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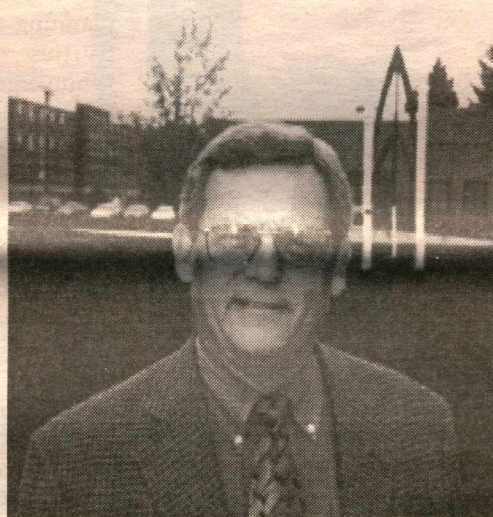
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Column One

I want all of you to know how much determination I have. Last night was my 21st birthday, and I spent the entire evening in the Crusader office working on the paper. People kept asking me how much I would be partying on my birthday, but I refused to entertain such thoughts. After all, my biggest birthday wish came true. The New Kids on the Block are back together for a reunion. Danny, Donnie, Jordan, Joe, and Jon are back and they're just as cute as ever. That's the best birthday gift a guy could ask for.

One thing that I've been pondering this week is the idea of mother/daughter weekend. Why isn't there a mother/son weekend? Or maybe a father/daughter weekend? Or dare I say a father/son weekend? By having only a mother/daughter weekend, is NNC telling us that sons don't have close bonds to their parents? Either way, maybe it's for the better. It's got to be hard to find stuff in Nampa to entertain your parents with. What do you do, take them to the Karcher Mall and look at the Mexicans with 20 gallon hats on and belt buckles that say Big Paco? Perhaps your parents would enjoy some fine dining at Long Juicy Hamburgers. I think mother/daughter weekend is a great idea. I just think that it excludes a big part of the student body.

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Weekend for mothers and daughters

by Sarah Pearson
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For those who didn't notice the sudden abundance of mothers these past few days, this weekend was NNC's second annual Mother/Daughter weekend. Started last year by Lindsay Mittelstaedt after hearing about the idea at the 1997 Nazarene Student Leadership Conference, the



Kari Buckendorf stops in the Brandt Center during the busy Mother/Daughter weekend for a picture with her mom.

Mother/Daughter weekend began this past Friday and finished off Sunday. The choices of activities for those who attended this yearly event ranged from going to the Boise Philharmonic to a nature walk, the Yogurt Affaire for games and food, or simply shopping.

Registration began Friday afternoon around three o'clock at the Alumni House, with dinner at Sodexho-Marriott, a welcome at Clydes, and the Boise Philharmonic later that night. The mothers were given a walking tour of Nampa on Saturday morning, going to downtown Nampa to see the area, then coming back to more activities such as a Mary Kay facial. A luncheon was hosted by Marriott Saturday afternoon with a fashion show by several NNC ladies featuring clothing from the Bon Marche, several little trivia questions to the families, and pictures of the young ladies with their mothers.

Jenelle Smith gave a surprise solo when the question of a song about flowers was raised, singing "Where have all the flowers gone?" Saturday night was for devotions in Clydes, with cookies and milk being served. Sunday morning was brunch once again in Sodexho-Marriott, attendance of any of the local churches, then whatever else the families decided before the mothers had to leave once more.

There were several people who helped to organize the weekend. Junella Hagood was by far the most active at setting up the luncheon. Kari Buckendorf was the coordinator, helping out with the details of the weekend and planning all the activities. Tiffany White organized the fashion show, called "A Splash of Spring" and featured the spring line of the Bon Marche. Kristy Heffner was in charge of taking pictures of the mothers and daughters or whoever wanted their pictures taken. About twenty NNC men, directed by Dana Grierson, helped to serve at the Saturday luncheon. Kelly Jones,

wife of the pastor of Karcher Church of the Nazarene was the speaker at the luncheon, and Missy Rasmussen spoke for the Saturday night devotions in Clydes.

Not every mother-daughter duo stuck to the schedule given by the coordinators. The Idaho Horse Expo, held at the Idaho

Center, attracted a few of the families, as did the numerous shops and stores around the Nampa/Boise area. Sightseeing around the capital building in Boise, the Botanical Gardens, and taking walks in several of the parks just around the corner were



Missy Potter and her mother enjoying their time together at the banquet.

also popular. Many girls confessed to not attending many of the NNC activities, preferring to spend quality time with their mothers.

A great many people went out shopping for much of the weekend, going all over Boise and Nampa to find the stores. Old Navy, the Gap, and stores in Karcher Mall were some of the shops visited, although several also said they had gone to the Outlet mall next to the freeway. "Not everyone is rich, but there's a lot to choose from around here," said sophomore Michelle Miller as she unloaded some of her new clothing from Gap and Old Navy. "Me and my mom didn't go to many of the school events, but we shopped and ate a lot and still had lots of fun."

"One of the best things about this weekend was having my roommate's parents meet my par-

ents," Jenelle Smith stated with a big grin. "We tried to get them together earlier this year but couldn't find the time. My roommate from last year's mother and mine hit it off, and their friendship has been getting stronger. My parents and my present

roommate's mothers finally met, and they liked each other too."

Quite a few of the dorms were empty of people as mothers, and sometimes grandmothers, were shown around the Nampa-Boise area.

Many NNC ladies weren't able to bring their mothers to the weekend either due to cost or time. Some of the girls banded together and went out much of the weekend, seeing such movies as "Never Been Kissed," "Blast from the Past," and "The Matrix." Others of us who were without mothers helped to coordinate and run the activities like registration, setting up the tables for the various meals, and modeling the clothes at the luncheon.

"It might sound trite, but this weekend was about bonding," Jenelle Smith stated. "We don't see our mothers very often, and it was fun to have them here."

Kari Buckendorf says they have future plans for the Mother/Daughter weekend, but for now they simply believe in getting it firmly established as an NNC tradition. "We've talked about expanding it in the future to a family weekend so that the NNC guys can also be a part of it, but we're going to take it one step at a time for now. This is only the second year we've done this, and it's started off very well. Perhaps someday we'll make the change to having it for the whole family, but that time is probably years down the road."



Maren Larsen and her mother spend some quality time together baking.

Recognizing a long-time servant among us

by Mindy Oldenkamp

Crusader Campus Writer

Perhaps you have seen him near the drink stations in the back of Marriot. He is the quiet, friendly man who keeps everything running. Or maybe you have been one of the people he has politely handed a cup to while you wait in line for your turn at the Pepsi. Or maybe you have only seen him passing by at the salad bar as he's on his way to see whatever we might need, spying his shy smile as he hurries by. This dark-haired man with a moustache is Nathan Miller, the Milk Runner of Marriott.

When I asked Nathan if I might steal a few minutes of his time to do an interview for the Crusader, he seemed rather puzzled. I explained to him that I had heard that he was doing an excellent job and would like to in-

terview him for a small article of appreciation. The first words out of his mouth were, "I don't know why you would pick me, there are more people here that do a lot more than I do." He seemed slightly embarrassed. It is Nathan's gentleness and humility that make what he does so outstanding. However shy and quiet he may be, it is his dedication to perfection that makes him shine.

Nathan has always been a Nampa, Idaho guy—he was actually born right here on NNC's campus when the Music and Art building was a hospital. He began working for Marriott as a part time employee in 1982, just after high school. Under the management of Dick White, the job started as a way for him to earn money for hunting season and eventually turned into a full-time job four years ago, though he still gets opening week of hunting

season off. To Nathan, his job is more than just making sure that the milk and juice are full and flowing, that things are running smoothly and there is enough fruit and cereal to make us students happy. It's remembering the people and the special things they like to have, or doing his best to "get something for someone who seems to feel like they are all alone in the dark."

"There used to be one young guy that always liked to have apple sauce, and whenever I knew he was coming, I would do my best to have some out for him." Nathan's dedication to the people he serves is what makes him stand out. He takes a great deal of pride in doing his job right and values making people happy. When I mentioned that this was one of the qualities that we wanted to recognize, he again seemed embarrassed, "I try so hard to keep everything done

without being noticed. I must be out there too much."

When I asked Nathan if there was anything he didn't like about working at Marriott, it took him a moment to answer. When he replied, his humble attitude once again showed, "I don't like working overtime. I also work for my family on a 160 acre farm." The only other concern Nathan has about his job is that he doesn't have enough time to get everything stocked, set out, and ready for the students before they come in to eat. "It should be ready before they get there, and I should be out of the way. They shouldn't have to wait for anything."

Along with his incredible servant's heart, Nathan is also somewhat of a prankster. When I asked him about the most exciting or memorable part of his was, he developed a rather mischievous grin and answered, "Getting back at the cooks and having

them get back at me." It seems that Nathan likes to keep things fun and likes to help keep his co-workers happy, whether it be by tying one of the cook's apron strings to a rolling cart, or heading out to his truck to head home after a long day's work only to find it decorated with toilet paper and other sticky, stuff.

To Nathan, the satisfaction and happiness of people around him is what makes his job important and fun. He strives to keep things running smoothly and everybody content. As we finished the interview he repeated his original statement, "I don't know why you would pick me, there are so many people who do so much more than I..." However, Nathan's high quality job is more than noticeable, so next time you see him headed for more cups or going to get a fork for a student who dropped one, smile and let him know he's appreciated.

Another opportunity for students

by Jeremy Lee

Campus Crusader Writer

Do you ever wonder if there's something else that you can do to make your college experience more worthwhile? Have you ever wanted to be involved in service with so many options that anything is possible? There are a huge number of clubs on campus which boast many qualities that would make you lean toward their membership a little more than others. Can any of these clubs help you to achieve a better self-image, good leadership opportunities, and help your friends and community? Of course they can, but none is quite as beneficial as the Circle K club.

Circle K International is the largest college organization dedicated to service in the world. With over 500 clubs in nine countries it's one of the powerhouse clubs on campuses all over the world.

The size is not the only great thing about Circle K, though. The dedicated service and mission of it's members is what pushes Circle K to new heights.

Ever heard of Kiwanis International or KEY Club International? Yes, your parents are in Kiwanis or you were in KEY Club in high school. Circle K is the college version of those clubs.

