there to be some serious confession and restitution.

We have all failed and fallen and gone to the injured party to make it right and been amazed that the relationship has, if anything, been strengthened. We have also failed, denied, distanced, and then

ultimately dismissed relationships because we did not trust enough in grace to give confession a chance.

You see, sin really is not about cats, or glass, or bottles, or anyTHING like that at all. Sin is about relationships. You do not need a preacher to tell you when a relationship has been damaged, and you certainly don't need a preacher to tell you when it's been intentional or not. Come to think of it, it's quite possible that you don't need a preacher at all. Except sometimes we need someone to remind us that the hollow feeling deep in our heart has a name: it's "alienation." And the reason why it's there has a name: it's "sin." And the solution for the problem has a name, and that would be "grace." Now, as Paul said, "Grace to you, and peace as well."

P.S. Please don't harass the cats by the Student Center door. It's a lot more fun to harass the ladies.



Children at the basketball game volunteered to help carry Buddy Bear bears. Spring Fisk

Buddy Bear Operation

A successful Operation Buddy Bear was held on our campus during the basketball games on Feb. 28th. NNU Circle K, in conjunction with NNU SIFE, is pleased to report that almost 200 stuffed bears and animals were collected. By donating the stuffed bears to local emergency teams, Circle K and SIFE were able to facilitate the future comforting of dozens of children.

Special thanks go out to: the community of NNU and Nampa for making Operation Buddy Bear such a success; to Nampa Mayor Tom Dale for his support; to the Nampa charter of the Kiwanis Club for their donation of \$500 to purchase additional bears; to Dave Ferdinand for being the MC for the event; and to KTSY for their support.

Non-traditional student coordinator position cut

By Ali Brown
Campus Writer

The position of Off Campus/Non-traditional Student Coordinator may not be one you are familiar with, well, unless you are a non-traditional or off campus student. So let me take a moment to briefly explain the position. The office was established four years ago; however it remained vacant last year. It was designed to keep off-campus, non-traditional students involved and informed about campus activities.

This year, the office was held by Sara Hughes, who hoped to revive the position by proving it an essential part of our SGA. She has completed that task remarkably well, by serving and representing the non-traditional students. Hughes has

organized everything from baby showers for new parents to bowling parties for off campus students.

The majority of events coordinated have had a positive response. The students appre-

"The senate felt that the duties could be sufficiently attended to by the entire council, instead of the one office."

ciate the information and representation they receive.

In a meeting last month, the senate voted to remove the position. The duties will be divided among the other members of the council. The reason for the cut is mostly financial and according to the sena-

tors "in no way reflects the performance of the current coordinator." The senate felt that the duties could be sufficiently attended to by the entire council, instead of the one office.

Coincidentally, another bill was recently passed to increase the pay of the other offices. However great the need for an increase in pay might be, in the end, will the SGA be less efficient because of these changes?

Sarah Hughes has been receiving a lot of e-mail from concerned off campus and non-traditional students. They feel that the office is a vital aspect of our SGA and would like to see the position kept on the staff. Perhaps those most affected should have been consulted in this decision.

Career Week is coming! Look for this year's issue of Career Week's newspaper, *The Planner*. It has all the info on how to get the most out of the week!



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Three 2002-2003 SGA officers elected, and they are already planning for next year!

By Marie Coelho
Campus Writer

Last Wednesday, students voted for the executive council officers for next year. As anyone who attended the speeches could tell, all the candidates could have fulfilled the job quite well. But only three could be voted into position. The candidates that were voted on by the student body were Josh Fishburne as SGA Executive president, Josh Anderson as vice president, and Carrie Hays as social vice president.

Newly elected Executive President is Josh Fishburne. A double major in Political Science and International Relations, Josh said that he thought the election went well. He also stated that Chief Justice Kevin Seward did a great job running the election and making sure that everything went smoothly.

Josh Anderson, the new Executive Vice President, said that he was pleased with the turn out of the elections and felt that the students in general were more interested than they have been in the past.

Carrie Hays, Social Vice President, feels that each per-

son will do a great job in their position and will work hard to serve the students. Carrie also said that she is excited to work with and get to know the other officers better.

One thing that Josh Fishburne would like to accomplish next year is a better communication between the students and the Board of Regents. He said that the Regents are the group that really makes most of the decisions about what happens on our campus. He feels that they need to know how the students feel about the decisions they make.

Josh also wants to work hard to get an on campus student hang out. He would like this student hang out to become a permanent place on campus, and he also wants to consider the students real needs when making this decision.

Josh Anderson said that he would like to improve the Brick House next year, and create more funds for improvements on campus. He also feels that it is important to have a recruitment day on campus for freshmen, so that incoming freshmen have an idea of what clubs our school has to offer.



Shawna McArthur

The SGA positions for 2002-03 will be filled by Josh Fishburne, Executive President; Josh Anderson, Executive Vice President; and Carrie Hays as Social Vice President.

Carrie Hays would like to accomplish a better line of communication between herself and the students. She thinks that this will be important, especially in the planning of events, so that the voice of the students will be heard.

Some changes that the offic-

ers would like to see made on campus are that of an increase in dorm livability, more trees, a rate decrease for clubs using school vans, and a more awareness and involvement in the SGA.

All three of the officers had ideas of how to increase student involvement in on-campus activities. The most common was that of communication to the students. The communication could be one-on-one through senate members, or

could even be through the actual planning of the event.

Other ideas the officers gave on increasing student involvement are to make events open to everyone and keep the costs down. Students could also be given more knowledge about the events to get the students excited about upcoming activities.

All of the officers are excited about what will be happening next year, and some students
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Dooley Hall residents take part in thirty hour famine

By Shelley DeBoer
Campus Writer

This Wednesday and Thursday, March 6 and 7, about 20 Dooley residents will go without food for 30 hours.

You may ask, "Why would anybody do that?" Well, these students are raising money for World Vision through the 30 Hour Famine. The purpose of the famine is to collect pledges to sponsor participants who will fast for 30 hours.

The money raised will go to support the fight against hunger and will go directly to people in poorer countries who may live with the reality of famine every day.

The point of fasting for 30 hours is to get a sense of how these people feel so that participants will become more aware of the needs of others.

But the money that is raised is not just going to a general fund to feed those who are hungry, part of the money will go to sponsor a child from Malawi, a small country in southeast Africa. This boy's

name is William Nyirenda, and the money raised will go to provide food, education and healthcare for him for the next year.

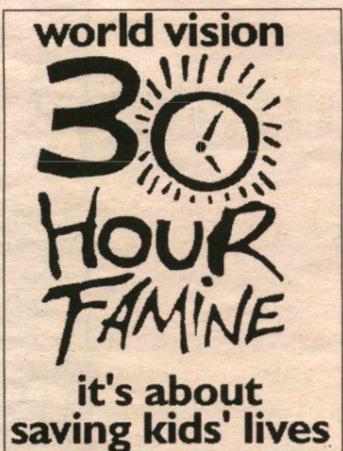
Famine participants will begin fasting at 2:00 on Wednesday afternoon and will celebrate the end of the famine by having a dorm chapel in Dooley lobby on Thursday night at 7:00. There will be a band to lead in some praise and worship songs, and Janet Stellway will be speaking about the reality of famine and her life when she lived in Africa. Anyone may attend the chapel and chapel credit will be given.

The 30 Hour Famine is an awesome opportunity for students to get involved in helping others who are not as fortunate as themselves, and also to gain a minor understanding of what it is to live in famine conditions.

If you would like to sponsor this group of students in their quest to raise money for World Vision, please contact Kathy Burns at 8500 or Shelley DeBoer at 8236. If you are interested in getting a group

together to participate in the 30 Hour Famine next year or if you would just like to know more about it, you can visit their website at www.30hourfamine.org.

And if you happen to hear a certain Dooley resident's stomach growling on Wednesday or Thursday, don't be alarmed. Just send up a prayer for her and for the people that the famine is benefitting.



Editors Note:

As the Campus Editor of this publication, it is essential that I have good writers who are ready and willing to put in the time to write good stories. I always have a need for more writers with new ideas and interests.

If you happen to be someone who is interested in writing campus news stories, please contact me at anwiggins@nnu.edu or call me at ext. 8231.

Writing news stories involves conducting interviews, attending campus events and then completing the story by deadline. It

can be a very rewarding activity.

I am also happy to hear from anyone who has any story ideas. If you have something of interest that pertains to campus life, please let me know, and I will get a story on it. Feel free to contact me at any time.

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New BRICK House girls for 2002

By Jeanette Wikle
Campus Writer

As many students look forward to next year, they consider different ways that they can get involved in leadership. One of those ways is through the BRICK House. On Friday, Feb. 22, it was announced that Candice Gunstream (sophomore), Stephanie Rodes (junior), Lindsay Glaze (junior) and Melissa Schenck (junior) would be taking over as the 2002 - 2003 BRICK house ladies.

This foursome charmed the board with their ideas for new programs. They also plan to maintain some of the traditions that we all know and love, such as The BRICK, Top Ten Cafe, Live Music, and Jazz on the Lawn.

When asked what the main goal of the BRICK house is for this year, Gunstream answered, "We want it to be a place where the whole campus can get together; a place where they can reach outside of their groups and have a good time. We want to create a place where everyone can just hang out. We want to

reach outside our own group and be there to serve the campus."

They are also excited about introducing some new plans, such as a Friends Marathon Night, Rook Night, a Freshmen Welcome Party, Super Bowl Party and College Game Day Breakfast. The group also has plans for a large

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~Candice Gunstream

renovation of the house. According to Rodes, "It is going to look very different inside. We are changing the inside quite a bit." The plans include repainting both the upstairs and downstairs of the house, adding lighting downstairs and new lighting for the house. "We hope to draw a lot more people," Rodes offered. "We want to encourage involvement from a lot more students"



Shawna McArthur

Gunstream, Rhodes, Schenck and Glaze are the new BRICK girls.

A big thank you from Lee Cook and Jim Marion to Travis McKnight, Jared Braughl and Brian McKnight. These young men carried several boxes of books from the Administration Building to the Student Union Building.

~ Jim Marion
Environmental Services

Mr. NNU sketchy entertainment

By Angie Finton
Guest Writer

My dad was in town last weekend for a visit. As we sat at dinner Saturday night, I excitedly told him about the tickets I had bought us for Mr. NNU. "Dad, it will be a great chance for you to see NNU shine," I said.

We got to the Science Lecture Hall around nine and settled in for a night of comedy. The show started out strong with a choreographed dance to "The Eye of the Tiger," where the contestants wore costumes that ranged from ballerinas to a construction worker. Contestants were intensely serious as they executed goofy dance moves: it was hilarious.

From introductions to talent to skits, the show went on. And on, and on. There was some quality content in there: Todd Fulcher quoting "Did You Ever Know That You're My Hero" in a gorilla suit was great (did we really have to listen to nearly the whole song afterward, though?), Mike Wolfe and his guy pals cross dressing and discussing a new "exciting" hair product was mentionable (I promise there's funny stuff besides cross dressing and back hair, however). Jeremy Hugus' piano recital where he sings about some hideous woman he dated was good, too.

