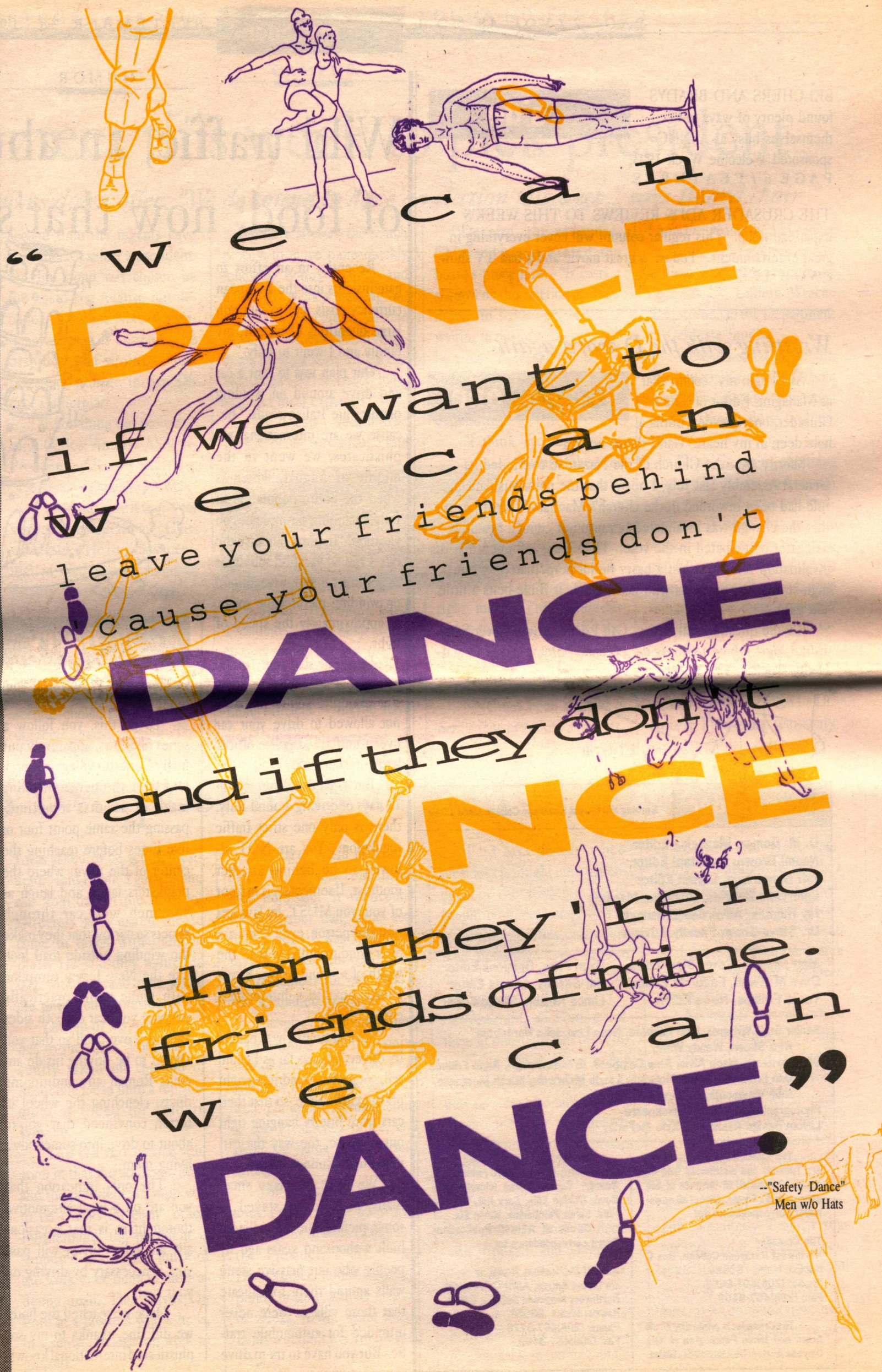


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expanded issue. This regular column will cover everything in
great entertainment. Today: a great movie and a bad TV show.
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Wrestling with the D-word again

As I begin my second year
as Managing Editor of The
Crusader, one question burns a
hole deep in my heart: Can I dance now?

column one

Shortly after the Church of the Nazarene concluded its
General Assembly last July, I heard that the notorious dancing
rule had been reworded in the church's Manual. Then I heard
that the change was invalidated because not enough assembly
delegates participated in the vote. Then I was informed that the
invalidation thing was just a nasty rumor perpetuated by some
high-strung Tennesseans who fastened their Bible-belts a little
too tight.

So the question still burns: Can I dance now? Cover Story
Editor Matt Johnson douses the perennial fire on pages 10 and
11 this week.

(Welcome back.)

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HUMOR

Wild traffic, an abundance of food; now that's Italian

Recently, in an effort to
gain insights into the European
currency crisis, not to mention
large quantities of weight, my
family and I went to Italy.

Our plan was to rent a car
and drive around on winding
picturesque Italian roads. Be-
cause we are international so-
phisticates, we went in the
middle of August, which is
when the entire population of
Italy, including statues, goes on
vacation. It turns out that the
No. 1 Italian vacation activity is
to get in a car and drive around
on winding picturesque roads,
at approximately the speed of
light.

I imagine that some traffic
maneuvers are illegal in Italy.
For example, you're probably
not allowed to drive your car
over a uniformed police officer
without signaling.

But as far as I could tell, in
10 days of driving around Italy,
there is only one strict traffic
regulation: You are NOT al-
lowed to be behind another
motorist. If somebody is in front
of you, you MUST, by law, get
past this person, even if you are
on a winding hillside road the
width of a strand of No. 8 spa-
ghetti, next to a humongous
cliff.

Several times I was passed
by drivers who, as far as I could
tell, got past me by driving right
off the cliff's edge, so that their
cars were briefly hanging right
out in space, the way the car-
toon Road Runner does.

We were on many small
roads, because we stayed in
some picturesque hill villages
built a thousand years ago by
people who put massive stone
walls around them to indicate
that these villages were never
intended for automobile traf-
fic. But you have to try to drive



dave barry

in them anyway, to reach your
hotel.

To do this, you follow a
series of arrows, apparently put
up by prankster villagers, which
lead you through a winding
maze of streets, sometimes
passing the same point four or
five times before reaching the
center of the town, where the
pranksters laugh and laugh as
you inch your car through
streets so narrow that they make
the winding hillside road look
like the New Jersey turnpike,
with stone walls practically
scraping your car on both sides
and even overhead so that you
appear to be driving inside an-
cient Roman air-conditioning
ducts, clenching the wheel in
terror, convinced that you're
about to drive into somebody's
living room.

The only indication that
you are on a legal automotive
thoroughfare is that occasion-
ally an Italian driver will pass
you, if necessary by driving on
your roof.

Once we reached the hotel
we did fine, thanks to my so-
phisticated international knowl-

edge of Italian. I had memo-
rized the Italian expressions for
"I do not speak Italian," and
"Do you speak English?" As a
result, on two occasions, I strode
confidently up to the hotel desk
person and stated, in crude Ital-
ian, "I do not speak English."

Fortunately, the Italians are
low on snoot, so we were treated
well despite communication
like tourist versions of Tonto
("We stay in room with toilet,
yes?"). We ate many wonder-
ful meals in the Italian style,
wherein they keep bringing you
more courses, and when you
finally stagger away from the
table, they follow you to your
room and stuff food into your
mouth while you sleep.

We also saw several hun-
dred thousand important and
historic ruins, cathedrals, stat-
ues, paintings, frescoes, mosa-
ics, arches, relics, etc., which
eventually formed one massive
unforgettable throbbing his-
toric blob in our minds.

--DAVE BARRY IS A
NATIONALLY SYNDICATED
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CAMPUS

Regents meet this week to pick president

Board's first choice turns down offer; "We do intend to have an election this week," says Board chair

BY D. M. BOMAR
MANAGING EDITOR

NNC's Board of Regents will most likely elect a college president by the end of this week, according to Monte Chitwood, who chairs the 39-member council. The regents are scheduled to meet Thursday and Friday in Boise.

As required by board procedures, a nominating committee has already narrowed a large field of candidates down to two. These two names will be presented to the full board for consideration, said Chitwood. Twenty-seven votes are needed for an election.

"We want to move as expeditiously as possible," he said. "We do intend to have an election this week."

This week's meeting is the

second time the regents have convened to select a president. Dr. Jim Bond was chosen by the board last August, but declined to accept NNC's presidency. Bond is currently the president of Point Loma Nazarene College in San Diego, California.

"Everything was positive," said Carlos Antras, ASNNC President, of Bond's interview. "He could've done the job well."

"Dr. Bond gave it very, very serious consideration," Chitwood said. "He had good meetings in Nampa with students, faculty, and administrators. Ultimately, he simply did not feel a release from Point Loma."

Critics of the process have suggested that the regents should have decided upon a second choice candidate during their August meeting. This

would have allowed the search process to move more quickly following Bond's decision and made this week's meeting unnecessary. According to one NNC official, each Board of Regents meeting costs the college around \$25,000 in travel, lodging, and meal expenses.

"It doesn't sound like they're being very smart," said

"We want to move as expeditiously as possible."

**--Monte Chitwood,
Board of Regents Chair**

Ross Jones, Sophomore Class President. "They keep raising tuition while they give us the minimum in room and board. You'd think that they could be more efficient -- maybe have fewer meetings."

Despite the expense, Chitwood stood behind the board's procedure. "It casts a shadow on the election of a candidate to have someone else waiting in the number two slot," he said. "It certainly is not an inexpensive process, but we view it as an investment, not an expenditure."

"I think the regents are

moving at the right speed," said Antras. "When they take their time, it indicates that they're looking hard for the

right man. The president makes such a big impact on the school and the community that it's worth spending a few months to find the right person."

NNC has been without a permanent president since Dr.

Leon D. Doane died of cancer last April. The college is also without a permanent academic dean, as Dr. Lilburn Wesche has returned to the Department of Graduate Studies.

Wesche served as interim dean during the 1992-93 school year following the resignation of Dr. Daniel Berg in June, 1992.

"I think we're surviving very well," Antras said regarding the lack of permanent leadership. "I hope that by this weekend we can have the name of the new president. When we have our president and dean things will be more organized and decisions can be made toward the school's future."

Both administrative positions -- president and dean -- are currently being filled by Dr. Gilbert Ford on a temporary basis (see article below).

Ford fills two positions as search continues

BY ANDREW ZIRSCHKY
STAFF WRITER

For most people the term "retired" has connotations of fishing trips, long vacations and lots of relaxation. However, for Dr. Ford, NNC's acting president, retirement means lots of work.

In April, Ford was appointed interim president after the sudden death of president Leon Doane. Dr. Ford was surprised when he was chosen for the position by the board of directors last spring. Although he has served in various administrative roles at NNC, including chair of the science department and academic dean, it has been eight years since he has held an administrative position.

"I was very surprised when

I was asked to be acting president," said Ford. "I got a phone call from one of the Board of Directors who asked me to come to lunch with them in Boise. He said they wanted to talk with me, and they asked me to be acting president."

On top of his responsibilities as president, Ford has recently taken on the job of Academic Dean until a replacement is found for Lilburn Wesche.

This is a very unique situation in that the academic dean and the president are supposed to be checks for each other. Furthermore, the president is supposed to delegate much of the work to be done to the academic dean. This leaves Dr. Ford in a position where he is, in a sense, delegating work to himself.

"In fact, I had to write a memo to myself concerning me," Ford said. "It was needed for the paper trail, so as academic dean I was writing to myself as president concerning a replacement for one class I was scheduled to teach."

Despite the overlapping responsibility and the confusion of the situation, Dr. Ford seems to be handling two jobs well. He keeps morning hours in the President's office, and afternoon hours in the Dean's office.

"So far I have enjoyed this a lot. I don't really know how this is going to work filling both the President's office and Dean's office. I think for a short period of time, a small number of weeks, it will work; it certainly wouldn't work in the long term."

Ford says that as a new president is sought out, experience in the academic world should be looked at as well as leadership qualities that would lend themselves to the mission of the college both academically and spiritually.

According to Ford, a permanent president will probably be found and in place within five weeks. As advice to the new president he said that it is important for the president to keep in touch with all the segments of the campus community.

"It is important to talk with students, visit with students, visit with staff and administrative support persons, and especially with faculty."

It is likely, however, that Ford will continue to serve as Academic Dean throughout this

entire school year. He is tentatively scheduled to teach a course third term, and he is hoping to do that. However, Ford's teaching involvement is based on the rate at which the search for a new President and Dean progresses.

No matter the role which Dr. Ford plays this year, either as administrator or teacher, he plans to continue his involvement with NNC for at least a few more years. He indicated that he would most likely teach at least one course next year.

"I certainly want and need the support of the whole campus community. I solicit your prayers, your interests, your suggestions. A person needs all the help they can get. We are here as a community, we need to work together and have good communication."

BRIEFLY

ASNNC Senate convenes Wednesday

The ASNNC Senate is scheduled to hold its first meeting of the fall term

the campus

Wednesday at 8:00pm in the North Dining Room. Although the agenda contains no items of old or new business, concerns regarding NNC's cheerleaders are expected to be presented to the Senate from the gallery. Wednesday's Senate will consist of just nine members, as opposed to the usual twelve, since freshmen have not yet elected senators.

International Club plans food fest

The International Students Club of NNC is organizing an International Food Fest around the "Get A Bite Of The World." This festival will be held on Saturday, October 9th, from 2:00-4:00pm at the Wiley Courtyard. Foods from various countries in Asia, Europe, and Latin America will be served. The festival will also feature entertainment. This event is a great opportunity for anyone to be exposed to the international world.

Tickets go on sale Wednesday: \$1 for NNC students and preschool children, \$2 for NNC faculty and staff and the Nampa community. For more information, contact Eric Ely in the Student Development Office.