1936 was the year Circle K

was first instituted on Washington State University's campus. It was originally a loser fraternity started by the Kiwanis club of Pullman, WA. Circle K's official birthday was in 1947 when the first actual club, as recognized by Kiwanis International, was built at Carthage College in Illinois. During the next eight years, over 168 clubs were started by different Kiwanis clubs all over the U.S.



The news officers of the Circle K club, Sarah Keller, Chandell Lighthill, Jeremy Lee, Spring Fisk, and Shawn Shafer, meet to inform others about the Circle K club.

and Canada. The Circle K first founded at NNC was among the first to be built in the Pacific Northwest region. Beat that!

Circle K International is administered by a Board of Trustees composed of eleven trustees.

These trustees are college students who have just as much homework as you do yet still manage to run the greatest service organization at the college level. These trustees oversee all of the various Districts that make up Circle K International. We are located in the loser Utah-Idaho District. Not bad because of the Kiwanis, but because there are two active Circle K clubs in the

lines for service, Circle K has its doors wide open to do any amount of service the club can handle. From Easter egg hunts to building playgrounds, Circle K has done it all. I've even heard of everything from topless carwashes to senior citizen disco dances! All the Circle K clubs are self-governed and mostly self-financed. A large portion of their service projects come from the help of the sponsoring Kiwanis club which helps with financial support as well as many other joint projects. To aid in the service aspect, Circle K International Board of Trustees has a Service Initiative that members are encouraged to follow with various service activities and projects.

The current Circle K club on campus is just starting to get back into the swing of things. Salvation Army visits and highway cleanups are just a few of the upcoming projects that are set to begin very soon. If you or anyone you know loves to do service and wants to get involved in the biggest college organization on the planet, please give one of the officers a call. The officers are Jeremy Lee-President, Spring Fisk-Vice President, Chandell Lighthill-Vice President, Sara Keller-Secretary, and Shawn Shafer-Treasurer. Also check out the Circle K web site at www.circlek.org.

Campus Events

April 22

-NNC will be putting on a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. It will be upstairs in the Montgomery Fieldhouse. Call RaChelle Lundy at 467-8019 for more information.

-There will be a Career Fair in NNC's Montgomery Fieldhouse from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is sponsored by Northwest Nazarene College and Albertson College of Idaho and will include 90 vendors.

April 21

-The L.E. Wesche Outstanding Service to Education Award will be awarded to Bette Moore at 10:15 a.m. in Brandt Center's Swayne Auditorium.

April 24

-There will be a Senior Slick/Car Rally at 4:00 p.m. Participants should meet at the gym parking lot. The cost is \$5.00 per car. There will be a barbecue afterwards.

April 29

-The housing information meeting will be held at 10:15 a.m. in the Science Lecture Hall. The housing applications will be available after the meeting.

Important information on NNC's change to semesters

Starting this week, there will be a new informational feature every week. A corner of the Campus section will be devoted to relaying information on the upcoming change from the quarter callander to semesters.

There is a concern that many students are not comfortable with the upcoming change. It is hoped that by featuring information on the change to semesters, students will be more informed on what is happening and, therefore, become more comfortable about the move to semesters.

This week, we will start with the Fairness Statement to the students. After this week, included in this section will be frequently asked questions and the answers to these questions.

NNC's Fairness Statement

Northwest Nazarene College pledges to students that they will not be penalized by the conversion to the semester system.

NO loss of credit. You will not lose credit as a result of the semester conversion for any of the courses you have already taken. The quarter hour credits you have earned will be converted to semester hour credits and counted toward fulfilling your degree requirements. If you are enrolled before the fall of 2000, old and new catalog requirements will be combined so you will not lose credits or progress toward degree completion.

NO change in current program requirements. You will not be required to take any more courses under the semester calender than your quarter program currently requires.

NO delay in graduation. Your graduation date should not be delayed by semester conversion if you have been, and continue to progress in timely manner (average 16 credits per term/semester).

NO increased costs. Your annual tuition and fee cost will not go up as a result of the conversion to semesters. However, under the semester system, you will pay fees only twice a year.

Find fun and food at Senior Slick

by Jeff Norris

Campus Crusader Writer

Don't miss the Sr. Slick Car Rally on April 24th, put on by the Sr. Class council and various NNC faculty members. Everyone is invited to this all-school event! Registration will be located in the Student Center lobby.

Instead of doing a variety show similar to Fresheree, the class council for 1999 decided to

do something different. Sr. Slick will be like a scavenger hunt in which the participants will be given clues that will lead them driving all over Nampa. Pack as many of your buddies in your car as you want. There is only a \$5 registration fee per car. Now you may ask, "What's in it for me?" GREAT PRIZES! There won't be plastic sand shovels or cheap stuff. However, there will be plenty of food and drinks for ev-

everyone at the barbecue afterward!

I know what you're thinking! "It's going to be a mad dash through Nampa using every shortcut you know!" Nope. It's not the fastest time that will win, but whoever comes in closest to an undisclosed time pre-determined by the coordinators of the scavenger hunt. The Car Rally will begin Saturday at 4 pm and each car will leave from the Montgomery Fieldhouse parking lot in

5-minute intervals.

Each car will need to bring some necessary equipment, including a phone book and a Bible. A map of Nampa with directions to Brasch World will be provided for each registered car.

So don't forget to bring all of your friends and your five bucks to sign up just outside Marriott. If you have any questions, call me, Jeff Norris, at 8488. See you there!



College Choir performed on Sunday at the Cathedral of the Rockies in Boise. The service will be broadcasted on the radio next Sunday on KBOI 670AM at 7:30 a.m.

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NNC hosts a career fair for students

by Andrea Weisen

Crusader Campus Writer

On Thursday, April 22, the gymnasium on NNC's campus will be invaded by suits. Business suits that is. NNC will be hosting the third annual Career Fair jointly with Albertson College. From 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Over 90 companies and businesses will present themselves for students to explore and make connections with. Company employees will be on hand to answer questions and to give information for those who are interested.

The Career Fair has enjoyed an increased turnout every year since its beginning three years ago. In its first year, it offered only 28 vendors, while last year, it presented 74 organizations. Student attendance has also improved with approximately one-third of the student body attending. Dianna Gunderson, a major of NNC's Career Center responsible for the planning and hosting of the fair, stated, "Most career centers feel they have done a

good job if ten percent of the student body attends their Career Fair."

According to Gunderson, the secret of this event's success is the whole-hearted support displayed by the NNC community. Many Professors have, in the past, urged students to attend the fair by canceling class or by giving the student assignments requiring attendance. "The faculty are extremely supportive and encourage students to attend," Gunderson said.

While the vendors attending the fair vary extensively, students should easily be able to identify the companies within their interests. In preparation for the fair each Department Chair is asked for a list of companies that they would like to see at the fair, and then these vendors are informally grouped according to majors or student interests. These vendors are interested in seeing all students, so everyone from Freshmen to Seniors are encouraged to attend. The companies attending this third-annual fair cover a full

spectrum, from Accountemps to the Department of Corrections for Idaho and Oregon, all the way to Vista Care Hospice. Each company will have a table set up with information about its company, from education requirements to future career options.

An important aspect of this Career Fair is the opportunity to make face to face contact with employees at companies of interest. The fair itself is designed with college students in mind, and it is not unusual for students to find internships and jobs in their fields. Speaking with a representative of a company of interest is much more personal than the traditional method of sending in applications or resumes. As Gunderson said, "It is a good opportunity to make a first impression."

Since, for the past two years the Career Fair has been hosted on NNC's campus, NNC students make up the majority of the crowd attending the fair. The companies attending the fair have commented on how impres-

sive the quality of NNC students is. Fourteen other colleges and universities receive invitations, and the fair is open to anyone who wants to attend. If the prospect of employment is not enough to entice students, there will also be refreshments and door prizes. For eligibility in the drawings for prizes, visitors need to collect ten company signatures.

The main door prize for this year's fair will be a CD player. Numbered tickets for the door prize as well as maps of the vendor sites will be mailed to each student. The maps will also be available at the gym. Even though not everyone is assured of a prize attending, this event will benefit everyone. As the head of operations, Gunderson shares, "It is going to be great. It is hard for me to communicate what a good opportunity this is for all students." Show your support for NNC and the Career Center and gain some invaluable information for your future on Thursday, April 22, and attend this year's Career Fair.



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



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Scientists discover planets orbiting distant star

by Heather Oglevie
World News Staff Writer

In a galaxy as large as ours, it was bound to happen, but that doesn't make it any less exciting when it does. Three planets have been discovered around Upsilon Andromedae, in the constellation Andromeda, a star visible from Earth.

Although would-be space explorers may be disappointed at its inaccessibility, the star is 44 light years or roughly 264 trillion Earth miles away, these three planets compose the first discovered planetary system which may be similar to our own.

The three planets were discovered by astronomer Geoffrey Marcy of San Francisco State University and are all much larger than Earth--the method of detec-

tion is unable to detect planets much smaller than Jupiter. Seasoned planet-hunter R. Paul Butler, Marcy's colleague, discovered the first planet in 1996 by tracking the pattern of Doppler shifts around the star; this pattern is affected by the gravitational pull of an orbiting planet, a "wobble" being the result.

Butler's method has since then become standard and has been used to discover around 20 new planets. However, in the case of Upsilon Andromeda, an extra "wobble" occurred even after the first planet's orbit was taken into account. This "wobble" led Marcy and his colleagues to the exciting conclusion that two more planets must exist in the system.

Since Upsilon Andromeda is a star in the same class as our sun, the possibility does exist that an

Earth-like planet (or moon) and possibly even the stuff of science fiction, extraterrestrial life, may be found in this new system.

However, a few cautions are in order. The three planets present a pseudo-Goldilocks scenario: The first planet is perhaps three-quarters the size of Jupiter but far too hot to support life, it is 6 million miles from its sun and completes an orbit every 4.6 Earth days. The third is at least four times as large as Jupiter and is far too cold unless your preference is for -112 degree Fahrenheit days.

The second planet, or more likely one of its moons, might be just right, with a 242-day orbit and the potential for liquid water (somewhere between 60-140 degrees F, not at all bad for such chancy conditions).

Because of the large size and

erratic orbits of these three planets, the chances of any Earth-sized planets within the system is slim indeed, any planets of this size drawn to the star initially were most likely flung out again by larger cousins, although such planets could be found upon closer inspection.