In my personal favorite, Dane Leach plays a "hyper hypo" where he wears a helmet and constantly tries to break free from the harness that holds him to the monkey bars brought onstage. Leach was almost outshined by Tyler Moyer's talent for acting like an eight-year-old girl during this one. Good skit, but would have been better if it was about half as long.

I was disappointed several times throughout the night by the lack of taste and discretion from contestants. In fact,

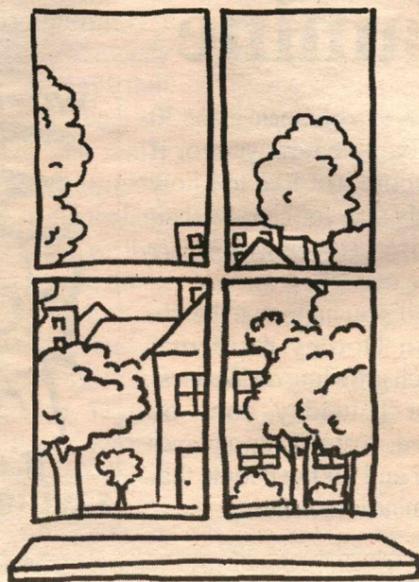
during Ronti Malones' "MC Hammer/Little Richard Black Man VS. White Nerd Skit," my dad decided to walk out.

I have to mention that this year's hosts, Colin Donahoe and Scot Mortimer, were what kept the show afloat. Although their skits, stand-up routines, and dance moves were 97% unoriginal, they were a breath of fresh air in the muggy lecture hall.

"The contestants can't be held too responsible for the downfalls of the show. The whole idea is that the show is the antithesis of Miss America...and come on, they're college guys."

The contestants can't be held too responsible for the downfalls of the show. The whole idea is that the show is the antithesis of Miss America beauty pageants, and come on, they're college guys. The story is that the EEC, the people who were supposedly censoring all this, cut most of the skits three nights before the show, and contestants had to scramble to put new stuff together. It makes me wonder which was worse: the original line-up or the new skits.

When I was in high school, we had a Mr. and Mrs. Raider competition much like Mr. NNU. The student body would elect a guy and a girl to represent their class. Perhaps adding females to the show would bring a level of taste and style unattainable with the current set-up of Mr. NNU.



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Jaina Poe, Jamie Campbell, Andrea Mattai, Ben Conrad and Will Robinson will put on a student recital on Thursday March 14 in Emmerson Auditorium.

Student Recital

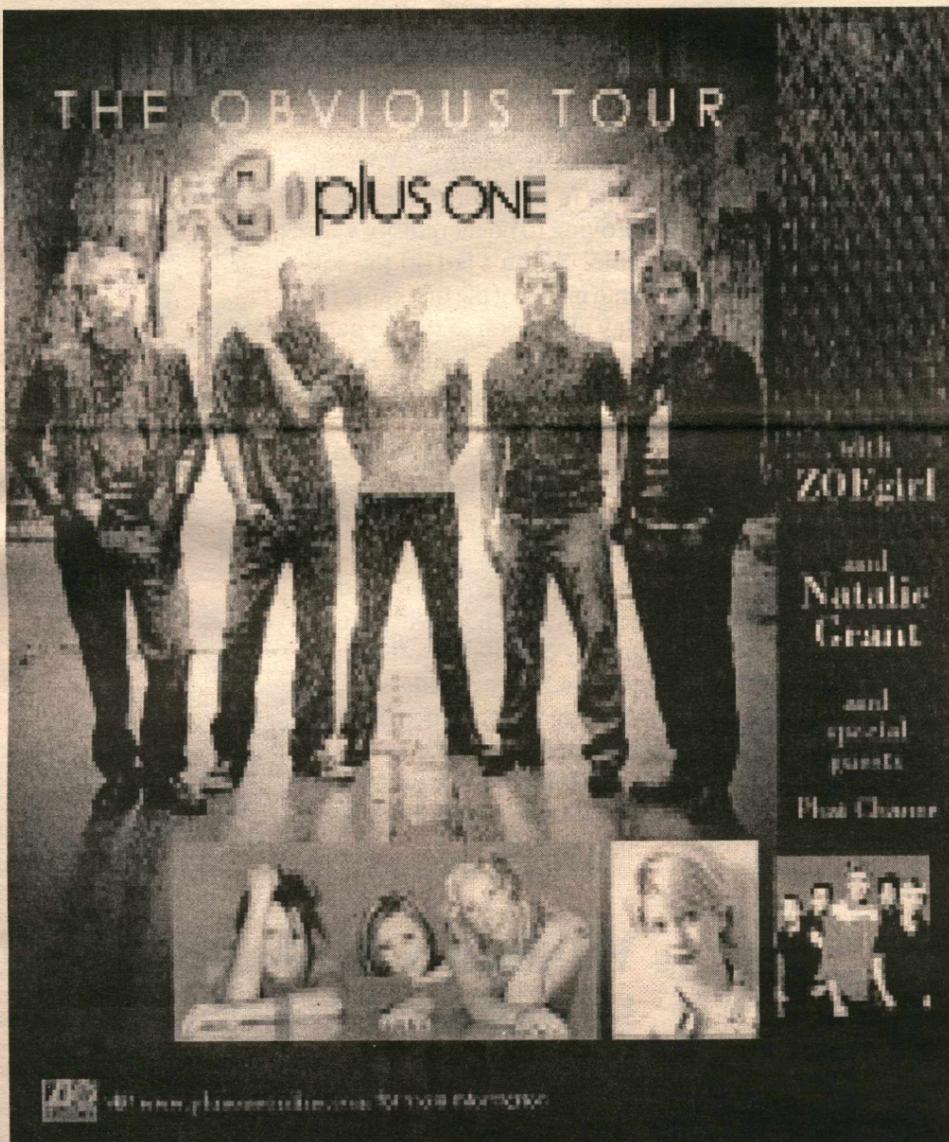
Thursday March 14

Northwest Nazarene University will present a student recital tomorrow, Thursday March 14. Students will present vocal and instrumental music literature from various time periods. The public is welcome and admission is free. The recital begins promptly at 8 PM in the Emmerson Auditorium in the Admissions Building on NNU campus.

~SGA *continued from pg. 3* are excited as well. Sophomore Melissa Pinkerton said that she is excited to see what changes will occur with the new officers and that she is excited to see a new change on campus.

Other students had some slightly different thoughts about the election results. Freshmen Jennifer Pavlisko thought that the elected candidate will do really well as officers of our school, and Junior Wilson Wanene said that the election was opposite of what he expected, but that he was pleased with the results.

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ABC's Maddening decision

By Kevan Lee
Sports Writer

Last week, John Madden left Fox to sign with ABC's *Monday Night Football* and team with veteran broadcaster Al Michaels. In related news, the polar ice caps are melting and we're all going to die.

While Madden's decision to join MNF may not be quite as catastrophic as melting ice caps, neither piece of information can be good news. In fact, after a few too many Monday nights deciphering one of Madden's many incoherent explanations of instant replay, global warming may not seem like such a bad thing after all.

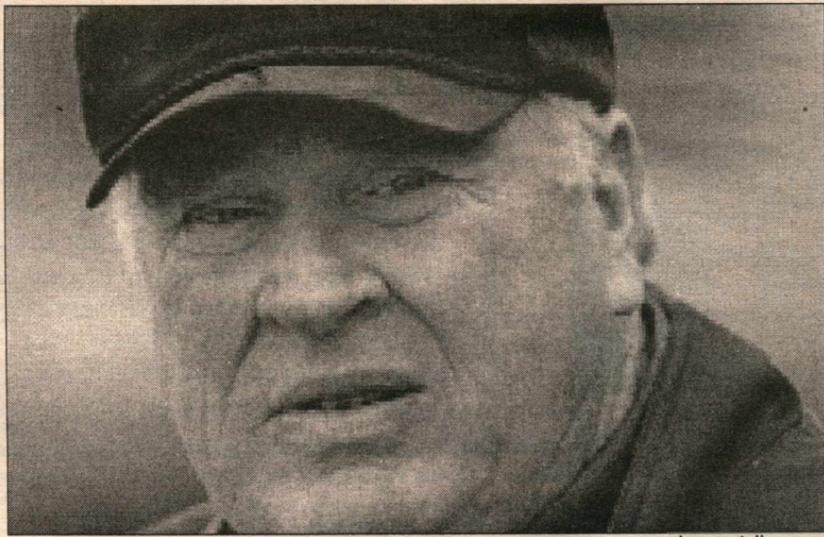
The decision to add Madden appears to fly in the face of everything that ABC has worked on trying to recreate MNF. Until recently, *Monday Night Football* had been targeting those in the 18-34 range. Dennis Miller was obviously hired solely on his ability to not talk football for three hours of a prime time football game—something that we 18-34 year olds should have appreciated. I fail to see how Madden fits into MNF's marketing scheme. I fail to see how he fits into those small broadcast booths too, but somehow he manages.

Now that Pat Summerall has been put out to stud, John Madden is the oldest sports announcer this side of Dick Enberg. He is the exact opposite of everything that ABC was searching for just two years ago when they tried to appeal to younger viewers, and his initiation into

popular culture couldn't be more incomplete. For instance, he thinks being "sick" is a result of bacteria in the body. When he and Al are "chillin'", they're either covering a December Green Bay game or the thermostat is turned off. He is fat with an "f," not a "ph." His "peeps" have to wear glasses, his

motivated me to watch every Monday, but at least I was watching. The only suspense in this year's broadcast will be the color of John Madden's eyebrows from week to week.

I'm not old enough to remember John Madden's prime (which in and of itself



The timeless John Madden appears to be showing his years, but that did not keep ABC from adding him to their Monday Night Football announcing crew.

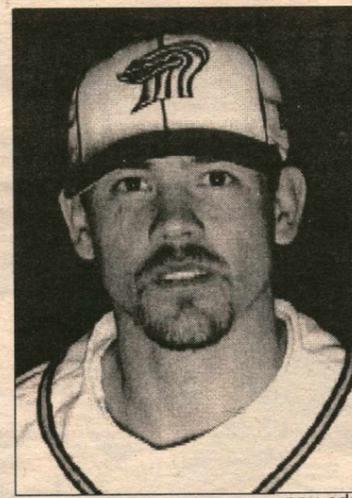
"dawgs" were put to sleep a long time ago, and he wonders how you can have "homeys" if you're not homosexual. Let's face it; John Madden is not the right guy to be marketing to young adults.

I wish that ABC had kept together last year's broadcast team of Michaels, Miller, and Dan Fouts. I loved the way Miller would make obscure comments that had nothing to do with the game, and Fouts would be so intent on the action on the field that he would be completely oblivious to whatever else was going on. Yet somehow Michaels would find a way to mesh the two polar opposites into a cohesive presentation. Perhaps the thought of them screwing up on national TV

speaks volumes), but I trust that it was high television. Unfortunately, that was too many years ago, for lately, Madden has been consistently unbearable to watch and listen to. He regularly misidentifies players and misses obvious plays. His analysis is elementary, and he always ends up making the exact same observations from game to game. In fact, his signature saying—"Bam!"—may be the most analytical thing he says.

