

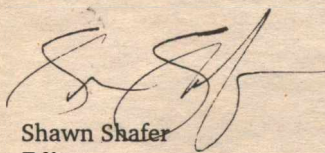
Column One

Welcome back! After having spent this summer in the golden oasis I can honestly say it was here the whole time.

That said, I am looking forward to this year. Perhaps I will be able to get to some of those things I've been wanting to do for about four or five years now. But then I may just be lucky enough to get through this year unscathed.

God's work in my life is never predictable, I hope it never is. I challenge you to find an area of outlet for your spiritual life. Someone to whom you can specifically minister (preferably someone you meet in this context.)

I hope you like the new format. Let me know if there's anything you believe might make it better.



Shawn Shafer
Editor

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Meetings, over toothpicks and lifesavers

by Amber Jerome
Campus Editor

A circle of newly formed friends congregate outside Morrison. Names are repeated, eyes are smiling, and people are getting to know one another.

Northwest Nazarene College greeted the class of 2002 to campus with barbecues, a bonfire, meetings with professors and peers, a rendezvous, and the Sophomore Welcome Bash.

In the words of Freshman Holly Larson, the best part of Welcome Week and what it seemed to be all about was "Meeting people over toothpicks and lifesavers." It was the beginning of real friendships in the weirdest of knee-to-elbow games and "love-bug" ice breakers.

Day one was move-in day, September 17. All sorts of student L.E.A.D.ers and the ASNNC volunteers met students at their cars to help students carry heavy boxes to their new homes.

Freshmen around campus agreed that what made them feel at home were the friendly faces and genuine support of the R.A.'s, P.C.'s and professors who came to welcome them.

A devotional in the Brandt Fine Arts Center and an evening ice cream social initiated the day and dorm meetings followed.

On to day two. After unpacking a few boxes and learning names on their wings, things were set to meet the world of academia. Stu-

dents met with professors from their major department, and the Brandt Fine Arts Center was dedicated in a freshman convocation. Though most events ran smoothly, some freshmen reported feeling a little lack of communication on times and places for meetings.

"As soon as we pulled the van up, five people came up and said, 'Can I help you?' I was really impressed."

~Janaque Watkins

Later in the afternoon the President's Barbecue brought freshmen out to the lawn for a good homestyle barbecue. Parents and students had the opportunity to come out of their shells and socialize. Amber Dillon said, "It felt like everybody was together."

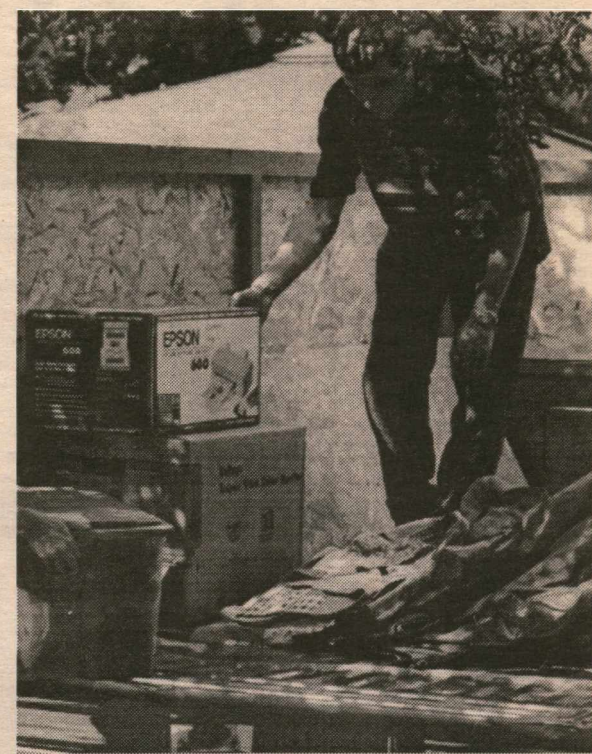
A blazing bonfire followed Friday night. Amy Johnson said, "It (was) a first glimpse of who people are."

Day three, Saturday the 19th included a hearty Barbeque, volleyball and the Sophomore Welcome Party where the key phrase was, "Do you have the love bug?" The love bug, a red stone which circulated around the room, became a prized

possession for any freshman who found it and redeemed it for a souvenir. Sophomore representatives entertained the room with dating skits, relays and a pseudo-dating game.

Sunday night, however, was a real encouragement for most students who had experienced anxiety. As the weekend progressed more parents departed and the campus quieted down.

Karrie Bray of Morrison Hall said that Sunday night's rendezvous provided reassurance. She said, "I was getting homesick and my parents had just left, but the Peer Counselors and my group at the rendezvous and Professor Poe were supportive. I felt so at home and so welcome, and it made me forget all about my homesickness." According to Mark Hayse and many other freshmen, the small group settings were an encouragement and something which they would recommend more for new students.



So after moving in and gearing up for the first week of the rest of their lives, new lives at a new school, freshmen savored the last bit of weekend socializing in front of dorms and in lobbies. Preparing for the beginning of their college careers, Michelle Fender said that she plans to "get involved, make lots of friends and get better grades." Christine Jones shared her thoughts for a new beginning as well. "I'm nervous and excited and all of the above."

The Crusader welcomes you, the Class of 2002.

Dr. Diane Leclerc makes NNC history

First female religion Ph.D. on staff since 30's

by Amber Jerome
Campus Editor

NNC welcomes Diane Leclerc to the Department of Philosophy and Religion. She is the first Nazarene female to have obtained her Ph.D. in religion and teach at NNC since Dr. Olive Winchester, professor of New Testament and NNC Vice President in the 1930's.

Dr. Leclerc was recruited by many Nazarene colleges seeking female professors of religion. Leclerc said, "I chose NNC because people in the know said that these guys are the best and that it would be a healthy and encouraging environment to start and finish my career."

After getting her undergraduate degree from Eastern Nazarene University, Leclerc attended the Nazarene Theological seminary for

her masters, graduating in 1989. She wrote to every District superintendent in the nation seeking a pastoral position.

Out of forty letters, only three responses indicated interest. With

"I've always wanted to teach at a Nazarene school to mentor to female religion students."

~Dr. Leclerc

the help of one District Superintendent, Leclerc was placed at Berwick, Maine. "(He) was willing to be proactive—to be my champion. I'm very grateful for him," said Leclerc.

After serving at Berwick for four years as the head pastor, Leclerc desired to continue the road God had called her to follow. Her decision

was to show young women that God has a place for them at the pulpit. She said, "The reality is that in the 90's it's still very hard for women to get a church. I hope to be someone visible to the church to remind them of their roots."

Leclerc arrives at NNC with her husband, Paul, and two year-old son, Ethan. She is very excited about meeting new students, she said.

Dr. Leclerc is one of the two Nazarene women in the nation who currently hold a Ph.D. in religion.

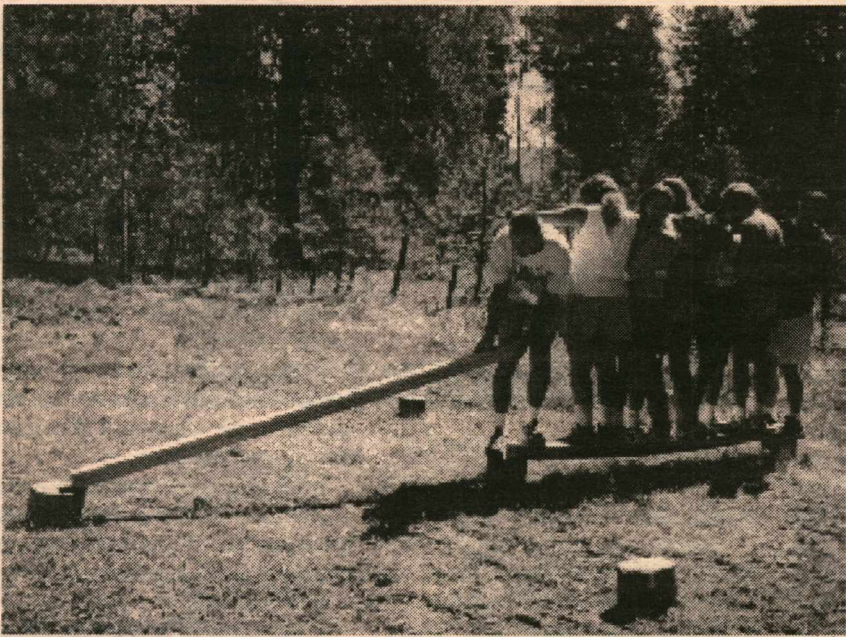
The other, Dr. Lisa Bernal, was hired to Point Loma's religion department this year. Dr. Leclerc and Dr. Bernal are the only two Nazarene women to have obtained their doctorates since Dr. Mildred Wynkoop, who received her Ph.D. in the 1970s and went on to publish *A Theology of Love*.

