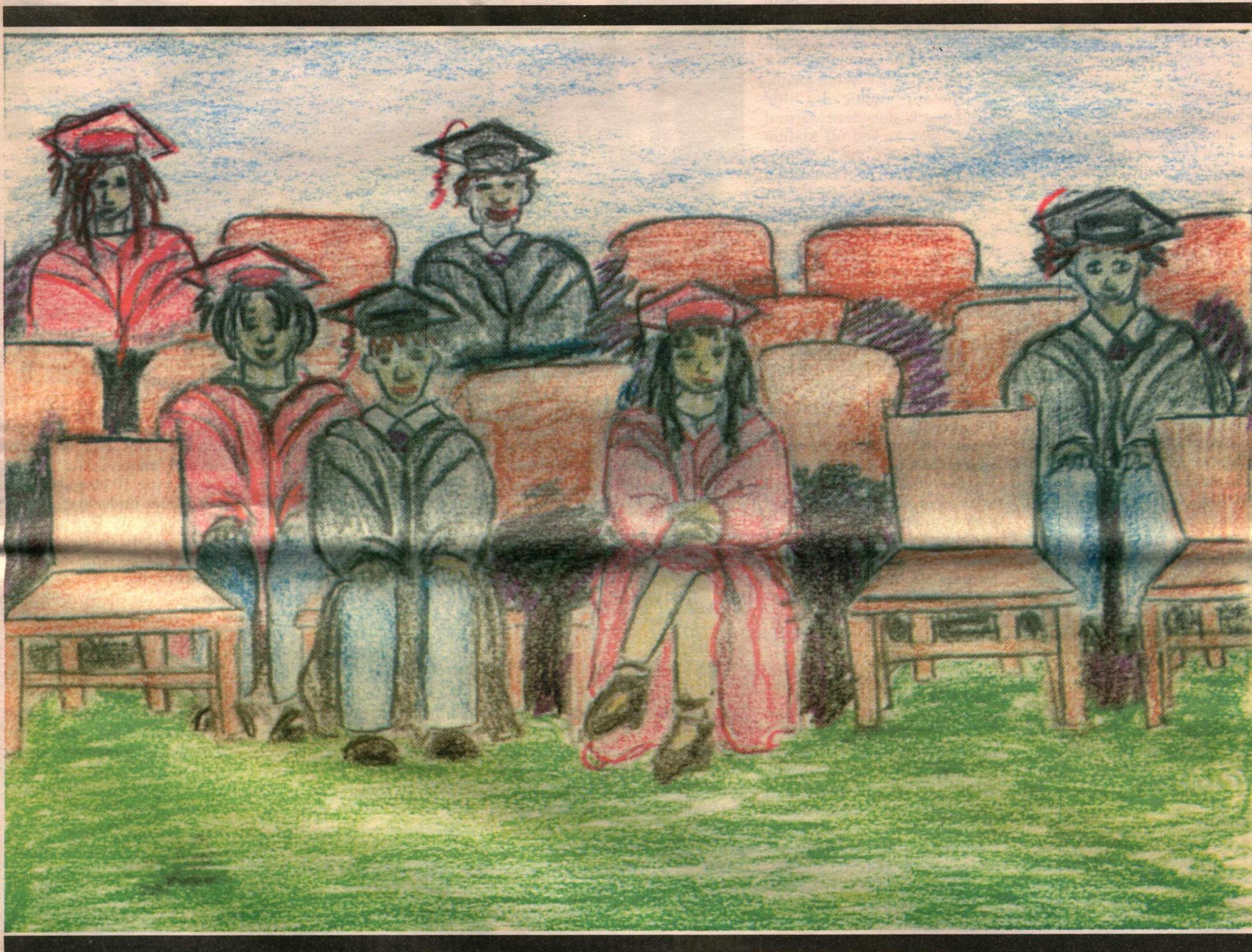


The Crusader

Volume 53 - No. 25

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

June 1, 1999



The incredible shrinking class of 1999

Special pull-out Cover Story exclusive asks, "Where has the class of 1999 gone?" / 11-14

What's Inside



Malibu Days fun pokes its head through the clouds/ 2



Celebration Park: Full of fun, excitement and men in uniform/ 21

Column One

I'll start things off with a quote from Neil Diamond: "I'll never stop loving you, just as long as I have my chicken nugget woman." Boy, that song takes me back. I long for the days of when Granny Belva would tie me to the high chair and throw chicken nuggets at my forehead from across the room. Good times.

Anyway, this is our last paper of the term. It's 24 pages of sheer goodness. 68% of all the stories were inspired by LaToya Jackson, so excellence is guaranteed.

This weekend was pretty good. Instead of going to the Malibu Days events and being outdoors, I stayed inside and watched the acclaimed film *Redneck Zombies* three times. Famous critics like Leroy Berkowicz and Jerry Heiney both agree, "It's the best zombie redneck movie this month." Dale Brady from Delmar, Alabama writes, "This movie is kind of good. It wasn't a complete waste of time. I think I might watch it again before I die, maybe." There you have it, Nathan's video pick of the hour. I could end this by being terribly redundant and saying, "Have a great summer," but you know what? I'm really too caught up in my own life to worry about your entire summer. Sorry. Have a great June 1.

Nathan R. Hydes

Nathan R. Hydes
Co-Editor-in-chief

Publication Info

The Crusader is printed at The Press-Tribune in Nampa, Id. and is distributed free on campus every Tuesday during the school year.

The publishing authority of The Crusader is the ASNNC Publications Board: Brandi Blacklock, Shawn Blenker, Gil Craker, Ken Hills, Nathan Hydes, Amber Jerome, Sara Keller, Jeremy Klosterman, Jenny Kung, Monica Olson, Angela Paschal, Brian Porterfield, and Bob Van Allen.

The Crusader
NNC Box C
Nampa, Idaho 83686
(208) 467-8656
Fax: (208) 467-8468
crusader@student.nnc.edu

Malibu, wet and wild weekend of fun

by Mindy Oldenkamp

Crusader Campus Staff Writer

Wet, wild and intensely fun are but a few of the ways to describe last weekend's Malibu Days. Whether or not you were brave enough to sport a bright Hawaiian shirt or only to don a lei, Malibu Days was fun for all.

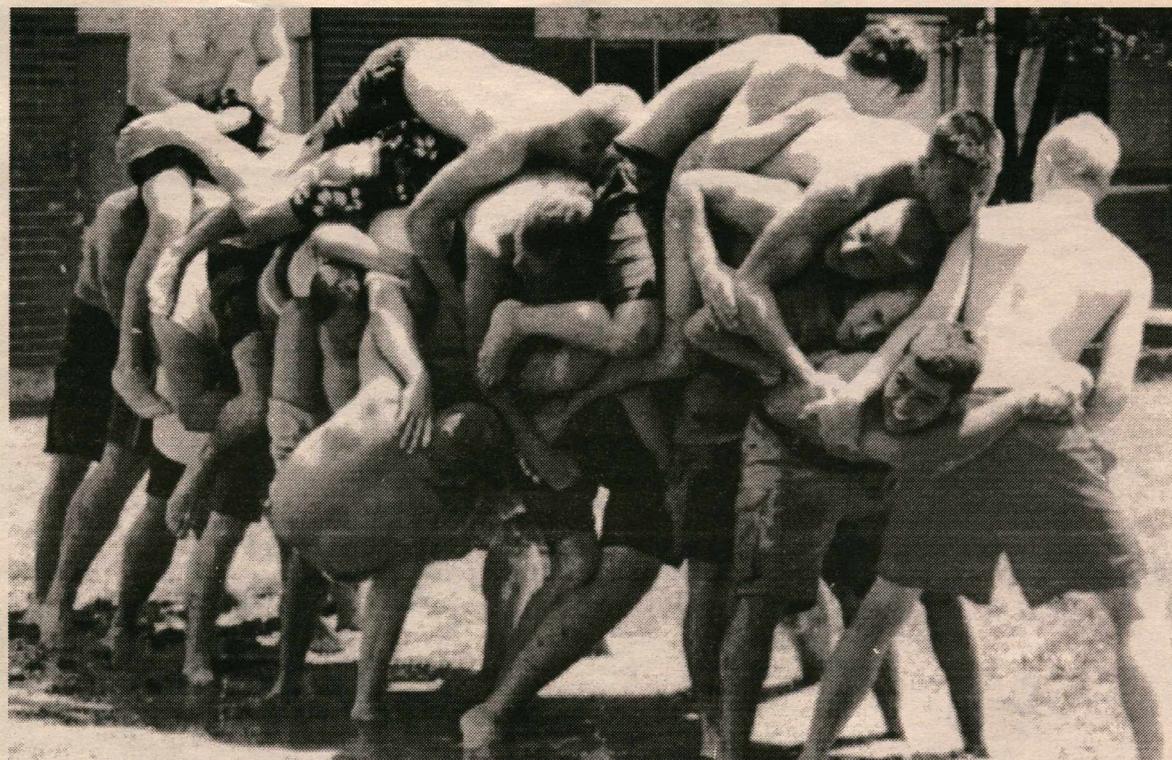
The appearance of a little "grass shack" outside of Marriott on Monday kicked off Malibu Days. Although the festivities themselves didn't get underway until Friday evening with the RD BBQ, the sudden presence of many people wearing identical t-shirts hiked the spirit and excitement, as did the presence of many more wildly flowered and brilliantly colored shirts.

The actual kick-off was Friday with the volleyball tournament, with two-on-two teams battling to be the best of Malibu. Later that evening, the BBQ on the soccer field gave students an appetizing rest from the mass amount of fun.

Everything from volleyball to soccer to ultimate frisbee found their way onto the field and between ice cream sandwiches and hamburgers ala Marriott, nothing hampered the activities. The skies clouded over a little and a few rain drops found their way onto the field. The clouds remained.

However, nothing would ruin the fun. Even as the rain came, the crowds moved inside to Café Malibu. "It was so much fun!" said Social Board Member Allison McCray. "People just hung out and talked and everyone wanted to get in on the singing. It was a riot!"

As is long-standing tradition, Freshman girls waited on tables



Twenty brave guys participate in the popular Malibu Days water game Buck-Buck. In spite of the rain, people enthusiastically played various water games behind Culver.

and served drinks as a mad performance of karaoke took place, including a wild and hilarious version of a Michael Jackson

The Weather was warm and the food, for once, was actually good...and the masses were happy.

song. Malibu was well underway.

Saturday, although it brought more rain, brought even more fun, as Water Sports on the lawn between Culver and Dooley started out the day. In a mass of mud and mashed potatoes, a little rain never hurt anyone. Faces became unrecognizable and mud became a second skin to those who participated and enjoyed the



Freshman girls serve as waitresses and entertainment as they daringly go up front to sing a karaoke song.

challenge. After all, a little dirt doesn't hurt.

Fortunately, the skies cleared as the day grew longer, and the evening's roast pig luau was a delicious success. The punch and watermelon were wonderful and the live band provided a great atmosphere. The weather was warm and the food, for once, was actually good.

Malibu Days, so far, had been a terrific success and the masses were happy.

The weekend was to conclude with the showing of *Goonies* on the soccer field. However,



Some of the girls who played in the Water Sports attempt to form a five level pyramid, but only make it to level three.

Kris Young, keeping Ed Media together

by Mindy Oldenkamp

Crusader Campus Staff Writer

As you walk into the Ed Media Center, past the noisy printers and shelves containing a myriad of supplies, heading toward the counter to beg for more print credit or to rent the laptop computer for your last-minute weekend paper, you are greeted by someone with a quiet, friendly smile. This smile, very gentle and encouraging, belongs to Kris Young.

As the head of the department, Kris Young is the very reason that Ed Media runs smoothly and successfully. She is responsible for a little bit of everything in Ed Media, from making sure student employees deliver TVs and VCRs on time, to classrooms and keeping the videotape library updated and current, to taking care of the pressing need of print credit and preparing payrolls and campus billings.

Young deals with everything from last-minute panics to supplying events and managing the bills they create. Whenever there is a media need, Young helps handle it.

This is the end of Young's third year of working at NNC. However, she is certainly not a stranger to the familiar scenery. Young attended NNC for two years and then ended up marry-

ing one her fellow classmates. She then made time for other things and started a family. But Young is glad to be back among the students at NNC and is doing her best to meet our vast and varied needs.

For Young, the most rewarding part of her job just happens to be her favorite also. The chances she gets to work with students and for students are what make her job a highlight. "I enjoy helping students and enabling them to accomplish what they are here to do."

Whether it be allowing a student to rent a much-needed piece of equipment or find a video to be watched for the next class period, Young loves the serving aspect of her job. "I've

always enjoyed helping and serving others, and this job lets me do just that."

When I asked Young if there was any part of her job that she didn't particularly like, she hesi-

tated to respond and took a few moments to ponder the question. After much deliberation, the only answer Young could respond with was the unpleasant factor of having to turn students away or

being unable to meet their needs. "I don't like having to tell students that we can't rent them the equipment that they need or watching a student struggle to finish a project at the last minute and we can't do much to help."

"There are a lot of people here who work hard to get things done, and it's a pleasure to work with them, as well as beside them," said Kris. "Being able to help them accomplish their goals, being able to help them graduate is the most re-

warding."

As a parent and someone who works shoulder-to-shoulder with students everyday, Young offers a little advice, "Don't leave it all to the last minute. It's so frustrating to see students rush to complete something and only have a limited time to do it in."

She encourages students to make the most of the time that they have to grow up in, and Young encourages students to use it to the fullest extent possible. "Grow as much as you can and take all the opportunities you are given. They will show you how to use the talents you have and make them last."

For Young, knowing that she makes a small difference to the many students on NNC's campus is the greatest reward there is. "There are a lot of people who work hard to make this campus run, and I'm glad to be a part of it," she stated.

Kris Young, the woman behind the counter at Ed Media and an excellent servant of God, is an outstanding part of the NNC community and helps make the lives of the students much smoother.

The next time you watch a video in one of your classes or go to Ed Media to put more money into your print account, be sure to thank Kris Young for her excellent work.



Kris Young, the champion of Ed Media, performs many different tasks in the course of her day. Her favorite part of her job is working with and for students.

Questions and answers on upcoming semester conversion

Q. If I don't have an advisor, how do I get one?

A. Check with the Dean of your school or with the Chair of your major department.

Q. Will all of my credits transfer to the semester system?

A. Yes, but remember, they will be converted into semester credits, so the number of credits you will have will be smaller (by 1/3) than your number of quarter credits.

Q. Won't there be less variety of classes under the semester system?

A. Not necessarily: this will depend on your major.

Q. Will students lose credits or have to take classes over?

A. While credits will be converted to the semester system, students will not have to retake courses or credits because of the conversion.

Q. Do I have to have all of my general education requirements completed before the conversion?

A. No

Hallelujah Brass performs in Sunday concert



Kim Benjamin and Cherie Ketchum sing at the Hallelujah Brass concert at Valley Shepherd Church of the Nazarene Sunday, May 23. Hallelujah Brass is preparing for their overseas tour next year.

Learning a lot, a long way from home

by Rebecca Miller
Crusader Campus Writer

For most students, coming to NNC is a new experience: getting away from home; meeting new people; and acquiring a new lifestyle. For Daniyar Kamysbayev, coming to NNC has been even more of an experience. Daniyar is a transfer student from Kazakhstan.

Kazakhstan is a country in northwest Asia, close to Russia and China. Most of the country is in Asia, but a small part is in Europe. "My dad thought it was funny that he could live in Asia, but drive to work in Europe," said Daniyar. Kazakhstan was formerly a part of the USSR and became its own country in 1991.

Daniyar transferred to NNC this year from the Kazak-American College of Business, a college in Kazakhstan with American professors. Daniyar had never heard of NNC until the provost, Marshall Christiansen, talked to him about coming here. "I thought, sure why not?" Daniyar said.

Daniyar is a senior with a major in Business Administration. He chose to study at an American college at home and here because "America is the best in business." He said, "The United States has the strongest market economy in the world, and its business is famous." Daniyar wants to study business here, and then apply that knowledge at home, where business is not as strong.

Daniyar said that adjusting to being here was not as difficult as one might expect. He was already used to the American style of teaching from the professors at his college. Daniyar had studied English for six years during high school. He also studied the culture of the United States.

He was used to listening to English in his lectures, but had more trouble speaking it until American students came as part of a missions program through Intervarsity. "We got to know their culture and they got to know ours. It was a lot of fun," said Daniyar.

He has also been on an internship in Portland, Oregon two years ago. Thus, when he arrived at NNC last fall, it didn't take too much adjusting.

However, there was some culture shock. It took Daniyar a little while to get used to American slang, and even longer to get used to American customs.

"I still don't entirely understand," he said. For example, one night soon after his arrival, some of the guys called him up telling him they were going to go have some fun. "I went with them thinking that

our ideas of fun were the same. But they were TP-ing the Brick House. It didn't make any sense

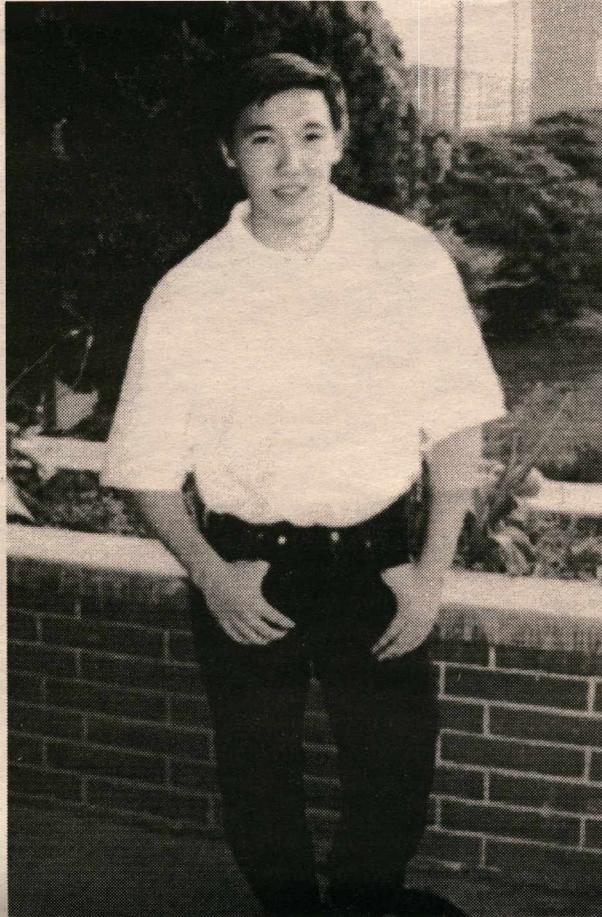
the guys at Dooley Hall have been helpful."

