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Idaho state and federal candidates taking a stand against abortion were met by 750 concerned Nampans outside the Civic Center, November 3. The rally, "Champions for the Innocent," was held to both challenge the candidates to maintain their pro-life stand and to encourage citizens to vote on Tuesday.

## CAMP'S FIRE

By John Rimbey  
Staff Writer

I went to the Steve Camp concert at First Church not knowing what to expect. I sat there on Halloween night wondering if I had come just to see a show, or if this would be an experience worth missing trick-or-treating. The concert, which was supposed to begin at seven, began late. At 7:30, Camp was just arriving at the Boise airport. In the meantime, Eon Trotman gave a special impromptu performance as we waited for Camp's arrival.

I was wondering if Camp would be a flashy stereotype like most contemporary Christian singers. I was shown otherwise when the Lee Rudeen look-alike jumped out on stage dressed in bright purple sweats from head to toe.

The music was so loud at times I couldn't hear the words. The way Camp sang with a distorted, raspy, chain-smoker voice didn't appeal to me until I started to listen to what he had to say. As he shared with the audience, I noticed he had a central concern of calling Christians out of their comfort zones. He called the Church to be Jesus to the needs of its neighbors. To prove his

point, Camp used Bible verses such as Luke 9:23: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Through humor and various personal stories of confrontations with Satanists and a seven foot Hell's Angel named "Tiny," Camp emphasized the power of Christ that saves even those we would least expect. We as Christians must be ready to use that power.

Camp's ministry began when he was 19. In 1979, he signed with CBS Records, but later terminated his contract when they asked him to drop the Christianity from his music. Since then, he has signed with Word and Sparrow Records. See Camp pg 4



## Semesters in '93

President Wetmore takes a stand for "constructive change."

By D. M. Bomar  
Assistant Editor

In perhaps his boldest stand since assuming office in 1983, NNC President Gordon Wetmore has taken action that will move NNC to a semester calendar.

In a list of recommendations to the Board of Regents, Wetmore recommended "that the Board of Regents authorize the administration to begin the process to move NNC to a semester calendar beginning in the fall of 1993." The Regents did grant such authorization at their semi-annual meeting November 1.

In a documented statement to the faculty regarding the recommendation, Wetmore explained that "the type and structure of the semester calendar will be determined by Dr. Dan Berg, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, in conjunction with the appropriate faculty councils and committees."

In October of 1988, the Academic Council, comprised of faculty members, took

action to recommend to the administration that NNC remain on the quarter system. Most faculty members adhere to this position, strongly opposing the change from quarters to semesters.

Wetmore expected the opposition. George Fox College is the only school known to have had enough faculty support to make the switch without a presidential mandate.

"I can't expect everyone to applaud the decision, but I feel it's in the best interest of the college," Wetmore commented.

The faculty isn't quite so optimistic. Professors are concerned that their class loads, as well as the students', would be heavier under a semester calendar. Class size could also increase with the change, and NNC may need more faculty.

These issues will be determined by Dr. Berg and the faculty in the process of restructuring the curricula, Wetmore noted, but "the advice we are getting from other schools is that it (the

change to semesters) would not require more faculty," he added.

The two basic reasons behind Wetmore's presidential decision are to create "a basis for curricular reform and rejuvenation," and "to bring NNC's academic calendar into accord with significant peer groups." The NAIA athletic program, for

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## Fone America Fiasco

By Naomi Brown  
Staff Writer

"I hate Phone America! I've tried to call my boyfriend five times and I can't get through."

How many times has this been screamed from the doorway of a frustrated student's room? Breaks in conversations/connections, operators who won't transfer a caller to AT&T, and delays in connections have been frequent this term and students are not happy.

Many wonder "Why Phone America?"

The main reason for this company providing telephone service to NNC's campus is because Phone America offers a rebate to the school based on the amount of traffic generated by the service. This money, though only a few thousand dollars, goes into the general budget for college expenses. Without the rebate, tuition would have to cover the difference.

The goal of the college in selecting an off-campus

phone company was to "balance cost versus service," NNC Business Manager Hal Weber stated. Some sacrifices must be made in order to keep costs down.

The future does hold hope for those plagued by delayed connections which result in the receiver being hung up before the caller is put through. Phone America will be installing dialers to deal with this problem and should have it eliminated by the end of the week of November 4.

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# EDITORIALS

## APATHY IN ACTION

We're in the pattern again.

The school year starts, and students from throughout the Northwest begin to gather in Nampa, Idaho. There is a purpose for this gathering, the same purpose that there is every year: education.

Webster's defines education as, "the knowledge obtained through learning" and defines educate as, "to promote or supervise the mental or moral growth of..." If the purpose of attending NNC is to be educated, (and why else would you pay \$9000 to go to college in Nampa) and to gain some degree of knowledge, where does our obligation for education begin, and everyone else's obligation to educate us end?

### Point of View

Brian Reckling  
*Crusader Editor*

As college students, we have an obligation to take part in our own education. But as Webster's definition states, education involves more than mental

growth; it also involves moral growth. Oftentimes, it is convenient for us to accept what lies before us, without questioning why it is there.

Professors present us with information that will be on tests, and many students simply scribble down the notes and then shove them aside until it is time to cram for the test. Why is this information so readily accepted as truth? One obvious reason is that professors have spent many years being educated in the subject that they teach, but did they learn by simply accepting what was placed before them? Probably not... Answers result from questions, and questions arise when we actively listen.

The mental side of education is fairly easy to picture, and even easier to understand, but what about moral growth? How can we take part in our own moral growth? First of all, the same questions can be asked. Why is this the way we are to act? And why should we care how we are "supposed" to act?

