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The rustling of paper . . .

. . . was nearly deafening as we crumbled literally thousands of copies of past issues of The Crusader into balls and threw them in the open doorway of the ASNNC President's office. Late last Sunday night the Executive Council pulled a classic birthday prank on our leader by filling his entire office six feet high with newspaper.

As we separated the pages belonging to Crusader issues gone by I couldn't help but stop here and there and take a quick glimpse at headlines, names, and stories from the past.

This is the 48th issue of The Crusader that I have contributed to, but the first one for which I am serving as editor. Publishing a newspaper is a funny thing because, as Sunday night made me realize, it's a very temporal activity. Next week this issue will be replaced with another and will then be of little more use than for the jogging of memories, as packing material, or the substance of a great prank.

The flip side is that we publish every week for a specific purpose -- to inform, entertain, and challenge right now in the present. Our constant goal is to be fresh and enlivening each week, and the staff has been hard at work to accomplish this goal. I just want to say to the whole staff, "Good work guys. I'll see you next week . . ."

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Henrickson reaches out

By ANDREW ZIRSCHKY
MANAGING EDITOR

"At first I decided to do it because as a social worker major I saw it as an opportunity to get experience in working with different populations and being involved in community service," Stacy Henrickson said about her original reason for serving as ASNNC Community Relations Coordinator. Henrickson, an NNC junior, is just beginning her second year as the student body's direct link to the Nampa community.

"I'm doing it a second year because I got a lot of fulfillment out of it," Henrickson said. With the cards, letters, and phone calls which her office receives each week, there is plenty of satisfaction to be found.

As coordinator of such events as campus blood drives, work days for shut-ins and gift collections for the needy, Henrickson has the opportunity to hear back from the many people that NNC students help each school year.

"The other day I was looking through my desk and finding all the thank you cards that I get from people -- from the American Red Cross to all the people we help during RUSH and from the nursing home people. If I ever get discouraged about my job, I just read those thank you cards and just look at all the lives we've influenced. I see what a difference NNC students have made in just the little things we do that make such a big difference in people's lives that don't have as much," Henrickson said.

One such activity, which Henrickson has been hard at work planning, is the second R.U.S.H. (Are You Serving Him?) of the year. The semi-annual service project is a time for students to help disadvantaged people in the area surrounding NNC. Students will be given the chance on

Saturday, May 13, to spruce up the yards and gardens of some of the area's elderly who are too frail to do the work themselves.

Henrickson noted that although the fall R.U.S.H. project usually garners involvement from more than 200 students, the spring R.U.S.H. rarely involves more than 50. "Spring Term seems to have less participants in everything," Henrickson said. "People start doing their own thing; they start going backpacking and camping, start participating in baseball and they find their own little things to do. You'll find that in any kind of activity not just community service activities."

Despite the trend, Henrickson is hoping to change that this spring by publicizing the impact that R.U.S.H. can make in both the lives of the students working and the people they're helping. "There is so much satisfaction in helping other people," Henrickson said. "Using a Saturday morning, where you would just normally be sleeping in or sitting around your room watching car-

toons to help somebody do something which they can't do themselves, or even simply visiting with someone who is starved for companionship, is a great feeling. I think that's the whole reason my position exists, to help get students beyond their own little environment and to notice the people that need help and to take part in helping."

Henrickson says that she has

learned a lot in her position but added that it is often discouraging. "I think the biggest thing I've learned in this job is how wonderful people are and how much they appreciate the things we do for



Community Relations Coordinator Stacy Henrickson waits for you to sign up for RUSH 95. (Frahm)

them," Henrickson said. "But it's really hard for me sometimes because I get frequent phone calls from teachers who need Big Brothers and Big Sisters, or from elderly people during the winter saying 'I need my walk shoveled.' It's really hard for me to say no to people sometimes, but I don't have the resources I should have. I should have a number of students that I can call up and just say 'Would you be willing to spend an hour this week helping this person out with whatever they need to get done?' Finding volunteers who just want to help when it's not going to be celebrated and it's not going to be publicized, is one of the most difficult parts of the job."

Henrickson has many plans and dreams for the coming year and is hoping to be even more effective in her position than last year.

"I want to make sure that I am always doing my best in my position," Henrickson said. "I don't want to settle for mediocrity. I am concerned with how the community looks at NNC students. I want the community to see us as people wanting to help others and as people who are concerned just as concerned with serving the Lord in active ways as in their educational pursuits."

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Stacy Henrickson

NNC nabs Nampa's Best Business award

NNC's financial impact on Nampa estimated at \$28 million (NAIA included).

By JAMES HANNA
STAFF WRITER

The Nampa Chamber of Commerce has awarded the highest award that a business could receive to NNC this year. This is the third consecutive year that the "Business of the Year" award has been issued by the Economic Development Committee.

One business is chosen each month to receive the "Business of the month" award. Then from those twelve, one is awarded "Business of the Year." Businesses nominated have to meet the following criteria: 1) Financial stability, 2) Minimum of three employees, 3) Community participation in Nampa, in such areas as service clubs, athletics and

volunteerism, 4) Good community neighbor, meaning visual appeal and a broad-base community respect, and 5) Contribution to their industry.

The Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, Jerry Cornilles of Cornilles & Associates, said, "This award is designed to recognize quality businesses. NNC is one of the very best neighbors in Nampa." NNC has hosted and participated in many activities. For example, RUSH and the NAIA tournament have been a magnet that has drawn the community and NNC together. The NAIA tourna-

ment alone brought in \$3 million above the \$25 million impact that NNC has annually.

According to President Hagood,

"NNC is an active participant and a significant player in improving the quality of life in the south Nampa area."

Jerry Cornilles

Not only is this award a testimony of NNC's involvement but it is also a symbol of the validation of the relationship between NNC and the surrounding community.

The meaning of this award symbolizes the respect that the communi-

ty has for NNC. The people and businesses in Nampa are thankful for this college and the contribution that it has given. "Educationally, NNC has put Nampa on the map," said Jerry Cornilles.

Not only is it exciting to see NNC actively involved in the surrounding community, but also to know that we are having a positive influence. "It is significant that a Christian college with a distinctive mission feels comfortable being in a community and is positively accepted," said President Hagood. NNC has again proved that it not only cares about itself but that it also cares and provides the surrounding community with its business.

Campus flooded with R.A.D. space invaders

By JULIE GILBERT
STAFF WRITER

"I love having the R.A.D. students here. I like it when they come — there is so much activity going on. I went to all the chapels and they were so good this year. It's great to see all the people from my district," Tina Hoffman, NNC junior, said about last week's event.

R.A.D. is a region wide event which draws more than 800 high school students from the seven districts on the Northwest educational

zone of the Church of the Nazarene. Traditionally, R.A.D. has included both junior high and senior high students, but according to Robbyn Landee, Director of NNC Admissions, in an effort to cut down on the hassle for NNC students, junior highers were excluded from this year's event. Students qualify to compete at R.A.D. after successfully completing competition at the local and district levels. This year's events included competitions in basketball, volleyball, Bible quizzing, art, and music. In addition, several informal activities were included such as mini-golf and sand volleyball.

In boy's basketball and girl's volleyball round robin competitions were held on Thursday before moving into a single elimination tournament on Friday. In the end, the Washington Pacific District seemed to dominate by securing the top three places in basketball and two out of the three top places in volleyball. One Washington volleyball player commented that increased organization at R.A.D. made the experience better for her team. "R.A.D. ran a lot smoother and so our church was able to work together better," commented Carrie Gilbert, a member of the winning Lynnwood, Washington volleyball team.

In Bible quizzing, the Northwest District won first place in both the church team and the district all-star team divisions as well as placing three quizzers on the team of six who will represent the Northwest region at the national tournament in Phoenix, Arizona later this year.

Special chapel services were scheduled for R.A.D. participants and many commented that they were inspiring for them. Special speaker Lori Salierno, Associate Pastor at North Hills Church in Phoenix, Arizona, spoke to students about using the opportunities God gives to minister to others. "The combination of Lori Salierno and David Parker for worship and praise was excellent. The R.A.D. students were

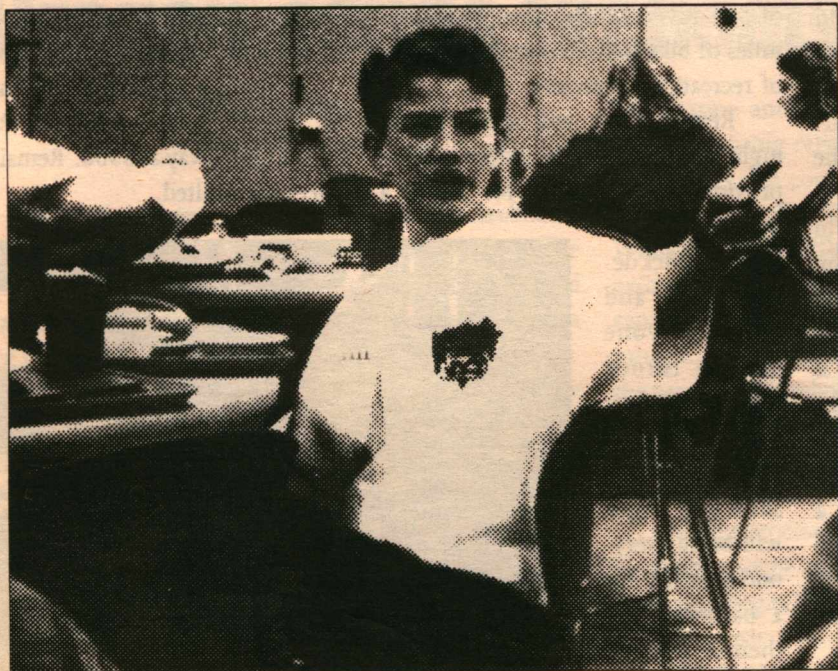
challenged to stand firm in their faith, develop a vision, look for opportunities to share Christ with others and to keep learning," said Landee.

Many students commented that with the decrease in R.A.D. participants, coupled with continuous dining in Marriott, R.A.D. was much less painful than in previous years. Marriott was open for NNC students all day, while R.A.D. participants were able to eat only during scheduled hours. This allowed NNC students to quickly gain access to the dining hall between classes without having to wait in long lines.

Aside from a few small pranks pulled on the R.A.D. participants by NNC students, most said they enjoyed their time at NNC. Despite the rain and crowded dorm rooms, Danae Shank, a Kent volleyball player, said she had a good time. "It was fun and I want to come back next year," Shank said.

"Because the older students were here, it was fun to talk to them about NNC because they were more serious about it," said Mindy Richardson, an NNC junior. Many students said that this was one of the first years that R.A.D. has been enjoyable. Ed Weaver, Regional NYI President and R.A.D. coordinator commented that the R.A.D. students went home with a real appreciation for the NNC students, faculty and staff.

