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Budget Blues

By Rob Thompson
Crusader Special

Throughout the last several weeks, rumors have surfaced concerning an ASNNC first term budget cut. To end all doubt, let it be said—the axe has fallen.

ASNNC Business Manager, Barry Kennard informed Senate on Tuesday, October 16, that all executive officer accounts and club allotments were cut by 9.6% for the term. This is to offset the drop in student fees which was caused by a severe drop in enrollment. Last year's projected enrollment was at 1150 while the business office's latest official head count is currently at 1088 resulting in an approximate \$3000 cut in student fees. This means that ASNNC will receive around \$30,000 instead of the projected \$33,285 of last year.

Terry Blom, Director of Enrollment Management, blames the drop in enrollment on two things. First, Blom stated that there is a nationwide demographic slide in the number of incoming freshman. Private institutions across the country are experiencing a

20-35% drop in enrollment this year alone. NNC's enrollment decreased only 14%.

Blom also explained that other schools in the Northwest region are far more aggressive than NNC in their recruitment techniques. NNC lost market share in four of eight districts this year, while three remained constant. In only one district did NNC's market share increase. This adds up to a drop in enrollment and, consequently, a drop in revenue not only for ASNNC, but for NNC as a whole.

The reason for the overestimation of enrollment is two-fold. First, the five-year historical model used by the college to determine future enrollment is merely an average indicator, and therefore experiences up and down years.

Secondly, NNC Business Manager Hal Weber stated that the college "overestimated the impact of the Regent's Award [church matching two-for-one deal] on enrollment." All this may seem like gloom and doom, but Weber believes that the college is better off this year than it has been in the past.

Weber said that although the enrollment decrease's



Peace Through Oil: A simple, quiet protest appeared on the lawn between the Wiley Learning Center and the Emerson Administration Building last week. It disappeared after several days, as subtly as it had appeared.

effects on the college are profound, they are not as bad as they could have been. Last year, college administration anticipated a \$129,000 deficit. Due to a decreasing attrition rate and increased payment of educational budgets by regional churches, however, NNC ended the year in the black by \$211,000. This, coupled with increased church budget revenues this year, will keep the budget crunch to a minimum. Even so, the college will find itself \$300,000 short on this year's

budget alone. This means that the current college budget must be revised before its presentation to the Board of Regents in November.

Now comes the big question: How will the budget cuts affect the college next year? Last year, NNC moved to a three-year budget cycle, meaning that next year's budget has already been adopted. The budget will have to be trimmed, however, before its annual resubmission for approval by the Board of

Regents.

Now comes the bigger question: How will budget cuts affect tuition? Weber explained that, according to the currently adopted three-year plan, there is already an anticipated student fee increase each year. The size of the tuition increases has not yet been determined.

"The Board [of Regents] has not officially accepted the final budget for next year," Weber stated. "We will release student fee information after they have done so."

In a State of Emergency

By Amy Hudson
(CPS)

State funding of emergencies have forced public colleges in at least fourteen states to cancel course selections, layoff faculty and staff, cut back on student services and overcrowd classes in recent weeks.

The emergencies result from state governments' overestimations of sales and employment tax collection in their 1990 budgets. From California to Rhode Island, uncertain business conditions and slow economic growth

have had a detrimental affect on state income. This situation leaves the states less money to commit to their responsibilities, including their public campuses.

On public campuses, as a direct result, expenses must be cut and/or alternative forms of income must be found. To at least temporarily compensate, campuses have reacted with the cancellation of course selections, layoffs, cutbacks in student services, and the overcrowding of classes. In order to raise the necessary funds, however, "the most immediate effect will be an

increase in tuition," predicts Richard Novak of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

States effected by over-estimations include: Virginia, Nebraska, Maryland, California, Arizona, New York, Washington, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Rhode Island, and New Jersey. These states have or soon will cut the amount of state funding that will be allotted to their public colleges.

Student reaction has taken the form of staged protests and sit-ins on the affected campuses.

Fresh Elections

By Barry Williams
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again! Cold winds are nipping at our noses, the sugar beet factory is in full swing, and certain NNC students are attempting to assert their leadership abilities on campus. That's right! It's freshman election time again, and we have an excited bunch ready to fill some positions.

Voters went to the polls

Monday, October 15. Only 146 freshmen showed up to cast their ballots, but they got the job done. The results of freshman elections are as follows: President, Marc Otto; Vice-President, Karalee Rodgers; Secretary, Amy Heritage; Treasurer, Jason Koglin; Chaplain, Ann French; and Senators, Chris Carpenter, Kevin Six and Heidi Ackley. There was a run-off election between Ackley and Kipp McKenzie to determine the final Senator position.

