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Following are candidates for offices in the General Missionary Society and the offices for which they are running: Marv Peters, treasurer, Keith Workman, treasurer, Dan Anderson, president, Ron Wright, vice-president, and Nina Madox, president, and Nina Walker, vice-president. Not pictured are Bob Miller, vice-president, Connie Helt, secretary, and Cindy Ulrich, secretary.



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May 24, 1974

Deans leaving for Latin America



by LYNNE JOHNSON

Two of NNC's professors will be leaving the staff and their home in response to God's calling them to Belize, Latin America. Dr. and Mrs. Mick Dean will be leaving for Colorado Springs this next Friday, May 31, for a one week missionary orientation and workshop. They will then be leaving the United States for Latin America near the first of July.

Their family will travel to Belize (formerly the British Honduras) where Dr. Dean will be in charge of teaching science for the church high school and work as a lay evangelist in the neighboring churches. Mrs. Dean will carry the responsibility of tutoring her own children, under suggestion.

The city has grown to approximately 40,000 and there are 100 students in the high school to which Dr. Dean has been appointed. The population of the entire country is near 130,000. Its geographical area compares to that of Massachusetts. The black culture is predominant but there is a melting pot of Spanish, Indian and Creole. The English language is most prevalent, so language adjustment will be minor for the family. The small country has its borders along Mexico and Guatemala and has established a relatively stable gov-

ernment.

There will definitely be a change awaiting them in accustoming themselves to the heat and humidity of the equatorial region. Hurricanes frequent the country and in 1961 completely devastated Belize City, which sits on the Yucatan Peninsula. The city was rebuilt but the capital moved.

One of the major adjustments for the couple will be the isolation from the collegiate world, but they feel the lifestyle will be easy to fit into.

Their three children are excited (they've already experienced living in Mexico for a summer) and the family as a whole are preparing themselves for this one-year appointment as general missionaries, with the option for a more extensive ser-

vice.

Dean grew up in Nampa and has been a member of the college staff 16 years. His wife, Shirley, has taught here nine years. They met on this campus and were later married in College Church.

Together they have enriched and strengthened NNC through the channels of their professorships and in the characters of their personalities.

This campus will lose a man and wife team of great ability, but this is because God has offered them a new challenge, in a new place, for His glory.

When I asked Mrs. Dean if it was hard leaving home and America, she looked up and replied clearly, "When the Lord says go, it's time to go."

Dooley winners announced

NNC English Professor Gaymon Bennett has announced this year's winners in the short story division of the Bertha Dooley Writing Contest.

Taking first place honors, along with a cash prize of \$15, was Larry Burns for his work entitled "Phone Call." Bob Curl was awarded the second prize of \$8 for "The Source of Wisdom." Honorable mention went to Michael Gregory for "Now Married."

About 17 short stories, a few more than were received for last year's contest, were judged by Bessie Baker. Now in semi-retirement, Baker formerly taught at Nampa High School and NNC. She is currently publicity director for the Migrant Educational Resource Center and the Nampa School District.

The results of the Dooley Writing Contest's poetry division will be announced sometime next week.

Choral group coming

Tuesday's required convocation will feature Weber State College's Chorale from Ogden, Utah. The chorale is composed of approximately 65 members and will perform a variety of works from all periods and musical styles.

The Chorale is now enroute to Expo '74, in Spokane, where they have been selected to perform six concerts. Each year this chorale performs a heavy concert program schedule for clubs, civic organizations, churches and schools.

In 1970 they were chosen to sing at the American Choral Directors Association Convention in San Francisco, and in 1972, they performed for the Governor's institute for the Fine Arts.

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Jones stricken; hospitalized Tuesday

Dr. J. William Jones, Head of NNC's Philosophy Department, was hospitalized Tuesday, May 21, with a condition of blood clotting in his lungs. He is staying at Memorial Hospital in Caldwell.

Jones' wife reported that he has taken medication to thin his blood, and thus reduce and eliminate clotting. Medical tests indicate that his blood is thinning. When Jones will return to his duties at the college is uncertain. It will depend on how rapidly he responds to treat-

ment. Mrs. Jones noted that there had been "lots of special prayer" for her husband, and expressed gratitude to all those concerned about his illness.

DuBois convallescening at home

Dr. Lauriston J. DuBois, NNC Chaplain and Professor of Philosophy and Religion, is convalescing at home from an April 30 heart surgery.

The surgery, performed in Boise, replaced a mitral valve in DuBois' heart. He returned home May 18 and will rest there another six to eight weeks. He expects to resume full duties at the college in the fall.

According to his wife, DuBois is "doing real well, except of course he's very weak." She also reported that he "sleeps all the time."

Barton plans varied events

Due to the ambitious planning of ASNNC Social Vice-President Randy Barton, next year will be full of social activities.

On schedule are concerts, movies, inter-dorm wing prayer meetings, and cooperative activities between NNC, College of Idaho, and Boise State University.

Some of the concerts we will be seeing are the Lost and Found, Regeneration, Andrae Crouch and the Disciples, the Manhattan Project, J.C. Power Outlet, The Imperials, Maranatha Sound and some single artists.

"We are planning movies for every other week," Barton said yesterday. This is more than the usual amount. Among these will be "2001: A Space Odyssey," and "Fiddler on the Roof."

Inter-dorm wing prayer meetings are just one of the many innovations for next year. These will probably be held on a closed night basis at the President's Home.

Barton also expressed his wish to sponsor activities jointly with College of Idaho and

Boise State. Blocks of tickets for Boise State home football games will possibly be placed on sale in our bookstore. There are tentative plans being laid to sponsor concerts with the College of Idaho.

The regular activities such as all-school picnics, holiday parties, the Sweetheart Banquet and the Junior-Senior Retreat remain on the calendar.

The first all-school picnic will be earlier than usual. The first Monday of September has been set aside for an all-school picnic at Bogus Basin beginning at four in the afternoon and running on into the evening. The lodge and lifts have been reserved for NNC students.

Other kinds of activities Barton has planned for next year include an outdoor concert featuring groups such as the Brethren, more outdoor film festivals such as the one planned for this weekend, activities after basketball games, and also, activities either before or after fine arts concerts. Previously, on the night of a voice recital, for example, that activity was to be the only one allowed for that night.

Barton was asked if he had

had any difficulties that he had not expected upon entering the office.

"The administration is very careful in accepting changes," he said. "One thing that surprised me is that the upper class students are also wary of change. If it's not something we've done before, they really don't want to take chances."

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Wilson inspires grads

by WILL MERKEL
 Spring means more than Frisbee and skimboarding to those looking forward to getting away from it all. Seniors eyeing sheepskins and mortarboards have one more obstacle to overcome: the commencement speaker. NNC's own variety of that nearly extinct species is Miss Helen Wilson.

May is always a busy month for the NNC professor of journalism and creative writing. She annually roams the state and Eastern Oregon to deliver her own special brand of advice to high school seniors. This year Miss Wilson's schedule is light: she speaks at only seven schools besides the constant community functions at which she lectures.

The years have brought some humorous experiences including the time the lights went out at Marsing just as she got up to speak forcing her to use a flashlight to see her notes for the first half of the address.

Her most embarrassing recollection is of the time when she sped over the hills to keep an appointment, had car trouble about half way and telephoned the school only to hear a voice say, "But Miss Wilson--our exercises aren't until tomorrow night!" With sinking heart she realized that she should have been headed toward another school which was located about

80 miles in the opposite direction.