Nine other new faculty members have joined the NNC staff or assumed a new position. NNC welcomes Scott Armstrong, Athletic Director and Professor of Kinesiology; Tyrus Clutter, Professor of Art; Eric Kellerer, Director of Information Ser-

vices; Ronald Manley, Professor of Education; Ronald Moore, Professor of Business & Economics; Barry Myers, Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science; Israel Nandamudi, Professor of Political Science; and Michael Poe, Professor of Education. Gary Skaggs is also the new Vice President of Institutional Advancement.



L.E.A.D.ers attend retreat at Bethel Park, McCall



The Ford R.A.'s are a little stumped trying to cross all these team-made bridges without falling. The lesson was one in cooperation and trust and one of many activities that helped L.E.A.D.ers develop skills in spiritual and social leadership before coming back to serve at NNC. L.E.A.D. stands for "leading, equipping and developing." All student body leaders, R.A.'s and P.A.'s attended the week-long event right before Freshman orientation.

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Clinton's video is released

by Ryan Dooley
Co-World News Editor

WASHINGTON — Those who have taken the time to see, or will take the time to see President Bill Clinton's video taped testimony, will see a remorseful president make "a painful admission" of his relationship with Monica Lewinsky, says Deputy White House Chief of Staff John Podesta.

Meanwhile, Democratic Sen. John Kerry said that Clinton should appear before the House Judiciary Committee soon so that he can explain exactly what went on, and what he was thinking so that Congress can move ahead quickly.

Podesta says that as the public sees what President Clinton has done, it will be "painful to watch" and the president will be regretful about the ways that he misled the public. He also made a prediction, however, that there would be a backlash against House Republicans who cleared the way for Monday's release of the videotape and 2,800 pages of supporting evidence, including more sexually explicit details on Clinton's relationship with Lewinsky.

"They decided that rather than just doing a document dump, they would do a garbage dump, and I think that people are going to wonder about that," Podesta said.

Podesta believes that Clinton will not resign due to the scandal and should for no reason be impeached.

Kerry, a democrat from Massachusetts stated, "This is not that complicated. The President of the United States had an affair with a young woman in the White House. He didn't tell the truth about it to the nation, and he clearly didn't want the facts to come out in the course of the process for a very obvious set of reasons that most people can't understand. There should be a stipulation as to many of the facts that are very clear here. The House Judiciary Committee should ask him about the relevant questions with respect to the impeachment process. As an initial question, was it perjury, was it obstruction of justice?"

There are some republicans that feel that there will not necessarily be a knockout punch for either side. Some say that it will just show a man who is just like some other Americans that make mistakes, and others say it will show a man that is letting down the United States as a role model.

Representative Maxine Waters, a member of the House Judiciary Committee stated, "There is a media frenzy going on, the people are tired of it. Look, Republicans are salivating. They think that the president is down, and they can use this for the politics of November. It's time to stop it. Everybody needs to back up."

NNC grad ministers to Kurds

by Dave Stillman
Asst. Cover Editor

Bill and Teresa Coops lived as missionaries in Iraq from 1993 - 1997, during which time they encountered death threats, made friends, ministered to the poor and developed a dim view of U.S. foreign policy.

Teresa, a recent NNC graduate, and her husband went to Iraq as relief workers, because the country wouldn't accept missionaries. "In Iraq, missionary means crusader," a word with very negative connotations in the Muslim world. "They talk about things that occurred 1500 years ago as if it's yesterday." The word "Christian" is similarly avoided. Instead, the Coops called themselves followers of Jesus.

One would expect Muslims to shun members of a different religion, but the Coops were very popular with the Kurds. This was partially because of their service to the Kurdish people, and also because the Coops accepted the Kurdish culture as their own. Teresa wore a head covering wherever she went, and the family celebrated the Muslim feast of Ramassan. "The old fashioned mission method was to make them western." Teresa said. "We tell them

that they can still pray like a muslim. They can still go to the Mosque. They can worship Jesus without dis-

In Iraq, missionary means crusader, a word with very negative connotations in the Muslim world

carding their cultural heritage."

Teresa also had to adjust to the more restrictive role of women. "In Iraq, all that mattered was if I can cook, clean and have babies." Many Iraqis were surprised that she could adjust. "They think that all American women are like the women in Dallas. I had a lot to overcome."

The Coops also had to overcome the tense political situation in the region, which was, in the words of Bill Coops, "like six games of chess being played at the same time". Many kurds were hoping that the U.S. victory over Iraq in the Gulf war would change things, but it only seemed to make things worse as

Sadaam Hussein vented his frustrations on the ethnic minority in northern Iraq. Since the war, alliances between kurdish factions constantly shifted between Iran, Iraq, Turkey and each other. The lack of unity hurts kurdish attempts to affect policy made by a world that cares less about people and more about oil and politics. "Together, they mean little," he said. "Apart, they mean nothing."

This tense political situation resulted in death threats for Bill, who had the same name as a CIA operative in southern Iraq.

The death threats finally ended when one of their friends who worked in the Iraqi government convinced his supervisors that Bill wasn't a threat.

Problems of a different nature arose in 1996, when the Iraqis killed 100 people who were working with the CIA in northern Iraq. This presented Bill Clinton with a great opportunity to show that he was tough with foreign policy in an election year. "He fired cruise missiles into southern Iraq even though the problem was in the north," which made Clinton look tough in the U.S., but made things worse on Americans living in Iraq.

Swissair still looking for clues

by Ryan Dooley
Co-World News Editor

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia — Investigators said this past Tuesday that the cockpit voice recorder aboard Swissair Flight 111 stopped 6 minutes before the jetliner crashed off the Nova Scotia coastline, killing all 229 people aboard.

The report that came from the recorder gives stronger evidence that the jetliner

suffered a massive failure to its system. The finding also meant, if anything, what the two pilots conversed before the final minutes of their flight.

The pilots' conversation with air traffic controllers ended with the pilots declaring an emergency because of smoke in the cockpit and saying that they had to land immediately.

The flight data recorder, which was recovered just a few days before the cockpit voice recorder, is being examined by experts at a lab in Ottawa.

Canada's Transportation Safety Board said the experts have con-

firmed a series of irregularities in systems on the plane before the last six minutes of flight.

"Developing a valid understanding of these anomalies will require extensive examination of wiring and aircraft components that have not yet been recovered from the wreckage," the board said.

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~CTSB, Sept. 1998

The crew aboard U S S Grapple are recovering as much as they can from the wreckage, and they

say that every piece they get from the wreckage is critical to the investigation.

Divers have found part of the planes fuselage by radar, but they say that it too is not big enough. So far the largest piece found out of the entire wreckage is the size of a pool table.

Authorities say that they will not allow the big pieces be picked up until all of the bodies have been removed. The clean-up process will take many months to complete.

With the airplane being in so many little pieces, it is practically impossible to be able to reassemble the plane, and for that matter, there re-

ally aren't any large pieces to the plane. The crash has been described as bottle of Coke that had just hit the cement. It hit the ground with such force that it caused the plane to shatter into millions of pieces.

The Navy officials working on



this project say that they are almost certain that there are no large pieces, and for that matter, it makes it hard to tell what the cause for the crash really was.

The answer to what happened may lie in some of the sophisticated electrical equipment being sought by divers amidst the undersea wreckage.

One of the hardest projects of the clean-up will be to identify the bodies and figure out what families they belong to. Since the remains were so badly fragmented, the main hope for most identifications lies with matching DNA samples provided by their families. They have established DNA fingerprints for 142 of the 229, and so far have received samples from 80 families.

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A Welcome Week guide to the Golden Oasis

Welcome to Nampa, growing metropolis of Idaho (by the year 2000 Nampa will be the second largest city in the state). Driving through Nampa, it may not look like much, but given a chance there are some pretty interesting places that are worth being frequented. Restaurants are all over Nampa, but there are a few that may be overlooked unless pointed out, and the theaters are inexpensive with "atmosphere." So go explore and enjoy!

Nampa Cafes

The Little Kitchen

If late hours are important, The Little Kitchen, Yogurt Affaire or Hogi Yogi are the places that you need to visit. The Little Kitchen is located in downtown Nampa on First Street South. It's atmosphere is homey and the chili is wonderful (although ask your roommate in advance if s/he can eat chili, just to make the living environment more bearable).

If a Blue Card is purchased, a free latte, coffee, or soda can be ordered with any meal. Do note, though, that The Little

it a priority to hire NNC students. The yogurt is incredible (don't ask for ice cream, they don't carry it) and can be added in any number of things: milkshakes, malts, marias, oatmeal, etc. But Yogurt Affaire doesn't just sell yogurt. They have reasonably priced sandwiches, salads (dinner, chef and taco), breakfast sandwiches and enchiladas. The atmosphere is comfortable, the ideal place to go to talk. People-watching can be fun at Yogurt Affaire too, especially picking out the people on a first date, they're the ones who look enraptured by everything their date is saying.

