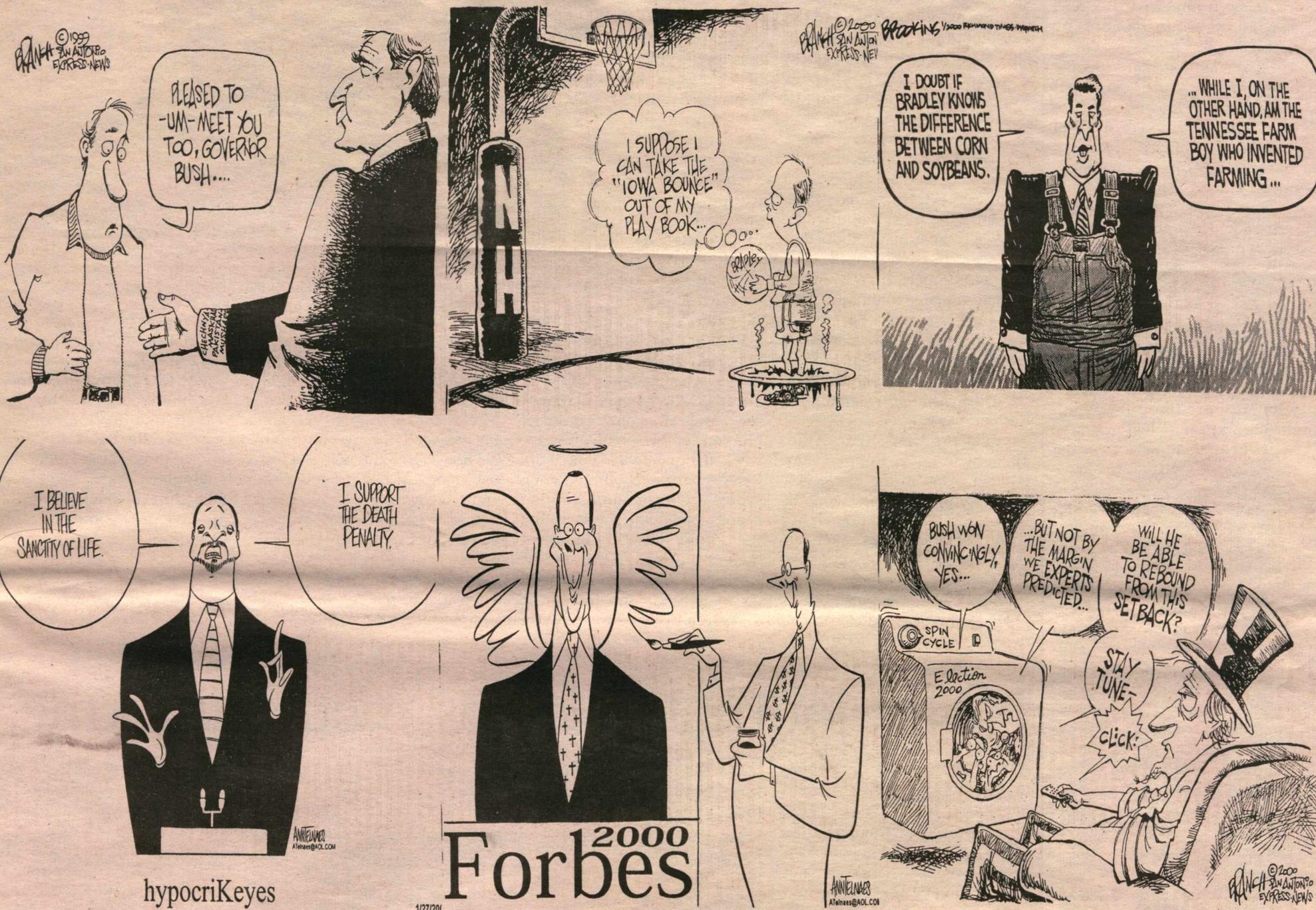


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Column One

When I introduce myself as the *Crusader* editor to older alumni, they often say, "You'll only be printing good things about the school, right?" This is always a difficult question to respond to because, one, I don't know the future, and two, all I can promise is our attempt to reflect reality.

It seems that many people have misperceptions about what we want to print and why we print what we do. For those of you who are confused, at our staff meetings, *The Crusader* staff does not sit around thinking of what cruel or offensive thing we can write about the administration, school or lack of shrubery. That said, *The Crusader* is not official school PR material. Nearly every publication printed on campus is created to glorify the school. *The Crusader* has no such mission. Instead, it attempts to entertain and inform the students who support the publication through student fees. If also hopes to offer students an outlet for their ideas, writing and artistic talents.

As stated in the staff editorial in the Opinions section, this newspaper is dedicated to delivering students what they want. The best way for us to know how you feel is through direct feedback - comments, phone calls and letters. We appreciate all feedback, negative or positive, and we do our best to respond to constructive criticism. Our efforts are continually aimed at improving the quality of this paper. Thanks for reading, and have a great week.

Monica Olson
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Editor-in-Chief

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NNU student, Nike systems analyst

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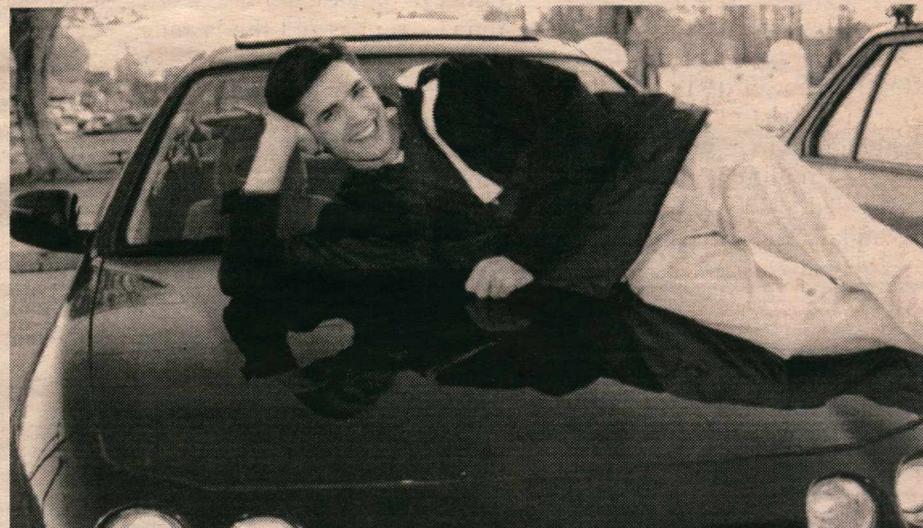
He's a Northwesterner. He's the College Church Teen Bible Quizzing Coach. He's the Technology Administrator for the Wesley Center in Williams Hall. He's also Chief Justice for student government. He is Charles Ruppert, and he is an extraordinarily busy young man.

Beyond the average tasks that seem to eat up all of a full-time college student's time, there are always extracurricular activities and time spent with friends, as well as those many hours that just seem to disappear. But for Charles Ruppert, time is an extremely valuable commodity, and free time is scarce. For, rather than the average run-of-the-mill school job, Ruppert has tackled something much, much bigger.

During the past six months, Ruppert has worked as a Systems Analyst for Nike. Yes, Nike. Those who know Ruppert may wonder, what in the world is a Philosophy Major doing working with computers, and how in the world did he end up at Nike? But those who do know him know that he loves it. Through a friend, Ruppert had the opportunity to put in his application to Nike, and this last summer, he was hired on

to work in the department handling United States delivery logistics and tracking shipments across the country. As a part of his job, Ruppert makes sure that shipments of Nike shoes and apparel arrive at the destination they need to on time. Along with that responsibility, Ruppert makes sure that the computer systems are running properly and that there are no glitches.