Madden is hardly the solution to Monday night's ratings drop. Unless the network plans on him playing in the games in hopes that one of them might be close or assassinating the stars of CBS' popular Monday night comedies, *Monday Night Football* will continue to wallow in its current spot on the Nielson chart. Madden might have a great personality, but if Miller's engaging style of presentation didn't attract viewers, Madden shouldn't fare much better than his predecessors.

John Madden will be remembered as one of the greatest football color commentators of all time, but I'm afraid it won't be too much longer until he won't even remember his own name. ABC would have been wise to stick with their plans to keep the broadcast young. Instead, they've made a possible cult program an old, broken down celebrity sideshow.



Brendan Smith hit two home-runs over the weekend.

Baseball team wins 3 of 4

By Chad Frosland
Sports Editor

The Crusader baseball team took three of four from Great Northwest Athletic Conference opponent St. Martin's College over the weekend. Before the Saints came from behind to beat the Sadlers 11-6 in the nightcap Saturday, NNU was riding a 4-game winning streak.

Brendan Smith hit two home runs in the four games, both proving to be incredibly valuable. Smith's led off the seventh inning of the first game Friday afternoon to tie the game at 7, and the Sadlers scored three more in the inning to make the final 10-7.

In game one on Saturday, Smith hit a go-ahead shot to make the score 5-4, and Neil Elder added a solo home-run in the eighth for the margin of victory. Smith, a switch-hitter, is only one of two left handed threats for the Sadlers. Last season he batted .323 and knocked in 32 runs.

NNU is now 4-4 on the season overall, with a 3-1 conference record.

Seniors get sweet sendoff

By Chad Frosland
Sports Editor

Senior Josh Coopriider scored 29 points in the final game of his college career as NNU blew past the University of Alaska Fairbanks 97-73 in their Great Northwest Athletic Conference finale Saturday. Coopriider shot 50% from the floor and was an amazing 7-14 from three-point range, as well as 6-8 from the free throw line. He finishes his career with 1,440 points, finding himself at No. 7 on the career scoring list, passing President Hagood.

The Crusaders end with 10-18 overall and 6-12 GNAC records. They did not reach the post-season.



Shawna McArthur

Tyler Jeans goes up for a dunk against Alaska Fairbanks.

Women's basketball heads to national tournament

By Chad Frosland
Sports Editor

Anna Allah-McGarrah made sure that her last game in Montgomery Fieldhouse was her best as she scored a career high 22 points in a 79-58 victory over Humboldt State University on senior night. NNU never trailed in the game.

The Sadlers have won five of six games as they head to the NAIA division II tournament in Sioux City, Iowa. They play 11th seeded Saint Francis, Ind. in a first round game of the 32-team tournament on Thursday, March 7.

In other news, both Alysson Kollman and Amber Hellberg were named to the National Christian College Athletic Association All-Region Women's Basketball Team.

Kollman (Nampa), leading the team in both scoring (13.7) and rebounding (6.7) was named to the first team. Hellberg (Walla Walla, WA) received second team honors and is second in scoring (9.7) and third in rebounding (4.3).

Thursday's game is a 4:00 CST tip-off and can be heard on NNU's website.

THIS WEEK: ANDRE ROUX **NEXT WEEK: AMY STRAIGHT**

The AP College Basketball poll

Rank	Team	W-L
1.	Kansas	(27-2)
2.	Maryland	(24-3)
3.	Duke	(26-3)
4.	Oklahoma	(24-4)
5.	Cincinnati	(27-3)
6.	Gonzaga	(27-3)
7.	Pittsburgh	(25-4)
8.	Alabama	(24-6)
9.	Oregon	(17-6)
10.	Marquette	(16-6)
11.	Kentucky	(21-3)
12.	Florida	(15-6)
13.	Oklahoma St.	(23-7)
14.	Arizona	(19-9)
15.	Illinois	(23-7)
16.	Miami	(23-6)
17.	Ohio State	(20-7)
18.	Stanford	(19-8)
19.	Georgia	(21-8)
20.	USC	(20-8)
21.	W. Kentucky	(26-3)
22.	Indiana	(19-10)
23.	Xavier	(22-5)
24.	Connecticut	(21-6)
25.	California	(21-7)

Action heats up in championship week

By Josh Zickefoose
Sports Writer

It is that time of year again; time to see flowers bloom, see birds sing, and to see the college basketball players go mad. That is why it is called March Madness. The players will get their game faces on because March is all about the tournaments; first conference, and then national.

This week will prove to be a week worth sitting in front of the TV, not doing home work, and betting on games (betting without money, just words. For example, I bet Kentucky will win the SEC. Oh see they

did, told you so, hopefully this will come true). This is just a pre-warning to all sophomore boys, do not even attempt to watch TV this month, because it will be devoted to watching college basketball.

This is the week for conference titles. Essentially all that the conference title represents is bragging rights within the conference. The real pressure comes in the national tournament.

Conference tournaments are fun to watch though, because they will give the viewers a good idea on who can play in pressure single elimination games.

The big conferences will not play until this weekend, and only three conferences have determined champions to this point:

the Atlantic Sun (Florida Atlantic), Big South (Winthrop), and Ohio Valley (Murray State). When this article is published, there will be more winners but at this point, this is how the Conference Champions stand. The Ivy League boys do not have a conference because they are too busy studying and doing that school thing. It is not nearly as fun to watch people study and sit in a class than it is to watch them sweat out a win on the basketball court, but whatever floats their boat.

There were some final conference games played this weekend. For instance, the Bearcats of Cincinnati

played Memphis in a wild overtime game. Much like the Duke Blue Devils, the Bearcats have one player who can turn it up when a game is on the line and a win is needed. That player is Steve Logan. Logan, playing as a senior about to leave Cincinnati, played like a champion and helped the dapper Bearcats win the game.

Logan is bigger than one game, he has been the "man mentioned" in Cincinnati for many years. He trails only Oscar Robertson for Cincinnati's all time leading scorer. Unless Logan can score almost one thousand points in the next few tournaments, he will stay second on the all time leading scorer list for Cincinnati.

Oregon cracks the AP top 10 for first time since 1975!

Five earn All-American indoor track honors

By Chad Frosland
Sports Editor

Five NNU athletes earned All-American status at the NAIA National Indoor Track and Field Meet in Johnson City, Tenn.

Zach Dwello (McCall, ID), David Olson (Nampa), Caleb Tubei (Kenya), and Juraj Trubiroha (Slovakia) placed fifth in the distance medley relay in 10:19.51. Dwello was forced to replace Aaron Matthias in the race when Matthias was not allowed to run after failing to finish his race in the mile.

This ruling was made according to the NAIA's "honest effort" rule. Matthias was unaware of the rule when he failed to complete the mile. Coach Randy Dalzell, recently named NAIA Region 1 Coach of the Year, was forced to show what won him the award as he added Dwello and juggled the distances of the other three runners.

Francis Kimeli (Kenya) placed sixth in the 3000 in 8:36.27 to receive All-American honors as well.



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The Inside Scoop



Mr. NNU 2002 Contestant's reactions to the show



Lincoln was crowned winner of Mr. NNU 2002.

Lincoln Hagood

Mr. NNU 2002

"I loved being in Mr. NNU and I think there wouldn't have been so many problems if they would have required all the contestants to perform their full skits at the dress rehearsal. But I still am looking forward to hosting the event next year."

Jeremy Hugus

"I gotta give props to Dane and Mike -- I thought they had it in the bag. Of course, all of us think we have stuff in the bag and we don't. Like sometimes we have a secret and someone lets the cat out of the bag... speaking of cats, I had this cat once and he always seemed to dry fire after his unfriendly opposition. Meow, Meow... I do, however, think it's garbage that Mike and myself were docked for our humor because it was deemed lewd and inappropriate. The Jean G-String was ingenious. If I were a judge, I would be more concerned about acts (such as the winning act) which portrays a young man hitting on a young woman and when asked how it's working replies, 'I'll let you know tomorrow.' As far as I'm concerned, that is more obscene and immoral than any of the other acts."

Dane Leech

"The experience was great and I definitely enjoyed the camaraderie. The show was run very well with some quality leadership. However, they should consider letting seniors win sometimes (not me, of course, but some of the other seniors who competed), but Lincoln was really humorous too."

As far as the content-controversy goes, Dane had no comment.



Dane Leech amused his viewers by skiing down the blustery slopes of the Science Lecture Hall.

Todd Fulcher

"It was an honor to work with such talented individuals, great experience. If I were to improve the show in any way, it would definitely mean less male nudity from the contestants, and it would incorporate more circus midgets and narcoleptics."

Mr. NNU Comedy

Mr. NNU co

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their clothes off," said Kenny Meier.

One question brought up was regarding dress rehearsal or the previewing process. Traditionally, the freshman class rehearses with the contestants and then, a few nights before the big event, there is a dress rehearsal with the EEC. This is a panel of Student Development staff that decides what stays and what goes for the final event.

The contestants are told ahead of time to keep their skits down to around three minutes and if they go over during dress rehearsal, they are again told to shorten the skit. But how is that

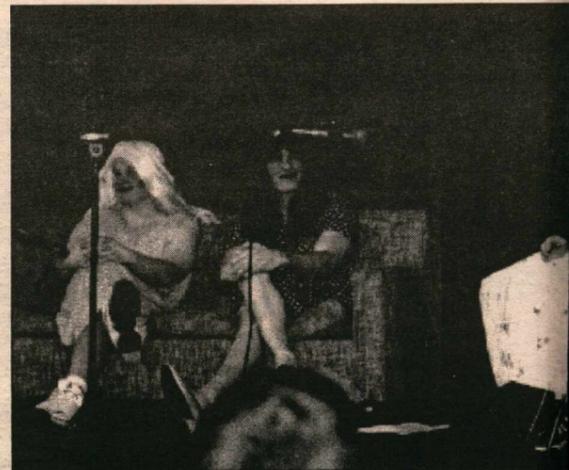
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The freshman cannot just pull right off the string running too long a wee bit over with their inappropriate NNU watched commented previewing should be more restful should not be participate if they guidelines and as those set by the EEC."

Still, one thing looked at is the run by the fresh



All of the Mr. NNU contestants get "jiggy" with



Mike Wolfe, a contestant, got all prettied up for part of the show.

Mr. NNU Controversy?

Controversy explained

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cil. This year's class council
did a fantastic job in running
the event. But blame, if any,
cannot be put on those who
have no control on what is
happening on stage at the mo-
ment.

Todd McArthur, this year's
freshman class president, said
"Mr. NNU, regardless of
what people think, is a time
honored tradition that must

carry on. As long as there is
NNU, there will be Mr.
NNU."