Daniyar says one of the best aspects of NNC has been the good friends he has made here. "I have a friend who is going to Yale University. He told me he felt lost there. I had to tell him that I didn't feel that way here!" Daniyar says that a small college has been good.

Daniyar will be returning to Kazakhstan this summer after finishing his degree here. He says that he was the first one to try out this opportunity, and hopefully next year two girls from his college will be coming to NNC. "I'm looking forward to going home and telling them all about it," he said.

One of NNC's business professors, Dr. Houghton, will be going to Kazakhstan on Thursday to teach at Daniyar's college for a month. Daniyar has been trying to help him prepare for

this trip by telling him what to expect over there. His best advice was, "Watch out for the crazy drivers!"



Throughout his time here, Daniyar Kamysbayev, a transfer student from Kazakhstan, has had many interesting experiences including such things as TP-ing. He has enjoyed his time here, but is looking forward to returning home this summer.

to me."

Fortunately, Daniyar found many friends who have been willing to explain things to him. "The international students and

NNC will miss special faculty and staff faces beginning in the fall

by Melissa Tennyson
Crusader Campus Writer

Along with a change to University status next year, NNC will also be missing a few faces. Three faculty will be retiring next year: Ken Hills, Vice President of Student Development; Hal Weber from the financial affairs office; and Darlene Townsend from the graduate counseling program will be retiring.

Two professors will be transferring to other schools next year. Dr. Galen Duree from the Physics Department will be moving to a private university in Indiana. Dr. Duree is known by his students as a truly caring professor. He likes to have fun and laughter in class and he is known for enjoying a good joke.

Because he teaches a lot of 100 and 200 level classes, Dr. Duree encounters students with a wide range of majors. This fact does not make him any less caring toward these students, though. Instead, he shows a genuine interest in all his students regardless of what their majors are.

All students who have Dr. Duree as a professor come to see that it is not only him that cares about his students, his whole family cares also. This is shown by the "goodie bags" he had out to each student in his classes at the end of the term. Dr. Duree and his whole family work together to prepare these treats. His children even contribute by putting their own wonderful drawings on the bags.

"Dr. Duree is one of the most available professors on campus. He always encourages student involvement in his classes and he goes out of his way to make sure his students do well in his classes," Robin Day said when asked what she thought about Dr. Duree. Dr. Duree will be sorely missed here at NNC.

Dr. Michael Lodahl from the Religion Department will be transferring to Point Loma Nazarene University. He was featured in last week's *Crusader*.

As soon-to-be NNU undergoes many changes next year, these faculty members will be greatly missed.

Urban Ministries class trip to Portland



NNC Student, Melissa Davis, stands with Nick and Roberta, two youth from inner-city Portland, Oregon. The NNC Urban Ministries class went to Portland this past weekend to experience the inner-city culture first hand. Students who went on the trip had a wonderful time, and they saw God work in amazing ways in their own lives and also the lives of the people they came in contact with.

Term III final examination schedule

Monday June 7:

Period 1L @ 9:00-11:00am
Period 4 @ 1:00-3:00pm
Period 3L @ 3:30-5:30pm

Tuesday June 8:

Period 2 @ 9:00-11:00pm
Period 5 @ 1:00-3:00pm

Wednesday June 9:

Period 1 @ 9:00-11:00am
Period 3 @ 1:00-3:00pm

Thursday June 10:

Period 5L @ 9:00-11:00am
Period 6 @ 1:00-3:00pm

Junior/Senior retreat a success

by Melissa Tennyson
Crusader Campus Writer

warm weekend.
On Saturday, some students took the 20-minute drive up to

Mt. Bachelor to ski the slopes, while others enjoyed exploring the resort's nature trail or spending a relaxed morning shopping. Students also played tennis, slept in and--dare I say--did homework. But, most importantly, they ate. Chocolate chip cookie dough and ice cream can do wonders for reviving the soul and preparing students for the final surge of homework and classes.

This is a trip that you won't want to miss next year. Remember the important facts: down pillows, food, sleep, fun and friends equal the NNC Junior/Senior Retreat!



Several NNC Students on the Junior/Senior Retreat in beautiful Bend, Oregon enjoying a weekend of fun and relaxation.

This past weekend, a group of about 20 Junior and Senior NNC students escaped to Bend, Oregon for several days of fun and refreshment. Staying at the Mount Bachelor Village Resort, they enjoyed first-class accommodations.

The ski lofts were complete with living rooms, kitchens and two bedrooms with queen-size beds and down pillows. A weekend away from Marriott including down pillows is not to be missed! Not only that, but the resort has a beautiful new recreation center complete with two pools, where students cooled off during the

Upcoming campus events

- May 31-June 5
-Community Clothing Drive
- June 2
-1:00pm-Final burn of Chapman Hall
- June 3
-8:00pm-Final Voice Recital in AD Auditorium
-3:00-5:00pm-Farewell to Dr. Lodahl at the Alumni House
-Deadline: Int'l Students validate I-20 at Registrars
- June 4
-8:00pm-Deniece Miller's Junior Voice Recital in AD Auditorium
-3:00-6:00pm-Retirement Reception for Dr. Ken Hills in the Brandt Center Lobby (program at 5:00pm)
- June 5
-12:00pm-All-Minis-
- tries Club Luncheon
- June 6
-9:00-11:00pm-ASNNC Procrastination Party
- June 7-10
-Final Examinations
- June 11
-10:30am-President's SR Brunch
-12:00pm-Residential Halls close to students (not to grad SR's)
-1:30pm-Commencement Rehearsal
-7:00pm-Baccalaureate
- June 12
-10:00am-Commencement (food service ends with late lunch)
-7:00pm-Crusader Choir Commissioning Concert
- June 13
-3:00pm-Residence Halls close to graduating students

Take a break from studying with breakfast!
The Procrastination party will be on June 6, from 9-11pm in Marriott. It is free to all, even to those that do not have a meal plan. Hope to see you there!

Fire Department uses Chapman



The Nampa Fire Department is using Chapman Hall for training drills. NNC Students, as freshman student Steve Roth pictured above, had an opportunity to help them out by playing victims.



Quick SHOTS ESPRESSO

STUDENTS RECIEVE 25% DISCOUNT WITH STUDENT I.D.

4 Locations to serve you!

4213 W. State St. Boise
8205 W. Rifleman Boise
4925 Glenwood Boise
716 12th Ave S. Nampa

MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

A DOUBLE SHOT AT A TIME!

Moller International to introduce "flying car"

by Ryan K. Dooley
World News Staff Writer

LONDON - There are plans to test a revolutionary new "flying car" that will hover above the ground and could possibly change the way people travel in the near future.

Moller International of California plans to take the so-called Skycar on its maiden journey in the next few weeks and could reveal it to the press by the end of the year.

The batmobile-shaped vehicle will seat four people (a family-sized car), using one gallon of gas per 15 miles, with a top speed of over 600 MPH. The Skycar will take off and land vertically.

"On its first flight, the Skycar will rise to a height of six feet or so, hover for one minute and then



land, just like the Harrier jump jet," says the *New Scientist*.

"Later flights will be more ambitious. Once the aircraft receives a license from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), anyone with a pilot's license will be able to fly one in the United States," also states the magazine.

The vehicle, which will be

hand-built and cost about \$1 million, is the brainchild of Paul Moller, who founded the company. He has been working on the project for 30 years.

The car uses two rotary engines and fans placed inside streamlined housings known as nacelles. The fans inside the nacelles create an airflow that gen-

erates thrust. Each four-passenger Skycar will have four nacelles to provide the power.

"At the rear of each nacelle is a set of canes that can be angled downwards to generate lift as well as forward thrust," the magazine said.

Once the design has been perfected, the Skycar will cost about

\$60,000 to anyone who wishes to make such a purchase.

"The first Skycars will be fly-by-wire vehicles. In other words, while the pilot tells the craft what to do, a computer will actually do the flying, taking the vehicle's rate of turn and altitude into account when it responds to instructions," the magazine said.

Norfolk Southern and CSX take over Conrail

by Jeremy Smith
World News Editor

NORFOLK, VA - Two railroad companies will take over this week and reroute what once was the government-run Conrail. This continues a trend toward consolidation in an industry fighting to compete with truckers for transportation of goods.

Beginning today, shippers, regulators and other railroads will watch intently as CSX Corporation and Norfolk Southern Corporation attempt to redraw the rail map while avoiding the botched service that followed the last major rail merger.

To pay Conrail's \$10.3 billion purchase price, both CSX and Norfolk Southern are counting on persuading more shippers to carry goods by rail instead of trucks. It is a strategy that has concerned Tom Finkbiner, vice president for Intermodal Services at Norfolk Southern.

"That's the map of the competition there," Finkbiner said, pointing to a picture of the interstate highway system on his office wall.

"The fact of the matter is we paid an enormous premium for Conrail infrastructure," he said. "Now we have to make it work."

Conrail was started in 1976 as a government monopoly created from six bankrupt railroads. The Philadelphia-based carrier was sold to the public at about \$15 a

share in 1987. It increased in value to \$115 per share when CSX and Norfolk Southern purchased it jointly and promised to restore competition to several Northeastern markets.

This transaction is the most complex in modern railroading. It comes as shippers remain uncertain about the viability of rail in respect to the major disruptions and delivery delays that Union Pacific faced after it tried to absorb Southern Pacific routes in 1996.

So far, Norfolk Southern and CSX, both of which operate out of Richmond, VA, have concentrated more on making sure their conversion goes smoothly. The companies figured they could worry later about changing routes and adding traffic. They have spent millions of dollars and two years reconfiguring their computers, retraining their workers and making other preparations.

that are now moved primarily by truck.

The companies eye traffic headed from the Southeast to New York, Philadelphia and other Northeastern markets which have a high demand for consumer goods.

"In order for us to be successful, we can't just have a smooth transition," said Jim Howarth, vice president for CSX's Northeast commercial operations. "CSX borrowed a lot of money. We must grow the business."

The two Southeastern railroads will be able to offer direct service to lucrative markets in the Northeast, avoiding the costly interchanges now required with Conrail. However, the railroads have the challenge of proving their worth to potential customers who may be concerned with switching to rail without guarantee of a flawless transition.

"Reliability and performance for rail service is something we have to show people and prove to people," Howarth acknowledged.

Said Donald Nelson, senior vice president of operations at Conrail: "This is a complicated transaction, and it's foolish to say Murphy's Law won't play a role. We have to be prepared to react to rapidly changing events, day by day, hour by hour."

Edward Rastatter, director of policy for the National Industrial Transportation League, a ship-

ping group, said service reliability is necessary as businesses increasingly rely on "just-in-time" delivery to reduce inventories.

"Reliability and performance for rail service is something we have to show people and prove to people."
~Jim Howarth

In an attempt to avoid service troubles, the companies have already postponed the split that occurs today by nine months.

"As we move ahead, the issue will be whether the industry can come out of the transition and be an even more productive force in the economy," said Linda Morgan, chairwoman of the rail regulating Surface Transportation Board.

Trucks have the main advantage of being able to reach 77 percent of the communities that are not served by railroads. Trucks can also deliver goods more quickly as highways cut through mountains and difficult terrain,

while railroads tend to wind along rivers and through valleys.

However, railroads are cheaper for transporting in bulk over long distances, and the new Conrail owners believe they can maximize this advantage.

To overcome the restricted reach of rails, the railroads have concentrated on expanding their intermodal service, which involves moving trucks on top of rail cars for most of the distance and then driving the remainder of the way to the destination.

Norfolk Southern has plans to introduce direct Texas-to-New York and Miami-to-Montreal intermodal service on July 1. CSX has compiled a list of 700 potential customers to target and will adjust routes as needed. The two companies predict they can remove one million trucks from the highways over the next three years.

Although one million trucks is not a large amount in respect to the vastness of the trucking industry, it would show an immense advancement in railroad companies' market for the shipping business.

All the articles written in this section are the works of the writers. The use of the following information does not take from the creativity or quality of the articles. However, the information obtained for the articles comes from the following sites: www.msnbc.com, www.idahopress.com, and www.cnn.com

NATO bridge bombing causes more casualties

by Jeremy Smith

World News Editor

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA - Shortly after a central Serbian bridge was blown up, air raid sirens went off in Belgrade due to the intense NATO bombing of Yugoslavia last Sunday.

Local authorities said that 12 people were killed in the attack near the town of Krisevac Tanjug. The official Yugoslav news agency reported that 11 were killed and 40 injured when the bridge, crowded with vehicles and pedestrians, was hit by three NATO missiles.

NATO officials confirmed that alliance aircraft hit a bridge crossing the Velika Morava River near Krisevac on Sunday. They described the bridge as a "legitimate military target."

NATO vowed to continue its "patient, onward march" until Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic withdraws Serbian troops from Kosovo. The alliance flew 697 sorties between Saturday night and Sunday, the 68th day of attacks.

Key targets included tank and artillery emplacements in Podujevo and elsewhere in Kosovo, said Major General Walter Jertz, NATO's military spokesman.

NATO also attacked airfields

at Sjenica in western Yugoslavia, and Ponikve, where repairs were under way from previous attacks.

"We will continue to hit airfields so long as Milosevic continues patching the damage we do to them," Jertz said.

Air defense radar and sur-

face-to-air missile launchers were also hit hard on Saturday, Jertz added. All NATO pilots returned to base safely after each mission.

Jertz said there were indications that Yugoslav military units were on the move, relocating to different sites.

damage. We should keep that in mind."

NATO continues to discount Belgrade's statement that it would accept the "general principles" of a model for a peace treaty sketched earlier this month by Russia and the seven leading in-

Tanjug reported Saturday that one civilian was killed and several injured when NATO bombs hit Camurlija, a village just northwest of Nis, Serbia's third-largest city.

Jertz said NATO did attack a military barracks in Cumurlija, but pilots intentionally guided two bombs into a nearby river because the target area was covered in smoke.

"The pilots do know that they are responsible," Jertz said. "Serb troops shelling civilians, they don't even think about collateral

dustrial nations.

NATO said there has been no tangible evidence of Belgrade fulfilling key conditions, most importantly the military withdrawal from Kosovo, allowing of the entry of international peacekeeping troops and the return of ethnic Albanian refugees.

"[Milosevic] has a simple choice. To agree to the five conditions, or continue to see his armed forces progressively taken away from him ... we're not going to start offering carrots, incentives and sweeteners," said NATO spokesman Jamie Shea.

Shea said that coming weeks will be important but not vital to a NATO victory.

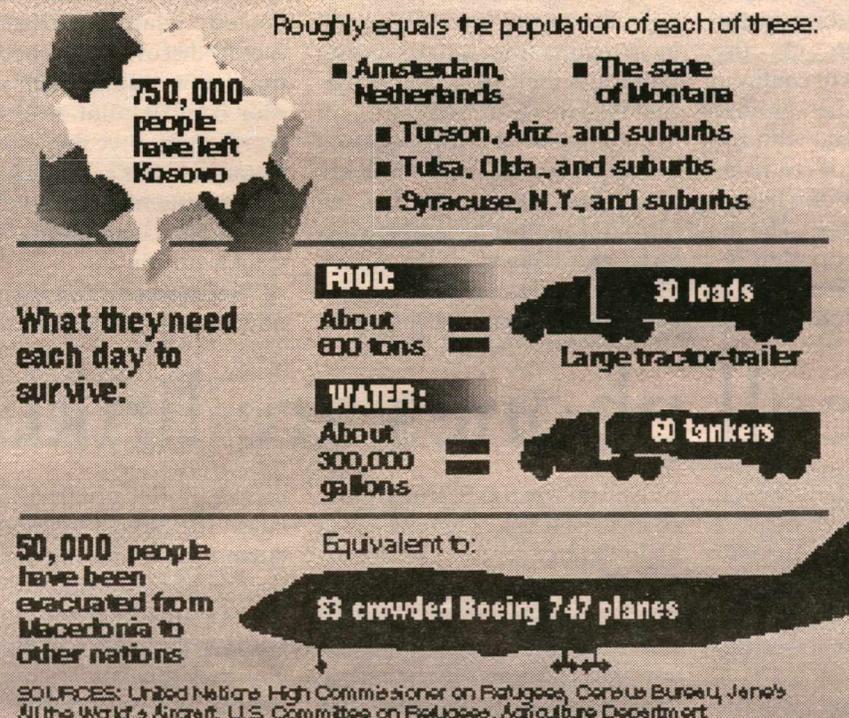
"I would see it as sort of a patient onward march," he said. "I don't believe there are any make-or-break moments. This will be done through perseverance and persistence."

Shea also dismissed a report published in the London's *Daily Telegraph* that the British government is prepared to offer 50,000 troops for a Kosovo invasion force. The British government has also denied the story.

"You don't change a winning strategy, particularly when you start seeing the results you want," Shea stated about the idea of bringing ground troops into the Kosovo campaign.

Scope of Kosovo's suffering

About 750,000 people have been driven out of Kosovo by Serb attacks. What that number means:



Why do we laugh? Scientists tackle the issue

by Ryan K. Dooley

World News Staff Writer

Laughter is part of the universal human vocabulary. All members of the human species understand it. Unlike English or French or Swahili, we don't have to learn to speak it. We're born with the capacity to laugh.

