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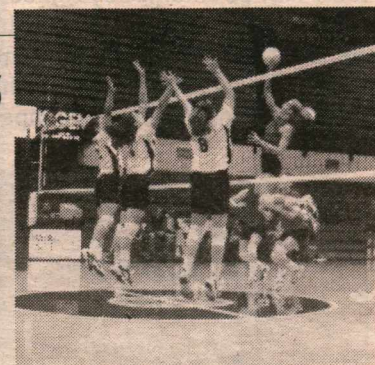
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## Column One

My goodness, two weeks have already come and gone since last we have met. Homecoming is practically here; which means finals and Christmas are just around the corner as well.

Since alumni are around this week, we thought it would be nice to get our own plugs in so here goes. If you want a subscription to *The Crusader*, send a check to NNC "C" in the amount of \$24 to receive a full year of the weekly college newspaper.

One interesting thing to note is the introduction of our personals and classified section, which you can find on page 22. Students can advertise anything they need, or have to sell for free. The first twenty words are free. Same for personal ads which are entirely cost free to respond to. A number of us feel that this may turn into a viable section so keep your eyes peeled. Just send in the ad you want to place to Box C on campus and we'll make sure its placed for the next issue.

Take it easy this week. I hope you get to enjoy some time with family or loved ones.



Shawn Shafer  
Editor-in-chief

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# Armstrongs, Moores embrace NNC

## NNC welcomes husband and wife business professors, a new Athletic Director, and College Church Choir director

by Rodney Thompson  
*Crusader News Staff Writer*

Dr. Ron Moore joins the NNC team this year as a new professor of business and economics. He earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Texas A & M University. He joined the Army for two years, serving in Vietnam as a finance officer. Moore then returned to Texas A & M to earn his masters degree on the G.I. Bill.

Moore worked for the

Monsanto Chemical Company in St. Louis, Missouri. He also worked in the construction and engineering industry for twelve years as an accountant.

Teaching appealed to him, however, and he soon found himself attending the University of Montana in a year of educational studies. Moore then sought his Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Denton. Upon graduation, he taught at Idaho State University and at the University of Wisconsin at White Water between ISU terms.

He is married to Annette, an adjunct faculty member at NNC who teaches accounting. They have five children; four live in Idaho and one lives in Texas. The Moores enjoy commuting to Pocatello on weekends, and they attend church at Calvary Chapel in both Nampa and Pocatello.

When asked about his philosophy of teaching, Moore stated, "I think that students need to be challenged. Not only do they need to be technologically competent, but they need to be well-rounded individuals." He advises his stu-

dents to communicate not only with potential employers, but with professionals in other disciplines.

Moore hopes to instill Christian values in his business students. These values include hard work, honesty and a firm faith in God. Dr. Moore and his wife add to the list of NNC faculty here to serve students and prepare them for a professional and personal life in Christ.

Dr. Scott Armstrong is NNC's new Athletic Director. He replaces Dr. Eric Forseth, who accepted the Director of Athletics position at Mount Vernon Nazarene College in Ohio. Dr. Armstrong earned his bachelor's degree from Malone College in Canton, Ohio, and his master's degree from Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio. He received his doctorate from Kent State University.

He is married to Susan, who is the music director at College Church. They have a 19 year-old son who remained in Ohio.

Armstrong was the chairman of the department of health, physical education and recreation at Malone College for 20 years. The

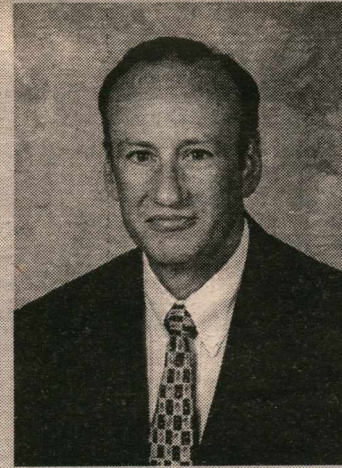
family came to NNC because of their mutual interest in teaching full-time at a Nazarene institution and because of Dr. Armstrong's desire to pursue a career in administration.

Dr. Armstrong's philosophy of teaching is based on his firm belief in a liberal arts education which gives students the opportunity to experience a very broad curriculum. He also believes NNC does a good job preparing students for careers by integrating curriculum with a faith in God.

When asked about the values he hopes to instill in students, Armstrong cited a respect for others, a respect for one's body and a concept of wellness in both physical and spiritual areas. He believes that this makes for the education of the entire person.

Armstrong's approach is to influence each student's total domain of learning. He remarks, "This [total learning] is difficult if not impossible to evaluate. I can test cognitive skills weekly. However, I want each student to take something from my class that they will be able to use for life."

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~Dr. Ron Moore



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~Dr. Scott Armstrong

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# Dr. Bennett receives highest honors in nation

## Bennett recognized at Nashville conference for the journal he edits

by Amber Jerome  
Campus Editor

Dr. Bennett was awarded the first place 1997-98 NCTE Affiliate Journal Award at a national gathering in Nashville, Tennessee, on November 22. Bennett and his wife, Evelyn, left on Friday morning to attend the banquet.

The NCTE stands for the National Council of Teachers of English. The board votes each year

for the educational journal which shows the most outstanding scholarship. The journal which Bennett edits, *InLand*, received first recognition.

*InLand* is a journal for teachers of English and serves the Southern Idaho and Eastern Washington affiliates of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Bennett learned that the journal had received top honors this past July. Jenny Cramer, Chair of the Award, praised *InLand* for its "organization, layout, design, and wide variety of contents."

Contributors to the magazine include numerous local and nationally known educators, artists, and students. NNC students have been especially privileged to work with the magazine under the leadership of Dr. Bennett. 1998 graduates Jonathan McNally and Gina Grate contributed artwork

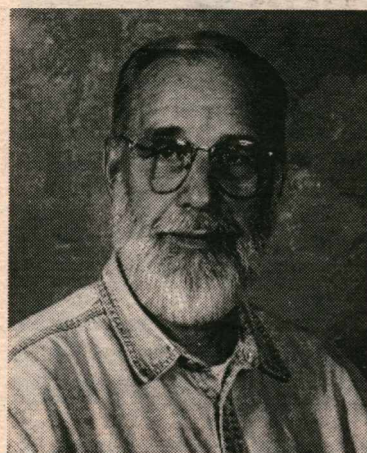
and time to the production of the journal.

Bennett, whose contribution to the journal has accounted for its great success, is very modest about his accomplishment. Bennett said that he enjoys his job, especially the contacts he makes with local educators.

He says he most enjoys editing when he can improve a story's effectiveness without changing words drastically. "One time I reconstructed a piece by reordering paragraphs around, and in the end, only about six words were different. I enjoyed that," he said.

*InLand* was awarded in the second of Bennett's three year term as editor. *InLand* serves the Idaho Council and the Northwest Council of Teachers of English. Forty other magazines of affiliate regions competed with Bennett's journal for the national award.

Bennett's colleagues are very



*InLand* was praised for its "organization, layout, design, and variety of contents."

Bennett's hard work and creativity have made him very deserving of the NCTE award. Bennett has been recognized nationally before. A baseball poem he penned resides in the Baseball Hall of Fame. Bennett received the second prize nationally for his poem, garnering him the honor of having it placed in the museum.

Bennett is an NNC graduate, as is Evelyn, who directs the Study Skills Center and teaches Children's Literature.

proud of his successful work and have decorated the English office in Wiley's upstairs to celebrate. The bulletin board displays Bennett's winning cover issue, which was illustrated by McNally. The issue is entitled, "To Grammar or Not to Grammar," and portrays a distraught student struggling with sentence diagraming.

# Brick House engages students in campus life

## Directors Klosterman, Mittelstaedt and Olson revive Top Ten Cafe and put their all into house functions

by Amber Jerome  
Campus Editor

"I can remember Heather saying our freshman year, 'Christa, when we're seniors we should be Brick House directors,'" Chrisa Klosterman recounts. Even before her older sister, Katie Klosterman lived in the Brick House during the 1996-97 year, Christa toyed with the idea.

Now, four years later, Klosterman, Lindsay Mittelstaedt and Heather Olson are joined in a common mission: to make the Brick House "a home away from home for NNC students," in Olson's words.

Olson said that she and her roommates know what its like to

have to live in a small dorm and feel far away from any home to call their own. Mittelstaedt is from Wilsonville, Oregon, and Olson is from Richland, Washington. Christa Klosterman is from Boise, but has lived on campus the duration of her college career, like her friends in the Brick House. The directors are great friends and want to reach out to the rest of the campus to make the year exciting and involved. They want to make the Brick House accessible and comfortable for people who need an escape and are unable to get off campus.

The directors have put great effort into serving students. They started by completely repainting the basement and doing a lot of clean-up. In addition, the girls have used their culinary skills as the hostesses of many gatherings.

Sunday break at the Brick House in mid-October brought sports fans together for an afternoon of good snacks and great fellowship. Later in the month, the directors hosted an *Anne of Green Gables* marathon for fans of the novel series. These activities are just examples of the way the Brick House has opened its doors to provide a place for fun and socializing in a home-like environment.

According to the directors, Top Ten Cafe nights are the focus of their Brick House mission. Mittelstaedt, Olson and Klosterman are responsible for

successfully reinstating the cafe, which has not been held since 1995. Over 100 attended the opening cafe on November 5. Students enjoyed karaoke and 25-cent Italian sodas.

Features of the Top Ten Cafe that students will not want to miss are the outrageously low drink prices and the variety of choice. Joey Boerner explained, "The atmosphere is good and everything's cheap." The menu has been expanded to include homemade spiced apple cider, hot cocoa, lattes, mochas, cappuccinos, Italian sodas, and almost any combo you could think of.

At Top Ten Cafe, students can draft their own Top Ten lists, which *The Crusader* publishes, while they sip mochas and lattes in the Brick House basement. Mittelstaedt, Olson and Klosterman will host the event every Thursday night on cam-

pus, starting second term with a 1999 celebration. Each Thursday will be a different theme night for the cafe.

Lack of quality espresso machines has been about the only setback the girls have faced. The espresso machine that would have belonged to the Brick House was given to Clyde's when it opened. Says Klosterman, "We're trying to stress non-coffee drinks for now, but we've budgeted more money to buy a better machine (next term)." That doesn't mean that

*"We want the Brick House to be a place where people can come in on a regular basis."*

*~Heather Olson*



Christa Klosterman, Heather Olson and Lindsay Mittelstaedt prepare plenty of goodies for the Sunday Break at the Brick House, in which football fans gathered for fellowship as they watched the big game. Said Mittelstaedt, "There was a lot of cooking for that one."

# Remembering Wardlaw Hall, a student haven

## Alumni Glen and Mary Wardlaw furnished the home where God changed lives

by Karen Pillars  
Crusader News Staff Writer

Passersby give the small white house little more than a glance. The spot where the Wardlaw Hall sign once hung on the front porch is unnoticeable. But only a short time ago, the 716 Fern St. residence sheltered many wayfaring college students.

Mary Wardlaw obtained her degree in nursing from NNC in 1953 after completing her schooling at the Samaritan Hospital.

Her husband, Glen Wardlaw, though delayed by the Korean War, returned to NNC for his speech communications degree in 1956. He served as an adjunct professor in audiology at NNC before he and his wife relocated to Denver.

Upon their return, the Wardlaws continued a tradition they started in Denver—the act of opening their home to college students in need of a home.

The Wardlaws, in fact, looked for months for the perfect spot in Nampa when they returned in 1969. With little Carol and newly born twins, Mary and Glen knew their three children would be in college at the same time.

A home close to campus was almost essential to ease tuition costs. The little house on 716 Fern would become a haven for many students who wouldn't have been able to go to college otherwise.

Over the next 25 years in Nampa, the Wardlaws would house 18 college students, 16 of whom attended Northwest Nazarene College. They requested no reimbursement—only the joy of knowing they were helping out.

Mary said, “[The house] is old and not very big, but we're thankful that the Lord let us have some small ministry.”

“We furnished the humanity, God furnished the grace,” said Glen.

Otherwise known in his community as “Grandpa Glen,” he is known by his long white beard and twinkling eyes—the perfect Santa. Mary, not as active because of her bout with cancer, leads a vigorous prayer life behind the scenes.

From their experiences, these two impressive individuals have learned about life. “God has enriched our lives a great deal by what [the students] have become,” said the Wardlaws.

Both said that they are better people because their lives have been touched by their many house guests.

In 1969 the long list of boarders at Wardlaw Hall began. The first student to live with the Wardlaws in Nampa was Verna Wardlaw, Glen's niece.

Mabel Wardlaw, Verna's mother, was the next resident, followed by Mary's three nephews. Ten more students lived with the Wardlaws, the last being Kameron Sams in 1993.

The Wardlaw Hall sign—originally made to have a light shine from behind it—was put up under Mary's direction in 1972. She commented with humor to Dr. Riley of NNC, “I'm the only head resident that doesn't get paid.”

The Wardlaws were not in the business of making money off these students, though. “We never charged them,” said the Wardlaws. In fact, Mary cooked and provided laundry services for her students.

The Wardlaws said they tried to provide special memories for their NNC students. “Dinner was a special time,” said Mary. “We always had devotionals then.”

She also baked fifteen to sixteen loaves of fresh bread a week, especially when boys dominated the “dorm.” Counter-tops loaded with steaming bread, creamy butter, and sugary jam made quite the impression on their “kids.”

“This house used to roll with laughter,” said Glen. “Sometimes there would be so many kids on the floor we had to step over them. They would gather here.” Four-to-five hour games of Monopoly and three a.m. bedtimes were not uncommon.

The Wardlaws no longer house college students. “Physical limitations of age make it impossible to maintain an atmosphere that is necessary for this endeavor,” said Glen.

Both of the Wardlaws, who continue to fellowship with NNC students at Collge Church, said they wish they could still provide

a place for students in need. “I've missed hearing the shower and the hair dryers going in the basement,” said Mary.

She added that if the Lord ever arranged for someone to come to their home again she would be willing. She believes the Lord would help her and her husband to make the situation work, even with her ailments. Grandpa Glen as well wishes for the social interaction. “I've missed the coming and going,” he said.

The Wardlaw's children Carol, Steven, and Glenda, all attended NNC and went on to successful careers. Carol Poe, wife of NNC's Mike Poe, obtained her degree in biology education and taught at Meridian before coming back to NNC, where she now is employed in the Riley library.

Steven works for Hewlett Packard in Boise, and Glenda, who followed her father's footsteps in speech education, went on to

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*~Glen Wardlaw*

teach adjunct at NNC for a time.

Through the years, Wardlaw Hall students have grown from insecure college students to admirable adults.

Pastors, university professors, social workers, police officers and businessmen reflect the diversity of past “dorm” students.

“We saw a need and felt it was an opportunity to be of service to the Lord,” said Glen.

Their service has been noticed by their students. “They're a second family,” said Sidney Sever, nephew and former Wardlaw Hall resident. The Wardlaws said they are proud of their “kids” and know God has rewarded them through their students.