So, despite the controver-
sies, it is an event that is fun
and unpredictable. And
most importantly, it supports
something that could change
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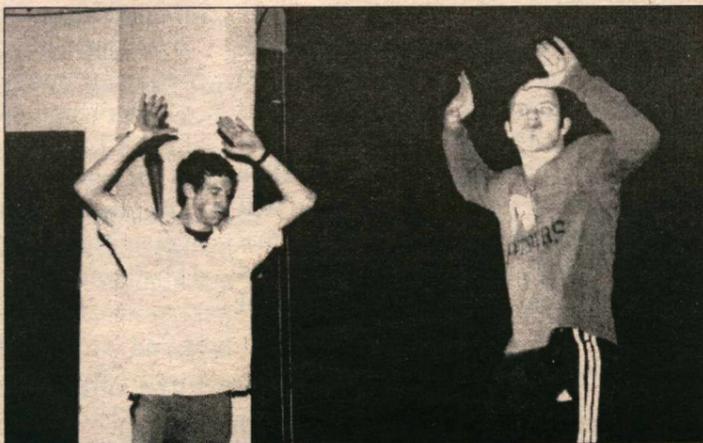
Jeremy Lynch entertained the crowds with not only his witty sense of humor but also with wildlife.



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of his skit for



Hosts, Scot Mortimer and Colin Donahoe, did a fantastic job of entertaining the crowd between skits.

Mr. NNU Contestants

Freshman: Jeremy Hugus, Justin Livermore

Sophomore: Todd Fulcher, Lincoln Hagood

Junior: Jeremy Lynch, Ranti Malone

Senior: Dane Leech, Mike Wolfe

Spectators Speak Out

Students talk about their own reaction to Mr. NNU 2002.

"I wasn't too impressed by most of the performances this year. I think the guys could have done a better job and pleased more of the audience. There's no denying that some of them were hilarious though."

~Katie Childs

"Overall, I think that this year's skits were not as funny as previous years. I found myself wishing that we could just skip all the acts and get to Mike Wolfe and Dane Leech's routines. I definitely was shocked in the end to find out that Mike Wolfe didn't place and Dane Leech didn't win. Almost everyone I talked to agreed that Dane should have won."

~James Robinson

"I thought that Dane and Lincoln were really funny because they didn't take any of their clothes off. Some of the other acts were done in bad taste. Personally, I think that Scot Mortimer was the funniest of them all."

~Ann-Marie Wiggins

"Some of the skits were really funny. However, there was a lot of stuff that wasn't funny. In my opinion, way too many people took their clothes off and the show was too long."

~Jeanette Wikle

"I was really impressed with the creativity and effort put forth by Mort and Colin in the hosting of the pageant. Their energy and humor really helped the show flow and kept things fun and interesting. Mostly, I was impressed that Dr. and Mrs. Hagood lasted until 12:30 in the morning to see the crowning of Mr. NNU. It's encouraging to see such dedication and support exemplified in a family today. Dr. and Mrs. Hagood are mostly responsible for Lincoln's victory."

~Chad Frosland

All photos courtesy of Shawna McArthur

Palestinian sniper kills 10 in the West Bank

By Marie Coelho
Off-Campus News Writer

A Palestinian sniper fired on Israeli soldiers and civilian cars at an army checkpoint in the West Bank, killing 10 people, officials said.

Israel reacted with a string of attacks against Palestinian security installations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip that killed at least four policemen.

The latest violence came a day after a Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up in a crowded ultra-Orthodox Jewish neighborhood of Jerusalem Saturday evening.

Israeli tanks, warplanes and naval vessels were used in Sunday's retaliatory strikes. F-16s circled overhead in Gaza and the West Bank, and Israeli gunboats moved close to the Gaza coast.

The Al Aqsa Brigades, a militia linked to Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility for both the bombing on Saturday in Jerusalem and the Sunday shooting in the West Bank at a checkpoint near the Jewish settlement of Ofra.

The militia said it would take revenge for Israel's assault on the West Bank refugee camps of Balata and Jenin, where 23 Palestinians were killed over a three-day period.

It distributed a leaflet saying Sunday's shooting was in response to Israeli army actions in the two camps.

In the Balata camp, a crowd of about 3,000 people marched, chanting "revenge, revenge!" Exchanges of fire were also reported around the Jenin camp.

Israel blamed Arafat for the

latest attacks, and Cabinet minister Dan Naveh said it showed "there is no alternative but to put an end to Arafat's rule."

"I think the best way to ensure the safety of Israeli citizens is that there will no longer be a Palestinian Authority headed by Arafat," he said.

Palestinians also said the violence was getting out of control but blamed Israel.

In the shooting Sunday, March 3, at the army roadblock, paramedic Hezi Tsur told Israel radio that seven soldiers and two civilians were killed.

The army also said nine died, without indicating how many of them were soldiers. Hadassah Ein Kerem, a Jerusalem hospital, reported later that one of the wounded, a civilian, died as well.

The army depicted it as an ambush that was believed to have been the work of a single sniper.

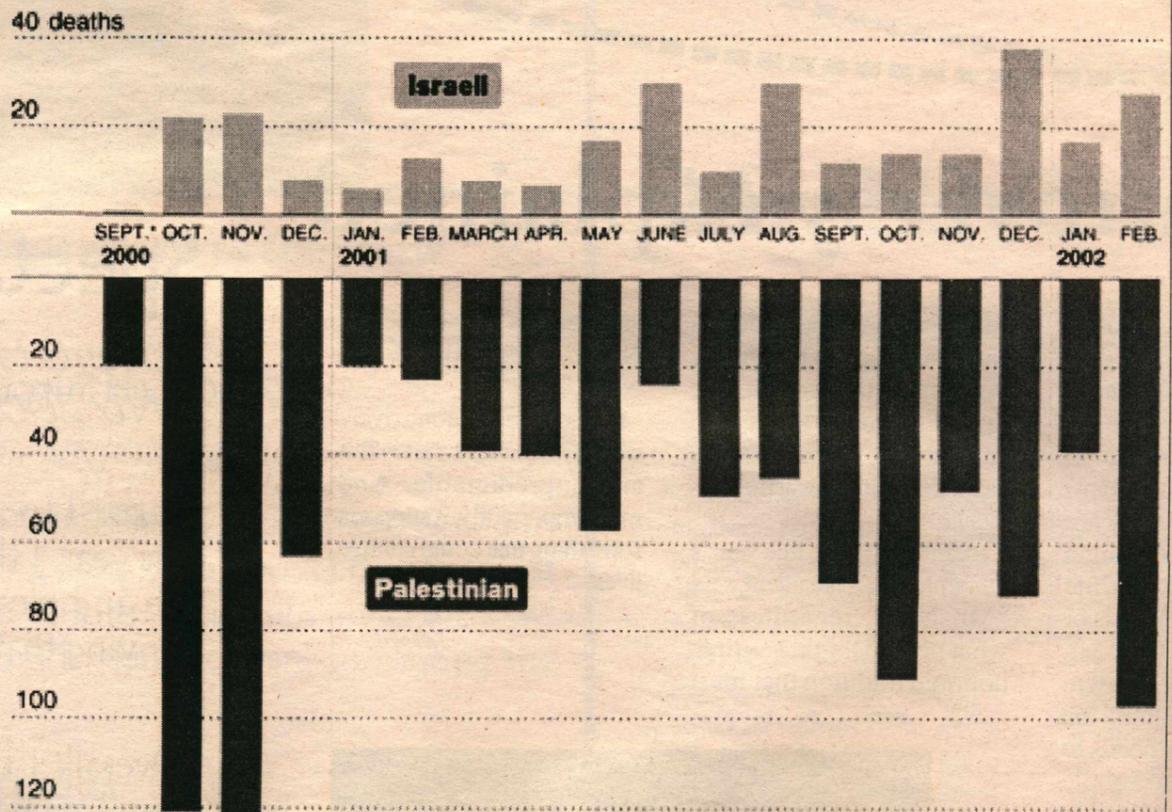
Elsewhere, Palestinian gunmen opened fire on a group of soldiers early Sunday along a road that runs on the Israeli side of the fence between the Gaza Strip and southern Israel.

Army radio said one Israeli was killed while three others were wounded. The army said four soldiers were hurt.

The military wing of the Is-

Death Toll in Mideast Strife

Monthly totals of Israeli and Palestinian deaths during the 17 months of violence that began Sept. 29, 2000. Totals of Palestinian deaths can vary widely among sources.



*September 2000 figures are for the 29th and 30th of that month.

Sources: Palestinian Red Crescent Society; Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs

lamic Jihad claimed responsibility for that attack in a telephone call to The Associated Press office in Gaza.

"The Islamic movement and all the Palestinian people will not stop terrorizing our

to knock down two Palestinian checkpoints on the Gaza side near the location of the shooting and conducted a house-to-house search in the nearby village of al-Qarara. Palestinians also reported

two people were hurt when Israeli troops opened fire on a Palestinian security post near Khan

Younis in central Gaza.

In the West Bank, Israeli tanks shelled a Palestinian intelligence office outside Salfit, south of the city of Nablus, and the Palestinians said a policeman had been killed.

Earlier Sunday, Israeli helicopters fired four missiles at Palestinian Authority headquarters and a small factory in Bethlehem.

The suicide blast Saturday, March 2, shook a downtown ultra-Orthodox neighborhood and sent flames leaping into the air from cars that caught fire. Blood splattered the stone wall in front of the Mahane Israel seminary, where up to 1,000 Jews meet every Saturday evening.

Besides the bomber, police said nine people were killed, including a 1-year-old girl and several other children.

"I think the best way to ensure the safety of Israeli citizens is that there will no longer be a Palestinian Authority headed by Arafat." ~ Dan Naveh

enemy all over the occupied land ... We will avenge every drop of blood from our Palestinian martyrs," the caller said in a statement.

The army quickly responded with the use of tanks

Letter of apology from the Off-Campus News Editor

By Ryan Hanson
Off-Campus News Editor

In the last issue of *The Crusader*, put out on Feb. 13, 2002, I mistakenly printed a story with a headline from a previous issue.

The headline "Explosions in Nigeria leaves hundreds dead," went with a story appearing in the Jan. 30th issue of *The Crusader*.

In preparation to print the Feb. 13 issue, I was reusing headlines from previous issues to get an idea of what the overall layout would look like.

Unfortunately, I neglected to

change one of these headlines, and the story ran with it in place.

The mistake was quickly noticeable as the story was in fact not about an explosion in Nigeria. Rather it was a story about an exciting trip to the Olympics.

I would like to take a little time to apologize first to the authors of the story, Kerri Tygart and Jill Deakins. The error was mine alone and in no way should reflect on the authors. The story was an excellent contribution from the two guest writers and was greatly appreciated.

Furthermore, I would like to apologize to you, the readers of *The Crusader*.

The mistake led to some obvious confusion on the part of many, and the last thing any of *The Crusader* staff would like to do is cause confusion, especially due to an easily avoidable error.

I would like to thank Kerri Tygart and Jill Deakins for their contribution. It shouldn't have been detracted from by a simple mistake that should never have happened.

