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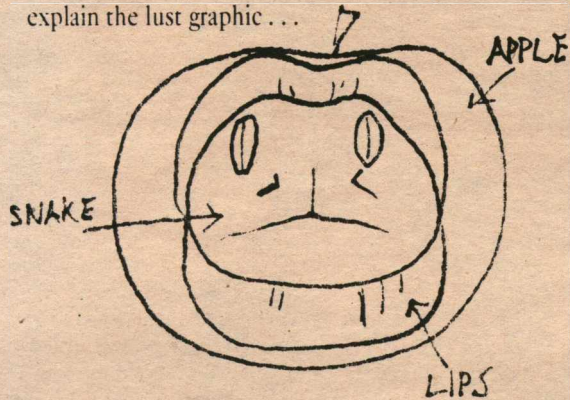
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Lust identification

Since last week's paper came out, I have received many inquiries (i.e. "What is that thing?") regarding the art that accompanied Andrew Zirschky's cover story on lust. So I had The Crusader's art department whip out an explanatory graphic to explain the lust graphic...



So there you have it.

D. M. BOMAR, MANAGING EDITOR

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HUMOR

Hey! Solid progress by
the Clinton administration

dave barry

I see by the newspapers that solid progress is being made by the failed Clinton administration, which has finally moved beyond the Bumbling Around Cluelessly Phase and is now deep into the Big Incomprehensible Scandal Phase.

This is good. Under our system of government (called, technically, "The Goober System"), the primary function of the executive branch, aside from frowning sincerely down from helicopters at natural disasters, is to get involved in vast, festering legal messes that affect the legislative process in a manner very similar to what

happens when you attempt to flush a dead moose down a commode: Everything gets stopped up. Which is exactly what we want. As the great statesperson John or Samuel Adams once said, "A government engaged in the legislative process is a government that can, at any moment, without warning, decide that it needs to spend \$14.3 million on a Bureau of Catfish Safety."

So we need big executive-branch scandals. That's why there's a top-secret, high-tech, self-activating device in the White House attic called the Stupid Ray. I'm sure you have long suspected that there was such a device. You have noticed that we keep sending all these brilliant people to the White House -- dynamic leaders with their 14-point programs and their Bold Visions for America and their dozens of whip-smart National-Honor-Society Phi-Beta-Kappa Rhodes-Scholar aides and lawyers, and the instant they grab hold of the controls of the Ship of State, they become Jerry Lewis starring in "The Nutty Administration."

Take Richard M. "Dick" Nixon. Here is a man with an IQ of 384, a man who every six weeks produces a hard-cover book explaining how we can solve every single problem in the entire world, and look what happened when he got into the White House:

NIXON (to his aides): ... and our first priority must be the implementation of the New Federalism, with the concomitant amalgamation of the structural parameters of the ...

STUPID RAY: Hummmmm

NIXON: ... I know! Let's install a tape recorder in here, then discuss a crim-

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inal conspiracy!

AIDES: Great idea, sir!

HENRY KISSINGER: Then let's screw in a light bulb!

And it wasn't just Nixon. Jimmy Carter was a nuclear engineer. Do you think a nuclear engineer with an unimpaired brain is going to tell reporters that he was chased by a GIANT SWIMMING RABBIT? No, that was the Stupid Ray, which also caused the massive incomprehensible Iran-Contra scandal that paralyzed both the Bush and Reagan administrations (although for some reason the ray appeared to have no effect whatsoever on President Reagan himself).

And now we have the Clinton administration, loaded with brains, flailing around like a blindfolded mud wrestler, getting itself deeper and deeper into this Whitewater Development scandal, the scope of which has now been expanded to the point where, any day now, there is going to be a Texas School Book Depository angle.

We here in the print medium are working overtime to keep you abreast of this scandal by cranking out long, fact-filled stories. Each of these is carefully reviewed prior to publication by a team of brilliant theoretical physicists headed by Stephen Hawking; if these people have even the faintest clue as to what the story says, we rewrite it to make it more incom-

prehensible for you, the average citizen.

This is easy for us, because even WE don't understand this scandal. Some days, when we're running a little short, we stick chunks of old Watergate articles in our Whitewater stories to bulk them out. All we know for sure about Whitewater is, it has something to do with -- surprise! -- a failed savings-and-loan. EVERYTHING has to do with a failed savings-and-loan. Hundreds of years from now, historians will look back on the ravaged remains of our society and wonder how come we never used nuclear weapons on the savings-and-loan industry when we had the chance.

Here's what I want to know: Did YOU, personally, ever have any money in a failed savings-and-loan? No, right? Neither did I. Neither did anybody I know. I bet neither did anybody you know. So where the hell are all these failed savings-and-loans coming from? Who put all these billions of dollars into them that we taxpayers are always paying back? Space aliens? Are we bailing out Martians here?

This is only one of the many Whitewater questions now under investigation. And although of course it would be wrong to pass any judgment before all the facts are known, we can safely assume that everybody involved is guilty. The Republicans cannot BELIEVE their good luck, but they are trying to be cool about it. As Senate Minority Leader "Bob" Dole (R-Mister MeanyPants) put it in a recent speech, "We cannot allow work on critical national issues to be halted by a shortsighted partisan obsession with Whitewater Whitewater Whitewater Whitewater Whitewater neener neener neener ha ha ha."

Speaking of issues: There are some other ones, such as the budget deficit, and the fact that you apparently can write "RUSSIAN AGENT" on your Central Intelligence Agency employment application and still get a high-level job, and as concerned citizens we SHOULD be thinking about these things, and demanding better from our leaders, but every time we try to

Hummmmm

CAMPUS

Auxiliary strives for NNC improvement

► **NNC's Women's Auxiliary has funded everything from scholarships to dorm improvements...**

BY KONA LEW
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The NNC Women's Auxiliary was established in the Fall of 1975 and held the first annual Homecoming Boutique in November of 1976. Ever since, it has been an invaluable organization to NNC and the campus community.

The purpose of the Women's Auxiliary, as stated in their promotional brochure, "under the auspices of the Alumni Association at Northwest Nazarene College, is an organized group of women united by a faith in Jesus Christ designed to provide an atmosphere of Christian involvement for the betterment of NNC."

The Auxiliary has financed the furnishing and remodeling of many of the campus dormitories, such as Mangum, Chapman, Corlett and Culver. They also subsidized the cost for the campus gazebo. Currently, they are working to increase each of their two scholarships to \$1000 each.

Ruth Wood, President of the Women's

Auxiliary, was out of town and unable to comment on the organization's current projects. Other officers include Jan Watson, Vice President and Yvonne Hanway, Treasurer.

Sue Stands, Director of the Office of Alumni Relations, who works closely with the members of the Women's Auxiliary said presently "the auxiliary's main focus is to totally endow their two scholarships."

Recently the Women's Auxiliary sponsored the Super Slam Dunk Open House Benefit in the home of George Karl, the Seattle SuperSonics head coach, and his wife Cathy, an NNC alumni.

The benefit included a tour of the Karls home with live music and refreshments, as well as tickets to a SuperSonics game against the Dallas Mavericks. The benefit raised \$1,400 for the Women's Auxiliary scholarships.

The Women's Auxiliary also sponsors a summer project, "7-4-10," which is a project to encourage everyone within the Intermountain Educational Zone to donate \$10 on July 4. This summer



project pays for many of the Women's Auxiliary expenses.

"The Women's Auxiliary has changed its focus from membership to participation. They encourage participation through various projects," stated Stands.

"They are the main volunteer force for NNC; whenever I need volunteers for something I call Ruth Wood, and someone from the auxiliary immediately offers to help," said Stands.

Stands added, "They all have a real heart for students."

Shawn Kemp joins Cathy Karl, wife of SuperSonic's head coach, NNC's Women's Auxiliary, and President and Mrs. Hagood.

Generativity stressed by Farmer in chapel series

KEANAN WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

This year's Staley Lecture series focused on the use of generativity in everyday life.

Monday, April 11, through Wednesday, April 13, was this year's presentation of The Staley Lecture Series, featuring Dr. Richard Allen Farmer.

Dr. Farmer began Monday's chapel by saying, "There shall be no sleeping in this session."

He then went on to discuss ways that we may be more creative in our daily Christian lives, but also as it relates to church.

"Most of us are raised in a left-brain dominated world," Dr. Farmer stated, "which is why we're not more generative."

The word generative, which Dr. Farmer said he preferred over the word creative, was defined as "how to create new ideas."

In Tuesday's chapel, Dr. Farmer discussed four ways to generate ideas. They were: 1) Ask "what if" questions, 2) Use a trigger list, 3) Play with the idea or project being worked on, and 4) Put on a thinking cap.

While here at NNC, Dr. Farmer was busy with more than just speaking in chapel. On Monday, he taught a senior Theology Class and was a guest speaker in Sacred Music Literature class.

Then on Tuesday, Dr. Farmer met with Music Majors at lunch and also led an informal question and answer session in Corlett Lobby which as an open topic discussion session.

A graduate of Nyack University with a BA in music Education, Farmer received his master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary.

An honorary Doctorate of Divinity has also been bestowed upon Farmer by

Gordon College.

Dr. Farmer is the author of *It Won't Fly if You Don't Try*, which is a guide to living creatively.

Currently, Farmer is in nationwide demand as a public speaker and Worship Seminar Leader and is also serving on the Board of Directors of Inner Varsity Christian Fellowship.

From Dallas, Texas, where he lives with his wife, Rosemary, and their young son, Timothy, Farmer is a self-proclaimed animal lover who owns six monkeys and a chimpanzee.

Gene Schandorff, Director of Campus Ministries, first met Farmer two years ago at a national chaplains' conference, when Farmer was still Dean of Chapel at Gordon College.

Farmer has been on the road for about a year and a half now.

A speaker of Farmer's caliber was

made possible by the sponsor of The Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Series, which is a project of the Thomas F. Staley Foundation of New York.

This is a private, non-profit organization established to administer funds to further the evangelical witness of the Christian Church, with a particular concern for college students.

This organization allocates up to two thousand dollars a year to, according to Gene Schandorff, Director of Campus Ministries, allow Northwest Nazarene College the "opportunity to bring in a top quality speaker for a longer period."

Under the guidance of Schandorff, the series is focusing on dealing with different issues and how to apply Christianity to everyday life.

This year's focus was creativity and its application in our Christian lives.

NNC hits national presses with RUSH

BY D. ANDREW ZIRSCHKY
STAFF WRITER

NNC was honored last week by USA Today Weekend and the Idaho Statesman for making a difference in Idaho. The award was presented for the work of 190 students who spent October 23 serving the elderly in Nampa for the fall R.U.S.H. project.



Hollie Tieg
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Hollie Tieg entered the group in the Make a Difference Day contest sponsored by USA Today Weekend, 405 newspapers, and the Points of Light Foundation. The simple purpose of the day was to encourage people to make life better for others. The third annual Make a Difference Day was officially proclaimed a state wide project by 33 governors with more than a quarter-million people participating nation wide.

Although NNC wasn't chosen as one of ten national winners in the contest, they were honored as state winners chosen by the Idaho Statesman who awarded NNC a \$100 prize.

"It was really exciting for us to be a part of it," Tieg told the Statesman. "A lot of times college students can't help financially, but we do have the time, and it was a good experience for us. We really did feel like we made a difference."

Tieg said that the \$100 award will be used to buy rakes and other equipment to make the work more efficient next time. Although Make a Difference Day doesn't happen again until October 22, 1994, NNC will sponsor the spring R.U.S.H. project on Saturday, May 7.

"We will be helping the Idaho Housing Commission in conjunction with Mercy Housing to clean up an area of the city during the Nampa City Cleanup Project," said Tieg.

Taken from the Idaho Statesman

CAMPUS

Publication editors appointed

BY JULIE WEYMOUTH
STAFF WRITER

New positions have recently been filled on the staff of the Crusader and Oasis. The appointment for the top position on the newspaper was made by the Publications Board which is headed by Carlos Antras. Yearbook appointments were, and still are, being made by Melissa Fivecoat.

Dave McEwen was awarded the position of Editor in Chief.

As for his expectations for the future, McEwen stated, "A lot of our staff this year are graduating. Along with Dave Bomar, three section editors and an assistant editor are gone after this year, as well as many of our good senior staff writers. But I kind of see next year as... it will be hard to get started at first, but once we get going we will put out just as good of a paper as we are now."

Tessa Phillips, the new Assistant/Copy Editor has this to say about her position, "It's a real privilege for me to take a role like this and I'm looking forward to working with the new staff."

According to McEwen, the privilege belongs to the staff. "Tessa spent

this last year being news and on campus editor and she has really injected enthusiasm into the Crusader this year. She was given the position of Copy Production Editor because of her ability to work well with people and to relate smoothly with staff writers."

Jeff Gunstream, new Assistant/Layout Editor, was unavailable for comment. However, comments were made about him by McEwen. "Jeff is the best person in school at what he does. He is a layout god... a master of layout. He has been working as a layout person for two years and he will remain so (in addition to assistant editor.)"

In Oasis news, editor Melissa Fivecoat emphasizes her personal goals for the yearbook... "To exemplify the spirit of our Lord and Savior, the spirit of NNC's community, and the history of this age."

Changes that will be made are some alternations in staff. There is a possibility of no assistant editor position because of the lack of responsibility available. And instead of employing a photo editor, Melissa plans to send all undeveloped film to a professional developing company. She still plans to employ between three to five photographers.

Dave McEwen
As new Crusader Managing Editor, McEwen looks forward to keeping a high quality publication.