Moral growth is not something that we suddenly acquire at age 22 when we graduate from college, it is something we learn over a lifetime. We learn who we truly are, and what we need to do to be true to ourselves.

It is easy to become apathetic or complacent to the problems of our campus and community, and especially to our world, but if we do, are we being true to ourselves? Just as we have an obligation to take part in our own mental growth, we have an obligation to take part in our moral growth. The problem has gone beyond moral latitudes, and is now to the stage of ethical ineptitude.

Sign-ups for student-faculty committees were posted for a couple of weeks, and there were even posters all over the Student Center asking for involvement, yet there were only ten different names signed up to fill eighteen different positions.

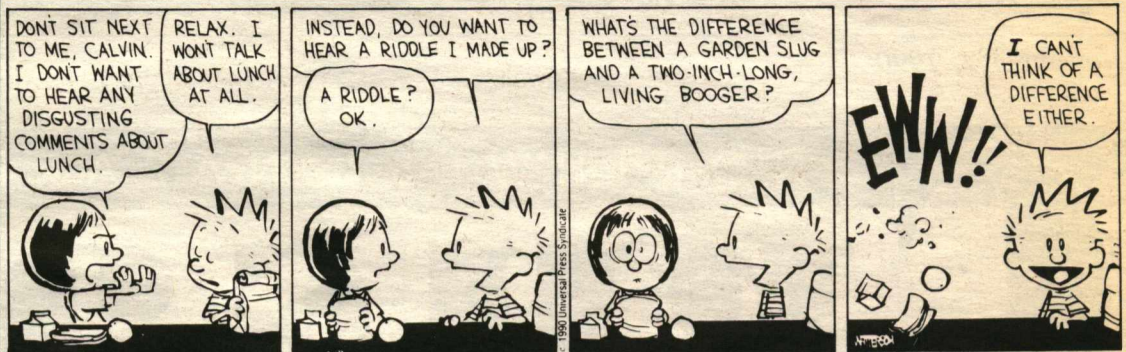
Many decisions that vitally affect NNC are made in Senate each week, yet all year there have been maybe a total of ten gallery members (and that is counting a couple of people more than once).

If we are partially responsible for our own education, then where are we drawing the line between our responsibility to learn, and someone else's responsibility to teach us?

Questioning the information our world presents us, and actively participating in those things which affect us will further our education, and enhance the education of those around us.

### Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



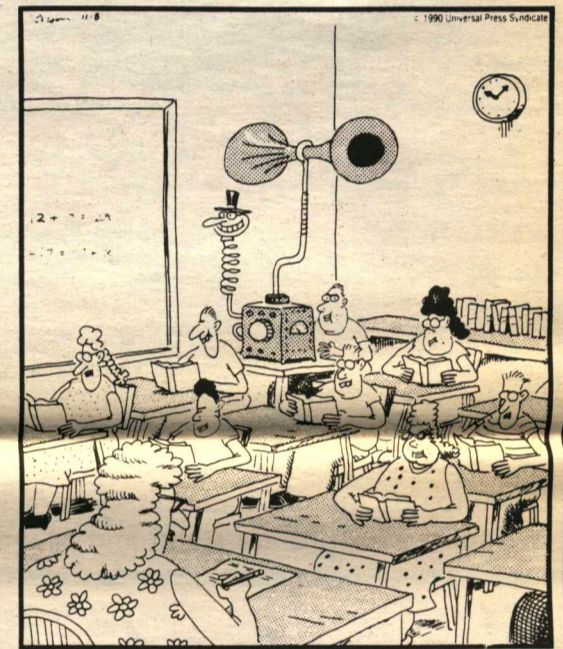
### THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



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## Christ-like recruitment

*Editors note: The following letter is in response to the "Sound Off" box which appeared in the last edition of the Crusader. The issue was whether NNC should recruit non-Christian athletes.*

Dear Editor:

"The basic mission of Northwest Nazarene College is the development of Christian character within the philosophy and framework of genuine scholarship." This is

the first sentence in the Handbook, and the third in the Catalog. Of course, we wouldn't want to violate this mission by recruiting non-Christian athletes. That would be like inviting non-Christian people to church. What kind of a Christ-like character can be developed by reaching out to people outside of our faith? Seriously, I believe that non-Christian athletes should be recruited no differently than Christian athletes. The

school should also have the same expectations regarding lifestyle at school, and deal with problems accordingly. Athletic talent does not make one exempt from the rules. We have a responsibility to develop our own character by loving others, and also to give them opportunities to develop a Christ-like character.

Sincerely,  
Dennis W. Howard

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# EDITORIALS

## "Way of life" at stake in Saudi

By Diana Nikkel  
Guest Editorial

The picture on the front page of the October 24 issue of the *Crusader* leads me to believe that many people are confused as to exactly why we are over in the Middle-East. The picture showed a sign on the grass between the administration building and the Wiley Learning Center which read, "War is not a solution... Sanctions only kill the oppressed... Oil is not worth dying for."

To begin with, we aren't there simply because of the

invasion of Kuwait. We wouldn't be over there if it were as simple as that. We aren't over there to protect freedom, human rights, or even democracy. We are over there, as President Bush so adequately stated, to protect "our way of life." Protecting our way of life is much more of an issue than is the cost of oil driving up prices at the gas pump.

Contrary to popular belief, the U.S. is not dependent on Arab oil. The United States produces 7.4 million barrels of oil per day to meet a demand of 7.7 million barrels per day. The shortfall could be purchased

from another country, such as Venezuela. However, Europe and Japan are heavily dependent on Middle-Eastern oil. Europe produces 3.8 million barrels of oil per day with a demand of 8.2 million. Japan produces .01 barrels per day with a demand of 5.5 million.