If it is any consolation, I have been dragged over the coals by the staff. The mistake has

been pinned onto our "Hall of Blunders," and will most likely be used as an example of what you are not supposed to do when you layout your pages until I am old and grey.

I will make sure to avoid this error in future issues and will continue to seek out stories that engage your attention and broaden your knowledge of

what is happening in the world off our campus.

If you have any suggestions, please e-mail them to crusader@nnu.edu. The staff of *The Crusader* is always eager for input from our readers.

Again, I am sorry for my oversight and hope that I will do better in the future.

All articles written for the Off-Campus News section are the works of the writers. The following websites were used to obtain the information contained within the stories: www.nytimes.com, www.idahopress.com, and www.usatoday.com.

Couple desires reparations for stolen Sept. 11 flag

By Sarah Chase
Off-Campus News Writer

After an American flag was hoisted on September 11th on top of the World Trade Center ruins, the picture instantly became an icon that caused comparisons to Iwo Jima and formed the foundation for a memorial statue that was proposed.

Now, almost six months since the World Trade Center was attacked by terrorists, two residents of Manhattan have come forward to announce that they own that flag.

Even though they say they take great pride in what the firefighters did and have not requested that the flag be returned, they want their spot in the history of the World Trade Center attack to be noted. They also are interested in receiving a deduction of charitable value on their taxes for the heightened value put on the flag, as it could be sold in an auction for many thousands of dollars.

Currently, the owners of the yacht, Spiros E. Kopelakis and Shirley B. Dreifus, are requesting an affidavit to be signed by the firefighters to verify that they removed the flag from the couple's charter yacht.

The couple's yacht, named the "Star of America", was moored closed to the World Trade Center. They say this is only a "legal formality" which would make it possible for them to officially donate the flag to the city.

Dreifus said, "We just want to make sure that the flag is used properly, and not as a crass marketing tool." She cited a museum or memorial downtown as examples for appropriate uses.

"If they use it appropriately, we'd want to donate it. If not, we want it back."

Both issues of benevolence and provenance may be put to rest this week when the three firefighters involved - Billy Eisengrein, George Johnson and Dan McWilliams - are anticipated to hold a consultation with William P. Kelly, their lawyer.

They plan to do comparisons of their blurred memories with photographs furnished by Kopelakis and Dreifus.

This situation has been cordially handled so far as reported by all sides. The flag is a remembrance of how mild diplomacy is needful sometimes in the address of anything connected by symbolic or emotional value to the September 11th attack.

The flag in dispute is one of three flags, now famous, which are all

associated with the attack by terrorists. The tattered flag was discovered in rubble of the World Trade Center, and has been shown in the Winter Olympics and earlier in the Super Bowl. Another flag was enveloped by testimonials that were handwritten by families of victims and was later transported to our US marines, which are in Afghanistan fighting. Last, there is a flag that is 3-by-5 foot, and is the smallest one in size. It is on the "Theodore Roosevelt", an aircraft carrier that took off from Bahrain recently and is planning to arrive home very soon.

This is a large difference from how Dreifus and Kopelakis claim the flag was put to use before the terrorist attacks. It was on their yacht, a three-level, 130-foot-long boat that has suede ivory-colored ceilings and a player piano of Yamaha style. This yacht has entertained Barbara Streisand and the Sultan of Brunei.

Dreifus and Kopelakis also own the "Majestic Star", another luxurious charter boat. In January of 2001, they bought their flag in New York at a boat show for around \$50. Since the couple generally

"That will be good if we can have some tax deduction. Anything can help." ~ Spiros E. Kopelakis

buy a flag each year, the purchase was perfunctory.

Their yacht was covered with debris on September 11th from the World Trade Center. The day after that, when members of the crew came to the North Cove Marina located on the Hudson River to take the boat to Chelsea Piers, they found out that both the flag and its flagpole, ten feet tall, were not there, Dreifus stated.

The firefighters indicated to Kelly, their lawyer, that they remember seeing an American flag on a yacht that was full of debris on September 11th at 5pm. They removed the flag with its pole and walked toward West Street.

Kelly said that the firefighters contemplated planting the pole in the ground, but they found a higher flagpole to put it on. They were unaware of *The Record of Hackensack*, *New Jersey's* photographer, Thomas E. Franklin, who captured that moment on



Don Hogan Charles/The New York Times
Spiros E. Kopelakis holds a photo of three firefighters hoisting an American flag atop the ruins of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11. He and his wife say they are the owners of the flag.

film. Ever since that happened, Franklin and the firefighters have rejected all efforts to make the image licensed for profit.

However, the firefighters have organized a charity, the Bravest Fund, which helps police officers and firefighters and their families that were affected by September 11th, said Jennifer Borg, the general counsel and vice president for *The Record*.

The firefighters have no objections to the claim made by the yacht owners for tax, altruistic or personal reasons, stated Kelly. Even so, they want to make sure the link is correct. They need evidence that the flag they used was from the yacht owners' "Star of America."

"If it's a question of, 'I can't honestly say if that was it, or it wasn't it,' I wouldn't have them sign an affidavit," Kelly said.

Dreifus and Kopelakis have stated that the flag is theirs since it was seen when the firefighters took it, and their yacht was the only boat with a readily accessible flag on deck that day. "Besides, no one has come and said, 'That's not your flag,'" Dreifus said.

Thoughts of either using the flag as a deduction for a donation on their taxes or having it sold have entered their minds, Dreifus stated. After September 11th, their charter business has not been in work for 95 percent of the time.

"That will be good if we can have some tax deduction. Anything can help," Kopelakis stated.

It is difficult to say how much the flag is worth now.

"It's so valuable there is no value. It's priceless," Connelly said.

News Briefs

Idaho Falls judge fights crime with new methods

It all started when Bill London, a state game warden, stopped a man for fishing illegally in a pond in this rural, mountainous area north of Boise and found he had a ball of methamphetamine.

London did not like it that some of the drug dealers who have invaded rural Idaho in the last few years were hanging out at the pond, spoiling the fishing for families. So he went to the local judge, Patricia Young, who was looking for new ways to combat the spread of drugs, violence and poverty in her county. They came up with a plan: instead of sending people with minor criminal charges to jail, the judge would sentence them to fix up the pond.

People stopped for drunken driving were ordered to plant trees and flowers and water them with buckets carried by hand from the pond. Others were ordered to build a volleyball court and a sheltered picnic bench.

Judge Young has put into practice some of the most talked-about ideas in criminology, theories like problem-solving policing and community justice, which were developed in and for big cities.

Her innovations have occurred at a critical time, as many parts of rural America are experiencing a drug epidemic and rural law enforcement officials find themselves too few in number to stop it.

Storm kills 22 during nationwide journey

Snow fell on parts of Michigan's Upper Peninsula today, the tail end of a storm blamed for more than 22 deaths along its track from Texas, where the midday temperature at Dallas was only 28.

"It's brutally cold and we're expecting cold weather to linger," said Dan Smith, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service near Marquette. "Wind chills are expected to drop to 30 below zero."

One woman was killed when her pickup truck hit an icy patch on U.S. 80 about 20 miles east of Dallas and veered across the median, colliding with an 18-wheeler. The storm was blamed for three other deaths in Texas, two in traffic accidents and one from hypothermia.

By today, the weather-related death toll also included nine in Oklahoma, five in Missouri, two in Colorado and one each in Wisconsin and Michigan.

Violence in Middle East continues

Daniel Baker recently went out of his way to do a good deed. And it did not go unnoticed.

Early last month a customer drove away from the drive-up window at the Nampa eatery Wheeler's Handout where Baker, a 16-year-old Nampan, works part-time without collecting her \$15 change. Rather than pocketing the money, the high school junior returned it to the grateful woman.

Baker's act made such an impression on the customer, whose first name is Carmen, that she wrote a letter of appreciation to the teen's boss.

"What an honest person," Carmen wrote. "You know money means so much to kids these days, sometimes they would do anything to get it. But your employee made sure he did the right thing and went out of his way to make sure I got my change."

Baker said he never considered keeping the money. "(Only) after I read the letter I thought, 'I could have kept it,'" he said.

All News Briefs written by Ryan Hanson, Off-Campus Editor.

Religious riots leave almost five hundred dead

By Jayna Poe
Off-Campus News Writer

After four days of religious riots in India's western state of Gujarat, 485 people are dead—mainly Muslims brutally murdered by Hindus.

On Sunday, March 3, there was only one such conflict in the town of Bhavnagar, where shops and trucks on the highway were set afire, and mobs clashed with police who responded with gunfire. No one was killed.

However, four people were killed when Muslim homes were set on fire by Hindus last Saturday, according to the police control room.

Two others lost their lives during police gunfire following the fire. Ahmadabad, Gujarat's largest city, and home to 3.5 million, had a curfew lifted after 195 people were killed between Thursday and Saturday.

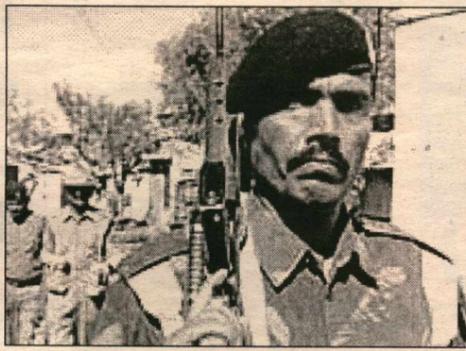
During an interview with Star News TV, Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi said, "I cannot say the situation is normal, but the situation is returning to normalcy. Deaths have come down in Ahmadabad. The government cannot be lenient with the rioters."

Three days ago, the highway outside Ahmadabad was blocked by Hindus and burning tires, but as of Sunday, there were signs of normality. Tea stalls and cigarette stands had reopened, and roadside barbers were even back to work cutting customers' hair. As more bodies were pulled out of the smoldering rubble on Sunday, the police control room stated that the official death toll has reached 485.

This number is inclusive of 58 Hindu activists killed when the train they were on was set ablaze by Muslims on Wednesday in the town of Godhra.

That massacre resulted in the mass murders of Hindus in retaliation. According to the police, 354 people died in attacks of arson after the incident at Godhra, 73 were killed during subsequent police fire. Among those killed were two policemen.

"No one has the right to take the law into their hands... These incidents should make our heads hang in shame," stated Modi, the state's highest



Police patrolled in Sardarpur, India on Sunday as religious riots tapered off after four days of carnage that left 485 people dead.

elected official. Modi also made it clear to Star News that acts of violence occurred in only 12 of 18,000 villages in the state. In a village called Sardarpur, a mob of 4,500 Hindus killed 28 Muslims who had been hiding in a concrete house after they had fled their tin-roof huts.

Live wires were placed into the house, causing the electrocution of two people. Afterward, the house was set on fire and 26, including six children and 15 women were killed in the blaze. The surviving Muslim population of the village, a number around 150, fled their homes. The deserted streets were patrolled on Sunday by

twelve paramilitary soldiers.

