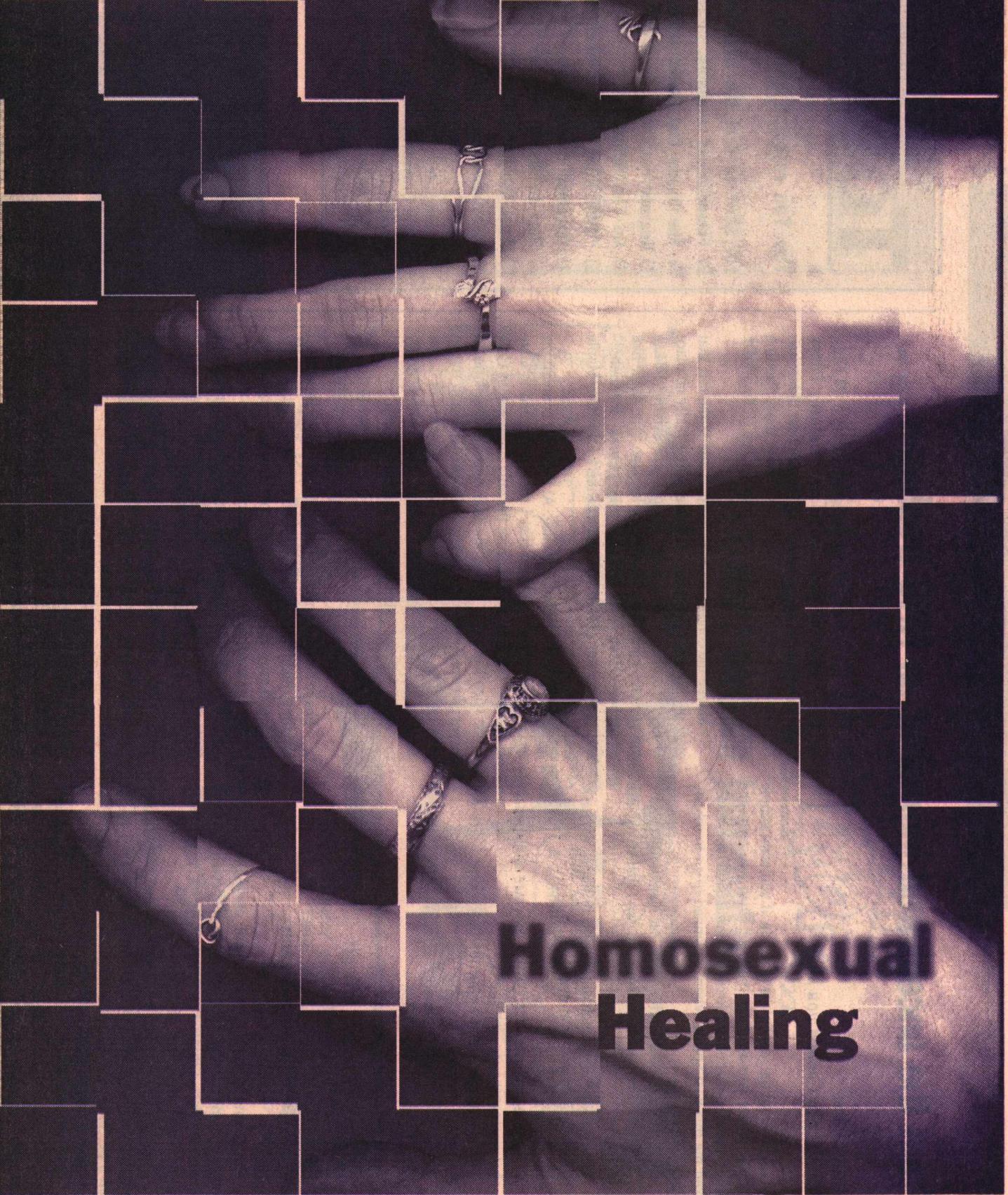


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## Homosexual healing: can it happen?

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While society at large seems to have abandoned the thought that homosexual behavior is a choice, there are still many people -- mostly Christians -- who reject present notions of "gays who just can't help it."

In our cover story we explore the views of gay recovery groups who say homosexuals can be brought out of the lifestyle.

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Most Christians seem to reject the notion that homosexuality has genetic links. It's often our reaction that accepting such claims would put our doctrine of sin (among other things) in some sort of jeopardy.

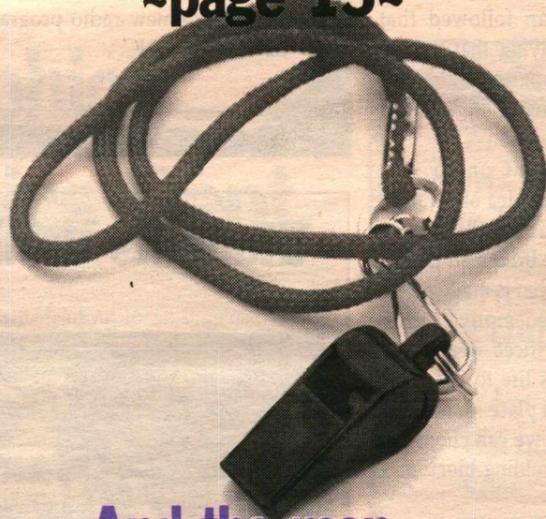
However, we suggest that you take a second look.

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Recovery groups and therapy may be one way to bring healing to homosexuals. Can there be another? In a story based upon true events, Amy Riley explores the idea that pure love and true friendship can have its own healing effects.

## 'Sader women beat the snot out of Coyotes. . .

~page 15~



## . . .And the men trail the 'Yotes by just a single game.

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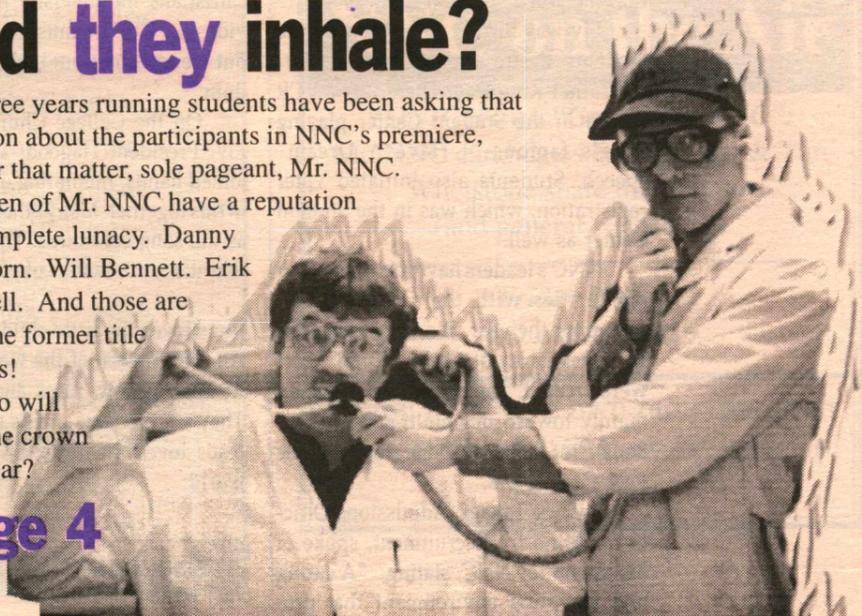


"If I had a million dollars. . ." And so sang Julie (Watson), John (Fraley), and Tim ("the Radio Guy" Whetstone). The occasion? Karaoke Night at the BRICK House. Last Thursday the Top Ten Cafe was host to the event in addition to serving their regular mix of espresso drinks and Rice Krispie Treats . . . huh? Anyway, in our opinion these three had a little too much to drink. The Top Ten Cafe runs from 9:00 p.m until Midnight every Thursday.

## Did they inhale?

For three years running students have been asking that question about the participants in NNC's premiere, and for that matter, sole pageant, Mr. NNC. The men of Mr. NNC have a reputation for complete lunacy. Danny Freeborn. Will Bennett. Erik Quissell. And those are only the former title holders! So who will take the crown this year?

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# MLK Day speaker challenges students in faith and action

When we become Christians the diversity no longer divides us.

~Roger Bowman

"I have a dream." These powerful words were spoken by Martin Luther King, Jr. on August 28, 1963 at the Lincoln Memorial. The NNC body gathered together for a special chapel on Martin Luther King Day. Reverend Roger Bowman, Superintendent of the Southern California Church of the Nazarene, directed our thoughts towards King's dream for us.

"Celebrate diversity through Christ and unity in Christ." Bowman's sermon focused on the spirit of community King wanted to create. King envisioned a beloved community that followed his theology. Bowman told of how the kingdom King saw is all inclusive, because all people are equally deserving of justice and peace.

Students from around campus seemed to focus on a similar point, putting into words what King's mission meant to them. Many mentioned that it wasn't so much the focus on black and

notes spiritual, physical and mental growth." Takagi, sees NNC as trying to build a community that reflects society.

"Quota" is not a word that Takagi admires; rather, he wants to see a student body that's open enough that neither creed, race, or color matter. He wants people to know they can come here and learn—together.

Martin Luther King Day does offer the time to reflect on how far the civil rights movement has come since the days of Emmitt Till and segregation. Yet, have we as a country come far enough?

One student, Elena Roybal, compared King to Abraham Lincoln, "Both men must have been disappointed, not with themselves, but saddened to see people not loving each other as they should."

Other students discussed the possibility of having school closed for King's Day. Boise State University, as well as other public schools and most Federal agencies, are closed for the day. It was only three years ago that BSU closed school because of a student-led protest. The student body hosts speakers and workshops to inform and educate on that day instead of regularly scheduled classes.

How much are we as a student body affected by the civil rights movement? Bowman seemed to feel that we are a vital part of this continuing movement.

"Faith is committed to action." Bowman followed that thought by saying that we are called to be salt and light, and that ministering to the world is not a passive deed.

Bowman went on to say, "King drew his idea of community from God's kingdom. Christian love brings all people together and that is made possible through redemptive suffering. King sacrificed wealth and eventually his life to reach his end. There is a place for all of us in His world, we can choose to

make our lives a stumbling block or a stepping stone."

The Martin Luther King Day chapel closed with a hymn, "Bind us together; Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken." Bowman reiterated it by saying, "When we become Christians the diversity no longer divides us. Culture must not be ignored, but we must not put it above the kingdom."

On the College Church platform, Ely, President Hagood, and Bowman joined hands, reminding us that we are in this together. Many others held hands as the song continued. The action said that it's not a matter of color.

Jesus loves the little children.  
All the children of the world.  
Red and yellow, black and white,  
They are precious in His sight.  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

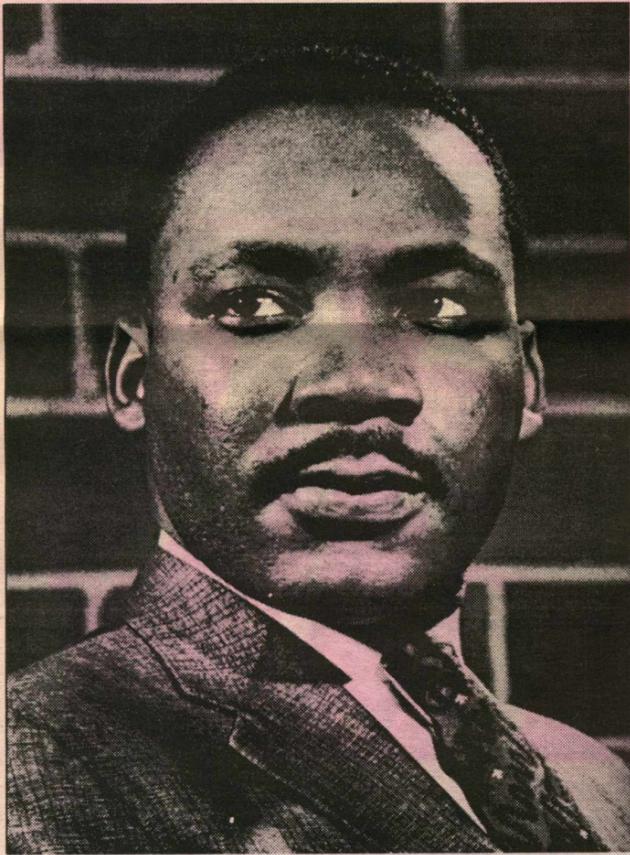
white King spoke of, but the ability to forget the differences between black and white.

Eric Ely, who introduced Bowman, said he enjoyed the speaker's connection with the Nazarene church and the civil rights movement, the reminder that there is a spiritual tie-in.

Ely was further impressed by the students' desire to participate in Martin Luther King Day. There was a VCR set up in the Student Center playing King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech. Students also initiated voter registration, which was in the Student Center as well.

NNC's leaders have focused on our similarities with their "awareness" theme for the year. Working alongside Ely, they brought Multicultural Peers were created. Their direction is geared mainly toward our multi-cultural students, but they also work alongside the Peer Counselors.

Patrick Takagi, Admissions Officer for Minority Recruitment, spoke of his dream for NNC, stating, "A caring and accepting environment that pro-



## NNC Notepad

✓ The NNC Registrar's Office reported a winter-term enrollment increase.

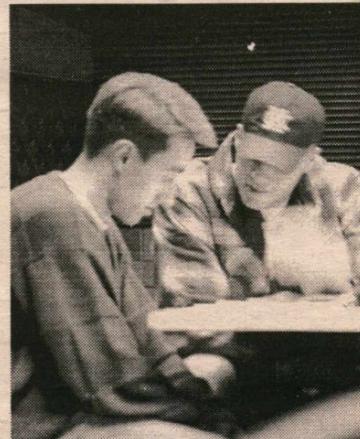
According to Registrar Wayne Paul, enrollment is 1,105, compared to 1,083 for the second term in 1994-95.

The breakdown by class is 333 freshman, 241 sophomores, 232 juniors, 253 seniors, and 47 in other programs. There are 593 females and 512 males currently enrolled.

✓ The Academic Council met to review President Hagood's three-year plan. The plan was presented in November to the Board of Regents.

✓ Community Relations Coordinator Stacy Henrickson asked for student involvement in the upcoming Kids Activity Day which will take place this Saturday, from 9: a.m. until noon. All that are interested are encouraged to contact Henrickson at x8771.

✓ Senate passed SB9601-02 allotting \$47.30 from the General account to the Campus Life Account was passed. The first bill dealt with an allotment of \$70 to the ASNNC President's account for the purchase of an additional phone line. The second bill dealt with NNC's new radio program "Good night NNC."



Senators Peterson and Mitteltaedt discuss a bill. (Lindley)

The bill allots \$1760 to be taken from the General Account and would be used to cover the costs of the ten-week radio show on KBXL until advertising funds are raised. Currently, the program is airing late nights for a half hour. This bill would allow the program to air for a full hour at an earlier time. The bill was passed 11-1 after much deliberation and discussion.

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TIM SCHLACK  
CAMPUS EDITOR

## Students drink the blahs away



Deana Pellitier and Elena Roybal sip hot brew during Saturday's Coffee House. (Chtangeev)

This past Saturday night Underground Escape entertained both faculty and students. A number of bands and open-mike solo acts performed.

Karl Ganske, the bands Gabrielle Strange, Dear Elenor, and So Far Gone were among the entertainment. Off stage entertainment such as the Cosby Kids touched the funny bones of many.

Many students took advantage of the crayons provided at every table and doodled on the tables covered with butcher paper.

Underground Escape was an excellent way to showcase NNC's talent. The next Underground Escape is slated for February 16.

By SHANNON ADAMS  
Staff Writer

# Travel group selection begins

What you come away with lasts a lifetime ~Matt McCaslin

It's that time of year again. NNC's summer travel groups are being compiled this week.

"It's a service. You don't do it to be on stage; you're there to serve the teens. You're there to serve the Lord," said Carrie Dynes, who traveled with Rejoice during the summer of '95, singing and ministering to teens across the NNC region. "It makes you think about what's important in your life."

Summer ministry groups spend 10-11 weeks traveling. During those weeks, the teams work as counselors at teen camps. The members are essentially recruiting for the school, so their main interest is reaching teens of junior high and senior high age. The aim is to allow the teens to get to know NNC on a personal level.

"Camps are the most strenuous times," said Matt McCaslin, who is an Admissions and Financial Aid officer. According to McCaslin, who traveled in a P.R. group for NNC during his years as a student, "[The team members] are living in the cabins, leading worship, organizing services, do altar work, maybe Bible

studies."

During the remaining weeks, the P.R. groups perform concerts and lead worship services at churches and conventions around the northwest.

Last summer, Covenant worked at NYC '95, ushering at concerts, organizing packets, working as safety personnel, and of course, performing before 6500 teens. As Adam Watkins stated, "It's not about performance. It's about working."

A member of a travel group must possess certain qualities. "Genuine enthusiasm is the key factor," said McCaslin, and "pa-

tiency, the ability to get along with others."

In addition, a team member must be able to relate to high school students on their own level, have a strong personal witness, and involve shy teens. McCaslin said that a team member should be "someone able to be positive and upbeat and yet also include others."

Shannon Mallory, a member of Re-

joice, said, "I had this idea in my head of what a P.R. person was supposed to be. One thing I learned--being yourself [is] really important, not [trying] to be other people."

Forty-five applications have been turned in this week. Auditions have been slated for January 25 and 26. Each applicant is scheduled a twenty minute session with a panel of 4 fac-

ulty members and a youth pastor.

Persons applying for singing teams perform a song and scales. Those applying for the drama team perform a dry reading. Each applicant then participates in a question and answer time. Watkins' advice for those auditioning is, Smile real big and cheesy, say that you love kids and that you'd like to spend 10 weeks in camp."

Mallory encourages applicants to "spend a lot of time praying about it. Don't worry about pressure or stress. Just go in and do it."