Even with the annexation of Kuwait, Saddam Hussein controls only about 20 percent of the Middle-Eastern oil. But if he were to take control of Saudi Arabia (his armies were poised on its border in attack formation), he would have virtually total control of the entire oil output of the

region, and with that, a great amount of power in world affairs. Even then, the U.S. would be affected only indirectly. However, Japan and Western Europe would be affected greatly because they are almost totally dependent on this oil. Without it, their economies would screech to a grinding halt in a matter of weeks. This collapse of Western Europe and Japan would be a geopolitical disaster of the first magnitude. It would affect the U.S. politically, economically, and culturally. We could not escape a major economic crash. When President Bush spoke of this oil as vital to "our way of life," he meant exactly that. Not only does the modern world depend on oil for energy, but petroleum chemicals are the very basis of a huge variety of industries from plastics to pharmaceuticals.

In addition, Iraq needs to be rendered incapable of making a military strike. Iraq has tested missiles having intercontinental potential and has the capability to send a hostile satellite into orbit. Combining those capabilities with nuclear warheads seems just a matter of time. Israeli and other intelligence sources estimate that Saddam Hussein will have nuclear weapons between 1993 and 1995--unless he is stopped. And with nuclear weapons aimed at key cities throughout the world and

threat to press the launch button at the slightest provocation, Hussein will have the opportunity to dominate the oil industry and thus dominate world affairs.

America is not engaged in war yet. The prospect of war will be faced sadly. In the awful event, many will die and many will be wounded. War is many things, but first of all, it is a human tragedy. Yet the prospect must be faced resolutely. If Hussein does not relent, war may be the only option. Many people disagree with me. They favor a "peaceful" solution. A peaceful solution would be wonderful, but we must remember our history. A peaceful solution would most likely involve some sort of appeasement. Rewarding aggression means more aggression will follow. Throwing countries to the wolves just leads to bigger and stronger wolves coming back for you, just as Hitler came back to get France in 1940 after France threw away Czechoslovakia and Poland. Appeasement did not work in WWII and it will not work now.

If we don't halt Saddam Hussein, we will be regretful when, in the future, Hussein has the ability to manipulate the world's economy because we gave him time to strengthen and to acquire nuclear weapons. We will regret the fact that we didn't destroy him when we had the chance.

## Call it pornography

By Tina Loyd  
Staff Writer

The freedom of speech is a precious thing that we, as a nation, must be careful to protect. The entire democratic political system depends profoundly on the individual's right to assert his opinions and ideas. Heavy government censorship would stagnate the pool of ideas and thus seriously impede the democratic process. Yet, it is generally agreed that some types of censorship are not only permissible, but also necessary. Such is the case with pornography.

However, the censorship of pornography is not cut and dried. Any time censorship is mentioned, the limitations of this censorship must be defined. How far should the federal government go to limit the distribution of pornography? At what point does protecting against pornography stop

and violating the freedom of speech begin? It is this issue that is being addressed presently with the new NC-17 (no children under 17) rating on films.

The controversy began with film producers who try to make a distinction between obscene art films and hard-core pornographic films. Producers of the "art films" felt that it was degrading for their films to be identified with their cheaper, for-thrills-only counterparts, and therefore devised the new NC-17 rating which allows these films to be shown in all cinemas, not just "adult" theaters. Any person over the age of 16 may now go to his corner cinema and view what was formerly an X-rated film.

Upon further examination, one must ask if freedom of speech is really the issue. These "art films" are not inexpensive to produce, and when sales are confined to adult theaters and video tape sales, the producers barely

break even. By increasing the availability of their product and expanding their clientel (previously one had to be at least 21 years of age to view such films), the film producers have managed to salvage the obscene "art film" from its untimely death. The NC-17 rating is quite necessary to ensure the production of "quality" pornography.

The grating question remains: Is pornography that has been sugar-coated by quality acting and a plot still pornography, or is it a different beast altogether? I believe that this question can be answered quite simply. Quality acting and a good plot can survive quite well without the addition of pornography, as can pornography without acting and a plot. The two need not be married. The marriage of pornography and art is merely an attempt at masking an ugly and unacceptable face.

Let us call pornography pornography.

### SOUND OFF

*NNC's school colors have been orange and black for a long time. However, many students feel that the school colors should be included in the changes which will be taking place in the near future.*

*Orange and black are unappealing, say proponents of the change, and their association with Halloween carries negative overtones. New colors would have a positive affect on NNC.*

*Those arguing against the change say that orange and black are traditions at NNC, and without the familiar colors, NNC would lose the remainder of its identity.*

*Send your opinion (150 words max) to COLORS, box C.*

## LOGO LOGIC LOST IN SUNBURST

By Marty Michelson  
Guest Editorial

I have been a student at NNC for just over a year now, and I have been affiliated with the college for over ten years. This fall I have noticed a new development on the NNC campus. Some students may like this new development, but as far as I have been able to perceive, most of those who comprise the Associated Students of Northwest Nazarene College find this new development unfavorable. I am speaking

of the new NVC (oops! I mean NNC) symbol that has invaded our campus and seemingly become a part of everything that bears the letters NVC (again, oops! I mean the NVC symbol that is really supposed to be the NNC symbol with a "sunburst" in it).

A few questions to ponder:

First of all, what exactly is a "sunburst" anyway? It's not defined in any of the dictionaries that I consulted. Would somebody please explain just exactly what it is and how in the world it is

supposed to be related to NNC? Or is it supposed to be a "Sunburst" and somehow look like Jesus shining through the letters NVC?