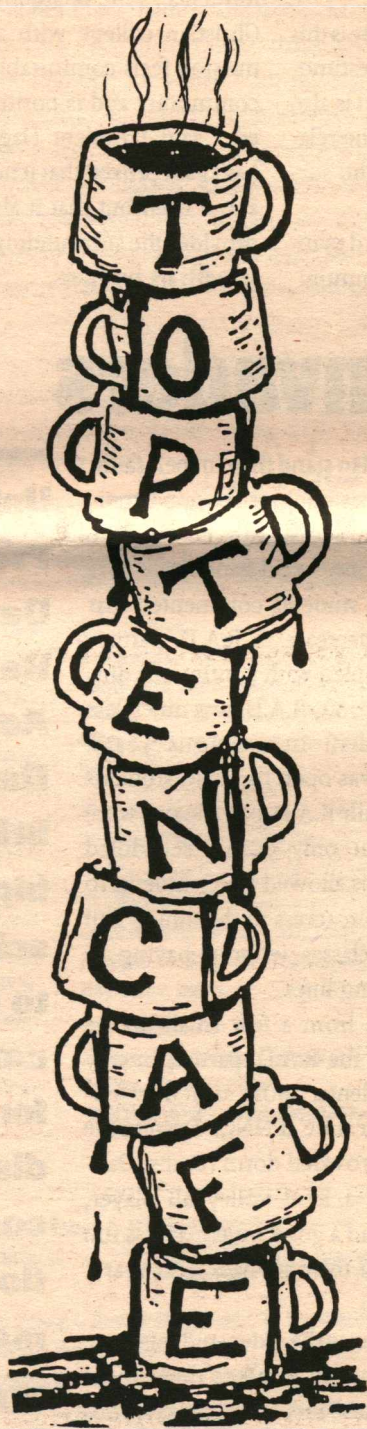
Unlike Preview Days, Regional Activity Days brings high schoolers to our campus for inter-district competitions in many areas, including sports, arts, and quizzing.



"Hey you with the big ears? What are you doing after dinner?" A R.A.D. student enjoys the college atmosphere of the NNC dining hall. (Frahm)

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RELAXATION

Poetry reading TONIGHT

By JULIE GILBERT
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Gaymon Bennett. Who is this character and why is he giving a poetry

reading? Dr. Bennett has been a professor at NNC for 23 years and in that time has taught just about half of the courses offered in the English department. For the last 18 years he has been seriously writing poetry for various reasons.

The poetry reading, scheduled for tonight, May 9th, has the theme "Everything that you wanted to know about poetry but were afraid to ask."

Dr. Bennett will be reading some of the poems that he has written which deal with the basics of poetry; poems about poems and the importance of poetry in the world. Also performing will be Amy May on harp just before the reading around 7:15 p.m. and Dan Freeborn on guitar following the reading.

Bennett says that his

work all started out with a "landmark poem written about his youngest daughter Maria," followed by "birthday poems."

After awhile, he found more subjects to write about and expanded his horizons to cover those sections in his life. He has written a book with his father, Allen Bennett, entitled *Counterpoint*. This work has many shared themes, but differs in the style of the work. Bennett has been published in several different periodicals and magazines including: *Herald of Holiness*, *The Coverdale Review of Criticism and Poetry*, and *The Trestle Creek Review*.

Although Bennett did his graduate work in American literature, he has a great love for all aspects of writing. One of the poems which he has written in the last year is entitled "Growing Poems." This piece goes though the many ways in which a poem can affect a person either by reading or writing it.

The poetry reading will be held in the Wiley Rotunda at 7:30 p.m.



See Dan play tonight in the Wiley Rotunda.

Bend offers Junior/Senior refuge

By JAMES FINKBEINER
STAFF WRITER

The annual Junior/Senior Retreat is quickly approaching. This year's theme is "The Great Outdoors Weekend." Students will be heading for a campground on the Deschutes River to relax one last time before the end-of-the-year crunch.

With this year's emphasis on frugality (in other words it's CHEAP), the Junior/Senior Retreat will be held at the Thousand Trails Campground in Bend, Oregon. Those attending can fill their time with such activities as hiking, biking, fishing, canoeing, paddle-boating, or just relaxing. There is also a large field for volleyball, tennis, softball or catching rays. Equipment for the activities can be rented at the campground. In addition, there is a lodge with a big screen T.V. for those who want a little less outdoors in their weekend or an escape from any unlikely downpours.

If you have been planning on roughing it, you may be disappointed.

Groups of four campers can rent fully equipped trailers for the weekend for just \$10 a piece. These come equipped with bathrooms and small kitchens. Those with simpler needs can rent a tent space for five dollars. The camp is just a few minutes from the resort town of Sun River which offers miles and miles of bike trails, footpaths, and lots of recreational activities.

Retreat goers will arrive Friday night and Saturday breakfast will be provided by the camp for \$3.50 a person. There will be a quick devotional, and then everyone will be turned loose to do whatever they want for the rest of the day. Saturday night will bring everyone together for a barbecue and then a worship service at 10:00 p.m. Food for

Sunday breakfast will be supplied for a fix-your-own Sunday breakfast before everyone heads back to school.

The event's organizers, Angie Secord and Patrick Fitzgerald, are hoping that the event will bring the participants together for a time to relax and just hang out and that it will also be a time of bonding and spiritual growth.

If you are interested in attending the Junior/Senior retreat call Angie Secord right away at 8508. Remaining spaces are limited.



A random trailer at Thousand Trails Camp. (Secord)

NORTHWEST

Nampa joins in national prayer

By DAVID ROEMHILT
OFF CAMPUS EDITOR

With recent national disasters clearly in mind, a group of Nampans recognized the National Day of Prayer on the steps of Nampa City Hall Thursday to pray for family, state and national issues.

The prayer gathering, requested and organized by Nampa Mayor Winston Goering, drew a crowd of 65 mostly elderly and churched people who came to the noon event, joining in spirit with prayer gatherings across the nation. The gathering listened and prayed with local ministers, sang choruses, and broke off into small groups to pray for specific concerns.

"This was a very good time. It's the third one we've had - the third year. It is very important to stand together to show unity," Mayor Goering said. "Praying together and thanking God for being with us, that's what this is about."

In a proclamation delivered to the crowd, Goering said, "It is the desire of Almighty God to bless all people and help all people live together in peace and harmony, and we understand our great need of God's forgiveness for past sins, God's strength for present responsibilities and God's guidance for future endeavors . . . I call upon all citizens to gather in homes, places of worship, public



Nampans join hands in prayer during the local observance of the National Day of Prayer at City Hall. (Lindley)

meeting places to pray in their own way for forgiveness of our sins, the return of a strong moral character in our national life, peace throughout the world and a spirit of grace and unity within our community."

Local ministers, including College Church of the Nazarene's Daniel Ketchum, followed Goering with prayers for the church, the nation, the family and of thanksgiving.

Though cars continuously sped down the boulevard and rain lightly sprinkled, the gathering of area residents, many with Bibles in hand, focused their attention on the serious

need for prayer and thanksgiving.

"Let's all give thanks for the rain," Mike Howard, minister at the Church of the Open Door said. Numerous "Amen's" came from the gathering.

The event closed with the singing of the Doxology and the Lord's Prayer, while many Nampans remained to talk and pray. "The open air - that's where the church belongs," Church of the Brethren minister Jim Hardenbrook said. "At least Wesley thought so."

The National Day of Prayer was set aside by the U.S. Congress and the President, and was recognized in similar gatherings across the nation.

Oregon sends fireboats to rescue

By SHANNON MALLORY
STAFF WRITER

Help, I'm having a heart attack - call the fireboat!

As ludicrous as this sounds, it is exactly the procedure followed in some rural areas of Oregon. The first licensed state marine ambulances have been introduced for use on the Columbia and Willamette rivers.

The question lingers for many Oregonians, "Is this service actually necessary?" With over 28,000 pleasure craft that utilize these rivers for recreation, the importance of such a program is hardly debateable. Recreational users often disregard safety precautions and have accidents frequently. On the average, there are 20 rescue missions per month in the fall and winter, while they increase to 50 missions per month in the spring and summer.

Water plays a significant role in these emergency situations. Captain Dennis Mayo said, "If you're in the water, hypothermia can kill you - any time of the year."

The marine ambulances, equipped with heated oxygen tanks, can bring services directly to the victims, possibly saving lives that could have been lost during transit.

The boats, the "David Campbell" and the "George H. Williams" were old fireboats first commissioned in 1929 to extinguish fires on wooden docks and boats with cannons capable of shooting 14,000 gallons of river water per minute. As wooden boats and docks were replaced by steel, the necessity of fireboats was reduced. They slowly adapted to new needs by serving as rescue teams and could fish people out of emergencies and rush them to a land ambulance.

But this process wasted precious time. Now these fully equipped marine ambulances with trained paramedics on duty, can begin the life-saving process without wasting time in transit.

"All it took was just a little more training and the application of existing technologies to save more lives," Mayo said.

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Media cuts Congress no slack with scandals

By TOBY HAZEN
STAFF WRITER

Though the media has always said that they do not have a bias towards either political party, one thing is certain: they certainly criticize them both, and heavily. That seems to be the conclusion of a recent study conducted by a nonpartisan research group, the Center for Media and Public Affairs.

From January through March of 1995, the Center surveyed stories and editorials about Congress and the Clinton administration on the three major TV networks and in five major newspapers including the New York

Times, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today.

The study revealed that over 62 percent of the stories about the Democrat President personally during that time period were negative. His administration as a whole received slightly less negative coverage at 58 percent.

While it seems that in the past year the public has become used to stories

criticizing Clinton, Americans are not as used to so much negative coverage of Congress. According to the survey, "Overall, in 1995, the Congress has been panned twice as frequently as it has been praised." However, in a previous survey, performed by the same group, the Center found that last year Congress received only slightly more positive coverage (36% as opposed to 32%).

The big difference, however, between the two Congresses is that this year's Republican Congress gets twice as much air time per news cast as last year's Congress.

While many Republicans feel that perhaps the Congress deserves a little more praise after their very productive first 100 days. Of the ten major pieces of legislation included in the "Contract With America" introduced by the Republicans, eight of them were passed in their entirety and only term limits failed altogether.

In spite of this, the media does not seem to let up on Congress. Before the Contract was run through Congress, newspeople criticized the Republicans for being too ambitious.

Now after most of those bills have been passed, the media makes mild claims that Americans may not have wanted all of the acts in the first place.