This hope is what sparks the efforts of Marcy, Butler, and Charles Beichman, the head of the Origins program within NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, who sees this triple discovery as a rebuttal to the skeptics of Butler's Doppler method.

"It's just so spectacular," says Beichman, "because in science we say, 'Well, we think it's like this.' But there is no substitute for really demonstrating that you're right." Because of this hope, scientists such as Marcy, Butler, and

Beichman have confidence that in time they will build a huge database of distant worlds and perhaps even gain insight into how planets and their solar systems are formed. This is the same hope that makes Upsilon Andromedae a prime target for the Space Interferometry Mission.

This mission is an observation which will be launched in 2005 or 2006, which has the potential to detect planets as small as Neptune circling Upsilon or perhaps even bodies the size of Earth orbiting closer stars.

In time, more sensitive instruments may detect Earth-sized wanderers around more remote stars, or analyze their atmospheres from a distance. Yet with "first contact" almost in sight, this wait will seem like an eternity for most avid sci-fi devotees.

Pakistan tests Shaheen I & II

by Ryan K. Dooley
World News Staff Writer

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN - On Thursday, Pakistan conducted its second nuclear-capable missile test in as many days, upping the ante in the missile race with its uneasy neighbor, India. The missile tested was the Shaheen I, a missile with a far shorter range than the Ghauri II missile tested Wednesday.

Pakistan has two versions of the Shaheen, the Shaheen I with a range of 465 miles, and the Shaheen II, an advanced version, with a range of 1,430 miles. Both are capable of carrying a 2,200-pound payload of nuclear or conventional warheads.

The Ghauri II, like the Agni II missile tested by India on Sunday, has a range of about 1,200 miles.

"These flight tests have strengthened national security and will help in maintaining a strategic balance in South Asia," said a Pakistani foreign ministry soon after the test.

Pakistani officials said Thursday's test was conducted at the Sonmiani naval base, approximately 30 miles from Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi in southwestern Baluchistan province on the Arabian Sea coast.

In Wednesday's test, the Ghauri II flew for eight minutes from a launch pad in Dina, 37 miles east of the Pakistani capital of Islamabad, government sources told AP.

However, U.S. intelligence officials later cast doubt on the details of the missile launch, suggesting Pakistan might be exaggerating some details in order to appear competitive with India.

U.S. intelligence officials who monitored Wednesday's tests disagreed on some of Pakistan's claims. They said:

The missile was not a domestically developed weapon but rather one of six North Korean Nodong missiles purchased by Islamabad. Two of the six have now test-fired successfully.

The missile neither traveled as far as claimed nor has have the range to strike deep into India, as claimed.

In comments published Thursday in the English-language newspaper *The News*, Qadir Khan, the architect of Pakistan's nuclear program, dismissed allegations that Pakistan's missile technology has been purchased from North Korea.

Pakistan is also accused of buying ballistic missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads from China, a charge both countries deny.

"They (Western countries) have always been underestimating and underrating our capability," Khan was quoted as saying. "All the time, whatever we do there is always a blame that we got things from here and there."

"Pakistan does not want a nuclear and missile race in South Asia," said a statement issued by Pakistan's Foreign Ministry after

Wednesday's test.

India's Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh, reacting to the test, said, "There is no arms race in South Asia."

"The whole nation has reason to be proud," said Sharif, who spoke to reporters at a Pakistani naval base in southwestern Baluchistan Province on the Arabian Sea Coast.

"We have a better missile than India and we can fire it whenever we want," said Ghulam Chaudhry, head of a local businessman's association in the capital.

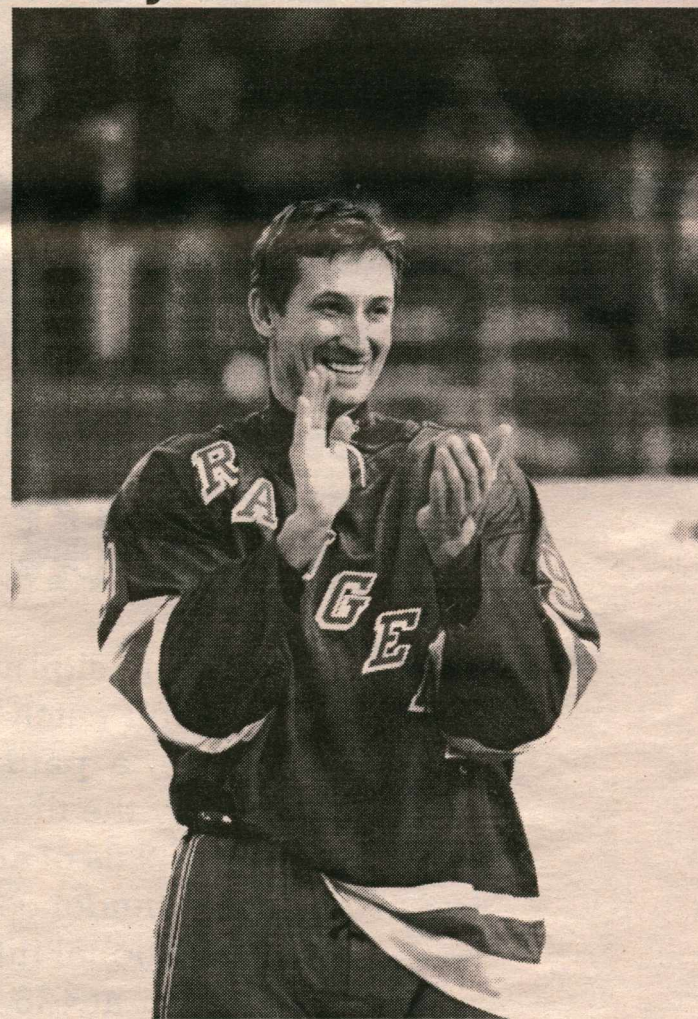
Since India and Pakistan exploded nuclear devices last year and declared themselves nuclear powers, the international community has been trying to avert a regional arms race.

Both sides should seek concrete avenues to avoid the acceleration of an arms race in South Asia so that peace and stability can prevail," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Sun Yuxi said. China is a longtime ally of Pakistan.

In addition, a statement issued by the Japanese Foreign Ministry bemoaned the nuclear weapon testing by both Pakistan and India saying "it could be detrimental to peace and stability in the region."

Analysts anticipate that Pakistan will respond to the test of the Agni II missile conducted Sunday by India. The Agni II has about the same range and payload capacity as Pakistan's Ghauri II.

Gretzky retires from NHL at 38



Wayne Gretzky announced his retirement from the National Hockey League early last week and played his last game on Sunday against the Pittsburgh Penguins. It was a losing effort in overtime for the New York Rangers 1-2, but Gretzky did have one assist.

Gretzky closed his career claiming 62 NHL records. Some of the more impressive records include most goals at 894, most

assists at 1,963 and most overall points at 2,857.

Friends and family members encouraged Gretzky to play for another season, but he decided 1999 was the year. "It's not a passing on," Gretzky said after the game, "It's a moving on. I love it. It's a great game, but time does something to you. And it's time."

The NHL will vote Gretzky into the Hall of Fame this June.

A week in review: News briefs, local and world

Skyview teens patrol Bogus

NAMPA, ID - Nick Ward and four other Skyview High School teens spent every weekend this ski season on the slopes at Bogus Basin.

Nick, Chuck Stowell, Patrick Dahlinger and Jarrod Wood have spent the last year training to become members of the Bogus Basin Junior Ski Patrol. Another teen, Ryan Coggburn, became a member this year. The teens started to train in April 1998. First they were tested to make sure they could ski safely. Then they had 12 weeks of intensive first aid instruction.

The ski patrol experience has given the teens a chance to mature and learn responsibility, confidence, teamwork and social skills. The teens meet "all kinds of people on the slopes," Jarrod said, adding that it's "a whole new experience." All five of the teens said they are considering going into medical careers and are thankful for the opportunity to learn and practice first aid skills.

Mudslide wipes out town

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA - An avalanche of mud and rocks killed at least 41 people, most of whom were searching for bodies from a previous landslide in western Colombia, authorities said Friday.

Much of Colombia has been lashed by unusually heavy rains this year associated by meteorologists with the La Niña weather phenomenon caused by cooling currents in the Pacific Ocean. But apart from torrential rains, Ospina said Thursday's avalanche was thought to have been triggered by a devastating earthquake that tore through Colombia's central coffee-growing region on January 25.

"It opened up a crack in the mountain," she said of the quake, which took the lives of at least 1,230 people. At least 27 Colombians, apart from the victims in Argelia, have died in mudslides and drowning incidents over the last week and thousands were made homeless as rivers jumped their banks.

Nursing home penalized

NAMPA, ID - Midland Care Center in Nampa is facing the steepest fine ever given to a nursing home in Idaho after a poor review by state and federal inspectors.

This is the third citing in about a year for the care center by the Department of Health and Welfare, which puts it in danger of losing its license, said John Hathaway, bureau chief for Health and Welfare's Bureau of Facility Standards.

The agency recommends a fine that could reach \$234,000 — \$3,000 a day for the 78 days the care center has been out of compliance with state and federal regulations.

If the standards set by the agency aren't met, then the care center could lose its federal funding, which could force the center to close.

"The reports indicate things are much better," Hathaway said. "We have high hopes that's going to do it."

Nail bomb explodes in Brixton

LONDON, ENGLAND - Questions still remain as to who planted a nail bomb on a busy shopping street in south London.

Police said 39 injured were treated at hospitals and 21 were kept overnight, four of them in serious condition. Many of those injured suffered shrapnel-type wounds.

"Clearly the person that set this off is disturbed," police spokesman Hugh Orde said. "We are very lucky probably we have no more serious injuries."

Earlier Lee Jasper, a black rights activist, said the blast could have been aimed at the area's mainly Afro-Caribbean community, which is largest in Brixton. Other victims who spoke to local media also said they suspected racism as the motive. The official motive behind the bomb is still uncertain. Property damage was minimal, leading authorities to believe the bomb's purpose was to hurt people.

Red Robin coming to Nampa

NAMPA, ID - A Red Robin restaurant could be part of the Edwards movie complex in Nampa, said developer of the project Colby Halker. Halker expects the restaurant to open in November when the 14-screen theater opens in November of this year.

The new Red Robin, the chain's newest and latest prototype, will be different from the Boise locations, including a more open floor plan and higher ceilings.

The new design is made to better the service and increase the comfort for the customer. The restaurant will cover about 6,200 square feet and will seat about 200 people giving it a more modern feel and spacious atmosphere.