Who was responsible for the new logo? Is it true that the school invested a large sum of money in obtaining a big name artist to design this cockamamie design for our school? And if so, why? If "Northwest Nazarene College" was not written underneath the new logo in everyplace that it appears, I dare say that a large portion of people polled would think the logo read NVC, rather than NNC.

So even if some big name artist designed the new logo, who chose to adapt it as NNC's official symbol? Who was consulted and who was asked to give their opinion? I can't claim that I've made a school-wide survey, but I have yet to find one student who likes the looks of the new logo. Why weren't students asked to give their opinion about the new symbol? Are our opinions unimportant to those who make decisions about what goes on here on our campus?

I keep wondering why somebody picked a logo to

which the students are not even attracted. Isn't that the purpose of the logo in the first place? And if that isn't the purpose, what is the purpose of having the logo?

I am not an expert writer, philosopher, artist, advertiser, or pessimist. I would just like to have some questions answered regarding NNC's new logo, which, quite frankly, I think, is a terrible representation of the three simple letters N-N-C.

*Editor's note: To find some answers to Marty's questions, turn to page 8.*

# FEATURES

## Camp: a Halloween treat

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He was making pop Christian music until the debut of "Fire and Ice" in 1984. This album was the first that Camp felt was a ministry and really said something. In the last few years, he feels as if the music has become less important, while the ministry has grown by "leaps and

bounds." I asked Steve what he feels is the most important emphasis of his ministry. He responded, "I want most of all to get Christians to know their Lord. I could ask a kid to give me twenty minutes on Peretti, and he would tell me all about This Present Darkness. I can ask that

same kid to give me three verses on the deity of Jesus, and he would look at me like I'm Mario Lanz." He then quoted J.I. Packer, as he said, "American Christianity is basically three thousand miles wide, but only half an inch deep.... I asked a pastor how he knew he was saved. He said, 'because I get goosebumps from the top of my head to the bottom of my feet.' I said, 'Then you're not saved. I don't care how long you've preached the Word.'" He went on to say that Christian living goes much deeper than goosebumps but is based on reason and self-sacrifice. He says it's easy to get pumped up on the Faith during the concert, but afterwards it's hard to see the disciple. "I want to see people take His word as their music, His theology as their doxology, and His word as their song," he added. I was most impressed not

with Steve Camp's music, but with his talk. He is an excellent example and role model when he asks Christians to get into the Word, "eat it up," and memorize it. Steve Camp's ministry is much more than just concerts. He and his wife work with their local church and high schools, and they also help minister to the gay community. He says the gays don't like it because Camp calls them to holiness. He has also been working with Compassion International for over ten years. Steve believes that what he sings should be lived out daily in his life. His main prayer concern is that his ministry will stay true to God's will and be faithful rather than successful. The most important thing in his life is his family. He has been married over three years, has an 18 month old

son, and a baby due in January. "I would trade all my concerts in front of thousands and the Royal Family for the times when my son comes and sits on my lap and says, 'Daddy.'" After the concert I understood that Steve Camp has a great ministry. He is one of the few people who can really sing the words, "Don't tell them Jesus loves them until you're ready to love them too." His life shows the love about which he sings. The desire of Steve's heart is to rekindle the "once bright light of American Christianity that went dim as we let the world become our friend." His favorite Bible passage, 2 Peter 1:1-11, sums up the call of his ministry. Please read it. And don't be afraid of being labeled a nerd because of Jesus. As Steve Camp said, "We're all geeks in God's eyes."

## Exotic lizard tour hits Boise

By Howie Johnson  
*Crusader Special*

I recently had the opportunity to attend The Exotic Lizards of the World exhibit at the Boise Zoo. The exhibit, on its Northwest tour, will continue touring through February, 1991. It will conclude its official bookings in Jordan, Montana at the Phyllis Bee Memorial Grange Hall. The exhibit is comprised of over 200 varieties of lizards from every lizards region of the world known to the modern lacetiliologist (lizard-studier). These

lizards, over 600 in actual number, are held in approximately 142 assorted cages and aquariums. The cages contain the indigenous settings of their occupants: sand, grass, water, trees, gutters, carpet, etc.... Within the exhibit, several lizards seemed to be more popular than others. As is typical of any comprehensive lizard exhibit, the independent eyes of the Saharan Iguana, the spikey familiarity of the Mexican Horned Toad, and the variable hues of the Indian Chameleon captured the attention and imagination of the large crowd gathered to

partake in the spectacle. Throughout the day, many people attending the exhibit had come and gone past the ordinary sights and had been confronted, quite to their surprise, by a startling unknown lizard among the trite. This lizard, as I first perceived it, seized my attention because of its blatant disregard for anything but its own intention. It had a very entrancing and hypnotic presence. Onlookers responded with

both repulsion and admiration. My friend, in reflection, described it as, "very disturbing on a social level," while others found it to be interesting and provoking. The Jesus Lizard, as it is officially called, has been given its name, so I was told, from this very quality: the ability it has, with its first impression, to draw devotion from its audience, then turn some away, while inspiring others to reactionary contemplation. After

prolonged exposure to this provoking sub-reptile, these two groups of onlookers are distinctly defined: "You either love it, or you hate it." Along with The Exotic Lizards of the World exhibit, a locally discovered specie of fish was displayed. The Dirt Fish, discovered in Payette by a group of students now called The Dirt Fishermen, has had a permanent exhibit at the Boise Zoo since its discovery three years ago.