Another indicator of the current negative bent of the media is the number of "scandals" being reported on. The following are just a few that have been in the news since January of 1995:

Newt Gingrich was to receive a \$4.5 million advance on his new book. The owner of the publishing

company happened to be the president of the FOX network, Rupert Murdoch. There was speculation that Murdoch was using this position to obtain Gingrich's support on certain issues, including the FCC investigation of FOX.

Senator Al D'Amato used a phony Japanese accent on a nationally syndicated radio talk show to mock Judge

In an interview with Connie Chung, Newt Gingrich's mom said that Newt thought Hillary Clinton was a "b__ch." Mrs. Gingrich thought her comment was "off the record."

Lance Ito because the senator claims that the judge is prolonging the O.J. Simpson case to remain in the lime-light.

Newt Gingrich's mom recently used profanity in describing Hillary Clinton. In an interview with Connie Chung, Mrs. Gingrich told Connie that Newt thought Hillary is a "b__ch." Mrs. Gingrich was led to believe that her statement was to be off the record, but apparently it was not.

Even with the impressive amount of legislation accomplished in the first 100 days of Congress, the media still tends to focus on the bad over the good.

Media critics warn that news programs could become tabloid shows for entertainment rather than news.

Craig gets bad press for questioning feds

By JASON ALVIS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Newspapers, on May 5th, portrayed Larry Craig as wanting to un-arm federal officers that work in the national forests, parks, and wildlife refuges. "What I am trying to express is a growing frustration in the West amongst the private citizens of the increasing presence of an armed federal entity in the states where you have these resource agencies," Craig told the AP Wednesday.

A press release Friday from Senator Craig defended his statements, claiming that the AP reporter took the whole conversation out of context. He explained, "The key element is the need for cooperative law enforcement arrangements between federal law enforcement official and local law enforcement officials. I believe there is a role for law enforcement in our nation's forests and on our public land. But it should be



Larry Craig
Idaho Senator

done from the local level and not from the federal level."

Craig closed his statements by reaffirming, "I am unwilling to sacrifice essential civil liberties and decades of successful local law enforcement cooperation to appease those who insist more, bigger and stronger federal government is the answer to crime in this nation, regardless of constitutional principles to the contrary."

Tuesday, May 2

Salem, Oregon

As of November of 1995, Oregon State will have a second area code. The second code will meet the growing demand for new telephone numbers.

The Public Utility Commission decided to separate the state into two codes. The new area code will be 541 and will cover the majority of the state. The old area code, 503, will contain the northwest corner which covers the Portland and Salem areas.

"We made our decision based on which method would have the least negative effect on Oregon as a whole --- the one that is best for Oregon overall," remarked PUC Chairman Joan Smith.

The new code is effective on November 5. The old area code for the majority of the state will be phased out by June 30, 1996.

Wednesday, May 3

Washington D.C.

A subcommittee of the United States Senate has unanimously approved Senator Dirk Kempthorne's amendment to restore funding of the National Recreational Trails Act. The full Senate will vote on the amendment later.

The National Recreational Trails Act distributes a part of the off-road vehicle gas taxes to maintain recreational trails. The Trails Fund was designed to provide \$30 million a year for six years. Only one payment of \$7.5 million was made in 1993. The amendment reinstates \$15 million a year for the next two years.

"This is a significant investment that will go a long way toward building and maintaining new and existing hiking trails, snowmobile trails, equestrian trails, and other numerous off-road recreational opportunities," said Kempthorne.

Thursday, May 4

Nampa, Idaho

Mayor Winston Goering declared May 14-20 as Downtown Nampa Week in honor of the Downtown Nampa Business Association's Tenth Anniversary.

"It's incredible to me the way the Downtown people have pulled together with the single focus of improving Downtown Nampa," said Mayor Goering.

The tenth anniversary will be celebrated on Saturday, May 20, about 12:15 p.m. after the Exchange Club's Parade America at the Old City Park. There will be a dedication of a fountain and the unveiling of a Brent Erdley sculpture.

"It's wonderful to see so many people willing to work together for the betterment of the entire business community. The best way of measuring the success of any redevelopment is their business' growth," said Goering.

Clinton opens US to 20,000 Cuban Refugees

By J. HINTON
STAFF WRITER

In a move receiving a great deal of attention, the Clinton administration this week announced that as many as 21,000 Cuban refugees being held at Guantanamo Bay may be allowed to emigrate to the U.S. Other refugees not at Guantanamo, however, will be turned around and sent back to Havana.

Guantanamo Bay houses the only U.S. military base in a communist

country. At present it holds over 21,000 refugees, most of whom were intercepted at sea by the U.S. Coast Guard while trying to flee to the U.S. Most of the Cubans sent to Guantanamo remained there for as long as several years before being either allowed to emigrate or returned to Cuba.

Under the new policy announced this week, nearly all of the refugees being held presently will be reviewed for eligibility for asylum. According to Jose Basulto, the head of a Cuban refugee organization that tries to lo-

cate drifting refugees from aircraft, the move to allow the refugees at Guantanamo into the U.S. is "the sweetening of the pie. If they are closing the borders here to the Cubans that are fleeing the island, that's the disgraceful part."

Basulto was referring to the second half of the policy change. For many years, Cubans who reached the U.S., particularly in Florida, have found themselves to be a strong political force. Now, however, the new Cuban Policy will require all refugees attempting to flee Cuba be returned straight to Ha-



Bill Clinton
President of the United States

Detainees at Guantanamo Bay will get a chance to enter the United States. Future refugees will be sent directly back to Havana.

vana, rather than being sent to Guantanamo for consideration. Many Cubans in Florida are outraged. The greatest part of that outrage comes from the fact that the refugees in Florida were not consulted, in spite of their political pull. Jorge Mas Canosa is the head of the Cuban American National Foundation. His response was one of frustration with the administration. "They made this policy alone. We don't feel any obligations to this administration."

During the '92 presidential race, Clinton pulled within 1 percent of Bush in Florida as a result of his direct appeal to the Cuban Refugees there.

It appears that the White House has attempted to keep Cubans on their good side, perhaps in hope that the large refugee sympathies may make a difference in the next elections.

Vietnam remembers end of war

By ANTHONY SYME
STAFF WRITER

The same tank that entered the compound of the South Vietnamese presidential palace 20 years ago at the end of the Vietnam War was featured as a float in a victory parade last week in Ho Chi Minh City.

The city, formally called Saigon and renamed after the North Vietnam's famous leader, hosted a drove of civilians and soldiers participating in a full day of festivities. Official U.S. representatives were not involved, although American veterans were present. Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, also held activities.

The war cost some 3 million lives and spanned 30 years of conflict between Vietnam and France, and between Vietnam and the U.S. Many Americans and Vietnamese civilians fled Saigon from the roof of the U.S.

Embassy by helicopter and caught military transports to the states just hours before communist forces finally took over the city in 1975.

The war left the Vietnamese nation unified, but the people and economy shattered. However, the government has recently been more open to capitalist expansion. Currently, Japan and Vietnam enjoy \$1 billion in trade, and consumer goods are more plentiful, including electronics and motorcycles. Even a new hotel is going up in Hanoi with help from Singapore. Economic growth has brought about a greater awareness of Vietnamese culture among its people, and even cultural change, such as a shift away from traditionally arranged marriages to freedom of choice in marital commitments.

Vietnamese leaders have expressed hopes that the U.S. and Vietnam can come to terms with the war and rees-

tablish political and economic ties.

Ho Chi Minh City's mayor, Truong Tan Sang made a speech addressing his city's economic growth and made an off-remark about "the enemy," but never directly spoke out against the U.S. Other leaders were present for the celebration, such as Do Muoi, Communist Party chief, General Vo Nguyen Giap, a prominent war hero, and Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet. The prime minister made references to "genocidal crimes" such as the My Lai massacre and U.S. air-raids, but also emphasized a desire for Vietnam to participate in the global community. He sympathized with the relatives of American soldiers killed in the war, and aimed at mutual forgiveness.

Last year, President Clinton put a halt to almost 20 years of economic sanctions against Vietnam, and both countries have made moves toward a new political relationship.

Friday, May 5

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Rescue workers ended their 16 day search for victims through the rubble of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

"To the best of our ability, we have tried to turn over every stone we possibly could, that the structure would allow us to turn over," said Assistant Fire Chief Jon Hansen. "We don't know at this point what happened to those (missing) people."

The bomb killed 167 people with two people still missing. Nineteen of the victims were children.

Amongst the 20 some bodies uncovered on the last day were those of three children. The federal building was bombed on April 19.

"They wanted to find those three babies worse than anything," remarked Gibbs Hammond, a chaplain.

Weekend, May 6-7

Mecca, Saudi Arabia

Ali Rajab Ali said he walked part of the way from Uzbekistan to Mecca, a holy site in the Islamic faith. He fulfilled a promise to his dying mother.

The pilgrim said he walked every day for five months to cover the 2,000 mile trek from his native country. He was not sure if he would walk the way back.

"I only promised my mother I would walk here. I said nothing about walking back," Ali said.

Today there are around one billion members of the Islamic faith. According to their beliefs, they must at least once make the pilgrimage to Mecca in their lifetime.

Around 100 extra airline flights have been arriving in Mecca for about a month. By last Thursday, one million people from five continents had arrived. They will joined by one million Saudis.

Monday, May 8

Plano, Texas

Frito-Lay voluntarily recalled 116 jars of Tostitos Salsa Con Queso from six western states due to a spoilage threat.

The recall effected the 10 ounce jars of the salsa which were distributed in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Montana, and Alaska.

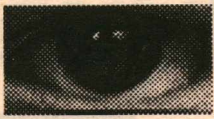
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NNC In The Eyes Of

By JOHN FRALEY
OPINIONS EDITOR

For better or for worse, Northwest Nazarene College is located in Nampa, Idaho. A liberal arts college of 1200 students or so based in a town of 32,000 or so, NNC brings national fame to its adoptive town (and to the whole state) every March as it hosts the NAIA's Division II national basketball tournament.

And the rest of the year, the college just kind of sits on the southern end of Nampa and lives through registration, midterms, and finals in its own little corner, without affecting the "life" of the town or the valley in any significant way, right?

Well, it depends on whom you ask.

This article contains the voices of our college president, a couple of administrators, a pair of local business managers or owners, the Nampa High principal, and the NHS journalism class. But first, here's some of the feedback that our last two Community Relations Directors have gathered.

Hollie Tiegs, 1992-93's Community Relations Director, was full of positive comments. She said "Ten years ago, only close involved people knew anything about the college. Now all that has changed." She also insisted that all she ever heard about NNC from prominent Nampans was edifying and complimentary.

