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For over a decade, this nation has celebrated

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March as National Women's History Month. As a reminder of all the accomplishments of women, The Crusader chose to honor women by focusing on feminism in the cover story. Well, that was the original intent. Then along came the NAIA tournament, and our male dominated editorial board (ha! ha! guys) decided to axe the article on feminism to replace it with tournament coverage. Once again woman must sacrifice for man. Despite this, I at least want to write a small tribute to all the great women of history.

We all should be proud of the women who have fought for equal rights so that all women would have the privileges that today we so often take for granted. America's women are women who have struggled, experienced pain, and yet have overcome.

In all her efforts, woman has never given up the fight for equality, the fight for her children, the fight for her family, and essentially the fight for all humanity.

Get involved in celebrating woman's history month, even if it just means thanking your mother.

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President Doane's future uncertain

By ANGELA PLIES
NEWS EDITOR

President Doane remains in stable condition in St. Luke's Hospital in Boise. He has been hospitalized since his surgery March 3 when doctors located inoperable cancer, according to Gil Craker, Director of News and Information Services for NNC.

According to Craker, doctors have been unable to make a prognosis because he has not recovered from the surgery as doctors had hoped.

"The goal is to get him strong enough so they (the doctors) can take care of him," said Craker yesterday.

"Wednesday night was rough," he added, "but Thursday night was better."

Dr. Ken Hills, Vice President for Student Development also commented on the president's condition. "Before the doctors can do anything with chemotherapy they have to get him stabilized from the surgery," he said.

According to Hills, Doane was having trouble with nausea on Friday, but is apparently doing better.

Dr. Gordon Wetmore, past presi-

dent of NNC and close friend of Doane, reportedly visited with him this weekend in the hospital.

Visitors are still not being allowed to see Doane, but, according to Craker, he continues to express his faith and appreciates the support of the campus community.

The situation is far from being in control, however. "He's in serious need of prayer," Craker said.

"It's extremely hard on the family," added Hills. "The ordeal is lasting a while, and one of the main problems is all the people who are concerned and want to see him."

"When you are a public figure, whether you like it or not, the public owns you."

Hills added that the student body is experiencing a mixture of feelings regarding Doane. "For those who know him personally, especially those involved in student leadership, the loss is really being felt. Others who didn't get a chance to know him are simply saddened," he said.

"I think it's important to remember that students have permission to hurt, and to grieve, and to want to pray

all night," he continued, "but it's also okay not to want to. All of us deal with our grief differently."

A major contributor to the confusion, said Hills, is the conflicting feelings students are experiencing. With the excitement of the NAIA tournament, the concern for Doane and his future, and the stress of finals, many students are not sure what to feel, according to Hills. "One of the hard things in grieving is knowing how to react," he said.

Faculty and students are feeling the uncertainty of Doane's condition. "I think a lot of students were very surprised, and a lot of people are scared about what is going to happen. We feel really uninformed and unsure of what's going on," said sophomore Kristina Hedstrom.

"The faculty is really grieving over his illness. We love him, and we respect him. He's brought us together; he's made our teaching a joy," said English professor Dr. Lynn Neil. "He's done so much for us in just six months.

Mostly I want him to get his strength back so that he can spend time with his family."

Vote for executive officers April 5

By DAVE McEWEN
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year again. With posters, promises, and pomp, the elections for 1993-94 ASNNC executive officers are about to begin. Campaigning starts on March 30th and runs until April 4th, when all posters and propaganda must be down. Speeches will immediately follow on Monday, April 5th, during a special ASNNC convocation in the Gym. The elections themselves will be held later that same day during lunch and dinner. Only currently enrolled NNC students will be able to vote. Runoff elections, if needed, will be on Wednesday, April 7th.

The election consists of three offices: ASNNC President, Executive Vice President, and the Social Vice President. "The newly-elected

president appoints the other officers, with confirmation votes by the Senate," said Jason Koglin, current executive VP and presidential candidate.

Competition for the president's chair will be more fierce than normal this year, with four equally impressive candidates running, as opposed to just two last year. Koglin will be running against current Campus Ministries Coordinator Troy Grant, Junior Class Senator Carlos Antras, and Social Vice President Todd Shupe.

Kevin Six is running unopposed for the position of Executive Vice President, and the Social Vice President spot is being sought by Kristin Dalton and Sherri Botham.

After the elections, the new officers will fly to Travecca Nazarene College in Nashville, Tennessee, for the Nazarene Student Leadership Con-

ference. At this four day gathering of executive student leaders, the major officers from all the North American Nazarene colleges gather to vote on national issues and concerns.

"The officers split up into groups according to their positions to swap ideas and phone numbers," said Shupe. "There are also joint sessions with spiritual activities."

Shortly after the executive elections, the election process for class officers will commence. All those who wish to run for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, or Senators of their class need to sign up on the door of the Executive Vice President (upstairs in the student center) by Friday, April 16th. The elections for ASNNC positions are on Wednesday, April 28th, at lunch and dinner. Talk to Jason Koglin for details and handouts.

NAIA, players, community pleased with tourney

By D. M. BOMAR
MANAGING EDITOR

Bringing the NAIA Division II National Men's Basketball Tournament to NNC was by no means an easy accomplishment for Athletic Director Eric Forseth and his crew. But the task of bringing the championships back to Nampa next year will be much simpler.

"The NAIA is just very pleased," said Forseth, and Doug Slifka, NAIA Assistant Director for Championship Events, agrees.

According to Slifka, NNC's contract with the NAIA provides the college with the option to host next year's tournament.

"Eric (Forseth) has to decide if the community is willing and able to gear up again," said Slifka, "and we (at NAIA) have to decide if this is the right place for our members to come."

But if this year's tournament is any indication, basketball fans will indeed pack Montgomery Fieldhouse next year to watch the nation's 20 best teams battle for the championship title.

Slifka said that this year's event is "so far beyond our expectations. It's just amazing. Teams have all been saying it's a great tourney--even the teams that lose."

Take Northern State University (SD), for example.

"We've really been impressed with the way they've treated the athletes and the coaches," said Bob Olson, coach of the #1-seeded Northern State Wolves. "The people of Nampa, NNC, Eric Forseth, we couldn't say more about how they've gone about preparing for this tournament."

"The mountains are beautiful," commented Tony Harrison, a Northern State fan. "We're going skiing all weekend long."

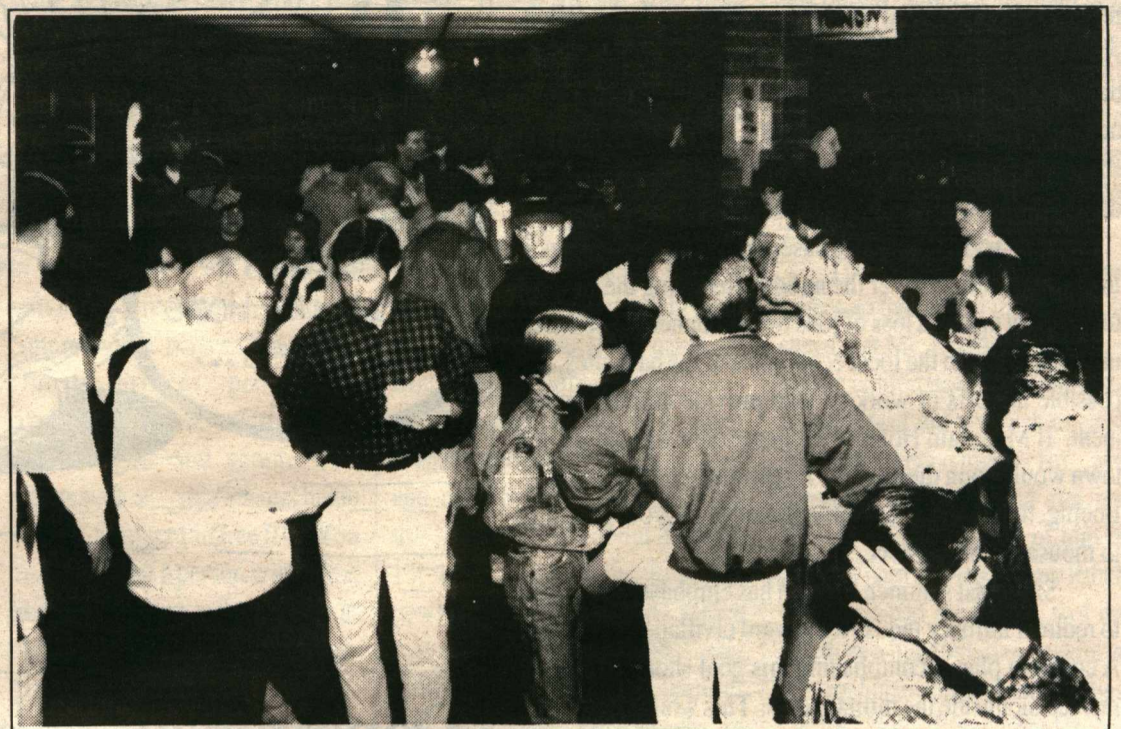
"I think it was a real class act tournament," commented Chris Trout, William Jewell College's #40, after losing to Northern State Monday night. "It was a lot better than last year. It was great to see the NNC fans in the stands, because the Crusaders played good ball."