EDITORIALS

Money Talks Ignorant & Irregular

By Kathy Beshere
Opinions Editor

He is willing to sell us oil. On Thursday, October 18, Saddam Hussein announced he would sell oil to anyone, including the U.S., at \$21 per barrel (approximately the price before the Kuwaiti invasion). Since Iraq's economy is entirely dependant upon oil exports, the U.N. embargo left Saddam Hussein with the responsibility of maintaining a military state with no income. Money, and not military might, is what seems to be breaking Hussein's resolve.

Budget fights continue in Congress. Until now, the Bush administration has experienced little conflict with the House and Senate. Now, the budget is on the top of

the favored hall. However, NNC responded by asking that the money be donated to the school for use where it was more needed. The offer was promptly withdrawn, and the mattresses were donated to another school.

Money runs our world. For better or for worse, capital dominates. Those with it decide who gets it and in what amounts. Anticipating this pattern, Socrates, in Plato's Republic, advocates that the rulers of a society have no possessions. They should be people who have no desire for money or power, people who govern by wisdom alone.

Imagine what a difference that would make in the Persian Gulf, Congress, and even our own campus. Saddam would simply be

I hate it when people ask "How's it going?" but don't stop to hear your reply.

It's as if they're asking out of courtesy. They must not really care how your day is progressing, for if they did, they would want to hear your answer.

It would be quite ignorant to assume that everyone's day is going well. College life does a bang-up job of presenting numerous opportunities for concern and stress: "I have a test next hour in Atomic and Nuclear Physics. My girlfriend just dumped me for a freshman. My Political Science paper is due tomorrow. Hicks fined me for sneaking through a window last night. I think I'm catching a cold. I'm working 18 hours this week. I haven't been in bed before 1:00 a.m. since last month. And if that wasn't enough, yesterday's Mexicali Casserole left me irregular."

Do you see my point? Of course you don't. Let me illustrate it once more...

Joe is walking down the sidewalk toward the library. Frank is traversing the same sidewalk on his way to Wiley. Here's the conversation...

JOE: Howdy, Frank!
FRANK: Hey, Joe, how's it goin'? (He doesn't even stop.)
JOE: Well, it's been-- (He realizes that Frank

Carpe Diem

D.M. Bomar
Assistant Editor

wasn't really concerned about him, shrugs, and walks on toward the library.)

Truly a tragic scene, eh? This illustration shows just how much of a self-centered jerk Frank really is. He asks Joe a question that suggests the idea that he cares about his friend, that he is concerned with Joe's state of mind at that particular moment, but he follows this concern by completely ignoring Joe's response! Some kind of friend he is! Somebody ought to tie a SAGA roll around his neck and throw him into Lake Lowell!

Joe could have been in the middle of a very crappy day. He could have used some support and encouragement. Or it could be that Joe had some serious concerns on his mind. Perhaps he needed to sit down with Frank and talk about a heavy situation that had him in pieces.

Are you getting the idea? On a Christian campus especially, we should be more than willing to listen to each other's problems and

needs. We should be words of encouragement for those overwrought by worry. We should be smiles and hugs for those lost in loneliness. We should be shoulders to cry on for those wallowing in despair. We should be voices of affirmation to those barraged with doubt.

The next time I ask someone about their day, I WILL stop and listen to him, and if he expresses deep concern over an upcoming test, I will give him some encouragement. I may even tell him that I will remember him in prayer. And not only that, but I will, actually, remember him in prayer. (How many times do we say "I'll pray for you," and fail to do so?)

How difficult is it to listen? How hard is it to care? How much time does it take to write a note of encouragement and slip it in the mail? We need to remember the Golden Rule, and care about people as we would want them to care about us.

But the next time someone asks me about my day and keeps on walking, I'll turn around and scream at them at the top of my lungs.

"Hey, you! Get back here you conceited wart hog from Melba! Yeah, you! You asked me how I was doing, right? Well, get back here and LISTEN!"

YO!



the agenda, and our President can only get 71 out of 176 House Republicans to support him. Congress holds our nation's purse strings and Bush must beg them to favor his monetary plan.