"I think that is the only speaking appointment I've ever missed and I'll never forgive myself for missing it," she says ruefully.

Miss Wilson's message is not the typical yawn provoking set of platitudes. Rather she goads her graduates to live fully each day of their lives. The keys are responsibility, courage, enthusiasm, and something of eternal value to cling to. Anecdotes illustrate everything.

Fees for her speaking are nominal, but the value of the cards and letters she receives from graduates and their parents is greater. Miss Wilson's activities also provide much needed publicity for the campus. Speaking engagements usually provide the spark for questions about "that place," and more than one student has considered coming to Nampa on account of her efforts.

Last Tuesday night's commencement exercises at Grand View, Idaho, were typical. The 31 graduates, their families, friends, and acquaintances, in short, nearly everyone in the valley, crowded into Rimrock High School's bread-box sized gymnasium. It was hot. It was stuffy and the crowd was noisy. The microphone refused to function. The local Lion's

Club president stumbled through his presentation of the boy and girl of the year. The valedictorian and salutatorian spoke of preparing today for tomorrow, success, etc. Finally it was Miss Wilson's turn. Straining her voice to be heard she told of a girl who dreamed that one day a Prince Charming would rescue her from her everyday existence. When he finally galloped by on his steed and swept her up into his arms, she asked him where they were going. He responded "How should I know? It's your dream." Aside from illustrating her point she now gained a quiet and responsive audience for the remainder of her short speech. The grads

were grateful and kept her talking as she endeavored to leave. One has since called to enquire about the possibility of coming to NNC.

Miss Wilson's career in commencement speaking began at her own high school graduation.

"As I sat there listening to that speech I was so inspired that I thought it must be just about the greatest thing in the world--to be able to encourage high school seniors to go out into the world and live at their best. Down inside I guess I prayed the prayer that someday, I too, might become a speaker who could inspire people."



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Urban outreach conference

inner-city; in the ghetto, hard-core life of struggle. We have those.

But we also have other types of inner-city ministries. Our inner-city efforts are working from different foundations--they have many different ministries. Washington D.C. is concentrating on the high-rise apartments; Boston Chapel's most obvious problem is alcoholism; Baltimore's primary ministry is going into the bars, meeting the people and talking to them. Manhattan has this single young adults thing going and Brooklyn

is starting a Sunday School on wheels. They used the phrase, "sanctified imagination" in one of the summaries at the conference, and I think that just about expresses the unlimited flexibility of the movement.

CRUSADER: What do you see as the future for the inner-cities ministry in the Church of the Nazarene and what part do you plan to play?

LAIRD: I stopped in at the Denver First Church of the Nazarene on the way home and saw all kinds of people--blacks,

Chinese, poor whites--coming to that urban church from all over the city. It's this type of thing that gives me tremendous hope. It doesn't mean I think the Nazarene Church is doing all it should, but it's alive, it's trying, and it's working.

Your generation has the vision and the potential to make this ministry work. Maybe my generation missed the boat; because of a lot of factors we just left the cities out of our work. But all of a sudden there's a refocusing and if we can only get the funds and maintain the determination, it can be done. There will be kids going out to the inner-cities to give their lives in this service just as their parents went to the mission field. The

masses are lonely and they need our help.

I'm excited and I hope that in my way as Director of Outreach for NNC I can help to encourage kids and turn them on to inner-cities.

WHEATLEY: When we get to dealing in the realm of the new and new developments, sometimes we forget the things that are the same, such as the problem of sin. This is the basis of our theology and in the cities it's no different. The problem is sin and the answer is full salvation, including holiness. It's not a forced theology, it's a way of life--the life of love.

Jesus has dealt radically with sin and that's the message we give. The thing that im-

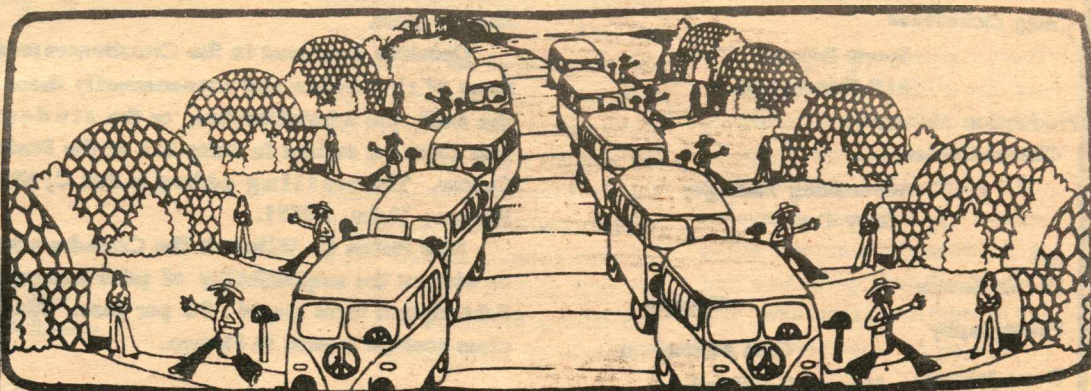
pressed me about these people (at the conference) was their bold aggressiveness in proclaiming the Word. This is something we need--a calmness and an assurance. Jesus Christ is the answer, He gives abundant life so what do we have to be ashamed of.

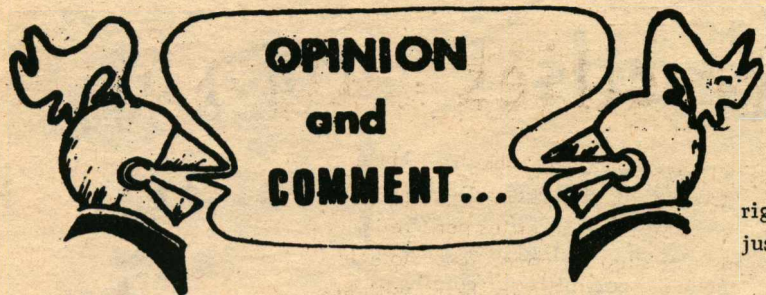
As for my plans relating to inner-cities ministry, I'm going to Patterson, New Jersey to a church of about 150 people that want to start an inner cities program. It's a very congested area--within a 30 minute driving range there are 2 million people. There are a lot of ethnic groups in the area and I feel that there's a need for an inner-cities program to get going there.

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Reflections

Back next year?

KCRH folds

Despite reports that repairs would enable campus radio station KCRH to resume broadcasting before this academic year ended, the station will probably not be operating again until next September.

But fortunately for KCRH, the station could have approximately three times the funds to operate next year, as compared with this year's budget. KCRH spent less than \$1000 for 1973-74's broadcasting, considered inadequate by station management.

The possibility for new funding comes in the wake of ASNNC Senate action of May 14. At that time the Senate passed legislation which could lead to

\$3000 for next year's operations. The bill directs the Senate Ways & Means Committee to consider allotting \$2000 to KCRH for 1974-75. Should this amount be appropriated to KCRH, the administration would contribute \$1000 of its funds, making for a \$3000 total. KCRH must be in operating condition by October 1, 1974 to receive any of these monies.

The Senate will ultimately act on the recommendation of its Ways & Means Committee, and decide whether or not to allot funds to KCRH for 1974-75. A refusal to grant funds would doubtless have a serious effect on the struggling station's future.

by RANDY TOLAND
Complete satisfaction. That's right, I stumbled into it again, just the other day.