Hogi Yogi

Hogi Yogi usually draws a younger crowd, but they have a greater variety of ice cream flavors. Hogi Yogi starts with the ice cream flavor, and then toppings are chosen to mix into the ice cream. Fruit smoothies are another good choice off of the menu. They also serve sandwiches, soups and salads, but the Hogi Yogi spoon (it changes color when it's cold) is the reason to order ice cream. Hogi Yogi is located on 12th Ave. out toward the New Albertson's.

The Koffee Pot

The Koffee Pot, located on Garrity, is the ideal place for eavesdroppers, thanks to the higher decibel level of the conversations. It may be a little hazy from the smoke but the pie is divine. Waitresses there refer to customers as "Hon" and the café has an overall feeling of community, a place of nostalgia.

The Butterhorn Delicatessen

The Butterhorn is located on Garrity Blvd. a little farther down the road from The Koffee Pot. Their milkshakes are incredible, real milk and real ice cream. Their sandwiches are also incredible. A bakery and ice cream shop are also connected. It's the ideal place to drive over to after an afternoon spent at Duck Park. Go for the carpeting too.

Nena's Tea Room

On 12th Ave. South, located in the sandstone chapel is a beautifully decorated tea room. The decor is victorian (many of the decorations are up for sale) and the lunch is very delicate. Their prices are moderate, but the atmosphere is well worth it. For a little over \$12.00 tea for two can be purchased. This includes tea, scones, tea sandwiches and tea cookies. Nena's Tea Room can also be reserved for small wedding showers or other smaller gatherings.

Nampa Restaurants

Honker's Cafe

For a good burger, fries and a soda, Honker's Café on 2nd Street South is a winner every time. Though the atmosphere is casual, the food is brought to you and the prices are just right. For six dollars you can have your fill. And if you're looking for a quick breakfast, their cinnamon rolls are said to be the best in the business.

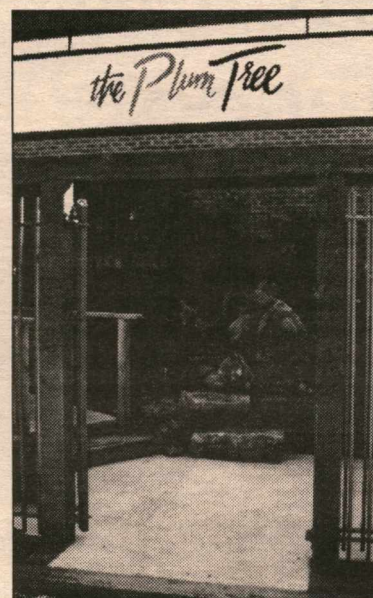
Ye Olde Deli

Another restaurant near Honker's is Ye Olde Deli. It's a small deli run by a husband and wife and only open from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The sandwiches are incredible. All of the food is served in tupperware dishes. The soup comes straight out of the crock pot and all of the other Italian dishes—calzones and speciality salads—are home

made. The prices here are still very reasonable as well, and the couple that run the deli are extremely personable. It's easy to miss, but just look across the street from the Hong Kong on 12th Ave. South.

House of Kim

Should a food craving be



The Plum Tree is the finest dining Nampa has to offer. With a beautiful backdrop and an incredible menu, a poor experience is impossible.

more exotic, House of Kim on the same block as The Little Kitchen would be a good place to try. Their prices are higher than

but it also has the best food. Tucked away behind the Plum Tree furniture store on 3rd Street South, Japanese gardens and bridges greet the eye. The dessert is probably the only thing college students could spend money on and not feel guilty, but if a date desires to come across as very impressive, the Plum Tree is the finest dining in Nampa.

Noodles

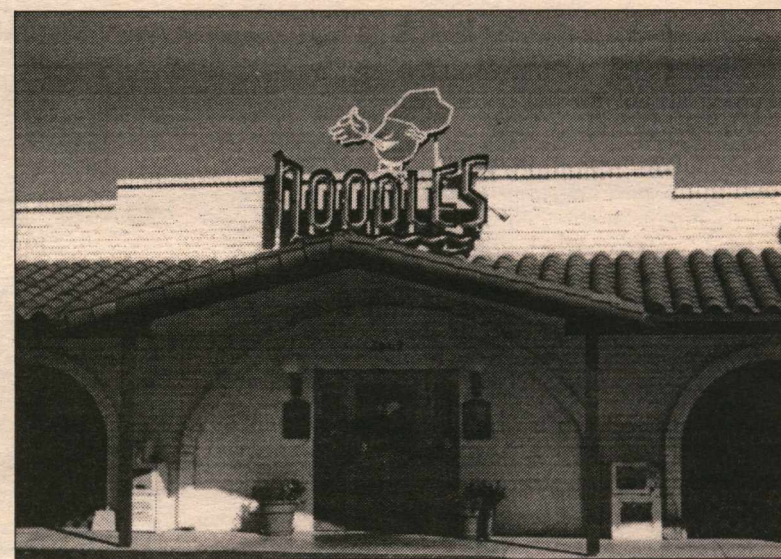
Another fine dining experience can be had at Noodles, located off of Franklin across the way from the Shilo Inn Suites. Italian food is the staple, though the menu is diverse. Though the restaurant is large, it is still quaint. On weekends it might be a good idea to call for reservations or to know how long the wait might be before being seated.

Say You Say Me

Located on the Nampa-Caldwell Blvd. Say You Say Me doesn't appear to be much. Their food is out of this world though. If meat is the craving, Say You Say Me will have more than can be eaten. The restaurant is fairly small, trying to eat there during irregular hours might be a good idea (not during the lunch or dinner rushes).

Mancino's Pizza

Close to home, right in the Holly Shopping Center, and lo-



Noodles may often be overlooked because of its location, but this restaurant is well worth visiting.

some area restaurants, but still reasonable, and the amount of food that is received makes the pricing very understandable. House of Kim will also deliver, another plus, just in case Chinese food cravings hit suddenly.

The Plum Tree

The Plum Tree is the most expensive restaurant in Nampa,

cated next to Movietime Video, Mancino's offers not only pizza but lasagna, sub sandwiches and other Italian dishes as well.

Their pizzas are comparable to Pizza Hut, but it's a different kind of pizza. Not only are they hand-tossed, but the prices are very reasonable. Two large single topping pizzas are only \$14.99 plus tax.



Moxie Java is located in the New Albertson's shopping center. The prices are good as is the coffee.

Kitchen closes much earlier on week nights than on weekends. The Blue Card is a fundraiser for NNC choirs (Crusader Choir gets the profits from the card this year). For a mere five dollars, students will receive discounts at various businesses and restaurants in the Nampa area.

The Yogurt Affaire

The Yogurt Affaire, on 12th Ave. South, is the NNC place to be and it's easy to understand why. Doug and Annie Cleveland are the owners and they've made

Moxie Java

Moxie Java is well known for its coffee, and for good reason. The coffee is reasonably priced and, more importantly, tasty. They also offer a larger size espresso drink than some of the other cafés.

Many people have yet to realize that Nampa has a Moxie Java, fairly close to campus with its location in the New Albertson's shopping center, it's even a nice walk if comfortable shoes are worn.

Theaters

All three of Nampa's theaters are decidedly different from one another.

Cineplex Odeon

Cineplex Odeon, down the Nampa-Caldwell Blvd past Karcher Mall, is only \$5.25 for evening movies, \$3.25 for a matinee and \$2.75 for bargain night (which is Tuesday). Cineplex has six screens and usually is showing the most recent releases.

Karcher Reel

Karcher Reel is Nampa's second theater. The Reel is located behind Karcher Mall located next to the back entrance to the Bon Marche. The Reel does not show the most recent films, but the price is the reason to watch films here.

For only \$2.00 at any time, with \$1.00 shows Tuesday and at midnight on Friday and Saturday, the price is difficult to beat. Karcher only has two screens, but the theaters are fairly large (compared to some of the theaters at Cineplex).

Frontier

The third theater is the Frontier Theater on 12th Ave. South. All shows are only \$1.00 but usually only one movie is shown at a time (since there's only one screen). Movies here are not new releases either. Frontier should be attended for the atmosphere. The screen has precious junk behind it (motorcycles and other such collectibles), some tears in the screen and a floor that is almost always sticky.

But those are all reasons to watch a film at Frontier. The snacks are incredibly priced as well. For \$2.50, a ticket, popcorn and soda can all be purchased. Also not to be missed at the Frontier is the Bio-rhythms machine. Simply punch in

a date and the future for that date will be foretold. This machine is very helpful in alerting single people if someone new will be in their life by the chosen date, or letting couples know if they'll still be together.

