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Why are Eric Glassco and Dan Pape smiling as they perform? For a couple of reasons. One, they're doing it for the Lord, and two, they're ecstatic to be fetured in this week's cover story alongside three other alternative bands that have NNC connections (see pages 8 and 9).

In Opinions: Congress wants to raise the minimum wage ninety cents.



Will your dollar really go farther? Check out page 12 to find out.

Also in Opinions:

Is the right *in* the right (page 12)?



In Campus news:



Who says nothing happens third term? Governor Phil Batt is slated to speak in chapel on Friday. Read all about it on page 4.

In World news:

SPEED LIMIT 75

A sign of the times... (see page 5)

COLUMN ONE

If there is only one thing you should absolutely retain from this week's Crusader, 'tis this:

REGISTER

TO VOTE ON

FRIDAY.

You don't have to be an Idaho resident to register here on campus this Friday, April 26.

As you may or may not know, Governor Phil Batt is speaking in chapel that day; even the three of you readers that are not Republicans should attend, at least just to be polite.

As you may or may not know, 1996 is an election year; many of you will be exercising the sacred right to vote for the first time ever. Use your mind--make the choice *you* feel is best. If I was employed in a different field, I would add, don't let your ballot be decided by the media. Not even by *The Crusader*. Or maybe, *especially* not by *The Crusader*...

--John Fraley, Managing Editor

Kudos to our office partner and fellow editor

Originally, this week's issue included a staff editorial that applauded efforts made by a team of students to inform the campus community about pertinent election-year issues. Due to a desire to tackle a hot issue in Washington, that of raising the minimum wage, our kudos to Jolene Hruza and her team of students were bumped to this space, where more people will probably read about it anyway.

In case you haven't checked your mail this

term yet, there is a display case across from the mailboxes in the Student Center. For the last four weeks, it has featured political tidbits, including national surveys and presidential candidates' stances on issues.

Hruza is also responsible in part for bringing Governor Batt to campus to speak in chapel this Friday. If you see her, say a big thanks.

--The Crusader Staff

WAY TO GO, JOLENE!

Ah Sing shares his compassion for troubled youth

Rev. Ah Sing sends a challenge to get involved

"Jesus understood that you have to get down to where the people live." ~
Rev. Charlie Ah Sing

Reverend Charlie Ah Sing shared in chapel Friday, that compassion and evangelism is the combination needed to reach out to others.

This has become the focus of Reverend Ah Sing's ministry in urban San Francisco.

During the day, Ah Sing is a conflict mediator at a middle school. After school hours he works at the Sunset District Community Development Inc. (SDCD) to facilitate support groups and to organize activities to keep young people off the streets.

At the center young people can play ping-pong, pool, and table games. A computer lab is also available. The doors are open after school, and any one is welcome. This ministry is a functional resource to divert youth from the activities of being on the streets.

Ah Sing became interested in urban ministries while he was youth pastor at Long Beach First Church of the Nazarene. During this time his ministry began to reach out to the Cambodian population. After dreaming and

praying with Michael Funk, the founder of SDCD, about the urban ministry in San Francisco, God began to open the doors. In August of 1994, Ah Sing and his family moved to San Francisco to be a part of SDCD.

SDCD ministers specifically to Asian families and their children. The ministry is structured to support and encourage families and provide a social safety net for their children. During this process, the staff has an opportunity to model the love and compassion of Jesus that many of these people may never have been exposed to before.

Don and Dawn Stueckle, who are staff members of SDCD, will be on campus April 25-27, conducting a workshop on "Urban Youth Ministries Today."

Golden Gate Compassionate Ministries, also called The Oak Street House, was founded by Michael Christensen in 1980, has been the beginning of a continuation of growing urban ministries in San Francisco. The Oak Street House continues to serve those in the Haight-Ashbury district and is under the direction of Randy Newcomb. According to Ah Sing, many lives have been changed as a result of the Oak House ministries.

One of the young men Ah Sing has been working with was a drug addict and dealer.

"When I first met this 6'3 gang banger, I was afraid of him," Ah Sing said. "I see him now, being on the board or a youth pastor. Now we sit together talking and sharing a bag of gummi peaches."

"Jesus understood that you have to get down to where people live. You have to move into the neighborhood like Jesus did," Ah Sing said.

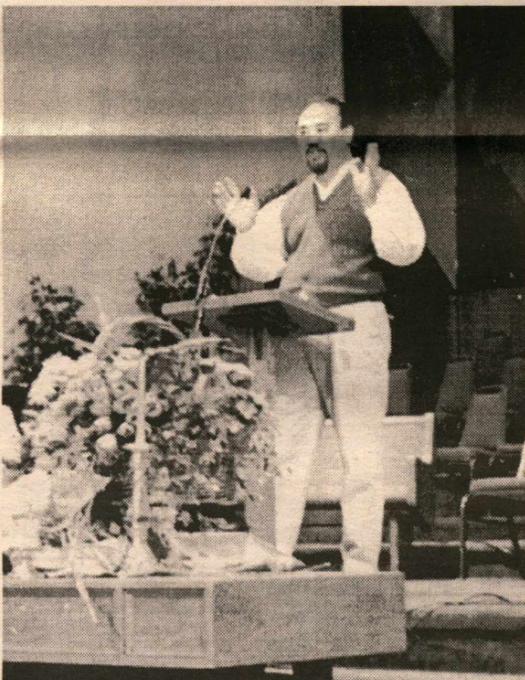
At times Ah Sing doesn't know what to do about the knifings and drug addicts, then he realizes he can pray. "At night my three and five-year-old daughters pray for the safety and protection of their gang banging friends," Ah Sing said.

In his closing words at chapel on Friday, Reverend Ah Sing brought ministry into every person's reach - he said, "You know what the Heavenly Father looks like--show somebody else."

Dr. Laird also mentioned that there are a handful of other opportunities in which students may be interested in light of Ah Sing's visit. The Oak Street House has summer ministry opportunities. It also provides weekend experiences known as an "Urban Plunge," in which its participants can experience the continuing ministries in urban San Francisco.

Mike and Brenda Davis also have a ministry of reconstructing delapidated hotels that are used to house the homeless. Reverend Tammy Carter Condon has begun a ministry for Russian immigrants in San Francisco.

By LEVADA GIPE
GUEST WRITER



Reverend Charlie Ah Sing of Oak Tree House.
(Chtangeev)

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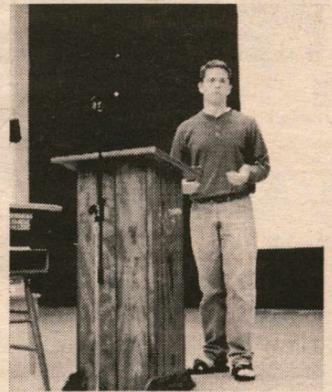
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NNC Notepad

✓ In Student Government news, classes made final decisions on class officers for next year. The following were elected in runoff elections: For the Class of 1999, Joel Spencer, President; Jennifer Johnson, Vice President. For the Class of 1998, Shanna Bunn, Ryan Ketchum, and JoLyn Payne as Senators.

✓ Community Relations Coordinator Erika McCray announced that Spring RUSH will take place on Saturday, May 11th. Due to scheduling conflicts RUSH was moved, but will still run from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Any one interested in assisting should contact Erika at 8771 or 8778.

✓ Senate officially swore in the the 1996-97 Executive Council members, Senate is also continuing to wade through a pile of legislation. Senate passed SB9604-01, an amendment to the ASNNC Constitution re-instating the Chief Justice as an ex-officio, non-salaried Executive Officer. SB9604-02, a bill dealing with the same subject passed as an amendment to the ASNNC Code. SB9604-03, a bill to amend the constitution, allowing the appointment of Publicity Representative failed. SB9604-04, allotting \$2,750 from the general account for the purchase



Joel Spencer, freshman of the week. (Chtangeev)

of a new computer, printer, and hook-up to the school's network, failed after a great deal of discussion. SB9604-05, an allotment of \$180 for the Citizen's Awareness Committee's voter's drive and forum passed.

SB9604-06, an allotment of \$500 to the Sr. Class for a school gift passed. SB9604-07, a bill dealing with the budgeting of Peer Counselors under the Social Vice President passed. SB9604-08, a bill dealing with an allotment to Coffee House for \$175 for supplies passed. SB9604-09, a bill dealing with an allotment of \$1000 for the library passed. Also brought to Senate was a presidential veto of SB9604-02.

COMPILED BY TIM SCHLACK
CAMPUS EDITOR

Where did everyone go?

The weekend of April 12-14, NNC's Marriott dining room was strangely bare, the balcony of college church was closed during chapel, and the campus got more than its share of peace and quiet. Where did everyone go?

Two hundred and fifty of the missing students represented the Music Department, participating in a Music Extravaganza April 12 and 13. Six music ensembles performed together in Seattle and Portland for audiences of over 15,000.

According to music professor Barry Swanson the event was an effort to make outside contacts with those who may not get a chance to come to NNC themselves. "We have a huge number of people that never see the campus," Swanson said. "Their perspective on the music department is choirs that sing in churches -- we do other things besides church concerts."

The groups performed at the Meany Hall at the University of Washington in Seattle on April 12 and at



A desolate cafeteria was all that remained (Chtangeev)

Schnitzer Auditorium in Portland the next evening.

Swanson explained that he felt that the neutral locations of the concerts were a positive thing. "Alumni who are not Nazarenes might feel awkward coming to a Nazarene church... [and] I think it was important for people to see NNC at a professional venue in their city."

Will the Music Department ever do anything like this again? Swanson said it took an "immense amount of work," and next year may be too soon, but, he added, "I'm sure we'll do it again."

By HEATHER SLATER
COPY EDITOR

NSLC breeds leadership

NNC's Executive Council returns to serve students

Early April 11th ASNNC Executive Officers flew east to attend the Nazarene Student Leadership Conference at Mid America Nazarene College in Olathe, Kansas.

Eleven other Nazarene colleges gathered in Kansas for the five-day conference. Officers from each of the colleges participated in workshops, meetings relating to specific positions of leadership, chapel and extra activities.

Officers attended two workshops of choice per day. The workshops focussed on leadership and motivation. President Erik Quissell went to a

workshop on motivation that stressed the importance of working as a group.

Quissell also met with other presidents and felt that NNC's council was

members.

"It was a good time for sharing and bonding," Quissell said.

Vice-President for Student Development Ken Hills, Hill's wife, and Director of Leadership Development Carey Cook traveled with the group as hosts.

Cook attended a workshop that he said helped them to focus on servant leadership.

"We gained information for improvement that will be useful as we bring it back to our campus," Cook said.

The officers were also a part of scheduled activities and Olympic competitions, as "Carrying the Torch" was the theme of the conference.

"The Olympic teams were fun because we had a chance to meet other people," said Social Vice-President Heather Tompkins.

Tompkins also enjoyed the workshop on servant leadership.

"It was the most meaningful. A servant's attitude is what matters the most," Tompkins said.

"A servant's attitude is what matters the most" ~ Heather Tompkins

more organized than its peers'.

"We were more prepared to talk about our school government," he said. Quissell enjoyed a special communion service with the rest of the NNC council



ASNNC Execs "on the town" at NSLC in Kansas City last week. Standing, from left to right: Jonathan Lindley, John Fraley, Linc Loeber, Kyle Six, Erik Quissell, Carey Cook, Patrick Fitzgerald. Seated, from left to right: Jolene Hruza, Heather Tompkins, Kimberly Robinson, Erika McCray, and Christi Peterson (Lindley).

By KATIE DIETRICH
GUEST WRITER

Wesche: excellence in education

"If it ain't broke, make it better." ~ Dr. Lilburn Wesche

Dr. Lilburn Wesche was born and raised in China, has owned and operated a bookstore, worked for a television station as a news reporter, been a sports writer, and spent time in the Army. He has taught in several public schools, and has also served as a principal and an administrator.

Wesche spent his first eleven years in China with his missionary family and then moved to Kentucky where he lived until his senior year in high school. He moved to Nampa, Idaho and graduated from Nampa High School. He later earned three degrees: his baccalaureate degree at Northwest Nazarene College, his Master's degree at Trinity, and his doctorate at North Colorado State.

He and his wife Esther have been married for forty-five years and have raised three children, and have ten grandchildren. Wesche also has an avid interest in baseball especially following the Seattle Mariners and the Cincinnati Reds. And, because of his ties to Kentucky, he enjoys following the University of Kentucky Wildcats. A colleague of Wesche explained how much Dr. Wesche loves the games of basketball and baseball.

"He is the only prof I know who has replayed a video of a Mariners game in his office, and watched it while grading papers. This is not a World Series game, just a regular April ball game."

Wesche presently serves on the National Board of Examiners (NCATE). Several teams go to colleges to evaluate

the teaching programs for accreditation. Wesche contrasts NNC to other colleges he has visited: NNC has a teacher education faculty who are committed to delivering the science of teaching to the students, and NNC has a unique screening program and quality students in the program.

Wesche says that "new teachers are challenged to understand that teaching is a science, that natural skills, no matter how plentiful, are not enough. New teachers need to excel at such things as the science of teaching and how people learn, and not rely on textbooks and curriculum guides."

Wesche is a soft-spoken, gentle man whose driving force is to be the best that he can be. He believes that those

going into teaching need to remember that "being a teacher is like being a surgeon--you can't afford to make mistakes." If a teacher misuses eight hours in a classroom, it is time wasted--it can't be retrieved or re-taught. Beginning teachers need to understand how little they know and be driven to continually expand their knowledge. His motto for life is "If it ain't broke, make it better!"

By SYLVIA FINE
GUEST WRITER

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NNC goes international

Students participate in mock UN

It's pretty tough to find out about international policy for third-world countries like Albania and Slovenia, but it can be a great learning experience. These were the nations recently represented by the Model United Nations (MUN) team from NNC. Such a team has not been sent from NNC since the early 1980s.

"It's intended to aid students in international studies, to give them some real hands-on experience in international issues and the processes of diplomacy," explained team member Dave Roemhildt. Others involved were Linda Arens, Shannon Donovan, Patty Hankins, Rich Maher, Rachel Sanders, and advisor Dr. Ray Cooke.

They met with some problems while preparing for the gathering. The cost was significant, especially without club status, but expenses were reduced considerably through creativity and funds were received from several different sources. It was also difficult to get enough information, both about the countries they represented and about the MUN program itself.

"What it does is something that can't be reproduced in the classroom," commented Roemhildt. The three-day conference consisted of about five hundred people heavily involved in an international simulation. Few colleges have enough individuals who are interested and/or knowledgeable enough to do such a simulation without participation from other institutions.