A group of NNC alumni purchased new furniture for Morrison Hall this year. Those who attended the first Open House probably noticed the oak desks and matching bunks which now grace many of Morrison's rooms. Last year, new mattresses were offered for

excused from office because he values power too highly to rule well. Many Congressmen would have to resign because those who can benefit from tax loopholes are not the ones best suited to make tax laws, and people donating money to NNC would want the dollars to be spent in the manner most beneficial to the school, without regard for their own legacy in the form of a plaque on a dorm room wall. We can learn something valuable from ancient philosophy. It's worth a look.

Sound Off

Many students believe that non-Christian athletes should not be recruited to play NNC sports. They believe this procedure interferes with the goals of the school.

Other students believe that there is nothing wrong with recruiting non-

Christians. They believe that it has a positive effect on the athletes and the school.

The Crusader wants your opinions on this subject. Keep all responses to 150 words or less, and send them to "Recruiting," box C.

The SAGA Continues...

Heather K. Nelson
Staff Writer

Lately, students have been annoyed, if not enraged, by the increase in fees for NNC food services. Because of the mark up, there have been questions as to whether Marriott should be our food service company.

According to Justin Hart, Marriott student manager, the school has looked at several other options. Another food service company bid lower than Marriott, but was not chosen. The company is

smaller and could not give the options that Marriott is able to provide. The other company could supply only two entrees per meal and no alternative sideline choices. Marriott uses a local food distributor, while the other company would have to ship in food from across country.

Another option was going independent. This would allow NNC to plan its own menu instead of following the menus established by Marriott, thus cutting overhead costs dramatically. The major setback is that NNC would lose bulk-

purchasing through Marriott and pay more for its food. Also, as an independent food service, NNC would not be able to keep Fireside Inn open in the evenings. Marriott is able to keep Fireside Inn operating even though it is a losing venture. There is no way a small food service could handle that kind of situation.

Marriott has a lot going for it. We as students do get a good deal, and we do not have to cook. So quit your whining and give Meri, Laury and Justin a break. They are doing the best that they can.

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Pure Gold

"He knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold" (Job 23:10). I remember reading a story about a dentist and the process involved to fill a tooth with a gold filling. Before doing that, he had to completely purify the gold through fire so that no particle of dirt remained in the metal. If even a tiny particle were left, the precious metal would not fuse to the tooth and the procedure would fail.

Some gold had to pass through the fire more times than others in a very time-consuming process. Each time the gold was heated, it was beaten, forcing dirt particles to the surface. This was repeated again and again until all traces of dirt were removed.

The gold was of little value to the dentist until it was refined by fire. But purified, it was extremely valuable.

Faculty Insight

Liz Murtland
Crusader Special

We are of little value to the Lord until we are purified. The tests can be very difficult, but we never go through them alone. He always goes with us so that we may fully enjoy God's will for our lives.

The final steps for the gold, once purified, are molding and fusing. The gold must accurately match the anatomy of the tooth it will fill in order for the mouth to function with maximum efficiency. Our greatest potential for use in His Kingdom is when we have been molded and fused to the likeness of Christ. We can function most efficiently and effectively only when we have allowed God to mold and fuse us into Christ's likeness.

Sweet Turned Sour

So call me stoney. I don't know. Our campus is suffering from a big, giant, big, huge, big case of sugar-coated reactions to life's situations. The completely weenie reaction I am speaking of is the word "sweet."

This word takes various spoken forms, some more obnoxious than others. There is the normal reaction of a short, punctual, monotone "sweet;" or there is the awestruck exclamation of "awwww-sweet;" but the most irritating, vile, disgusting, bogus, and most common form is the high-pitched "saaaweeeeet!" I can't help wondering if the infamous Willy Wonka is somehow perpetuating this movement. Oh, if only it were that simple!

Call Me Stoney

Otis Spunkmeier
Crusader Columnist

Now if you will step with me into my linguistical time machine, we will embark on a journey to the roots of expression. So call me the stoney Ghost of Language Past. Let's go way back to ancient Greece, where we hear Socrates saying in response to a well-founded idea, "Hey, that's stoney!" Now let's skip ahead and listen in on Einstein just after he figured an equation to change the world: "Now that is stoney!" Hey, I think I hear Hitler commenting on the war he just started... "Saaaweeeeet!" Judging

from the facts we have just heard, I can only conclude that the word "sweet" is not only annoying, but is also an expression of the destruction and downfall of humanity.

It seems to this stoney individual that this school is a haven for such destructive terminology. Do we greet it? Do we breed it? Do we say it? Did I stutter?