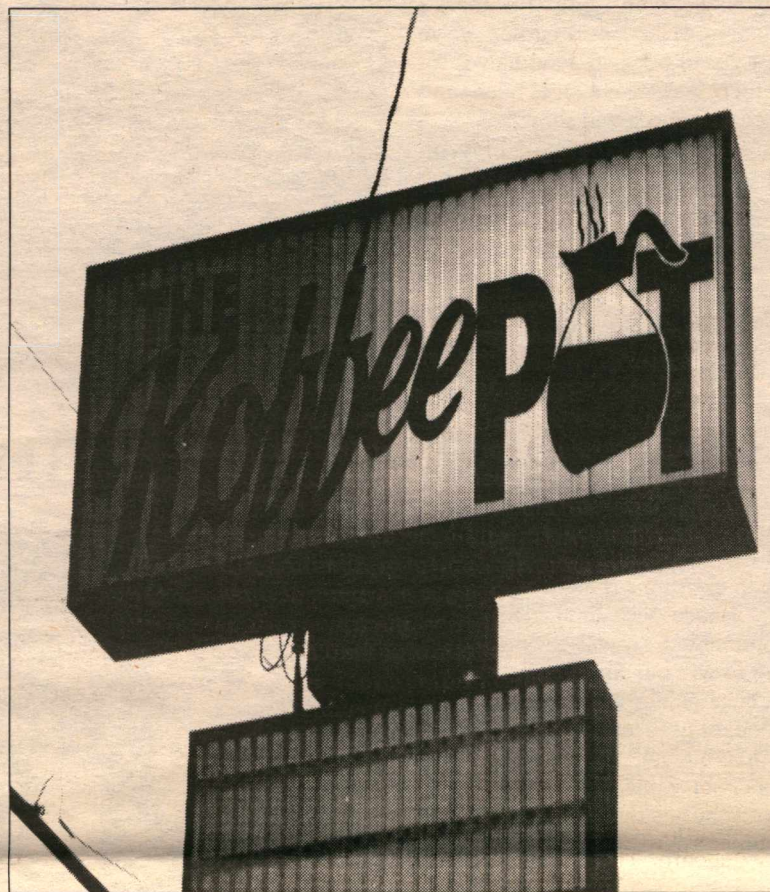
New Theater in the works

Not to be looked for this year, but coming soon, Nampa's Karcher

Miscellaneous Places

Lakeview Park

Besides eating and watching movies it doesn't seem that there are a whole lot of other things to do. But for the creative there is always some-



The Koffee Pot located on Garrity, a perfect place for pie and coffee.

Mall will have it's own Edward's theater. Sixteen screens are going to go up next to Karcher, along with a few other stores such as Price/Costco. Edward's presently has a 21 screen complex in Boise. Though Edward's will likely be more expensive, the quality of the movies will more than make up for the difference in price. Those now visiting Edwards in Boise may save on gas.

thing. While the weather is good, Duck Park (officially referred to as Lakeview park), located off of 16th Ave., is great for picnics or football and/or frisbee games.

This ample park has a path for strolling along. Rose gardens to relax and enjoy in. A new swimming pool complex will be finished for the coming year. Plenty of grass is available for those wishing to picnic.

Roller Drome

The Roller Drome is another place to hang out, but a warning should be given that unless an NNC night has been declared at the Roller Drome, most of the flirting will be with, or between, high schoolers and junior highers. But if the young crowd isn't a problem, roller skating is always fun, especially when you can count on the Village People's YMCA being played at least once. To find the Roller Drome, take 10th Ave. South toward downtown Nampa.

Fred Meyer

Fred Meyer's is a popular place to hang out, especially since the store recently completed a much needed face lift. The prices are better than small stores like Rite Aid and sometimes K-Mart, but not always. Fred Meyer is an interesting place to be as much for the people

as for the merchandise. All of Nampa turns out at Fred Meyer. The best place to people-watch can either be done from the music/electronics section or from the deli (located by produce).

Twice Sold Tales

Twice Sold Tales, in downtown Nampa on 1st Street South, not only sells books, but coffee as well. The bookstore has been cleaned up within the last few years making finding a book much easier. Literary genres are broken up into different rooms, each designated by the sign above their door. But even better than the organized shelves are the proprietors, few questions are unanswered. Upstairs in Twice Sold Tales is the coffee shop, a small place ideal for intimate chats.

Nampa Bowl

Located off of the Nampa Caldwell Blvd. Nampa bowl offers some interesting bowling events. They offer Cosmic bowling (black light bowling, so white should be the color of choice for attire) on weekends and any other unusual events are up on their reader board.

Karcher Mall

It may not seem like much now, but Nampa's Karcher Mall will be growing these next few years. Karcher has only recently changed management hands and the new head of the mall has big plans in mind for the Mall. The new Mall manager has been essential in bringing in Edward's and a new anchor store (yet to be announced).

Antique Mall

Next door to The Little Kitchen, the Antique Mall offers coffee but moreover it offers various different pieces from days gone by. In the rear of the Mall are clothes, gloves and even glasses. Elsewhere in the store jewelry and prints can be found. Not to be missed as well is the furniture and the miscellaneous dishes and household wares. Future home decorators must take a look.

NNC Campus

The fact that we live and work in the beautiful surroundings of the campus often hides the fact that it is one of the best and easiest places in Nampa to enjoy an unexpected afternoon of relaxation.

Kurtz Park (in front of the Brandt center) is perfect for that game of football or frisbee. Find a tree around campus and an instant resting place is there for studying, napping or conversing with a special someone.

The best times we have while here will be spent on campus, sometimes even during a class. Look for a chance to enjoy all of the experiences that present themselves over the next year(s).

Exploring the wonderland of Nampa, Idaho

The only way to know where to go and what to do in Nampa is to explore it for yourself. There are things to do and places to see for those who have both the curiosity and the creativity. A few words of warning though: things are not always what they seem. A place called Tiny's for instance, is probably owned by a VERY big man. Just because the movie is supposed to start at midnight and end at two doesn't mean that it will.

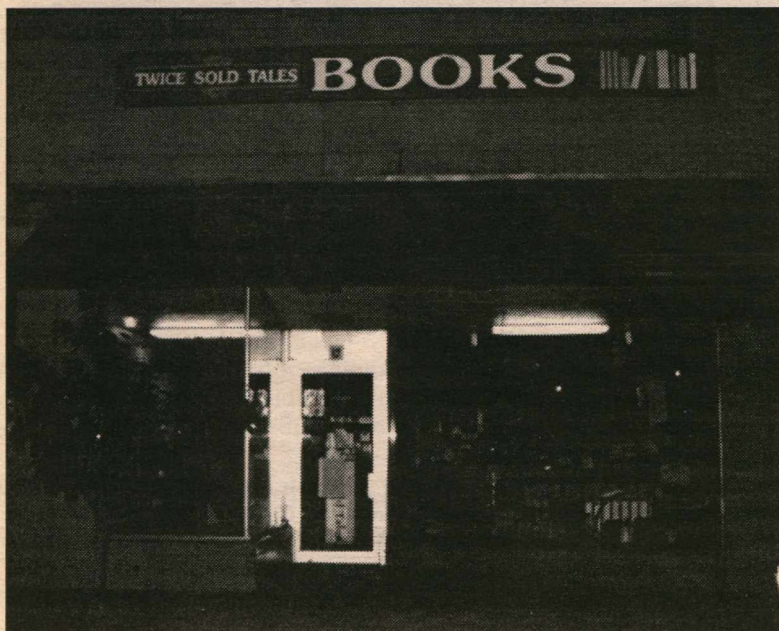
There really are a lot of places to go though. There is Lyon's park and West Park to play at. The Graffiti Cafe in downtown Nampa, or Quick Wok and the Teriyaki Palace, which are both located on 12th Ave. South are good places to eat, besides all the ones mentioned here. Deli Delight and Apple Annie's (just a block down from the Yogurt Affaire) are wonderful. Deli Delight has great egg rolls and Apple Annie's has pastries that have to be eaten to be believed. Old standbys are around too: Domino's pizza, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Dairy Queen, Baskin Robbin's, to name just a few.

Denny's in Nampa is an experience all of it's own, studying all night, or going simply to try to overhear the karaoke in the bar. It's always smoky but you'll always meet someone interesting. Make sure you buy something if you're there all night, they don't appreciate loiterers.

If you need flowers, Nampa Floral does an excellent job, and their prices are fair. From what I've heard (and seen) the other florists do an excellent job. If you need inexpensive though, Waremart is the place for you. There selection is usually broad, snap dragons along with carnations. Albertson's has a pretty good floral area as well as does Fred Meyer, but Waremart is the most bud for your buck.

So go explore and discover Nampa for yourself, I promise you won't be disappointed if you make it a priority to search out the less frequented and the tucked away. I only wish I had started looking earlier to find little places that I can call my own. Someplace to escape to by myself or with a trusted friend, a place that gave me time to just be.

Just be smart (not every place is safe) and have fun. You've got four years (give or take four), so best make the most of them. If you find someplace I've missed, let me know, I'm always up to try someplace new.



Twice Sold Tales not only boasts two floors of books but also has a quaint coffee shop up on the second floor.