Idaho Family Forum, local lawmen denounce "NYPD Blue" TV show

The Idaho Family Forum and Ada County law enforcement officials denounced the controversial "NYPD Blue" television show Sunday, saying its violence and sexual content violate community standards and give police officers a bad image. They also called for KIVI Channel 6 to stop airing the show, which premiered at 9:00pm last Tuesday.

Dennis Mansfield, head of the Idaho Family Forum, said the show "pushes the envelope" of community standards. According to Mansfield, up to 40 stations nationwide, including ABC affiliates in Pocatello and Twin Falls, refused to run the first episode of the program.

"TV shows like 'NYPD Blue' focus on immoral, illegal, and unprofessional acts as if they represented the norm in contemporary law enforcement, and are a slap in the face to all officers," said Larry Jones, a Boise Police lieutenant.

KIVI Channel 6 has no plans to cancel the show, according to General Manager Larry J. Chase. He said the show airs when most younger children are asleep and that it doesn't violate community standards.

Ranchers oppose wolf importation

In a public hearing in Boise yesterday, Idaho ranchers and activist groups criticized the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for its plan to bring truck 45 wolves from the Canadian wilds to central Idaho over a three-year period, starting in 1994. Ranchers don't want the wolves in Idaho because they're worried the nocturnal animals will attack their herds. And they're scared by the prospect of government land use restrictions to protect the wolves that they say could drive them out of business.

VALLEY

NNC and Nampa community foster positive relationship

BY TESSA PHILLIPS
NEWS EDITOR

Sought after by politicians, city officials, and businesses alike, a positive public relationship is many times seen as the key to success. Over the last seventy-five years NNC has succeeded in continually improving her community relations with the local businesses and residents of Nampa.

Vice President of Institutional Advancement Rich Hagood accounts, "There's an increasing awareness in the community and on campus of the importance of NNC's involvement."

One of the many ways students have been involved with local residents is through a community service day entitled RUSH (aRe yoU Serving Him?). Sponsored by ASNNC, RUSH draws in around 200 students every fall and spring who volunteer their time to wash windows, clean house, or rake leaves for local residents.

Other projects NNC participates in throughout the year include the Red Cross Blood Drive, Christmas Gift Drive, and Kids' Activity Day.

Community Relations Coordinator Hollie Tiegs is pleased with student support



Dr. Rich Hagood



Nampa Mayor Winston Goering

stating, "I think we capture different social types. We have the elderly, the needy, and children. We're tapping into those groups of society and they're getting to know who they're supporting."

Hagood reflects on all of NNC's involvement as positive enhancers, raising the quality of life in Nampa. Nampa mayor Winston Goering agrees, "NNC infuses standards into the community and I'm particularly appreciative of that!" Hagood emphasized, "We've got a mayor who's very committed to building college/community relations. He's very alert to those things."

One area of support where both the college and the city of Nampa agree is vital, is the economic impact. NNC invests an estimated \$20 million a year into Nampa through salaries, investments, and goods and services purchased by faculty and students.

The Men's NAIA National Basketball Tournament was another outstanding display of community support. The sig-

nificance was that the community completely underwrote the entire expense budget for the tournament. Hagood captured the climax of the relationship between the community and NNC when he stated, "I felt the community has always cooperated with the college, but during the National tournament the community claimed NNC as its own!"

Financial support is further contributed to the school through cash donations to NNC's annual fund drive, Partners In Progress, and through ads purchased in the Oasis and the Crusader.

The future of both Nampa and NNC rely on the continued growth of positive relations. Hagood sees many benefits of this joint cooperation through the development of NNC's Master Plan, the re-routing of streets on campus, and most recently the acquisition of Kurtz Park.

Hagood concludes, "These are all signs of the quality of the relationship between NNC and her community."

NATION

Health care that's there

Clinton proposes universal plan to insure the people

BY WENDY WHITE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Last Wednesday night, President Clinton presented his health care plan to Congress and all Americans. In his speech, Clinton pleaded for health care for all Americans when he asked the American people to work with him to enact his plan on health care reform.

Clinton told the joint session of Congress, "At long last, after decades of false starts, we must make this our most urgent priority: giving every American health security--health care that can never be taken away--health care that is always there."

In a nutshell, the President focused on overcoming two major problems: the nation's overall health spending and exorbitant health care prices which are growing too fast compared with everything else in the economy.

Clinton's answer is two-fold. First, he wants everybody covered by insurance by requiring employers to help pay for coverage (most employers would be required to pay 80% of average premiums); by subsidizing insurance for small businesses, low-wage workers, and the jobless; and by setting up insurance-purchasing pools called "health alliances" to make policies cheaper. Clinton would require that most people get an insurance package almost as good as those offered by most big companies.

In addition, the President would also try to control health costs. The government would control Medicare and Medicaid so that they grew only about half as fast as they are growing now. The government would also rewrite the rules for the

health-coverage market so that private insurers would compete in the new plan by taking care of people in more cost-effective ways. Doctors, hospitals, and other medical providers would reorganize themselves into managed care networks to treat people more efficiently. At the same time, the government would impose strict limits on the rate at which private health premiums could rise.

As Clinton delineated his plan in broad outline form, he emphasized six critical points that health care legislation must follow.

Security

"Security means that those who do not have health care coverage will have it and, for those who have it, it will never be taken away," Clinton promised.

Under the Clinton plan, the government would guarantee all people a basic package of coverage which would be negotiated in each state by alliances of consumers with insurance companies and medical groups.

Simplification

As the health care situation stands now, most people become frustrated by complicated, mass paperwork. Clinton proposed that everyone would have one insurance form which would simplify government rules.

Savings

Through simplifying the health care process and monitoring prices, Clinton said that the new framework for health care would save the American public money. Because the government would monitor the health care industry, Clinton believes there would be less fraud, thus creating lower costs.

Clinton plans on financing

his plan by cutting the Medicare growth rate roughly in half to subsidize expanded coverage. In addition, Clinton has proposed taxes on cigarettes and alcohol.

Quality

Clinton promises that the changes that occur in the health care reform will maintain high quality because the government will play a large role in regulating health care.

Responsibility

A seven member National Health Board would monitor state compliance and the functioning of health alliances, interpret the standard benefit package and make recommendations about new benefits to reflect changing technology and needs, and set regional medical spending ceilings. A committee would monitor drug prices, questioning pharmaceutical companies about those drugs it deems unreasonably expensive.

Choice

Most alliances would offer a large selection of plans, but all must include at least one fee-for-service option offering a free choice of doctors. People choosing more expensive plans would pay a higher share of premiums. Plans could offer supplemental policies which could cover such items as dental or mental health benefits--employers could choose to pay for these or consumers could buy them with after-tax dollars.

Clinton will formally submit his plan as legislation in a few more weeks.

"We're not wedded to the details," said White House Political Director Joan Baggett. "We're committed to results."

Resources: *U.S. News & World Report*, Sept. 27, 1993; *The Idaho Statesman*, Sept. 23, 1993

BRIEFLY

Clinton starts hard sell on health care

In a preview presentation to top Democrats and Republicans Thursday, Clinton presented his plan to guarantee coverage to all citizens while curbing costs. Though specifics have not been officially released to the public, health care specialists in Washington state that the plan is likely to include uniform health benefits packages for all Americans, an overhaul of insurance laws to bar health insurance companies from dropping or refusing coverage for the sick or high risk people, and changes to medical liability laws.

"There is almost unanimous consensus that the cost of continuing on the present course is greater than the cost of change," Clinton told lawmakers. Current antional health costs are increasing at twice the rate of other prices and account for 1/7th of U.S. spending.

While consensus may be unanimous, Clinton's backers face the large task of assuring citizens their choice of physicians under the proposed plan. Among loud criticisms of the plan include financing, extent of government regulation, and proposed requirements that all employers pay most of the cost of workers coverage. (see story at left)

Crews recover train, rebuild bridge

A recovery crew hauled the last cars of the wrecked Amtrak Sunset Limited from dark bayou waters near Saraland, Ala., Sunday, as other workers repaired the bridge from which it plunged, carrying 47 people to their deaths. The baggage car and the third engine from the California-to-Florida train were pulled from Bayou Canot. A recording devise from the third engine similar to the one found in the lead engine Saturday was turned over to the National Transportation Safety Board for analysis.

Yeltsin continues to battle communism

Boris Yeltsin dissolved Russia's parliament after a year-long power struggle, announcing in a televised speech broadcast nationwide that the parliament had "lost the right to remain at the keys levers of state power." His announcement was followed by an overwhelming parliamentary vote to strip him of his powers on the standing that Yeltsin's moves were unconstitutional amounting to a "coup d'etat" and legislators named rival Vice President Rutskoi as president.

Though Russia's Constitutional Court ruled Yeltsin's actions a violation of constitution worthy of impeachment, Yeltsin continued the power struggle through Monday, using the power divested of him to appoint cabinet officials and issue decrees in a proclaimed effort to avoid bloodshed.

Bloodless skirmish in Somalia

U.N. forces skirmished with Somali gunmen in Mogadishu on Sunday, but there were no casualties, officials said. The clashes came a day after three U.S. soldiers died when their helicopter was downed by a rocket-propelled grenade. The soldiers were remembered with songs and prayers at a U.S. military chapel service in Mogadishu Sunday morning, U.S. officials said. The identities of the three crewmen have no been released.

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CAMPUS

NNC Student Development gets a facelift

Ely, Pearson get new desks; three new RDs take over the dorms; Linda Swaim moves to Mercy Medical Center

BY JOHN NORDSTROM
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A new office developed, two people started new roles, three new RD's were hired, and a position currently remains unfilled. These things make up the list of changes in the anatomy of this year's Student Development Administration. Dr. Ken Hills, Vice-President of Student Development, is optimistic about the changes.



Dr. Ken Hills

"I'm excited about the changes," Hills said Wednesday. "We had a good LEAD retreat. I think it is going to be a smooth transition."

One person in transition is last year's Director of Student Housing, Eric Ely. He will be NNC's Multicultural Advisor. This position is new and consequently in its developmental stage. The position basically will be that of a co-advisor to the international students and a liaison to multicultural programs.

Ely says that one of his dreams for the position is, "to work with admissions to retain the multicultural students that are recruited to come to NNC and make sure that they graduate."

Many of Ely's ideas for the position have come from the Christian College Coalition and



Eric Ely

Goshen College, Indiana. "I don't want to try to reinvent the wheel," he says, "I'd rather model after good programs already in place."

One program that Ely would like to see at NNC is a charting system to bring back multicultural alumni to talk to NNC students and an ambassador program that would house prospective multicultural students with current multicultural students on visits.

Ely still is seeking more feedback from the multicultural students and faculty and staff. His first campus wide activity will be the multicultural food fest on October 9.

Another transitioning Student Development personality is Karen Pearson who had

**"I don't want to reinvent the wheel
... I'd rather model after good
programs already in place."
--Eric Ely, Multicultural Advisor**

been the RD at Culver for the last three years. She has moved into Eric Ely's old job, that of Director of Student Housing.

Pearson has always wanted to work in Student Development. "I've been growing up in this community since second grade. My dad [Dr. Jerry Hull] has been working in Student Development on and off

for twenty years," Pearson said. Her RD position prepared her for her current job "quite a bit."

One aspect of Pearson's job that she has enjoyed is having Eric Ely still available for comments, advice, and support. She also feels as if she has a lot of support from the RD's since she used to be one.

The number one problem that she has had to face this year is space availability for male students. All men's rooms are full. Chapman has reached full capacity for the first time in many years.

She also is working with three new RD's: Susan Waterman of Culver Hall,



Susan Waterman

David Miller of Sutherland Hall, and Mary Perry of Mangum Hall.

Susan Waterman is a 1986 graduate of NNC in psychology. She met her husband, Warren, in Northwesterners and was married in 1987. They had been living in Boise, and have a one year old son named Douglas.

Waterman says that they applied for the RD position because, "I wanted a job where I could stay home and be a mom and I like working with NNC people." Also, Warren will take classes to finish his degree the year after this.

As far as being back at NNC again is concerned, Waterman says that she and her husband have, "enjoyed attending the student activities. It's been interesting going back to SAGA."

Culver's sister dorm, Sutherland, has a new RD, David Miller, is an alumnus of Point Loma. He received a BA in Business Communications in 1992. He heard about the opening from a friend at Point Loma.

Miller is very interested in having a lot of fun activities for Sutherland throughout the year. Among those activities are mud football versus Chapman, adding themes to dorm barbecues, white water rafting, and sports viewing parties. He also wants to do many activities with his sister dorm, Culver.

Miller says he like Idaho. "Idaho reminds me of home. I



David Miller

was raised in Oklahoma and Kansas."

He also likes Student Development. "Everyone is real supportive. They have bent over backwards to get me acclimated here socially and professionally."

Just to the west of Sutherland lives Mangum Hall's new RD, Mary Perry. Has been a teacher and received a degree in Home Economics in 1977. In her future is



Linda Swaim

an NNC counseling degree.

The reason she took the job she says is, "I like working with Freshmen. They have unique needs and I feel I am better suited to assisting them than I am the upperclassmen."

Besides being the Mangum Hall RD, Perry is also a professional seamstress and is looking for customers. She



Mary Perry

does alterations, repairs, and custom sewing.

As far as Student Development is concerned, she feels very comfortable. "I've never worked with a more cooperative staff in my life," she said.

The final change in Student Development will be completed in the next two weeks. Linda Swaim has left the position of Director of Campus Life to fill a position at Mercy Medical Center. Three candidates will be interviewed to fill the position to act as an advisor to ASNNC, campus activities, and fundraisers.

FEATURES

Leaders prepare for 1993

BY ANDREW ZIRSCHKY
STAFF WRITER

Although the ability to plummet down metal cables at high speeds, and climb thirty foot wooden poles is not always the sign of a good leader, at NNC it is believed that experiences like these can help a good leader become a better one.