Slifka agreed that the crowds really contributed to the tournament's success.

"Even when NNC wasn't playing, there's been a great crowd," he said.

This was certainly evident at the box office. Between a very loyal NNC crowd and Albertson College fans from just ten miles away, ticket sales totals skyrocketed this year compared to last year. In fact, attendance at last year's tournament was surpassed after the first eight games of this year's event.

Forseth said the tournament



Big crowds have set attendance records throughout the tournament, packing Montgomery Fieldhouse to capacity four nights to watch the Crusaders fight for the national championship. (Photo by Brad Nelson)

drew more than 8,000 Saturday, more than the Big Sky tournament in Moscow, and Saturday night's crowd of 4,200 set a Division II attendance record for the national tournament.

Slifka and Forseth also attribute much of the tournament's success to a very supportive Nampa community.

"There's so much enthusiasm from the city, and having the home team in the tourney is definitely a bonus," said Slifka. He added that the corporate community should be thanked for their

sponsorship, noting that nearly every reader board in Nampa displayed a welcome message for NAIA participants.

"It's a unique community that can get behind an event like this," Forseth said. "Not every campus has these capabilities."

"A lot of communities in the nation aren't like this," Slifka said, referring to the honorary coaches program, which matches local sponsors with tournament teams. "They just know how to treat people here. And they're not doing it because it's their team, but

because they're good people."

Employees of West One Bank, which sponsored Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (FL), met their team at the Boise airport last week with a huge banner welcoming them to Idaho. After Embry-Riddle was eliminated from the tournament Friday, West One took the team skiing at Bogus Basin.

Allan Mullins, assistant vice president of West One Bank in Nampa, said several players had

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Texas cult standoff continues

Mount Carmel, the compound housing the Branch Davidian religious sect, has been the site of a major standoff for the past two weeks. The most recent developments toward an end to the impasse have included a stadium-style spotlight set-up by federal agents and telephone conversations with cult members.

The conflict began on February 28, with a shoot-out that killed four federal agents and at least two Branch Davidians. To

this point, four adults and 21 children have been allowed to leave the compound, but cult leader David Koresh has refused to turn himself in.

The FBI has noted some positive advances to the negotiations, as at least three members of the sect have been in contact with authorities, asking what type of charges would be pressed if they were to surrender. According to FBI agent Bob Ricks, "It indicates a very favorable sign when

people are talking about what types of charges are going to be filed. 'Where will I go, will I have an attorney appointed for me' and so forth."

Brrrrrrrrrrrrrr... East Coast

The eastern seaboard is currently enduring the worst storm they've seen in 27 years. Making Idaho's "harsh" winter look more like an Indian summer, tornadoes,

hurricane-force winds, and vast amounts of snow have put the other half of the nation into quite a state of disarray.

Major highways have been shut down, hundreds of thousands of citizens have been left without electricity, and rescue helicopters have been working overtime. At least 112 deaths have been attributed to "the storm of the century."

Three inmates escape Boise pen

A manhunt began yesterday for the three residents of the Boise

State Penitentiary who, last seen on Sunday, apparently escaped over the south fence.

"It's a single fence. It does have the razor wire on top of it," explained Ann Thompson, Corrections Department spokeswoman. "Three sets of footprints were found at the fence there."

The three escapees ranged in age from 19 to 22, and in charges from grand theft to aggravated assault. The convicts are not thought to be armed, but are considered dangerous.

Stories compiled by Ryan Pitts

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Clinton needs redirection plan

The Clinton Administration wants to close military bases across the nation. President Bill Clinton and Secretary of Defense Les Aspin say it is a necessary step toward reducing spending and working away at the huge deficit. And they're right. Military spending should be cut and bases should be closed. A gigantic military force is not necessary in post-cold war America. But these reductions should be coordinated with programs that redirect military-dependent jobs into the civilian sector.

Military spending and bases provide jobs and support local economies all over the nation. Reducing the military too quickly means a loss of jobs for personnel on the bases, major setbacks in the local economies of the base sites, and possible lay-offs of workers who provide military equipment. If Mountain Home's Air Force base was closed, the town would soon die as well. If spending is cut drastically, Boeing, for example, would be forced to pass out pink slips to thousands of workers.

Since last summer, Clinton has emphasized the need to redirect military industries toward civilian applications. A concrete plan accomplishing this goal should be implemented alongside the military cuts. This would ensure that people who make a living through the military will not become victims of America's next unemployment increase.

The government should convert Mountain Home's Air Force base for non-military use and provide incentives that encourage Boeing to increase its civilian manufacturing. Until the Clinton Administration presents a specific course of action accomplishing a military-to-civilian transition, it should put spending cuts and base closures on hold.

Domestic Peace Corps may work

President Clinton has raised the hopes of young people across the nation. His proposed "Domestic Peace Corp" plan aims to make college education available and affordable to everyone.

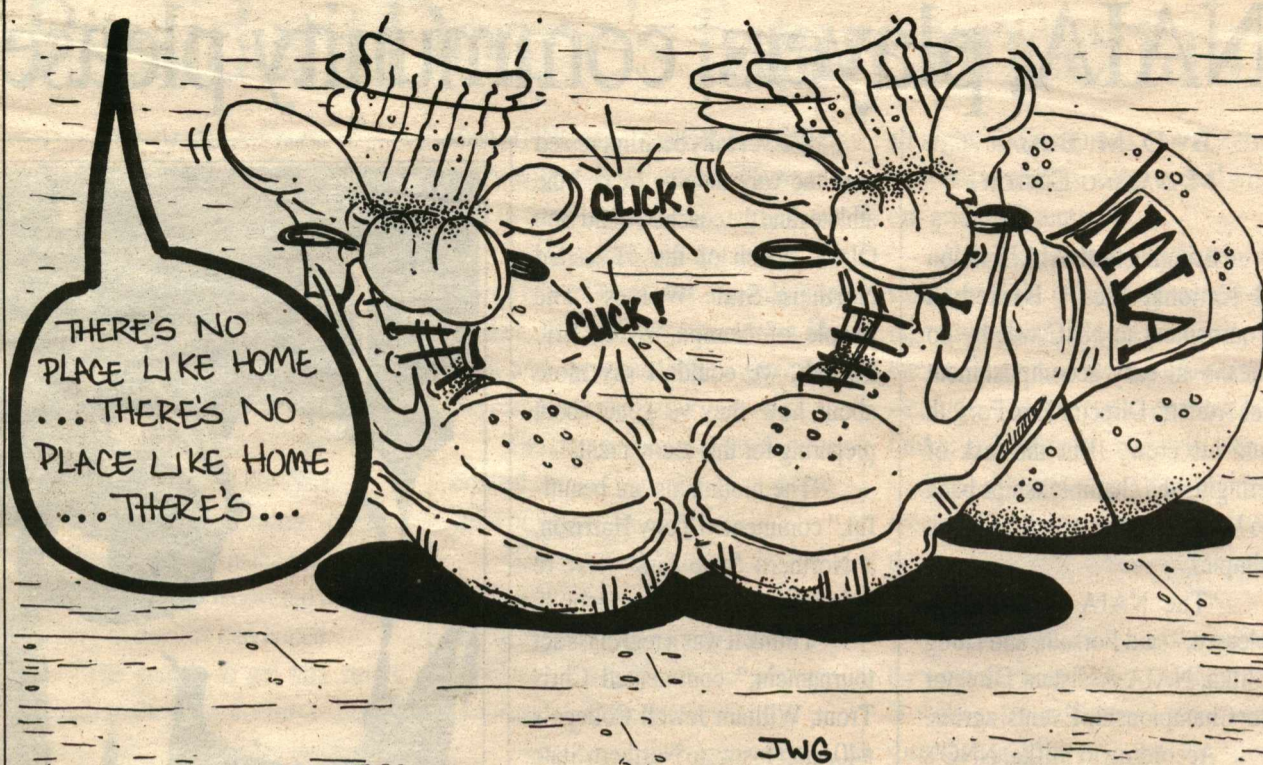
The plan allows students to either pay off their loans with two years of service after college or get "credit" toward future college expenses. An additional option has been proposed allowing students to work during college as well. Students would serve in areas such as teaching, police work, social work, and construction.

The benefits of the program include aid to students regardless of need, excellent experience to those in the program, much needed work completed in cities and on roads, and an educated work force.