Melissa Fivecoat
As a second year Oasis Editor, Fivecoat plans on carrying the NNC torch and preserving her history.

The change in Crusader staff will be completed with the Changing of the Guards during a chapel in May. The Oasis staff will start next year following third term training.

An application is available upstairs in Student Development for anyone wanting to apply for a position on the Oasis staff. Any questions contact Melissa at 8656 or 8290.

Publication veterans take the reins as editors are appointed and new staff selected for the 94-95 school year.

NNC captures Kodak moment

NNC's Advertising Club presented a Kodak project for their national competition debut.

BY JULIE WEYMOUTH
STAFF WRITER

The NNC Advertising Club has just completed several months of hard work which ended in a national presentation at the Red Lion Riverside Hotel in Boise.

The competition required a lot of dedication and hard work, and the NNC team gave their all.

The team was advised by professor Carl Everett, with team members Matt Thomas, Martin Flynn, Karalee Rogers, Amber Ross, and Karena Harmon.

Students who participate in the project are sponsored by a large company. Kodak sponsored NNC. The objective was to market Kodak to the public through a variety of media.

To start off, the students were given basic information by the company about itself. After receiving this information they had to do extensive research on the company in the form of surveys, etc.

Then they defined their marketing objectives. These included deciding things like who their target population would be.

After this was completed they were required to present all of the information in front of several other groups of competitors. NNC's district includes colleges from Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and parts of Canada.

The order of the presentations are determined by drawing and it's considered better to be drawn fourth. NNC was up first and because this was NNC's first time, the order was difficult.

However, when asked about how he felt the competition had gone Matt Thomas said, "pretty good. All the other schools said we did good for our first time."

This was echoed by Martin Flynn who also mentioned that NNC didn't have any student support which might have helped.

The three female competitors weren't available for comment.

The statement made by a pleased Everett was, "they did a very good job. I'm proud of them. They covered all the basics. The presentation wasn't as elaborate as other colleges, but we didn't have as much time (as the other competitors.)"

Everett feels that NNC was at a disadvantage at the competition and improvements can be made for next year. First of all, he'd like to see credit given for the hard work done in preparation for this competition.

All the work on the project was done in the students' spare time and several other competing colleges gave up to eight credits for it.

Funding is the main focus area NNC needs to improve on. Most all of the other competitors had funding provided for them by their college. NNC participants had to come up with all of their funds.

CAMPUS

Ministry workshop focuses on needs of children

BY D. ANDREW ZIRSCHKY
STAFF WRITER

If you came by the 'God Building' last weekend and saw bodies frantically swaying and voices merrily singing, then you probably already know about the Children's Ministry Workshop.

The workshop, sponsored by the Religion and Philosophy department, attracted more than sixty students to come and find out some of the secrets of effective ministry to children pre-school through sixth grade.

Clara Olson and Mimi Schaper, both Children's pastors at New Hope Community Church in Portland, Oregon, were the special guest speakers for the conference. They began the workshop by leading the group in several camp style songs — motions, too. Then they finished off the introduction with games.

The duo's activities reflect their view of ministry, something they communicate every week to the more than 1700 children they minister to.

"I think one of the secrets behind an effective ministry to children is communicating the gospel in a way that is fun and exciting," said Schaper.

Schaper and Olson showed students that children's ministry can be, and should be, more than felt figures and canned Bible lessons.

On Thursday night, Schaper who heads up children's music at New Hope, talked to students about the philosophy

behind music for children and demonstrated that philosophy by using tapes and a keyboard to lead students in singing.

Schaper noted that it is ironic for her to be a pastor of music, because she grew up in a church that didn't use instruments at all.

"It is really exciting to be called to full-time ministry," said Schaper. "I think I was called when I was a little girl, but I didn't recognize it. We didn't have instruments in our church, yet my parents invested a lot of money and time in both my brother and me to teach us how to play instruments, but we weren't allowed to use that in the church setting. My whole music experience has been outside the church, so it has been a great experience working at New Hope the last seven years."

Olson shared with students the idea of meta-church ministry and told them how she has used that theory to the benefit of her ministry. New Hope is based entirely on the meta-church theory which emphasizes small groups reaching out to the community around them. In the twenty some years since New Hope was founded, this plan has helped them grow from a small gathering of believers to a church of over 6000.

"We are always asking, 'what are the needs of our people,' and 'what are the needs of our children?' One of the things I did when I began my ministry was to design new ways to connect with

people," Olson told students.

Olson's ministry as Senior Children's pastor has provided many opportunities for children all designed to meet their needs. Activities are available for children seven days a week and include everything from Children's Church to boy Scout's to Day Camp.

"The more points of entry you can create, the more people will be attracted to your ministry and find a place to come in and be a part," added Schaper in regard to the many activities for children.

"Success for me is seeing the kids that were in my ministry are walking with the Lord today. It is not a number game or working in large church, but it is doing today what I think God wants me to do — that's success."

The Children's Ministry seminar was the third such workshop held for students this year. First term the Religion department sponsored a Compassionate Ministries seminar, and second term a seminar on youth ministries.

"The Children's Ministry Workshop wasn't a factual seminar as others have been in the past, but they used a lot of techniques that I thought were good," said Dr. Irving Laird.

Laird says that he is already planning for next year's workshops which may include one dealing with singles ministry, another with the place of women in ministry, and also a seminar on contemporary Christian music in the church.

Science Lecture Hall upgraded

► New paint, curtains, and repairs spruce up SLH for spring...

BY JULIE WEYMOUTH
STAFF WRITER

Does the Science Lecture Hall seem like a brighter, more comfortable place to be in, or for that matter, to look at? If you've missed the metamorphic changes taking place perhaps it's time to wake up and smell the paint.

During spring break a crew, made up of Tod and Barry Tomlinson, was put together to repaint the walls. Carpenter Dave Bealmar, assisted the two with lad-

ders.

The last time paint had been applied to the walls was eleven long years ago and according to Reisch at one time the walls were gold with the beams being a lovely olive color.

The painting was the result of the Alumni Association's decision last fall to give the money earned from the Bid and Breakfast auction to the improvement of the building.

Besides painting, new stage curtains, main, back, valances and side, will be hung in time for the Northwesterners'

production in May. More improvements are in the planning for this summer.

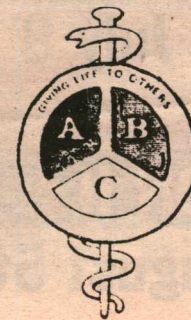
Why was the Science Lecture Hall the lucky building?

As Sue Stands puts it, "The SLH is used for many purposes—classroom space, music and drama productions, and community events. Stage curtains were in a state of disrepair and in some cases, actually missing, plus the walls were in need of a fresh coat of paint. It was felt that an area with such widespread use, should be visually pleasing to students, performers and audiences alike."

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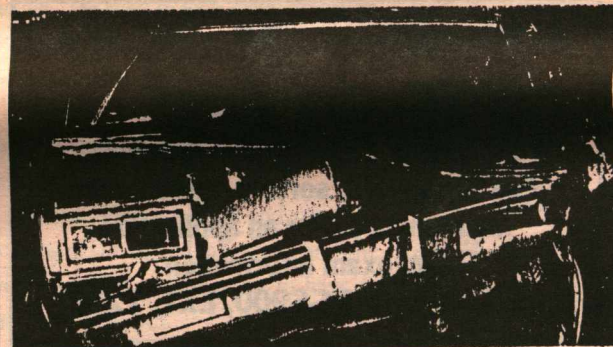
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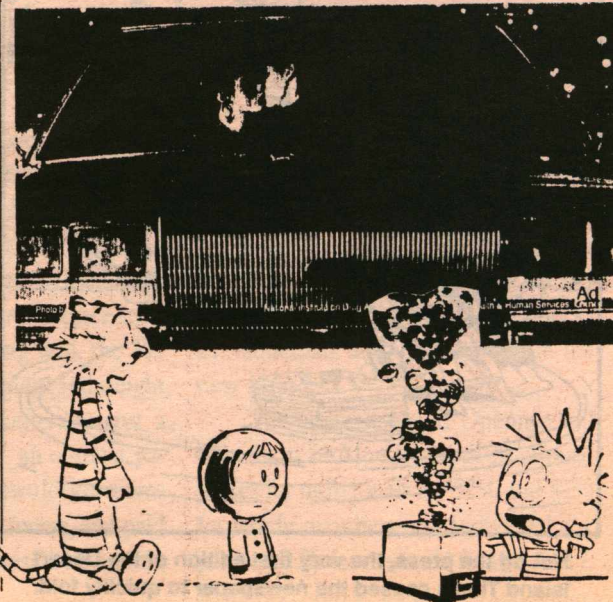
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NATION

Study says child abuse is on the rise across the U.S.

Three million cases of abuse were reported in 1993

BY KONA LEW
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Child abuse deaths are on the rise according to the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse (NCPA) In 1985, an estimated 813 children died of child abuse as compared to 1,299 in 1993 as reported in the April 7 issue of USA Today.

A nationwide survey taken by the NCPA in 1991 shows that Idaho has an abuse rate of 61.3 per 1000 children. Of the 50 U.S. states, Idaho has the fourth highest abuse rate.

In 1993, there were almost 3 million cases of child abuse or neglect reported. And at least four of every 10 children who died were known by child protection workers.

These numbers have soared over the past ten years. Approximately one third of the offenders are "repeaters" who have abused or neglected children before. Many people are outraged by this factor.

"If I go and rape or beat up the kid next door, social workers don't come out -- cops come out," says Patrick Murphy, whose Cook County (Ill.) Public Guardian's office represents mistreated kids. "But if I rape my own daughter or beat up my own son, social workers come out and talk to me about my own parenting or how my mother dealt with me. It's crazy."

Brenda Nordlinger, of the National Association of Homes and Services for Children, said, "People are tired of reading about an innocent child being brutally beaten to death when the family was already involved in the child welfare system. You think, 'Protect that child.'"

In a 1987 review of some intervention programs found that approximately one third of the parents, while in the programs, continued to mis-

treat their children. And it was concluded that over half the parents would resume abuse or neglect when the program finished.

Children who are abused or ne-

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glected live within the same framework of poverty, addiction, and abuse that originated with their parents. It is a continuous cycle that must be broken, and the case worker is often made responsible for breaking it.

Many times, case workers are chastised for over reacting when they take a child out of the home or for not

speak for the child's rights?" as stated Baltimore Juvenile Court Judge David Mitchell, who handles hundreds of abuse cases every year.

And in the present, "we've moved to a 'parents' rights' model," said Mitchell, "where children are to be left with their parents."

But this model is changing, because it is becoming more evident, he stated that "we may have insoluble problems with (some) parents."

Over the next five years, the federal government plans to spend over \$1 billion on "family preservation" programs. The aim is to keep children at home with their families.

According to Abuse researcher Byron Egeland, family preservation is "the cheapest way to go." The National Research Council estimates that keeping a child in his or her home instead of a foster home saves about \$27,000 per case.

The attitude of many outraged people is "Reprimand the social worker! Jail the parents," explained Anne Cohn Donnelly, NCPA director.

She believes it would be best to counsel potential abusers from the time children are born, to prevent "mistreatment in the first place."

"In the end, the issue is not, 'Did the agency screw up?' said child death expert Dr. Michael Durfee. "The issue is, 'Did a kid die, and did people fail to protect that kid?'"

Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders said of the mistreatment of children, "we are all outraged. But we've got to start looking at how we can help the abusers too -- because otherwise, we know they'll repeat."

In response to marking April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, President Clinton stated, "The results of this kind of tragedy sap our nation's strength."

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acting soon enough when a child dies of abuse or neglect. It is a no win situation for the underpaid, over worked case worker.

In 1962, a study identified "The Battered Child Syndrome," and the battle against abuse has undergone many changes.

In the late 70's social workers took the child out of the abusive home. In the 80's lawyers and advocacy groups debated over "Who does

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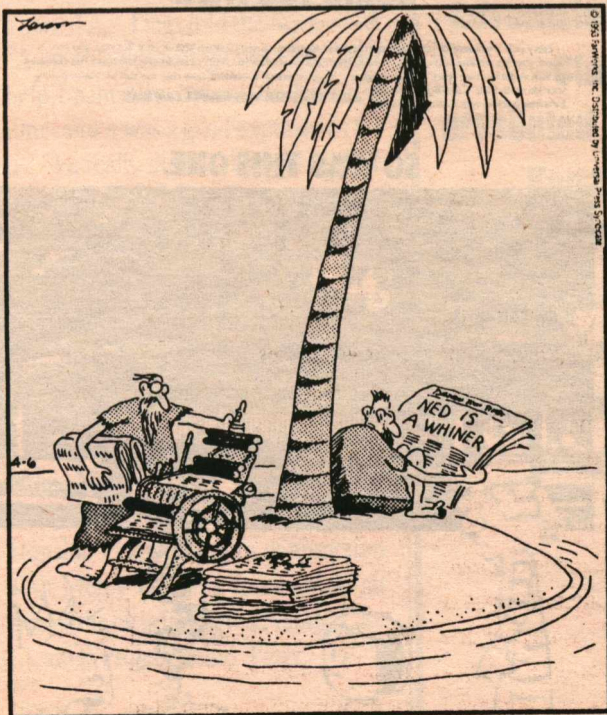
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By GARY LARSON



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THE SMELLS OF NAMPA

Smell-o-rama at the meat packing plant

The connoisseurs of aroma experience the olfactory emissions of the Armour meat packing plant

BY BRENDA CLOUGH
AND ANNE FRAHM
STAFF WRITERS

Beef. It's what's for dinner (well, maybe not at SAGA).