I had not ever smelled the stench of prejudicial hatred in Nampa. I guess I felt we were just too isolated here. Almost impenetrable from distasteful outside influences was the way I saw it. But my complete satisfaction came in being able to, at least partially, remove the sour taste in my mouth that has always come when I heard of social injustice.

The story began April 30, 1974, which had been designated National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer. Having fasted the noon meal, and not really expecting to benefit by it, I attended a devotional in the campus prayer chapel, led by Miss Wilson. She told the story of Mr. H., a black man who resides only three blocks from the campus. Not many weeks ago, three teen-aged boys set a wooden cross up against Mr. H's small home and lit it on fire. This is reminiscent of a style employed by an activist organization, the Ku Klux Klan, notorious over the

years for their outspoken hatred and cruelty toward the black community. Mr. H., apparently unaware of what was taking place, could very easily have burned to death had the house caught fire. Fortunately, an unnamed NNC student chose to "involve" himself and raced over to the house to put out the burning cross, injuring his hand in the process.

Miss Wilson's concern with Mr. H began, ironically, with complaints from the neighbors that he was mistreating a stray dog and her puppies which had apparently wandered in off the streets. As president of the local humane society, she went to investigate. Finding nothing amiss, it became evident that the complaints were purely prejudicial in nature. Weeping Mr. H said he would have to give up the dogs because he would have had to build a fence around his backyard which was far too small to begin with.

Recognizing another case of man's inhumanity to man, Miss Wilson had offered those at the devotional a chance to reach out to this man. My initial reaction was, quite frankly, one of astonishment.

As a concerned Christian, I have prayed for a long time that the Lord would give me some opportunity to "heal the broken-hearted." Not really knowing what we would say, two friends

and I visited Mr. H a few days ago. He answered the door and immediately drew back, fearing that we had come to harm him. After introducing ourselves, he invited us to come in and take chairs in what I thought was a rather poverty-stricken kitchen. We let him know how enraged and shocked we were to hear of his unfortunate situation with the burning cross. He actually refused to even entertain the idea that the incident had been anything more than a childish prank. The thing that made it all worthwhile for me was to see the smile on his face and to laugh together as we talked about seemingly unimportant things. Someday soon, the three of us will be painting over the black spot on his house, left as a result of careless people.

In a week or so, we have planned a return visit to Mr. H's place. He was so happy to have us stop by and was very pleased when we expressed a desire to come back and fellowship with him. Mr. H told us he was encouraged and was looking ahead to better days. It's amazing what can happen when you let someone know that you care and that you want to be his friend. I didn't expect anything in return, but already I am reaping great benefits and rejoicing, that because of Mr. H, life is just a little bit better than ever before.

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by ANDY BENNETT
One of the leading voice teachers in the United States was on campus last weekend. Dr. Norman Ableson was the featured artist at a voice workshop sponsored by the National Association of Teachers of Singing. The workshop attracted teachers and students from several other area colleges. The activities included a recital by Dr. Ableson, two Master classes, and an adjudication and a scholarship audition.

Ableson's recital on Friday evening involved some very difficult music. It included excerpts from operas, German lieder, American art songs and

a cycle of Spanish songs. The entire concert was extremely well done.

The Master classes Saturday morning were concerned with vocal technique. Dr. Ableson presented his concepts of vocal production and voice teaching in a most understandable and interesting manner. The second session dealt with interpretation and what Dr. Ableson calls "dramatic projection." For both of the classes he used students as examples. The activities of the weekend were indeed profitable to the teachers and students alike.

Student Recitals
This evening at 8:15 Peggy

Higgins will present her senior piano recital. Included in the program will be Haydn and Beethoven sonatas, three pieces by romantic composers and a group of contemporaries. Peggy is a fine pianist, and will no doubt do an outstanding job.

No less outstanding will be a recital one week from tonight by Walden Hughes. The thing that makes this unusual is that Walden is a Freshman. Not that there is anything wrong with being a Freshman, but for a pianist of his age and experience to have his ability is unusual indeed, especially at a small school such as ours.

Letter to the Editor Hein's solution was workable

To the editor:
Congratulations are in order to Kay Hein for her articulate expression last week of a phenomena that is, sadly, often repressed here at NNC.

I often find myself contemplating what the fate of the average NNC student (and I certainly believe that there is such a thing) will be, when he is finally subjected to the world outside the bounds of our "Kingdom college." I find the sit-

uation analogical to that of an astronaut, who for the first time explores an abstract world of pits, peaks, and peculiar fauna of a new planet.

Kay deserves special regard too, for posing a workable solution in the integration of a Christian life into the "world outside." Truly the person who can make Kay's solution work for him, has reached life's happy medium.

Larry Burns

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Church must confront inner-cities turmoil

by LOIS LINDSAY
 Convinced that now is "The Time for Truth" Nazarene church leaders and other involved persons met in a Conference on Urban Outreach held at Washington, D. C. First Church of the Nazarene May 16-18. The conference, whose stated purpose was "to help clarify the mission of Christ and accelerate the pace of evangelism to all men everywhere" was attended by District Superintendents from areas which include huge cities, 20 ministers from big city churches or inner-cities ministries, representatives from the 10 colleges, and laymen that are involved in the inner-city projects.

Attempting to refocus and revitalize the Nazarene Church in the inner-cities outreach, the 3-day conference featured top speakers such as Dr. Howard Lindsell, Editor of Christianity Today, Richard F. Schubert, Under Secretary of Labor, and Dr. George Reed, Chairman of the U. S. Board of Parole, as well as other outstanding laymen and church leaders involved in the inner-cities programs. Question-and-answer panels, composed of the 3 or 4 leaders serving in the five major areas of ministry--Inner-City Outreach, Interracial Outreach, Inner-City Housing Ministry, Single Young Adult Outreach and Reaching the Suburb--were presented to discuss progress in those areas.

Irving Laird, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Tim Wheatley, NNC Post-Graduate student who spent last summer in Boston Chapel (one of the nation's biggest inner-city ministries) and who was the only student at the conference, talked to the Crusader about the conference and the developments and progress the church is making in the inner-cities ministries.

CRUSADER: How did the conference fulfill its stated purpose to help clarify the mission of Christ and accelerate the pace

of evangelism?

LAIRD: The conference was to tell each other and the people that are in some way connected with the inner-cities work what is happening, to motivate us so we could go back and share what we've heard. The feeling was that if we can get



young people turned on to the belief in the inner-cities ministry and that Christ has a mission for us there, we can really accomplish things even though a lot of people are still skeptical about the church and feel that it's like looking for a needle in a haystack to possibly do anything there.

CRUSADER: Do you think that's the attitude that dominates in the church as far as inner cities ministry goes?

LAIRD: Right. When you even drive through the cities you can feel it. I stayed over in Washington D. C. for the Sunday morning service and the pastor there said this is what they constantly have to fight--the discouragement, the hopelessness. But the preacher went on to make a statement that really got to me. He said, "What is praise? Praise is thanking God for what he's already done and for giving us faith to believe that He'll do what He said He will in the church."

That's the only way you can possibly function and believe, because the cities are going down fast. In fact, Lindsell said "the world situation is not good and it's getting worse--that's the only conclusion we can

come to." He said that except for our Christian commitment to believe that the battle isn't over and that there's still hope, it's a pretty bleak picture.