Local programs that benefit from the "plan" will help students get some experience and pay off their debt. Counties and schools will get services at nearly half the normal cost.

President Clinton does need to reveal the specifics to the public and see if they add up. By answering the questions and being responsible, perhaps Clinton can improve the opportunities of students for years to come.

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Denominations hinder relationships with God

By SHAWN WEDEL
SPECIAL TO THE CRUSADER

I'm a Nazarene.
I'm a Baptist.
I'm a Catholic.
Who cares?

Indignation creeps through my veins as I stand amidst the self-righteous slurs that are hurled overhead. I watch as dedicated, God-fearing people strike down those with differing beliefs in the name of Jesus Christ.

This can't be right, can it?

Let it be me to make a bold observation and an even bolder statement.

DENOMINATIONS ARE PROHIBITING PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN GOD AND SOME PEOPLE.

Whew, wasn't that a doozy?

There is, as many have stated at one time or another, strength in numbers. A group that believes identically cooperates to strengthen a common bond. And when working together, the comradeship works as a lubricant to loosen the friction and help the machine, that is the church, run more smoothly.

Another positive point of denominations is the friendships and commitments set therein. Being a pastor's son, I know first-hand the experiences and friendships that can be gained within a group -- in my case, the Church of the Nazarene. Many memories pertaining to my fellow brethren will linger with me throughout eternity.

However, I still have my disagreements pertaining to denominations.

1. Instead of looking to God for direction, we fiddle through the pages of a manual.

Think about this. Your respective denomination is ruled by a minority.

A few big wigs got together some time ago, decided what was right and wrong for their following, and laid it down. (I know things are not that simple, but in essence this is true.) Therefore, everything you are supposed to believe is brought up, argued and passed by an extreme minority, whether you agree with it or not.

Here it is! Believe it, whether you like it or not!

If one's beliefs are centered around one general doctrine and expected not to sway from the norm, a person tends to rely too heavily and fall back on the beliefs of his or her religious upbringing instead of really talking to God.

2. People are told what is right and wrong for them.

I feel cheated. Ever since I was born, I was told whom to believe, what to believe and why to believe.

And I believed.

I never asked God what was right for me. I never searched for myself. I had never looked at the pro-side of eternal security; I've never partaken in any of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church; I used to laugh at the idea of speaking in tongues.

My mind was closed.

I never asked God about these things. I accepted and conformed to the beliefs that were thrown at me. My personal, one-on-one relationship with Jesus Christ wasn't a personal, one-on-one relationship; it was more of a relationship between me and my denomination.

Now I have questions. Lots of questions. Almost everything I believed at one time is now blurry. You know what, though? It's not wrong to question. Answered questions lead to solidified beliefs.

So you're probably asking, "What is the point of this outburst of rhetoric?" It's this: People cannot decide what is right and wrong for you spiritually. Neither can manuals. What is right and wrong for you spiritually is between you and God.

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Choosing the best dressed among us is no easy task

Recently I had the honor of being asked to

DAVE BARRY

vote in the International Best Dressed Poll. According to the information accompanying the Official Ballot, this is a worldwide poll, conducted annually since 1940, of 1,000 "fashion professionals, journalists and others with the daily opportunity to see fashion at its best."

I was very proud to be asked to vote, although in all honesty I should note that I was not, technically, asked by the Best Dressed Poll Committee. I was asked by Ellie Brecher, who received a ballot because she used to cover fashion for the Miami Herald. She gave me her ballot because she was busy trying to get somebody to adopt an extra dog she had acquired.

Ellie collects stray animals. One time she collected a chicken, named Chuck E. Chicken, which she found wandering around as a baby (I mean the chicken was a baby). When you went over to Ellie's place, there would be Chuck, striding nervously around on the floor, trying not to get

stepped on, shooting her head forward and back in the manner of chickens and middle-aged people trying to read restaurant menus.

Me, I'd never have a house chicken. I'd be afraid that some night, while I was sleeping, the chicken, fed up with almost being stepped on, would hop onto the bed and peck my eyeballs out. Why not? What would stop her? Fear of arrest? No, society has very little hold over chickens, unlike dogs, which are desperately eager to please society, because society, unlike dogs, knows how to open dog-food cans.

Speaking of dogs, Ellie has acquired a stray one, a Dalmatian named Maybelline, because, as Ellie notes, "she looks like she's wearing eye makeup." Ellie can't keep Maybelline, because she (Ellie) already has three dogs, including one named Harpo, who has asthma, which means that Ellie has to squirt a nasal inhaler up each of Harpo's nostrils twice a day, a procedure that, if you count the time required to get Harpo

calmed down afterward, can consume as much as seven hours per nostril. Thus we see why, what with one thing and another, Ellie simply did not have time to participate in this year's International Best Dressed Poll.

To help voters decide whom to vote for, the Poll Committee sent along a recommended list of "international personalities," including princes, princesses, counts, duchesses, entertainment stars, moguls and people with names such as -- this is a real name -- "Mrs. Sumner Pingree III." You just know that a person with name like that has a monthly footwear budget larger than your mortgage payment.

Also included with the ballot was a list of people who have been inducted into the International Best Dressed List Hall of Fame, including Ronald Reagan, Mrs. Henry Kissinger, Queen Elizabeth II and Bianca Jagger. I'm sure these international personalities all deserve the honor, although in all candor the queen does occasionally appear in public wearing what appears to be motel furniture on her head. But we all have fashion

lapses. Two years ago, for example, I flew all the way from Miami to California to make a speech, and when I got there I discovered that I had one black shoe and one brown shoe. Fortunately I was speaking to people from the newspaper industry, where you're considered to be at the height of fashion sophistication if you have your pants on frontward, so nobody noticed.

Speaking of the newspaper industry and Mrs. Henry Kissinger and nostrils, I feel compelled at this time to tell you about the Nov. 13, 1992, issue of the Brazilian newspaper *Jornal Brasil*, which was sent in by alert reader James Philips. The front page features two large color photographs of Mr. Henry Kissinger, former U.S. Secretary of State and winner of the Nobel Prize for Peace, aggressively picking his nose at a trade conference in Rio de Janeiro. I am not making this up. The first photo shows Mr. Kissinger sitting with his translation earphones on and a little American flag in front of him. He has that faraway look that guys get when engaged in nasal maneuvers; his whole conscious-

ness appears to be centered in his left pinkie, which is wedged deep into his left nostril. In the second photo, he has the same look on his face, only now he is holding something between his thumb and his forefinger, and his mouth is open, and...YUCK.

The caption under the pictures makes no mention of this. It merely states that Mr. Kissinger is in town for the conference. Apparently the *Jornal Brasil* did not wish to cause any embarrassment for Mr. Kissinger, other than to run two large color photographs of him on the front page playing Booger Patrol.

I felt bad for Henry, so I decided, as a humanitarian gesture, to vote for him in the International Best Dressed Poll. I had a harder time deciding whom to vote for in the women's category, but I finally settled on an individual who has perfected an elegant yet exuberant look, a brand-new "take" on the classic black-and-white motif. This is an individual with breeding, personality, soulful eyes and -- above all -- a keen sense of smell. I refer of course to Maybelline Brecher.

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LETTERS

Opposed to policy

Dear Editor:

I am responding to your invitation to comment on the president's economic policy. I, for one, am opposed to it. The primary reasons are as follows:

Fundamentally, this plan is against the nature of what made America what it is today. America was founded on the ideas of working hard: poverty to prosperity. Each man does for himself, to provide for his family. When each person works toward this common goal, society as a whole approaches prosperity. It is basic human nature to want to improve one's self and one's condition. I think that a plan that is designed to punish those who succeed is destined to fail.

Secondly, the numbers don't

add up. In Clinton's address to the nation, he said that he had been working harder than he ever has to reduce the deficit without a tax hike on middle class America, but he admitted it just isn't possible. Unless he cuts spending, there is no way that the incoming tax dollars are going to reduce the deficit and pay for the programs he plans to create. In order to reduce debt, cash flow in has to be much greater than cash flow out. There won't be enough reduction of out flow to accomplish that.

Finally, this plan is founded on ideas that will never work. Clinton feels that deficit reduction will stimulate the economy in America, and he plans to use tax increases to accomplish this. It has been shown, through history, that a tax increase leads to inflation. Inflation leads to higher interest rates. Less disposable income means less money created (in economic terms). A higher interest rate discourages borrowing, and therefore spending and

investment are discouraged. A higher inflation rate hurts the economy, no debate about that.

So how can it be said that increased taxes will help the economy? Deficit reduction and economic growth occur when inflation is down, and interest rates are down. This occurred in '87, '88, '89 when the top marginal rate went down and people had more to spend. This furthered capitalism, and proper economic growth went from there. Clinton's plan will not create an economic climate that is conducive to any kind of growth. It simply won't work.