Men's Soccer split their weekend with Evergreen

Men are now 2-5; looking to next weekend's tournament

by Robin Day
Sports Editor

After seven non-conference games, the Crusader men's soccer team is 2-5 for the season. Their first game was played against 1997 Top Four Finisher, National American University after only 3 days of practice. Head Coach Joe Pearson described the game as "a learning ex-

perience."

Coach Pearson has high expectations for his team this year, despite their slow start.

"It's a young team, only about three seniors and a few juniors. We've played some good games; it's just a matter of putting two good halves together. Last weekend we played Evergreen State twice. The first game we played a really good first half, but they came back to win 2-1. Then we beat them 3-0 in the second game."

This next weekend, the 'Saders will begin conference games with matches against Albertson College of Idaho during the NNC hosted Les Schwab tournament. Also playing in the tournament will be

Westminster College and Utah State University, both non-conference teams.

All three teams have had a good pre-season and should make a strong showing on the field. Said Coach Pearson about his team's chances, "Like I said earlier, we've just got to put two good halves together. We've got a lot of talent and potential and it will show."

The Crusaders will play on Thursday at 2:00 p.m., on Friday at 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Senior Sony Pierr-Andre eludes the defense during Saturday's victory against Evergreen College.



Crusader Women's Soccer goes on a winning streak

by Robin Day
Sports Editor

The NNC women's soccer team started their year weeks before the rest of the student body with practice and a road trip to Montana followed by another road trip to Washington. Before most of us were even starting to remember where exactly we had packed our notebooks, the

lady 'Saders had played six non-conference games, three against NCAA division I teams. Their current record is 2-5-1, with no conference games played yet.

The team's first home games were this past weekend during the Arthur D. Ortman soccer invitational against Evergreen State College and Albertson College of Idaho. The 'Saders won the tournament, beat-

ing ACI first with a score of 10-1 and then Evergreen in an exciting 2-0 match.

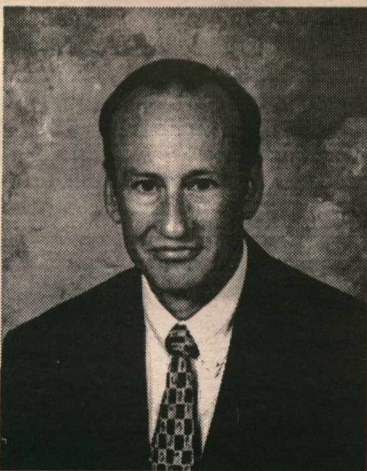
Head Coach Jim Lang commented, "It was exciting to win our first 2 conference games and it was good for us to learn how to win as a team. And in the Albertson game, just about everyone had the chance to score. There were seven different scorers in that game and it was just a good experience for the girls."

NNC will continue with non-conference play next weekend with away games at Evergreen State College and Simon Fraser University, who finished second in the nation this past year. Their next home game will be October 9, at 1:30 p.m.

Freshman forward pushes the ball up the side towards the goal during Thursday's game against Albertson College of Idaho.



New Athletic Director has arrived



There is a new face in the athletic department these days. Scott Armstrong has been hired as the new athletic director and will be assisted by the experienced volleyball coach, Darlene Brasch.

Armstrong comes to NNC from Malone Colledge in Canton, Ohio, where he was worked extensively in the athletic department and with various track associations in the NAIA.

Armstrong is married to Dr. Susan Armstrong and the couple has one son.

Wanted!!

Anyone who is interested in writing sports articles or taking pictures for The Crusader should contact Robin Day at 8501 or The Crusader office at 8656 for more information. We like writers. We like photographers. And if you write for us or take pictures, you get paid. It is a nice deal in which everybody wins. Except for anyone who doesn't call. So call today. Or stop by The Crusader office on Monday, September 28 at 7:00 pm for the first official Crusader staff meeting. All are welcome.

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**That was a joke.

Intramurals ready to begin

There are intramural football signups on the intramural board, located downstairs in the student center, outside of Sodexoho-Marriott. Anyone interested in helping to ref or set up games needs to sign up also. There will be an informational meeting planned for September 24 at 7:00 pm in Clydes. Anyone interested in playing or helping needs to attend. Also, there will be an 3-on-3 basketball tournament on October 10. Get your teams ready.

'Sader Volleyball ranked fifth

Crusaders are 10-1 for the season

by Robin Day
Sports Editor

The NNC volleyball team is rocking the courts with a 10-1 overall record and a 5-0 record in conference. They won their last two home games against Southern Oregon and Oregon Tech to the great enjoyment of the home crowd.

The 'Saders are currently ranked fifth in the nation and are looking to take the trip to the na-

tional tournament at the end of the season.

Head Coach Darlene Brasch is pleased with her team's performance. "Their teamwork is excellent. They bonded early this year, which is a good thing."

Honors that team members have received already this year include senior Liz Benear being named the first Cascade conference Player of the Week and the Most Valuable Player of the Whitworth College tournament, in which the Crusaders took second place.

Special recognition also goes out from Coach Brasch to freshman Erin Hellberg, who in the crucial

forth game against Southern Oregon, when the 'Saders were down, came through with eight kills to lead the team back on top and in control of the match.

This year's team welcomed three new freshmen, Erin Hellberg, Rachel Roberts and Nancy York, and one junior transfer player, Mindy John.

Their next game will be on the road in Caldwell, where they will compete in the Albertson Tournament on Friday, September 25 at 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday, September 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Winds of change strike NNC

by Kevin Durfee
Crusader Copy Editor

There is a fundamental rule that everything in the universe must follow: That rule is the inevitability of change. Everything changes. Physicists call it entropy. Interior designers call it remodeling. Most people call it a pretty dumb idea. Face it. Most people don't like change . . . in fact, the lack of change is the foundation for both Levi's and Hershey's most recent advertising campaigns. This does not, however, stop change from happening. NNC is just another place that must change to stay competitive in it's market.

This summer has seen a lot of little changes on this campus. Some of these changes will, doubtless, be regarded as good ideas. Some of these changes may be lamented for the rest of the year. I would like to begin by speaking directly to the seniors.

Good change: Corlett Hall was repainted in more modern colors. Bad change: Ten trees--which lent shade and character to the dorm--were cut down. Good change: The linoleum in some of the Corlett rooms was replaced with tile. Bad change (or lack thereof): The linoleum in some of the Corlett rooms was replaced with tile. Now, for the sake of the rest of the campus. Good change: Computer labs were installed in every dorm on campus making Internet access only a few doors away for every student living in the dorms. Bad change: Computer labs were also installed in dorms such as Mangum and Morrison which were supposed to be condemned years ago. Good change: The computers all over campus were outfitted with Windows '95. Bad change: Windows '95 is still not up and running in all of these computers. Good change: There is a lot of landscaping going

on even now at the Little Prayer Chapel and the Brandt Fine Arts Building. Well, you get the picture.

Before this article goes any further, it should be noted that the opinions on whether a change was good or bad are not merely the opinions of this writer, but also the opinions that several other students expressed in an informal survey. It should also be noted that the "bad" changes were affected by strange circumstances. For instance, the three cottonwood trees that were chopped down by Corlett were supposedly leaning over too far. The seven trees inside Corlett were removed because of the 175 birds that occupied those trees and woke everyone up in the morning (is that such a bad thing to wake up to?) with their chirping. The computers were added to all dorms as a matter of giving all students the same advantages, so that change--absurd as it sounds--is appreciated.

So far, though, all the changes NNC has made are cosmetic changes, not functional changes (even the new computer labs were installed to make NNC sound good in brochures). It has been a recent trend with some schools to release half of its administration in order to save money and time. A couple of years ago, the University of Southern California fired off a large chunk of its administrative baggage and streamlined the whole decision making process on the campus, with fabulous results. I am not suggesting that this is exactly what NNC should do, but it is a thought provoking idea, is it not? I simply think that NNC should consider making changes that go beyond the superficial and into the core of this college's structure. Make changes that make a difference. Make changes that make things better. Make *real* changes.