Destination -- Armour, Nampa's very own meat processing plant. What a great getaway from finals! This is definitely a safe study break, guaranteed not to last too long.

From the road, we were greeted by the smell of road kill left under a heating lamp. The smell was definitely the worst of the three we have tested, considering the fact that we both had stuffy noses, and still felt like throwing up.

We drove into the dirt parking lot of Armour and immediately noticed many low riders with bumper stickers reading, "I love beef". Our attention was then drawn to three large conveyer belts coming out of the plant. This wouldn't have bothered us if we hadn't seen what was dropping off of the conveyer belts.

Pick a cow part, any cow part, it was there. Behind conveyer belt number one we found bloody bones. Long, short, fat, complete rib cages.

"Hey, here comes a skull," said Brenda almost a little too excitedly. No, Anne said that. No, honestly, Brenda said that. Anyway, it was there.

Various freshly skinned cow hides could be found dropping from the second conveyer belt. We noticed another truck driving up at about this time, and figured that they were about ready to transport the skins. Being the investigative reporters

that we are, Brenda yelled, "Follow that truck."

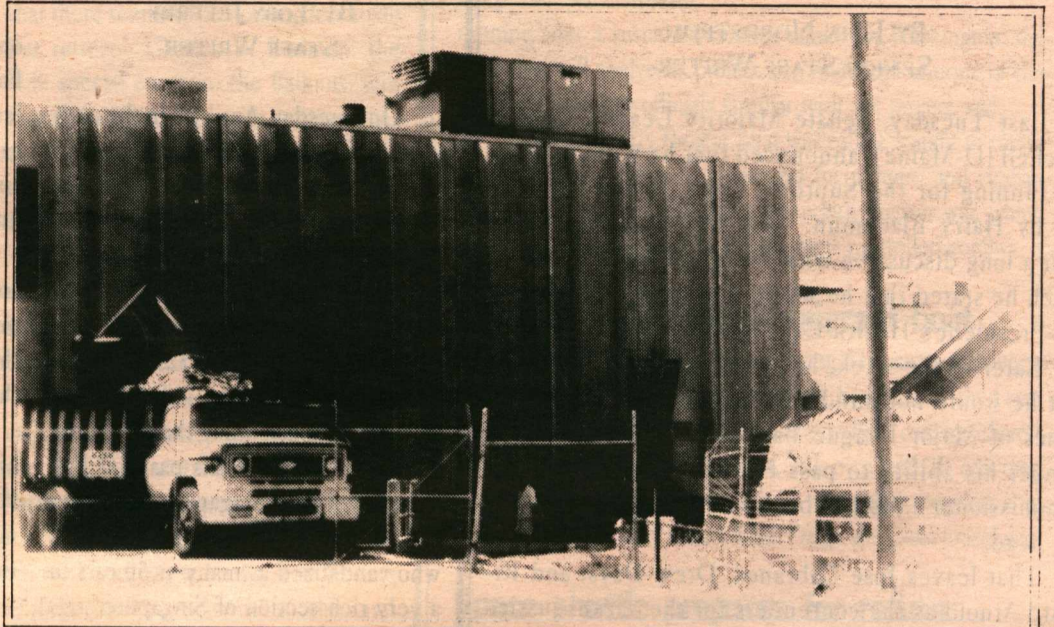
We continued to tail the truck, noticing that when the truck went over bumps the piles of skins looked like firm jell-o. On top of the pile was an attractive spotted skin, anyone feel like a new blanket? And you thought your leather jacket was cool.

The truck arrived at a building on the north side of town near the railroad tracks. We drove around the building, noticing more low riders, but these didn't have those nifty bumper stinkers. Instead, they sported black and white cow seat covers. Talk about stealing office supplies. Or maybe they were just the boss's kids. Drifting from the building was an unbearable smell, which once again forced Anne to control her gag reflexes.

"I'm just glad I decided to skip lunch," said Brenda, and Anne wished that she had. We decided to leave the smell and go back to the plant.

The contents of the third conveyer belt left us puzzled, so when a man drove up on a bulldozer, we decided to ask him exactly what was coming off of the belt. The brownish-black stringy slop that we had seen dripping from the belt ended up being "the insides of the cow's stomach". Apparently the cow had eaten too much for lunch because the insides resembled sloppy joes. Maybe that's how they came up with the name. Bet you're not going to want to eat those for a while huh?

Workers at the plant seemed very attentive to two college girls, and except for the security guard seemed very helpful. Read between the lines, girls, no more



The Armour meat packing plant is the worst smelling place that the "Smells" team has yet visited.

lonely Friday nights.

One worker explained that the bones and intestines are ground up and used for dog food; makes you feel a little bit sorry for Rover, doesn't it?

Unlike the workers at the other smell sites, these workers admitted to noticing the stench of their work place.

"We never get used to the smell," said one man who had the lovely job of picking up the cow parts when they didn't quite hit the truck.

After being denied entrance to the plant by the "friendly" security guard, we decided to mosey on over to the cattle chutes. They must have just killed a cow, because we noticed a bulldozer picking up the cow by one leg and hoisting it up in the air. On the cow's back a lovely squiggle pattern had been shaved. We wondered if this is where beauty school drop-outs (and Chapman men) are sent to

practice their technique.

We thought that we were actually going to see how the cows were killed when our friend the security guard decided that we had been trespassing long enough. He tried to look really official in his fake white police car when he said, "Boss man says you have to leave now."

Brenda tried to argue, but it didn't work. We were promptly escorted off the property to the "Beast".

We decided not to try and sneak in, so if any of you intend to find out how the cows are killed, you're going to have to find out yourselves.

Tune in next week when the "Smells of Nampa" team heads to the Cladwell Simplot Factory. If you have any ideas of particularly putrid areas that our team should visit, drop a line to the Crusader Box "C" c/o the Smells of Nampa.

The smell was the worst of the three we have tested, we both had stuffy noses, and still felt like throwing up.

Health and fitness run their way to Nampa

The center shows the community's interest in kids and future generations.

BY JEFF GUNSTREAM
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What is worth over \$6.8 million, with a six-pool aquatic center, six racquetball/handball courts, three full basketball courts, and sits on the corner of 12th Avenue Road and Constitution Avenue? No, it's not the Nampa Taj-mahal or Disney Idaho. It is the latest development in Nampa's step towards improving its scenery and community involvement.

This addition to the Nampa land-

scape is the state's newest, and possibly the Northwest's, premier recreation center. The project financed its \$6.8 million tax-free dollars through fund-raisers, private sources, and investors.

But NNC is not without its own special involvement in the rec. center. It's director, Chuck Kingston, attended NNC in the 1961-62 school year and played on the men's JV basketball team. Kingston remembers passing an also slightly younger varsity player, Rich Haggood as they switched from the court to the locker room.

Expecting to have over 15,000 people use the facility creates a concern that there will not be enough to do, but be assured that this will not be a problem.

Besides what was already mentioned, there will be a one-sixth mile, three lane, indoor track, the climbing wall, the 104 pieces of exercise equipment and weight room, sauna, and hydrotherapy spa, a complete indoor lounge, an outdoor patio, 868 lockers between two locker rooms and two family dressing rooms, and paid child care facilities for those who use the center.

To facilitate the variety of interests, over 40 classes will be offered ranging from water and floor fitness to CPR classes. Due to community suggestion the center may include classes on Karate, rock climbing, ballet, indoor floor hockey, raquetball, and indoor soccer in the near future.

The center's Grand Opening will be at 6 a.m. on Monday, April 25. Annual passes for individuals are \$250 and \$450 for family membership. Individual day passes are \$6 for adults, \$4 for ages 12-17, \$3 for 6-11, and \$1 for those 5 and under.

WORLD

Mitchell declines nomination

By JOHN NORDSTROM
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Last Tuesday, Senate Majority Leader, George Mitchell (D-Maine), announced that he will not be in the running for the Supreme Court Justice vacancy left by Harry Blackmun. His announcement came after a long discussion with President Bill Clinton in which he stated that he would not be as able to push the President's Health Care Reform Bill.

Later in the week, however, Mitchell did admit that he would not mind becoming the new Commissioner of Major League Baseball. This would not hamper his ability to pass Health Care because the Commissioner's job has become that of mainly a figure head.

That leaves Jose Cabranes, Drew Days, and Richard Arnold as the contenders for the vacant justice position. With no clear front-runner, any one of these people, or a surprise person, could fill the spot.

Jose Cabranes, a federal trial judge in Connecticut, would be the first Hispanic on the court and would help add diversity. He was born in Puerto Rico and is considered very moderate.

Drew Days would be the second African-American on the current court and would counter the conservative Clarence Thomas. He is currently the solicitor general for Clinton.

Richard Arnold, Arkansas judge, is an FOB, or Friend Of Bill. He is a strong liberal who would help counter Antonio Scalia, the court's toughest conservative. His presence would help swing some moderate votes to the left.

Sources: Newsweek April 18, 1994
and U.S. News and World Report April 18, 1994

Youth to be "caned" today

By TOBY JEFFREY
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On Tuesday, April 19, in the city-state of Singapore, American citizen Michael Fay will receive six lashes from a rattan cane.

This beating will be administered as part of Fay's punishment for vandalism, along with four months in a Singapore prison and a \$2,220 fine.

Fay is an 18 year old American who has been attending the Singapore American School. This past fall Fay was placed in a Singapore prison for being involved with a group of kids who vandalized as many as 50 cars in a very rich section of Singapore.

Last month Fay pleaded guilty in a written statement to the spray painting of several cars and other acts of malicious mischief.

The sentence of caning in Singapore is not a joke. In a recent interview with Newsweek, a former prison guard from Singapore said, "The officer uses the whole of his body weight and not just the strength of his arm...He pivots on his feet to deliver each stroke...After three strokes, the buttocks will be covered in blood."

Each stroke with the cane splits the skin and quite obviously the scars are very permanent. Many have said that prisoners go into shock as a result of the pain.

The fact that the crime occurred on Singapore soil and since Michael Fay admitted his guilt, any hope for leniency lies completely within Singapore jurisdiction. US embassy officials have their hands tied and are unable to help Fay in any way.

Fay's only hope at this point is in an appeal he placed with the government of Singapore. As of Tuesday this appeal will no longer hold and the punishment will be administered.

Fay's father, George Fay, placed his hope with the American public. He hoped that American opinion might cause the Singapore authorities to commute the sentence.

President Clinton and former President George Bush both voiced their disapproval of the scheduled caning, stating that the punishment was extreme for a "minor crime". Even though both have voiced their opposition, the authorities in Singapore do not appear willing to back down, and neither President Clinton or George Bush have any leverage to do anything but voice disapproval.

Any hopes the Fay family may have had that the American public would back their son proved to be way off the mark. Over the past three months, news of the scheduled caning have brought out many emotions across America.

Majority opinions in America are

increasingly against smaller crimes, calling for similar harsh penalties to be invoked right here in the United States. The Fay incident in Singapore gives Americans the perfect example of corporal punishment being used as an effective deterrent to smaller crimes, especially vandalism.

Here on the NNC campus the opinion seems to be consistent with that of the nation. "He(Fay) knew the laws in Singapore are tough, but he still committed a stupid crime on their soil." quoted one NNC student, "Americans are just as responsible for their actions under foreign laws as the average national in the same country, so he(Fay) has to assume the same punishments as the rest of them."

The only question in Americans minds who are against the punishment pertain to whether or not Fay really did it.

Some questions have been raised as to how Singapore authorities may have coerced Fay into entering his guilty plea.

Lawyers who work within the judiciary system of Singapore have said that there may be validity to the argument that Fay's confession may well have been forced out of the young man.

Others in Singapore claim that Fay is just a scared young man trying to avoid his sentenced punishment.

NATION

U.N. air force suspends air patrols after tragedy

U.S. jets accidentally shot down two U.S. helicopters, killing 26 United Nations workers, 15 of them Americans

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The allied air force patrolling northern Iraq suspended flights after Thursday's accidental shooting of two U.S. helicopters that killed 26 United Nations representatives, including 15 Americans. The two U.S. F-15C jets shot down the helicopters after apparently mistaking them for Iraqi aircraft.

Defense Secretary William Perry pledged to "Hold fully accountable" anyone found negligent in Thursday's tragedy.

"If individuals are found culpable, we will discipline them," he told a Pentagon Briefing. "But we will not rush to

judgment."

Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said at the Pentagon briefing that the F-15C pilots who shot down the two Black Hawk helicopters were not required to get clearance before firing their missiles at what they thought were Iraqi helicopters violating a U.N.-imposed no-fly zone in northern Iraq.

Shalikashvili said that the F-15Cs did use the electronic system to determine friend or foe, and "no friendly response was received."

Perry said that an investigation team has arrived in Turkey. Britain, France and Turkey, which all lost military personnel in the incident, have been

invited to contribute members to the team.

Air patrols that were intended to protect Kurds in northern Iraq were suspended Friday to reinforce safety procedures.

One of the victims was identified as U.S. Army Col. Jerry Thompson, the outgoing commander of the Military Coordination Center there.

The center coordinates the humanitarian mission on behalf of Kurds under allied protection in northern Iraq and maintains contacts with Iraqi Kurdish leaders.

Shazad Saib, a spokesman for the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan speaking from Ankara, Turkey, said Thompson was killed along with his recently ap-

pointed replacement, U.S. Army Col. Richard A. Mulhern.

The colonels were flying to Saladdin, near the city of Irbil, to meet with the representatives of the U.N. office that coordinates humanitarian efforts with the Military Coordination Center and with Masoud Barzani, the leader of the Kurdistan Democratic Party, Saib said.

