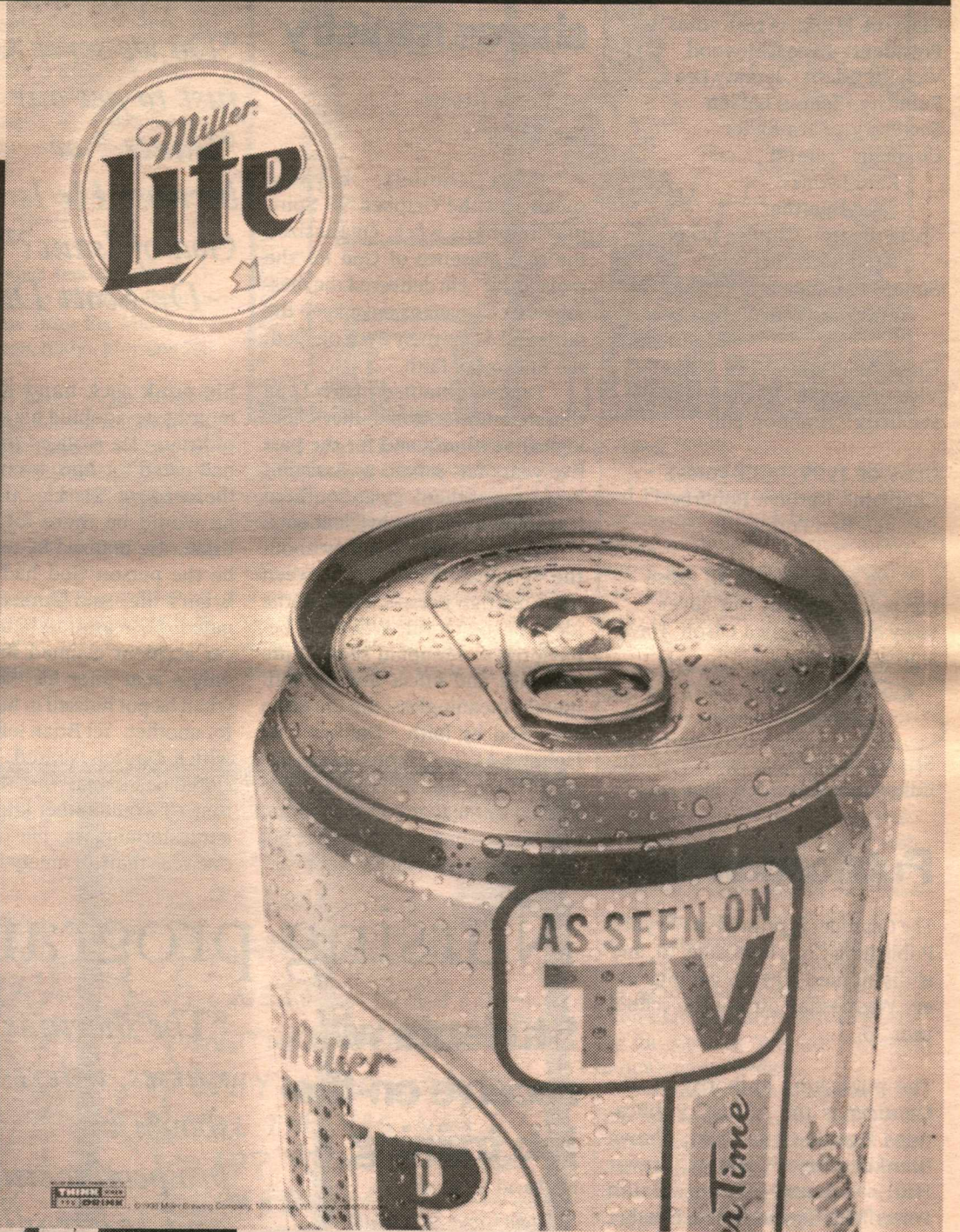
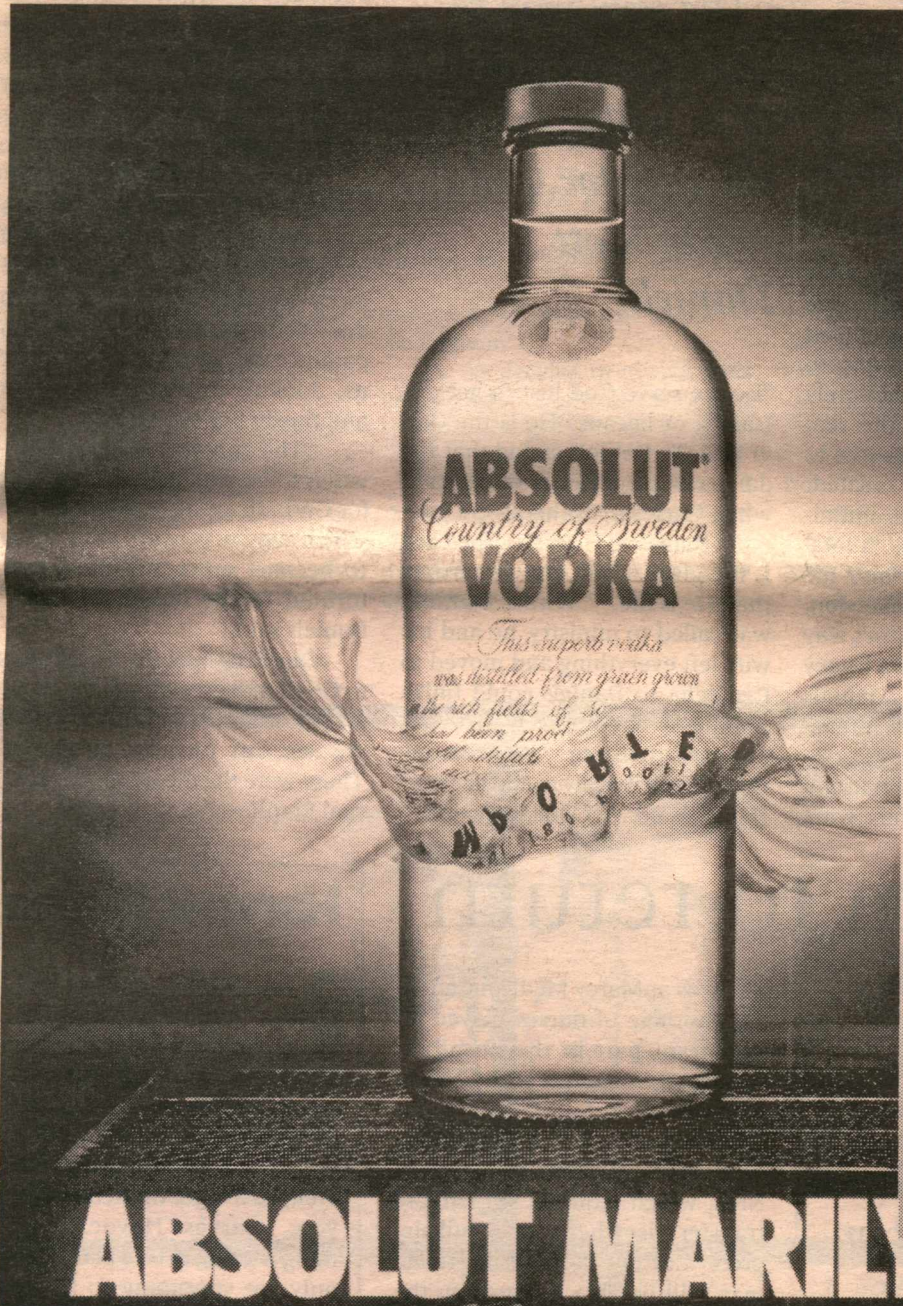


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Column One

Now that midterms are over, relax and enjoy the last remaining days of campaigning by the candidates. Go and vote Nov. 3.

Speaking of voting and votes, we have the election results for the Freshman class council and the vacant Sophomore and Senior positions:


Class of 2002: (180 votes)
President - Lane Chitwood
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Greg Buettner
Social Board - Charles Ecker,
Scott Mortimer
Senate - Monica Olson, Sara
Hughes, John Galloway

Class of 2001: (119 votes)
Vice-President - Rachele Lundy
Publicity - Brandon Hill

Class of 1999: (33 votes)
Chaplain - Karolyn Roberts
Senate - Ben Potter

We congratulate all those elected, especially our cover story editor, Monica Olson. Have a great week.



Shawn Shafer
Editor-in-chief

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Scott Daniels shares faith for living

Spiritual Emphasis Week keynote speaker Daniels shares ministry

by Amber Jerome
Campus Editor

Scott Daniels, keynote speaker of the October '98 Spiritual Emphasis week, emphasized the real presence of God in "the real world." He delivered the message that Christians must keep the faith and keep their eyes on God, the finisher of faith.

Daniels obtained his Ph.D. in Christian Ethics from Fuller Theological Seminary and for the past five years has served as Assistant Professor of theology at Southern Nazarene University in Oklahoma.

Daniels spoke Monday about the significant difference between the Christian perspective and the ideas of the world. While the behaviorist or Freudian sees all life as cause and effect and as, ultimately, meaningless, the Christian sees God by faith. Daniels read Hebrew 11:3: "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

The Christian sees the purpose within creation which is a relationship with a loving Creator.

Daniels told the story of "Blackie," a youth he met in Pasadena, whose walk with the Lord totally changed his life. "Blackie" left

*"Do we serve God
just to get our
"Isaacs," or
because He Is the
God of Isaac?"
~Dr. Scott Daniels*

his punk rock band and after months, re-adopted his real name of Brian. He realized that if God had cared for him, even beneath the facade of "Blackie," then surely he would be there for the real Brian. He realized he was free to be the person God had created. Brian's life, said Daniels, illuminated those around him. A fatal car accident claimed Brian's life only a year after his conversion, when he put himself in harm's way for another. Yet Brian left a legacy which Daniels shared. Daniels closed on Monday with the ultimatum, "I would rather know God in a transforming way like [Brian] for one year, than for ninety-nine with-

out knowing Him."

On Wednesday, Daniels asked the chapel audience, "What's your Isaac?" Abraham's promised son was to become a living sacrifice, yet Abraham's response was to give God priority, no matter the cost. Abraham was willing to give his all to God, even if it meant losing his son.

Daniels compared Abraham's test to our own lives. He asked,

*"The only way to
know God's will is
to be willing to run
the race for God."
~ Dr. Scott
Daniels*

"Do we serve God just to get our Isaac's, or because He is the God of Isaac?" Daniels stated that the danger of promises in our lives is when Christians value God's gifts more than God Himself. The Lord is the giver of life, but more than that, He is life. When Daniels was called to ministry, he and his wife left everything and moved to Pasadena so Daniels could finish seminary. Conditions were tough and money scarce. "We were living on Kraft macaroni and cheese," Daniels said. Yet God provided.

In the chapel's closing he asked, "Do you have enough faith to go to Moriah and lay your promises on the altar of God?" Ultimately, said Daniels, we must love God more than anything and be willing to surrender everything. He called the chapel audience to look at their own lives and pinpoint the hopes and the "Isaac's" which might be steering focus away from God.

Friday, Daniels continued with a message from Hebrews. He told the story of the time he had ran his own half-marathon. Just like the headsets he tried to wear in training, Daniels explained how sin is a weight on the runner.

He preached Friday on Hebrews 12: "While seeing that we are surrounded with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

"The only way to know God's will is to be willing to run the race for God. [It is] a continual race in which we must never stop trying to become more and more conformed to the image of Jesus," Daniels said.

Our lives must be a testament to God's real presence in the world and an example of faith by which we see our purpose in Christ. These were the themes of the Spiritual Emphasis series.

Nursing program to return

Students will receive on-the- job training

by David Stillman

Assistant Cover Story Editor

On October 15th, President Hagood and Kathy Scott of Mercy Medical Center announced that NNC would reinstate its nursing program for the 2000 - 2001 school year.

The move is part of a new cooperative agreement with the hospital which will give NNC's nursing and pre-med students internships and on-the-job training at Mercy.

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and NNC's tradition of training students to serve ... led to the decision to begin the program," Hagood said. According to Kathy Scott, vice president for Patient

Services at Mercy Medical Center, the shortage of nurses played an important part in the hospital's decision to cooperate with NNC on the project.

The program will replace the current Pre-Nursing program at NNC, which required students to transfer elsewhere for a full degree. Current Pre-Nursing freshman will be able to enroll in the Nursing program as juniors and complete their degrees here.

Mary Wardlaw, a graduate of NNC's Nursing program in the 1950's, was excited about nursing's return to the college, which can emphasize the spiritual side of nursing. "Nursing takes mental, emotional and spiritual strength," she said. NNC helped give her that and can now continue the tradition.

Harvest Havoc

Are you like me? Do you love Trick-or-Treating? Then you know the discouragement of being too tall. The kid costumes no longer fit and the neighbors do not believe that you are a twelve-year-old. Well, have I got the activity for you: Harvest Havoc. This thing is going to be a blast. Not only are you going to fill up your favorite pillowcase with candy, but you will get to bob for apples. That's not all. There will be rooms of "havoc," pumpkin carving, caramel apples, hot cider, and plenty more that only your heart could imagine (or what our lovely social board has planned). So if you are doing stuff on the 31st, cancel it. For it is going to be a "Harvest Havoc" in the gym from 8-10 p.m.

R.U.S.H. allows students to serve community



Many projects completed Saturday morning

by Kenzi Wilkes
Crusader News Staff Writer

Approximately seventy-five students participated in R.U.S.H.

this past Saturday morning. The group met in Marriot at 8:30 for breakfast and work assignments that lasted from nine to noon.

R.U.S.H stands for "Are you serving Him?" and allows students to do community service projects.

The participants were put into groups ranging in size from two to 15 people. The groups went to a variety of places including Turning Point, Boise Rescue Mission, Idaho AIDS Foundation, and Angels R&V shelter home.

Individual homes were also located through several local churches and the Canyon County Organization on Aging. The participants performed a variety of services including painting, window washing, weed pulling, leaf raking, cleaning and much more.