The Wardlaw Hall sign is down, the six bedrooms are not all in use, and if someone passes by the little white house across from the Brandt Fine Arts Center, it appears to stand apart from the busyness of life. Yet to look at the exterior is not enough to see the active service that is measured by the lives of Glen and Mary Wardlaw.

*“I remember the very day Kandi graduated and moved out. That same afternoon as she was cleaning out her drawers and her room, she told me about a kid who needed a place to live. He had been living in Sutherland and needed a place to stay. I looked down the road and there Kameron was, already coming, walking behind a pickup holding a couch so it wouldn't fall out. Kandi just knew I'd say 'yes.'”*

*~ Mary Wardlaw*



Glen and Mary Wardlaw both graduated from NNC and returned to Nampa to raise their children near the college, where they eventually would attend in their parents' footsteps.

Mary graduated from the Samaritan Hospital in 1950 and then from NNC in 1953. She studied nursing and practiced medicine until a muscle ailment required her to retire early. Glen graduated from NNC with a degree in speech communications in 1956, after serving time in the Korean War.

Upon the Wardlaw's return to Nampa, which followed a stay in Denver, the couple began welcoming students into their home as they attended college, beginning with Glen's sister and her family in 1969. Three nephews followed, as did the Wardlaw's own three children. Over 25 years, the Wardlaws housed a total of 18 students in their home on 716 Fern Street.

Their service provided a home, and more importantly, an environment of love, fellowship, and family. In the words of “Grandpa Glen,” himself, “We furnished the humanity, God furnished the grace.” The Wardlaws still live in their home, but are no longer able to keep students due to health reasons. The couple attends College Church.

# Homecoming promises rich musical variety

## Concerts will highlight Dr. Hughes' arrangements, as well as the new organ in the combined band and choir concerts

by Rebecca Miller

Crusader News Staff Writer

A beautiful new organ sits in our chapel auditorium. It is awaiting its dedication next Thursday, November 26, at the Thanksgiving Homecoming concert. It begins at 7:30 in the Brandt Auditorium.

This year's Homecoming concert is entitled the "Legacy of Music," and a new legacy will begin with the unveiling of a new organ.

Those who were in chapel on Friday heard President Hagood's mention of the organ. It sits to the right of stage.

"It is really nice," said Shelley Bowes, who had a chance to play

the organ for the regents a couple weeks ago. "The acoustics in the building are great; the sound rings and the reverberation is nice." She also mentioned the many functions the organ has.

It has MIDI capability, which means it can do anything and produce any sound that a synthesizer could. "It's fancy," Bowes concluded. "It is also the biggest organ in the valley, and in the region. The next one nearest in size is in Portland."

The organ will be performed on by David Tullis, an accomplished organist from St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Boise. He will perform a solo, *Toccata* by Widor.

"It is a huge number and it should be flashy," said Professor Bankston, the music professor in charge of the Homecoming concert. The organ will also be accompanying much of the other music. It will play for the two mass numbers, and will accompany the Crusader choir. There will be an additional mass number featuring Hallelujah Brass with the organ and the congregation.

"It will be a great program highlighting the organ," said Professor Bankston. "It will be the first chance to hear it and the many things it can do."

The organ will be incorporated into other activities on campus, such as the chapels.

It will be used for the more traditional chapels where the organ would be appropriate.

Although the highlight of the Homecoming concert will be the organ, there will be many other features to attract the musically appreciative.

One of these features will be two songs performed in commemoration of the one-hundredth birthday of Gershwin. Hallelujah Brass will perform a band piece. The song "I've Got Rhythm" will also be performed as a piano quartet. This, as well as other piano ensemble numbers, were arranged by Dr. Hughes during his sabbatical this past spring. "Sabre Dance" will be good," said Brandon Hoffman, referring to another of the piano ensemble piece that will be performed at the concert.

Members of the three choirs on campus, the Northwesterns, Crusader Choir, and College Choir, are looking forward to the concert. "It should be a blast!" said sophomore Laura Wakeman.

Sophomore Kimberly Benjamin agreed, "Everyone should come." Both are members of the Northwesterns. "The music we are doing is fun," said Benjamin. "Our group is close, both in friendship and spiritually."

She mentioned one of the songs they are doing at Homecoming. "Joyful, Joyful" is really exciting." This is a version of the song as done in *Sister Act 2*. "Cheri Ketchum has a pretty cool solo," said Wakeman.

Andrea Fisk, in the Crusader Choir, claims that the choir will be

doing some beautiful pieces. They will be doing at least two sacred pieces, including "Now Thank We All Our God" and "Holy is He." "Holy is He" is my favorite," said Fisk. Senior Shannon Adams remarks, "The message is good and it's pretty." She thinks the concert will be neat. "There's something special about having a huge concert on campus. It helps create a feeling of community. I think it's worth it."

She's also looking forward to how everyone will sound in the auditorium. "We're doing one piece where we surround the audience."

Freshman Chris Nordyke, in both College Choir and the Northwesterns, mentioned the combined choirs. "We are doing some pieces from the "Messiah" and also a piece called "Let There be Peace." "It should be a tremendous concert."

A preview of the wonderful music that will be performed at the Homecoming concert was the Concert Band's fall performance this past Thursday. They performed seven pieces, three of which were sacred. One piece that was an homage to the new organ was "Little Fugue in G minor" by Bach. The ensemble also did a commemorative piece for Gershwin, with the "Fugue on Yankee Doodle." This piece combined three different versions of Yankee Doodle that were written at different times by Gershwin. It was an entertaining finale for the

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evening. The band also performed two contemporary theme pieces entitled "Apocalypse 2" by Piet Swartz and "Tournament." These two pieces were musical pictures of two different time periods, one at the end of time and the other with the jousting of the medieval period. Both were enjoyed by the audience. The quality, variety, and interest of this concert were an excellent foretaste of the fare that will be enjoyed at the Homecoming concert and performance of the Messiah this Thanksgiving.

# Women's auxiliary auction: A yearly tradition

## Alumni activities are diverse in scope and are aimed at supporting NNC

by Janie Graf

Crusader News Staff Writer

Where will you be on the nights of November 25-28? Those of you whose calendars look a little bleak should consider including activities planned by the alumni in

your Homecoming agenda. Here at Northwest Nazarene College, alumni activities will be taking place to raise money for scholarship funds and to promote awareness of alumni involvement.

If you're imagining debriefings and lecture halls, you've got the wrong idea about the alumni Homecoming activities. The Women's Auxiliary Boutique, the Thanksgiving dinner, the Alumni Chapel, the Alumni Celebration Banquet, 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter, reunion lunches and the Alumni vs. JV basketball game are geared not just for alumni, but for students.

Beginning at noon on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup>, the Women's Auxiliary Boutique will be taking place in College Church. All types of hand-crafted items, great for gifts, will be featured, and all proceeds of this event go toward the

alumni's scholarship fund. Some student clubs, such as the Accounting Club, have prepared baskets which will be auctioned off to support their organizations.

The event is a tradition which has been pivotal to raising money for student scholarships and campus groups. This event will resume on Thursday at 9 am. Closing bids will be taken on Saturday.

Thursday at 4 pm, Thanksgiving dinner will be served in the dining room of the student center. This is perhaps the main event of the Homecoming week which allows students and parents to share in food and conversation. For some students, it will be the first time parents have visited since the beginning of the year.

On Friday at 11 am, the Alumni Chapel will be recognizing NNC's past and present lead-

ers, this year's theme being student government leaders.

The service, to be held in the Brandt Center, will feature alumni who held leadership positions while attending NNC, as well as our current ASNNC officers.

Later Friday afternoon, at 1:30 pm, is the Alumni Celebration Banquet. Dinner will be served and awards will be presented by the Alumni Association. These will include Alumni of the Year, the Professional Achievement Award, and the Distinguished Service Award.

Following Friday night's game, the alumni have planned 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter. This year's party will take place in the student center. The mood will be set with 40's swing music from the High Street Band lasting from ten to midnight.

At noon Saturday, the reunion

lunches begin for college buddies to share and reminisce in different areas around campus according to the class.

At 1:30 pm on Saturday, the JV basketball team faces off against the alumni team. This event will be a fun and diverse addition to your weekend plans. It is just one part of the community events mixing alumni and current students in the celebration of an NNC tradition. The weekend will be a special opportunity to fellowship with former members of the campus in the spirit of Thanksgiving.

So if you're searching for something to do on the weekend of November 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, look no further. Alumni activities, such as the one's mentioned in this article, are sure to add some fun and excitement to your Homecoming.

# Homecoming celebrates 85 years of excellence

## Homecoming theme centers on appreciation of tradition

by Adam Reed

Crusader News Staff Writer

Homecoming week marks 85 years of student government which will be celebrated for this year's Homecoming theme. NNC provides a home-away-from-home atmosphere for those students who are unable to make the trip home.

Freshman Greg Buettner said, "This the first time that I won't be home for Thanksgiving, and I am thankful that NNC has gone out of its way to provide such a great holiday for those who are staying on campus."

Homecoming is a special time for students and alumni. "I think it's just awesome because all the parents come and it's bigger here than I've seen it at other schools," expressed ASNNC executive council member Stephanie Ortman. She said, "I think it's incredible all the alumni support that we have here at NNC, seen in the people that come back, how the gym is packed out Friday and Saturday nights for the basketball games and how the Alumni House does such a great job incorporating Thanksgiving along with Home-

coming. I think it's a great idea."

Homecoming week is such a special week because students, parents and alumni all get together and enjoy each others company. Many NNC students and their families will come together on campus to share in a community event unique to the school.

It wouldn't be Homecoming if there wasn't a Homecoming court. This year's Homecoming court for the freshmen are Joe Chapman from Juneau, Alaska and Sarah Hughes from Puyallup, Washington. The sophomore court consists of Ben Hausch from Eagle, Idaho, and from Tillamook, Oregon, Kim Benjamin. The juniors are represented by Shawn Blenker from Castle Rock, Colorado, and from Los Angeles, Perla Aragon.

The students voted into the senior royalty include three pairs. Couple number one is Norma Thompson from Harrisburg, Oregon, who was escorted by Matt Freeby from Tumwater, Washington. Couple number two is Ben Potter from Corvallis, Oregon, who escorted Missy Rasmussen from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Finally, Lindsay Mittelstaedt from Wilsonville, Oregon, was escorted by Dustin Zimmerman from West Linn, Oregon.

The Homecoming week started with Monday's announcement of king and queen during the coronation convocation. Dustin Zimmerman and Norma Thompson were named the senior king and queen.

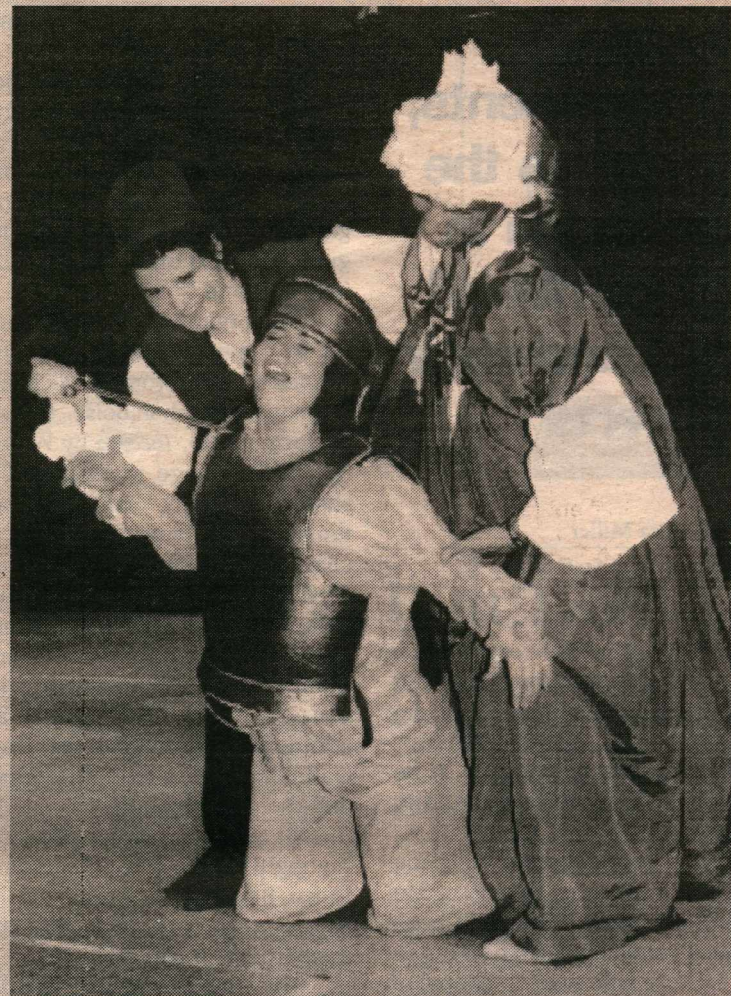
Wednesday, the events con-

tinue with the Queen's Reception at Clydes. The court will enter, initiating the evening, which will start with a social time from 6:30 to 7:00 prior to the banquet. To make the atmosphere more grand, Larry Embury will be playing the piano for everyone's enjoyment.

The fall play, which this year is *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare*, will be performed on the 25th, 27th and 28th. The play is a spoof on Shakespeare and is performed by three main actors who switch roles. Armarna Raynolds, Gabe Sprenger, and Marissa Edwards are the stars of this year's play.

On Thursday, of course, at 4:00 pm, the Thanksgiving dinner will be hosted in Marriott. For parents coming into town, the dinner will provide the chance to share in the Thanksgiving spirit with old friends and to make new lasting friendships. At the dinner, people will be entertained by one of the faculty as he reads a variety of poetry. Finally, on Friday, the NNC basketball teams will pit themselves against Willamette for a night that is sure to be exciting. The women's team will face Pacific Lutheran University. The gym will be packed with supportive alumni and current students. Fifth quarter will follow Friday night's games. Saturday night, the men's team will face Western, and the women, both Point Loma and PLU again. After the game, the Alumni House will be putting on a coffee bar in the student center. So come and enjoy the celebration.

## *The Complete Works of Shakespeare Fall Homecoming Production*



Armarna Raynolds, Marissa Edwards and Gabe Sprenger present *The Complete Works of Shakespeare*. Performances of the Fall Play, which is a Monty Python take on Shakespeare, will continue November 25, 27 and 28. The script is full of humor that is sure to keep its audience thoroughly entertained during Homecoming Week.

## Homecoming Events

November 23

Coronation Convocation

November 25

Alumnus of the Year Chapel; Women's Auxiliary Bazaar, 12-7pm; Court Reception, 6:30 pm; Homecoming Banquet, 7pm; Fall Drama, 8:30 pm

November 26

Thanksgiving dinner, 4pm; Women's Auxiliary Bazaar; Homecoming concert, 7:30pm

November 27

Fall Drama, 1pm; JVBB vs. Alumni, 1pm; W Basketball, 3pm and 5pm; Crusader Choir Dinner Theatre;

November 28

Men's Basketball, 7:30pm; 5th Quarter Messiah, 1:30pm; W basketball, 3pm; Fall Drama, 3:30pm; M Basketball, 7:30pm.