Stephens, a franchisee of Red Robin, said he wants to bring the restaurant to Nampa because he had a hard time finding a good place to eat when he was in the city for business.

Notus High School youth injures teenager in shooting

by Jeremy Smith
World News Editor

NOTUS, ID - A 16-year-old, recently released from a mental hospital, fired at least two shotgun blasts at Notus High School Friday. No serious injuries were reported.

The unidentified sophomore, armed with a 12 gauge semi-automatic shotgun, shot the school's lobby floor and narrowly missed several students when he fired another round into the gym door, says Canyon County Sheriff George Nourse.

Nourse said he was able to talk the boy into setting down his gun after only two shots were fired. He was also able to coax the boy to put down a knife he was carrying, after which he was taken into custody by local authorities.

The boy talked about "hearing voices," Nourse said. "He was talking nonsense." The student is reportedly receiving medication for mental problems. The boy was released from a Blackfoot

mental health institution about a month ago, Sheriff's Spokesman Al Showalter said.

Counselors quickly arrived at the school to help the frightened students, while classes were dismissed for the day at approximately 9:30 am.

Several students said they had heard recent threats from the boy, boasting about bringing a gun to school. However, school administrators said that no such threats were reported to them.

Mike Miller, the boy's best friend, said the shooter yelled his name and then shot at him. "He blew the door off right behind me," Miller said.

Investigators are still uncertain as to what charges will be

filed against the boy and whether he will be charged as an adult or as a juvenile.

Student Amy Pehrson said the boy brought the weapon on a school bus wrapped up in a blanket. He threatened to kill her last December, saying he had a list of the people he wanted to kill.

"Every day they leave and you don't know what's going to happen," Tina Pennington, one student's mother said. Her son, Joey, was about 10 feet away when the shooting started and suffered a minor shoulder injury from one of the blasts.

Principal Gary Tipton looked at the ambulance parked at the school and said: "That there isn't anyone being taken away is the up side to this, if there is an up side."

"Every day they leave and you don't know what's going to happen."

~Tina Pennington

Nampa to possibly receive a Wal-Mart

by Ryan K. Dooley
World News Staff Writer

NAMPA, ID - Nampa now knows Wal-Mart wants to build a Supercenter on the corner of 12th Avenue and Greenhurst roads. A Supercenter combines general merchandise with a full grocery department.

Developers of the \$6.1 million retail project filed an application for a building permit with the city on Thursday, Nampa Chief Building Inspector Jimmie Brown said.

If approved, the store will be 196,000 square feet. "This is the biggest retail we've ever dealt with," Brown said. He also believes that reviewing the application could take approximately four weeks.

"We never know because ... it's how responsive they are to

answer questions," he said.

So far, he said, the developers have been cooperative. A Wal-Mart Supercenter is a 36-department retail and grocery store. Shoppers can purchase electronics, clothing, jewelry and groceries under one roof.

The grocery department will feature a bakery, meat, dairy, frozen foods and fresh produce.

"This is the biggest retail we've ever dealt with."

~Jimmie Brown

Other Wal-Mart Supercenters in the United States currently employ between 200 and 550 people. The store will also include a Tire & Lube Express, a

pharmacy, a one-hour photo processing center, vision and garden centers and a hair salon, according to the permit application.

As of January 1998 the Arkansas-based retailer employed 1,908 people at its nine discount stores and one SAM'S Club in the state of Idaho.

The ties that bind at NNC

Every September, students leave home and come to this campus from all over.

For some, the split from their parents is an ordeal involving a lot of tears and heartache. Others come to NNC specifically to get away from their parents.

Yet some students here at NNC are not very far away from their parents. In fact, some are merely a few desks away. What would it be like to have your parent as a professor here? Here are some firsthand views of what it really feels like.

Dr. Blacklock and Brandi

Three years ago, when I was anticipating college as a junior in high school, I never dreamed that, among all my other things, I would also be bringing my mom along to NNC. I had always wanted to come to NNC for as long as I could remember.

However, it was not until late in my senior year that I realized my mom, who accepted a position in the Education department, would be joining the college community with me in 1997.

When this news was confirmed, it was not a total surprise.

For several years, my mom had been relentlessly working toward her doctoral degree in hopes of one day teaching at NNC to fulfill a calling she had felt from the Lord.

She didn't know exactly when she would make the transition from elementary school principal to college professor. However, she knew she was being obedient to this calling and that was all that mattered. The rest would have to be taken care of by God...which it was.

There were many mixed emotions in our household as we all adjusted to the idea of the twofold change—my mom's profession and my leaving for college.

Despite a few reservations, I didn't have too much of a problem with the arrangement. After all, I had seen the Lord working in her life and directing her to NNC in his time. How could I argue with that?

On the other hand, my mom was a little concerned that she would be coming to NNC the same year that I would be a freshman.

She really wanted to be sensitive to the notion that this was "my college" and not "our college." This

genuine concern on her part included a talk in which she told me she would never come searching for me, but her office door would always be open whenever I wanted to see her.

This plan has worked well and she has remained true to her word, and I have taken her up on her offer countless times.

For the most part, the transitions were smooth and easy to make. Because we both came to NNC the same year, the initial adjustment was not very difficult—after all, it is the only thing we've known.

To my relief, I learned right from the beginning that my primary hesitation was not going to be a problem.

You see, before I came to school, I didn't really

know what kind of a professor my mom would be. I knew that this would inadvertently affect me, because, although I would not be taking classes from her, I knew I would hear what my peers were saying about her.

Well, I soon found out one thing—my mom is an awesome teacher! All that I have heard so far has been positive, bulging with compliments.

The confidence I have in her even allows me to venture in saying that she is one of the best pros on campus. My pride for my mom and what she contributes to this school is immeasurable.

She is a caring Christian woman who is committed to investing her passion and wealth of knowledge into the lives of her students.

My mom has been an outstanding role model to me in her faith and perseverance. On top of that, she is my best friend and she makes a mean batch of chocolate chip cookies!

Dr. Bowes and Shelly

People often ask me, "Is it weird having your dad as a professor here?" My answer is always no because it's all I've known since I was three years old. It isn't any weirder than whatever anyone else's dad does.

I've been around NNC's campus for so long that it feels like home. For awhile, my mom even taught a kindergarten class in room 139 in Wiley.

Because both parents worked here, I often got stuck hanging around NNC, killing time. A couple times I had to sit through some of my dad's classes.

He would have me sit in the front row and give me coloring books to entertain me. If you think some of your classes are boring now, imagine what they're like to a three-year old!

A few years later, my dad left me in his office when a student stopped by to talk to him. He decided to talk to me instead. He told me that he had been in one of those classes I had sat through and always wished he had one of my coloring books!

When I started my freshman year here last year, it was kind of fun to already know my way around campus and to be able to direct other lost freshmen to where they needed to go.

It was also kind of interesting



The Lyons family smiles happily (1985). As a Religious Studies major, Kara Lyons often comes into contact with her dad, from whom she even has a class. Kara says, "My dad's love for studying the Scripture has had a profound influence on my interests."

to know more professors than students here. And no one has ever told me that I need more school spirit since I've been a Crusader fan since before most students knew what a Crusader was.

Though I profess to actually be avoiding my dad's classes, this isn't completely true. While I wouldn't mind having a class from him, it is more convenient not to.

I did audit a class from him this summer before going to Israel with him, and it was one of the better ones that I've taken, not only because I'm biased.

Because of how close we are, I

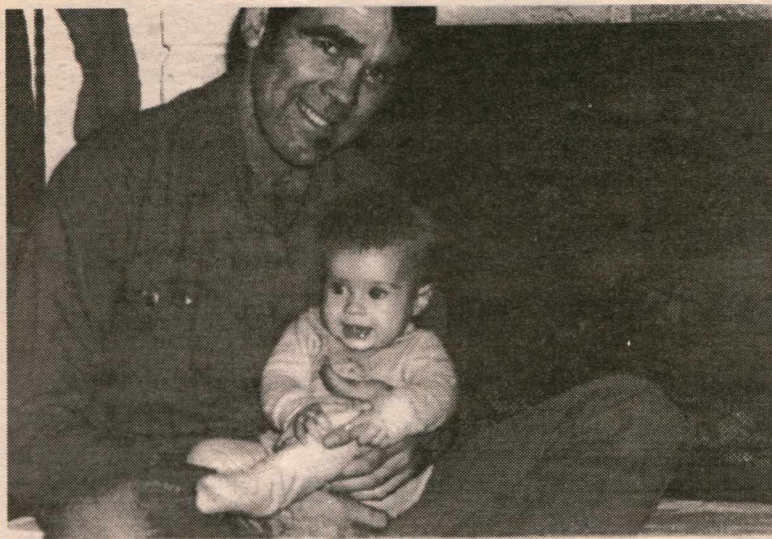
understand his position and would probably tend to get more out of his classes than the average student.

Going to Israel with him was absolutely great! It was wonderful for me, educationally and spiritually, but it also helped me to understand what he has invested so much time into and what he feels so passionately about that he has decided to pass it on to his students.

There are times when I feel like there are eyes all over campus watching me, but I'm glad that he is here. I try to think of it not like he's spying on me, but that he's looking out for his little girl.



Brandi Blacklock poses with her mother, Professor Linda Blacklock. The two came to NNC at the same year and made the transition very easily.



Dr. Yoder holds his daughter Jodie in her pre-college days. Many students who have parents who are profs enjoy having a parent so close.

Dr. Kapicka and Aaron

I can think of only two people in my life who have proven to me over and over that they have unconditional love for me. One is my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The other, a short woman with black hair—my mother.

I can remember far fewer things from my childhood than most people, but I remember the day my daddy came home from school and began to pack.

I remember sitting in the hall of our trailer-house with my sister, listening to them argue. I remember holding my tee-ball bat, because I thought he was going to hurt my mommy. I remember being scared. I remember who stayed.

My father lost my trust in him.

To this day, I do not feel the same way towards him as I did before that day, but I still love him. But my mother . . . stayed.

All of my life I have tried to forget that day the same way I have forgotten all of the other things that I didn't want to remember in my childhood, but that seems to be the one memory that will not leave my mind.

My mother is a very strong person. Not only does her five-foot-nothing frame project an aura of independence and a "get-outta-my-face" attitude, she is also very approachable, outgoing, and the best teacher I've ever had, although I've never actually taken a "class" from her.