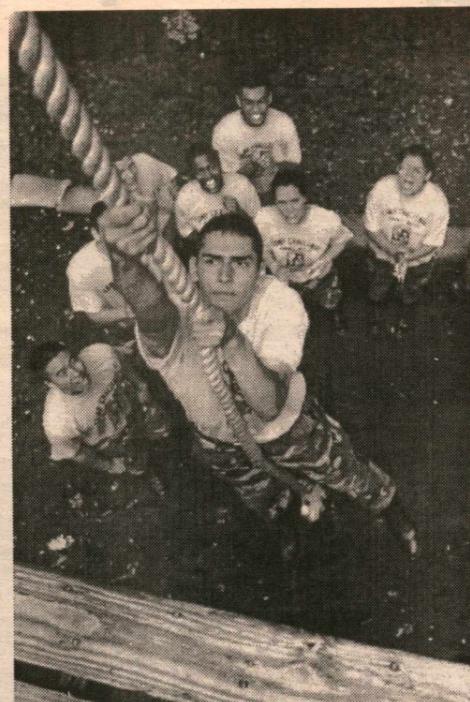
McCaslin adds, "What you come away with lasts a lifetime."

By Staff Writer  
GINA GRATE

Covenant

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# Mentor Graphics boosts Physics Dept.

Electronic courses at Northwest Nazarene College received a boost with the acquisition of electronic design automatic (EDA) by the Department of Physics.

The equipment, provided by Mentor Graphics Corporation includes the EDA software and a Hewlett-Packard work station. Mentor Graphics designs, manufacturers, markets and distributes EDA software to automate the design, analysis, and documentation of electronic systems and components. Dr. Francis Sharpton, chair of the Department of Physics, completed the application to Mentor Graphics as part of its Higher Education Program.

"The equipment keeps NNC moving in the direction professional engineering is going," said Sharpton. "The electronic classes, providing laboratory experience in the pre-engineering program. The system will be used by advanced students in laboratories and for undergraduate research projects."

The list price of the software acquired by NNC is \$4.67 million, according to Mentor Graphics. The work station is valued at \$22,750.

NNC has a formal 3-2 affiliation with the University of Idaho, Walla Walla College, and Seattle Pacific Uni-

versity leading to an engineering degree.

"Through the Higher Education Program, Mentor Graphics supports colleges and universities so they can integrate the latest design automation tools and techniques into their curriculum," said Susan J. Drouin, Mentor Graphics Marketing Representative for the Higher Education Program. "We are pleased that Northwest Nazarene College has the vision to provide this opportunity to its students and has enjoyed our program."

NNC pays an annual fee for the membership and software maintenance and service, said Sharpton. The fee allows NNC to access all Mentor Graphics software plus several third-party packages.

The software will serve as a training ground for students developing electrical circuits and boards, said Sharpton. The designs can be sent to outside manufacturer for fabrication. The resulting circuit boards can be used in other laboratory experiments, and by other projects on campus.

Two former NNC students, Gary Mittelsteadt and Howard Bartlow made the invitation possible. They have also set up an endowment to cover costs

## Who's Who?

The following students were selected to the 1995-96 Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities:

- Jen Boyd,
- David Church,
- Roberta Clark,
- Lori Dayton,
- Patrick Fitzgerald,
- John Fraley,
- Ray Gibler,
- Kristen Haddon,
- Stacy Henrickson,
- Cary Hill,
- Tami Hunter,
- Donna Knight,
- Misty Lynn,
- Amy May,
- Fonda Portales,
- Tim Schlack,
- Garrett Schmelzenbach,
- Michelle Stephens,
- Sarah Sterk,
- Julie Watson,
- and Tim Whetstone

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## NNC on the Air

TONIGHT on "Goodnight NNC":  
Mr. NNC candidates Erik Quissel & Tim Whetstone share their humor (and general weirdness).

Friday Night:  
All music night

Listen to NNC's own radio program on KBXL 94.1 FM, weeknights at 11:30 p.m.

# The crowning of Mr. NNC: Who will it be?

*Fourth annual Mr. NNC will be the crowning moment for one lucky guy!*

On January 27, the students of NNC will have the opportunity to participate in a fundraiser as well as enjoy a night of hilarious antics by eight of our male students.

This Saturday night, we will once again crown a new Mr. NNC. This evening of fun is going to be used to raise money for the March of Dimes. "NNC is the largest March of Dimes donor in the state of Idaho," says Freshman class president Ben Potter.

This is an exciting tradition that NNC wants to continue to uphold. Mr. NNC has become a part of the tradition as a mixed up type of beauty pageant. The hosts this year will be Erik Quissel, last year's winner, and Christi Peterson.

The theme for this year's pageant is, "It's a Jungle." The hosts will be entertaining the audience as Tarzan and Jane.

For those students who are unfamiliar

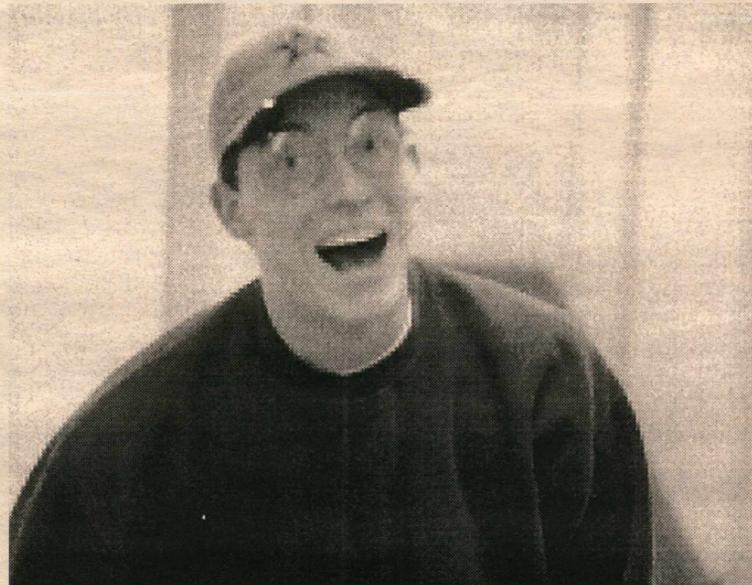
with Mr. NNC, Ben Potter explained, "It's just like Miss America, except for the small difference in the contestants. They are all guys."

Nominations were held last week. Each class nominated two lucky guys to participate in this pageant. They will be facing each other in the evening wear, sports wear", and talent competitions (along with some other silly surprises). It will probably be quite an intense competition since only one special guy will win.

The important thing to remember, however, is that all of this fun is helping a good cause. The March of Dimes is a wonderful tradition for Idaho, and NNC has made it a part of the school's tradition, as well. Mr. NNC has been extremely successful in the past. Hopefully, the tradition will be continued this year.

**"It's just like Miss America, except for the small difference in the contestants: they're all guys!"**

By DEBRA DeCLOSS  
STAFF WRITER



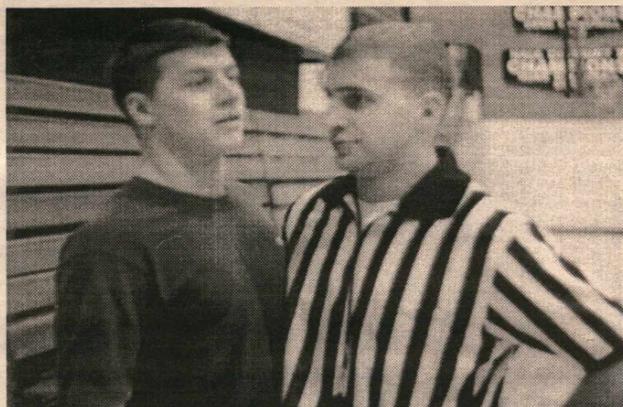
Sophomore candidate Ryan Ketchum along with Linc Loeber (not pictured) will sing and dance their way into the hearts of NNC and maybe to the coveted Mr. NNC title itself. (Lindley)



A regular "check up" could be all it takes for freshman Kenny Wade or Chris Verner to claim the Mr. NNC title. (Frahm)



Seniors Kevin Haydon, and Tim Whetstone will take no falls to become the next Mr. NNC (Frahm)



Juniors Chad Duree and Brian Richey hope to get the right calls in Saturday's pageant. (Lindley)

## "Leadership for a New Millennium" theme of Wesleyan conference

The World of the Millennium has moved from the horizon to the foreground.

Leadership for a New Millennium is the theme of the Wesley Center for Applied Theology Conference to be held Feb. 1-3.

The conference is sponsored by the Riley Intellectual Life Endowment, NNC professor Edwin Crawford is director of the Wesley Center.

Conference personnel includes Robert Fale, CEO of Mercy Medical Center in Nampa, Patricia Kempthorn, wife of Idaho Senator Dirk Kempthorne; Ron Mercer, former CEO of Xerox Canada; Andrew Miller, National Commander, Salvation Army, retired; Nampa Mayor, Winston Goering; and

former NNC President Gordon Wetmore

NNC personnel participating are President Hagood; Dr. Samuel Dunn, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Professor Jerry Hull, Compassionate Care Coordinator for the Wesley Center; Dr. George C. Lyons, Wesleyan Studies Coordinator; Larry McMillin, Operations manager for the Center; Ernie McNaught, Church Growth Coordinator; Dr. Ralph Neil, chair of the Division of Religion and Philosophy; and Dr. John E. Riley, president emeritus.

Dr. David McKenna, former pres-

ident of Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, KY, will give the keynote address at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 1 following a 6:30 p.m. banquet. Workshop topics are Leadership in Society, Leadership in the Marketplace, and Leadership in the Family.

"The traditional personal and social norms that served us rather well at the beginning of the 20th century have already given way to an uncertainty and frustration" reads the conference brochure. "In this emerging world, the Christian community needs to be an effective agent."

If you have any questions or need any further information on the confer-

ence contact the Division of Religion and Philosophy.

Students may receive credit for attending the conference. For information contact Dr. Irving Laird.

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# Twins make a double impression



Jeremy and Justin Carr are both twins (amazingly enough), have the same last name and have the same birthday!

As I walk down the hall to my 4th period class, I do a double take; didn't I just see that girl in the computer lab? Must have been her "twin!"

It's been said that everyone in the world has a "twin" or a look-alike, but here at NNC there are a few sets of the

lems," Andy pointed out.

In fact, the only drawback they could both think of was having to share a car.

"It's nice to have someone here, to always have someone to talk about college life with," said Anne.

mates and say they do a lot of stuff together.

For Jeremy the only drawback to having a double on campus was "when I first came here, everybody thought I was Justin!"

For Stacey and Dee Trip, freshmen, identification at NNC is also sometimes a problem. They had visited NNC previously during Preview Days and had friends here. They liked the Christian atmosphere, the small classes and the personable professors.

For Stacey and Dee, best friends and sisters, NNC was just the best option.

"We both wanted to be together.

**We both wanted to be together. We didn't want to leave each other and our family.**

*--Stacey Tripp*

We didn't want to leave each other and our family," said Stacey. "But being here together, we also have to put up with really dumb questions. A guy came up to us a couple of days ago and asked me how we tell ourselves apart, and if we get ourselves confused. That is so ridiculous!"

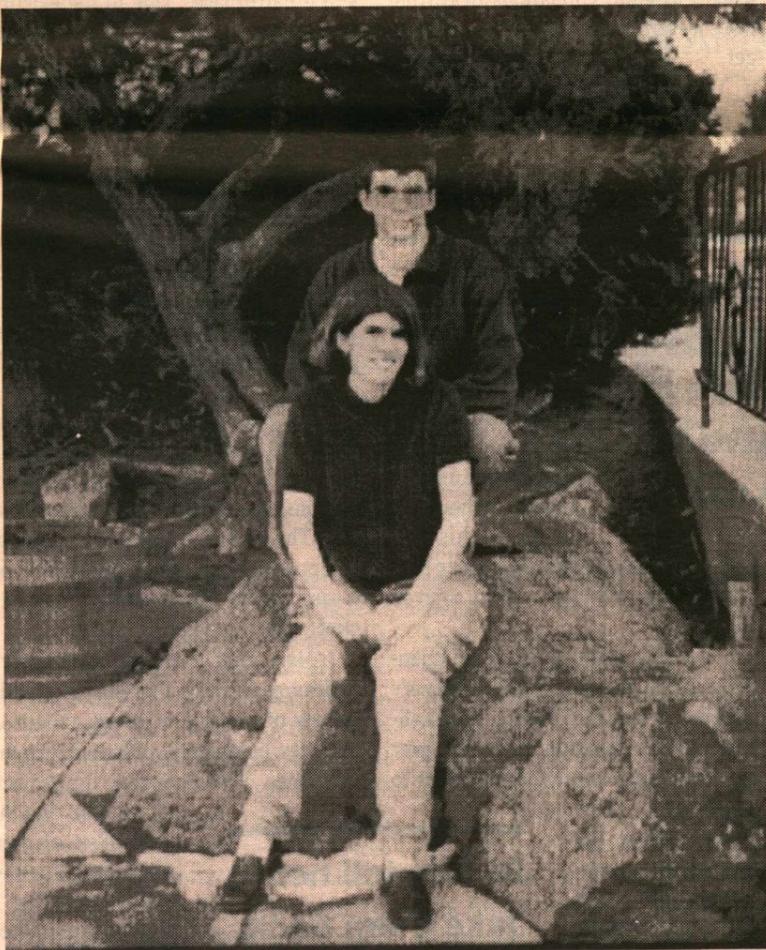
Dee agrees that people seem to think that being a twin is not "normal."

"That is totally untrue," Dee said. "We are totally two separate people. But I do have to put up with comments like 'Oh, she's one of the twins.' You do lose a little bit of your identity, but it's just something you get used to."

Dee will be moving to Missouri to go to school there next year. But Stacey says they will still be best friends.

"I want to maintain a good long-distance relationship. She's a part of my family!"

By HELEN WARRINER  
STAFF WRITER



NNC students Anne and Andy Frahm are fraternal twins. They say that most people don't even realize that fact.

real thing. What's it like to be a twin on campus and how did they both end up here?

For Andy and Anne Frahm, juniors, it just ended up that way. "We're both from Nampa, so it was very convenient. We went to the same church, the same youth group and both ended up close to home," said Anne. "It wasn't a conscious choice to come here. It just happened to work out."

Andy and Anne both mentioned that being a twin on campus really hasn't had any real drawbacks, because most people don't even know that they're twins.

"So we have no identification prob-

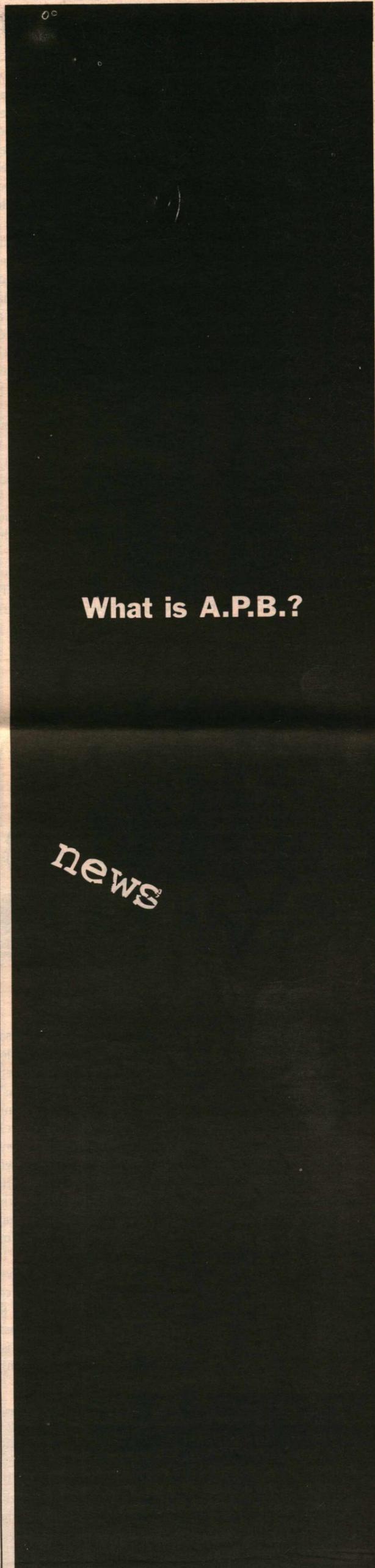
Andy agreed and said, "It's pretty much great to have my sister here!"

For another set of twins, Jeremy and Justin Carr, juniors, the way they got to NNC was quite different.

Although Justin has been at NNC since he was a freshman, Jeremy started out his college career at a college in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

"I was going to Oklahoma City and since it got out a few weeks early, I came to visit Justin. I stayed a couple of weeks and ended up coming back to go to school. I really like this region and having my brother here was a plus," said Jeremy.

Jeremy and Justin are now room-



STAFF EDITORIAL

The Church should reconsider its stance on homosexuality

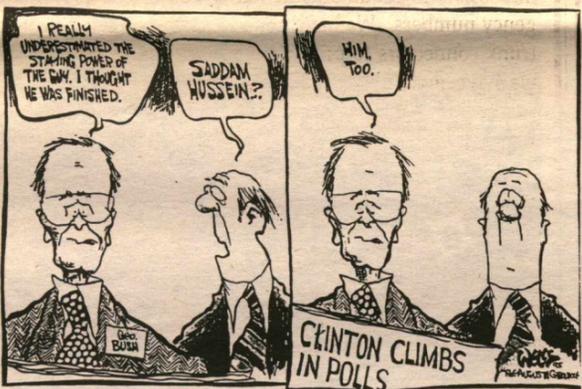
As evidence that homosexuality may be a genetic predisposition continues to trickle in, Christians need to embrace that possibility and formulate their ideas about homosexuality from that standpoint. There is great evidence to believe that everything from alcoholism to breast cancer is genetically linked. Even a gene for anger has been pinpointed. The idea of a gene for homosexuality is no less believable.

