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Family values?
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Economic renewal?
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Taxes?

These are the questions. We, as American citizens, must decide who has the best answers. Bush? Clinton? Perot?

It's a tough choice. Especially when the issues are clouded by manipulated figures and misconstrued facts. With three weeks until election day, the campaign is caught in a whirlwind of attacks and rebuttals. In this week's COVER STORY, Assistant Editor Diana Nikkel looks back over the past year in hopes of making some sense out of the 1992 campaign storm.

D. M. Bomar, Managing Editor

THIS WEEK

Today through Monday
ASNNC officer sign-ups for all freshman class offices, sophomore class vice-president, and junior class senator.

Today
SOCCER vs. Albertson College at 4 p.m. in Caldwell.

Friday
SOCCER vs. Western Baptist at 4 p.m. VOLLEYBALL vs. West-ern Oregon at 4 p.m.

Saturday
R.U.S.H. (RU Serving Him?) -- 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; meet at the gazebo; donuts and juice are served VOLLEYBALL vs. George Fox at 7 p.m.

QUOTABLE

"Now, more than ever before, the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness and corruption."

President James Garfield
U.S. Centennial Celebration, 1876

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Thousands rally to protest abortion

By ANGELA PLIES
NEWS EDITOR

Over three thousand pro-life advocates lined the streets outside Boise Towne Square Mall Sunday afternoon with one message: "Abortion kills children."

The Life Chain of Treasure Valley, coordinated by Cities for God in association with Right to Life of Idaho, stretched for nearly two miles on Milwaukee Street from Franklin to Fairview in Boise.

"This is just a group of people trying to make a statement," said Scott Hoover, a volunteer for the Life Chain. "When this many people drive by and see our message, they can't help but notice."

In 1991, participants in the national Life Chain numbered over 770,000 with a 2,000 turnout in Boise.

"Jesus forgives and heals" read one poster. Another, shaped in the form of a stop sign, stated, "Stop abortion now."

"We want to make the rest of the population of Idaho aware of the abortion problem and the deceptions that this multi-million dollar industry tells women," said Bill Proctor, executive director of

Cities for God.

Since Roe vs. Wade overturned the law prohibiting abortion in 1973, the number of abortions has risen to over 1.5 million per year. The fact that this action legalized abortion into the ninth month of pregnancy is often unknown to the American public, according to Proctor.

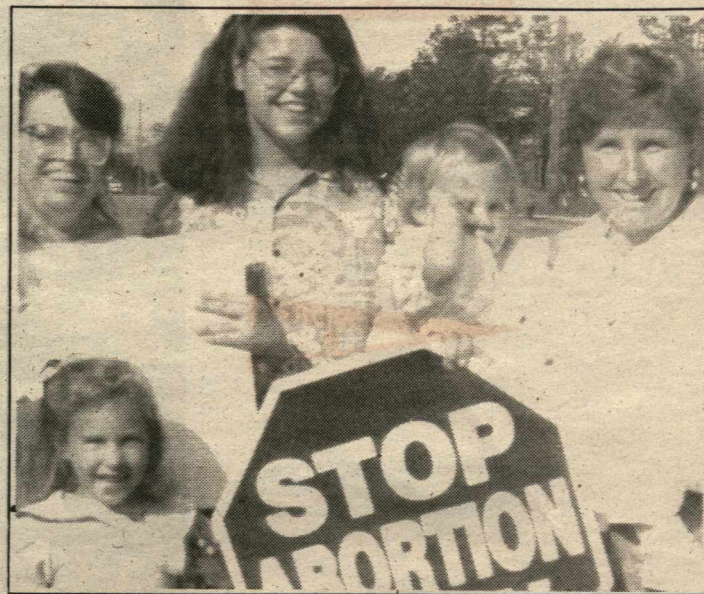
"We think that the majority of Idaho, once they become aware of the facts will be outraged," Proctor said, likening the issue of abortion to Nazi Germany.

Demonstrators received quite a varied reaction on the part of passers-by. "People have flipped us off, turned their thumbs down and shouted things that I can't repeat," said Angie Malloy, second year participant in the Treasure Valley Life Chain. "But more people have waved and clapped. It gets the message across, and that's what's important."

"Your feet get tired, but it's fun," added Jennifer Bolkom.

Malloy, 15, Bolkom, 13, and Mandy Bonds, 11, participated with waves and friendly "hellos" to those driving by.

"I think this is a subtle way to involve people," said Lori Anderson, Pro-life advocate and mother.



Over three thousand pro-life activists gathered in Boise Sunday afternoon for the Treasure Valley Life Chain. (Photo by Angela Plies)

"It doesn't threaten those who get involved."

According to Hoover, most of the support came from area churches. "We bumped the demonstration to this week, instead of participating with the national Life Chain Oct. 11, so that the Mormons could participate. We have had a very good response from the Mormon church."

Proctor advises the public to do more homework on the abortion issue. "You are absolutely being lied to," he said. "Abortion is the big lie in America."

Professor Hymie Gordon, Chairman of the Department of Medical Genetics at the Mayo Clinic stated at a 1981 Senate hearing that, "Now we can say, unequivocally, that the question of when life begins is no longer a question for theological or philosophical dispute. It is an established scientific fact. Theologians and philosophers may go on to debate the meaning of life or the purpose of life, but it is established fact that all life, including human life, begins at the moment of conception."

New executive dining room caters to VIPs

By TESSA PHILLIPS
STAFF WRITER

As students returned to school this fall, many noticed various renovations and additions to the existing buildings and surrounding campus. One such addition is the executive dining room in the Student Center.

Situated between the game room and the lounge, the new dining room will host a variety of guests for a variety of purposes. Designed to be an intimate setting for ten or fifteen people, this new facility will provide a formal dining setting to cater to important

guests.

"This is a great opportunity to impress people of who we are," said Dr. Ken Hills, Vice President for Student Development. "We've had impressive rankings, status, and business. This idea really supports relationships with people and developing trust by working closely with the community members."

The main purpose of the dining room is to promote positive public relations with the local representatives and officials, cultivate new friendships between the corporate community and the college, and to share the NNC story.

With the onset of the NNC Master Plan, raising funds is a high priority. To help meet this demand, the search for donors is furthered by the opportunity to come on campus and get a bird's eye view of the college scene and the benefactors of future donations.

"There is also the desire for them to get a little flavor of student life," said Hills. "Coming or going, they'll get quite a bit of contact."

The new facility will be furnished with a conference table and chairs. The use of the room is further diversified by the installation and proper hook-ups for mul-

timedia presentations on video or slides.

Richard White, NNC's food service director, likes the idea of having a separate, but conveniently located, dining area.

"Maybe this will help relieve the North Dining Room, and the students will have more use of that area," White said. "It'll be a nice addition and a good part of the change. It's just too bad that the students don't have more activity space."

Waiting only for furniture and some finishing touches, the executive dining room is expected to be completed in early November.

Tough turkey in Marriott?

By ANGELA PLIES
NEWS EDITOR

NNC food service consumers may be surprised to discover that Marriott's new block plan may not fill them up.

According to the flyer given to students at registration explaining this new plan, students purchasing the 14 meal plan are designated 130 meals for the term. This year, fall term is 11.5 weeks long. When the 130 meals are divided by the length of the term, the average number of meals per week equals 11.3.