MUN is run as much like the real

organization as possible. Individual delegates are responsible for knowing the issues at hand and the stand their countries take on those issues. They meet, strictly following UN procedures, to discuss these issues with delegates from other countries and come up with viable solutions. Resolutions from MUN are then compiled and sent to the United Nations.

There are currently about a dozen MUN organizations in the United States, and quite a few schools have MUN programs similar to the NNC forensics team. This requires considerable research, but members develop important knowledge concerning intricate international issues.

The MUN committees were run by previous college students, who had experience that was helpful in organizing and directing the event. In keeping with the international theme, this particular conference included cultural opportunities as well.

"It's an amazing experience, even though we went in not really sure what was suppose to happen," Roemhildt said.

Dr. Cooke hopes to pursue the program again next year, at least for one trip. If student interest is high enough, it may again become a strong program.

By DEBI CARTER
STAFF WRITER

Batt will speak at NNC

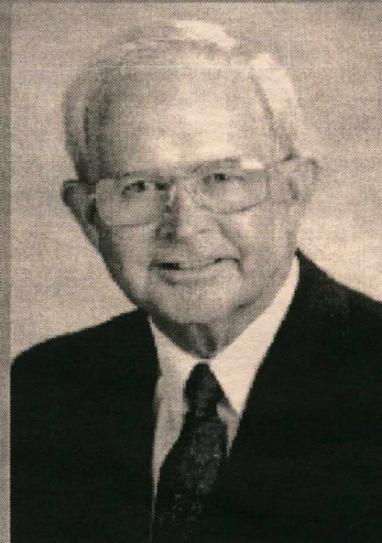
Friday convocation features Idaho Governor

Who is Phil Batt? He's the governor of the state of Idaho, and he's coming to speak in chapel on Friday, April 26th. Batt will speak on encouraging citizenship, being informed about current issues, and participating in the voting process. After the convocation Friday morning, registration booths will be available for each state, for students who are interested in registering to vote. This is the first time since Governor Batt was elected that he will be speaking to the NNC community.

Batt will speak at NNC courtesy of the Citizen's Awareness Committee, a group that was formed during September of this school year. The group is chaired by Oasis Editor Jolene Hruza, and includes a variety of students from around the campus.

"The whole thing started when I went to Washington, D.C. I found out that about only one quarter of the population votes during state and national elections. I got started thinking about why I didn't register to vote, and I realized that some of the reasons were the same as the ones given by all the people who didn't vote. Reasons like: 'there's no good candidates', and 'the political system is corrupt, anyway.' It hit me how important it is to be involved and vote."

Hruza started to form ideas about how to get more NNC students involved in the voting process. When she heard about Eric Ely's registration drive on Martin Luther



Idaho Governor Phil Batt

King, Jr. Day, she went and talked to him about having another registration drive later in the school year.

"The committee's purpose is to encourage effective Christian citizenship within the NNC community. This includes facilitating students in being involved in the voting process, which is what Batt's visit and the drive is all about," explained Hruza.

By HELEN WARRINER
OPERATIONS MANAGER

Is Coffeehouse as we know it dying out?

Despite high student satisfaction, when the next event will be remains a mystery

"I'd like to see six scheduled next year" ~ Shawn Riley

Mellow guitar instrumentals wound through the Student Center Lounge, mixing with the scent of espresso and the murmur of conversation. Huge sheets of paper cover the table tops and have been filled with colorful crayon drawings, the artistic expressions of those in attendance. A tie-dyed banner draped on the wall exclaimed, "LEGALIZE CAFFEINE!!" What's going on here? It's the Underground Escape, NNC's very own coffee house.

Underground Escape was held in the Student Center lounge Saturday night, from 8 to

12. Moving it from Marriott saved Escape from paying rent. About 70 were in attendance.

"I like it a lot better in the Student Center lounge. I'd like it to stay in here," said Christina Butler.

Though the cheap drinks are a draw to the coffee house, the atmosphere seems to be what students like best.

Shawn Riley, Coffee House director, felt coffee house is successful because students have "a desire to have some place to go relax and have fun and listen to people they know play music. Something neat is when pros show up. Dr. Lodahl came twice."

Melissa Swank said what she likes most is "the music and poetry readings and the people that entertain."

"Anytime I see my brother Rob [perform], it makes the coffee house because I'm really proud of him. And he sings good too!" said Chris Readmond.

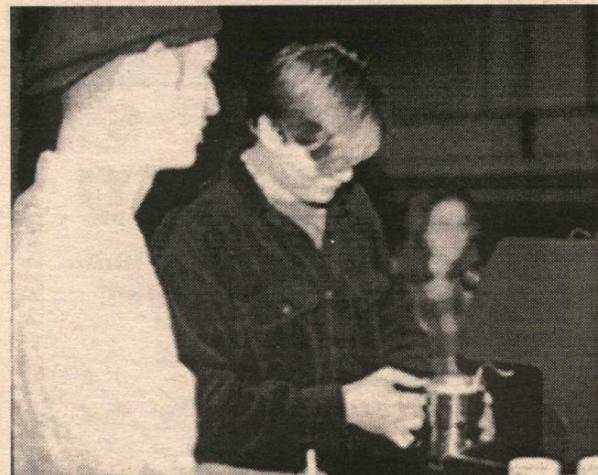
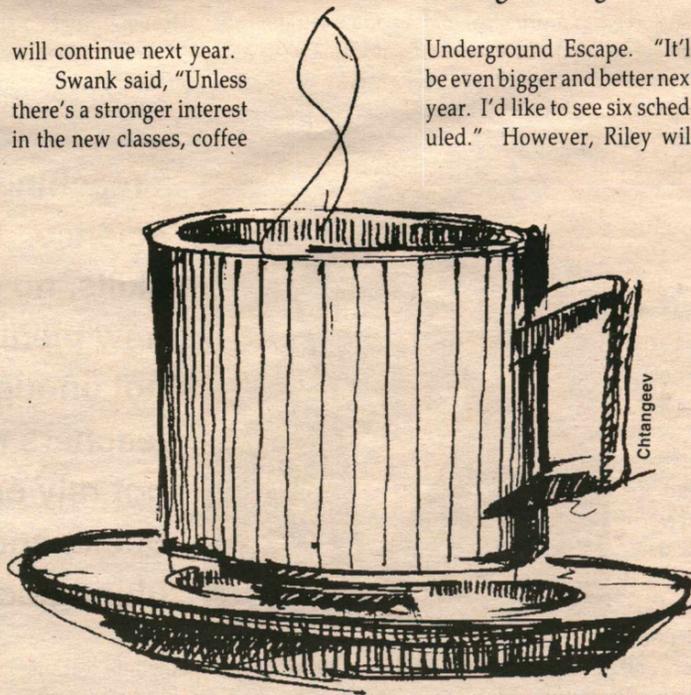
"Oh, the music of course! And the people," Jen Revels said were her favorite aspects of the activity, while sporting her Underground Escape t-shirt and beaded necklaces.

Some wonder if coffee house

will continue next year.

Swank said, "Unless there's a stronger interest in the new classes, coffee

Underground Escape. "It'll be even bigger and better next year. I'd like to see six scheduled." However, Riley will



Shawn Riley and Greg Borger make lotsa lattes at Underground Escape (Chtangeev)

house is going to die out."

"I'm really disappointed that it's not as supported as other events," said Phillip Jensen. "Even though it involves a small portion of the student body, it's an important part. I think it should be treated just like anything else the school has done."

Riley has high hopes for next year's

not remain director and a search is on for someone to succeed him.

Next year, students would like to see more bands visit. And, Chris Readmond added, "More limericks from Lodahl!"

By GINA GRATE
ASSISTANT CAMPUS EDITOR

Israel bombs southern Lebanon; hundreds killed

As Peres seeks election in May, will U.S.'s reaction be little more than a slap on the wrist?

The fighting between Israel and the pro-Iranian Hezbollah (Party of God) in South Lebanon seems to be slowly coming to an end. The cease-fire that has been urged by many nations may be reached this week. The fighting has killed at least 134 people and wounded more than 300, which were mostly Lebanese civilians. 400,000 people were uprooted from their homes and forced to evacuate for their safety. The devastation to south Lebanon has set reconstruction efforts back from the 1975-1990 civil war.

The bombings of civilians have outraged both sides and with intercessions of not only the United States, but Russia, France, Germany, Japan, Italy, Canada, and Britain. A cease-fire will probably be accomplished by the outside nations if the Hezbollah and Israel cannot acquire one themselves.

Israel's artillery and air forces have been bombing Lebanon in an effort to stop Hezbollah guerillas from firing Katyusha rockets over the border. Hezbollah wants to drive Israel out of its 11-year occupation zone in southern Leba-

Israel attacked an ambulance filled with refugees, killing four girls and two women. The ambulance was attacked because it was carrying an injured Hezbollah guerilla fighter.

non.

In the words of Israel's Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, who took over after the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, "The operation in Lebanon is not limited in time but in targets, and only when quiet prevails in the north will we stop."

Since then, Peres has said that Israel is open to a cease-

fire and will willingly support one.

Last Thursday, Israel accidentally shelled a United Nations post in southern Lebanon, killing 75. According to the UN, 100 people were wounded, though some experts estimate that the number was closer to 800.

"I don't think that you can say, 'gee, I'm sorry that this happened,'" said UN spokeswoman Sylvana Foa. "Something really horrible happened, and to say it was an accident, that it was an equipment failure, that it was a tragic mistake -- it's just not enough of an excuse for what happened. When you are playing with big guns, there has to be more responsibility involved."

Israel also attacked an ambulance filled with refugees, killing four girls and two women. Israel said that the ambulance was attacked because it was carrying a Hezbollah fighter.

"The shelling of the ambulance was a terrible tragedy," Israeli Deputy Spokesman Glyn Davies said. Davies, however, blamed the Hezbollah, not the Israelis, saying, "The violence is due to Hezbollah's Katyusha rocket attacks."

Peace talks have not only concerned the primary countries involved in the fighting, but others as well. Foreign ministers of the United States, France, Russia and Italy left for the Syrian capital of Damascus last weekend to discuss the peace process.

A statement by French President Jacques Chirac called for an immediate cease-fire.

In Moscow, Russia, world leaders who gathered to discuss nuclear safety spent the first day discussing peace procedures for the Middle East.

Despite the many nations concerned and ready to help a cease-fire become a reality, most of the power is left to the United States.

In the words of Prime Minister Peres, the cease-fire "will be on Syrian terms, and I presume that the Americans are informed in this matter, and they will bring from the Syrians both a formal and an active cease-fire."

The U.S. is helping with the peace process not only to ensure peace, but to help Peres secure votes for the upcoming election in May. Peres, who will be facing the voters in less than six weeks, launched the Lebanon blitz with much popular support.

The Clinton administration sees the blitz as a strong hold in the upcoming May 29 election, when his peace policies will be put to a vote. President Clinton backs Peres' peace policies.

Peres now also has to concentrate on his reelection campaign. In order to make himself look like a strong candidate for the election, he can't call off the fighting without appearing to be caving in from international pressure.

President Clinton will have to help him out with a cease-fire plan that will hold until the elections and justify the operation in the voter's eyes.

Gentlemen, start your engines

Beginning May 1, most of Idaho's 570 miles of interstate highways will have speed limits of 75 m.p.h.. The Idaho Transportation Board stated Thursday, April 11, that another 600 miles of roads will soon have limits of up to 65 m.p.h..

The new signs on the interstate should begin to be posted on May 1, and the process should be completed by the 3rd. All other signs on other roads should be finished approximately by May 15.

Drivers are cautioned, however, that until all new signs are posted, existing signs designate the speed limit. ISP Col. Ed Strickfaden stated, "the posted limits are law and Idaho State Police officers will strictly enforce them. No matter what the speed limit, you are bound by law to judge the situation and slow down when necessary for safety."

Recently, Governor Batt signed new legislation allowing the Transportation Board to set the new speed limits. The new speeds are in response to the national legislature's repeal of national maximum speed limits, leaving the final decision up to the individual states.

There has been some concern over the new change, however. The Associated Press found that deadly car crashes have increased by more than 17 percent in the first 11 weeks of higher speed limits in California. This is a major change as the state has seen a declining number of crashes since 1987.

Highway patrol and state transportation officials said that it is too early to associate the increase in crashes to the

change in speed limits. They believe a 12-month time period should be studied before any final determinations can be made.

In Idaho, Greg Laragan, the Transportation Department's traffic engineer stated that the department's engineers will continue to watch the effects of the change in speed limits.

"We will look at what the impact of the speed limit changes are on speeds and on accidents over time and make changes if appropriate," Laragan said.

The new speed limits are:

*Interstate 84 -- 75 mph from Oregon border to Caldwell; 65 mph from Caldwell to near Broadway Ave. exchange in Boise; 75 mph from Boise to Utah border.

*Interstate 184 (Boise connector) -- 65 mph from junction with I-84 to River St. exit.

*Interstate 15 -- 75 mph from Utah border to Pocatello; 65 mph within urban area; 75 mph from Pocatello to Montana border.

*Interstate 86 -- 75 mph from junction with I-84 to I-15 junction.

*U.S. 20 -- 65 mph from Parma junction with U.S. 95 to west Notus; 65 mph from east Notus to 1/2 mile west of I-84; 65 mph from north of Mountain Home to Idaho 75 junction; 65 mph from Arco to Idaho Falls' boundary; 55 mph from Idaho Falls to Montana border.



By SHANE BUNN
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STAFF WRITER

Brieflies

Utah gay clubs banned

The Utah legislature banned gay student clubs from high schools last Friday to keep homosexuals from recruiting others into "a lifestyle that can kill them." The bill passed both houses, whose members are ninety percent Mormon, by an overwhelming margin.

The vote is intended to circumvent a 1984 federal law stating that schools cannot discriminate against clubs because of their beliefs. Last year, to keep a gay club out of East High School in Salt Lake City, the city's school board voted to ban all school-sponsored extracurricular organizations, such as chess and Latin clubs.

According to Sen. Craig Taylor, who sponsored the bill, the measure will require schools to deny access to clubs encouraging criminal or delinquent conduct, promoting bigotry or involving human sexuality. Many opponents felt that the bill would simply cause an expensive legal battle with the ACLU, which is planning to fight the ban in court.

Clinton will testify

Bill Clinton will testify at the trial of some of his former partners in the Whitewater affair on April 28th. Clinton will face examination by lawyers of the prosecution and defense from the White House via satellite. Clinton will testify around noon on Sunday for about eight hours.