Contrary to what many Christians believe, blaming homosexuality on genetics does not condone the practice of homosexuality. Alcoholism has been proven to be genetically linked, yet we don't excuse the alcoholic from his behavior. As Christians, and Wesleyans, we believe that we are not victims of our lot in life. Christ calls us beyond our predisposition to sin, to a higher standard which may be attained only by his grace and help. In Christ, the alcoholic is not abandoned to the fate of his genes. Neither is the homosexual.

Further, many believe that if there is a gene for homosexuality, it must have been divinely ordained. Yet we understand that God didn't create the predisposition to homosexuality anymore than He created the predispositions for alcoholism, anger, or sin in general. God created the possibility for human freedom and saw that it was good. Man is the one who used that freedom in a way other than God intended and brought imperfection to the world.

To consider homosexuality to be a genetic predisposition doesn't destroy Christian beliefs, it enhances them. The homosexual may be bent towards that behavior from birth, just as the alcoholic is toward drunkenness. However, we believe that Christ can heal both, and all.

GALLERY



STAFF INFECTION

Sacred cows? Nah, we've killed them all ... Is there some sort of connection in the fact that when I spell checked "Wesleyan" I came up with "Weaseling"? ... Babe, I like your pheromones ... Don't ask, just look it up ... Print this! ... In an issue related to this week's Top Ten: "NNC: Where the Trinity Statue flips the Goose" ... Stuff was deleted from last week's staff infection; something about how amazingly gorgeous Jennifer Aniston is and how many dates John has had with her this year ... Overheard: "My wife is really a man" ... Just joking, I won't print that, Andrew ... Can you imagine what MASH would've been like if Klinger had said he was gay? Shut up, Stillman ... "Should Schlack be capitalized?" "Wow, Sillman, that was funny, you sure come alive at night." "It's because Rebecca's around." "Shut up, Stillman." ... Overheard part deux: "Can we use the word 'heck' in this column?" "Heck no!" "Okay." "Shut up, Stillman." ... See the letter on the next page for clarification ... You know, it hasn't been scientifically proven, but I do believe that there is a gene schandorff ... Good night, NNC!...(shut up, Stillman)

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The government wants your tithes

Can the feds order Pocatello church to return donations?

A routine Chapter 7 bankruptcy in Jerome, Idaho has turned into a drawn out legal battle for Sean and Debra Hodge that will most likely be decided by the United States Supreme Court.

A certain bankruptcy court trustee from Pocatello has sued The Hodges church, the Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, for \$7,259 that the Hodges contributed over the past four years.

Pat Robertson's law firm, The American Center for Law and Justice, has jumped into the fight on behalf of the Magic Valley Church, pro bono, in an effort to represent conservative Christian interests.

Current law states that an insolvent individual is presumed to be incapable of charitable giving. This, however, puts the church in a very awkward position. In order to keep the status of tax-exempt, it must not offer its members any personal benefit from their donations, or face serious repercussions from the IRS. On the other hand, it must claim that it is not a charitable contribution in court, or it will lose the \$7,259 to bankruptcy court.

Why is all of this really a problem? Well, it puts charitable organizations in several lose-lose situations. For one, under current law, a charity must risk its tax-exempt status if they wish to keep the money that their patrons have donated. If they choose not to run this risk, they are obligated to pay back the money that insolvent donors have contributed.

For the vast majority of charities, this puts them in an even more difficult position. They are forced to give back money, in the case of Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, that was contributed four years prior. How many charities that you know of are prepared to shell out money currently for amounts received in the past? I know

that most of the charities I support are usually a month's donations away from not meeting their current year's budget.

If charitable organizations wished to prevent this problem, all they need do is not accept any money from insolvent individuals. Once again, let's look

at the Hodges. Is it even slightly reasonable to expect a church, or any other tax-exempt entity, to know four years in advance that a certain person would no longer be financially secure? If they have to know this fact four years ahead of time, what is to stop a court from saying six, seven, or even ten years.

The cost to do an extensive financial position and credit check on every contributor and then predict the likelihood of their continued solvency over the next decade would be enormous to say the least. Once they determine that a person has a greater probability for going bankrupt, then what? Is the charity expected to turn away the money they so desperately need?

Picture, if you can, Jesus in the temple where the widow gave her very last two copper coins (Mark 12). Did He tell her to take them back; that they were unacceptable because she was insolvent? Absolutely not! Instead, he used it as an object lesson for his disciples, teaching how she had contributed more to the treasury than anyone else.

It does not take a genius to see that our churches and other charitable organizations around the country are

caught between the proverbial "rock and a hard place. Due to the existing tax code and its various interpretations, these entities are handicapped from providing services to our country that the federal government is blocked from doing by the Constitution, financial feasibility, and general aptitude.

In short, the government is, in effect, shooting themselves in the foot by throwing obstacles in front of one of the most important aspects of our capitalistic economy. This can be remedied by a couple of theoretically simple concepts.

For one, Congress could get a brilliant notion and pass a law that would remove the assumption that insolvent persons are incapable of charitable giving. The other solution is for the great and powerful Supreme Court to rule on a case similar to this, and mandate in effect, the same thing.

Now this will ultimately have widespread effects that impact a wide variety of people, including collection agencies, businesses, and ultimately the consumer. This, however, is a far better

solution that the alternative of crippling our charities and eliminating a vital contribution to our society.

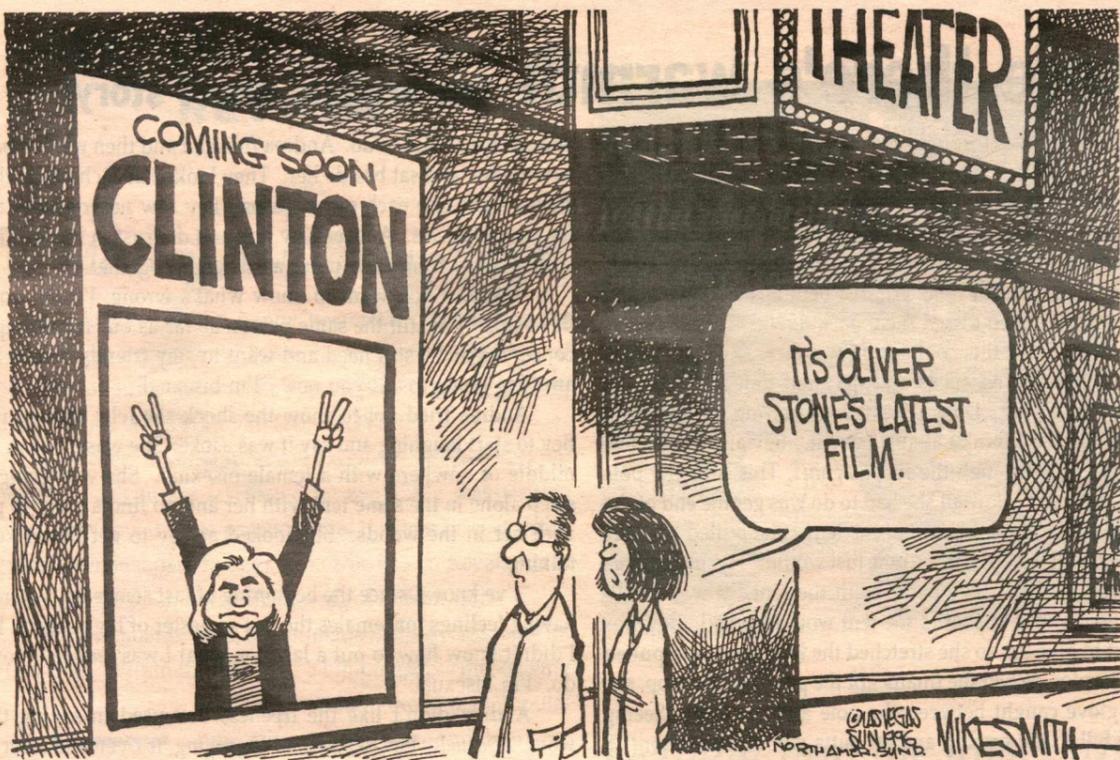
Unfortunately, the likelihood of either of these solutions actually being implemented is, in this humble writer's opinion, minimal. Therefore, best of luck to you, Magic

Valley Evangelical Free Church, in your battle against bankruptcy court. Convince them that your members do indeed benefit from their tithes in the form of church services, functions, and religious satisfaction, but don't get caught by the IRS.

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By RAY GIBLER  
STAFF WRITER



LETTERS

To the Editor:

Your article on the campus phone system omitted several important items that I think your readers should know about the new system and the long distance charges.

We installed this new system primarily because several studies showed much student dissatisfaction with the old system and indicated a willingness by students to pay more for an improved phone system. However, our goal was to try and provide an improved system at no additional cost to the students. We are trying to do this by contracting with an outside company. You were correct in stating that NNC is one of very few (we are not aware of another) campuses that is providing this type of service without additional monthly or term fees for the students.

It is true that the administrative offices get a larger discount on the long distance calls than the students. However, departments are billed \$360 per year for each phone line. We would gladly reduce student rates if students were willing to pay an additional \$30 per month fee. We also do not need to make collections for administrative long distance charges, but we simply bill their budgets for the monthly charges. We have significant expenses involved in contracting with an outside firm to track, bill, and collect payments for the student long distance calls.

The new, state-of-the-art, digital phone system, utilizing fiber optics, was installed primarily to provide better student service and improved access for both incoming and outgoing calls. The new system has full redundancy in case of equipment failure and has battery backups to continue phone service for up to two hours after a power outage.

The old system was generally satisfactory for administrative service, because there were more outgoing calls during the day when the switchboard was open. It had only 14 incoming lines and 12 outgoing lines in the evening, and it was often very difficult for students to receive or send calls in the busy evening hours and with increased computer modem usage, the problem was accentuated. Students' security was also jeopardized because it was sometimes impossible to get an outside line to call 911 or other emergency numbers. We have added four expensive T-1 phone trunk connectors to provide much greater access and now we have more than 90 lines that can be used for either sending or receiving calls. We have also provided more than 600 new speaker phones for the students and installed an expensive voice mail system. All of these are in addition to a new quarter million dollar telephone switch. This has been provided at no direct cost increases to the students.

It might be true that you can find some less expensive long distance service during the late evening hours, but the providing companies have no investment whatever in our campus telephone system upgrading. Their rates vary, but are usually higher than our rates during daytime and early evening hours.

--Paul D. Miller  
Director of Information Resources

To the Editor:

Thanks for a lot of interesting articles in last week's *Crusader*, but I do have one gripe: what warranted the use, on the "advertisement" featured on page 11, of the lousy term (it pains me greatly to have to type it) "heck"? You guys up there can get your point across just fine without having to utilize slightly toned-down swear words, I'm sure. In fact, I challenge any reader out there to prove me wrong. We don't need that kind of language in a so-called "Christian" publication.

However, I'm not to [sic] mad at you, because I can thank you for the fact that the phone article on the front page helped me save almost five bucks last week (that's almost the cost of a pizza). Thanks.

Best wishes,

--M. T. Bernard

Do you have an opinion? We covet it. Clearly marked letters to the editor will be printed in the order that they are received as space allows. Letters are subject to editing, but please keep them concise anyway, just to avoid irritating various editorial staff members. Keep in mind that libelous, slanderous, outright obscene, or downright cheesy material will be axed. Oh, and form letters or complaints about local businesses (source of our advertising money) won't be printed either. Address letters to Box C, NNC, Nampa, Idaho, 83686.

## Resident spirit breaks loose!

Go ahead and look ahead a little. Jump over to that column way over on the right, then take a peek at the byline, way at the very end. Go right ahead and do that right now—then direct your attention back up here. Are you back? Okay. Proceed.

Any of you that read more than just the headlines in this paper will probably conclude here and now that the unfortunate editor has finally lost the very last of his precious few marbles and has printed some silly anonymous article. You may be asking yourself, "Who is he protecting?"

And, by subscribing to that conclusion, you would all be wrong. For I am not some measly pen name for some measly coward out there who is ashamed to put his squeaky-clean reputation on the line. I am real. No, I mean it. I am. I am what I say I am: the Spirit of Heresy.

To put it plain and simple, I really exist, and I really wrote this article. I have influence, and I use it every once in a while in the Crusader office. Witness the following facts: it was I who, in 1993, prompted then-Senior Staff Writer Wendy White to defend condom distribution in schools. It was I who, the following year, encouraged then-Staff Writer John Fraley to say that Christians won't be alone in heaven. And it was I who, last fall, told then-Managing Editor and still-even-now-as-I-speak-Managing Editor Andrew Zirschky to point out a couple of misguided decisions made by Promise Keepers. I am powerful. And I'm tired of riding in the back seat. I want my own voice.

I want my own voice because I have countless tidbits of useful information for you Christians. Though I occasionally impart (very small) portions of my heretical know-how to various brave Crusader writers, this time I have a sizeable backlog of heresy to get through, so I have to bypass my regular methods of witnessing, take over this column space, and blurt it all out in a hurry. Brace yourself.

Evolution is pretty accurate. Most of you already know this, and you are

agreeing with me, because you don't want to look stupid by trying to argue with a million scientists with Ph.D's. But bizarrely enough, some of you need to wake up and smell the Folgers. A full-grown human being comes from a single cell; why can't you accept the fact the whole race came from an earlier single cell?

Premarital sex is frequently not sinful. To be perfectly honest, fornication is somehow not forbidden in the Ten Commandments. Yes, some writer decided to throw it into Leviticus—and it's probably followed immediately by a paragraph ordering the Israelites to stone the perpetrators and the host of the house in which the immoral act was performed and any Samaritan within a two-mile radius. Furthermore, how are you supposed to know if you're compatible "until death do us part" with that special someone unless the two of you do a little experimenting? I get real scared when two virgins get married to each other. Fortunately, it doesn't happen very often.

Paul screwed Christianity up. Jesus' message was simple. It contrasted marvelously with Judaism's legalism and with pagan licentiousness. Love would truly have swept the globe if Paul, the first Christian legalist, hadn't added extremely useless theology to a pure gospel.

There is no hell. And no heaven, either. I fully realize this is disappointing for most of you. But why should there be an afterlife? You die. So there. Deal with it. And if, perchance, life were to somehow go on for the soul, how could you possibly be conscious of it anyway—without the senses of smell,

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**Her-Anon**

**Heresy is a tradition in the Crusader office--though the staff doesn't meet at 4 on Tuesdays anymore, like this 1993 flyer announces, our current Thursday 6:15 meetings can generate substantial debate to this day.**

hearing, sight, touch, or taste? Didn't think you could answer that.

Drinking is fun. And smoking is a blast, too. Look at it from this angle: if they weren't, nobody would engage in either activity. Granted, it is entirely possible that overusing either alcohol or drugs can kill you, but so can eating too much red meat. And ponder the fact that ten years ago, in February of 1986, a Japanese man who smoked a pack of cigarettes a day and went to bed after a shot of hard liquor every night died at the grossly premature age of 120. Interesting. Besides, who doesn't enjoy getting a little buzzed every now and then?

I'll end with this: Bill Clinton is not the Anti-Christ. But you might be. Anyone who judges anyone else is disobeying Christ, and therefore is his antithesis, or more precisely, an Anti-Christ. It's very simple. And that's enough for today. However, I'm not truly done. My mission is never complete—but at least I can rest for a while now.

Oh, and God is a woman, too.

GENEROUSLY (AND MYSTERIOUSLY) CONTRIBUTED  
BY THE RESIDENT SPIRIT OF HERESY

## Manning warns against rejection of the self

*Editor's Note: In anticipation of Brennan Manning's visit in March to NNC, The Crusader will be running weekly excerpts of Manning's book Abba's Child. We hope that you will take this opportunity to become familiar with Manning's unique message of God's unconditional love.*

In my experience, self-hatred is the dominant malaise crippling Christians and stifling their growth in the Holy Spirit. The melancholy spirit in Chekov's plays, "You are living badly, my friend," haunts the American Christian conscience. Negative voices from our family of origin, "You will never amount to anything," moralizing from the church, and pressure to be successful transform expectant pilgrims en route to the heavenly Jerusalem into a dispirited traveling troupe of brooding Hamlets and frightened Rullers.

Alcoholism, workaholicism, mounting addictive behaviors, and the escalating suicide rate reflect the magnitude of the problem. Henri Nouwen observed,

*Over the years, I have come to realize that the greatest trap in our life is not success, popularity, or power, but self-rejection. Success, popularity, and power can indeed present a great temptation, but their seductive quality often comes from the way they are part of the much larger temptation to self-rejection. When we have come to believe in the voices that call us worthless and unlovable, then success, popularity, and power are easily perceived as attractive solutions. The real trap, however, is self-rejection. As soon as someone accuses me or criticizes me, as soon as I am rejected, left alone, or abandoned, I find myself thinking, "Well, that proves once again that I am nobody." . . . [My dark side says,] I am no good. . . I deserve to be pushed aside, forgotten, rejected, and abandoned. Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the "Beloved." Being the Beloved constitutes the core truth of our existence.*

We learn to be gentle with ourselves by experiencing the intimate, heartfelt compassion of Jesus. To the extent that we allow the relentless tenderness of Jesus to invade the citadel of self, we are freed from dyspepsia toward ourselves. Christ wants us to alter our attitude toward ourselves and take side with Him against our own self-evaluation.

. . . When I was eight, the imposter of false self, was born as a defense against pain. The imposter within whispered, "Brennan, don't ever be your real self anymore because nobody likes you as you are. Invent a new self that everybody will admire and nobody will know." So I became a good boy — polite, well-mannered, unobtrusive, and deferential. I studied hard, scored excellent grades, won a scholarship in high school, and was stalked every waking moment by the terror of abandonment and the sense that nobody was there for me.

I learned that perfect performance brought the recognition and approval I desperately sought. I orbited into an unfeeling zone to keep fear and shame at a safe distance. As my therapist remarked, "All these years there has been a steel trapdoor covering your emotions and denying you access to them." Meanwhile, the imposter I presented for public inspection was nonchalant and carefree.

The great divorce between my head and my heart endured throughout my ministry. For eighteen years I proclaimed the good news of God's passionate, unconditional love — utterly convicted in my head but not feeling it in my heart. I never felt loved.