American, French, British and Turkish warplanes have been patrolling a no-fly zone over northern Iraq near Turkey since shortly after the end of the Gulf War to watch Baghdad's treatment of its Kurdish minority.

Source: The Oregonian

BOSNIA

Serbs break cease fire, invade

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Bosnian Serb tanks invaded the pounded city of Gorazde on Sunday, just hours after United Nations officials had proclaimed victory in negotiating a cease-fire with the rebels.

The invasion continued despite a call by the U.N. Protection Force for more air strikes against Serbian heavy weaponry firing on the city designated a U.N.-protected safe area.

Reports said 21 people had been killed and at least 55 wounded by Serbs in attacks that intensified in the afternoon and evening in Gorazde. These reports are not independently confirmed.

U.N. Civilian chief Yasushi Akashi of Japan announced shortly before the Serbian tanks invaded Gorazde that he had negotiated a cease-fire agreement that would allow deployment of 350 U.N. troops to the region and compel the Serbs to withdraw from a military exclusion

zone extending 1.8 miles from the center of the city.

The actions of Sunday are typical of the offensive strategy of the Serbian rebels for the last two years: Political leader Radovan Karadzic makes general, but stalled progress in diplomatic talks, while his military chief, Gen. Ratko Mladic, makes offensive actions on the ground.

Serbs have taken considerable action towards the taking of Gorazde this week, shooting down a British Sea Harrier, taking more than 200 U.N. troops hostage, and laying ground mines around the city.

Gorazde's fall, which is now a very real possibility, would be a great blow to the credibility of the U.N. mission in Bosnia.

The U.N.'s inability to use its forces to stop the assault on Gorazde also seemed to prompt western leaders to look for escape routes from the conflict as it seemed ready to escalate out of control.

U.S. officials agree with Akashi in

that there seems to be nothing left to do but retreat. Charles E. Redman, the U.S. special envoy to the Balkans, said that there is little appetite among U.N.-member countries for the changing the current mission mandate to allow broader use of force.

President Clinton continued to maintain that diplomatic rather than military actions hold the key to solving the conflict in Bosnia.

Clinton said Sunday that U.N. officials in Bosnia have concluded that further NATO air strikes would do more harm than good against the Bosnian Serb forces besieging Gorazde, and he stressed once more his hope of finding a "negotiated agreement" to the civil war.

Clinton said that the United States would respond to requests for additional military responses from U.N. commanders on the ground but said that the principal goal was "getting these peace talks back on track"

Source: the Idaho Statesman

BRIEFLY

Doomsday project scrapped

After spending 11 years and \$8 billion searching for ways to keep the government

running after a sustained nuclear attack on Washington, the Pentagon will shelve its project as a high-tech antique of the Cold War, military officials familiar with the project said.

The Doomsday Project, as it was called, sought to create an unbreakable chain of command for military and civilian leaders that would withstand a six-month nuclear war, which was regarded as a plausible length for a controlled conflict.

Coast Guard blocks immigrant boat

A Taiwanese fishing boat carrying 111 suspected illegal immigrants was seized and taken from U.S. waters by the Coast Guard on Sunday to prevent its passengers from coming ashore.

Authorities found 10 women, 101 men and 10 crewmen aboard the 168-foot Jin Yinn No. 1 when they boarded it in international waters 900 miles off San Diego, the Coast Guard said.

Space shuttle prepares for return

Space shuttle Endeavour's astronauts test-fired their steering jets and wiggled their flaps Sunday in preparation for their return home.

Endeavour is scheduled to touch just before noon EDT today, ending an Earth observation mission that began April 9. Weather forecasts are favorable for a landing at the Kennedy Space Center.

Three trampled at Mandela rally

A 6-year old boy and two other spectators were crushed to death Sunday as crowds rushed

onto a soccer field during a campaign rally featuring African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela.

Twenty-one were hospitalized after the accident at Athlone Stadium just outside Cape Town, medical authorities said.

The casualties occurred when, with the bleachers full, organizers opened the gates to allow people to spill onto the field.

Canada to split Northwest Territories

Northwest Territories, one of Canada's 12 provinces, may be split in two sometime soon, creating a 13th, Nunavut.

Eighty percent of the 21,000 people in what will be Nunavut after the split in 1999 are Eskimos, or Inuit as they prefer to be called. They have not won formal self-government, but will have it in practical effect because of their majority.

Ex-Pakistani official wants The Bomb

Pakistan must be able to build a nuclear bomb to prevent a fourth war with India, Pakistan's former prime minister said Sunday.

Moeen Qureshi, who was prime minister for four months in 1993, has remained close to leaders of Pakistan's powerful military, and his comments almost certainly reflect the military's position.

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WORLD

Japan prime minister resigns

Marihiro Hosokawa resigns after only eight months in office amid financial scandal

BY BRENDA CLOUGH
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Japan's hope for political reform came to an end last week. Marihiro Hosokawa resigned from his position of prime minister after serving only eight months.

Hosokawa emerged as a different kind of leader, one who refused to play the games other leaders have. So, when financial scandals against him emerged, he decided to live up to his reputation.

After announcing his resignation, Hosokawa explained, "The point of political reform is that you frankly recognize your problems and disclose them. That's better than hiding things."

The strongest candidate to replace him is Hosokawa's own pick, Foreign Minister Tsutomu Hata, 58. Whoever takes over is going to have

to face a critical period of Japan's history.

It is currently three years into a recession, maintaining a stagnant economy, in trouble over trade relations with the United States, and threatened by a nuclear game with North Korea.

Hosokawa's resignation was a major setback for Bill Clinton. Although the two never came to an agreement on any particular trade agreement, US officials believed that Hosokawa held the same goals as they did for the Japanese market.

Last week in Minneapolis Clinton said, "A more open Japanese market means that the Japanese citizens won't have to pay almost 40 percent more for their consumer goods than they otherwise would. I think it means more jobs and a more prosperous economy in Japan. And I think we should keep pushing for that."

Washington hoped to agree on a policy before the Group of Seven industrialized nation's meeting this summer, but now with Hosokawa's resignation the process will most likely be delayed.

Until a new government is enacted, powerful bureaucrats will take over Japanese trade policy.

Hosokawa's popularity ranked in the 70 percent range and higher. His promises included cleaning out the Japanese political sewer, opening Tokyo's markets, reducing regulations, and giving the urban consumers a long-deserved break.

If the Liberal Democrat Party does come back into power, which is actually quite possible, the Japanese-American relationship could carry more tension that is has since 1960.

Clinton sees the LDP as the very center of the "Iron Triangle," the alliance between politicians, bureaucrats, and business interests that prevents trade liberalization.

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COVER STORY

Holy PARALLELS

BY JOHN FRALEY
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"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son,

our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."

If you grew up in a Christ-centered church, the words of the Apostles' Creed are among the most familiar religious terms to you. You've heard this creed throughout your childhood indoctrination. And rightfully so; it clearly defines all the important beliefs of the traditional, Western-culture-based, middle-of-the-road church. As a way to measure truth, the Church (the body of believers from the first century to today) has treated any opposition to this creed successively as follows: paganism, heresy, and false prophecy. For hundreds of years, Catholics and Protestants alike have persecuted "heretics" and "heathens" for what has been deemed misguided thought. All this variety really proves, though, is that different souls have advanced different opinions as to the nature of God, truth, and the meaning of life.

But I'm not interested in highlighting the beliefs that separate human religions; that would be too tedious a task. Instead, I'd like to explore what kind of parallels can be drawn between the apparently conflicting philosophies in this world. What kind of common bonds do Christians share with Buddhists, Jews, Confucianists, Muslims, and others? What can we agree on? What beliefs overrule cultural differences in joining Americans, Europeans, and Asians?

I am not so bold as to attempt to reconcile Western and Eastern religious philosophy. But logic has commanded me to split humankind's various experiments in religion into two main groups that are geographical in definition: Western and Eastern thought.

In the Western sphere I place (in order of chronological appearance) Judaism, all mainstream Christianity, Islam, and various deity-oriented cults that are basically offshoots of the first three. These I am familiar with and can define more or less

accurately while offending a minimum of their followers.

In the Eastern mix I place Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism, Taoism, and Shintoism. This basket of Eastern thought fascinates my exclusively Western soul because of two things: first, it is as a whole quite different from anything I've encountered in Western theology, and second, the philosophies show marked differences among themselves. The variety is refreshing, yet basic similarities endure.

What binds the Western religions together?

The simple yet awesome concept of monotheism. They all profess one ultimate divine authority: one "God," if you will. They may give Him different names (Yahweh, Allah, etc.), they may obscure their understanding with inexplicable theories (the Trinity), and they may even revere/worship different Saviors (Christ and Mohammed). But the very center of their worship is one omnipotent and omnipresent Divine Being who created our world. That's a lot of common ground.

At the same time, each of the Western religions insists on its individuality. So-called Christians and Muslims have felt very strongly about their claims to having the sole truth. Even some respected Protestant denominations maintain that they alone have the keys to heaven. Followers of these religions have slaughtered their opponents regularly throughout history in the hope of spreading their indisputable monopoly on truth. Generally, the ultimate paradox of "holy war" is sufficient to warrant the righteous killing of those of a different persuasion, as evidenced by the Crusades and the Jihads. The religious warriors of these wars are taught to arrogantly believe that every person who doesn't join their religion will be surprised to find themselves in a very hot place shortly following death. Sharply contradicting each other, Christians and Muslims share the belief that they are the only chosen people.

In addition, since relationships seem to be what terrestrial life is made of, Western religious thought has stressed that God is interested in a real relationship with mankind. In an extreme case, God comes down humbly and dies shamefully for humanity to draw people closer to him; in a more conservative outlook, God has sent a few laws to a chosen race in order for

them to emulate Him and therefore know His nature. Either way, God wants mankind to seek His presence, not just to halfheartedly obey some strict commandments. The Torah, The Bible, and The Koran all contain common passages of scripture that explain this desire of God to enter into a partnership with us personally.

Christians cannot deny that their historical background is deeply rooted in Jewish tradition. They share some of the same Holy Scriptures — their ten basic commandments are the same and Christianity's founder was a radical Jew. However, what connects Christianity and Islam? Why, common ancestry, of course.

In a quest for recognition, Muslims trace their ancestry all the way back to a chap by the name of Ishmael. If you've read Genesis chapters 16-21, you've seen that name. He was Abraham's first-born male child, a mischievous attempt on the part of Abe to make God's will happen prematurely. Abraham was worried that his wife Sarah would never conceive, and decided he was sick of waiting for God to fulfill His promise to make him the father of a huge nation. Therefore, he had one of his maidservants bear him a son. The resultant Ishmael was right on schedule to be the fulfillment of God's plan until he was trumped by Sarah's surprise baby, Isaac. Tension built between the boys' mothers (the first Arab-Jew conflict recorded) and Ishmael had to flee. God nonetheless blessed him, saying, "I will make him into a great nation." And look what his descendants have become... Is the astounding emergence and sustained growth of Islam so surprising anymore? incomprehensible number in China alone. The five "isms"

Three-and-a-half billion human beings live between Western India and Japan, a third of that

incomprehensible number in China alone. The five "isms" listed above are therefore the most influential beliefs for well over one-half of the world's population. They are similar in at least two major ways which may seem general and vague but are essential — and Christ-like.

In the first place, there is a definite emphasis on personal discovery and independence. In the Western traditions, the concept of community is glorified more than in the Asian traditions. Faith in whichever form the supernatural takes is something that one discovers from within. *The Wisdom of Laotse*, Taoism's most esteemed scripture, teaches that "the true Sage keeps his knowledge within him, while the common men set forth theirs in argument." A genuine Taoist is one who "does not trouble about what reaches him through the senses of hearing and sight, but lets his mind wander in the moral harmony of things."

It seems apparent that Asian religions are more of an intellectual journey than European-Western style religions. To explore another example, a Buddhist might define Enlightenment as a superior state of wisdom in which inner peace (or harmony) is found. That's an inadequate definition, to be sure, because it's so abstract. But when you give it thought, those characteristics of Enlightenment are goals every seeker of God should pursue. When compared with Western religious ideas, Eastern philosophies are more accepting of the truth that other philosophies have claimed as their own. A Buddhist, for example, can technically consider certain Christians, Muslims, and others to be Enlightened.

Now we've got two loosely defined groups of religions,

that when put together, encompass virtually the entire planet. Even Africa, a continent covered by isolated tribal beliefs a century ago, is now greatly Muslim and Christian. And if billions of people all confess to a handful of faiths, there must be a few unifying factors that can be scratched out. Lengthy hours of intense research and reasoning yielded three such links. Here's a triumvirate — a trinity, if you will — of common beliefs to every major religion discussed earlier.

(1) The notion of scripture. A belief common to all religions is that there are certain writings that are sacred, exceptionally wise, or enlightened. Very often, these inspired words overlap. NNC theology professor, Dr. Michael Lodahl, related the following anecdote:

A young Zen Buddhist returns to his mentor after a journey abroad and begins to confront him with what he has encountered. "Master," he asks, "what do you think of the following sayings? 'Love your neighbor as yourself. Seek and ye shall find. Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.'" The master considers this for a second, and replies, "I would say that the man who said those things is not far from Enlightenment." If a Buddhist can recognize the inherent good in Jesus' saying, perhaps Christians should try to see the truth in Buddha's philosophy — not necessarily accept the religion, but certainly see the validity.

(2) The human being is not the pinnacle of existence. All

religions admit the fact that there is something greater than man. Whether this superiority is ascribed to a being or to a force, it is more important and deserves more attention than anything else.