"What are they trying to do, trick us?" asked sophomore Cheryl Beebe. "What do you mean the 14 meal plan is the 11.3 meal plan? Why didn't they tell us sooner?"

One advantage of this meal

plan, however, is the ability for meals to carry over from week to week. Friends and family are also able to share meals with students as long as they have meals available to them. According to the Marriott flyer, this feature of the plan "does not include the Thanksgiving Dinner."

For students who eat 14 meals a week, however, there may not be Thanksgiving dinner at all. Many students believed their registration packet and have been eating their 14 "allotted" meals per week. This will mean that students will run out of meals the day before Thanksgiving.

"If nothing else -- it's just plain confusing," said NNC senior Lisa Van Schyndel, Marriott consumer.

Troy Grant, ASNNC Cam-

pus Ministries Coordinator and Marriott consumer stated, "I'll just push my little card through until it says 00."

The 10 meal block plan allows for 90 meals per term with an average of 7.8 meals per week. The 19 meal block plan provides for 170 meals per term averaging out to 14.8.

The traditional 19 meal plan has also been offered to students who wish to remain on the same system as last year. This gives students 218 meals per term as opposed to the 19 meal block plan which provides for 170 meals.

Marriott Director Richard White and Vice President for Student Development Ken Hills were unavailable for comment before press time. A meeting is scheduled this week to discuss the issue.

Debate #1: predictable

By D. M. Bomar
Managing Editor

President George Bush, Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton, and Texas billionaire Ross Perot squared off last Sunday evening in the first of three debates.

Sunday's debate was predictable, said CNN commentators. No candidate made any fatal errors and no candidate had overwhelming success. The four CNN analysts all gave Bill Clinton the win.

With the election just three weeks away, the Bush campaign was hoping to ride a wave of momentum into the week of debates, but such was not the case, according to CNN. Polls show that Bush is experiencing a backlash, television analysts said Sunday, perhaps from his attacks on Clinton's Viet-Nam draft record.

DEBATE SCHEDULE

Tuesday at 5 p.m. (local time)
Vice-presidential candidates

Thursday at 7 p.m.
Presidential candidates

Sunday at 5 p.m.
Presidential Candidates

Just before the debate began, CNN reported poll ratings that put Clinton ahead of Bush by 18 points. Over the last week, Bush's unfavorable rating rose from 51% to 57% while Clinton's favorable rating has rose from 51% to 56%, the poll showed.

Perot best captured the audience's attention with his one-liners. Responding to a question about his experience, Perot quipped, "... I don't have any experience in running up a \$4 trillion debt..."

Christopher Columbus remembered... and vilified

By JOHN WILLIAMS
COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Nearly 500 years after the fact, Christopher Columbus is on trial as college students and faculty revisit his landing in the Caribbean and view it not only as a journey of discovery, but an event that introduced slavery, violence and bigotry to the Western Hemisphere.

What was supposed to be a celebration of the quincentennial of Columbus' landing in the New World is being revised as college communities question the role that Columbus played in the discovery itself and the aftermath of slavery, disease and intolerance that marked the paths of European explorers in the 15th and 16th centuries.

In a forum that demonstrates the depth of the controversy, The University of Minnesota's Human Rights Center recently held a mock trial, charging Columbus with slavery, torture, murder, forced labor, kidnapping, violence and rob-

bery, genocide, rape and international terrorism.

The verdict: guilty on all counts except genocide, rape and international terrorism. The sentence: 350 years of community service to educate people about Columbus' true deeds.

The trial, which incorporated practicing attorneys and a Native American judge, was based on applicable Spanish law of the 15th and 16th centuries.

"The whole purpose wasn't to go out and convict him. The purpose was to present a forum in a courtroom setting," said Dee Fairbanks, a native American tribal judge who was a prosecuting attorney in the case. "Our Indian children have had to grow up with the myth and falsehoods. Right now, it is so important to our children to get positive messages out about their heritage."

Actions at other schools such as the University of California at Berkeley have included movements to rename Columbus Day as "Indigenous Peoples Day" to

honor Native Americans rather than the explorer.

But some don't believe that Columbus' contributions were all that bad. "To say that Columbus is responsible for what came after him is to say that Einstein was responsible for (atomic energy). He didn't know Mr. Truman would one day push the button and kill 200,000 Japanese," said Gerard Depardieu who portrays Columbus in the new film "1492: Conquest of Paradise" (see review page 11).

Columbus opened the door to the age of exploration and helped forge a union between the Old and New Worlds that led to tremendous social and political changes, said Jim Kuhn, executive director of the Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission in Washington D.C.

Jack Weatherford, a professor of anthropology at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., gives credit to Columbus for at least doing something that no one else had done before.

"He was the first to cross the high seas and return. That established permanent contact, and that contact has never been broken since," he said. "It was an historically important event. But do you honor someone like this? I say no."

The United States has honored Columbus for about 150 years, he said. Despite studies that suggest that the first European to reach North America may have been Leif Ericson, it was the author Washington Irving (1783-1859) who created the myth of Columbus, Weatherford said. Irving wrote a four-book biography about Columbus. With the books, the United States had a new hero. Now, on the 500th anniversary of the landing, Columbus is being rethought, not as a hero, but cast in some cases as a cultural villain.

Many Native Americans believe that paying special tribute to the 500th anniversary is a double travesty. Native Americans were already in North and South America when Columbus arrived,

and many are upset that a day is commemorated to a man who enslaved their people.

"He did something that the American Indian had already accomplished," said Richard Frederick, a tribal judge for the Chippewa Indians at Turtle Mountain Reservation in North Dakota. "We were already here. It is not such a big day. And finding out that Indians were made slaves is making us mad."

"The U.S. government has only two recognized holidays with their names in it: Christopher Columbus and Martin Luther King Jr.," said Weatherford. "King represented peaceful change, hope for the future. Columbus does not represent most values that most Americans share. His are the values of greed, bigotry, religious intolerance and enslavement of people. That, to me, is a huge injustice and started the trans-Atlantic slave trade. It devalues Indians in our history, and to all American children gives a bad message."

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Students respond with narrow minds (again)

The political convocations of last week were a great boon to the campus community, both as a forum to discuss the issues and to bring the campus to greater open-mindedness. However, they were not without their disappointments.

The disappointing thing about Friday's chapel was not the fact that the school allowed a Democrat to join the English department, nor that they allowed him to discuss his views openly to a convocation audience. What is disparaging is some of the response that Mr. Dennis received last Friday. The moment that Mr. Dennis announced his support of Bill Clinton's campaign for the presidency, many students murmured. (If he supported Clinton, he obviously must be wrong.) And after he discussed George Bush's apparent inconsistency with the GOP abortion platform, more students tuned him out.

It is disappointing that so many students would not listen to him and let him stretch their knowledge. Although Mr. Dennis was honest and open about his support for Clinton, he discussed many important nonpartisan issues that are significant even to the ultra-conservative students that make up most of our campus. How discouraging it was to hear the backlash of total opposition to Mr. Dennis on the sole basis of his differing stance in politics. Have the students of NNC thoughtfully considered why they have clung to their respective political beliefs? Or are they simply and ignorantly following the beliefs of the backgrounds from which they come?