She has taught me everything I've needed to know to be as independent as she is. She knew that there wasn't going to be anyone else

to help her do it.

When I learned that she was getting married to a man I hardly knew, I didn't like the idea at all. It meant leaving all of my friends in Reno, my school, and my father to move back to a place that I vaguely remembered.

I harbored hate and contempt for the man who she married. All of the anger that had been pent up inside of me from the divorce was thrust upon him.

To protect us both, my mother ended up in the middle. It ended in my final lesson of independence. I was kicked out.

My mother is a great teacher. I love her more for kicking me out now than I think I ever could. I have more respect for my Step-father now than I think I could ever have had if I'd lived at home.

Almost all of my friends know that my mother teaches here at NNC and that she is remarried. They know that I don't get along with my step-father very well and that I hardly ever go home, which is only a few miles away. But they don't really know why I came here.

When people find out that my mother teaches here and that my tuition is paid for by a faculty scholarship, they think they know why I came here.

They think I am cheap, that I just couldn't find a better deal, or that I just couldn't have gotten accepted anywhere else. They tease me because I talk about my mom a lot, but they just don't know that I came here not because this is a Christian college and not because I get a break in the cost, but because I just couldn't leave one person. My hero. My earthly unconditional love. My mother. I LOVE YOU MOM! Thank you.



Jennifer Hill with her father Kent Hill, the President of Eastern Nazarene University. "I was brought up with the idea that it was a given that I would go away to college. I love my father very much but I just didn't want to be known as the President's daughter. Plus, as the Dixie Chicks say, 'she needs wide open spaces, room to make her big mistakes/new faces, she knows the higher stakes'"

Dr. Lyons and Kara

Attending the college at which your father teaches is not as bad as it might sound. My dad, Dr. George Lyons, is a professor of Biblical Literature at NNC.

When it came time to make a decision about which college I would attend, I decided to go to NNC. This decision took some long, hard consideration, but I do not regret it a bit.

I came to NNC because I thought that it was the best college for me. I wanted to be involved in the activities and ministry opportunities that NNC offers. The students at this college seemed honestly to enjoy their educational experience in the college community. My dad's position has, to some extent, affected my experience at NNC.

Sure, it's annoying when, upon hearing my last name, students look at me in sheer horror and say, "Dr. Lyons is your DAD?" It is hard to get used to hearing students complain about how he's mean or too

difficult.

Then again, there are many positive things about having a prof for a father. I'm always proud when anyone says they enjoyed his class. I beam when he is praised or publicly recognized for some achievement. I'm always glad to see him on campus and have become used to the way that other profs and students view me as a faculty kid (if they even know).

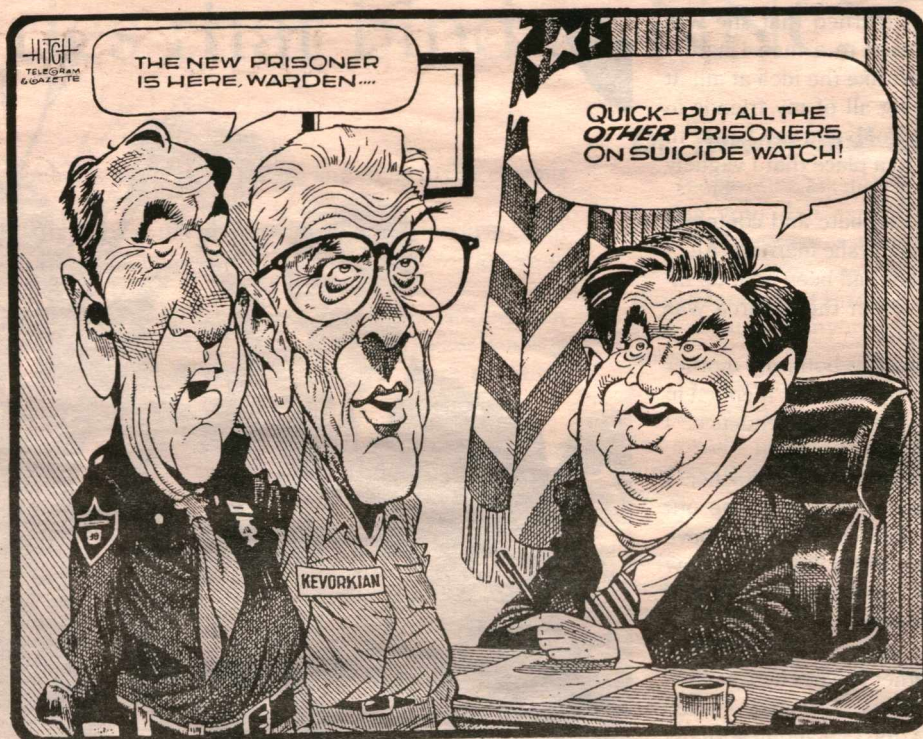
Taking a class this term from "Dr. Lyons" has been an interesting experience. I realize that there is validity behind the complaints I've heard from his students over the years.

He is a difficult professor. But it has also caused me to realize that the students who told me how much they had learned from and enjoyed his class were right too. I think that my dad is a good professor.

Being a faculty kid is not like being any other student. There are ups and downs. But, as I see it from the third term of my freshman year, I wouldn't have it any other way.



Shelley Bowes and her father Dr. Wendell Bowes stand in front of the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem. Shelley enjoyed the class she took with her father before going to Jerusalem because she understands him more than the average student might.



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Individual listener decides musical morality

by David Kadel

Crusader Staff Opinions Writer

In our society, there are certain topics that simply cannot be discussed in public without resulting in argument, most commonly, the big two—religion and politics. There is one subject so controversial that it creates conflict even between people who have seemingly identical religious and political viewpoints. Music—especially in the church world—is constantly critiqued and criticized because of the myriad of different styles and lyrics that exist.

Since I have little regard for what is kosher, I am going to plunge into this topic with uninhibited apathy. My quest is to find out if there are universal truths that can be applied to music. Of course, in order to separate truth from non-truth, there must be a constant standard. Therefore, since I want to take the Christian standpoint anyway, I will use the

Bible as that standard to find out what kind of music Christians should listen to.

Okay, so we've already run into a problem. The Bible doesn't say anything about what kind of music Christians should listen to. It does give us a few examples: psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. But what classifies as a spiritual song? We know what psalms and hymns are, but do they have to be sung slowly? Can we add a beat? Can we only use certain instruments? Obviously, asking these sorts of questions will get us nowhere, so why hash it out?

If we can't find a precise answer to our question in the Bible, then how will we know? It's really quite simple. We cannot look at music itself to find what is right. Rather, we must look at ourselves and examine why we like the type of music we like. Then we may compare our answer to the standards that the Bible sets forth.

Given this insight, music can be cross-referenced with our faith. For instance, if I listen to a piece of music that causes me to grow

If a song is talking about immoral things...then it is safe to say that we, as Christians, should not be listening.

closer to Jesus Christ, then it's safe to say that it is a good piece of music. This, however, doesn't mean that the song is going to have the same effect on the person sitting next to me. He may get nothing out of it.

That's the fascinating thing about music. We cannot apply the

influence of a particular piece or song to anyone but ourselves. We cannot make judgements about how a song affects others because music is an art and is susceptible to various translations. I know how a piece of music affects me as an individual, so I need not let someone else tell me what to listen to. If I am completely honest with myself, then I will know whether or not my objectives are in line with God's Word.

Does all music need to have a godly message in order for it to be in line with biblical standards? What about classical music? It doesn't have an audible message at all. Does that mean it is not acceptable for Christians? No! Martin Luther said, Music is to be praised as second only to the word of God for by her, all the emotions are swayed. God gave us emotions for a reason, and music can affect those emotions positively or negatively.

Here's the toughie? What

about that wide range of songs that aren't classified as "Christian"? Should we stay completely away from all music deemed secular? Well, if you don't want to take the chance of hearing something that offends your faith, then just stay away, but I'm not going to be so indifferent to reality as to say that if it isn't Christian then it must be evil. There are songs that have to do with those parts of life that affect us all, whether Christian or not, and I'm not going to stop listening just because it doesn't have a religious message.

As for the actual lyrics of a song, I'm not going to mince words. Songs can most certainly have messages that are contrary to the Bible. If a song is talking about immoral things, whether clearly or implied, then it is safe to say that we, as Christians, should not be listening.

Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues

"Would you be mad if Jesus came back before the new Star Wars episode is released?"



Jaden Perry Freshman
Engineer./Physics Otis, CO

"No. Because when it really comes down to it, nothing is more important than Jesus."



Sheyna Watkins Sophomore
Graphic Arts Wenatchee, WA

"I wouldn't mind, but I think that six other people I know would drop down dead."



Brent Gould Junior
Pre-Phys. Therapy Boise, ID

"Yes, I would, because I think I would be missing a vital part of our culture if Star Wars was missed."



Melissa McClellan Senior
Math Ed. Olathe, KS

"Yes, only because my wedding is after Star Wars comes out."

Worm harvesting, shrub massacres necessary parts of NNC campus beautification process

by Brandon Stewart

Crusader Staff Opinions Writer

I'm so glad that NNC administration has decided to open all stops toward improving the looks of our campus. Good riddance to the distasteful shrubs and weeds that've caused my eyes to water and my pollinated nose to swell in a balloon-like fashion. A few more days and I'm sure I would've been able to circumnavigate the globe with my next sneeze. But I'm not here to talk about rocket science. What I am going to talk about is environmental science, and with the initiation of the campus beautification project, things are looking better all over.

All that's been done has really gone a long way to improving the beauty of our community. I, for one, just love what they've done with the dirt. The way those fabulous nitrogen clods encircle the trees and clock tower is simply breathtaking. In particular, I'd

like to draw attention to the wonderful garden outside of the Administration Building. What an impressive display for visitors as they pass by these two handsome sandboxes and marvel at gorgeous vegetation. I know there really aren't vegetables there, but there were such cute posts which informed us that we should imagine that there are carrots, onions, corn and such displayed for our viewing pleasure, which makes it better than a real garden. It is great for visitors to come and see this, to see that by our imagination and creativity we are committed to the arts. We could also display our commitment to science by harvesting the worms in the garden and posting them in rigorous scientific fashion in our visitor center. This Ad Building worm rack would surely please all the little tikes who worry whether or not we are prepared to equip them with the skills to survive in a technical field.