However, working for Nike isn't a simple job in any respect. The Nike World Headquarters is in Beaverton, and, well, Ruppert attends NNU, so the distance issue must be overcome in order for him to keep his job. During the week, the two people who work for Ruppert help him maintain order in Oregon, and Ruppert keeps tabs via the Internet. But there is no substitute for being there in person, and so, on the weekends, Ruppert finds himself on a company-funded flight to Portland and en route to the Nike campus where he works. "It is



Charles Ruppert, a senior philosophy major here at NNU, works for Nike headquarters in Beaverton, Oregon. During the week, Ruppert does his work via the Internet, and on most weekends, he flies to Beaverton to work.

all rather surreal, like living two separate lives. I have two toothbrushes, and almost two wardrobes," Ruppert commented.

During the week, he's a college student in Nampa, but come the weekend, Ruppert returns to his home state and enjoys a fast-paced job. "I like the traveling, and my coworkers are all rather young; it keeps the job moving and I enjoy it," he said. There are other perks to his job. Athletes who endorse Nike products are often likely to show up on the campus where the Headquarters is located. "I've seen Pete

Sampras and Ken Griffey Jr. It makes it an exciting place to be," said Ruppert.

As for future plans, Ruppert says he may stay at Nike for a year after graduation. "It would be an excellent way to pay for some of those loans." Plus, there is another perk. "You can get Nike stuff for really cheap," he added with a smile. "So now most of my friends are wearing Nike shoes."

"I can still be your friend if you wear Adidas, but don't push it, just buy Nike!" he added with a laugh.

NNU journalist keeps media informed

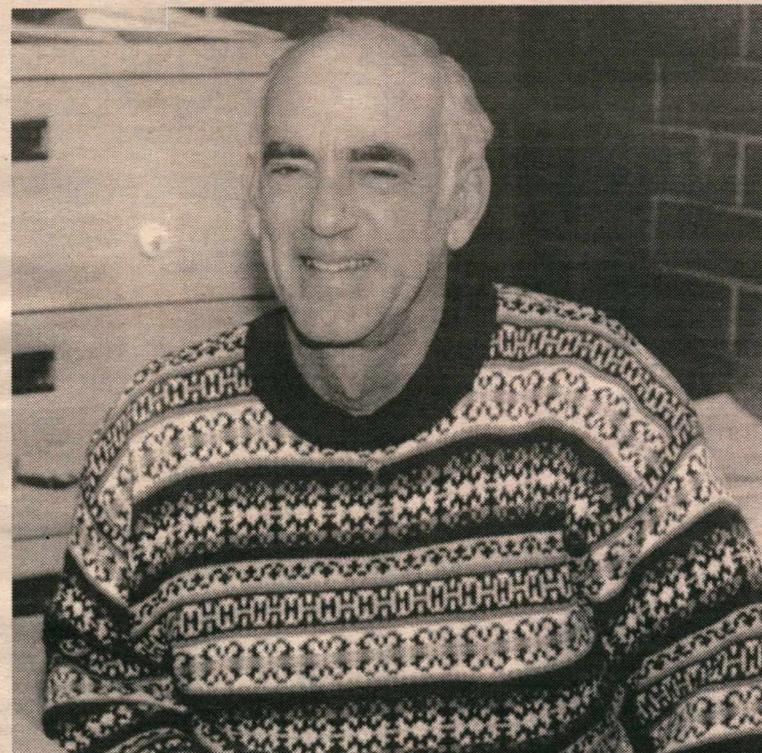
by Mindy Oldenkamp
Crusader Campus Staff Writer

Thirteen years ago, the Tri-Cities *Metro* newspaper of Washington lost its assistant editor and the campus of NNC gained an extremely valuable asset. In 1986, Gil Craker joined the NNC community and began to meet some of the promotional needs on the NNC campus.

When Craker first came to the campus, he filled a part-time position for the school, doing various sorts of promotional tasks and making sure that the community was aware of what was happening on the campus. Over the last five years, Craker's job has expanded. Craker takes care of letting the local news stations and media know the results of NNU sporting events as well as game locations and information.

But beyond the position of Sports Information Director that Craker now holds, he has filled many other areas of need on the campus. He is also the editor of the *Messenger*, an alumni news

magazine that goes out to all former students and informs them of the events occurring on campus and what the school has planned. Craker also serves as the campus Director of News and



Gil Craker, NNU's Sports Information Director and editor of the *Messenger*, has worked at NNU for thirteen years.

Information and ensures that information regarding changes and new plans is made available to the community.

However, it seems that Craker's passion is his position as Sports Information Director. "I truly enjoy getting to know the athletes. They are all great people to be around," he stated. The people are the aspect of his job that Craker enjoys most of all: "The people in the athletic department are great to work with and the student athletes are a lot of fun." The NAIA National Tournaments were also a highlight in Craker's years, and he reveled in being able to help bring something so large to the community he loves.

As a native Idaho boy, Craker appreciates the aspect of his job that allows him to give back to the community he has always been a part of, and he values the time he spends helping the students and gaining support for their teams. "I like being a part of this campus, and the people here make it all worth it," Craker stated.

Judaism, Islam explained in NNU's chapels

by Vito Montebalco

Crusader Campus Staff Writer

"If we expect to be allowed to represent our faith to others, we must first demonstrate our willingness to listen respectfully as they represent their faith to us." This willingness which Chaplain Gene Schandorff has expressed was tested last week

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~Gene Schandorff

during Northwest Nazarene University's "Focus on Religious Traditions" series.

Mr. Abdul Yoonas and Rabbi Daniel Fink presented their beliefs and the basic understanding of their religions during chapel hour on Wednesday and Friday.

On Wednesday, Yoonas presented the campus with a personal insight into Islam. He broke his presentation down into seven areas: what Islam means, the Muslim understanding of God, the Muslim understanding of the nature of humans, the human relationship to Allah, who Muhammad was, the Muslim understanding of salvation and relationship between Islam and other religions.

Yoonas defined Islam as

peace and submission-submission to God, the "One" God. Yoonas emphasized the Islamic belief in the unity and oneness of God. God is also unlike anything or anyone else. No image can be put on God, for God is transcendent.

"God is eternal, omnipotent, the just, sovereign, he is absolute," said Yoonas. "Supreme creator, and we should live according to a lifestyle sent down by creator."

The nature of human beings, according to Yoonas, consists of three parts: the material (the carnal part), the intellectual (the ability to think) and the spiritual.

"God blew his spirit into Adam and so we are all sons of Adam... we have spirit of God in us." Yoonas commented. Man was created to obey God, and "Man is punished based on deeds and intentions."

Believing in the prophets (including Abraham, Jesus and Muhammad) is a vital part of being Muslim. Muhammad is a prophet, a messenger, of God's word to mankind.

Yoonas also explained the Islamic understanding of salvation. "Salvation is through three things, grace of God, good deeds and correct belief system."

According to Yoonas, the relationship between Muslims and

those of other religious traditions should not be one of violence as the media has portrayed. "The Qu'ran says: 'Let there be no compulsion of faith.'"

NNU Junior Jennifer Little commented on the students' reaction to Yoonas's presentation. "I was sad, because I think in order to reach someone you need to be humble. I think a lot of arrogance was shown due to the ignorance of the reality of what our differences really mean, and in order to love someone you need to be able to learn from them as well."

On Friday, Fink presented Judaism in a slightly different manner. In the beginning of his presentation he relaxed the students by cracking jokes which made the atmosphere more pleasurable. He explained what it meant to be Jewish and presented a few necessary concepts of Judaism.

"There are two ways to be Jewish...if you are born to a Jewish mother...[or] if you practice Judaism," Fink said.

According to Fink, Judaism is a progressive faith. One that is based on the Torah, the first five

book of our Old Testament, and on the interpretations of the Torah throughout history. The Talmud is the most important book based on the interpretations of the Torah.

"Even today questions arise

to synagogues."

Judaism is the world's first and oldest monotheistic religion. Christianity and Islam stem off of this tradition.