[Finally, when] I drained the cup of grief, a remarkable thing happened: In the distance I heard music and dancing. I was the prodigal son limping home, not a spectator but a participant. The imposter faded, and I was in touch with my true self as the returned child of God. My yearning for praise and affirmation recede.

. . . It used to be that I never felt safe with myself unless I was performing flawlessly. My desire to be perfect had transcended my desire for God. . . Unwittingly I had projected onto God my feelings about myself. I felt safe with Him only when I saw myself as noble, generous, and loving, without scars, fears, or tears. Perfect!

Excerpt from: *Abba's Child — The Cry of the Heart for Intimate Belonging* by Brennan Manning. Used by permission of NavPress Publishing Group.

## Where there's warmth (an original short story)

Andrea picked through the scattered branches on the ground in her search for firewood, while Bev struggled to put the tent up. Bev shoved the tent pole through the tent loops, but the pole kept coming apart and getting caught on the loops. It was supposed to be light-weight, all-weather, and easy-to-assemble. So much for that. Andrea bent down, picked up a couple branches, then tossed them back down. The tiny twigs just wouldn't do in this cool spring weather. Andrea looked down at the scattered sticks and declared defeat. Then she walked over to Bev. "Do you want help putting up the tent?"

"No thanks. I think I almost have it," Bev answered. Bev pushed the pole through the loops again. This time the pole didn't come apart. Now all she had to do was get the end of the pole in the loop at the bottom of the tent. She pulled the pole and stretched the loop, but the pole just wouldn't go in. Andrea stood back, watching Bev battle with the tent. It was a full-fledged war, and it appeared the tent would prevail. Bev was not about to give up, so she stretched the loop more and pulled the pole harder. When she finally got the pole into the loop, she got her glove caught between the pole and the loop. Seeing this, she fell to the ground and let out a yell of frustration.

"Want to trade jobs?" Andrea asked. "I can't seem to find anything to start a fire with. Maybe you'll have better luck."

"I want this tent to be up!" Bev answered.

Andrea looked at Bev, trying not to laugh. Bev lay on the ground with the tent loop wrapped around her fingers and the pole poking through the pointer finger of her glove. She let out a long sigh and then sat up and fixed her glove. Andrea helped Bev up and they began looking for firewood together.

"That was quite a little show back there, Bev," Andrea said.

"What do you mean? It was making me mad! I can't believe I can't put up a stupid tent!" Bev said.

"We're both probably just exhausted from our second term of college."

"Yeah, and everything else going on." Bev looked at Andrea to see if she caught the subtle hint. Apparently not, since Andrea continued to pick up a stick and then throw it back down. "You know, Andrea, we could have used that stick; and every other one you've thrown back down on the ground."

"Oh really? Well then, why don't you go back and pick it up?" Andrea's voice reeked with cynicism.

"What's your problem, Andrea? I was just trying to help," Bev said. She bent over and picked up a little branch and waited for Andrea's response.

"You just seem edgy today. I guess I just wish you'd tell me what's going on."

"Yeah, you're right. Something is wrong. I just don't know how to tell you."

"Well, I want to hear what you're thinking, so just start."

"I'm not so sure you really want to hear what I have to say," Bev said. She looked at the crippled tent sprawled out on the ground, then at Andrea. "I'm just afraid that if I share this with you, I'll lose your friendship."

"Bev, I'll respect you no matter what. Our friendship means more to me than differing opinions. I thought you understood this," Andrea said. She gave Bev a serious, pleading look, then she turned the look into a smile. She had always told Bev that their roots were potted in the same soil, and they could make it through anything.

"No matter how many times you say nothing could make you lose respect for me, I can't seem to believe you. You were the one who convinced me to quit smoking weed, and you told me I had to believe in something. Well, now I do," Bev said.

"I never told you that you should believe the same way I do or that you should go to church with me. I've always tried to stay open to your ideas." Andrea assumed Bev was talking about her New Age beliefs. Bev's parents went from being full-on Protestants, to atheists, and then to New-Agers. Bev followed her parents in their beliefs with each change they made.

Andrea looked around, and her eyes settled on the crippled tent. She decided that if Bev didn't speak soon, she would just get up and put it up the rest of the way. She looked over at Bev, who was deep in thought. Andrea got up to put up the tent and leave Bev in her thoughts.

Bev watched Andrea's every move. She was irritated that it took hardly any effort for Andrea to get the poles into the loops. Andrea went around the tent, to all four poles, and put each one into the loop where it belonged as if it were easy

enough for a child to do. Andrea finished and then walked back over to Bev and sat beside her. They looked at each other; they stared right into each other's eyes. Bev saw nervousness and hope in Andrea's. Andrea saw fear and distrust in Bev's. They looked away from each other and sighed together.

"Okay, if you want to know what's wrong, I'll tell you," Bev said. "I'm still the same person as far as our friendship is concerned and I still need and want to stay friends. So, here I am. I'm going to tell you now. I'm bisexual."

Andrea tried not to show the shock she felt. She wanted Bev to start laughing and say it was a joke. She was alone in the middle of nowhere with a female bisexual. She was going to sleep alone in the same tent with her and go find a place to pee with her in the woods. She looked at Bev to get her to keep talking.

"I've known since the beginning of last semester. I started having feelings for females the last semester of high school, but I didn't know how to put a label on what I was feeling. Now I do. I'm bisexual."

Andrea didn't like the freeness Bev used in saying that word, *bisexual*. Bev seemed to be saying it over and over so Andrea would get used to its sound.

"Well, do you have anything to say?" Bev asked.

"What do you expect me to say? It would just be easier if you would tell me what to say, so I would say the right thing," Andrea said.

"Look, I just think that love is something of the soul and that I shouldn't limit who I love by what someone's outer shell is. I'm feeling lost and confused, and I just thought you could

help me think and help me see what the path is for me."

"Okay, I'll be honest. It sounds to me like you're looking for a kind of love that can't be found in a person. If you want to find this perfect love that will satisfy your soul, you won't find it in another person--no

one will."

"I don't want a sermon, Andrea. The god you believe in left me long ago."

They both sat still, waiting for the other to get up, or do something. It was getting dark, and they'd need to gather wood quickly if they were going to cook anything.

"Are you hungry?" Andrea asked.

"No, I don't think I'm going to eat tonight. If I do, I'll just eat some trailmix," Bev said.

Andrea gave up on finding firewood. She went to the tent and unrolled her sleeping bag. She would just have trailmix, too. She tried to show Bev that nothing had changed by sitting next to her while they ate their granola, but the tension couldn't be masked. They sat munching in the cold evening air, wishing they had built a fire. Andrea looked at Bev and saw something sparkle on her cheek in the light of dusk. It looked like a tear. She was about to ask her about it when she felt a large cold drop on her forehead. It was raining.

The one drop was all the warning they got; it started pouring before they even had a chance to stand up. Andrea ran straight to the tent and squirmed into her sleeping bag. Bev had left her sleeping bag on the ground near her car, so when she finally got into the tent she and her sleeping bag were soaked.

Although it had only taken Bev a couple of minutes to get into the tent, Andrea tried to pretend she was asleep. Bev changed into some dry clothes and unrolled her cold, slippery sleeping bag and got inside it.

"Andrea, are you awake?" Bev asked.

Andrea didn't answer. She hoped Bev would quiet down and try to get warm on her own.

"Andrea Marie Dalton! Wake up or else I'm going to roll over on top of you!"

"Okay, I'm awake!"

"I'm freezing to death! Will you help me warm up?"

Andrea thought of the possibility of starting a fire to warm her up, but knew she shouldn't even try in the heavy rain. She had no other option than to let Bev crawl into her large polar sleeping bag with her. She knew what she needed to do. Andrea unzipped her sleeping bag and turned to Bev. "Come on in. It's warm in here."

REVIEWS

CINEMA

12 Monkeys is Oscar material

If you like being a happy person, if you think every movie experience should leave the viewer with a smile, if you like to ignore the world's problems and live in ignorant bliss... STAY AWAY FROM THIS MOVIE!!

However, if you appreciate excellent, Oscar-deserving acting, or if you are fascinated by incredibly well-written plots, or if you are into psychological thrillers (or just thrillers, or even just psychology), or maybe even if Revelation is your favorite book of the Bible... SEE THIS MOVIE!

In December of 1996, a man-made plague is set loose on the world. Within the next year 5 billion people die, leaving only one percent of the human population alive in underground bunkers, struggling for survival. The surface air, infused with the virus, is no longer habitable for mankind. Animals once again control the Earth.

**Twelve Monkeys**

Rated R

Reviewed by Jason Isbell

Enter James Coles (Bruce Willis), a convicted felon who "volunteers" to travel back to 1996 in order to find out who made the virus, so that the scientists of the future can make a vaccine, and thus enable mankind to reclaim the Earth's surface.

However, little goes right with Coles' trip to '96. Found naked in an alley in 1990, Coles is arrested and placed in a mental institution where he meets Doctor Katherine Raily (Madeline Stowe), a psychologist bent on curing his madness, and a young Jeffrey Goils (Val Kilmer), a fellow patient who believes

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man is destroying the planet through consumerism.

Together, Coles and Raily attempt to save humanity from a group of animal rights activists led by the insane young Goils, whose father is an eminent Nobel prize winning virologist.

All Coles and Raily have to do is find out where the virus in its purest form can be found and leave a message for the future scientists, all without attracting the attention of the police, who think Mr. Coles would be much more comfortable in a straitjacket.

Don't mistake this for another *Time Cop*. One of this film's more original (at least for time travel movies) premises is that the past is the past, and cannot be changed. Despite this seemingly insurmountable obstacle, the movie has a high level of unpredictability, with plot twists that you don't even recognize until a scene after they happen. This is the only movie that I can remember that has retroactive surprise.

The script is so tightly written that, when you leave the theater, all of your questions have been answered. Scenes from the beginning of the film intersect tightly with scenes toward the end, so you won't recognize this fact until the end of the movie (leaving your brain to sceram "Ouch, pain, pain, too deep, too deep!" in the meantime), but rest assured, they will be answered.

*Twelve Monkeys* had no nudity, no sex (not even off-camera), no swearing, little violence, but no more than the standard episode of *Cops* or *NYPD Blue*, so I was somewhat curious as to what gave this movie its "R" rating. I suppose the concept of nearly the entire human race dying off could be thought of as too much for persons under 17, and the asylum scenes were rather frightening (in too real a way).

*Twelve Monkeys* is an incredible cinematographic achievement, combining a complex and continually surprising plot (which is all the more impressive since the movie's first scene is used more than once) with some of today's finest actors.

One last thing to remember: If you ever think you have it figured out, know that you are wrong.



MUSIC

Delving into the unsightly genre of hard industrial

Yes, kids, it's time for another review from your favorite (?) music critic. This week, we delve into the unsightly world of hard industrial music.

Given the fact this album was produced by Scott Burns of Brainchild and Circle of Dust fame, one must wonder whether Argyle Park is an actual band or just another name for "Scott Burns project." Just to let you know what we're dealing with here, the band features members with cute names like "Deathwish" and "Dred" (production credit is given to "Celldweller," whose identity all of you might be able to guess). Several guests appear on the record, including Gyro of Mortal, Tommy Victor of Prong, and Jim Thirwell of Foetus. While one could make comparisons to other industrial bands, Argyle Park's material is distinct enough to separate it from secular faves NIN and Ministry. "Misguided" presents some brutal and cacophonous sounds that are quite capable of grinding your sanity into pulp.

**Misguided**  
Argyle Park

Reviewed by Anthony Syme

Crusader Rating **B+**

Needless to say, this is a pretty angry product. Industrial music is fairly capable in its ability to use chainsaw guitar sounds, hellacious vocals, and mechanically-inspired approaches to composition to beat you to death.

"Misguided" practically leaves no shred of compassion behind to hang on to. "Leave Me Alone" is particularly noteworthy. Lauren Boquette yells away with such conviction that the tune's emotional projection is unsettling. Interestingly, the violent outbursts are interrupted by moments of peppy piano samples and upbeat drum fills.

For those unfamiliar with the genre, such juxtaposition of non-related sounds is typical. Samples of dialogue, different instruments, and weird noises all serve to make the music the disjointed and disturbing medium it is (and, incidentally, I like it). Hardly melodic, but hard, nevertheless. "Doomsayer" is about as uplifting as it gets (you could probably d---e to it). Album lyrics? Clean, yes; nice, no. This isn't exactly stuff you'd find playing over the loudspeakers in the dining hall (that is, unless I was in charge).

You may disagree with the band's harshness, but that's a matter of taste. Such music can serve a useful purpose. If I lifted weights more often, this would be a possible selection for background noise (everyone in the gym would love that!). I would always encourage people to be musically open-minded, but I'm also aware of the obvious. Brainchild fans will probably eat this up. Michael W. Smith fans have been officially forewarned. All are invited to give "Misguided" a spin. Just don't let it go it your head... or crush it like a grape.

Music critic Anthony Syme delves into the harsh yet (mostly) clean world of hard industrial music. Don't knock it until it crushes your head like a grape.

MUSIC

Guardian successfully lets down its musical guard

In Guardian's previous album, *Swing, Swang, Swung*, the band took a chance and finally produced a more acoustic-style, nineties-sounding album. In their new album, *Buzz*, they went back to their harder rock sound and brought in a new producer, Steve Taylor. After listening to the last album that Steve produced, the Newsboys' *Going Public*, I expected a lot. I believe that Steve definitely delivered, with this return to Guardian's hard rock edge.

**Buzz**  
Guardian

Reviewed by Erik Friedly

Guardian might have let their guard down a little too much with Steve. He helped write five of the thirteen songs on this album. I enjoy Steve's contributions to the album, but part of the reason I have enjoyed Guardian in the past is due to their own unique writing styles and abilities.

What I was happy to see again was the contribution of each band member. Their diversity in styles strengthens the album and keeps it exciting. Three of their songs are written separately by individual members. "Psychadelic Runaway," written by guitarist Tony Palacios, talks about people who still try to run away from life through drugs like people did in the 'sixties. Jamie Rowe, lead vocalist, sings about realizing that we've fallen, asking God's forgiveness and then asking Him to lift us back up again in the song "Lift Me Up." The bassist, David Bach, wrote a lullaby that sounds like he's talking to his daughter after coming home from a long tour. Other good songs are "Lead the Way," which warns about all the people who are trying to lead us down the different paths of good living, declaring the only true path to be the one through Jesus Christ. "State Of Mine" is very honest about the feelings of confusion and doubt in our Christian lives. The song "Shorty" is much like "Shoeshine Johnny" on the *Miracle Mile* album in that it tells the story of a man who truly enjoys life. This is because he realizes his life is a gift from God and he isn't afraid to tell others about it.

Crusader Rating **B+**

This album showcases the versatility and ability of Guardian as a whole. May these four men continue to stay close to each other and grow even closer to the God who brought them together.

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Some say it can't happen, but gay recovery groups may be proving that there is:

# Healing for homosexuals

Homosexuality. In American society, the word tends to prompt heated debates and even fistfights among those to whom the issue has become important. Much of the discord stems from perceived causes of homosexuality, since there has never been any conclusive evidence to explain its origins. Some scientists have tried, with little success, to establish a connection between this lifestyle and a specific genetic code; despite the lack of proof, this opinion is widely held throughout society.

Many people have maintained, however, that living as a homosexual is a choice, either learned or influenced by environmental factors. This group believes that our sexual identity begins developing at birth and continues well into adulthood. The security of a child depends on a three-way bond of mother, child and father. Any disruption of these bonds, particularly the one between the same-sex parent and the child, can lead to sexual identity struggles later in life.

As a child enters school, the pressure from peers begins to shape their development. Classmates will tease a child about anything they perceive as different. For healthy development, the child's home must serve as a haven of comfort and affirmation. A dysfunctional support system can cause the child to withdraw into solitude or to turn to other sources of comfort.

Sharon Slocum, director of Bellwether Ministries, a Boise-based healing organization explains, "All people are born somewhere on the continuum between masculine and feminine. Some are gay and some aren't. It is how a child is treated by others that affects their choice."

If a young person is molested, especially by a trusted adult, the person's ability to form healthy bonds with others is devastated. It can leave them with an extreme need for affirmation and affection. Sexual activity becomes a way for them to feel accepted.

The homosexual condition emerges as the "hurt child" attempts to fulfill the unmet love needs in their life. Homosexuality is not primarily a sexual problem, it's a relationship problem.

Over the past twenty years, the concept of healing from homosexuality has been receiving increasing attention. For many who have come out of the homosexual lifestyle, God has been a major influence in the healing process.

"God began showing that I did have self-worth," said Tim Rymel, a former homosexual who is now Director of Outreach Ministries at Love In Action, "not based on what I did, but simply based on the fact that He loved me . . . He has broken the bondages of pornography and homosexuality and brought life."

Love In Action, a Christian program that ministers to homosexuals who want to get out of the gay lifestyle, was founded in San Rafael, California in 1973 by Frank Worthen, who had himself left the homosexual lifestyle. The program emphasizes the healing power of God and the importance of having a growing relationship with Him. One of the first programs of its kind, Love In Action has received national attention from the media; Worthen and other staff members have made television appearances on such shows as *Donahue*, *Good Morning, America*, and *The Jerry Springer Show*.