Dustin Zimmerman, ASNNC Community Relations Coordinator, organized the event. He commented, "I'm glad that so many NNC students are interested in becoming involved in the community and making a difference."

For otherwise exhausted students, the motivation behind waking up early on a Saturday morning to do community service was interaction with people who need help.

Those who were visited by the students were very thankful for their efforts, whose hard work accomplished much. Some of the recipients donated hot chocolate, and the Angels group received pizza and pop for their work.

More than the free T-shirts, these chances to meet, serve and minister to people in the community was greatly anticipated and enjoyed by the participants; perhaps even to a greater degree than by those they served.



Jeremy Smith paints the fence during the R.U.S.H. events serving the community (left). Melissa Anderson works with enthusiasm (above).

Potential students explore NNC

Busy weekend for previewers

by Amber Jerome
Campus Editor

Preview Days welcomed approximately one hundred and fifty students to campus the weekend of October 15 through 17. The weekend gave high school students the opportunity to see if NNC might be the college they want to attend.

Students were given a clearer picture of campus life through meetings with professors. The high schoolers were also invited to join various class sessions on Thursday and Friday.

Preview students were accommodated in dorm rooms throughout the campus. Many

events were planned for the students, and even NNC students who housed the visitors said that the weekend passed very fast.

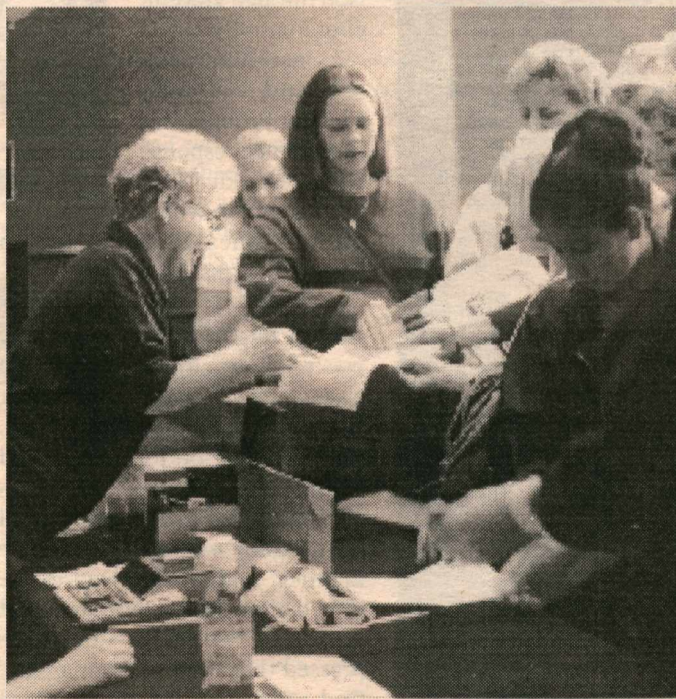
Monica Olson and her room-

"I hope [the Preview students] had fun. I barely saw them."

~Monica Olson

mate Andrea Zickefoose had a parent and three students in their room in Ford Hall. Olson commented, "I hope they had fun. I barely saw them."

It was a fast and eventful weekend, but full of excitement for future NNC students.



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Freshereer takes NNC "Back to the Eighties"

Diverse acts make evening a success

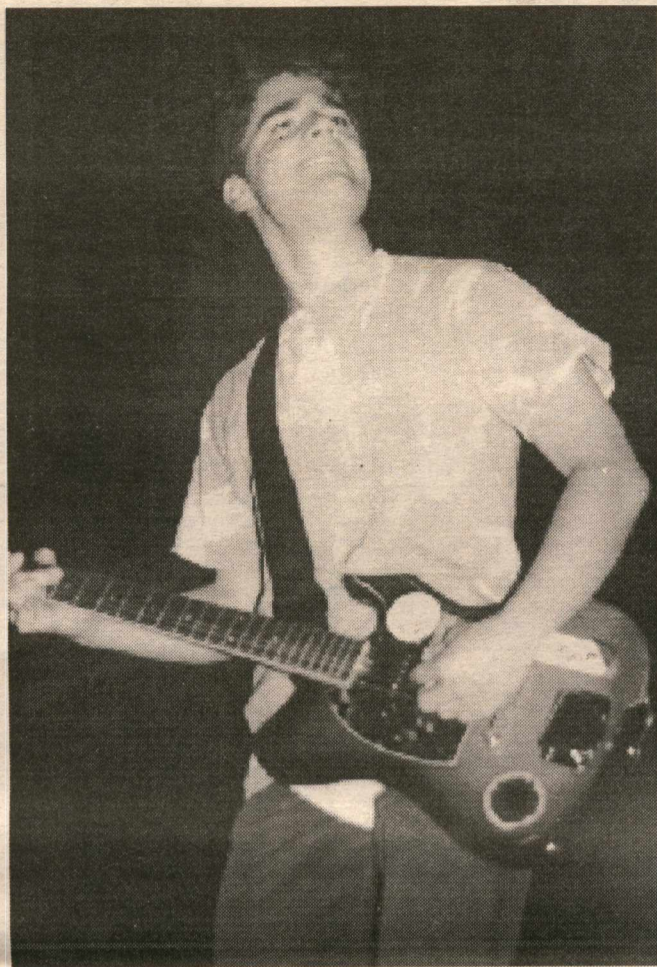
by Amber Jerome

Campus Editor

As students entered the Science Lecture Hall on October 17, strobe lights waved a welcome back into the eighties.

"Life as a Freshman" was the first skit, highlighting the first week of a new NNC student. R.A. Erin O'Brien and her wing from Morrison Hall acted out all the perils of being a freshman, from getting to sit by that "special someone" in Bib. Lit. to the embarrassment of tripping over NNC sidewalks, all to famous 80's songs. Basically, those freshman girls displayed that "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun."

John Leavell, Nathan Williams, Jaden Perry and Becca Gilbert's band performed, followed by Stephanie Ortman, Missy Rasmussen and Toby



Nathan Williams jams as "Guitarzan," (upper left). Chris Field and Matt Freeby lead this pirate brigade, which just wants "to sing and dance." Back row, left to right: Jeremy Lindley, Craig Dayton, Mark Boothby, Jeff Poe and Joe Cilly (top). In between acts, Gene Schandorff and Carey Cook teamed up as many famous duos, including Batman and Robin, Bert and Ernie, and Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader (bottom).



To the tune of *Tainted Love*, Joel Spencer, Erik Quissell, Matt Sanders, Jeff Poe and Ben Potter show off some 80's dance trends.

Schimdt, whose perfect cheers kept the audience laughing. Cheryl Bookman and Heidi Allgeier danced to "In Your Perfect Time," a song evoking tribute to God through graceful choreography.

Jayci Montgomery and Rachelle Gienger brought lots of audience response with their skit, "Peanut Butter," in which the two smeared the butter on their feet, arms and head.

During intermission, a dress contest for the best 80's costume was mediated by the sophomore class council. Mindy Reed won for her poofy baby blue prom dress. An 80's dance-off followed as did "Name that 80's Tune."

Chris Cowan and Eric Quissell started part two of "Back to the Eighties" with a follow-up to the love ballad Cowan performed at last year's "Mr. NNC." Cowan expressed that even without a date, God cares, and he accompanied Quissell in a rerecorded ballad of a popular song, with special "NNC" lyrics.

"Old men in a shoebox..." was the next act. The old men, who included Chris Field, Jeremy Lindley, Matt Freeby, Craig Dayton

and Joe Cilly, each tried to outdo each other in the "I remember when..." game. Their lines included the infamous, "When I was young I had to walk twenty miles uphill," and "I worked so hard I had to go to work at 10:30, half an hour before I went to bed."

Next, Josh Henson and Chris Britt awed the audience with their seasoned talent of juggling. One of the most complicated of their juggling acts was juggling on rolling platforms, a.k.a. "rollabollas of severe pain." In addition, Britt juggled in one round a bowling ball, knife and egg.

"Guitarzan" Nathan Williams jammed onto the stage next with "ape-pal" Michael Spengler, Carly Powne and Emily Shulyer. Sound effects flooded the room as Chris Field explained the art of "verbal

punctuation," in which he read aloud text, making a noise for each separate mark of punctuation.

"Short-term memory man" R.D. Mark Pounds, Mark Walker and Missy Rasmussen enacted the scene of an injured man in a hospital whose visiting friend, Pounds, can't seem to remember anything.

The final performance of the evening brought *The Sound of Music* to NNC. Yodelers Quissell, Lindley, Sanders, Freeby, Keegan Lenker, Dave Coles and Dustin Zimmerman put on Scandinavian wigs and danced as puppets.

All in all, the night's performances offered a wide variety of entertainment and fun. The evening included reminders of a decade gone, but also displayed new creativity.

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Van Hooser changed by Youth in Mission

A summer in Kazakhstan brings empathy and hope

by J. Vito Montebianco
Crusader News Staff Writer

"I no longer look with pity at these people; I look knowing their pain," says Alyssa Van Hooser, after spending her summer in Astana, Kazakhstan as part of a Youth in Mission summer experience.

"One of [my] greatest memories is of a kid named Vova. He was hyperactive and would never be calm or listen during worship time. Yet toward the end of our time with the kids, when we were passing out

toys, he received a cross, and he said something that I remember well. He said, 'Now I can remember who God is.'"

Working with kids in orphanages, invalid homes, neighborhood block parties, youth services and mini-concerts were just some of the exciting things that Van Hooser was able to participate in. A week of sight-seeing in Moscow was also on the itinerary before the group settled in at Astana in their own apartment.

It all started at boot camp, which consisted of some training seminars and worship services. "We were pushed, so we never got any sleep. We found relief when we got on the plane to go over there. The boot camp was good, but the training they gave us did not prepare us for what we ended up doing," Van Hooser com-

mented.

Van Hooser said the time spent in ministry to children was well worth it. "It was really good to visit these kids in the orphanages because no one ever visited them and they need someone to love them. Many of them had never heard about God. We did different activities for them. We held worship services, puppet shows and skits. By the time we left, many kids had come to accept Jesus as their good friend," Van Hooser said.

Youth in Mission sponsors many ministry opportunities throughout the world and in the United States. Last summer about twelve students from NNC participated in a YIM program. "Youth in Mission is a good way to get real experiences...to experience their life as it really is...authentic," said Van Hooser.

*"I no longer look with pity at these people; I look knowing their pain."
~Alyssa VanHooser*



Alyssa Van Hooser got close to the children she ministered to in Astana.

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Transporter may come true Campaign relief?

Scientists successfully teleport photons across a table

by Joshua M. Dooley
World News Editor

If you like Star Trek and always wish you could be beamed from one place to another, you may be a step closer to receiving that wish.

An apparatus of sorts sits on a table in a California Institute of Technology lab. A signal travels about a yard, along some coaxial cables. And what gets beamed from one end of the table to the other is a bunch of photons. Scientists claim this is indeed teleportation.

So what the physicists at Caltech, Aarhus University in Denmark and the University of Wales have accomplished is to take something, such as a beam of light, and create a replica of

it some distance away.

"We claim this is the first bona fide teleportation," says Caltech physics professor Jeff Kimble, one of the researchers. Though this particular discovery won't lead to Star Trek age technology, it could help with sophisticated cryptography and possibly ultra-powerful "quantum computers."

Last December, two other research groups, one in Austria and one in Rome, reported they were successful in their teleporting experiments. These earlier experiments, however, were limited to discovering whether a photon was polarized in the up or down position.

This particular experiment takes advantage of one spooky aspect of quantum mechanics to circumvent one of its constraints.

The constraint is the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle, which states one can't pre-

cisely measure where something is and how fast it's moving, at least not at the same time. In essence, if you look too closely, you inevitably bump the object you're looking at, and it's no longer where you thought it was.

This would currently be the problem as to why someone couldn't be teleported. If one can't precisely measure a photon or an atom, how can one tell someone else how to make an exact copy?

Surprisingly enough, the

way to get around the Heisenberg Uncertainty principle is to mess up the information so badly that it's meaningless.

Though scientists may be a long way from being able to get the exact replica of a human, to the other end of the table, using light is a step in the right direction. Kimble and his colleagues reported their finding in the Oct. 23 issue of the journal *Science*.

"We claim this is the first bona fide teleportation."

~Jeff Kimble

by Ryan Dooley
Crusader Staff Writer

Every candidate has their own way of making fun of their opponents. Some are more successful at it than others.

This is the time of the year where you see on the T.V. all of the candidates defining what they think is the perfect candidate, and they can do so much better than their challenger. Sometimes the bashing is comical, while at other times it can be very hurtful to othes.

Have you seen the slogans these days? "Save millions, Vote Willams," "Give 'em Helen," and "Responsible, dedicated leadership." What is it they are trying to say? Is Helen Chenoweth asking for advice? Her challenger, Dan Williams calls her "fast and loose with public lands." What kind of blasphemy is this anyway? Are the candidates making a statement, or are they just trying to make the people see the bad side of them? Who is the judge of this? Is it the voters, or is it the other candidates. Is there a right or a wrong to this whole situation?

A short while back, Ron Crane

was attacked by his challenger Latham Williams in the form of a top 10 list of "Top 10 Reasons Ron Crane won't debate Latham Williams on Public T.V."

You be the judge as to whether or not this is something that should have been done: (10) Spinach between teeth won't come out. (9) Can't explain why fire alarm salesman is qualified to be a Treasurer. (8) Four Words: Speech therapy isn't working. (7) Campaign further in debt than the Clinton defense fund. (6) Unhappy with last TV appearance on the "Gong Show." (5) Embarrassed that he would get paid so much to do a part-time job. (4) Too busy watching "The Young and the Restless" to answer the phone. (3) Forgot he was running. (2) Doesn't want to explain rumor that his "six years of banking experience" were as a teller. (1) Would miss new episode of "Frazier."