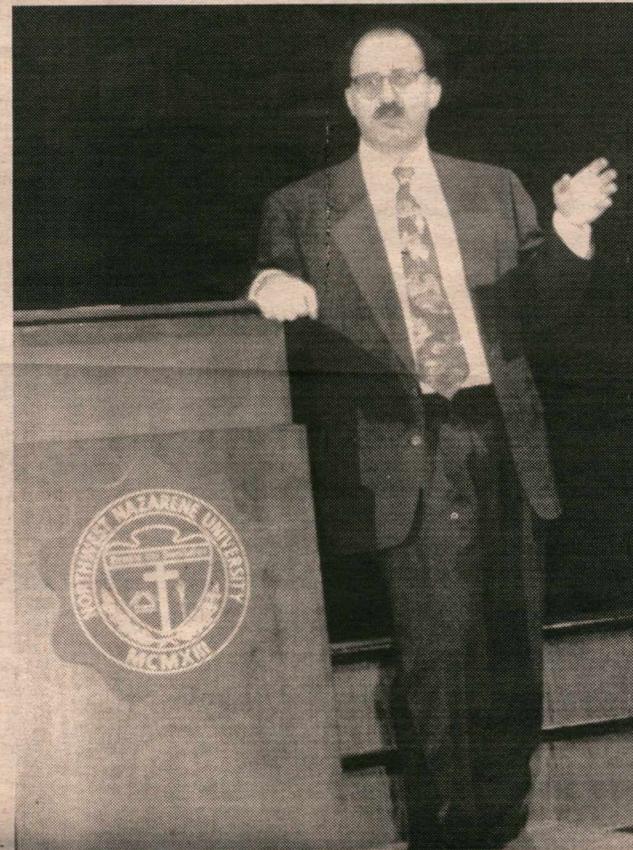
Fink also commented on the role of the Rabbi. According to him, the rabbi is no more important than the people, no closer to God. In Judaism there is no hierarchy and no one between man and God.

In response to a question on the mutability of God's will, Fink stated, "We believe that when God gave Moses the Torah on Mt. Sinai, that He also gave him an oral Torah, and that all these interpretations of the written Torah were told to Moses in the oral Torah and have been revealed to us now."

After each speaker was finished speaking there was time left for a question-and-answer session. Those who could were invited to stay after chapel to ask more questions.

When speaking with students after this series, most felt that

this was a very beneficial experience. According to Chaplain Gene Schandorff, this chapel was something he had wanted to do for some time and something he thought was needed.



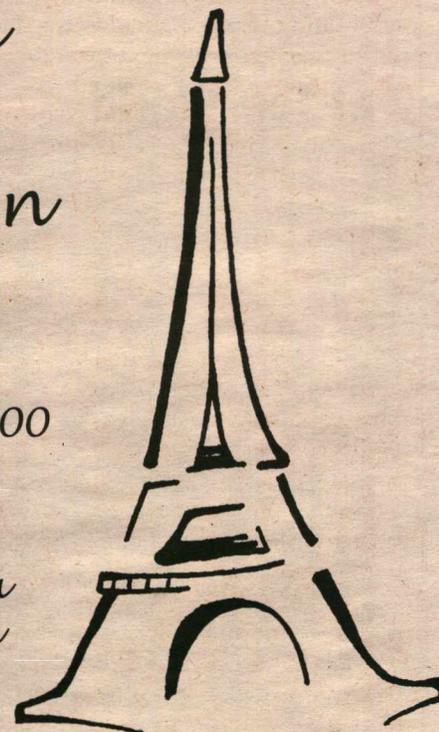
Rabbi Daniel Fink of Boise speaks in chapel as a part of NNU's "Focus on Religious Traditions." Fink presented his beliefs and a basic understanding of Judaism on Friday, January 28.

Due to a temporary lapse in judgement by the powers that be, the freshmen boys have been allowed to have an open house: Thursday, February 3rd from 7-10pm. Be there-experience the madness!

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Senate passes Disneyland Bill

by Lynette Brown
Crusader Campus Staff Writer

Many of you may read the notes from the Senate meetings just to keep up on what our SGA members are doing for the student body. If you have been reading recently, you probably noticed that a lot of time has been spent on something called the Disneyland Bill.

Like others, my eye caught onto the word "Disneyland" and I became curious. While reading the minutes from Senate meetings, I pieced together an idea of what this bill just might be about. What I came up with was an exciting idea, but I could not be sure if this was right. Having the opportunity to research this bill turned out to be a great way to satisfy my curiosity.

NSLC (Nazarene Student Leadership Conference), where all our SGA members met with the Student Leaders from the other Nazarene Colleges throughout the country, is where our SGA got the idea. Eastern Nazarene College does an event annually where people buy a raffle ticket to win a free trip. At a particular date, the students show up with their suitcases packed. Those in charge will draw an entry, and two winners (of the same sex or married) are immediately taken to the airport for the trip they have just won. Our SGA leaders thought that this sounded like a neat idea and wanted to try it out.

The process of passing this

bill has not been easy. When the bill was first introduced to Senate last April, the plan was for this event to be part of Malibu Days. The bill was not passed due to the fact that there was some concern that a raffle could be considered gambling, which goes against Nazarene doctrine.

Those against passing the bill realized that this would be a one-time event and probably would not turn people to gambling for the rest of their life. However, they also realized that, as a

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Nazarene school, we should not be a part of any event that could be perceived as gambling. Concerns were still great around Christmas, and the bill has been revised two times and vetoed twice. Senate overruled SGA President Shawn Blenker's veto, so this event will take place later this year.

During the Senate process, Social Vice President Kristy Heffner went back to the drawing board and thought of ways to revise the original plans. After much consideration as to how the students, as well as Student Development, alumni and anyone else, might perceive this activity, she came up with another way to present this event.

Instead of paying for a ticket for a raffle, the students who participate will pay for an event (much like Mr. NNU or Freshere). The people who go will be entertained, and the drawing will simply be a part of the event. Executive Vice President Bob VanAllen and Heffner are also tentatively planning for other door prizes and contests. This event is not set in stone, but they speculate that it will take place in March. Van Allen and Heffner are hoping that this event will be successful enough to possibly become an annual event, but the success will depend on the students.

SGA leaders would like to let the student body know that the intention of this activity is not in any way to promote gambling but to try something new. SGA asked some ordained pastors and professors their opinion of this event, and they said that, as long as it was a separate event-not just a raffle-they would not view it as gambling.

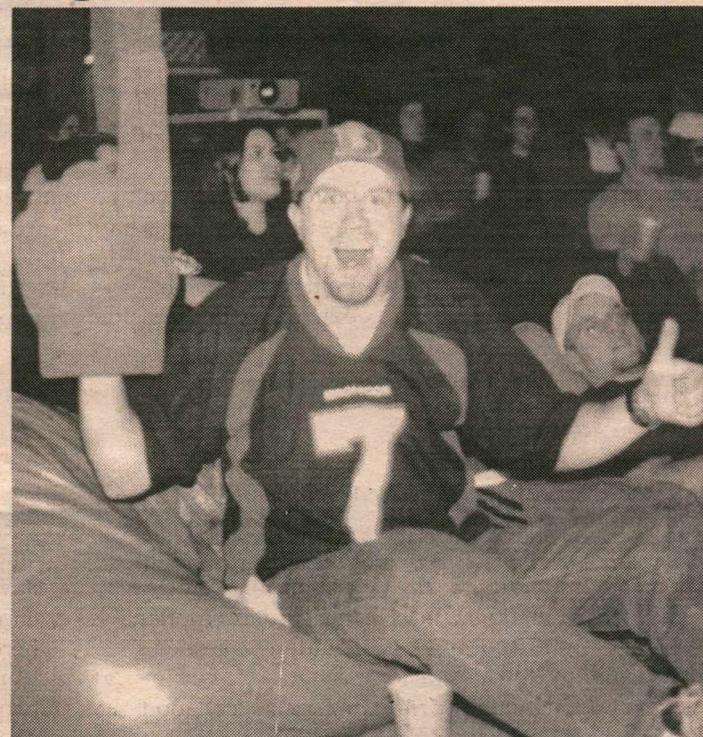
Each of the senators were asked to talk to different students in order to try to get the majority opinion of the student body on this issue. Most of the students who were asked claimed that they personally did not see it as gambling, but could easily see how some people could possibly see it in that light. Erin Wing said, "I don't think that it's gambling. If you were giving up everything, basically planning your life around the fact that you may win the trip I could see how it would be."