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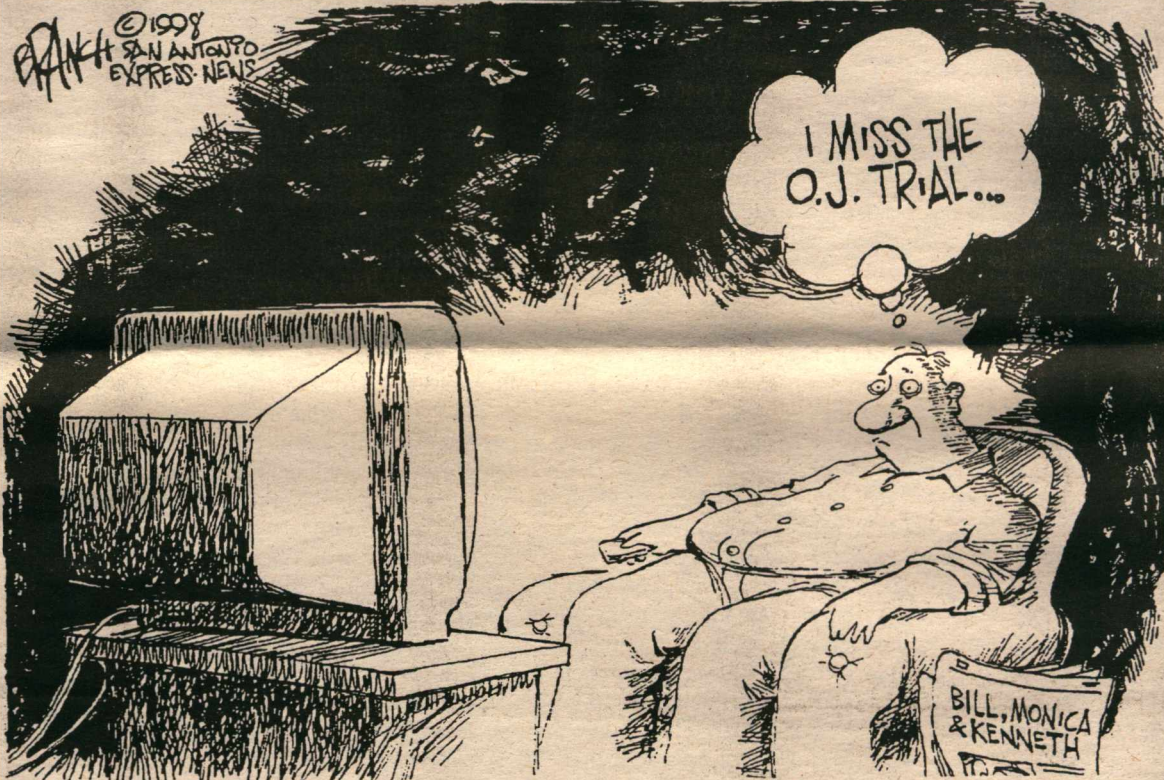
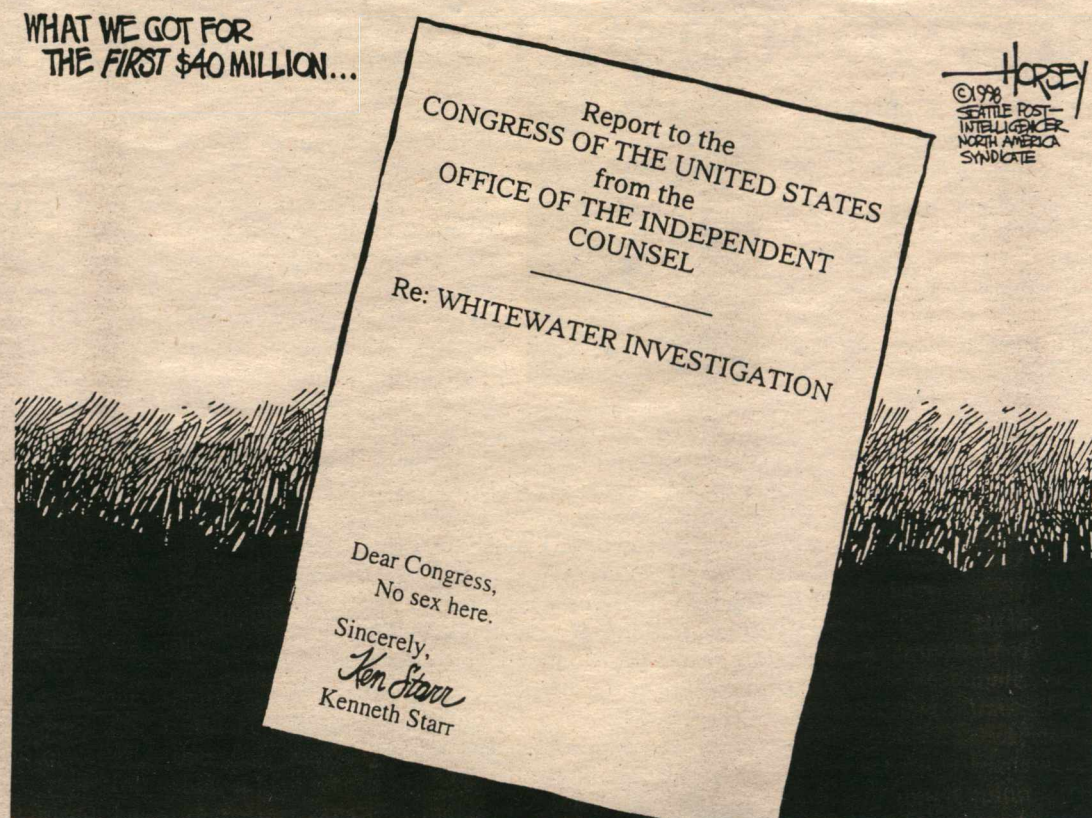
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WHAT WE GOT FOR THE FIRST \$40 MILLION...



Things not in *The Crusader* this year

As the Opinions Editor, I have decided that I will not write an article of opinion this week. Instead, I will tell you what we will not be publishing in this section during the 98-99 school year. The following is a description of things you will not be seeing in this year's *Crusader*.

We will not publish any articles slandering America's sweetheart, Monica Lewinsky. We will not print stories arguing the fact that Marriot food is less than yummy. There will be no mention of PDA (no matter how much you enjoy watching it). Articles about the mating habits of Siberian muskrats are a thing of the past. No longer will you read about Eskimo sheep herders who suffer from bed sores or the forgotten soldiers of the Mongolian civil war. I am also proud to inform you that the

staff has come together and decided that the recent idea to write an in-depth feature on the lives of grossly-

NATHAN HYDES

overweight Americans who work as lifeguards has been dismissed. And there will certainly be no mention of sex.

Tired of all the hype surrounding circus freaks? Forget about it. You will never read the words Barnum and Bailey in this newspaper again. Bearded women and siamese twins will no longer get their pictures published simply by mailing us a graphic picture. We now require a large sum of cash.

Also not appearing in this year's *Crusader* will be the mention of underpaid professional athletes. After

today, you will never read the words, "hockey is fun," "interesting chemistry major" or "lovely Nampa aroma." All gay and lesbian students who write for the paper will receive double pay. After all, aren't all good Christians in favor of giving homosexuals special rights? And as of next Thursday, *the Crusader* will sell Christian bumper stickers to help pay for a trip to Las Vegas. Some of the stickers sold will say, "I found Him. I have Jesus in the trunk," "BEER! It's not just for breakfast anymore" and of course everyone's favorite, "Nuke the gay whales for Christ."

We would like to bring NNC students articles that interest them. After all, we aren't some cheap tabloid. We're the Hard Copy of college newspapers. And that's quality.

Barry, Batman to the rescue

One evening my wife mentioned, casually, that she had been talking to the son of one of her friends, a little boy named Alexander, about his upcoming fourth birthday.



"Alexander says he's having a Batman party," my wife said.

"Hm," I said.

"So I told him that maybe Batman would come to the party," my wife said.

"Hm," I said.

My wife said nothing then. She just looked at me. Suddenly, I knew who was going to be Batman.

I was not totally opposed. In my youth I read many Batman comics, and it seemed to me that he had a pretty neat life, disguised as wealthy playboy Bruce Wayne, waiting for the police commissioner of Gotham City to shine the Bat Signal onto the clouds (it was always a cloudy night when the commissioner needed Batman). Then Bruce would change instantly — it took him only one comic-book panel — into his Batman costume and roar off in the Batmobile to do battle with the Forces of Evil or attend a birthday party.

Of course, Bruce owned his own Batman costume. I had to rent mine. It consisted of numerous black rubber pieces, similar to automobile floor mats, with strings so you could tie them to your body. One piece was shaped like rippling chest muscles, so you could transform yourself, like magic, from a flabby weakling into a flabby weakling wearing an automobile floor mat.

It took me a lot longer than one comic panel to get into this costume, but finally I was ready to speak the words that strike fear into the hearts of criminals everywhere: "Michelle, could you tie my G-string?" It turns out that a key part of the Batman costume is this triangular floor mat piece that protects the Bat Region. It's very difficult to attach this piece to yourself without help, which could explain

why Batman hooked up with Robin. At last I was ready. In full Bat regalia, I stepped out of the

house, and — as crazy as this may sound — for the first time I truly understood, as only a crusader for justice can understand, why people do not wear heavy black rubber outfits in South Florida in August. Staggering through the armor-piercing sunshine and 384 percent humidity, I made it to the Batmobile, which was disguised as a wealthy playboy Toyota Celica.

When we got to Alexander's house, in accordance with our Bat Plan, I remained outside in the Batmobile while Michelle went to the back yard, where the party was going on. We had bought Alexander a Batman walkie-talkie set; Michelle gave Alexander one unit and told him to use it to call Batman. These Batman walkie-talkies contain actual transistors, so when Alexander called me, I was able to hear, on the other unit, clear as a bell, a random bunch of static. Interpreting this as the Bat Signal, I pulled the rubber Bat Cowl over my head, thus rendering myself legally blind, and drove the Toyota Batmobile into the back yard.