If you are currently using this adjective, please stop showing off your ignorance. College is a place to throw off stupidity and mature to adult forms of expression. Fellow students, let us fight together to end this foul and destructive speaking. Next time you hear someone say any form of "sweet," do them a favor and spit in their face.

Curran Challenges NNC

By Naomi Brown
Staff Writer

"Catch me if you can" could easily be Professor Mary Curran's theme when it comes to finding time for an interview. Telephone calls and visits to an empty office brought no success until persistence paid off 9:30 a.m. on a Saturday morning was reserved.

What makes Curran so difficult to find? As a new full-time professor in the NNC Social Science department, she explains that "every lecture is new" and must be carefully planned. Not only does she have lectures to plan and present, but she also meets individually with thirteen seniors who are currently doing social work internships in the Nampa community.



Curran is no stranger to NNC, as she has taught topics courses at NNC for the past five years and team-taught for a term with Professor Jerry Hull last year.

Seventeen years of Curran's professional experience has been in the cities. Ten years in Washington D.C. followed seven years of social work in other cities. While in D.C., she worked in what is called the "Riot Corridor," an open market drug area where police intervene only in life-threatening situations.

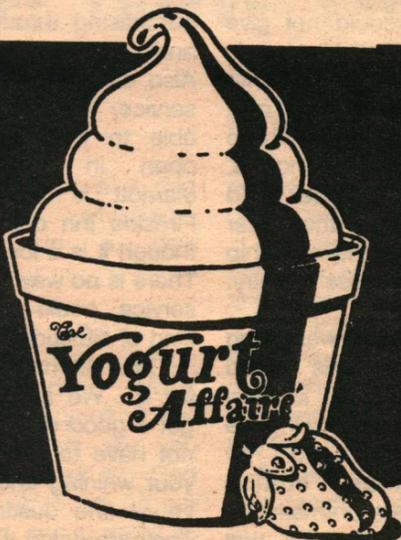
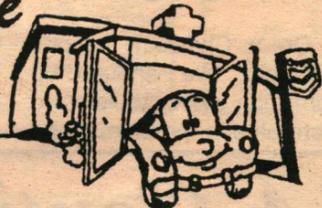
Contrary to popular belief, "there are a lot of good people who live in the city that have to endure the violence, drugs, and prostitution. These people don't want their children to

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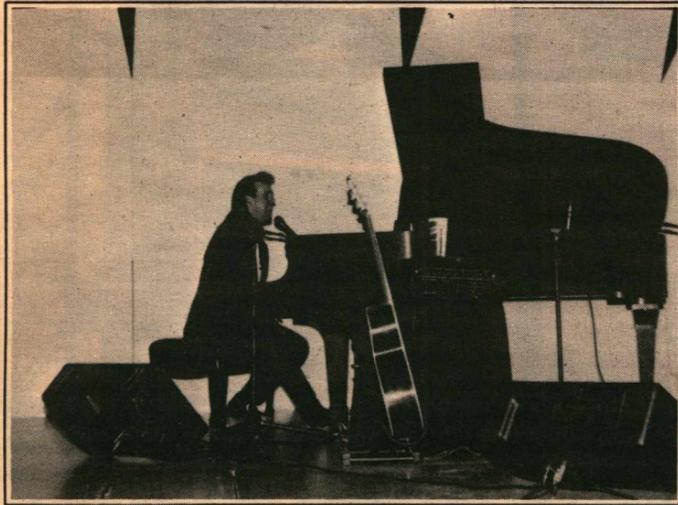
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ARTS

Watson Packs Spiritual Punch



By Tami Cope and Jonna Doughty
Staff Writers

First there were Lewis and Clark, David and Jonathon, Simon and Garfunkel. Then there were Abbott and Costello, and Bush and Quayle. You've heard of Turner and Hooch, Garfield and Odie, Siskel and Ebert. Now a new

generation begins with Doughty and Cope.

Their first mission: To go where no other reviewers have gone before—Montgomery Fieldhouse. The object of their review: Wayne Watson. The date, October 11; the time, 7:30 p.m. Doughty and Cope have joined the crowd for an evening of song. After the concert, the questioning begins.

"So, Tami, what did you enjoy most about the concert?"

"Well, Jonna, I enjoyed the way Wayne gave background on each song and explained the point he was trying to make. And yourself?"

"I liked the intimacy of the show, Tami. It felt like we were a group of friends together for an evening."

"Watson performed both fast and slow songs. I enjoyed both styles, yet his ballads really spoke to me. Which style did you prefer Jonna?"