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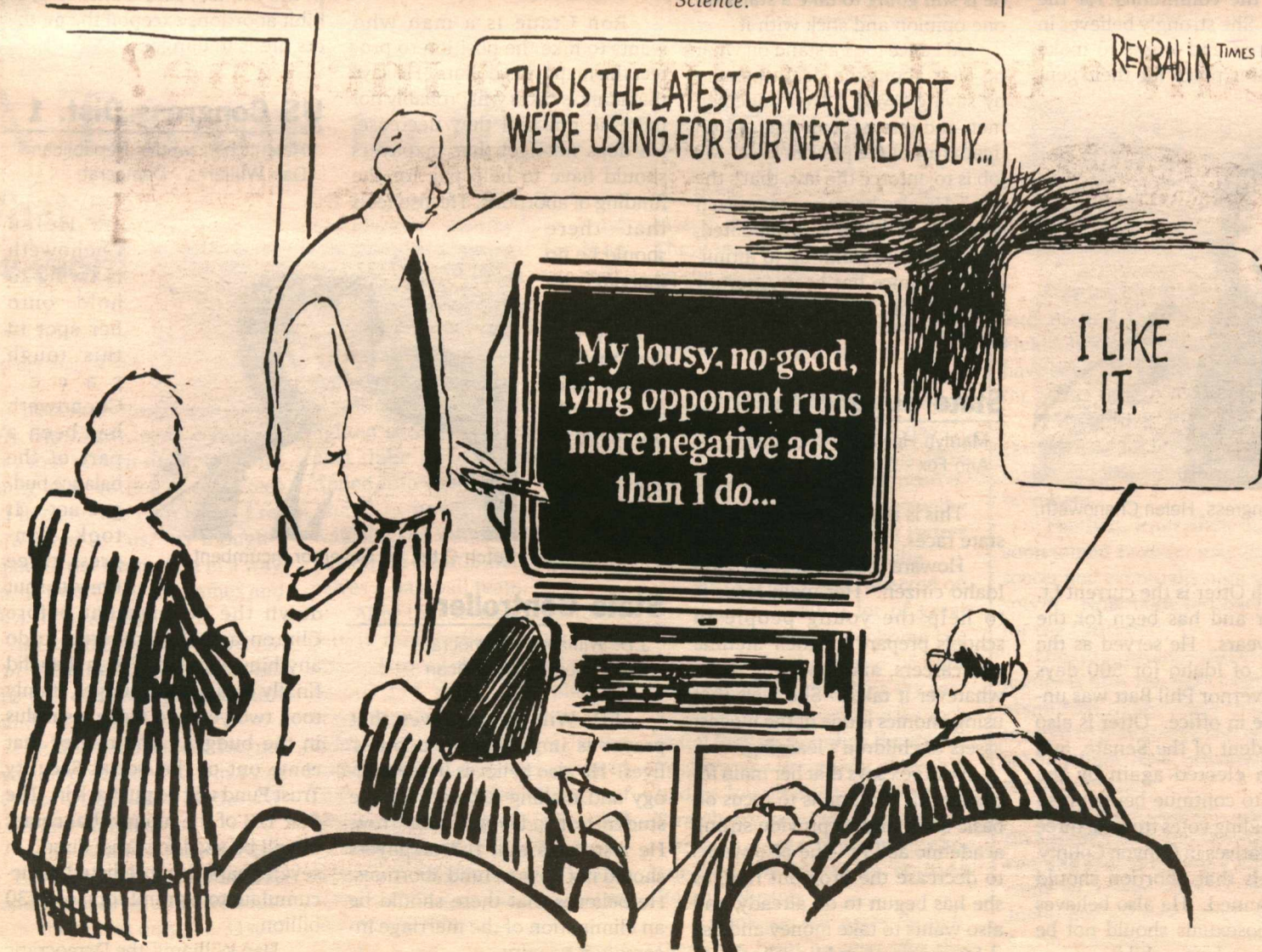
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Forum brings candidates to College Church

Idaho candidates questioned by audience

by Ryan Dooley
Crusader Staff Writer

On November 3, 1998, residents all across Idaho will be asked to vote on the candidates they believe will get the job done in office. The races are for U.S. Congress, U.S. Senate, Governor, Lt. Governor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Controller, State Treasurer, Attorney General, State Senators, House Representatives, School Superintendent and Supreme Court Justice.

Governor of Idaho

Dirk Kempthorne - Republican
Bob Huntley - Democrat
Peter Rickards - Independant

Kempthorne is a family man dedicated to improving Idaho and its many poor conditions. In schools, Kempthorne feels that if a parent wants to home-school their child, they should have that opportunity without the government having to step in. Still in line with schools, Kempthorne feels that there should not be an increase in the states sales tax for schools. He also says that there should be an elimination to marriage income tax penalty. He also believes that abortion should be prohibited unless the mother is in a life and death situation. He does not feel that there should be a mandatory waiting period for a handgun license.

Robert (Bob) Huntley has his focus on two particular issues: how to help fund the \$1 billion backlog in school construction and repairs needed across the state, and how to save the Snake River salmon fishery. To pay for the former, Huntley has proposed the sales tax while closing some of the exemptions that have accumulated on the books over the last 33 years. It's his stance that he is

taking on salmon that has attracted the most attention through his entire campaign.

Peter Rickards, who is running as an Independent, is a man who opposes the idea of banning abortion. He also opposes a mandatory wait before license of a handgun, and to increase the state sales tax for schools. He supports the parents involvement with their children, and their rights to homeschool without the interruption of the government. He also believes that there should be an elimination of the marriage income tax penalty.

Lt. Governor

Sue Reents - Democrat
Butch Otter - Republican
Alan Stroud - UST

In the chain of command, the Lt. Governor is the second most powerful position in the state. He takes on the governor's seat if he is ill or dies. The position is almost identical to the vice-president of the US.

Sue Reents was a math teacher in a junior high school and cares greatly for the efforts put forth by the community for the children. She strongly believes in the children and wants to make this a better place for their gen-



Incumbent candidate for Congress, Helen Chenoweth.

eration.

Butch Otter is the current Lt. Governor and has been for the past 12 years. He served as the governor of Idaho for 500 days while Governor Phil Batt was unable to be in office. Otter is also the president of the Senate, and has been elected again by the senators to continue being president including votes from all three representatives in Canyon County. Otter feels that abortion should not be banned. He also believes that homosexuals should not be allowed to adopt a child.

Lastly in this branch is Alan

Stroud. Stroud feels that when there are tax levies to be voted on that they should be voted on and only passed with a 2/3 majority vote instead of the majority vote as it is now. He also feels that there is no need for a waiting period before an owner of a gun can have his license. Stroud says that abortion should be banned unless it is a life and death situation for the mother of the child. He also believes that homosexuals should not be allowed to adopt children.

Attorney General

Al Lance - Republican
Brit Groom - Democrat

Brit Groom has made it clear that one of his biggest concerns is drug awareness. He says that 75-90 percent of the children involved with drugs are using methamphetamine. Groom also believes that no matter what other people say, he is still going to take a stand on one opinion and stick with it.

Al Lance took a stand on what he feels about the death penalty by saying "Well, I have nineteen men and one woman that are on death row at the present time. My job is to enforce the law, that's the law." He also believes that even if someone in office is intimidated, people should stand up to intimidation. Lance has been Attorney General from January 2, 1995 to present.

State Superintendent

Marilyn Howard - Republican
Ann Fox - Democrat

This is another key spot in the state races.

Howard is a fourth generation Idaho citizen. Her main focus is to help the young people in schools prepare for their lifetime and careers, and is willing to do whatever it takes. She feels that using phonics is one of the biggest assets to children's learning.

Ann Fox says that her main focus on this position is to focus on basic skills and to provide strong academic ability. She also wants to decrease the drop-out rate, as she has begun to do already, and also wants to take money and use it for repairing public schools, to make them a better place to be so



Lt. Governor candidate, Alan Stroud.

that students may actually feel comfortable about going. The government should not have to take care of the family. People should have to go out and get a job so that they can provide for their family on their own and not have to rely on the government to pay the bills for them.

Secretary of State

Pete Cenarrusa - Republican
Jerry Seiffert - Democrat
T.J. Angstman - Liberal

State Treasurer

Ron Crane - Republican
Latham Williams - Reformed

Ron Crane is a man who wants to take the position to protect the taxpayers dollars. He says that Idaho's taxes will probably not increase nor will they decrease. He does not feel that taxpayers should have to help pay for the funding of abortions. He also feels that there should be no marriage income tax penalty, and feels that the state's sales tax should not have to be increased for schools and maintenance.

State Controller

J.D. Williams - Democrat
Ron Pollock - Republican

J.D. Williams believes that prayer is important in peoples' lives. He also believes in technology and making it better for the students of today and tomorrow. He also feels that the taxpayers should not have to fund abortions. He believes that there should be an elimination of the marriage income tax penalty.

Ron Pollock feels that people



Butch Otter, Lt. Governor incumbent.

should not worry about the business of a person in office unless it pertains to that office position. He feels that the personal life should be left alone. He opposes having taxpayer funding of abortion, while supporting the elimination of the marriage penalty tax.

Supreme Court

Mike Wetherell
Wayne Kidwell

Kidwell supports capital punishment, the 2nd Amendment that protects the right to bear arms and the 1st Amendment that protects voluntary prayer in schools. He does not support the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion through the ninth month.

U.S. Senate

Mike Crapo - Republican
Bill Mauk - Democrat
George Mansfield - NAT

Mike Crapo is against a waiting period for a license for handguns, and opposes a federally run health care. He also believes that there should be no gays allowed in the military and wants to prohibit abortions except if the mother's life is in danger.

US Congress Dist. 1

Helen Chenoweth - Republican
Dan Williams - Democrat

Helen Chenoweth is trying to hold onto her spot in this tough race. Chenoweth has been a part of the balance budget act. It took Congress three times to shut

down the government before Clinton actually bothered to do anything about it. When they did finally balance the budget, it only took two years to make a surplus in the budget. The money that came out of the Social Security Trust Fund will be put back in. The first 1/3 of the money that comes in will be used for Trust Fund. In seven years it is predicted to accumulate to a grand total of \$730 billion.

Dan Williams, the Democratic challenger for the U.S. Congress

seat has talked about making children his top priority. He won the approval of many people in the audience with his words on Christian values, stating that the Republicans don't have a monopoly on Christianity. His message sounded almost Republican, even to the point of criticizing President Clinton. His background as a Yale educated lawyer doesn't hold him back in a very conservative district, and he has a very legitimate shot at knocking off Chenoweth for the seat.

U.S. Congress Dist. 2

Mike Simpson - Republican
Richard Stallings - Democrat
Jonathon Bradford Ratner - NAT

In the area of physician assisted suicide, Simpson and Stallings both agreed that it should be illegal while Ratner feels that it should be allowed in the state of Idaho for anybody to use. In the subject of abortion on demand, Simpson and Stallings both agreed again saying that it should be outlawed, while Ratner feels that having abortion legal is the answer.

Ratner also feels that Homosexuals should be allowed in the military while the Republican and Democrat once again take the same side. Simpson and Stallings

want to do away with giving grants for obscene, blasphemous, and anti-religious arts, except for Ratner, however, feels that there should be grants for this kind of expression.

State House Dist 11A

Maureen O'Donnell - Democrat
Bob Schaefer - Republican

In the House of Representatives district 11A are Maureen O'Donnell (D) and her challenger Bob Schaefer (R). O'Donnell came to the valley from Post Falls. She was formerly known as Maureen Thies, and wants everyone to know that she is still the same person even though she has a different name. She is a family oriented



Bob Scanlon running for State Senate District 11.

lady with much schooling. She has her Bachelor of Education from Seattle University with graduate work at University of Idaho, Boise State University, and Northwest

Nazarene College. One of her strongest issues is family and the importance of working together to form strong families. She also says that she would never answer the question as to whether or not she wears briefs or bikinis, but in seriousness, she says, "please vote for me and not Bob Schaefer on November 3, thank you."

The Republican, Bob Schaefer, is a man who supports education tax credits for non-use of public schools, having a program for able-bodied welfare recipients to find work, and parental consent for abortions on a minor. He also opposes the building of casinos.

State House Dist 11B

Jack Fisher - Democrat
Bill Taylor - Republican

Jack Fisher is a man who believes that Canyon County needs and wants great representation. He also feels that a healthy family will create a healthy community, and is for small business and riding over-regulated businesses. When asked who his role model is, he said that it is former Idaho governor Cecil Andrus. He said that a question to never ask him would be "What's that in the salsa."

Bill Taylor, is supportive of eliminating the marriage income tax penalty. Taylor also feels that a minor must have the consent of the parents to use birth control. He doesn't believe that it should be mandatory to wait before receiving a license for handguns.

State Senate Dist. 11

Bob Scanlon - Democrat
Atwell Parry - Republican

Bob Scanlon is a Roman Catholic who believes that Idaho is at its crossroads. He also considers himself "A Reagan-Democrat for Canyon County." He feels that the department of fish and game needs more adequate funding. In order to get his funding for it he put to a general fund \$1 billion for it, and says that they can put \$3-5 million into fish and game alone. They are able to get this money from a \$14 million surplus that is in the general fund. Scanlon also does not believe in abortion. He feels that it should only be used in the case of rape, incest, or life and death situations. He also feels that parents should not be kept out of the loop-hole. Parents should know what is going on, and should be informed of anything and everything that their child is doing.

Scanlon's challenger, Atwell Parry, says that he is for tax credits for non-use of public schools, and also believes that abortion should be illegal unless the mother's life is in danger. Unlike Bob Scanlon, he feels that there should be a mandatory waiting period before you can be licensed for handguns. Parry also feels that any owner of anything should be able to get compensation for loss of property when complying with the state.

State House Dist. 12

Delores Crow - Republican
Austin Stanley - Democrat

Crow is a candidate who supports traditional family morals and believes that homosexuality is an acceptable lifestyle in schools. She also feels that in order for a minor to get an abortion, they should have parental consent, but she



Att. General candidate, Al Lance.

doesn't feel that abortions should be performed. She also feels that there should be education tax credits for non-use of public schools.

