Artists plan fair



Friday, April 29, the Art Department will be transformed into a hubub of activity as the NNC Art Department presents the annual art fair.

In a meeting last night, students added last minute touches to plans for the fair which will include an all day open house of the recently remodeled art department.

Refinished walls will display student projects from various classes throughout the year. The conference room, which has just been finished will be open for information and

discussions.

Throughout the day students will be giving demonstrations on various art skills taught here at NNC. Oil techniques, ceramics, charcoal drawings, and watercolors are among the presently planned demonstrations.

In addition to class displays, individual art students will be displaying and selling their projects.

The fair is open to all students, staff, and community members. Admission is free and visitors are welcome to drop in at anytime during the day.

The Sanner Sermon Contest

Preaching

Well the results are in and Mike Lodahl has walked off with first place in the Sanner Senior Sermon Contest. Bob Sevier and Bruce Forrest came in second and third places, respectively. The Sanner Senior Sermon contest is

but one facet of the annual Student Preaching Mission which will descend upon the campus next week. The Mission, long a tradition at NNC, will feature sermons from graduating seniors during all the chapel services next week,

including a Wednesday evening service. Mike, as the winner of the Sermon Contest, will preach on Monday while the pulpits for the Wednesday morning and evening services will be filled by Robin Stevens & Donna Danner. Ron Wilde will give the

message on Friday.

The Student Preaching
Mission honors all graduating seniors from the
Department of Philosophy
and Religion. While the
slots for preaching are
among the most coveted

awards, there will also be a presentation of the winners of the Olive M. Winchester Essay Contest, several scholarships for seminary and a recognition for Dr. Percival Wesche and Dr. Joseph Mayfield, both members of the department who are retiring this year. In addition to the afore mentioned ceremonies, all the graduating seniors and the faculty of the Department of Philosphy and Religion will be presented to the student body.



There isn't a great deal of weather to report this week so we will continue as always. NNC is beginning to recover from overcast skies which descended on the campus last weekend, leaving students and faculty gasping for breath. Caught completely unawares, for the 63rd straight year, administrators plan a total evaluation of the cloud cover. After all, they say, it isn't just fun and games.

Jimmy Carter, in a live, taped telecast from Washington, AC/DC, revealed his new energy plan. Dressed in a blue gown with a choker composed of the American public, the plan was the hit of Congress as several members expressed a wide range of opinion. Though the policy was not especially well-received, by round 12 Carter and Congress declared the bout a draw and each faction brought out their artist pads and sketched

charicatures of Schlesinger and Arab shieks.

Our weather satellite, Eros XVIIII, reported several unusual activities on a fly-by over NNC last week. Three seniors were spotted removing a Lincoln-like object from the library late Wednesday evening. When asked to comment on the disappearance, several librarians said, "We don't know how they did it. His legs weren't long enough to reach the ground." Ten-four

Eros XIV also indicated that several students have been meeting in incense-filled rooms, discussing their going-away present for NNC. Though tentative plans have not been released, the last few weeks of school promise to be anything but dull. Some of the weakest brains and ablest bodies are reported to be in on the scheming, though no class credit will be given.



Mike Lodahl (right) is this year's Sanner Senior Sermon Contest winner. He is pictured here with a speech trophy from the Student Center trophy case.



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AWS elections will be held Wednesday, April 27. GMS and CWB elections will be held Friday, April 29. The polls will be open from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM and from 4:30- 6:30 PM in the Student Center.



America, the beautiful

Another year and once again a hallowed day has come and gone virtually unrecognized on this campus. It can only show what kind of faculty and student body we have here at NNC when our beloved PATRIOT'S DAY passes Would you unnoticed. believe that the reactions of those questioned by this student as to how they celebrated THE DAY "What's ranged from, that?" outright laughter!?

What kind of campus is this where there is no noontime gathering around Old Glory to sing those wonderful songs of the fatherland Star The Spangled Banner, and Deutchland Uber Alles. Mind you, I was the only one that

about anything except their

willingness to keep pro-

spective students in their

rooms. Most declined the

such a concentrated deluge

of prospective students was

that many groups must

travel great distances, and

the sponsors like to get

everything out of the way in

one trip, like one-stop

shopping. But like one-

stop shopping, the prices

were too high. The hostil-

ity felt by many NNC

students toward what most

regarded as a destructive

invasion of high-schoolers

seeking a good time and

little else alienated some

serious students who had

been planning to attend

NNC--before last weekend.

One of the casualties was a

girl who had flown in from

Chicago to see the school to

which she had applied last

If more consideration

The reason given for

honor.

rallyed 'round The Flag Monday to raise my voice in praise of that much maligned but glorious emblem of Freedom.