Stacy Henrickson, now serving her second term as our liaison to the community (see feature on page 2), said: "Some people get the impression that we're very conservative, that we the students are suffering under all the rules that NNC has. For instance, [one person] had an impression that we were very backwards, and that we had rules like 10:00 curfew, among others. She wasn't even sure that we were a co-ed college." However, Henrickson states that this type of uninformed person is in the minority. Apparently,

Domino's manager Paul Nikolai immediately recognized a difference between NNC and BSU students.



she gets many positive comments and thank-you cards about R.U.S.H. (aRe U Serving Him, NNC's most visible community outreach program). She added that she even got a letter from Mr. Winston Goering, Nampa's mayor. All in all, Henrickson seems extremely pleased with the response the community gives her. Then again, you'd have to be a senseless monster to say anything mean to or about Stacy...

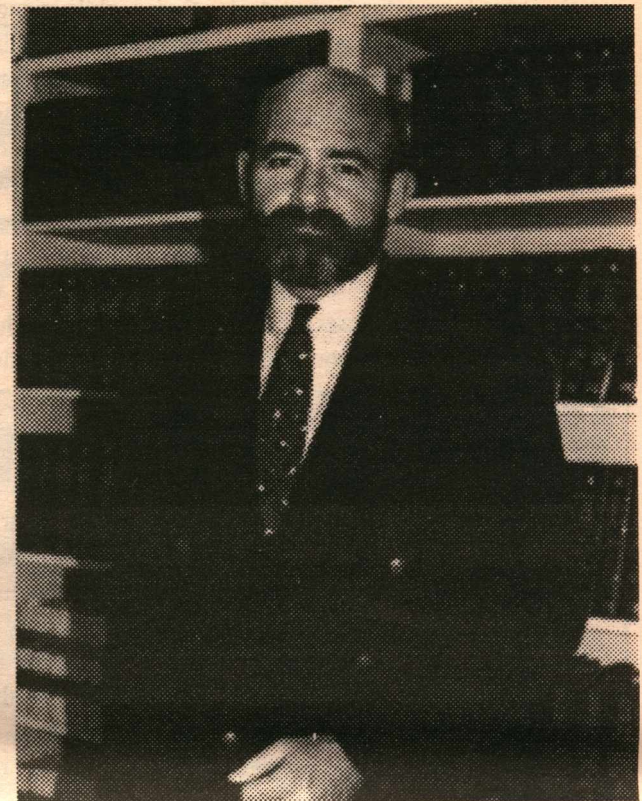
Anyway, in the last year, as Henrickson points out, the number of students involved in RUSH has grown in a significant way. Now about 180 participate in the semi-annual opportunity to show the people around us that we don't stay cooped up in our tiny seven or eight blocks of campus. We do care.

When I asked President Hagood if he had heard anything negative about the college recently, he was quick to answer, "No, the attitude of the community is very, very positive with all the service clubs and the other forms of involvement" that NNC sponsors. He admitted that "we did have some problems five or six years ago," which would have related to the acquisition of Kurtz Park from the city. But he keeps the emphasis on the positive side. When asked for any general comments about community relations, he had a bundle. "We took on a very major project in choosing to reroute the streets around campus. We had to acquire forty-four pieces of property in the last few years" while having to deal with the fact that not all the owners of the desired land were willing sellers. "We accomplished all this without being in the newspapers [Crusader excluded] or the courts." According to Dr. Hagood, that was "a bit of an indication that our relationship with the community is excellent." He concluded by remarking, "NNC has gone from being closed to the community--with invisible walls--to the spot where the community considers NNC to be its college."

You can gripe all you want about tuition hikes et al., but now you can rest assured: your money is going to a worthy cause. The Nampa Chamber of Commerce voted last month to present NNC with the third annual "Business of the Year" award.

You are entitled for a brief moment to exclaim, "Wait a second! I didn't know NNC was a business! Are they trying to make a profit off of us?" Quite simply, no, they aren't. The award is not given to any business on the basis of profit. It is instead a method of recognizing a business that makes generous contributions back into the community, one that improves the standard of living by sharing its wealth or human resources. It is a reward for philanthropically concerned businesses. It is estimated by our administration that the financial impact of NNC (and most specifically, its students) on the city of Nampa is upwards of 25 million dollars annually. We are a big deal.

The way that most of the greater Nampa metropolitan area comes in contact with NNC is through the Vice President for Institutional Advancement,



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Jerry Gunstream. He stated, "That's how it is. My goal is not for people to look at me and think, that's Jerry Gunstream, but for them to look at me and think, that's NNC. So I try to behave accordingly."

He identified two major misconceptions that most people have. The first is that Albertson College is larger than NNC. He said that has always surprised him, because "we have almost twice as many students as they do. But people see them constructing new buildings, and they think, 'Wow, they must be a bigger school'. And that's not true."

Some prominent community members still think of us as "a little Bible college with four walls," or worse yet, "a lot of prudes sitting on a hill."

Gunstream also remarked that the disparity in funding between ACI and NNC causes that misconception to subsist. Since they have people like J.R. Simplot and Joe Albertson giving them money, they are often more visible. The second false idea is that you have to be Nazarene to come here. It could be theorized that prospective students are frightened away by that notion.

Gunstream added that some prominent community members still think of us as "a little Bible college with four walls," or worse yet, "a lot of prudes sitting on a hill." Such a view was commonplace ten years ago or so; it was said that we were "the best-kept secret in the Treasure Valley." But

Of The Community



since then, Gunstream feels "we have broken out of our shell. Now, with the recognition we got from U.S. News, we have almost entirely dispelled that notion." It also helped that the community has embraced Dr. Hagood as one of their own. Gunstream said "When Dr. Hagood was elected, the community said, 'Oh, we know him, he's a friend of ours.' The community has lots of confidence in him." People are taking us seriously.

Two blocks from NNC's western-most point lies another campus, home to a few more than ours. But remarkably enough, little interaction goes on between NNC and Nampa High; cooperation is basically limited to the student teaching that NNC students do at the high school. My interview with Nampa High's principal, Mrs. Shirley Vandrell, was full of favorable comments regarding our partnership. Vandrell praised the quality of the student teachers at Nampa High and characterized her perception of NNC as very positive while mentioning that she didn't remember hearing negative kinds of comments." She admitted that "all of us were delighted when Dr. Hagood was elected president. Lots of people in different groups believed that it was a very positive move for the college." She commended NNC for being good neighbors and pointed out that bringing in speakers for lecture series builds a sense of community. She also had a suggestion for NNC. Since Albertson College is phasing out its graduate studies program entirely, we should take care to maintain ours, as it is convenient for many in the valley. She summarized by remarking that "Nampa is a college town because of NNC."

Vandrell then referred me to an interesting source: the journalism class that meets daily at the high school. The students in that elective course volunteered both positive and negative information. One girl praised NNC's athletic success ("their volleyball team kicks butt"), and another student commented that his "parents love that the NAIA [tournament] gets held there." Thus they underlined the importance of the sports events that occur on campus-- when we demand good sportsmanship out of our players, it's for a reason. Their attitudes will really demonstrate whether there is really a difference between the Crusaders and, say, the Coyotes or the BSU Broncos. One class member expressed animosity toward the eventual tearing down of Kurtz Park to make place for the John Brandt Fine Arts Building and Convocation Center, and one also complained that "I can't afford it." (Of course, neither can we, really.)

That last observation set off the rest of the students. One of the young women joked, saying "My mom would disown me if I went there." When I acted astonished, she clarified, explaining "Not really, but she doesn't want me to go there just the same." Another student balanced that last statement with this compliment: "My parents think it's the best school in Idaho."

Best school or not, yet another student was eager to mention that "you do see NNC students off-campus smoking and drinking." I pressed the point to see if she was kidding, but she replied that "you know they're NNC

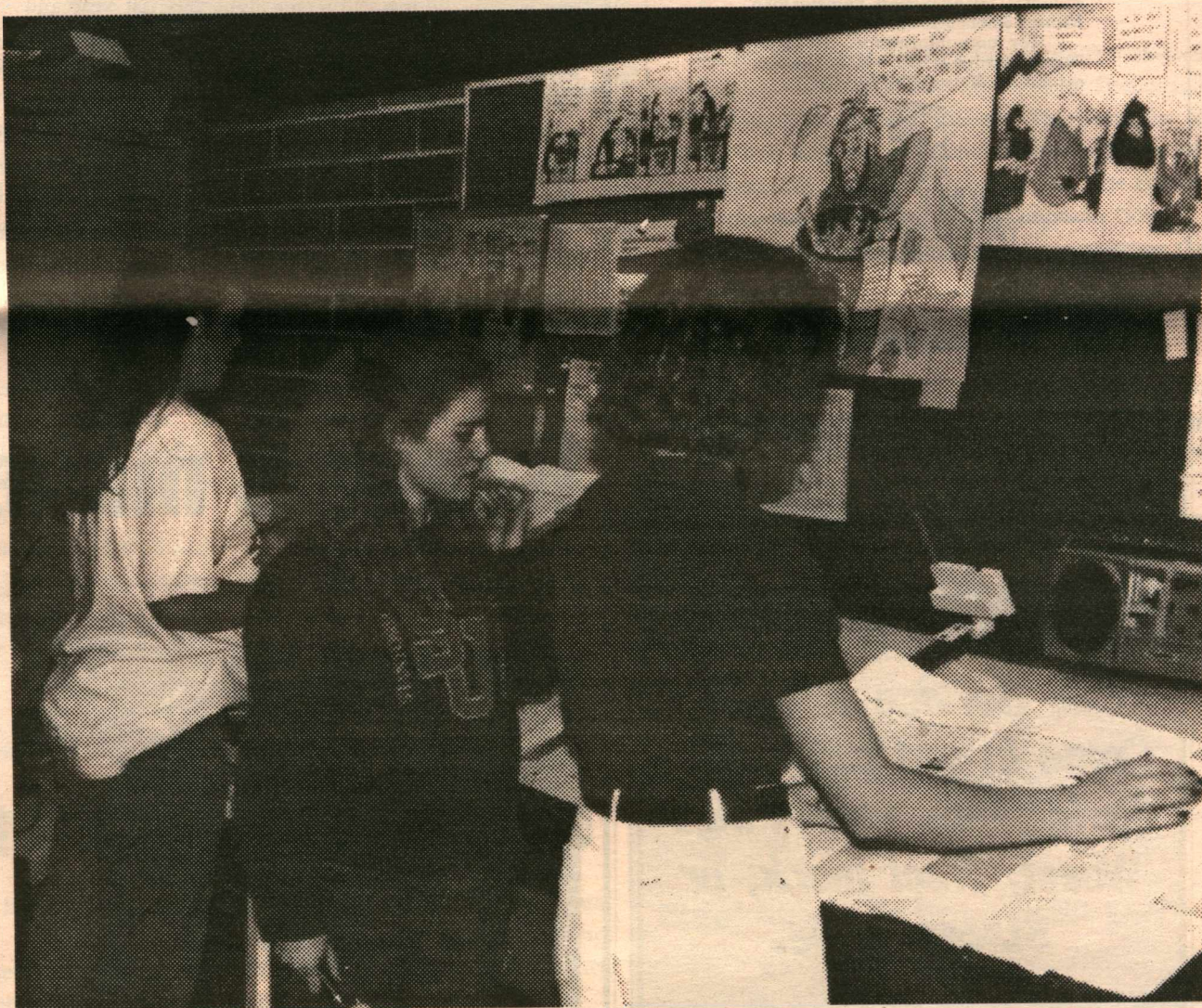
students because you've seen them at church." That's perhaps a sobering thought (no pun intended); so next time you decide to break the rules, maybe you should do it in private.