## After-abortion support

Most people, at this point, are tired of hearing about the abortion issue. Even the media has backed off from coverage of demonstrations and interviews with activists who defend either extremity. However, many people are affected by abortion. College and high school women deal with the effects of their choice, be it

motherhood, adoption, or abortion. Some women who have made the choice for abortion have negative reactions to it: emotionally, spiritually, and even physically. If you are hurting due to an abortion there is help for you. An off-campus organization in Boise wants to reach out to those who are suffering the negative

consequences of abortion. WEBA (Women Exploited By Abortion) is a confidential group of women who have had abortions and have formed a support group. This group gives a non-judgmental listening ear and wants to help bring healing to those open to support. This group is in no way connected with NNC. They will not (and cannot legally) tell anyone your name if you choose to call them. We urge you, if you need someone to talk to but are uncomfortable in doing so with someone on campus, to call or write to WEBA. There is no cost, and it is strictly confidential. WEBA meets every other Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. For more information, write or call Andrea Rottman at: WEBA Boise Chapter P.O. Box 5451 Boise, ID 83705 (208) 338-9698

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# FEATURES

## JUNIORS CRUISE UNCHARTERED WATERS

By Lori Tidd  
Staff Writer

The night wind climbs to a howling squall, coaxing the sea into churning waves. The decaying boards of the ship's deck below complain with your every footstep in the gathering storm, and you hesitate, wondering if those Carnival Line tickets really are refundable. But this is no ordinary cruise, because this ship belongs to Captain Hook, and a stroll across the plank is the only way home. Nearly 25 sophomores, juniors, and seniors spent three days creating this year's Junior Class Funhouse. With the help of



construction paper, wood, yards of black plastic and plenty of hard work, they transformed an empty Karcher Mall store into a

shuddering haunted nautical adventure.

The creative theme generated by this year's Junior Class depicted a

summer vacation gone awry. "It's sort of like getting on a cruise ship and discovering that you're sailing through the Bermuda Triangle with Captain Hook as your navigator," explained Junior Class President Don Curtis.

"Passengers" of the cruise were escorted by a uniformed ship's mate down twisting black corridors and hazardous, creaky "decks." The journey took them to visit the ship's bunkhouse, cargo room, and torture chamber amidst the wailing complaints of long-dead prisoners and the shrieking of resident spooks. After sidestepping the sinister grasps of fiendish hands at

their ankles, and meeting the ship's ghostly headless crew, passengers were confronted by Captain Hook himself. With one command from the villainous pirate, they were forced to walk the plank, only to find their adventure end back at Karcher Mall, instead of the bottom of the sea.

The proceeds of this project will fund the Junior's Homecoming float, as well as help out with other class expenses. Their goal was to raise \$300 by charging a \$1 admission fee. By the reaction of young passengers, it was a buck well spent for some safe, spooky, Halloween entertainment.

## You won't find it at Freddy's

I didn't want to see him. I didn't have an appointment with him. I had never really thought much about him.

There were just two stops on my list: the bank and Fred Meyer. But when "You'll find it at Freddy's" proved to be false advertising, I had to make an unexpected stop at John's Lock Shop. So it wasn't as if I *wanted* to see him.

But he was there. I was just looking for some of those colored, plastic rings that fit around your keys so you can tell which one is which. A simple errand. And yet it turned out to be so profound.

Perhaps you've seen him. He's a black gentlemen who looks about 45, but is probably only around 30 years old. His clothes are raggedy and worn. The holes at the seams of his coat are stuffed with black, plastic garbage bags. There was no way to tell if he was even wearing shoes, for his feet were bundled in rags.

### Carpe Diem

D. M. Bomar  
Assistant Editor

His belongings filled the two plastic bags he was holding.

He wasn't doing anything but standing against one wall of John's Lock Shop. And yet he made me so angry.

I was angry at a world that could allow a man, made in the image of God, to come to such a desperate condition.

I was angry at a world that pursues selfish wants but ignores a man's needs.

I was angry at a world that strips a man of all dignity, so that he is no longer a man, but a nuisance.

And as I left John's Lock Shop and drove away, I was angry at myself for being so angry and yet so passive.

I didn't want to see him, but Jesus, one of the least of these, was standing against one wall of John's Lock Shop.

## Gee whiz, Get a life!

So call me Stoney...I don't know. The other day, I was just walking with my own bad self and I see this quote on a big door, "There is no Gravity...the Earth Sucks."

### Call Me Stoney

Otis Spunkmeier  
Crusader columnist

If you respond to this in a positive way, please go to section "A." If you respond to this in a negative way, please go to section "B." If you were outright offended by this statement, please go to section "C."

A. To say the earth sucks is such a pessimistic point of view that to even agree with such a statement clearly shows

your lack of self-worth as a person. It is this sort of attitude that makes life a pain to dwell in. You people are probably environmental freaks that don't care about human needs, only Greenpeace and crap. Gee wiz, get a life!

B. To say the earth sucks in such a metaphoric way of course implies that something must change and we must do our best

to help. How can you disagree with the fact that our world is falling apart due to careless and thoughtless individuals such as yourself. It is this sort of attitude that makes life a pain to dwell in. You people are probably humanistic freaks that don't care about the world we all

There is no gravity...  
The Earth sucks.

have to live in, you just care about your own selfish needs and crap. Gee wiz, get a life.

C. Go home.

## Shaw's dissertation published

By Wendy Reed  
Staff Writer

NNC proudly sports one of the authors of a distinguished series of books on American Legal and Constitutional History. Professor Steve Shaw's doctoral dissertation has been included in a collection of 26 dissertations and monographs.