JOE SPINOZZI
FRESHMAN

NNC is an opportunity

Dear Editor:

Upon reading Nathan Edward's letter in the Crusader, I was quite upset about the things he accused NNC of. I am sorry you feel the way

you do but I think it doesn't have to do with the administration or the student body, but with YOU!!

It's all fine and good to point your fingers at NNC and blame it for your problems but have you taken the time to read the stance that NNC takes in this region? NNC is what you make of it, if you want to grow spiritually then this college gives you the chance to. I think you should get off your little legalistic horse and actually walk for a while.

The activities that you pointed out are not NNC's attempt to be more like the world. Did you actually attend the Karaoke night or the Valentine's banquet? If you didn't then you're making some pretty big unjustified comments! I attended both of these nights and I tell you what...it didn't cause me to think of alcohol or bars as being any more right than if I hadn't attended at all.

I have traveled over 10,000

miles to come to NNC and I would not want to be at any other college in the world!!! I see NNC as a bold Christian college producing very fine scholars for our future world. You, Nathan, are taking this college for granted. In Australia there are no Christian colleges so to have the opportunity to come to one is a great privilege.

About your comment regarding NNC being like a state college: have you ever been to a state college for any period of time? NNC is far from being anything like a state college. You should be thanking God that He has made it possible that the Christians have been able to build up a fine institution like NNC. I think you ought to open your eyes a little, mate; you may be surprised.

LYNDON SHAKESPEARE
SOPHOMORE

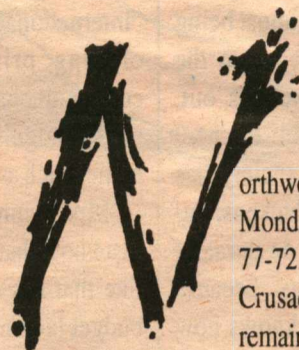
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THE CRUSADERS WORKIN' INTO the FINAL



By PETE BRUMBAUGH
SPECIAL TO THE CRUSADER

Northwest Nazarene College's carriage finally became a pumpkin Monday night, when they fell to Willamette University in overtime, 77-72. For a moment it appeared as if Coach Ed Weidenbach and the Crusaders had one more dance in them. With only a few ticks remaining on the clock, senior point guard Mike Chatterton tossed up a 24-footer which drained the net as the buzzer sounded, tying the score at 63-63, sending the game into overtime.



But fatigue finally took its toll on the Cinderella Saders. After posting victories over a speedy St. Joseph's (ME) squad in the opening round, the finessed defending national champs of Grace College (IN), and the physical play of Eureka College (IL), the Crusaders reached down deep inside for any energy remaining and nearly upended the Bearcats in the semi-finals, but alas they were denied by cruel fate.

But everyone was amazed to see the eighteenth-seeded Saders overcome hurdle after hurdle en route to the Final Four. It was truly a miracle in the making, a sight to behold.

It all started in the second half of their game against St. Joe's. Trailing 50-36 at halftime, it appeared that NNC clearly did not belong in the tournament. But then something happened. The Crusaders began to turn up the defense, hit some key shots, and pull down their rebounds. Even their free throws started dropping at the right time. It was as if all of the frustrations of the entire season disappeared and the real Saders emerged. They realized their potential -- "took that next step up in

their play," as Coach Ed put it. Abraham Maslow would call it self-actualization.

Whatever it was, the Crusaders turned the corner and erased the Monks' lead at the three-minute mark. Then down the stretch, they put on the defensive stoppers and hit their free throws, knocking off St. Joseph's, 80-74. Starters Chatterton, Emiko Etete, and Rolando Garcia turned in quality minutes on the court, each playing over thirty minutes of the game. Etete paced all scorers with 27.

After the game, the players were almost giddy. They had made history: it was NNC's first win at nationals in three attempts. But no one enjoyed it more than the 4,200+ fans that crammed into Montgomery Fieldhouse and witnessed the incredible comeback. For them, the win was euphoric, almost intoxicating.

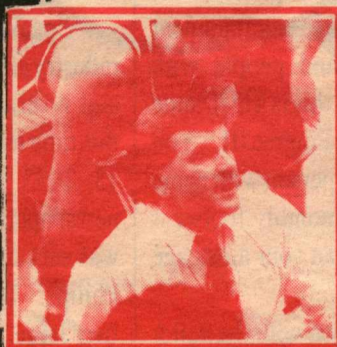
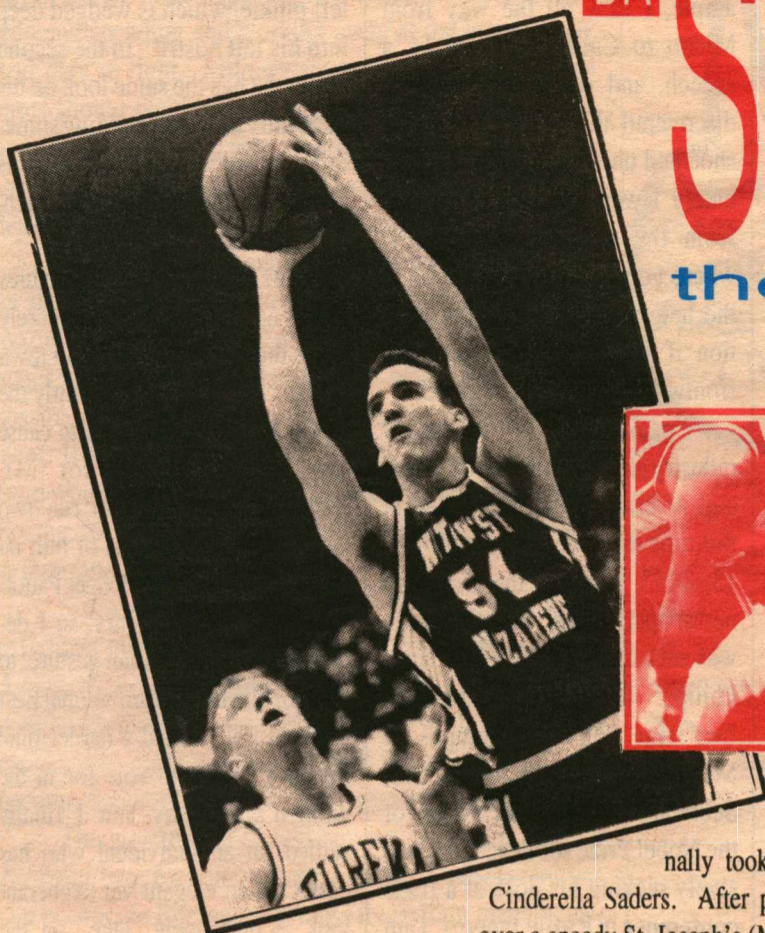
But after clearing that hurdle, they faced the defending national champions from Grace College. Their size, bulk, finesse, and reputation were intimidating on paper. But the Saders found a quick remedy to the Lancers' mystique: it began with the word *defense*, and lots of it. Joel Marion and Emiko Etete double-teamed David James, last year's na-

tional tournament MVP, holding him to only eleven points. Then came the Brian Locke show. The senior swingman shot the lights out from the three-point line, nailing 7-of-11 while racking a tournament record 39 points. The unsung hero of this game was Eric Spencer, who has been collecting splinters for most of the season. The 6-10 center played the game of his life against James, pulling down six rebounds, adding four points, even feeding Garcia on the backdoor to the hoop.

Nearly 4,500 fans sardined their way into the grandstand to watch the Crusaders knock off the second-seeded Lancers, 86-75. The student section, a traditionally standing-room-only occupancy, added its own brand of support, causing static on Grace's end of the court with their droning roar. Well into the second



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half it was apparent that the Lancers were not prepared for such a hostile crowd -- at least, not to the extent of its noise and rowdiness.

"We have the best fans in the country," quoted Weidenbach. "They can really give you a lift when you need it, and not too many teams play well against us when our crowd is at full tilt."

The crowd's effect notwithstanding, the Crusaders really played their best game in history. They played the ultimate forty minutes of basketball: focused on defense and patient on offense. Locke's points came to him through execution of the offense; he didn't have to create or force any of his shots. And for the first time all season, everything happened as planned; for a team that claimed to have scouted the Crusaders well, Grace was, in turn, out-coached.

With all their pistons finally popping in synch, the Saders met a physically bruising team from Eureka College. But from the opening tip, the Crusaders controlled the tempo, jumping out to leads of 9-0 and 22-12 before Eureka closed the gap at halftime, 31-29. There were no outstanding players for NNC in this game, just outstanding team play. The Saders committed only seven turnovers, stole the ball seven times, neutralized the rebounding edge of the Red Devils, and hit their free throws in the clutch, dropping Eureka, 69-60.