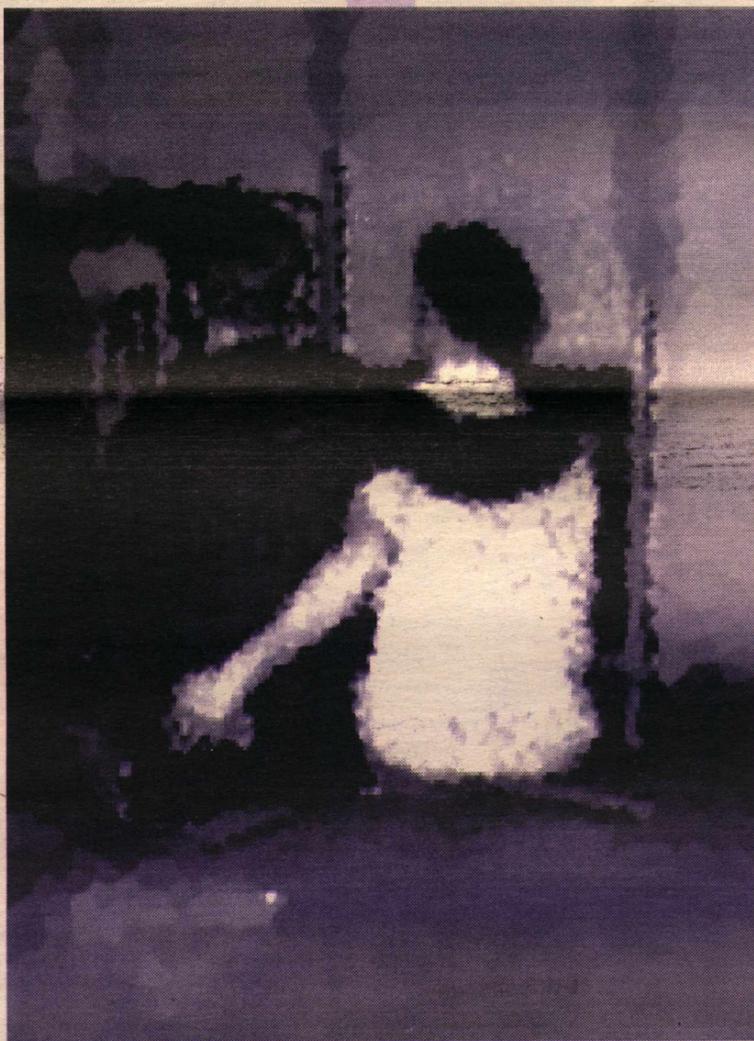
In 1995 Love In Action relocated from the Bay Area to Memphis, Tennessee. According to Rymel, various factors were involved, such as the cost of living and the difficulty of maintaining the ministry in an area where the homosexual lifestyle is so prevalent and socially accepted. "God wanted us in Memphis," said Rymel.

Four years ago, Sharon Slocum of Boise had a close cousin, who was in the homosexual lifestyle, die of AIDS. Shortly afterward, her church sent her to California for

training to lead small groups. "I was praying about what to be involved in when I saw the face of Christ crying," said Slocum. She felt this image of Christ portrayed the sorrow God feels for the homosexual. She knew that she was supposed to start a group to help Christians who were dealing with homosexuality.

The group she founded, Bellwether Ministries, is a non-profit organization that offers fellowship, support groups, counseling and referral services. At present, Slocum is the only person on staff. "There's not enough money to make a living. Some people give as they go through the program, but we depend totally on donations," she explained. "It's very rewarding for me. Sometimes its discouraging because it's a long process, but just working for the Lord is a blessing."

Two years ago, Terry came to Bellwether Ministries for



treatment. He is now married to a woman and up until several weeks ago served as a leader in the group.

Terry recalled the struggle he went through in his healing process. "I had to learn what my reasons for being attracted to the same sex were. I had to take an inventory of my life and find out what in my lifestyle caused me to be homosexual."

He claims that ninety percent of homosexuals were molested at some point in their lives. "I found out that I had been molested by a neighbor boy . . . That was the only way I knew to have a relationship with males.

"Once I figured that out, I was able to work backwards from that," he said. "I am totally healed. I still face temptation, but now it's not something I choose to do."

Above all else, Terry emphasized the importance of healing through a Christian framework. "I was actually fighting two battles. I felt I was Christian [before], but my background said otherwise." He went on to explain that he was raised in the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints, an organization he described as "not Christian-based" and as "a cult." Through the Bellwether program, Terry not only

left a lifestyle of homosexuality, but he also developed a personal relationship with Christ.

"The Bible teaches [that homosexual activity is] a sin and there's healing from it," said Rymel. "God promises in 1 Corinthians 10:13 that He will not let us be tempted beyond what we can bear."

Dr. Elizabeth Moberly, author of *Homosexuality: A New Christian Ethic*, believes that same-sex love is part of God's plan. Homosexuals don't need to eliminate this from their lives, but they need to maintain a healthy state. Her process calls for a change in behavior, increased self-esteem, deepening same-sex relationships and the discovery of heterosexual relationships.

The first stage, a call to obedience, requires the homosexual to cut all associations with the homosexual lifestyle, i.e. gay friends and bars. Although this can be traumatic, God calls the person to obey.

Establishing self-esteem is a vital second step because many are weighed down with the guilt of their sinful past. They need to learn that although they were sinning, they are still forgiven and worthy of love. Then they can begin to accept themselves for who they are and reinforce the positive aspects of their lives.

The third stage requires the recovering homosexual to learn to form deep, interpersonal relationships with members of their own gender. They must forgive those of the same sex who have previously wounded them and begin to experience unconditional love from members of their own gender.

The final step involves accepting and incorporating relationships with the opposite sex into their lives. This can only occur after the same-sex love need is met and continues to be met. The development of heterosexuality is a result of the change process and not necessarily proof of healing. This healing comes through a growth process. The person has to realize that they are never free of temptation and sliding back is a reality for many. Instead of viewing this as a defeat, they must consider it an opportunity to ask for forgiveness and begin rebuilding a foundation of God's acceptance.

Since 1977, Love In Action has provided a live-in program for men who wish to leave the gay lifestyle. Called the "Steps Out" program, it is a year-long "intensive discipleship program" for men. "We get participants from all over the world," said Rymel. "We run it like a treatment center and keep them pretty busy with issues

relating to homosexuality. Our main focus is looking at their character and issues relating to homosexuality." In 1987, a live-in program for women was established, but was discontinued three years later when Love In Action decided to focus on women's support groups that emphasize personal accountability.

The battle over homosexuality's causes is likely to go on for many years to come. "There are a lot of factors; it's not simply biological or environmental," said Rymel, "I believe there is a predisposition towards, but it's not a deciding factor. In a similar situation, children of alcoholics may be predisposed to becoming alcoholics themselves, but it is the lifestyle choices that will determine the end result.

The argument over the causes of homosexuality may never be resolved. It has been shown, however, that homosexuals have the choice of whether or not to remain in the lifestyle. With God's help, they can rebuild the foundations of healthy relationships in their lives and leave their past behind.

## Secure in my Feminine Identity - A testimony by Anne Paulk

When I was about 4 years old, an event had happened which profoundly shook my inner security. A teen-age boy approached me sexually, then warned me not to tell my parents. I never said a word, fearful that we'd both get into big trouble. The silence left me to reap a lot of self-inflicted pain, and the whole incident only reinforced my tomboy image. I didn't feel protected or valued as a girl.

I also craved special affirmation as a girl from my dad, but couldn't tell him why. And for years, I believed lies about myself, God, and men. The sexual experience also kept me from embracing femininity which, to me, meant being weak and vulnerable.

Then I found myself having crushes on some of my girlfriends. I was talented at athletics, so I joined the softball team in high school, but continued to avoid most feminine activities. I didn't feel pretty or lovable.

Then I went to college and met Sara. It was then, in early 1982, I realized my feelings for Sara were sexual...I decided to pursue my attractions for women. At the suggestion of a gay counselor, I even joined the college gay/lesbian rap group.

But during one of those meetings, I had a piercing thought: *There really is something wrong with this lifestyle.* I was heartbroken by the words that shattered my dreams of finding happiness with a female life-partner. After the meeting, I went home and cried. "God," I prayed, "please show me who You are, and fill the void in my heart."

After that prayer, I began experiencing a new hunger to know Jesus. Within six months, I made a firm decision to forsake homosexuality and follow Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately, none of the Christian leaders on campus or at church knew how to give me hope that my sexual attraction for women would change.

But my commitment to Jesus Christ enabled me to persevere in the face of these discouragements. I immersed myself in Christian activity, although the homosexual attractions never went away.

[My friend and I had] dinner in San Rafael with a Christian woman who was a former lesbian. Patty Wells listened to our questions, then gently shared the truth with us. After dinner, we took Patty back to her house where there was a support group meeting for Love In Action. I was really impressed with the understanding and wisdom of the leaders.

One night during the fall of 1988, as I anticipated being part of the 1989 live-in program, I heard a quiet voice: "I will heal you, Anne." At first I thought I was day-dreaming, but then I realized it was the Lord speaking to me.

The following months were filled with joyful intimacy with God. Something had changed deep inside of me. I realized that the Lord had truly changed my sexual identity from ex-gay to godly woman. I was learning that God loved me with a gentle delight, especially when I relied on His strength.

During this time, I found myself having a new interest in men, and began spending time with them in group situations. Then, in mid-1991, I began dating John, a man in my church. On December 31, 1991, John presented me with a ring and asked me to marry him. Since then, God has used John to comfort me and to confront areas of distrust in my life. This had been difficult, but the Lord has been faithful to fulfill His promise to heal me, even when the process is uncomfortable.



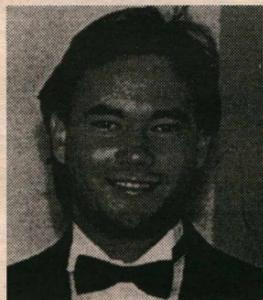
Today, Anne Paulk feels her identity as a woman is secure in Christ.

## Taking off the Mask - A testimony by John Paulk

My parents divorced when I was five. My Dad took my sister, Vicky, and me to a park, knelt down beside us and told us goodbye. It was a traumatic day I'll never forget. For the rest of my childhood, I lived with a continuous insecurity that the people I loved would always be walking out of my life.

My friend, Jim, and I started drinking alcohol when we were 14. From the start, my goal was to get drunk and I did every time. I drank to numb the pain inside, and it provided a temporary escape from my feelings of self-hatred and inadequacy.

When I was a senior in high school, a friend took me to a gay bar for the first time. All the attention I got from other men was overwhelming. I felt like I'd walked into heaven...I slipped into the gay lifestyle and let go of my childhood dream of having a wife and family.



John Paulk today and before as "Candi."



Another significant event happened in my life. I saw a male friend in a gay bar, dressed like a woman. One night he put makeup and a wig on me. When I looked in the mirror, I was astonished to see a beautiful "woman" looking back at me. That night completely changed my life. Over the next three years I threw everything into being the best woman I could.

In October 1985, my psychologist confronted me about my heavy drinking. I began attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. After six months of sobriety, my head began to clear. "Candi (his drag queen name), I don't need you anymore," I said. "I'm saying goodbye."

Very shortly after that, a college pastor asked if he could talk to me. Tom came to my apartment and told me about Jesus. That week, I dug out my Bible and started to read it again. After wrestling with the decision for days, I knelt down beside my bed.

"Lord, I don't know how to get out of homosexuality, but I will follow You. No matter how difficult it gets, I'll never turn away from You again."

Three months later, I was in a Christian bookstore and found the book *Beyond Rejection* by Don Baker. I took it home and devoured it in one day. In the back was Love In Action's address, and I wrote for information.

Soon after, I received a packet of information about the live-in program. I completed an application. Weeks went by. Finally, in October, the phone call came that I'd been accepted into the program.

Now I've been with Love In Action since December 1987, and it's been so healing for me. My identity had to be rebuilt from the ground up. Even though I made many mistakes the first year at LIA, I clung to the Lord.

Although Jesus filled the empty places of my heart, I still felt there was place for someone else. In 1991, I fell in love with a beautiful, godly woman from my church, who also had come from a homosexual background.

Anne and I were married on July 19, 1992. The Lord's transforming power was so evident during our wedding that my mother and stepfather prayed to receive the Lord that night.

Anne Paulk co-led the "Grace" women's support group, while John was admissions administrator for the live-in program at Love In Action, in San Rafael. Together they served on the worship team at the Church of the Open Door. They now reside in Oregon.

## Living Waters

Living Waters is an in-depth healing, teaching, and discipleship program. Although originally designed to minister to those struggling with homosexuality, the program has been broadened to also minister to those struggling with other forms of sexual brokenness, such as sexual abuse, pornography and sexual addiction.

### The 20 Lessons of Living Waters

#### Section I: Love Revealed

- 1: An introduction to Living Waters
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- 3: The Father's Pursuit of Us
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#### Section II: Understanding Sexual Brokenness

- 6: Welcoming Him Into Our Brokenness
- 7: Roots of Gender and Relational Brokenness
- 8: Broken Boundaries, Invaded Heart
- 9: Narcissism and Relational Idolatry

#### Section III: Reconciliation

- 10: The Cross: Resurrection and Accepting the True Self
- 11: The Cross: Forgiving Your Wounders
- 12: Restoring the True Feminine
- 13: Restoring the True Masculine

#### Section IV: Learning to Walk

- 14: Cross Bearers: Embracing the Process
- 15: Temptation: Bound or Determined?
- 16: Freedom From Sexual Addiction

#### Section V: Learning to Love

- 17: Devotion to Christ and His Community
- 18: Healthy Same-Sex Friendships
- 19: Healthy Heterosexuality
- 20: Toward Christian Maturity



# The week in review: elections in Palestine, floods on the East Coast, NNC graduate arrested . . .

## Arafat wins Palestinian elections

Yassar Arafat, the leader of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, was elected as Palestine's first president in a landslide vote. With 60 percent of the votes counted, Arafat had received 85 percent of the votes.

Arafat's only opponent, 72-year-old Samiha Khalil, received 10 percent of the vote in an election in which 80 percent of Palestinians million plus population turned out to vote.

The Palestinians also voted in members of the 88 member legislative council. Islamic Fundamentalists protested the election of Arafat because of the concessions he made in the peace process, and some Orthodox Jews who didn't like the idea of an independent Palestine showed their disapproval.

This election marks not only the first stage of Palestinians self rule, but also one of the first times that the Islamic Fundamentalists and the Orthodox Jews have agreed on anything.

(By David Stillman)

## NNC graduate arrested

Brian Pitcock, a NNC graduate and Kuna High School teacher, was arrested last week for writing "inappropriate letters" to two female students.

Pitcock turned himself in and was released on bail about an hour later. He is charged with two counts of injury to a child and, if found guilty, could get thrown in the slammer for six months, in addition to a \$300 fine.

According to Ada County Police Captain Roy Holloway, Pitcock has not made any physical contact with the girls, and the charges stem only from the letters. "We believe this is an isolated situation and that there are no other victims involved," Holloway said.

Pitcock has been teaching and coaching baseball at Kuna High for two years.

(By David Stillman)

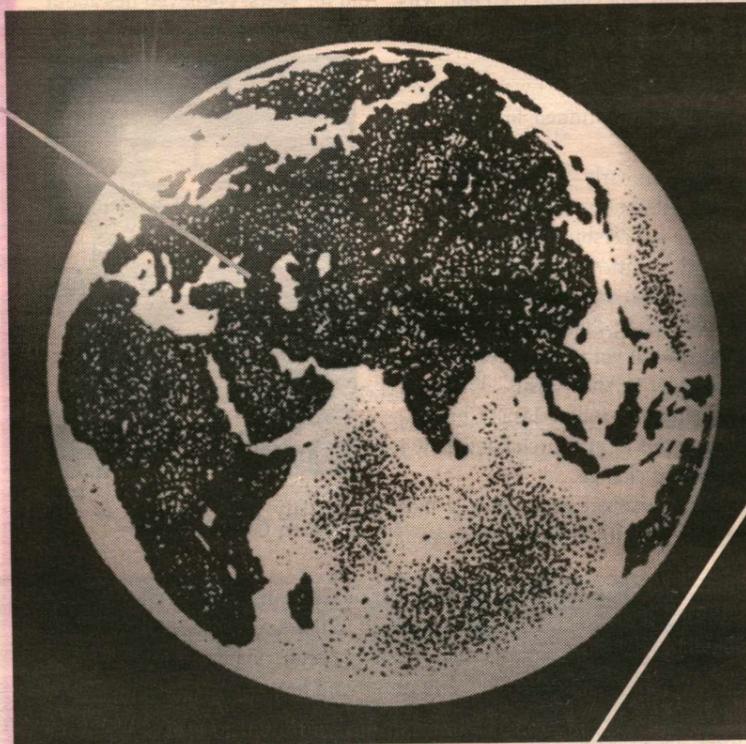
## Jackson, Presley divorce

Twenty months ago, Michael Jackson, 37, and Lisa Marie Presley, 27, took their wedding vows in the secrecy of the Dominican Republic. However, their marriage is ending short now that Lisa Marie Presley, the daughter of Elvis Presley, filed for divorce in Los Angeles.

At the time of the marriage, many people believed it was a way to resurrect Jackson's public image after he allegedly molested a 13-year-old boy. Said Melvin Belli, a prominent divorce lawyer, "they tried to build up his reputation and hers . . . I don't even think they were sleeping together." Indeed, the marriage may have helped the pop star avoid child molestation charges by reaching a multimillion dollar out-of-court settlement.

Last June, the couple declared that they were in love and were trying to have a child on ABC's Primetime Live. When talking about his marriage, Jackson said, "Just think . . . nobody thought this would last." Unfortunately for him, he was wrong and the skeptics were right.

(By Luke Heath)



## Quotes of the Week

*"I just don't think that it's right that the whole problem should be left in the hands of criminals."*

*--Rock star STING, urging the legalization of the drug Ecstasy*

*"We'll be sending a personalized copy of this wrapped in the U.S. Constitution to Senator Bob Dole."*

*--DON MURPHY, co-producer of Oliver Stone's "Natural Born Killers" which finally found a home video distributor after Dole's criticism of the film caused two companies to back out.*

## Wolves flown to Yellowstone

Twenty gray wolves found themselves a new home Monday when they were airlifted to Yellowstone National Park from British Columbia. The wolves are being held in pens at Yellowstone, and will be flown to the Frank Church National Wildlife Refuge in central Idaho after they become used to the climate.