Broom Hockey at Ice World



NNU students participate in a game of Broom Hockey at Ice World in Boise. NNU rented out Ice World on Saturday, January 29 for this school sponsored activity which students really enjoyed.

Superbowl party attracted a large crowd



Doyle Harris cheers for his favorite football team participating in the Superbowl this year. Around three hundred students turned out for the party this year, bringing with them couches, pillows and bean bags, among other things, to Sodexo-Marriott to make their viewing a little more enjoyable. The party started at 3pm to catch the pre-game shows and ended when the game was over. Lots of food was provided for those attending free of charge, and door prizes were given away throughout the party.



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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

I am writing in response to the article "Chapel misses point of worship, spiritual feeding" in last week's paper. Several areas of concern arose while reading the article which I think merit further attention.

The first of which is the stated purpose of chapel. The Student Handbook says that the purpose of chapel/convocation programs is to "build and maintain a sense of community. The spiritual, ethical and cultural content of these gatherings, in keeping with the Mission Statements of Northwest Nazarene [University], is imperative to the pursuit of a Christian liberal arts education." The spiritual aspect involves sermons. Ethical issues that can be raised in thought-provoking speeches. And chapels like the Martin Luther King Jr.

time.

The move of chapel from College Church to the Brandt Center is of concern to some. Currently, about half of our student population did not experience chapel in College Church, but as one who did, I would say that it is a matter of opinion as to whether or not students acted better there. I remember many of the same problems happening at College Church as happen now. I am also not convinced that the place of worship is always important. If God insisted that he would only move if we were in a sanctuary, why, in Acts, did he send his Holy Spirit to the disciples who were in the room of a house instead of a synagogue?

I would also like to defend our worship leaders and the time of singing we have. Having a purely emotional experience is a danger in our society where we look for stimulation that makes us feel good. In a time of worship, it is up to the individual to decide whether to respond

solely on the basis of emotions or to have a deeper experience. However, I must ask, are emotions something to run away from during worship? Keeping in mind that we do not want to get

they are not the entire experience.

The wording of songs was also an issue raised in the article. People can interpret phrases in songs in different ways. When I sing the words "I want to touch you," I sincerely mean them. I do not mean that I wish to literally reach out my hand to touch God, but I do want my worship and my daily life to touch the heart of God. It is simply using a human concept of connection (touch) to describe our longing to be close to God.

The use of Power Point was also an area of concern in the article. I have been impressed with the presentations using Power Point. In several of my psychology classes, I have learned that people remember what they learn if they hear it, see it and do it. A speaker using visual aids such as Power Point is trying to create an environment of learning where his audience will remember his words beyond the time they walk out the door.

At one point in church history, the use of microphones was controversial. They are now a widely used tool for the audience to be able to hear the speaker, which also aids in the learning process.

As one who was involved in the planning of the Martin Luther King Jr. chapel, I would like to explain why we have felt that the chapel setting is appropriate for such a presentation. First, because chapel is not meant solely as a place for worship but also as a place for "cultural content," such presentations do not deviate from the stated purpose of building community. I do recognize that other minority groups are represented on campus. At this time, however, the Multi-Cultural Affairs Club has decided that it is important to take on a few responsibilities, such as this chapel, and to do it well, instead of conducting a large number of mediocre activities. Several ideas of expanding to other minority celebrations have been discussed (continued on page 7)

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carried away with our emotions, they are an important part of how God created us. In the Psalms, David describes many emotions during worship. I believe emotions can add a great deal to the worship experience so long as

Ultrabeat offers attempt at Christian techno

My adventure with *A Trip to a Planet Called Heaven* by Christian artist Ultrabeat began as I cautiously put on the earphones and sat down on the floor of the Nampa Christian Book and Supply. I clicked the play button and sat back. Suddenly I was transported into a techno dreamland where the words "Love is flowing" reverberated through my brain in a neverending bassline and staccato drumbeat "Techno!" I thought, "Crap!"

My experience with techno began back during high school and had most recently culminated in my four-month adventure in Israel, where techno is the norm and can be heard throughout the streets of both Palestinian and Israeli neighborhoods. Fortunately, I developed a tolerance for the genre, which is what pulled me through all 48 minutes and 55 seconds of creative attempts.

The first track on the CD is "Love" (with the words "flying hyper remix" on it to clarify what kind of music it is). The beat is pure-techno, high-energy fun and gets you in the groove for the rest of the CD. It then moves on to "Pure Heart," which is one of the only songs on the CD that really impressed me. It had a nice, soft intro with lyrics straight out of the Psalms. Despite the techno drum beat, the song was surprisingly soothing, and I would de-

scribe as a very cool, alternative praise tune.

Unfortunately, the next two songs broke the spell that "Pure

musically, but definitely good for a few laughs.

Song #6, "Madness" was aptly titled, as the lyrics were pretty bad, almost trite, as if the artist was trying to sound deep and instead came up with a youth group purpose statement and second-grade rhymes. I would advise not listening to this track more than once. Unfortunately, the next song was even more ridiculous. It has a simple intro with a nice, strong drum beat...but the only thing that is said during it is "The truth is out there." I kept waiting for something more to happen, but that was it, lyrically. By the 15th repeat of the phrase I was like "SHUT UP, I get the point."

The next four songs were half-and-half. "My Dream" was a very creative, clasy-sounding synthesized piece, but lyrically it bit the big one. I kept on listening, though, and was fairly im-

pressed by the next song, "World of Light." The key to my approval of this song is that Ultrabeat didn't try to stick any

an extremely cool song. It had a definite soundtrack feel, and I could totally hear how it could be someone's musical interpretation of a journey or adventure to a crazy place.

Unfortunately, the CD ended on a bad note with "I Wanna Live for Him." The ever-present weak lyrics were placed in a non-techno form, reminiscent of an 80s love song. The guy's vocal ability was evident, but the lyrics killed any appeal the song may have had for me. When it was finished, I removed my headphones, replaced the CD on the bookstore shelf, and thanked the lady for allowing me to listen to it. My advice: spare yourself the trip and leave it on the shelf. Of course, if you don't require depth to lyrics, and can handle almost an hour of fun, Christian techno, then go out and pick up the CD and give Ultrabeat some financial support.

A Trip to the Planet Heaven

By
Ultrabeat

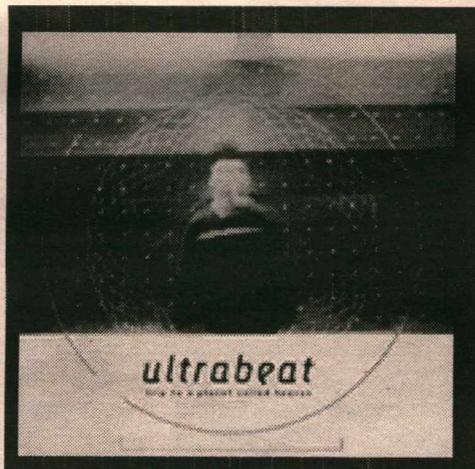
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lyrics in. Although it was by no means a "world of light" it was a fun little melody with lots of dance appeal.

Song #10, "The Journey" was



Heart" had cast on me. "Wake up!" (song #3) began with this whole space laser theme with "Give your life to Jesus" being sung over and over again. That seemed totally nutty to me, especially since the tune itself sounded like something you would hear out of the vehicles of high schoolers on "The Strip" in Boise. The song didn't do much for me, and, unfortunately, it was not improved upon by the next song. "Revelation" was HILARIOUS to listen to in the middle of the bookstore. The main lyric is "The Holy Ghost is flowing the beat tonight" and all I could picture was Jesus and the angels in a dance club with a disco ball going and the Holy Spirit whipping through, making things interesting. Not particularly impressive

Crusader Reviews

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- ✓✓✓ OPEN UP A CAN...
- ✓✓✓ SOLID PIECE O' WORK...
- ✓✓ TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT
- ✓ DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME
- ☛ CAUSES CANCER IN LAB RATS

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Staff Infection decision a hasty SGA abuse of power

By *The Crusader* Editorial Staff

The sanctity of Staff Infection is not something that needs to be argued. We as a newspaper staff affectionately claim Staff Infection as our own personal 3" box in which we can record funny phrases from our 10+ hour work nights every single Monday night of the term. Beyond that, we acknowledge that it is not a crucial part of the paper.