The FLAG; an emblem which has been stained by the blood of Free Men who fought righteously to preserve its liberty to wave from the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli. From Dresden to Nagasaki, from the Bay of Pigs to My Lai our beloved corps of draftees, er, citizen solders have struggled to fulfill that bright and beautiful Flag's manifest destiny to spread its majastic magnificence from sea to shinning sea.

Ah, for the good old days, when the entire student body of my grade school would circle around that flag and lift our innocent Aryan, er, I mean American faces to the sky and sing those wonderful songs. The green grass, the blue sky, and the sun shinning through that sacred RED, WHITE, and BLUE would bring tears of joy and thankfulness to our eyes for being able to worship that Flag.

Then, after wiping those blessed tears away, some of us would stay after school to play a little baseball followed by the long ride home on our Allletters letters letters

American Schwinn bicycles. Oh, most perfect of days, to end it all on just the right note, some apple strudel-no...pie from my sainted mother's kitchen followed by a family gathering around the television to watch Combat! or a ride through the country

in our Volks-Chevrolet.

So, early tomorrow, in penance for missing that gem of all days, take a glance up to Old Glory and say, "Good Morning, America!"

> S. E. (Blood-n-Gutz) Condon

Year good, future bright

This has been a good vear at NNC for me and since it is my last year here, I feel urged to write my final letter. Now, now, folks, put away your hankies and kleenexes. Save your tears for later, finals are just around the

During this week, I have had the opportunity to talk with several of my friends about seeking and knowing the Lord's will for our lives. One of the privileges I have had on this campus has been making new friendships and, by verbal interaction with my peers, adding new dimensions to my personal life.

It was a chance encounter in the bike storage room of Mangum Manor. I was on my way to my room to get 39¢ and an eraser. He was relaxing in one of the finer chairs to be found in Mangum, intently preparing a great theolog-I had ical monologue. known him, but that was last year on the second floor of Chapman. Somehow, over the last two terms, we had grown apart and had been divided by our own activities. He was in his circle. I was in mine. But here we were sharing, again, as brothers. I really needed that "chance" encounter. He shared with me some really beautiful thoughts. "None of us will come to a point when we will be able to say that we see the plan. In twenty years we will be here and then we will be there and finally I will ultimately end up here. Perhaps, at the end of our life we will be able to say that we can now see, in retrospect, what the blueprint was, but even then, we won't fully know what the Lord still may have in store for us." What about after death? Will not the Lord continue to lead

us? This brings me to my thesis. The Lord's will for any of our lives is that we are willing to be led. Allow Christ to take us on a journey through life and travel this route with excitement.

Children of Israel for a moment. (I pray that you will be able to hear what I am trying to say in this analogy.) The Israelites were led by the Lord for 40 years. They had no idea of where they were going, but knew that they had been freed from bondage and were being led to something better. We have been freed from bondage, also. Christ has set us free from the imprisonment of sin and we are moving toward something better. don't know where or how the Lord will lead us, but we must be willing to simply let go and let Him lead us in His paths. By allowing Him to lead us, we don't have to wonder if our time at a certain task has been wasted. I may question, why, after completing two years of a degree program, am I entering a career which does not offer me the same professional status. But I know that my two years here have not been wasted, because I have grown in my relationship with Jesus and with other people.

I really empathize with those of you who are completing your fourth year only to have dreams literally broken apart and crushed in front of your eyes. But, I must say to you, "Don't stop dreaming. If you are committed to Christ and living as close to Him as YOU can then no matter what you decide to do as an alternative, you will still be going first class and won't be taking second best.

for us to take Paul's attitude and putting aside the things of the past, look forward and continue to press toward that final goal."

One of my professors said to me one day that there are times when we must claim something as being the Lord's will. He said that we don't always have the "bolt of lightening" experience of some. In fact some of us will never have the "Damascus road" enlightenment. We must simply believe that what we are doing is the Lord's will and then do it as to the Lord: with all of our energy we must pursue what we believe to be the Lord's will and when we find doors closing, this is not an indication that we have not been in God's plan, but more likely, that God has greater things in store for us. At all times, though, we must be very sensitive to the voice of the Lord as directed through the Holy Spirit.