With this in mind, 87 of the college's student and adult leaders embarked on a journey to McCall, Idaho, for a time of fellowship, learning, and in many cases, utter fear.

The event was called 1993 L.E.A.D. retreat and included most students involved in ASNNC, as well as many RAs, PAs, and RDs. L.E.A.D stands for "Leadership Equipping and Development" and the retreat did just that.

"Our theme was 'Face the Challenge' to serve and to grow," said Al Sjogren, RD for Chapman Hall. "Service is a big part of what we're here for. The RDs, RAs and PAs are not here just to run around and fine people for every little thing; we're here to serve people and to help people out."

The retreat started out Saturday, September 11, at the NNC campus, and the group embarked Sunday morning for Quaker Hill in McCall. This was the site of a ropes and adventure course that everyone on the retreat was involved in.

The participants were split into groups of 14 to 17 people and then were required to complete various events on the course. Many of the events involved team work, such as getting everyone in their group over a 14 ft. wall or getting the whole bunch onto a platform 3 feet by 3 feet.

Other events required trust in teammates. One such event demanded climbing a rickety

30 ft. pole and, upon reaching the top, jumping off and catching a ring suspended out over the pole.

"I learned that I had to trust in my teammates," said Sjogren. "The most memorable event was not being able to get to the top of the pole and jump off. I just couldn't do it. I learned that I can't do everything by myself, and it is not bad because you need help with something. I have had a hard time realizing that in the past."

Other participants in the L.E.A.D retreat learned similar things about themselves and about being a leader on campus.

Nathan Hoiosen, an R.A. for Chapman Hall, said that the retreat itself helped to prepare him to serve this year. He said that it particularly helped him to have a view of equality towards everyone in the dorm.

"It was a time of building unity and love for each other," recalled Hoiosen. "The whole ropes course was pretty memorable. It showed me that no matter who you are, you are important to the team."

Besides the adventure course, the L.E.A.D participants also were involved in a time of problem solving as they planned and acted out possible situations that might arise this year. Among the skits that were presented were ones dealing with homosexuality, depression, and suicide.

"In the 'What if' session we presented skits on possible situations," said Hoiosen. "It helped to make you aware of

some of the things that can happen."

According to the participants, some very special times of the retreat were the evening campfire sessions. During these times, the group became closer through the sharing of personal experiences and fellowship.

"The campfire times were probably the best. Some people shared very personal things; things that they had never shared before. That was a really special time for us,"

explained Sjogren.

Other L.E.A.D. participants agree.

"It was great to just spend time together being spiritual," said Dave Bomar, Managing Editor of The Crusader. "We get chapel and church all the time, but when you really think about it we don't get many opportunities to just hang out with our friends in an informal gathering and share what God is doing in our lives."

On the 14th everyone on the retreat was presented with a L.E.A.D T-shirt during campfire.

Sjogren recalls, "The final night when we got our T-shirts, the group was like 'This is it; tomorrow we go out and serve the campus.'"

Dave Wilson, ASNNC Chief Justice feels that the retreat helped to prepare everyone for this coming year, regardless of the role they play.

"I learned that I could do anything if I set my mind to it, but it also taught me the importance of working as a team."

"I learned that I had to trust in my teammates."
--Al Sjogren, Chapman R.D., in regard to standing on top of a 30-foot pole



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Welcome week jump-starts student life

Crafton, Duckworth belching royalty as rootbeerfest, rollerscamming, and brady party hit campus

BY BRENDA CLOUGH
AND ANNE FRAHM
STAFF WRITERS

College typically has a reputation of being a place for one to grow and mature. So where do Red Rover, belching contests, roller skating, and public humiliation fit into all of this? NNC's annual Welcome Week.

This fun-filled week (a.k.a. a great opportunity to scope out members of the opposite sex) began with promises of a "free" mug to the first 199 students to arrive at Rootbeer Fest. The crowd was then left to wonder where the 200th "mystery mug" actually went.

The spectacular light show and fog routine of Monty Ingersol entertained the shivering root beer guzzlers as the level of anticipation for the belching contest grew within the crowd.

After having the opportunity to make several trips to the root beer fountain, the contestants were called up on stage to demonstrate their abilities.

The females led off the contest with several girls displaying their poor excuses for a belch. Kyle Shaffer said, "I thoroughly enjoyed the Root Beer Fest, but feel that we could have used some more experienced belchers."

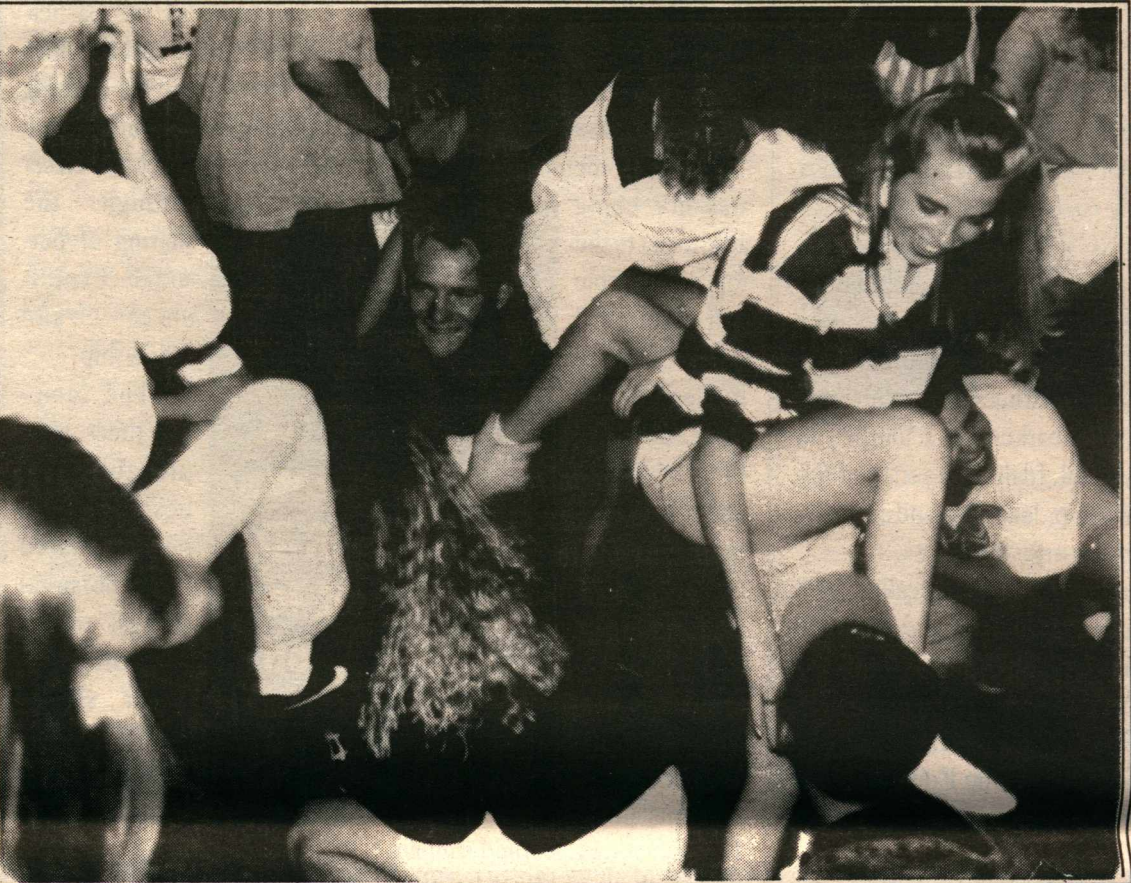
The field of competitors was narrowed to Lori Carpenter and Paige Crafton, both seniors. These two experienced masters of maaloX have found themselves in competition with each other before, with Carpenter winning last year's title.

Crafton got the sympathy of the crowd with her heart-wrenching story of entering this contest every year and exiting without the title of Queen Belcher.

Crafton received overwhelming support from the student body when she asked, "Do I get extra points if I blow chunks?" and went on to Gass-X her way to the crown of Queen Belcher.

As contestants were coerced onto the stage for the men's competition, chants filled the air for James Duckworth, the reigning Belcher Supreme for the past four years. Despite these efforts, Duckworth was mysteriously absent. The contest continued, and senior John Cotner was announced the winner.

As Cotner approached the stage for his award, Duckworth swept in from among the crowd to once again claim his title. He belched Cotner off stage, who surrendered his fifteen seconds as the Belcher Supreme. Students seemed to enjoy this pub-



Toe to shoulder, cheek to cheek, what kind of kinky game is this? (Lance Nelson)

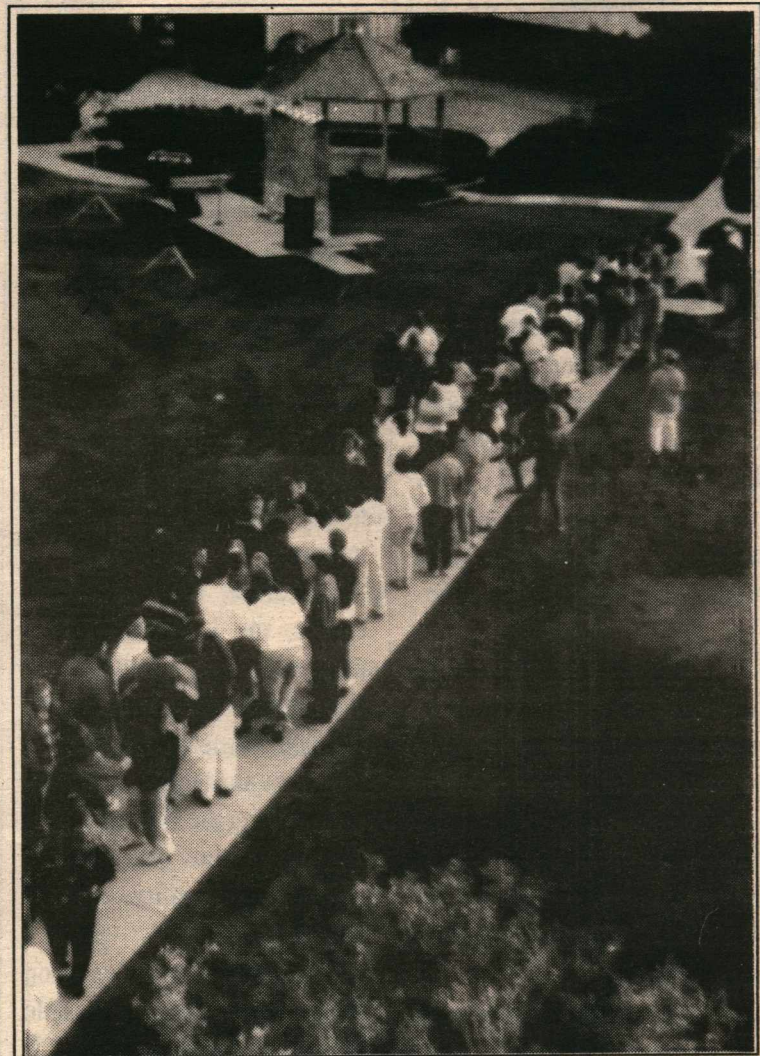
bum. The overall theme of the evening centered around giving one's troubles to the Lord. "Let it go; you've been hammering on yourself too long," sang the duo. Bob Diehm shared a story of a close friend,

Raymond, and how he strayed from the Lord which led him to write the song entitled, "Raymond".

Thursday brought the highly anticipated Brady Bunch Party which drew close to 100 people. Local thrift stores welcomed the mass invasion as

NNC students swarmed to find the "perfect" outfit which would cause any parent to have haunting flashbacks.

The yard at the Brick House was covered with 73 Twister game mats, and disco music blared from the stereo. Constrictive clothing quickly

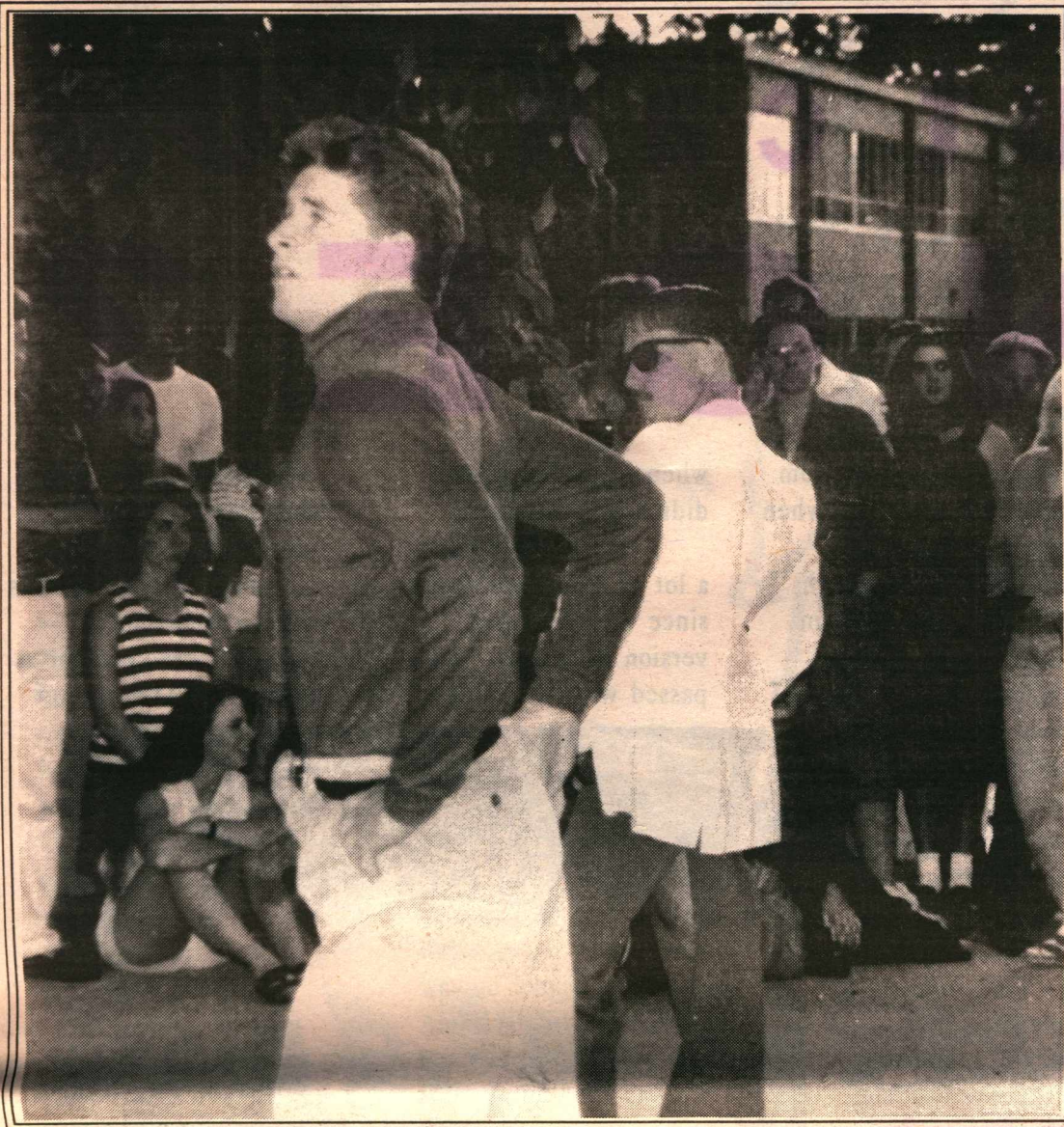


One of the many lines encountered during Welcome Week. (Lance Nelson)

**"Do I get
extra points if
I blow chunks?"
--Paige Crafton,
1993 Belching Queen**

lic display of barnyard behavior. Becky Nicholson, a freshman, said, "They sound like a cross between a dinosaur and E.T."