Having granted that, we must protest the recent Publications Board action which banned Staff Infection on the logical grounds of a newspaper's right to publication, and more importantly the right to make changes if material is viewed as offensive by our readership. *The Crusader* never received any letters or even comments complaining about the material in Staff Infection. Such letters and comments were given directly to SGA members, specifically Shawn Blenker and Carey Cook, and they in turn required us to pull Staff Infection from the January 25, 2000 issue of *The Crusader*.

Not only were we never given any guidelines on Staff Infection, we were never given a chance to change the contents therein. After pulling the Staff Infection as requested, the Publications Board met and voted 5-1 to permanently remove Staff Infection from the paper.

There are inherent abuses of power within that decision. First

of all, the letter(s?) given to SGA members were never shown to *The Crusader*, complaining phone calls were not referred to Editor-In-Chief Monica Olson, and specific comments were never redi-

This decision sets an alarming precedent for censorship and an utter disregard for communication between the students and the staff members of the Crusader.

rected to the ears of those who are in the position to change the Staff Infection. Opinions editor Kadee Wirick was never told to alter the content of Staff Infection until the week it was pulled from the paper. The obvious problem with this is that there was no opportunity to make the necessary changes.

If the goal of the decision was to remove inappropriate material from *The Crusader*, then the logical course of action would have

been to inform the staff what materials had been deemed offensive, and then trust in *The Crusader* staff to respect the opinions of its readership by adjusting the content of Staff Infection. *The Crusader's* primary interest is in reflecting the desires of the students on their student newspaper. We recognize that their hard-earned money goes toward student fees, which in turn support the newspaper, but more importantly, *The Crusader* desires to be a voice for students, one of which they can be proud. If Staff Infection was continually offending students with inappropriate material, *The Crusader* would have taken this into the highest consideration.

Secondly, even the manner in which the Publications Board voted was an abuse of powers. According to the Publications Board constitution, there are eight voting members on the Publications Board. Only five were present at this meeting. However, the vote came out as 5-1. Do your math—one person voted who was not actually a legal voting member, or a member of the Publication Board AT ALL. Again, the term "abuse of powers" is more than appropriate in describing the actions taken.

Finally, the decision to remove Staff Infection was presented as being a moral one. Staff Infection was portrayed as a hotbed of racial slurs, inappropriate references, and sexual innuendos,

and thus a Publications Board member voting to keep Staff Infection would be perceived as supporting these base values. Besides the inaccuracy of generalizing Staff Infection this way, the pressure made upon members to vote in line with some sort of moral standard was intensified by the fact that the vote was not made by secret ballot.

The Crusader will not live or die depending upon the presence of Staff Infection. But this decision sets an alarming precedent for censorship and an utter disregard for student opinions and communication between the students and the staff members of *The Crusader*. We would beg a revote on the issue, with all voting members present, and an opportunity to change Staff Infection if it is in fact being completely of-

fensive to a large group of students.

We hold the opinions of our readership in the highest respect, and demand the opportunity to hear those opinions for ourselves, and be allowed the privilege of shaping our newspaper to fit their needs.

In accordance with the Publications Board constitution, "decisions made by the Publications Board on content shall be honored by the editors and staff." Staff Infection will not appear again. However, we challenge you, the members of the student body, to communicate directly with us in the future about problems or concerns that you have with *The Crusader*, so as to prevent a situation like this one from happening again.

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AL AND BILL: THROWIN' ELBOWS AND TALKIN' TRASH

Penicillin

"Thus says the Lord, 'Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on the earth, for I delight in these things,' declares the Lord."

-Jeremiah 9:23-24

"Since then the children share in the flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all of their lives."

-Hebrews 2:14-15

Election 2000: You must choose, but choose wisely

by Jose Melendez and Kevin Padden

Crusader News Staff Writers

It isn't every day that we get to choose the next President of the United States. The most important thing, the foundation of this whole process, is you. This is our chance to speak out and form an opinion. Yet we shouldn't pick the candidate with whom we feel the most camaraderie. Rather the issues and the candidates' stand on those issues should affect our thinking. The very least you should do is find an issue that you feel strongly about and vote for or against it. You have to get involved to make anything happen. GO VOTE!

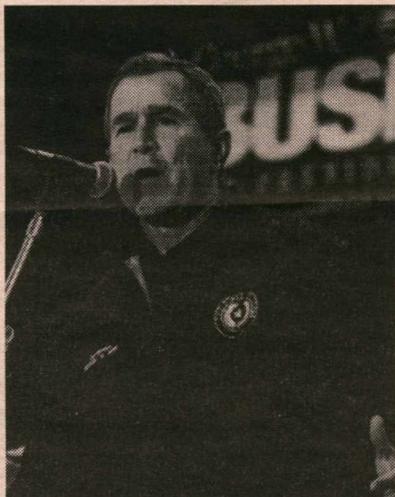
I would like to encourage you to go to the web site **GOVOTE.com**. You can take a little quiz to see where you stand on certain issues, and the site will match you with the candidate who best fits your views.

What are the Primaries?

Think of the primaries as a sports season, an event where candidates engage in fierce competition to fill one of several playoff slots.

The way it works is that, beginning with the Iowa caucuses, from last week through the party conventions in August, candidates travel from state to state attempting to win an overall majority of votes within their party in each state. These votes will then be presented at party national conventions by a proportionate amount of delegates. The candidates with the most delegates win the presidential nomination for their party. Those candidates who receive their parties' nominations will compete for the American vote to become president in November.

Currently, we are on the eve of the second major primary event - New Hampshire. A date to watch out for is March 7, when a slew of states, including among them California, will hold their primaries.



George W. Bush

GEORGE W. BUSH
Republican

Personal Information Born July 6, 1946 Residence: Austin, Texas Family: Wife: Laura Welch Bush; Children: Jenna, Barbara

Religion: Methodist

Education: BFA, History, Yale University, 1968; MBA, Harvard University, 1975

Military Service: Pilot, Texas Air National Guard, 1968-73

Professional Experience General Partner, Texas Rangers Baseball Organization, 1989-94. Founder/CEO, Bush Exploration, 1975-86

Political Experience Governor, State of Texas, 1994 to present; Republican National Convention, Co-Chairman, 1996; Candidate for Congress, Texas District 19, 1978 (lost) George W. Bush has amazed American politics by raising campaign funds in excess of \$60 million. He is the leading Republican presidential candidate, but has been experiencing difficulties in demonstrating to Americans that he's

got what it takes to be president.

On the Issues

Abortion: Supports in cases of rape, incest or danger to the mother's life. Opposes only nominating Supreme Court justices who are against abortion.

Budget Surplus: Use Social Security surplus to establish private investment accounts within the retirement system. Tax cut of \$483 billion over five years from non-Social Security surplus.

Campaign Finance Reform: Ban soft money, raise the \$1,000 limit on contributions and require full disclosure of funds. Refusing federal matching funds.

Education: Supports incentives for improving schools, supports current charter schools and provide for the creation of more, increase the amount allowed for education savings accounts, supports the use of federal dollars to help parents with private schools, and provides \$1500 scholarships for children in failing schools to find some other form of education.

Environment: "More convinced"

that global warming exists, but would not support treaty to reduce greenhouse gases. Unspecified increase in spending on conservation. Has passed acts against air pollution in Texas.

Gun Control: Enforce existing laws, up the age for handgun purchases to 21, supports instant background checks at gun shows and opposes universal gun registration.

Health Care: Expand medical savings account, consider charging wealthier Medicare recipients more and stronger incentives for small businesses providing health care.

Social Security: Allow the investment of a portion of Social Security payroll tax in private investment accounts.

Taxes: Reduce federal income tax rate, double the child credit and increase the eligibility for married couples, phase out inheritance tax on large estates and gifts and a current provision giving credit to companies which engage in research would be made permanent.