The effect on the party guests, as you would expect, was electrifying. The adults were so electrified that some of them almost wet themselves. The younger guests were stunned into silence, except for Matthew, age 1, who ran, crying, to his mom, and probably did wet himself.

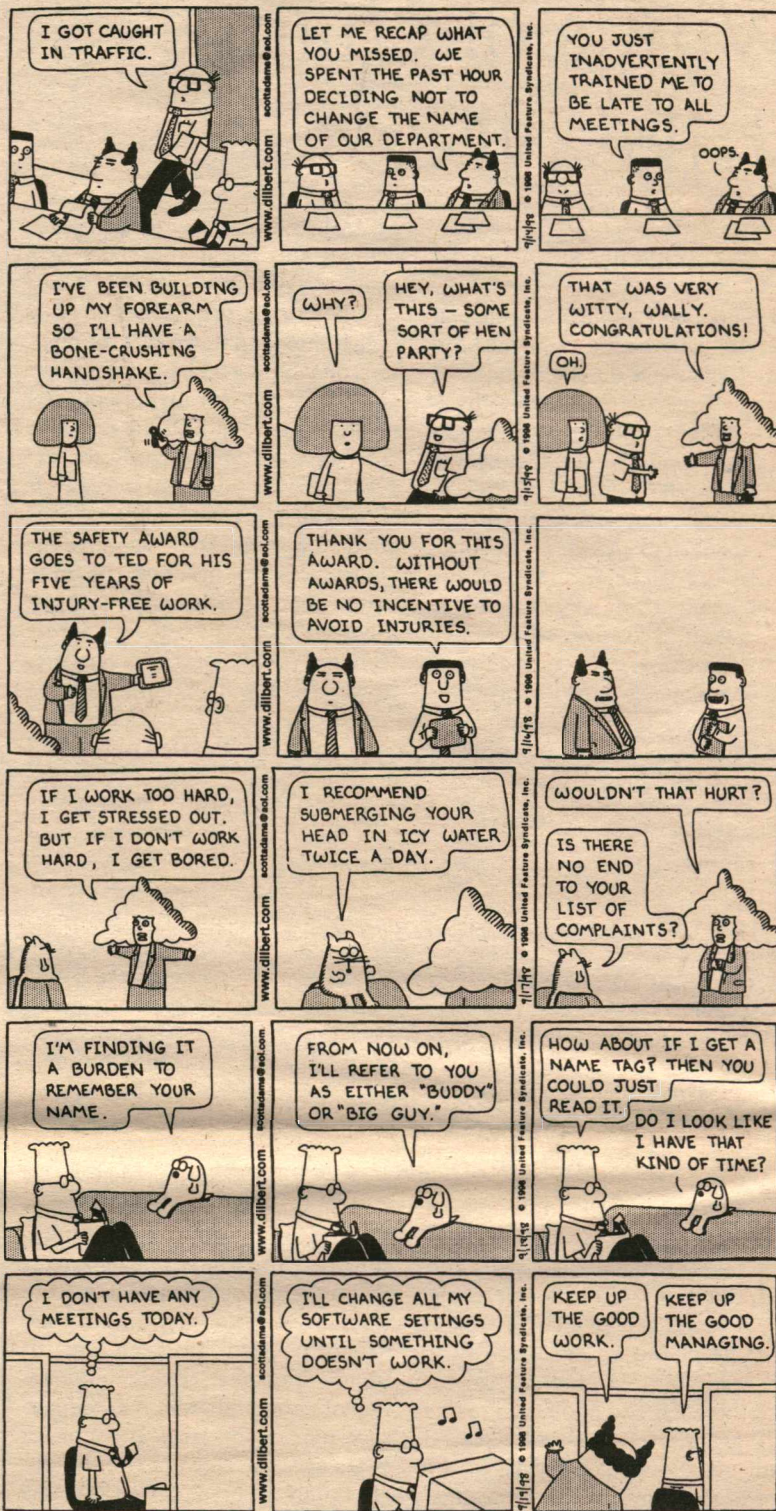
With all eyes upon me, I stopped the Batmobile, flung the door open, and in one fluid, manly motion, sprang out of the seat, then got retracted vio-

lently back into the seat, because I had forgotten to unfasten my seat belt. Eventually I was able to disentangle my cape and stride in a manly, rubberized way over to the birthday boy. "Happy birthday, Alexander!" I said, using a deep Bat Voice. After that the conversation lagged, because, let's be honest, what are you going to talk to Batman about? The pennant races? So we just stood there for a while, with Alexander staring at me, and me trying to look manly and calm despite the fact that after 30 seconds in the sun I could have fried an egg on top of my cowl.

Finally the cake arrived, and everybody sang "Happy Birthday," and I announced that I had to go fight crime. Striding back to the Batmobile, I opened the car door, turned dramatically toward the youngsters and said, *quoting* "BWEPPBWEPPBWEPPBWEPP." Actually, it was the Batmobile that said this, because I had forgotten to deactivate the Bat Alarm. I climbed into the front seat, slammed the door with several inches of cape sticking out the bottom, and backed manfully and blindly into the street. Fortunately there was nothing in my way, because I would definitely have hit it, and the law would not have been on my side. ("Mr. Barry, please tell the jury exactly what you were wearing as you backed your car over the plaintiff.")

The next day, Alexander's mom reported that the first thing he did when he woke up was turn on his walkie-talkie and call Batman. He said he could hear Batman, but Batman couldn't hear him because he was busy fighting evil supercriminals named Poison Ivy and Mr. Freeze. This was almost true: Batman was actually battling Heat Rash. So he will be out of action for a while. The next superhero from this household to visit Alexander — and I have made this very clear to Michelle — will definitely be Cat Woman.

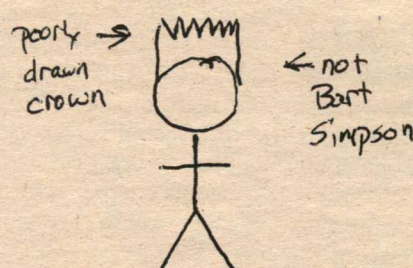
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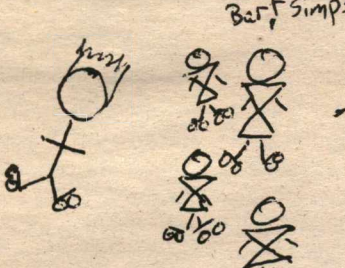
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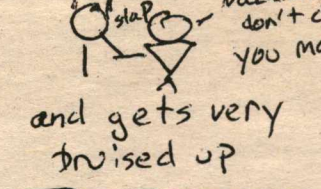
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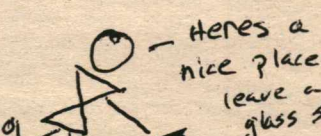