The prosecution and defense lawyers will be at the White House, as will Clinton's legal defense team. The judge and jury will watch from the courthouse in Little Rock, Arkansas.

According to White House counsel Jack Quinn, "The president is looking forward to providing this testimony. He's eager to do all he can to set the record straight." However, Clinton's lawyers may be able to keep the testimony from being released outside the courtroom on CNN and other news programs.

Greek tourists killed

Eighteen Greek tourists were killed in Egypt last Friday by three Islamic fundamentalists. The gunmen shouted "God is great" as they killed eighteen tourists and wounded fifteen as they were boarding a tour bus outside a Cairo hotel.

The gunmen were members of Gama'a al-Islamiya (Islamic Group), which wants to overthrow the Egyptian government and create a strict Islamic state. In a letter to an Egyptian Newspaper, the terrorist organization said that it shot the tourists in retribution for the Israeli bombings of southern Lebanon.

According to bus timetables, the bus was supposed to be carrying Jewish tourists, but they were placed on alert after Israel began bombing Lebanon and sent home.

The Islamic terrorists said they would continue to kill tourists until Israel stopped bombing Hezbollah forces in Lebanon.

Chernobyl disaster left a mark on the Ukraine

Forty percent of children in some areas of the Ukraine are affected by radiation-related diseases

Ten years ago, the world was shaken by the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear reactor. Tons of radioactive particles were distributed by prevailing winds from the Ukraine to Western Europe. Over time, much of the world has forgotten the accident. Residents of the Ukraine and Belarus have not.

The statistics are grim. Twenty percent of Belarus's population lives in areas where radiation levels are unsafe. Of the children living in these areas, forty percent have radiation-related diseases. Cancer rates among children in parts of these two countries are 60 times normal. Thyroid cancer is the most prevalent form of cancer in the area. According to Dr. Sergei Chumihovskii, who is head of hermatology at Mogilev Children's Hospital in Belrus, thyroid cancer "was very rare before." He believes that the increase has been caused by radioactive iodine. Cases of asthma have grown 800% in the area, and Hodgkins Disease, which affects the central nervous system, is on the rise.

Most residents remain only because they are too poor to move elsewhere. In areas where radiation level were especially high, the residents of entire towns were evacuated and moved to cities. However, many of these residents preferred living with radiation to living with city life. "It was like a wilderness there," said one couple who returned to their evacuated town. "Nobody liked us when they saw us. They pointed at us, calling us Chernobyl people. Was it

our fault?"

Children and area residents are not the only ones to be affected by radiation exposure. The people who cleaned up the mess at Chernobyl and put a sarcophagus on reactor number four, where the accident occurred, were not adequately protected from the radiation. "They just told us to wear our respirators," said Anatoli Sargovets, who helped in the clean up, "But what sort of respirator would protect when the metal of the car was completely saturated?"

Sargovets is now paralyzed, and says the paralysis began occurring shortly after the Chernobyl accident. According to CNN, many members of the cleanup crew were told that the numbers on their Geiger counters made little difference.

Max Chtangeev, a NNC student who is from the Ukraine has heard numerous stories of people who worked in the cleanup. "They had helicopter pilots fly over and drop large concrete blocks on the reactor," he said. "Two years later, many of them were dead." Chtangeev, who was living in Moscow at the time, said that the government seeded a radioactive cloud from Chernobyl that was approaching Moscow, causing radioactive rainfall west of the city. "That way, the cloud wouldn't reach Moscow and hurt the government officials".

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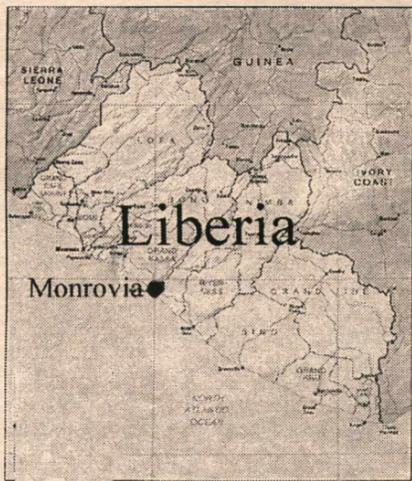
had to wash their cars before they entered Moscow after the accident. "There were several beautiful lakes there with pine trees and sand... like Oregon, only with no mountains." Chtangeev said. "Now they are radioactive."

At the Nuclear Summit last weekend in Moscow, the Ukraine asked the international community for three billion dollars to spend on medical costs. In exchange, the Ukraine will shut down the other three reactors at the Chernobyl plant. However, the eventual costs of the accident could be much, much greater than that.

By DAVID STILLMAN
GLOBAL EDITOR

Civil war strikes Liberia; U.S. citizens evacuated

Liberia, a West African nation that was established in 1847 by ex-slaves from America, has been the site of political violence over the last few weeks. The conflict involves the Krahn ethnic group led by Roosevelt Johnson, a Liberian politician who was forced out of office, and government troops controlled by the Council of State. Fighting started after government troops at-



tempted to detain Johnson for possible murder charges.

On Friday, insurgents and loyalist forces consented to a suspension in the fighting. The agreement was coordinated by the Liberian factions, a multi-national African alliance, and the United Nations, among others. According to Edward Solo, a leader in Johnson's forces, his group would move to a location outside of Monrovia and allow an African multi-national committee to discuss Liberia's political situation in May.

U.S. forces moved into position near Liberia early on Saturday in order to support the U.S. embassy there. The support operation, dubbed "Assured Response," was also intended to provide cover for the evacuation of nationals of various countries.

Among the U.S. ships in the area were a helicopter transport and a destroyer. The ships held a force of 1,500 Marines, and 190 were dispatched ashore to defend the American embassy and assist in the evacuation.

West African peacekeeping forces (ECOMOG) were able to move into the capital city and begin to secure the area. As of Sunday,

ECOMOG forces had secured part of Monrovia and people began to go back home to rebuild. The U.S. has pledged \$30 million in additional funding for ECOMOG as long as it does not overstep its bounds and proves to be productive.

Massive food shipments, according to the UN World Food Program, have reached thousands of refugees around Monrovia. Krahn fighters and 20,000 people are stationed in an army post in the city, where disease has claimed several lives. Each day, over 20 lives are lost due to cholera, according to the BBC.

A doctor at the camp, Lorenzo Dorr, stated, "We have been treating cases of what seems to be cholera but we don't have the facilities to test."

Government forces had surrounded the camp, but allowed peacekeepers to enter under the cease-fire agreement. Almost 80 hostages were allowed to leave after two weeks of confinement.

Over 10,000 people have sought protection at the American embassy, and 2,000 people have been flown out of danger by the

U.S.

Some of those held at the camp claimed the rebels did not abuse them.

Bajwah said "We were like hostages but not hostages... We were not harassed, only there was no food and no water."

The combat in Monrovia over the last few weeks has been the most devastating in the Liberian civil war, which began in 1990 and has resulted in 150,000 deaths. The resent hostilities in the capital city instigated a sizable looting spree.

Along the border between Liberia and Ivory Coast, looters have had almost free access to buyers for their stolen goods. One group of thieves wanted \$20,000 for a four-wheel drive, and another vehicle had been purchased for almost \$12,000. The poor driving skills and drunkenness of car thieves in Monrovia led one to call the situation "a permanent driving school."

By ANTHONY SYME
STAFF WRITER

Brieflies

Ebola surfaces in Texas

Experts from the Center for Disease Control were called into Alice, Texas when two monkeys were discovered to have the Ebola virus.

The monkeys were among 100 that had been quarantined since their arrival from the Philippines. A few "well trained" handlers were in contact with the monkeys, but according to the Texas Health Commission, this particular strain of Ebola "has not caused, in the past, any problems with humans."

All humans who came in contact with the monkeys have been quarantined, and the remains of the two monkeys were destroyed by disease fighters in airtight suits.

The monkeys came from the same supplier in the Philippines that sent monkeys with Ebola to Reston, Virginia in 1989. Four people were in contact with those monkeys, but never got sick. Scientists are now testing the other monkeys to see if the virus has spread.

Dancing in the streets

Baylor University, a Baptist school in Texas, blocked off a street to hold its first officially sanctioned dance in its 151 year history.

Baylor president Robert Sloan and his wife were the first people on the dance floor. Sloan played an important role in the fight to bring dancing to Baylor. "Dancing was frowned upon because of its associations," he said. "I think, particularly, it had associations with alcohol and with undesirable elements."

"We need to grow up and learn that dancing is good," said one student. "It's not bad and we're not going to be evil for dancing." In response to worries that dancing would corrupt the moral character of the college, another student asserted, "We're still going to retain a lot of our good values -- good morals and stuff. It's not going to make us too liberal."

Menendez kids get life

After thirteen hours of deliberation, a jury found Lyle and Erik Menendez guilty of killing their parents and recommended a life sentence for the two brothers. This trial is the second for the Menendez brothers; their first trial ended with a deadlocked jury decision.

The judge can still change the sentence because the jury's decision was only a recommendation, but he cannot give out the death penalty in contradiction to the jury's wishes. He can, however, reduce the sentence if he so desires.

It took six and a half years for the Menendez brothers to be sentenced for shooting their parents with shotguns while they watched T.V. The brothers said they killed their parents to avenge years of cruel treatment.

Still, there is a chance that the Menendez brothers could walk. Their lawyers are preparing a lengthy new trial motion that could force a third trial.

Bombing victims remembered

One year after the explosion, Oklahoma City is still rebuilding

At 9:02 a.m., April 19, 1996, a solemn voice read the names of a 168 people whose lives were ended one year ago. Death was inevitable when a two-and-a-half ton ammonium nitrate bomb rocked the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. Now a chain-link fence bearing memoirs is the only thing left standing in the area. A dozen mourners each morning leave tokens of their love and wishes on the fence.

The bomb not only left physical scars, but emotional scars for many. According to one survey, 38.5% of the Oklahoma state's respondents personally knew a victim of the blast. Time and counseling are among the best cures for psychological scars for both the 600 injured and the thousands of people who have ties to the casualties of the blast. Among those casualties are 165 children whose parents died in the blast. Some \$6 million dollars have been set aside for the children's future education.

Many charitable agencies have helped families financially. Credit card bills, mortgages, hospital bills, and numerous other debts have been paid for by more than forty charitable organizations.

According to many victims, money can never heal the emotional scars left by the bombing. They believe that only capital punishment will be sufficient retribution for the damage caused.

Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols maintain their innocence about the bomb that blew up the Murrah Federal Building. Scheduling for the trial is expected sometime this year when the defense and prosecution have sufficient evidence to make a case before a jury. Defense Attorney Stephen Jones

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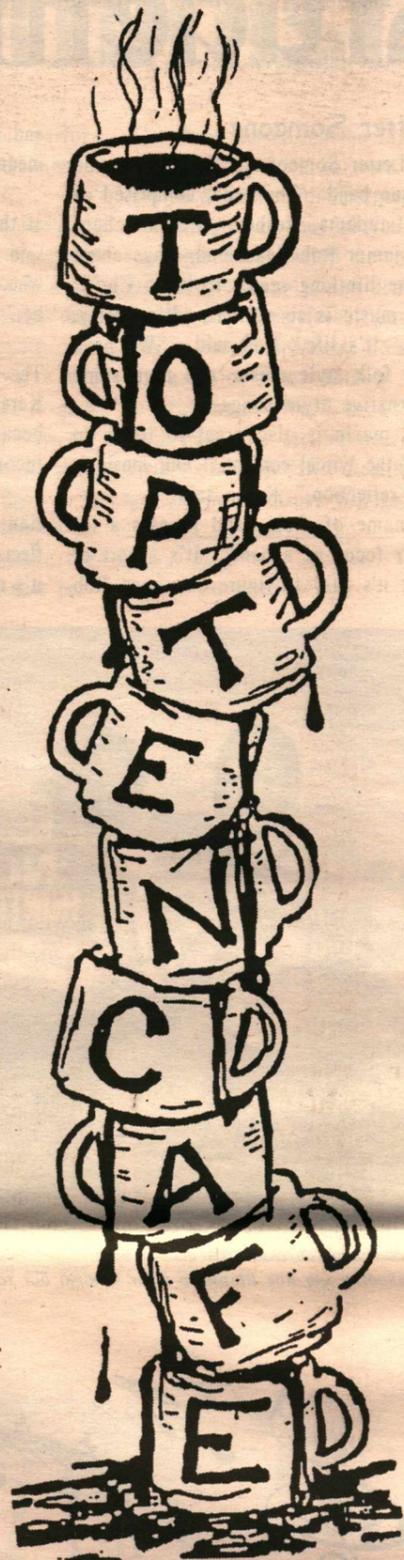
believes McVeigh is a victim of a worldwide conspiracy. However, Jones has found little evidence to support his theory. The prosecution, which is headed by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joe Hartzler, is beginning to mount the physical evidence against the accused McVeigh and Nichols.

The prosecution has found McVeigh's fingerprints on a receipt for 40 one-fifth-pound bags of ammonium nitrate fertilizer, which is the chief ingredient in the Oklahoma bomb. Also, blasting caps with detonator cords were found at Nichols' home. After McVeigh's arrest, traces of explosives were detected on his clothing and in his car. The prosecution has a witness named Michael Fortier, an army buddy of McVeigh's, to clinch the case.

Oklahoma City is beginning to rebuild, but the progress is slow. The downtown area, where 300 buildings were damaged, looks like a war zone. Some 150 businesses have applied for grants or loans. \$39 million are being dispensed as of January to the businesses damaged by the blast.

A memorial is being built with this money at the bomb site itself. This memorial will go a long way towards healing the wounds caused by the bombing. "Clearly you can identify the 168 people who died," says Jones Shelton. "But how much injury makes you a survivor? I would venture to say that everyone in Oklahoma City heard the explosion that day and the whole city is still suffering from the devastation." Victims or not, people are still rebuilding their lives.

By LUKE HEATH
STAFF WRITER



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Gulf War Syndrome explained

Mixture of chemicals causes symptoms

After searching for five years, scientists at Duke University may have discovered the cause of Gulf War Syndrome, a strange disease that affects some veterans of the Gulf War. The secret may lie with a nerve gas pill and two insecticides which were given to soldiers during the war.

When taken separately, pyridostigmine, which protects against nerve gas, and the insecticides

DEET and permethrin cause no adverse effects, even at three times the normal dose. When testing on chickens, however, any two chemicals together caused diarrhea, shortness of breath, and stumbling. When all three were given to the chickens, many became paralyzed and died. The chickens that died all had inflamed or permanently damaged cells in their nervous system. Further research

showed that the nerve gas pill inhibits an enzyme that prevents pesticides from reaching the brain.