The reintroduction began when forty wolves were captured in Canada, half of which will be flown to Yellowstone later this week. The plan is being protested by the Friends of the Wolf, a Canadian organization that wants the wolves to stay in Canada. The group offered a \$3,700 reward to anyone who set the wolves free before they were flown to the U.S, but, according to the authorities, no attempt has been made.

(By David Stillman)

## Hillary Clinton to testify Friday

Hillary Rodham Clinton will go before a federal grand jury on Friday to explain newly discovered documents relating to the Whitewater affair. The documents at issue are legal billing records from Mrs. Clinton's days as a partner in the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock, Arkansas. The records were missing until two weeks ago.

Clinton will become the first wife of a serving president to be compelled to testify before a grand jury. She and the president have denied any wrongdoing and described the controversies swirling around her as driven purely by partisan politics.

(By D. Andrew Zirschky)

## East Coast flooding

Extensive flooding in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New Jersey, and Ohio has killed thirty-two people and made thousands of people homeless. The flooding, which was caused by melting blizzard snow and heavy rain, has turned many eastern towns into small lakes. Gov. Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania is pushing to list 58 of 67 counties as national disaster areas, saying "We've got people dead and missing. We've got families walking around in shelters with only the cloths on their backs." Barbara Mueller awoke in her New Jersey home to find eight feet of water in her basement. "It filled it right to the top" she said.

(By David Stillman)

## Fired for wearing a Packers jacket

Sam Young, a former employee of Dallas' Manyard Grocery, was fired last Saturday for wearing a Packers jersey to work. Employees of the store had been told to wear a Cowboys jersey or their regular store uniform to work to show support for the Cowboys in the NFC championship.

Young, who "very much dislikes the Cowboys," decided to showcase his Cowboy hatred by wearing a Packers Jersey to work instead. His manager objected, but Young refused to take the jersey off. According to Young, his manager then said, "Then I have no other choice but to fire you." Young was soon jobless.

(By David Stillman)

# Chechens fight for independence

Russia pours troops into breakaway republic

Chechen sympathizers seized a ferry in the Black Sea near Turkey on Tuesday. They took the nearly 200 passengers, who were mostly Russians, hostage and promised their safe return if the Russian forces stopped attacking the Chechen stronghold of Pervomayskaya.

The Russian forces were attacking in an effort to free approximately 100 hostages that had been taken by the rebels in a raid on the city of Kizlyar.

The hijackers released the hostages and surrendered the ship Saturday. No one was injured on the ship. The citizens of Pervomayskaya were not so lucky. On Wednesday the Russian forces began bombarding the town with an all-day rocket barrage. They had given up hope that any of the hostages would be released, and were unwilling to let the Chechens win the standoff. The town was reduced to rubble.

This is the latest in a series of engagements between the mighty Russian army and the separatist rebels of Chechnya, a tiny district about the size of Massachusetts. This conflict has been going on for thirteen months.

The rebels are not afraid of unconventional methods in communications. Since no one trusts the Russian newspapers and broadcasts, they have found a solution: shortwave (ham) radio. Even in this remote area, almost every village has at least one ham unit. Orders are given, responses made and reports issued. Messages are even sent home from troops in the field. The ham system offers one other curious feature: political expression. On any given night, listeners can tune in to many Chechen "Limbaughs" shouting their anger and frustration over the air.

"Is this a fair fight? There are 10 times as many of them out there and they have artillery and airplanes. How can they call themselves honest warriors? They are cowards." broadcasted a man with the call name "Champion."

The issue is greater than the mere secession of an insignificant Russian district. If Chechnya is successful in its break, it may spell the fragmentation of much of Southern Russia as many other tiny ethnic enclaves declare indepen-

dence.

Chechnya was annexed to Czarist Russia in 1864, after 47 years of war. This tenacious spirit has evidenced itself in this first year of fighting. Jokhar Dudayev, the Chechen president summoned his people to a "war for life or death" when this whole thing started. "Strike and withdraw, strike and withdraw, until the invaders flee in fear and terror," he said.

Compounding the problems of the Russians is that, to get to Chechnya, their armies must pass through other defiant districts. These are populated largely by mountain-dwelling Muslims, most of whom are anti-Russian like the Chechens.

A Russian soldier who went by the name "Victor" told reporters, "This whole thing is stupid, useless and futile. I grew up here in the North Caucasus. I know these people. Once challenged, they'll fight to the last." Troop morale and mission support is at a severe low.

The Russian Federation is chock full of tiny groups with some kind of gripe against Moscow, be it economic, ethnic or territorial. The problem arises with the fact that just as the old Soviet Union was only united by a forceful central government, so it was with Czarist Russia. Now that neither the power of a Czar nor of a Soviet Premier is holding the nation together, many parts of the old Czarist Empire (like Chechnya) are trying to secede from Russia.

The question facing the United States is whether or not we should get involved. So far we view the whole affair as an internal conflict in another country and as so we have no right to interfere.

Though we might wish to back the Chechens eventually, this would be a grave double standard. The issue of secession was truly settled in bloody conflict over 130 years ago.

By JAMES FINKBEINER  
STAFF WRITER

# Psychics hired as spies

Rated as 25% effective

The Pentagon has spent ten years and \$20 million on a secret program code named Star Gate. Psychics were employed in pursuit of the unknown. The Pentagon's ultra-secret Defense Intelligence Agency hoped to gain an advantage over the world of military intelligence.

The Star Gate program did have an up year in 1981 when an American general, James Dozier, was kidnapped in Italy. The psychic told his Pentagon employers, that Dozier was being held in a stone house with a red roof. That was good, except for the fact that this description applies to a good portion of the houses in Italy.

These sort of occurrences did not phase the Pentagon. They continued to consult the crystal-ball gazers until December, 1995. The CIA (which had spent \$750,000 on psychic research from 1972 to 1977) determined that the program was a waste of money and moved to shut it down. Three full-time psychics operating on a \$500,000-a-year budget will soon have to close up shop.

Admittedly, the psychics did get some things right. A 1993 Pentagon report said psychics had correctly drawn 20 tunnels being built in North Korea near the demilitarized zone. Also, the CIA credits psychics with drawing accurate pictures of Soviet submarine construction hidden from U.S. spy satellites.

However, Star Gate psychics got it right only about 25% of the time. A CIA study arrived at the conclusion that "a large amount of irrelevant, often erroneous information were included in the psychics' reports." They were termed, "vague and general in nature."

One senator, Claiborne Pell, 77, of Rhode Island did assert his opinion of the whole ordeal, "If the CIA is not interested, that's their business. I am convinced that we should continue the research." Thanks to his kind of faith in the extrasensory, psychics can probably count on making a living even now that the Pentagon contract will soon disappear.

One such psychic, Uri Geller, an Israeli whose self-proclaimed powers made him famous for bending spoons and stopping watches, is taking his mind-bending feats into cyberspace. Geller is offering a million dollars to anyone who can bend a spoon via the Internet. The utensil is locked in a safe with a camera trained upon it in Geller's home near London. People are invited to call up live pictures of the spoon on their home computers and attempt to bend it. Geller has not tried to bend the utensil himself. The World Wide Web address is: <http://www.urigeller.com>.

Geller is ready to hand over his psychic crown to the person who can pull off the trick. "If someone succeeds in doing it, they will be more powerful than me. I really would be happy to transfer the crown to someone else."

(Editors Note: Please do not try bending Mariott's spoons with your psychic aura. They are already fighting cracked plastic cups and flying dinner rolls.)

By Lee Taylor  
STAFF WRITER

# Irish peace talks move forward

Sinn Fein and British Government reaching compromises

A dramatic shift in Sinn Fein policy was signaled by a senior party official, Mitchell McLoughlin, when he said that Sinn Fein would seriously consider a new proposal for an elected Northern talks forum. The Sinn Fein had previously been dedicated to uniting Ireland, but it now appears that they now may be ready for a compromise.

According to the *Irish Times*, McLoughlin said that a possible British government proposal to establish a 45-member elected body in Northern Ireland would go a long way towards meeting the requirements for all talks between the Sinn Fein and the government. To be acceptable, though, the elected body must deal only with internal matters of Northern Ireland. If the agreement amounted to Unionist rule,

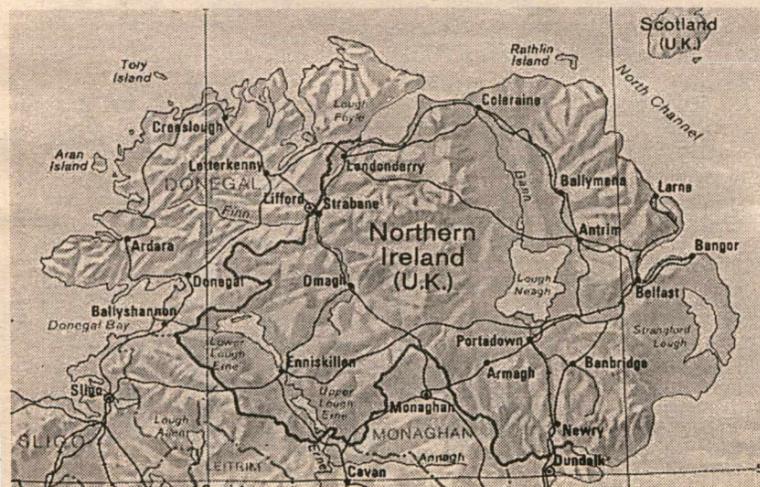
the peace talks between the Irish group and the British government could fall through.

"We would give serious consideration to any proposition that would make political progress possible, but will not be drawn into anything that will be dominated by a unionist agenda," McLoughlin told the *Belfast Telegraph*. "One of our principle concerns would be that it is manageable and that it would be a proper negotiating forum." McLoughlin was careful not to oversell Sinn Fein's reaction the forum idea. But, if such a forum and election were to take place it could revitalize the stalled peace process.

The fact that the peace process has a long way to go was hit home when Britain's Camden Council blocked Sinn

Fein plans to build its first headquarters in London. The Council killed the Sinn Fein proposal because the Irish group had refused to "condemn violence." They also cited concerns over residents' safety. A Sinn Fein spokesman said that the "decision speaks for itself, really." The Sinn Fein was plainly embarrassed. There is little doubt that this is a very sensitive issue.

By RICH MAHER  
STAFF WRITER



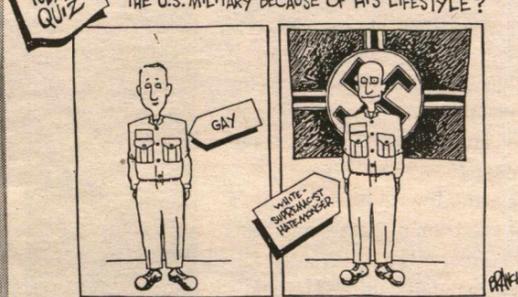
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# Lawsuit may allow gays in military

Bill Clinton's gays-in-the-military policy is rather simple. Homosexuals can still be kicked out of America's armed forces, but the military cannot ask about a person's sexual preference. This "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy is now under fire in a lawsuit filed against the government by Navy Lt. Richard Watson, who told his superior officer he was gay to avoid blackmail as he rose through the ranks. Now the army wants to discharge him. Watson wants to stay. He argues that Clinton's policy on homosexuality is an invasion of privacy. Said Watson's attorney Christopher Bates. "It's the height of hypocrisy."

Watson just might win, because the judge who is presiding over the case has ruled in favor of gays in the

WHICH SOLDIER IS MORE LIKELY TO BE KICKED OUT OF THE U.S. MILITARY BECAUSE OF HIS LIFESTYLE?



military in the past. In 1994, he ruled to reinstate Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, a Nurse for the National Guard who was discharged because she was a lesbian. However, Watson's case is still up in the air. (By David Stillman)

"It's the height of hypocrisy"

# Candidates side with right wing

Most candidates agree with Christian Coalition on issues

In order to get enough support to oust Republican front runner Bob Dole for the Republican nomination, some "less-likely-to-succeed" GOP candidates have been seeking support from Christian activists.

At a "National Affairs Briefing," in Memphis, Tenn., candidates such as Pat Buchanan, Senator Dick Lugar and Alan Keyes pressed upon the convention the need for abortion to "disappear" and to put a national emphasis on the family to emerge.

All the '96 presidential candidates were invited to the conference that was organized by a coalition of anti-abortion and conservative Christian groups in order to scrutinize the candidates.

However, among others, Clinton, Dole, former Tenn. Governor Lamar Alexander and Steve Forbes did not attend.

Buchanan bluntly spoke his distaste for those candidates who did not show.

"If you find leaders who will not discuss that cultural battle, who will not discuss that cultural war, and will not fight that cultural war, do not make them your leaders," said Buchanan.

"Our nation is calling us. We have got to fight and win this cultural war for the soul of America," Buchanan told his fellow conservatives.

Standing ovations were received again and again by Buchanan as he vowed to dismantle the Department of Education, fire bureaucrats "in sandals and beads," name anti-abortion justices to the Supreme Court and end "tax dollars funding filthy and blasphemous art."

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**--Pat Buchanan**

Buchanan was not the only candidate to prompt cheers from the Christian activists. Conservative talk show host and anti-abortion activist Alan Keyes, asserted, "The number one priority that we've got to address is that practical issue of family disintegration."

Indiana Senator Dick Lugar took a more passive approach. He told the audience that God pays attention to everything that is uttered. He said, "It

is important that when we speak, that we tell the truth." Lugar, like the other GOP candidates, is pro-life. Lugar also said that he would like to find a way to allow prayer back into schools constitutionally.

Some of the candidates who did not attend wanted to make sure that the Religious Right would not count them out. Aides from the offices of both Dole and Alexander said that the candidates could not make it due to campaign schedules.

Alexander and multimillionaire magazine publisher Steve Forbes both have said that they are opposed to abortion, but have different views on how to abolish abortion.

Forbes does feel that a constitutional amendment is called for, but Alexander feels the federal government should not play a role.

Dole, who has catered to the Christian conservatives in the past, has said that he is staunchly anti-abortion.

Even with the less-likely contenders trying to get support from the "Religious Right," they have not made much headway. Dole is still the front runner and Forbes has just stepped up to second place in the poles with an economic rather than a social message.

By RACHEL ROEMHILDT  
STAFF WRITER

# Hatfield to teach at George Fox

Five term U.S. Senator will start teaching in 1997

What do you do after you've served five consecutive terms in the United States Senate? If you are Senator Mark Hatfield you return to teaching. After announcing that this would be his last term, the Oregon senator later announced that he would begin teaching at George Fox College (GFC), in Newberg, in the spring of 1997.

Hatfield, a noted scholar on Herbert Hoover, serve as the college's Herbert Hoover Distinguished Professor. This title was formed specifically for Hatfield.

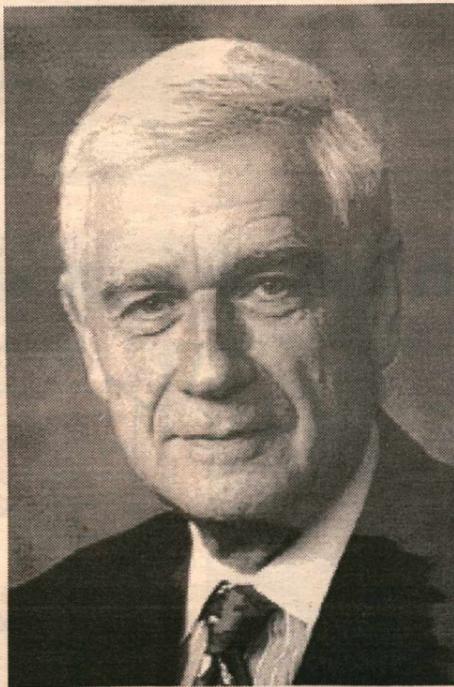
The title purposely omits "of government," according to GFC President Edward Stevens. Stevens further stated, "We believe the Hoover title represents Senator Hatfield's career-long interests and commitments. . . We want to leave it more general, in recognition of the breadth and versatility in the expertise of both Senator Hatfield and President Hoover."

Hatfield will be teaching a broad spectrum of classes and seminars. George Fox currently has classes that fall within Hatfield's area of expertise: American Government, War and Conscience in the United States, State and Local Government, International Conflict and Peace, and Herbert Hoover as well as the Vietnam Experience.

In addition, GFC is thinking about adding courses tailored to Hat-

field specifically.

"I am honored to join George Fox College as the Herbert Hoover Distinguished Professor," Hatfield said in a prepared statement distributed by the college.



"George Fox College exemplifies the dedication to excellence in education and Christian faith that has played such an important role in my life, as well as the life of President Hoover."

The addition of the Hoover chair is

appropriate because Hoover lived in Newberg as a boy and attended Pacific Friends Academy which later became George Fox College. The endowed faculty chair is being funded by Edgar A. McDowell former president of the Southern Pacific Foundation. McDowell is a longtime benefactor of the college and a personal friend of the Hoover family.

This career change does not throw Hatfield into a totally new field. In 1949, he served as an associate professor of political science and dean of students at Willamette University. Hatfield taught at Willamette until 1957, then began his government career by serving four years as a state representative.

He then served two years as Oregon's Secretary of State before being elected as Governor of Oregon in 1959. He served in the position until 1967, when he began his first term in the United States Senate.

In a sense, Hatfield is returning to his roots. He is a big addition to GFC and his presence will raise the prestige of what some see simply as another Christian institution.

By SHANNON DONIVAN  
STAFF WRITER

# CRUSADER COMMENTARY

By Dave Roemhildt

News can be trash. Let me explain. In 1995, the nation was captivated by a single news event -- O.J. Simpson. The trial of the century, as it was billed, took up page after page in newspapers across the nation and hours upon hours on the nightly news. Day after day the nation waited with bated breath to hear of the latest developments in the trial.