One of the remarkable things about laughter is that it occurs unconsciously; we don't consciously produce laughter. That's why it's very hard to laugh on command or to fake laughter. (Don't take my word for it: Ask a friend to laugh on the spot.)

Laughter provides powerful, uncensored insights into our subconscious. It simply bubbles up from within us in certain situations.

Very little is known about the specific brain mechanisms responsible for laughter. But we do know that laughter is triggered by many sensations and thoughts, and that it activates many parts of the body.

When we laugh, we alter our facial expressions and make sounds. During exuberant laughter, the muscles of the arms and legs and trunk are involved.

Today, if we tickle chimps or gorillas, they don't laugh but exhibit a panting sound. That's the sound of ape laughter. And it is the root of human laughter.

Laughter also requires modification in our pattern of breathing.

We also know that laughter is a message that we send to other people. We know this because we rarely laugh when we are alone (we laugh to ourselves even less than we talk to ourselves).

Laughter is social and conta-

rious. We laugh at the sound of laughter itself. That's why the Tickle Me Elmo doll is such a success - it makes us laugh and smile.

The first laughter appears at about three and a half to four months of age, long before we're able to speak. Laughter, like crying, is a way for a preverbal infant to interact with the mother and other caregivers. Contrary to folk wisdom, most laughter is not about humor; it

is about relationships between people. To find out when and why people laugh, a study was preformed by undergraduate research assistants went to local malls and city sidewalks and recorded what happened just before people laughed. Over a ten-year period, they studied over 2,000

cases of naturally occurring laughter.

They found that most laughter does not follow jokes. People laugh after a variety of statements such as "Hey John, where ya been?" "Here comes Mary," "How did you do on the test?" and "Do you have a rubber band?" These certainly aren't jokes.

We don't decide to laugh at these moments. Our brain makes the decision for us. These curious "ha ha has" are bits of social glue that bond relationships.

Curiously, laughter seldom interrupts the sentence structure of speech. It punctuates speech. We only laugh during pauses when we would cough or breathe.

In their studies researchers found reason to believe laughter evolved from the panting behavior of our ancient primate ancestors. Today, if we tickle chimps or gorillas, they don't laugh but exhibit a panting sound. That's the sound of ape laughter. And it is the root of human laughter.

When we laugh, we're often communicating playful intent. So laughter has a bonding function within individuals in a group. It's often positive, but it can be negative too.

There's a difference between "laughing with" and "laughing at." People who laugh at others may be trying to force them to conform or casting them out of the group.

No one has actually counted how much people of different ages laugh, but young children probably laugh the most. At ages five and six, we tend to see the most exuberant laughs. Adults laugh less than children, probably because they play less.

We have learned a lot about when and why we laugh, much of it counter-intuitive. Work now underway, by these same scientists, will tell us more about the brain mechanisms of laughter, how laughter has evolved and why we are so susceptible to tickling, one of the most enigmatic of human behaviors.

India and Pakistan launch raids on each other

by Heather Oglevic
World News Staff Writer

Freedom fighters or unwelcome intruders? It depends on which side of the border you're on.

Indian and Pakistani separatists have come to active warfare over the disputed Kashmir region of Northern India. Guerilla fighters from Pakistan were said to have established themselves in three areas overlooking a key highway which joins the Kashmir valley with the Himalayan mountains. On Sunday the 30th, India

claimed to have driven them all back and "contained the invasions," though this has not yet been established.

According to reports, India started air raids on Wednesday to attack the troops hiding in the ridges and folds of the mountains, and vows to continue these strikes until Indian ground forces can get in to deal with the interlopers. However, these air attacks have come under heavy criticism from all sides. The allied military forces opposing India in this conflict claim that the air attacks are "blind force against

freedom fighters."

Pakistan itself complains that twelve people on the Pakistan-held side of the Kashmir region were killed when Indian troops fired mortar bombs across the military control line. However, most reports from the separatists claim that their positions are secure despite the air strikes.

A third snarl in the plot came to light earlier this week--the body of a fighter pilot has become the subject of another debate between India and Pakistan. The pilot's plane was shot down, and the pilot himself parachuted down into

the Pakistani area of Kashmir.

India filed a protest when the body was returned, claiming that the pilot had been murdered in cold blood. Pakistan called the charge "totally untrue and concocted," claiming that troops merely discovered the body, adding that a hostage such as a senior combat pilot is obviously worth more alive than dead. Pakistan sees this as a political trick to divert attention from the atrocities India is committing in Pakistani Kashmir.

India resents any attempts by other countries to intervene in its

effort--an earlier offer by the UN to send an envoy to New Delhi was soundly rejected. The overriding opinion from India is that this is an affair between Pakistan and India, but if other countries must interfere, they should go to Pakistan. Nor will India welcome Pakistani ambassadors to negotiate a peaceful settlement, adopting an uncompromising stand that the other country must simply undo what has been done. The attitudes--and stubbornness--on both sides make a quick resolution to this conflict very unlikely indeed.

Studies reveal cell phones are linked to cancer

by Ryan K. Dooley
World News Staff Writer

LONDON--A flagship BBC current affairs program is set to turn up the heat in the ongoing debate over the potential risk of cancer caused by cellular phones, claiming that two new studies have revealed a link between cell phone usage and brain tumors.

Two scientists, heading their own research programs, told the program *Panorama* that cell phone use could pose a threat to a user's health.

Swedish cancer specialist Dr. Lennart Hardell tells the program: "There is a biological indication

that there is a problem, which should be studied much more. I think that until we have the definite conclusions, the definitive results of much larger studies, we need to minimize the exposure to human beings."

Further convincing evidence comes from Dr. George Carlo, a U.S. scientist who is heading a \$25 million research body funded by the mobile phone industry, who concedes that there is cause for concern.

"We clearly have results here that suggest there could be something more here than meets the eye," he told *Panorama*, referring to the Swedish study and an as-

yet unpublished U.S. study showing an increased risk of getting a rare brain tumor.

"The science we have today clearly shows that this is not black and white, that we have moved now into a gray area that suggests there could be a problem that needs to be looked at very, very carefully. That gray area needs to be acknowledged," Carlo said. The night program is due to be aired in the U.K. Monday night.

Tom Wills-Sandford, a spokesman for the Federation of Electronic Industries, a U.K. organization that represents cell phone operators and manufacturers, dismissed the issues

raised by the program and accused the BBC of taking the scientists' comments out of context.

Willis-Sanford said the overall conclusion from Hardell's study ruled out any link. He claimed the study concluded there was no increased risk of brain tumors from the use of mobile phones.

"Based on all the scientific evidence, there is no established link between brain cancer and cell phone use. It is important that these studies be taken in the totality of science," continued Wills-Sandford.

Cell phone related stocks were trading lower in London in a flat market. British Telecommunications, which owns 60% of cellular phone operator Cellnet, was off by more than four percent.

One analyst, who asked not to be named, said the health scare surrounding cellular phones so far was having little effect on his thoughts. "This is a long way from being something that City analysts worry about," he said, but acknowledged that "there's a raft of differing opinions" on the issue of cellular phones causing brain cancer.

The FBI is being mocked by computer hackers

by Heather Oglevic
World News Staff Writer

As if in protest against physical warfare involving bombs and soldiers, skirmishes between hacker communities and the FBI are increasing. After hackers from a group called Global Hell, or gH, shut down several key government websites which serve the White House, several Cabinet Departments, and the U.S. Information Agency, the FBI took more direct action. Early Wednesday morning, law-enforcement served search warrants in the homes of at least eight gH members in Seattle, Houston and California. One gH hacker by the computer name of Zyklon was arrested and several others had all of their computer equipment confiscated. This was intended to be an impressive government blow to the hacker community.

Only hours after the raids, the FBI's Website was shut down by angry hackers.

The community, which calls

itself MOD, or the Masters of Downloading, hacked into the main server of the government bureau and replaced the home pages of the congressional body with a page mocking the FBI.

"The FBI may be all over the other groups like ... gH and tK. ... MOD make those morons look like a group of Special-Ed students! FBI vs. MOD in '99, bring it on!" read the page, amidst more profane slogans and hacker lingo. The FBI later shut down their site due to a denial-of-service attack. The web server was "spammed" with so many simultaneous hits that it was unable to function and shut down. One hacker under the username Israeli Ghost claimed responsibility for the shutdown, claiming that she wanted revenge for the attacks on gH, though this is not confirmed.

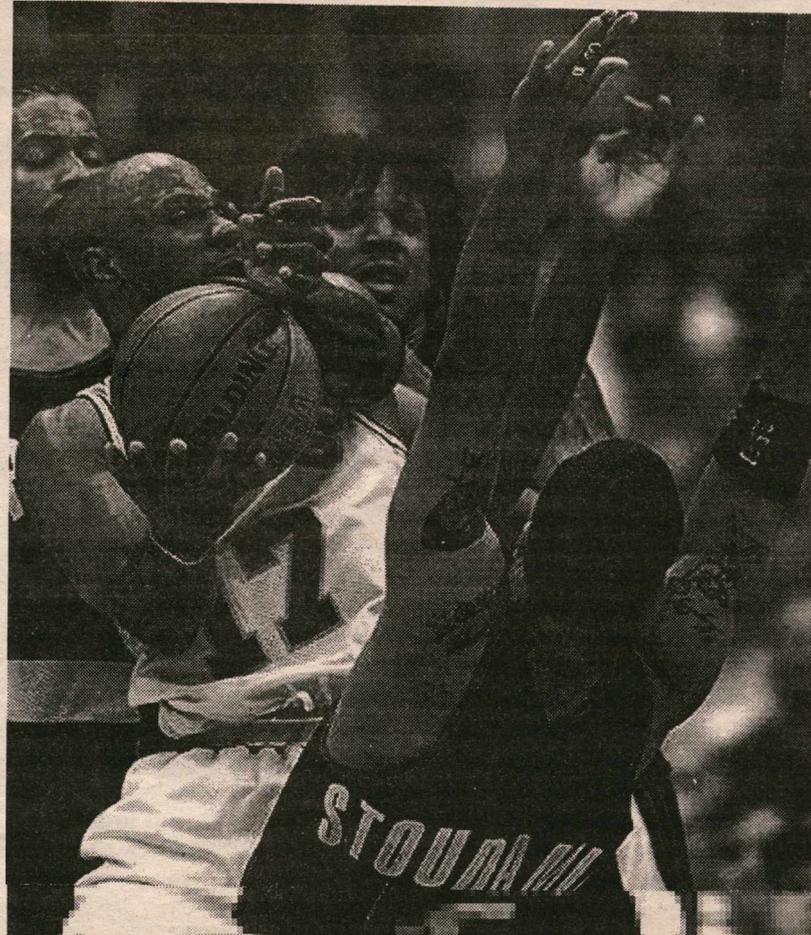
What is confirmed is that the FBI raid sparked revenge attacks on more than just its own site. A currently undefined number of websites not connected with the FBI were defaced by hackers. One

claimed that he had defaced forty websites "to state my opinion." Others, including some members of gH, have heard rumors that more than a hundred websites were changed within an hour.

"This will backfire," says a gH hacker using the name Mosthated, whose home was included in the raids, "and it will only look worse on the people who got raided." Many others in the hacker community agree that the retaliation has grown beyond the simple reaction to the government raids.

The FBI has improved security and agents conducted a criminal investigation into the hacking. They are looking for connections to previous hacker attacks and are prepared to hand down criminal penalties for this most recent attack on the FBI server.

Blazers head home with 0-2 deficit



The Portland Trailblazers use an intense defense and energetic offense against the San Antonio Spurs. The Spurs have a 2-0 lead on the Blazers in the best of seven series.

Nigeria has promising future

New President has plans to use democracy to rebuild government

by José Melendez
World News Staff Writer

"I hope this event is not a re-awakening of illusions of freedom, or a eureka, like we had during independence in my youth," said Tar Ukoh, a musician scheduled to play at the inauguration ceremonies of newly elected Nigerian president, Olusegun Obasanjo. "Having returned to civilian rule, we now have to fight for democracy."

Olusegun Obasanjo has been elected by the people of Nigeria as the first civilian president in fifteen years.

According to General Abdulsalami Abudakar, the day must rank second only to Oct. 1, 1960, the country's independence day from Britain. Since that day, Nigeria has been characterized by economic crisis, corruption and military regimes. The new president, though making it clear that he is no miracle worker, did promise drastic changes in the country.

Obasanjo, a former military ruler himself who handed over power to Nigeria's last elected president in 1979, is well aware of the corruption and the needs of the struggling country. He has declared an end to the political corruption that has plagued Nigeria under the possession of military rulers. "Corruption will be tackled head-on. No society can accomplish its full potential if it allows corruption to become the full-blown cancer it has in Nigeria."

Nigeria, where one out of every six Africans lives, is the continent's leading producer of oil. Yet years of mismanagement have left 108 million Nigerians short of power, communications, education, health care and, most ironically - fuel. Obasanjo, who earlier in his U.S. tour consulted with economists and pushed his social-service agenda, said he will bring Nigeria back.

The realization of a promised "handover" from military to civilian rule has been an unexpected one. In a matter of a year, Nigeria underwent a transformation from an international outcast to one of Africa's most powerful nations

headed by a well received and respected leader.

The change that has led to Obasanjo's succession to power has only been possible by several significant events. The surprising death of the ruthless ruler, General Sadi Abacha, about 12 months ago, made way for the man who would lead the country through the transition. Outgoing military ruler General Abdulsalami Abubakar has been largely responsible for the shift. Obasanjo thanked the General for keeping his word and voluntarily giving up power.

The General, who planned on returning to his hometown in northern Nigeria, encouraged his civilian successors to take advantage of the precious opportunities given. "To us all beckons the opportunity to break, once and for all, the cycle of instability and mistrust that has wracked our political life since independence," Abudakar said.

Abudakar also urged his fellow soldiers to refrain from seizing power saying, "We must forever resist and renounce the temptation and seduction of political power."

This task, however, will prove to be extremely difficult. Coun-

tries governed by military regimes have a tendency to revert to military rule. In 1983, after a brief experience with democracy, Nigeria returned to military rule.

A crisis in the Niger Delta could be the beginning of a series of problems. The area's Pengassan oil worker's union has threatened to pull out of the pivotal, oil-producing region if Obasanjo does not address the region's problems.

A common theme of poverty and disputes between the nation's 400 or more ethnic groups, fuels the Delta crisis, where impoverished villagers are demanding a bigger share of the delta's wealth. Even so, Obasanjo remains confident. His country has undergone a change for the better, and he is extremely grateful for being elected its leader. As the leadership of the nation is given to him, his words resonate with optimism and hope. "As your president of a democratic and civilian administration, I believe this is what God Almighty has ordained for me and my beloved country and its people. We shall not fail."

Obasanjo has his job cut out for him, and his success will prove to be critical for the future of his nation.

Clinton remembers our veterans



President Bill Clinton places a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, at Arlington National Cemetery, in remembrance of Memorial Day.

Woman drowns in Lake Lowell

NAMPA, ID - A 20 year-old Caldwell woman drowned in the upper dam area of Lake Lowell on the evening of Thursday, May 27th. The girl, who did not know how to swim, jumped off a dock, underestimating the 10-12 foot depth.

A cousin and a friend attempted to find her, but the murkiness of the water made it impossible. The girl was found after 35 minutes with the help of a depth-finder on a private fishing boat. Marine Patrol Deputy Lt. Ben Keyes pulled the girl out of the water eight feet from the dock.

Canyon County paramedic Gregg Pierce said, "Water safety is an important thing. You should always swim in pairs, you should always make sure you know where you're swimming."

Sacajawea coin to be introduced

WASHINGTON D.C. - The U.S. Mint is re-introducing the dollar coin in hopes that Americans will take it in. The new coin will be the same size as the previous Susan B. Anthony dollar, but will be of a gold color, with a different texture on its edge. The coin will bear the face of Sacajawea, the Native American teenager who aided Lewis and Clark on their expedition.

The new coin faces two difficulties gaining popularity in the American public. First, of being approximately the same size as a quarter, will hopefully be overcome by the coin's new features. The second, competing against the paper dollar, might prove to be harder to overcome. Many people find it much easier to carry dollar bills than to have a pocket full of change.

Directives for waterfronts issued

YULEE, FL - After vacationing at the White Oak Plantation, a 7,500-acre southern plantation turned into a preservation for animals, President Clinton issued three directives aimed at protecting our country's beaches and rivers and criticized Republicans for recent budget allocations that will stall environmental protections.

In his attempt to beef up environmental safeguards, Clinton said he was directing the National Park Service to expand public health protections along federally managed beaches and encouraging the Environmental Protection Agency to develop stronger measures to prevent sewage spills.

Tryg Sletteland, director of the Pacific Rivers Council in Portland, Oregon, speaking of the initiatives, said, "It's going to bring the federal agencies into better compliance with federal laws. This is long overdue."

Latin America proposes US dollar

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO - Argentinian President Carlos Menem advised Latin American countries to abandon their national currencies for the American dollar while at the 13th Rio Summit of 14 Latin American Nations. No formal decision was offered by the summit.

Menem vowed to continue to lead Argentina in this direction, calling the change a tonic for financial turbulence and a catalyst for trade. "What is happening in Argentina is the de facto dollarization of the economy and we're trying to further spread convertibility. The way things are going, maybe there will only be three currencies in the world: the euro, the dollar and the yen," said Menem.

The acceptance of the conversion throughout Latin America would be highly controversial. Even though Menem has strongly advocated the change, the issue has not been easily accepted in Argentina, where the people are generally not accepting of Americanization.

Astronauts complete space walk

HOUSTON, TX - Astronauts Tamara Jernigan and Dr. Daniel Barry completed a successful 8-hour space walk Saturday night, in which they attached 700 pounds of gear to the outside of the International Space Station. The two astronauts were surprised by how quickly time had gone.