Mr. Gratton, the journalism advisor, then broke in with his concern that the high school "students don't see enough of NNC. There's not enough recruiting on our campus. Two other students backed him up, offering the suggestion that "they need to be more involved in the community", then warning gently that "they take it for granted that Nampa High kids know all about them." Is this a message to the admissions office?

The information I received through my interviews

Prof's he often sees include Dr. Ponsford (Psychology), Mr. Swanson (Music), and Dr. Lodahl (Theology / Philosophy / wisdom in general). Cleveland concluded with the evaluation that "on a scale from one to ten, they're all tens."

Domino's manager Paul Nikolai immediately recognized a difference between NNC and BSU students; prior to his job, he worked at the Domino's on Broadway in Boise, where BSU students most often. He gladly observed that "people are about twice as polite, and they tip a lot more often than BSU people." He remembers that every night in Boise would yield about three prank calls, while here he has yet to receive one. He also mentioned that at the NAIA tournament, he was pleased to see Pizza Hut's name on the Bethel team banner: "All the better for us! Let all the



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with Yogurt Affaire' owner Doug Cleveland and Domino's manager Paul Nikolai was positive. Cleveland was straightforward, "I only hire NNC students. I do this for three or four reasons. They're extremely reliable, honest, and their personal habits are clean and neat." He followed up by saying that "I know the kids need an extra \$100 or \$200 per month while they're in college and I enjoy the NNC students that come in here, especially the ones that bring their books to study for tests or finals. Some say it's their home away from home." He continued by stating, "I even enjoy the profs ... I guess it's kind of a prof hangout, too."

Bethel fans go to them, and all the NNC ones come to us!" All, in all, he said he was "very happy with working here" and that "the quality of the students is higher" than anywhere else.

What is there to learn from all this? Well, we do make a difference in this town. If it seems as if we're all by ourselves, and that nothing we do matters, then we're mistaken. We have made this town a college town, and our influence and involvement are increasing all the time. Let's keep that in mind-- every day.

TRACK

Elite head to national meet

By ADAM WATKINS
STAFF WRITER

In two weeks, four members of NNC's track and field team will travel to Azusa, California to compete in the NAIA National Championship track meet.

This will be the high point of the season for the nation's top track athletes including Sarah Marion, Reid Kornstad, Gina Miller and Justin Marion. All four will compete against athletes from across the nation.

For Sarah Marion this will be her last intercollegiate meet. Marion, a senior, will run the 100 meter high hurdles and participate in the long jump, a popular second event for sprinters. Sarah holds several school records, including best times in the high hurdles and the 400 meter hurdles.

Justin Marion, a junior, is going to compete in the national meet for the second time in two years.

Marion is respected around the

league as a powerhouse in his event. He holds the school record in the high jump and seems to better it at almost every meet.

This last weekend at Monmouth Oregon, Marion set a new record by leaping 6 feet 10 and 1/4 inches. He placed eighth at Nationals last year and this year has hopes of clearing the seven foot mark.

"I don't care as much about the win as doing my personal best," commented Marion.

Kornstad, a senior will be traveling to Nationals for the first time this year. Still, he carries a good record and cannot be underestimated in his event,

the pole vault.

Miller, also a junior, will run in the 800 meter event. She has yet to qualify, but says her coaches expect her to do so at the regional meet this weekend. Miller also holds a school record as part of the women's 1600 meter relay team.



Sarah Marion practices her winning leap as she readies for nationals (Frahm).



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Runners make 26-mile trek



NNC marathoners reflect on Saturday's race after their finish in a downpour. (Frahm)

By ANNE FRAHM
PHOTO EDITOR

Last Saturday, five NNC students participated in the Idaho Great Potato Marathon despite heavy rain. Runners were Jeremy Cowan, graduate Lisa Cowan, Keith Davidson, Jonathan MacDonald, and Ian May.

The 26-mile course which began at Lucky Peak and wound its way

down through Boise to its finish at Ann Morrison Park, was conquered by Lisa Cowan in a time of 3:36:28. This time gave her a first place finish in the 20-24 age bracket.

Cowan's time is slightly shy of her 3:30:00 goal, due only to a slight detour she took be-

cause of poor course directions.

Overall, she placed fourth in the women's division, missing third place by less than half a minute.

Davidson, a freshman, finished the course in 3:14:08 placing him 2nd in the 19 and under field. His finish qualifies him to run in the Boston Marathon which requires a time of 3:20:00 for men age 36 and under. Davidson prepared for the marathon by running

approximately 20-24 miles a day.

Jeremy Cowan finished third in his age bracket with a time of 3:36:57.

"I was really excited about running my first marathon, but it was just miserable running out in the rain and the cold. When I hit mile 22 I thought, 'This sucks, what am I doing out here?'" said Cowan.

It was also the first marathon for May and MacDonald who finished in 3:49:29 and 4:20:13, respectively. "Gosh, my clothes feel like Saran wrap," said May on his 18th mile in Saturday's downpour.

Jennifer Gray, a 1994 graduate from NNC also ran in Saturday's race, running her first half marathon, a distance of 13 miles.

Although 26 miles in the rain might have caused NNC's runners to question their mental stability, some are already talking about getting a group together to run in the Portland Marathon next fall. The race was sponsored by the Idaho Potato Commission and KTVB Channel 7.

COMMENTARY

Tennis funding on trial

By **CHRYSTI NELSON**
STAFF WRITER

As the NNC women's tennis season is quickly drawing to a close, we must take a step back and take look at the season that is ending.

In general, tennis is a sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities. There is just something satisfying about going out and hitting a little yellow ball as hard as you can over the net. It is because of this love of tennis that we have those who like to compete on a college level with other fine schools.

Since we love this sport so well, the question must be considered, "Is tennis getting enough money here?"

First, we must consider an overview of the '94-'95 tennis season. If you've been paying attention, you probably know that the team didn't finish well.

Of course, that opinion all depends on how you determine a good season. Aside from judging purely on wins and losses, many team players referred to the past season positively.

Freeman said that there were a lot of new girls on the team, and that everybody has really been improving.

"We also played against quite a few good schools and learned a lot from the experience," Anne Freeman added.

Leadership this year came from

several players including Michelle Stephens and Jenny Rayborn. Also contributing were Anne Freeman, Maite Antras, Julie Salmeier, Erika Andrews, Brandi Bloomfield, Dwan Lawson, Erin Dinter, and Nicole Corbin.

Let's think about this issue of money. Did the lack of money effect how well the girls did this year?

Freeman was one of many who agreed that tennis could have used more money. "Yes, more money would have helped us," said Freeman.

Erin Dinter added, "We needed more money for basic needs on road trips."

Tennis players were also concerned about the funding of other sports. "It wouldn't be fair to increase the funding for us without doing it for track or baseball," added Freeman.

If tennis were given more money, they would be able to compete better with other schools in the quest for good players through scholarships. More



Michelle Stephens, Maite Antras, and Jenny Rayborn show their competitive side (Frahm).

funding would also make team workshops a possibility.

There is a flip side to the money issue that Michelle Stephens pointed out. Because of the lack of money, the girls play for fun and really have a good bond that goes beyond tennis.

There will always be a question about enough funds for any sport. Maybe the main thing is to have girls who like to play tennis, represent our school, and have fun doing it.

Michelle Stephens commented, "If the program is losing money, then why not allow it to exist for the benefits that it produces."

BASEBALL

Saders triumph in league finale

By **TIM SCHLACK**
STAFF WRITER

As the 1995 men's baseball season comes to an end, so does another season of ups and downs.

This year the men didn't boast great numbers, but the efforts that they have put forth have more than outweighed the negative season.

The men began their season with promise, winning some impressive games against Western Oregon State and Lewistown State College.

Unfortunately, a streak of misfortune plagued the Sader club. Despite the cloudy days and rain, the men were able

to take to the field and regain some respect.

Last weekend the men were victorious in their play over Western Baptist as they ended league play with a 12-1 thumping of the Warriors.

"We came out and played," said coach Brian Muir. "They had one of their best pitchers out there and our guys came out and got things done."

Muir commented on the season in relation to the losses that were incurred this season.

"We played a lot of games that we lost by just a run or two. There were no real blow outs," said Muir. "In the games that we lost, many

times we were just one play away and ended up losing in the last inning. When that happens there's not much you can do about it."

The men move to 5-6 on the season. Many of their scheduled games were cancelled because of rain.

"Our guys always went out giving a 110 percent," said Muir.

Muir has confidence in the future of NNC's team in that a good mixture of players this year will help in forming next year's team.

The men will finish up their season this weekend on the road when they face Concordia College for a final rematch.

SPORTS BRIEFLIES

Mourning accuses refs of Bull

This past weekend conspiracy threats surfaced after the Bulls defeated the Charlotte Hornets. Claims were made by those in the Hornets camp that the game was deliberately called in favor of the Bulls in the hopes that an Orlando/Chicago playoff would result.

"The NBA got what they wanted," Alanzo Mourning angrily shouted as the Hornets emptied their locker room following the Bulls' 85-84 victory. The controversy began over a foul call.

"We're playing against the Bulls, not the league, not the referees. . . When Hersey grabbed the ball, Michael grabbed his arm. They can fine me, but I'm speaking my mind because I'm hurtin' inside."

Erickson may be high on lies

Dennis Erickson of the Seattle Seahawks was accused this past weekend of hiding positive results from players' drug tests. The tests were taken the week before the 1995 Orange Bowl, according to current UM drug-policy officials.

An investigation by the Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel included interviews with more than a dozen former and current Miami drug-policy officials. The University of Miami's drug program, once considered among the nation's finest, has crumbled since Paul Dee, the current athletic director at UM, came to the campus in 1993.

Erickson has been unavailable for comment on the issue since April 28.

Blood clot in brain ails Garcia

Jimmy Garcia remained in critical condition Sunday after surgery for a large blood clot that formed in his brain following his WBC super-featherweight title fight with Gabriel Ruelas.