The majority of the reporting on the O.J. case, however, was focused on trivial subjects such as Judge Ito's beard, Marsha Clark's hair, Kato Kaelin's stuttering and, occasionally, the price of wieners outside the courtroom (Dang, that was important information). It is not difficult to see that journalism and the mass media sacrificed more important news to run items that the public found more entertaining. The entertaining stuff sold great, but what did the public get out of it? A heightened awareness of hairstyling trends? A more conscientious observance of Oscar Meyer stock? Possibly.

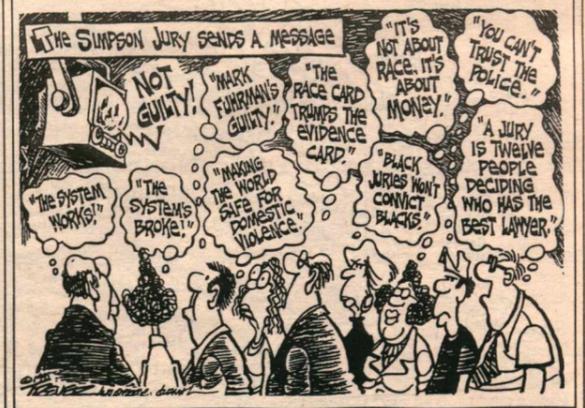
But what worries me most is that while the majority was following hair trends and the hot-dog cart, very important judicial and social issues that arose from the trial were backburnered for lack of interest. A few of the more serious newspapers and television networks spent some time devoted to the more important aspects of the trial. CNN made a halfhearted attempt to be serious on the subject but most of their programs came down to the same bottom line. "Ms. Interviewer: 'Dr. Sell-my-soul-for-a-TV-appearance, do you think O.J. will be convicted, or will he go free?' Dr. Sell... (in a tone that betrays his training as an academic nerd and not a broadcasting personality) 'Well Bonnie, I think it is too soon to tell right now, I'll have a better idea after the verdict.'"

The bottom line is this: occasionally, in a democracy people believe that what the majority wants to know is what they really need to know. The O.J. case proves that this idea has serious problems. There are many important news items and issues that the American public needed to know during the O.J. trial that they and the mass media ignored because they weren't sensational.

It is not too late to understand the various important aspects of the O.J. trial. Race relations and the difference in the ways races and ethnic groups approach and think about a matter is a topic that should have been considered more earnestly. The power of persuasion over justice also deserves some attention. Unfortunately, the list of important aspects is long and this column is short.

Some Americans have come to a better understanding of race relations or the processes of the court system. This is positive, but it does not excuse the unforgivable amount of attention the media and the nation gave to trash. That's right, trash, garbage, -- stuff that isn't worth anything - matter of fact, is only worth throwing away.

It is my intention in this column to give the reader some information that is important, something that they can take with them as a better understanding, an increased sensitivity or a heightened awareness. So please turn to this column each week. You'll be reading news, not trash.



# Lady Crusaders thump Yotes for second time

*Saders will hit the road this weekend to play Concordia and Eastern Oregon*

For the first time in 14 years, the Lady Crusaders made the short road trip to Albertson College.

The result was the second victory for Coach Schmidt and his team over the upstart Coyotes this season, 77-66.

Led by sound use of the transition game the Crusaders simply outran the Coyotes at their own game.

Going into Tuesday's game, the Coyotes and Crusaders were tied for second place in the Cascade Confer-

ence at 3-2.

Playing in their first season in 14 years, the Coyotes came into the game with a rather surprising 13-8 record. Early in the season the Lady Saders beat the Yotes at home in the Tip-off Tournament, 83-72.

Since that loss the Coyotes had made an impressive turnaround in conference play and entered Tuesday's game with a certain level of optimism. The Crusaders, on the other hand,

seemed to enter Tuesday's game wondering what had had gone wrong on their last road trip.

Last weekend's road trip to Southern Oregon State College proved to be another test in a season already laden with little disappointments.

On Friday, the Lady Crusaders suffered a 59-58 loss to SOS.

At one point the Saders led by eleven points, but were unable to hold the lead.

One telling stat for the game was Southern's 20 offensive rebounds to NNC's 13. On the game, Southern outrebounded NNC 43-39.

Through the first half of Tuesday's game against Albertson, the Lady Crusaders seemed to be repeating Friday's performance.

Despite the sluggish start, the Saders were tied with the Yotes 36-36 at halftime.

Kari Smith, who has become a catalyst for the Crusader offense, sparked the NNC offense to multiple scoring runs. In addition to gaining control of the momentum, the Saders were able to control the boards and penetrate on offense.

Despite a late Albertson run, NNC held on to the lead for the 11 point victory.

Coach Schmidt felt positive about the overall performance of his team. He said, "We were just tentative in the first half, but we picked it up in the second half and proved we could run with them."

Donna Knight led the Crusaders with 19 points and Ellen Duncan added 17.

This weekend, the Lady Crusaders hit the road against Concordia and Eastern Oregon.

BY TOBY JEFFREY  
SPORTS EDITOR



Donna Knight scored 19 in Tuesday's game, putting her team leading season average at 17.4 ppg.

## Cascade Conference Standings

### WOMEN

	Conf.	Overall
Western Oregon	3-1	13-4
NW Nazarene	3-2	11-7
Western Baptist	2-2	14-6
Southern Oregon	2-2	12-8
Albertson	3-3	13-9
Eastern Oregon	1-2	4-11
Concordia	0-3	4-17

Friday: NNC at Concordia, 7:30 p.m. PST

Saturday: NNC at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m. PST

### MEN

	Conf.	Overall
Albertson	6-0	17-2
NW Nazarene	5-1	13-6
Western Oregon	4-1	12-5
Eastern Oregon	3-2	9-10
Oregon Tech	2-4	12-7
Western Baptist	1-4	12-10
Concordia	1-4	9-8
Southern Oregon	0-6	5-16

Friday's game: NNC at Concordia University, 7:30 p.m. PST.

Saturday's game: NNC at Eastern Oregon State College, 7:30 p.m. PST.

RADIO: Both games will be broadcast on KCID-FM 107.1 at 8:30 p.m. MST.

# Winter intramurals get off to quick start

As the snow began falling during the first couple weeks of January, so did errant shots that would be more useful for building a gym, than for playing in one.

No, it is not our Workin' Crusaders who are throwing up wild prayers, but several hundred intramural basketball players. This year there are 25 men's teams and 10 women's teams.

The league is just two weeks old, and already thirty games have been

played.

In women's action the Volleyball Team defeated 2W 39-32. Kelsey blew away Shubahs 57-17. Karen led all players with 21 points.

W4 edged out W3 42-34. Shannon scored 12 points to help W3 defeat W7 in second round action.

In men's action Tim's Team defeated Skeen's Team 51-32. Greg Bartoloba scored a game high of 19 points. While Josh Sharette contributed 15

points for Skeen's Team.

Chanda Penn had 29 points for the Silver Bullets as they defeated Williamson's Team 70-39. Penn's 29 points is the highest single game total for any player so far this season.

Violent Red Storm defeated Gibler and the Freshmen 58-50. Joe "Big Daddy" Ferguson led the Storm with 20 points. Jeff Paris had 16 points for the Freshmen Team.

Blake Wolf and Chris McKenzie had 15 and 16 points respectively as they defeated the Old Guys 65-57.

Ball Bashers proved to be no match for Bad Hand as they went down easily 75-31. Nater had 20 points for the Bashers.

1C also defeated Bad Hand in second round play. Bad Hand might be a better description of the season they may have.

Kinzler's Team struggled in the first half, but proved too big for 7B in the second half. 7B fell 63-37.

Vaseline took down 1B 60-36 with Eric Marquardt leading all players with 14 points.

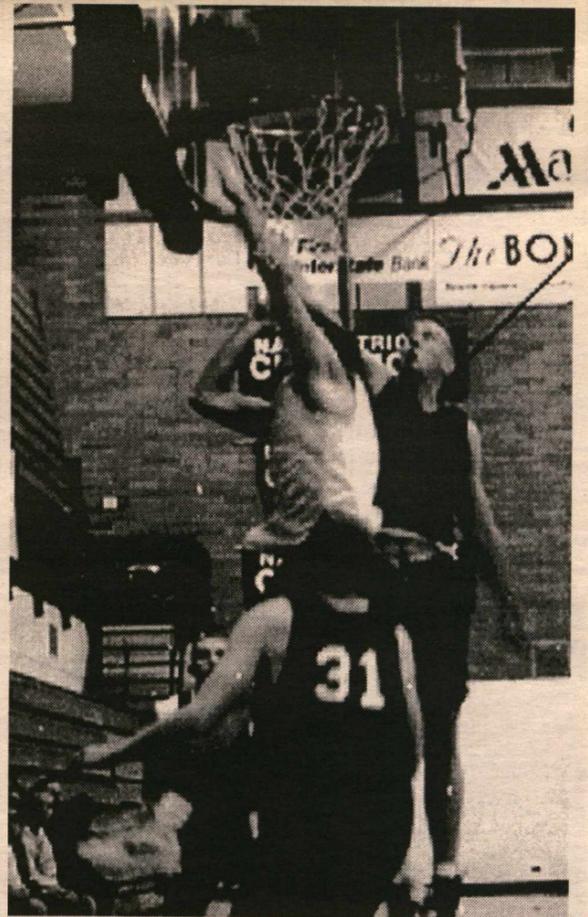
Menudo (possibly this year's best name) barely edged out a win against Ganske's team. Mick Craker dished in 14 points for Menudo as they defeated Ganske 42-39.

Dust 8 cooked Marriot (the team, not the cafeteria) a loss 56-46. Joe Galigan poured in 18 points for Dust 8.

Violent Red Storm gave Skeen's Team a first round loss. This is Skeen's first loss in several years. "Big Daddy" Ferguson led all players with 22 points.

If you are in the mood for cheap entertainment, come and check out some games. It's the cheapest show in town (not to mention amusing)!

Games will be played on Thursday this week at 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and

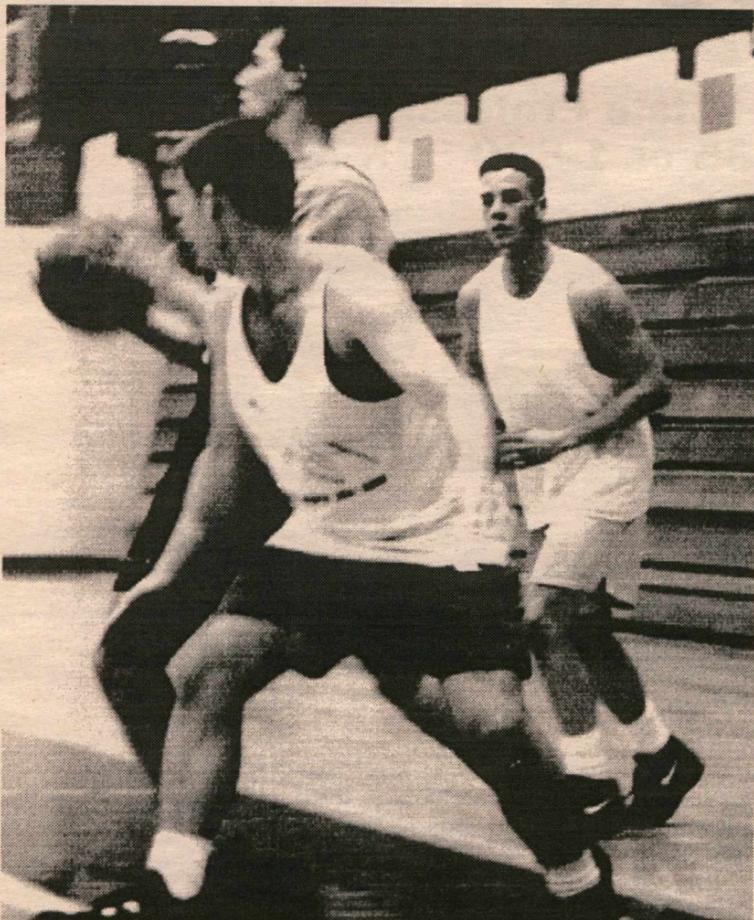


Recent intramural action proved to be rather exciting at times. (Frahm)

8:00 p.m. There will also be games Saturday hourly the entire afternoon.

A schedule of the games is posted on the Intramural Board. If you have any questions they can be directed towards Tony Chilson or Zach Smith, this year's Intramural Directors in charge of basketball.

BY BRENT PETERSON  
STAFF WRITER



Blake Wolf and Trevor Hardcastle (both in white) put on the defensive pressure. (Frahm)

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## Men grab two big wins on road

The Crusader men's basketball team cleared some pretty big hurdles on their Southern Oregon road trip.

In the past three seasons the Southern Oregon road trip has been a turning point for the Sadlers. This season Coach Weidenbach is hoping that the same holds true.

Trailing Albertson by one game in the Cascade Conference standings, the Crusaders set out in near blizzard conditions to face a struggling Southern Oregon team.

Using a strong mix of inside and outside play, something admittedly missing in recent games, the Crusaders managed to control the flow of the game.

The Crusaders took control of the game defensively early in the second half, building an 18 point lead midway through the second half.

Although the Crusaders allowed the Raiders of Southern to pull within seven at 71-64, the game was never really in doubt.

Using tight defense and taking advantage of Southern fouls down the stretch, NNC pulled out the 83-73 victory.

Coach Weidenbach was pleased with the Crusaders' ability to mix it up on offense, "It was nice to have that offensive mix, it is a step in the right direction."

In addition to strong defense, and the mix of the inside and outside games, the Crusaders dominated the boards 53-37. NNC pulled down 21 offensive boards. Nate Smith pulled down 12 boards for the Sadlers.

Todd Schumacher continued his hot streak nailing four three-pointers on his way to 16 points on the game. Smith poured in a game high of 24 points.

On Saturday the Sadlers braved an additional foot of snowfall to face the Owls of Oregon Tech, ranked 21st in the country.

Looking like the Crusaders of old, NNC put together one of their best played games of the season. Coach Weidenbach agreed, "Tonight was our best effort all year from start to finish."

In an up-and-down game, the Crusaders fended off the red hot shooting of OIT for a very important 79-75 victory.

"Getting a win here is huge," said Weidenbach.

NNC led by as much as 13 in the second half. The Owls used the three-point arc to cut the Sader lead to two with four minutes remaining. Todd Schumacher hit a three point shot as the shot clock ran down to stop the OIT run.

The remaining 30 seconds showed that the Crusaders can make the big plays when they have to. Chad Herron sank a three pointer to give NNC the 77-73 lead.

OIT wasted no time, following with a shot in which Matt Foster was fouled by Nate Smith.

With a chance to pull the Owls within one, Foster missed his free-throw. Herron pulled down the rebound with 15 seconds remaining. Facing the full court pressure, Herron passed the ball the length of the court to Trevor Stott for a wide open slam that gave the Sadlers the 79-75 lead.

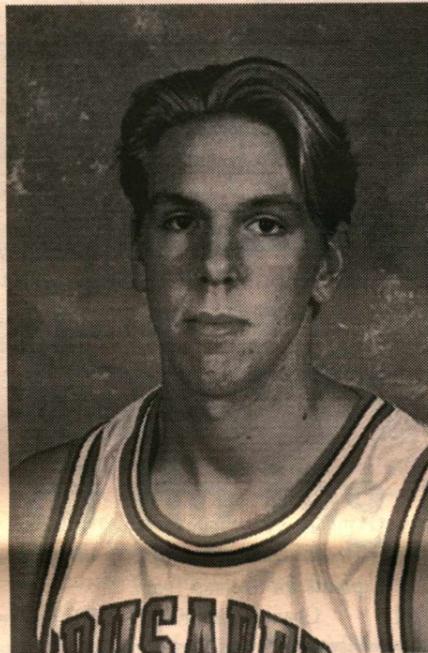
In the final 12 seconds, the Owls put up two treys in vain.

Roy Garcia led the Crusaders with 16 points while Chad Herron added 14 points including four three pointers. The Sadlers poured in 30 points off of the bench for the game.

The road sweep put the Crusaders at 5-1 in conference, still one game behind Albertson College. Weidenbach was pleased with the road wins, "We played hard and had a great weekend."

NNC will face Concordia and Eastern Oregon this weekend, both games will be on the road.

By TOBY JEFFREY  
SPORTS EDITOR



Nate Smith scored 34 points on the weekend while pulling in 18 total rebounds.

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# Lemons: a Barry guide to buying cars

*It's simple: don't ever buy any car my father would buy.*

The First Rule of Car-Buying is one that I learned long ago from my father, namely: Never buy any car that my father would buy. He had an unerring instinct for picking out absurd cars, cars that were clearly intended as industrial pranks, cars built by workers who had to be blindfolded to prevent them from laughing so hard at the product that they accidentally shot rivets into each other.

For example, my father was one of the very few Americans who bought the Hillman Minx, a wart-shaped British car with the same rakish, sporty appeal as a municipal parking garage. Our Minx also had a Surprise Option Feature whereby the steering mechanism would disconnect itself at random moments, so you'd suddenly discover that you could spin the wheel all the way around in a playful circle without having any effect whatsoever on the front wheels. Ha ha!

You can imagine how I felt, as an insecure 16-year-old with skin capable of going from All Clear Status to Fully Mature Zit in seconds, arriving at the big high school pep rally dance, where all the cool guys had their Thunderbirds and their GTOs with their giant engines and 23 carburetors, and there I was, at the wheel of: The Hillman Minx. A car so technically backward that the radio was still receiving Winston Churchill speeches.

You don't see many Minxes around anymore, probably because the factory was bombed by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. You also don't see many Nash Metropolitans, another car my father bought. The Metropolitan was designed by professional cartoonists to look like the main character in a children's book with a name like Buster the Car Goes to Town. It was so small that it was routinely stolen by squirrels. It was not the ideal car for dating, because there was room for only one person so the other had to sprint along the side of the highway, trying to make causal conversation and sometimes dropping from exhaustion. Being a gentleman, I always made sure my dates carried flares so I could go back and locate them at night.