I also think we should ap-

plaud NNC for how they've improved the lawn. I know what a fuss flowers can be, so the administration has done something really clever and put these lovely little yellow flags all about for decoration. They don't require sun or water, and best of all, they're dishwasher-safe for quick cleaning. It also serves as great agility training for us students as we try and navigate them between classes and we deserve an additional P.E. credit at the end of the year.

Of course, I realize that beauty isn't the only concern for the recent increase in shrub-scrubbing. Safety is also a factor. Many, many deadly hedges have been cleared so we might not fear these nasty carbon-suckers any longer. With a growth rate topping a few inches a year, these things were surely about to overwhelm us with their strength and numbers within the next couple of terms. But they'll quickly regroup in a few decades,

so we better act fast and move our buildings onto posts so we won't fear the lurking of these treacherous hedges in the night. I think

We could display our commitment to science by harvesting the worms in the garden and posting them in rigorous scientific fashion in our visitor center

it's a step in the right direction to have the clock faces unsynchronized so when the hedges do decide to pounce they won't be able to coordinate and attack. But, it has been brought

to my attention via a valuable source (Poorly Drawn Man) that the natives of these parts, the Hedge Gnomes, will be losing their natural environment. This is truly a tragedy, but I'm afraid they'll have to be relocated to a Hedge Gnome reservation; campus security flashlights are just no match for a POed hedge.

All in all, the efforts that have been made to make our campus more presentable to us is something that cannot be overvalued. The new aesthetic NNC will certainly be eye-candy to potential students and just might make up for the smell. Of course, this could easily be overcome by replacing all the real trees with mammoth versions of those air-freshening trees, with ditches around the base to catch all the squirrels that pass out from the fumes. But that's a whole 'nother planning committee.

Letters to the Editor: Response to Cray Editorial, Big Thanks to Buckendorf

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to Mr. Chad Cray's recent editorial entitled "Down with sermons, up with community involvement" in the March 9 issue of *The Crusader*. Cray calls attention to the need for increased involvement in the community by the church, as well as the need for financial accountability and self-examination within the church. I commend him for writing with such prominent issues in mind.

However, Mr. Cray's editorial paraded the significant issues of community involvement and church finance only as backdrop to voice insignificant personal views. He pronounces his "intense dislike of the church as a whole" as well its worship services. He claims that the churches he has visited are characterized by "an overwhelming lack of usefulness" and that churches which strongly endorse tithing as a source of income "should be

burned to the ground." This calous statement manifests the malicious attitude of the article as a whole. Cray goes on to advocate discontinuing church services altogether while providing no substantial support for justification to the reader.

I am uncertain that a clear consensus could be achieved in our student body regarding these issues related to the church, but I am certain that Cray's broad pessimistic generalizations and bi-

ased attacks upon the church are incompatible with the attitudes of a majority on our campus. The concerns are noteworthy, but negative remarks like "I've hated every one of them [churches]" are inappropriate and immature.

Editorials such as this reflect poorly upon *The Crusader*, which quotes our school motto, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God", beneath its name. Furthermore, it reveals a drastic inability to address the spiritual and intellectual condition of our community with acceptable, let alone professional, journalistic style. The sentiment of Christian believers on campus is more likely grieved by Cray's editorial than stirred to take action through the church in response to it.

I respect the right of all students to voice their opinions. Nevertheless, I respond as a concerned student by making it

known that this editorial brings dishonor to the Christian mission of our college and offends me personally as a believer in Jesus Christ. I would entreat all believers who are reading this letter to let your responsibility and participation in the church always outweigh your criticism of it.

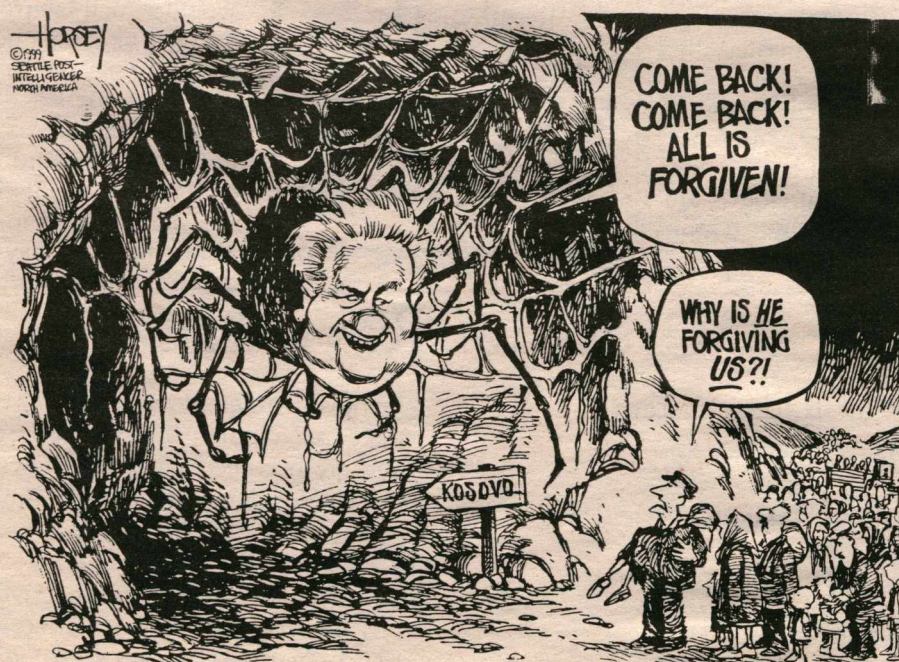
Mark Seitz

Editor:

Cheers to ASNNC's outgoing Social VP Kari Buckendorf! The Mother/Daughter weekend was a class act.

Thanks also to Kari's entire committee and those roommates who stepped up to help. It was a celebration of "Growing Together" and building memories that will be tomorrow's treasure.

Mrs. Junella Hagood



Staff Infection

Jimothy....For reals, I'm going to stop saying for reals. That's it, we should have a Crusader party and watch *Annie* and see how much Will looks like Rooster!...No, I'm not going to kiss her ear!...Maybe there was an unbearable itch at that time...and why were you staring at his crotch anyways?...We must be careful with our speech on the night this is being written...He has yet to discover the joy of a period...Like, I eat fish, but that's only because I decrease the population of those swimming with me....You make me feel bad...like I'm a sea cow or something...

Lost and Found perfect blend of humor, romance

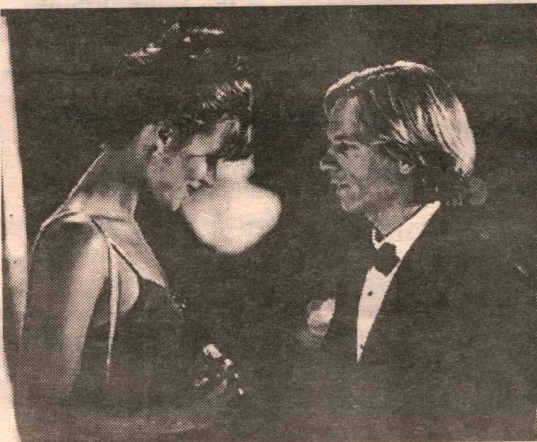
After thinking for the majority of Saturday evening that I would have to sit through another Eddie Murphy movie, it was to my great delight that I found out that the sneak preview of *Lost and Found*, starring David Spade and Sophie Marceau, would be playing at 8pm. My plans changed, my night started looking up, and I had the privilege of seeing a very sweet flick a week before it was to be released.

The film starts out as Dylan (played by Spade) prepares to break up with his brainless cowgirl/stripper girlfriend and instead gets dumped by her. After this, Spade gets fed up with his dating history and begins to open his eyes for the "right girl." He finds her when he is knocked over by his new next-door neighbor, Lila Dubois (played by Marceau), who is chasing after her dog, Jack.

Jack becomes an important part of the movie as Spade decides to kidnap him to provide excuses to spend more time with his new

neighbor. His plan works (mostly) and the two provide much-needed friendship for another.

The first twenty minutes of



the movie seriously suck. I thought I might have made a BIG mistake while grimacing through the opening as Spade and his cohorts set up the plot with some very flat humor. However, if you can make it through the first part, the rest of the movie is DEFINITELY worth the wait. As soon

as Jack is kidnapped, you can expect the movie to make a 180-degree turn and actually get really funny. Some of the best scenes to watch for are the pet store scene,

the "dog whisperer" scene and...well, just about any scene after the first twenty minutes.

Spade delivered a pretty good performance as Dylan, creating a character in search of real romance and friendship. The fact that the only physical scenes between Dylan and Lila consisted of

two kisses made it seem like Dylan was sincerely concerned with getting to know Lila, and not in the biblical sense of the word. Marceau also did well, portraying a woman who had been hurt in the past and who had some definite issues to get over in the beginning. Any woman who has

been a victim of broken trust or deceit will definitely be able to associate with the character of Lila.

Some of the supporting characters definitely need to be men-

amount of screen time he had to create a completely hilarious character as Wally's uncle. The final character to note is the cairn terrier who played Jack. The film really centered around the dog, and with good reason. The scenes involving the dog as the center of action were awesome, leaving everyone in the movie laughing hysterically.

This film has been classified as a comedy/romance, and just as the comedy holds up, so does the romance. Those of you interested in a solid romance built on friendship will not be disappointed by the one created by Dylan and Lila. Not having seen Spade pull off this kind of role before, I was very pleasantly surprised at the outcome.

I won't tell you how the movie ends, but I will say that the way they filmed the conclusion wasn't the best. So if you can forget about the first twenty minutes and the last ten or so, I have no doubts that you will enjoy *Lost and Found*. Look for it in theaters this Friday, April 23.

Lost and Found

Starring
David Spade
Sophie Marceau

Reviewed by
Kadee Wirick



Fresh insights given in Marcus Borg writing

Have you ever wondered what God is like? Is God a he or she, or even an "it"? With the world changing so drastically and so many concepts of God floating around, where can the educated person turn to find real and applicable portraits of the Divine?

Marcus J. Borg, Hundere Distinguished Professor of Religion and Culture at Oregon State University, and a leader in the search for the Historical Jesus has written a wonderfully clear, concise and challenging book entitled, *The God We Never Knew: Beyond Dogmatic Religion to a More Authentic Contemporary Faith*. In this relatively short book (181 pages) Borg attempts to take a journey with the reader into humanity's continued search to understand God.