With the victory, three things happened: first, the Crusaders reached the Final Four in the national tournament for the first time in its history; second, they scraped together their second consecutive 20-win season; third, they moved over the .500 winning percentage plateau (3-2) in national tournament play.

"We don't really have a go-to guy. Every night it has been someone different to step up," said Chatterton. "This whole thing has been like a dream. I just hope we don't wake up until Wednesday morning..."

Coach Ed summed up the Crusaders' inspired display: "We're just playing our hearts out. We're playing together; we're just executing. The guys are playing great defense. We're just glad to still be playing on Monday."

On Sunday, the team took a much needed break to regain their strength and recoup from the exhaustion of the previous three nights. Chatterton was feeling it the worst, having played an average of 35 minutes a game, but he was still good for one more trick up his

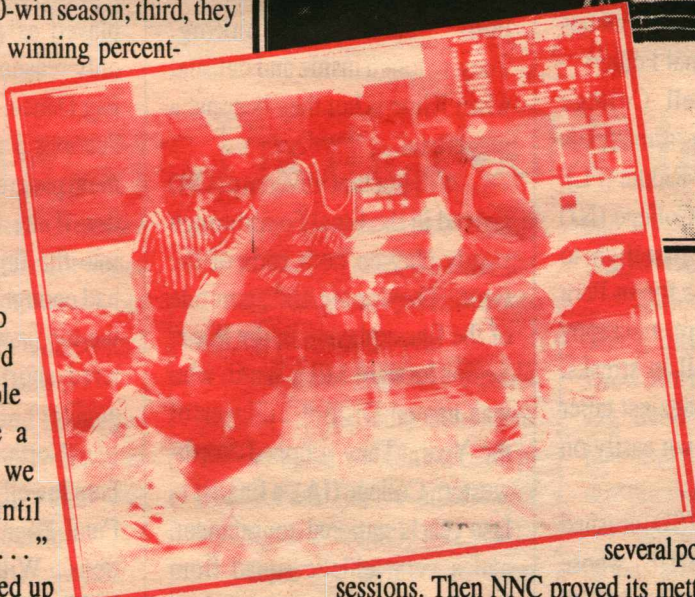
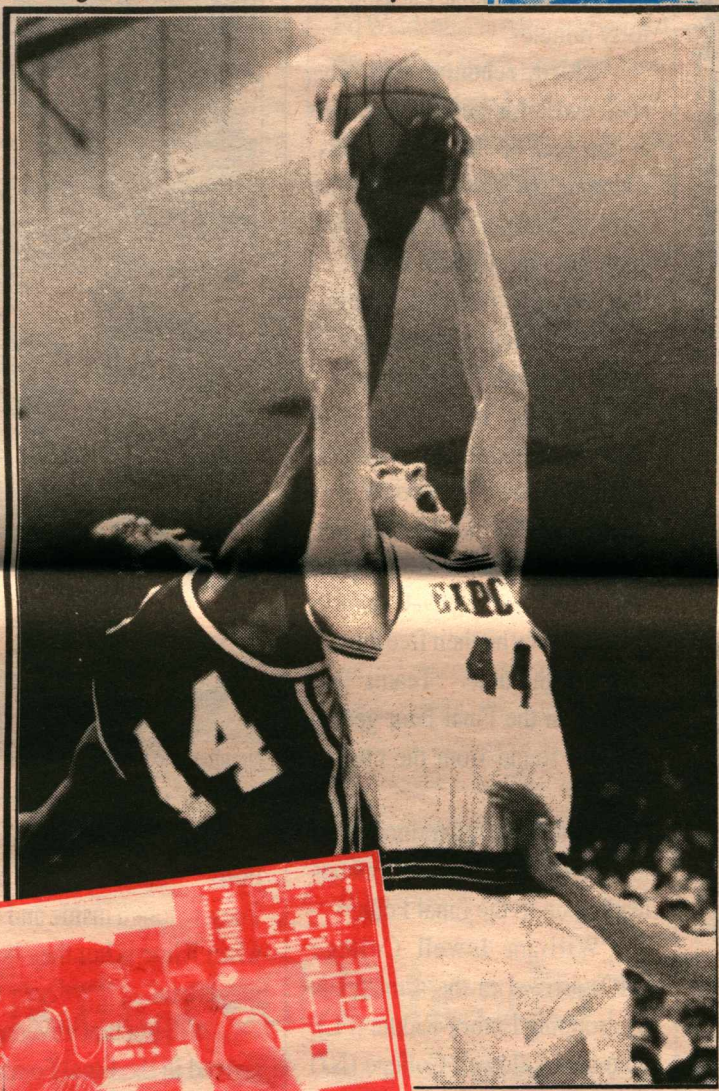
sleeve.

The Crusaders and their fans were still in somewhat of a funk Monday, when they faced off against Willamette University, the District 2 champions. After tensions flared between NNC fans and those from Northern State, as they fought for the same seats, the raucous crowd was looking for something to sink its teeth into. Everyone knew it was going to be a battle.

It was a tug-of-war from the opening tip, but midway through the first half the Bearcats opened a twelve-point lead and managed to hold the Saders at bay for

for an open shot from the three-point line, but Willamette wouldn't budge. Suddenly, Chatterton had the ball with four seconds remaining. He backed up and, from about six feet behind the tri-vector, released a high-flying shot which found its mark. Willamette was unable to inbound the basketball before time expired.

For thirty seconds, the crowd was in utter



pandemonium, jumping around, wide-eyed with mouths agape in disbelief. And everyone wondered if they could pull it off again.

Tenacious, the Crusaders gathered themselves on the court and tried one more time to take another step in history. From the tip-off in overtime, however, everything went the Bearcats' way. They were patient

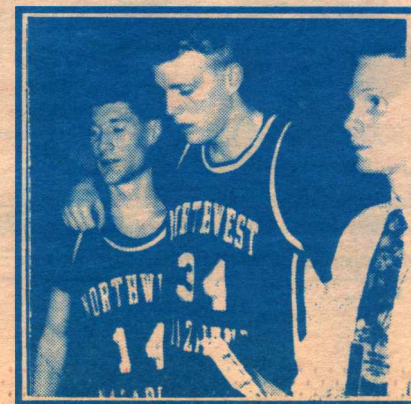
on offense and found shots open from the outside and inside. They forced the Saders to prove themselves from outside, and two of Locke's shots rattled out of the hoop. Down the stretch, Willamette hit all of their free throws and secured the victory, 77-72.

After the game, Locke summarized the team's feelings concerning their play in the tournament: "I think overall I learned a big lesson about never quitting. We could've given up and said we're 17-12 and we don't belong in the tournament, but we decided that we wanted to make this team a winner."

And they did, finishing 20-13 for the year. They proved to the community and their fans that they were contenders on a national level. But most importantly, considering all of the adversity this team has faced this year, they proved it to themselves.

Thanks for the memories, guys.

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Northern State, Willamette advance to finale

By PETE BRUMBAUGH
SPECIAL TO THE CRUSADER

In last year's national tournament, the Final Four consisted primarily of teams from the midwest (Dakota State, Northwestern College of Iowa, Grace College of Indiana, and Concordia College of Nebraska). This year, however, teams from District 2 broke into the semi-finals.

equation, and the four teams that have emerged in the Final Four have epitomized these in some fashion or another throughout the tournament.

First, execute on offense. Teams that have won thus far have a definite offensive scheme from which they do not detour. Willamette likes to move the ball around the perimeter for an open shot outside or toss it into one of

fenses which have managed to shut down their opposition's go-to men. NNC, for instance, plays a three-quarter court trap which takes time off the shot clock and rushes their opponents' shot selection. They also play a mix of match-up zones and man-to-man pressure. It doesn't hurt, either, to have one of the rowdiest crowds in the nation doing their imitation of a beehive in honey season for forty minutes.

Third, rebound well. The team that holds the Windex bottle at the end of the game, wins. Cleaning the glass has been the forte of Eureka College. They come into tournament as one of the nation's best rebounding teams, collecting an average of 65% of the rebounds every game.

Fourth, hit those free throws. Although a team may be exhausted down the stretch, it is imperative that they hit their free throws in the clutch. Even a poor free throw shooting team can win a game if they hit their free throws at the right time. Teams that emerge in the Final Four generally are sound from the charity stripe.

With these four principles in mind, let's take a look at the games leading up to the Final Four.

William Jewell College (MO) arrived in the semi-finals by dropping Embry-Riddle (FL), who sent Caldwell College (NJ) packing early on the first flight to Jersey, and a sizable foe in Peru State (NE). They're a scrappy team and shoot well in streaks, but they're suspect against taller teams and break down easily on defense.

Northern State (SD) crushed Wilmington College (DE), whose star has a name only a basketball fan could love (Alain Nanna-Sinkam), by thirty points, then squeezed by Albertson College of Idaho behind the hot hand of super sophomore Eric Kline, who chalked up 38 points on 9-for-23 shooting from the three-point line.