Amidst the busy distractions of life  
Trying to decide what's wrong and what's right.  
Ignoring the constant beckoning of  
The one who gives us more than tainted love.  
A heart of sympathy, grace, suffering,  
A God who is merciful and caring  
Gives to those who display the least contrite  
Knowing that someday they will see the light.

Prayers are sent up in the darkness of night  
Hoping for an end to this senseless fight.  
Hope that is found in the strong arms of love  
Given by those blessed from heaven above.  
At last all mankind will be forgiving  
Cherish the warm feeling of thanksgiving.

By Jason Tish



# New winter storm ratings

## Storms get a new rating system on a scale of 1 to 5

Jeremy Smith

Crusader News Staff Writer

CHEYENNE, WYOMING-- A new winter storm warning system patterned after hurricane and tornado alerts may become the nationwide standard, providing that tests this winter in Nebraska and Wyoming prove successful. The system would warn the public about winter storms based on a 1-5 scale similar to those used for hurricanes and tornadoes. The new system is scheduled to be tested in 15 counties through April.

Joe Sullivan, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Cheyenne, devised the test system after a storm in October 1997 pounded Nebraska and Wyoming with heavy snow and gale-force winds for over 15 hours.

As the storm raged, the weather service issued a winter storm watch, a snow advisory, a snow and blowing snow advisory and finally -- af-

ter hundreds of motorists were stranded on two interstates -- a blizzard warning.

"It just really made us look like we didn't know what we were doing," Sullivan said. "We were trying to do it in a black and white way, when really there was a lot of gray in there."

The test system gets away from advisories for things like freezing rain, freezing drizzle and blowing snow because they don't show how serious conditions are.

Sullivan's severity index classifies winter weather into five categories: minor inconvenience, inconvenience, significant inconvenience, potentially life-threatening and life-threatening. While the first three categories correspond to an advisory, the final two are warnings.

The severity index is expected to make it easier for road clearing crews, ambulance drivers and oth-

ers to plan ahead by allowing them to know better what the weather is like.

The weather service plans to review the system this spring. It could be refined and put through another season of testing, abandoned or tried elsewhere.

"I don't know what the cutoff is for someone to say something is potentially life-threatening," said Wyoming emergency management agency director Bob Bezek. "I don't know what the difference is between a category four and a five but a couple of loosely defined terms."

The emergency management director for Scottsbluff County (Neb.), Sherry Blaha, did not think that would be problem. "Everybody knows what a category five tornado is," she said. "You would only assume that category five winter weather would be pretty severe."

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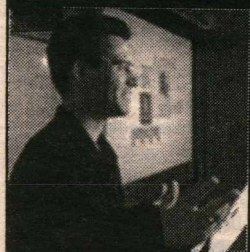


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Don Tomlinson, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, clears snow from his driveway. Residents in Aberdeen and the rest of the Dakotas were busy cleaning up from the first snow storm of the winter season two weeks ago Wednesday. At its peak, the storm blamed for eight deaths, dropped snow over the Dakotas and Minnesota, where it was blamed for closing more than 600 miles of highway across the Plains.

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# Septuplets celebrate first year

## McCaughey babies are healthier than expected after their first year

by Ryan Dooley

Asst. World News Editor

Seven babies are now bouncing all over the household of the McCaughey's these days. All seven of these happy little tykes are happy, healthy and well-fed by all accounts. The McCaugheys have talked to virtually every major television news program about their newfound experience. To sum up the long year for mom and dad is to say that they are very sleepy.

Around the world, lots of folks will take a moment on Thursday, the first birthday of all seven babies. They will ponder the only recorded birth of healthy septuplets. Ushered into the world by high-technology, the McCaugheys' unusual family of eight children, one born before the other seven, is both a miracle and a puzzle.

The McCaughey family truly

did enjoy the miracle amongst them. Never before in modern history have so many done so much for a family. A free house, a van and an unlimited supply of baby food greeted them as they arrived with their kids.

The hospital appears to have cut them a break on incredible costs of bringing their children into the world. Church members, relatives, neighbors and others have gone far beyond the call of duty for day care, story time and a steady stream of diaper duty would frighten even noted potty expert T. Berry Brazelton.

The miracle isn't that fertility medications caused multiple births, that much was predictable. The miracle is that a community, a state and a nation rallied around this unusual situation to help give these kids a happy and healthy life.

The puzzle is what to learn from the septuplets. Physicians and scientists tell us that the odds against the successful delivery of seven babies are still more than 1,000 to 1. Couples request the use of strong doses of fertility drug with the hope of having five, or six children, but very few have had them all at once. The birth of the septuplets cost the community millions of dollars because of the infants' low birthweight and complex delivery. If even one

of the babies had been critically ill, the cost could have tripled.

The costs of the multiple births, many families say, are astronomical. After the birth of the McCaughey babies, families with four or five multiples asked, correctly, "What about us?" Can the community be expected to always provide special resources for a family of assisted reproduction? Should couples be required to put down some kind of retainer to guarantee the costs of their procedure won't fall to the community?

As we celebrate the birth of these seven beautiful and remarkable babies in Iowa, don't forget the broader questions of the world: What strings are attached to providing infertility treatment? If a family elects to pursue an expensive reproduction course, who must bear the long-term cost? Could physicians require patients to agree in advance to reduce the number of multiples, by selective termination, to less than three as a precondition of offering these drugs?

It's a question that not even seven McCaughey babies may ever come up with an answer. In the meantime, keep those diapers coming.



# GOP makes changes in leadership

## Bob Livingston new house speaker

by Rebecca Miller  
Crusader Staff Writer

Following the off-year elections this fall, the Republicans in the U.S. House made some major changes in their leadership for the coming year. Of these changes, two notable ones were the choices for speaker and conference chairman. Rep. Bob Livingston was elected to be House Speaker. Rep. J.C. Watts, the only black Republican in the House will be the new conference chairman. Also of interest was the close re-election of Rep. Arney for majority leader.

Watts is a young black conservative from Oklahoma. He was chosen for the post of conference chairman, whose job includes giving members information and help on talking to their districts about their voting. Many of the Republicans were quite excited at his election. Rep. Rick Lazio of New York demonstrated this excitement when he said "this party is moving aggressively to rebuild its image, reflecting America. J.C. Watts is a terrific communicator for us. It is important that we stay positive, tell people who we are, that we are not divisive -- we're inclu-



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Newly-elected Speaker of the House, Bob Livingston (R-LA), center, gestures during a press conference last Wednesday, in Washington, DC, after he was voted into his new house position. Surrounding Livingston are Rep. Christopher Cox (R-CA), Majority Leader Rep. Dick Arney (R-TX), newly-elected House Republican Conference Chairman Rep. J.C. Watts (R-OK), second to right, and Majority Whip Tom DeLay (R-TX), far right.

sive. This is maybe the first step forward by the Republican Party to develop that message."

This need for an improved image has become a priority for many Republicans as a result of the recent election results. Watts himself commented on it. "It's very hard to PR a bad product. We had a very bad product as Republicans coming down the stretch. Whether it was true or not, the perception was that the president's problems and Monica Lewinsky became our

agenda. When that replaces tax cuts and building a national defense, and fixing social security, Republicans don't do very well." Refocusing the party on an agenda is important for him. He said, "we want to get back to basics. Every year that we are in the majority we should be cutting down people's taxes." He also wants to focus on analyzing the Republican's message through "a communications audit."

Watts says that he did not run

as an African-American candidate. Nevertheless, he hopes that he can represent minorities who support conservative Republican values. He specifically noted focuses on tax reduction and the reduction of crime.

Gingrich's resignation from the office of House leader left a gap that was filled by Rep. Bob Livingston of Louisiana. His election was not as widely supported as Watts'. This was probably because he did not have a strong agenda, which is what the party believes it needs at this point. There is also some concern about party unity. There is a group of moderate Republicans who may vote with Democrats, particularly on social security reform.

Arney's re-election as majority leader also demonstrates the House Republicans' uncertainty in its future and its leadership. Arney's election went through three close ballots before he was finally chosen. Arney, Livingston and Watts will affect policy decisions for the Republicans and the House during the coming year. The polls showed a fairly positive response to these elections, with 50% saying the party's outlook is bright, 15% saying things will be worse, and 35% that nothing will change. Livingston is quite positive when he says, "There are some who insist the Republican era is over. But that's like saying the American dream is over. It isn't true -- and they know it."

## No more Beanie Babies?

by Ryan Dooley  
Asst. World News Editor

MARINA, CA — An addiction is only as bad as the product will allow right? A California woman let an addiction get to her, but with a stuffed animal. Tamara Maldonado has been forbidden from associating with known beanie babies. This is a part of her charges stemming from her admitted addiction to the toys. Police say they found 206 beanie babies in her home.

A judge handed down the sentence of six months in jail and five years probation for using stolen credit cards and charging up to \$8,000 on these bean bag collector's items.

Monterey County prosecutor Christine Harter told the judge the toys were like a drug. They were becoming an addiction to her that she could no longer control. Maldonado said that once she started she couldn't stop.

She will have a chance to taper off. Only the official Ty brand beanie baby is banned. Other bean bag toys don't count. During her five-year probation, officers are allowed to make searches of her house to make sure that she has no beanie babies. The officers are not required to have a search warrant.

# Forty-six states sign tobacco settlement

## Over two hundred billion to be paid

by Ryan Dooley  
Asst. World News Editor

WASHINGTON, DC--While opposed by many health groups, the health proposal, on tobacco, was, in the end, accepted by every eligible state. Their attorneys general decided the settlement would provide more money than could be obtained through their current suits.

The proposed settlement, worked out this past week by several attorneys general and the four biggest tobacco companies, would

resolve remaining state claims for the costs of treating tobacco-related illnesses.

Out of the 50 states, only 46 are eligible. Those four states not eligible reached settlements for a combined total of \$40 billion before this proposal was drafted. The tobacco industry reviewed the settlement over the weekend and made a formal acceptance of the bill on Monday.

In exchange for payments reaching \$206 billion over the 25 years, after the year 2000, the states will drop suits that had posed an enormous legal and financial threat to the tobacco industry.

The new anti-smoking plan is replacing the \$368.5 billion agreement that was reached in 1997, but later died in Congress after heavy lobbying.



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Christine Gregoire, state attorney general from the state of Washington, makes remarks outside the White House today after meeting President Clinton. She is flanked by fellow state attorneys general, left to right, Dennis Vacco (R-NY), Tom Miller (D-IA), and Michael Fisher (R-PA). State Attorneys General worked out a \$206 billion settlement to cover smoking related health costs.

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# HTML virus found to affect e-mail accounts

by Joshua M. Dooley  
World News Editor

It was thought for some time that there would be no way to get a virus just from reading your e-mail. Unfortunately, that isn't the case anymore as anti-virus researchers have identified a class of viruses, called HTML viruses, which hide out in Web pages or e-mail and activates when a user views the contents.

These so called "virus writers" have been busy lately. Just in the past couple of weeks, Trend Micro has counted no less than 17 new variants, written in Microsoft Corp.'s VBScript.

"Just the fact that your mail program shows e-mail in a window could spread the virus to your system," said Igor Grebert, senior researcher at anti-virus maker Trend Micro, Inc. There are al-

ready efforts being made to attack these HTML viruses. The Cupertino, California company made a public announcement this past Wednesday, of their efforts to include protection against such viruses in its anti-virus software. This past week, anti-virus firm Central Command, Inc. warned of a more isolated virus that affected ActiveX controls in certain cases.

However, some don't share the pessimistic view of the researchers. "We are extremely confident that this is nothing that users should be worried about," said Mike Nichols, Internet Explorer product manager at Microsoft.

It is, in fact, true that, at the present time, HTML viruses don't present any form of danger. Grebert has only found what he refers to as "test viruses" that don't have any destructive properties. However, HTML viruses have the

potential to turn out nasty, but will have a hard time spreading out of control over the internet.

In order for one of the viruses to copy itself into a new Web page, the HTML virus must execute on a machine from which it is allowed to change the page. This, in actuality, means only Webmasters have the possibility of being what is called, a "Typhoid Mary." "If you are a user, you will not infect other people's Web pages," said Grebert.

Though these viruses can't harm any of the users, it is expected that the viruses will not "have to file their teeth for long." Before you know it, a user could pass this virus from page to page as well. The viruses resemble normal programs. "There is no security in Windows that limits what VBScript can do," said Grebert. "Can it read your files? Yes. Can it format your hard drive? Yes."

Users of Windows '98, or more recent versions of Microsoft's Internet Explorer and Outlook are at risk, according to Trend Micro, since both programs are set up with Microsoft's Windows Scripting Host -- needed to run VBScript. Microsoft claims the problem has not affected Internet Explorer though.

"As a user, you would have to go to a site that was designed to be malicious, and users would have to lower the security," said Microsoft's Nichols. Even if the security needs to be lowered, users still are prompted every time a script tries to run, putting only the most ignorant at risk.

"The real angle of attack is on HTML e-mail," said Russ Cooper, moderator of NTBugTraQ. "In that regard, people are wide open to attack." Originally, the threat of e-mail macro viruses was expected

to come from Microsoft's combination of Outlook '98 and Windows '98. It wasn't until the end of July that Finnish students found holes in Outlook that let viruses spread by e-mail. However, that security hole could only be exploited by luring the user to click on an overlong HTML link, which caused experts to predict that some virus writer would put the two together.

Netscape Communications Corp.'s Navigator, which doesn't support its rival's VBScript, is immune. "Yet, with the new features that [Sun Microsystems] is putting into [Java, a software language] to compete with Visual Basic, they may have a similar problem in the future." Cooper warns that an HTML virus could be written for JavaScript just as easily as VBScript.

## Pro-life trial to begin

by Ryan Dooley  
Asst. World News Editor

NEW ORLEANS, LA - Abortion rights advocates went to court Thursday to seek an overturn of the wording in a state law that says a fetus becomes a living baby as soon as it enters the birth canal, even if it gets there as part of an abortion.

As her opening statement, attorney for the Center of Reproductive Law and Policy in New York, Pricilla Smith, said the law is a naked attempt to end all abortions, not just those ending late-term pregnancies. The state's lawyer countered by arguing that birth begins in the birth canal.

"I want to commend the state on one point, coming out of the closet," Smith said. "They are trying to change the constitutional definition of a person by moving up a few inches into the woman's body and defining a person to be a fetus partly within the uterus and partly out of the uterus even though it is within the woman's body."

The definition is set out in a law that forbids abortions in which a living being is partly delivered before it is killed. When

the law was passed by the Louisiana legislature in 1997, backers said that it was an attempt to outlaw the late-term procedure known as partial-birth abortions.

The state's arguments were handled by Derinda Bordlee of the Lawyers for Life organization, who was appointed as a special assistant attorney general for this case.