"I've been living here since 1962 and there have been no conflicts between the Hindus and the Muslims. I'm incredibly upset. We regret what has happened, but what's done is done," said retired Hindu social worker, Someshwar Pandya.

A peace rally was held on Sunday in Ahmadabad by staff and students of the Indian Institute of Management, one of the most prestigious universities in the country, but was disrupted by Hindu activists, shouting slogans and burning placards.

This has been the worst violence in India since 1993 when riots in Bombay between Hindus and Muslims resulted in 800 deaths. The country has remained relatively calm outside the state of Gujarat.

The violence originated because of a Hindu campaign to construct a temple in the town of Ayodhya in the northern part of the state.

The proposed site is also the site of a 16th century mosque that had been razed by Hindus in 1992. The people burned to

death in the train in Godhra were making their return trip from Ayodhya.

The site of the former mosque is currently being guarded by thousands of police officers to restrain Hindu fundamentalists, led by the World Hindu Council, who still vow to begin constructing their temple on that site on March 15.

According to police and council officials Sunday, only 550 hard-core Hindu activists associated with the Council still remain in the city, and police have stopped trains, blocked roads, and sealed off the city.

The other 20,000 who had assembled last week, assisting in the carving of stone pillars for their proposed temple, left voluntarily.

Around 10,000 are waiting in nearby towns, said officials and Hindu leaders. Ashok Singhal, Hindu Council president, informed reporters in New Delhi, India's capital, that the March 15 beginning of the construction "remains the same."

"I want to appeal to the countrymen and the followers of my holy religion to maintain peace and brotherhood in this divine land," he said.

Idaho teachers outraged by education budget cuts

By Sarah Chase
Off-Campus News Writer

Educators from all over Idaho will be joined by teachers from Canyon County on Tuesday at the statehouse in a massive rally to give their opposition for the cuts the in state's funding for education.

On Thursday, the Idaho Education Association called for teachers statewide to congregate in a rally on the steps of the Capitol building in Boise.

The Director of Communications for the association, Gayle Moore, said, "We have a sense that there is a great deal of frustration or concern about the legislature's actions."

Besides issues with funding, the association is opposing one measure which allows for the decreasing of teachers' salaries as determined by school boards.

The principal of Caldwell High School, Julie Yamamoto, said, "It's an affront to every educator," and referred to the bill as "despicable." Yamamoto, claiming to be a "conservative Republican," stated she is acutely aggravated by the actions taken by the Legislature during this session.

On Wednesday, the majority

of Idaho's senators voted to cut the funding of the state to public schools by \$23.3 million this year. This is an attempt to make the government's budget balanced. This is the first occurrence of a reduction in state monies given to public schools in the middle of a budget emergency.

This measure for the budget was received by the House after a vote of 27-6 by the Senate, cut about \$9 million, which is more than was imposed by Governor Dirk Kempthorne this last year. Kempthorne took this move after it was clear that the erosion of the state's economy would

force collections for taxes to drop far below what they were estimated originally. These deeper cuts by the legislature have been encouraged by Kempthorne, and he says they are a preventive measure to hinder further deterioration economically.

Lawmakers have defended the cuts by stating that the weak economy throughout the nation and state dictates the necessity of the budget cuts. They say the government must tighten up the reins as businesses do.

The counter made by educators is that the education system will move backward without the needed funding from the state. A Syringa Middle School science teacher, Melyssa Ferro, stated that Caldwell teachers were awaiting the chance to stand in unity with their statewide colleagues eagerly. Her hope was that the schools would be closed by the district so that teachers locally could be involved in the rally in Boise.

"We're gonna lose the next generation of teachers." ~ Karen Hargreaves

The rescheduling of the rally for the afternoon at 4:30 allowed teachers from Nampa and Caldwell to arrive in Boise after school had been released.

Ferro stated, "This really has gone further than just an association issue. It's an education issue."

The Assistant Superintendent at Caldwell, Chuck Randolph, spoke his agreement with the staff at his school, stating the actions taken by the Legislature will impair the ability of Caldwell to do teacher recruitment.

Randolph said, "We are sure that there will be Caldwell

teachers at the Legislature to make sure they understand the impact their actions are having on the Caldwell School District." Idaho's member on the board for the National Education Association and a member of the Idaho Education Association, Sherri Wood, stated she is prepared to take a day to personally go to the Capitol and protest. She said that twenty-seven of her fellow colleagues in Caldwell's Van Buren Elementary School are prepared to join with her.

"Teachers understand the budget crisis. They don't understand why we had tax breaks, and nobody's talking about that," Wood said.

According to lawmakers, the cuts in taxes made in the past year are necessary to cause the economy to undergo stimulation and to make sure that an economic recovery nationally does not skip past Idaho. Another contention of advocates of the reduction is that since schools have experienced the state's generosity for years, they can survive with having a part in the brunt of the budget-balancing this year.

Wood stated that the Legislature is slapping teachers with

greater pressure to improve grades, harder standards, and higher accountability, and next hitting teachers with cuts in funding.

Darrel Deide, a Caldwell Senator, defended the attempts of lawmakers to make a budget in an economy that is faltering. He placed dispute in the idea that the actual money going to public schools is being reduced by the Legislature.

In comparison to last year, a 1.6 percent increase in the budget will be given to the public schools despite the decrease approved by the Senate on Wednesday. The public schools will simply not receive the amount of funding they were expecting for this present year.

Deide stated, "Obviously they're concerned, but I think we are doing as well as we can do."

Karen Hargreaves, a veteran fourth-grade teacher at Van Buren, stated she might be capable of handling a wage cut or a freeze, but she knows three colleagues who are in their first year of teaching with younger families.

Hargreaves said, "We're gonna lose the next generation of teachers."

Friendship helps us through tough times

"Friendship is something that raises us almost above humanity. It is the sort of love one can imagine between angels." -C.S. Lewis

This article is dedicated to two very special friends... one is my almost five-year-old nephew, Jordan, and the other knows who she is, Katie! I've decided to talk about something that means a great deal to me, friendship. Friendship is honestly what keeps me going. I have lived an interesting and hard life (and I won't get into specific details). I will stress, though, that if it weren't for my best friends and many others, I don't think I would have made it through high school. You see, in high school, my health as well as my dad's took a turn for the worst. I was in and out of the doctors with test and needles... the conclusion, what is now diabetes, asthma and a few others with long names! I didn't care much. I didn't listen to the doctors, and I did whatever I pretty much wanted. Then I did something that changed my life. I fell while running one day after school. You could say that I liquefied one ankle and slowly ruined the second. I went through a tough time. And I didn't know whether or not I believed in God and whether or not I wanted to serve someone who couldn't give my fam-

ily a break. My sister, around this time, had a little boy named Jordan, or Beanie-boy, as I like to call him. He was truly a gift God sent down to our family. He helped everyone forget about the world around them and showed my family how life could be fun again. But for some reason, my heart was still stone. I let Jordan in, but I shut out all that he had to show me. It was at this time some more "complications" started to seep into our lives. And not knowing what to do, I turned to my best friend since third grade. I would weep for hours about how life was hard and how things didn't make any sense. Katie just held my hand and slowly walked me out of my rut. Soon I was able to have fun again. I could laugh, and more important, I could talk to God again. I learned many important lessons during high school but one that is so special and one that I learn everyday. It's the lesson of loving others and cherishing friendships. My friends are so special to me, and I love each and every one of them. I don't say thank you enough and I don't show them the love that I have. Many of my close friends know and understand that saying "love" is a hard thing for me to say, but my love is still there for them, and I hope that they know that.



Alli Cummins

The reason that I have spent this long rambling is because I want to say thank you to Katie, Jordan and to everyone else out there who has been my friend. I hope that I have said this to you before, but if I haven't, thank you. If you want to know what brought this on, I couldn't tell you. Maybe it's the book I'm reading about Southern Friendships. Who knows?

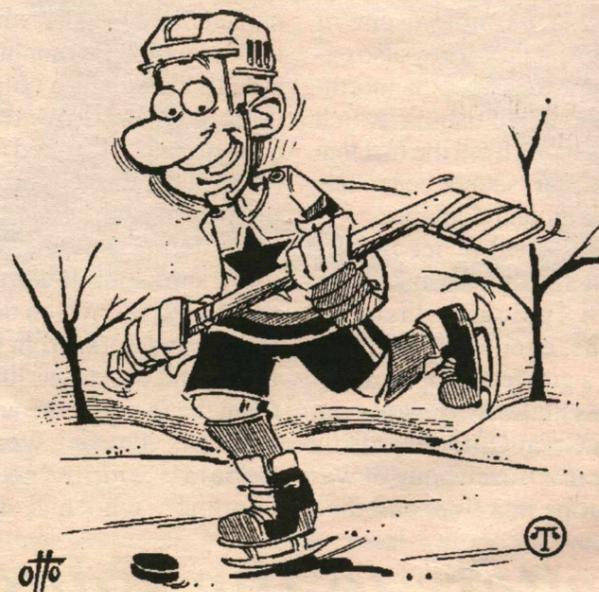
But I've come out today to say thanks. And to let each and everyone of you know that if you have a best friend that has been there over and over tell them thanks. A true friend and love that you share with a friend is very special and very hard to come by these days. But I know that without Katie, Jordan and others, I would have never made it through high school. And I know that without some very precious friends here at school (not going to name anyone, I will forget someone, there's that many

of you) I wouldn't be able to make it through each day. Thank you for the long talks at 1:30 am, for those days where you just have to go tanning or shoe shopping, for those days where nothing works but a cute giggle and a long stare at a hot guy (wink wink), for laughing when I say something completely wrong or when I stumble when there's nothing there. If it weren't for you, my friends, I wouldn't know how to do anything. Someone told me the other day that I can't do anything by myself. They were right; I can't go through life

alone. No one should. So I challenge you to say thanks to someone you love, hug someone who laughs with you. And let someone know if they are an angel in your life. C.S. Lewis has a point, friendship is a love that I think angels show. My friends are angels in my eyes. And for that I am eternally grateful.

Quote for the week: "Don't take yourself too seriously. And don't be too serious about taking yourself too seriously." —Howard Ogden

Tip for the week: Go out and have some fun!



Crusader Tip of the Week: Enjoy it while you can, summer will be here in 2 weeks...then it will snow...again.

The American Dream is not for everyone

By Adrian Anderton
Editorial Writer

I hear America singing, the varied carols I hear.

Those of mechanics, each one singing his as it should be blithe and strong.

The carpenter singing his as he measures his plank or beam.

The mason singing his as he makes ready for work, or leaves off work.

The boatman singing what belongs to him in his boat, the deck-hand singing on the steamboat deck.

The shoemaker singing as he sits on his bench, the hatter singing as he stands.

The wood-cutter's song, the ploughboy's on his way in the morning, or at noon intermission or at sundown.

The delicious singing of the mother, or the young wife at work, or the girl sewing or washing.

Each singing what belongs to him or her and to none else...