Of course today's cars are much more sophisticated, by which I mean "expensive." This is because modern cars employ all kinds of technologically advanced concepts such as measuring the engine in "liters." Let's say you buy a car with a "5.7 liter engine": This means that when it breaks, you should not ask your mechanic how much it's going to cost until you've consumed

5.7 liters of a manufacturer-approved wine.

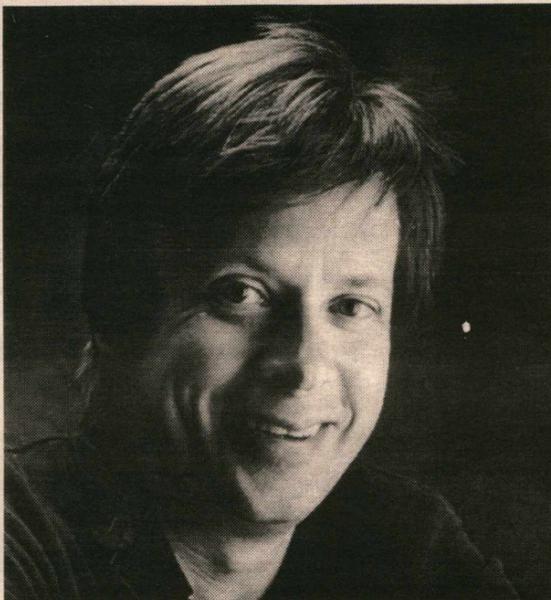
Of course, the most important consideration in buying a new car is the rebate. This is one area of automotive technology where America still reigns supreme. A lot of Japanese cars don't even have rebates, whereas some American car dealerships have become so sophisticated that they no longer sell cars. You just go in there and sign legal papers for a couple of hours and get your rebate and your zero-percent financing with no payments due until next Halloween, and you drive home in the same old car. Ask your automotive sales professional for details. He's clinging to your leg right now.

NO! JUST KIDDING! The last time I jokingly suggested that there

**"You don't see many Hillman Minxes around anymore, probably because the factory was bombed by the Consumer Product Safety Commission"**

was anything even slightly unpleasant about buying a car, several million automotive professionals wrote me letters threatening to take all their advertising out of the newspaper and jam it up my nasal passages. So let me state in all sincerity that as far as I am concerned these people are gods, and car-buying is the most legal fun that a person can have while still wearing underwear.

But it can also be confusing. There are so many brands of cars today, with new ones constantly being introduced, not only from domestic manufacturers but also from foreign countries such as



Mars. I refer here to the "Infiniti," a car that was introduced by a bizarre advertising campaign in which — perhaps you noticed this — you never actually saw the car. Really. All you saw in the magazine ads was ocean waves, leading you to wonder: Is this a submersible car? Or was there some kind of accident during the photo session? ("DangIt, Bruce, I TOLD you the tide was coming in!")

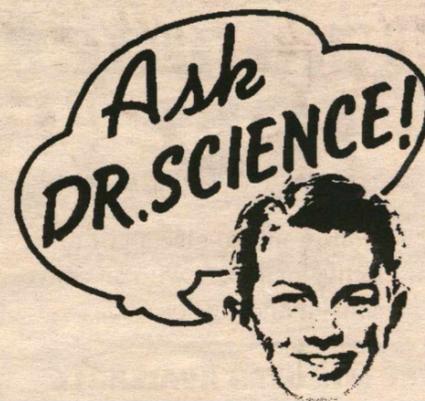
But no, the Infiniti ads were done that way on purpose. They wanted you to spend \$40,000 on this car, plus whatever it cost to get the barnacles off it, but they refused to show it to you. Why? Because the Infiniti is actually: The Hillman Minx.

No, just kidding again. The truth is that the Infiniti ads are part of an exciting new trend called "Advertising Whose Sole Purpose Is To Irritate You." The ultimate example of this is the magazine ads for Denaka vodka, where a haughtily beautiful woman is staring at you as though you're the world's largest ball of underarm hair, and she's saying, "When I said vodka, I meant Denaka." What a fun gal! I bet she's a big hit at parties. ("Psst! Come in the kitchen! We're all gonna spit into the Denaka woman's drink!")

My point is that there's more to buying a car than just kicking the tires. You have to really know what you're doing, which is why, all kidding aside, I recommend that you carefully analyze your automotive needs, study the market thoroughly, and then purchase the car that you truly feel, in all objectivity, has the most expensive advertisement in the newspaper. Don't thank me: I'm just keeping my job.

**Dave Barry is a syndicated columnist with the Miami Herald.**

Hey, everybody it's time to . . .



Dear Dr. Science:

As I was trying to direct my husband to the exact spot on my back where the itch was, I began to wonder, exactly how big is an itch?

--Laura Tollenaar, Portland, OR

It depends if it's amoebic or viral. Most itches are big enough to be seen under a magnifying glass, if they've been appropriately stained and are illumined at an angle with short wave, ultraviolet light. I once watched an itch that looked a lot like actor Dennis Hopper running all over the back of an unfortunate friend. She had to be completely immersed in a solution of baking soda and chamomile tea. Viral itches are impossible to observe directly, but you can always see where they've been. A tiny welt pops up momentarily, then fades and another appears nearby. It's like watching a mole burrow under your yard. Fascinating.

Dear Dr. Science:

How can I convince mice to leave my home without killing them?

-- Dan Haggerty, Seattle, WA

Hire a motivational speaker. Many specialize in rodent persuasion. The trick involves convincing the mouse it's in his best interests to leave. So rather than casting the solution in a negative light, the speaker challenges the mouse to move on towards a higher goal! I once had Zig Zigler himself rid my house of mice and cockroaches. Not only did the varmints leave, they went on to profitable careers in real estate and nutritional counseling.

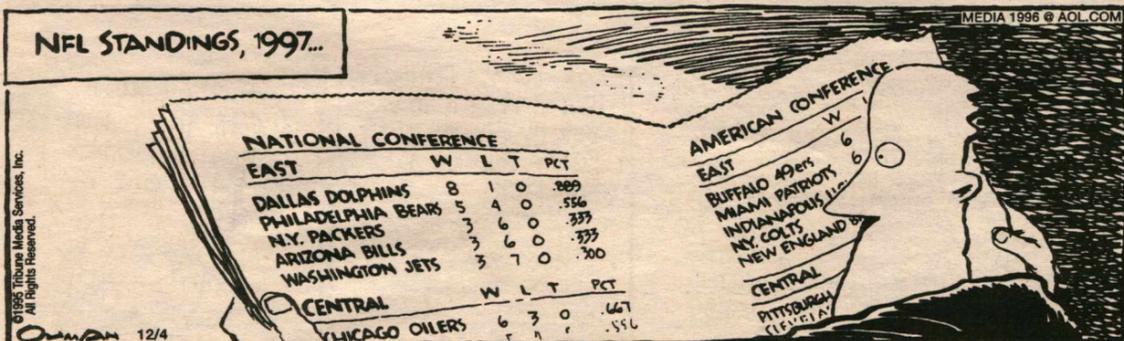
Dear Dr. Science:

What are divining rods made off?

--Jo Anne Fritz, Columbia, MO

Divinity, that pink and white foamy nougat. Moisture from underground water deposits find their way to the atmosphere above ground and cause the rod to weaken and droop. Of course, some "discount" dowzers simply use coat hangers, but they're frauds, unless the hangers are made of genuine divinity. If you've made the mistake of hiring one, ask to hold the rod. Then take a bite out of the hanger and see. It's worth a few chipped teeth the know the truth.

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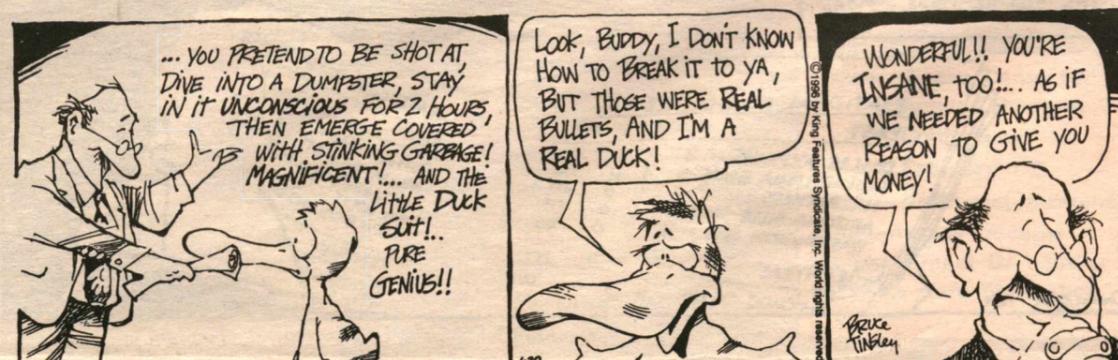
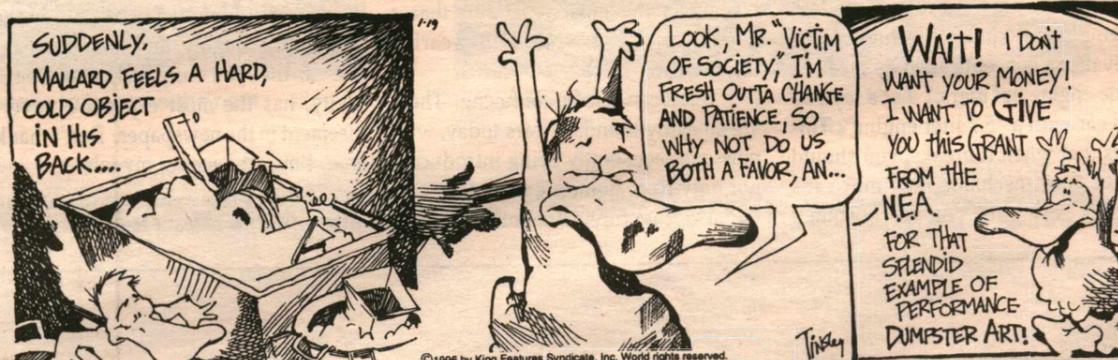
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## From the uncensored journal of an NNC freshman . . .

January 23, 1996

### Idaho: It's in Canada you know

Idaho is not the ideal place to reside, if you want people to know where you are from, because when you cross the border, you find that no one knows where it is. When people asked me this past Spring where I planned to go to school, I would say:

"I'm going to be attending NNC in Nampa, Idaho."

"Really? That's beautiful country! Isn't that a province of Canada?"

It's even worse with actual residents of Idaho, who ask:

"So where do you live, dearie?"

"Nampa."

"Oh, isn't that nice. Isn't that a province of Canada?"

I think they're still waiting for Lewis and Clark out here.

The roads here are terrible. THEY DON'T PAINT LINES DOWN THE MIDDLE!!!

But maybe this is because everyone here drives a '74 Olds, and they need all the space they can get. Personally, I think that someone should pass a law that says any car older than 1980 should be required by law to have one of those blinding orange stickers on the back that say: "CAUTION: WIDE TURNS."

Maybe the condition of the roads is due to the fact that most people don't drive here because there's really no place to go. It's all prairie. Once, when I was driving I-84, a cowboy on a horse passed me in the left lane. The horse had a bumper sticker on its rear that said, "I brake for Idaho!" and the bumper sticker was shaped like a Canadian Maple leaf.

I went to the airport here once. At the ticket counter, the receptionist kindly indicated that I should proceed to Gate 2. It wasn't hard to find because the only other gate is Gate 1. A friend pointed out to me that it is an international airport, because when they fly to Salt Lake City, and return to Boise, they believe they are entering a province of Canada. She has to give them credit though, because they do fly to Seattle -- if you catch them on the right month.

January 25, 1996

### Health Class and Hysterectomies

I'm getting situated here at school, and I think second term will be even better than first term. Especially without that health class. I think it is designed to lower one's self-esteem and produce fear of death.

For instance, one day we were told that every 32 seconds someone dies from a cardiovascular disease. They had a percentage of the class stand up and told us all that they would die from heart attacks.

Second-hand smoke increases the chance of a heart attack in a male by 40%. They tell us that eating-out is fatal, and that if it takes you more than 15 minutes to run a mile and a half, then you're in the high risk category. I ran it in 19 minutes. I may not live to graduate.

I filled out a lifestyle survey for that class. The most insulting question read:

"I have had a hysterectomy."

- a. yes
- b. no
- c. not sure

If I had had a hysterectomy I think I would know.

In the textbook, a statement was quoted from nutritionist Jane Brody, which I found crude and disgusting. I will print it here.

"Americans excrete the most expensive urine in the world. If it were economical to collect and dry it, tons of nitrogen could be harvested from the nation's toilet bowls each day" (175).

I have become a neat freak since I came here. I spend all my time dusting the balls of lint off my desk that actually breed and grow there. Believe it or not, I make my bed every so often. I even figured out how to do laundry.

There are two reasons I've turned to cleanliness: our room is too small to be messy, and it's a good excuse not to study. You know when we have the most studying to do because that is when our room is the cleanest. My roommate started to become a neat freak too. One time she was so into it, she even flossed her teeth.

The R.A.'s and R.D.'s like to pull fire drills every so often. It usually happens between 4:00 and 5:30 a.m. Their alleged logic behind this activity is that, as a result, they will be positive everyone is present, and they want to be sure that the alarms will wake students out of a sound sleep.

Those two reasons may be partially true, but I am more of the opinion that it simply stems from a perverse pleasure in seeing the freshmen stumble bleary-eyed into the cold, damp darkness of night in their underwear. After I slammed my alarm clock a few times and realized it wasn't creating that evil, Satanic foghorn blast in my ear, I lunged to the closet and grabbed my coat. We tripped to the stairs and stood outside, hopping on the frosted sidewalk.

The R.A.'s and R.D.'s then proceeded to feign sympathy and regret from making us participate in this ungodly exercise by supplying pans of huge donuts as if that would appease our feelings of hostility.

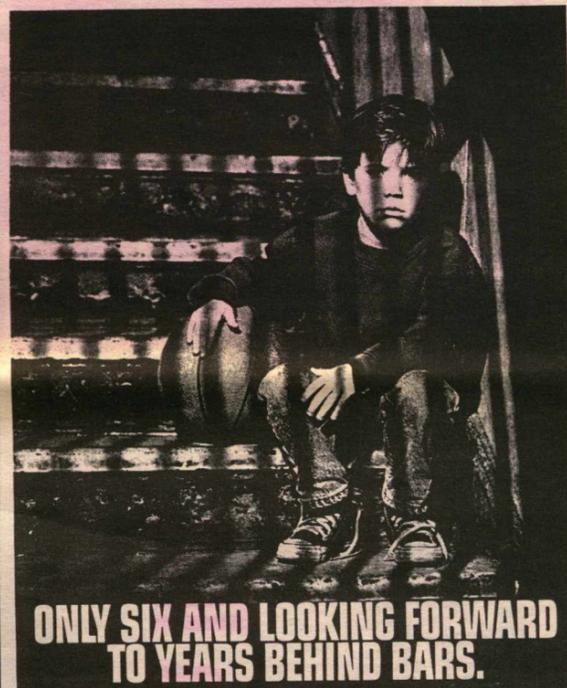
It did. We stampeded to the table like a herd of frantic jungle beasts, and stuffed the pastries in our mouths while making rude animal noises. The looks of horror on the faces of our authority figures imply they probably will not bring us donuts again.

## Crusader Top Ten

### Top Ten rejected NNC mottos . . .

- 10) Seek ye first the NAIA Championship.
- 9) Financial aid available.
- 8) The house that Emiko built.
- 7) Degrees conferred. (Some restrictions may apply.)
- 6) Go Tim Schlack.
- 5) "We'll start building next year."
- 4) Cheaters rarely prosper.
- 3) Ring by Spring or your money back.
- 2) Bush/Quayle '96.
- 1) A subsidiary of IGA.

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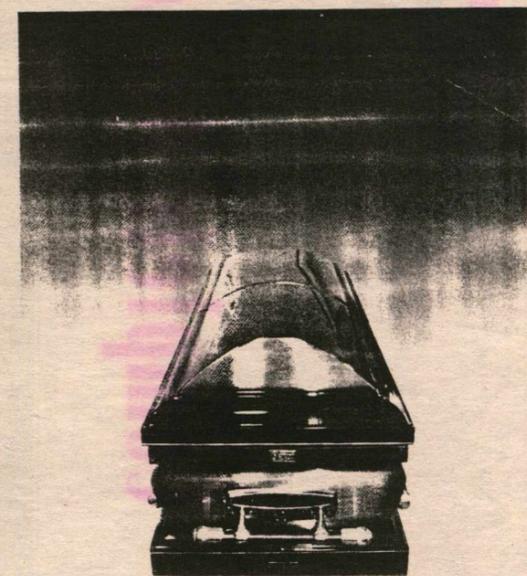
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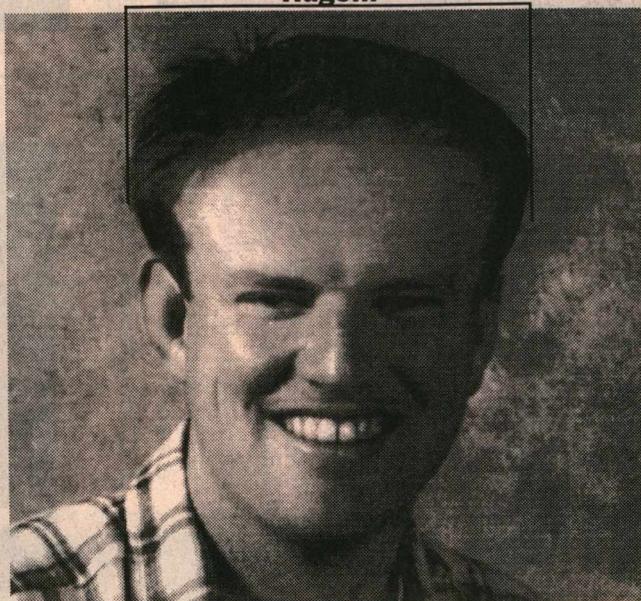
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