I feel many times we miss our Lord's voice because it gets lost in our hectic and hurried lives. We need to take time to let Him speak to us. We must learn to recognize the times He is trying to speak to our needs and then allow Him

It would be hard to write a conclusion to this discourse, and I will not endeavor to do so. But I would like to leave a closing thought. When our lives are completely committed to Jesus Christ and His life, and we are open and sensitive to the Lord's leading, then, I believe, we can experience the contentment of knowing that whatever we do will be in the Lord's

Perhaps, it would be wise

the student body, perhaps this could have been avoided. Tammy Niemann was informed that she was in charge of housing the

prospectives a week and a

had been directed toward

Deceptive Student day campus. This was characplayed host to 30 basketball teristic of the planning and teams, numerous quiz teams, and hordes of organization which formed prospective students--apthe crumbling foundation proximately 1000 teens in for this year's Student Prospective Day. When the all. This was done without consulting the student body prospectives did arrive,

those in Chapman who had been kind enough to host them often found they had more than they had signed for, and many who hadn't signed ended up hosting

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students anyway, whether they liked it or not. NNC has no disciplinary authority over the visitors. There was at least one beer party in Oxford, and several

prospectives were smoking in the dorms. Perhaps Prospective

Student Day is a necessary evil. But last week's catastrophe was so poorly planned that it was just an evil. If NNC intends to continue a program like that as a recruitment activity in the future, some changes need to be made. One could start by limiting it to Seniors only (if planned in the fall) or Juniors and Seniors (if it still falls in the Spring). But perhaps Student Prospective Day is an unnecessary evil, as in the case of this year. Those who plan this activity need to find out just how valuable it is as a recruitment

tool. This year it served

more as 'a recruitment

setback.

Let us consider the

Keith E. Ruggles

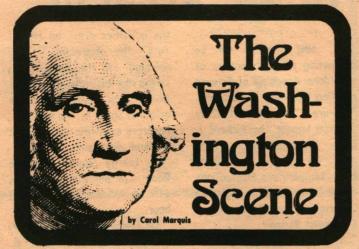
Carter proposes plan

The honeymoon is over, as is so seldom said, and both the President and Congress are girding their loins for the fray. Carter has backed down twice before--on the \$50 rebate and Ted Sorensen--and it is unlikely that he will allow a pugnatious Congress to pare his energy program. Here is a "crude" outline of this plan: 1. Raise the gasoline tax a nickel a gallon from '79-'81 during each year that production is increased by one per cent or more, and add another nickel for each year '82-'87 in which consumption does not decrease by two percent.

2. A tax on crude oil that would add another seven cents per gallon regardless of consumption. Also it would raise the price of other petroleum products.

3. Tax rebate--return surplus from gas taxes to lower-income citizens.

4. Price ceiling on gas and ex-



tended federal price controls.

5. Tax on cars that get less than 13 miles per gallon--tax rebate for cars with good mileage.

6. A forced but slow conversion to coal for industries.

7. Tax incentive for better building standards to decrease loss of energy.

This plan should prove most beneficial to the lower-income citizens because of the many rebates in this program, some of which have been omitted. Congress has received this plan with something less than enthusiasm, but they have been polite so far. However, some degree of hue and cry is inherent in the divulgence of such a plan, and Carter has rationed it out to the public in three installments.

Another somewhat depressing item is that the Budget Committee has just authorized a 1978-fiscal-year budget of \$458.8 billion--which carries a deficit of \$63 billion. An

expanding bureaucracy will take its toll of this budget-since 1960, for every program that has become defunct eleven new ones have been instituted.

While this is saddening, we can rejoice in the fact that

we are now mature college students and not reliving our elementary school years. The Supreme Court recently ruled that it is legal and proper to punish schoolchildren by spanking. Keep this in mind if you plan to become a teacher.



Niemann leads senate

Many things took place at the past two meetings of the ASNNC Senate. Probably most important is that Ms. Tammy Niemann. ASNNC Executive Vice-President and consequently chairwoman of the senate, made it through the meeting with poise and authority. She holds aunique position in that she is NNC's first female VP in many years.

Last week Mr. Charles

Neubauer joined the senate as the third senior senator by winning a run-off election and this week Mary Whaley, junior senator, also won that run-off. The senate, therefore, is now nine members strong with the three new freshmen senators to be added next fall.

In official business the senators split up into committees at their April 12th meeting.

At that same meeting the Senate approved Bill 772-11, On-Campus President's Home Policy. This bill was in a sense a contract, jointly plotted out by ASNNC and the Administration, to which the ASNNC has committed itself concerning operation and management of the President's Home.

Another bill submitted at the April 14 meeting called for more specific notification procedures for ASNNC elections. The initiation of this bill grew out of the controversy and contention of an ASNNC election on student fee increases and the Publications Board constitution.