Military officials are still skeptical of the report. Earlier this month, the Pentagon said that there was no

evidence that Gulf War Syndrome existed. Instead, they attributed the headaches, fatigue, and memory loss experienced by some Gulf War Veterans to known diseases. Dr. Mohamed Abou-Donia, who studies Gulf War Syndrome, acknowledges that the mixture of chemicals might not have the same effect on humans that it does on chickens, but added, "We're not saying this is Gulf War Syndrome, but we're saying this deserves a look."

By DAVID STILLMAN
GLOBAL EDITOR

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Yeltsin takes the lead

Boris Yeltsin is now leading the race for the Russian Presidency, according to a new CNN/Moscow Times poll. 20.7 percent of Russian voters plan to vote for Boris Yeltsin, while 19.8 percent plan to vote for Gennady Zyuganov, his Communist party opponent. One month ago, Boris Yeltsin was the favored choice of only ten percent of the Russian population.

There are a number of theories regarding Yeltsin's comeback. "Many believe Yeltsin is the lesser evil," says Andrei Kortunov of the Russian Scientific Fund. "Yeltsin means reforms. He means some kind of democracy."

Another important factor is Yeltsin's peace plan with Chechnia, which has gained him the support of the young. Yeltsin also doubled pensions for the elderly, gaining him their votes as well.

Kortunov says Zuganov's lackluster campaign style may be hurting him: "They didn't manage to coin any catchy slogans."

Hamas lair discovered

A hideout for Hamas, the group responsible for the wave of bus bombings in Israel last month, was uncovered on the Gaza Strip last week. The Palestinian secret service believes that Hamas was hiding arms and explosives in the lair in preparation for an assassination attempt on Palestinian president Yassir Arafat.

Many Arabs are upset that Arafat isn't doing more to keep the Israelis from attacking the Hezbollah rebels in Liberia, and this anger may have led some members of Hamas to plan the attack on Arafat. According to Col. Tawfiq Jaber of the Palestinian secret service, the group wanted to carry out the assassination while Arafat was visiting the area during the weekend's Muslim feast of the sacrifice. Two men who were found in the lair were instructed to track the precise movement of Arafat, but said that no assassination order had been given. Three Palestinians are being held for questioning.

Minimum wage hike?

A bill is in the works in Congress that would raise the minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$5.15. The bill has enough support to pass the House, despite the fact that Bob Dole doesn't support it. Dole feels that "somebody is going to lose their job because somebody else gets an increase." However, many of his fellow Republicans are voting for the bill anyway. They feel that the wage should be raised because \$4.25 an hour represents the lowest figure in real buying power in almost forty years.

Many of the bill's opponents foresee that an increase in the minimum wage will increase product prices, and real buying power will remain the same. Also, the increase could make American firms less competitive with international firms, and jobs may be sent overseas as a result.

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Global Editor

Students band together in alt

Red Letter Someone

Red Letter Someone is a unique name for a unique band. The band, comprised of two NNC students, freshman Keren Schandorff and junior Rob Readmond, sings about life and the life-long search to know Christ.

"Our music is so various. It's poetry. It's prose. It's life," Rob said. "We have traditional folk style music and then some more alternative style songs."

Their music is also great to listen to because of the lyrical content. "Our music is about life reflection," Keren said.

The name of their band reveals a lot about their focus as a band. It's a sort of riddle, but it's easy to figure out once Rob

and Keren explain what Red Letter Someone means to them.

"It's eloquent and pleasing to hear, but at the same time it means something," Rob said. "It's pretty simple. It symbolizes to me who we as Christians are and who we should be," Rob said.

This Red Letter Someone is Jesus Christ. The name of the band is helpful to Rob and Keren in their witness to others especially because the message of Christ is somewhat inconspicuous in their songs.

"I think our music isn't blatantly Christian; it's not turn-or-burn. Our music reflects our search to find out who Jesus is, and it's not a perfect search. Sometimes we struggle. But the name Red Letter Someone reflects how, in our music, every song just reflects that He is who we want to follow and who we want to know."

If audiences listen closely to the words of Red Letter Someone's songs, they hear a variety of messages that range from nonsensical fun to serious soul searching.

"A recurring theme in our

music is obscurity; not cliché's, not farces," Rob said. "I don't want to sing about what people think a Christian band ought to sing about. I don't want it to be abrasive and slap someone across the face with a Christian message."

Rob said he'd like to play two or three times a month, and lately they've been playing about once a month. "I'm more into a spontaneous, impromptu sort of performing," he said.

Although they send a Christian message out to their listeners, they don't just perform at Christian places. Red Letter Someone have played at NNC's Underground Escape coffee house, Top Ten Cafe, Pike's Place Market in Seattle on the side of the street, the Koffee Klatsch in Boise, and many places in the Midwest.

Rob and Keren were recently in a band called Dear Eleanor, with junior Dan Pape and Kris Doty. While in this band, they performed at additional places, such as the Antique Mall in Nampa and the Flying M in Boise.

Dear Eleanor was the first band that Rob and Keren started together. "In August [Rob] just came up to me and said he'd like to play music with me. He hadn't even heard me sing before. I didn't think he was serious so I said 'Okay,'" Keren said. "After that, we just started hanging out and writing lyrics and music together. Then we did the Dear Eleanor thing and now we're doing Red Letter Someone."

According to Rob and Keren, they quit doing Dear Eleanor so that the different members could concentrate on their own musical

interests. One of the unique aspects of Red Letter Someone is that they are so down to earth and laid back.

"There are only two of us, and all of our music is acoustic and we have no idea about the technical stuff," Keren said.

They perform for the enjoyment of music and to get a message across. "I think what makes our band unique is our simplicity. We're not necessarily complex musically but I think that what we say and how we say it is simple, concise and clear," Rob said.

It's important to Red Letter Someone that they communicate with their listeners. "I hope our music will cause the audience to be retrospective," Rob said. "I'd like our music to empower the listeners in whichever direction they need to be going in life. I think there's too much music out there that doesn't really say anything and I just want to make them think through my music."

Once they get their message across, Keren said that after performances they have a great time getting to know people and sharing the message of Christ with them.

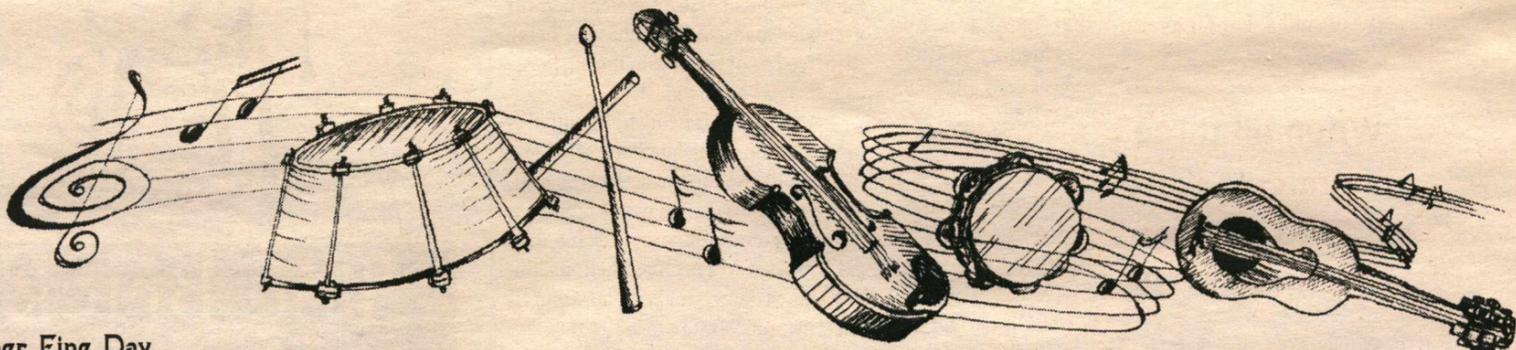
"I hope that when we play, people can see joy in what we're doing and that they will wonder why we have such joy," Keren said.

The joy they show in their performances is a reflection of the work of Red Letter Someone in their lives.

By AMY RILEY
COVER STORY EDITOR



KEREN SCHANDORFF AND ROB READMOND ENJOY HANGING OUT TOGETHER



Another Fine Day

*Every morning we can kneel and pray,
To make the most of this,
Another Fine Day.*

NNC junior Tim Bryant is enthusiastic when he talks about and recites words of the title song from his band, Another Fine Day. It's a song about having fun, making the day glorious, and coming before God. And for Tim and the members of his band, that's what it's all about.

The rock pop and alternative band consists of Tim Bryant, guitar, Dave Coles, drums, Paul Marler, guitar, Eric Marler, keyboard, and Dan "The Superman", lead singer. All of the band members except Bryant attend Vallivue High School, and had originally started the band without Bryant.

"They had kind of been doing it blindfolded. I met them and it totally took off," said Bryant. "When I started, musically, I was a little farther down the road, but in the long run, I feel like I'm learning so much from them."

Bryant said that the band is basically based on one thing: to have fun. Many people are surprised and even shocked when they hear him say that, because they think that their main purpose should be for God.

band," explained Bryant. "Some people play for God, and become slaves to that. They lose the focus of having fun. We play *to* God, not *for* God. All of our music is Christ-centered. Our main purpose is not trying to go out and reach every single person with our music. But if we do reach someone, it will be the most humbling thing that will

Bryant had been trying to start a band on campus ever since he came to NNC. But it just didn't seem to work, and he felt that too many people wanted to do it for self-glorification. Bryant, who is a youth pastor, hooked up with the other guys through his youth group and through Larry's Chevron. Owner Larry Marler is Paul and Eric Marl-

and Eric, Bryant got with the other members of the band.

"The thing that is amazing to me is that these guys are juniors in high school, and they're not afraid to stand up in front of their peers and sing and talk about Jesus," said Bryant. "I would never have stood up and done what these guys are doing when I was in high school."

The band has already played for a high school graduation, as well as for youth groups in the area, and some NNC coffeehouses. Right now the group is trying to get a solid concert together and are writing songs together. The band are hoping to make and send a demo tape to a man in Portland, OR, who owns a Christian Supply store and is starting a record label. So, although the band is open to playing anytime, they plan on starting to really seriously try to book concerts in June or July of this year.

"Churches are calling us to come play because they've heard of us by word of mouth," said Bryant. "Some may call it strange, but I call it the work of God. And that's what Another Fine Day is all about. Well, that, and having fun!"

By HELEN WARRINER
OPERATIONS MANAGER



FRIEND JASON LARKINS, WHO WROTE MUCH OF AFD'S LYRICS, SOAKS UP THE SUN WITH TIM

an alternative Christian ministry

So Far Gone

So Far Gone is going places. This three-person band--consisting of junior Dan Pape, former NNC student Eric Glassco and Kris Doty--hope to live out their name by going far with their music.

"I'd eventually like to make a living off of it. This summer we're doing a record and we're making a video for one of our songs," Dan said. "We're each making financial commitment to it. We invested in a sound system. But we're not relying on it happening that way. If it happens, it happens; until then, we'll keep enjoying it."

After deciding they wanted to start a band, they searched for a name for themselves. "The name is one that had been floating around in my head. It's an expression toward backward values," Dan said. "After this summer I had been doing a lot of soul searching and spiritual growth and I came to a lot of realizations; I saw that I wasn't where I wanted to be, so that term came into my mind a lot."

In comparison to Iron Hammer and other similar names they came up with, So Far Gone was most characteristic of the band.

The name of the band goes well with the different messages of their music. "Typically, they're all introspective songs about inner thoughts that we have and the emotions that we feel," Eric said.

According to Dan, the band communicates more than a message through words. "We don't really have a certain theme in all our music, but I'd say that we have a certain mood and feel to it," Dan said. "We try to be metaphorical and poetic. I think there's a

variety of topics in our music. Music is a very emotional tool of expression so you can deal with a lot of issues that you just don't talk about in regular conversation. We also try to be imaginative and creative."

To each of the members of So Far Gone, the band is more than just a fun thing to do on the side. According to Eric, this band means just about everything to him. "God has called me to this. I love the music that we've been writing and I'd love to do this for a living. It means so much to me because God has called me to it," he said.

Dan said he knows the success of the band is in God's hands. "I think as a band we're really blessed because we all have great ability. I see this as a real blessing of God. I've never felt this bonded to other members of the band or this great of reactions from the listeners. We all want to go as far as God wants to take it. God gets all the glory for our success."

Band member Kris Doty, a senior at Nampa High School, said the band is really important to her. "It's what I spend my free time doing. It's fun because we're all close friends, so we feel together in our music. And we all love it a lot," she said. Kris said the band is important enough to her that it was one of the main reasons she has decided to stay in the area and attend BSU next year.

According to Kris, So Far Gone doesn't have limits on how far it will go. "It will go as far as God takes it. I'd love to go to places like Seattle with our music. I'm not expecting it to get huge, but if that's what God wants then that would be great," she said.

So Far Gone displays their reliance on

and their hope in God during their performances, while they still hope that their audiences enjoy what they hear.

"First, I hope we entertain our audiences. I hope people will be able to enjoy the music and the lyrics. We'd also like to make some sort of redeeming and Christian impression on them. We don't promote ourselves as a Christian band, but we're not hiding our Christianity. If you want to give it a label, we're three Christians in a band."

They agree that if the Spirit moves, then He will do great work through them. "I don't necessarily hope for a conversion in reaction to our music. I hope to make the audience think about things with a new perspective," Eric said.

"I think the impact comes from when people come up and talk to us after the show about what we're trying to say. Our greatest impact is in the example that we set."