(Walt Whitman, "I Hear America Singing", 1855)

I thought this to be a beautiful

poem depicting America at the prepubescent stage of its development. Whitman wrote the poem in a time when people were formerly bound in the shackles and chains of a tyrannical society and government of Great Britain and were then free to live as they chose. I am no one to say for sure, but I imagine the air smelled sweeter knowing freedom and having lived without freedom.

In this newfound freedom, a substantial party chose the religious faith of the Christian church. Stemming from the intermingling of both freedom and religion came the Protestant work ethic.

In generalization, the Protestant work ethic said, "A Christian duty is to fulfill one's secular calling to the best of one's abilities. Obedience in this would please God and would be rewarded with prosperity. Therefore, people worked diligently to please God."

Today in America, we do not understand the meaning of limited freedom. A current generalized statement of the understanding of freedom in America is "the sky is the limit," also known as the "American

Dream." The evidence, in American society, says that freedom enables us to achieve our hearts' desire. An example of one who has reached his heart's desire is Bill Gates who is living the "American Dream."

Based on this understanding, any obstacle preventing American society from attaining freedom is evil and must be removed. The same is applicable to our view on prosperity. By our own means, we attain prosperity, perversely different from the original precepts of prosperity in this country. This signifies the loss of our understanding of purpose (individually and as a nation) which has thrust us into disharmony resulting from our own pursuits.

An example of today's freedom and prosperity can be found in the Bush Administration's action taken against the current terrorist attacks. The terrorist attacks on September 11th were horrible and still are. Osama Bin Laden obviously attacked America because he desires to prosper his regime and the United States stands in the way. In a small fraction of time, thousands of people were killed and injured.

For no reason does anyone have the freedom to justify these actions. On the other hand, *The New York Times*, on Feb. 13 in the year 2002, published an article titled October Strike on Taliban Hit Civilians, Survivors Say.

In the article, a story was told of Afghanistan civilians trying to escape from their homes while they were being bombed by US planes, only to be bombed while escaping, and then once again at the civilians' homes. "Then they went to the tractor and picked up body parts they could not see in the dark," said a relative who had come to help. Many died and some were injured.

For no reason are these actions justifiable. The presence of Bin Laden and his forces in Afghanistan pose a looming threat of further attack moving attention from our prosperity to him.

The American reality is not necessarily reality; many nations do not want us involved in their business. In Viet Nam, we stuck our nose where it did not belong, and we got our nose blown off for it. At no point in time did God appoint the United

States to be "big brother" to the nations. In fact, the Lord's second greatest commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. Even if God did appoint America to be "big brother" to the nations, we are not achieving the task appointed because we have our freedom and prosperity in mind not theirs.

You might say we are the "big brother" of the dysfunctional family. Our task at hand is our freedom, freedom to attain our heart's desire like a selfish big brother.

In 1776 we gained our independence as a free nation, with a pure intention in heart. Today, we lord our independence over nations and use it to infringe on others for access to petroleum and trade. Our purpose in life (in general) is to give, not take. Unfortunately, our perspective is skewed to the point that we think our purpose is to take, not give.

"We the people" make up America, entangled by our own chains of self-will. Break the bonds; find the heart of freedom and prosperity and then we will be "We the people, under one God," free and prosperous.

Matt's Schnapps Thawed Dave's Frosty Bobber

In last week's column, I described my January visit to Grand Forks, N.D., and East Grand Forks, Minn., which are also called "The Grand Cities" by about six people who are hoping this name will attract more humans to the area.

I went to The Grand Cities because I had poked some good-natured fun at the residents. They responded by good-naturedly inviting me up and formally naming a sewage pumping station after me in a ceremony that will forever remain a vivid memory in my mind, even though I have burned my clothes.

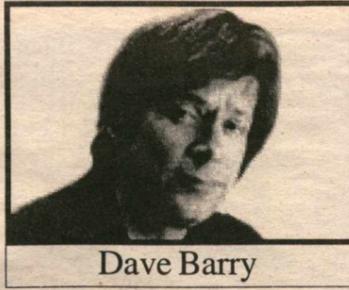
But that was not the end of their hospitality. They also exposed me to the popular northern sport of ice fishing, which gets its name from the fact that "ice fishing" sounds better than "sitting around drinking."

The idea behind ice fishing is that the northern winter, which typically lasts 43 months, eventually starts to make a guy feel cooped up inside his house. So he goes out to the Great Outdoors, drills a hole in a frozen body of water, drops in a line, and then

coops himself up inside a tiny structure called a "fish house" with a heater and some fishing buddies and some cigars and some adult beverages and maybe a TV with a satellite dish. It's basically the same thing as drilling a hole in the floor of your recreation room, the difference being that in your recreation room you'd have a better chance of catching a fish.

I started my ice-fishing trip at the Cabela's outdoor-supply store, which is close to the biggest thing in East Grand Forks, and which has huge tanks inside with fish swimming around. There I met a guy named Steve Gander, who had two snowmobiles running outside in the subzero cold. We hopped on and drove them at a high rate of speed, right through the East Grand Forks traffic. (By "the East Grand Forks traffic," I mean, "a car.")

We snowmobiled down to the Red River, which divides East Grand Forks from Grand Forks, and which gets its name from the fact that the water is brown. There we met Cabela's employee Matt Gindorff, who had drilled



Dave Barry

some holes in the ice. Matt dropped a fishing line into a hole, and within just 15 minutes — Talk about beginners luck! — nothing happened. Nothing ever happens in ice fishing, because — this is my theory — there are no fish under the ice. Fish are not rocket scientists but they are smart enough to spend the winter someplace warm, like Arizona. The only fish anywhere near me and Matt were the ones in the tanks at Cabela's; they were probably looking out the window at us, thinking, "What a pair of MORONS."

TRUE FACT: Every January, The Grand Cities hold a day-long ice-fishing tournament called "The Frosty Bobber." The first year it was held, the total number of fish caught was zero. The second year, one person actually did catch

something. It was a salamander.

So Matt and I sat there, "fishing," until our body temperatures had dropped to about 55 degrees. Fortunately, Steve had brought along a traditional beverage called "schnapps," which can be used, in a pinch, to fuel your snowmobile.

After the "fishing," Steve and I snowmobiled up to the Sacred Heart School, where the Grand Cities honored me with a benefit potluck supper, to which the entire community had been invited. It was a big deal. The Grand Forks Herald published a color-coded map that divided the Grand Cities into three sectors, and assigned the residents of each sector to bring one of the three basic potluck food groups: 1) Hotdish; 2) Jell-O salad; and 3) Bars, which are desserts cut into bars, and which often feature, as a key culinary ingredient, Rice Krispies.

The potluck supper was almost a disaster, because the people who showed up first were all from the east side, which had been assigned to bring bars. This meant that for

a while there, there were hardly any hotdishes. This story was reported the next day on the front page of the Grand Forks Herald, under the headline (I am not making any of this up), "HOTDISH SCARE."

Fortunately, the hotdish people showed up. So did the Jell-O people, big time. I have never seen that much Jell-O in my life. Most of it had things suspended in it: fruits, vegetables, office supplies, you name it. But the food was delicious, and the people were wonderful to me. As I sat there in the Sacred Heart gym, surrounded by these good-hearted, hard-working, Jell-O-eating people, I felt, despite my big-city cynicism, a warm glow inside. You have GOT to try schnapps.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Crusader Editor:

I'm sorry to hear that they are cutting the position of Off-Campus Non-Traditional Student Coordinator that certain members of last year's Senate worked so hard to bring back.

As an off-campus student, I feel that this position is vital to keeping people updated on important campus events. It's amazing how cut-off from things that I feel since moving off-campus this year. The email updates that Sarah Hughes put in our campus mailboxes have been a big help on letting me know what's going on.

I understand that the budget for the next year might be kind of tight, but seriously, there must be other things that can be cut. There were a variety of things that were cut for this year in order to keep expenditures down. For example, what was the deal with the Campus Ministries

sponsored chess event?! I think that our dollars (remember all those fees we pay each semester) can be spent in much more responsible ways.

Plus, what does chess have to do with campus ministries? I was just wondering. The money should be spent in ways that bring people to Jesus. There are a variety of clubs that really could benefit from having extra funds, which would in turn help the community in which we live.

I would publicly like to thank Sarah Hughes for all her hard work. Sarah and the previous Off-Campus Non-Traditional Student Coordinator, Dustin Herring, both did an excellent job. Thank you so much for all the hard work and trying to make us feel like we were somehow involved in this campus community.

Sincerely,
Sonya Wold

Dear Crusader Editor:

I recently attended the 40th Anniversary Reunion of my Class of 1961 and picked up a copy of *The Crusader* of which I had been a columnist in my college days, 1957-61. I was heartbroken when I found on the back page an advertisement for Edwards 14 Cinemas including titles rated "R." What a far cry from when I was there and was Editor of the Sports Department's *Pressbook*. A local Nazarene businessman, who was half owner in Bulldog Bowl, approached me to ask if he could buy the whole back page for an advertisement to promote his bowling alley.

I accepted it and the copy was ready to go but I happened to mention it to Coach Orrin Hills and he said I should discuss it with President John Riley. President Riley told me I would have to rescind my acceptance since the publication would be seen by constitu-

ents of the educational zone as lowering our moral standards against "booze halls that included bowling."! So I had to tell the business man who's business was entirely free of any alcoholic beverages that a decision had been made by the administration not to allow his advertisement to be included.

Now, on the other hand, the advertising of Hollywood filth is included in an NNU publication. As my Nazarene pastor father used to say, "partaking of Hollywood's offerings is like clasping Hell fire to ones bosom." I can't believe that Hollywood motion pictures and holiness living can be considered compatible.

I wish to register my offense at such advertising in the publication of a college supported by the tithe I give to my Nazarene church.

Prayerfully and sincerely,
Jim Franklin, Class of 1961

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"If our mascot were to change, what do you think we should change it to?"



"Something with more honor, like John Wesley."

--Angela Mincer
Freshman
Graphic Design



"Punky Bruster!"

--Tyler Hill
Sophomore
Political Science



"I would change it to 'Psalty the Singing Psalm Book.'"

--Paul Clark
Junior
Computer Science



"I think it should be a Lion, like Aslon."

--Spring Fisk
Senior
Music Theory

We Were Soldiers combines realism with honor

By A.T. Bly
Opinions Writer

We Were Soldiers is a new Vietnam War film. But unlike the more famous Vietnam War films, such as *The Deer Hunter* (1978), *Apocalypse Now* (1979), *Platoon* (1986) and *Full Metal Jacket* (1987), *We Were Soldiers* is not blatantly anti-war, anti-American and anti-patriotic. Instead, it is much more objective to the horror and reality of deadly combat, allowing the audience to decide for themselves whether or not such a great sacrifice was needed during such a crucial period in American history.

Two striking themes occur throughout *We Were Soldiers*. The first and most shocking is its extremely graphic depiction of warfare. Most everyone can remember how horrifying the realistic violence was in the modern classic *Saving Private Ryan* (1998), and those who have seen the recent *Black Hawk Down* (2001) saw how this unique method of depicting war violence was turned up a few notches. But

We Were Soldiers leaves both of these movies behind, combining the non-stop terror of ultragraphic realism with a story that is both entertaining and honorable.