John McCain

JOHN McCAIN
Republican

Personal Information: Born: August, 29, 1936 Residence: Phoenix, Arizona Family: Wife: Cindy Lou Hensler; Children: Doug, Sidney, Andy, Meghan, Jack, Jimmy, Bridget; 4 Grandchildren

Religion: Episcopalian

Education: BS, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, 1958; National War College, Washington D.C., 1973-74

Military Service: Naval Aviator, 1958-81

Professional Experience Prisoner of War, Vietnam, 1967-73; Senate Navy Liaison, 1977-81; Awarded Silver Star, Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross

Political Experience

U.S. House of Representatives, 1982-86; U.S. Senate, 1987 to present; National Security Advisor, Dole/Kemp Presidential Campaign, 1996; Chair, International Republican Institute; Chair, U.S. Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee

Senator McCain is the only Republican candidate who can give "Wbya" some competition. He has been labeled a Maverick, due to his being a "different kind" of Republican. Though last year he voted with his party 81% of the time, McCain runs strongly against the Republican current on several key issues. With a moving life-story, an appreciated respectability and a maverick image, McCain hopes to at least keep up with, if not upset, Governor Bush's political machine.

On the Issues

Abortion: Favors in cases of rape, incest, or when a mother's life is endangered. Opposes nominating only Supreme Court justices which are against abortion.

Budget Surplus: Use the Social Security surplus plus 62% of the non-Social Security surplus to establish retirement accounts, issue a \$260 billion tax cut, apportion \$100 billion for Medicare and \$50 billion for debt reduction, and propose spending cuts and closing tax loopholes to gain more money.

Campaign Finance Reform: Has advocated unsuccessfully for reform for many years, including banning soft money.

Education: Favors tax-free savings accounts for children's school expenses, use federal dollars to help parents send their

kids to private schools, supports school vouchers and plans to fund all this by eliminating ethanol, gas and oil subsidies, and sugar price supports, which will supposedly yield \$5.4 billion.

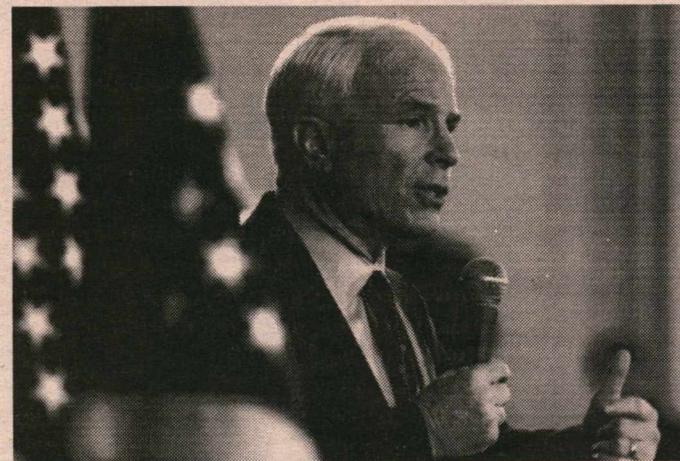
Gun Control: Supports instant checks at gun shows and pawn shops. Opposes waiting periods and opposed the ban on assault-type weapons.

Health Care: Has contrived a plan of "tailored reforms" that in-

cludes among other things a state matching program that will aid the low-income elderly with prescription drugs and a limited right to sue health maintenance organizations.

Social Security: Allow workers to invest portion of Social Security payroll tax.

Taxes: Would like to broaden the lowest tax bracket so that more people would fit in the 15% bracket, favors targeted cuts.



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Al Gore

Al Gore: As for his background, he is trying to avoid his image as a cardboard cutout by putting emphasis on the issues. Gore won the Iowa caucus with a 65% approval rate. He stands up for the issues that he feels strongly about. If you're looking for a can-

didate who cares about discrimination and the environment, he may be for you. He agrees with much of what his running mate Bill Bradley has to say but also thinks we can improve what we have without starting from scratch.



Personal: Birth Date: March 31, 1948. Birth Place: Washington DC. Family: Wife: Mary Elizabeth 'Tipper', Four Children: Kristin, Karenna, Sarah, Albert III.

Education: BA with honors, Government, Harvard University, 1969. Attended Vanderbilt University Divinity School & Law School, 1971-78.

Military Service: Journalist, U.S. Army, Vietnam, 1969-71.

Political Experience: Vice President of the United States, 1993 to present. U.S. Senator, Tennessee, 1985-93. Candidate for the Presidency in 1988.

Experience/Organizations: Global Learning and Observations to Benefit Environment (GLOBE).

Memberships: New Salem Missionary Baptist Church.

The Issues:

Abortion: Women are the great equalizers here, they choose what to do with their bodies. Abortion should be safe, legal and rare. In 1992 the Supreme Court ruled that spousal consent is not needed to have the procedure done and Gore agrees. Gore wants to set the stage for the future by allowing medical plans to include contraceptives. This continues to be a big gap between the two parties.

The Economy: Promises to reduce national debt every year. As far as the Budget Surplus (money that we supposedly have left over) Al wants to spend that money fixing Medicare and keeping some money for other important government reform.

Gore wants to "reinvent" government spending and cut in-

efficiency. Wants to open the door for people who usually would not go to college. He would like fair and open trade with China and other countries

Education: Will contribute \$115 billion to education over the next ten years. Doesn't believe vouchers (money families will get to send their kids to wherever they choose, provided by the Government) do enough for education. Doesn't want to give up on public schooling. Wants to test existing teachers, eliminating failing tenured teachers. Believes education is the best way to curb ignorance, discrimination and poverty. Republicans tend to feel that charter schools and private schools need more help. The disagreement comes between public and private education.

Civil Rights: Gore will let gays serve in the military and eliminate "don't ask, don't tell" policy. Wants gays and lesbians recognized as part of the human race. Women: equal work for equal pay. Wants to put an end to discrimination in the work place by supporting Affirmative Action. Gore wants to end racial profiling and stereotypes. Republicans feel that Affirmative Action is reverse discrimination; minorities are taking the jobs just because

they are minorities, not because they are more skillful at that position.

Gun Control: Wants child-safety locks on all guns. Will counter the NRA and gun lobby by issuing a "family lobby," fighting gun manufacturers in the name of the family and lowering the risk of children dying in accidental shootings. The House of Representatives defeated legislation that would make child locks mandatory by a vote of 280-147, Gore promises to change this as President. The NRA doesn't like the fact that the Government is intruding on their Constitutional right to bear arms.

Health Care: Here's one of the biggest issues of the race. Gore will start with "affordable" health care for children right away. He will also make slimy HMOs provide the amount of quality care the patient needs. Gore will spend \$146 billion over ten years insuring that 90% of adults and 100% of children have some kind of coverage. Gore will focus on the low-income families who lack coverage. The working middle class may be in a little trouble if they want full coverage anytime soon.

Bill Bradley

Bill Bradley: Doesn't separate himself too far from Gore on most issues, though he is much more of a reformer. Compares his drastic changes in policy to those of FDR and other reformers. He isn't a career politician like Gore. Definitely a bigger draw for the younger crowd, seen as a lot more hip. He's a very reserved man. He'd like America to come around to his way of thinking. "The key thing is to find ways to make the positive powerful enough that it absorbs the negative" (TIME, Jan 31, 2000).

Personal: Birth Date July 28, 1943. Birth Place: Crystal City, Missouri. Place of Residence: Denville, New Jersey. Family: Wife: Ernestine Schlant; 1 Daughter, 1 Stepdaughter. Religion: Protestant

Education: BA, American History, Princeton University. 1965 MA, Philosophy, Oxford University.

Military Service: First Lieutenant, Military Airlift Command, U.S. Air Force Reserve, 1967-78.

Political Experience: U.S. Senator from New Jersey, three terms,

1979-96.

Professional: University of Notre Dame, Visiting Professor of Public Affairs, 1997-98.