"Essentially the book is my dissertation that I wrote for my Ph.D. at the University of Oklahoma...In the spring of 1989 I received a letter from Professor (Harold) Hyman at Rice University. The professor was looking for dissertations to publish. He had written to acquire a copy of mine. He looked at the copy over the spring and summer of 1989 and wrote

me back in the fall, saying that he was going to include it in his new series."

The publishing company accepted his recommendation provided that a new introduction be written before publication.

Entitled "The Ninth Amendment: Preservation of the Constitutional Mind," the dissertation explores the possibility that the Ninth Amendment has been either ignored or erroneously interpreted, according to an advertising brochure for the collection.

The Ninth Amendment was considered by the Supreme Court in the case of Griswold v. Connecticut, the landmark birth control decision of 1965. The amendment basically states that the rights of people



should not infringe on the rights of others.

"I felt good that someone wanted to look at my dissertation and publish it," Shaw related, with excitement in his voice. "External evaluation always makes a person feel good," said Shaw.

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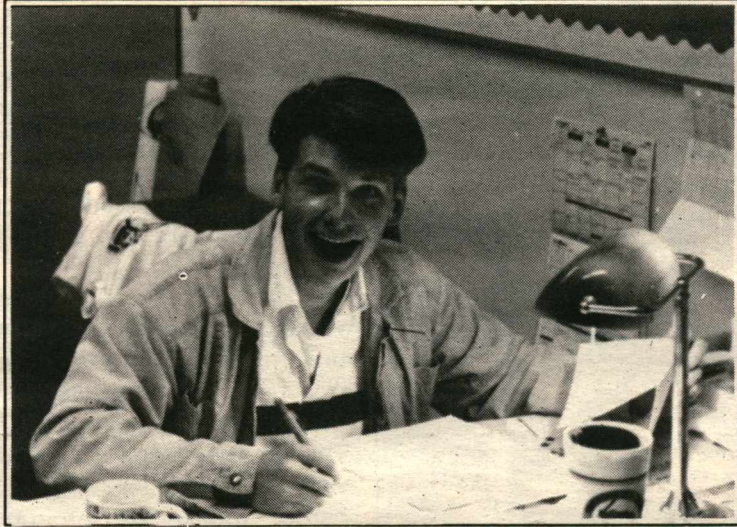
## Life on the farm with Ben

By Wendy Reed  
Staff Writer

When most people see the rain begin to fall, they cringe and run inside, but ASNNC Social Vice-President Ben Thomas just happens to be one of those odd people who runs outside and enjoys the rain.

Born and raised in Burlington, Washington, Ben is the youngest of five brothers and one sister. "We lived in a big farmhouse and my dad bought all kinds of animals to teach us kids responsibility," says Ben with a grin.

Ben's dad was a draftsman for a Shell Oil refinery. Now he is retired and traveling. In recent years, the farmhouse has gone through minor changes. The pig pen has been replaced by a swimming pool and a deck



ASNNC Social Vice-President Ben Thomas on his way to "Party hard core to the max with God."

that stretches out to the orchard.

"I had a fun life on the farm. I enjoyed piggy back fights with my brothers, and horse races in the pea fields," Ben reminisces.

Ben became a Christian when he was four years old. His mother sat him down and explained it to him. "I

was always a good little boy," Ben comments. "I knew what was right and what was wrong. Sometimes I did right, sometimes I did wrong, but all along I knew the consequences."

In Ben's junior year of high school, he really began "to let God take control," of his life.

"Every year God has been helping me through both tough and fun situations. God is always there for me. I finally came to the realization of how good of a friend God really is to me. That's when the relationship really began to grow," says Ben.

Ben didn't hear about NNC until he was a high school senior. Six NNC alumni attended the same church as Ben (Emmanuel Baptist in Mount Vernon, Washington). "I knew what good people they were and I thought I would really like to go to a college that produces such excellent Christian people. That's when I started conversing with Bruce Webb," Ben explains.

"The first thing I noticed was the warmth and acceptance in a Christian atmosphere that surrounded me. I was filled with peace

and assurance that NNC was the place for me."

People have always been a strong interest in Ben's life. As Social Vice-President, his job is to provide a variety of social opportunities for students.

"Keep in mind that when you socialize, you are partying hard core to the max with God," Ben quips.

Ben enjoys doing things with people, for people, and planning things with people for other people.

Besides student government, Ben is involved in Northwesterners, Joy Song SAC (Student Alumni Council), and as a hobby, he loves to play the piano.

Ben is an elementary-education major specializing in fifth and sixth graders. After graduating, he plans on returning to the Pacific Northwest because he likes "to splash in mud puddles."

## Laws of science don't invade Christianity

(Adapted from "Genesis, Geology, and God")

### Faculty Insight

Dr. Gilbert Ford  
Professor of Science

The first chapter of Genesis has been both an inspiration and a stumbling block to many Christians. This chapter has sometimes been referred to as the "Hymn of Creation," but occasionally problems have arisen concerning it, particularly with young believers who feel that there

may be conflicts between science and religion.

Some of the conflicts supposedly existing between science and religion can be resolved if we recognize that science and religion deal

with quite different aspects of reality. Science deals with the "how" questions. Religion explains "why." Science is descriptive. It tells how nature works, but it never attempts to explain why the universe is here or why it is constructed the way it is.

As a conservative Christian, I believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God that it gives all that is necessary to find the way of salvation. It is not written as a scientific treatise. That is, it does not contain detailed scientific explanations. The Bible had to be written in a

way that would be meaningful to men of all ages. If a 20th-century physicist were writing, instead of the phrase "Let there be light," he would no doubt use "Let there be electromagnetic radiation consisting of photons or quanta having a prescribed distribution of energy among wavelengths extending from gamma rays, x-rays, ultraviolet, visible light, infrared, to radio waves." We recognize that such a way of writing the Genesis account seems entirely inappropriate.