"The critical part is not to allow anything more to hurt his brain over the next several days or weeks," said Dr. Albert Capanna, a neurosurgeon who performed the surgery. "It's possible he'll recover, but you never know for sure." It was the second straight tough fight for Garcia, who lost a 12-round decision Nov. 12 to Gernaro Hernandez for the WBA version of the 140-pound title.

Garcia, 23, was fighting for the first time in the United States. His father and brother worked his corner, admonishing him between rounds to attack Ruelas despite the beating he was taking.

Stackhouse to Enter NBA Draft

Tarheel powerhouse Jerry Stackhouse announced this weekend that he will give up his last two years of collegiate eligibility to enter the NBA draft.

Stackhouse will join teammate Rasheed Wallace as the June 28th draft nears. Leading the Tarheels in several categories this year, Stackhouse averaged 19.2 points per game and maintained a 51.7% shooting percentage.

Stackhouse reportedly based his decision on several factors, including the health of his diabetic mother. Minnie Stackhouse seemed encouraging toward her son in an interview Monday. She commented, "...this is Jerry's call and I'm going to let him make it."

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EDITORIALS

Small campus improvements make big difference

Nature kindly steps in every late March or early April to rekindle life and enhance everyone's mood (not to mention their hormones). This spring also became a chance for NNC's administration to improve a few things. Students who've kept an eye or two open have noticed some kind of aesthetic revamping in the vicinity of the Trinity Statue. The rust-clothed beams which had long been an isolated eyesore, stuck randomly in a patch of grass, are now graced with a purposeful frame. Neatly placed stones now form a near-perfect circle around the statue, giving it a more distinguished look.

The same pattern now adorns the "Center of the Universe," a. k. a. "The Echo Pit." If you have no idea where this mysterious location is, ask someone. Then go visit it. And take a date. Because it sure looks nicer.

Now if only they could bring all the dead trees along Holly Street back to life...

In praise of a once-silly staff ed

In issue 13 (Feb. 7), a certain past opinions editor wrote what many considered to be a silly editorial on pedestrian courtesy. In said piece, the writer maintained that NNC students who ignore common courtesy toward vehicles while crossing Holly and Amity Streets don't "make [motorists] too happy." Such displays of inconsiderate attitudes, the editor claimed, harm the witness of the perpetrator and the image of the college.

Granted, the editorial was quite cheesy. It was deservedly ridiculed by many readers, including the current opinions editor--until last week. While interviewing for this week's cover story, the latter discovered that his predecessor was correct in his analysis. The first thing the Nampa High students who were surveyed mentioned about NNC students is that "they always step in front of our cars when we're driving home."

Well, we guess we'll surmise once again that NNC students who block traffic by insisting on having their way first do project a negative image of themselves, the school, and their lifestyle. Sorry to sound cheesy--again--but it's true. (Now you're vindicated, Andrew.)

STAFF InFeCTiOn

Real quick, here's one reason we all love RAD days: mace ... speaking of which, has anyone seen Mason Vail's girlfriend? ... Kudos to Robyn Harris for single-handedly replacing our flag ... incidentally, Chris Barrett would like to know what noses would feel like if they had teeth ... why isn't anything open in Nampa at 3 a.m.? ... in a world of uncertainty, one sure thing remains--they really do taste like chicken ... how many days is it until Prevue? ... "I just want a headline" (Sarah 12:47 a.m.) ... "I just want a caption" (Sarah 1:33 a.m.) ... to be continued.

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I don't have a right to gripe

By JOHN FRALEY
OPINIONS EDITOR

I got up; it was already late. Chapel was due to start in maybe ten minutes, and I hadn't received my daily dose of coffee. I was not entirely excited to be awake yet. But I figured that every time I attend chapel is ten less dollars I have to pay when the term ends. So I rose, thus encountering both of my roommates. Mason had just walked in through the door, and Dan was reading, as he probably had been since somewhere around dawn. I was feeling dizzy and vaguely nauseous; after all, it was an average Wednesday morning. So I grumbled a little, voicing some absurd complaint about how chapel should be at 10:15 p.m.

Then Mason spoke.

"Well, it seems that the Rwandese government killed a few more of its own citizens. Reports have it that they killed two thousand more people yesterday alone."

I started to pay a little more attention. "That's terrible," I responded. It was an acceptable reaction to his statement, designed to provide a conclusion to a brief conversation. But he continued. I kept getting dressed.

"Yeah, and they're denying it. They say they only killed about three hundred. And they dug up the corpses to prove it."

I made my face into what was surely an ugly grimace. This was not a perfect way to welcome me up.

"Let's get going. Chapel's gonna start soon," I managed. I put my shoes on and we headed out.

We left Corlett and started to walk over to College Church. It was a drizzly day. I hate rain (sorry if that offends any water-happy Alaskans).

It puts me in a bad mood. We crossed Amity. A car sped by, its driver obviously upset that we would inconvenience it by trying to get somewhere. I wondered why people got upset about silly things like that.

I glanced at the newspapers. The headlines on the Statesman and the Press-Tribune matched; they both shouted new developments in the Oklahoma City disaster. I thought about the orphaned kids, and about the broken-

I could give thanks eternally for the life I've been given without ever being grateful enough to deserve it.

hearted parents that had lost children. I suppressed my emotions--as I almost always do. I walked on, entering the Student Center.

I grabbed a bagel in the cafeteria, thanking someone somewhere for continuous service. I checked my mail. It was empty. There was still no sign of a \$70 gift my parents told me was coming from a church in California. I got mildly frustrated. I wanted the money. I smirked, maybe I protested out loud for the benefit of the community, and I went on to chapel.

I entered College Church. It was probably 10:15 on the nose. Usually, one would still find a seat downstairs if one came on time, but that day was different. Then it struck me. The time was devoted to the African Children's Choir. Cool, I thought. We'll hear some unusual music, and it'll be high energy entertainment.

I ran into Dan again, who had met up with Carlan Beymer and Perry Boero.

We decided to sit in the balcony, since the main floor was full. We found an open front row on the right side. We sat down just as Gene introduced the kids. Then they sang.

I was right about the program's high-energy and entertainment, but I was disappointed the choir performed so few truly African songs. I was getting a bit aggravated. Only a little, really. Not nearly as much as when I'd heard my alarm that morning.

Then they shared. Their coordinators / directors, whatever you want to call them, gave us a tiny glimpse into the lives of these kids who were praising God with so much enthusiasm. These children have not had it easy--far from it. Their parents have been killed before their eyes. Their brothers may have been killed in wars; their sisters may have been raped. They've lived in hiding for months.

And they praise God.

Then it hit me.

Hm! What's an early alarm clock's ring, a lack of coffee, a lack of sunshine, a late check? What are these nuisances, compared to the scores of Rwandans that are experiencing hell even as I write this and as you read it? What are they to the lives that were potentially shattered by the ridiculous, absurd event last month in Oklahoma City? What are they to the pure horror that kids have witnessed in so many places around the world?

Lord--help me to remember two things: for one, You have blessed me more than I can possibly thank You for. I could give thanks eternally for the life I've been given without ever being grateful enough to have deserved it. Secondly, if those who have seen (and experienced) hell can still praise You, then may I never forget to glorify Your Name.

Burst your bubble a bit

By D. ANDREW ZIRSCHKY
MANAGING EDITOR

It's amazing how isolated 70 acres of land can be when it's a college campus. Totally self-contained with a perpetual feeding facility, housing, and at least some form of entertainment or another, college campuses often become little worlds within themselves.

There's been a lot of talk in the ASNNC offices lately about something called the "NNC news bubble." It's aptly named--there does seem to be some kind of bubble surrounding this campus which keeps information out and our self-contained lives in. Sometimes I feel like an amoeba in a petri dish swimming around rather contently but totally unaware of anything outside of my little glass world. Some have called this syndrome rampant self-interest or ignorance, but for the most part students and faculty alike are either unconcerned or unaware of the ignorant attitude that many students seem to boast.

Our newly elected student body president, however, is one who is concerned and hopes to do something

about it. Patrick Fitzgerald's plan is to bring the world to NNC.

"I've been out in the business community and I've heard other people talk, even alumni, about NNC students and they say, 'You know the number one problem that I see NNC students have is their isolation and that they don't pay attention to current events,'" Fitzgerald said.

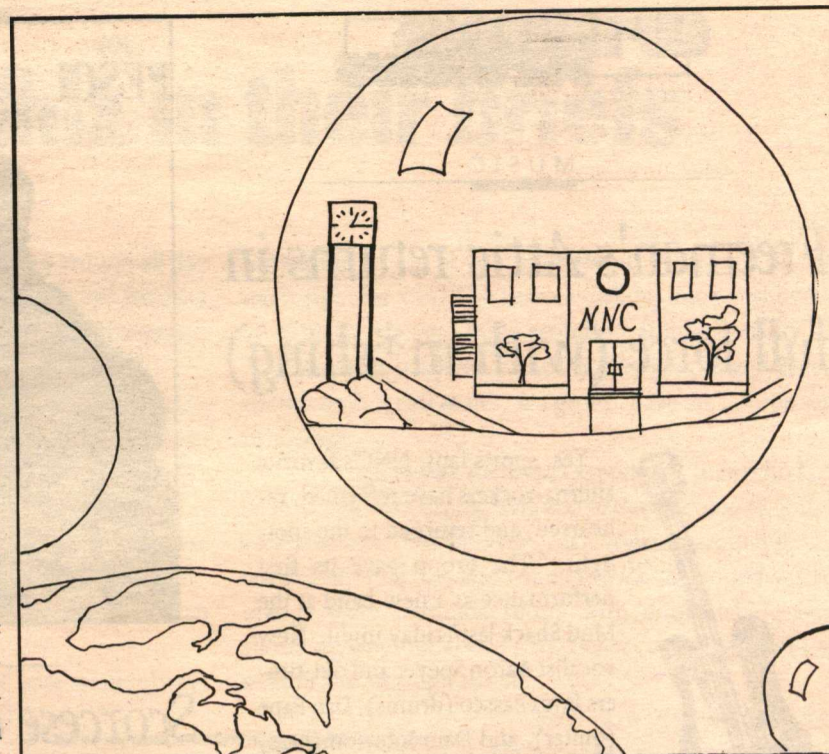
The irony of the situation that exists on our campus is that we are here, as an institution of higher learning, to broaden understanding and

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awareness, not to shrink it to the size of a dorm room, dining hall, or classroom.

I don't see how educating people about the last 4000 years of human thought and learning is of much use if they are oblivious to the last four days of world news.

Somehow a sort of dualism has been created here separating life in the classroom from life in the real world.