In this Tuesday's senate session, the senate made three main decisions. First of all, because Dooley Hall's variety show was cancelled for this evening, Paul Bentley (ASNNC Social Vice President) asked the Senate to appropriate \$150 for the free all-school skate tonight.

The senate then chose Doug Brown to be Senate representative to the Senate Life Policy Committee. This position is important in order to formulate and evaluate policies concerning student life at NNC.

Next, the senate debated a bill that would require \$1,575.00 to fix the CRUSADER typesetter. The typesetter is supposed to print out the nice, even columns you see here. But

as the CRUSADER staff and many of you may have noticed, it has been printing neither. In fact, sometimes it doesn't print at all.

In light of the major overhaul which the typesetter desperately needs, senate unamimously approved the amount.



By the time you read this I will be in Mid-America Nazarene College attending the Nazarene Student Leadership Conference along with Dr. Laird, Paul Bentley, Mark Pridgen, Sam Hunter and Steve Guy. The conference is a time of growth for the leaders of our colleges both spiritually and in their quality as a leader. Twelve Nazarene colleges will be represented from the United States and Canada. We will be sharing our objectives, policies, proceedures and many other aspects of each college. Our troop will be arriving back on campus late Saturday night.

Bit by bit many of our students have returned to the campus after the exodus of the Prospective Students last weekend. I have had much feedback from students as well as from faculty and administrators that the Prospective Student days had their good points as well as their bad. We are having several evaluation meetings to pinpoint the areas that could use improvement to make a smoother, easier time next year. I am sure that this was no reflextion of the coordinators of the occasion

but instead the apathy of the Prospective Students and the lack of participation for housings and attitudes on our part. I hope next year will be better.

I want to remind you that you only have until April 23 to sign up for Judicial Board, Student Director of Employment and Recruitment, or Student Director of Religious Life positions. I will be getting in contact with you for an interview as soon as I get back from Mid-America. I would like to get these people into their offices and positions before the end of school. Our Senate for next year is young, but the ball is slowly starting to roll. I want to congratulate each of you on your election into the ASNNC Senate.

The people I am working with in Executive Committee are great and will be a real benefit to ASNNC. I have already grown close to them and we all feel a distinct unity within the group. I know that God is going to bless us and have His hand in our work as we anticipate the coming year. I am most excited for the possibilities of ASNNC this next year and I hope you share my feelings. Remember to keep us in your prayers.

Chapman Men fined

by Dean Cowles

Water, that great resource in Idaho and the West, has become very scarce this season. At Chapman Hall, however, H₂O has not been in short supply. In fact, this clear, refreshing fluid has been flowing onto hall floors and residents freely. Water and its ill effects were the major subjects discussed last night at the Chapman Dorm Council meeting.

Two gentlemen were brought before the Council last night for their efforts to give each other a bath. One of the water-lovers squirted the other with a home-made water pistol. Later, the one who got wet first proceeded to transport a bucket of water to the fire escape and dump the contents on the other man. This shower was not an ap-

preciated surprise, so in retaliation he took a fire-extinguisher and doused the man with the bucket. Twenty-five dollars was the penalty the dorm council leveled for messing with the red box. The bucket participant received a five dollar fine.

There were other cases and other fines levied.

Some conflict developed as to what constitutes "transporting water." One visitor asked if he could be fined for dripping water from his shower to his room. Amidst the laughter, a very important question arose. Just exactly what is or is not permissable concerning the transportation and use of water during the increasingly warming and boring trend that envelopes the campus this time of year?



When Par Lagerkvist received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1951, he was asked to comment on his work. He replied that all he had to say was in the work itself. His style is abbreviated, symbolic, yet very simple and parable-like. The simplicity is deceptive. Each of Lagerkvist's books are a wealth of well-chosen words which reveal his commitment to art as a means of illuminating both the mind and the depths within the self. He acknowledges that in his writing he is not the social activist or literary propagandist, but the questioner and the ponderer. At the center of the crucifixion story, he finds the most profound personifcation of man's plight in Barabbas, the condemned thief in whose place Christ