Time Out was kicked off on Wednesday with Diehm Project performing several of their songs from their new al-



Adam Freeborn (left) and John Cotner strut their disco knowledge on the makeshift NNC disco floor. (Lance Nelson)

eliminated the girls leaving freshman Brooke Ferdinand, who found herself in the minority, wearing pants instead of the short miniskirt. The game progressed until everyone was on one mat, and David Zinc, freshman, outmaneuvered his opponents to win the title of Master Twister.

The disco contest followed on the patio with freshman Adam Freeborn winning. Freeborn said, "I learned it all from watching Saturday Night Fever and by studying all his (John Travolta) moves."

Cotner once again found himself as runner-up despite the fact that during one particularly long stretch his tight polyester pants ripped, exposing his wonderous. This minor inconvenience barely phased Cotner who went on to complete his

moves. "I love embarrassment; I live for it. I thought it would add a few extra bonus claps," said Cotner.

Joy Williams, who shopped at the Treasure Chest, won the best dressed award wearing a

several younger children to fear for their lives as they skated around the crowded rink.

The week drew to a close with NNC's Funniest Dorm Videos. Each dorm was instructed to be as creative as time allowed in making their pyramid, theme song, and cheer. Students met in the gym to view the final products, with Mangum and Sutherland claiming a first-place tie.

ASNNC President Carlos Antras felt that this year's Welcome Week was

very successful in providing a base for new friendships to be formed. He went on to say that it allows a good transition from high school to college. Antras was proud of this year's new students saying, "The freshman class seems to be very active and strong socially."

purple empire waist miniskirt and knee high boots.

Friday Night brought Rollerscamming to the Roller Drome for all students interested in meeting that "someone special" or just wanting to hang out with friends. NNCers packed the building and caused

**"I learned it all from watching Saturday Night Fever."
--Adam Freeborn
1993 Disco King**

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Yeah, but can YOU DANCE?

BY MATT JOHNSON
COVER STORY EDITOR

"What'cha doin' up there?" inquired a chorus of my first-grade friends.

Sherry Artman and I bashfully looked at each other, both of us not sure what to say as our six year-old legs dangled from the stage as we watched our first grade class assemble for square dancing.

"Yeah, ya sick or somethin'?"

Sherry and I were quickly catching on to this whole business about being Nazarene (Naster-bean?). Our parents had brought us together when they brought our families to Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs. When you're in Kindergarten, denomination doesn't mean a whole lot, but in the first grade, the social pressure was creating a little alienation.

"Ain't 'cha gonna square dance?"

A note from Sherry's mother, the source of this exile, lay rumped on the stage floor next to our dangling legs where our bemused teacher had left it after its sojourn in Sherry's grubby fists. I

couldn't read all of it, but I knew more or less what it said, and Sherry had been quick to point out that the note, while not from my parents, applied to me just as much as it did to her. This didn't make a whole lot of sense. All I knew now was that those people on "Hee Haw" were evil, and that by some divine grace, this note from Sherry's mother would be my salvation from Pikes Peak Elementary's attempt to thrust my six year-old soul into the bowels of hell. . .

Which, as I said, didn't make sense. Everyone seemed to be having a really good time, and Sherry and I were feeling pretty stupid as we watched from the stage. The next day, without my parents' permission, I was dancing to the soundtrack of "Grease" with my friends.

Whether it was guided by peer pressure or not, to be dancing with my friends instead of sitting on the school's stage made a lot more sense.

That same uncomfortable feeling I felt there in the gymnasium of Pikes Peak Elementary was probably the reason some

Nazarene delegates from the British Isles had when they proposed a re-definition of paragraphs 34.1, 34.4, and 904.6 in the Nazarene Manual, which read: "All forms of social dancing. We hold that such practices tend to break down proper inhibitions and reserve between the sexes."

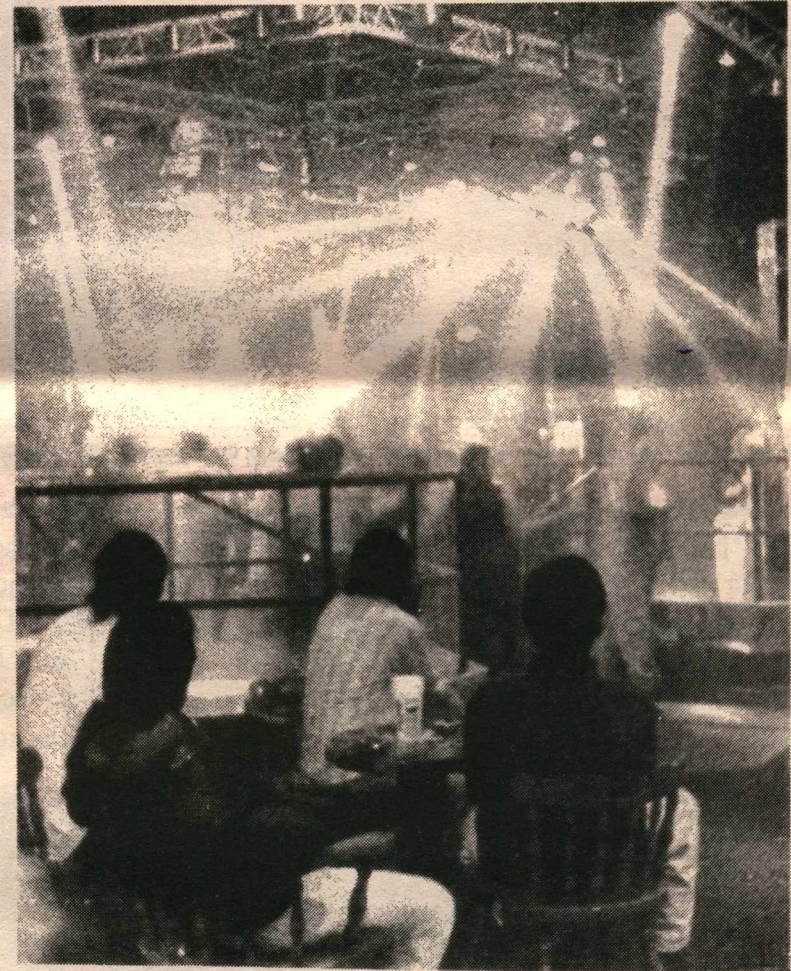
This summer, delegates from Britain submitted this rationale to the absolute "no dancing rule" of Nazarene tradition:

"It is our opinion that few, if any, of our members are comfortable when asked to defend the content of Manual paragraphs 34.1, 34.4 and 904.6, to would-be new church members, when recieved in the light of God's word."

At the time, I hadn't thought about it in terms of witnessing, but I had trouble defending the "our-church-doesn't-believe-in-it" stance all the way up to high school,

when I decided I just didn't care anymore.

Evidently, neither do a lot of other Nazarenes, since the revamped version of the rule was passed without a fight.



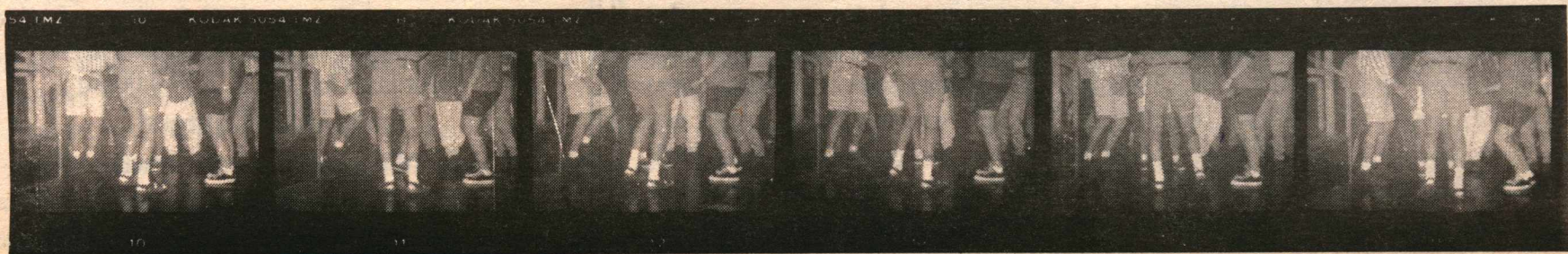
That new definition reads something like this:

"We are opposed to all forms of social dancing that tend to inhibit spiritual growth and the proper moral inhibitions and reserve between the sexes."

What does that mean? Who's going to decide or enforce this?

In the beginning, this wasn't a question or subject of enforcement as much as it was a form of

witness for the then fledgling members of the early Nazarene denomination. To further explain how this perception was brought about, we can look at where our church began -- right here in the United States. It doesn't





take a doctorate in the history of entertainment to know that, while some of the approaches, facades and even music have changed, American culture has almost always used dancing as a means of breaking down the "re-serve between the sexes." Or, as Dr. Lyons has been known to say in his classes concerning the subject, "A vertical expression of a horizontal idea."

The original idea then, was to point out that those in the Nazarene church did not practice the art of going out and picking up on members of the opposite sex for purposes which were sexual in nature. This was a form of witness which distinguished Nazarene folk from the rest of society.

But, as in other times and with other denominations, this "rule" seemed to take on a different purpose for the members of the church. By the time Elvis was swinging his pelvis, many members of the denomination (particularly parents) viewed the rule as a wise form of defense for their families against the impending decadence of

American youth culture.

It wasn't until the seventies, when the rule was keeping us safe from Disco Fever, that the Nazarene church began to wake up to the fact that it was no longer a religious American phenomenon, but was in fact very much an international entity. While the church in the States were still very much "Bible-belt" in their mentality, the churches in other parts of the globe were beginning to realize that the rules of the church were infringing on their culture and in some cases, actually causing a barrier to form in their ability to relate with the very people they were supposed to be witnessing to. As ASNNC president Carlos Antras sees it, "If you're a Nazarene missionary in South America, in order to reach out and be a part of the culture, you'll have to dance with them in their cultural dances."

Now the question had

become whether or not the guidance offered by the church was appropriate or not. Did the absolute rule of "no dancing" offer effective witness, or were we stuck in a kind of "Victorian Age" where the subject was just mid-western Bible-belt taboo?

Out of this questioning came the problem that many, even in the United States had with the whole issue: dancing wasn't exactly wrong in itself, but the intention behind

it can be. The original members of the early Nazarene church never foresaw the day that their grandchildren would want to participate in ballet or be a member of the cheerleading squad. How does one explain the Nazarene policy to a new or prospective member of the church in light of these concerns or interests? The answer: You can't.

But, back to the issue that burns in every single's heart on the campus of every Nazarene institution:

Can I go dancing on a date or to get one?

According to Student Development, the answer is still no.

Why?