CRUSADER: Was the conference a matter of the general leaders of the church admitting to the needle-in-the-hay stack idea that it's kind of hopeless?

LAIRD: No, although you do have to admit it's a sad situation in some ways. 80% of the American people live in urban areas (population of 50,000 or more) but only 20% of our Nazarene churches are there. Sunday morning I drove through D. C.'s black community. And it's sad. Garbage heaped all over the street, broken windows--and I'm talking about just two blocks from the Statehouse. Yes, there's hopelessness, but also there's some light in the wonderful new things that are happening in our churches.

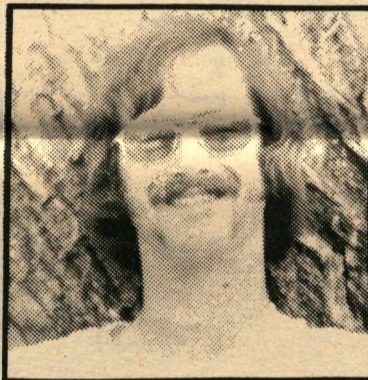
Paul Moore, one of the speakers, said we can and must learn to love a type of love that goes beyond expecting a reward. Guys such as Moore are the ones at the forefront of the inner-cities ministry in the Church of the Nazarene and I didn't detect any sense of hopelessness in them as far as the church is concerned. I felt like they thought that as a church we may have a long ways to go, but we're open.

WHEATLEY: As Dr. Franco said, we're not going to reach the cities--we're not going to save them, because it's too late. We're going to save the people within those cities. Our church's ministry has lost a whole generation. During that generation life in the cities has expanded and changed radically. So in that sense, we're too late to save the cities. But that shouldn't stop us from beginning programs and winning people. Because that's what it's all about--winning souls. It's not the sense of hopelessness

you mentioned--they're just looking at it realistically. It is too late for the cities per se, things are too far gone. But we still have a mission to their people.

CRUSADER: You spoke earlier about the innovative things happening in the churches in the inner-cities ministries. What are some of these new developments?

LAIRD: Yes, there's been a lot of exciting new things happening, especially on the east coast. In that eastern hub there's the "Manhattan project" where there's a growing church of saved young people--actors, actresses and other entertainers--who are really using their talents in an inner-cities outreach. For example these people are learning the issues raised in regard to the Christian faith posed by the more popular movies of the day (such as The Exorcist and The Way We Were) and then are handing out Christian movie review tracts at each showing of the films.



And they've got so many other things going. They go to welfare hotels for black kids and bring them Sunday Schools. They're on television 30 hours every week. They really have a unique type of ministry going on there.

But what is happening is just a small fraction of the total picture. A pastor in Milford, New Jersey has started a church which is currently meeting in the Holiday Inn because they have nowhere else. The churches in New York have grown from a total number of 25, when I was growing up there, to 50. That's not many for the 15 million people living on that district, but still it's quite a refreshing experience to see this growth going on.

I don't want to give the impression that everything's going great, but to think that the lay people are turned on to the work is encouraging. The reason I'm so excited is that while a few years ago I thought the Nazarene Church would become definitely a suburban church, now we're moving back in. We're not feeling that the inner-cities are second-rate like we used to. It used to be

like our black ministries--just tokenism. But we were reminded that Dr. Bresee, the founder of the Nazarene church, withdrew from the Methodist Church in 1895 because he felt we had to be a church to provide the gospel for the poor of the city. Instead, we've over and over again moved away from the cities.

CRUSADER: You said the church has consistently moved out of the urban areas. Why?

LAIRD: We couldn't wait to get our churches out of the inner-cities (although we usually left a mission for the blacks there.) Our reasons were largely because of lack of finances. For example, at Indianapolis First Church where I worked as Associate Pastor for two years, we took a poll and 90% of the people who paid the expenses of the church lived at least five miles out. So we relocated. For similar reasons churches all over the country have left the inner-cities.

WHEATLEY: Crime is another major factor. There were things going on outside the church doors that the leaders couldn't cope with, so they ran. That's the idea -- they ran. Even at Boston Chapel there was a guy mugged in front of the church. Washington (D. C.) First Church has police and dogs in the parking lot at all times for protection. It's these type of things that scared the church. These are the real problems.

CRUSADER: But now the church is moving back in because they've decided we have a definite mission there regardless of the negative factors?

LAIRD: Roberts said that in Baltimore his D. S. told him, "Ivan, you'll find Nazarenes with racial hangups, but that's not the spirit of the Church of the Nazarene." We do find these hangups in some of our people because they don't have the background. But the true spirit of the church is to give the Gospel to everyone, everywhere--not only in world missions, but here at home. In the inner-cities we have a whole new day and a whole new chance to spread the Word.

WHEATLEY: Typical is a spirit of unlimited flexibility and innovation (in the east especially) to reach the people wherever their need is. One thing I've learned is that you can't categorize the inner-cities effort. I had a hang-up that the "inner-city" was right down there in the

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NNC avoids GPA inflation

by NEIL READ

GPA inflation has swept into the academic community in the early '70's with an earthshaking impact equal to that of its economic elder brother. In some schools grades have risen so high that academic honors have become a joke.

A dean at Tufts University made a thorough study of academic standards and concluded that "the whole Dean's list is a farce which I personally would like to see abolished." Some have suggested, only half jesting, that the paper shortage could be curtailed by putting out lists of only those students who don't achieve honors.

Economists have developed price indexes and the GNP dollar deflator to deal with the measurement problem posed by economic inflation. Often we hear economists speaking of "constant 1960 dollars," for example. Academicians may soon be forced to follow suit if they are to retain valid standards for measuring progress and performance.

Deteriorating academic standards can have far-reaching ef-

fects on the academic climate of campuses. Shaik M. Ghazanfar, associate professor of economics at the University of Idaho, believes that GPA inflation is a sign of academic pollution and degeneration.

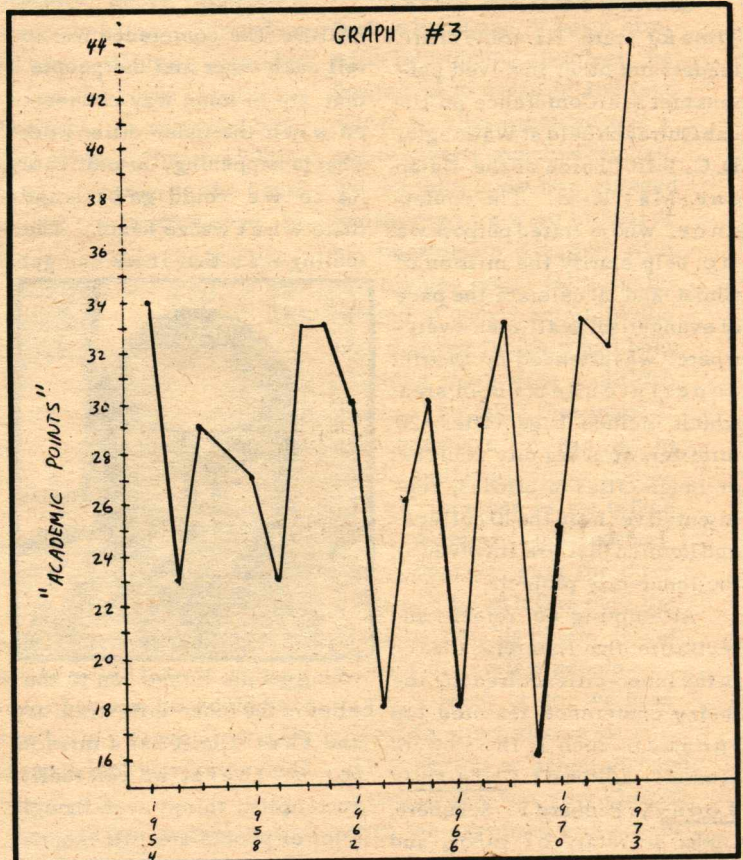
Ghazanfar points out some of the specific characteristics of polluted academia: students at-

tempting to impose rules on the academic authorities; students demanding performance of the faculty and shirking their own duties; instructors becoming highly vulnerable to student pressure and being forced to compromise academic excellence in order to keep their student clientele happy.