Barabbas paints a brutally honest picture of Christ's world and his converts. Although the story is told in third person, Lagerkvist often manages a first person effect, and events are seen through the eyes of the character dominating the scene, often Barabbas himself. Barabbas, a cold, taciturn thief who has no home or family, becomes curious about the man who took his place on the cross. But when the early Christians discover his identity, they ostracize him. A long period of time passes, Lagerkvist leaves us in doubt as to what Barabbas did during this time. We rejoin him as an old man, having worked years in the Cyprian copper mines, a job which only the toughest slaves survive. Barabbas is shackled to a Greek slave, Sahak, who is a Christian, and scratches Christ's name on the disk Barabbas wears to identify his owner. Eventually the two are discovered with the name of Christ engraved upon their disks. Sahak affirms his faith and is crucified, but Barabbas, who has long since quit praying with Sahak, denies Christ and is taken into the house of the Roman who tries them to live out his days in the relative ease of a house slave. The final irony of the book occurs during a great fire. Someone shouts blame on the Christians, common scapegoats for such occurances, and Barabbas, who wishes to affirm his faith once and for all, believes them, and starts spreading the fire himself to aid them. He is caught, imprisoned with a group of Christians, all of whom view him with contempt, and is crucified.

Lagerkvist leaves many questions to be answered by his readers. Does Barabbas find salvation? Read the book and decide for yourself.

NNC science students present

NNC students will be presenting research papers at the Idaho Academy of Science meeting tomorrow in Pocatello. They are: "Excitation of H2 by Electron Impact" by Richard J. Hieb; "Working Man's Religion" by John Dalen; "Daily **Body Temperature Fluctuations** of Nestling Golden Eagle as Determined by Biotelemetry" by Steven Rudeen.

The Idaho Academy of Science is an organization open to scientists and persons interested in science in the state. According to Academy President Dr. Allan Linder of the Biology Department at ISU, the program this year will be of unusual interest. Included in

the activities are: on Friday, the afternoon, welcome to the Academy by University officials, the initiation of new members into the ociety of Sigma Xi, the national. honorary scientific society, and a panel discussion on "Alternate Energy Sources," all in Room 126 Baldwin Hall. This will be followed by a social

On Friday evening, April 22, at 8:00 PM, Dr. Frank B. Salisbury of Utah State University, a nationally known authority on unidentified flying objects, will give a public lecture on "Recent Developments in UFO Studies" at the Lecture Center in the L.E. Gale Life Sciences Complex on the

campus of ISU. All parts of the program are free and open to the public.

papers

The program will be completed by a day of scientific reports and Academy business meetings on Saturday, April 23. Dr. Linder says that one feature which has added greatly to the interest in this year's program is a competition sponsored by the Academy for the best papers presented by graduate and undergraduate students. Papers will be presented in the divisions of Social Science and Behavioral Science, Botany, Chemistry, Geology, Physics, Science Education, and Zoology. A total of over one hundred papers have been entered in the program this year.

New prexy moves

ASNNC has elected Mr. Mark Bodenstab, a Music Education and Music Theory major, to serve as its president for the coming year. Bodenstab is a sophomore from Medford, Oregon. He took over the duties of ASNNC president April 4 from Sam Hunter, ASNNC's previous president.

During his past two years at NNC, Bodenstab has been involved in various activities. They include being: president of Mangum Hall; a member of Circle "K;" a member of "The Troupe," a drama/musical group on campus; a member of College Choir. Bodenstab has also been one of the Northwesterners for the past two years. He believes he was "lucky" to be accepted to that group as a freshman.

Some of Bodenstab's other pursuits are hunting, fishing, hiking, and motorcycle riding.

He plays piano, guitar, and bass guitar (he played bass in his high school's jazz band).

As president, Bodenstab is "concerned with long-range planning" at NNC and will be devoting a considerable portion of his time to making plans that will be implemented in the next 10-15 years.

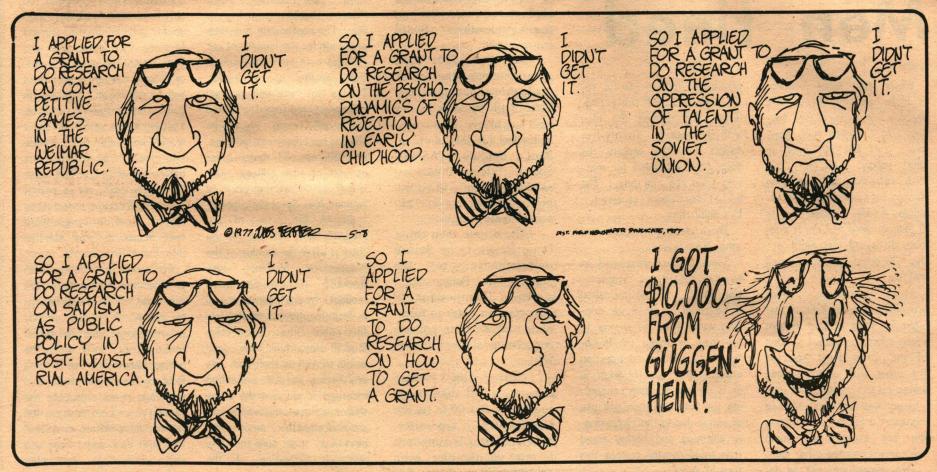
Progress with the Student Center is one of Mr. Bodenstab's interests under these long-range plans. He would like to see the second floor expanded out onto the roof. a coffee shop built on the patio, and SAGA expanded onto the ground north of its present location.