Bordlee talked about how the birth begins once any part of the body is in the birth canal. Allowing an abortion at that point would open the door to other types of legal killing.

"If you can kill a person who is partly in the vaginal canal, what prohibits you from killing one that is part way out? What prohibits you from leaving one foot in the vaginal canal and breaking the child's neck?" she asked.

Many abortion foes say the law, and similar statutes in 27

other states, are meant to prevent late-term abortions using dilation and extraction for fetuses 20-24 weeks old. By this time, the head is too large to pass through the partially dilated cervix, so the base of the skull is cut and the contents are drained.

Abortion-rights advocates say the procedure is rare, used only when a fetus has

severe abnormalities or the woman has serious health problems. Abortion foes claim it is common and often elective.

In Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court ruled that women have a right to abortion during the first two-thirds of pregnancy, when the fetus cannot survive outside the womb.

Judges in nine states have sided with abortion-rights forces and found bans on the late-term procedures unconstitutional.

Judges in nine states, including Louisiana, have halted enforcement of such laws until they rule, though the order in Virginia was overturned on the appeal. Laws against the late-term procedure have gone unchallenged in eight states.

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*~Priscilla Smith*

*the law is a naked attempt to end all abortions, not just those ending late-term pregnancies.*

## North Korea a possible threat with access to nuclear weapons

by Jeremy Smith  
Crusader Staff Writer

SEOUL, KOREA -- On November 22, President Clinton told U.S. troops that recent provocations from both Iraq and North Korea demand "we must remain vigilant." Clinton made his first visit to the Korean Peninsula in five years when he met with American soldiers, sailors and marines near one of the world's most hostile borders while pressing his warning against North Korean nuclear proliferation.

"Lately signs of danger have intensified with incursions from the north, provocative missile tests and the question of a suspected underground (nuclear) installation," Clinton said to troops at Osan Air Base. "So we must remain vigilant. And thanks to you we are."

Although recent U.S. attention has focused on the threat from Iraq and its weapons program, because of its suspected nuclear ambitions, tension with North Korea "remains an area of great concern," Clinton said.

"Our ability to succeed in promoting peace is uniquely due to the fact that we can back up our diplomatic efforts when necessary with military strength and that depends on you," stated Clinton.

The president was scheduled to lay a wreath memorializing World War II veterans at a stop on the island of Guam, a U.S. territory, later on Sunday. He was to arrive back in Washington on Monday night.

At Osan Air Base, Clinton stood

before a red banner bearing the "Black Cat" emblem of the 5th Reconnaissance Squadron, which flies America's U-2 spy planes. He spoke to a crowd of more than 1,000 military personnel and their families huddled in parkas against the cold.

Behind Clinton, a row of F-16 fighter jets and A-10 Warthog ground-attack planes stood as a reminder of the U.S. security commitment to South Korea in the face of any challenge from the communist north, all of which are ready for battle in case of any trouble that could arise.

Clinton also visited the Korean training center eight miles from the demilitarized zone to shake hands with crews of M-1 tanks, Bradley fighting vehicles and Korean battle tanks. He pinned a promotion on a private and led troops in singing "happy birthday" to a sergeant major before joining soldiers for lunch featuring MREs -- the dreaded "meals ready to eat."

Earlier during his trip, Clinton warned there is a "strong suspicion" that an underground construction project in North Korea that is barred from U.S. inspection is nuclear related.

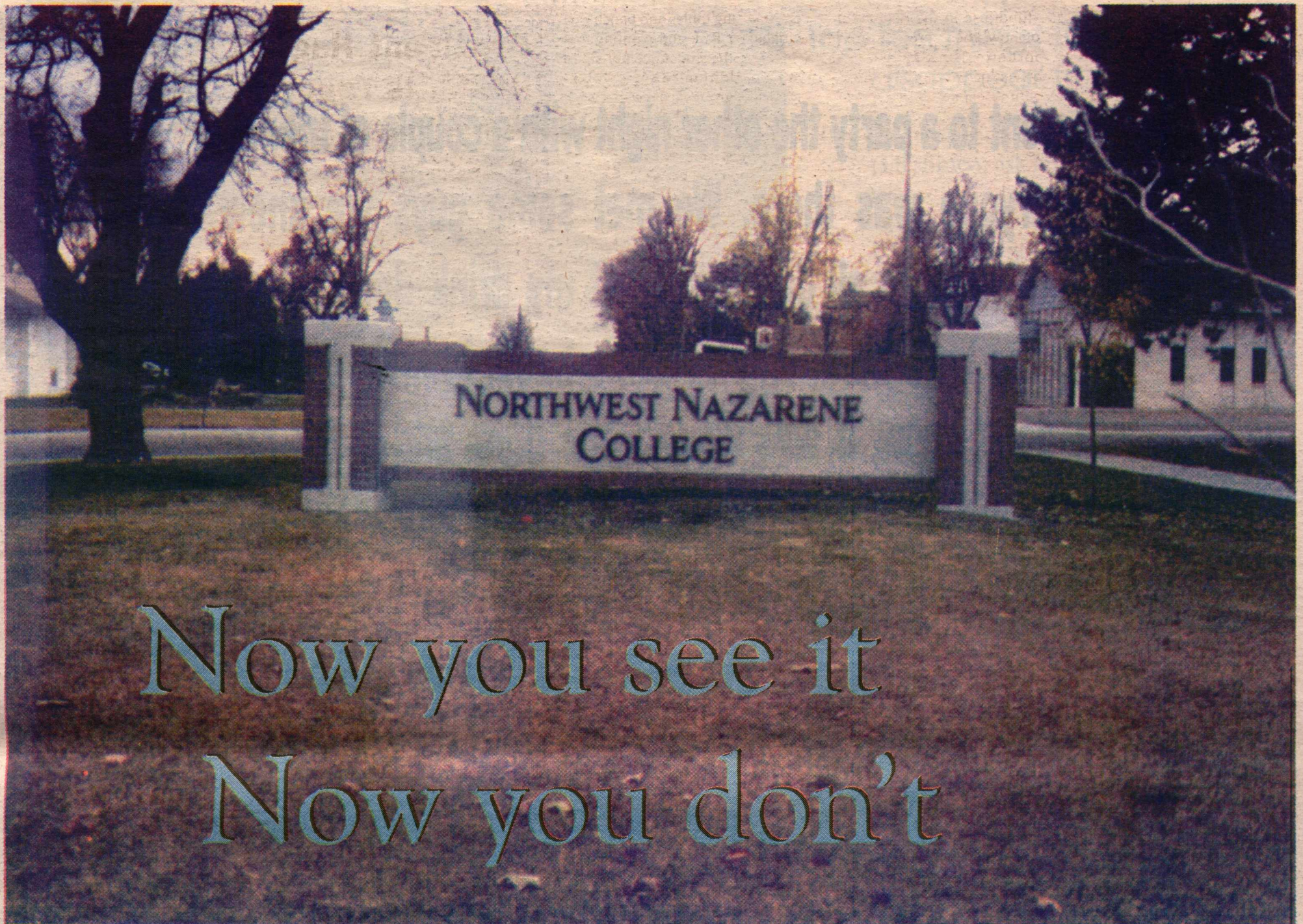
Recent U.S. spy satellite photos show thousands of North Korean workers digging a huge hole in a mountainside 25 miles northeast of North Korea's main nuclear complex. North Korea has rebuffed U.S. appeals to inspect it, creating more suspicions as to the intent of the work.

I went to a party the other night with a couple of friends. Everyone was there. We met some guys we knew and we were all dancing. I put my drink down to go to the bathroom. When I came back, I finished it off. I don't know, it was weird... one drink and it felt like six. I mean, after a few minutes, I [redacted] totally out of it [redacted] friends were outside [redacted] talking [redacted] this guy [redacted] offered [redacted] drive me home [redacted] on top of me. [redacted] couldn't move [redacted] help [redacted] and I woke up eight hours later. I know I was raped. I just can't remember how or why.

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## Changes everywhere! Don't blink, you may open your eyes to a whole new school

by Kenzi Wilkes  
Crusader Staff Writer

If the center of the universe is gone, are we really here? Well, the "center of the universe" on NNC's campus is finally gone, but don't worry, we're still here. The famous stone landmark in front of the administration building, where perhaps a marriage proposal or two has occurred, was taken out ironically last Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Many other major changes have happened recently on this campus. In order for NNC to be-

come an even more attractive and distinct Christian liberal arts college, innovations must be made. Thus, NNC as we know it is in the middle of some drastic changes, not only in construction, but also in philosophy.

This means that your campus is continually being beautified as well as modified to better suit its position, not only in Nampa, but in the wider realm of colleges and universities. Gary Skaggs, the vice president for institutional advancement says, "The changes occurring on the campus of Northwest Nazarene College are being carefully considered and prioritized as to what will best position NNC to fulfill its mission to our students as we prepare for the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

Some of the changes that have already occurred on campus include closing Holly Street, landscaping around the prayer chapel, and painting Corlett Hall. Not to mention, of course, the opening of Ford Hall and the new fine arts building this past year. Along with

these major innovations, many others are in the works.

At their November meeting, the Board of Regents asked the administration and NNC Foundation Board of Directors to explore the feasibility of a capital campaign. This campaign will be designed to raise money to be used for various institutional advancements. It will consist of three phases. Right now, we are in phase one, the "Quiet Campaign." At this time, the school will approach potential donors such as foundations, corporations and other major donors, and seek "leadership gifts" of \$100,000 or more.

A report will be given to the Board of Regents at their March meeting, informing them of phase one fundraising results. Depend-

ing on how well this "Quiet Campaign" goes, the plan of action for the rest of the campaign will be determined. Phases two and three will be designed according to the phase one response.

There are four major categories of spending on which the school has decided to focus. Keep

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in mind, though, that all of these dreams are based on the amount of money NNC is able to raise. In no way would tuition be affected. Essentially, if we don't raise the money, we won't do the project. If only some of the desired funds are raised, the Board of Regents

and administrators will have to establish priorities as far as who gets how much of the money.

Now for the fun part: what will this money be spent on? One category of fundraising is for intercollegiate athletics. Since the school is heading toward becoming NCAA II, there are several

things which need to be done in preparation. Men's and women's track, men's golf, men's tennis and men's and women's cross country, have already been approved as additional sports for

the fall of 1999. Women's softball has been approved for the fall of 2000. Money is needed for a softball field and rehab for the track. There are also plans for expansion of the gym. Money would be used for the program development and general supplies

like uniforms and balls.

The second category of fundraising is for endowed scholarships. The goal for this category is four million dollars. The money would be split into two parts. Half would go for need-based scholarships, and the other half would go for designated endowed scholarships for students.

Campus landscaping is the third category. Continuing with what's already begun, Holly Street would be completely closed off and the circle drive in front of the ad building would be removed.

The goal is to create a "walking mall" between the fine arts building

and the ad building. In the middle of this "mall", where Holly Street is now, would be a small amphitheater called Heritage Plaza, which would focus on memorializing NNC's heritage.

As you've probably already noticed, large cement signs have been placed near campus entrances and in front of some of the buildings. The plan is that the signs along the campus perimeter will eventually be connected by a

sophisticated wrought iron fence with brick posts. The goal of the fence is to add definition to the campus, to provide separation, but not a barrier from the surrounding community.

Money would also be used to fix some of the loose ends left behind by the Amity Street re-route. For example, the old tennis courts would be taken up and that land would be landscaped. In addition to these major projects, general landscaping and grounds upkeep would be focused on.

The fourth category is buildings. There are preliminary plans for a campus-wide learning center which would be located on the land to the north of the library. This building would house professional studies and perhaps even be connected to the science building by a catwalk. Of course, the science building would have to be expanded and remodeled for this to happen.

Those are have the four categories which are dependent on the amount of money that NNC

can fundraise in the near future. As of now, these projects are all hypothetical. Skaggs says, "Projects such as those outlined in the initial capital campaign proposal are completed through donations by foundations, corporations, alumni and friends as a result of fundraising efforts, separate and distinct from student tuition. Our desire is to continually increase the quality of the student experience at NNC."

Now, to let you in on a well-kept secret, many of the campus

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~ Rev. Chuck Wilkes, Sr.

beautification projects that happened over the summer were done by retired volunteers. These volunteers come from local churches and several are alumni or faculty from NNC. They give up their free time to help NNC tackle some necessary projects which otherwise would not get done.

The group was organized last spring and consists of approximately 40 members. The president, Chuck Wilkes, Sr., wanted to

ers, painting tables and benches in Finkbeiner Park and painting and repairing the student center sign.

In addition to local volunteers, the group also recruits work and witness teams from churches across the region. A group of 16 volunteers from Baker City, OR, came for a day-and-a-half this summer and they removed and replaced the siding on Corlett Hall. Over the rest of the summer, the siding was painted and the pesky cottonwood trees outside Corlett were also cut down.

The volunteer group put in a total of over 2,000 hours of work this summer. Truly, they are an asset to NNC's functional operation. Next summer they will continue to work around campus and they plan to invite more work and witness teams to do various dorm projects.

In addition to these volunteers, the religion department organized its own group to landscape around the Williams Hall. They replaced the ramp on the south side of the building and planted flowers and trees.

The student center has also seen some construction lately. The old game room will soon be the new counseling center for people such as Joanne Rittmueller and Paula Rogers. The goal is to make the counselors more accessible to students. Their offices right now



Campus beautification plans include taking out Holly Street, Circle Drive, and creating a "walking mall" between the fine arts building and the administration building. As part of this plan, the "center of the universe" was removed.

find a way for retired alumni and friends to support NNC. He said, "It has been a dream of mine for years to channel some of the talent from local churches to the campus of NNC. This volunteer group will help make maintenance dollars go further as well as give a sense of ownership to those who come and participate."

Some of the projects that the volunteer group performed this summer include cleaning campus streets and curbs, planting flow-

ers upstairs in the student center.

So, what's the moral of the story? We have a lot to look forward to as students here at NNC. If you have any suggestions for these transitional times, make them known. Try to be patient with all the disruptions by reminding yourself that the result will be worth it. Even though NNC is under construction, you do not need to wear a hard hat because the education you're receiving should make your head plenty hard.

## President Hagood brings students report of recent, wide-ranging decisions by Board of Regents

by Monica Olson

Cover Story Editor

Students interested in learning about the recent regents meetings and the changes that will be taking place on campus showed up to a meeting held by Dr. Hagood and Dr. Hills on Thursday, November 19. These sixteen students were informed about the changes and given the chance to ask Hagood any questions they had.

Hagood is very optimistic when it comes to the changes on campus. He expects the new programs and new sports to bring more students to NNC and to improve the school.

The nursing program, which was reinstated, has already brought students to NNC who wouldn't be here otherwise. This trend is expected to continue.

The cooperative engineering degree allows students to earn a degree from both NNC and Boise State in five years.

A Masters of Social Work was approved by the regents. Now it must be approved by the Credential Board. The Masters will give students opportunities in fields of work that require a higher level of training.