Liberal Arts education implies that students learn to critically think and critically consider other points of view. From the after-chapel comments overheard by THE CRUSADER staff, it appears that NNC students have a long way to go.

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CAMPAIGN '92

Three stooges analyze debates

By ERIK NELSON,
ROSCO WILLIAMSON,
AND BRAD NELSON
SPECIAL TO THE CRUSADER

The tension hung in the air like a flasher's raincoat as the three of us sat down together last Sunday (male bonding) to experience American democracy at its best. We were watching the first of three presidential debates/verbal fist-cuffs. For those who did not watch the debate or fell asleep halfway through, here is the political dissection by three of America's best unemployed analysts.

Independent Ross Perot was present at this debate, making it a head-to-head-to-head contest. However, Ross was largely ignored by the other two candidates, Democrat Bill Clinton and Republican incumbent George Bush. Ross is far behind in the polls and not making a serious push at the present time. This leaves George concentrating on bringing down Bill and Bill concentrating on attacking George's administration. Ross did accomplish his major goal: getting his message across. It's too bad his message is so general that no one knows exactly what he'll do. He will not come up with a specific plan (besides a fifty-cent tax on gas) until he is actually elected, and then he'll merely use task groups to assemble

a plan. Final analysis on Ross: lack of direction, but he was funny.

George, on the other hand, did have direction: the same one. He mentioned how much he disliked the "Democrat's 'Tax-and-Spend'" program four or five times, while only mentioning his own "invest-and-save" program once or twice in passing. George is convinced that he will turn the economy around as soon as the new-and-improved Congress is elected. With 91 members of Congress definitely not returning, and 100 more being seriously challenged, he may have the Congress he needs to pass his ideas. However, he may not. Without a cooperative Congress, look for four more years of the same thing. A point for George is that he is a global thinker in an age of a global economy. Final analysis on George: same old thing.

Bill will not be the same old thing. Bill is clearly a reform man. However, the questions remain "what are the specifics" and "how far will he go." Points in Bill's favor were his confidence and not attacking George's character in the Iran-Contra Scandal after a scathing attack by George against Bill's Vietnam protesting. He may be up against the same wall that George has been if the new Congress is a turn-around to the Republican side. Unfortunately, Bill

could be the next Herbert Hoover since some of his ideas have isolationist tendencies. Final analysis on Bill: we know the direction, but we don't know how far.

We did a scientific analysis of the debate to determine a victor. Using such technical tests as flipping a coin, pin the tail on the democrat, picking a number between 1 and 3, and various other top secret, hush-hush things, we developed a score for each candidate on a scale of 30, with 30 being the next czar of America, and 0 being the next Dave Bomar of America. (Editor's note: While editing, I laughed hard right about here.) Bill Clinton was the winner with a 23, George followed with 22, and Ross (small one) brought up the rear with 20. No major mistakes were made. If all debates continue like this one, Bill will be the new Chief.

However, campaigns have been made or lost in a debate. The wrong word, connotation, or facial tick could change the future of America. So, when you are flipping channels and you hear a moderator saying, "Mr. Clinton, you have two minutes to answer that," or "Mr. President, you have one minute for rebuttal," or "Mr. Perot, you have ears like two overripe avocados," tune in and see what is on the minds of our possible presidents.

More deceased animals in the news

It's time for our popular feature, De-

DAVE BARRY

ceased Animals In The News. Our big story this week, as you have no doubt guessed, concerns the federal government's program to give away frozen oil-soaked semidecomposed animal carcasses.

But first we need to issue the following Safety Advisory: Do NOT go outside.

We base this advisory on a news item spotted by alert reader Katherine Keane in a newspaper called (really) the Tillamook, Oregon, Headlight-Herald. The item is headlined: EXPLANATION OFFERED FOR FISH FOUND ONLAWN. It states that a woman in Lincoln City, Oregon, went outside one morning and found "a number" of deceased fish on her lawn. So she went back inside and drank a quart of whiskey.

No, that's what WE would do. What she did was notify state wildlife officials, who determined that the fish were Pacific sand lances. An official said that what probably happened was a cormorant, gull or pelican swooped down onto the Pacific Ocean and

scooped up more fish than it could digest, so as it flew over the woman's lawn, it did what we always do when we snork down too many Pacific sand lances at a wedding or bar mitzvah, namely, ralph them up.

This item alone is not cause for alarm. According to the surgeon general, the odds are that fewer than 17,000 Americans will be killed during this fiscal year by barfed fish falling at 120 mph, and most of these will be people with very large, easy-to-hit heads, such as George Steinbrenner. We can live with that.

But what DOES alarm us is another news item, clipped by alert reader June Rimmey from the Centre Daily Times of State College, Pennsylvania. The item, headlined COW PARTS ON ROOF, states: "Parts of a cow were found Tuesday morning on the roof of the Arts Building on the Penn State Campus, according to Penn State police. The parts were arranged in a pattern. Police have no suspects."

Without suggesting that the

fine men and women of the Penn state police have guacamole dip for brains, we wish to point out that what happened is obvious to anyone who has been following national events. Clearly a cormorant, gull or pelican -- and by the way, "Cormorant, Gull & Pelican" would be an excellent name for a law firm -- strayed approximately 2,500 miles from the Pacific Ocean, flew over a Pennsylvania dairy farm, mistook a cow for a Pacific sand lance (the two are virtually indistinguishable from the air), swooped down and scooped up the cow (a cormorant, being a member of the ant family, can lift 850 times its own weight), soared to approximately 2,000 feet, realized it had bitten off more than it could chew and woofed on the Penn State Arts Building.

We don't yet know who arranged the cow parts into a pattern. Our guess would be art students. But he point is that the size of the deceased animals falling from American skies is definitely trending upward, and it could be months before the federal government can do anything about it. The government is busy right now with the frozen oil-soaked

semidecomposed animal carcass giveaway program.

We found out about this program thanks to alert reader Jeremy Kniffen, who sent us the August 11, 1992, issue of the Federal Register, which states that the government is making available to the public, for a limited time, the carcasses of thousands of birds and mammals that became deceased in 1989 when the Exxon oil tanker Valdez failed to observe a "YIELD TO REEF" sign. The carcasses were used as evidence the in Exxon litigation. The government plans to burn them, but is first making them available to "qualified applicants" who might want them for "scientific, educational or public display purposes."

Conditionwise, these are not your top-of-the-line carcasses. The Federal Register says they've been stored in large freezers, which have failed several times, so the carcasses have tended to rot and clump together in a frozen, oily mass.

We called Anchorage, Alaska, and spoke to the person in charge of the carcasses, Karen Oakley, of the Fish and Wildlife Service. You know how some-

times you stick a leftover tuna casserole in the back of your refrigerator and forget about it for two or three years, and then you finally take it out, and it looks like a young version of the thing that's always trying to eat Sigourney Weaver in the "Alien" movies? Multiply that by a billion and you have the situation Ms. Oakley is dealing with. The Leftovers From Hell.

"It's pretty gross," she told us.

She said she has received three formal applications for carcasses. We asked her who on earth who want these things, and she said it was basically the scientific community. We should have suspected this. The scientific community is always engaging in bizarre activities involving frozen carcasses, subatomic particles, etc., instead of concentrating on practical goals that would benefit mankind, such as training cormorants to distinguish between Pacific sand lances and cows. Somebody should do something about this. But not us. It's time for our lunch.