Again, it is a matter of culture in America. The purpose and environment behind most single dancing lies within the confines of the new rule which prohibits any activity which "tend to break down the proper inhibitions." The church feels a responsibility in guiding those who need

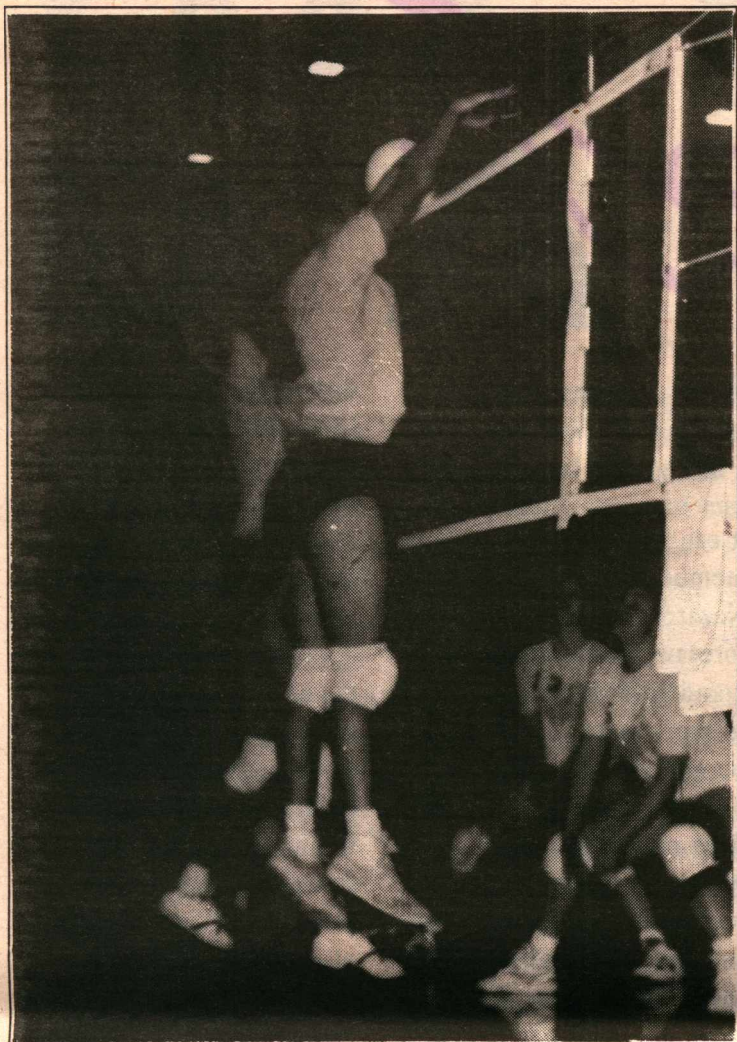
direction and structure in their spiritual walk. In the words of lyricist Neil Peart, "And those who know what's best for us, must rise and save us from ourselves."

What about church dances, prom nights and social gala events? As discussed above, dancing itself is not evil, but the intention behind it is. In some respects the whole issue becomes a question of integrity. Why does one choose to dance? If it is social in nature, perhaps even tradition, then it is difficult if not impossible for even Student Development to condemn anyone of the act. As Carlos Antras puts it, "Dancing is fine, its what's in your mind."

The only thing I had on my mind was not looking stupid on the gym stage of Pikes Peak Elementary when I decided that not dancing didn't make any sense. Sherry Artman, who remained on the stage bored out of her mind for the next two weeks made me feel like a heel, but other than that I still had a clear conscience.



VOLLEYBALL



NNC volleyball will tackle Concordia Friday at home and Albertson Saturday in Caldwell. (Brad Nelson)

Lady Crusaders whip up weekend victories

By JULIE WEYMOUTH
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Crusaders whipped up two wins and three losses last weekend in tournament play at Newburg, Oregon.

"I'm pleased with the way the team is playing," said head coach Darlene Brasch.

The first matches were played against Albertson College of Idaho and yielded victory with scores of 15-13 and 15-9. Another victory was in the wing against Concordia with scores of 15-3 and 15-5. These victories were followed by losses to Willamette, 10-15, 15-6, and 12-15; Southern Oregon, 7-15, 15-8 and 14-16; and Pacific University, 15-12, 11-15, and 4-15.

Outstanding acts of sports-

manship were made by several players. Cheri Dailey had 29 kills, 53 digs, and 20 blocks and tied the school record for most aces with 6. Terea Josephson followed close behind with 29 kills, 44 digs, and 16 blocks. Stephanie Arland made 51 kills and 51 digs. Melanie Trombley had 111 assists and 47 digs and Kris Pickens made a super 25 kills.

"We should have beat all of them! We weren't playing as well as we should have, but we had a lot of team unity," said Dailey.

The next Lady Saders action is a home game Friday, Oct. 1, against Concordia at 7:00 PM.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, the ladies travel to Caldwell to play against AC of I at 7:00 PM.

Record numbers turn out as intramurals sets to kick off

By D. M. BOMAR
MANAGING EDITOR

The 1993 fall season of intramural sports began officially Saturday with the largest men's football draft in recent history.

Eight teams were picked in the draft and four freshman teams were arranged randomly. With twelve full teams participating (compared to eight last year), intramural program coordinators are anxious to get games started this Saturday.

"I don't remember there ever being more teams," said Intramural Director Jay Hughes. "It's shaping up to be a great season."

The draft itself proved to be exciting, according to Hughes. In an effort to protect as many players as possible, Cowboys captain Ron Ford yielded his own position plus two co-captain slots to three veterans he hoped to keep. But

by using this strategy, Ford left himself unprotected from the draft -- a fact that Lions captain Bret Skagerberg took advantage of. Skagerberg surprised everyone by picking Ford in the first round.

"I didn't pick him because we needed him. I picked him to mess up their team," said Skagerberg. "But I'm not going to force him to play for us if he doesn't want to. I'll probably work out some sort of trade. Both of our teams were in the championships last year, so it would be fun to have the same rivalry going this year."

Hughes said it was rumored that the Lions would return Ford to the Cowboys in exchange for veterans Jeff Jackson and John Boersma.

Saturday's dark horse pick came in the fourth round, when Hughes, as captain of the Steelers, picked "some guy named David Miller. Nobody

intramurals

knew who he was."

Miller turned out to be none other than Sutherland Hall's new 6'5", 240 lb. resident director. Miller played tight end and defensive end for the Mid America Nazarene College football team as a student there several years ago. Hughes said the free-agent will play tight end and defensive nose tackle for the Steelers.

Due to this year's large number of teams, the men's league will be divided into two conferences: AFC and NFC. Playoffs will employ wild cards and the championship will be a Superbowl between the winners of each conference.

In addition to the men's league, four women's teams have been organized and will also begin playing games Saturday.



Ron Ford is anything but gracious after being picked in the intramural football draft by rival Bret Skagerberg. (Lyndon Shakespeare)

SOCCER

Crusader soccer team topples AC of I in OT

NNC ends five year drought with 3-2 victory over the Albertson College of Idaho Coyotes

BY RICK SKEEN
STAFF WRITER

After a slow start to the 1993 season, the Sader soccer team scored a 3-2 overtime victory over Albertson College of Idaho in their last match.

The soccer team faced a rough early schedule, losing its

not won any games, we needed a mental lift to get us going."

Coach Diehl named goalie Rob Lawler and center Carlos Antras as the two key performers in the Albertson match.

"Rob played very well at goal and Carlos scored two goals, including the winning goal in overtime."



Crusader defenders stand up against a penalty kick. (Lance Nelson)

Crusader Soccer vs. Albertson College of Idaho
Today at 4:00pm in Finkbeiner Park

first four games without scoring a goal. The victory over Albertson, the first for NNC since 1988, was deemed a "mental victory" by head coach David Diehl.

"This game was a real mental victory for us. Since we had

NNC will host Albertson again this afternoon at 4 pm in what should be a very intense game.

"They will be psyched to get us back," commented Diehl. "This game should be a good indication of how the rest

of our season will go."

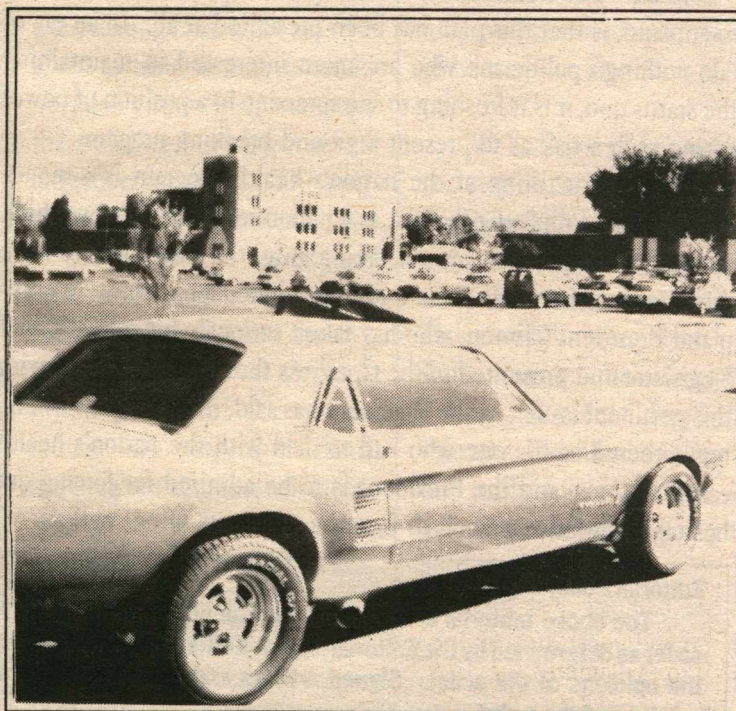
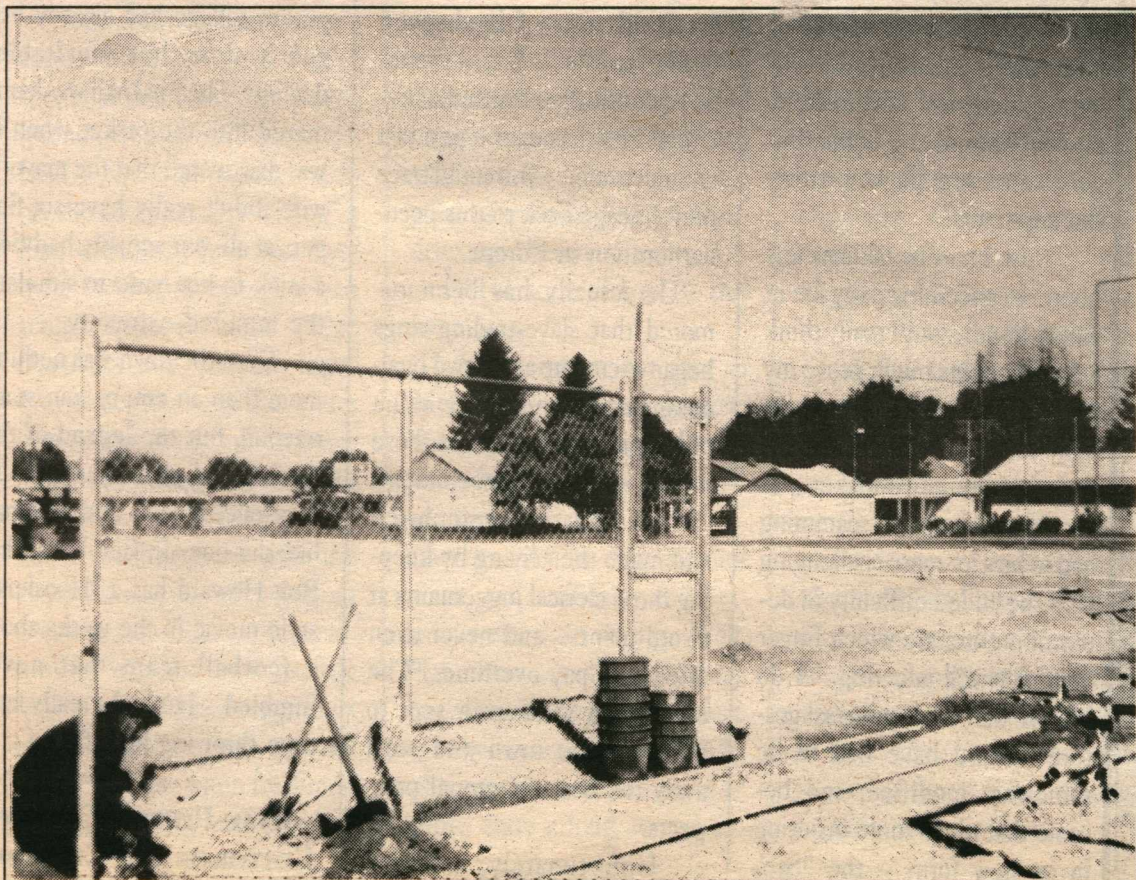
The team will have two new welcome additions in uniform this afternoon. Sophomore Jorge Bravo will be in action after recovering from an injury which kept him out all of last year and the start of this

year. Also in the Sader lineup today will be Solomon Njie. Njie was an all-district player several years ago with the Saders and now is a graduate student with one year of eligibility left.

"We appreciated the crowd

support we had the last time we played Albertson's," remarked coach Diehl. "The fans can be a very big help."

So come out this afternoon at 4 pm and support the Sader soccer team as they try to make it two in a row against archrival AC of I.



Crusader baseball: NNC's homeless

It didn't take crews long to turn NNC's old baseball field into a parking lot. But they're taking their time with the new stadium (left), which will be planted early next week. In the meantime, the team has been practicing at Vallivue High School, 20 minutes west of Nampa. (Lance Nelson)

EDITORIALS

Regents look far and near for president

As NNC's Board of Regents meets this Thursday and Friday to decide who will become the college's next president, students, professors, staff members, and administrators will be waiting anxiously to hear the results. Friday afternoon the tension will be thick; we already know who we want to lead the campus.

We desire a president who is familiar with NNC and the Nampa community, someone who recognizes our proud heritage and can envision a bright future for the college. Anyone who has spent time at NNC understands that, in our classrooms, genuine scholarship fits hand in hand with Christian commitment.

We want a president whose life is guided by personal integrity. We want someone who will, above all else, tell us the truth -- someone who is not afraid to be honest and straightforward about the state of the college. When we talk with our new leader, we should never be led to doubt his word.

Moreover, this high level of integrity should also exist in the president's spiritual life. It makes no difference whether the president has a minister's license or an eloquent tongue. The issue reaches past the ordination ceremony and into the heart of the man.

NNC students, professors, staff members, and administrators -- the people who study and work on campus -- the overwhelming majority of them agree on what kind of president they want. But where on earth would the regents find such a man?

our views*Crusader applauds Clinton*

President Clinton recently presented the people of the U. S. with his plan for realigning our nation's pathetic health care system. Clinton's plan may or may not be the best for the people of our nation, but that is not the issue. It would take an act of God to have his program pass through the Congress without major revision, so the plan that has been presented is not the plan that we will be dealing with in the future.

What we do need to take into consideration, and what we need to applaud, is that this plan has been presented at all. In an era of "do-nothing" politicians who are more interested in maintaining the status quo, it is refreshing to see someone in a position of power taking such a risk as to present a ground-breaking program.