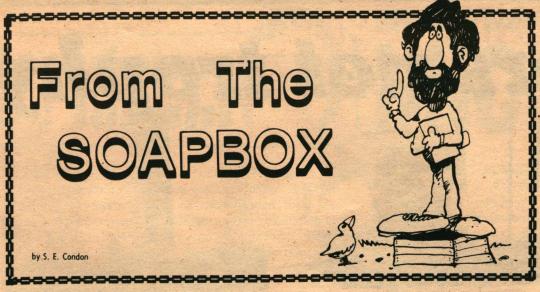
One of Bodenstab's first official acts will be to terminate Operation Satisfaction. The office space now given to Operation Satisfaction will be converted to serving the new Religious Life Director.



Bodenstab pleased with the other newlyelected ASNNC officers. He believes that they will do their jobs well and that he will be able to work efficiently

"I appreciate the way students are reacting to me being in office," says Bodenstab, "I expected some negative reaction--some criticism. As of now, I haven't received any."





BE AWARE. STU-DENTS! There are saints among us. No...I am not saying there are capital S-type Saints among us, just the other kind.

If you pay close attention to this little world we live in you might spot one or two. They are usually disguised as instructors, staff personnel, or even (strange as it may seem) administrators.

The saints are the type of

people who every now and again come through for you when you most need it. A before-class prayer by one of these people may be just what is needed to give you a lift. A kind word of recognition from one of them on an "off" day can often cure those blah-day blues. The strangest fact of all is that these saints are doing this consistantly!

For them, being saints is their natural way of life.

That is not to say that there won't be the day that they'll let vou down--after all, they are human. And, since they are human, they might enjoy being "sainted" back in return. So, if you know a saint or two, feel free to show them your appreciation. Bet they would enjoy it!

Now, if we look real hard, there might be found a small-s type saint or two among the student





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GRE acquires addition

PRINCETON, NJ--College seniors planning to take the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) Aptitude Test next fall will see some changes in the exam. A new section designed to measure analytical skills will be added to the traditional areas that test verbal and quantitative skills.

The change, the first one since the current form of the Aptitude Test was introduced in the 1940's, is based on an extensive research effort initiated by the Graduate Record Examinations Board that showed that analytical skills can be distinguished from verbal and quantitative skills and are related to academic success.

Students, faculty members, and administrators from all over the country were consulted in the various planning stages of the change in the

Educational Testing Service (ETS), which administers the exam for the GRE Board, explains that the additional measure will enable students to demonstrate a wider array of academic talents when they apply for admission to graduate schools.

Janis Somerville, GRE program director at ETS, said,

"The new measure will test a student's skills in a number of areas. Students will be able to show their ability to recognize logical relationships, draw conclusions from a complex series of statements, and determine relationships between independent or interdependent categories of groups."

She explained that, like the traditional measures of the GRE, the new test will use various kinds of questions.

"Three types will be used in the analytical section: analysis of explanations, logical diagrams, and analytical reasoning questions, each designed to test a different aspect of analytical ability," she said.

Somerville also explained that no formal training in logic or methods of analysis is required to do well on the new measure.

"Some analytical skills are required and developed in virtually all fields of study," she explained. "And, like verbal and quantitative skills, analytical skills are developed over a long period of time and are not believed to be improved to any significant degree by intensive study in a brief period of time."

Somerville also noted that

the 1977-78 GRE Bulletin of Information will describe the new measure and will include sample questions and explanations of the answers. The Bulletin is sent free to all students registering for the

In addition, a Sample Aptitude Test containing the same number and types of questions as the actual exam can be ordered at one dollar per copy. Both publications will be available on August 1.

Despite the new addition, the GRE will remain a three-hour test since the verbal and quantitative portions have been shortened and the time saved allocated to the new measure.

"The same research effort that produced the new measure also yielded shorter versions of the verbal and quantitative sections that are comparable in reliability and usefulness to the earlier and longer sections," explained Somerville.