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LETTERS

NNC'S DAYCARE OPTIONS ARE BEING EXPLORED

Dear Editor,

Regarding the Oct. 6, 1992, article "NNC Should Pursue Daycare," I thought it important to set the record straight. I know of no specific "daycare committee." Last year, the ASNNC sponsored, through the office of the ASNNC President, a poll of faculty, staff, married students, and students over the age of 25, concerning their need for an on-campus daycare. The response of this poll was delivered to the Administrative Cabinet along with a request that the AdCab create a task force to investigate the need and feasibility of an on-campus daycare.

The proposal was approved and a task

force was appointed by former NNC President Dr. Gordon Wetmore. This committee, which includes two students, will begin meeting this year. This does not mean NNC is getting a daycare, but it does mean that the ability of NNC to establish a daycare is being seriously examined.

This in no way should detract from the opinion article written. It is true that the demographics of America and NNC show that daycare will be an ever-increasing need.

One more thing. What is up with last week's letter to the editor from Isaac Colvin of Harrodsburg, Kentucky? It just goes to prove my theory about mankind: everybody needs to relax more.

Rosco Williamson, ASNNC President

Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor. Due to limited space, letters of 250 words may be condensed. Letters must be signed and are subject to verification. Send your letter to Box C through campus mail.

CRUSADER POLL

Q. If the presidential election were held today, who would you vote for?

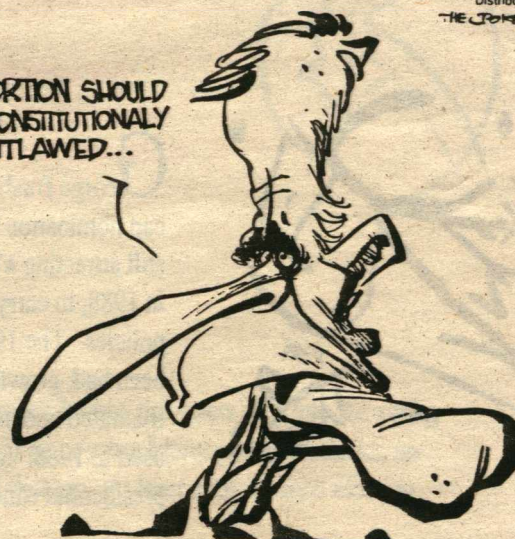
Conducted by CHRIS NIKKEL

Bush = 44.4%
Clinton = 11.1%
Perot = 7.2%
Undecided = 33.3%
Won't vote = 4%

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ABORTION SHOULD BE CONSTITUTIONALLY OUTLAWED...



ABORTION IS A PERSONAL DECISION...

CAMPAIGN '92

This year is an election year. Although the traditional start of the campaign season is Labor Day Weekend, the candidates begin competing for the Presidential prize long before. Each election year is unique and has its moments and issues that will be remembered in textbooks and associated with the 1992 election.

The Eye in the Storm

By DIANA NIKKEL, ASSISTANT EDITOR

BILL CLINTON

Bill Clinton came into the 1992 election year as a virtually unknown politician on the national level. But it didn't take long for him to be designated as the Democratic front-runner.

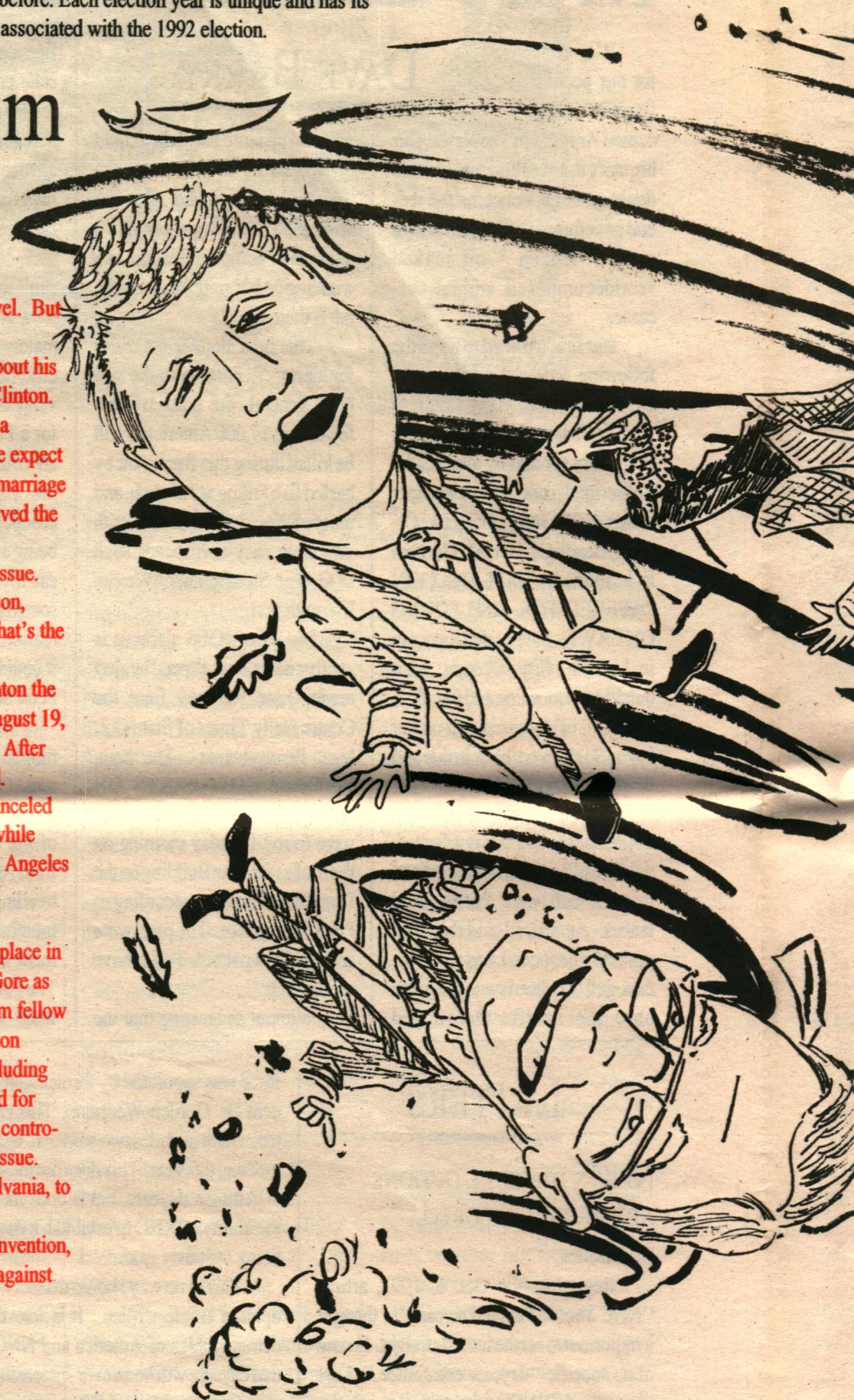
THE CHARACTER ISSUE. Early in the campaign, Bill Clinton had to confront questions about his character. The character issue, as it has been dubbed, has several different dimensions that plague Clinton. The Democratic nominee has been accused of committing adultery by having an 11-year affair with a woman named Gennifer Flowers. Some voters argue that if his own wife can't trust him, how can he expect the American public to do so? Clinton responded to the personal attacks by stating that his 16-year marriage with wife, Hillary, has had its problems like most marriages do and that if he and his wife have resolved the issue, the American public should be able to put it behind them.