The crew of five Americans, one Canadian and one Russian has until Thursday to unload 3,600 pounds of equipment, made up of spare parts, computers and supplies, for the first residents of the station, due next March.

NASA has another 42 assembly spacewalks scheduled out of the estimated 158 needed to complete and maintain the \$60 billion science outpost. Hopefully, the station will be completed by 2005.



SUMMER SCHOOL FOR PEOPLE ON THEIR WAY TO THE TOP.

If you didn't sign up for Army ROTC as a freshman or sophomore, you can still catch up to your classmates by attending Camp Challenge, a paid five-week summer course in leadership training. By the time you've graduated from college, you'll have the credentials of an Army officer. You'll also have the discipline and self-confidence it takes to succeed in college and beyond.

For additional information call Larry Lobdell at 467-8391 or Ross Parker at 426-4175.



ARMY ROTC

THE SMARTEST COLLEGE COURSE YOU CAN TAKE

IN

by Crai
Crusade

The
new th
mura
unoffic

The
ment h
was a s
of the



Two stu
the we

been r
Howev
ous ab
Kristy
to enli

Als
was so
studen
basket
names
Crusade

Co
action i
ment s
ogy Clu
intran
Marrio
the mo
on the



Photos by Jerry Slaughter

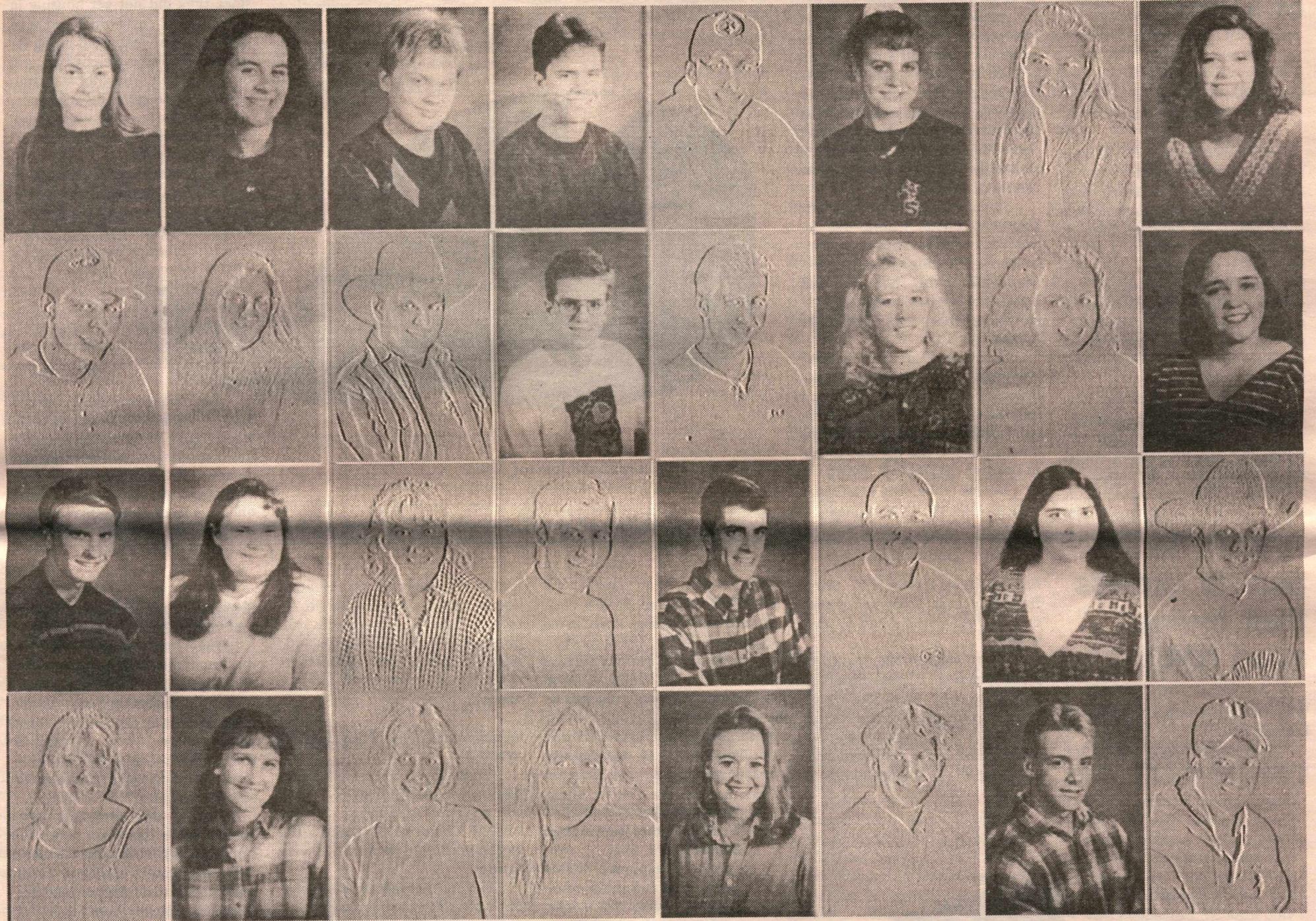
Freshm
tourna

The Crusader

Volume 54 - No. 25

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

June 1, 1999



Disappearing Students

The class that entered in 1995 wonders how it lost so many

What's Inside

Seniors express their feelings about NNC / 12-13

Personal memories of the last four years / 14

Seniors wonder, "Where did all our classmates go?"

Some explanations for the incredible shrinking class of 1999.

by Heather Olson
Crusader News Staff Writer

As a rare senior with a meal plan, I often find myself drawn to the small section of the dining room where the dozen remaining seniors congregate. In between bites of Shepherd's Pie, Tator Tot Casserole and Malibu Chicken, we congratulate each other on acceptance to graduate schools, inquire about future plans and complain about theses and senior seminar projects and comment on how the dining room is overrun with freshmen.

It doesn't seem like that long ago when we were the lively freshmen monopolizing Marriott and wondering why the seniors always sat by themselves in the corner. As a freshman class, we were one of the largest and most ambitious classes

to enter in recent years.

We had record numbers of students running for class council, dorms over-flowing with students and large turnouts to school sponsored activities. Freshmen were excited to be away from home for the first time, and to some it seemed like glorified summer camp.

As we became sophomores, our stake in the Marriott mix became smaller. A few girls had accomplished their NNC goal and were now happily married. Others had transferred to community colleges or state schools for financial reasons. Still, the dining room continued to abound with members of the freshman class of 1995.

Major changes were happening that year. The new dorm was under construction and we sophomores kept hoping the administration would change their mind and let juniors live in it instead of "undeserving" freshmen. That never happened.

So in the September of 1997 we found ourselves rolling out the lawn around the new dorm and helping load new freshmen into the nicely air conditioned rooms - while we returned to our hot tiny rooms in Dooley.

Dooley really wasn't too bad, I suppose. We had plenty of space to

ourselves. Girls who had not gotten into Corlett had decided to move off campus, so there were empty rooms on our hall. My roommate and I decided to take advantage of the situation and were able to use the extra room as a phone booth.

By then, the decrease in the number of students from our class was evident in Marriott. The multitudes of juniors who had moved off campus were no longer eating there, naturally.

In addition, some juniors in

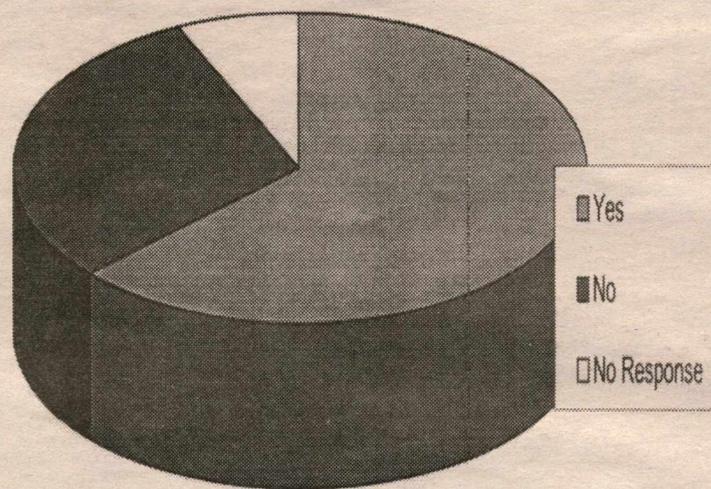
Corlett were not longer required to purchase a meal plan, further diminishing the number of our class in the dining hall.

By our senior year we looked around and said to each other, "Where did everyone else go?" More students had moved off campus since they did not get housing in Olson Apartments (which had been switched to all married housing for the one year we were eligible), still others had left school for state universities, marriage, or the workforce.

Thus, the few of us who still frequent Marriott wonder where everyone else has gone.

Sure, many students who were freshmen in 1995 are still attending. Some graduated early, some transferred to other schools for their major and some were never cut out for college in the first place. But it seems depressing to be able to look around in the dining hall, at ASNNC activities and in chapels, and be able to count the small number of students still here who started in our class.

With that in mind I decided to take on the project of determining where many of the students of the freshman class of 1995 are today. By no means is this an exhaustive study, but hopefully it will shed some light on the issue of retention at NNC.



Have you ever considered leaving NNC?

Seniors express their feelings about NNC

Why Current Seniors Considered Leaving NNC

In a recent survey of seniors, the students were asked whether they

had considered leaving NNC. Sixty-three percent said they had considered leaving NNC but had decided to stay.

"Other colleges offer good programs, and more of them, for a fraction of the cost," wrote one senior. Finances were also an issue for this student, "I considered leaving because I have had a very hard time acquiring all the money and loans

to keep coming - and because I am a Family & Consumer Sciences major and am quite disappointed in the school for dropping the program." Others mentioned reasons such as homesickness, wanting to leave Nampa, and personal unhappiness for considering leaving NNC. By far the largest portion said they had considered leaving for financial reasons, however.

Would Seniors Attend NNC Next Year if they were in High School Now?

Responses to this question, posed to the same students, were split evenly, as shown in the chart above. Many students gave strong "Yes!" responses or "Yes - if I had the money." However, many were also vocally negative. "Knowing what I know now - no [I wouldn't attend NNC]," wrote one student. "I would go to one of the other Nazarene colleges," wrote another.

Several students expressed concerns about all the changes. "Too many changes are forecasted for the next year," wrote one. "The school is going through so many changes so quickly. I don't think I'd want to be caught in the term/semester changeover, or catalog rewrit-

ing fiasco." Some students expressed doubts, but are hopeful for the future. "A lot of the professors I admire have left or are leaving, so that makes me hesitate, but overall there is excitement," wrote one science major.

Would Seniors Send Their Children to NNC?

Thirty-three percent of the seniors responded affirmatively. "They will go here!" responded satisfied student, Charmine St. Claire. The largest portion of respondents were neutral.

"I would not talk them out of it, but I would not recommend it," wrote one senior. "I wouldn't send my kids next year, but hopefully after things settle down," wrote another. "Maybe . . . if the school gets through the University conversion and is around in 20-25 years."

A minority of respondents, 19%, expressed various reasons for not wanting their children to attend NNC, including money. "It will be too expensive by the time they'll be ready for school," said one senior.

However, more students would consider sending their children to NNC in 20-25 years than would consider coming to NNC next year. This seems to come from the apprehension among seniors about all the upcoming changes in the near future, but most feel NNC will be fine in the long run.

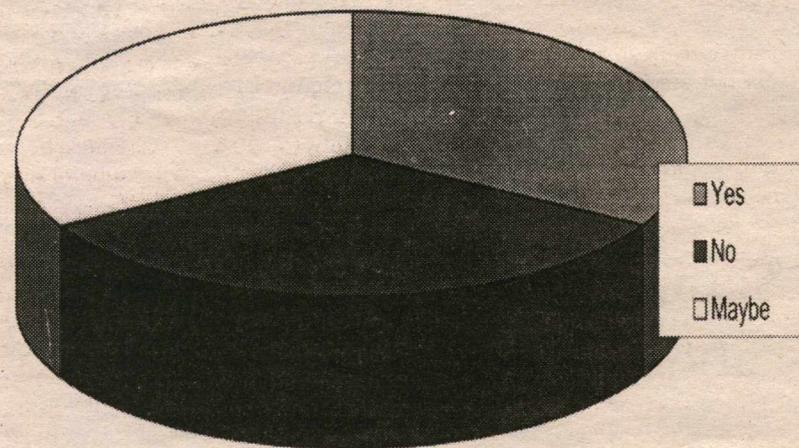
Suggestions for Improving the Retention Rate?

The majority of seniors believe that retention would be improved by decreased costs. "NNC should give more financial aid to upper classmen," wrote one student. "Quit hiking tuition," wrote another. A third student wrote, "Continue scholarships offered to freshmen for subsequent years."

Dorms and housing also seemed to be important issues for some seniors. "Fix older dorms," wrote one Dooley resident. Other seniors seem to be disappointed that Olsen apartments were closed for single seniors only during the year the class of 1999 was eligible. Others were unhappy that the new dorm was built for freshmen when upperclassmen had lived in undesirable dorms.

Is Retention A Problem According to Seniors?

"I'm happy -- I think people leave, for the most part, for personal reasons that the school has nothing to do with," a student wrote. However, all other respondents to this question expressed concern about retention. As said one student, "I think that NNC needs to work on it! I get the impression overall that many students are not satisfied with their experience. NNC might want to research the reasons for this."



Would you attend NNC next year if you were in High School now?

Students relate what caused them to leave

At least 199 students who were freshman in the fall of 1995 are no longer attending NNC. To help determine what caused these students to leave, twenty-six students who began as freshman in the fall of 1995 were personally contacted.

When asked what caused them to leave NNC, responses ranged from price, to majors, to strict rules, to questions about NNC's focus. It was also interesting to find that most of them are now attending either state universities or community colleges. Many are now attending BSU and several are at TVCC.

"I left because of money"

The price of tuition was the most frequent explanation for not returning to NNC. "If I'd had the money, I would have stayed," said Teryl Basinger who is now at BSU. "I liked NNC a lot. I liked that the classes were small and the close campus," she added.

"Ninety-nine percent of it was money," said the mother of Lepha Johnson, "especially since she really didn't know what she wanted to do." Now Johnson is attending Bellevue Community College "where tuition is only \$400!"

Amy Gadwa was at NNC in 1995 but is now at the University of Washington. According to her mother, "She loved NNC - but after her first year her scholarship discontinued so she couldn't afford to come back. It was pretty disappointing."

Unfortunately, the cost of tuition is not something that can be easily changed. "How can we compare to the tuition cost at the state schools? We can't - so we have to increase the value to the students," said Ed Castledine. Castledine believes that the key to increasing the value of the education is to make students feel connected. Marilyn Thompson also echoed this sentiment. "The number one way to improve is to improve relationships," she said.

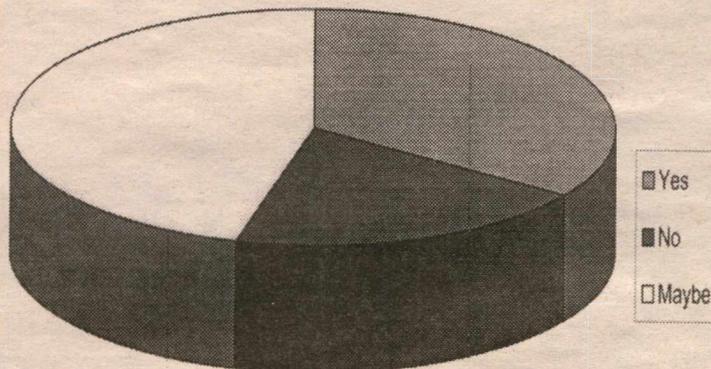
However, although the high cost of tuition will always be an issue at NNC, the administration has been making changes so that this will not be such an important factor in student retention.

"In the past, students would be awarded scholarships for one year and then not have enough money to return their sophomore year," said

Barry Swanson, Director of Enrollment Management. "We're changing that now and students are awarded scholarships that are good for four years." By offering renewable scholarships, NNC hopes to cut down on the number of students who leave NNC for financial reasons.

"Another problem we still have," Swanson continued, "is that scholarships do not go up with the price of tuition. So if the price of tuition goes up, but the scholarships remain the same, there is a gap."

"I didn't like NNC's focus"



Some former students complained about the focus at NNC, but these students had differing views. "I think there was more emphasis on chapel than on education," said one parent of a former student.

On the other hand, some former students' expressive concern that the Christian focus was not strong enough. "It seems like the focus isn't on ministry at the college. The focus is on putting people in the workplace and not the ministry," said Jami Johnson who is currently at Prairie Bible College in Canada. "At Prairie Bible College the emphasis is really on ministry," she said.

Becky Metras, the mother of former student Heidi Bell said, "For thinking she was going to a Christian College, it was a big disappointment to all of us." According to Metras, Bell "hated the Bible class where the professor had no respect for God's word. Chapels didn't have respect for Christ. From what I saw," said Metras, "it was a nightmare. It's ridiculous that a Christian college isn't representing Christ." Metras believes that NNC should "Bring Christ back to the campus and let Christ be exemplified in every class." Metras did concede, however, that changes have been made. "Revival came to the campus the year after she left. I know things were done."

Unfortunately, transferring from NNC was a problem for Bell. "Heidi couldn't go to BSU because they wouldn't accept any credits!" Thus Bell was still unable to finish her degree. "It was a waste of time and a waste of money -- and I'm still paying on it," said Metras.

"It wasn't a good match"

Some students were not sure what they wanted to study and did not have enough funding to attend NNC without a clear direction. Others felt that NNC was not the right school for them, such as Marria Ferry who left after her freshman year and is graduating next week from the University of Washington. "I just didn't think it was a good match for me," she said. "I've found that the programs are a lot more difficult at the U."