The God We Never Knew is divided into three parts: Thinking about God, Imaging God, and Living with God. It begins with Borg's memories of his own childhood understanding of God and how he grew to find these concepts less and less palpable. One of the major ways by which Borg grew to understand more fully the mystery of God was by what is called Panentheism. It simply means that everything is in God. Borg states, "God is more than ev-

everything, even as God is present everywhere. God is all around us and within us, and we are within

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God." The God we begin to see from this new perspective is really the God of nearness and relationship.

In Part Two, Imaging God, Borg begins by saying, "Tell me your image of God and I will tell you your theology". Concepts of God really do matter. Borg categorizes two models in which we find our concepts of God: "The first model, which I will call 'the monarchical model,' clusters together images of God as king, lord, and father; it leads to a 'performance model' of the Christian life. The second model clusters

together images of God that point to intimate relationship and belonging. I will call it 'the Spirit model'; it leads to a 'relational model' of the Christian life." Some of the wonderful images of God that Borg uses for his Spirit model include: God as Abba father, mother, companion on a journey, and also God as Sophia (Wisdom). He truly portrays a beautiful picture of God as one who wants relationship with us.

The third and final part of Borg's work is entitled "Living with God" and Borg masterfully wraps up the ideas of the relational God and how we then fit into the picture. "One of the most important claims of this book," Borg writes, "is that God is all around us. The sacred is not 'somewhere else,' spatially dis-

tant from us. Rather, we live within God." Borg ends the book with this statement, "The invitation of the Christian gospel is to

enter into that relationship in which our healing and wholeness lie, that relationship which transforms us by beginning to heal the wounds of existence and makes our lives in the here and now a life with God."

The message that God loves us and wants a relationship with us is as vital today as it was when Jesus preached this message along the Sea of Galilee. Marcus Borg has written a book that is both contemporary and relevant. I would actually step out on a limb and say that this book has become, for me, one of the greatest means of understanding God that I have come across. I would greatly recommend this book to anyone who is interested in understanding God in a fresh, dynamic and vital way.

The God We Never Knew
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Spring brings intramurals

by Robin Day
Crusader Sports Editor

The spring weather has brought out the soccer players in bulk with the return of intramural soccer. Fans and varsity players alike have reported to Finkbeiner Park in the evenings for games.

In the women's league, there are only two teams, the old school varsity team and the new school varsity team. The final between the two will be played Tuesday night, April 20 at 5:30 p.m. Spectators are encouraged.

There are two games left for the men's intramural soccer league. The first will be on

Wednesday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m. between Team Champion (1) and Freestyle (3). The final game will be played on Thursday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. Take time out of your walk to Marriott to cheer on your favorite team.

Other excitement in intramural sports is the raquetball tournament currently taking place. Match times are up to the individual players, so if there is someone you particularly want to see play, call them up and find out when game time is. There is also a tournament bracket hanging in the intramural office window, so you can keep track of the hidden raquetball talent on our campus without having to take the class for PE. credit.

Coming up in intramurals is men's and women's softball. Games start on Monday, April 26. The game schudule has not been

drawn up as of publication time. However, it should appear on the intramural board sometime next weekend, definitely before Monday. Those interested in umping games, contact Julie Satta before games begin.

Also up and coming is King and Queen of the Court, a three-on-three basketball tournament to be held on Friday, April 30 in the evening. More information will be posted on the intramural board as the date approaches.

Any further questions regarding intramurals should be directed to Julie Satta.



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'Sader tennis team splits weekend's matches

by Brandi Blacklock

Crusader News Staff Writer

This past weekend, the Lady 'Sader tennis team embarked upon another journey with its final conference road trip. Seven players and two coaches drove to the Seattle area to play the University of Puget Sound (UPS) and The Evergreen State College (TESC). The group, minus veteran player Betsy Smith due to eligibility complications, left NNC early Friday morning around 5:00 a.m. and made the long day's drive.

Early Saturday morning, NNC commuted to UPS only to discover that due to scheduling problems, the women were forced to wait an hour and a half before beginning their match.

Sara Hamilton and Brandi Blacklock were the only duo successful in taking a win from UPS. They played up to their abilities and won the match 8-0 with a new sense of confidence. Hamilton reflected about the match, "I think this is the best match we have ever played together as a team. We really focused on taking each point one at a time and this strategy gave us the advantage to finish off our opponents." Hamilton especially enjoyed performing well because her parents traveled to Seattle from Colorado for the weekend's matches.

Kristen Crawford and Stacia Hinson played a competitive match against UPS, but finally lost 6-8. Hinson shared, "It was close throughout the whole match. They finally broke our serve and won. It was a good match." Keri Barnes and Beth Nixon struggled to finish out their match and eventually lost 8-9 in a tie-breaker.

The match progressed with singles in which NNC had several great matches. Crawford sealed a win for the team with a strong performance against an old high school teammate. She won the match 6-2, 6-0.

Hinson also gave a great showing in her second singles match. She faced a strong opponent but she kept her head and stayed in every point, winning the match 7-5, 6-4. Jenny Kung was the other successful contributor to NNC's team. She played a match of long baseline rallies which required patience and consistency. In response to her 6-1, 6-4 victory, Kung said, "It was the desire to win that really helped me do it."

Blacklock, Hamilton and Barnes all struggled to grasp victories in their third, fourth and sixth singles respectively. Barnes put up a valiant effort, however, taking her match to three long sets.

NNC lost the match against UPS with an overall score of 4-5.

In hindsight, Coach Cook expressed, "I'm so tired of losing close matches, especially matches I feel like we should win. We put ourselves in position to win and can't seem to close it out."

Following the final matches, the team loaded into the van, grabbed a quick bite to eat and drove 45 minutes to the next match against The Evergreen State College. The coaches and team knew before going into this match that TESC's team was not very competitive. When they arrived, they learned that the team consisted of only four players, three of whom seemed to have learned to play tennis very recently (perhaps in a PE class?).

Hamilton and Blacklock played in the number one doubles position and easily sealed off an 8-1 victory. Barnes and Nixon played number two doubles and were successful in teaching their opponents a lesson with an 8-3 win.

After the match, Barnes disclosed, "I'm glad that even though we didn't play anywhere near our potential, we were able to walk off the court with a win. It was good to remember what it feels to be victorious."

The match continued with four singles matches as colder weather moved in. Hinson played number one for NNC against the

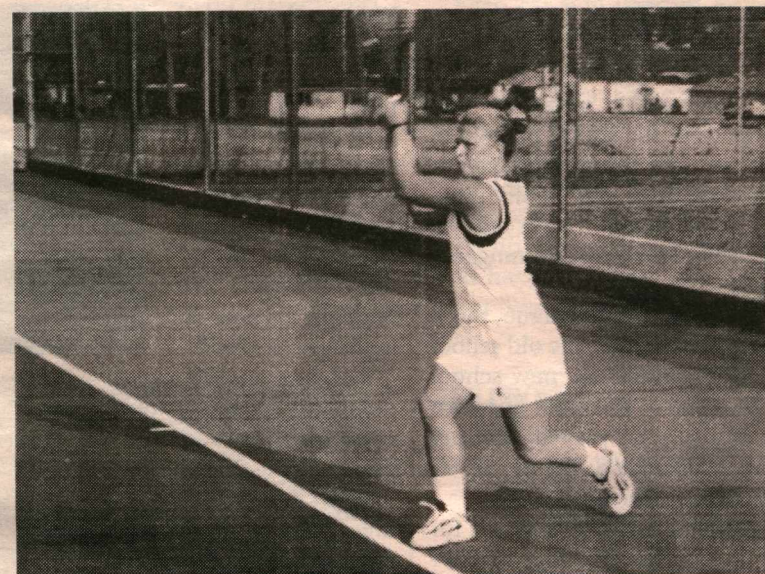


Photo by Jenny Kung

Freshman Stacia Hinson concentrates on her return in Saturday's match. Hinson won her number one singles match against Evergreen State College.

only person on TESC's team who had played previously. Hinson struggled a little with her opponent's unexperienced hit-and-miss style of play. After getting herself back into the match by splitting sets (4-6, 6-2), Hinson went on to lose 3-6 in the third set.

Kung played second singles and she left the courts with a 6-3, 6-0 win. Despite Barnes' somewhat ailing physical condition, she dug deep and played with the enthusiasm and heart her teammates always see in her. She won her match 6-0, 6-1. Nixon also contributed to the team's effort by re-

lentlessly working against her opponent until she walked away with a flawless 6-0, 6-0 win. After the TESC match, Assistant Coach Daniels said, "It was a solid match with no lapses in concentration against an inferior opponent."

The team returned to Nampa on Sunday evening after another long day of driving. The Lady 'Saders face off against Albertson in one last conference match on Thursday, April 22 at ACI. Then they close out this year's season by traveling back to Seattle for the Regional Tournament, held April 29 through May 1.

Crusader baseball Special freshman on team

by Craig Craker

Crusader News Staff Writer

The NNC baseball team came into its three-game series with Western Baptist, badly needing some wins. Following a 5-game losing streak, playing 0-16 Baptist was a much needed break.

NNC opened the series on Friday night sending Zack Deboi to the hill. Deboi pitched a beauty, going 8 innings giving up only three runs and striking out five batters.

The 'Saders helped him out immensely, getting three runs in the first inning and never letting up from there. Benji Warren was 4-5 with a triple and four RBI's. Andy Heyer, Jason LaMont and Deboi all had two hits apiece, helping NNC cruise to 10-3.

Colin Donahoe pitched a scoreless ninth, striking out 2 batters. He continues to lead the league in ERA with 0.00, with 3 phenomenal innings pitched. Donahoe, a transfer from Western Washington University, exuberates

the real heart and soul of this NNC team.

In the first of two games on Saturday, the Crusader's ace pitcher Jon Crozier went to the hill. He pitched eight solid innings striking out four, walking two, and allowing two runs on five hits. Once again the 'Saders struck early, getting two runs in the first inning, then picking up the game-winning run in the sixth, winning with a final of 3-2.

Ruben Burciaga went 3-3, with an RBI. In the second game of the double header, it was all Western Baptist as they rolled to a 14-1 pounding of NNC, earning their first conference win. Justin Schneidt gave up 9 runs in less than two innings. The only bright spot of the second game was Burciaga's going 2-5 and finishing the doubleheader 5-8.