Experience/Organizations: Professional Basketball Player, New York Knickerbockers 1967-77. He is an essayist and once A&E host of *Uncommon Americans*. Chair, National Civic League, 1997 to

Memberships: Former Honorary Chair "Race for the Cure."

Bill Bradley & The Issues

Abortion: Believes that the choice to terminate a pregnancy is between a woman and her doctor. Will protect clinics from further violence.

The Economy: Wishes to have Allen Greenspan re-appointed as Federal Reserve Chairman, taking a page out of Clinton's economic success book. Wants the trade market to be wide open. Less restrictions and low taxes equal economic growth for the United States. Wishes to increase knowledge of current technology so everyone has the opportunity for technological commerce.

Wants to spend \$127 billion on defense to protect our prosperity.

Education: \$90 billion to education over ten years. Bradley wants more community college aid and a \$200 stipend to elderly mentors who counsel or tutor young people. Wants institutions to teach "lifetime education" taking advantage of technology and opportunity. 2.2 million teachers will be lost in the next decade. Bradley wants to give teachers scholarships and loan breaks enabling them to teach all over the country, in the most needy of areas.

Civil Rights: Doesn't believe that same sex marriages should be allowed but he won't ban them. Wants the different races to communicate and be in a vulnerable position to share their needs and wants. Supports Affirmative Action. Sees racial unity as a defining moral issue. Wants very much to further racial tolerance and unity. Possibly his years in the mostly black NBA showed him that there are more important issues than black and white. Believes that unity can define us as a Nation.

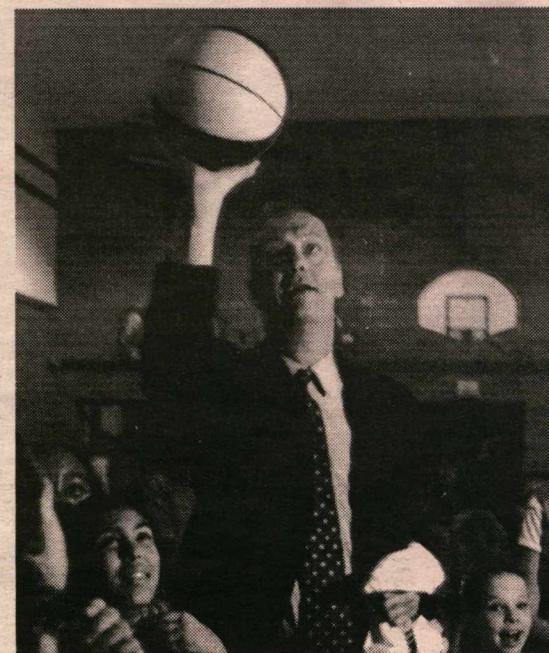
Gun Control: Ban inexpensive

handguns. This will lessen the chance of guns getting into the wrong hands. Limit buyers to one gun per month. He will require people to register their weapons, just as people register their cars. Will stand up against the powerful NRA. Bradley is against re-selling guns for free. Will increase the tax for gun sellers.

Health Care:

This is Bradley's bread and butter. He wants universal health care, something the majority of developed countries have. Wants to structurally reform the whole health system. He wants to put doctors in charge of HMOs keeping them fully ac-

countable. Bradley's plan will give everyone full coverage. The plan will cost a lot, over \$650 million, but it would eliminate potential medical discrimination based on the amount of money the patient has. Some fear that Bradley's plan will not provide enough money for real health care.



Steve Forbes

STEVE FORBES

Republican

Personal Information

DOB: July 18, 1947

Residence: Bedminster, New Jersey

Family: Wife: Sabina; Children: Roberta, Sabina, Catherine, Moira, and Elizabeth

Religion: N/A

Education: BA, History, Princeton University, 1970

Military Service: New Jersey National Guard, 6 years

Professional Experience

President and CEO, Forbes, inc/
Editor in Chief, *Forbes Magazine*,
1990 to present

Board of Trustees, Princeton University

Political Experience

Candidate for President of the United States, 1996; Chairman, Board for International Broadcasting, 1985-93

Steve Forbes is back again reeking havoc on the leading Re-

publican presidential nominees. Aided by a better-than-expected placing at the Iowa caucus, the publishing magnate will be heading into the upcoming primaries with some strength, not to mention an extremely large bank account. Forbes may have enough money to keep his candidacy going as long as he wishes, but his lack of political experience will be working against him along the entire way.

On the Issues

Abortion: Opposes late-pregnancy abortion, an anti-abortion amendment is not a priority, but he does favor nominating Supreme Court justices who oppose abortion.

Campaign Finance Reform: Allow soft money and raise or remove caps on personal contributions, with full disclosure. Refuses federal matching funds.

Education: Send federal block grants to communities and have the parents decide on the form of

education. Eliminate federal Goals 2000 and School-to-Work program, supports federally aiding parents to send their kids to private schools and home schooling.

Environment: Believes that claims about global warming are "deeply flawed"

Guns: Enforce existing laws, favors 24-hour check at gun shows.

Health Care: Expand medical savings accounts—tax-free accounts to be used for health bills and to save up for premiums for high-deductible health plans covering major expenses.

Social Security: Would allow the investing of portions of Social Security payroll tax, instate program that would give younger workers the option of investing most of their Social Security payroll tax or remain in the current program. **Taxes:** 17% flat tax after "generous exemptions."

Gun Control: Right to gun ownership is essential to citizens.

Health Care: Previously supported medical savings accounts (see Forbes).

Social Security: Would allow workers to invest portions of Social Security tax payroll.

Taxes: Replace income tax with national sales tax

The Issues

THE ISSUES

The following is a brief description of some of the key issues in this year's presidential race.

Abortion

Approximately 23% of U.S. pregnancies end in abortion. Besides the act itself, some other controversies include: partial birth abortion (an abortion that takes place in the later stages of pregnancy) and the presidential nomination of only Supreme Court justices which oppose abortion.

Campaign Finance

Currently, individuals can only give \$1,000 per candidate in the primaries, and another \$1,000 during the actual presidential election campaign. Political-Action Committees can give \$5,000. This is known as "hard money." Big businesses, lobbyists and unions can give what is known as "soft money" to political parties without any limitations. This money can be used by parties to promote their views and indirectly the view of their candidate, but it cannot be used directly on the candidate. In the 1996 election, about \$250 million was used in soft money throughout the campaigns. These restrictions apply only to those candidates who receive federal matching funds (Bush, for example, has enough money and does not need federal funds).

Education

The nation's public schools set an enrollment record in 1999 with more than 53 million children enrolled. SAT scores for college-bound seniors have recovered to early 1970s levels in math, but verbal scores are down. Spending per public-school pupil has

doubled in that time to \$6,804, in part because of the rise in special education.

Environment

U.S. per-capita emissions of carbon dioxide—considered a greenhouse gas and the nation's energy consumption dwarf rates in all other industrialized countries except Canada. Air quality overall has improved in the United States in the last ten years, with declines in major pollutants ranging from 14 percent for nitrogen dioxide to 67 percent for lead.

Gun Control

The United States had 32,436 firearm deaths in 1997. Homicides are the second-leading cause of gun deaths, behind suicide. Homicide handgun deaths fell to a nine-year low of 9,796 in 1997.

Health Care

An estimated 44.3 million Americans (one in six) have no health insurance. Among them are 11 million children.

Social Security

The government says Social Security as now structured will remain solvent until 2034. The age to begin drawing benefits is rising gradually and in about 30 years will be 67 for everyone, up from 65 now.

Taxes

Federal income tax rates range from 15 percent to 39.6 percent depending on income, with most Americans taxed at 28 percent or under. The per-person cost of all federal taxes combined is estimated at \$7,026 up from \$4,646 in 1980.