	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Totals
4 or more courses	2.92	3.10	3.47	3.05	3.13
Less than 4 courses	2.26	2.58	2.78	2.91	2.55
Totals	2.57	2.85	3.20	2.99	2.86
GPA's - Spring, 1969					
Totals	2.40	2.54	2.88	2.97	2.65

for itself? How significant is academic excellence? GPA STATISTICS Dr. Gilbert Ford, Academic Vice President of NNC, recently made a GPA study comparing the spring term of 1973 with the spring term of 1969. The results of his study are summarized in Table #1. The overall mean rise in GPA was 0.21 (2.86-2.65), certainly a very marked increase for such a short period. The more detailed data in Dr. Ford's study further support the belief that there was a significant rise in overall GPA between 1969 and 1973.

With this dismal picture in



On the basis of this study alone, one would be tempted to conclude that NNC's academic standards are deteriorating at an alarming rate. However, a look at the long-run trend helps to put GPA inflation in its proper perspective.

Graph #1 shows the median GPA of the last twenty graduating classes, with the exception of the class of 1957. Note that the median GPA for 1969 was one of the

lowest in the twenty year period, and the median GPA for 1973 was one of the highest. Further note that the class of 1954 had the highest median GPA in the last twenty years, 2.86.

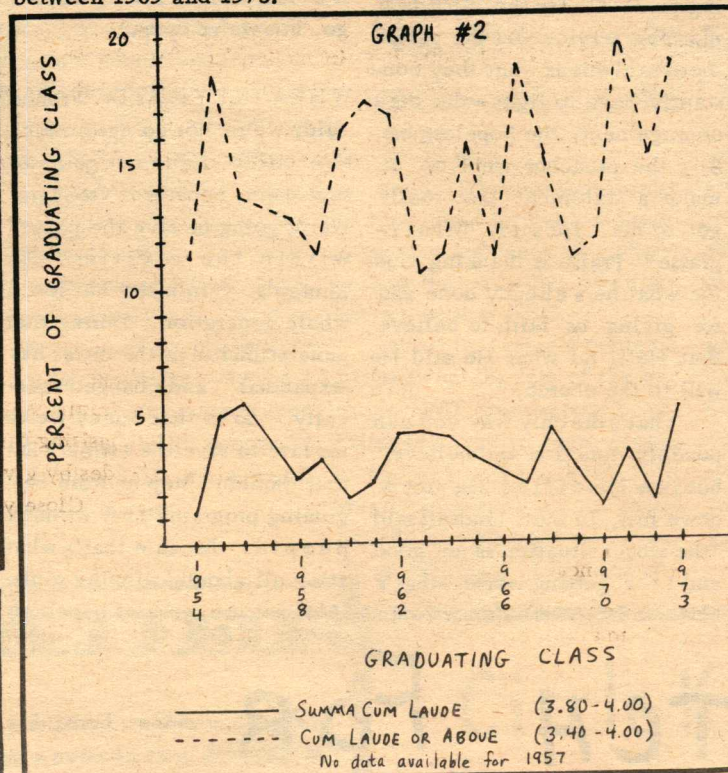
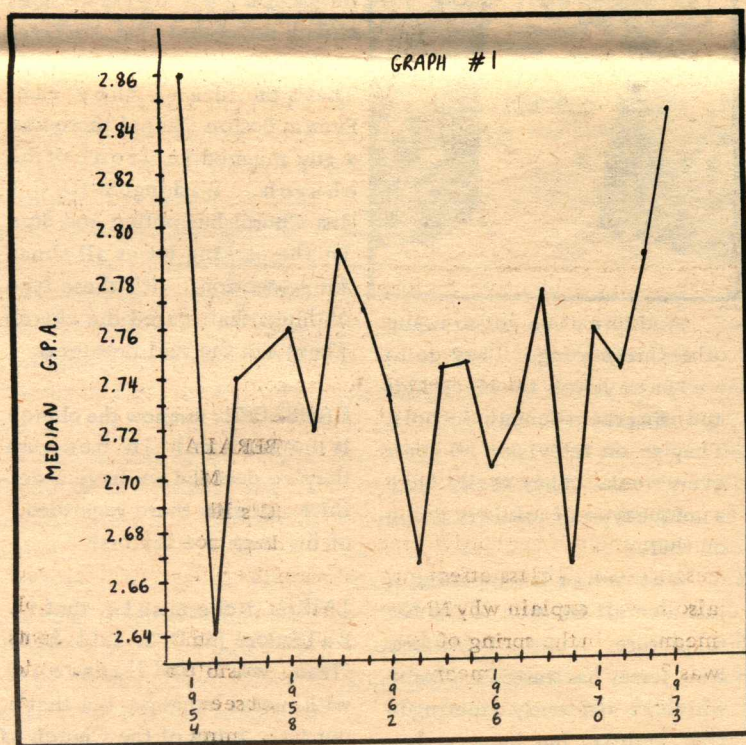
Graph #2 shows the number of honor graduates in each class. It further supports the belief that GPA inflation is really a cyclical factor. 1969 was a down year and 1973 an up one.

Graph #3 attempts to combine the factors in graph #'s 1 and 2 to give a clear overall picture. The "academic points" assigned were arrived at as follows: take the year's median GPA and subtract 2.64 (the lowest median in the twenty years), add the percentages of summa cum laude graduates and cum laude and above graduates, and multiply by 100.

The point system used in graph #3 is admittedly a rather arbitrary one, and it may put too much weight on the high GPA's in each class. It also does not take into account the grades earned by non-graduating students. However, it does give a good indication of academic trends, and it shows that college-wide GPA is definitely cyclical in nature.

Note the peaks in 1956, 1960-61, 1965, and 1968, along with the fairly steady rise between 1969 and 1973. Also note the valleys in 1955, 1959, 1963, 1966, and 1969. It is quite apparent that GPA generally rises and falls in three-to-five year cycles. It is hazardous to predict the future, but it looks as if we are in for a downward trend soon.

To get a true picture of long-run trends, we computed weighted average GPA's for four five-year periods in the last twenty years. This was done by multiplying the number of students in the graduating class by



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Hills named to Hall of Fame

Orrin Hills, NNC athletic director and former head basketball coach, was recently named to the NAIA District 2 Hall of Fame.

Hills was honored along with six other former great athletes and coaches at the annual banquet following the district track meet.

Hills is currently serving as

chairman of District 2 and presided over the all-star team awards at the affair.

Eldridge Broussard of Pacific

University was named athlete of the year and Oregon Tech basketball coach Ed Miles was selected coach of the year.