Stanley, the Democratic challenger is a social worker who doesn't seem to know exactly what it is he stands for. He says that he will vote for what the people want him to. If someone asks him to vote a certain way and he doesn't feel that it is the way he would vote for, then Stanley would try to explain why he doesn't agree. He also says that if he can't change your mind, he will change his.

Gubernatorial up for grabs in nine other states

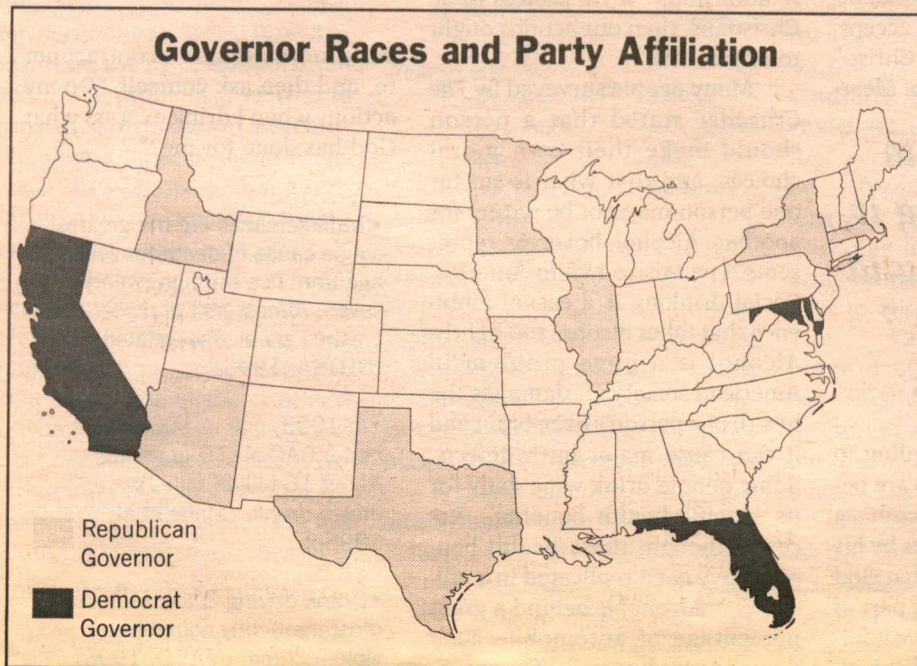
The gubernatorial race is usually one of the most important elections for the states. Being almost as important as the presidential race, the governors seats con-

trol state issues and thereby have a greater influence on us.

Of the ten seats being voted on, seven were Republican controlled in the past. This election

has the possibility to swing the partisan line back toward the Democratic side.

The voter's backlash for Congressional impeachment hearings may be felt next Tuesday. Historically though, the losses felt by Democrats in the last two elections have been right on track. Expectations are high for this election, but don't be surprised if further losses come to pass.



Arizona:

Paul Johnson - Democrat
Scott Malcomson - Reform
Jane Dee Hull - Republican
Alan White - Independent
Katherine Gallant - Libertarian

California:

Harold H. Bloomfield - Nat. Law
Gray Davis - Democrat
Dan Hamburg - Green
Nathan E. Johnson - Am. Ind.
Steve W. Kubby - Libertarian
Gloria Estela LaRiva - Democrat
Dan Lungren - Republican

Florida:

Jeb Bush - Republican
Buddy MacKay - Democrat
Nelson McAlexander - Ind.

Illinois:

Jim Tobin - Libertarian
George H. Ryan - Republican
Glenn W. Poshard - Democrat
Paul Lindstrom - Taxpayers
Lawrence Redmond - Reform

Maryland:

Ellen Sauerbrey - Republican
Parris Glendening - Democrat

Massachusetts:

Paul Cellucci - Republican
Dean Cook - Libertarian

Scott Harshbarger - Democrat

Minnesota:

Hubert Humphrey - DFLP
Chris Wright - Grassroots Party
Ken Pentel - Green
Libertarian Party
Frank Germann - Libertarian
Ray McCloney - People's Champ.
Jesse Ventura - Reform
Thomas Fiske - Socialist Worker
Norm Coleman - Republican

New York:

Alfred Duncan - Soc. Workers
Mary Alice France - Unity
Chris Garvey - Libertarian
Tom Golisano - Independence
Thomas Leighton - Marijuana
Al Lewis - Green
George E. Pataki - Republican
McCaughy Ross - Liberal
Peter F. Vallone - Democrat

Texas:

George Bush - Republican
Garry Mauro - Democrat
Lester Turlington - Libertarian

Drugs and alcohol at NNC

Activities during Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week

Monday, October 26

Monday marked the beginning of ASNNC's Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week.

Class chapels presented a ten minute Bill Cosby film and ASNNC officers informed students with national statistics.

On Monday night, Professor May Curran hosted a discussion in Dooley lobby for people wanting to share concerns about drug or alcohol use.

At 10 pm, Ford Hall held a chapel where different alcohol related situations were acted out and discussed.

Tuesday, October 27

On Tuesday night, NNC students wandered through the Corn Maize. This activity was planned to emphasize having fun without substance use.

Wednesday, October 28

Chapel on Wednesday morning was held even though classes were cancelled. A video was shown during that time which discussed problems that drugs and alcohol create.

Friday, October 30

Merilyn Thompson, who lost her son in an alcohol related accident only a year ago, will be speaking in chapel.

Saturday, October 31

ASNNC is sponsoring Harvest Havoc at the gym from 8-10 pm.

About three in every five Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives. (NHTSA, 1997)

In the past decade, four times as many Americans died in drunk driving crashes as were killed in the Vietnam War. (NHTSA, 1995)

WWJD: What would Jesus drink?

How would Jesus live if he were a college student?

by Monica Olson
Cover Editor

If Jesus Christ was a college student at NNC today, what would be His opinion about alcohol? Would He think that alcohol consumption is okay for a 21-year-old? Would He think occasional drinking is acceptable? Would He approve of social drinking, or that a person should do whatever as long as it does not hurt anyone? Would He believe in drinking for the health benefits? Or would He think abstinence was the only way for a Christian to live?

Christians today answer these questions differently, and they support their ensuing lifestyles by the Bible. The Nazarene way of life is generally alcohol-free, but whether alcohol can be condemned as sinful is up for debate.

In biblical times, Jesus drank alcohol. His very first miracle was the turning of water into wine (John 2:1-11). Wine was a common drink in biblical times and was part of the Last Supper as well as Jewish religious festivals. The wine of biblical times cannot, however, be equated with alcohol today. In those days, no hard liquor existed. Wine had a low alcohol content, and becoming drunk took effort. Also, becoming drunk had fewer consequences. For example, they had no machinery or cars which could become hazardous if used by someone who was under the influence of alcohol.

There may not be anything inherently wrong with alcohol, yet the Bible is filled with warnings about alcohol. Leviticus 10:8-10 reads, "The Lord said to Aaron, 'You and your sons are not to drink wine or other fermented drink whenever you go into the Tent of Meeting... You must distinguish

between the holy and the common.'" Aaron and his sons were priests. Unfortunately, two of them were consumed by the fire of God when "they offered unauthorized fire before the Lord," probably while under the influence of alcohol (Lev. 10).

The Tent of Meeting was where God dwelled, and only priests were allowed to enter God's presence. In the New Testament, however, we all become part of the

alcohol just like the priests in the Old Testament.

Most of the Bible, however, does not condemn drinking, but drunkenness. As it says in Ephesians 5:15, "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit."

The question then is not if alcohol is immoral, but how the alcohol is being used and what it represents? According to ethics

Cowles, the loss of control alcohol causes doesn't reflect Christ. Alcoholism destroys families, Christians, and a Christian's witness. "There is little to be said for doing it, and a lot to be said for not doing it," he commented.

Many Christians do not drink. Some may do so because they think alcohol consumption is morally wrong. Though alcohol is not intrinsically evil, Christians have good reason for avoiding it. Together Christians can stand together in contrast to society and to something that is ruining lives. By abstaining from alcohol, we can help save the world from an addictive and destructive drug.

At NNC, students sign a contract promising, among other things, not to buy or consume alcohol. "NNC drinking is an issue of honesty because they signed a contract," said Neil. So, as a student, if you think about drinking, remember first that it is dishonest

"Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery.

Instead, be filled with the Spirit."

~Ephesians 2:22

because you signed a contract not to, and then ask yourself, "Do my actions when I drink express what God has done for me?"

•Traffic crashes are the greatest single cause of death for every age from five through twenty-seven. Almost half of these crashes are alcohol-related. (NHTSA, 1996)

•In 1993, one in 100 drivers had a BAC of .10 or greater. About 16 billion miles were driven drunk. (Miller et al, 1996c)

•Drunk driving is the nation's most frequently committed violent crime. (MADD, 1996)

Proverbs 23:30-35

Those who linger over wine,
who go to sample bowls of mixed wine.
Do not gaze at wine when it is red,
when it sparkles in the cup,
When it goes down smoothly!
In the end it bites like a snake
and poisons like a viper
Your eyes will see strange sights
and your mind imagine confusing things
You will be like one sleeping in the high seas,
lying on top of the rigging.
"They hit me," you will say, "but I'm not hurt!
They beat me, but I don't feel it!
When will I wake up
so I can find another drink?"

priesthood. As it says in 1 Peter 2:5, "You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

We are also the Tent of Meet-

"There is little to be said for doing it, and a lot to be said for not doing it."

~C.S. Cowles

ing where God lives according to Eph. 2:22, "In him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." So, if we believe that God lives in us, and that we are part of his priesthood, some believe it follows that we should not drink al-

Professor Ralph Neil, "If the spirit of Christ lives in us, then every action of our lives is a symbol of that relationship." If we profess to be Christians, then our actions ought to reflect this.

Many people surveyed by *The Crusader* stated that a person should make their own moral choices, and that what is sin for one person may not be wrong for another. Alcohol, however, represents a pervasive evil in America. Social drinking is a casual ambience that takes alcohol too lightly. Alcohol is a huge problem in American society. It damages the health of a person's liver, brain and it can cause major birth defects. Some people drink wine daily for its specific health benefits. Recently though, those health benefits have been replicated in a pill.

Alcohol is behind a great percentage of automobile accidents. According to Professor C.S.



American colleges battle binge drinking

by Shannon Adams
Crusader Staff Writer

Drugs and alcohol have always been a part of college campuses. There are many possible reasons why. College can be a time for experimenting with freedom, rebelling and a time for self-realization. For some students, drinking and drug use provides a means of meeting these ends.

NNC has few problems with alcohol and drug use on the surface level. Campus rules and attitudes seem to prevent alcohol from becoming an issue. But what constitutes a drug or alcohol problem? If the problem is viewed in terms of consumption percentages, then a large problem exists here at NNC (allowing that a zero consumption percentage is the ultimate, albeit unrealistic, goal). If an alcohol or drug problem is defined as further problems ensuing because of alcohol and drug consumption, then a problem still exists at NNC. The question should be, what end result to these problems does NNC want to see? Expecting total drug and alcohol abstinence on campus is unlikely, but desiring a specified smaller percentage to be reached is reasonable.

What are the reasons that alcohol is consumed at NNC, or, why

are drugs used at NNC? The three biggest reasons appear to be simply because it is not allowed, consuming for social reasons and high school habits. Two other reasons spring from peer pressure and

College Binge Drinking

Residence	
Dormitory	45.1%
Off campus	40.1%
Type of College	
Religious	40.4%
Non-religious	43.1%
Year in school	
Freshman	43.2%
Sophomore	43.6%
Junior	44.2%
Senior	41.3%

stress. Those who drink at NNC are most likely to do so at a club or while attending an off-campus party. Though NNC has nothing that would be equivalent to Greek row keggers, alcohol is not consumed only off campus. Drinking occurs in NNC dorms as well.

A survey on college drug and alcohol habits done by the Harvard School of Public Health focused specifically on campus alcohol problems as they related to binge drinking. The findings defined binge drinking as five or more

drinks in a row for men and four or more for women. Frequent binge drinkers were those who had binged within the last two weeks. One or two times in the past two weeks designated someone as an occasional binge drinker. Non-binge drinkers had consumed alcohol within the last year without having binged in the last two weeks, and those who had not consumed alcohol within the past year were abstainers.

According to the Harvard survey, binge drinking is "the most serious public health problem confronting American colleges."

42.6% of the students surveyed were either occasional or frequent bingers. 38.3% were non-binge drinkers leaving 19% to abstain. The 42.6% binge drinkers

has actually decreased from when this survey was first taken in 1993, but the intensity of drinking from bingers has increased.

The majority of NNC students are non-binge drinkers or abstainers. Whether NNC has an abundance of occasional or frequent binge drinkers is difficult to say because problems that are specifi-

cally alcohol related are difficult to pin down. For instance, is a student missing class or failing in class because of alcohol or drug related problems, or is there another reason? NNC has not had a drug or alcohol related death or riot like WSU in Pullman, or Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, CA where riots would have happened whether alcohol had been consumed or not. NNC does seem to compare within the statistical range presented by the Harvard survey.

Drug and alcohol abuse on campus cannot be ignored, but

much has already been done to prevent the problem totally, or from being pervasive. One reason binge drinking of any kind is not a large

problem, at least visibly, is because NNC has no sororities or fraternities. The majority of binge drinking, or the highest binge drinking ratios are in sororities and fraternities. No NNC activity permits alcohol because of the contract that all students are asked to sign which says they will not consume or buy any alcohol and/or drugs.

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Q & A

Recently, the *Crusader* sent out surveys about Drug and Alcohol use on campus. Here is a sampling of the responses:

Q: Do you think drinking alcohol is morally wrong?

A: "[Drinking alcohol] is my choice and no-body should care or should interfere. I AM of age!"

"I believe abusing alcohol is wrong. Drunkenness is wrong. The drink itself is not wrong."