(3) This is the most important of the three parallels. To put it bluntly, this is the meaning of life. One must do good to reach the existence above man. One must *love*. This is specified as a necessary means to what Christians like to call salvation in every man-made religious institution. Christ identified love as the end-all of existence when He concentrated the Jews' prohibitive law into one big commandment: love God first and neighbor second (loose paraphrase of Luke 10:27). Consequently, any religion that teaches love cannot be totally misguided, as it merely follows the orders of Jesus Christ.

Sure, differences are easy to spot between the major religions, and these cannot help but cause concern. Like most Christians who retain some mastery of reason, maybe you've wondered if those who have never heard of Christ have any future besides hell. In that case, it might be helpful to consult the wisdom of John Wesley. His opinion is as follows: "God requireth of a Heathen [one who has not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ] to believe that God is; that He is a Rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." He goes on to assert that a non-Christian must observe "a careful practice of

moral virtue, of justice, mercy, and truth, toward their fellow creatures." Is Wesley saying that all beliefs meet somewhere, namely in their search for Truth?

In any case, the search for Truth is the tie that binds the very culturally distinct followers of Buddha, Mohammed, Yahweh, and Jesus. It may not make all religions valid; but it unifies them in one common purpose.

The Church of the Nazarene supports the belief that God's grace is prevenient — Christian scriptures point out that He is interested in *everyone*. And perhaps his involvement with other peoples goes beyond grace — consider Amos 9:7. In this passage, the prophet Amos is relaying God's word to the Israelites, a people pretty confident that they are the chosen ones, that they are the most honored, the most special. But in reality, they're only the most arrogant: "Are not you Israelites the same to Me as the Cushites?" declares the Lord. "Did I not bring Israel up from Egypt, the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Arameans from Kir?" There is no misinterpretation possible here: God has intervened in the history of other people besides the Israelites. Maybe Christians should remember that God does not choose only one people to reveal His face to.

If Truth is the yardstick by which a religion's

validity measured, we can realistically only admit three explanations for the "quantity" of Truth among the major religions. The first option is to assert that Truth is so far above all of us that each group can only grasp a portion of it — this portion may be more or less extensive, depending on the level of honest personal search. Thus, some religions would be "truer" than others, but all could eventually lead to Truth. The second is to accept that all love-centered religions provide equal paths to an accessible Truth. No one group is any better, or less true, than any other. The final possibility is that one group has sole possession of Truth, but it is precisely this type of arrogance that John Wesley warned against.

Is any one religion the true religion?

The answer resides in every believer.

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BASEBALL

Saders in thick of playoff race despite setback

BY RICK SKEEN
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The Sader baseball team managed one win in three tries against Eastern Oregon this past weekend. NNC fell 15-7 in a ten inning game at home on Friday, before travelling to La Grande on Saturday to split a doubleheader with the Mounties.

Friday's game at home proved to be a pitcher's dual—for nine innings. Starting pitcher Mike Mortimer threw nine strong innings, giving up only three runs while striking out eight Mountie sluggers.

The tenth inning was a different story as Mortimer found himself in trouble after giving up a couple of hits coupled with a costly Sader error. Nate Hoioson was brought in to try to control the damage, but things only got worse as he was replaced by Bobby Hood after giving up several runs without recording an out. Hood fared no better as the Mountaineers were circling the bases like it was a Sunday afternoon softball game. Tony DeVall was brought into the game with runners on base and still nobody out. After giving up a couple of hits, DeVall finally retired the side.

Eastern Oregon scored 12 runs in the top of the tenth inning to stun the Saders. NNC rallied to get four runs in the bottom of the inning, but the final score read EOSC 15, NNC 7.

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Manny Burciaga

"We battled the whole game, but we just couldn't get the big hit when we needed it," remarked Sader catcher Manny Burciaga. "We couldn't get an out in the tenth (inning), but we would have won in nine if we would have done the little things right earlier in the game."

Jim Seaney's two-run homer in the bottom of the eighth forced the extra inning. Pat Swapp belted a three-run shot in the bottom of the tenth. Swapp, Travis Tindall, and Jason Chan had two hits apiece in the game.

EOSC used a five-run third inning to upend the Saders 8-6 in the first game of Saturday's twinbill. NNC fell behind 7-1, before scoring two runs in the fifth and three in the sixth to pull close.

Mike LaJoices, who gave up eight hits and struck out two in going the distance, took the loss. Centerfielder Rod Williams went 2-for-3 in the game and Corey Litsey knocked in two runs.

The Crusaders fell behind early



once again in the second game, trailing 4-0 after the first inning and 5-1 after the second. Six Eastern Oregon errors kept the Saders in the game as NNC scored two runs in each of the sixth, seventh, and eighth innings.

Offensively, the Saders were led by Manny Burciaga and Rod Williams who each had two RBI's. Burciaga rapped a triple and Williams a double. Joel Nye pitched six innings to pick up his fifth win of the year against only one loss. Nate Hoioson bounced back from Fri-

day's outing, working three innings to pick up the save.

"We played better on Saturday, but we still aren't doing the little things very well," noted Burciaga. "We need to put a complete game together, where our offense, defense, and pitching all show up."

The Crusaders, who are now 11-12 overall and 5-4 in conference, will travel to George Fox this weekend to play a three-game series against the undefeated Bruins.

Junior catcher Manny Burciaga rips a base hit against Western Baptist in recent Sader baseball action. The Crusaders play tonight against Albertson College of Idaho and this weekend at George Fox College in Oregon.

TRACK

Track team battles the elements at Eastern

Men's team captures first place while women run a close second at EOSC Invite

BY TESSA PHILLIPS
CAMPUS EDITOR

The weather was windy and warm as NNC's track team competed in the Eastern Oregon Invitational track meet.

At their sixth meet of the season, NNC's men's team fought off teams from Treasure Valley Community College, Blue Mountain Community College, Whitman College, and the hosting team of Eastern Oregon for a first place finish. The women kept ahead of three of the teams and finished a close second.

Reflecting on the season up to this point, head coach Shannon Miller stated, "People have progressed as we've put them on target. Nagging injuries have

required patience on our part as well as on their's."

Leading the strong performance of the women's team was Sarah Marion with first place finishes in both the 100 and 400 meter hurdles. Marion also finished first in the long jump followed by Gina Miller with a second.

Third places went to Miller in the 800 meter run and Debi Carter in the 100 meter dash. Carter also claimed first in triple jump.

In the throwing events Kim Hazelbaker won the discus throw, as Ellen Duncan and Vondell Sheets placed second and third in the javelin. Duncan also placed in the shot put.

In reference to the gale forces of the

wind during the meet, coach Miller exclaimed, "There's not telling what we could've done had the weather been better."

Despite the wind, the men's squad had a strong showing, spurring them on to an overall victory.

Nate Pickens captured first place titles in both the 400 hurdles and the 110 high hurdles, Rich Sturm followed with a second place in the 110 hurdles. In the 100 meter dash Reid Kornstad finished third, while second place finishes went to Kevin Farrow in the 400 meters and John Duncan in the 800 meters. Will Haskin's strong performance led him to a first place victory in the 1500 meters.

In the long jump Scott Wilde and Brian Higgins placed first and third re-

spectively, while Kornstad finished second on the pole vault.

Up to this point in the season, NNC boasts thirteen District qualifiers and one National qualifier.

Kim Hazelbaker qualified for Nationals at the first outdoor meet of the season, her third year to qualify. District qualifiers include: Gina Miller (800 meters), Sarah Marion (100 and 400 hurdles, long jump), Ellen Duncan (shot put, discus), Kim Hazelbaker (discus, high jump), Tessa Phillips (discus), Vondell Sheets (high jump), Jennifer Myers (high jump), Reid Kornstad (pole vault), Jeff Jackson (pole vault), Zach Smith (high jump), Justin Marion (high jump), and Brian Higgins (high jump).

TENNIS

Tennis team showing growth

BY ANTHONY SYME
STAFF WRITER

The Crusader women's tennis team triumphed in four singles in two matches last Saturday against Pacific University and Lewis and Clark College.

Senior Kristin Smyth scored wins in two sets against Pacific's Hong Huynh (6-4, 6-2) and junior Maite Antras won over Pacific's Kayleen Beard in another two sets (6-0, 6-0). Maite Antras and sophomore Michelle Stephens took the win in two sets each against Lewis and Clark [7-6 (7-2), 6-1 and 6-2, 6-1, respectively]. NNC lost overall in singles and doubles, with Pacific over NNC, 7-2, and Lewis and Clark over NNC, 7-2.

While the women's team stands at 3-5 in overall wins-losses, Kristin Smyth, senior co-captain with Eva Antras, have no shortage of positive things to say about the team. Smyth feels that the loss of several experienced players from last year may have created an obstacle to peak performance, but the present players have shown significant growth, and practices have become "more productive."

Motivation is high and the individual team members feel a strong sense of camaraderie.



A positive "overall spirit" is carrying the women's tennis team, despite a 3-5 record.

Eva Antras agrees: "Not to say I didn't like the team last year, but the overall spirit this year is better than last year."

Smyth also believes the intense competition from the other schools is due in part to the higher portion of scholarship funding allotted to those teams, which obviously attracts players with a high degree of skill.

Antras feels that the large emphasis upon baseball and basketball at NNC has overshadowed the tennis team in

terms of funding. "If you ask people at NNC if they realize that NNC has a women's team, only about twenty-five percent will say they do," she says.

The Sader tennis team has seven more matches to play before the end of season, all out on the road. They will be playing in the District II tournament in Portland on May 5-7 and are shooting for the championship which will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, May 23-28. Their next game is this Thursday in Spokane against Whitworth College.

INTRAMURALS



The intramural softball season is once again in full swing. Full slates of games are played throughout the week at the intramural park across from the student center building. A good turnout and nice weather have made the young season a successful start for the intramural program. Both men's and women's leagues have experienced good participation.

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EDITORIALS

Immigrants should learn the language

Not so long ago, thousands of immigrants came to America

our views

in the after-shock of the Vietnam war. Since that time, nearly all of those refugees and their offspring have learned to speak English. These people have demonstrated what most of our great-grandparents already knew -- integrating into mainstream America society isn't impossible.

Several educators, civil rights leaders, and immigrants themselves seem to think otherwise. Schools in California have already looked into and implemented bilingual education programs. Evidently, it is too much to ask newcomers to learn the dominant language the way our German, Italian, and Scandinavian grandparents had to. (If you think Norwegian to English is an easier transition than Spanish to English, we know some members of the elder generation who will differ with you -- in broken English.)

It can be proven that those who have had to learn the language of the land and become a part of society are more successful than those who expect the system to create a crutch by which they can benefit without adapting.

New student government should supply change

Every spring the newly elected student government officers promise a variety of changes -- a fix-it job that will correct the mistakes of the previous year.

This year, we'd like to see another kind of change ... the kind that makes noise in people's pockets.

As the new Executive Council officers set goals for the next school year, we hope that they will individually commit to altering ASNNC's spending patterns. The current budgeting practices often include a lot of padding -- high estimated costs and an extra hundred dollars or two thrown in as a buffer. The rationale for this type of planning is easily justified: "Everyone else does it, so if I don't follow along my budget will be cut too much by the Senate."

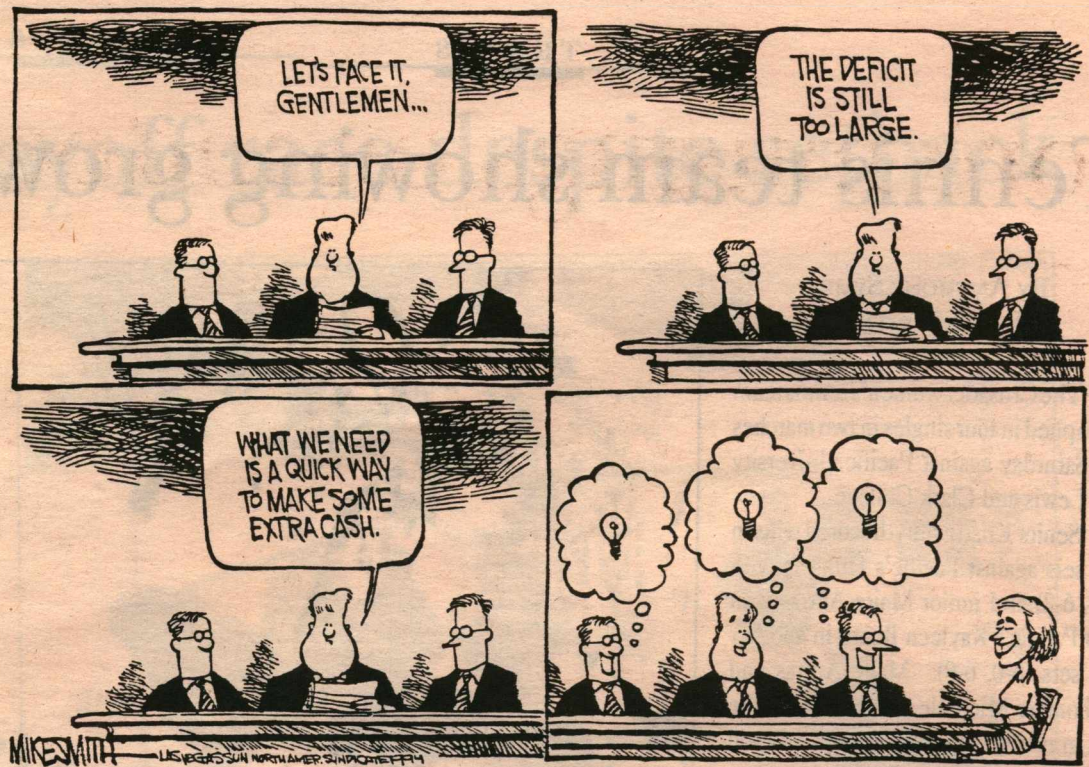
But the rationale for honest budgeting and conservative estimates is even more compelling: "If everyone else does it, then ASNNC will save money." Sure, it's easy to pass the buck and point out that it's the job of the Business Manager or the Senate to eliminate waste. But the budgeting process would be so much easier to swallow if Executive Officers would take responsibility to scrutinize their own budgets before submitting them.