The danger of this dualism for NNC is immense. Wesley would have surely rebelled against the idea of separating our thought life from practice, and Phineas Bresee, as he began a church for the dejected and named it Nazarene, would have definitely objected. Yet this dualism is much more than just an abandonment of our historical roots, it's the disturbing abandonment of what we claim to be: a liberal arts college.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines liberal arts in this way: "Academic disciplines, such as language, literature, history, philosophy, mathematics, and science that provide information of general cultural concern."

The point is that in its basic form "liberal arts" is tied to culture, events, and issues surrounding us. A true liberal arts institution must be firmly tied into the happenings of the world.

Despite this, the attitude which many NNC students display is one of unconcern and uninvolvedness with anything beyond the borders of their own lives.

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For most students, "our world" extends no further than the campus, if that. I once heard a saying liked: "Don't let your education interfere with your learning." Unfortunately, few have taken this idea to heart. We have instead become more involved in studying for the test than working through the implications of new information and applying it to our world.

If NNC wishes to turn out learned people and not just educated chimps, then the bubble must be burst. If we are to move ahead as a Christian liberal arts college then we must combine education with awareness and understanding of the world in which we live. If we can't achieve this both individually and as an institution then educated we have not become.

Talkin' bout my generation

By CHRIS FIELD
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Our generation has been labeled as Generation X. Does that bother anyone else besides this writer? If it doesn't, it should. By naming us in this way, our culture has stated that we do not stand for anything and that we are a lost generation. I feel that it is high time that we, as Christians, determine what it is that we stand for so that the rest of the world can see it and have the opportunity to decide that our lives, which are made anew through Jesus Christ, are the types of lives that they want to have.

Just a few weeks ago in chapel, our campus experienced a "Spark" that was ignited by the Holy Spirit. In fact, this has been happening in campuses all over this great nation of ours. It is exciting to see the Holy Spirit sweeping our country's colleges and universities, but there is one part of this "revival" that has not been discussed enough. The part to which I am referring is that this only happens about once every twenty-five years, or once a generation. This is

the part that baffles most people; consequently, it is not brought to the surface for analysis.

Why is it that this type of thing only happens once a generation? It is because no one has picked up the ball and run with it. They have seen and felt the "Spark" but have done nothing with it. Instead of starting a fire, they have let it be just another flash in the pan. Why? Is it because of ignorance? Laziness? Lack of love? No. Try complacency. They got too comfortable. They felt so secure in the place where they felt the "Spark" that they didn't want to risk losing anything by sharing what could have started a serious blaze of the Holy Spirit.

Now, this is where we, as a generation, come in. We have experienced the same "Spark" that other generations have felt and lost. But let's do more. Let's start our country

on fire for Jesus Christ. If we are to start a fire that spreads from generation to generation, then we won't need the "Sparks" to get us going, we'll already be moving and burning with the Holy Spirit. We must burn; we cannot be cold, or we die. We cannot be lukewarm, because if we are, God will spew us out of his mouth. By being lukewarm we make Him sick.

Our generation needs to drop the "X" label. We must stand for something. How about Christ? Why can't we become "Generation Christ" by showing His love and spreading His Holy Fire? Let's make Psalm 78:4, not just another inspiring Bible verse, but a way of life. "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done."

We have never been the Christians we should be. Even though we may try our hardest we will never reach perfection until we are in Heaven, but Jesus has always been the Jesus he promised he would be.

Let's be Generation X no more. X is a variable--praise God that Christ isn't.

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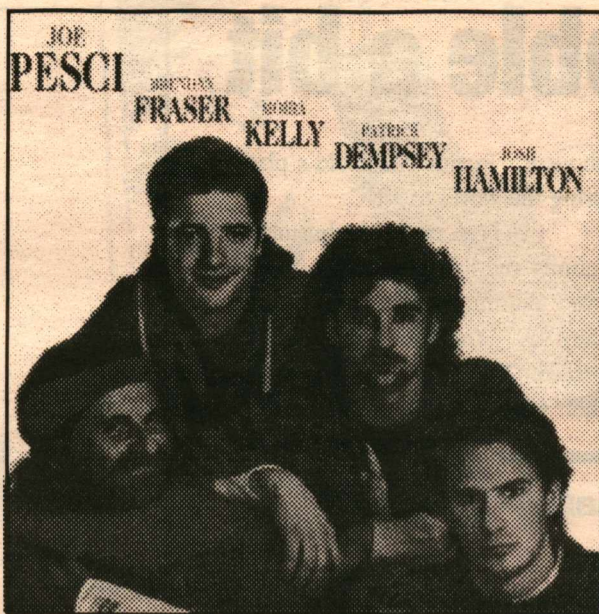
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Yes, sports fans, NNC's favorite alterna-rockers have reformed, rehearsed, and returned to the spotlight. The group gave its first performance as a new band at the Mud Shack last Friday night. New vocalist Aaron Speyer and old-timers Eric Glassco (drums), Dan Pape (guitar), and Dain Johnson (bass) gave the crowd a good, solid kick in the pants in the 'Shack's new stage room. Robert Readmond opened the show with his fantastic blend of acoustic folk guitar and soulful vocals.

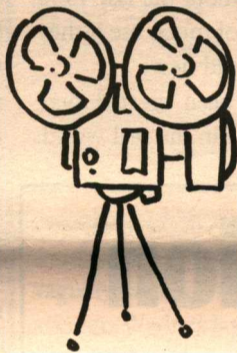
Attic's music tended to overwhelm Speyer's voice, so any analysis of lyrical content was near impossible (earplugs cut out too much high end, anyway). Attic combined new and old material into a one-hour performance. The band played several instrumentals, including "Promises" and "Step Out of the Sand," and dished out the old favorites "Walk" and "Hollow Within." "Hollow" has always been one of my favorites because it's cool to m*sh to. Actually, I've pretty much left the

m*shing thing behind (who needs broken glasses?), but this tune has a killer Helmet-type grind that starts out real slow at the beginning of the verse and then gradually speeds up in tempo, sending bodies flying everywhere. One of the new tunes, "Flush," reveals the vocalist's battle with personal vices and ultimate faith in God. "Hey, you!" is a fairly progressive (as in "different," not "sounds like Rush") song featuring some very cool bass harmonics and a swinging groove reminiscent of Sugartooth. "Trodded" is more of a metal tune that features thundering drums from below and macabre guitar riffage that sounds like, er, Slayer. The second set started out with a moody Zepplinesque piece and ended with "Personal Spirits," another groovin' tune that reminds one of Alice in Chains. The crowd pleaded for two encores, to which Speyer said "Um ... okay."

The band's style hasn't changed that much, but the songs are starting to move away from punky chord-bashing to more of slow trudge/mood material. Speyer's Jim Morrison/Glenn Danzig vocal style fits in fairly well with the band's sound (I just wish I could have heard more of him). Above all else, I love these guys for one major reason: no one else on this campus is doing what they're doing, and they do it quite well.



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Scorcese delivers both
controversy and orthodoxyThe Last
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John Fraley

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cursed with his duality would undergo. To summarize the movie's plot, it is the struggle between Christ's yearning to save mankind and his desire for a "normal" man's life (with wife and kids). Unfortunately, the movie fails to do justice to the book—as usual. Also, be absolutely sure to read the introductory words that serve as a prologue.

If you must persist in condemning *Temptation* as heretical nonsense, ponder this next thought. If you do believe Jesus was tempted on the cross, take a second to think of exactly what that temptation could have been. You'll find the film's interpretation to be quite tame.

Only one video store in Nampa rents it out, yet everyone's heard of it. It's not an old movie, nor is it poor—it features a premier director (Martin Scorcese) and two stars (Willem Dafoe, Barbara Hershey) in lead roles. I've seen it twice; I've loved it twice. It's *The Last Temptation of Christ*.

The movie that so thoroughly incensed Christian conservatives in the U.S. seven years ago is worth a viewing or ten. It is an important work that accomplishes two things: it challenges and affirms elements of Christianity. Based on the equally controversial book by Nikos Kazantzakis, the movie's view of Christ's life is firmly grounded in scripture. Many events we've read in the Gospels are related, such as the raising of Lazarus, the turning of water into wine and of course Holy Week.

What sets *Temptation* apart from other treatments of Christ's life is its insistence on his human nature. We may profess that Jesus was fully divine and fully human, but what does his full human nature entail? Kazantzakis / Scorcese try to imagine just that. As a result, the film focuses on the mental and spiritual difficulties an individual

With Honors is both a touching drama and entertaining comedy about what's really important in life.

VIDEO

With Honors scores
points with excellent plot

Sometimes the really good movies are the ones which you never hear about while they're in the theaters. Many times I've been wandering the aisles of the local video star and have happened upon a forgotten gem lost amid all the low budget bombs which line the shelves. I'm thrilled every time this happens, and recently I was able to add another title to my growing list of video gems.

With Honors is the story of a Harvard undergrad, Monty Kessler (Brandon Frasier), on the verge of graduating top in his class and with the high recommendations of his advisor. For months he has been working to complete his senior thesis and if he completes it on time he is guaranteed a spot in a prestigious grad school. Through a fluke of life or two, this brain loses the only copy of his paper which amazingly falls into the hands of a homeless man, Simon Wilder, aptly played by Joe Pesci.

Simon agrees to give back one page of Monty's thesis in exchange for one thing he needs—usually a meal, a book, or a clean pair of underwear. Monty does his best to get the thesis back by other means, but eventually gives up and begrudgingly begins to help Simon. In the process he learns a lot about what true life means and realizes that his thesis about the workings of government is inherently flawed in its basic premises.

Through the help of Simon, Monty gains the courage and confidence to contradict the ideas of his mentor and to think for himself. In doing so he risks graduating with honors and gaining entrance into a prestigious graduate program.

With Honors is deep, humorous and moving. Rarely do I wish to see a movie more than once, but *With Honors* is a definite exception. It's one of those movies that is entertaining the first time around but needs a careful second look to get the full meaning and potential out of the movie.

I highly recommend *With Honors* as both a movie that will make you smile, cry, and think—maybe even all at once.

This is one movie that deserves an A and gets one.

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DAVE BARRY

Help for men with Cheez Whiz in their briefs



This topic was suggested by a letter from John Cog of Norfolk, Va. Here's the entire text:

"How come when I'm standing in front of a full-length mirror with nothing on but socks, white socks look OK, but dark-colored socks make me look cheap and sleazy?"

This letter was passed along to me by my Research Department, Judi Smith, who attached a yellow stick-on note that says: "This is true." Judi did not say how she happens to know it's true; apparently - and I'm sure there's a perfectly innocent explanation - she has seen John Cog of Norfolk, Va., wearing nothing but socks.

But the point is that dark socks, as a lone fashion accessory, create a poor impression. This is a known fact that has been verified in scientific experiments wherein fashion researchers put little white socks on one set of naked laboratory rats, and dark socks on another, then exposed both groups to a panel of leading business executives such as Bill Gates, who indicated that they would be "somewhat more likely" to hire from the white-sock group, should their personnel needs ever include a rat.