"Well, I think his lyrics on both types of songs were equally stirring, but his up-tempo songs really rocked. I think his new album, Home Free, is really good. Especially the song 'Freedom', which he wrote after the Berlin Wall came down. What was your favorite?"

"I think I prefer his older songs, Jonna. My favorite

was 'Somewhere in the World.' I like the idea that God prepares people for each other."

"I heard several people singing along with him from time to time. What did you think of the audience's reaction?"

"I was singing along, myself, Tami. During the song, 'Out Of Control', I heard someone comment that they felt like getting up and doing the 'D' word. I think the audience really identified with his music."

"Remember when he invited the audience to sing 'It Is Well With My Soul'? That was very special. It gave us a chance to participate. Watson really came across as a humble and sincere artist, and I admired the importance he placed on his family. What did you think of him as a person, Jonna?"

"I think his sharing of personal experiences was what made the evening so

special, Tami. Without those stories, it would have just been some guy standing up there on stage singing a bunch of songs. But because he opened up to us, I felt as though I knew him, and had a personal link with each song. Watson really does have tons of talent."

"Yes, I agree. He not only plays the piano and guitar well, but he has good control of his voice. He can sing several styles and he has a great range. He also writes most of his own material."

"I had a terrific time, and as Jan Green said, came away spiritually refreshed. The concert put me in a wonderful mood."

"You know, Jonna, I felt God move in there. I think I'll go listen to some Wayne Watson tapes."

Their mission completed, Doughty and Cope move on. Their next course of action? Only time will tell.

Concert Series: A Grand Performance

By Tami Cope
Staff Writer

The lights dim as a spotlight focuses on two black grand pianos. From behind the curtain emerge four distinguished gentlemen in tuxedos. The first of the Nampa Concert Series, the

American Piano Quartet, is about to begin.

On October sixth, the American Piano Quartet captivated the audience in the Science Lecture Hall. The quartet consists of four nationally and internationally known musicians. Three of these men, Paul Pollei, Jeffrey Shumway, and Mack

Wilberg, are from Brigham Young University. The fourth man, Del Parkinson, is from Boise State University. All of the gentlemen not only hold careers in performing, but in most aspects of composing, teaching, and administration as well.

How did this talented group come about? Professor Pollei was given some rare music for two pianos and eight hands. He invited three of his colleagues to play the pieces with him. After their first informal performance in 1985, they gained the appreciation of many, and are now in high demand.

The quartet was sought after in Nampa as well. Soon the group was on our

very own campus. A full auditorium greeted the musicians. Scattered among the crowd were numerous NNC students. Admittedly, some may have been there only because they needed to report on a concert for Music and Art. Music majors were also there partly out of obligation. However, requirements aside, the general feeling was one of time well spent.

The pieces that were performed were composed and arranged for two pianos with eight hands. This fact led to works beyond the ordinary. While pieces from Bach or Beethoven could still be heard, there were also pieces by less familiar artists, such as Chabrier and Moscheles.

The crowd was entranced as four hands urgently flew across the keys in several songs, and soothingly

strolled over notes in others. As the evening drew to a close, the audience used their hands as well, clapping and giving the quartet a standing ovation. This response granted the listeners an encore and concluded the performance.

Some of you may have missed the first of the Nampa Concert Series, but there are three performances yet to come. The next concert is by the Vancouver Wind Trio. They will perform on January 28. The Dean Wilder Singers will follow, performing on February 22. The Series will then conclude with the New York Harp Ensemble on March 28. All performances will be in the Science Lecture Hall. If the first concert is any indication of the talent coming our way, you may want to check into the remaining Nampa Concert Series.

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FEATURES

Emerson Through The Years



In 1924, the Administration Building was an all-wood structure with the entrance facing east.

Mary Reimers
Layout Editor

The Administration Building . . . each one of us has stepped inside for one reason or another during our time at NNC. But have we really stopped to look at it and see the history or think of what it was like way back when the campus was

founded?