How did the earth come into being? Perhaps one's

response might be that since God made the earth, one should not ask about details. But is it sacrilegious to inquire? Or is it unknowable? Personally, I think it pleases God to have us use the minds He gave us to inquire into the processes by which He does things. The biologist has certainly investigated how a tiny seed can develop into a tree. In a real sense, this process borders on the miraculous. But as we study it, we are not taking God's creative hand out of the process. We are just understanding how He did it.

Nuclear scientists have investigated deeply into the secrets of the atom, but knowing about atoms does not make them any less a part of God's creation. The miracle of His creative hand is still there. Sometimes we make the mistake of relegating to God only those things we don't understand. However, He is in everything in this universe, whether or not we understand it.

In this present life, it is not necessary that we completely understand how God has created the earth, how He created life. This understanding would be interesting to many, and fascinating to some, but it isn't essential for our salvation. We can all say with Paul, "For now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face. Now we know in part, but then shall I know even as I am known."

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# SPORTS

## B-ball jumps to a promising start

By Scott Reed  
Staff Writer

As I'm sure you've noticed, Crusader basketball is off to another flying start. Fast-paced offense, and ferocious defence just scratches the surface when discussing this talented group. The eyes of a novice, like myself, could easily see those qualities, as well as good ball control, strong rebounding, and precision shooting, and simply assume that this is "just another basketball team." Upon inspection, however, there seems to be a difference.

One area of interest is the way some members of

the team seem to almost enjoy hours of gruelling practice. That just doesn't seem natural, but I suppose that is just the case I'm making. These aren't just everyday ballplayers. These individuals seem to have an intensity seldom seen in athletics today. Combine the intensity with dedication and a strong desire to win, and some serious chemistry is brewing.

Now add to that chemistry a depth that is near mind-boggling, and you begin to get the picture. This team seems stacked with talented players, and good attitudes, the starters have experience, the relief has talent, and the year is young.

It is true that there is room for improvement, but the way this team works, the rough spots should vanish in no time.

Barring natural disaster, this will be one of the most exciting teams to watch in recent NNC history. Keep an ear open for results as the team travels to Montana this week, and encourage each of them as they represent our student body.....

Thank you for your support.



The Crusaders travel to Montana to take on Western Montana, Carrol College, and Montana Tech the weekend of November 16. The first home games for both teams will be Homecoming weekend.



Basketball photos by Brad Nelson.

## All-stars battle Walla<sup>2</sup>

By Bret Skagerberg  
Sports Editor

On Saturday, November 3, the air was painfully cold, but that didn't stop twenty die-hard football players from a little playing time.

About a week earlier, a Seventh Day Adventist school from Walla Walla, Washington challenged NNC to compete with their flag football team. Of course, NNC accepted this challenge, and compiled an all-star team to take on Walla Walla College (WWC).

Walla Walla has a team of guys, and a team of girls that are both sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. WWC travels each weekend competing with other small Christian colleges. Because it was an FCA event, the games were preceded by a devotional and a time of sharing. Three players from NNC shared a favorite verse, and told how God had been working in their lives recently.

Finally, it was time to play football. Because WWC plays six-man football, and NNC plays eight-man, it was agreed before hand that

there would be a half of each. The girls game was first, and although it was a losing effort, it was a time of fun. The team of girls included Tabitha Smith, Tracey Swanson, Ruth Hansen, Heather "two TD's" McKay, Denise Barber, Korri Kinney, Joanne Stephens, Elaina Higgins, Sarah Leis, and Jenny Agar.

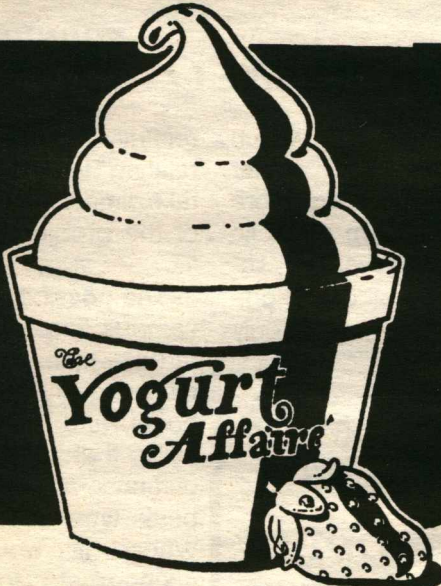
Although the guy's team also lost, it was an intense game, leaving all those involved with good memories. The only Crusader drive ending in a

touchdown was headed by Brad Schwin's passing, and two spectacular catches by Scott Anderson. Other team members included Bret Skagerberg, Greg Timmons, Mike O'Connor, Scott Reed, Marc Mortimer, Jason Rogers, and Brad Renschler.

This upcoming weekend will find both teams playing in a six-man tournament in Walla Walla. They will play two games on Saturday, and two games on Sunday. It will be a fun time of football and socializing.