For Treasure Valley fans, this may have been the last Marty Holly-coached game for the Yotes. Rumor has it that he's going to a bigger program elsewhere.

They nipped a tough St. Joseph's (ME) team, upended Grace College (IN), last year's national champs, and then managed to walk away from a brutally physical game with Eureka Col-



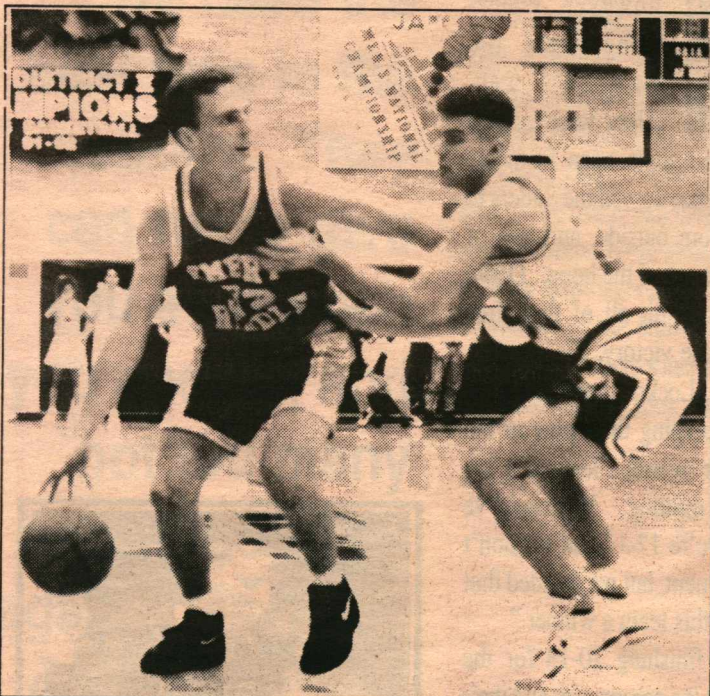
A Wilmington College player and his Concordia opponent battle for a loose ball. (Photo by Brad Nelson)

Willamette and NNC have proven that there may be a power shift occurring in basketball, and that the shift may be happening along geographic lines.

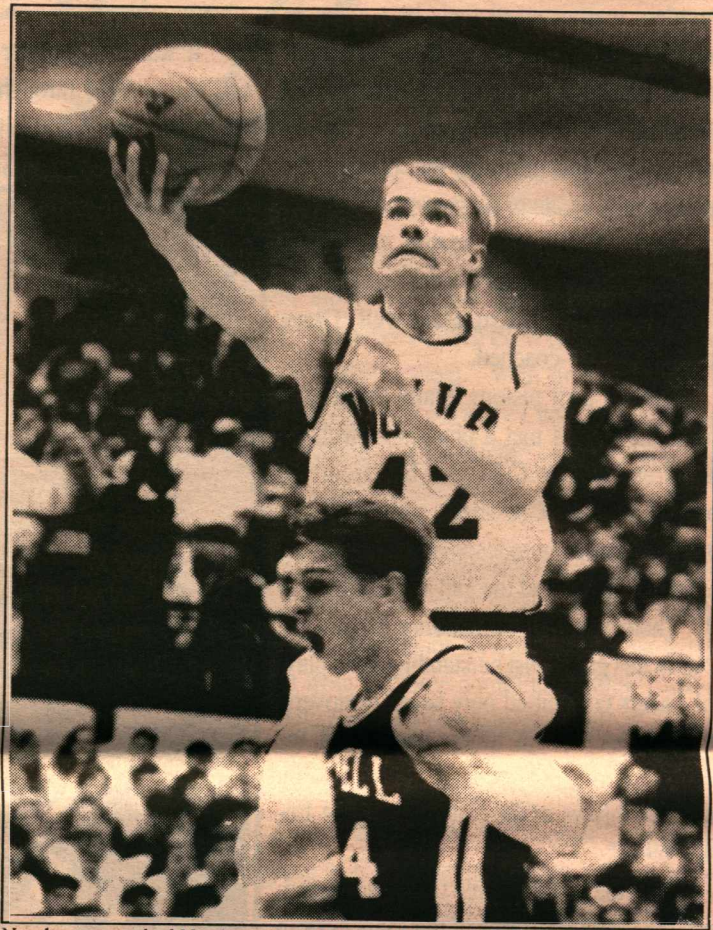
The equation to winning in a national tournament is relatively simple: play consistently. There are four components to this simple

their giants in the paint. Northern State, on the other hand, likes to push the ball up the court and find one of their sharp-shooters for the quick trey or easy bucket in transition.

Second, play intense defense. This year's semi-finalists have exhibited a variety of de-



An Emery-Riddle player tries to swipe away a pesky defender while trying to find an opening for an inlet pass. (Photo by Brad Nelson)



Number one ranked Northern State defeated William Jewell to reach the finals. (Photo by Brad Nelson)

The Wolves have lived up to their number-one ranking. They're tough inside and out, and when Kline is hot they become a juggernaut.

Willamette University (OR) arrived in the Final Four through steady play on both ends of the floor. They're big and sport one of the finest players in the West. Senior forward Mike Ward, who was named District 2 Player of the Year. They dropped Northwestern College (IA), a finalist in last year's national tournament, and a very athletic squad from Walsh University, who entertained the crowd with high-flying dunks from just about everywhere, but they couldn't overcome Willamette's finesse and consistent play.

Northwest Nazarene College (ID) amazed everyone, even them-

lege (IL) in the quarterfinals. They played as a team, which is the only reason they were still in the Big Dance. Endurance will soon become a factor as the tournament progresses. One has to wonder, if the Crusaders had gotten into the finals, would they have had enough gas to fuel them over the top or would they have sputtered short of their miraculous goal?

Northern State topped William Jewell in the first game of the Final Four by big time proportions. Willamette then stopped NNC's Cinderella bid for a national title 77-72 in OT. Both games will be televised on Prime Sports Northwest, cable channel 27. Regardless of who wins the title game, the northwest will get a chance to earn the respect it deserves.

Locke sets national record

By ROB LUNDGREN
SPECIAL TO THE CRUSADER

Northwest Nazarene College senior Brian Locke didn't look like a new national record holder. In fact, he looked rather disarming as he gulped a soft drink to quench his parched throat.

However, Locke was deadly Friday night firing in an NAIA Division II record 39 points in leading the Crusaders to a huge upset over second-seeded Grace College 86-75.

Locke hit 13-of-21 field goal attempts, including a record-tying seven 3-pointers. He added 6-of-10 free throws, giving him his

college career high. The previous record of 34 points was held by several players.

"I never felt like this before," he admitted, "not even in high school. I just take my shots when they're given to me and if they fall, they fall."

Teammate Mike Chatterton claimed Locke predicted a big night long before the opening tipoff. "He told me he was going to get 40, and I said 'OKI wouldn't feel bad,'" Chatterton recalled. "I told him I'd do my best to get him 40." Chatterton wound up tying the tournament single-game assist record with nine.

After finishing the first half

with 19 points, Locke followed up with 20 in the second half. Included in that total were a couple of key baskets inside which tied the game at 44-all.

"I got some shots to fall inside, and that gave me confidence to stroke them from the outside," recalled Locke, who is known primarily as an outside shooter.

"Brian made a tremendous effort," agreed NNC head coach Ed Weidenbach, not sounding that surprised at Locke's point explosion.

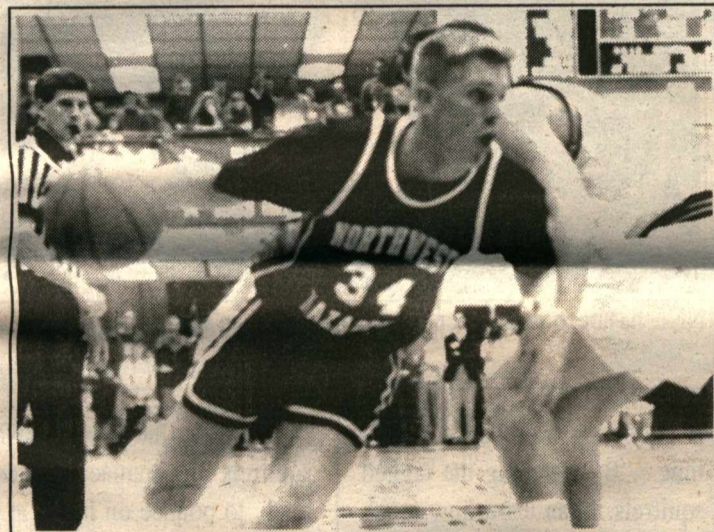
What made Locke's achievement more notable was the fact he scored 24 points above his season average, and the fact he hit only 4-of-8 field goal tries and scored just 10 points in the Crusaders' first game of the tournament Thursday night.