A Masters of Education: Exceptional Child (formerly Special Education) will allow students to earn the degree most schools require when hiring. The Masters will allow them to earn a Bachelors and a Masters degree in about five and a half years.

With the switch to NCAA Div. II, NNC has dual membership in both leagues (NAIA and NCAA) for the next four years. As part of NCAA requirements, sports must be added. The regents have chosen men's and women's cross country and track, men's golf and tennis and for the fall of 2000, women's softball. These new sports will also enhance enrollment.

The regents are considering university status. Across America, the trend is for schools similar to NNC to move to university status. This creates a new category of schools, the "Small Teaching University." University is a favorable status because, according to Hagood, it "says more to students." It

gives the school competitive positioning. Also, in many other countries, college is the word used for either junior high or high school, while university is normally used for higher education.

Hagood addressed the rumors that NNC will be changing names outside of the possible university change, but he dispelled them as just that, rumors (and started by the faculty no less—shame on them).

The tuition and fees have been set for next year:

	1998-99	1999-00
Tuition	\$12,141	\$12,510
Fees	\$315	\$465
Room/Board	\$3519	\$3750
Total	\$15975	\$16735

Room and board was adjusted to a more realistic number, but remains one of the lowest among NNC's competitors. The fee increase was suggested by the ASNNC Senate for the specific purpose of improving campus computers.

While the cost of college does continually rise, scholarships and other financial aid will also increase.

The semester transition year (1999-2000) calendar has been set. Basically, Terms II and III have each been shortened by three days. Commencement will be May 27, and the next year will not start before September 1. Professors and staff are meeting as a committee to ensure the transition is smooth, and the end result an improvement. This committee will include students chosen by ASNNC. Hagood is committed to graduating all students on schedule.

"Clusters," for lack of a better name, will be used to reorganize the school from current departments. These four groups include a math/science/kinesiology/nursing cluster, a group including the business department, education, religion and social work, the third group includes social science, fine arts, literature and languages and the fourth group consists of the registrar's office, information resources (ed media), the library, study skills and advising.

Almost all regents meetings are open to students; our attendance is welcome.



New offices are being built in the student center to make them more accessible and visible to students. These include the counseling center, the career center, multi-cultural affairs, and student development.

## Still under construction

### New offices in works for student services

by Cherie Hibbet  
Crusader Staff Writer

Walking in to the student center recently, you can't help but notice the transformation that is taking place. Some of the offices upstairs that have been in hiding are finally coming out into the open. Among these are the counseling center, the career center, multi-cultural affairs and student development.

Why are they moving just downstairs in the same building? Ken Hills, vice president of student development says, "sometime students have to trip over what you want them to get involved in."

What exactly is there to get involved in, you may ask? The student development office deals with many important aspects of student life such as security, health, counseling, housing and spiritual development. They also review changes to be made, and evaluate where the college is headed. Above all, the student development staff is there to be our advocates.

Hills feels that being involved in student activities is the best way to keep a student perspective. He pursues this through everything from serving on the publicity board and the calendar committee, to eating in the cafeteria. Hills

is also the chair of the safety council and works closely with admissions.

Another, less obvious part of his job involves being a psychologist. He estimates that twenty-five to fifty percent of his time is spent in individual and group counseling, as he works with various groups of faculty and students to improve our school.

The counseling center will also be moving downstairs. Joanne Rittmueller, director of counseling here at NNC, whose office is easily missed, now has a much more convenient location to work in. The counseling center serves not only students, but professors as well. Along with individual, group and marriage counseling there are also support groups and classes.

One area that the counseling center covers are drug and alcohol awareness, anger management and date rape activities. There are many ways for students to get involved in these programs. In addition to the thirty-five percent of students who already use the counseling services available, it is also possible to become a peer counselor.

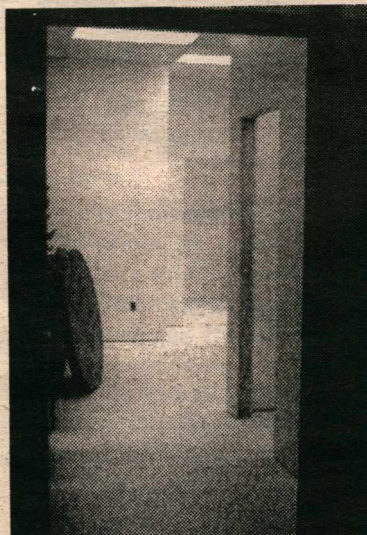
With this new location, Rittmueller hopes that the counseling center will be more accessible to students and will encourage more people to get involved in the program.

A third, and very important office that is making the big move in multi-cultural affairs headed by Paula Rogers. Rogers works with international students to provide a support system and help them make a smooth transition to NNC.

Rogers also works with students whose parents are missionaries. The staff also works with the community to increase awareness in issues of multi-culturalism.

There are many ways for students to be involved with this program. Activities include the multi-cultural affairs club, multi-cultural peer mentor program, class panels, special chapel services, the international students club and being a host for visiting students. Rogers hopes that having the offices more visible will encourage more students to explore the program.

Although the new offices have moved just a little ways, they will certainly be at the center of attention in the student center. With this new convenient location, hopefully more students will take time to find out what services are offered by our great student development staff.



Construction continues on the new offices downstairs in the student center in the old game room.

## Top Ten things that will never disappear from campus

10. The First Snow Run  
(Freshmen, ask an upperclassment about it!)
9. Empty mailboxes
8. President Hagood's parking spot
7. MRS Degree
6. Tater tot casserole
5. The uneven sidewalks
4. The smell
3. The Trinity Statue
2. Asbestos
1. Dr. Stallcop

Composed by Missy Rasmussen, Kari Buckendorf, Dustin Zimmerman, Jeremiah Crane, Shawna Cloud, Jesse Rench, and the BHGs



Trees have been uprooted all over campus as part of the campus beautification program and also for campus security.

## Top Ten things that will disappear next on campus

10. Terms
9. The Northwest Nazarene College Status (University)
8. The Center of the Universe (oops, too late)
7. Any tree over 8 feet tall
6. The Community Showers at Sutherland Hall
5. The single Freshmen girls
4. The computer that crash - servers too!  
(Yeah right!)
3. The bronze statue in the Brandt Center
2. The rest of the working outdoor lights
1. NNC Men's playoff chances

Composed by Jeremiah Crane, Jesse Rench, Shawna Cloud, and the BHGs

# 'Saders qualify for nationals after close games

## Volleyball team finishes first in conference and fourth at regionals

by Robin Day  
Sports Editor

In the past few weeks, the volleyball team has been working hard trying to qualify for the national tournament. This is not as easy as the casual observer might think. First of all, the team had to win a conference tournament, and then qualify at the regional tournament.

First, the Cascade conference tournament. Because the Crusaders won the regular season play, the tournament was held here at NNC, much to the delight of volleyball fans and Coach Brasch, who says her girls play better with the home crowd support.

The Crusaders won their first game in the tournament against Albertson handily and immediately advanced to the championship game the next night against Western Baptist, the only conference team to beat the 'Saders in regular season play.

The 'Saders started off strong, racking up five points before relinquishing the serve. Angie Westerburg definitely started off on the right serve, embarrassing Western Baptist with an ace right off the bat.

Though there was some bad communication throughout the game, NNC steam rolled to a 15-7 victory.

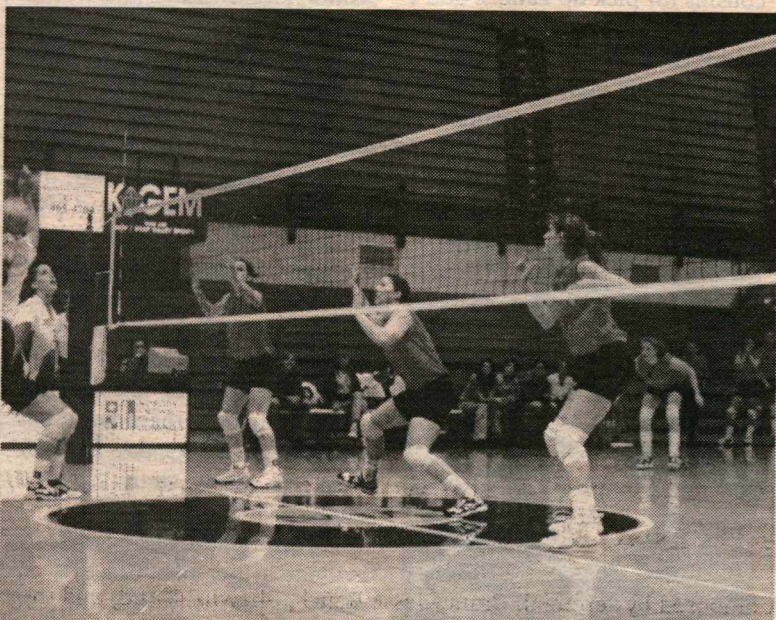


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The second game Western Baptist had the first serve and they made the most of it. Despite several side-outs, Western Baptist had six points by the time NNC first scored.

Western Baptist seemed to be determined to atone for their previous loss and never let the ball drop. NNC, on the other hand, had bad communication and let several easy balls drop. When Western Baptist made the score 14-3, the 'Saders fought back gallantly, holding Western Baptist at 14 for several side-outs, but losing in the end, 6-15.

In the third game, the Crusaders decided that Western Baptist did not even deserve a chance, and all signs of bad communication were gone. The 'Saders net game was outstanding, and the whole team was fighting for every point. Hits showered Western Baptist from everywhere on the court and several well placed dinks made their return practically impossible. The Crusaders won that game, 15-3.

The fourth game brought a new-found determination from both teams. Amazing saves from both sides kept the crowd on its feet, cheering throughout the game. As Western Baptist began to lose control, NNC stepped up the pressure and went forth to win the game, 15-5, the match and the conference championship.

Stats for the match were impressive. Liz Benear had 23 kills, Tabitha Shipman had seven. Jessica Ackley had 14 kills and Westerburg had 14 digs, closely followed by Ackley with 13 and Sarah Menard with 12.

Later, during the awards ceremony, the 'Saders were recognized many times. Erickson and Shipman were both named to the

all-conference team and the honor of Cascade conference player of the year went to Benear. Coach Brasch shared the title Coach of the Year with another conference coach.

The next weekend brought the regional tournament to the NNC campus. The Crusaders' first game was Friday night against George Fox. All was not pretty. NNC lost in three games, 10-15, 6-15, 5-15. Coach Brasch said ruefully, "They did everything right and we didn't. We just didn't play well."

Because they lost in the first round, the 'Saders had to play Saturday morning against Western Baptist (yes, they showed up again). This time the girls knew that in order to qualify for the national tournament, they had to win this game. No "ifs", "ands", or "buts."

"We knew we had to win and we were determined to play better against Western Baptist than we did against George Fox. We did, but we still didn't play up to our ability," commented Coach Brasch.

Sarah Menard said, "I don't know if we were too hyped or a little over confident against George Fox, but against Western Baptist we were more calm. You could tell we were going to play well before the game even started."

The Crusaders pulled off a tense victory over the ill-fated Western Baptist, winning in three games, 15-10, 17-15, 15-8.

Later that afternoon, the 'Saders went up against Lewis and Clark State College, only to lose in four close games, 10-15, 11-15, 15-9, 5-15.

The team finished in fourth place, still qualified for nationals next weekend, where they are seeded number 12. The 'Saders take off on Sunday and don't plan on returning until they have captured the national championship to add to their already impressive collection of awards for this year.

Freshman Erin Hellberg, junior Tabitha Shipman and sophomore Michelle Phillips move to block the hit. NNC's front line was major factor in their wins over Western Baptist.

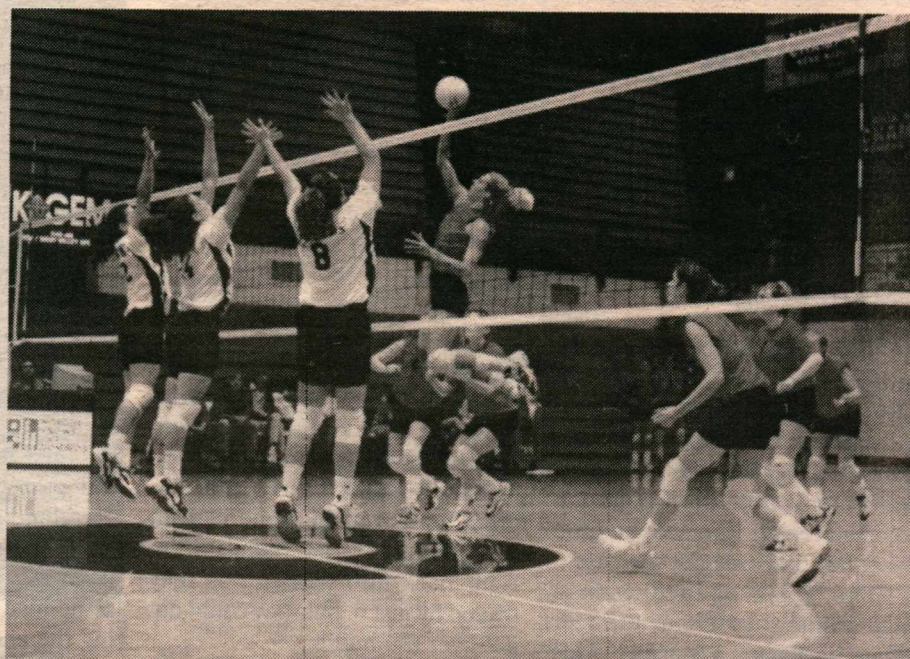


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Senior Liz Benear throws a well aimed dink over the opposing arms for the point as the rest of the Crusaders cover behind her in case of a return. Benear was named the Cascade conference player of the year.

## Close up with Michelle Phillips

by Jenifer Homquist

Crusader News Staff Writer

Goofing off with older kids while in fourth grade probably has not affected the lives of most students as much as it has Michelle Phillips. She explained, "I went to a small Christian school and my mom was the volleyball coach, so I just played around until the eighth grade."

Although Phillips went between private schools and home school while growing up, when high school arrived she was well prepared. At her school, she played four years of volleyball on the varsity team. She was also an all around athlete, playing basketball in the winter and competing in several track events during the spring.

When she graduated from high school, Phillips knew she wanted to go to a Christian college and play volleyball. She tried out on the volleyball teams of several colleges before deciding on NNC. "It wasn't a decision based on volleyball," she stated. "We just prayed and finally felt God wanted me here." She was already familiar with campus because of attending RAD since the eighth grade.

On the volleyball court, Phillips looks for improvement and growth in all areas, and hopes to work towards getting the team to nationals every year. Her favorite event last year was go-

ing to nationals in Chicago. "I especially liked being on the plane and in airports for twelve hours. We left at six p.m., had a stop in San Francisco, and didn't get to Olivet until the next morning."

She has no complaints, however. "It was exciting being at a Nazarene school where lots of people came to watch. They really spoiled us." The Crusader volleyball team will be traveling to Chicago this year also. Fortunately, this year's flight is more direct.