Dan said he would like to do three or four shows a month. Places they've performed are the Antique Coffee Mall in Nampa, Underground Escape, the Porte's Battle of the Bands in Nampa, the Flying M in Boise, the Koffee

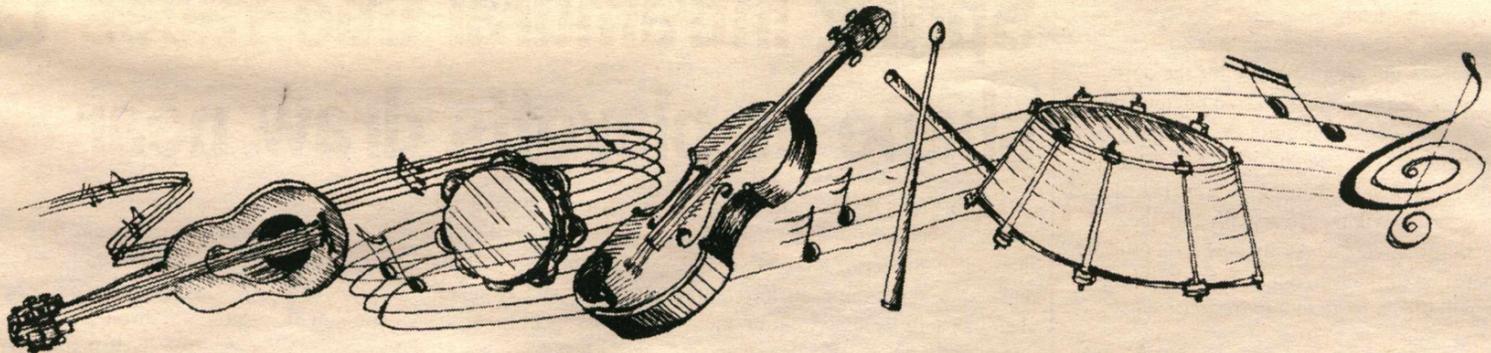
Klatsch in Boise, and the Lighthouse in Pocatello. They look forward to packing the Koffee Klatsch with listeners, like they did last time, when they played there May 11. Last time it was so full the coffee shop had to turn people away at the door.

So Far Gone doesn't have plans to only play in the Nampa/Boise area. "We're making a lot of new contacts all around the general area. We'll probably perform in Twin Falls and McCall over the summer." Twin Falls. McCall. Seattle? Who knows how far So Far Gone will go?

By AMY RILEY
COVER STORY EDITOR



ERIC GLASSCO AND DAN PAPE JAM TOGETHER



COVER ART BY KAREN SCHANDORFF

Eeden

"We're called Eeden. And that's the correct spelling. We wanted to be different."

Shawn Cox laughed when asked twice about the spelling of the name of her band. Not many people would spell "eden" with two e's at the beginning. It's the "alternative" spelling, and, after all, "that's our stand: to be alternative to an alternative world," said Cox.

Cox, a senior at NNC, is keyboardist for Eeden, an alternative band formed here in the area. The other members are: Phil Tegethoff and George Vavold, singers, Todd Hale, rhythm guitarist, Pat Mee, bass guitarist, and Jeremy VanOrder, drummer. They have been together for just over a year and have recently recorded a demo at Audio Image in Boise, and American Music in Caldwell.

"I got connected here with the guys in Nampa at a local church," said Cox. "They had already started the band without me. One day I went over to one of the guy's houses, and they were practicing, but were missing their keyboardist. I kind of filled in, and when the original keyboardist moved on, I stepped in."

The band has played in Seattle and Portland churches, Boise State University, and have a prison outreach at the Boise and Ontario prisons. "The prisoners seem to like the hard alternative rock, and we slip a mes-

sage in," Cox said.

The band has also played at NNC coffeehouses, and can sometimes be heard at various area churches, although they have a harder time booking concerts in the valley.

"We sent out letters, but this is a more conservative valley. We can't seem to find many places to play. I think people are a little scared--especially when we mention the word alternative," laughed Cox. "So now we're looking towards Montana and

Los Vegas. But Deer Flat Free Methodist church has asked us to play soon."

Cox said the main purpose of their band is to present an alternative to an alternative world. And since it has been shown that 90% of people were saved during their teen years, the band likes to reach teens with the alternative music for that reason.

"Our audience does vary, though," she said. "It depends on where we play."

Audiences will be able to buy Eeden's demo

tape soon, and it will possibly be available at the Christian supply store for \$5-\$7. The demo contains three songs entitled "His Grace," "Sammy," and "Your Love." "His Grace" is basically about Jesus's death on the cross, and the grace he showed by saving people when they weren't worth it. "Sammy" is about a goldfish who wanted to get out of his familiar surroundings.

"Yes, it's about a goldfish," said Cox. "But it's about a lot more than that, too. Christians can so easily get out of their spiritual surroundings. And that's not a good thing."

"Your Love" is dedicated to Pat Mee's youngest son. He had a blood spot on his brain when he was very young, and God healed him. The song is about God's physical and spiritual healing.

Right now for Cox, a special education major, the band is just a hobby. But it seems she'd like it to be more.

"I'd like to go to Nashville and make it a career. A couple of groups and producers are looking at us; we have no idea how that'll work out, but we are hoping for the best."

In the meantime, Cox and the rest of her band will continue to witness to their audience with an alternative sound, and alternative message.

By HELEN WARRINER
OPERATIONS MANAGER



SHAWN COX STRIKES A POSE IN FRONT OF THE OTHER BAND MEMBERS.

SPORTS BRIEFLIES

Bulls end NBA season with record 72 victories

The Chicago Bulls wrapped up the most successful regular season in NBA history Sunday with their 72nd victory, getting 26 points from Michael Jordan in a 103-93 win over the Washington Bullets. The Bulls broke the record with an 86-80 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.

Weeks ago the Bulls wrapped up the home court advantage throughout the post season. The Bulls will face the Miami Heat in the first round of the playoffs.

In the Western Conference, the Seattle SuperSonics finished the season on a down note by losing to the Denver Nuggets 99-88. In the game Shawn Kemp was ejected for throwing a punch and may be suspended for one to two games of the playoffs. The SuperSonics will face the Sacramento Kings in the first round of the playoffs.

Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder dies of heart failure at 76

Jimmy Snyder, known as "Jimmy the Greek," an odds-maker and football personality who brought gambling to the forefront of televised sports, died Sunday in a Las Vegas hospital of heart disease. He was 76.

Snyder was fired by CBS Sports in 1988 for saying that black Americans were better athletes than whites because of physical traits dating back to slavery.

Snyder spent a total of 12 years as a betting analyst, specializing in forecasts intended to help bettors on the CBS Sports program, *The NFL Today*.

Blazer owner Paul Allen agrees to buy Seahawks, under one condition

The Seattle Seahawks will remain in Seattle, for a while. Portland Trailblazer owner and Microsoft co-founder, Paul Allen has agreed to buy the Seattle Seahawks franchise from Ken Behring, sort of. Allen has bought a 14-month option to buy the team.

The actual price was not disclosed but sources say Allen is paying 10% of the eventual price for the option.

Players, coaches and fans all expressed obvious relief that the team would not be moving to Los Angeles.

Allen was quoted as saying he would use the 14-month period to monitor the financial performance of the team to help him decide whether to actually buy the team or not. Allen was also quoted as saying how local officials handle the renovation of the Kingdome or the building of a new stadium will play a large role in his decision.

Parking fine sparks controversy in Spain

A parking ticket given to the coach of a Spanish soccer team by a policeman who supports their arch-rivals has caused controversy in the small southern Spanish city of Seville.

Real Betis manager Lorenzo Serra Ferrer reacted angrily to the fine and was detained for four hours on Saturday by a policeman who is a season-ticket holder at neighboring Sevilla.

Serra Ferrer could be given a prison sentence if found guilty of kicking the officer. The coach denies the charge.

Dennis Rodman grabs two individual honors for the season

Dennis Rodman wrapped up the rebounding title for this NBA season a few days ago. But in the last game of the season he added one more honor to his resume. Technical fouls.

Rodman was slapped with his 29th technical of the season during the fourth quarter of the Bulls' victory over the Bullets. This "T" tied Rodman with Charles Barkley of the Phoenix Suns for the honor.

Michael Jordan wrapped up the scoring title, of course, while the Sonics' Gary Payton earned the title for steals. John Stockton of the Jazz earned the assist title and Dikembe Mutumbo of the Nuggets earned the blocked shot title.

Lady Crusader tennis prepares for conference playoffs

The NNC Women's Tennis Team has been busy traveling across the Pacific Northwest these past few weeks.

On April 4th, NNC came away victorious against Walla Walla Community College.

Despite battling the wind and rain the Lady Crusaders won 5-2, with two rainouts.

Exceptional matches came from Nicole Corbin and Colleen Jensen. Corbin won 6-2, 6-2, while Jensen defeated her opponent 6-1, 6-0.

On the 12th, NNC faced a tough Whitman team that rolled over NNC 9-0.

The Ladies found redemption against Eastern Oregon on Saturday, beating them 9-0.

Julee Salmeier had an exceptional match, beating her opponent 8-0.

Betsy Hamann and Colleen Jensen both beat their opponents 8-2.

Team Stephens-Freeman won their doubles match 8-5.

Hamann-Salmeier won 8-3, with Jensen-Coles winning 8-1, giving NNC a clean sweep against EOSC.

This past weekend NNC traveled to the Palouse to battle the Washington

State Cougars Junior Varsity of the Pac-10 conference, at the NCAA Div. I level.

Even though the Sadlers were going up against a much tougher and bigger school, they took two matches from WSU.

Die-hard Colleen Jensen beat her Cougar opponent 6-1, 7-6 winning 7-3 in the tie breaker.

"Whitworth not only has great talent, but the team has great depth."

Michelle Stephens

Julee Salmeier won her singles match 6-4, 7-5.

Even though NNC lost to WSU 7-2, NNC played tough in all of the matches.

Anne Freeman took her Cougar opponent to a tie-breaker in the 2nd

set, losing 9-7 in the tie breaker. Anne battled back from a 2-5 deficit to force the tie breaker.

On Friday, NNC played a ferocious Whitworth team. Whitworth showed no mercy as they defeated NNC 9-0.

"Whitworth not only has great talent, but the team has depth," said Senior Co-captain Michelle Stephens.

Again Anne Freeman had the closest match of the day coming back from a 1-5 deficit only to be defeated 2-6, 5-7.

This weekend the Lady Crusader's tennis team will be traveling to Tacoma to compete in the conference playoffs.

This year's host for the playoffs is the University of Puget Sound.

The Crusaders will be one of six teams competing in the playoffs.

Winners of the playoffs will earn the right to travel to the Nationals tournament

Good luck, Lady Crusaders!

By BRENT PETERSON
STAFF WRITER

Spring intramural title races take shape as playoffs draw near

Spring term means many things to students, and for those graduating at the end of the term, there is yet one more shot at claiming an intramural championship in some form or another. In addition to softball, a women's mini soccer season has been scheduled, and the traditional King of the Court once again crowned spring champions.

Softball has reached its mid point, despite wind, rain, mud, and even sleet, and competition has been fierce. A loaded spring schedule of games has kept softball enthusiasts happy, at the

same time making for some exciting competition on the diamond.

Going into last night's games two teams remain at the top, Eruption and the Basketball Team. In close pursuit of those teams are many that are still in the hunt for pole position in the league. Teams with near perfect records are the Gofurs, Buck Naked Softball, The Niners, Team Knight, and Hardcastle. Rounding out the bottom, otherwise known as the "cellar dwellers," are the still playoff hopefuls, Chachi, The Older Guys, Kamakazie, Team Arnold,

Ketchum, and Youree. There are two and a half weeks till playoff action begins, so anything could happen.

In the women's side of the competition, all seven teams remain in the race. The Basketball Team and Team Crow have claimed the top spots in the league with the Pond Team, the Volleyball Team near the middle of the pack. Lining the bottom of the league, but still showing a competitive spirit is Bishop, Mittelstaedt, and Messick.

For Randy Nutting, Rick Skeen and Joel Marion, leaving NNC without one last King of the Court Championship would be unheard of. The trio has accumulated around six or seven King of the Court titles. This spring the men walked off the court for the last time, now looking to the Chapman Hoop Classic to be their final pinnacle to climb.

The rest of the term can only hold more excitement as the women's soccer double elimination playoffs draw near (April 30th), and the men's and women's softball playoffs will start Tuesday, May 5th. If you haven't found a team to cheer for already, there's bound to be some excellent competition in the latter part of the season that will not disappoint the most avid softball fan.

Marion takes third in Classic

After taking a weekend off, the Crusaders took to the track and field one more time in the Bob Gibb Classic at Boise State University last Friday and Saturday.

The top finisher for NNC was high jumper Justin Marion. Marion cleared 6'7" on Saturday to finish third in the competition.

Marion has already qualified for the National Meet with his previous jumps

Boise State All-American Jake Jacoby won the event with a 6'11" jump.

Also in the high jump, Zach Smith made an excellent showing, jumping a personal record 6'5" to finish sixth in the event.

In the women's competition, the NNC throwers performed well.

Ellen Duncan threw the discus

130'9" last Friday to finish fifth in the event.

Tessa Phillips, also in the discus, finished seventh with a 123'1" throw.

In the women's hammer competition, NNC's Kim Crow placed tenth with a 105'1" toss, while teammate Vondell Fox finished twelfth after throwing 88'10" ..

Debi Carter, who competed in the women's triple jump, had an excellent day as she jumped 33'1" to finish eighth in the competition.

With only one meet to go before the conference meet, the pressure will be on for those who have not qualified to do well this weekend at Western Oregon.

By RYAN STUTZMAN
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By TIM SCHLACK
CAMPUS EDITOR

Three Crusaders named Academic All-American

Tamminga, Smith and Schumacher were named to the NAIA scholar-athlete team

This past week, the Crusader men's basketball program received more honors to add to the collection already received this season.

Three players were named to the NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete Team.

This is the most for any team nation wide.

Bobby Tamminga, Nate Smith and Tony Schumacher were selected on Monday to the team which recognizes athletes throughout the NAIA for their academic success.

Players selected to this team must be varsity athletes who have been enrolled at their nominating institution for a minimum of one full term. In addition, they must also have at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.00 scale.

Tamminga, a senior from Denver, Colorado, is currently holding a 3.60 GPA in business administration.

Tamminga played in NNC's first



Bobby Tamminga
3.60 GPA
8.7 points per game



Nate Smith
3.59 GPA
15.2 points per game
7.5 boards per game



Tony Schumacher
3.52 GPA
7.4 points per game

12 games this season before suffering a season-ending knee injury.

In those 12 games Tamminga averaged 8.7 points per game. He also received similar honors this fall while playing for the soccer team.

Smith, a junior transfer from the Seattle area, holds a 3.59 GPA in business administration.

Smith was a leader for this year's team averaging 15.2 points per game and 7.5 rebounds per game.

Smith was also named an honorable mention NAIA Division II All-American and was also named first team All-Cascade Conference.

Schumacher, a returning junior to this year's squad from the Tri-Cities

holds a 3.52 GPA in business finance.

Schumacher was named to last year's NAIA National Tournament team.

This past season Schumacher averaged 7.4 points per game.

Tamminga, Smith, and Schumacher were the only All-America Scholar Athletes from the Cascade Conference.