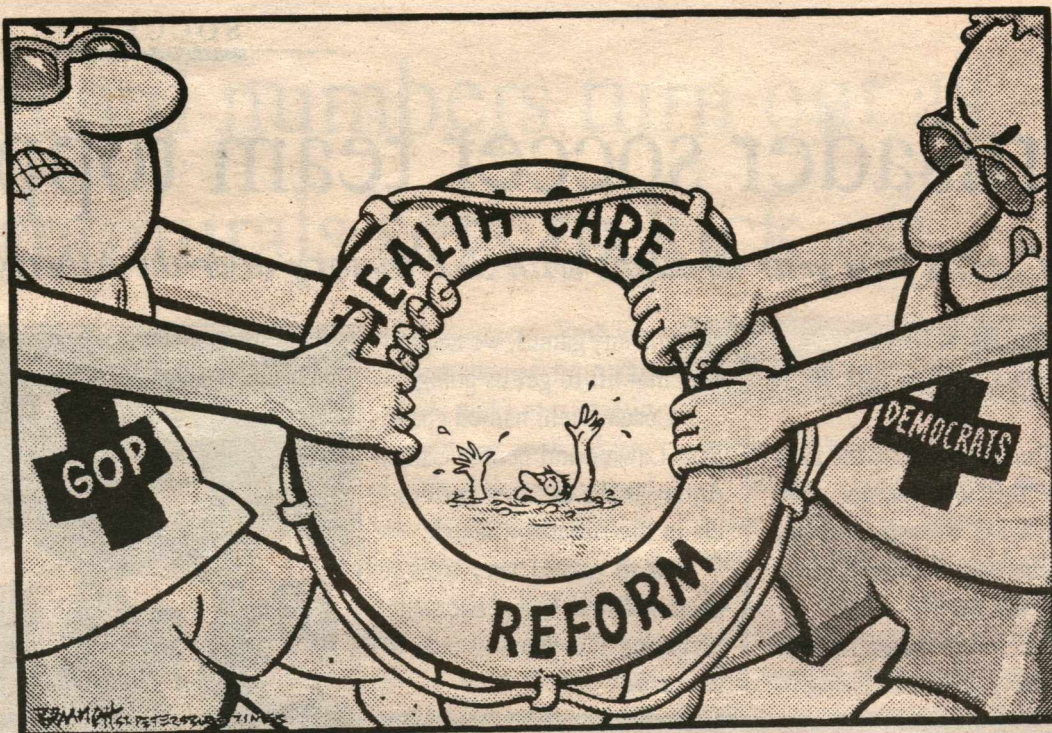
The restructuring of the nation's health program is a monumental task. Proposing that we as a nation re-invent how we think about health care, and yet not taking away the freedoms we have grown accustomed to, takes a strong-minded politician. We applaud President Clinton, who has taken seriously his role as Chief Legislator and presented to the Congress the mandate to deal with this pertinent issue. As the President has said, this Congress will be remembered as the one who had to deal with the nation's health care problems, and the President is to be admired for forcing our hesitant legislative branch to face the problems of our nation.

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OPINION

Hello, my name is Inigo Montoya, prepare to type . . .

It has recently come to my attention that there existed a certain village in historical Europe populated entirely by people with six fingers on each hand. The townsfolk were affected by some sort of a genetic mutation -- one that caused the growth of two extra digits as well as severely handicapping each citizen's sense of humor when dealing with five-knuckled "comedians." Ultimately, no one without the bonus fingers were even allowed within the city limits.

Now, I may be taking a few liberties concerning daily life in Knucklesville, but I really think a time machine might prove my powers of inference to be more than accurate. I would guess that the city glove-maker was very specialized, and scamming had to be a lot more challenging with the added difficulty in determining exactly which finger bore that tell-tale ring. I do believe that the "universal gesture" would have had to be somewhat modified, and became that much more insulting in its new form -- the "two-

ryanpitts

winged" bird.

I also believe it would be safe to say that the village was likely the world's largest supplier of temporary secretaries. It stands to reason that anybody with two extra digits could break all sorts of land-speed typing records. In fact, it should be scientifically proven that everyone that has ever typed fast enough to annoy you could trace their lineage back to this peculiar location in Europe.

It actually has been rumored that slave-trading rings began to crop up as shrewd businessmen recognized the value of keeping one or two of these human typing dynamos on staff.

Mercenaries were hired and made their living by keeping these clerical juggernauts at sword-point -- and never even offered to pay overtime. The elite guard were even sent to infiltrate the town and steal away the best secretarial prospects.

Unfortunately, as these

slave traders began to raid the quiet, little village more and more consistently, many young men of marrying age were forced to look elsewhere for suitable brides. The global "six-fingered-babe" hunts of the 15th century are legendary.

But as you might have guessed by now, the once prosperous village had already begun a slow, but inevitable, decline. The final nail was hammered into the casket when it was discovered that the mayor's wife didn't really have six fingers at all, but actually had tied a stick to her hand to simulate the required extremity.

Soon the town was nothing more than an empty tourist attraction, but the legend of the six-fingered clan lives on -- in fairy-tale movies, and columns like this one. In fact, I hear that Ron Howard has a "Hoosiers"-style movie in the works about a football team that never fumbled -- but had a really hard time throwing high fives.

--RYAN PITTS IS OPINIONS EDITOR OF THE CRUSADER

COMMENTARY

Tour of Duty -- Team Slack storms the dorms

The story of one small Nazarene campus and its summer-long love affair with the Roto Rodeo

BY MATT JOHNSON
COVER STORY EDITOR

It all began two weeks ago, when cars began to drizzle back onto the streets and parking lots of the campus. It was the beginning of the end for those of us who stayed behind in the land of Plant Services.

We would groggily stagger into any given dorm lobby early in the morning -- seven to be exact -- early by anyone's standard, unless you're Carlos Antras. The students' mumbled humor revolves around the art of slacking.

Welcome to Team Slack, known by Plant Services as the Floor Crew -- not to be confused with the Paint Crew, affectionately known as the Coma Crew.

For the clueless, slacking is the act of not actually doing what is supposed to be done. For Team Slack, this was developed into an art form. The key lies in appearing to be working in the presence of supervisors, when in fact you haven't been.

The heart of Team Slack's actual work revolves (so to speak) around the Roto Rodeo (pronounced ROE-TOE ROE-DAY-OH). The rodeo is simply the act of actually "riding" a floor with these powerful electrical buffing machines, which actually throw out an arc of blue electricity and dim the lights everytime you turn the motor over to start it up. I don't know how much wattage was required to turn one of those things on, but it wreaked havoc with the electrical systems of just about every dorm. Obviously, as returning students will quickly testify, the original engineers of these older dorms did not foresee the day when freshmen would be arriving with personal

computers and home entertainment centers.

It all started in Corlett. First off, the ladies actually left more trash behind than the guys. However, maleness maintained its pride in dirt thanks to one apartment in particular. Not only am I confident that the carpet had not been vacuumed for the duration of the year, but I believe the residents made a point of walking through knee-deep mud before entering. On an OSHA scale of 1 to 10, this room got a -5.

Next stop in our tour of duty: Mangum. As we all know, Mangum was condemned some years back and was reopened just last year. One of the primary reasons for it being shut down was inefficient and hazardous electrical wiring. Well, Plant Services did their best, but we still shorted that place out about every thirty seconds, which makes carpet-cleaning an entire dorm a long, humid ex-

perience.

Finally, the true test for Team Slack -- the siege on Chapman. Reports vary, but we had heard rumors from the Cleaning Crew (also known as "Those Dorks") that the place was left in shambles. (It's called "Make your guys responsible," RA's, look into it.) I still don't know how you can miss a wall covered with a spray-painted obscenity. Other reports featured human excrement and maggots. All I know was that we were there for an eternity.

A few comments on the dungeon layer of Chapman. First, I'm so relieved that they put chains on those windows -- we all know what a hot target empty dorms are for burglars... Also, if you would like to know why those ancient tiles on the floor have never been replaced, it's because we're not real sure as to whether or not they are asbestos. Good thing they're sealed in floor finish, eh?

We went on to the Fine Arts Building; since it's not a dorm, I won't say much about it except that the stereo system upstairs is kickin' and the carpets literally stink.

Sutherland, as always, was a depressing little place that we spent as little time as possible in. I don't know what it is about that building, but it's just not an attractive dormitory. The only redeeming things that came out of the Sutherland experience were impaling soda cans on the antlers in the lobby and the tiny packet of unopened Oreos I found in one of the empty rooms. Oh yeah, Sutherland has a really sweet foosball table, too.

The siege on Morrison was almost as difficult as Chapman, in that it was just as big. However, it was in a lot better shape. Morrison was kind of fun for Team Slack, in that it was full of little quirks and cool things like the incredible (and I mean in-

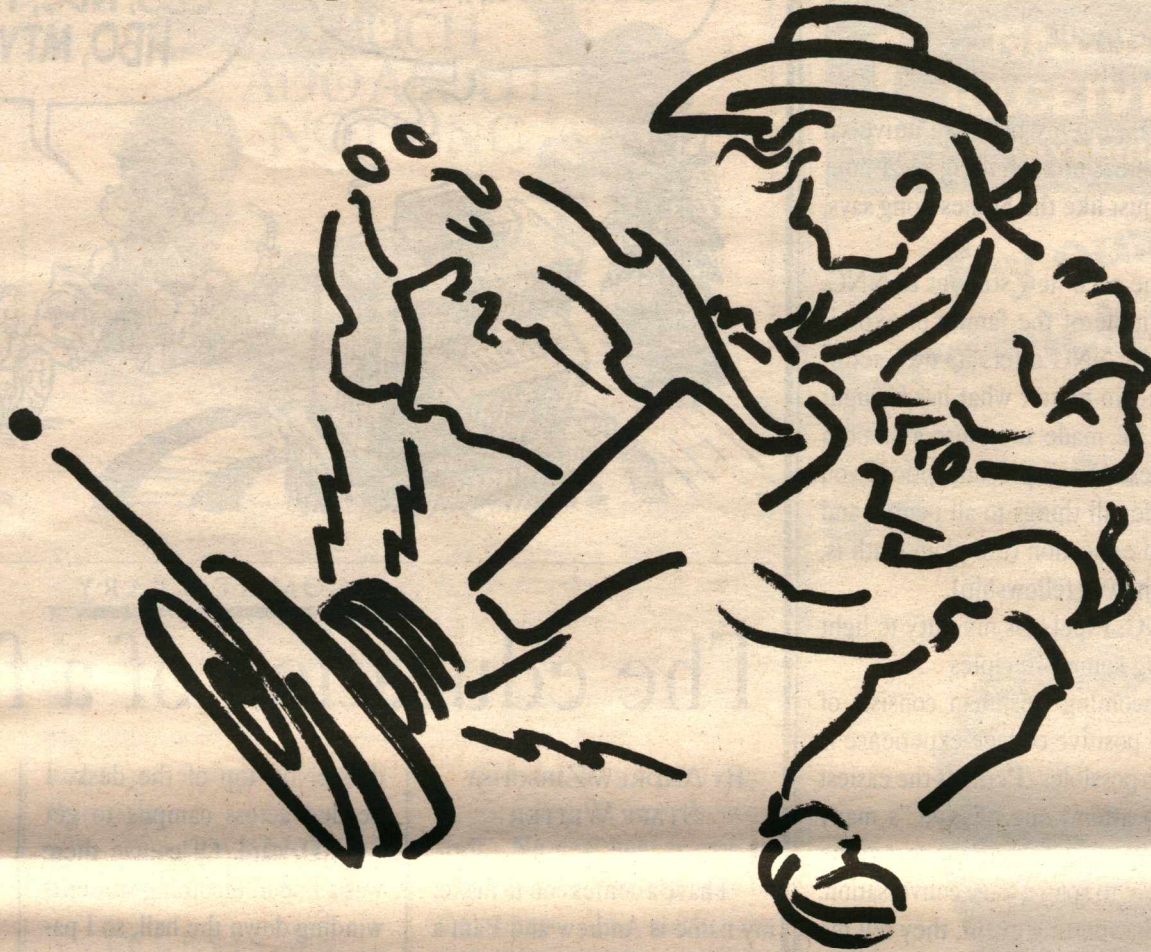
credible) Ultimate Slack Power Chair in the upstairs lobby. WOW! If you ever get the chance to recline in such a choice piece of furniture, I strongly suggest taking advantage of it.

The rooms on the west wings are amazing -- we're talking serious ceiling space; not only that, but the graffiti under the desks was very entertaining (not to mention enlightening). Speaking of rooms: Room 201, congratulations, you win the BIGGEST ROOM ON CAMPUS AWARD. It's stinking huge. Also, whoever got the Fiery Spirit of the Seventies Room on the first floor, north-east corner -- do something about that scary carpet. Quick.

Culver was the Sutherland of women's dorms. All I can really say about any of it is that I really hope the girls of west second floor do something about covering the hideous finger-painting done by the residents last year. Whoever they were, I seriously question not only their artistic ability or sense of humor, but also their maturity.

Well, Dooley Hall was my last stop with Team Slack and the Roto Rodeo. We were all in quite a state of lethargy, and none of us really seemed to care about anything anymore. In short, it was a depressing end to a long and mildly depressing summer. I wish I could share all the really fun adventures we had, like that time a roto went horizontal...

And as I watched the arrival of cars from behind my trusty roto coincide with the completion of the new parking lot -- a rollerblader's heaven -- my tired mind could only think one thing: Hockey, anyone?



COMMENTARY

Pitting out in Nampa

Hygiene and helpful hints for YOU!

BY MICAH MONTAGUE
STAFF WRITER

While I was in the bathroom swabbing my pits, two universal truths manifested themselves. 1) There is no such thing as 24-hour wetness-and-odor protection, and 2) just like the Stones' song says, "you can't always get what you want."