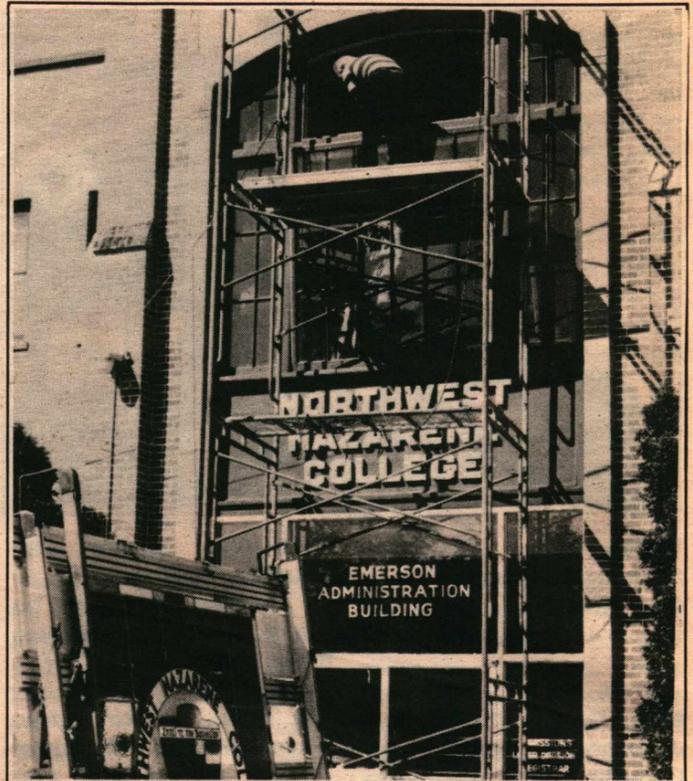
The Emerson Administration Building was constructed in 1915 with only two stories. Originally built as a wood structure, it was later encased with all handmade bricks. Being the oldest original building on campus, it has seen much renovation and change over the last 75 years. One of the major changes occurred in

1931 when the Chapel/Auditorium and third floor were added to the original two floors. At the same time, the entrance was moved from the east side to its present location facing the circle drive.

The very versatile Emerson Hall, through the years, housed the post office, the library, the biology department, the chemistry lab, the bookstore, and the business department.

When the chapel (now known as the Ad. Building Auditorium) was added to the original structure, it served as the chapel location through the 1960's until the student body outgrew the seating arrangement, which at that time was much larger than as we know it now. It included the current seating area as well as a balcony covering three sides of the chapel area, with the main door extending out to the hall which is now used for office space.

Through the years, the different departments and student services found buildings of their own while the administrative services expanded. We now see the Ad. Building primarily as the center of the administrative activities; including the business office, the President's office, the financial aid office, the admissions office, and various other services essential for the student body to exist.



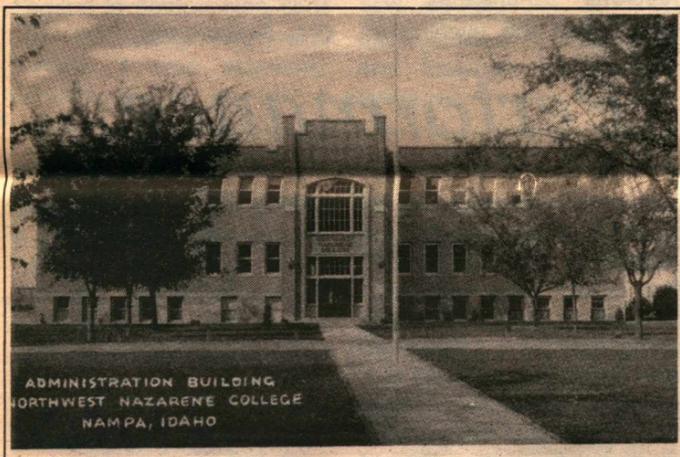
The stained glass window with the school emblem was installed in 1985.

The Ad. Building has once again gone through a series of changes. In 1985, the stained glass window was installed. Through 1989-1990, the various administrative offices played musical chairs as they rearranged the offices—much to the confusion of the student body as we wondered, "where will the financial aid office be this time?" This year, the entrance is getting a new look with new carpeting to bring the old structure into the 1990's.

The Ad. Building will once again go through a major

change in the next 25 years. NNC officials and Board of Regents hope to combine the Student Life Center and the Administration Building together at a new location on campus. The Ad. Building as we know it will eventually come down according to the ultimate plan set by NNC officials.

The next time you go into the Ad. Building, stop and look around. Imagine yourself sitting in the assigned seats for chapel five days a week. Then dream ahead to the future when the campus will take on a whole new look.



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grow up there," states Curran. A mother and her three children moved with Curran to Nampa to escape the evils of the inner city.

What brought the change from Assistant Pastor and Director of Social Services at

the Community of Hope, Washington D.C., to Professor of Social Work at NNC, Nampa, Idaho?

"I've always been interested in teaching," Curran comments. "Even

when I graduated from seminary, in the back of my mind I knew I would like to teach."