Clinton has also been accused of smoking marijuana as a youth. To many voters this is a non-issue. But the issue has provided material for many comics. The former late-night comedian, Johnny Carson, joked, "Clinton experimented with marijuana, but he said he didn't inhale and he didn't enjoy it. That's the trouble with the Democrats. Even when they do something wrong they don't do it right."

AVOIDANCE OF THE DRAFT. The dimension of the character issue that has plagued Clinton the most is his avoidance of the draft more than two decades ago. Shortly after his 18th birthday, on August 19, 1964, Clinton registered for the draft. He received a 2-S student deferment on November 17, 1964. After his graduation, Clinton was awarded a Rhodes scholarship to study at Oxford University in England. Clinton expected to receive even more deferments. But on February 16, 1968, President Johnson canceled graduate deferments and Clinton was reclassified as 1-A within five weeks. In the spring of 1969, while studying at Oxford, Clinton received an induction notice that he never served. Last month, The Los Angeles Times reported that in 1968-69, Clinton's uncle lobbied the draft board to delay Clinton's induction. President Bush has made the draft issue a central theme in his attacks against Clinton.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION. The Democratic National Convention took place in New York City in July. Four days before the convention, Clinton chose Tennessee senator Albert Gore as his running-mate to create the first ever all baby boomer ticket. Clinton received some criticism from fellow Democrats for his choice. Critics argued that because the ticket had two Southerners on it, the Clinton campaign was neglecting the rest of the country. The convention featured a variety of speakers, including Jesse Jackson and former president Jimmy Carter. AIDS victims got behind the podium and pleaded for more efforts to find a cure for the deadly AIDS virus. The issue of abortion was the source of some controversy at the convention. The democrats invited six pro-choice, Republican women to speak on the issue. But the Democrats refused to allow one of their own, Democratic governor Robert Casey of Pennsylvania, to speak because of his pro-life position. "It's not right and it's not democratic," Casey said.

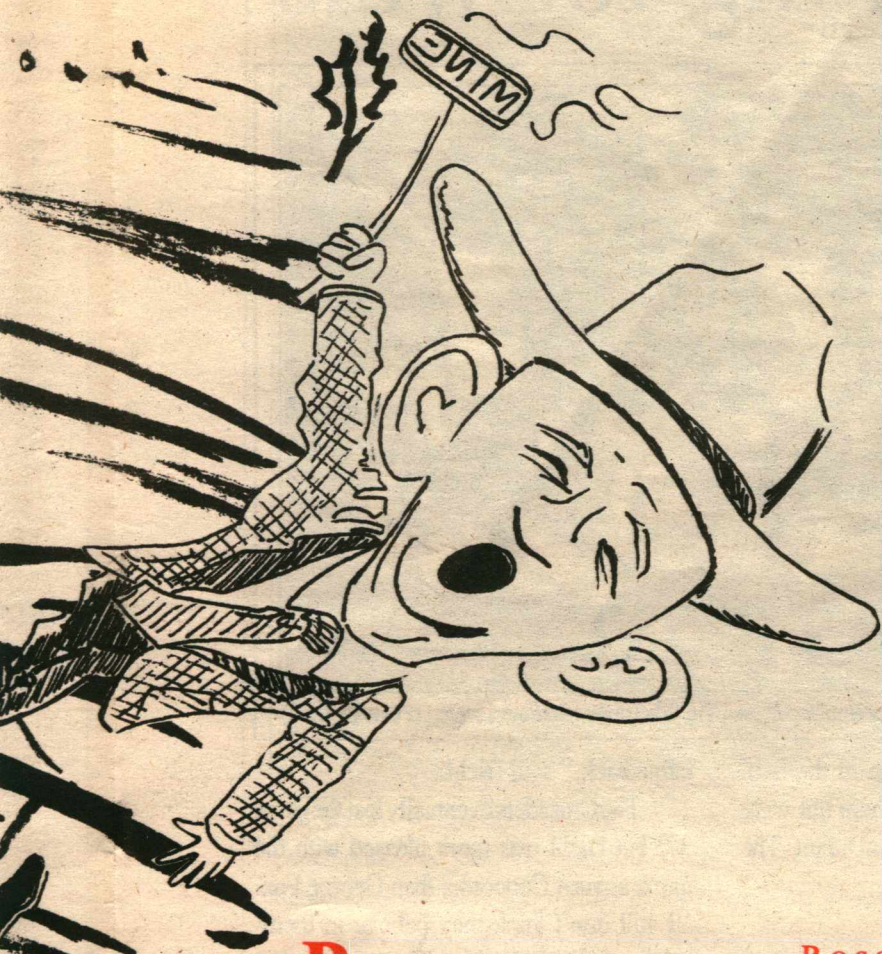
After the convention, Clinton's place in the polls rose to 20 points ahead of Bush. Since the convention, Clinton has stayed on the offensive, and has continued to maintain an upbeat, aggressive campaign against George Bush.



GEORGE BUSH

George Bush came into the 1992 election in very serious political trouble. He was being challenged for the Republican nomination by conservative journalist Patrick Buchanan. Although Buchanan was behind Bush in the polls, he was still attracting a large number of conservative voters who were disillusioned with George Bush, the man they crowned, in 1988, to carry on the Reagan legacy. Bush seemed to do everything he could to distance himself from Reagan policies. The 1990 "Read my lips: no new taxes" tax increase turned many voters against Bush. The economy has been bad, growth has been slow, jobs are scarce and the national debt is at an all-time high. The American voters are frustrated and are in a mood for change. Not seeming to realize the trouble he was in, Bush relied on the strategy that he used in 1988. In 1988 Bush waited until August to set aside his vice-presidential duties and redefine himself as a presidential candidate. Bush initially slipped in the polls, but after the August national convention, he made a come-





back. But the strategy has not worked as well this time.

FAMILY VALUES. The Bush campaign has focused on the issue of family values. The most quoted campaign speech of this year is probably Vice-President Dan Quayle's speech to the Commonwealth Club of California. Quayle lamented the breakdown of the family and the disintegration of moral values. "Right now", Quayle said, "the failure of our families is hurting America deeply. When families fail, society fails." Quayle elaborated, "We must be unequivocal about this. It doesn't help matters when prime-time TV has Murphy Brown -- a character who supposedly epitomized today's intelligent, highly paid professional woman -- mocking the importance of fathers by bearing a child alone and calling it just another lifestyle. I know it's not fashionable to talk about moral values, but we need to do it. Even though our cultural leaders in Hollywood, network TV, the national newspapers routinely jeer at them, I think that most of us in this room know that some things are good, and other things are wrong." The vice-president's speech touched off a firestorm of controversy and debate over what family values actually are.