Both Smith and Schumacher will be returning to next year's men's basketball team.

By TOBY JEFFREY
SPORTS EDITOR

NNC signs two recruits

Coach Ed Weidenbach wasted no time in hitting the recruiting trail after this last season ended.

This past week, NNC signed two junior college recruits from the same school.

Brent Darnell, a 6'3" point guard, and Kai Knell, a 6'5" forward, will both join the Crusaders next season. The two were teammates for Wenatchee Valley Community College helping WVC win the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges basketball championship.

The two were both captains at WVC in both their freshman and sophomore years.

Darnell averaged 10.8 points per game and 8.0 assists per game. He was selected to the all-NWAACC Tournament Team and was second-team all-Eastern Region in both seasons at WVC. Coach Weidenbach feels confident that Darnell will step right into the point guard position next year.

Knell averaged 16.3 points per game and 6.1 rebounds per game. He set the record for career scoring at WVC with 974 career points in his two seasons.

Coach Weidenbach has recruited heavily from the NWAACC while at NNC. Before coming to NNC he coached at Columbia Basin Community College. Ten players from the NWAACC have played for NNC under Weidenbach's tenure.

By TOBY JEFFREY
SPORTS EDITOR

Crusader baseball splits doubleheaders with Central Washington to end losing streak

NNC's record stands at 1-9 in conference, and 13-19 overall

As the conference season begins to wind down, the Crusader baseball team is 1-9 in Cascade conference play.

In recent conference play the Crusaders dropped a single header to Albertson College and dropped three games to Eastern Oregon.

This past weekend NNC traveled to Central Washington University and split two out of four against the Wildcats. The splits put the Crusaders over all record at 13-19.

Against Eastern Oregon, the Crusaders were swept 12-4 and 9-4 despite 18 hits on the day.

In the opening game, NNC went into the third inning tied at 4. The Mountaineers scored eight runs in the final four innings against three Cru-

sader pitchers. Mike LaJoices took the loss for NNC dropping his record to 3-3 on the year.

In the second game of the doubleheader, NNC took an early 4-0 lead. In the fifth inning Eastern scored three runs, adding two more in the sixth to take the lead for good.

In both games the Crusaders were hurt by nine errors. Casey Fivecoat was the bright spot on the day hitting a combined 5-for-9 in both games.

The following week, NNC travelled to Caldwell to face the Coyotes of Albertson for the fifth time this season.

The Coyotes, who are on the verge of clinching the conference title, pounded NNC in their previous matchups.

Nate Hoiosen pitched a strong game giving up only five runs on ten hits. Unfortunately, the Albertson pitchers combined to strike out 13 Crusader batters, allowing only two runs.

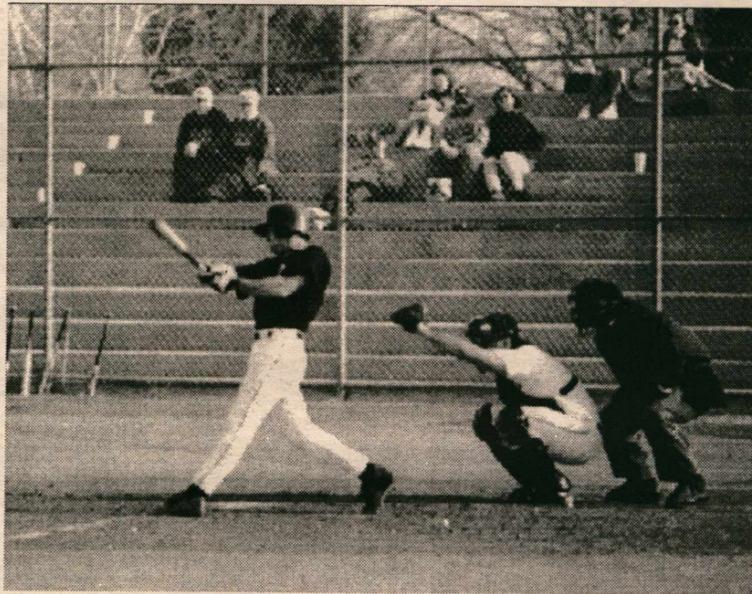
The win moved the Coyotes to 31-11 overall. Hoiosen's record dropped to 2-7.

The Crusaders then travelled to Ellensburg Washington to face Central Washington.

Behind the hitting of Greg Bartaloba and Alfredo Monarrez, who combined for eight hits, the Crusaders ended their five-game losing streak by winning 8-7.

Chris Falke pitched five innings giving up five runs to earn his fourth win of the season. Ryan Turner came in relief of Falke to earn his first save of the season.

Monarrez, Travis Tindall and Ramiro Flores each drove in two runs to lead the Crusader offense.



Crusader batting this season has succeeded in putting runs on the board. (Hoiosen)

In the second game of the Friday doubleheader, NNC gave up two early runs to the Wildcats and were never able to overcome the deficit, dropping the game 7-2. Jon Crozier struck out eight batters for the Crusaders while getting the loss dropping his record to 1-3.

On Saturday the Saders faced the Wildcats in another doubleheader. Once again NNC split the twin bill.

In the first game, Mike LaJoices pitched a three-hitter and struck out eight to earn his fourth victory.

The Crusaders broke a 1-1 tie in the fifth inning with a three run rally to take the lead for good. Terry LeTourneau and Greg Bartaloba opened the inning with singles. Casey Fivecoat

then bunted for the sacrifice but Central made two throwing errors to allow all three runners to score.

In the final game of the road trip, Central crushed the Crusaders 14-3. Nate Hoiosen gave up nine runs in the loss putting his record at 2-8.

Although the season has been rocky, there have been some bright spots. Casey Fivecoat is among the conference leaders in batting with a .341 batting average. Pitcher Mike LaJoices leads the league in strikeouts with 42 so far. Travis Tindall has hit four home runs on the season.

By RYAN STUTZMAN
STAFF WRITER



An early season concern, the Crusader pitching staff has proven to be effective this season. (Hoiosen)

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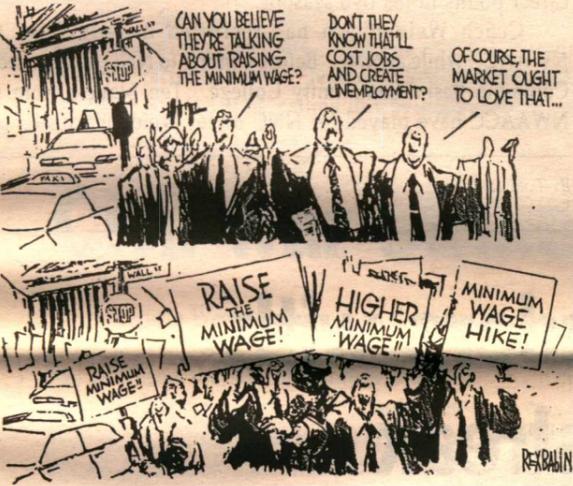
Call us the ACLU.

Why? Because we're goign to comfortably settle into a role of watchdog for civil rights in Canyon County. In a fit of misguided legislative aims and outright civil rights violation, local councils are considering a bill that would revoke dirvers' licenses for high school dropouts.

We think this is a bad idea for two reasons. First, it is a violation of rights. The law states that a 16-year-old has the right ot drop out of school. It also states that same 16-year-old can, if he / she passes a driving skills test, pilot an automobile. These are sound laws, tested by time; they have become rights. Not sacred rights, but independent rights that should stay independent.

Second, it punishes those who can least afford to lose driving privileges. The main reason high schoolers drop out is because they have to, either to earn more money because of a family crisis, or because of an unwanted pregnancy, among other possible reasons. The disadvantaged don't need life to be made even harder for them. If the state or the county wants to keep drivers' ed in the public schools, that's fine; just make it accessible to all.

When someone is down, you don't kick them in the face. Not having even a high school diploma means almost certain unemployment in today's job market where a frightening number of college graduates end their business transactions with the words, "Is that for here or to go?" Dropouts need their transportation--if they can afford it.



In attempting to evade our reputation for negativism, we had planned to run a "kudos" editorial to contrast the one up above. However, we decided to scrap it in favor of this new development. It would seem that the hottest issue in D.C. concerns whether or not to increase the minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$5.15. In some states, this has little or no effect, being that the state-amended minimum wage is even higher than the proposed national. For example, in neighboring Washington, \$5.25 is the lowest an employer is allowed to pay for an hour of work.

This seems fantastic for the NNC community. Now, (almost) every student working for the school is making \$4.25 per hour. Soon, it will be \$5.15. It doesn't take a calculus major to see that the numbers look good. Getting by will soon be that much easier. Or will it?

Not to put a damper on things, but the minimum wage increase is not all good. In fact, there are some drastic problems which we will have to face as a result of this drastic wage increase. We spare you the economics lesson, but the main idea is that as the minimum wage goes up, prices will rise, and employees will be fired or simply not hired. You get rising inflation and unemployment. And if there's anything a college grad dislikes, it's a thinning job market. Similarly, inflation has a funny tendency for overkill. It goes farther than it needs to in order to catch up. For a while you'll be able to buy more than you could before, but once inflation has evened out, you'll not be able to buy as much earning \$5.15 as you could with \$4.25.

So what seems to be the House's gift to mankind could be a wolf in sheep's clothing. The really interesting point here is the bipartisan support for this issue. This could be attributed to the liberals' support of helping people out, (giving them a raise can't be all bad) and the GOP's opportunist capitalism. The inflation and unemployment caused by the wage hike tend to have good long term effects on the market, which help out investors, who happen to be the GOP's chief interest. So just a warning: don't count your eggs until they've hatched.

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Wham, bam, thank you NNC!

Is our unspoken policy healthy for the NNCommunity?

Author's Disclaimer--If you are married or even remotely thinking about becoming so, as many of my good friends are, know now that this is NOT a personal attack on you, NOR am I passing judgement on anybody. These are opinions based on observations made during my two years at NNC, some dating back to first term, freshman year. In fact, if you're married or even remotely thinking of becoming so, don't even read this--just come up and kick me in the head.

As Spring arrives, love is in the air. Why? I often wonder if being at NNC enhances the natural rush of hormones. Now hear me through. There almost seems to be an unwritten policy of matchmaking within the NNConstitution. "Oh yeah, and there's just one other little prerequisite for graduation..."

During my first term at NNC, I felt as though I had every sort of nuptial advance thrown at me--and not by the hordes of females around every corner, mind you. It seemed to me that our leaders were trying to get us into the frame of mind that marriage was to be one of our goals while in college. I remember windings, twixes, and who knows how many various events where the main theme seemed to be "match 'em up, slap a stamp on, and ship 'em on out." Sort of a nuptial wham, bam, thank you NNC, if you will. I mean, I'm sure that I would have fewer academic problems had they tried half as much to engrain a sense of scholastic responsibility into my head upon arrival.

Now I'm not saying NNC promotes promiscuity (directly). But, do they really think that if they don't force guys and girls together right from the start, then we'll never meet each other? Something tells me, no. Instead, it's more like they get us all riled up and then hose us down. First, there's an overemphasis on coupling us up, then they act like they don't trust us to ever be together. Why do you think they don't trust us? Because they're the ones who emphasized the "together" idea

so much in the first place. Freshman curfew, stringent open-house hours: all just meaningless little regulations (virtually nonexistent on most other campuses) which keep us apart and keep our feathers ruffled. It's kind of like the administration saying, "There. Now if you ever want to be near each other, then you'll have to get married. Ha-ha-ha!" I hate to break it to them, but all their little anti-intimacy rules and regulations don't really keep anybody apart--they just make it a little uncomfortable. If they really think they're

doing a such a great job of separating the sexes, they should take a trip out to Lake Lowell on any given Friday night.

OK, OK, I may have been overexaggerating just a bit. I don't really think that the administration has some evil hidden agenda to throw us all together. But they may have an unwritten, unspoken policy to get us going. A

Do they really think that if they don't force guys and girls together from the start, then we'll never meet each other?

policy reminiscent of yesteryear. Bear with me, now. Back in the earlier years of the college, when many people didn't wait until (high school) graduation to wed, this policy may have been important with socially slow movers who found their way into college. In fact, I hope I'm not too presumptuous by asserting that this



TODD SMITH--STAFF CARTOONIST

was one of the reasons for parents to send their kids to college. But today this isn't necessary. Parents aren't (or shouldn't be) sending their children off to find a spouse.

In today's world, it is not at all uncommon for young adults to forgo marriage until they are well into their twenties, or beyond. Today, academics

If you are married, do not seek a divorce. If you are unmarried, do not seek a wife.

I Corinthians 7: 27

are everything. In today's job market, a degree is essential to finding a job, unlike years ago, when higher education was for doctors and lawyers. College is supposed to be an academic institution, not a secret Nazarene marrial grounds.

What upsets me most is the speed and intensity with which NNCommitments are made. *How healthy can that be, you ask?* Well, since you brought it up, I suppose I could share some statistics I've heard. *Disclaimer--these are rumors, so I may be off, and I am not*

holding them as absolute truth, but the numbers make an impression. Numbers such as a fifty percent divorce rate among (recent) NNC marriages. Statistics which match that of the national average--hardly what you *should* expect from a Christ-centered community. To be fair, I must add that these figures are not far off from those of the

Christian church in general, but I personally don't find that to be a good excuse. Sure, I realize that people make mistakes, and that some people just couldn't live together. But why did these individuals feel so motivated to wed in the first place? If they couldn't stay married, they shouldn't have been to start. *Easy for you to say, you've never been through it.* No, I haven't. Nor do I plan to.

If I'm offending anyone, read I Corinthians 7 to find Paul's views on divorce, and marriage. I may also suggest you try to read objectively. Paul wasn't writing to offend; neither am I. I give special regard to verse 27: "If you are married, do not seek a divorce. If you are unmarried, do not seek a wife." *Yeah, so Paul's admonishing divorce, so what? What else would you expect from an ultraconservative fundamentalist such as Paul? Tell us something we didn't know.* Okay. Most people who just read this see a verse dealing with divorce. So go back and read the second part again. Go ahead. *Oh.* It would seem to me that Paul felt that marriage, and all the frills (sex) which goes along with it were underrated compared to the potential in a relationship with God. Notice that Paul does not command us *not* to get married: He says "do not seek a wife." If it happens, it happens. But it is unhealthy to dwell on it, or to expect we have to find our mate merely because we attend a Christian college. Heck, we only have about 300 in each class, and 1200 in the school at any given time. What are the chances that we'll *all* find the perfect mate?