I would like to sincerely welcome each new student to NNC. Whether freshly weaned from the nipple of the family or experienced in the ways of college behavior, NNC offers its own set of challenges unique to any university. No matter what has brought you here, certain adjustments must be made to assure a smooth transition to life in Nampa. Regardless of any preconceptions you may have held, it is impossible to offer all things to all people and still serve the common goal of a good education (the plain truth is, all dorms cannot offer naked male shower fellowship).

As a second year attender at NNC, I feel it is my duty to light the path of the wayward by outlining some principles . . .

A popular concept taught to incoming freshman consists of these wise words: the way to have a positive college experience is to get involved in as many activities as possible. Perhaps the easiest way to be active in our school is to attend one of NNC's many sporting events. There is nothing better than feeling the roar of the crowd and the thrill of Crusader victory to spawn Saga conversation. While I have never actually attended a sporting event, they tell me it's truly a part of a well-rounded education. Regrettably, I'm unable to provide any references for those of you interested in becoming actively involved in sports programs after the Icy Hot incident last year.

Second principle -- have as much fun as possible. And, contrary to general opinion, finding campus enjoyment is much more difficult than imagined without my quick-reference thrill guide:

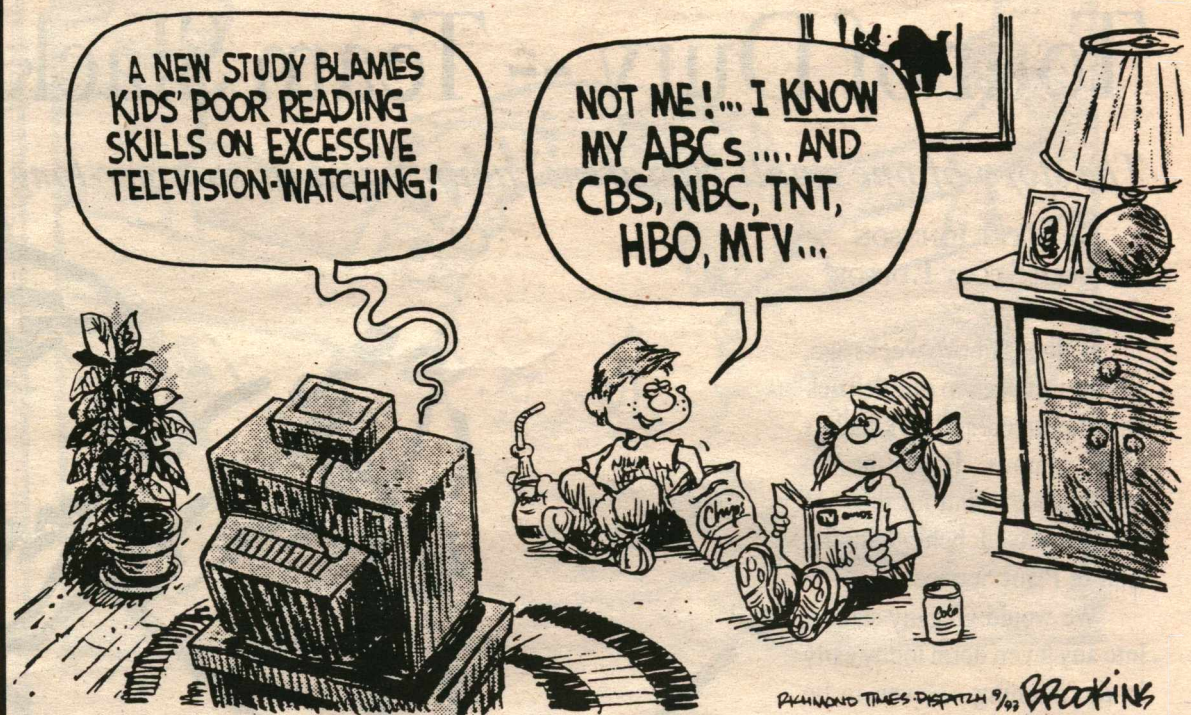
- Philosophy and religion scholars love toga parties.
- Free tattoos and body-piercing from Oasis editor Melissa Fivecoat.
- If all else fails, tongue-counting in the Morrison lobby is always an option.

Finally, adherence to policies in the student handbook is necessary for the new attender to finish his or her transformation into the model Northwest Nazarener. Many of the rules outlined by the administration may seem heavy-handed (a.k.a. "you can't always get what you want . . ."), but each is specifically designed to protect NNC's students. For example:

- Using, possessing or procuring tobacco. My roommate last year had this annoying habit of spitting his chew juice in various containers around the room. Guess who woke up thirsty . . .
- Unacceptable attire for women includes the following: Strapless, bra-less, low-cut tops, or bare midriffs. It might be kind of hard to concentrate on lectures if profs started breaking this rule.

Understanding that we are unlike other institutions of higher learning is the key to proper adjustment here at NNC. And this only goes to prove that universal truths stretch even to the pits of Nampa subculture, where we find that "you can't always get what you want, but if you try hard enough you might just find what you need."

But I still smell.



COMMENTARY

The education of a freshman

BY ANDREW ZIRSCHKY
STAFF WRITER

I have a confession to make: my name is Andrew and I am a freshman. I remember how freshmen were treated at my high school. They could often be found strapped to the flag pole with duct tape or cleaning the showers with their tongues. It was a wonderful thing to see—unless you were a freshman, of course.

However, this is college, and it would be improper to practice such childish initiations on the freshmen— they find much more subtle and torturous ways to initiate you here at NNC.

I received my first shock upon entering my dorm "room" and finding that they had wrongly assigned me to an oversized broom closet. I was even more surprised to find that, in fact, every room in Chapman Hall was a broom closet, except for the three-man rooms which could qualify as a good-sized walk-in closet.

After settling into my "room" and arranging the bed so that I could open the door without having to move the

dresser on top of the desk, I headed across campus to get my I.D. card. Of course there was a line of incoming students winding down the hall, so I patiently waited for my chance to receive my meal card.

Before I go any further, I must note that NNC is the only place I have ever been where the students seem to enjoy standing in line. Even at the business office where people had to write checks for amounts of money capable of ending world hunger, NNC students lined up for the chance to go first. I am sure this is a sign of a mental disorder that I do not fully understand.

My turn to have my mug shot taken finally arrived and I sat deathly still as a computerized camera snapped my picture. Now that I have my meal card, I have to question why anyone would bother to line up for this event. If you actually like your meal card picture, you are probably too sick to eat.

I partook in many other strange activities during my first week here at NNC. I was reacquainted with the kindergarten game called "Duck, Duck,

Goose" and the ever popular "Blob Tag". I am sure my parents will be happy to learn that their eleven grand was spent for such wonderful learning experiences.

I have found at least one enriching experience to involve myself in at NNC: Intramural Football. Not that I have any previous football experience, but the allure of sweaty flesh, pig skin and mud is irresistible. On the other hand, it has been said that football is a perverse game because it involves the two worst aspects of American life: violence and committee meetings.

Over all, my experiences have been positive at Northwest Nazarene College. I have been welcomed happily by most of the campus, and only rarely am I greeted with a sneer. I must admit that NNC is a place where I think I will enjoy spending the next four years of my life. It is a place of love, a place of learning, and a place of acceptance. After all, where else can you enjoy Mountain Dew on your Captain Crunch each and every morning and be called normal? I can think of only one.

reviews

CINEMA

Shakespeare for the masses

Much Ado About Nothing
 Playing at The Flicks
 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; w/ student ID \$3.50
 342-4222; 646 Fulton, Boise

While Much Ado About Nothing is not enjoying all the success of other recent Shakespeare-based productions, such as Mel Gibson's Hamlet, the end result is just as effective.

Much Ado showcases the multi-faceted talents of actor-director-producer Kenneth Branagh, who is no stranger to Shakespeare. Some may remember Branagh from Henry V, his only other attempt at playing Shakespeare on the big screen.

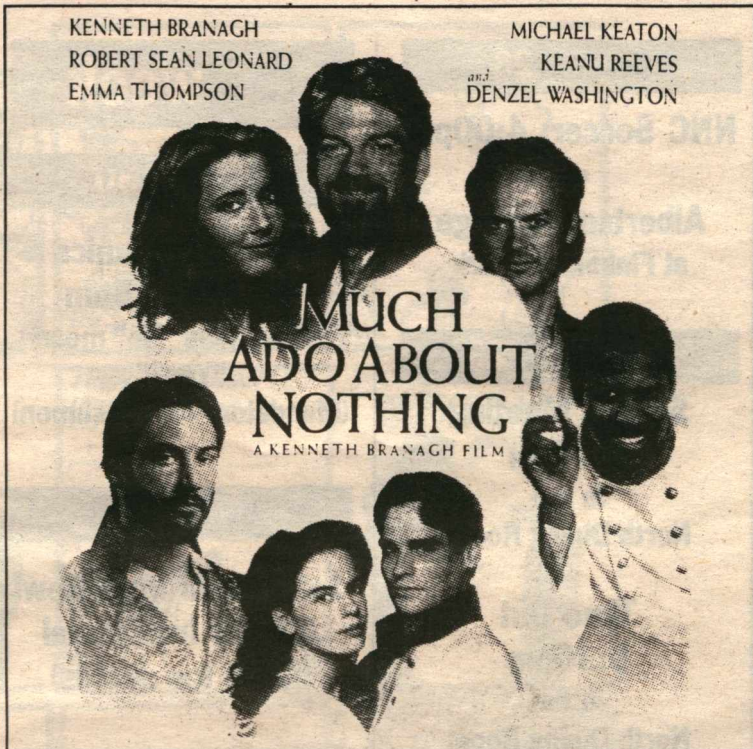
While he has also been involved in such recent achievements as Dead Again and Peter's Friends, his first love has always been Shakespeare. As a matter of fact, his co-star and wife Emma Thomason recently recieved an Oscar for her performance in Howards End, but Branagh was busy playing Hamlet in England and couldn't attend the ceremony.

Each member of the all-star cast fit his part perfectly, with Danzel "Malcolm X" Washington and Michael "Batman" Keaton stretching their talents to play Prince Don Pedro and Dogberry, respectively. Keaton, who has made his ability to play psycho-nutcases in such movies as Beetlejuice and Pacific Heights, once again proved his by expertise portraying a half-wit constable.

Another pleasant surprise was the effort of Keanu Reeves, who is preserving his career by expanding his horizons past the confines of "Bill and Ted". He strayed from his happy-go-lucky norm to flawlessly become the merciless villain Don Jon.

KENNETH BRANAGH
 ROBERT SEAN LEONARD
 EMMA THOMPSON

MICHAEL KEATON
 KEANU REEVES
 and DENZEL WASHINGTON



Set in the majestic mountains of Italy, the script and staging remained true to Shakespeare. Branagh took pains in adapting the original play to cinema form, and the end result is an easy to understand, yet authentic Elizabethan style.

-- DAVE McEWEN

TELEVISION

Nothing new in Blue

NYPD Blue
 ABC (KIVI Channel 6)
 Tuesday, 9:00 PM

It's impossible to discuss Steven Bochco's new cop series, "NYPD Blue," without reference to the controversy surrounding its language, violence, and sexual content. With the recent popular furor over the proliferation of violence on television and the threat of congressional action to curb it, fearful cries of "censorship" are heard in TV land. Again, Mr. Bochco defies the boundaries. But to what purpose?

The show is a mixed bag. The story line is formulaic, but the dark tone is skillfully shaded in gray. The approach to sex is basically gratuitous, sexist, and tiresome -- more banal male fantasies. The handling of violence is at least concerned with consequences. There are too many stock characters, and the

speedy pace is manipulative, but the camera work is excellent in the pilot, and the character development of the show's protagonist is one of the most interesting ever created for a weekly cop show.

The acting is, by and large, terrific. But the story is stock stuff. No new light is cast on police work or the depravity of the streets. The quick pace and sharp editing, even the flashy camera work, may add to the sensation of realism, but there is nothing realistic about it. Nobody ever has to fill out any forms. The film ends up merely celebrating chaos.

"NYPD Blue" is competent police drama -- better than most. But that's not saying much. There is nothing particularly inventive or genuinely insightful about it.

Hollywood never seems ready to concede that the muck it produces contributes substantially to the muck the country struggles with. "NYPD Blue" cannot be defended as realism -- as an accurate reflection of police work -- nor as art. The boundaries (nudity and violence) it pushes have already been smashed elsewhere. All the casual sex and sadism it indulges will only help desensitize and dehumanize the public further. How brave is that?

--FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

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ASNNC seeks input and involvement

ASNNC's mission statement for 1993-94 is as follows:

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On Wednesday September 29th, at 8:00pm in the North Dining Room the first Senate meeting will take place. Senators will be considering if the school will drop the cheerleading program for at least a year. If you want your input heard, be sure to show up.

Also, sign-ups for Associate Justice are posted on my office door until Saturday, October 2nd at 5:00pm. If you have any questions, contact Dave Wilson at 467-8771 or 467-8517. GET INVOLVED!

Also notice that two new tables and chairs are available in the Student Center Lounge so you can go there and eat a snack, play cards, or study. Off-campus students -- you do not have to eat lunch in your car anymore; now you can eat on these tables in the Student Center Lounge. Take advantage of them!

Also remember that all this year the gym will be open on Wednesday evenings from 8:00 to 10:00pm. See you all around!

--CARLOS ANTRAS, ASNNC PRESIDENT

tuesday 28

NNC Soccer: 4:00pm

vs.