Claire Dahlin also did not think NNC was the right match for her. "I didn't really find my niche. I wasn't at the right place at the right time," she said. "My roommate and I weren't compatible and that may have had something to do with it too." Dahlin is now going to Oregon State University, although she transferred to Albertson College after her first term at NNC.

"I wanted to get out of Nampa," said Misty Johnson who is now at the University of Idaho. "It's a good school for a lot of people, but not for me," she said.

Some parents were vocal about their dissatisfaction with NNC. "My wife and I were kind of appalled. We had wanted to send our daughter there for years - and when she got there it all sort of fell apart," said one father. "It's a very expensive place to be. Now she's at a state school where she is much happier for half the money."

"The school was too strict"

This father also was frustrated by the strictness of the school. "The Nazarene Church has evolved and changed with the evolution of the country, but the school doesn't seem to have. It's more structured, strict, inflexible. I don't think my daughter was too comfortable."

Chad Bravender, who is currently working in marketing in Boise, said the main reason he left was because there were too many rules. "I was a good kid. I grew up Nazarene. But I didn't like all the rules. I felt like I had 20 moms and I didn't need that. But I like NNC - it's a good school. It just wasn't for me."

"God called me elsewhere"

For others, the reason they left was because they felt God calling them in another direction. "I look back on NNC with fond memories," said Stephen Annest who left after his freshman year and is currently studying Philosophy at BSU. "It was a subjective thing. I think God wanted me to go to BSU." Annest also expressed concerns about money. "Money was also a deciding

factor-- especially since I didn't really know what I was going to do."

God's direction was also a factor for Joe Culbertson. According to his sister, Amber, "Joe liked the environment here but felt he could do so much more for God at a secular school."

"I left for my major"

Several students left because NNC did not offer their major, such as chemical engineering, forestry, or (at that time) nursing. Others left because of unhappiness with their department.

"Melette was burned out with school and disappointed when the Business department fell apart," said the mother of Melette Anderson. Anderson left NNC after her sophomore year and is currently a nanny in New Jersey.

Tammy Battershell left partly for money and partly for a nursing major. "I loved NNC, but it was a waste of my time if they didn't have the program I needed," said Battershell who is now studying nursing at Treasure Valley Community College.

Michael Davis left after his jun-

Retention Rate of the Class of 1999

On Saturday morning, June 12, "Pomp and Circumstance" will serenade a fresh class of graduates marching into Montgomery Field House for their commencement exercises. Two hundred and twenty undergrads have applied for graduation, which is "one of the largest classes for graduation," according to Registrar Marilyn Thompson. This number is well above the 197 who participated in commencement last year. The interesting fact, however, is that fewer than 132 of these graduating seniors were part of the freshman class of 1995 which began at NNC four years ago with 331 students. This means that at least 199 students, (roughly 60%) who started as freshman four years ago are not graduating with their class in June.

Of course, some of these students are still completing coursework, some are out the country for a year, and a few graduated last year. However, for those of us seniors who are still around, many are concerned to realize that only 123 of the 331 freshman who entered in 1995 are still attending NNC this term.

Although official school numbers for retention for the freshman class of 1995 will not be available for a few more years, it is possible to gather some information about the class to determine whether this class is any different than the ordinary.

Retention numbers are deter-

mined based on "Cohorts" which classify the number of freshmen who entered college full-time for the first time in the fall of a given year. The Cohort of 1995 began with 331 students. Since retention numbers are not available until six years after each freshman class begins, the official retention rate of this Cohort will not be available until December of 2001.

"NNC didn't care."

Numbers are available, however, for the Cohort of 1992 which began with 284 students and had 121 complete degrees within six years, amounting to a graduation rate of 42.6%. On average, retention at NNC has been around 40%. According to Registrar Marilyn Thompson, "This number is fairly consistent with other colleges and universities." The 40% retention rate is a concern for the administration. "It's one of the top three concerns," said Thompson. "You believe you have a spectacular institution and you want people to stay." Not only is retention a large concern at NNC, but according to Thompson, "Recently, retention has become a huge issue among Christian liberal arts colleges."

Although official retention numbers will not be available for the Cohort of 1995 for two more years, it is possible to determine how many of those entering freshman are still attending NNC. Of the 331 freshman who entered college for the first time in 1995, at least 21 of them have already completed their degrees and 123 of them are still attending NNC. This means that if all of those remaining students from the class complete their degrees within the next two years, the highest retention rate this class could reach is 43.5%.

Seniors candidly share their experiences at NNC

As they prepare to graduate and begin a new life, seniors look back on the last four years of their lives and the institution that provided them with the tools for growth. Some view these past years at NNC with fondness and gratitude and others recognize that NNC fell short of what they had desired it to be.

Kevin Durfee

My experience here at Northwest Nazarene College has meant many things to me since I first arrived here my freshman year. Like many others here, NNC represented my first time living on my own. It meant actually seeing what higher education was like, and finding that high school

does nothing to prepare the college-bound. It meant meeting new people. It meant, of all things, learning to swing dance. It has meant being in my

first stage production, and my first time to really become an audible voice rather than the quiet guy in the back row. It has meant a lot of maturation and the making of life-long friends. This, unfortunately, only represents the first three years of my college career.

NNC now represents a bureaucracy that exists only to make another dollar. It represents an administrative body that listens, not to its main export (students) and mission statement, but to the opinions of the rich and affluent. It seems, for the

Mark Walker

For the last four years NNC has been my home. As a freshman, I was excited to be going away to college.

College seemed almost bigger than life to me. Quickly I became settled and got involved. I lived in Chapman, was class chaplain, and ran on the track team. By second term I loved college. I had made friends, and I was having a blast. Part way through second

last two years, as though someone is using this school as their own, personal plaything. Many of the friends I have made here over the years have left before graduation to pursue an education at other institutions, if not quitting higher education altogether having been soured on it by the way this school is run.

"The Northwest Nazarene College we see today is not the same Northwest Nazarene College that I enrolled in as a freshman."

~Kevin Durfee

The campus beautification project has primarily meant the extermination of many of the plants and trees. The decision to switch to the semester system was made in spite of campus-wide student

objection. The elimination of the Home Economics department was made with complete disregard to the many people from around the nation who wrote the school to support it (including one Dr. James Dobson). And sure, the word "university" sounds impressive, but now any school with a full-time janitor can attain this coveted status.

The administration has made several attempts to interact with the student body in order to "test the waters" on certain decisions, but since the administration doesn't lis-

ten to the board of regents (new motto: The administration's wish is our command.), how can we, as students, expect them to listen to us?

When I went home during Spring Break, I was not sure if I would return to NNC for my sophomore year. I thought that I would go to Mid-America so that I could run cross-

country and track. After some time of deliberation,



Shannon Adams

I have never been one to place a great deal of faith or validity in signs. I believe in the miraculous, I just would rather follow natural "signs" rather than preternatural. But I ended up attending NNC because I just "felt" like it was the place I needed to be.

People ask me what Nampa is like and I tell them that if you check the city's name in a thesaurus you'll see synonyms like "ugly" and "forsaken territory." There really isn't a thriving nightlife here—except for the ultra-creative. Perhaps the greenery of Oregon and the breathtaking beaches of California spoiled me.

What's kept me here if all I can do is gripe about it? The people. There isn't a lot to do (especially if you are a carless wonder), but not being able to go out means staying in with a friend or meeting someone new. I have made friends here that I will, quite literally, move into my future with. It sounds hackneyed and perhaps a bit cheesy, but for all that I am sincere.

Perhaps it is the fact that my Professor notice their classes enough to note if a student is struggling, or taking the time out for recognition if a student is doing exceptionally well.

Another reason I "stuck-it-out" is because of my major. As an English major I have had so many caring Professors. These men and woman are sincerely interested in the forwarding of my intellect, the challenging of my faith, and the resulting growth of my relationship with Christ.

Part of all of this is my personality, I love learning, I love being in school, and I'm okay with being con-

"I am coming away from NNC with a firm grasp of who I am, and the the knowledge that I do have a purpose in this world..." ~Shannon Adams

sidered a bit bookish (weird is better though). I also enjoy knowing that I stick out here. I feel challenged by my fellow students because, on a majority of issues, I see things differently. It has made me recognize that mine is not the only viewpoint and that, more importantly, there are so many valuable things to learn from people who have a different perspective.

I won't say that my career at NNC has been idyllic, but I never expected any place to be. What I do believe is that I am coming away from NNC with a firm grasp of who I am, the knowledge that I do have a purpose in this world, and an education based on the idea that it is not only the information that is important but the ideas that are created from it.

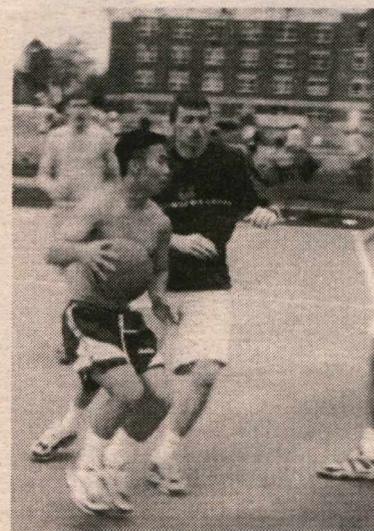
IM softball playoffs begin; Malibu games over

by Craig Craker

Crusader News Staff Writer

This weekend brought many new things in the world of intramural sports, both official and unofficial.

The co-ed volleyball tournament held during Malibu Days was a success, although the names of the winning team has not yet



Two students participate in one of the weekend's pickup games.

been released to *The Crusader*. However, if you are really curious about this, you should ask Kristy Heffner. She will be able to enlighten you.

Also seen this past weekend was some hoop action, as many students took to the courts to play basketball. Again, game winners' names were not released to *The Crusader*.

Coming up in campus sports action is the Fish Football tournament sponsored by the Psychology Club. Sign-ups are still on the intramural board outside of Marriott. Games will be played the morning of Saturday, June 5, on the track. There is still plenty

of room for more players and teams.

In intramural softball, regular season games are over and playoffs have begun. Men's teams in the playoffs, in order of ranking, are Sherwin Williams Paint Squad, Team Dean, Blitzkrieg, The Manson Family, Team Downie, Rob Russell All-Stars, S.P.O.W.A. and Team Leaf. Women's teams in playoffs in order of ranking are Team Fitch, Grasshoppers, Peaches, Women's B-ball, Schmak Mamas, Team Swanson and Team Blenker.

Pre-playoff games included one in which the Ed Casteldine All-Stars looked to end their five game losing streak against Blitzkrieg, the only problem being that they only had seven players. In the top of the first inning, they got things started with a couple of big hits from Jerry Cramm and Justin Marion.

They scored three runs to take a 3-0 lead. Blitzkrieg scored three of their own in the bottom of the second to tie it up at 3-3. The All-Stars scored one more in the bottom of the third to take a 4-3 lead.

After a controversial call at home by the ump, Blitzkrieg scored six times in the fourth to make it 9-4. The game stayed close as the outfield for the All-Stars, Cramm, John Mark Wood and Craig Craker, made solid play after solid play.

The season ended for the All-

Stars when Tony Duvall ended his long and illustrious career by going 0 for 6.

In a fantastic game between the Sherwin Williams Paint Squad and Team 2, the undefeated Paint Squad looked to add another W to their total. Tom Burrueled got things going with a big hit followed by hits from Dave Oliver, Ricky Plata and Eric Dugan as the Paint Squad took a 3-0 lead. After Team 2 made it 3-1, the Paint Squad tacked on five more with hits from Burrueled, Oliver and Dugan to go on and win 8-1.

It was the Paint Squad's closest game of the year, their previously closest game being 16-3. It looks as if the Paint Squad should have an easy time in the post season and should roll to the first ever undefeated season.

MS and Company played Team 10 with hopes to turn things

around. Jimmy Bennum led the game off with his fifth lead-off home run, and two batters later, Chris Niehaus added one of his own to make it 2-0.

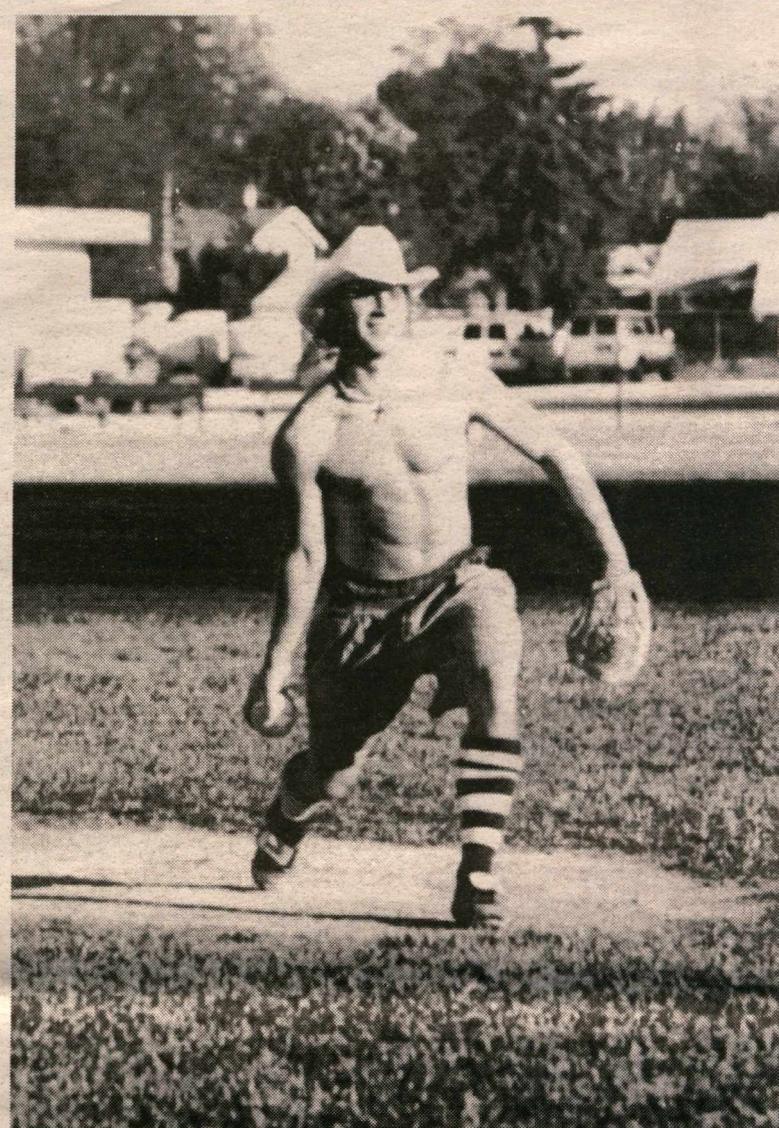
In the fourth inning behind big hits from Bennum, JD Drahn and Niehaus, Team 10 took an 8-0 lead. They went on to win 15-2 in a game mired in controversy.

Team 10 played another exciting game later in the week against Special Ed. Bennum added his specialty leadoff home run, his sixth of the year. James Robinson, Dan Benedick and Ruben Arts all added key hits to give Team 10 a 5-1 lead after one inning. In the second, Bennum had another hit, followed by everybody else, as Team 10 took a 11-1 lead.

In the bottom of the second Special Ed roared back behind big hits from Mike Dickerson and David Orias, as they cut it to 11-10. Going into the top of the sixth inning, the game was all tied up at 16 apiece, and JD Drahn started things off with

"I think that this was a good loss for us. It is kind of a wake-up call before going into the playoffs."

~Aaron Capen



Freshman Jacob Bear pitches a strike in S.P.O.W.A.'s game this past week. Bear's team finished in seventh place and qualified for the playoffs.

a single. He later scored the game-winning run on Bennum's double. Much to their chagrin Team 10 did not make the playoffs, but you can see them play next year.

The Basketball team looked to continue their winning ways as they took on the Smackdown Hotel. The Hotel scored early and often, taking a 3-0 lead after one inning. Aaron Capen provided some early offense for the Basketball team as they cut it to 3-2. In the fourth inning, the Hotel scored seven times, with hits coming from Brandon Kahler,

Trent Friberg and Dustin Metcalf.

They added eight more in the top of the fifth to make it 19-7, and that was the final. Aaron Capen had this to say about his team, "I think that this was a good loss for us. It is kind of a wake-up call going into the playoffs."

The playoffs start this week, so be sure to come out and watch to see who will be crowned the champs.

Intramural awards go to Jennifer Pritt, aka Bert, and Matt Warner, the Intramural Men's and Women's MVPs. Congratulations to them both.

Women's and Men's IM Softball Playoff Schedule

June 1	#1	#2
5:00	M9-M2	W1-W3
6:30	M3-M11	W4-winner of W2/W7

Second round will be on Wednesday, June 2. Finals will be on Thursday, June 3



Freshman Nancy York goes for the kill during this weekend's Malibu co-ed volleyball tournament. Games were played Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

Crusaders bring in new faces for next year

by Jenifer Holmquist
Crusader News Staff Writer

The year marking the turn of the millennium will also mark the beginning of changes on campus. Reorganization to semesters will be equaled only by the transformation in the athletic department to NCAA Division II standing, and with this transition will come many new faces of athletes and coaches. The new athletic director, Scott Armstrong, related, "It's going to be exciting with the new sports and athletes on campus. I think the new coaches are all outstanding and we are fortunate to have hired them."

Track and Field

The first addition to the coaching staff will be Randy Dalzell, a cross country and track coach from Cascade College in Portland. "I was impressed with the school's willingness to put a lot of resources into the track and field program," Dalzell stated.

Although Dalzell focused on basketball in high school and college, his athletic direction was changed by a knee injury. He be-



Katie Betts, from Oregon, joins the women's soccer team as a striker.

gan running for therapy and found he enjoyed cross country. He explained, "Anyone who wants to can come out and participate."

After graduating from Linfield College with his M.Ed., Dalzell began coaching. He ran programs in four different high schools, then coached at George Fox for two years before joining the staff at Cascade College.