A FLOUNDERING CAMPAIGN. Realizing that his re-election bid was in trouble, George Bush asked Secretary of State James Baker, who managed Bush's 1988 winning campaign, to resign and take the position of Chief of Staff so that he could save Bush's floundering bid for re-election. Baker may not be the savior that the Bush campaign was hoping for, however. Currently, Clinton is leading Bush by as many as 18 percentage points in some polls.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION. The Republican National Convention took place in mid-August in Houston, Texas. The abortion issue stirred up some controversy in the Republican ranks. Since 1980, the Republican platform has had a hard-line anti-abortion plank. Moderates in the party want to alter the position to include more tolerance for the pro-abortion position. But the Bush campaign set its foot down and said there will be no compromise language; the anti-abortion plank will stay, as is. Speakers at the convention included, among others, former president(s) Ronald Reagan and Gerald Ford, AIDS victim Mary Fisher, Barbara Bush and Marilyn Quayle. Although Bush did jump in the polls after the Houston convention, he was still trailing Clinton.

PEROT DROPS IN. Ross Perot, a Texas billionaire, has challenged the two-party system. No other independent candidate in modern history has had this kind of success. Perot began campaigning unofficially on February 20. He appeared on CNN's Larry King Live and was asked if he would run for president. Perot replied that he would run if supporters got him on the ballot in all 50 states. Since then, Perot's popularity with the voters has soared. To many voters, Perot was a needed change from the career politician. Voters saw Perot as a private citizen, a businessman, who promised to fix the country's economic ills. In early June, although still not a formal candidate, Perot signed veteran Republican Ed Rollins, who worked for Ronald Reagan, and Hamilton Jordan, the orchestrator of Jimmy Carter's 1976 presidential win to his campaign staff. By the end of June, Perot's candidacy was still undeclared. But he still out-paced Bush in the polls and left Clinton way behind. Because he was designated as a front-runner, Perot, as all prominent presidential candidates do, began to be hounded by the press. Perot began to fall in the polls. Questions about Perot's honesty, integrity and temperament arose.

PEROT DROPS OUT. Perot is a stubborn man. He likes things done his way or no way at all. On July 11, Perot spoke in front of a Nashville branch of the NAACP. Ignoring the advice of his aides, Perot delivered his own speech and called Black Americans "you people". Perot was raked over the coals for this politically incorrect speech. On July 16 Perot officially dropped out of the race he was unofficially a part of. As reasons for his departure, Perot cited the fact that he was impressed with a revitalized Democratic party and that throwing a three-way presidential election to the House would be "disruptive." According to Rollins and other campaign insiders, Perot quit for reasons other than those he gave. Insiders claim Perot simply could not stomach politics. He couldn't comply with strategies that would help him win the election. Because Perot would not follow the advice of the political campaign veterans he hired to manage his own campaign, Perot decided to walk away. The Bush and Clinton campaigns immediately began to scramble to attract Perot supporters.

PEROT DROPS IN AGAIN. On October 1, Perot re-entered the race for president of the United States and named James Stockdale as his running-mate. Perot, who said he would spend whatever it takes to win the election has purchased a million dollar ad campaign. But he doesn't have the same support he had when he withdrew in July. Many of his former supporters feel betrayed and have become disillusioned. Many of them have defected to either the Republican or Democratic Campaigns or are not voting at all.



The campaign season will come to an end on Tuesday, November 3 when the voters step into the voting booth and choose a new president of the United States. There will be no more biting personal attacks, no more campaign slogans or advertisements, and no more political rhetoric. At least until the next election.

Basketball team ranked 8th in national poll

By PAUL REGISTER
OPERATIONS MANAGER

In the preseason poll for NAIA Division II men's basketball, NNC is ranked eighth in the nation.

The news seemed irrelevant to Coach Ed Weidenbach who is more focused on the task at hand, which is to get his team ready for the opening game of the season in late November by scrimmaging over the weekend. "I guess for two weeks we did well," said Weidenbach. "We are trying to get our team playing well. That is why we scrimmage." Overall, Weidenbach said he was pleased with the team's efforts.

Not everyone on campus knew of the ranking, including one of the players. "Dang... eighth... Wow! I think that's good," said transfer Aaron Hanis. "I'm looking forward to playing. We have a lot of talent. It'll be a good plus for the team as the season starts."

But both coach and player agree. It is best to take things one day at a time. Other district teams ranked nationally were Albertson College of Idaho (7th) and George Fox (12th).

NNC baseball beats Albertson 9-4

The Crusader baseball team has opened a new era this fall. Again.

Last fall the 'Saders opened the "Serna Era" with the hiring of former Seattle Mariner Paul Serna as head coach. After a trip to the District II play-offs in the spring, the Crusaders were optimistic going into this fall. But Serna left NNC last summer for personal reasons after an alleged contract squabble with the NNC athletic department.

Brian Muir, an assistant coach last year, has taken over as the Crusader's skipper and has led the team to a 3-1-1 record so far in the young fall season.

In the second game of last Saturday's double-header, NNC beat Albertson College of Idaho for the first time since 1988. Sophomore pitcher Mike Mortimer gave up only four hits as the 'Saders rocked the 'Yotes 9-4. The teams tied 15-15 in the opener. The Crusaders host the Coyotes Saturday at 10 a.m. at Rodeo Park in Nampa.

'Saders keep fighting for wins

By PAUL REGISTER
OPERATIONS MANAGER

George Fox and Concordia, the powerhouses of the league proved themselves worthy of that distinction last weekend when both teams took their respective matches against the Crusaders.

Much to their credit, the Crusaders turned their play around against Concordia after a sub-par performance against George Fox the day before. All this despite losing sweeper John Bomar, who on Wednesday had surgery to remove a tumor from his bladder. He will return in three weeks. Freshman Chucky BonDurant, NNC's Player of the Week, replaced Bomar at sweeper over the weekend.

During Friday's game, George Fox was able to take advantage of lackluster play by the Crusaders and win the match 3-1. "We played with low intensity against George Fox," said NNC head coach Dave Diehl. "We just didn't win any 50-50 balls. Nearly everyone was giving a half-hearted effort. They were giving up on the 50-50 balls."

The Crusaders' lone score in the game, in the weekend for that matter, came on penalty kick by Carlos Antras with approxi-



Carlos Antras, Kevin Saul, Chucky BonDurant, and Tin Whetstone celebrate a score. (Photo by Brad)

mately 25 minutes left to go in the half. "We had the plays to beat them but were just not capitalizing," said BonDurant. The Crusaders lost the game 3-1.

Saturday afternoon the Crusaders played potentially the best team in the league when they butted heads with nationally ranked Concordia. The 'Saders came back and held Concordia scoreless for the first 33 minutes of the ball game. "I asked them to win those 50-50 balls and to their credit they

came back," said Diehl.

The Crusaders eventually lost the game 3-0 but Diehl was more pleased with the game against Concordia than George Fox. "I still don't think they believe in themselves yet," said Diehl. "They did do what I asked them to. We need them to keep fighting, have patience and work hard. This team's time will come."

The Crusaders take on arch rivals Albertson College of Idaho tonight at 4:00 p.m. in Caldwell.

Lady Crusaders win one, lose one

By NAOMI BROWN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Lady Crusaders' winning streak lasted through Thursday when they annihilated the Whitman Missionaries in three games (15-5, 15-2, 15-5).