And where might the savings go? By keeping student activity costs at a minimum (as was promised when the \$30 student fee hike went into effect last year) the saved monies would bring about an effective change ... change that students can see -- and hear, too.

editorial policy

The above editorials express the opinions of The Crusader's

editorial board: D. M. Bomar, Naomi Brown, Jeff Gunstream, Matt Johnson, Dave McEwen, Tessa Phillips, Ryan Pitts, Kona Lew, and Wendy White. Editorial cartoons reflect the opinions of the artist. Signed articles and letters reflect the opinions of the writer.



COMMENTARY

Every competitor a victor

For those of you who weren't there, Caldwell High School hosted an important event last Saturday. About 210 participants and twice as many spectators gathered for the Area III Special Olympics, and I was lucky enough to cover the event for the Press-Tribune.

And while enough inspirational stories seem to spring from events like the Special Olympics to fill several issues of Reader's Digest, I can truthfully say that physically being there had a very real effect on me. The Special Olympics, besides being an opportunity for the mentally impaired to shine, is equally an opportunity for "normal" people to be shone upon.

Since all but a few of you missed out on the experience, let me share a few memorable moments with you. I'll spare you the insult of applying any obvious meaning to them ...

When I arrived at Caldwell High School, I saw something I didn't expect. An assisted race was taking place on the near section of the track, and Vance Kellogg was in the middle of it. I watched as Vance coached and encouraged his partner on to her own victory. Not a first place finish, but victory nonetheless. Needless to say, I was impressed to see Vance representing NNC at such an important event.

In the same vein, I got a chance to talk to Brian Murphy and Mel Wahl as they hosted the softball throw. The two of them took a possibly threatening and probably uncomfortable situation and made it a positive one for all those involved. There was no feedback but positive feedback, and none of the "Olympians" left their event without a sense of accomplishment.

The participants themselves were a lesson in the glory of competition. While most settings make individual achievement the goal of competitive sports, the Special Olympics is an environment in which everyone goes home feeling good.

The athletes exuded such obvious excitement that it was hard not to get caught up in the spirit of the games. I spoke with Jim Fennell, the track & field coordinator for the event, and he

ryan pitts

They crossed the line and turned to each other with a high-five of purest victory.

told me that most of the participants were so excited that they couldn't sleep the night before.

Wandering around the premises, I got to witness some minor triumphs and emotions that most people missed out on. I saw the hugs that were exchanged between members of a group from Payette, and I heard the same group chanting, "Win! Win! Win!!" as a friend sprinted toward the finish line.

I saw underhand softball tosses that went 20 yards, and overhand throws that flew about 20 inches. I watched long jumps and wheelchair slaloms and a 400 meter walk with competitors so excited they could barely keep from running.

I saw local volunteers hand out hugs with reckless abandon, and do everything within their power to make sure that the Special Olympics was special for everyone. Cookies, punch, and lunches were supplied in abundance -- as were smiles, laughs and cheers.

For participants and spectators alike, the Special Olympics was not so much an event as it was an experience. Those who were there to help came away with a feeling of accomplishment in the same sense as those who ran the races. People helped people and, more importantly, people loved people. It takes a special kind of determination to make yourself available to someone who might be harder than usual to be around. But in the right atmosphere, things seem to get easier and, lo and behold, individuals cease to have labels and regain the title of human beings.

As I walked away from the Area III Special Olympics, I turned to watch one last race through the chain link fence surrounding the track. And as the first- and second-place finishers crossed the line and coasted to a jog, they turned to each other with a high-five of purest victory. Like all of us, they may have belonged to different groups, but they stood on the same team.

They realized it, and on that day they relished it. I only hope I would do the same.

COMMENTARY

More musings on indoctrination

BY E. DANIEL FREEBORN
STAFF WRITER

Preface: This is a follow-up to an article written earlier this year, written as an encouragement to anyone who can find some inside. The fact that it is excruciatingly auto-biographical is entirely deliberate.

In my article "Some Musings on Indoctrination," I expressed some frustrations about knowing the truth of God. At that time, I was on a downward spiral concerning my amount of faith. I was becoming less and less sure of anything. The more I thought, the more I realized just how arbitrary most of my convictions were, meaning that I had a lot of firm ideas about right and wrong with very few reasons for any of them. At that point, I knew I had two choices. First, I could take the comfortable route and sweep all my doubts under the rug of faith and try to forget them. This was tempting and probably would have saved me a lot of misunderstanding at the lunch table. But something, and I believe it was God, drove me to the other alternative, which was to face my doubts and admit they were legitimate and that they needed to be answered, if it were at all possible. When I say I was driven, I am not exaggerating. It would have taken more effort for me to have chosen the comfortable route that I spoke of earlier. It would have taken more energy and self-deceit to keep those doubts under the carpet than it did to be honest with myself and proceed accordingly.

So, as I continued to accept, recognize, and catalogue my pseudo-convictions, I watched my inventory of these dwindle to a near vacuum. I think I prayed more during this time than I ever have before. But it was the kind of prayer that lasted all day and all night. I was praying without knowing it; it is only in retrospect that I have realized this. I remember how every thought, every idea, every class discussion, every chapel, every lunch-time conversation topic, every midnight coffee in Dan's room philosophy discussion was put before my mind and subconsciously condensed to the prayer "Is this true, God?" At this time nothing was beyond inspection and nothing was beyond significance. All things were a step to the truth and were held up against my knowledge of the world to see if there was any consistency or order to be found at all. I was probably

the most Christian, or Christ-like, that I've ever been in terms of humility, for never was I looking at myself; but every ounce of my being was devoted to discovering what was true and what was not. I was also probably the most miserable I've ever been. I was being forced to turn my back on all that had supported me and helped me so selflessly; Christian people who had done their best, with all the grace and love that humans are capable of, to teach me true things. I had to drop it all. I had to dissent (if not out loud, at least in my heart, which is painful enough) among my parents and friends, and people I don't know as well, but who had done so much to help me, people like Rich and Junella Hagood. I knew I couldn't dismiss my doubts and fears just because other great and good people didn't have them. This was not only hard, it was lonely, and it was Hell.

But through all of this, I sensed the Creator's presence more than ever. I was in constant contact, seeing every minute why one of his greatest and truest titles is the Mighty Counselor. This was a significant factor in this grand trial, for in an indirect way it kept my searching from leading to utter despair.

There was a time when my repertoire of beliefs was so small, that if I were asked to recite even one, I would not only have been short of a great concert, I would have been at a complete loss. I walked around terrified that I would be called on to back them in an argument, or give a testimony, or even state my opinion. I literally knew nothing.

The point of all this is to say that until this time I at least fell back on the

conviction that God was in control, indeed, that there was even a God at the bottom(or top) of all this. But I began to realize that if I were asked why I thought this was so, I could only answer meekly with "I just believe it." When I examined this answer, I suddenly saw the absurdity. It was no stranger a statement than, "I believe there lies in another galaxy a planet that worships my name and gives me sacrifices daily." The only strength in either of those two statements is that they are beyond the realm of provability. In fact, it is somewhat curious that a man who stated the former would be praised for his unshakable faith, while one who courageously quoted the latter would be sent to a nice, private, padded room for being a little looney. So, this was not enough.

As I pondered my complete conviction collapse one morning in the shower, discovering that my list of beliefs was now entirely empty, I found myself audibly speaking the words, "God, I think I'm an atheist."

Immediately, two monumental things simultaneously occurred. One, I burst out laughing at the irony of such a statement, especially when prayed as fervently and seriously as I had. Second, more real and alive than ever, I heard God do the same. An almost physical embrace enveloped me and spoke laughingly to my heart, "Whatever, Dan. You're on your way." Suddenly, I had not a single doubt. And what is more, I *recognized* the strangeness of that embrace; I had felt it before. I had just forgotten, like the wandering Jews in the Old Testament who forgot every mira-

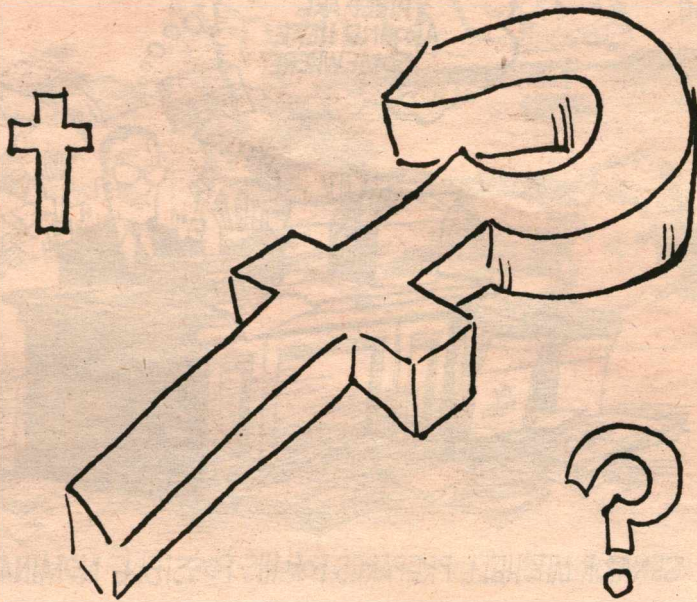
cle that God so graciously gave. There was ground underneath my feet again. I knew I had met the living God, whatever his name may be. All that is left is to learn what to make of it.

Since the time of my Shower Revelation, I have had more instances which have beautifully and naturally reaffirmed my belief in God. One of the most important concepts that showed itself to me happened entirely without any effort of my own. It was like this. I had realized that in my deepest self, I believed there was a God. But as to His nature and how one learns to know Him better, or if one can know Him at all, I was still uncertain. Or more importantly, if those experiences, such as my shower revelation, were indeed genuine, divine experiences or rather a combination of chemical reactions, saga food, and lack of sleep, I had no clue whatsoever.

But at any rate, I was writing a letter to a friend and was not consciously thinking of any of these things. In the letter, I was explaining my relationship with one of my best friends, Josh Beymer. I was telling her how our two friendships were different because they were based on different things. I listed those that she and I had in common: literature, philosophy, music, etc. Then I tried to start the list for Josh and myself, when I suddenly found myself at a loss! As I desperately searched for commonalities, all that blazed forth were stark differences: he was a good dancer, he loved basketball, he loved pop music, he hated coffee, he was adored by women, indeed, he even used to date women (before his wedding, of course). What was I doing being friends with such a person?!

Of course, what followed was a cycle of arguments as to why Josh and I really aren't friends because it just doesn't make sense. In the middle of this argument, however, I suddenly realized what a fool I was. I was trying desperately to deny a wonderful friendship because it didn't make sense, when the fact of the matter was that Josh and I are friends. period. Every time I see him I feel the same way, I simply enjoy his company and companionship, even if he's watching NBA while I'm reading *Moby Dick*. That's the reality, and it's far more real than all the reasons I would have to invent in order to convince myself that we weren't friends. My experiences with God are the same.

I was becoming less and less sure of anything. The more I thought, the more I realized just how arbitrary most of my convictions were, meaning that I had a lot of firm ideas about right and wrong with very few reasons for any of them.



LETTERS

Concerned mother sets record straight

your views

Dear Editor:

In the weeks since John Fraley's article "In search of the way, the truth, and the life" appeared in The Crusader, I have been unable to dispell the deep concern I felt at the time I read the article. Recognizing that college years are a time of intellectual exploration and challenge I nonetheless was distrubed by the reasoning Mr. Fraley used in moving toward perhaps new, "mind-expanding" convictions. It is one thing to explore and debate the application of Biblical principles. It is quite another thing to take the principle itself and twist, dilute, and distort what scripture actually says.

In speaking of the Israelites who had every demonstration of God's grace and every opportunity to take Him at His Word, the writer of Hebrews concludes "They had the same message preached to them as we did but it did them no good because THEY DID NOT COMBINE IT WITH FAITH." Faith is not the antithesis to "intelligent thinking," it is the epitome of intelligent thinking because it is the very mind of God. When Jesus Christ says He is the way, He means He is THE WAY. He does NOT say He is "an example." He does NOT say He is A way... He says He is THE WAY. Mr. Fraley seems to think that it's "intelligent thinking" to suppose that Jesus did not mean exactly what He said. I wonder if he is willing to stake his life on that?

As a parent I appreciate seeing in The Crusader articles by students that address issues and concerns such as this. However, I would suggest that in airing such articles The Crusader use a point/counterpoint format so that in the same issue readers are presented with more than one perspective.

--LINDE ZIRSCHKY

Different schools, different priorities

Dear Editor:

I just finished reading your cover story of 2/15/94, about the rivalry between ACI and NNC. As a graduate of the C of I (not ACI), I'd like to commend you on a well-written story.

When I went to the C of I (85 to 89), my view of NNC was "what a bunch of Jesus-freaks!" After all, the C of I had THE best ski team, basketball team, and baseball team in the NAIA. We also had the wildest parties and dances -- what a great place!