In addition to the excitement of building a new program from the ground up, Dalzell emphasized that he is looking forward to "moving to a more rural setting—I have two kids and one on the way and Nampa seems a good place to bring a family."

He also expressed his excitement

over meeting the new athletes. "These students should be a real bright spot for the school and fit in really well with the environment NNU is trying to create," he stated.

The cross country and track programs will involve more students than any other sport this coming year. At this point, twenty-six athletes have signed letters of intent for one or both of these programs.

In track, new faces will include: Seth Cook, hurdles; Anthony Gould, pole vault; Josh Fishburn, pole vault; Wes Caspers, sprints, hurdles, long jump; Nathan Cummings, javelin, shot, discuss, decathlon;

Lindsay Glaze, sprints, hurdles; Jennifer Hopping, long and triple jump; Bethany Dwello, 400m; Christy Coleman, sprint, hurdles, pole vault; Alaina Allen, thrower; Donna Penfold, sprints; Jennifer Hallyburton, heptathlon, 400m, triple jump; and Mary Ann McDonnell, shot and discus. Joining them will be several current students: Shannon Penfold, Brooke Warren, Jodi Williamson, Sherri Russel, Christi Tiel, Jeremy Lund, Sarah Hughes, and Denise Thuline.

With this completely new team, Dalzell has several goals: To create a competitive program; to get students involved in a team experience; and to get people involved in officiating. "That's what's unique about a program the size of NNC," Dalzell exclaimed, "You can get everyone involved!"

A meeting will be held for interested track athletes the first week of classes. Regarding meets on campus next year, coach Dalzell stated, "I volunteered to host the heptathlon/decathlon championships for the Cascade Conference—it will be exciting to have this big event at our own facility."

Cross country

Distance runners new to campus next year will be: David Yarnell, Sean Nixon, Ben Wornell, Jeff Hubbard, Ian Manyfingers, Jana Harris, Stephanie Pellegrini, Lyndsay Northfield, Annelies Gilbert, Amanda Kirk and Mindy Myer.

Current students interested

in competitive cross country next year need to note that the first practice will be September 4, in preparation for the first meet in Washington on the eighteenth. Dalzell concluded, "Anyone who lives close by and wants to get ahold of me to run trails in July, just call the office."

Golf and Tennis

As well as the new track and field program, NNU will be adding men's tennis and golf to the athletic department. The golf program has thus far signed two players. Both freshmen, Josh Smith is from Turner, Oregon and Chris Jensen is from Ontario.

Players already on campus include Jon Crozier, Kevin Jensen, DJ Vincent and Ryan Commingdeer. "Three other students have

made a verbal commitment, but I have not received their letters of intent yet," golf coach Craig Stensgaard explained.

Although Stensgaard has worked several years as NNC's JV Basketball Coach, his position as the new Golf Coach will add a different dimension to his career. An NNC alumnus, Stensgaard worked at Centennial Golf Course after graduating in 1992. He worked three years as the assistant pro, a job which involved teaching lessons and running the merchandise shop.

About the coming season, Stensgaard stated, "I'm most excited for the golfers on the team. I think what it's all about is what they get out of playing and their relationships with the team in general."

Students interested in joining the tennis or golf teams for next year are encouraged to contact the respective coach through the athletic office at the gym.

Volleyball

The current athletic programs which have already experienced a year of provisional NCAA Division II play are also looking forward to new faces on their teams. Next year will be the final year in the Cascade Conference before moving on to Pacific West Conference competition.

The first player to sign for next year, Katie Oelrich, a middle hitter, comes from Boise's Capital High School.

About Oelrich, coach Brasch stated, "She'll be able to help us out in either the middle or outside hitting positions." Joining Oelrich will be Borah High's Jaime Butler-Dawson, a left-handed setter. "We are extremely excited about signing an excellent setter and athlete like Jaime," commented Brasch.

Another leftie from nearby Eagle High School, Louise Free, comes with a strong reference from her high school coach, Paul Schwager. Schwager stated, "She is determined to do everything possible to win and play her best game. She was the strongest hitter, by far, in the Southern Idaho Conference this year."

Women's Soccer

The Crusaders will also be seeing exciting additions to women's athletics in the soccer program. "We have a strong returning team," emphasized coach Jim Lang. In addition to the returning players, the team has recruited five strong freshman women.

Included with these women is the first goalkeeper to sign to the program, Shemia Fagan. She led her team, The Dalles High School, OR to post-season play. Another recruit, Katie Betts, is also from Oregon. A striker, she was named First Team All-League for all four years of high school. About Betts, Lang commented, "Katie comes from a strong soccer program and will add speed and a scoring touch to the Crusaders."

Two other freshmen will be



Rob Lawler, here with his wife, will help coach women's soccer.

joining the team from Idaho. Emily Schreppele from Boise's Capital High School signed with



Shemia Fagan will play on the women's soccer team as a keeper.

plans to play in the midfield and at forward. Along with Schreppele, Bethany Dwello from McCall-Donnelly High School will be playing in the midfield as well as striker.

A third midfielder, Jennifer Hopping, comes from Bakersfield, CA. She will divide her

time in the spring between soccer and several jumping events in track.

The women's soccer team has also added a new coach to the roster. Rob Lawler, currently at Greenleaf, once played

soccer for NNC and still holds the NNC single game record of 23 saves against Willamette University in 1992.

Men's Soccer

Five players have signed letters of intent to play men's soccer next year at NNU. "We have a couple with semi-pro experience, and the new freshmen are real solid players," related coach Joe Pearson. "We do have about fourteen players returning, and the new guys will motivate them to work harder," he remarked.

Among the new players, Chris Miles and Jeff Glasenapp are both midfielders with semi-pro experience. Both transfer students, Miles is a current student and Glasenapp will be coming on campus as a junior. Freshman additions include another midfielder, Coe Michaelson, a goal keeper, Brett O'Connor and Greg Kester, a defender from Twin Falls.

New Faces

continued on page 17

Seasons of change: a goodbye to our seniors

NNC's top athletes prepare to graduate

by Dawn Stuveld
Crusader News Staff Writer

The blossoms on the trees outside my dorm have dried and fallen to the grassy earth. Flowers have bloomed, and now their cracked, shriveled petals blow away down the sidewalk as spring fades into summer and yet another school year draws to a close. It seems to have gone by like the wind.

For seniors, it is their final bow as college students, and they set off to make their mark on the working world or graduate school. Senior athletes have played in that final, emotional game and have realized how much they will miss their team,

but also how much they have to look forward to. The team won't be the same without them, and they won't be the same without their team.

The women's basketball team is only losing one player this year, but Staci Wilson is no ordinary player, as her coach Roger Schmidt would be quick to tell you. She will be missed as a valuable part of the Lady Crusaders team.

"We will be missing her because of her great hands and good consistency. Staci had eighteen double doubles, which means double figures in points and rebounds. She always brought a good work ethic to the floor.

She did a nice job for us in the three years that she played for us. We won't replace her. People are tough to do that for, but we will try to fill

spots." Staci has had her name added to the NNC record book under the career categories of scoring average, rebounding av-

erage, blocks and highest field goal percentage, and under the individual season categories of scoring average, rebound, rebounding average, blocks and

improved a lot. We will miss her as an example, by virtue of how much she improved."

The men's basketball team is losing five seniors this year.

They're losing a lot of talent and experience. Detmetrius McBride, Chad Mitchell, Scott Bishop, Bob Lowe and Michael Ratcliffe have all finished their basketball days at NNC.

Chad Mitchell still has several

classes to take here before he can graduate and is planning on continuing his education at BSU next year. He hopes one day to be a teacher and a coach. He commented on leaving the team. "I will miss the competition, the people I play with and just the atmosphere of playing in a packed gym."

The men's soccer team will also be losing five players next year. Jeremy Keating, Whit Hailu, Sony Peirre-Andre, Charlie Laird and Joel Spencer have all hung up their cleats, so to speak, and have

finished their college careers. The team won't be the same without them and will miss their leadership.

Brian Muir, the coach of the baseball team, is also losing five seniors this year. Several pitchers and two starting outfielders are reluctantly being scratched from roster for next season.

"It's always hard to find good pitching. They're all quality baseball players and they'll be hard to replace by recruits," Coach Muir said of Jon Crozier, Brendan-Goehner, Bobby Hood, Ryan Turner and Andy Heyer.

Jon Crozier left his mark on the record books in 1998 with the second highest average number of strikeouts pitched per nine in-

nings. "I'm going to miss my teammates the most," Ryan Turner told me. He is finishing school

here this summer and heading to BSU next year.

As this year comes to a close, take advantage to say goodbye and thank you to some of these athletes and friends who have represented and entertained us over the years.

"We won't replace her [Wilson]. People are tough to do that for, but we'll try to fill spots."

~Coach Roger Schmidt

field goal percentage. Staci is moving into social work next year.

The women's volleyball team is losing two players: Angie Westerberg and Liz Benear. They both have played important roles in the success of the Crusaders volleyball team over the past few years and will undoubtedly be missed by coach Darlene Brasch and their teammates.

Betsy Smith and Jenny Kung are the two senior tennis players. Their coach, Carey Cook, commented on how much they will be missed. "Betsy has played four years here at NNC and we are definitely going to miss her experience and leadership.

Jenny is a person who really

"I'm going to miss my teammates the most."

~Ryan Turner

New Faces

continued from page 16

Coach Pearson remarked, "Of the new guys, the one thing that will help us is that they all—even the goal keeper—have the versatility to play two or three positions." Despite the fact that four other strong players will be graduating, coach Pearson concluded, "I'd be surprised if we're not up fighting for the top spot."

Men's Basketball

On to the basketball scene, the men's basketball program has signed two players to join the program in September. Junior Jeff Nielsen from Chemeketa Community College has already joined the Crusaders for practice and plans on playing inside next winter. "It's good that Nielsen played spring term because it's given him and Jeremy Stockett a chance to work together," commented coach Rich Sanders.

Also joining the team, Ryan Marquez comes from one of Oregon's most successful basketball programs, Benson Tech High School. "Ryan will bring an enormous amount of potential to our

program. He understands the game very well for a player his age," Sanders explained.

About next year, coach Sanders commented, "We will probably be playing the toughest schedule we ever had. This will be a transition year as we've picked up seven NCAA games." To make up for anticipated difficulties, the 'Sader men have been working out four to six days per week during the spring. "And we've had a very good spring," Sanders concluded.

Women's Hoops

In women's basketball, coach Roger Schmidt will also add four strong recruits. Shelli Bunn, a post from Dayton High School in Oregon led her team to the State 2A Basketball tournament. Coach Schmidt said of Bunn, "She brings a lot of potential to our program and will be a presence inside.

From Nampa, Alysson Kollman will also be joining the Crusaders as a forward. "Alysson is the best all-around athlete to

come through our program," stated her high school coach. Kollman averaged 14.7 points per game and left Nampa High School with a record free throw percentage of 76.2%. Coach Schmidt commented, "We feel that she brings good athleticism and basketball skills with her."

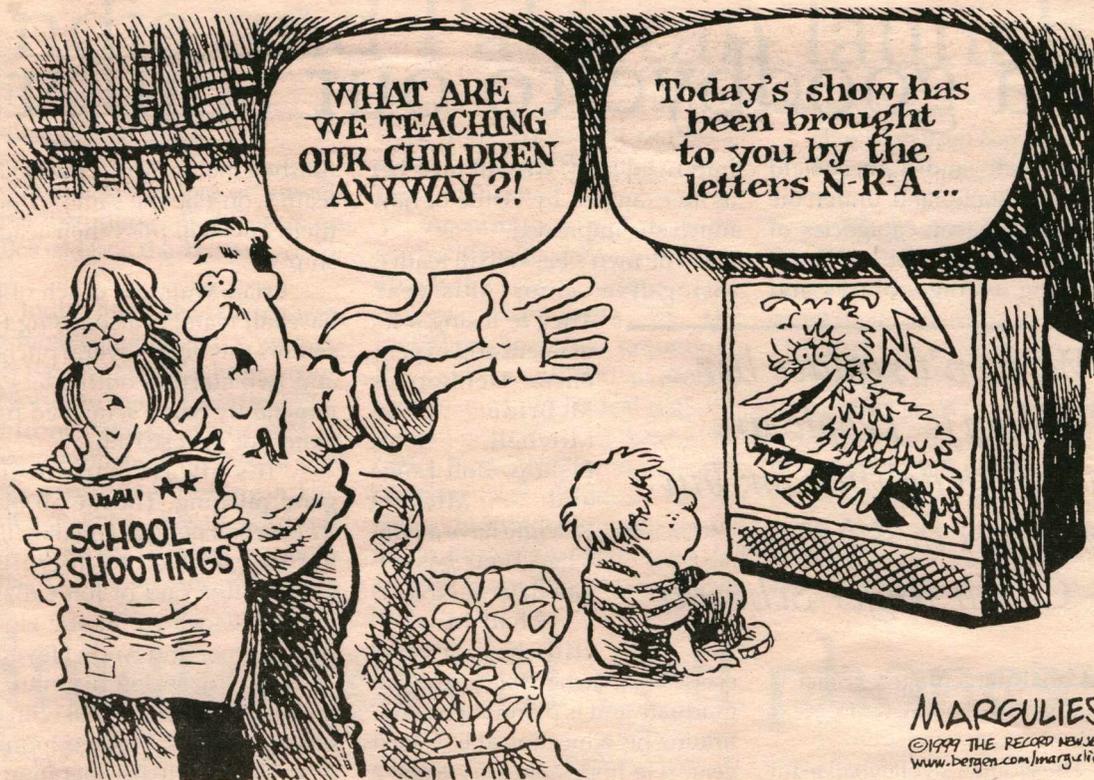
Two transfer students from Green River Community College will join the 'Sader ladies this fall. Stephanie Imhoff led her team with 8.2 assists per game and 182 total steals during last year's season. A point guard, her personal honors include NWAACC All-Star Most Valuable Player and team captain for two years.

Joining Imhoff will be her friend Jaime Smith, last year's Western Division Most Valuable Player. The post player averaged 20.7 points per game last season and made 147 free throws.

Coach Schmidt stated, "We are very excited to have two players who have game experience since grade school playing together. We look forward to their strong contributions this fall to our program."

Time Out with Eric Manley

Eric has already spoken in chapel once. Here is another chance to listen to words of wisdom from our campus ministries director. Eric has promised to use small words and provide mosquito repellent if necessary. So if you want to escape studying for that test on Friday, go to the soccer field for the last Time Out of the year. Then go study for that test on Friday.



The Crusader Editorial Board

Monica Olson
Editor-In-Chief

Nathan Hydes
Editor-In-Chief

Will Brown
Copy Editor

Robin Day
Sports Editor

Brooke Humphrey
Cover Story Editor

Kara Lyons
Copy Editor

Gerry Singleterry
Photo Editor

Jeremy Smith
World News Editor

Kari Wilde
Campus Editor

Kadee Wirick
Opinions Editor

Signed articles, reviews and letters reflect solely the view of the writer, while staff editorials state the majority view of *The Crusader's* editorial board. Editorial cartoons reflect the view of the cartoonist and a few influential persons on *The Crusader* staff.

Views expressed in *The Crusader* are thus not necessarily those of Northwest Nazarene College or the Church of the Nazarene. We are an open forum for students, alumni, professors, faculty and anyone else associated with Northwest Nazarene College, so feel free to send letters to NNC Box 'C'. Please keep letters to a maximum of 400 words.

Student life trigger happy in making new policy

by Nathan Bankston

Crusader Staff Opinions Writer

I was very disappointed this last week when I read in the *Crusader* that the weapons policy is changing. I felt annoyed and angry because those of us who own weapons and have them on campus have not been represented in this decision. If the Student Life Policy Committee had asked my opinion about the subject and still reached the same decision, I would have no reason to be angry. I believe that the administration here at school is making an unnecessary change regarding weapons on campus. Contrary to their beliefs, this campus is not in danger from these weapons. This campus is safe and the current policy on our campus is not out-

of-date nor does it need to be replaced.

With this new policy in effect next year, it will leave many of us out in the rain. Where are we supposed to store our weapons? Neil Weaver, the Director of Security at NNC, says that we should have enough time before next year to find places where our weapons can be stored. That offers no solution to the problem. How many of us have connections outside of school who would be willing to let us store weapons at their homes? I don't know very many. Plus, with our weapons at someone else's house, we are stuck at their convenience when we want to get our weapons.

It is my belief that the administration has the responsibility,

by taking our place of storage away from us, to find an alternate place for us to store our weapons. What about the incoming freshmen for the 99/2000 school year?

...It would be much easier for an enraged person to go off campus and get their weapons than it would be to go through an RA or an RD.

Where are they going to house their weapons? They have no connections in this community. It seems to me that the school is giving us a lot of problems to deal with but no solutions.

The administration has three main arguments for pushing this new policy on students. One is that an accident might happen. They fear that, in their stupidity, someone might leave their weapon loaded while cleaning it. The second argument is that a student might go on the rampage, acquire his or her gun and start shooting people. Their third argument is that, in the case of a fire, the ammunition might cook off, shooting rounds into people.

The first argument, that someone might discharge his or her weapon during cleaning, does

have some validity. According to Eric Emmert, about three years ago, somebody was cleaning their rifle while it was loaded, and it fired. Fortunately, no one was hurt. However, this was an isolated incident. I would venture to say that all of the students here who have their firearms with them on campus are not so stupid as to clean their guns while loaded. All of the times I have hunted with people from school, I have observed safe shooting and cleaning etiquette. All of us, before even putting up our guns or handing it to someone else, ALWAYS make sure that the gun is unloaded. If the administration is worried about accidents or someone getting hurt, they should focus instead on the vehicles on campus. There is a larger chance of someone being hit and run over by someone speeding down one of the campus streets than by a shooting accident or from any other personal weapon.