Phillips' goal as a student is to become an elementary school teacher. Currently, she is pursuing a special education emphasis. Although she may not teach in a specialized classroom, Phillips states that her interactions with her autistic brother gives her insight other people might not have in this area.



# Men Crusaders drop Tip-Off & one to BSU

## 3 straight losses for men's team

by Craig Craker

Crusader News Staff Writer

The Men's basketball team came into the Tip Off tournament with a 1-1 record, they opened the tournament by hosting Western Montana. This was the first home game for all of the starters, so one expected them to come out a little tense, but that was not the case.

The game opened with 2 three-pointers by Elijah Effinger giving the 'Saders a 6-2 lead. This may not seem like much, but it was one of the few leads that they would enjoy.

Western Montana went off and quickly jumped out to a 19-point lead. It remained that way

until a run by NNC cut it to 12 at half time and everyone was hoping that maybe they could come back.

Coming out of the locker room though, was a team that played more by themselves than as a team, and they quickly fell back down by 19. With 12 minutes remaining in the game and NNC trailing 63-44, it looked as though it was over, when suddenly 3-point bombs started dropping left and right. First Kelly Herron splashed one in, then LaMark Judkins hit one and another three from Herron followed his. Suddenly the 'Saders were right back into this one as they trailed by just 6, but they could not get over the hump.

They could never come up with the defensive stop they needed, or they would be called for a foul. I am not trying to make excuses, but the referees in this game were horrible. They looked

like they belonged at the Salvation Army elementary games. Western Montana went into the bonus with 15 minutes left in the half, NNC did not get to the bonus until 2:30 to go in the game.

Does that sound a little unfair to anyone else? Western pulled away at the end as they finished up the game 98-84. With the loss the team fell to 1-3 on the year.

Once again, it was a packed house to watch the NNC men's basketball team look for their first home win. They were hosting the Ore Diggers of Montana Tech, who were coming off of a loss at the hands of Albertson College. NNC, for the second straight night, came out strong opening an 8-3 lead, but then Tech went on a 16-5 run that gave them a 19-13 lead with 10 minutes left in the half.

The game went back and forth from there on out as NNC had some nice runs to stay in it nearing the end of the half. With the score Tech 35-NNC 29, Bussell caught a long bomb off the in-bound pass and laid it in at the buzzer to cut it to 35 to 31.

Coming out of the half, though, Coach Sanders said it best "...we played a strong first half and made good improvements on offense and defense, but I don't know what happened in the second half. We need to work on our offense, and come together better as a team."

Montana Tech came out of halftime with 19-3 run that took all of the life out of the crowd and the team, as Tech went up 54-34. NNC did close to within 13, but that was the only serious run that the 'Saders made before Tech closed it out with a 9-2 run. The

final score was 81-62.

On a side note, Albertson College won the Tip Off tourney beating Western Montana 90-65, and our own Kelly Herron made the all-tournament first team.

Tuesday night found the team in Boise for the annual game against Boise State. I have to admit that I was thinking that we were going to get thrashed on after seeing the two previous home games. But the team played some good ball as they hung around and found themselves down by just 10 with 8 minutes to go in the game, when suddenly a 12-0 run by BSU erased any hope of an upset. NNC ended up losing their third straight game as they fell to the Bronco's 76-50. Their next home games are homecom-



photo by Jenny Kung

ing weekend and I am sure that you all will be out there to watch the team hopefully find the touch and beat up on Willamette and MidAmerica.



photo by Jenny Kung

## Rocky season start for team

### Ladies win Tip-Off; are 2-2

by Hattie James

Crusader News Staff Writer

The Ninth annual U.S. Bank Tip-Off Tournament got underway Friday, November 13 with the Lady Crusaders playing Western Montana. The Lady crusaders dominated play Friday night, led by big scoring from both Staci Kirk and Staci Wilson, with 20 and 24 points respectively. The high scorers fro Western Montana only had 14 points apiece. The score at half time was 37-24, with NNC in front. The second half saw almost an identical amount of points scored by both teams. That wasn't enough, however, to allow Western Montana to catch up. NNC soundly defeated Western Montana, 82-65. Kirk, Chelsey

Hall and Mary Glaze all fouled out and the NNC bench received a technical.

The second day of the U.S. Bank Tip-Off tournament got off to a start with the women's championship game, with NNC competing against St. Martin's. NNC scored first off a Jessica Knowlton defensive rebound. St. Martin's answered right back with a three-pointer, and neither team looked back. However, by half time, St. Martin's was done looking. The Lady Crusaders were bound to prevail.

Fouls in the first half ran rampant and were usually called in St. Martin's favor. At the half, both Staci Wilson and Heather Doncaster led all the players with three fouls each. Rebounds were fought for and won with tenacity by both teams. And turnovers occurred with frequently on either side. The score at half time was 30-18 with NNC on top again.

Scoring in the second half got off to a slow start. NNC didn't score until four minutes had run out. St. Martin's answered with a two pointer to make the score 33-20. From then on, it was all NNC. Three pointers rained in on both sides, yet St. Martin's was never able to catch up. With ten minutes left in the game, NNC had 45 points to St. Martin's 27. Mary Glaze made an easy lay-in with 7:40 left on the clock to push NNC's score past 50. The final score was 63-44. Jessica Knowlton was named tournament MVP and she and Staci Wilson were elected to the All-tournament team.

Junior guard Chelsey Hall stated after the tournament that the play of the weekend had improved from he weekend before. "We did better than last weekend," she said. "We came out a lot better. Our start was weaker last weekend."

## Mary Glaze has arrived

by Jenifer Holmquist

Crusaders News Staff Writer

When Mary Glaze transferred to NNC from Grand Canyon University in Arizona, she knew she wanted to play Crusader basketball. Before transferring, she came to preview the college after the basketball season had ended. She decided to come because she enjoyed everyone on the team, and "the coach promised he'd try to get me a scholarship."

Basketball has, in fact, played a part in Glaze's life for a long time. "My whole family plays," she explained. "I would always get together with my cousins for pick up games, and I always loved it." She emphasized that while her parents never pushed her into the sport, "they were always very supportive."

This year, Glaze plans to do her best in helping the team get



to the national championships once again. She hopes to do "whatever I can to help my team, particularly to be a more consistent player and be inspirational to others."

In fact, much of Glaze's inspiration comes from her most memorable moment on the team during their first road trip to Montana. "Being on the road in a van (actually a bus) with everyone was our first opportunity to get to know each other," she explained. "The spirituality of the team" really became evident, she accentuated.

Glaze also plans to follow in family footsteps through her educational goals. Her father, an NNC alumnus, teaches high school English, and she would like to do the same. She finds pursuing this goal at NNC more challenging than at GCU. "NNC has a more demanding program, which is good," she stated. "I enjoy the subject [English], but never had a good teacher in high school. I'm going to be that teacher I never had." She hopes to maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher saying, "Knowledge of the subject is very important. It's also important to care for the students and show them how that knowledge works out in their lives, to show them how to think."

Through the caring already evident in her life, Glaze is already on the way to living out this dream.



# Team Porterfield crowned football champions

## Downey relinquishes it's title; Russel and Washington give a good try

by Craig Craker

Crusader News Staff Writer

It was a cold, windy day as I found myself sitting down to watch some exciting Intramural Playoff football. Four teams who had come from different places to meet in 3 excruciating games that would determine who were the champions of NNC football.

In the first game was Team Porterfield, who lost the first three games of their season and had won the last 3 of the regular season to make it into the playoffs. Team Porterfield was playing heavy favorite Team Washington who had dominated all season and found themselves in first place. This was a team that was not used to losing, yet they ran into a very determined team in Porterfield, a team that had decided they were going to let it all hang out for the title run.

In the other game was Team Russell who had reached the top, and after a late season slide, was just happy to be in the playoffs

the scoring with a touchdown run from 10 yards out, then Schwab added the two-point conversion and it was 8-0. It stayed this way until Porterfield was stopped on downs deep in the red zone. Washington got the ball and Jeremy Riehl promptly picked off the pass at the 20-yard line setting up a touchdown pass from Schwab to Wells. That touchdown made it 14-0 and it remained this way as the teams just turned the ball over back and forth until Dan Marchant scored on a tricky lateral play that made it 14-6.

The teams went at each other tooth and nail the rest of the way as the defenses stepped it up a notch and the game ended with Porterfield on top 14-6. Jeremy Schwab was the player of the game as he provided what little offense there was.

The next game pitted archrivals Russell vs. Downey. This promised to be a great game as Downey tried to extract their revenge after being beaten by Russell earlier in the year handing Downey their first loss ever. Much as I hate to admit this, this game was all about Glorious

would enjoy.

On the very next possession, Rob Russell pitched it to Oliver who promptly threw a 25-yard touchdown bomb to Chad Duerre. Rob Russell then hit Ryan Warwick on the two-point conversion to put Russell up 8-6. Sanchai Dean returned the kick-off 80 yards to the 10 yard line as Downey looked to go into the half with the lead, but Russell shut them down as Gerry Singletery made a great stop on third down. During half time it was ruled that Matt Freeby and Chris Field could play even though they had been suspended from the game, this was a very controversial decision, which Glorious Oliver summed up as, "so if I wear a polo shirt, then

I can have my suspension taken away?"

Back to the game. The teams traded the ball back and forth, when suddenly who appears? Oliver strikes again as he scores on the option to make it 14-6. Then with 1:46 remaining in the game, Chad Duerre intercepts the pass and rumbles all

the way down the field to the five yard line, and on the ensuing play Oliver runs it in to make it 20-6.

On Downey's next possession Kyle Fletcher hits Mike Mitterholzer to bring Downey to 20-12, but on the kickoff, Tim Barrass failed to kick it out of bounds. On the next play, Glorious Oliver runs over everyone and scores from 80 yards out to make it 26-12 and after Russell hit Duerre for the two-point conversion the game was over as Russell was going to the Super Bowl on a 28-12 victory.

The Super Bowl pitted Team Porterfield, who boasted a team of 25 against Team Russell, that boasted a team of 9. I am not trying to make any excuses I am just suggesting that if the four players that had to work had been there for Team Russell, this would have been a whole different ball game.

Once again the defenses played a large part in this game as they just turned the ball over back and forth to each other, until Jeremy Schwab ran it in from 30 yards out to put Porterfield up 6-0. After Russell turned it over on downs at the 25 yard line, Schwab responded by hitting Jeff Kern in the end zone to make it 12-0.

Team Russell really needed some offense, or else this game was going to be over without a fight, so once again they turned to Glorious Oliver who rambled

*This promised to be a great game as Downey tried to extract their revenge.*



photo by Jenny Kung

One of Saturday's quarterbacks scrambles to avoid the defensive rush while looking for a receiver.

50 yards and set up the Russell pass to Ryan Brown that made it 14-6. This was followed by a combination by Porterfield that would not fail all day as Schwab hit Jeff Kern in the end zone from 45 yards out to make it 18-6 at the half.

The second half was a defensive struggle as the teams hammered away at each other, until in a meaningless play at the end of the game Schwab hit Kern again for a touchdown that made it 24-6. Finally, Team Porterfield was the champion, but I would have to give a lot of credit to Russell for a great year.

I would like to congratulate everyone that played this year, it was a good year even if I did not

go to half the games. Oh yeah, before I forget, sorry Schwab, but I am going to have to give the Super Bowl MVP award to Jeff Kern instead of you.

Also in intramural news is the Powder Puff football tournament. No results have been turned into *The Crusader*, but we are reasonable sure that someone won and would like to offer our congratulations to the winners of the coveted t-shirts. Co-ed volleyball playoffs have started. Games are in the gym on weeknights.



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The general mass confusion always associated with football reigns as Team Russell (in black) tries to get around Team Porterfield's defense.

going against Team Downey who had won it all the previous year and expected to do the same this year.

Game one was a defensive struggle as Washington tried to shut down Jeremy Schwab opened

Oliver. He scored 3 touchdowns, threw for a touchdown and had an interception. The scoring opened with Sanchai Dean running it in from ten yards out to make it 6-0, but this was the only lead that the defending champs

## Time Out

*Sorry, no Time Out this week. Go to the Banquet instead. I won't be there, but then life can't be perfect all the time, can it? Instead think of all that you are thankful for. I personally am thankful for wonderful writers and photographers who save me time, and for 2nd South Ford. Happy Thanksgiving to all!*

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## Semesters vs. terms: Insight from a sock puppet

by Brandon Stewart

Humorist

So it's official, semesters are barreling through campus whether it tickles our chin or not. Like so many plastic surgeons of excitement, we can only hope that the new plan will tuck the loose ends of our college life into a dense abdomen of adventure. I am completely unsure of how I feel about the issue, questions as deep and pointless as wiffle-bats leak from my mind when I'm not looking, so I'm often too confused to think. But I talked it over with my virtual pet and a sock-puppet and the three of us decided to gauge the public's view on the matter so we might come to a better understanding before submitting a view. We were only out for an hour, but the data we gathered is positively, almost completely, but not quite conclusive. In fact, Queen Beemoth, otherwise known as the Titanium Teacup, European mudwrestling champ, was prompted to say of me that, "I can't [not] be-

lieve he can think at [such a high level of] all [these things], his research is [so amazing that I feel] stupid!" She was even so very thankful for me wanting to quote her so accurately in this article that she decided to give me a few wrestling pointers with the help of her stag beetle farm. Laying there with my nose being pinched by a ravenous insect definitely taught me a couple new moves, particularly the twitch and the spasm.

So, soon after a few quarts of blood plasma and a complementary popsicle, I was back on the trail of a hot story along with my team. For our first sample we decided to begin at the bottom of the food chain. I asked a chicken patty what it thought about semesters, but it got eaten before it could answer, so I forwarded the question to its preda-

tor. While there were four other conversations happening at the time, plus *People's Court* was on TV, I'm sure I heard him correctly. He said, "Darn right that jerk should pay, those goldfish were mailed to me from my mom fresh from the oven with chocolate chips in them, but the defendant jabbed me in the eye with a salad fork so the bailiff brought me a glass of milk and asked me to homecoming, and I said "that'll be the day when semesters get here!" So you can clearly see that this young gentleman is terribly opposed to semesters. But are all the sentiments negative, or is there any optimism? Upon exiting the cafeteria, I immediately came across some support for the semester transition

in the form of a letter addressed to NNC administration. Contained in the envelope was a poem that pleads with the higher-ups to continue the semester plan. The poem went like this: Over the banister and through the roof, I gently rubbed my swollen tush, for those who think three is better than two, I sat in poison ivy for proof. This young lad makes an excellent argument in favor of our 2000 goal, yes, leaves of three indeed! Then again, I still have some doubts, for soon after I read that encouraging letter I received a tip by phone that our school's president is preparing for a change in curriculum. I worry about this because once I saw this episode of the *Smurfs* where Gargamel was teaching his cat to properly prepare a Smurf for dinner. And there above a chalk drawing of Papa Smurf's entrails on the blackboard was written: Semester one: eviscerating made easy. Now am I to believe that this transition to a new calendar year is yet another phase of Gargamel's plan to eat

Smurfs? Is his new fortress cleverly disguised as a cafeteria where it is commonplace to serve organic material of a mythical origin so that when we are officially Sodex'ho-NNC students, we won't think to complain when the hot dogs turn blue? I tell you ladies and gents, there is a connection here, and I am dumbfounded.