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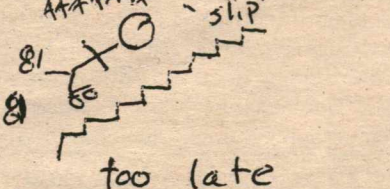
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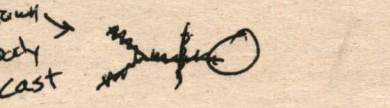
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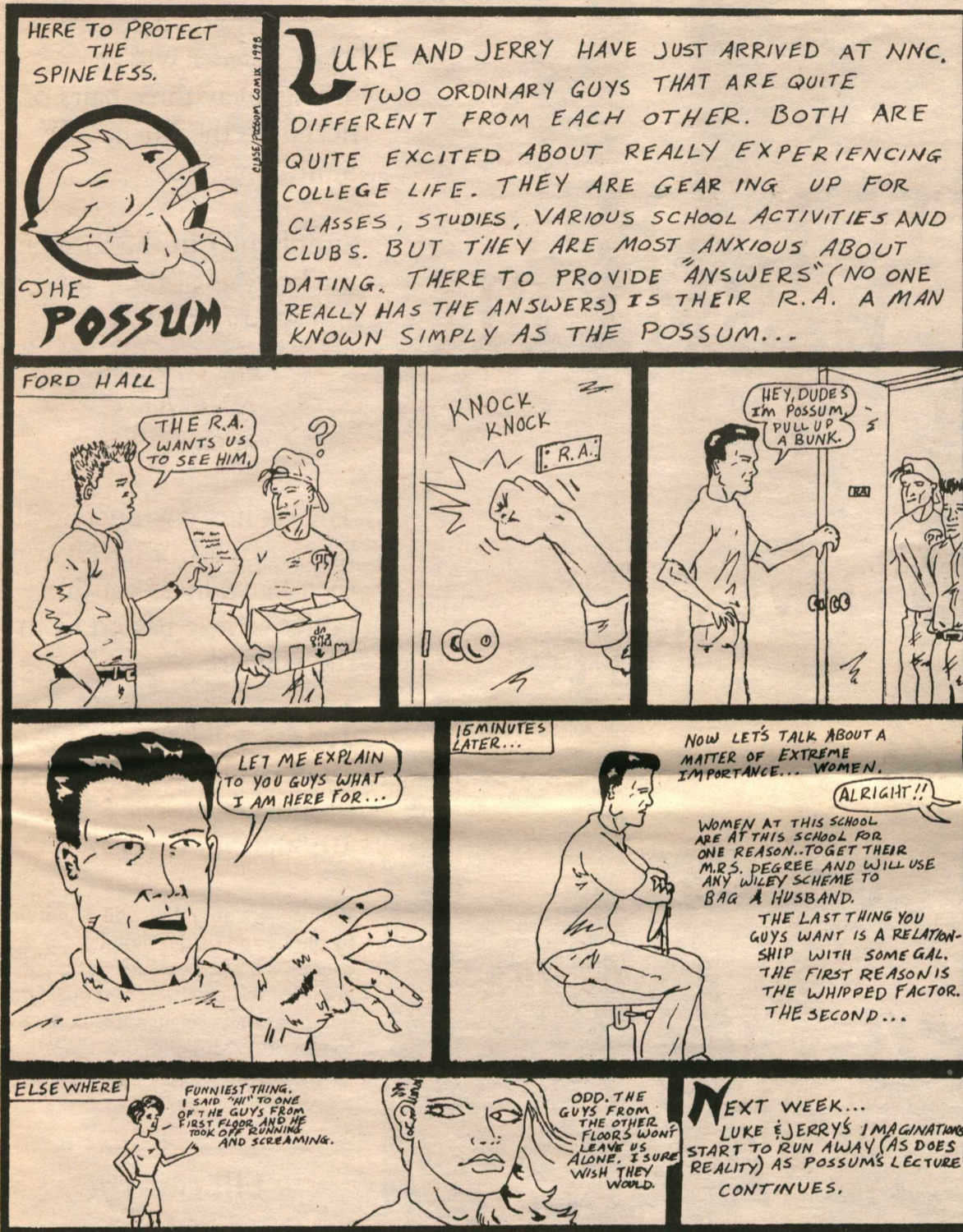


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And vows never
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From Ryan Close,
Introducing...



New dc Talk album worth a serious look

Before we get this article rolling, let me just say a hardy "Welcome Back!" I wish you all the best of luck this year.

Well, now that that's out of the way let's get on with the review. On Tuesday of this week dc Talk's new album *Supernatural* from ForeFront/Virgin Records will go on sale. This is the band's fifth original album in their ten years of existence. The follow-up album to 1995's platinum-plus *Jesus Freak*, *Supernatural* takes a whole new approach. This is the first album in which all three members of the

group, Toby McKeehan, Michael Tait and Kevin Max have contributed to the writing of each song. "We all sat down and wrote every song together," Max says. "On the last record, we would go [in] separate directions. It was never the three of us at the same time writing." The result is a wide variety of styles and musical expression, which make a pretty good album.

Tait describes the first single to be released "Into Jesus," like this, "dc Talk has been known to sing about our faith unashamedly, but never force it on people because Christ never forced His words or Himself on people. 'Into Jesus' talks about, 'Hey, you want to know what I'm all about? I'm into Jesus.'"

After the huge success of the *Jesus Freak* album, dc Talk signed on with Virgin Records in move that some fans may be apprehensive of. Many times a Christian band is ostracized for releasing to a secular market.

"We're not going secular," says Tait. "But we do want to reach the world. Jesus did not segregate Himself or ostracize Himself to certain people. He reached the world. As long as we keep our message pure, as long as people hear our voices and pray for dc Talk, we can reach a lot of people. We use to have a saying: 'If dc Talk crosses over, we are taking the cross over with us.'"

Ironically, the first single to be released to the secular market is entitled "My Friend (So Long)" which is about a fellow artist who has fallen away into the secular world.

With so many different sounding songs on this album, it could easily fit into any CD collection. Ranging from the easy top 40 ballad, "Godsend," to heavy guitar licks, "Dive," and "Fearless." This album really has something for everyone. Including those who like the upbeat lighthearted pop sound of "Since I Met You."

Just a side note: Listening to "Since I Met You" reminded me of a song that I heard a lot over the summer. As many of you may or may not know, I traveled with Parable. At the WAPAC camps there was a song that was used quite often. The song was "I'm so Happy" by

Hokus Pick. To fully understand what I mean by "quite often," find a copy of the song, put it in your CD player and hit repeat, sit and listen for a good 10-12 hours non-stop, this should give you a clearer understanding of what I mean. But I digress.

"Supernatural" is good album that I would recommend to anyone, whether you're a dc Talk fan or not. I never considered myself a fan until this album. Here's a tip: some stores are advertising this album for only eleven bucks, I'd say it's definitely worth it. Happy Buying!

Supernatural

dc Talk

Reviewed by
Joey Boerner

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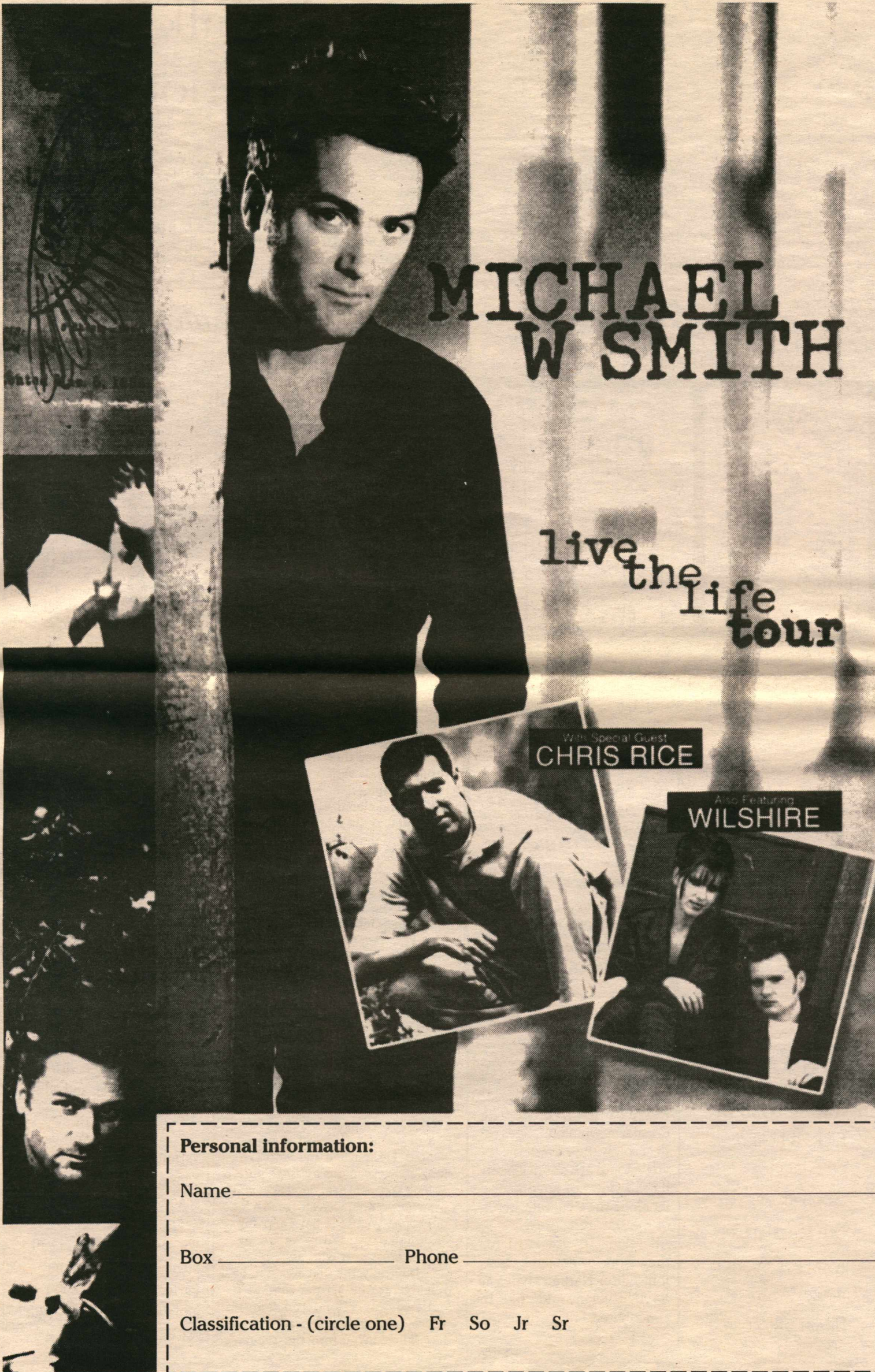
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