"It really wasn't that frustrating," he maintained. "Last night (Thursday) Emiko stepped up and tonight it just happened to me."

"We've all had to step up and we have. Everybody's played a part."

Now three Crusaders have earned places in the NAIA record book during this year's tournament. Etete's seven steals against St. Joseph's on Thursday night also set a new mark in that category.

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Brian Locke poured in an NAIA national tournament record 39 points against Grace College with 13 field goals including 7 threes. (Photo by Brad Nelson)

NNC sweeps Pacific double-header

NAMPA--The NNC Crusader baseball season finally got under way Friday after serious doubts "weather" or not any games would be played at all this year.

Due to snow and malicious weather, the Sader baseball squad had already had their entire pre-season schedule cancelled.

"I was starting to wonder," said junior outfielder Jim Seaney, "if it was possible to have an entire season cancelled."

But Friday night, battling a stiff breeze and sub-freezing temperatures, the Saders stepped on the field against Pacific Univer-

sity. The Boxers were 5-2 coming in to the game, whereas the Crusaders had only practiced outside three times all year.

The game itself was in doubt because of the cold conditions and the lights wouldn't turn on at Rodeo Park (where most Sader home games are held this year).

Once the lights turned on and the first pitch was thrown, NNC's one faithful follower (most everyone else was watching the basketball team), Gaymon Bennet, wrapped in blanket and toting thermos, witnessed a 4-1 Sader loss featuring 19 strikeouts

and ample evidence to the fact that NNC needed more field time.

Saturday's double-header was a different story however. Drew Murray provide all the scoring needed with a three-run homerun in the Saders 3-1 outing that put them in the "W" column.

Manny Burciaga stepped up in the second game, delivering two key singles and the game winning sacrifice fly in the last inning for a 7-6 victory, giving the Saders a series win (2-1) and a building block for the season to come.

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Squirrels become a science

For Michele Goman, squirrels warrant research for senior project

By LORI TIDD
ASSISTANT EDITOR

"The squirrels here on campus are NOT insane," senior science student Michele Goman says matter-of-factly. "They're just misunderstood." Michele should know. She's been studying NNC's squirrel population for nearly a year now as part of her senior seminar project, and has become better acquainted with them than anyone.

The idea for the project came to Michele last year when the large number of squirrels on campus began to attract her attention. "I talked to my advisor Dr. Powers about doing the study, and he thought it was a great idea," Michele said. "No one else has ever done research on these squirrels before."

In order to study their behavior, Michele must catch the squirrels, tag them, and then set them free again so that she can examine them in their natural environment.

"I catch the squirrels with box-traps, and then remove them from the traps with a transfer cone, which allows me to handle the squirrels without the risk of them getting away or biting me," Michele explained. She then weighs each squirrel, determines its gender, and attaches an identification tag to each ear. The tags

are both color and number-coded, and allow her to keep track of each squirrel throughout the project.

Michele has caught and tagged more than a dozen squirrels since she began the project last year during spring break and

rel population that is not only interesting, but useful, as well. When the new art building is constructed in Kurtz Park, her research could be helpful in determining what kinds of trees should be planted in order to preserve the squirrels' natural environment.



NNC has become a haven for Michele Goman's furry friends.

(Photo by Brad Nelson)

is collecting more data all the time. "By watching the tagged squirrels, I can learn how much they move around campus, where they make their homes, and what they like to eat," she explained.

By the time she is ready to give her senior seminar presentation during second term of next year, Michele will have collected a complete profile of NNC's squir-

And as to the rumor that NNC squirrels are maniacal mutants, ready to pounce on heads at the slightest provocation? "They're all false," Michele says reassuringly. "The only thing you have to remember is to never feed them Cheetos by hand. If that powdery cheese-stuff sticks to your fingers, the squirrel might mistake them for the Cheetos, and bite them off."

TOP TEN

Top Ten Places to Visit During Spring Break

By ANGELA PLIES AND AMY LANCASTER

10. Swiss Villiage Cheese Factory, Nampa, Idaho.
9. The Buffalo Bill Museum in Cody, Wyoming.
8. The Oasis Motel in Juntura, Oregon, pop: 55 (only \$20 a night. Roach Spray not included.)
7. The Olympia Brewery, Olympia, Washington.
6. The Corn Belt, Iowa or Illinois (take your pick.)
5. The Kuwaiti Oil Fields, Saudi Arabia.
4. Big Eddie's Bar, Naknek, Alaska.
3. The World's Largest Ball of Twine, "Somewhere in the Mid-West" (we forgot.)
2. Onion Fesitval, Walla Walla, Washington.
1. Niagara Falls (only if you're married.)

Team members cheer fan

By D. M. BOMAR
MANAGING EDITOR

Nine-year old Michael Small would have been one of NNC's loudest fans last Saturday night as the Crusaders topped Eureka College (IL) 69-60. But although the youngster had tickets, he didn't make it to the game.

On Friday evening, Michael suffered major cuts on his right arm when a window at his home shattered. The glass severed his tendon, but, luckily for Michael, spared his artery. The Lincoln Elementary third-grader underwent minor surgery to repair his tendon and received a cast on his arm, a cast he will cherish for years to come as an NAIA National Tournament souvenir.

"He's got signatures on it from two or three of the teams," said his mother, Teeney, who works at the Nampa Shilo Suites Hotel, a lodging site for several tournament teams.

Although Michael had been excited about seeing the Crusaders play, his doctor insisted that he stay home Saturday night and rest.

"He was so disappointed that he couldn't go to the game," his mother said.

So on Monday afternoon, NNC players Rolando Garcia, Sheldon McLain, and Eric Spencer visited Michael at home. In

addition to signing his cast, they delivered a basketball and a tournament program, both autographed by the Crusaders' players and coaches.

"His eyes were just huge," his mother noted. "He just couldn't believe it. He ran the basketball over to show the neighbors."

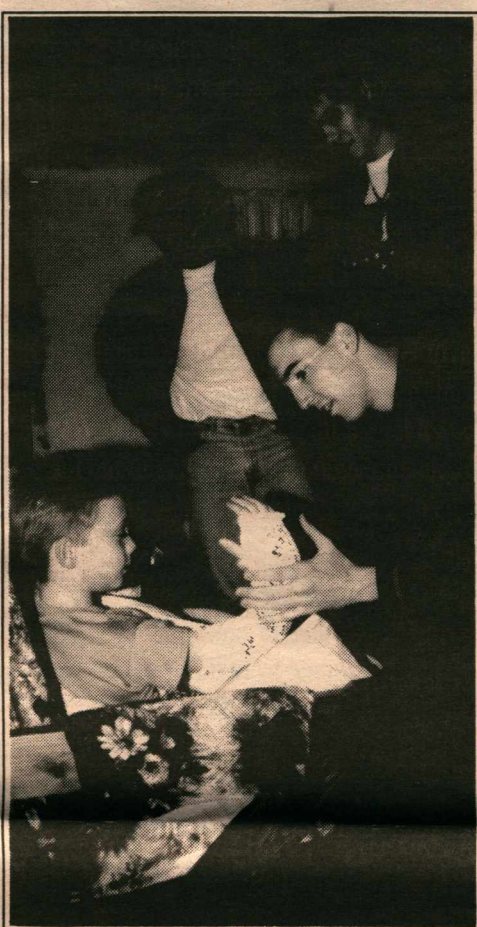
Michael agreed the visit was uplifting. "It wasn't worth getting my arm cut, but I'm glad I got to meet them," he said. "They're pretty cool."

According to Garcia, NNC Assistant Coach Rich Sanders asked the team to autograph a program for Michael after Saturday's win. But the players wanted to do more.

"We were trying to bring him to see Monday's game, but we

weren't sure if that would be possible," said Garcia. "So we figured we'd just go see him instead."

Although Michael missed



NNC Crusaders, Rolando Garcia, Sheldon McLain, and Eric Spencer visit fan Michael Small on Monday. (Photo by Brad Nelson)

seeing NNC's semifinal game last night, he said he would be watching on cable TV, "rooting for the Crusaders all the way."

Life's best selling paperback returns

Two years ago, when his only child, Adam, was preparing to leave for his freshman year at college, Jackson Brown remembered that it was not the responsibility of parents to pave the road for their children, but to provide a road map.

He began to write down a few observations and words of counsel his 50 years of living had taught him about how to live a happier, more fulfilled, and efficient life.

After a few weeks of adding to the list each day, Brown had 511 entries that he placed in a

notebook and gave to his son on his first day at the University of Tennessee.

300,000 copies later, *Life's Little Instruction Book*, as it was entitled, made it to the top of THE NEW YORK TIMES best seller list, selling more than 5 million copies to date.