"[Drinking is wrong] because it gives Satan a foothold or can be a stumbling block for others who think it is morally wrong."

"What was Jesus' first miracle?"

"It's just good times."

"Drinking alcohol is not wrong because it is between individuals and God (if done in moderation, so it is not harmful)."

"I believe the convictions of the individual should govern their behavior."

Q: Do you think smoking is morally wrong?

A: "[Smoking] is an annoying habit, but as long as they don't smoke around me, I don't care what they do."

"If people want to [smoke cigarettes], why not? There's nothing wrong with it except (that) it's suicide."

"My salvation does not depend on a cigarette."

Q: Is using illegal drugs morally wrong?

A: "The very fact that these have been outlawed is grounds for their use to be considered morally wrong. If they weren't illegal, however, I would have no objection to individuals choosing to use them given full knowledge of the consequences."

"Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. We should not contaminate them with ANYTHING displeasing to God!"

"We destroy our bodies in small increments with the use of drugs."

Professor recalls college experience with alcohol

How alcoholism and the Borg are not so far removed

by John Rember

Albertson College of Idaho professor

The time: A Friday afternoon, late September of 1968. The place: Voorhees Hall. The occasion: The first party of the year.

My roommate and I had been told to show up in the Voorhees parking lot that evening, where we would be loaded on a flatbed truck with the other freshmen of the dorm and taken to a kegger. It was an occasion of complete joy, because the first two weeks of classes had convinced us it was possible to spend so much time studying, writing papers, going to classes and worrying about grades that there was no time for a social life at all. Indeed, some of the premed upper-classmen appeared to have lacked a social life for a long time, and had changed physically because of it. *Star Trek* hadn't been invented the Borg yet, or we would have known what to call them.

But the upperclassmen who were organizing the kegger were

different. They were social beings and they were inviting us to be social with them. We were delighted to be going to a party--not just because there were supposed to be women there, but because partying was what we had dreamed of when we dreamed about college. There were to be no parents to watch over us, no constraints on our behavior, no dour mentors to spoil the fun of four years, the passage of which would certify us as well-educated college grads. Although college had been in session for two weeks, real college was now beginning.

Real college turned out to be kind of grim. I remember a lot of

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people, male and female, throwing up in the bushes, people throwing up off of the flatbed on the way home, a lot of off-key singing of Beatles and Rolling Stones songs, and breakfast at Simplot dining hall not seeming as appetizing as it usually did on Saturday morning. Even so, I had gone through a rite-of-passage: I had

gotten drunk at college.

So had my roommate, who began that night a long struggle with addiction to alcohol. He doesn't drink now, but he has a long string of wasted years and sad relationships behind him and the sure knowledge that he has to avoid alcohol if he's going to function in a way that doesn't continually injure the people around him. I have been luckier. Alcohol plays a large part in my life, but I seem to have a choice of when and how much I drink, and so far it hasn't landed me in jail or cost me connections with those I love.

That's not to say it couldn't. Alcohol is a deeply addictive drug, and while some of us are less susceptible to it than others, I think it's safe to say that if you're human and drink, there's a lot better chance you'll die alcoholic than win the Powerball.

I could not have made that statement when I was a freshman here thirty years ago. But in the years between, I've been a bartender, and EMT, a journalist, a professor and I've gone to a lot of class reunions. I've learned we're never at the end-points of our histories--like my roommate on the night he first got drunk, we're always smack in their middles.

I was lucky enough to bartend in ski resorts, and therefore did not have the experience of some bartenders in low-rent urban bars, where--to avoid spillage--the patrons tie hankiechiefs around their

wrists, loop the fabric behind their necks, and with their other hand hoist their shaking drinks to their mouths at ten in the morning. My patrons were higher class, civilized drunks. They got drunk on more expensive liquor. They petrified

Real college turned out to be kind of grim

their livers, screwed around on their marriages, neglected their children, found the courage to try cocaine and crank and wrecked their cars over a longer period of time and in better clothes than the low-rent folks.

As a professor, I've found that the really ugly cases of sexual harassment--the date rapes, the rapes of unconscious victims, the people convinced to take on multiple sexual partners, the vicious humiliations of people because of their physical or social appearance--all involve alcohol. Such events are the brutal background of everyday male-female relations at this and other colleges, and they make it worse for all of us. At reunions of my own classes and the classes I've taught, I've studied the human wreckage of such cases, and I've seen it takes years of healing to over events that can take place in hours.

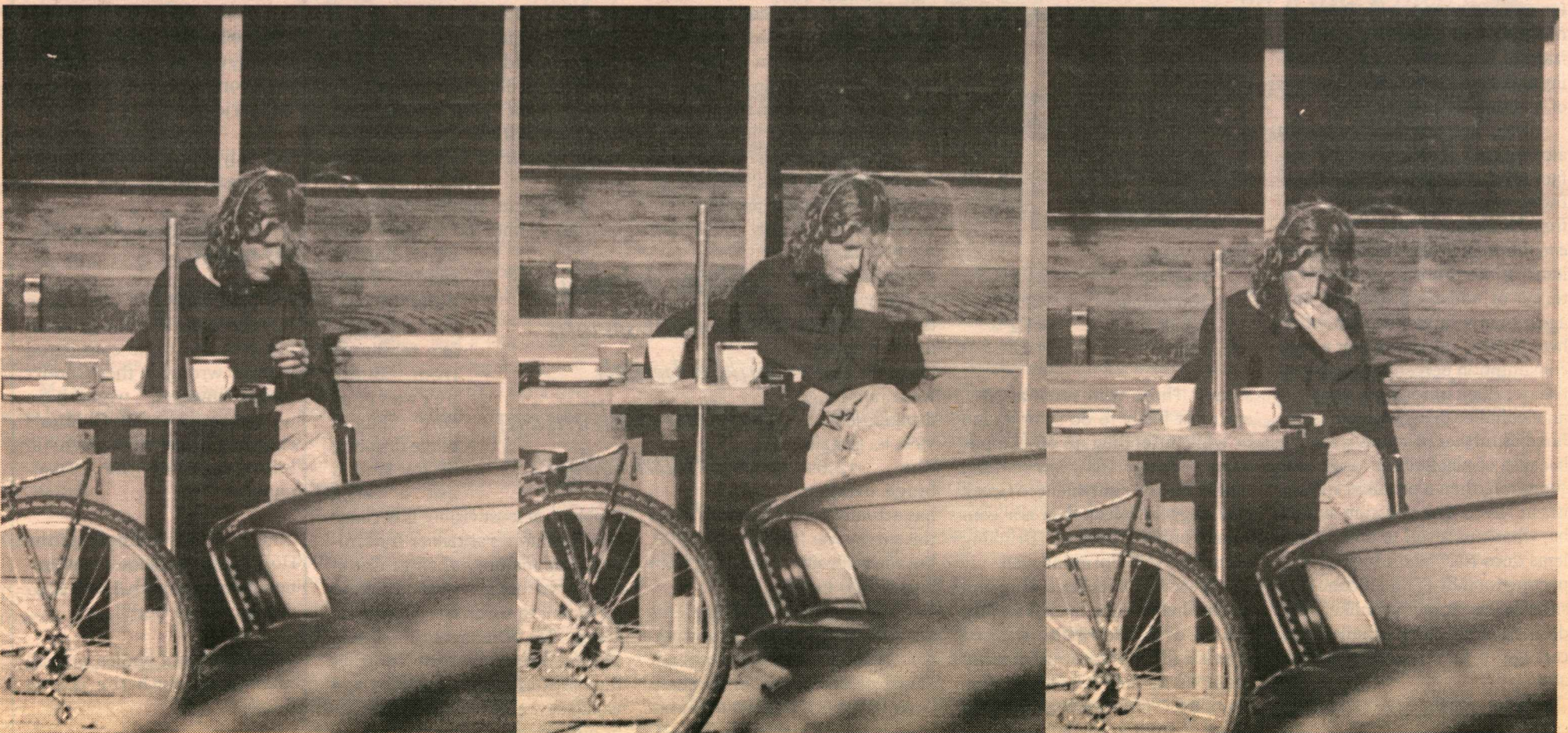
Humiliation seems to be a key

element here. It involves the reduction of human beings to something less-than-human. I think back now to that ride on the flatbed, and note the uncomfortable resemblance that night with what Benito Mussolini did to his political enemies, which was to force a quart of castor oil down their throats, and then ride them around town on flatbed trucks where they would slide about in their own excrement.

What we do at a liberal-arts institution involves the often painful work of becoming conscious of this fact: *the world we live in mirrors the self we are*. It's tempting to forget the quest to know one's own self, and to accept as the real thing alcohol's false feeling of knowledge. But it slows our development as moral beings and it causes enormous destruction, sometimes through generations.

Things have changed in thirty years. Most students come here far more experienced with alcohol than I was when I was a freshman. Some come as full-blown alcoholics, and some develop into alcoholics while they're here. If they do, they gradually lose their humanity and give large portions of their minds and lives over to a Force that is alien, reductive, and interested only in the production of more and more of its own. *Star Trek* has invented the Borg by now, and we know what to call them.

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Crusaders get revenge upon Western Baptist

Crusader's take Texas by storm; win 2 at home

by Jessica Ackley
Crusader Staff Writer

The Crusader volleyball team flew off to the sunny land of Texas October 14-17 to compete in a tournament at St. Edwards University in Austin.

The first day of competition ended with the Crusaders leaving their pool undefeated, beating

Concordia at Austin and Houston Baptist in three games each. The next day started with a tough match against the host team, St. Edwards, in the semi-finals. NNC fought hard in a game with many rallies and lead changes, but lost the match in four close games. But that didn't stop the Crusaders.

A match against Masters College fired the 'Saders back up and they went on to win third place at the 12 team tournament by beating Masters in three quick and fun games.

Junior setter Lisa Erickson said, "Texas was lots of fun and it was good experience to play some top 25 teams outside of our region."

Senior Jessica Ackley added, "The best part was the chance to get away and travel. We enjoyed the opportunity to do so well at a tough tournament."

This past weekend brought the team to Nampa to

play their last home games. They had a tough schedule waiting for them. On Thursday, Cascade College was a great warm-up game for a HUGE conference game against Western Baptist, the cause of NNC's only loss in conference. Thursday ended in three games with Cascade playing tough.

Friday, the Crusaders started out the night on fire and determined to go out and win. The match went four games, but it was NNC all the way. Junior Mindy John said, "We all came out fired up and ready to get revenge. It was really great to be back playing." The crowd really helped the team out with their enthusiasm.

Ackley said, "This is the best crowd I've seen since I've been at NNC. They really kept us going."

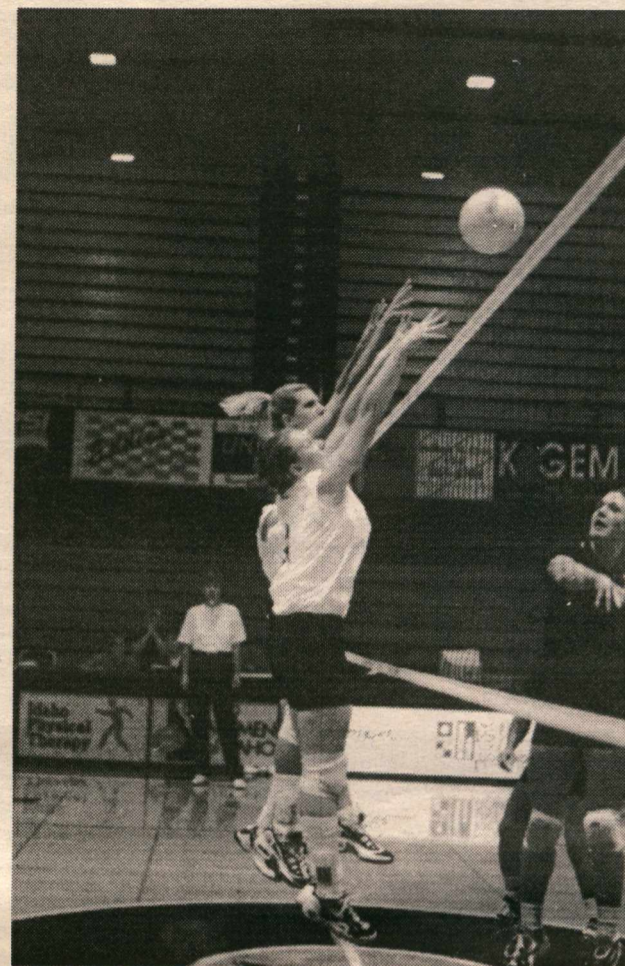
Friday night also marked senior night, the last home game of the graduating seniors on the team. Angie Westerburg and Liz Benear were honored, along with their parents, by teammates and fans alike. Westerburg has played more games than anyone else on the team, has the third highest serving percentage ever at NNC and is also fourth in serves.

Benear is the first NNC player to be named National Player of the Week. She has been recognized at all levels of competition for her

outstanding athletic ability. Benear holds the school records for most kills in a season, most blocks in a season, most digs in a season, best career percentage for hits and most blocks in a career. The team will miss both girls next year.

The Crusaders travel to Southern Oregon and OIT this weekend and end the regular season on November 6 playing Albertson College of Idaho in Caldwell.

The NNC volleyball team wants to say thanks to all our fans and



supporters! We hope to see you cheering loud at the conference tournament!



A Tribute to the Yankees

What a Season!

Craig Craker
Crusader Staff Writer

The season started out pretty badly with those lovable Yankees losing four of their first five games coming into Seattle. As a Yankees fan I live and die with them, I refer to them as "us," as though I am part of the team. And in a way, I am, as I watch all the games and follow them avidly.

As I sat in the left field bleachers of the Kingdome, I wondered if this year was ever going to turn around.

The Yankees didn't let me down and proceeded to win 19 of their next 21 games, with the season off and running.