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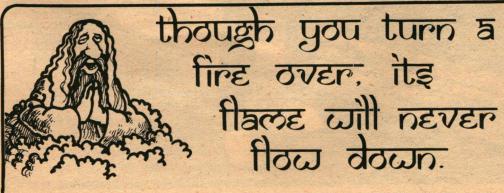
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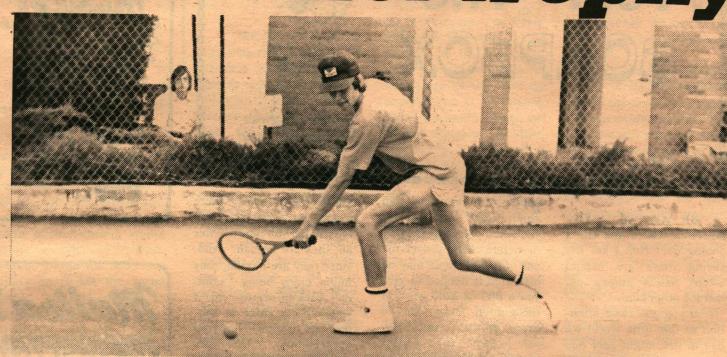


Racketeers net trophy

Men's tennis is off to a good start this season with a record of 5-3. College of Idaho, Treasure Valley Community College, Blue Mtn. Community College, and Eastern Oregon (twice), have all been victims of the Crusader racketeers.

With a good crew of freshmen, the team has a depth that is needed to win tennis matches. Rex Wardlaw, Ray Wardlaw, for NNC, while Dan Norl, John Rapp, Lee Bomgardner, Gary Harris, Barry Meyer, Mark Akers, Glenn Thomson and Web Beggs battle to fill out the 5th and 6th positions.

Today, the Crusader tennis team takes on C of I here at 3:15.

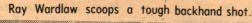


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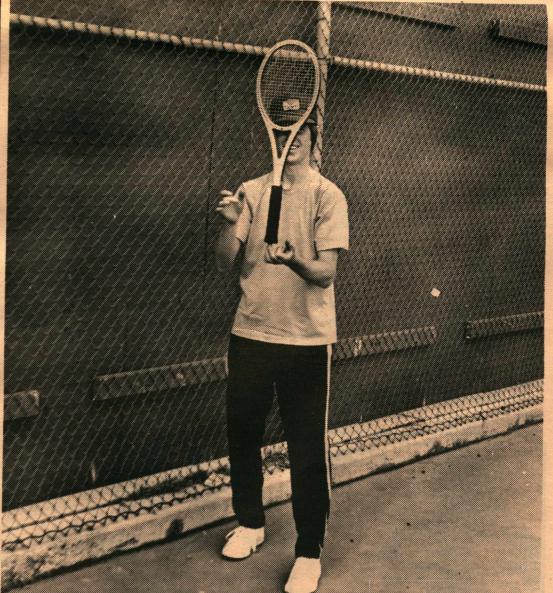


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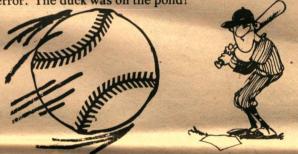
by Mike Lodahl

Cliches are, I suppose, an unavoidable plague of everyday communication, if you catch my drift. No facet of language, however, is more cliche-ridden than the jargon on sports reporters--with the possible exception of Sunday night testimony-givers--and no sport can clatter out the cliches like baseball. Just for fun, let me give you an illustration (but remember, any resemblance between this story and the stories of any other Crusader sports writer, living or dead, is purely intentional):

The never-say-die NNC nine pushed across two runs in the bottom of the seventh to come from behind and squeak by, rally past, top, best, trip, clip, nip and otherwise defeat Whitman 6-5 in the nightcap of a grueling doubleheader Wednesday on the NNC diamond.

It was a see-saw struggle from the first pitch to the last, which was slashed by Doug Tweedy for a grass-cutting, game-winning single that chased home Scott Shaw with the go-ahead tally.

The outlook had not been bright as the gallant Crusaders came up for their final cuts in the last-chance seventh, and hopes dimmed even more when hot corner man Steve Hanson led off with a ground out. Backstop Randy Vaughn followed by chipping a lazy looper to shallow center which, though it looked like an easy out, Ray Rayfield in center field could not field. Vaughn, scorning his torn ligaments and braving a blazing temperature of 101, stretched the Texas Leaguer into a two-base error. The duck was on the pond!



Shortstop Al Franks, however, cracked a screaming liner to center that Rayfield somehow this time got his glove on, making it two down, one to go. Shaw, who had stepped into the limelight in the third frame when he belted his sixth round-tripper of the season, this time managed only a sharp ground ball to Whitman shortstop Bill Buckley. But Buckley buckled under the pressure, watching the pill scoot under his glove, through his legs and to the fence. Vaughn beat cheeks home to knot the count at 5-up, thereby sending all 53 hometown rootersincluding your two favorite play-by-play baseball announcers--to their feet.