Now that I'm a student at NNC, I see how wrong I was about both schools. The C of I has sold out to money. While I was there, all baseball/basketball players needed to do to pass classes was buddy-up with a professor. The C of I's name change even reflects what money can buy. NNC, however, puts God first, and in the end that's all that matters. So, let them think they're better than us -- we know the truth.

--LORI HIRCHERT

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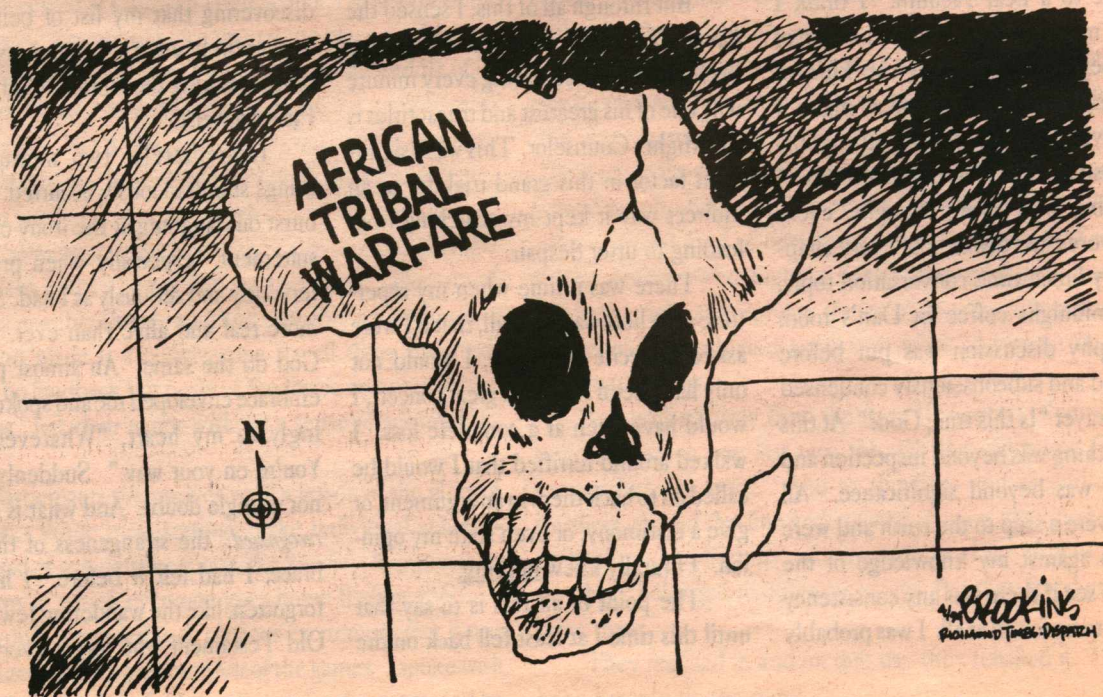
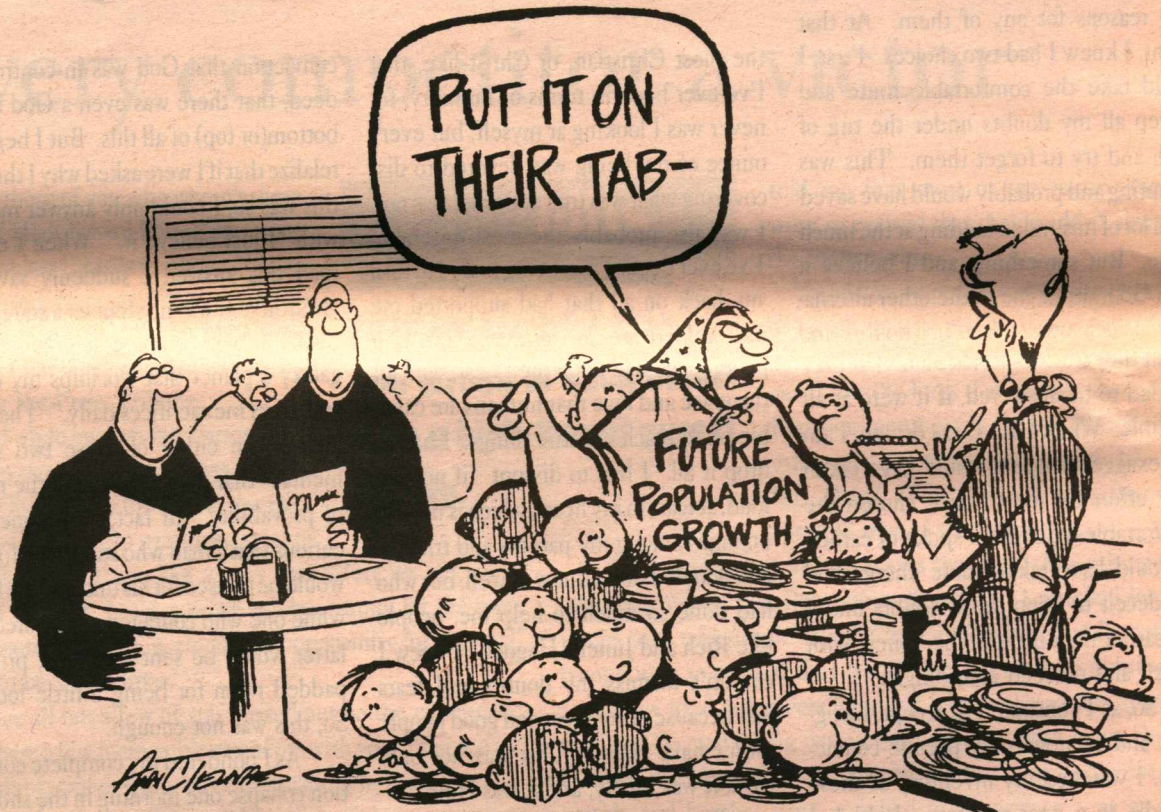
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reviews

CUISINE

Koffee Klatsch provides plenty of pasta at a practical price**The Koffee Klatsch**

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Reviewed by
Keanan Williams

As I walked into the building, memories drifted into my mind like the smell of freshly brewed coffee on a chilly winter morning. Only this time, it was spring. Although I had eaten at the Klatsch on numerous occasions, I had never tasted from the dinner menu. Now, at long last, I would be able to sample the scrumptious pasta dishes from the tantalizing Klatsch menu which for so long had tempted me.

But first, as an insane chocolate boy is wont to do, I ordered a Mocha au lait, which is the coffee of the day, slightly blessed with chocolate flavoring. My date on this evening, as ever, was the beautiful Kona Lew. She ordered the cinnamon orange tea.

The waiters and waitresses are almost always easygoing and pleasant, even a little strange at times. But just leave a nice tip, and you'll be okay. Although the same rules which apply to the Zoo apply here also, feel free to joke with the

waiters. They like a little bit of humor during their shifts.

Our order was up quicker than a side out in B-league volleyball. We were both having Pasta dishes, Kona the Smoked Turkey Alfredo and I the Chicken Prima Vera, garnished with a large slice of garlic bread. As my lovely date would later say, it was a "festival of food for one's mouth."

We were too stuffed for dessert, but having been to the Klatsch before, I can tell you that the Mocha shakes are enough to literally send one Crusader Cover-Story editor to Heaven. Their bread pudding is also wonderfully delicious.

Which all leads into a real moral dilemma about eating at the Koffee Klatsch: there is never room for dessert after eating a meal. So although the meal prices are very reasonable (dinners about \$6.45 to \$6.95, lunch and breakfast even cheaper), I recommend showing up some evening for the sole purpose of ordering either steaming-hot tea or some wonderful espresso drink with dessert.

The music is most often folksy, with sample CD's from the Record Exchange funneling throughout the establishment. No matter how long you stay, the music will never run out.

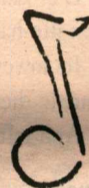
All of the drinks and food are superb, and I recommend trying the oatmeal. As one who never has liked oatmeal, I was pleasantly surprised to find large, whole dry oats, topped with cinnamon, walnuts, and raisins, and with brown sugar and steamed milk provided on the side. Toast was also included, but after an oversized "bowl" of this schmecken stuff, the toast wasn't really necessary.

Prices are very reasonable for the size of the portions provided, and the atmosphere is smoke free. Extended hours have also added to the access of the Klatsch. Dinner is served after five only, and the Klatsch closes at four on Sundays.

For the food and the atmosphere, this is the best bang for your buck since John Nordstrom.



MUSIC

Easy-to-swallow Jimi Hendrix tribute reflects his influence**Stone Free**

Various Artists
Reprise Records
1993

Reviewed by
John Nordstrom

There have been many remakes of great Jimi Hendrix songs since his unfortunate drug overdose in 1970, but never in one complete easy-to-swallow package as *Stone Free*. A wide range of musicians teamed up to pay tribute to the man who influenced the sound of rock, funk, heavy metal, fusion, and the blues more than any other guitarist.

The songs that each group chose to do seems to fit their style, except for perhaps The Cure's eerie rendition of "Purple Haze." Eric Clapton, for instance, does an incredible version of "Stone Free," complete with the authentic driving guitar and gritty chorus.

Surprisingly, the best cut is probably by The Pretenders -- "Bold as Love." Although they fail to capture the Hendrix sound, they succeed in capturing the emotion of the song. By incorporating electronic synthesizers and their own college/pop/alternative style, they bring

Hendrix to life in a new and fresh way.

Other artists that joined in the album tribute include the Spin Doctors, Buddy Guy, Body Count, Seal and Jeff Beck, Nigel Kennedy, P.M. Dawn, Slash and Paul Rogers with The Band of Gypsys, Belly, Living Colour, Pat Metheny, and M.A.C.C.

Every song reflects Hendrix and his influence on the group. Some songs do have too much of the individual artists and not enough Hendrix for purists, but overall, "Stone Free" is a CD that will help perpetuate the Hendrix influence onto grunge and other rising forms of music.

While Jimi Hendrix is known for his racy lifestyle (he did die of a drug overdose) his lyrics are some of the most concretely vivid of any lyricist of his time, perhaps with the exception of Bob Dylan. His lyrics helped to define his generation just as today's grunge artists help define the current generation. I enjoy Hendrix -- I do not advocate his lifestyle or the lifestyle he sings about, but I do understand his era better because of him.

◀ **The Koffee Klatsch is more than just a place for great coffee. They offer some real fine cuisine, too.**

CINEMA

Frank Dreben's third assignment merely more mindless drivel

I must have seen a dozen stupider movies than "Naked Gun 33 1/3" in my life, but I can't think of one at this moment.

Occasionally, I feel the need for some serious silliness. On such occasions, I often seek out the silliest looking movie currently showing and head straight for it. When this feeling last struck, I had the misfortune to discover "Naked Gun 33 1/3."

Now, when I saw the first "Naked Gun," I thought it was pretty funny. I have long been a fan of such gems of the genre as "Hot Shots," "Airplane," and "Top Secret." It seemed, then, that this new offering of mindless mirth and madness would be the perfect way to get some of the silliness out of my system. Not a chance.

Apparently, it IS possible to create a movie that goes so far beyond silly that even I would call it stupid. I could find no reason for this movie's existence beyond capturing the funds of poor fools such as myself who are drawn to such farcical fare.

The creators of the film did not even have to go to the trouble of writing new gags. As near as I could tell, the story was a continuation of the plot(?) begun in the original "Naked Gun" and dragged to what should have been death in "Naked Gun 2 1/2."

Frank Drebin, played by the unfortunate Leslie Nielsen, is a retiring lunatic cop who has promised his wife, played by Priscilla Presley, that he will make a clean break from the force and assume his new duties as a house-husband.

This, of course, is not to be. As soon as Frank is retired, some baddies, for unknown reasons, hire an imprisoned mad bomber to escape and blow up an important target which remains unknown for quite a while and which never does make sense.

Frank is sent to prison under cover to join with the mad bomber and foil his plans. Through a tunnel, they escape and, following a pointless time-span, they arrive at the site of the bombing -- the Academy Awards presentation.

I would say more, but my mind will quit its job if it has to think about this subject for another minute. In short I am amazed that I sat through the whole pathetic thing.

If you are trapped on a desert island with a generator, a VCR, and a TV with only "Naked Gun 33 1/3," never, ever consider seeing this thing for a moment.

It just may save your sanity.

**Naked Gun 33 1/3**

Linden 3 Theatres
454-8687
7:10, 9:30

Reviewed by
Mason Vail

LIST

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Top Ten Skeletons in
Lance Nelson's Closet

10. Coordinated the great Sutherland sauna fire of '92
9. Genetically engineered his own birth
8. Still believes in the 8th dwarf, Creamy
7. Caused Gary Coleman's thyroid problem
6. Performed Drew Barrymore's stunts in new movie "Bad Girls"
5. Is the infamous "Midnight Spanker" of The Dalles
4. Never misses "The Young and the Restless"
3. Uses aerosol instant spray-on hair
2. Sings himself to sleep with the "Greatest American Hero" theme song
1. The Underoos fiasco

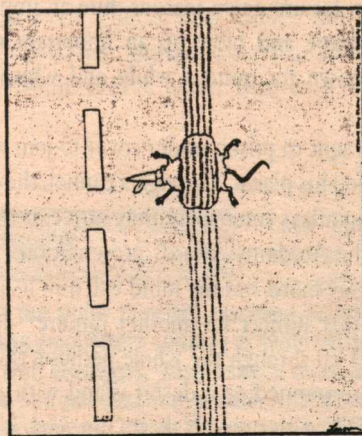
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RYAN PITTS, AND JOHN NORDSTROM

THE FAR SIDE By GARY LARSON



"There he is! ... Bruno! Bad dog!"