I can see where Paul was coming from, just from my experience here at NNC. Half the people I know (myself included) spend an ample amount of time dwelling on this issue. How much better off would we be if we spent half as much time concentrating on God? Remember, there is a world beyond NNC. We're all going to end up there someday, married or not. And something tells me that all those graduating single aren't going to maintain their bachelor status forever.

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BY SHAWN McDONALD
OPINIONS EDITOR

"Religious right": a contradiction in terms?

The Republican platform might not be as holy as it appears

I have recently come to grips with a truth some of you might find shocking. I don't like the "Religious Right."

Before any of you readers dismiss me as either a heretic who deserves instant lynching, or worse yet, as a Democrat, I'd like to elaborate. It's not that I harbor this deep aversion to traditional family values; it's not that I yearn for every pregnant woman to abort her child. It's simply that I believe that juxtaposing the terms "religious" and "right" creates an innocent but nonetheless divisive and faulty assumption.

The fallacy thus perpetuated is that a Christian has this duty to be a registered Republican. As I see it, the only political duties a Christian has are to return to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's, and support all politicians in prayer. What can you belong to if not the "Religious Right?"

The "Secular Left"? One cannot support the contention that the right-wing platform is any more intrinsically holy than its left-wing counterpart.

Life is sacred; I can't argue that. So the pro-life plank in the Republican platform is something of a stance for the sacred. But it is such a minor part of what conservatism champions. When you remove abortion from the Republican picture, what do you get? A party that supports lower taxes, more military spending, less welfare, tough crime fighting, the death penalty, less gun control, and encourages small businesses. There's nothing wrong with those ideals, naturally, but there's also nothing particularly Christian about them. Excluding

the view on abortion, the common thread behind the list is a tradition of American individualism, according to which the government should interfere with private life as little as possible. (Parenthetically, it seems bizarre to me that the party of so-called big government wants to limit federal intrusion into the womb, while the grand ole party of rugged individualists seeks to extend its view of morality to everybody.)

What follows the assumption that Jesus would vote GOP is the sad fact that Christians are lambasted for voting Democrat, when all they are trying to do is express their concern for their fellow man. Compassion is one of the pillars of the Democratic Party. Tolerance is another. Actually, a term which would accurately describe a Democrat would be "idealistic," and I cannot think of a grater idealist than Jesus Christ.

One main reason behind my distaste for equating Christianity with the GOP concerns the support once presidential-hopeful Pat Buchanan has gathered among otherwise sane persons. Bible-believing Christians were and are saying, "How can we dismiss him so quickly? He must be right at least most of the

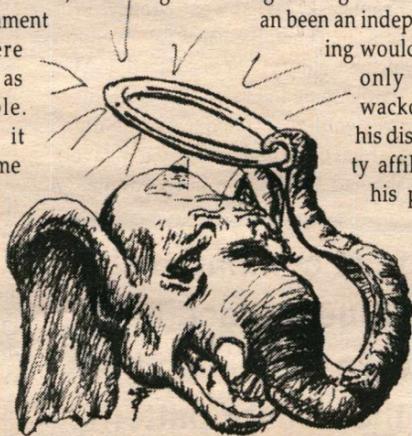
time: he's a Republican, after all."

Now, maybe that's exactly where things have gone wrong. Had Buchanan been an independent, his following would have consisted of only the unreflective wackos he deserves as his disciples. But his party affiliation, along with his pro-life stance automatically drew Christians in. To put things bluntly, that is s h a m e f u l. Though it is almost always impossible, and always dangerous, to assert that there exists one and only one "Christian" perspective on a controversial issue, it's extremely safe to contend that a Christian cannot support any kind of politics based on hate. This includes Buchanan's discrimination against homosexuals and fierce backlash against immigrants--motivated by racism.

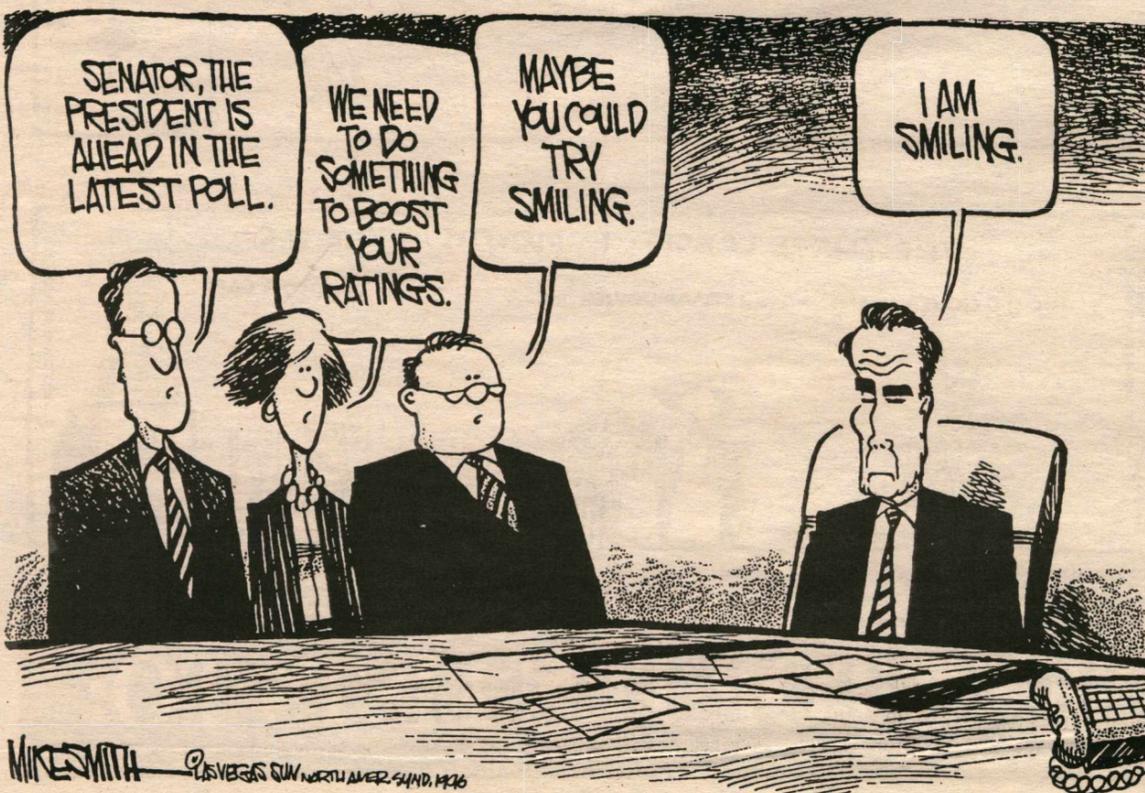
Not to get too far off the subject before I have to close, I must emphasize that I, personally, have felt little to no persecution from my good friends when I break down and confess my inclination to vote for candidates of both parties. Nonetheless, there does exist this perception that the precious few Christians who do not automatically vote for Republicans must be teetering on the edge of Christianity, ready to lose their balance and fall off the elephant's trunk of righteousness, to be trampled by the donkey's hoof of immorality.

There really is no reason for Christians to identify more with one party than with another. Each Christian voter should be entitled to choose his or her party without feeling pressure from fellow believers. This might sound a bit individualistic--but you would never see me promoting such blatant conservatism in print.

By JOHN FRALEY
MANAGING EDITOR



"The precious few Christians who do not automatically vote Republican must be teetering on the edge of Christianity, ready to lose their balance and fall off the elephant's trunk of righteousness, to be trampled by the donkey's hoof of immorality."



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LETTERS

I'd like to respond to the article in the April 4th issue of *The Crusader*, dealing with the repeal of the assault weapons ban. I believe that there should have never been a ban of these weapons in the first place. What the government thought would stop people from buying these guns didn't. Also, the banning of these weapons could lead to the banning of all guns in general. Let's put you into the shoes of a second-class family living in a rural area that has a lot of violence. How are you going to protect yourself if you don't have a gun, with a butter knife?

Seriously, I believe that Clinton doesn't know that there are more people killed by cars, drunk drivers, drugs, and alcohol-related accidents than guns. Actually, the leading cause of unnatural death is car accidents. What is he going to do, ban the use of automobiles? The reason that the violent crime rate has dropped is due to the fact that the people thought that they couldn't get any guns later, and they went out like mad apes to buy these weapons to protect themselves. And due to the mass amount of citizens buying guns to protect themselves from criminals with guns, the threat of getting shot without being able to protect yourself has dropped considerably. And if they decide to ban all weapons later, the criminals will still be able to get the guns on the black market and off the streets. Then with what will a person living in a crime-infested area protect themselves with? Nothing.

I'd also like to say thank you for showing both sides of the issue, instead of being like the bigger newspapers, like the *Idaho Statesman*, etc.

--a concerned gun owner,
Chris Adams

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John, it's going to be OK, we're all doing just fine...Everybody print for Heather, she hasn't seen too much...You've seen mine, haven't you?...guerrilla--G-U-E-R-R-I-L-L-A--guerrilla...(censored)...What day are we coming out?...Tomorrow, Dave...What's that about being worse than Ebola?...Do you have to let it linger...Heather...I can't do Beavis...Stillman, keep your briefs to yourself...John...If I was any more insensitive, I'd have girlfriends or something...you have such creative spelling in your section, Stillman...Thanks...Montana, it's not our fault!...at least the cows are sane...what about your causalities, Stillman?...then there's that Freeman thing...I think its too late even for the Staff Infection...Goodnight, NNC!

Here comes the bride: a guide to that Most Special Day

Editor's note: As a result of taking a week off, we have an extra Dave Barry column sitting around. Enjoy the double dose.

We're coming into wedding season, a magical time when the radiant bride, on her Most Special Day, finally makes that long-awaited walk down the Aisle of Joyfulness to stand next to the Man of Her Dreams, only to sprint back up the Aisle of Joyfulness when she suddenly realizes that she forgot to pluck out her Middle Eyebrows of Grossness. Because a bride knows that a wedding video is forever. She knows that, 20 years later, she could be showing her video to friends, and as soon as she left the room they'd turn to each other and say, "What WAS that on her forehead? A tarantula?"

Oh yes, there is a LOT of pressure on today's bride to make her Big Day fabulous and perfect. Overseeing a modern wedding is comparable, in terms of complexity, to flying the space shuttle; in fact, it's WORSE, because shuttle crew members don't have to select their silver pattern. This is done for them by ground-based engineers:

COMMAND CENTER: OK, Discovery, we're gonna go with the "Fromage de Poisson" pattern, OK?

DISCOVERY: Houston, we have a problem with the asparagus server.

Of course, the bride does get some help. The multibillion-dollar U.S. wedding industry -- currently the second-largest industry in the United States, behind the latte industry -- helps the bride by publishing monthly bridal magazines the size of the U.S. tax code full of products that the bride absolute-

ly HAS to have and checklists relentlessly reminding the bride of all the decisions she has to make RIGHT NOW concerning critical issues such as the florist and the caterer and the cake and the centerpieces and the guest favors for the formal cocktail reception. (Of COURSE there have to be guest favors at the formal cocktail reception! Don't you know ANYTHING?)

Of course, the groom has responsibilities, too. According to ancient tradition, on the morning of the wedding the groom must check the TV listings to make sure there is no playoff game scheduled during the ceremony, because if there is he would

have to miss it (the ceremony). But the other 19 million wedding details are pretty much left up to the bride; this is why, when she finally gets to her Most Special Day, she is clinically insane. Exhibit A is Princess Diana. People ask: "What went wrong? Princess Diana had the Fairy Tale Wedding of the Century!" Yes! Exactly! YOU try planning the Fairy Tale Wedding of the Century! This poor woman didn't just have to think about party favors; she had HORSES in her wedding. A

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LOT of them. Just try to imagine the etiquette issues: What color should the horses be? Should they be invited to the reception? Should they have centerpieces? What if they EAT the centerpieces? These are just a few of the issues Princess Diana was grappling with while Prince Charles was out riding around whacking grouse with a polo mallet. No wonder there was tension!

But it's not just Princess Diana: Wedding planning makes ALL brides crazy. Anybody who doubts this statement should investigate what actually goes on at a "bridal shower." I don't know about you, but I used to think that a shower was just a sedate little party wherein the bride's woman friends gave thoughtful little gifts to the bride and ate salads with low-fat dressing on the side. Wrong! You would not BELIEVE the bizarre things women do at these affairs. For example, I have it on excellent authority that women at these showers play this game

wherein teams compete to see who can make the best wedding dress OUT OF TOILET PAPER. I'm not making this up! Ask a shower attendee! If a MAN were to wrap himself in a personal hygiene product, he'd immediately be confined in a room with no sharp objects, but this is considered normal behavior for a woman planning a wedding.

I have been informed by an informed source that women at bridal showers also sometimes play a variation of "Pin the Tail on the Donkey," except that instead of a picture of a donkey, they use a picture of a man, and instead of a tail, they use something that is not a tail, if you get my drift. I am not suggesting that Princess Diana played this game at her shower, and I am not suggesting that the Queen did, so just get that mental picture out of your mind right now.

All I'm saying is that, with spring upon us, you may find yourself near a woman in the throes of planning a wedding; if so, you need to recognize that she is under severe pressure, and above all you need to do EXACTLY AS SHE SAYS. If she wants you to wrap yourself in toilet paper, or purchase and wear a bridesmaid's dress that makes you look like a walking Barcalounger, JUST DO IT. You should do it even if you are the groom. Because this is the bride's Most Special Day, and you want to help her make sure everything is exactly the way you want it when the two of you finally stand together in front of all your friends and loved ones, and you gaze upon her face, and you say the words she has been waiting a lifetime to hear: "Hey! What's that between your eyebrows?"

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The Yogurt Affaire' presents the weekly Top Ten List

Top Ten suggested replacements for NNC's toll-free service (1-800-NNC-4-YOU).

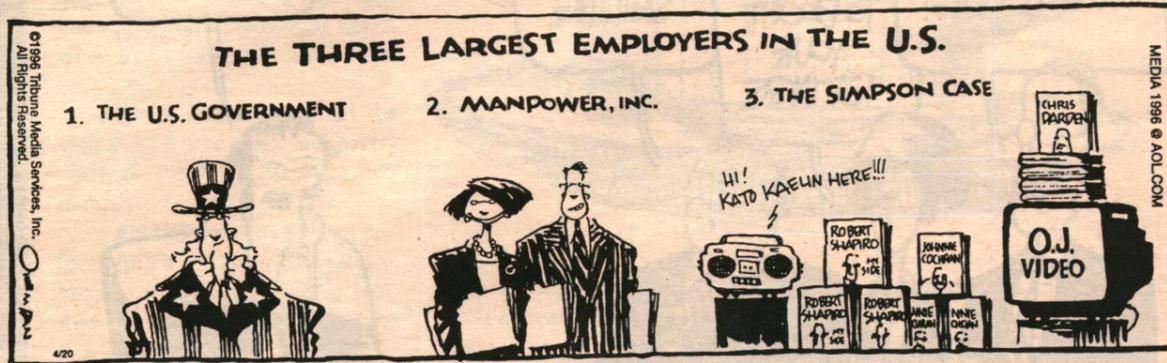
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This list removed through hypnotic means from the late mind of Mason Vail.