FLASH . . .

NNC's Dick Huling and Steve Hills failed to qualify in their respective heats of the 880 and mile runs at the NAIA National Championships at Arkadelphia, Arkansas last night. Huling timed 1:53.4 for 4th place in his heat, with three qualifying for the next round. He told the Crusader that he missed qualifying "by inches." Hills ran 4:13.7 for 7th in his heat and would have needed "about 4:08" to qualify. Triple-jumper Steve Wolfe was scheduled to compete today. Pictured above are Wolfe, Hills, and Huling. See story on Page 8.

Westerberg places second in district golf championships

Junior Tim Westerberg took second place at the District 2 golf championships at Salem, Oregon last weekend. Westerberg shot a two-round total of 150, two strokes behind the winner, posting a first round 78 and carding a fine par 72 in the

final 18 holes.

Westerberg will return next year to lead the team to what coach Art Horwood hopes will be an improvement on this year's 3-6-1 mark. Only number two man Jerry Kau will not be returning.

Turn in your towels

Any students having athletic equipment, lockers or towels not turned in by today, May 24, at 6:30 pm will be billed for it on their business account. This notice excludes those with PE classes this term.

Swollen GPAs Cont.

the median GPA for that class, totaling the products for the 5-year period, and dividing by the total number of students graduating in that period. The results are shown in table #2. It is apparent that there is no significant long-run GPA inflation at NNC. The median has stayed very close to 2.75 for each five-year period.

Thus we cannot conclude from short-run data that our academic standards are steadily deteriorating as grades become ever higher and more meaningless. If academic standards are allowed to slip temporarily, they are soon solidified again.

WHY THE RISE?

Why does GPA inflation set in, even if it is only a temporary thing? This is not an easy question to answer, but there are several possible explanations.

First, maybe academic achievement actually does come and go in cycles. One independent way of measuring academic achievement is the Undergraduate Record Exam, formerly the Graduate Record Exam. Graph #4 shows the scoring of NNC students on this exam for the past

nine years.

If we compare Graphs #3 and #4, the results are somewhat puzzling. 1973, the top year for academic points, was only a mediocre year for scoring on the UGRE, 1971, easily the top year for the UGRE, was not nearly so exceptional in academic points. Furthermore, 1966 and 1969, the very low years in academic points, do not show significantly poor performances on the UGRE.

Correlation analysis bears out these results. The correlation coefficient between median GPA and mean UGRE score for the past nine years is +.0209, an exceedingly low correlation. Application of formal statistical tests leads to the conclusion that with a 99% degree of confidence, we can say that the median GPA's and mean UGRE scores have no linear relationship.

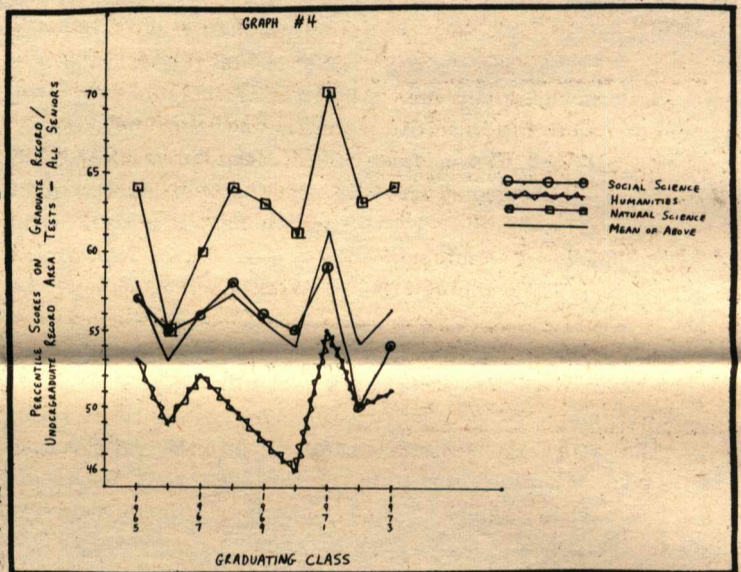
The conclusion from all this statistical mumbo-jumbo is that academic achievement, as measured by the UGRE, is not directly related to GPA. Thus we can conclude that brighter students are not the primary reason for GPA inflation.

Let us consider another pos-

sible explanation. Bernard Seaman, Director of Testing and Chairman of the Lower Division, suggests that the outbreaks of violence on the campuses such as Berkeley resulted in lax grading to ward off hostility. On the NNC campus it is very doubtful that professors are often intimidated by mobs of angry students. However, it is conceivable that professors may be slightly intimidated by course evaluation, giving good marks because they wish to receive good evaluations in return. Unfortunately, no data is available to test this hypothesis.

A third possible cause of GPA inflation is a change in attitudes away from traditional grading, a de-emphasizing of the importance of grades by giving many A's and B's. Closely related factors are the institution of pass-fail grading and contract grading, both of which would tend to push college-wide GPAs upwards. However, Academic Vice President Ford has retained his faith in the validity of traditional grading. Ford says that in contract grading "we often get quantity and quality confused. Quantity isn't always the answer." It appears that there is no significant trend away from traditional grading at NNC.

A fourth explanation is the "small class effect." Ford explains why smaller classes tend to produce higher GPA's. In impersonal large classes, professors generally use a standard curve to assign grades. However, in smaller classes the professor gains a much better personal knowledge of the students



and many subjective factors come into play, often leading the professor to feel his students deserve better than average grades. Thus the grades tend to get steadily higher until academic authorities clamp down on professors and warn them about cheapening the evaluative process. The small class effect may also help explain why NNC's mean GPA in the spring of 1973 was 2.86, while the mean GPA at the University of Idaho was 2.68.

Fifth, and finally, it is conceivable that GPA inflation really is primarily a result of lowered academic standards. Graph #4 supports this contention. The class of 1973 did not do significantly better than the class of 1969 on the UGRE. Perhaps their grades were higher simply because the grading standards had changed in the intervening period.

Ford points out that sometimes we have a tendency to forget the meaning of academic standards. Theoretically, "A" is to stand for excellent; "B" for very good; "C" for average; and "D" for passing. In practice, however, we seem to believe that "B" is average. On the other hand, there are some instructors who have never lost sight of these

standards. Ford said he wishes to emphasize that tough graders should not get tougher just because some of their colleagues may be a little lax.

THE LIBERAL ARTS ENVIRONMENT.

NNC's liberal arts environment does not seem to show signs of the pollution that Idaho's Ghazanfar sees at his school. Ford believes that NNC's students are responsible and reasonable. We do not seem to have an academic community in which power-mad students have turned scholarly professors into harried and highly-paid babysitters. Academic excellence is more than just an empty slogan here. Note that the mean percentile scores on the UGRE have consistently been in the mid-50's. Norms used are 76 colleges comparable in size to NNC, 7528 seniors, 1962-63. NNC has stayed above average for all of the past nine years.

However, it is apparent that we are becoming less grade-conscious than we were in the past. Ford agrees that at times we may be in danger of becoming an "academic affluent society" in which grades are not greatly appreciated.