What this means, men, is that if you're dressing for an important job interview, church supper, meeting with my Research Department or other occasion where you could wind up wearing nothing but socks, they should be white.

Likewise, if you're going to be wearing just your underwear, you should always tuck your undershirt way down into your underpants. This is the "look" favored by the confident, sharp-dressing men found in the underwear section of the now-defunct Sears catalog, who are often depicted standing around in Rotary-Club-like groups, looking relaxed and smiling, as if to say: "Our undershirts are tucked way down into our underpants, and we could not feel better about it!"

These men live in Sears Catalog Men's Underwear Town, where all the residents, including on-duty police officers, wear only underwear. All the residents are always in a good mood because they live only a few pages away from Sears Catalog Women's Underwear Town, which is

occupied by hundreds of women who stand around all day wearing nothing but brassieres and underpants and thinking nothing of it. Sometimes, late at night, they all get together for wild parties in the Power Tools section.

The happy mood in the Sears underwear towns stands in stark contrast to the mood in Calvin Klein Perfume-Ad Town, where you'd THINK people would be ecstatic, because they're always writhing around in naked co-educational groups like worms in a bait bucket, but they always have troubled expressions on their faces, as if they're thinking: "SOMEBODY in this co-educational group had Mexican food for lunch."

One last underwear tip: No doubt your mom always told you that your underwear should be clean and free of holes or stains, because you might get in a car crash and be taken, unconscious, to the hospital, and people would see your underwear and possibly ridicule it. Your mom was absolutely right, as we can see from the following unretouched transcript from the emergency room of a major hospital:

DOCTOR: What do we have here?

NURSE: We have a car-crash victim who has severe head trauma and a broken neck and massive internal injuries and is spewing blood like a fire hydrant.

DOCTOR (briskly): OK, let's take a look at his underwear ... WHOA! How do you get Cheez Whiz THERE? (Laughter from everybody in the emergency room, including gunshot victims.)

Our final fashion tip for men concerns those special occasions when, for whatever reason, you want to wear

something on top of your underwear. What style of clothing is right for you? The answer - taking into consideration your particular age, build, coloring and personality - is: "clothing that has been picked out by a woman." Because the sad truth is that males, as a group, have the fashion sense of cement.

Oh, I realize that there are exceptions - men who know how to pick out elegant suits and perfectly color-coordinated accessories. But for every man walking around looking tasteful, there are at least 10 men walking around wearing orange plaid Bermuda shorts with nonmatching boxer shorts sticking out above AND below, and sometimes also poking out through the fly.

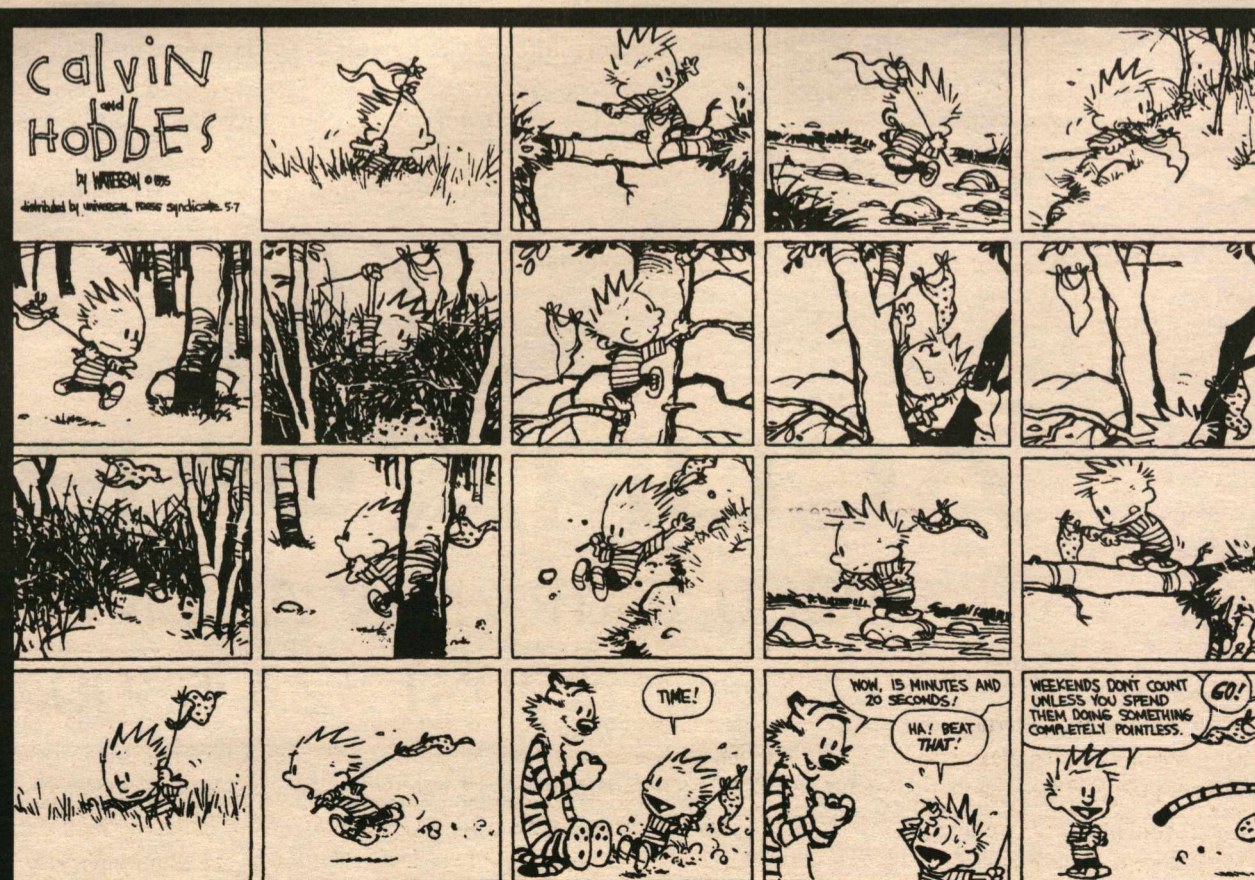
Men are genetically programmed to select ugly clothing. This dates back millions of years, to when primitive tribal men, responsible for defending their territory, would deck themselves out in face paint, animal heads and nose bones, so as to look really hideous and scare off enemy tribes. If some prehistoric

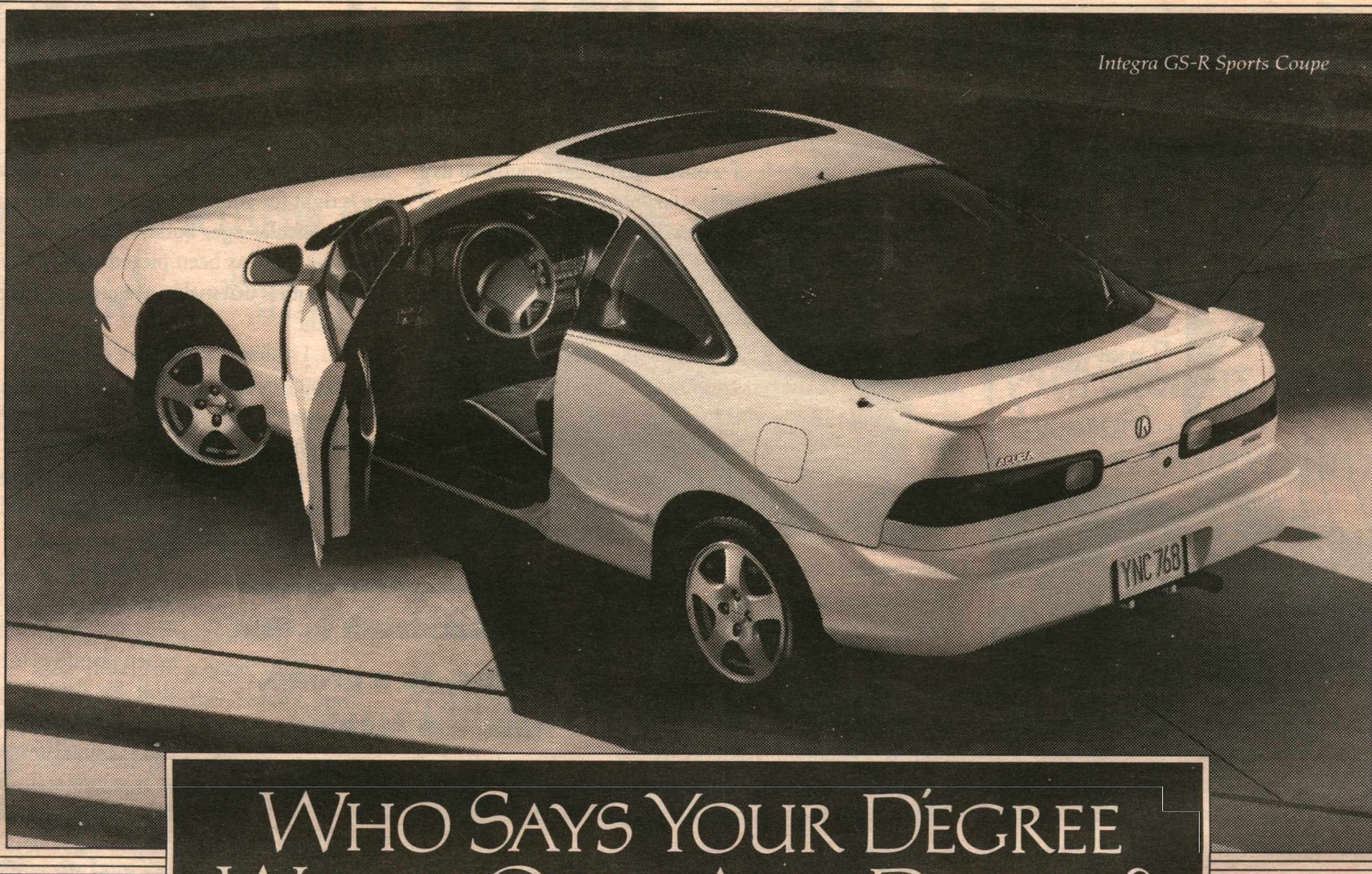
tribal warriors had somehow got hold of modern golf clothing, they would have ruled the rain forest.

In conclusion, men, please remember that the fashion tips contained in this column are just the "basics." To learn more about the current men's fashion "scene," get a copy of Esquire or GQ magazine and study the ads and articles presenting the latest styles, making a mental note to never, ever wear any of them, because unless you're a male model, you'd look stupid. Just wear a regular blue suit like everybody else and try to have both shoes the same color.

You can get that Cheez Whiz out with bleach.

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