MIXED MEDIA

By Jack Ohman



SEND TOP TEN LISTS TO:

A few reasons to not put your money in animals

A question that more and more Americans are asking, as they become increasingly fed up with crime, is: What, exactly, are the legal rights of accused snakes?

Consider the case of a snake that recently ran afoul of the law in Virginia. According to a story in the Fredericksburg, Va., Free-Lance Star, written by Keith Epps and sent in by alert reader Venetia Sims, this particular snake, a four-foot Burmese python identified only as a "Spotsylvania County Snake," was apprehended by an Alcoholic Beverage Control agent and the Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office in connection with a liquor-store robbery.

I am not, of course, suggesting that the police thought the snake ROBBED the store. They thought it drove the getaway car.

No, seriously, the snake belonged to one of the robbery suspects, and according to the story the police had received information that the snake had money from the robbery "stashed inside of it."

This story doesn't say how a person would go about stashing money inside a snake, nor how this person would get the money back out. But for the record, most financial advisors do not recommend that you put your money into snakes. Let me add, from personal experience, that real estate is not such a hot investment, either. Some friends and I once put some money into a small apartment building, and we never did get it back out. What we got was a constant stream of tenant complaints, including every conceivable kind of toilet blockage and -- this is the absolute truth -- an infestation of bats that made the local TV news. Looking back, I think we would have been better off with a snake.

But getting back to "a Spotsylvania County snake": The police took it into custody (presumably in a handcuff) and held it without bail for a week, during which time they X rayed it. According to the story the X-ray "revealed something suspicious inside the snake, but police weren't sure what it was." It turned out to be snake poop, which -- and this is exactly what is wrong with our society today, if you want my and Pat Buchanan's opinion --

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- is still legal in Virginia.

So the police were forced to release the snake, although NOT on its own recognizance. (One of the unique things about snakes is that they don't even HAVE a recognizance; biologists still have no idea how they reproduce.)

At this point, you are saying: "Dave, no offense, but it is just SO typical of media scum like you to make a big deal about one snake who is connected to a liquor-store robbery, while totally ignoring the millions of law-abiding, taxpaying snakes, not to men-

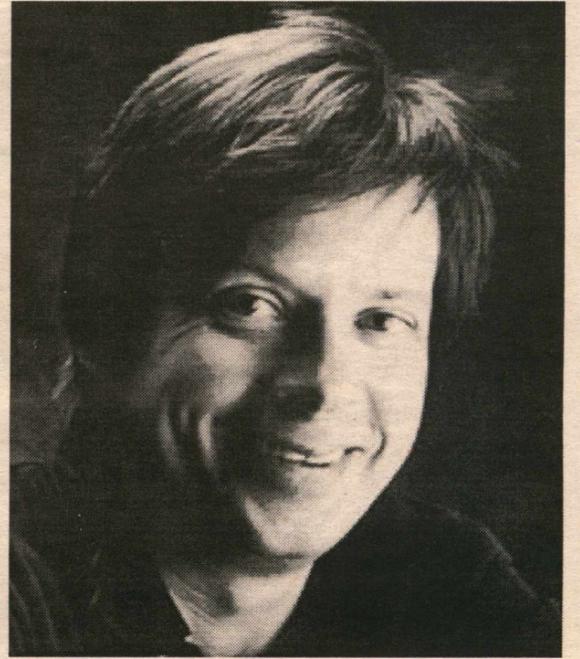
tion ferrets."

You make a strong point, which is why at this time I wish to present an inspiring story, which I am not making up, concerning a courageous ferret in Morton Grove, Ill. According to an item from the Northbrook Star, written by Kathy Routliffe and alertly sent in by Jane Kolehmainen, police received an emergency 911 call from a home in Morton Grove; upon arriving at the scene, they broke into the home and discovered that the call had been made by a pet ferret named "Bandit."

Unfortunately, this did not turn out to be one of those heartwarming cases wherein a loyal and quick-thinking ferret, seeing that its master was having a heart attack, called police and then administered snout-to-mouth resuscitation until help arrived. This was simply a case of Bandit, while walking around the house alone, stepping on the telephone speed-dial button for 911. But the point is there COULD have been a medical problem, and if there had been, Bandit would be a hero today, perhaps even making a personal appearance on the "Jerry Springer" show.

Speaking of crustaceans, it's time for a:

LOBSTER UPDATE -- I have been deeply gratified by the tremendous outpouring of letters from you readers supporting my courageous decision to come out of the closet and state that I think lobsters are big insects. Some of you also sent me an alarming new item stating that researchers at Harvard medical School are -- I swear I'm not making this up, either -- giving Prozac to lobsters. The researchers say the drug "makes lobsters more docile, and less likely to snap when fished out of a



tank at a restaurant."

The article states that the researchers hope their work will ultimately benefit humans. This raises some alarming questions:

1. Are there restaurants that keep humans in tanks?
2. Are there humans forced to wear rubber bands on their hands?
3. Do the restaurant owners claim that they taste "just like chicken"?

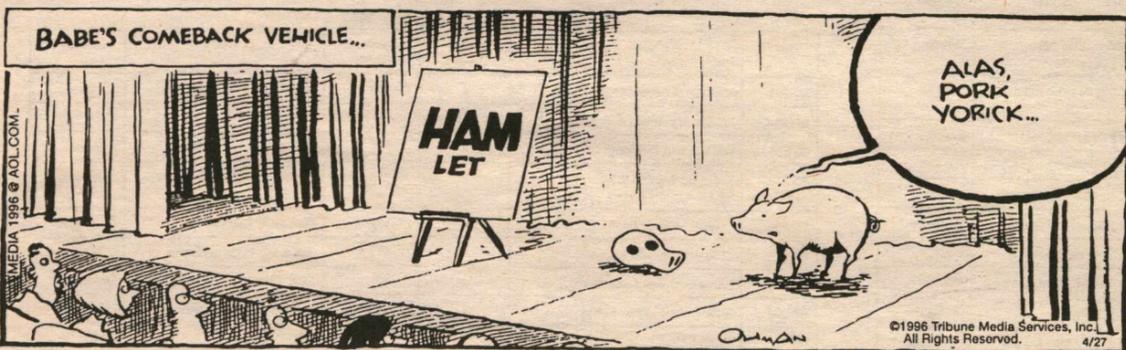
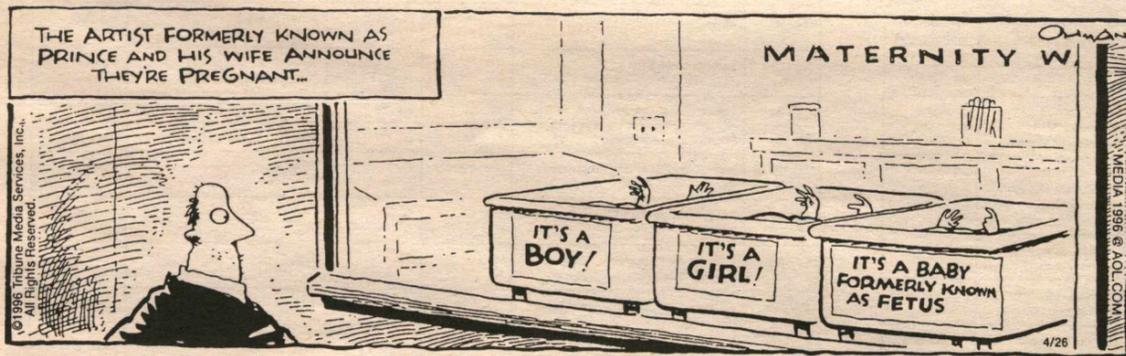
I think that every concerned American should telephone federal authorities at random until we get answers to these and other questions. I also think that, for the time being, we should all be extremely cautious when we leave our homes. Remember: "a Spotsylvania County snake" is out there somewhere.

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By Jack Ohman



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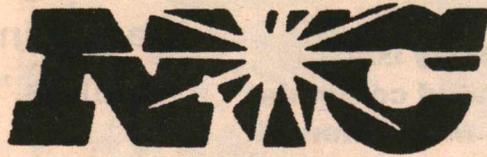
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SESSION I

June 10 - July 6, 1996

Course #	Course Name	# Qtr Credits	Location	Time	Instructor(s)
AC 202	Financial Accounting	4	EH 103	Mon-Thurs 6:00-8:30pm	Armstrong
BL 321	Biblical Interpretation	4	LC 206	Mon-Fri 8:00-10:00am	Cowles
BL 421	Pauline Epistles	4	LC 206	Mon-Fri 10:10am-12:10pm	Cowles
BL 441	History of Ancient Israel	4	WH 105A	June 10, 6:30-9:30pm; June 11-13, 8:00am-5:00pm; June 14, 8:00am-12noon (1 hour lunch allowed daily)	Bowes
BI 322	Field Biology-ID Bio Exped (Course Fee \$75.00)	5	SC 202	June 24-29, 8am-5pm Monday-Saturday	Powers
BI 420	Birds of Prey-Snake River County	4	LC ROTUNDA	June 10-15 8:00am-5:00pm (classes meet all day)	Powers
BU 394	Topics: Consumer Behavior	4	LC 206	Mon-Fri 1:00pm-3:00pm	R. Johnson
BU 496	Internship in Business	4-16		TBA	Schafer
CS 210	Intro to Computer Science	4	LC 139	Begins Wed. June 12th Mon-Fri 10:10am-12:10pm	Thorpe
CS 222	Computer Programming in C	4	LC 139	Begins Wed. June 12th Mon-Fri 1:00pm-3:00pm	Thorpe
ED 362	Teaching Reading in the Content Areas: Elementary	4	LC 208	Mon-Fri 10:10am-12:10pm	Harman
ED 492	Foundations of Education	4	LC 208	Mon-Fri 8:00am-10:00am	Wesche
EN 381	Topics: Classic Cinema	4	LC 111	Mon-Fri 10:10am-12:10pm	Hill
HS 203	History of the United States	4	LC 113	Mon-Fri 10:10am-12:10pm	Wantland
HS 335	The Civil War and Reconstruction	4	LC 113	Mon-Fri 1:00pm-3:00pm	Wantland
KI103/106	Racquetball (Beginning/Intermediate)	1	GYM	5:00pm-7:00pm	Diehl
KI 124	Life Guarding	1	GYM	June 13, 5:30-9:30pm, June 14 8:00am-5:00pm, June 15, 8:00am-5:00pm	Malloy
KI 294	Topics: Backpacking (course fee: \$75.00)	1	PE 213	June 11 & 18 7-9pm & June 14- 16, 21-23, entire days Enrollment limited to 12	Diehl/Miller
KI 296/396	Field Experience in Kinesiology	1		TBA	E. Forseth
KI 496a-d	Recreation Internship	4-16		TBA	Schmidt
MA 111	Algebra	4	LC 112	Mon-Fri 10:10am-12:10pm	Kornved
MA 112	College Algebra	4	LC 139	Mon-Fri 8:00am-10:00am	DeCloss
MA 151	Survey of Calculus	4	SC 109	Mon-Fri 10:10am-12:10pm	DeCloss
MA 224	Elementary Statistics	4	LC 112	Mon-Fri 1:00pm-3:00pm	Kornved

MU 225/425	Private Piano Private Guitar	1 1		TBA TBA	Hughes
NS 106	Earth Science	4	LC 140	June 17-July 5 10:10am-12:40pm	Mangum
NS 116	Earth Science Lab	1	Meet in front of College Church	June 22, 8am-5pm and June 29, 7am-5pm (Saturdays)	Mangum
PY 394	Topics: Consumer Behavior	4	LC 206	Mon-Fri 1:00pm-3:00pm	R. Johnson
SC 121	Fundamentals of Speech	4	LC 137	Mon-Fri 1:00pm-3:00pm	D. Waller
SO 496 a b	Internship in Sociology (Third World Kenya) *	4-8 4		TBA	Stellway
SS 494	Social Change in an African Context Kenya *	1-4		TBA	Stellway
SS 497	Indiv. Social Research in Social Science (Kenya) *	4		TBA	Stellway
SW 496 a-c	Advanced Practicum in Social Work	4-16		TBA	Hull
SW 498 a-c	Advanced Methods	1-3		TBA	Hull

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SESSION II July 8 - August 3, 1996

Course #	Course Name	# Qtr Credits	Location	Time	Instructor(s)
AC 203	Managerial Accounting	4	EH 103	Mon-Thurs 6:00pm-8:30pm	Armstrong
BI 496	Internship in Physical Therapy	1-4		TBA	Fyffe
BL 326	The Life and Teachings of Christ	4	LC 206	Mon-Fri 8:00am-10:00am	Crawford
ED 332	Teaching Physical Education in the Elementary School	2	PE 213	8:00am-10:00am	K. Forseth
EN 305	Creative Writing: Poetry and Drama	4	LC 112	Mon-Fri 1:00pm-3:00pm	G. Bennett
EN 374	Children's Literature	4	LC 112	July 8-19, 8:00am-12noon	E. Bennett
HE 496	Home Economics Internship	4		TBA	Murtland
HS 204	History of the United States	4	LC 113	Mon-Fri 10:10am-12:10pm	Wantland
KI 102	Cycling	1	PE 212	5:00-7:00pm	E. Forseth
KI296/396	Field Experience in Kinesiology	1		TBA	E. Forseth
KI 332	Elementary School PE Teaching Methods	4	PE 213	Mon-Fri 8:00am-10:00am	K. Forseth
MU 225/425	Private Piano Private Guitar	1 1		TBA	Hughes
PL 311	Philosophical Perspectives	4	LC 206	Mon-Fri 10:10am-12:10pm	Crawford
TH 201	Survey of Christian Thought	4	LC 208	Mon-Fri 10:10am-12:10pm	Lodahl
TH 394	Topics: Alternative American Religious Movements	4	LC 208	Mon-Fri 1:00pm-3:00pm	Lodahl