TABLE #2

PERIOD	GRADUATES	WEIGHTED AVE. GPA†
1954-1958*	291	2.76
1959-1963	482	2.74
1964-1968	814	2.74
1969-1973	978	2.76

* Does not include 1957
 † Median, rather than mean, used for computation

Hills, Huling and Wolfe reach nationals Surprising Crusaders claim fifth in district

by BILL HUNTINGTON

(SALEM, ORE.) Steve Hills, Dick Huling and Steve Wolfe claimed victories in the mile, 880 and triple jump, respectively, to lead Northwest Nazarene College to a fifth-place finish in the NAIA District 2 Championships at Willamette University in Salem last weekend.

Hills victory came first and set the tone for many outstanding NNC performances throughout the day. Steve tacked a 59-second last lap onto a 4:13.3 mile, a personal best and a school record. Oregon College's Dale Barker battled Hills until the final straight where the lanky NNC freshman turned on a blazing finish to win with room to spare.

Meanwhile, over at the triple jump pit, Wolfe reached 46 feet, 10 inches on his second jump to easily defeat the field, after scaling 46-4 on his first attempt. Steve Crudup and Mike Gilbert followed in fourth and fifth places, respectively, to give NNC 16 points in the event.

After the mile, a strange high hurdles took place which saw Pacific's John Boyd apparently win after co-favorite Ray Struve of Linfield crashed to the track after belting the last hurdle. Then it was discovered that the last flight of hurdles was set up in the wrong place, probably causing Struve's mishap. So the race was rerun later and Boyd was once again the victor, with Struve second.

Linfield's Carl Shaw left little doubt to his superiority in the 440, charging to a meet record 47.6 win. But the battle for second was a crowd-pleaser, with NNC's Dave Streight outlasting OCE's Steve Kraal for the runner-up slot. But Dave's hoped-for school record did not come, although he was close with a lifetime best of 49.6.

OCE's Roger Woods took the 100 for the third straight year after favored teammate Zeimoor Harris pulled up lame. Wood's time was a relatively slow 9.9. NNC's Doug Beggs was sixth after a slow start.

The 880 was next, and NNC's Huling lived up to the favorite's role in fine style. Following the pack through a funereal 60-second first lap, Huling was challenged by OCE's Tony Bass around the last curve before opening up a powerful drive down the homestretch, leaving Bass struggling in his wake. Dick's 1:56.3 was achieved so effortlessly that one wonders how much faster he could

have run if it had been necessary.

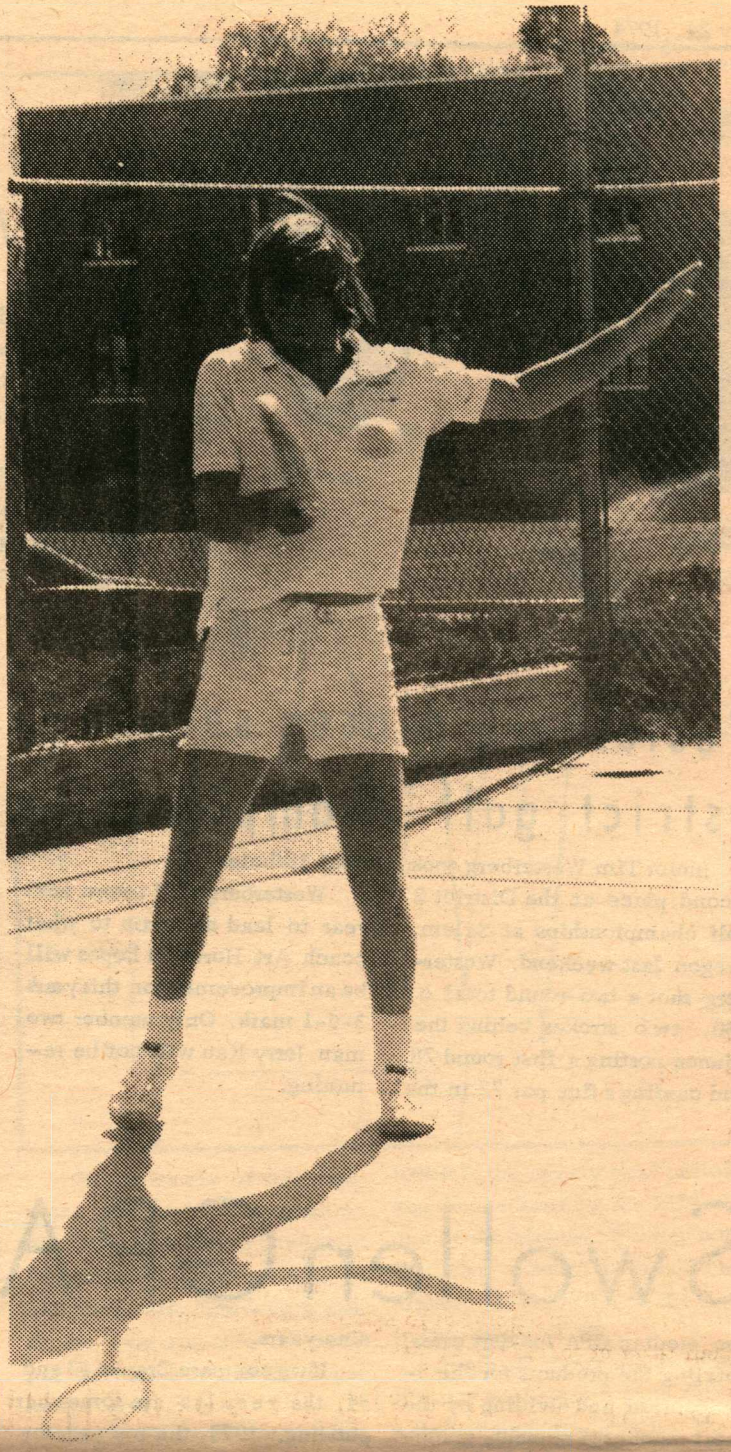
Freshman Rex Rosenbaum carried NNC's hopes in the 440 intermediate hurdles, but had only the ninth-fastest time coming into the meet. So Rosenbaum calmly proceeded to blast a 55.2, good enough for second behind Linfield's Dave Garton and a school record by almost one second.

Three-miler Randy Fox was even farther down the form chart in that event, having a best of just 15:28. Possibly motivated by his teammates' successes, Fox gallantly stayed close to the leaders lap-after-lap, passing the two mile mark in about 9:40, twelve seconds faster than his best for that distance. Despite ultimately losing contact with the front-runners, Fox finished strong to place a very creditable seventh. Though not official, his time of 14:42 is only one second off Dennis McIndoo's school record.

With NNC fans now limp from excitement, the mile relay team of Hills, Wolfe, Streight and Huling set out for further glory. Streight's 49.1 third leg put the Crusaders in second behind Linfield, who had none other than Carl Shaw available for anchor duty. Not able to challenge Shaw, NNC anchorman Huling still had to battle double sprint-winner Woods of OCE. Dick proved more than equal to the test, using his great homestretch strength to finish another 49.1 leg, his fastest ever, NNC's time of 3:20.1 shattered the old school record by 3.4 seconds, behind Linfield's meet record 3:18.3. It was a fitting climax to a tremendous meet.

Defending champion Oregon College won as expected, amassing 181 points to Linfield's 148. A distant third was Lewis & Clark with 80, followed closely by George Fox with 74 and NNC with 67. NNC's total was impressive since its contingent numbered only ten, with all but two taking places. By comparison, OCE had 29 contestants and Linfield 26. In fact, NNC averaged more points per man than any other school.