Starting in December, Curran will be seeing clients in a private practice as a licensed independent clinical social worker. Although her expertise is in working with adults who were physically and sexually abused as children, her practice will include anyone who has difficulties in adjusting to society.

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By D.M. Bomar
Assistant Editor

The Crusader men's soccer team slipped to a 4-5 record, losing their last four games. After a rough road trip to Concordia and Linfield on October 12 and 13, NNC fell to George Fox and Linfield last weekend.

Despite the losses, the team is still eyeing the district playoffs. If they rout College of Idaho 'Yotes this afternoon, and Lewis & Clark downs Concordia next week, the Crusaders will capture the fourth and final playoff berth.

"I think we can beat them," said Russ Harmon, a sophomore fullback. "If we

Crusader Soccer Scoreboard

League Record:	4-5
Overall Record:	8-9
October 12 NNC	1
Concordia	2
October 13 NNC	0
Linfield	1
October 19 NNC	2
George Fox	3
October 20 NNC	0
Warner-Pacific	4

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play as a team and put the offense and defense together like we have been, we should come out on top."

Today's game is a classic confrontation between cross-town rivals, and should prove to be a very intense and exciting game.

"It'd be nice to see a big crowd at the C of I game. We like it when the fans get involved in the game,"

Harmon said on behalf of his teammates.

Warner-Pacific, Willamette, and George Fox have already secured their playoff spots.

NNC's recent losses were not due to poor playing. On the contrary, the team is playing well. Three of the



Warner Pacific is hot on the trail of John Bomar (Photo by Brad Nelson)

four defeats were decided by just one point, a good indicator of the Crusaders' competitiveness. According to Harmon, the defense-to-offense transition has been "working pretty smoothly" throughout the last few weeks.

The major setback for the

Crusaders has been questionable calls made by game officials that worked against NNC and ultimately decided the outcome of several games.

"We were raped by the refs," Harmon commented. "The calls just seemed to go against us the whole time."

Kudos to Ball-Fetching Buff



Brian Bufford

Classification: Freshman
Hometown: Nampa, Idaho
Position: Ball-fetcher
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 135 lbs.
Saves: 87
Balls Lost: 3
Avg. Saves Per Game: 5.1
Avg. Search Time: 4.27 min.

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Carlos can shoot and Dennis can block, but no one can fetch a ball like freshman soccer star Brian Bufford.

While the kicking action is happening on the field, Brian indulges in a different kind of action in the bushes. Every time a ball is booted over the fence, Coach Horwood brings out the big guns and sends Brian to fetch the lost ball.

"It's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it," boasts Brian.

Brian has been interested in detective work ever since his youth. He's very thankful for his position on the soccer team. "I've been able to use the detective skills that I learned from TV," he says.

Next to Columbo, Brian highly admires his brother, who served as last year's ball-fetcher. "I could never compare to my big brother, Buff, but I rank a close second," Brian comments. "I will never be able to repay him for everything he's taught me."

Rumor has it that NCAA schools have sought after Brian's amazing retrieval skills, including UCLA and



Photos by Brad Nelson

Stanford. Although Brian received several solid offers (one included a Ferrari), he has no plans to leave Nampa. "I feel that my heart is telling me to stay at NNC,"

His life's goal, of course, is "to be the best ball-fetcher I can possibly be." And what is his secret to attaining this goal? "I talk to the balls before each game," Brian explains. "I tell them to behave themselves and stay out of sticker bushes."

Among the hardest balls for Brian to locate are those that land in the Elijah Drain and get caught underneath bushes that hang over the water. But Brian risks his reputation--nay, his very life--to save these poor, lost balls. Several times he has even gotten wet.

"He's amazing!" exclaims junior mid-fielder Joel Livingston of his trailblazing teammate. "He's the best ball-fetcher in the league." And, indeed, Brian's statistics prove that there is no ball-fetcher above him.

Brian credits the crowd with providing much of his motivation. "They [the fans] are a great encouragement," he says. "They make me want to do my job that much better."

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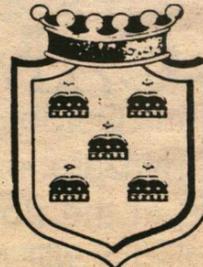


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SPORTS

Expectations Bounce High



By Brian Reckling
Crusader Editor

Expectations. Oftentimes they are dangerous predictions of what is to come. If you expect good things to happen, and bad things occur, you're in a five on one fast break situation, trying to hold off Michael Jordan. If you expect good things to happen, and they do, you haven't gained a thing, and you are right back where you started.