As the summer wore on and the Yankees found themselves winning their division by 20-some games and it was only the 31st of July, I started to kind of pay attention to that other thing in baseball: the home run derby that was go-

ing on between Mark McGwire and Slammin' Sammy Sosa. It did not keep my interest for long though, as the Yankees were coming back to town, and nothing takes priority over the Yanks.

I found myself once again in the left field seats, this time with my entire family. We were delighted with what we saw for the next three nights as the Yankees ripped into the Seattle Mariners. There is nothing better than watching the Yankees punish those guys from Seattle that call themselves a baseball team.

After that series, the Yankees put it into cruise control and coasted to an American League record 114 wins. The playoffs started in an interesting way, considering I was no longer in the comfort of my own home but in the plush surroundings of Mangum Hall. I was surrounded by these people that called themselves baseball fans, but they were also Mariner fans, and that is an oxymoron. (Just joking.)

As I watched "us" smoke Texas three straight games and then move to Cleveland and

pound them in game one, I found myself thinking, "This is a joke. These teams do not deserve to be on the same field as us."

After falling behind two games to one, a guy named Orlando Hernandez, whom a year earlier had been on a life raft escaping from Cuba, pitched a beauty and we won 3 in a row.

The Series was finally here and I do not think I really need to go into that, 'cause you all saw the Yankees crush the hapless Padres as though they were nothing.

As I sat back and reflected on the season, I saw a lot of great things for baseball: the home run chase, a record amount of wins with the Yankees finishing the year 125 and 50 and great stories such as Cal Ripken Jr. ending the streak. Yes, it was a great year, though it had its low points to with Darryl Strawberry, who is a born again Christian, contracting colon cancer and the Mariners trading Randy Johnson.

I think you will agree though, there has been no year like this one since we have been on this earth. Baseball-ly speaking,

Truly teammates

Dawn Stuvland
Crusader Staff Writer

Starting out in the front yard and ending up on Finkbeiner Field, Justin and Aaron Metzger have been playing soccer together for a long time.

"My brother and I got a soccer ball and we just started playing in the front yard," Aaron remembers.

The two, from Shelton, WA, soon joined summer leagues, fall soccer and eventually high school soccer. Now both brothers play for the Crusaders.

Looking through soccer catalogues is how the boys found out about NNC. They knew that they wanted to play soccer and needed scholarships. NNC provided that for both of them.

Aaron is a freshman, and Justin a sophomore, but through the running start program, they both came to college with 72 credits. Justin has a junior standing and Aaron, a sophomore standing.

Justin is a business major. Un-



fortunately, his season was cut short this year due to a broken heel that has to remain in a cast for another two months.

Aaron is majoring in elementary education and plans on teaching 6th, 7th or 8th grade after college. As a new member of the soccer team, he is excited about the team's successful season and playoff hopes. "I like the soccer team. We play really well together."

He also likes playing with his brother. "We hadn't been on the same team for awhile, so it's neat to play with him. He's (Justin) been doing really well, scoring a lot of goals."

'Sader men's soccer split weekend in Oregon

'Saders may be in playoffs for first time in 18 years

by Robin Day
Sports Editor

The mens Crusader soccer team traveled this past weekend, to lands far away and in Oregon. They split the weekend, beating Northwest College Friday night and falling to Cascade College on Saturday.

NNC didn't start off Friday's game on the right foot. The Crusaders were down 1-0 at the half. Then Coach Pearson ordered a heart check for the team. They came back for the second half on fire, holding Northwest scoreless for the half and scoring four goals themselves.

Sony Pierre-Andre led the attack with Coy Anglin assisting. Pierre-Andre also scored the 'Saders second goal off a pass from Charlie Laird. Joe Pelton got into

the act, scoring off of a steal. Said Laird of the play, "Joe just stole the ball from someone and run up and scored. It was great!"

Laird scored the fourth goal himself, off of a volley from the eighteen yard box.

Said Laird of the team's second half performance, "Coach just asked us how much do we really want to win. Told us to check deep down and do a heart check."

The next evening's game against Cascade did not go as well for the 'Saders. After playing the night before at 7 p.m. and then driving four hours to Portland, the team did not have much time to recuperate. In addition, four starters were injured, including Justin Metzger who broke his heel and will be out for the season. The other injured players managed to play a bit during the game, but soon came out.

Cascade came out strong, scoring two goals in the first half. In the second, the Crusaders held them to just one more goal, but were only able to score one goal themselves. NNC's single point came when Scott Strobel shot at the goal, only to have it deflected by the keeper. However, Coy Anglin was there to finish up the play and put the shot in for a goal.

Anglin, who played for Cascade his freshman year, commented, "It's a lot of



fun, playing people that you know. It takes some of the pressure out of the game."

This past weekend's games were crucial to the Crusaders, as they determined whether or not NNC would advance to the conference playoffs, something an NNC soccer team hasn't done since 1981.

Right now, NNC leads the conference, but Concordia and West-

ern Baptist both have two games left against Cascade and North-

west. To insure NNC's place in the tournament, Cascade has to lose one of the two games, which in Coach Pearson's opinion, is likely. "Either Concordia or Western Baptist has a very good chance of beating Cascade.

We're going to continue practicing and working on some things The

odds are in our favor, but you never know."

If the 'Saders do make it to the playoffs, they stand a good chance of winning the championship. Coach Pearson is optimistic.

"I do like our chances. We've proven to ourselves that we can beat these teams. It was just a bad game on Saturday or we'd have taken care of things already."

The Crusaders will have almost two weeks to rest and prepare for the semi-final game on November 5. That should be enough time for the injured to heal and for the team to be ready in full force.

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~Coach Pearson



Women Crusaders beat Cascade in close game

Women win one and drop one this past weekend

by "Beav" Walsh
Crusader Staff Writer

This past weekend the NNC women's soccer team traveled to Portland, OR to take on Concordia and Cascade colleges.

On Friday, the 'Saders played the undefeated Concordia team. Although the 'Saders fought hard,

they ended the game with a loss. Concordia scored five goals, with nothing to match from the Crusaders.

Saturday's game against Cascade was one for the books. It should go down for "worst ref ever seen." Although the ref was very one sided and was against NNC, the 'Saders held their ground and put up a good fight. The girls controlled the first half and ended it with a score of 1-1.

During

the second half, both teams came out looking for the goal but neither was granted that wish. After the second half, the game continued into overtime. With both teams struggling to stay on their feet and make a good connection with the ball, the first overtime ended and the score was still tied at one.

In the fifth minute of double overtime the ball was crossed and ricocheted off

of a few players when freshman Angie Smith got her foot on the ball and rolled it into the back of the net. The 'Saders had beaten Cascade 2-1 in double overtime.

The 'Saders' next game is on Thursday, October 29 against Albertson College of Idaho here at home. The game will start at 4 p.m. The following Saturday will be a scrimmage against Carroll College, beginning at 11 a.m.



Saturday morning football

Great comebacks and big defeats this weekend

by Craig Craker
Crusader Staff Writer

Once again, I found myself sitting on the sidelines for another day of exciting NNC football. I was watching the best team in the league, Team 4, play a strong Team Washington. This was one of the best games I have ever seen; it reminded me of many famous comebacks. (Doug Flutie leading Boston College back over Miami, the Yankees scoring seven times in the seventh in game one or the Nuggets coming back to beat the Sonics.)

Team 4 rumbled out to a 27-8 lead at the half behind a 60 yard run by Eric Mackenzie, an interception ran back for a touchdown by Ryan Warwick and Dave Oliver scoring two touchdowns on the option. It looked like it was over, how could Team Washington come back from such a huge deficit?

It started with the kickoff landing in the arms of the best RD on campus, Mark Pounds, who promptly launched a 40 yard pass to Dan Marchant for a touchdown to make it 27 to 14. Then Curt Pentacost scored a touchdown and it was suddenly 27 to 22, with Team Washington driving once again.

On 4th and goal from the half yard line, team Washington went with a fake and threw a pass that was intercepted and again, it looked like the game was over. After Team 4 punted, Curt



Pentacost once again scored a touchdown, outrunning the defense for Team 4's first loss in the history of their franchise, 27-28. It was a beautiful game by both teams, though I wondered why Team 4 was playing duck, duck, goose at halftime instead of working on their offense. But hey, what do I know? I am just a sportswriter.

The player of the game was Dave Oliver because he did score two touchdowns, and more importantly, his pants did not get ripped off until late in the second half, which is a new record for Dave.

The second game was just sort of "ho hum" with Team Ledbetter killing Team MLH 34 to 7. This game had offense, offense and a little more offense. After an early touchdown put Ledbetter up 6-0, Brock Ledbetter scored from 60 yards out to start the rout. After a touchdown by Waylon and the two point conversion by Hammer it was suddenly 20 to 0. Landon hit Warner with a touchdown to finally get MLH on the board, putting them behind 20 to 7.

In the second half Ledbetter scored a 40 yard touchdown, and Carr added one from 20 yards out to complete the scoring at 34 to 7. The player of the game went to Brock Ledbetter, as he scored two long touchdowns.

In the third game it was just unfair, Dooley Hall was having to play Team Downie, who had just lost their first game in two years and was coming out with a vengeance. Matt Freeby scored from five yards out to make it 6-0, and then Joe Silly added a touchdown from 15 yards to make it 13-0 at the half.

The second half seemed to be almost a mirror of the first with Downie scoring two more times in the second half. Chris Field scored from 10 yards and the team got the two point conversion to make it 21-0. So Fletcher decided to get in on the action and scored to finish the points for the day.

The MVP for this game went to Chris Field since he really excelled on both sides of the ball, playing like a maniac on defense and scoring a touchdown on offense.

I have decided, after much thought, to give the NNC golden spoon award for intramural player of the week to Chris Field for his great play on both sides of the ball and because of how big his team's win was. Please come out next week and cheer these guys on, you could be witnessing history. You just never know.



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Time Out

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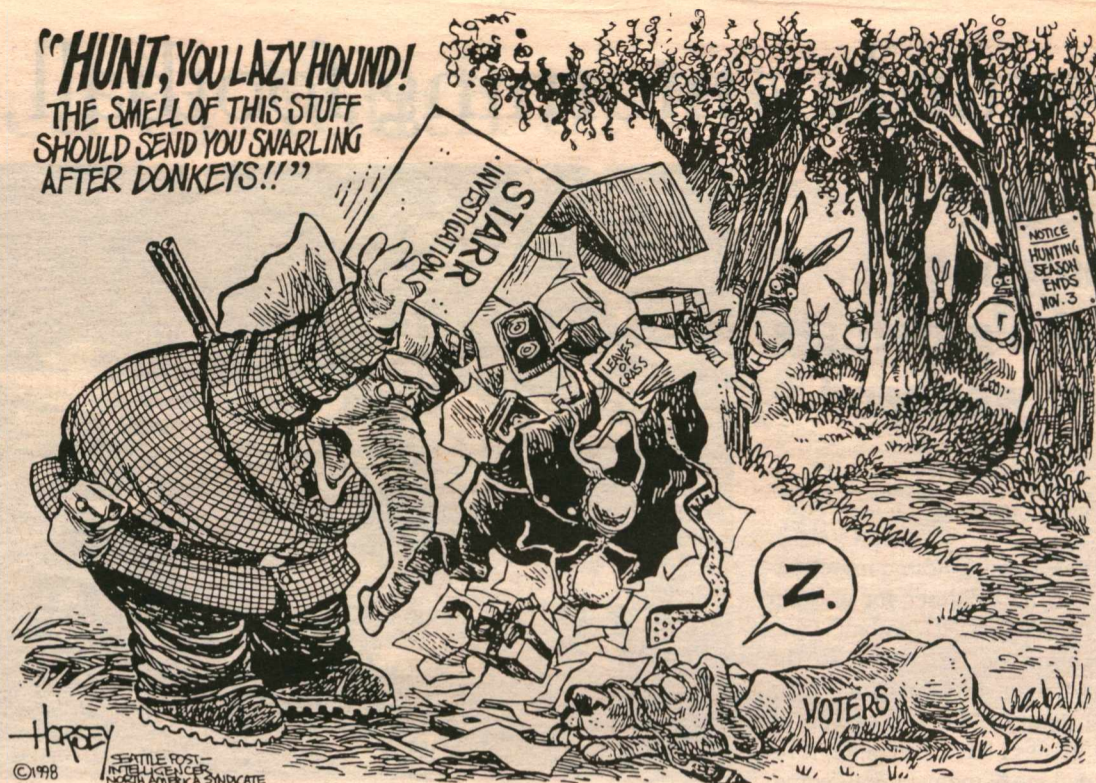
Crystal Woodrich will be speaking at Time Out this week. She is a sophomore with a lot of insight on life. All of you people out in ReaderLand are encouraged to go to Time Out and hear what Crystal has to say, because it will be well worth your Time (Out).

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Trying hard not to be misled by the good book

by Chad Cray

Crusader News Opinions Writer

For many (if not all) of today's Christians, the Bible is regarded as one of the greatest books ever written. In fact, these same people often believe that the Bible is the one comprehensive revelation of God.

I, however, would like to propose a new idea. This new idea is simple: the Bible is a necessary evil. I think at this point I need to clarify what I mean by saying that the Bible is a necessary evil. I'm not saying that the Bible is evil, but that it is unfortunate that we have to use it. In other words, the Bible is a little like a tetanus shot; we do not like the shot, it is unfortunate when we have to get it, but we need the shot because we have no better option to prevent tetanus.

The main reason I believe this is that the Bible is often misleading. If you do not believe this, then take a look at all the denominations of Christianity. Why do we have so many denominations? Answer: because the Bible is too open to interpretation.

Perhaps the best example is evidenced by the ongoing debate regarding predestination versus free will. Both

of these ideas come from the Bible, and both have verses to support them. So, how do we know which one is right and which one is wrong?

Here's another example. Two years ago I attended a homosexual

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church. When I told people about this, the first question they asked me was, "How can you have a gay church, isn't that a contradiction?" Amazingly enough, the people who attended this church had scriptural backing for homosexuality.