Brenda Naccarato contributed 9 kills while Stephanie Arland made 8 kills and 10 digs. Melanie Trombley had 28 assists. These individual statistics may seem low, but Coach Darlene Brasch explains, "The best part was having the ability to play everyone on the team."

Although the volleyball players made an honorable comeback in the first game on Friday, it was to no avail. Albertson maintained their lead for a win and then proceeded to win the next two games. However, this was not necessarily due to poor individual playing.

Arland had 13 kills and 16 digs while Terea Josephson came in with 12 kills and 5 aces. Trombley made 37 assists, Cheri



Terea Josephson packs in the house with tough digs like this.

(Photo by Brad Nelson)

Dailey had 10 kills and 12 digs, and Naccarato had 5 kills and 12 digs.

Coach Brasch attributes the loss to "poor blocking and poor serves received." This week the ladies are working on these two areas in anticipation of wins against Western Oregon and George Fox. These

are tough teams and both nights are conference matches. There were close to 500 at the game last Saturday and Coach Brasch says that the lady Crusaders "appreciate the crowd support."

NNC plays Western Oregon at 4:00 on Friday and George Fox at 7:00 on Saturday.

INTRAMURAL 3-ON-3 TOURNEY



Randy Nutting drives for the lay-up against Doug Schwin, while Steve Fairbanks and Matt Groenig look on. Sunday's Intramural 3-on-3 tourney drew great response. Even NNC President Dr. Leon Doane played a game, joining up with Pete Brumbaugh and Jason Koglin.

"I have rubber for legs," he said, coming off the court.

(Photo by Brad Nelson)

INTRAMURALS

Eagles break Broncos in week two

By PAUL REGISTER
OPERATIONS MANAGER

Week two is over and the same might be said for the women's league as participants are showing but never enough on the same team to overcome the eight player limit. The intramural directors are becoming impatient with the lack of female participants. "I think the girls would rather eat and sleep, rather than coming out to play intramural football," said intramural director Bret Skagerberg.

However the men's action took place and here is a rundown of how teams did during this week's games.

12:00 Eagles vs. Broncos

Despite the fact the Broncos made an outstanding acquisition this week by picking up a very handsome, charming junior from Sutherland Hall, the Eagles reamed the Broncos in every as-

pect of the game. The Eagles made five interceptions during the game, only two were returned for touchdowns. The Broncos offense worked about as well as a John Hanna pick-up line. Meanwhile the Broncos were throwin' bombs that would have made Patton proud.

Final Score: Eagles 40, Broncos goose-egged

12:00 Giants vs. Chiefs

The "Globe of Death" made it's first appearance of the year. Let's just say it was fun to watch and the team captain knew it, "The Globe of Death wasn't perfected yet," said Jay Hughes, "Next week watch out for the Globe of Doom." Not quite the weapon it was made out to be, the "Globe of Death" remains the second most attractive thing on the field. The first being Carl Printz. The Chiefs ran their famed play and ran away with the "W".

Final Score: Chiefs 15, Giants 12

1:00 Cowboys vs. Lions

By far the most hyped matchup of the day. After Doug Schwin's statement regarding "intramural dominance" the Cowboys have been under much pressure to win. Not only was this the most hyped matchup but the most exciting game. The action began early when Darin Kessi mortared a shot to Rick Solvason within the first five minutes of the game and it looked to be a dismal day for the Cowboys. The Cowboys rallied to send the game into Kansas Plan overtime, where the ball is set at the ten yard line and each team gets a chance to score, if both teams score it is sent into additional overtime periods until one team scores and holds the other team on downs. The Lions were unable to score in their possession. Then on first down of the Cowboys possession, Tony Peppley ran up the middle on a center sneak, for the win.

Final Score: Cowboys 12, Lions 6

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Six-shootin' show

Fresheree '92 takes a capacity crowd to the wild, wild west

By ANGELA PLIES
NEWS EDITOR

Fresheree '92 hit the stage with all the force of an Oklahoma bull in heat Friday night, playing to a packed house at NNC's science lecture hall. Acts ranging from "Dateless and Desperate" to "Gas Station Blues" provided a night to rival any hoe-down. The smell of hay bales and cow dung hovered in the air, creating an ambiance reminiscent of "Bonanza" and "Gunsmoke."

Cowguys and gals arrived dressed in their finest western duds, pieces of hay in their hair and guns at their sides, ready for a hootin' good time. And they weren't disappointed, goldangit!

Bob Thompson and John Brasch MC'ed the event, dressed in chaps and cowboy hats that would make Clint Eastwood jealous. Bob even had a horse named Rosco. "Kind of good lookin'," quipped Bob, "Not too smart."

But the real Rosco (Williamson) stepped out faster than you could say "All I ever needed to know I learned from Billy the Kid," to defend his manhood, grabbing Christin Quissell with a "come 'ere my little petunia!" causing quite a dismayed reaction on the part of the naive "Morrison flower".

Sarah Golladay and Echo Payton convincingly played the parts of Mr. and Mrs. American Gothic, with one slight twist. Each time they were in danger of losing their farm due to unproductive animals, an over-hormonal rooster would pay a call



Megan Iverson & Tony DeVall -- cutest couple?

leaving remembrances of his visit in the form of eggnog and Chicklets.

And if you think that comedy is NNC's sole asset, think again. "Atonement" hit the stage with a wonderful combination of bass guitar, lead guitar and drums. To play at an NNC variety show is often worse than trying to gain the acceptance of the crowd at New York's "Apollo" theater, one known for physically forcing acts off the stage, but suddenly the scene was different. The crowd roared its approval for "Atonement", whose members include Anthony Syme, Jason Martin and Chad Murphy. Don't underestimate this group; Chinese proverb say, "much success loom in future."

To have one band with substance is a rarity, to have two bands worth listening to, well....make a phone call down to purgatory and tell them to break out the long johns! "Strange as Angels" combined a driving beat with anything-but-hokey lyrics to rock the NNC cowfolk beyond wildest expectations. J.D. Dahlquist and Kyle Shaffer blended like true professionals creating a beautiful harmony with a message worth listening to (finally). And if you are one of those who are heartbroken that their act had to come to an end, don't despair my little cow poke, they can also be heard at Boise's ever-popular Obadiah's coffee house on certain Saturday nights . . . if you're lucky.

One memorable act, not soon to be forgotten, was Young Guns II. Brief story outline: Rosco and Erik Nelson are once again at odds, but this time, bartender Brad Nelson breaks up the altercation declaring them both boys and not men at all. To prove their rough-n-toughness, each must down Brad's specialty drink: the Fireball. "Smells like Texas pie," slurred Erik as he lifted the regurgitated froth to his lips.

"It was so gross. When I saw what Erik was going to do, I said, 'Oh my word I'm going to spew', and the guy sitting next to me gave me his hat," said freshman Tina Hoffman, her mouth scrunched up in a look of disgust.

Other acts deserving of recognition included "The Ultimate Sheriff's Deputy" expertly lipsynced to Carmen's smash hit "Satan bite the dust" and the "devotional" video that kept the audience in fits of explosion throughout its entirety. The "Hee Haw House Band" also did a wonderful job of keeping the show going between acts and are to be commended, particularly the ex-



Echo Payton and Sarah Golladay crow about the hardships of farming. (Photo by Brad Nelson)

pert banjo picking of Misty Linn.