The second argument is that someone might in his or her anger start shooting people with his or her gun. This argument is not valid. As pointed out by Emmert, it would be much easier for an enraged person to go off campus and get their weapons than it would be to go through an RA or RD. With the guns safely stored in the RD's office, the person who desires to get his or her gun must first ask an RA or an RD to go get it. If the RA or RD sees that this person is in a foul or angry mood, he or she has the right to deny that person his or her weapon. That

takes care of the problem of the rampage. However, with the weapons off campus, this angry individual can go to his or her place of storage, grab his or her gun, return to campus, and start shooting individuals. The one instance where someone was angry enough to grab a gun and threaten students here at school was when a student went to her home (off-campus), grabbed her father's rifle, returned to campus and started pointing it at people. An RA or RD in that situation, seeing her angry would have immediately denied her any weapon. It is my opinion that this campus is safer with the weapons on campus, stored with the RD.

If the Administration is really worried about the ammunition from our guns cooking off in a fire, the easiest solution would be to buy a locking, fire-safe gun safe for each dorm. This could be quite easily done. All that it would require is for the administration to hold off from buying one or two of their precious pieces of art. As for ammunition cooking off in fire, all that ammo does in a fire is explode. The bullets, if they go anywhere, rarely go far with enough power to hurt. Contained in the RD office, they would go nowhere.

With the number of gun owners on this campus being so small there should be no reason to feel that this campus is unsafe. The administration does not need to go to such lengths with the gun policy. They need only to maintain the existing rules and regulations.

Staff Infection

...Guess what I did this weekend--I pulled my groin!!!!...He was like a combination between Elmer Fudd and Squeaky Man!...Hey, deer sin, I'm just serving up God's justice...Very few men are built to wear tank tops--just you and me, Will...Why are you laughing?...What, and go line dancing and meet men who haven't fully evolved?...I was the top ten percent of my school...Were you home schooled?...Hi, we bought roosters, to remind us of Will...Our rooster needs to be named Will..Yeah, forget Strut, his name is Will...I've got the slacker job, I just sit on the basketball court and watch burly, attractive men fall towards me...and I get to take their picture, too...Will, if you didn't hate me so much, I'd think you were funny...He's so violent, when you look at him don't you see mass murder seeping through his pores?...You're supposed to be getting the impression that I care....Me, I'm not the one contemplating having a relationship with a 15-year-old...Who has my grandma's legs?...Who would WANT your grandma's legs?...The Crusader staff hopes that you have greatly enjoyed our publication this year. Have a great summer and see you all when I get back from Israel with Brian and Chad in December!!!!...

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editors:

I am writing in response to the opinions article published in your last issue (May 25, 1999) by Chad Cray, entitled "ASNNC, Senate: stupid institutions," all in all a pretty amusing article of which I believe the purpose was not to get under my skin, per se, but rather possibly to receive a reaction from anybody willing to give it.

First and foremost, perhaps it is my responsibility to apologize to Chad, and to anyone else for that matter, who has felt that their student government officers have not been working hard enough or working in the right direction.

Maybe you believe that your student fees are not being spent wisely. For this, and any other problem you may have with student government, I am sorry that you feel that way. However, the reality is that probably 90% of your student representatives are working harder and more than you or anyone else may ever realize.

Your ill-informed opinions regarding those students who actually do care about the student body and NNC, and not themselves, are worthy of being treated better than this.

In regards to your comments about our use of Sodexo Marriott: "Every year...a few of the ASNNC members sweep into the cafeteria, boss everybody around, mess things up, attend the event, and then take off," to this I can say nothing else except, what?

I have been working with student government for the past couple of years, trying to attend every single event on campus, working hard with the rest of the council before and after every event. I am baffled as to what you

are referring.

If management (like you) and student employees have a problem with any part of our use of your facilities and nothing is mentioned to anyone but your roommates and your friends, then it is a poor display of leadership, not to mention management, to do nothing of the issue except write an article like this in the school newspaper.

If you want to see things get done within the organization of ASNNC and its student government leaders, then you, along with hundreds of others, need to communicate with those who can do something about your enigma.

I do not want this response to sound as if I am defending student government from the attacks of a silly opinions article which was obviously written without consideration or legitimate information, because our leaders do not need to be defended from such as this.

It is frustrating, however, for me to read this article laden with fallacies. I do not need more misconceptions on our campus or our community in regards to the purpose that Student Government faces. Your leaders and representatives are working and are working hard in their respective positions.

If you find this hard to believe, how about paying closer attention to the office holders, not those who reflect negative attitudes toward the organization or it's members, and then write your article.

Respectfully and sincerely submitted,

Shawn Blenker
NNC SGA President



Crusader Editors:

In the last edition of the *Crusader*, there was an article revealing the school's plans to implement a new firearms policy next year. As a gun owner and NNC student, I am outraged. There are so many problems with this plan I don't know where to start. To begin with, Head of Security Neil Weaver and other members of the administration have this backwards idea that not allowing guns to be safely stored on campus will somehow increase security. However, this is far from the truth.

Now, instead of the school having knowledge and control over who checks guns in, students who bring guns will keep them in some haphazard location off-campus or, more likely, in their vehicles. The policy states that students may not keep them in their vehicles. YEAH, RIGHT! How does the administration propose enforcing this policy? Are we going to start doing random vehicle checks at Campus Security's every whim? Under the old plan, students had to receive RD permission to check out their guns.

Under the new plan, students will simply have to access their firearms in their vehicles or off campus. There is NO control over a potentially angry student misusing a gun.

Before I go any farther, I need to state where I am coming from. I am an avid hunter and plan on hunting both deer and elk next term while here at NNC. One of the reasons I came to NNC is because of its proximity to outdoor activities, especially hunting. I am an avid supporter of gun safety and am very cautious with my own firearms.

Unfortunately, NNC has decided to enact a new rule that removes my rights to keep guns on campus. What makes me so angry is the statement by the Student Life Policy Committee that, "The decision was made easy due to the small number of students actually storing weapons on campus." SO WHAT? As soon as we start enacting policies because it only affects a limited number of students, we have headed down a steep and dangerous path.

What has been ignored throughout this procedure is that

ALL gun violations in recent years have involved either guns from off-campus, or guns improperly stored in students' rooms. Our current system of storing firearms in a locked gun safe requiring RD permission is the safest possible procedure!

Regarding next year, many NNC students, including myself, WILL be bringing firearms back to school. Because administration has made such a rash and foolhardy decision about our gun policy next year, I will have to find a place off-campus, or more likely, subvert the policy by concealing them in my vehicle. I have NO other option. So when my rifle is locked in my truck next year, accessible to anyone willing to break a window, don't point a finger at me but at those people in our administration who have made a decision out of complete ignorance and put me and others in such an awkward position. To lodge a complaint against this new policy, please call 8550 and stop the flood of foolishness that is engulfing our campus.

Ken Tennyson

Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues

"Do you agree with the new student life policy that prohibits weapons from being on campus?"



Sara Braker Freshman
Art Education Randolph, CA

"No. For the people who live far away from their homes and don't have family around, it's not fair. They have nowhere to store it.



Ryan Danker Sophomore
Philosophy Portland, OR

"Of course. I believe anyone who feels the need to have weapons at college is forgetting the reason they came here in the first place--especially a Christian College.



Jesse Ledbetter Junior
Music Ed. Amboy, WA

"Yeah, I think I would agree with that. We are here to further our education and I think that having a gun has nothing to do with furthering your education."



Judy Clark Senior
English Ed. Mtn. Home, ID

"I think with all the hunting in Idaho, people are going to bring them anyways. It would be better to have the RDs lock them up rather than have people smuggle them into their rooms or just keep them in their trucks or cars."

Plot twists keep attention in *The Love Letter*

This weekend proved to be a little less stressful at the movie theaters, with *Star Wars* already out and some of the hype subsided. One can now feel free to go to a movie without being faced with a creature sporting horns or wielding a light saber. Rather than opting for a fast-paced action film, I decided to give the film *The Love Letter* a try.

I had heard very little about this movie, other than that it had a fairly star-studded cast, or, at least, a familiar cast. It starred Kate Capshaw as Helen, a gentle, yet frustrated bookstore owner, Tom Selleck as George, the town's only fireman, Ellen Degeneres as the lusty assistant and Tom Everett Scott as Johnny, the young and foolish college boy.

The basic premise of the movie is that Helen suddenly finds a love letter. Although the letter isn't addressed to her, she assumes that it is meant for her eyes only and falls head over heels with the idea of being in love. The letter, also unsigned, creates a great mystery as it falls

into many different hands throughout the movie. However,

The Love Letter

Starring
Kate Capshaw
Tom Selleck
Ellen Degeneres

Reviewed by
Mindy Oldenkamp



it is Helen who deals with it the most, and who mistakenly believes it to be from the young, curious Johnny.

The two start an awkward affair and the movie begins to

grow rather odd. The characters are all citizens of a small oceanside town called Loblolly by the Sea, and they seem to have little else to do but attempt desperately to be involved in each other's lives and search for some sort of love in life.

Helen thinks the letter is from Johnny, who reads it and thinks it to be from her. This is complicated by the fact that George seems to be holding a passionate torch for Helen, but is being chased by the sex-crazed assistant portrayed by Degeneres.

At one point in the movie it seems that everyone is in love with the right person deep down, but no one is willing to admit it or accept it.

Eventually, Helen and her young lover realize the idiocy of their relationship, but it is then too late for Helen and George, who has had his heart stomped on too many times.

I don't know whether or not I like this movie or whether it was simply the first completely different film I'd seen in awhile, but



this movie really made me wonder. The ending provides closure to the appearance of the anonymous love letter, but not without throwing in an incredible twist of plot that I refuse to divulge.

At times I was frustrated with the simple-minded blindness of the characters when they dealt with their feelings. However, I left the theater thinking

that I hadn't made a bad seven dollar investment, just a rather odd one.

If you're in the mood for something a bit off the normal movie plot track, try *The Love Letter*. However, if you are easily confused or irritated by a constantly changing subplot and character line, then try seeing *Star Wars* again instead.

Dutch Inn Restaurant homey, inexpensive eatery

If you are looking for a non-expensive, homey restaurant, the Dutch Inn Restaurant is the place to go. It may not be a fancy restaurant, but the atmosphere and the food make it a relaxing place to eat at.

"Is the food Dutch?" is one of first questions many ask about this restaurant. The answer is no. The food is simple American food. They serve breakfast, lunch and dinner with a nice selection for each meal. They have about five different combination breakfasts: french toast, pancakes, Belgian waffles and omelets.

For lunch, the Dutch Inn has about twelve different sandwiches to choose from. There is a selection of steaks, different beef dishes, chicken seafood and pastas for dinner. For both lunch and dinner, there are about four or five different types of salads to choose from.

Besides having a large selection of tasty food, the prices of these meals are low, low enough for a college student. The most expensive dish costs about \$14.00 and that is a 12-ounce steak. The dinners usually cost around \$7.50, and that includes your choice of a potato and a soup or salad. Breakfast usually ranges from \$3.50 to \$7.00 and lunches range from

\$4.75 to \$5.25.

Even though the Dutch Inn's full meals are great, I know that there are times when a person just

The Dutch Inn

Located at:
1120 12th Avenue
Nampa, ID

Reviewed by
J. Vito Montebianco



isn't quite hungry enough to pay for an entire meal, and instead wants a nice dessert. The Dutch Inn is the place for that, too. At the Dutch Inn, there is a huge selection of homemade pies, including coconut cream, Dutch apple, Dutch chocolate, sour cream, blueberry and cherry, banana split, peanut butter and chocolate, and many more.

Besides pies, the restaurant has vanilla, chocolate, strawberry and peanut butter milkshakes, as well as three flavors of sherbert: orange, lime and raspberry.

With the huge selection of breakfasts, lunches, dinners and desserts, the restaurant still has more. They have an all-you-can-eat soup and salad bar. The salad bar includes fixings for salads as well as fruit and other pre-made vegetable or fruit salads. The fresh homemade dressings also add a nice touch to the bar.

If you're more interested in the soup, there are two options available every day at the bar, each one freshly made, including clam chowder, cheese and bacon, creamy broccoli and many more.

With their great selection, rea-

And by the way, if you do stop in, just ask for the tall, Peruvian waiter to be your server---I'll make sure that your experience at the Dutch Inn Restaurant is the best it can be.

sonable prices and extremely convenient location for NNC students, there's no reason not to try this great place.

So the next time you start complaining about Marriott, or want to go out to a restaurant but do not have a car, or you want to take a girl on a date that will not cost an arm and a leg, think about the Dutch Inn Restaurant. It's a nice, homey, relaxing restaurant, open seven to nine Monday through Friday, eight to nine on Saturday and eight to eight on Sunday.

And by the way, if you do stop in, just ask for the tall, Peruvian waiter to be your server. I'll make sure that your experience at the Dutch Inn Restaurant is the best it can be.

Crusader Reviews

Our Rating System

- ✓✓✓ OPEN UP A CAN OF...
- ✓✓ BETTER THAN MOST
- ✓ TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT
- ✓ PIECE O' TRASH
- ☹ OPT FOR THE LUTEFISK

Reviews printed in *The Crusader's* Opinions pages reflect solely the view of the reviewer and are not necessarily the views of anyone else let alone the General Church of the Nazarene or NNC.

All reviewers are PAID for their work. Contact the Opinions editor Kadee Wirick at 8276 or Nathan Hydes at 8490 if you would like to contribute to these pages.

Celebration Park natural playland, full of fun

This Saturday, with adrenaline pulsing through my veins and the sunshine beckoning to me to make the most of my day outside, I had the fabulous opportunity to go to Celebration Park, a very cool spot just outside of the extremely podunk town of Melba. (My apologies to any of you who might be from Melba.) Upon arriving there, I was greeted with the incredible view of the Snake River carving its way through the Idahoan terrain.

There are tons of fun activities to do at Celebration Park. There are lots of trails that take you along the river, so if you like hiking or mountain biking, it's great for these. This area of the park is a national Birds of Prey area, so if you enjoy bird-watching this would definitely be the place to do it.

The Interpretive Center is in the park, and, if it's open, you can look at Native American ar-



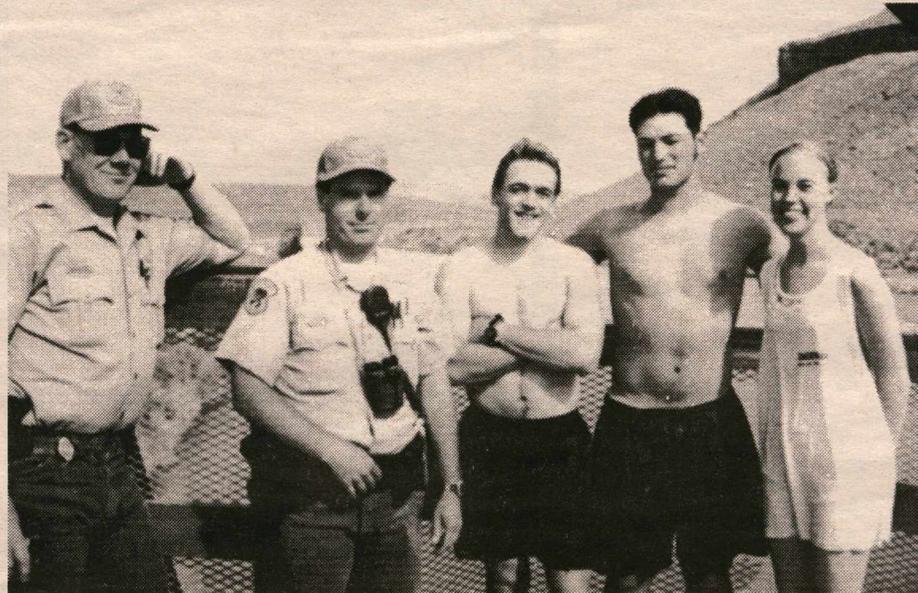
Sophomore Nathan Bankston tucks his feet under his body, holds his breath and lunges toward the Snake River at Celebration Park.

rowheads and other products of the excavations that have taken place in this former winter home of the Native Americans of the area. Down by the Interpretive Center is a boulder field where you can look at the ancient petroglyphs. And, of course, if you just like to play in the river, there's plenty of fishing and swimming to do. Jennifer Holmquist also informed me that Celebration Park is great for horseback riding

The main reason I went was to go bridge jumping with a couple of my friends, including our fearless tour guide, Nathan Bankston. Nathan knows just about every hiking, mountain biking and (I guess) bridge jumping spot in the Treasure Valley, and, after leading our caravan through the metropolis of Melba, and around a windy dirt road, he brought us to the bridge.

The bridge is a lovely, old-school wooden structure that has metal beams about six feet down from the surface of the bridge. These beams provide a great place to stand before one plunges down into the Snake River. Legend has it ("legend" being Eric Emmert) that the drop from the beams to the river measures about 47 feet. Let me be the first to say that it looks a heck of a lot longer, especially if you are on your way down from the bridge, waiting and waiting and waiting, and you still haven't hit water.

Some very nice Fish and Wildlife Conservation men were patrolling the area and happened to drive up as I was making my descent into the river. Their largest concern was that we had been boozing, but after a few minutes of talking to us, they figured out that we hadn't been doing so. Nathan talked to them about the



Sophomores Nathan Bankston, Gerry Singleterry and Kadee Wirick pose in front of the Snake River with two Fish and Game Conservation officers after plunging 47 feet off of the bridge at Celebration Park. Besides bridge jumping, the park is home to an Interpretive Center, hiking and horseback trails and many other fun activities.

area for a little while and explained to them that we were bridge jumping.

The Fish and Wildlife guys

that the river wouldn't be as high, and that during those times it was not to try bridge jumping.

There are two different ways to get to Celebration Park. The first way will take you straight to the bridge, if you're more inclined for bridge jumping and that sort of thing. To do that, take Highway 45 (12th Street) approximately 12-13 miles to Melba Junction. Take a left at the junction. Turn right at the first stop sign you come to, and at the second stop sign in Melba take another right. At the next stop sign go straight until you get to Hove Road. Take a right on Hove and follow that until Canyon Road, where you'll want to take a left. At the second stop sign on Canyon, turn right. At the bottom of the hill, turn left onto a gravel road called Sinker Road. Follow Sinker all the way to the bridge (you'll cross over some very noisy cattle grates, but don't mind them) and you will find yourself facing the Snake River.