Hills, Huling and Wolfe all qualified for the NAIA Championships in Arkadelphia, Arkansas this week and the three left Wednesday with Coach Paul Taylor. Each will meet their stiffest competition ever, with Huling and Hills facing Kenyan Olympic bronze-medalist Mike Boit of Eastern New Mexico and Wolfe meeting a field headed by another Olympian, Joshua Owusu of Angelo State and Ghana.



Hills vies in district tourney

Rich Hills was NNC's number one tennis player in 1974, the leader of a team composed mostly of underclassmen. Hills, a freshman, played well enough to reach the semi-finals of the NAIA District 2 Tourney, where he lost a close match by scores of 3-6 and 5-7.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL INTRAMURAL TRACK MEET

Men

100 Yard dash	Phil Bartsch(LSP) 11.1
220 " "	Bruce Wasson(SPA) 25.2
440 " "	Rick Hieb(OLY) 1:00.8
880 " "	Randy Barton(OLY) 2:21.5
Mile	Ken Sohriakoff(OLY) 5:05.0
120 high hurdles	Randy Hills(OLY) 17.1
220 low hurdles	Ross Fox(SLA) 31.4
880 relay	OLY (Borbe, Lathrop, Hills, Peck) 1:44
Mile relay	LSP (Petters, Hills, Parker, G. Zickefoose)
High jump	Van Cummings(ADP) 5-6 4:01.8
Long jump	Rick Edwards(ATH) 20-6 1/2
Triple jump	Bruce Wasson(SPA) 40-2 3/4
Shot put	Barney Beer(SPA) 31-10
Discus throw	Barney Beer(SPA) 103-3
Javelin throw	Ted Bellamy(OLY) 146-2
Top Scorer	Rick Edwards(ATH) 17

Women

50 yard dash	Beth Hayton(ADP) 7.2
220	Linda Eaton(LSP) 33.8
440	Leanne Burt(LSP) 1:14.4
440 relay	LSP (Burt, Childs, Johns, McKinney) 1:03.1
Softball throw	Arlette Childs(LSP) 171-2
High jump	Charlene Harrison(ADP) 4-0
Shot put	Arlette Childs(LSP) 29-3/4
Long jump	Arlette Childs(LSP) 13-1
Top Scorer	Arlette Childs(LSP) 22 1/2

Results: May 17-18 -- Salem, Ore. -- Oregon College of Education 181, Linfield 148, Lewis & Clark 80, George Fox 74, Northwest Nazarene College 67, Southern Oregon College 65, Willamette University 35, Eastern Oregon College of Education 22, Oregon Institute of Technology 21, Pacific University 19. -- 100, Woods (OCE) 9.9; 2. Harris(SOC) 10.1; 3. Bradwell (L) 10.2; 4. Koroam(GF) 10.3; 5. Cantrell(OCE) 10.4; 6. Beggs(NNC) 10.4. 220, Woods 22.2; 2. Shaw(L) 22.5; 3. Harris 22.8; 4. Koroma 23.0; 5. Kruse(OCE) 23.2; 6. Buckner(SOC) 23.4. 440, Shaw 47.6 MR; 2. Streight(NNC) 49.6; 3. Kraal(OCE) 49.6; 4. Kumbuwah(LC) 49.9; 5. Rose(SOC) 50.6; 6. Buckner 52.5. 880, Huling(NNC) 1:56.3; 2. Bass(OCE) 1:57.2; 3. Bond(L) 1:58.2; 4. Barker(OCE) 1:58.8; 5. Holland(SOC) 1:59.1; 6. McKeethan(PU) 1:59.7. Mile, Hills(NNC) 4:13.3 PR, SchR; 2. Barker 4:14.1; 3. Schneider(OCE) 4:17.7; 4. Castle(OCE) 4:18.4; 5. Nickelson(L) 4:20.9; 6. Hinzmann(WU) 4:21.5. Steeple, Ray(L) 9:12.6 MR; 2. Strand(OCE) 9:14.8; 3. Cason(L) 9:18.2; 4. Mitchell(LC) 9:19.6; 5. Kirkham (WU) 9:24.4; 6. Woodard(LC) 9:25.2. 3M, Hall(WU) 14:11.0 MR; 2. Woodard 14:16.4; 3. Cooley (LC) 14:23.6; 4. Ankeny(GF) 14:24.8; 5. Kirkham 14:25.4; 6. Ray 14:29.2; 7. Fox (NNC) 14:42u. 6M, Ankeny 29:56.2 MR; 2. Hall 29:59.4; 3. Cooley 30:28.6; 4. Miller (SOC) 31:12.0; 5. Minzmann 31:13.0; 6. Fatland (OCE) 31:42.2. 10,000m Walk; Bean(OCE) 49:11.4 MR, NE; 2. Frank(OCE) 50:39.6; 3.

Reynolds(EOSC) 52:53.4; 4. Jackson(LC) 53:59.4; 5. Othus(OCE) 56:11.2; 6. McCabe(LC) 56:15.8. Mar(2/23 at Seaside, Ore.) Miller 2:22:06; 2. Ankeny 2:27:27; 3. Ray 2:36:11; 4. Frantz(SOC) 2:36:41; 5. Watts(WU) 2:37:12; 6. Hamilton(GF) 2:45:06. HH, Boyd(PU) 14.6; 2. Struve(L) 14.9; 3. Williamson(SOC) 15.2; 4. Garton(L) 15.7; 5. Merritt(GF) 16.3; 6. Christenson(LC) 17.0. IH, Garton 54.5; 2. Rosenbaum (NNC) 55.2 PR, SchR; 3. Ponder (GF) 55.3; 4. Moody(LC) 56.1; 5. Weaver(GF) 56.7; 6. Smith(L) 56.8. HJ, Naughton(EOSC) 6-6; 2. Higgins(PU) 6-4; 3. Bartlett(L) 6-2; 4. Casper(SOC) 6-2; 5. Nichenko(LC) 6-2; 6. Browning(WU) 5-10. PV, Hough(OIT) 14-0; 2. Grant(LC) 14-0; 3. Lillie(GF) 13-8; 4. Harger (L) 13-4; 5. Stecher(EOSC) 13-4; 6. Hibbert (EOSC) 13-4. LJ, Carter(L) 21-5 1/4; 2. Grant 21-4 1/2. 3. Wolfe(NNC) 21-3 3/4; 4. Kruse 20-11; 5. Henry(OIT) 20-2 3/4; 6. Constock(OCE) 20-2 1/2. TJ, Wolfe 46-10; 2. Bartlett 45-6 1/4; 3. Schuberg(LC) 45-2; 4. Crudup(NNC) 44-6 3/4; 5. Gilbert(NNC) 43-10; 6. Wheaton(OCE) 43- 1/2. SP, Grise(OCE) 53-1; 2. Cutcher(L) 52-10; 3. Graves(OCE) 52-6 1/2; 4. Robillard(L) 50-4 1/2; 5. Dickson(WU) 46-10; 6. Ramos(SOC) 42-6 1/2. DT, Grise 158-4; 2. Washington(OIT) 151-11; 3. Graves 148-8; 4. Schukart(OCE) 146-8; 5. Robillard 131-9; 6. Dittus(GF) 124-7. HT, Schukart 161-5; 2. Ramos 157-7; 3. Nix (OCE) 150-3; 4. Eikamas(OCE) 146-9; 5. Burkhardt(LC) 141-1; 6. G. Hunnicutt(WU) 128-4.