Now, Jackson Brown is back with *Life's Little Instruction Book, Volume II*.

Volume II is not so much a sequel as a continuation of a father's conversation with his son. "Life is a constant learning process and as I discover more of its

secrets I long to pass them on to my son," said Brown.

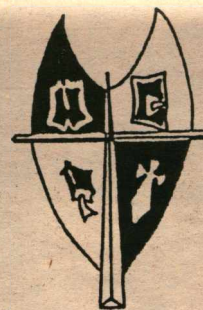
Volume II begins with 512, which is "Believe in love at first sight," and ends with instruction number 1030: "Call your dad."

In between, Brown offers a range of poignant and sometimes very personal reminders: "Never be the first to break a family tradition"; "Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully"; "When there's a piano to be moved, don't reach for the stool"; "Go on blind dates. Remember, that's how I met your mother." Pick up your copy in April (\$5.95.)

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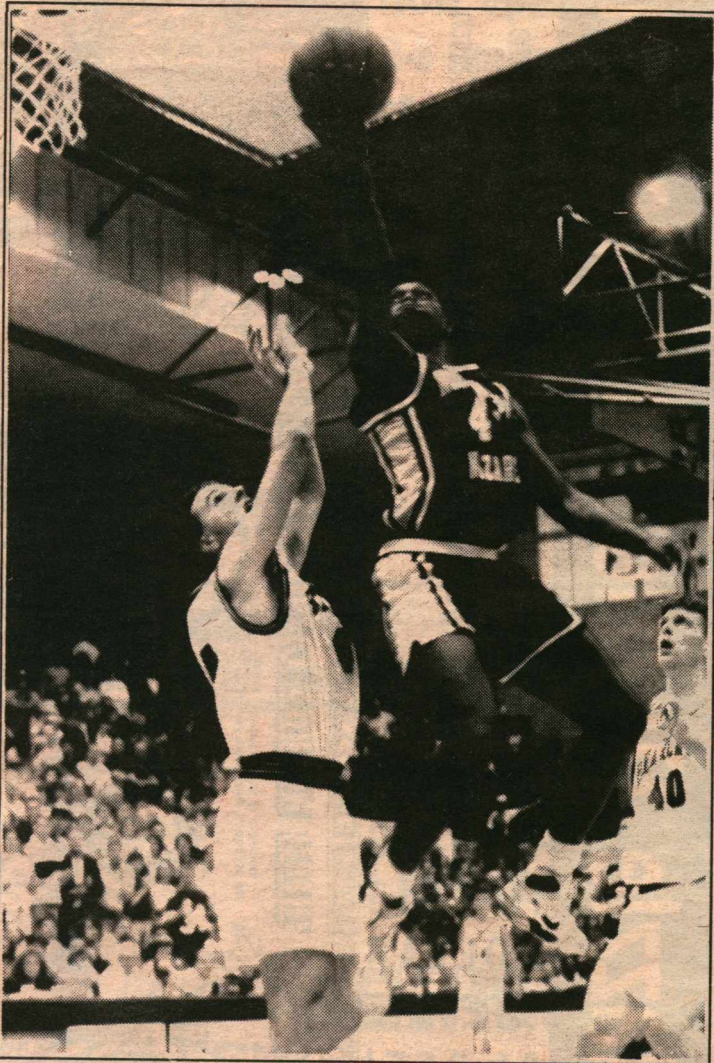
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NNC's Emiko Etete drives to the hoop past Willamette's Scott Baker in last night's semifinal game.



Sheldon McLain and Justin Marion interact with supportive Sader fans at last night's game. (Photo by Brad Nelson)

TOURNEY

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never seen snow before, and weren't too sure about going skiing.

"After about five times on the bunny hill, they were going. They stayed until about 10 p.m. A couple of them said that was the most fun they'd ever had," Mullins said.

Ted Morgan, NNC Environmental Services Director, took some members of the Wilmington College (DE) team to Snake River Birds of Prey canyon -- a different experience for city kids.

"Five of their kids had never been on an airplane, and three had never been out

of Delaware," Morgan said.

"They've treated the teams royally," Forseth said of the honorary coaches. "And they haven't done it for selfish reasons, but for the community."

"It has been a great experience," said Nampa Chamber of Commerce President Kathy Chappell. "There isn't any of us who wouldn't do this all over again."

"I just see a lot of positive things happening from this tourney. Everybody's been behind it," Forseth added. "Things have gone very smoothly, and the credit's due to all the people who

have helped."

Slifka couldn't say enough about NNC's performance in organizing the tournament.

"We have yet to find a problem with Forseth and his staff," Slifka said. "The transportation's been great, checking into hotels has been a five minute process, the opening ceremonies were fantastic. And the night before the tournament started we had a beautiful banquet at a very classy place, with the governor (Cecil Andrus) there and two mayors (Brent Coles of Boise and Winston Goering of Nampa)."

"The NAIA tournament really has not improved our business," said Larry Robertson, Area General Manager for Pizza Hut. "We did have the Willamette boys come visit us in Caldwell, but they are the only team we've seen. We increased our staff and shift coverage in anticipation, but these have been some of the slowest days for us."

But these have been very busy days for NNC, which has experienced the NAIA tournament, Board of Regents meetings, and final exams all throughout the same week. But the payoff may be well worth the hustle and bustle. Cable TV and other national media coverage has meant good

"I think the participants have been treated right and wouldn't mind coming back."

-- Doug Slifka, NAIA

Most local businesses are very happy to have the tournament in Nampa, since the event was projected to pump about \$1.5 million in the Treasure Valley economy. Chappell said the actual dollar amount the tournament brought to local businesses won't be known for about a week.

"We've had a lot of NAIA members come in and there've been more out of state cars," said Aaron Tippetts, who works at Larry's Chevron on 12th Avenue. "The teams have also come by and that has been good for business." But not all businesses are smiling.

exposure for NNC and Nampa.

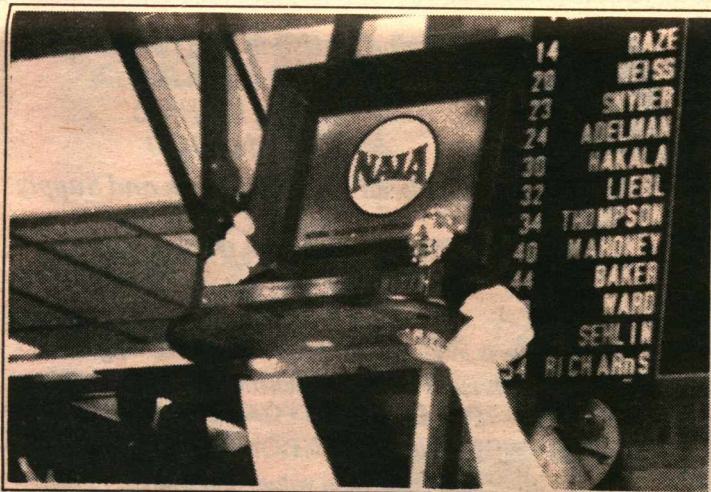
"I think this has very easily put Nampa on the map for most people," said Chappell.

But what's the bottom line? Should we expect to see the tournament next year?

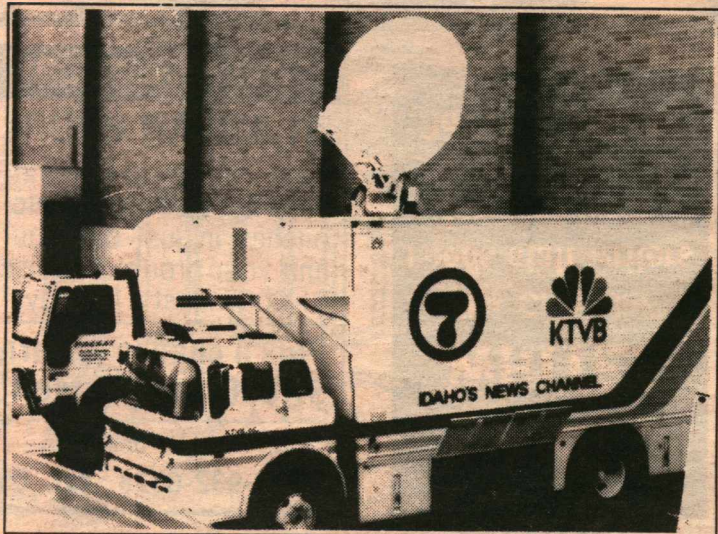
"It's too early to tell," said Forseth, who has until May 1 to present a formal bid to the NAIA.

Slifka offered a little more hope: "I think the participants have been treated right and wouldn't mind coming back."

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NNC proved the NAIA seeding committee wrong, rising from #18 to the Final Four.



KTVB, TCI Cablevision, and other local stations broadcast games from the tourney. (Photos by Brad Nelson)