I hope this information helps you make an educated decision on the matter, as well as I hope you appreciate the lengths my late assistants and I went to in order to find this valuable data. I say late because I'm afraid I had to use the electronics from my virtual pet to tap Dr. Hagood's phone line. Also a piece of cotton discovered at the scene was linked to my right-hand man, so Chunkfuzzer the sock puppet is currently doing forty to life in my laundry hamper for mail theft. However, aside from all these tragedies, I will still diligently pursue the truth in every issue, as long as it has nothing to do with muddy Bavarian women. Have a great Thanksgiving.

## Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues

On the average, how many times a month do you go to Clyde's?



Amy Johnson Freshman

"I've never gone to Clyde's. I don't really know what it's all about."



Sarah Menard Sophomore

"Zero. I don't have time to go. I'm to busy watching 90210."



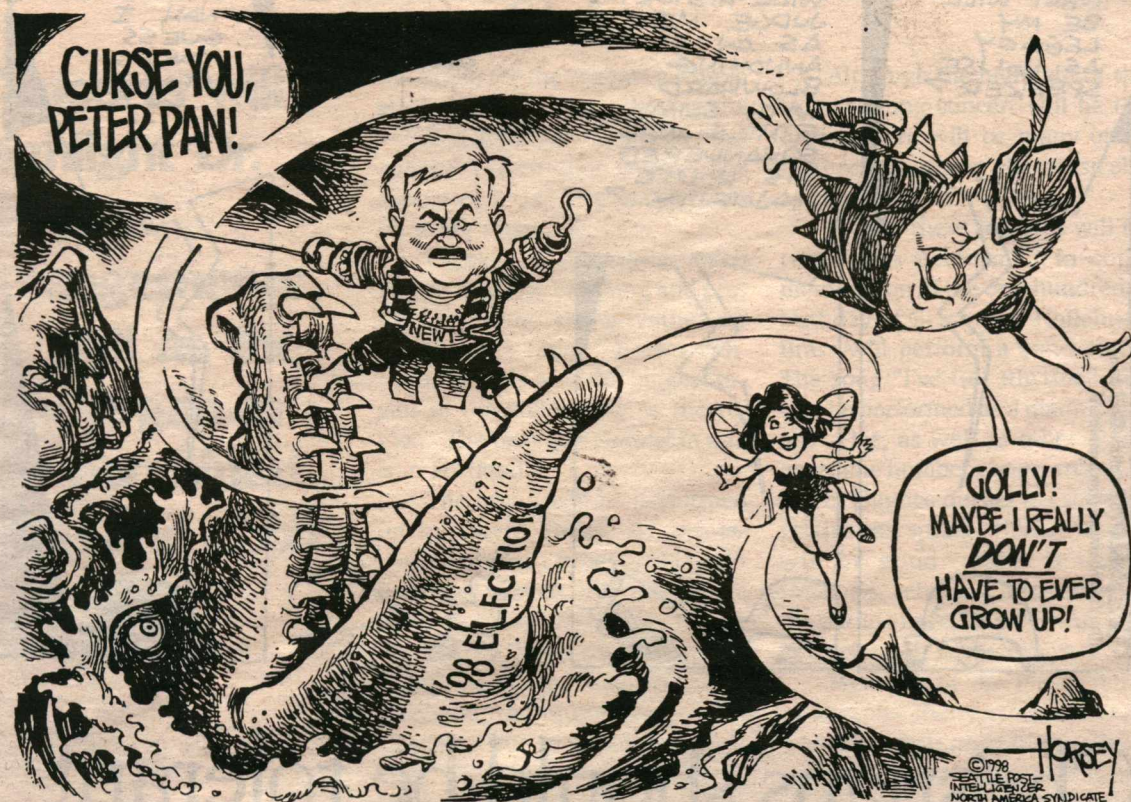
Brent Gould Junior

"Zero. I'm too busy. It's never open, and it's not any fun. They need more things to do like more live music."



Laura Rodgers Senior

"Probably once. Usually, when I go there it's just for a snack. I don't go there that often because they don't have a lot of events there."



## Staff Editorial

Nathan Hydes  
Opinions Editor

At one point in our lives, all of us have picked up a newspaper and perused the personal ads thinking maybe there's an ad devoted just to us. Maybe somewhere there's a girl or guy looking specifically for us.

I've seen a lot of ads, but I'm still waiting for the one that says SWF 21, retired supermodel, extremely wealthy in search of a 20-year old college student with a 2.7 GPA who enjoys watching low budget horror movies and eating cold cereal for dinner. Until I see that article, the search will continue.

Over the years, I've made the realization that people who place personal ads are going about it all wrong. They don't know what they're doing. I have the perfect way to get dates through personal ads. In order to find that special someone through the newspaper (the way God intended for us to find our soulmate), there are some things you should NOT do.

First of all, don't be dishonest. Don't use words like full-figured, pleasantly plump, large, vo-

luptuous, healthy, well-fed, etc. All of these words mean the same thing: Hello, I'm fat. Don't beat around the bush. If you're morbidly obese, then say so. Place an honest ad like this one: SWF 5'4", 859 lbs. seeking friendly man with forklift and a good back.

You can't be picky either. The following is an actual ad I read in the Idaho Statesman: SWF 60ish, in search of a gentleman who is healthy, pretty, humorous, talented, kind, honest, happy, affectionate, Bible-believing and spiritually and financially secure.

I'm sorry, but if you are in your 60s and you still haven't found a steady boyfriend, it's time to lower your standards. The following ad is much more realistic: SWF 60ish, in search of a mammal. If interested, call 555-HELP, I'M DESPERATE.

These pointers should help you get those dates you don't really want, but will settle for when your only alternative is staying home on a Saturday night watching the 700 Club or hockey.

# Christian catch-phrases that drive me crazy

by Chad Cray

Crusader News Opinions Writer

Have you ever taken notice of some of the phrases and names that some people use in the church? You know, terms like "stumbling block" or "this will give Satan a foothold in your life" or my personal favorite, "the Lord is laying this on my heart." Do people actually pay attention to the meanings of phrases like these, or do they just say them because they've heard other people saying them? Maybe they say them because they think such phrases lend credibility to whatever it is they are saying. It is my belief that if people are going to use such cheap and easily available phrases, they need to put some thought into what they mean, which is what I'm going to try and do in the rest of this article.

I can't count the number of times I have heard people say, "You know, (insert disliked persons name here) is such a stumbling block for me." Of course, this nifty phrase doesn't apply just to people, it can also include bands, types of music, movies, or just about anything people do not like. So what does it mean when people (or things) are a stumbling block for people? It gives me the impression that the offending person or object is in some way hindering another person's personal walk with God.

Maybe I should rephrase that. I get the impression that people want me to believe that some other object or person is interfering with their relationship with God.

I, however, look at it from a different point of view. What I see is that people do not want to be held accountable for their relationship with God, and so they blame it on something else by labeling it as a stumbling block. I admit there are some things that may be true stumbling blocks (i.e. drug addictions, or sexual disorders). These things, however, are very hard for people to control. A cocaine addict cannot just give up cocaine but must work through his problems, and this is what makes it a stumbling block. When something is so strong an influence that you have almost no control over it, then it becomes a true stumbling block. A

person who behaves differently than you, however, is not a stumbling block because there are so many things you can do about it.

You can admit to yourself that they are not to be viewed as role models, you can avoid them, or you

can "broaden your horizons." For example, some people in Jesus' day had problems eating food that was sacrificed to idols. The people who ate this meat were called stumbling blocks, but if you remember correctly, Paul said that these people were just fine. He didn't care what they ate, food is food. In this example, those people who ate the meat were in the right, but those who called them stumbling blocks were just too narrow-minded to see that the problem was their own.

Another phrase I hate to hear is, "(insert feared object/person here) will allow Satan to get a foothold in your life." What does it mean for Satan to get a foothold in your life? Absolutely NOTHING!

*What does it mean for Satan to get a foothold in your life? Absolutely NOTHING! Unless, of course you want to say that Satan can ruin your relationship with God. I however, am not willing to give Satan that much power.*

Unless, of course, you want to say that Satan is so powerful that he can ruin your relationship with God. I, however, am not willing to give Satan that much power. In fact, I'm not even willing to say that he exists. I have several reasons for this, but the one I want to focus on

*...what is the point in saying that "God is leading me to...?" I believe it is just a way to give credit and power to a bad idea.*

here is his lack of power if he did exist. If I believe God is all powerful, then what have I to fear from any creature, no matter how powerful they are? In other words, I do not care how many "footholds" Satan has in my life, because my life belongs to God and there is not a single thing Satan can do about that. Of course, this statement does not hold true if you believe Satan is as strong as God.

And finally, the most dreaded phrase of all, "I feel the Lord is laying (insert bad idea here) on my

heart." Another way of saying this is "I feel the Lord is moving me to..." My first response to any statement is simple: prove it. How do I know any statement preceded by "the Lord is moving me to" is actually prompted by God? The answer is that I can't know. So, if I can't know that God is calling people to do or say things, then what is the point in saying "God is leading me to...?" I believe it is just a way to give power and credit to a bad idea. You can come up with any lame-brained idea and say that God was leading you to do it. Two great examples of this are stupid things said in church, and the Crusades. People will get up and say the goofiest things I've ever heard, but they feel they are okay in saying them because they preceded it with the statement, "I feel the Holy Spirit is moving me to say..." In other words, it is a way to say that they are doing God's will, and, if you'll remember, that is the same line of thought that resulted in killing a lot of innocent people during the Crusades. People devoutly believed that the Holy Spirit was leading them to slaughter Muslims. What fun and interesting things will the Holy Spirit lead us to next?

Well, I would just like to close this article by saying that the Lord has moved me to write all of this, so don't even think of challenging what I said, because it came directly from God. Thanks.



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## Christians should be tolerant

by Andrew Yoder

Crusader News Opinions Writer

Recently, I have been exposed to quite a bit of what I believe to be intolerance for other people, cultures and religious traditions within the Christian environment. On our own campus, I am concerned about some of the rhetoric I hear against other religious traditions. Last year, a speaker at services on campus suggested that as "fired up" Christians we should take part in prayer marches around the synagogues of various religions such as Buddhism or Hinduism. This year, the speaker's sentiments were later repeated by my well-meaning friend, who eagerly told the story which he had heard at these services of a group of missionaries who showed open disdain and disrespect for a Buddhist temple. They proudly made gestures they knew to be offensive in that culture towards the sacred symbol of that local religion when no one was looking.

When I hear these things, my heart becomes very sad. I feel like the incident of a speaker (well meaning or not) proclaiming a message of superiority and intolerance from the pulpit is by no means an isolated one. Why is this the case? As Christians we have no New Testament (or new covenant) reference supporting racial, cultural or religious disdain. There is no teaching by Jesus, Paul or any disciple that instructs us to treat others with different religious beliefs as inferior or stupid, nor is there any teaching or example to indicate that marching around other centers of worship, making offensive gestures at other religious symbols, or conveying a message of fear and hate is the way to

share the message of the Gospel!

As Wilfred Cantwell Smith said in *The Meaning and End of Religion* there is truly no religious title such as Christianity (or any other tradition) in which we may hide when faith is truly the act of making one's self "naked before God." He went on to say, "there is no generic Christian faith, no 'Buddhist faith,' no 'Hindu faith,' no 'Jewish faith.'" In the eyes of God, each of us is a person, not a *type*."

This statement might seem somewhat radical and dangerous to many people, unless we take seriously some truths from our own doctrinal tradition that I think we have all too quickly forgotten. As followers of the Word, we do not go out and lead others to an encounter with God. In fact, no persons have the power within themselves to *initiate* a God encounter. *God encounters us!* This is an important distinction to be made. When we make it our responsibility to persuade or force everyone to encounter our American God in our American way, the prospects of salvation for the whole world look hopelessly bleak. However, when we take seriously that God encounters man, not limited to our proclamation of beliefs about him, but through whatever means He sees fit, we have hope for the salvation of all!

There can be no salvation for anyone without a God-initiated process. All we can do is respond to God in the positive or negative. Most of our problems arise when we begin to believe we play a larger role in the process than that. God's initiated encounter can come through a pastor or missionary most certainly, but it can also come through a reflective Buddhist, an isolated Hindu or a devout

Muslim. When each of these are devoted to truth, God *invites* and all and all may *respond*. That is the power of God's prevenient grace, which meets each person at their point of need while transcending all man-made barriers of culture and tradition. Sadly, God often reaches people in other religious streams in spite of, rather than through the Christian church.

So what then, is the proper response of the western Christian? As with every other aspect of biblical living, it is most certainly love. As 1 Corinthians reminds us, love is patient and kind. It also respects and it does not act unbecomingly. Scripture reminds us also, that it would be better for us to hang a millstone around our neck and be thrown into the ocean than to cause a "little one" to stumble. If we truly consider our western Christian tradition enlightened, then will we not be held painfully accountable for how we treat those with less opportunity, less understanding and less to be accountable for? Our response to other religious traditions can be nothing but absolute respect. If we feel seriously called to share the gospel to all "nations," then we must be willing to enter into a *dialogue* with persons we respect as equal in intellect, spiritual passion and humanity. If we are truly secure in our Christian faith, then we can look with admiration on other religious traditions realizing that they have many valuable lessons to teach us in areas where they often act much more Christ-like than the average Christian. We will certainly become better, more enlightened Christians if we are willing to do this!

# Rebecca St. James' continues to shine

Rebecca St. James finally has a new "real" album out. Her Christmas album that came out last year just does not count for all year enjoyment. By the way, what is up with these groups doing a Christmas albums after one hit album? It just marketing madness.

Rebecca's newest is called *Pray*. Like her last one, the title is simple and easy to remember. For those of you out there that don't know much about her, she is the up and coming Amy Grant of alterative music. She is a 21 years old, from Australia and *Pray* is her third album to be released in the US. The other albums that were released "down under" were gospel.

Her first self-titled album was the kind of pop Amy Grant did in the 80s. It had one chart maker call "Side by Side." There was even a song on it where she tried to rap. After that album she found her music niche in the album *God*. With this album she turned from pop to alterative. The title cut even made it on Forefront's annual CD, *Wow*. It was a good album, but I must be honest in saying the title cut came across very abrasive. The yelling in the song did not leave room for easy listening. This is not a problem with her latest album.

St. James had a part in writing in all but two of the songs. One of those happened to be written by Rich Mullins, who died prematurely in a car wreck. I have heard that it will be put on a tribute album that is due out at a later date.