In the first intramural football playoff game of the year, the Seahawks and the Buccaneers combined to defeat the Vikings by a score of 14-0. The next playoff game will be Saturday, November 10, at 8:30 a.m. (Photo by Kevin Huisman)



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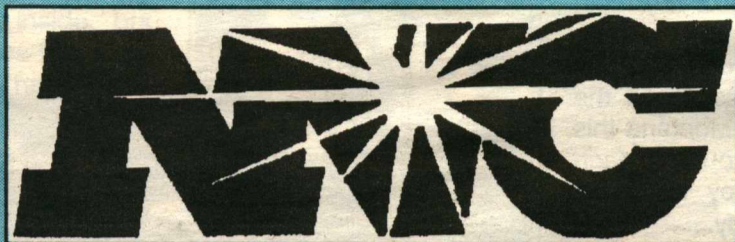
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# NEWS

## New light on the logo

By Brian Reckling  
*Crusader Editor*

What springs to mind when you think of NNC? Is it orange and black? Is it SAGA food? Is it the clock tower? Or maybe even the funny looking sculpture between



Wiley and the Administration Building? Regardless of what springs to mind, odds are it is not the letters NNC. Yet, many students are saying that is what the new NNC logo resembles.

The new logo, adopted in May, 1990, came out of the office of Institutional Advancement, and was designed by Kern Devan, a graphic designer from Seattle. According to Gil Craker, NNC Director of

Information Services, the sunburst, as the new logo is called, "signifies light."

"Of course there are many different interpretations of the logo, but at NNC we

view it as possibly being the light of Christ, or the light of education," Craker said.

The idea for creating a new logo was founded because NNC needed a campus wide identity. "What was our campus logo before this?" Craker asked.

The desire for a new logo was presented to Kern Devan, as part of a package, and he then created many different logos and presented them to NNC. Next, a

committee of ten to twenty members, including students, was asked to decide which one they like best. According to Craker, "Cost is relative, but it was part of a package deal."

Craker smiled when he said that he has not heard any comments about the N N C

Sunburst looking like the NVC Sunburst. "I have heard very many positive comments from the Admissions office," Craker responded.

Craker explained the purpose of the new logo by saying that "NNC is interested in its corporate image, and we felt this would amplify our image. We also needed a unified campus identity, and this serves that purpose."

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example, bases its schedule on a semester system.

During the 1988-89 school year, 86 institutions moved from a quarter system to a semester system nationwide. Of the 12 schools that NNC considers its peer institutions, 11 operate on a semester system, and NNC is the only college in the state that uses a quarter calendar.

Despite the statistics, Wetmore emphasized that "the point is not simply that we are exchanging quarter courses for semester courses. . . It isn't that the semester system is inherently better."

"NNC is out of sync with the rest of the country," Wetmore explained. "We're going to have to become a lean, mean institution."

"Strengthening NNC and putting it in a higher league of schools calls for a complete review and restructuring of the curricula, including the general education core and the type and number of majors offered," Wetmore commented. "This review and restructuring will be built around the semester format."

"A good school does not rest on its laurels," said Wetmore of NNC's sixth place ranking from *U.S. News*, "but stretches to become even better."

With strategic plans for growth and development on the drawing board, Wetmore sees this as "an opportune time for constructive

change."

Other factors of timing singled out the fall of 1993 as the best time for the change to occur. Since NNC operates on a two-year catalog, the switch must take place in an odd numbered year. Beginning in 1995, NNC will be preparing for accreditation evaluations that will take place in 1997 and 1999. The next possible time for the change after 1993 would be 2001.

Before making his decision to move from a quarter calendar to a semester calendar, Wetmore researched the methods through which such a change occurred at several of NNC's peer institutions. The rationale behind Wetmore's decision is based on the information he obtained from college presidents and deans. Wetmore also considered the findings of an Academic Council ad hoc committee that researched the issue of a semester calendar during the 1986-87 school year.

The consensus of the college officials with whom Wetmore conferred is that the switch to a semester calendar has done much to revitalize the curricula and bring it up to date.

Wetmore's list of recommendations also called for the initiation of a degree completion program and the appointment of "a task group to study the advisability of NNC moving to university status."

## T.A.L.K. to your leaders

By Rosco Williamson  
*ASNNC Special*

On Wednesday, November 14, after Time-Out, you will have the opportunity to air your annoyances and present your praises with student government during an all-school forum entitled T.A.L.K. (Tell ASNNC Leaders your Concerns). The forum will take place in the Feltar Lecture Hall in Wiley Learning Center.

In reference to the open forum format, ASNNC President Leanne McKillip says that "students not only have the opportunity to come and tell their student leaders what they like and dislike in student government, but they

also have the opportunity to find out what their student leaders are doing for them."

Those who will be present for you to question will be all of the ASNNC Executive Officers, one Senator from each class, two representatives from the Judicial Board, and each of the four class presidents. Darlene Brasch will be the mediator of the forum.

"The majority of student leaders are elected by the students; therefore, it is important that the students hold those leaders accountable by voicing their concerns and comments," stated McKillip. "In that way the student leaders can serve NNC in the most effective way. The T.A.L.K. all-school forum provides

such a setting."

Voicing your opinions to student leaders is not restricted to the T.A.L.K. forum. Student leaders are willing and anxious to hear every student's concerns and ideas at any time. The benefit of the open forum is that it provides each student with the chance to talk to more than one student leader at a time.

All students are invited to come and voice their concerns with student government, present changes they would like to take place, discover ways to be involved with student government, see what student government is doing right now for them, and receive information on what the ASNNC student government is all about.

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Dealing with calls which are cut into by other conversations will take more time. The problem could lie in the NNC system, US West's lines, or Fone America. Weber has only

recently received reports relating to this, and it will take time to find the source of the problem and then fix it.

The possibility of more off-campus lines is not feasible at this time. Line service must be purchased for 24 hours and the majority of calls that cannot get off campus are made during peak times. According to Weber, it would not be economical to purchase more lines which would be used only during those peak times.

The whole issue revolves around finances and how to keep costs down without losing service. Weber did state that he isn't "married to any particular company," but for now he is trying to make Fone America work. If changes are to be made, another company must be found which will generate revenue and give better service.

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