The obvious answer seems to be not to expect anything positive, but that's not very good for team moral. When both NNC basketball coaches were put

on the spot as to their expectations for the year, they overflowed with positive feedback.

Coach Roger Schmidt is currently in his fifth year as coach of the NNC women's basketball program. He is very optimistic that this year will be just as good as last year, when the team tied the school record for most wins in a season at 19. The team also finished second in the NAIA District II championships, and so Coach Schmidt has every reason to expect good things.

"I feel really good with the people we have," bubbled Schmidt, "We should place real well again this year."

Last year's record tying team only lost three members to graduation, and the team gained four new, promising players.

The new players include two freshman and two transfers. The freshman are Mary Janis from Rimrock, Idaho, and Stephanie Arland from Spokane, Washington. Janis was the Idaho state A-4 player of the year. Arland was on the First Team Greater Spokane League team.

The transfers include Kristi Chatterton from Idaho State, and BSU and Suzanne Hansen from the College of Southern Idaho.

All four of the new players on this year's team should see plenty of playing time, but the team is much deeper than four players. "This is the deepest group since I've been here," Schmidt boasted, and with good reason. The NNC women's basketball team has made it to the NAIA District II tournament three out of the last four years.

"We'll be in the top four or five in the district, if we play well," the coach commented.

Senior captain Doreen Hochstettler will lead the team into Montana for the first games of the year on November 8, 9, and 10. The first home game is scheduled for November 16, against Western Montana.

Coach Garry Matlock was not to be outdone by the optimistic expectations of the women's coach. "I believe we can be competitive with any team in the district," Coach Matlock said proudly as the team warmed up for their scrimmage.

The NNC men's basketball team is coming off of an 11 and 19 season, but is showing many reasons for the coach's high expectations.

Only two seniors are gone from last year's team, and among those returning is co-captain Kevin Mayfield. The team also has five new players; three freshmen, and two transfers. The freshmen are Eric Schmidt, Brian Skeen, and Grant Zweigle. The transfers include Joe Basura from Treasure Valley C.C., and Craig Lyle from Big Bend C.C. in Moses Lake, Washington.

Last year's team got off to a slow 1 and 13 start but finished strong with a 10 and 6 record in the second half of the season. "We are really playing well together." Eight team members played together in Nampa all summer, and the teamwork potential is very promising.

According to coach Matlock, the Crusader fans should be able to notice a difference in the style of basketball that is played this year. "Offensively, we should operate much better than last year. We should run better, and have a better pressure defense. It's going to be an exciting year of



basketball."

The men's team will also be travelling to Montana for their first games of the year, and the first home games will be pre-league games against Columbia Basin C.C. on November 2, and against Walla Walla C.C. on November 3. The NNC men's team will be scrimmaging Treasure Valley C.C. this Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.

Expectations are high for both NNC basketball teams this year, but if you can't expect good things to happen, and you won't consider the negative, what then, can be expected of the NNC basketball teams? Expect the unexpected, and pray that it is all good. Have you been saying your prayers?



Crusader Volleyball

The Young, Restless, & Powerful

By Barry Kennard
Staff Writer

The Northwest Nazarene has been a plethora of activity for the past couple months. If you have visited Montgomery Fieldhouse, you may have noticed a group of

scantly clad young women, running around under the tutelage of Darlene Brasch. This iron-handed dictator, with assistance from Becky Dix, has molded young impressionable minds into a cohesive unit we lovingly call the NNC volleyball team.

Their season has been a

rocky one. The Lady Crusaders started out slowly, but have come on strong as the season has progressed. On October 13 and 14, NNC held an invitational tourney with C of I, Lewis and Clark, College of Southern Idaho, and Treasure Valley C.C. NNC finished third in the

championship round, behind two powerful teams.

Heading into Friday's conference tournament, the Lady Crusaders' are 4-4 in their conference, and 9-17 overall.

This reporter wanted to get down to the bare bone facts and discover why the team had such a slow start. After much prompting, I finally cornered Coach Brasch and began chastising her. She pointed out a few remarkable things, including the fact that the 1990-1991 volleyball team is a very young group. There are two

seniors, one sophomore, and seven freshman on this year's team.

According to Brasch, the team has been "growing stronger and trying to peak at the end of the season....We have been focusing on how we are going to play on Friday."

I asked Brasch if the team really had a chance, and she informed me that "everyone is beatable. We are a very young team, a lot stronger now, and there is a good chance that teams will underestimate us this weekend."

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