Freshman Brian Jackson said that he much prefers this type of initiation to the hazing which takes place on other college campuses. Or, as he put it simply, "That's nice."

"We just love it!" exclaimed sophomore Jamie Calman. "It's hilarious."

Other opinions expressed related to the seeming hard luck of NNC guys to get dates with the NNC girls, as portrayed in several of the acts. "The guys should just get off their butts and start asking us out!" invited one enthusiastic Morrison freshman.

Leaving behind his sheriff's badge, Bob the MC reentered to introduce the last act wearing a rather festive, red jeweled sombrero, a \$4.99K-Mart rug which doubled as a poncho, and spoke to the audience in a rather interesting German accent.

And as if all the enjoyment of the evening had not already been almost too much for NNC to handle, even more talent came spilling out of the haystacks in the form of Tres Guapos. Hidden talent in the

form of Mike Mortimer, Ben Kneadler and Sean Sanberg brought a standing ovation from the front row with their rendition of "Good-night Sweetheart". It was truly worth the \$2.50 if only to hear these men sing.

The night was a smashing success, leaving many a new freshman walking away singing the praises of NNC.

"Yeewhaw!!!" shouted Sarah Weaver, member of the sophomore class council who devoted countless hours to bring the wild west to Nampa.

"It was a heck of a good time," added Jami Mittelstaedt, also part of the council. "I'm glad everyone came out."

"I can't wait to take Bob's advice and call 8305," chimed in Megan Iwerson, freckles, cowboy hat and all.

Tickets for the event sold out the first day, as expected, so if you missed your chance this time, be sure to get in line early for Senior Slick and Malibu. Next time, don't be left in the saddle without your horse!

Paradise and hell woven together in 1492

By D. M. BOMAR
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COVER STORY EDITOR

In the year of 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue.

But if you are expecting director Ridley Scott's film version of Christopher Columbus' historical expedition to be that rosy, you probably don't want to see 1492.

Last week we brought you a review of a dark, gory, historical epic. Today we bring you a review of a different dark, gory, historical epic. We're not claiming to understand this recent Hollywood trend (see last week's review of The Last of the Mohicans), but we've witnessed its latest victim. And it's not that bad.

The first thing that's not that bad about 1492 is its accurate portrayal of Columbus' voyage. Scott

and friends obviously did their homework. Columbus is depicted as a dreamer, driven by passion, who struggles against the repressive dogmatism of the Inquisition. While this is very inspiring, the movie also portrays the tragic side of Columbus' story and the prices he had to pay in pursuit of his dream.

This film surpasses most in its rich visual imagery. Like several major movies in recent years (Dead Poets Society, Glory, Dances With Wolves), 1492 is pretty to watch. Scott and his cinematography crew keep the viewer busy with detail, color, and dramatic movement. The visions of Columbus' new world take the audience into paradise and hell.

Scott also scores high marks for assembling a fine cast. Depardieu is hardly a dashing hero, but is extremely convincing as the

dream-driven explorer. His ability to display passion draws the viewer into Columbus' dream. (Although, Depardieu's French accent is a little awkward for the Italian Columbus.) And who knew that the alien-chased Sigourney Weaver could play the regal Queen of Spain? Scott did well to select this determined woman once again (Weaver played Ripley in Scott's sci-fi classic, Alien).

Like Mohicans, 1492 is extremely detailed in its authenticity. Costuming, setting, lighting, dialect -- once again, a director has succeeded to recreate a historical event as realistically as possible.

But also like Mohicans, 1492 may be too authentic for weaker stomachs. Eat light and don't take prescription medicine before watching 1492. It's gory. It's real.

The movie does have some rough spots. Scott went a little overboard in the depiction of a hurricane that unexpectedly hits Columbus' first settlement in the new world. The scene looks less like a storm and more like the ending of Poltergeist. It's a little metaphysical and a lot disconcerting.

Vangelis' soundtrack doesn't help. Much of the score sounds like downtown New York City traffic run through a blender. Boo.

The account is accurate. The characters are convincing. The conflicts are real. This film is provoking.

But next week we'll review a comedy. Promise.

P.S. Don't confuse 1492 with last summer's big flop Christopher Columbus: The Discovery. 1492 is playing at the Linden in Caldwell.

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Culver beats Chapman's Mav Run Record . . . sort of



79 Culver women attempted to break the Mav run record after the rather disappointing effort by Morrison last Tuesday which only brought out 32 freshman. Despite attempts by drunk drivers to run the girls off the road and Sutherland bombardiers with water balloons, the Mav run was a huge success bringing out 77% of the Sophomore girl's dorm as compared to a 70% turnout from the freshman in Chapman Thursday before last. Upon their return from the Maverick, the girls lined up to chant to Chapman, Morrison, Sutherland, and Dooley, ending their chant with a group belch.

"We met new people - that was the good part. And we got to see the guys with their shirts off, but we didn't see any hairy chests . . . I guess we have to go to Corlett for that," said Culver participant Karen Claus.

(Photo by Amy Lancaster)



By RYAN PITTS, JOHN NORDSTROM, and MATT JOHNSON

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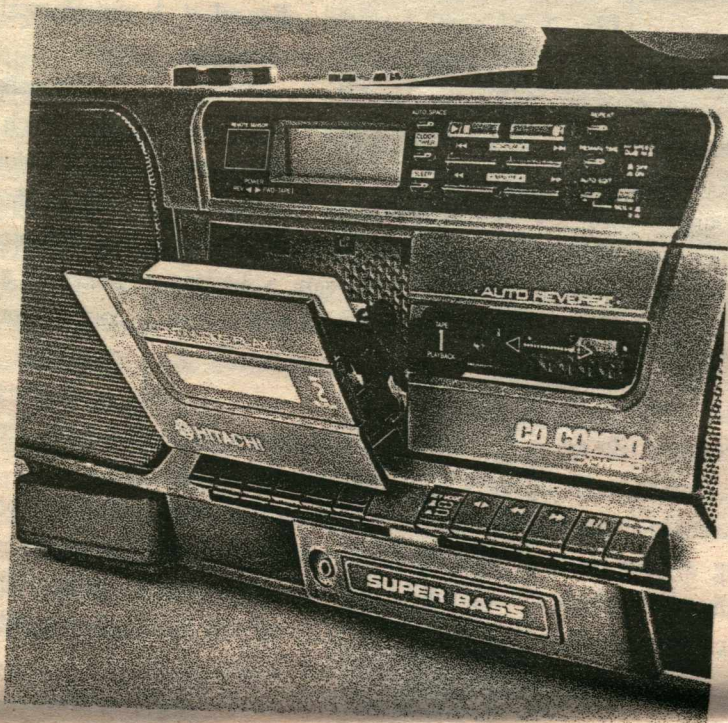
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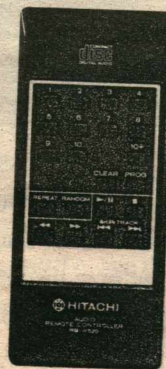
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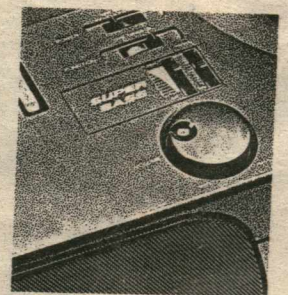
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