Another reason I believe the Bible is a necessary evil is because of the way

it is misused. The Bible (primarily the New Testament) is used almost like a rule book. I can not count the number of times I have heard people say that one cannot be a Christian and listen to certain types of music, or dress a certain way, or have funny-colored hair, or have body piercings, and the list goes on.

My personal favorites are the ones involving drinking and appearance. It's a fact that Jesus drank alcohol, and I'd be willing to bet that you can't find any applicable dress codes in the Bible. Please note the use of the word "applicable." There are hundreds of commandments in the Bible, but how many of them really apply to us, how many of them do we wish didn't apply to us, and how many of our own do we create? To list just a few examples, the commandment against eating pork does not apply to us. I wish the "obey your parents" commandment was never written down. And I've been told by a pastor that it is a sin for guys

to wear earrings.

Now that I think about it, we are doing the same thing to the New Testament that the Pharisees did to the

Old Testament. The Pharisees legalized the whole Old Testament, and, if you'll remember, this was one of the problems Jesus attempted to fix. Remember all His discussions with the

Pharisees? You know, the ones about the Sabbath laws and tithing, to mention just a few. So Jesus came back and fixed what was happening to the Old Testament, and a few short centuries later the same thing was happening to the New Testament. We should congratulate ourselves for messing up a large part of the work Jesus did here on Earth!

So, what point am I trying to make by saying all of this? My point is to challenge people to look at the Bible in a different light. Instead of thinking of the Bible as a perfect, wonderful book, we should be intensely critical of it. As Christians, we should make a conscious effort to never say these five horrible words, "because the Bible says so." Instead of leaving it at "the Bible says so," we should question what the Bible says and why it says what it does.

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There are many underlying reasons for the statements the Bible makes. For example, there is a command for women to not cut their hair short. This is a direct command, but I've seen several females on campus with short hair. Are they wrong? No. The reason the Bible says this is because religious prostitutes used to wear their hair very short, and Christian women were to avoid looking like these prostitutes.

It's underlying principles like this that Christians need to look for. Sure, it's much easier to just take the Bible at face value, but it is this tendency that ruins the Bible

Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues

How many stomachs do you think the Blue Whale has? Why?



Adrian Anderton Freshman

"17, 'cause look how big they are."



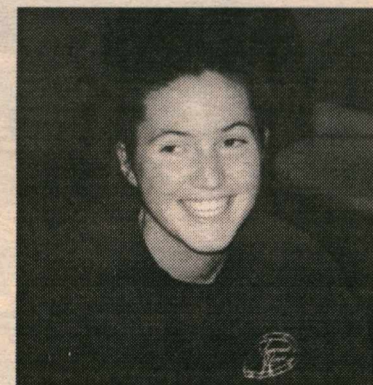
Hilary Stueckle Freshman

"I don't know, like five, to distribute all of the food through it's system."



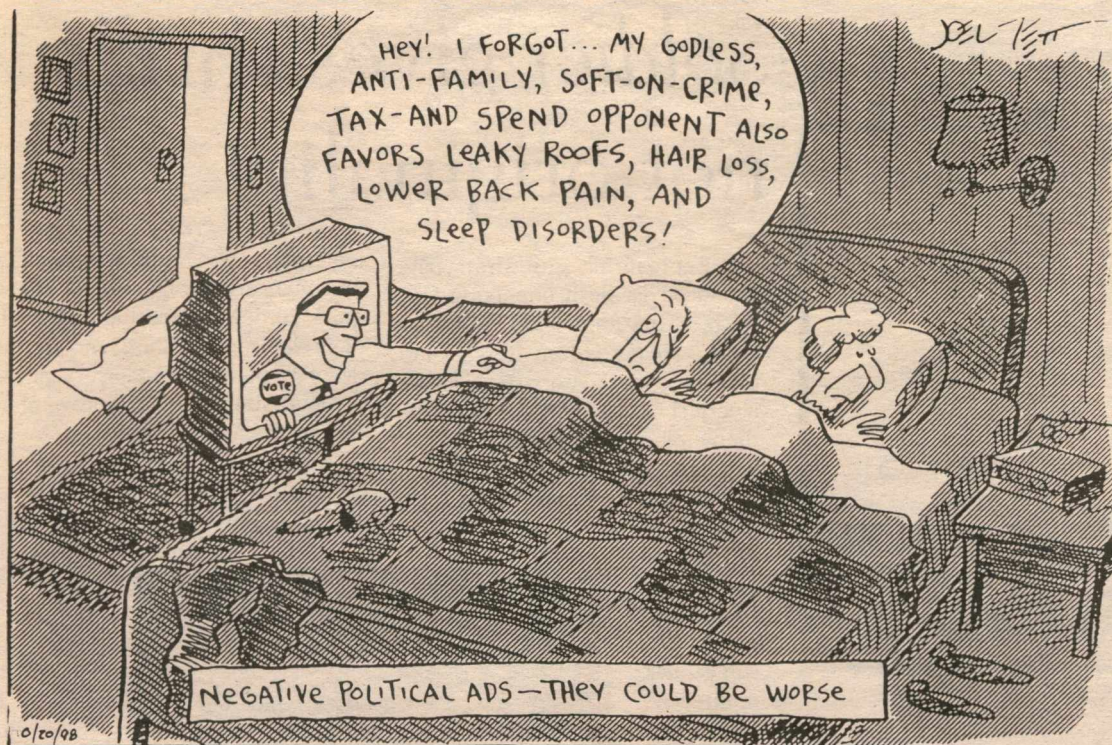
Michael Spengler Sophomore

"I think the Blue Whale's stomach is one of it's smaller appendages."



Carly Powne Sophomore

"The blue whale...four, because there are four letters in blue."



My Life of Laziness and Apathy

by David Stillman

Crusader News Opinions Writer

The entire weight room looks on while I, with arms the circumference of knitting needles, attempt to lift a weight that most basketball players could lift with their little fingers.

Pools of sweat appear on my forehead and race toward my eyes at speeds approaching the speed of light. I want to wipe the sweat away, but can't because my hands have a white knuckle death grip on the barbell suspended above my head. Despite the best efforts of my atrophied muscles, the barbell slowly dips until it's sitting on my chest and squeezes the daylight out of me.

"Maybe we should put on less weight," said my spotter, who somehow found time to pluck the weight off my chest with his pinkies amidst gales of laughter. He takes the bar, unwraps the ducttape, and removes some of the weights. "We'll try it with fewer feathers this time."

I did a little weight lifting in high school, mostly because they didn't want anyone on the basketball team who couldn't lift a milk jug. I practiced on the weight machines for months, and eventually was able to carry milk jugs with ease, as long as they weren't full. Fortunately, my lack of strength was balanced by my ability

to miss shots from anywhere on the court, a skill which is invaluable for team rebounding drills. I never had much trouble lifting the basketball, mostly because it was full of air, and not milk.

Weight lifting isn't my cup of tea. Never has been. Fortunately, lacking physical strength has never bothered me, because I have an inner strength which allows me to eat all I want in Marriott without getting fat. What bothers me is my willpower wimpyness.

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naked eye. Every time I walk by it, I hear it call, "Play meeee. Play meeee." I have 47 homework problems, three newspaper articles and a lab report due in two hours, and I'm sitting in front of the TV trying to beat the Baltimore Orioles in Triple Play Baseball. I never have. I can't hit the little ball.

This really depresses me, because in my Little League years, I was really good at the game. I used to invite my friends over to play, and they would moo every time I hit home runs (which was almost every at bat). The only hard part was getting the ball to balance on the tee. I tried to teach one of the cows to pitch once, but it didn't work out.

Now, 15 years later, I can't hit anything. I wonder if they have

Triple Play Teeball? Now there's a game I could get used to.

Sometimes, this little voice in my head says "You hate this game. Why aren't you doing your homework?" But every time this happens

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another little voice reminds me that losing to a computer in baseball would keep me from graduating with a computer science degree. (I'm sure it's in the code somewhere) So I keep playing. And then I go to class and

tell the professor that I couldn't get my homework done because I have so much stuff to do. Such a pity.

There is a verse in the Bible that reads "My strength is made perfect in weakness," and it's always been a big encouragement because I've got the weakness thing down pat. It sometimes seems like the only thing I'm good at anymore is avoiding homework, devotions, and prayer.

I want things to change. Now. I want to be responsible. I want to live the honest Christian life that I haven't been. So I walk into chapel each week, hoping to hear the words and insights that are going to turn my life around. Sometimes I do. Sometimes I'm convinced that it's time to change, but it never happens.

Why? Because somewhere, somebody forgot to tell me that being a Christian is hard. I keep waiting for some insight that will hand me that perfect, responsible, Christian life on a silver platter. How long will I keep waiting?

Letters to the Editor

I would like to respond to last Wednesday's Time Out (Oct. 21). Although every Time Out I have attended has been refreshing and encouraging to me, I felt particularly touched during this most recent gathering, and I just have to share.

First, I wonder if you all realize how incredibly blessed you are. How many colleges have someone like Gene Schandorff to start Time Out by asking students to lift roommates and friends who are ill, unsaved, and just plain worn out? As I travel to dozens of high schools with admission officers from other colleges and universities, I get to know what goes on in these institutions. I also work with many transfer students from other public and Christian colleges and universities. There are three things I have learned from these experiences:

1) NNC is truly one of the best learning institutions in the nation, and there are too many ways to show that to mention here.

2) NNC does an incredible job of not only preparing students to get good jobs, but more importantly, to prepare them to simply be great people.

3) Unfortunately, most high school students are more worried about what majors, sports, and scholarships a college has than they are about what intrinsic, character-building environments they have.

Do any of you notice what happens on campus—at Time Out, in chapels, in your dorms, in your relationships with your professors, in the ministry clubs and projects? Do you ever take time to look inside yourself to see how, if at all, these things have changed you? Can you tell if you are allowing these changes to occur, and if you are using them to make yourself a better person?

When Dr. Scott Daniels spoke at Time Out, he gave those who attended (and listened) a roadmap that will have more bearing on their success than anything they can ever learn in a classroom. I wish I could program it into all of you! Dr. Daniels talked about the "other" educational experience that NNC offers each student. This is the part of your education that helps you determine, or set a "trajectory" (his choice of word) that will determine what type of person you become; not just what you do as a career, but what you contribute to God's Kingdom and humanity, and how you endeavor to contribute. Do you want to be honest, hard-working, dependable, respectable, humble, selfless, generous, loving—in a word, Christlike? I hope so! If you are all these, you will be successful, regardless of your income or career status!

Dr. Daniels used the story in Genesis 13 of Lot and Abram. Abram had spent years raising Lot, training him to be a man of God. Eventually, each of their families prospered to

the point that they needed more room. They stood on top of a mountain overlooking Canaan and the Jordan plain, and Abram asked Lot to choose which part of the land he would settle in. Lot greedily and disrespectfully chose the lush, fertile land of the river, leaving Abram with the more arid, rugged terrain.

If you follow the rest of the story in detail, you will see how that one decision was Lot's downfall. Lot and his family settled near the wicked and depraved city of Sodom. It did not take Lot very long to fall prey to all kinds of deceitful, ruinous situations. Sodom and all Lot's wealth was destroyed, including his wife, and he lived out his days in a cave in the mountains.

Abram, on the other hand, was faithful to God, and he lived a long, exciting life as the father of an entire nation and a model of faithfulness.

Whether or not you attended that Time Out, imagine yourself overlooking a vast land with various types of terrain. Don't automatically choose the easiest, most appealing, most pleasurable route to the easiest, most appealing, most pleasurable part of the land. You have more opportunities than you know to gain wisdom and all the worthy characteristics I listed above. This will require much sacrifice on your part, but you will learn from that, also.

Your success and NNC's continued success is vitally dependent upon the choices that each of you make. In the 25 years that I have practically lived at NNC, I can thankfully say that nearly everyone I have known has plugged into that "other" education, and they are people who have made an incredibly positive impact on the world around them in every conceivable way. I want to see each of you become a part of that legacy! Much, much more than just your success and NNC's success is riding on your decisions.

Many transfer students, even from other Christian colleges, have commented on NNC's unique and tangible spirit, and that is largely due to your participation in the Holy Spirit's work and the spiritual formation that you and faculty, staff, and alumni encourage within each other. Some prospective students, whether looking to transfer, or to attend college for the first time, say that they could feel that spirit the minute they first stepped on our campus. You are a big part of that—do anything to sustain it, or it will die and the immeasurable, most powerful and priceless part of your college education will die with it.

Job 28:20-28

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Cake's new CD is worth the dough

Following in the tradition of nobody else comes the third album from Sacramento natives, Cake.

Most people know the loveable quartet for their hit song, "Going the Distance" from their 1996 album *Fashion Nugget*.

Their latest effort, entitled "*Prolonging the Magic*," is their first album in over two years. They've been touring for the last couple years promoting their name, but went back to the studio in January to begin the newest album.

On a side note, let me just say that I saw Cake in concert last summer in Portland, and they were great. One of the best things about them is that they didn't use a bunch of lights

and special effects to put on an impressive show. They relied on their music to leave the audience in awe. And it worked.

In all honesty, the new album doesn't compare with *Fashion Nugget*. *Fashion Nugget* was a great album, and Cake's work will probably be compared to it until they retire. However, this doesn't mean that the new album isn't any good; quite the contrary. *Prolonging the Magic* has a lot of nice treats.

As a matter of fact, the only downfall to this album is that the former guitarist Greg Brown, who wrote the infamous "Going the Distance," doesn't make an appearance. Brown and bassist Victor Damiani were both no-shows. The playing style of Brown was a signature mark for Cake. Fortunately, the creative genius and front man of Cake, John McCrea stuck around for at least one more album.

The CD opens with the song, "Satan is my Motor." Although the song may be taken as sacrilegious,

it is nothing more than John McCrea's attempt at poking fun at the darker side of his personality.

As far as moral content goes, the album contains no bad language. Even though Cake isn't a Christian band, they do have a lot of biblical references in their new album. "Sheep Go to Heaven" is one of the best songs on the CD. Another one is "Hem of Your Garment" which is a song about a girl the lead singer met.