This album took over two years and flows from one song to the next much better than her last CD. All the songs tend to be the same tempo, and her voice

is soothing to hear. The album is loaded with feel good toe tapping songs with just enough percussion. The lyrics are easy to sing with, and it makes for great study music. As with her last album, the words relate to her evangelical message. She is tends to sing all her song about our relationship with Jesus, and that is pretty much the subject she sings about.

Hearing the album, there is not a song I don't like. Rebecca St. James is often compared to Alanis Morissette. On this record there is only one song that sounded familiar to Morissette. That song is the seventh track, "Peace." It starts with the sounds of Alanis Morissette's "Uninvited," but after the first chorus Rebecca's song goes off in its own direction.

Two of my favorites are "I'll carry you," and "Come Quickly Lord." The first of the two has a bit of a disco beat in the background. The song is just a great feel good song to sing in the shower. The other song is about her passion for Jesus to come back soon. It talks about being in a total mind-set of anticipation.

At the end there is a hidden song. I tend to not like the hidden songs on most albums because they are not worth waiting through the silence to hear. This song is. It has the sound of an Irish anthem. She has a wonderfully strong voice in the song. It stirred my emotions to an unexplainable point. It talks about God's kingdom and His power.

I will leave you with words from the last song on the album: "May the grace of our Lord be with you." Now and always may you stay blameless till He comes."

## Pray

by  
Rebecca St. James

Reviewed by  
Scott Timm



...[Rebecca St. James] is the up and coming Amy Grant of alternative music.

## Meet Joe Black

Starring  
Brad Pitt  
Anthony Hopkins

Reviewed by  
Brandi Blacklock



## Brad Pitt's good looks just aren't enough

*Meet Joe Black* is unlike any other movie I have seen. In this movie, a wealthy businessman named Bill Parish (Anthony Hopkins) is approaching his 65th birthday. His high-stress job leads to several attacks where he is struck with horrible heart pain. He hears a brooding voice speaking to him in a ghostly, haunting sort of way that leaves him very unsettled. Meanwhile his youngest daughter, Susan, who is a promising young doctor begins to realize that her relationship with her father's right-hand man, Drew, is lacking the passion and flair both she and her father desire for her love life.

One morning, Susan meets a vibrant young man in a coffee shop who takes her breath away. Later that night, the haunting voices continue for Bill and it turns out he is visited by the Spirit of Death who has inhabited the body of the young man Susan met in the coffee shop. An interesting deal is struck between Bill and Death: Bill will be allowed to live longer if he will entertain and host Death, in the flesh, while he explores the fascinations of being human.

Bill's mysterious companion, (Brad Pitt) shadows him everywhere he goes, never leaving his side. Bill's associates and family

are intrigued and somewhat annoyed at Joe's mysterious appearance onto the scene. In time, Susan and Joe fall in love, all the while, she has no idea who he really is. When Bill finds out about the affair, he is enraged that Death would hamper with his daughter. The bizarre plot twists deeper and deeper and the audience finds that the end of the movie sorts out much of the mystery, yet presents some entirely new questions that are somewhat unexpected and unpredictable.

*Meet Joe Black* is an interesting film, yet it is not for everyone. Girls, going to this movie just to see Brad Pitt are probably not enough to make it a great flick. (Although you can ask RaChelle Lundy, Andrea Young, Anna Ganske or Nikki Danielson if you're not sure). The running time of the film is three hours and eight minutes, and it does seem somewhat long. The movie held my attention, though I didn't necessary like a lot of what I saw. Just don't go into it expecting a normal, realistic story to unfold. However, if you are in the mood for an unusual fiction movie that portrays Death as a deal-maker and has some interesting romantic twists, this movie may be just the entertainment you are looking for.

### Staff Infection

What's the mascot for Western Montana?...the Bullpups...Are you trying to be serious?...not even accidentally...I got a letter from Brian...Robin, am I getting your love letters sent to me again?...If you are an athlete, you are twice as likely to throw your trash in the back of someone's pick-up...I can't wear contact lenses because my eye reflex is too strong...If your fingers aren't strong enough to hold

your eyes open, then you've got bigger problems than an irregular eye reflex...Those cookies were terrible...Don't say that, don't even say that...What are you talking about?...I'm trying to be random...work with me here...Who won the Powder Puff game?...I think the girls one (very small chuckle)...which word do you find the most offensive: cow, heiffer, sow, or farmbeast...?

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Anonymous

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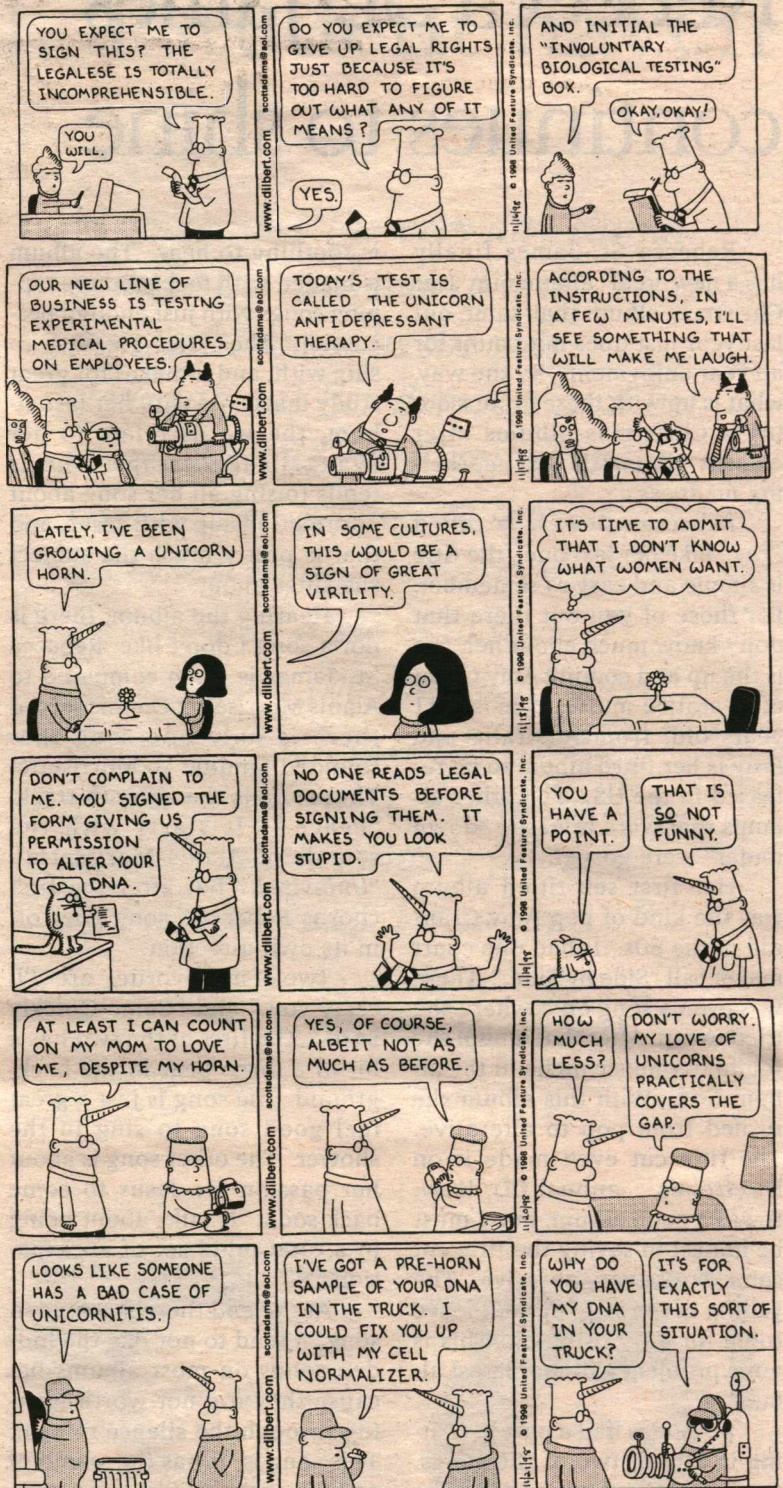
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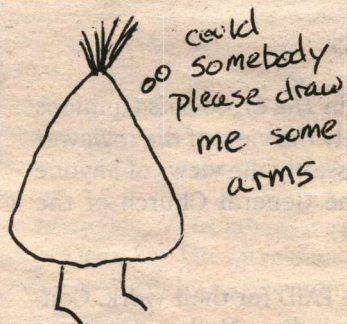
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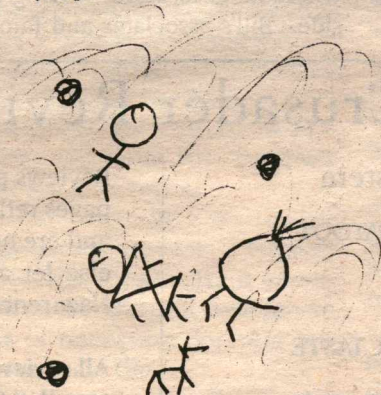
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### Poorly Drawn Man - by David Stillman

Last week, O.K.ly Drawn Woman was turned into a leek



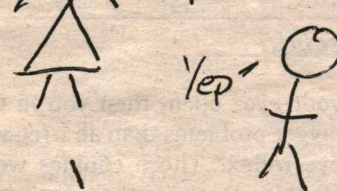
That means no one cleaned up after last week's strip



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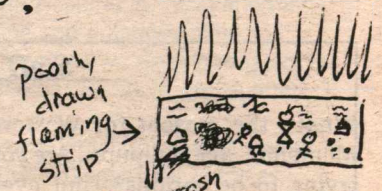


You rescued me from leekdom so I could clean up after you?



Forget it. Do it yourself.

So our hero drags out the flamethrower



It's the only way I know how to clean

Stupid ideas really burn

# Concept of time depends on gender orientation

There are two kinds of people in the world, and I am one of them.

I'm the kind of person who likes to be on time for things. In fact, I like to be early. Let's say I need to catch a flight that's leaving at 4 p.m. In planning my drive to the airport, I'll factor in a "cushion" to allow for the unexpected, such as heavy traffic, or a flat tire, or being kidnapped. Usually I'm at the gate, ticket out, ready to go, no later than 7:14 a.m.

My wife is the other kind of person. For her, the ideal way to catch a plane would be to arrive at the airport as the plane was taking off. She'd stand at the end of the runway, and as the plane flew over her, it would snatch her up with a big hook. Even then, she'd wait until the last second.

"What's the hurry?" she'd say. "The plane isn't even halfway down the runway yet!"

Part of this is a cultural difference. I grew up in a WASP household, and my wife grew up in a Cuban household. WASPs tend to follow schedules strictly; Cubans tend to be more relaxed. If a WASP wedding is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. Saturday, the wedding march will start at 2 p.m. sharp, and the

**Dave Barry**

Syndicated humor columnist



bride will come down the aisle at 2:03 p.m., no matter what, even if the originally scheduled groom has bailed out and the bride has to use an emergency backup groom taken right off the street.

Whereas in a typical Cuban wedding, the phrase "2 p.m." is translated as "possibly this weekend." (True fact: I once went to a wedding at a Cuban home; I arrived 20 minutes before the scheduled start, and was greeted at the door by the bride, who was still in curlers.) I believe that the Cuban community will not be affected by the Millennium Bug until the year 2004 at the earliest.

But the difference between my wife and me is not totally cultural; I think it's also gender-related. I believe that men and women do not view time the same way: I think that, in general, women think there is WAY more time in the universe than men do. This is not just some half-baked notion of mine: This is a scientific,

statistically valid conclusion that I reached by talking to some guys about their wives. In every case, the guys had experienced friction with their wives over the issue of time.

The way this typically works is, a couple will be going to a party, and they'll agree they're going to leave the house at 7:30 p.m. The wife, believing that the universe has plenty of time left, interprets 7:30 to mean "around 8," or, more specifically, "9." Whereas the husband, acutely sensitive to the dwindling supply of time, interprets 7:30 to mean "around 7," which, after he allows for an emergency cushion, translates to 6:45. The husband likes to allow a cushion on top of the cushion, in case there's a tornado or nuclear war, so he's dressed and ready to leave at 5:30, at which time the wife is figuring that she still has more than three hours - or, rounding it off, four hours.

By 7:25, the husband is a nervous wreck. By his figuring, they are now almost two hours late for the party (the husband never wanted to go to the party in the first place but that is no longer relevant). The husband doesn't dare say anything directly to his



wife, however, because this has resulted in friction on several prior occasions (2,381 prior occasions, to be exact). So he tries to alert her of the urgency of the situation via the Universal Husband Signaling Method, which is jingling his keys. This makes his wife crazy. She's thinking, "Why is he JINGLING already? We have TONS of

time!" So, in a mistaken effort to calm him down, she calls out the words that cause despair in the hearts of men:

"I'm almost ready! I'm just putting on my makeup!"

To the husband, these two statements contradict each other. It's like saying: "I'm very short! I'm 38 feet tall!" Or: "You can believe me! I'm Bill Clinton!" Because to the husband, "I'm just putting on my makeup" means "I'm painstakingly applying 450 coats of beauty products to my face using an applicator the width of a human hair." Granted, the wife can do this in seven minutes, but it seems way longer to the husband because of Albert Einstein's Theory of Cosmetic Relativity, which states that "every minute that a wife spends putting on makeup is experienced as 45 minutes by a husband who has reached the key-jingling stage." By the time they actually leave the house (at 7:40) there is so much friction that the car may burst into flames. If they make it to the party, the husband, trying to keep on schedule, will immediately want to leave.

I realize that I've made some sweeping generalizations in this column, and you may disagree with me. If so, and you'd like to "drop me a line" so I can see your side of the story, you can forget about it, because I'm running late as it is.

Possum - by Ryan Close

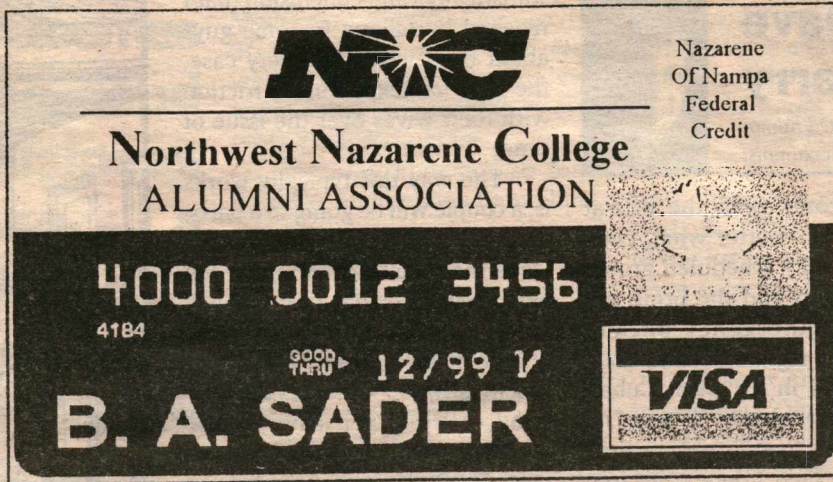


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