**Albertson College
at Finkbeiner Park**

wednesday 29

**Senate Meeting
8:00pm
in the
North Dining Room**

**Time Out
6:30pm
in the
North Dining Room**

**Dating Dynamics
8:30-10:15pm
When does "No" mean
"Yes?"
(Mandatory for Freshmen)**

this week

thursday 30

**Dating Dynamics
8:30-10:15pm
When does "No" mean
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saturday 2

**1st Annual Mud Bowl
(Check Intramural
board for details)**

**Intramural Football
Season Starts!!
(sign-ups and information
are on the Intramural
board in Student Center
lobby)**

saturday 2

**9th Annual Harvest
Classic
9:15am**

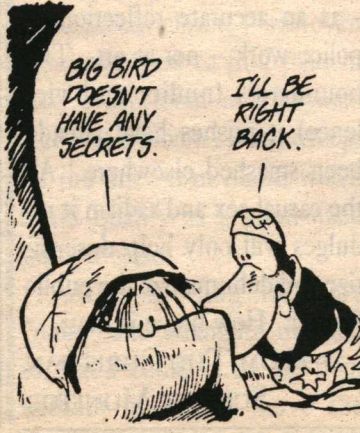
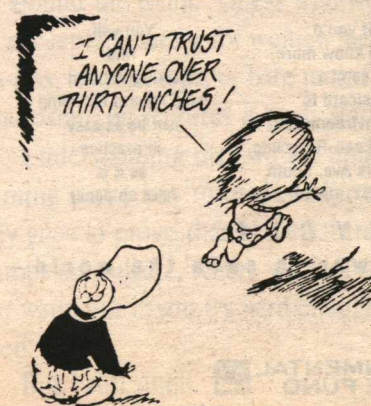
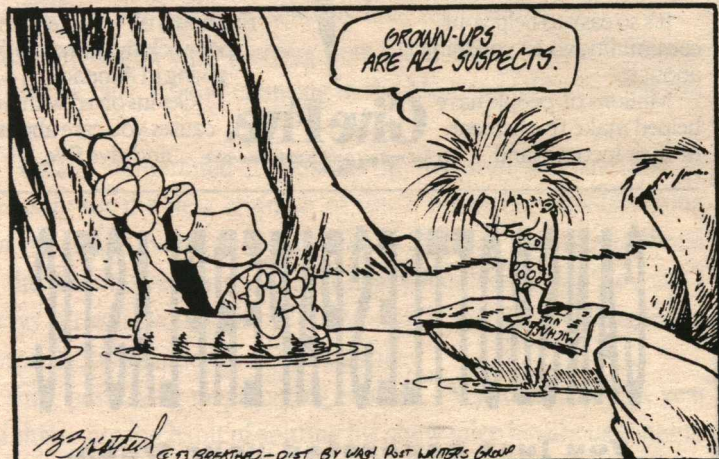
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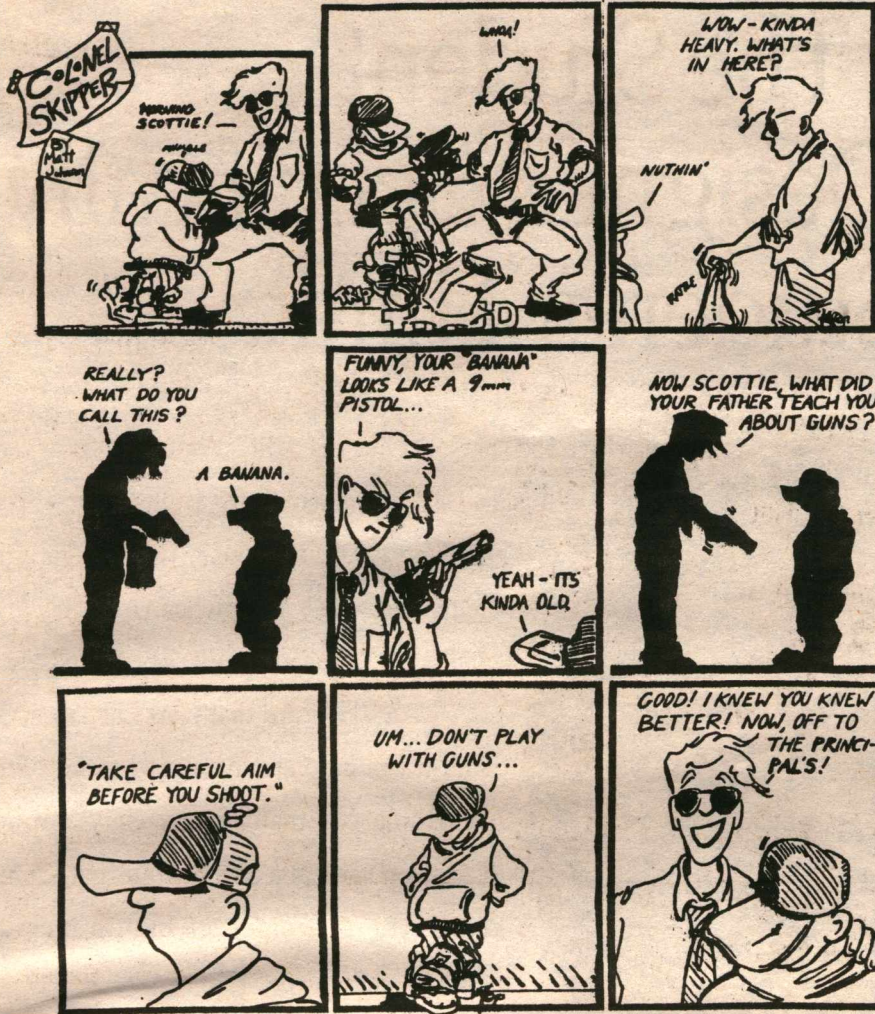
(featuring a 10K race, a 2mile race, a 2mile walk, and a 10K wheelchair race)

monday 4

**Frank Miles
(comedian)
8:00pm at the
Morrison Center
Cost is \$2.50**

(Miles is a comedy juggler, stand-up, and composer of hilarious songs and who also performs the world's only ping pong ball spitting Ballet)



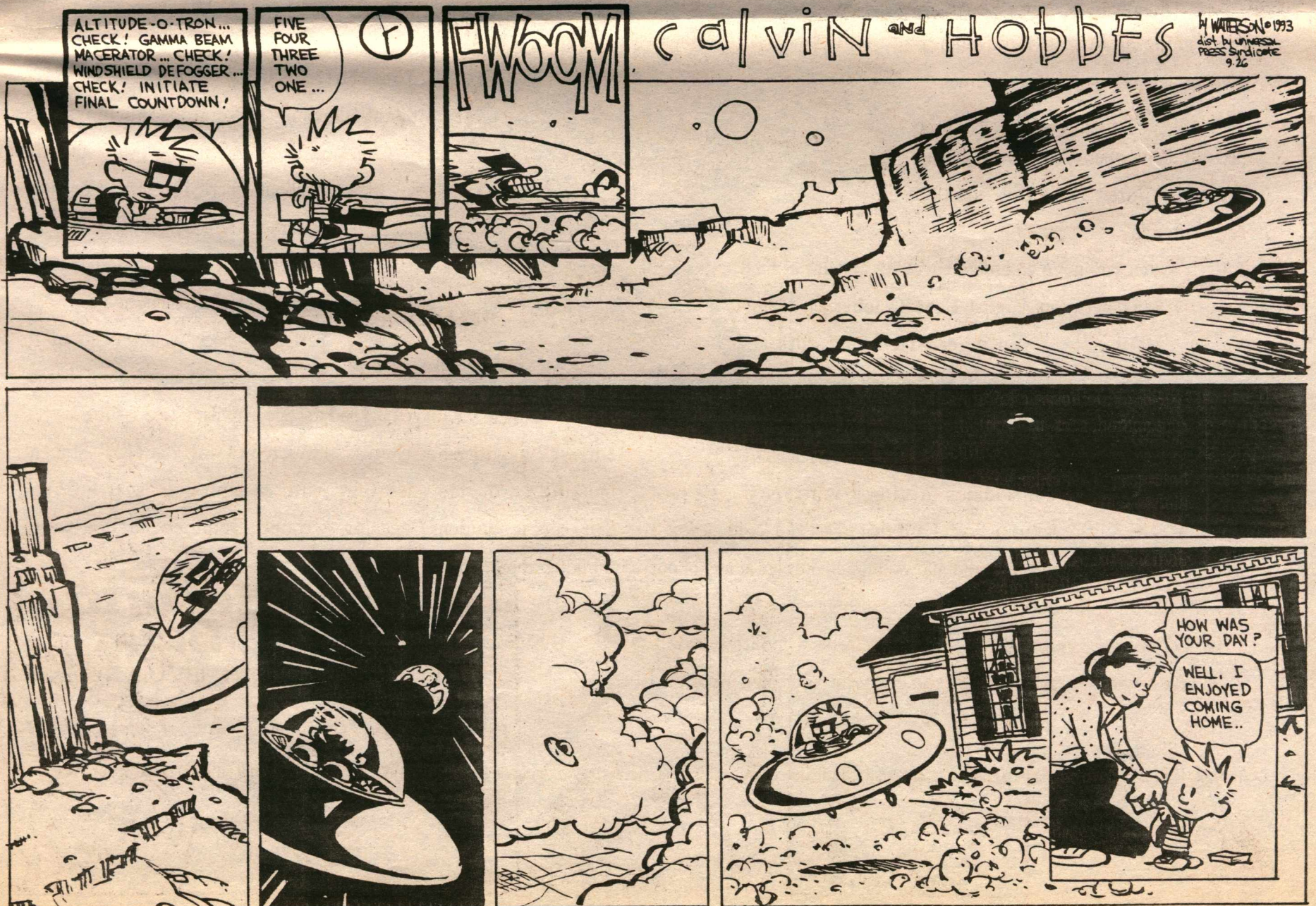


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10. Study during chapel.
9. Take mandatory class attendance seriously.
8. Take conceptual physics.
7. Date all your T.A.'s.
6. Tune into "Bill Nye the Science Guy".
5. Memorize all of Barney's songs.
4. Learn all about spoons.
3. Pretend that your parents aren't paying for school.
2. Take growth hormones until you are 7 feet tall.
1. Become as uptight as those middle-aged returning students.

-- MATT JOHNSON, JOHN NORDSTROM, AND RYAN PITTS



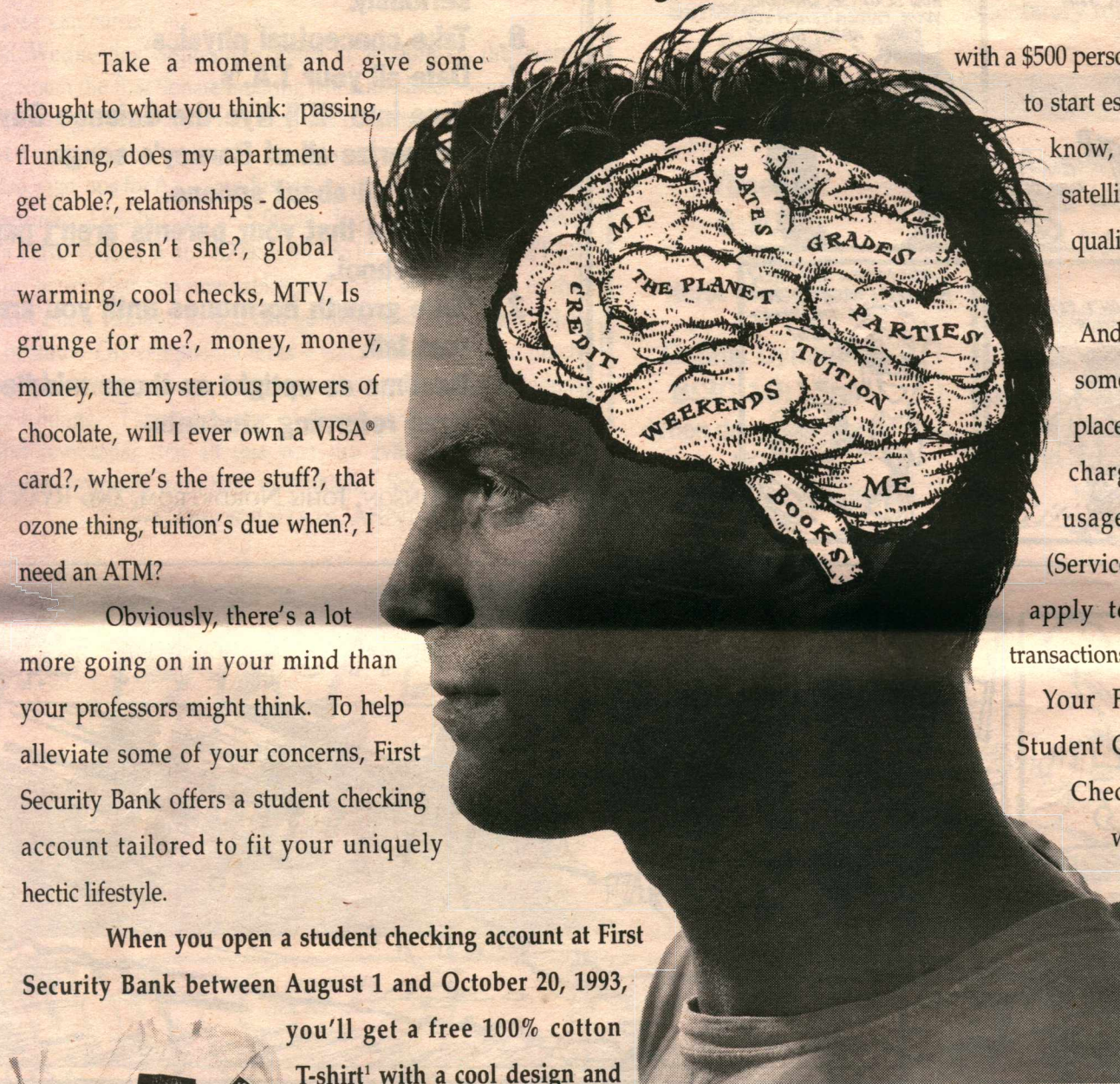
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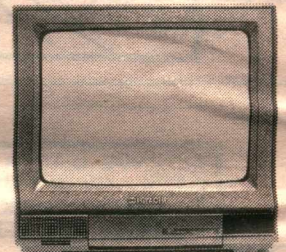
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