Shaw, meanwhile, pressed his luck, reaching third base on the error with blinding speed. Tweedy, NNC's hard-nosed hurler, got into a hole with an 0-and-2 count before helping himself out with his little bingo up the middle.

Tweedy's performance on the hill was nothing to write Charley O. Finley about. He weathered seven Whitman hits and had runners on the bags every inning after the first. The tough get going when the going gets tough, though, and that's just what Doug got, stranding eight runners deserted on the basepaths.

In the opener of the twinbill, however, southpaw fireballer Doug Groenig was not so fortunate, as Whitman pummelled, whipped, drubbed, wallopped, gored, romped over, stomped or dumped (take your pick) the Crusaders 7-2. Like fellow flinger Tweedy, Groenig yielded seven safeties, but three of them were fourbaggers. Of those, one was a two-run shot in the third, one a solo blow in the fifth, and one a bases-loaded grand slam in the sixth. "My curve just hung all night," Groenig moaned later.

The NNC bats, meanwhile, were strangely silent, as scorekeeper Cindy Judd filled the Crusader book with goose eggs and k's. A two-out, two-run clutch three-bagger by Franks was all the offense NNC could muster, and it was too little, too late.

Skipper Wally Nye had hoped for a sweep before the twinbill, but had to be grateful for the split. He would like to have the opener back, though. "Well, if it wasn't for that grand slam in the sixth, we would have come nigh unto winning that first game," sighed Nye without batting an RBI.

The NNC baseball team continued to rely on the home run power of Scott Shaw, Doug Tweedy and Ernie Thompson in taking two games of a three-game series with George Fox on Crusader field last weekend.

The 2-1 weekend evened NNC's NAIA record at 8-8 (8-10 overall). After the series, coach Wally Nye figured that his team would have to win seven of its remaining nine NAIA GAMES TO REACH DIS—TRICT PLAYOFFS.

Chances of doing so were lessened when the Crusaders could manage only a split with Whitman on the home field Wednesday (see story, this page).

In the single game last Friday, Thompson hit a three-run home run, his third of the season, to ignite a four-run, first-inning spree. Tweedy followed that in the second with a two-run shot of his own, his fifth of the year.

Those home runs were more than sufficient for pitcher Doug Groenig, who scattered a dozen George Fox hits in picking up his fourth win. Groenig welcomed a familiar face back to the catcher's position in Randy Vaughn, who, despite lingering ligament ailments, returned to action.

The good news of Vaughn's return was tempered by the loss of valuable center fielder and lead-off man Grady Zickefoose, who is stricken with mononucleosis and out for the season.

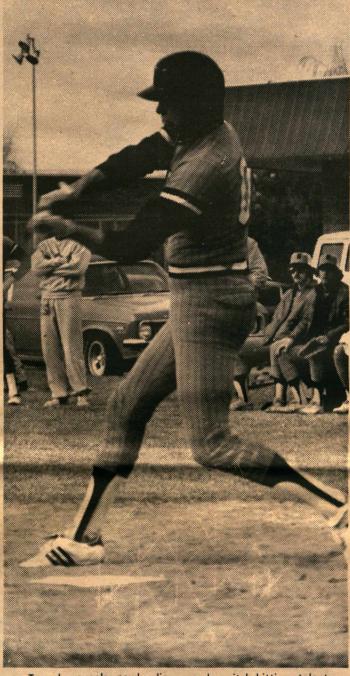
In Saturday's double-header, Shaw went wild at the plate with six hits in eight at-bats. His biggest hit of the six came with two out, two on base and NNC trailing 3-2 in the last inning of the first game. He blasted a tape-measure home run that turned near-defeat into victory.

No one could have been happier with Shaw's hit--except, perhaps, for Shaw--than pitcher Charley Mylander, who has had more than his share of hard luck this season. Mylander limited George Fox to just four hits, but NNC's four errors didn't help.

In the second game the Bruins wasted little time in attacking pitcher Dennis Beebe, piling up an 8-0 lead after three innings. The Crusaders rallied for a run in the fifth and three in the sixth, all for naught.

Now 9-9 in NAIA competition after Wednesday's split with Whitman, NNC makes a crucial trip to Oregon this weekend, facing Western Baptist in a

doubleheader today and George Fox tomorrow. The Crusaders return to their home field for a single game with C of I Wednesday.



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