THE FAR SIDE By GARY LARSON



Scenes that make a crow smile

CULTURE?

ShrinkLits: literature for
the culturally challenged

Excerpted from *ShrinkLits: Seventy of the world's towering classics cut down to size*, by Maurice Sagoff. (Editor's Note: The following passages are condensed revisions of classic literary works. They should in no way be substituted for the original work.)

King Lear
William Shakespeare

Daughters three had aged Lear,
Two were rotten, one sincere.

He misjudged the loving kid,
Cursed and cut her off, he did.

But the others, flushed with gain,
Tossed him out into the rain.

All his ganglia came untied;
Sweet Cordelia reached his side

Just too late to change the play —
Overkill was underway:

Lear succumbed, and all his girls
Plus his fool and various earls.

Ah, but if the womb would breed
Kind, sincere and loving seed

Full of filial thoughtfulness,
None would perish in distress.

Heaven on earth this life would be!
Folks would die of sheer ennui.

The Sonnets of
William Shakespeare

Numbers 1-17 Numbers 18-154

Thine eye,	The boy
Thine air,	I love
Defy	Rude joy
Compare.	May prove —
This prime,	He'd spark
Alas,	(No less)
In time	My dark
Will pass.	Mistress!
What can	This much
Replace	I know:
Thy man —	It's touch
Ly grace?	And go
A son —	When you
Make one.	Love two.

Jane Eyre
Charlotte Bronte

My Love behaved
A bit erratic;
Our nuptial day
Brought truth dramatic:
He had a wife,
Mad, in an attic.

I fled! I roamed
O'er moor and ditch.
When life had struck
Its lowest pitch,
An uncle died
And left me rich.

I sought my love
Again, to find
An awful fire
His home had mined,
Kipped his wife
And left him blind.

Reader, guess what?
I married him.
My cup is filled
Up to the brim;
Now we are one,
We play, we swim,

The power we share
Defies all pain;
We soar above
Life's tangled plain —
He Mr. Rochester,
Me Jane!

Alice in Wonderland
Lewis Carroll

Holed up with bunny,
Pre-teen girl acts funny,
Aberrations —
Hallucinations —
Wild Scenes —
Tarts, Queens —
Clearly, she
Needs therapy.

lastdance

The Song of Hiawatha
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Hiawatha, Culture hero,
Son of mighty Mudjekeewis,
Slew the sturgeon Mishe-Nahma,
Got in plenty Mishe-Gaas,
Wed the arrow-maker's daughter,
Mini-skirted Minnehaha.

When the White Man with the musket
Came along, he bade him welcome,
Told the braves to be real friendly,
Then, canoeing, took off swiftly.

Hiawatha, if I told you
What your tribesmen are saying
By the shores of Gitche-Gumee,
You would sue me.

The Pilgrim's Progress
John Bunyan

Christian slogs weary miles,
God's apostle, Orbi, urbi.

Through bogs, Over stiles,
A colossal Bunyan Derby.

Moby Dick
Herman Melville

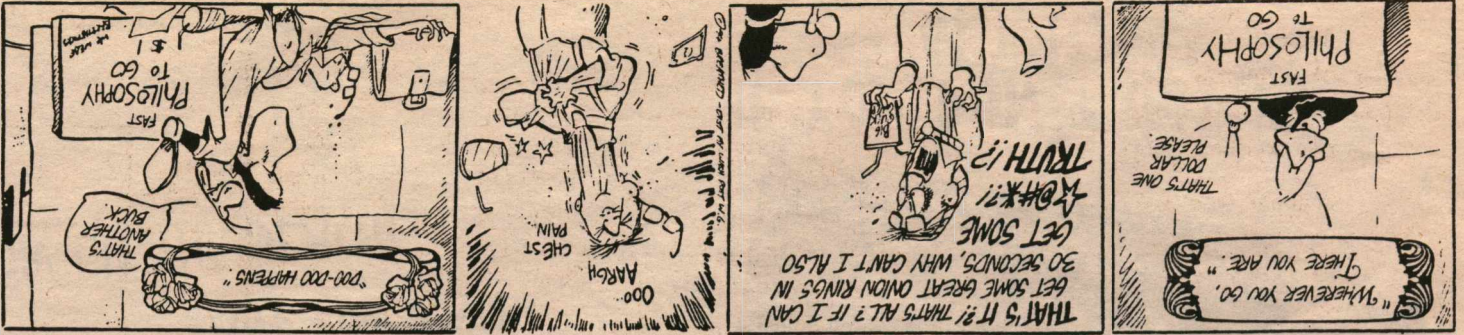
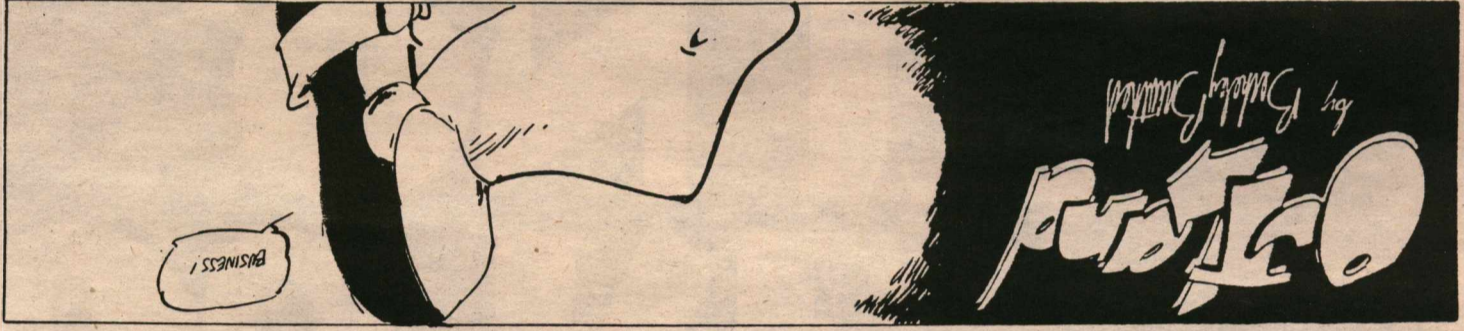
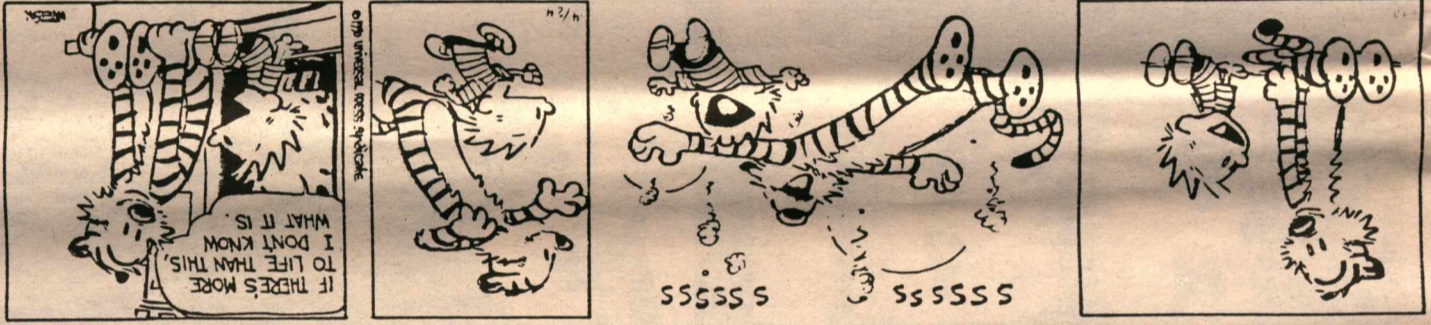
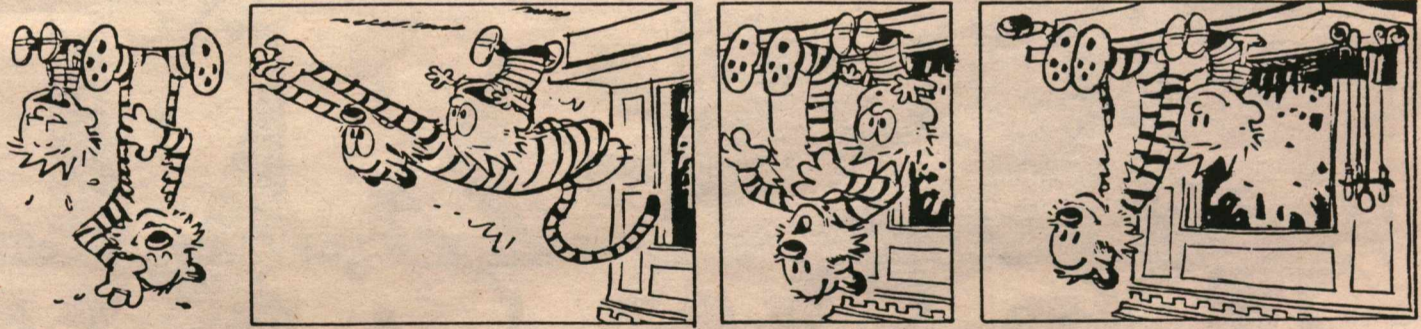
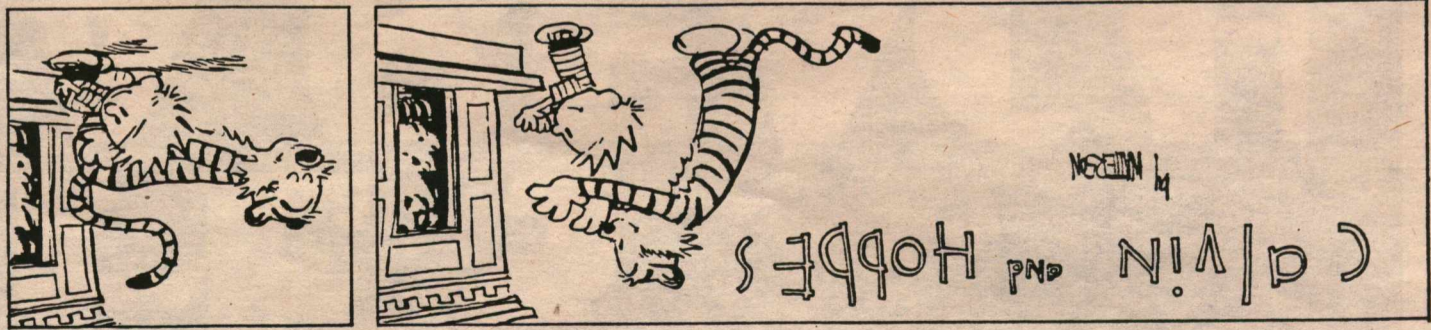
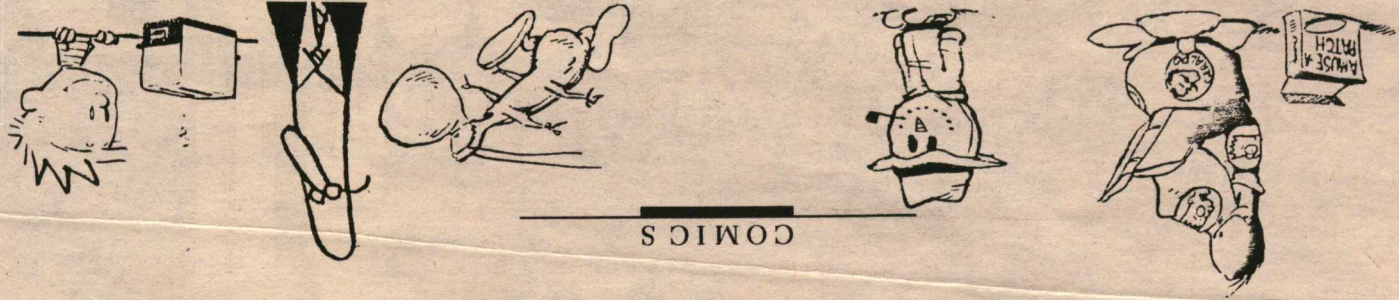
Whale chomped Ahab's leg in two.
Heave ho, blow the man down!
"Hunt that beast!" he tells his crew.
Early in the morning.

First, a welter of whaling schmoose,
Heave ho, blow the man down!
Then Moby comes and hell breaks loose.
Early in the morning.

Smashup! Ahab's drowned in brine,
Heave ho, blow the man down!
Lashed to the whale by a harpoon line.
Early in the morning.

Good (symbolic) with Evil vies,
Heave ho, blow the man down!
If you'd fathom it, you must rise.
Early in the morning.

COMICS



CALENDAR

Wednesday 20

Chapel with Gene Schandorff
10:15 am, College Church

Time Out with

Micha Montague

6:30 pm, Student Center

Lounge

CPR Update Class

Spanish Again

8-9:00 pm, Student Center

Lounge

Thursday 21

"The Misanthrope"

A Moliere comedy set in Hollywood in a contemporary adaptation by the theatre arts department.

8 pm, April 21-23, 27-30 and 2

pm on April 24

Morrison Center, Stage II

Tickets: \$6.50 adults, and \$4.50

for students and seniors at Se-

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Friday 22

Chapel with Randy Rodes
10:15 am, College Church

"H.M.S. Pinafore"

A hilarious opera with a national spoof of all things British. Presented by the Boise Opera. 8 pm, April 22-23, 3 pm April 24. Special Events Center. Tickets: \$17 at Select-a-Seat

Monday 25

Chapel, Class Speeches

10:15 am

(campaigning ends Sunday.

April 24)

New RA/PA selections notified

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