The second theme that is repeated throughout *We Were Soldiers* is that of relationships and love—love for your husband or wife, love for your children and love for your fellow soldier and friend. And the emotions that are derived out of these relationships will cause even the most hard-hearted to shed a tear or two. Furthermore, there are the occasional bits of humor that help even out the emotional rollercoaster.

Mel Gibson (*What Women*



Mel Gibson stars in the Vietnam War story, *We Were Soldiers*.

Want, The Patriot) headlines the cast of *We Were Soldiers*. And once again, he proves that he is still at the pinnacle of his craft as he delivers yet another flawless performance. Madeleine Stowe (*The General's Daughter, 12 Monkeys*) plays his wife who carries her own in a few key emotional scenes. Sam Elliott (*The Contender, The Big Lebowski*) plays the experienced Sergeant-Major who is often a scene-stealer with his hilarious one-liners and his

American Pie) plays a younger soldier who is full of courage and looks toward Mel Gibson's character as a sort of father figure. And Barry Pepper (*Battlefield Earth, Saving Private Ryan*) plays the non-combatant military reporter who learns more about war than he probably ever wished.

We Were Soldiers is written and directed by Randall Wallace. His only other film in which he was the director was one entitled *The Man in*

straight-faced demeanor. Greg Kinnear (*As Good As It Gets, Sabrina*) plays the main pilot of the squadron of helicopters that flies the soldiers in and out of the great battle. Chris Klein (*Rollerball,*

the Iron Mask (1998), which was a mostly average movie and not all that memorable. But Randall Wallace is more remembered for two other movies he wrote, *Braveheart* (1995) and *Pearl Harbor* (2001). In other words, he knows his way around a battle scene. And in *We Were Soldiers*, his experience is unmistakable in how maturely he presents the inherent tragedy of war. He directs this film very well, and because of this, it is very entertaining and very enlightening.

We Were Soldiers might just be the best Vietnam War movie ever. And if it isn't, it's a close second. It isn't really a film for those with a weak heart, but it should really benefit those who have a weak American spirit.



Aaron Gentry and Aaron Bly

40 Days explores complexity of society's desensitization

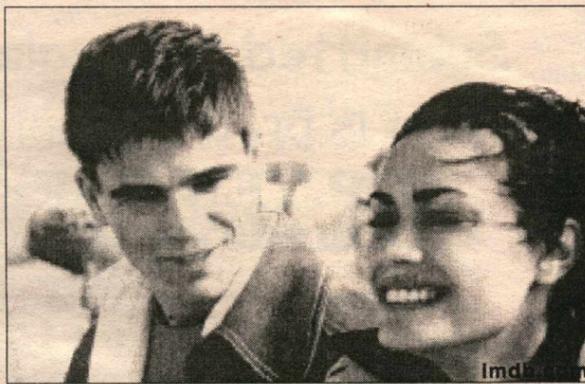
By Aaron Gentry
Opinions Writer

New to theaters this week is *40 Days and 40 Nights*, a modern comedy about physical intimacy and how it affects relationships. The movie explores the complexity in our society today that surrounds the issues of sex and love, and all the baggage that entails.

Matt Sullivan, played by Josh Harnett (*Black Hawk Down, Pearl Harbor*), is an average young American male and Erica, played by Shannyn Sossamon (*A Knights Tale*), is the young woman he falls in love with. But there's only one problem in their relationship ... Matt gave up all forms of physical intimacy for Lent, hence the title. Matt and Erica struggle through their relationship with no kissing, holding hands, or even hugging, but most specifically no sex. For them, that puts their relationship on hold, but for everyone else ... it becomes the biggest Internet betting pool of all time.

People from all around the world jump at the chance to bet on when Matt will mess up. His friends are either trying to get him to hold on a few more

days or convince him to give up his vow on their day of betting. Women begin to treat him differently, some trying to seduce him to get the "power" back.



Josh Harnett and Shannyn Sossamon star in the comedy *40 Days and 40 Nights*.

Most people, even his closest friends, question his motives for such a serious vow. Matt's motives are quite complex. First, it has been six months since a breakup with his longstanding girlfriend Nicole, played by Vinessa Shaw (*Ladybugs, Eyes Wide Shut*), and yet he still is having problems dealing with her leaving him. Second, he just found out that after dating another man for only a few weeks, Nicole is engaged. Third, his brother, a soon-to-be Catholic priest, dared him to do it.

Directed by Michael Lehmann, the director of *Hudson Hawk, Airheads*, and

the 1999 season of *The West Wing*, *40 Days* is at its basics a romantic comedy, but with a twist or the idea of temptation. Coming so soon after last Friday's chapel by Wayne Johnson, the truth about temptation was hit even further home for me.

But not only is the movie a crude comedy about sex and relationships, it is also an unconscious commentary on where our sex-crazed society is right now. Sex has become something less sacred than baseball or football, just another pastime for many people today. So for many who see it, you might be like me, first you'll laugh, then you'll think, then you will be depressed. But, hopefully, anyone who sees this movie will at least be forced to think about how superficial sex has become in our society.

For the most part, the movie is quite funny. For a comparison, the comedy in the movie is like the *American Pie* movies, but with less slapstick and more sexual humor. The movie is rated R for strong sexual content, nudity and language.

We Were Soldiers
A.T. Bly

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40 Days and 40 Nights
Aaron Gentry

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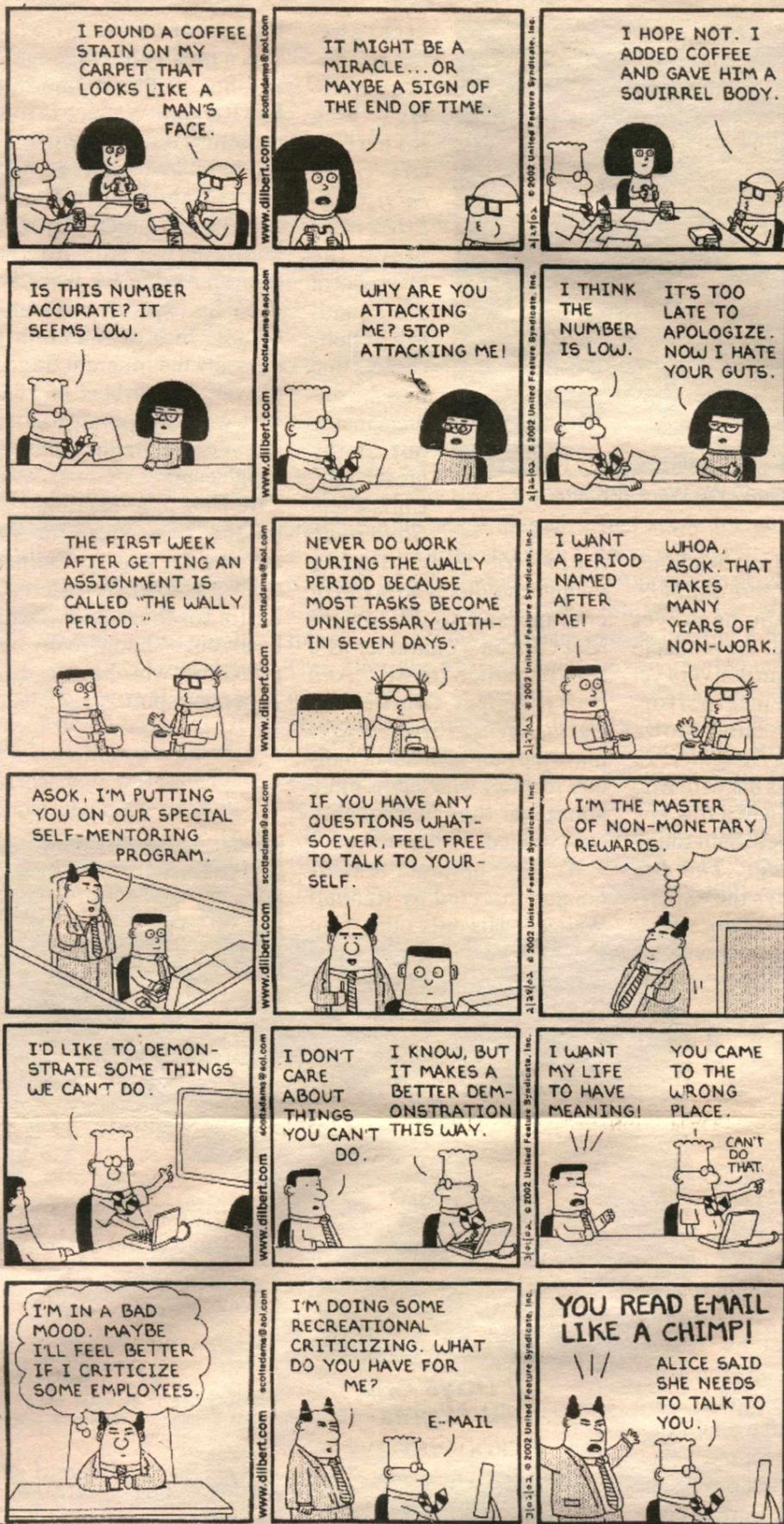
- ✓✓✓✓ Great movie! Shows signs of a possible classic
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- ✓✓ See it at least once, it might make you a better person
- ✓ The sticky stuff on the floor is more interesting
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"I could handle it better if they hadn't told me it was a simple maze."

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Top Ten Ways to Usher in Spring in March

10. Wear flipflops.
9. Disregard comments that its too cold for flipflops.
8. Insist they act as snow shoes if it does snow.
7. Sing "Summer Summer Summertime" by Will Smith incessantly.
6. Casually ask your pals if they're headed to the lake this weekend.
5. Fan your face with the brochure in church, no matter how many goosebumps cover you.
4. Insist on going for a jog in the morning, "before the afternoon eat sets in."
3. Complain that your air conditioner in your room is broken.
2. Set up a sand volleyball pit on the coldest Saturday.
1. Make the other team be "skins."

Submitted by Angie Finton

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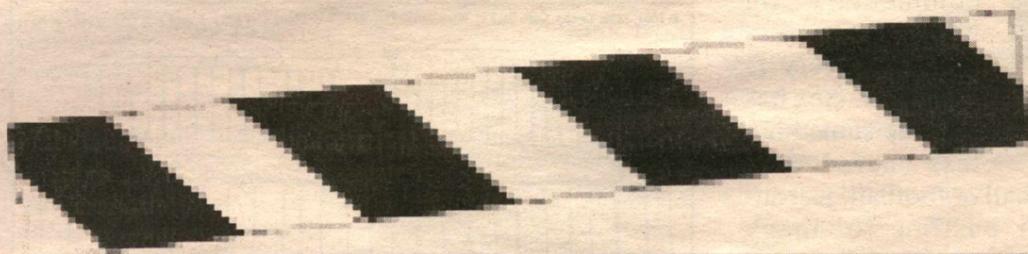
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