If you're more interested in the fun cultural stuff or looking at

the petroglyphs, the second route is probably for you. To go this way, you again go down 12th street, turn left at Melba Junction, take a right at the first stop sign, and follow the road through Melba until the second stop sign that you take a right to.

Now here is where the difference is. After taking the last right, follow the road until the next stop sign, where you will turn left. Go straight, and when the road curves into Can-Ada road, follow it. Go straight on Can-Ada until Victory Lane. Take a right on Victory and follow it as it winds down into the Snake River Valley. Victory will turn into a dirt road, but just keep following it until it ends up in a paved parking lot.

Upon leaving Celebration Park, I felt extremely happy that I'd been able to come and see this little gem of Idaho. For any of you who enjoy hiking, swimming, walking, bridge jumping or just enjoy looking at the beauty of God's creation, I would definitely recommend visiting Celebration Park.

Celebration Park

Located on:
Victory Lane
Outside of Melba, ID

Reviewed by
Kadee Wirick



told us that it was okay to do it right now because the water was deep enough during this part of the year, but they warned us that there were other times of the year

Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues

"What was the best part about Malibu Days?"



Naomi Falby Freshman Computer Science Salinas, CA

"Getting to put my hands inside the pig and pull the meat off the bones."



Chad Stoltzfus Sophomore Child. Min. CO Springs, CO

"The best part was the luau. I kind of liked the sweet and sour chicken stuff."



Eric Emmert Junior Youth Min. Okla. City, OK

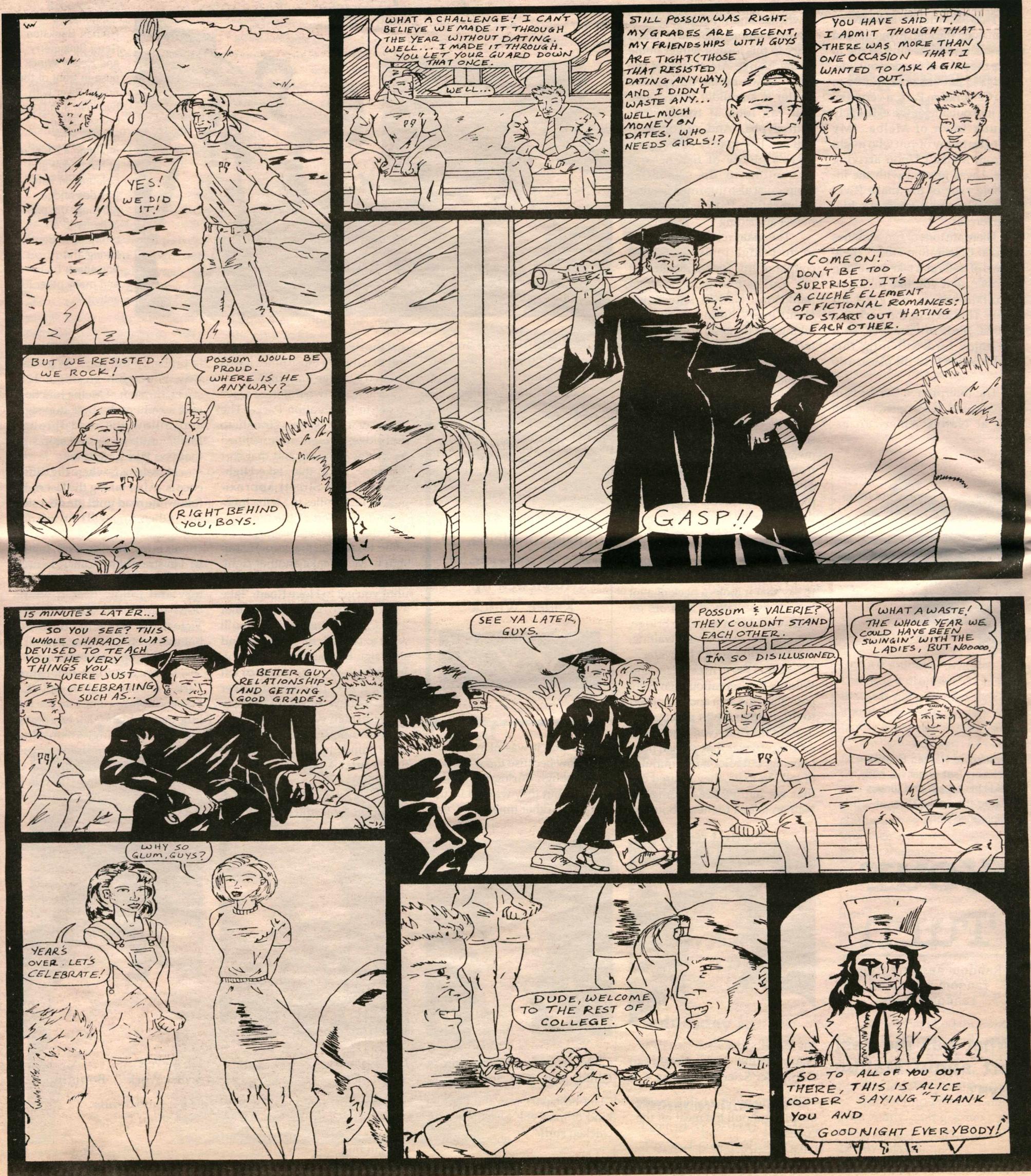
"The best part about Malibu Days was doing a front flip off of Mason's shoulders. The worst part was landing."



Jen Revels Senior Social Work Bountiful, UT

"The mocktails. I'm a mockaholic."

Possum - by Ryan Close



ShowTimes

In Nampa This Week

Cineplex-Odeon
465-4957

The Matrix R · 715 1015
The Out-of-Towners PG-13 · 530 730
930
Star Wars PG · 500 700 800 1000
1100
Notting Hill PG-13 · 815 1050
Never Been Kissed PG-13 · 745 1030

Linden 3
454-8687

The Mummy PG-13 · 445 710 935
Entrapment PG-13 · 510 730 945
The 13th Floor R · 520 720 940

Nampa Frontier Cinemas
467-7469

Baby Geniuses PG · 700

Karcher Reel Theatre
377-2620

Payback R · 910 1115
The King and I G · 100 300 715
My Favorite Martian PG-13 · 515 715
915

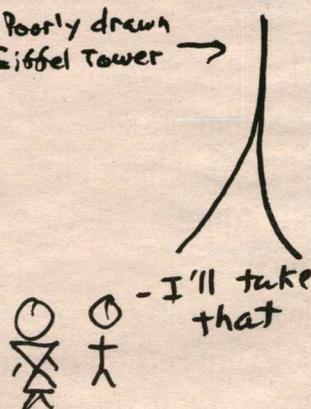
Contact these cinemas for
showtime information:
The Flicks · 342-4222
Edwards 21 · 377-1700

The theatres listed above reserve the
right to change their showtimes
without notice.

Poorly Drawn Man - by David Stillman

Poorly Drawn Man
goes to Paris

Poorly drawn
Eiffel Tower →

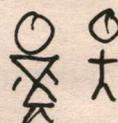
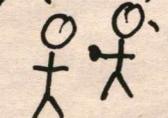


He returns with
a gift for
Dr. Hagood

tower →

Set it down
by the Trinity
Statue

Here's your
Piggy bank



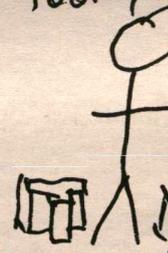
- I'll take
that

Names of people I
promised to put in
Poorly Drawn Man
but always forgot

Erin Harni
Seth Davick
Monica Olsen
Sean Connery
Herbert Yiblenki
Badger S. Co

This
smudged
name is
yours

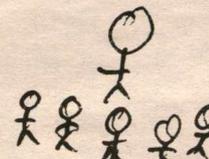
NBC replaces the
tower with a
6,000 foot statue of
Poorly Drawn Man



We love
Poorly Drawn
Man
£££

He is immediately captured!
by 6,000 kids playing
"where in the world is
Carmen Sandiego

Do I go to prison,
like Seinfeld?



It is eaten by the
giant sand worm
from Dune

Some things just
weren't meant to
be remembered



Mmm
Yummy

To the class of 1999, the world is your oyster

Members of the graduating
Class of 1999:

When I gaze out upon you, so young and proud in your caps and gowns, the thought that goes through my mind, as your commencement speaker today, is: Where did you get those caps? The House of Dorks? What's the point of getting all this education if you don't have enough sense to say "no" when the authorities tell you to attend your commencement ceremony wearing what appears to be a pizza box? What if the authorities told you to attend your commencement with a live duck strapped on your head? Would you do THAT? I would! Think of the advantages! When the commencement speaker started droning away, you could gently prod your duck with a Bic pen, and when it started quacking, you could get up and announce: "I have to leave! There's something wrong with my duck!"

That's the kind of initiative you need to show, young people. Because we are approaching the Dawn of the New Millennium, and the question is: How are you, the Class of 1999, going to

respond when the Clock-Radio of Challenge emits the Irritating Buzz of Opportunity? Are you going to roll over and hit the Snooze Button of Complacency? Or are you going to wake up and, after performing the Bodily Functions of Preparedness, boldly grasp the Toothbrush of Tomorrow?

I hope so, Class of 1999. I hope you are ready to take over, because my generation is getting old and tired. And we have good reason to be tired: We won World War II. No, wait, that was our parents. But my generation did watch a lot of grueling movies about World War II. Then, for a while, we tried to solve the problems of society. Eventually we gave up on that and started looking for "closure." Today we have given up on "closure" and would settle for a good herbal laxative.

So we're basically finished, and the time has come for us to pass the torch on to you. But before we do, we must ask you a very important question: Where the heck did we put the torch? We can't find ANYTHING any more. By conservative estimate, my

Dave Barry

Syndicated humor
columnist



generation has now spent 50 times as much time looking for its car keys as it ever spent protesting war and racism. I, personally, right now, own at least 247 pairs of reading glasses, and the only way I can find any of them is when I step on a pair in my bare feet.

So it is up to you, the Class of 1999, to do whatever it was I was saying. And now is the time! Think of the opportunities you have! You have the Internet! My generation did not have the Internet. When my generation needed a piece of information, such as the population of Rhode Island, we had to haul out the encyclopedia, which was a bunch of dusty old heavy books that smelled like unlaundered socks. First we had to figure out what book "Rhode Island" was in, which was difficult because the books were labeled with Secret Encyclopedia Code phrases such as "Quisling — Rotogravure."

Then we had to manually look up "Rhode Island," using the alphabet, which, like long division and the song "Polly Wolly Doodle," is probably not taught in schools anymore. THEN we had to hunt around for the population statistics, which were comically inaccurate because our encyclopedias were always way out of date, having been written when there were only about 17 states and scientists thought the Moon was carried across the sky by a big turtle.

Things are much easier for you, the Class of 1999, thanks to the Internet. All you have to do is type in the words "population of Rhode Island" into your computer, and within a few seconds, the number appears on your computer screen: 467,298. This is not the population of Rhode Island, of course: This is the number of Web sites that have contain the words "population," "Rhode," "Island" or "of." So you start clicking away with your mouse pointer, and 14 hours later, you find yourself looking at a Web site entitled "Poison Frogs of the Congo Delta." You have no idea how you got there, except that along the way you purchased two

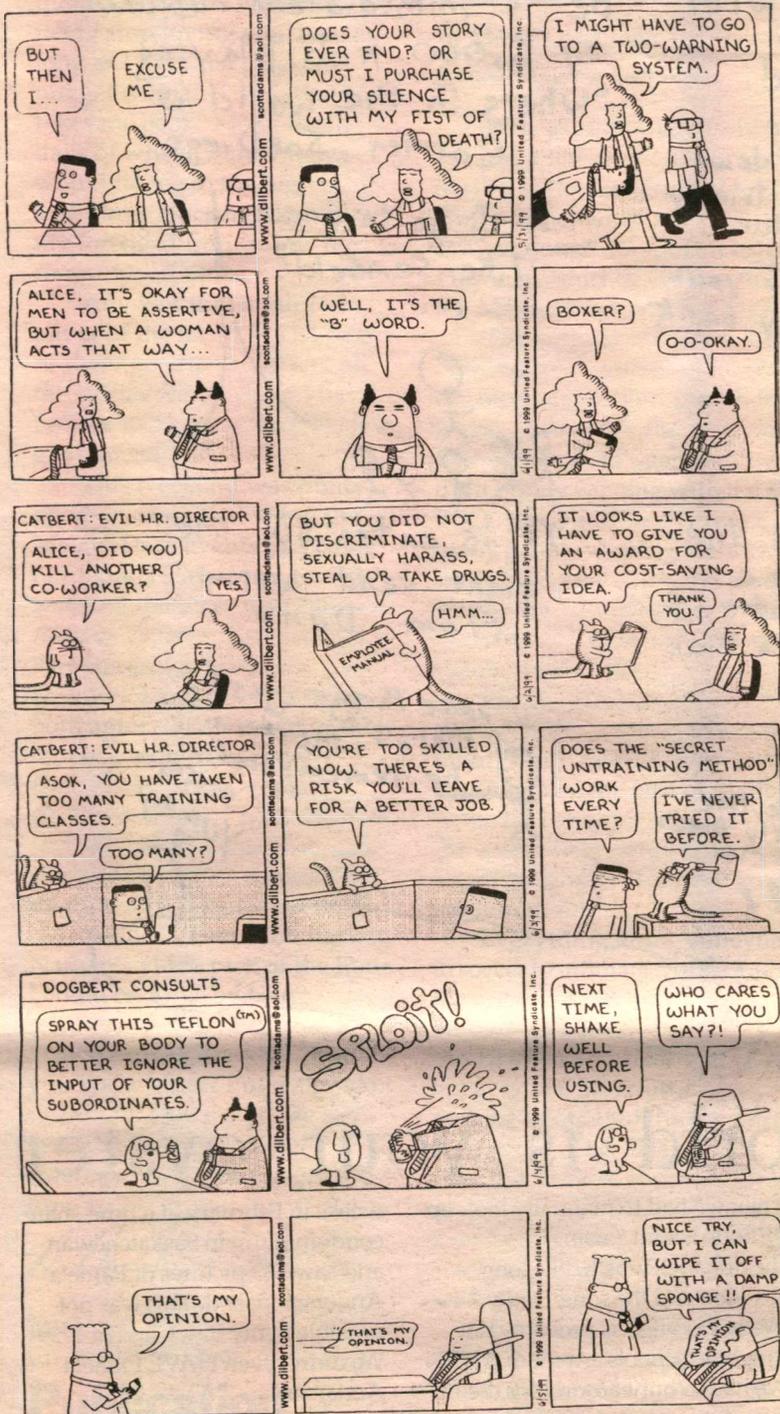
weeks in February at a time-share condominium in Saskatchewan and saw 583 pictures of Pamela Anderson naked. This was not possible in my day, Class of 1999! We didn't even HAVE Pamela Anderson!

Yes, it's a bright new world you're entering, Class of 1999 — a world that will offer many exciting career opportunities, such as tattoo removal, which, trust me, is going to be the next Internet, once you all start having children and get tired of explaining to them how come mommy and daddy have bad words written on their butts. Ha ha! I wish I could be there to see it! Unfortunately, by then I'll be spending pretty much full time looking for my dentures.

In closing, let me leave you with the words of the great educator Dr. Quisling P. Rotogravure, who said: "Fare thee well; fare thee well; sing polly wolly doodle all the day." Remember those words, Class of 1999. And put sunscreen on your duck.

Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him c/o Tropic Magazine, The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami FL 33132.

Dilbert® by Scott Adams



Dilbert® is the property of United Media Services. Used by permission. The Crusader does not sanction or advocate occupations or working.

Top Ten uses for Marriott food

10. Laxative
9. Rat poison
8. Spackel
7. Weed killer
6. Conversation piece
5. Incentive to diet
4. Putting hair on your chest
3. Substitute for hormone injection
2. Target practice
1. One more reason to go home

Submitted by: Will Robinson

Top Ten Ways to beat the Nampa heat

10. Wear speedos
9. Drink iced chicken broth
8. Box a side of beef like "Rocky" in a freezer
7. Indulge yourself on quichesickles
6. Goof around with liquid nitrogen
5. Go to class - naked
4. Skip class - naked
3. Eat frozen chicken nuggets all day and night.
2. Take a bath in Super Fudge Brownie ice cream
1. Lounge around naked in the Marriott salad bar

Submitted at Top Ten Cafe by:

Jaden Perry, Tom Andrews, and various Crusader staff members

This list is proudly sponsored by:

Top Ten Café
Thursdays • 9-12

Fill your stamp cards for free drinks this week.

Stop by the Top Ten Cafe at the Brick House this Thursday!
Study for finals, relax or just hang out - It's your last chance to get the BRICK this year, so see you there!

Employment Opportunity

Need a summer job?

Teach independent living skills to children and adults with disabilities.

Various schedules between 8am-6pm. Will work around school schedules. \$6/hr.

For more informations call Stephanie @ Community Partnerships, 376-4999, or apply in Nampa @ 14 12th Ave S. Suite 214.

Sun Valley Ski Resort

Sun Valley, Idaho

Workers Needed for this coming summer!

Employee Housing and Skiing Benefits Offered.

Stop by the Student Resource Center for an application or call

1-800-894-9946

EOE/MF

Summer Jobs at the Beach!

- Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center has paid summer ministry positions in our children's program, dining room food services, housekeeping and more!

- All positions are paid and include meals, housing and two days off each week to explore the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

- To apply, call or write: (503) 436-1501. E-mail: cbcc@seasurf.com