Not to be misleading, Cake is secular, but their lyrics are quite interesting. I'll give you an example. The song, "When you Sleep" says, "When you sleep, where do your fingers

go? Do they tremble on the edge of the bed, or do you fold them neatly by your head?" You have to like these guys if only because they are so different. Cake doesn't go so far that they challenge Beck for the weirdest lyrics, but you will probably catch yourself hitting the rewind button to hear a great line.

The first single off of the *...the Magic* is "Never There." This is a great little number which describes the agony of a long-term relationship. Other songs could have been chosen for the first single however. Two of my favorites that could have been given serious consideration are "Mexico" and "Let Me Go." Both of these tracks are examples of Cake's finest.

I have to be honest though. The whole record isn't great. There are a few songs which are just plain bad. The song "You Turn the Screws" is pretty lousy. And right after that is the forgettable, "Walk On By." Besides these two debacles, the album is pretty good.

CAKE



Prolonging the Magic

Prolonging the Magic

Cake

Reviewed by
Nathan Hydes



Last, but not least, movie reviewer Edward Johnson describes Soldier by saying it's, "For testosterone freaks only!"

Soldier

Starring
Kurt Russel

Reviewed by
Kevin Durfee



Soldier gives thrills, not originality

Explosions, gun shots, the sound of fist flesh impacting face flesh. This movie has it by the score. *Soldier* is Kurt Russel's latest film to hit theaters. If this were a perfect world, then this would be the whole of my review. Unfortunately, if this were a perfect world, this movie would never have been

thought up in the first place. For instance, here are some quick comments from other viewers whom I have never met before: "*Soldier* is such a waste of time that I can't believe I've spent this much space wast-

ing your time!" was what Chuck Schwartz had to say. Lawrence Toppman said it was "Excruciating!" Last, but not least, Edward Johnson said "For testosterone freaks only!" I am not going to defend this movie against these opinions, but maybe I can help you decide if you want to spend your hard-earned (laboriously begged from Mom) money to see it.

An extremely ripped (buffed out, pumped up, beef caked, that is to say MUSCULAR) Kurt Russel plays Sergeant Todd, a new breed of soldier that was selected at birth and trained to be nothing but a hard, unfeeling, merciless killer. The real problem enters the scene when an even newer breed of genetically engineered soldiers makes the soldiers like Todd obsolete. Todd is left for dead on a waste planet and is adopted by a colony of stranded inhabitants. Now this trained killer is learning about hu-

man interaction, cutting vegetables and planting shrubs. He is not a quick student. Eventually, the soldiers that replaced him land on this desolate planet and the sergeant is given another chance to prove himself on the field of battle.

This movie is not going to get an Oscar. It has few redeeming qualities for those viewers who look for poetry or deep meaning in a theater experience. This is simply an action movie for purists. It was cheesy in many places, and although it had an original



plot, it didn't have an original sequence of events, i.e. it was fairly predictable from time to time. This movie couldn't even redeem itself on the acting quality: Kurt Russel is the big name on the screen, and he probably says twenty words throughout the film.

The bottom line is simply this: If you like movies that don't waste time with a lot of plot twists, or romance, or directing finesse, but instead get right to the action--the meat of the movie--then this is one experience you cannot miss. If you were swooned by the romance of *Titanic* or shocked by the realism and drama of *Saving Private Ryan*, and think that every movie should be just like these two, then don't lend another thought to this movie. Go see *Pleasantville*. That's the one for you.

My friends and I agreed, don't put too much thought into it. Just go and watch a lot of things blow up. It's neat.

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Staff Infection

Why is it I try to be funny, but everybody just thinks I'm sick?...Maybe that ought to be a clue for you...Anybody hungry, I've got some cookies here...they came out of a Biohazard Infectious waste bag, they have to be good...just don't eat more than three because you might get sick...where's Monica?...she ate some cookies, I'll check the bathroom...how do your parents explain you to the

guests?...Ohhhh, I thought you said, "Have your parents exposed you to gas...We don't get very much company...There's a big surprise...anybody have a good campaign slogan?...As long as it starts with "Lying Larry Craig" it has to be good...that's not a plan Walt, that's a disaster...dum da dum...Cake rules...I need to fill this up...you guys better get inspired in the next 30 minutes or I'll wallop ya a good one.

Mr. Language knows all about grammer, irregardless

At this juncture in the time parameter we once again proudly present "Ask Mister Language Person," the No. 1 rated language column in the United States, according to a recent J.D. Power and Associates survey of consumers with imaginary steel plates in their heads. The philosophy of this column is simple: If you do not use correct grammar, people will lose respect for you, and they will burn down your house. So let's stop beating around a dead horse and cut right to the mustard with our first question:



Time! It's Howdy Doody Time!"

Q. Who wrote those lyrics?

A. Cole Porter.

Q. I am in the field of business, and people keep saying

they want to "touch base" with me. They'll say, "I just wanted to touch base with you on the Fooberman contract," or "We need to touch base on the rental sheep for the sales conference." But my understanding of the rules is that if you touch base WITH somebody, at the same time, at least one of you is out. So my

A. Here's a simple memory device for distinguishing between these two similar-sounding words (or "sonograms"): Simply remember that "principal" ends in the letters "p-a-l," which is an antonym for "Police Athletic League"; whereas "principle" ends in "p-l-e," which are the first three letters in "Please Mister Postman," by the Marvelettes. If this memory device does not work for you, we have a more effective technique involving a soldering iron.

Q. When the Marvelettes sing, "Deliver de letter, de sooner de better," are they using correct grammar?

A. No. The correct grammar would be, "Deliver de letter, irregardless."

Q. Did alert reader Johnny G. Stewart send you an amusing automotive review from the March 12, 1997, Lewiston, Idaho, Morning Tribune?

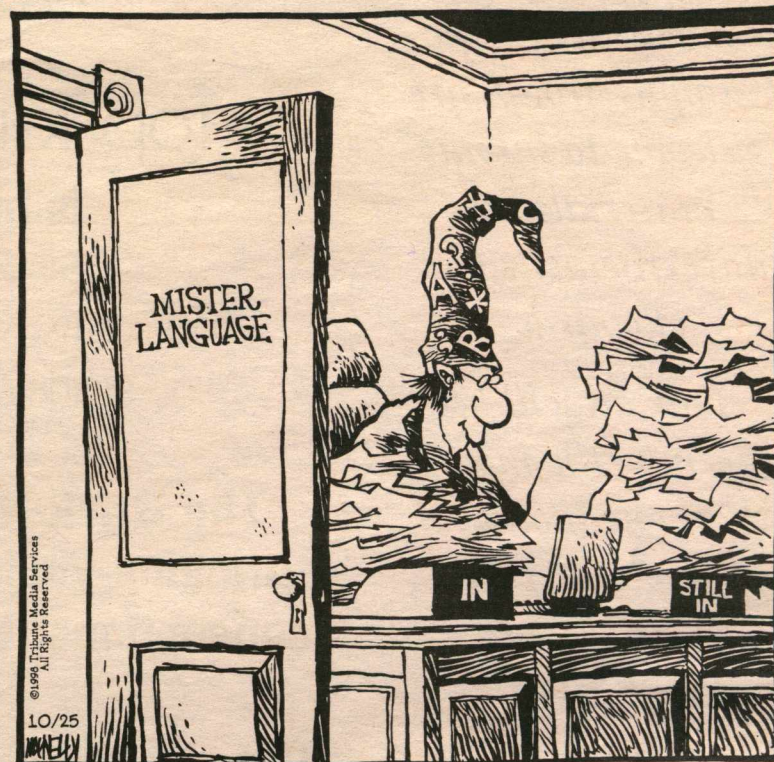
A. Yes. It states: "A short-throw six-speed Borg-Warner transmission means classic Pontiac excitement and the fun of a well-timed shift."

Q. What's so amusing about that?

A. There was a letter missing from "shift."

Q. Can you cite some other examples of language usage sent in by alert readers?

A. Certainly:



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— John Triplett sent in a Heartland America catalog advertising baseballs that were "hand-signed by Mickey Mantle before his death."

— W. Michael Frazier sent in an editorial from the Dec. 6, 1997, Huntington, W.Va., Herald-Dispatch containing this statement: "We believe if you have too much to drink at a holiday party, insist on driving

yourself home."

— Susan Olp sent in an Associated Press story concerning a lawsuit verdict in which a lawyer is quoted as saying: "It sends a message to gas companies in Wyoming that gas companies better operate safely because people are not going to tolerate being blown up."

— Thomas Caufield sent in an Aug. 11, 1996, San Jose Mercury-News story about a Stanford University instructor, containing this statement: "Since his suspension, Dolph has continued working as a manager in the university's lab for cadavers. In that position, he deals mainly with faculty members, Jacobs said."

— Several readers sent in a June 19, 1998, Associated Press story concerning a Vermont high-school student who disrobed during her graduation speech; the story quotes school administrators as saying the incident "was not reflective of our student body."

— Renee Harber sent in a police log from the July 24, 1997, Corvallis (Ore.) Gazette Times containing this entry: "12:38 p.m. July 20 — report that a man near the Crystal Lake boat ramp was threatening to kill the next person he saw wearing a kilt."

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WRONG: "To be, or not to be."
RIGHT: "LOOK OUT! GIANT RADIOACTIVE SQUIRRELS!"

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Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him c/o Tropic Magazine, The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami FL 33132.

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Q. I often hear people use the word "irregardless," as in: "Irregardless of what you may or may not think, moths are capable of remorse." So finally I decided to look "irregardless" up in the dictionary, but I can't figure out what letter it begins with.

A. Grammatical experts disagree on this.

Q. What are the correct lyrics to the song, "It's Howdy Doody Time!"?

A. According to the Library of Congress, they are as follows: "It's Howdy Doody Time! It's Howdy Doody Time! It's Howdy Doody

question is, who the heck is "Fooberman"?

A. We decided to consult with William Safire, one of the top experts in the language field, but his number is not listed.

Q. I am never sure when I should use the word "principle" and when I should use "principal." Is there an easy way to remember the difference?

Possum - by Ryan Close



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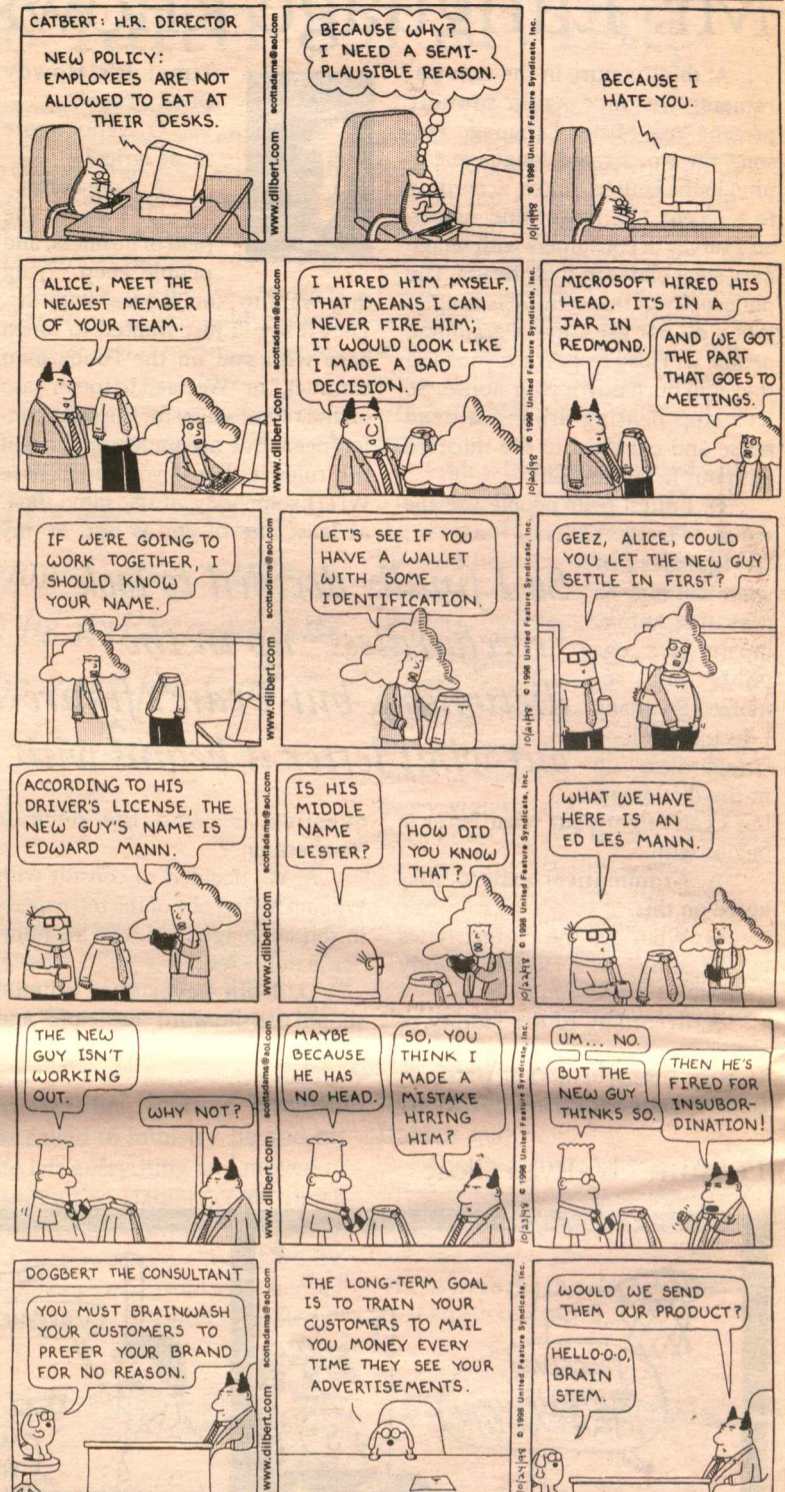
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