NNC is now 12-16 overall and 9-8 in the conference. They host cross-county rival Albertson College of Idaho this Tuesday for a twin bill, starting at 3 pm. Hope to see you all there.

by Jenifer Holmquist

Crusader News Staff Writer

The Crusader's up-and-coming pitcher, Jacob St. Mary, emphasized that as a freshman he is fortunate to play college baseball at all. In addition to the rarity of freshman on the first string, St. Mary recently recovered from an injury which could have kept him from playing any sport.

"A year ago I had two stress fractures in my lower back and was in a back brace for four months," he explained. "God's allowed me to continue to play baseball - I'm thankful for that."

Due to the fun he had playing catch and going to high school ball games with his dad, St. Mary has been enjoying this great American pastime since he was six, or as he joked, "Practically since I could walk."

Since that time, St. Mary has played baseball, along with basketball and football in high school, until his near-career-ending injury his senior year. That

same year, he decided to visit NNC during Thanksgiving break.

"I talked to the coach, the players, and I knew I wanted to play baseball without many other options. Besides, my dad is a pastor and that helped with money." His decision to play for the Crusaders has been nothing but a good thing since.

St. Mary has established several goals expressing his attitude towards the sport he loves. One of these goals was realized in his first game when he struck out the first player that he had ever faced in college. Other goals are more of a long term nature.

"I want to have an impact on the other players. I guess my goal is to contribute so I can say I had a part in what's going on - I'm just fortunate to play as a freshman." St. Mary sees this as the best way he can help the team achieve their goal to win the conference, dis-

trict, and then, perhaps, the world series?

Off the field, St. Mary has gone through the usual travails of a freshman. Although he has switched his major from teaching secondary art to social studies he maintains, "I always knew I wanted to be a teacher."

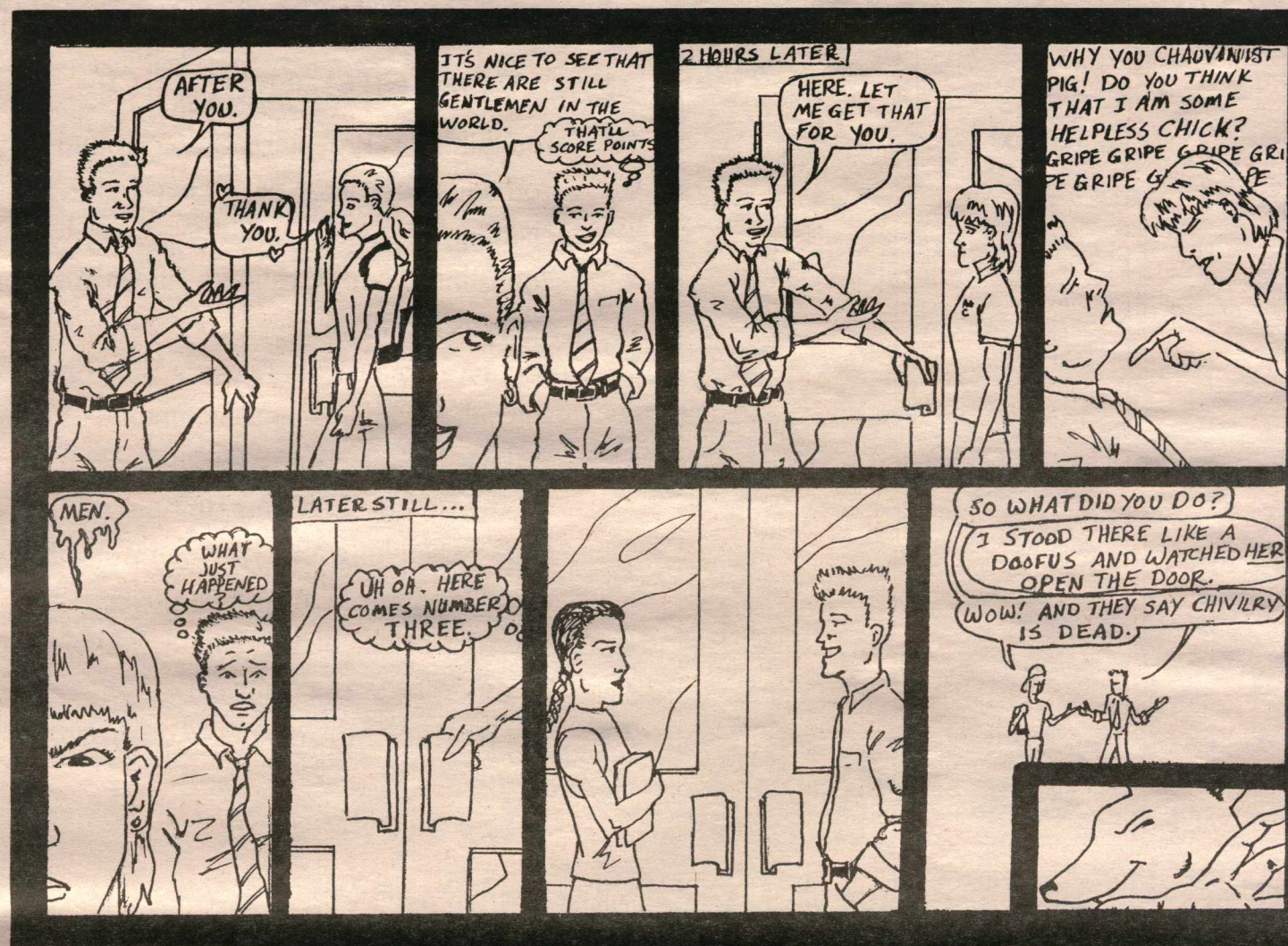
St. Mary explained, "Even though I had talent [in art], I was slow and meticulous, which made it hard to get through the work. Since switching, my GPA went up, and I'm happy with that." Besides, he still enjoys pursuing art as a hobby, where he can take his time and relax when he is stressed out.

The Crusader players genuinely appreciate having St. Mary on the team. The seniors expressed this, of course, by shaving his head the first chance they had. They just realize how fortunate they are to have him on their side, the right side!

"I'm fortunate to play as a freshman."

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Possum - by Ryan Close



Only roaches and Cher will survive twinkie wars

I'll tell you when I start to worry. I start to worry when "officials" tell me not to worry. This is why I am very concerned about the following Associated Press report, which was sent to me by a number of alert readers:

"RICHLAND, WASH. - Radioactive ants, flies and gnats have been found at the Hanford nuclear complex, bringing to mind those Cold-War-era 'B' horror movies in which giant mutant insects are the awful price paid for Mankind's entry into the Atomic Age.

"Officials at the nation's most contaminated nuclear site insist there is no danger of Hanford becoming the setting for a '90s version of 'Them!', the 1954 movie starring James Arness and James Whitmore in which huge, marauding ants are spawned by nuclear experiments in the desert."

Should we trust these "officials"? I'll let you decide for yourself what the answer is (NO). But consider:

- For years, "officials" insisted that our cars needed air bags for safety; then, when we GOT air bags, "officials" started warning us how dangerous they are, the

result being that many concerned parents now strap their children to the car roof.

- For years, "officials" told us that marijuana was an evil, criminal drug. Now they tell us that it has quote, "important medical benefits warranting further investigation, but first let's order a pizza."

- Every year, "officials" tell us to turn all our clocks ahead one hour, only to turn around a few months later and tell us to turn them BACK. Make up your minds, "officials"!

My point is that we cannot trust "officials" any farther than we can throw them by the leg. This is especially true when it comes to the Hanford nuclear complex. When this complex was built, "officials" said it was safe; now the whole area glows like a Budweiser sign. So when "officials" tell us that the radioactive Hanford insects are NOT going to mutate into giant monsters like the ants depicted in the 1954 movie "Them!", it clearly is time to study this movie and see what happened, because it is about to happen again.

I did not see "Them!", but I do have a plot summary from a book

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called "Guide for the Film Fanatic." It states that after James Whitmore and James Arness discover the giant mutant ants marauding around the New Mexico desert, they kill most of them by burning their nest; however, some ants escape, and the heroes "trace them to Los Angeles." The book doesn't say why the heroes would have to "trace" the ants; you'd think that if marauding insects the size of houses showed up in a heavily populated area, it would be mentioned prominently in the news media, but "Guide for the Film Fanatic" makes it sound as though Arness and Whitmore had to track the ants down via detective techniques:

JAMES ARNESS (showing a photograph to a storekeeper): Have you seen this ant? It's 23 feet tall. **STOREKEEPER** (frowning at the photograph): Hmmm ... We did have a 40-foot praying mantis in here last week, but I don't recall

any ... Wait a minute! Aren't you Marshal Dillon from "Gunsmoke"?

JAMES ARNESS: Not until 1955. Anyway, the heroes finally locate the giant ants in the Los Angeles sewer system, where, according to "Guide for the Film Fanatic," there is "a thrilling finale." The Guide gives no details on this finale, so we don't know whether the ants are killed, or mutate again and become agents, or what.

But the point is this: If, as now seems likely, the radioactive insects at the Hanford complex mutate and start marauding, they will almost certainly head for Los Angeles. This is a terrifying prospect. Imagine how you would feel if you tuned in to the evening news and learned that, for example, Fran Drescher had been sucked dry by a gnat the size of a water buffalo. You'd feel pretty excited. You'd hope there was video.

But innocent people could also be hurt, and that is why we need to do take action NOW. Instead of frittering away billions on this "Star Wars" missile-defense system, we need to use that money to construct, in the desert outside

of Los Angeles, a 100-foot-high, 500-foot-long, fully functional Hostess Twinkie. The giant insects would be attracted to the Twinkie, and while they were munching on it, an earth-orbiting manned space station would launch a rocket-propelled, laser-guided, nine-story-high, 18,000-pound man's shoe, which would, by the time it reached the Twinkie, be traveling at over 6,000 miles per hour, resulting in a Stomp of Doom that would hurl globs of cream filling as far as St. Louis.

Of course, building a weapons system this size would not be easy. There would be political considerations: Powerful members of Congress would insist on having giant Twinkies built in their states, too. But that is a small price to pay for national security. We must proceed with this! We already have the technology! Which means, of course, that so does China.

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Poorly Drawn Man - by David Stillman

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6. You used to play Dodge Car at the intersection of Holly and Amity
5. You've been here four years and you still don't know what Carey Cook does
4. The song "Hells Bells" reminds you of chapel
3. To you, a TWIX is a candybar
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