Alan Keyes

ALAN KEYES

Republican

Personal Information

Born: August 7, 1950

Residence: Baltimore, Maryland

Family: Wife: Jocelyn Marcel; Children: Francis, Maya Jeane, Andrew

Religion: N/A

Education: BA, Harvard University, 1978; PhD, Government, Harvard University, 1979

Military Service: N/A

Professional Experience

Radio Talk Show Host, "The Alan Keyes Show: America's Wake Up Call," 1994-1999; Syndicated Columnist, Scripps-Howard, 1991-92; Interim President, Alabama A&M University, 1991; Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute, 1987-89

Political Experience

Candidate, President of the United States, 1996; Speaker, Republican National Convention, 1992; Candidate, U.S. Senate in Maryland, 1988; Candidate, U.S. Senate, 1992; Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations, 1985-88; Ambassador, U.N. Eco-

nomics and Social Council, 1983-85

For being one of the lesser known presidential candidates, Dr. Alan Keyes did very well in the Iowa caucus. He began the presidential race with practically nothing; no recognition, no money, and therefore, virtually no chance of winning the election. His outstanding oratory skills combined with a deeply conservative platform, however, have, at least for the mean time, kept him in the game.

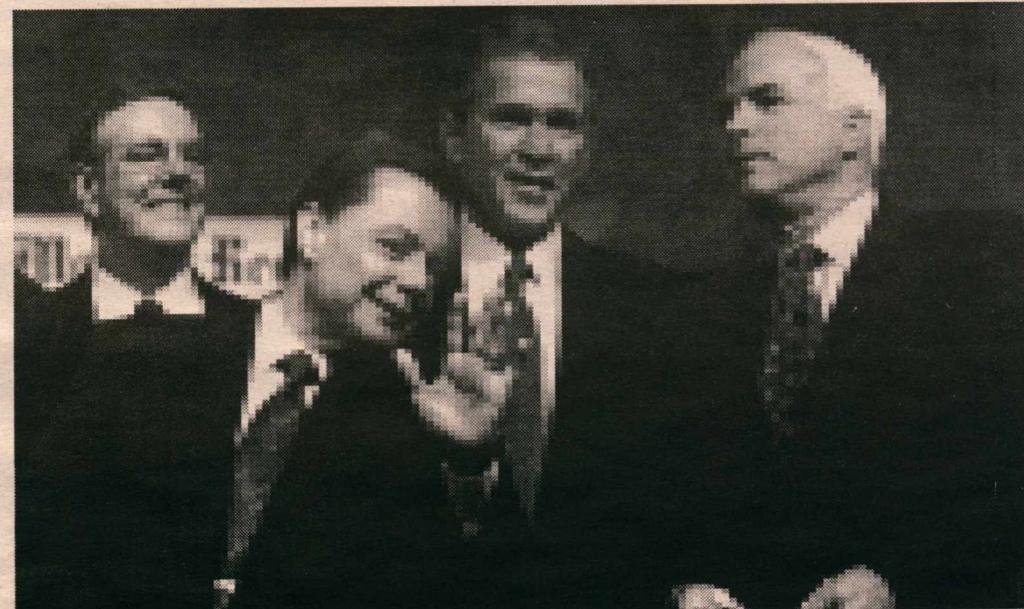
On the Issues

Abortion: Only if the mother's life is in jeopardy, favors nominating Supreme Court justices who oppose abortion.

Campaign Finance Reform: Supports removing all limits, requires full disclosure.

Education: Close Education Department. Supports unspecified aid to help parents choose schools.

Environment: Position Unknown



Kenya Airlines flight crashes, killing 169 people

by Jeremy Smith
World News Editor

ABIDJAN, COTE D'IVOIRE - Rescue teams in the Ivory Coast abandoned their search for survivors from a Kenya Airways plane crash on January 31, saying there was no hope of finding any more passengers alive.

"The search has been halted, the chances of finding any more survivors is zero," says the military attache at the French embassy.

A few survivors were found amongst the corpses floating in the waters off the Ivory Coast this morning, hours after a Kenya Airways jet carrying 179 people crashed into the Atlantic Ocean after takeoff.

Using spotlights from helicopters above, rescuers in boats searched the waters, finding only ten survivors. The cold ocean temperatures would make it difficult for anyone to survive after a few hours.

The plane, an Airbus 310, took off at 9:08 pm Sunday into relatively clear skies. It was destined for Lagos, Nigeria, but crashed into the ocean after just one minute in the air, according to George Dapre Yao, the head of air traffic at the city's Felix Houphouet-Boigny Airport. One Nigerian survivor said the plane was having problems immediately after takeoff.

"It wasn't quite balanced, and the next thing we knew we were in the water," Samuel Ogbada Adje said.

It is not clear what went wrong or how the plane went down, breaking into pieces. Some witnesses said they heard two loud sounds as if the plane or parts of it slapped the water twice.

Adje, who suffered a swollen eye, was propelled into the water by the force of the crash. He and others waited at least two hours for rescuers.

"If they had come sooner, a lot of us would have been saved," he said angrily before being pushed into an ambulance and driven away.

Officials refused to comment on why it took hours for some people to be rescued.

Yao said that Flight 431 was carrying ten crew members, 167 adult passengers and two children. Kenya Airways, however,

could and reaching his head up to gulp in air.

One American man was registered on the flight, the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi said. But it was not clear if he was among the ten survivors who were found this morning clinging to the wreckage three or four miles offshore.

Witnesses said the plane never appeared to get sufficient altitude as it crossed over the airport's wall and headed out over the ocean, just a few hundred yards away.

"I saw it take off," said an itinerant trader who identified himself as Alogouleta. "After it went over the wall, it was still very low. Then it hit the water. I heard the sound two times," as the plane slammed

into the ocean.

But he heard no explosion and saw no flames, and the plane never veered in its course overhead. There were mild winds at the time, and the temperature was 77 degrees.

Kenya Airways has set up a reception center at a hotel in Nairobi for relatives and friends of passengers on the flight. Seventeen psychologists were standing by to assist, an airline worker said.

The airline has a partnership with KLM Royal Dutch Airlines to operate four flights a week from Amsterdam to Nairobi. Sunday's crash was the first such disaster for Kenya Airways, which has been operating since 1977.

said the 179 people on board consisted of 168 passengers and 11 crew.

The flight was to have landed in Lagos that afternoon. But because of bad weather caused by the harmattan, sand blown south from the Sahara Desert and the Sahel, it went on to Abidjan, the Ivory Coast's main commercial city.

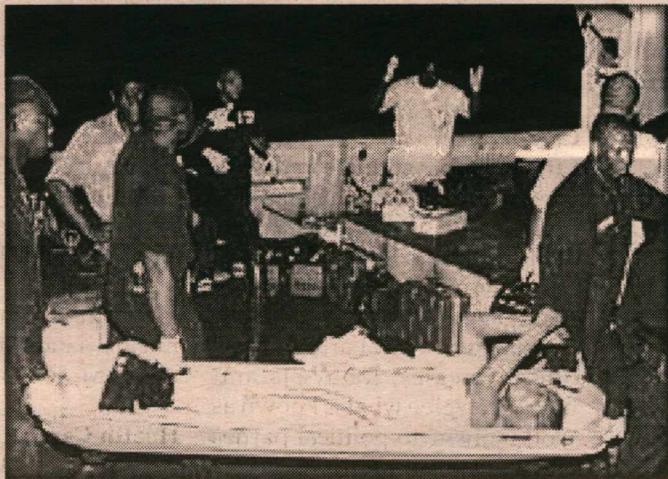
Kenya Airways engineers and investigators were heading for the Ivory Coast and Nigeria later today to help in the investigation, along with a team of Airbus engineers and three French accident investigators.

Most of the passengers were believed to be Nigerians, as the route is popular among Nigerians heading to Dubai for duty-free

shopping.

One survivor, Emmanuel Madu, a 33 year-old Nigerian businessman who had gone to Dubai to buy cellular phones to sell found himself thrown into the water after the plane crashed, not knowing how to swim.

"I've learned that human beings can survive even the worst trials," he said from his bed at Abidjan's PISAM hospital. He said he survived by flailing in the water, grabbing onto whatever he



A survivor of Kenya Airways Flight 431 calls out a prayer as he is brought ashore from a rescue boat early Monday, January 31, in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. At least nine people are believed to have survived the crash.

"If they had come sooner, a lot of us would have been saved."

~Samuel Ogbada Adje

The Kenyan government retains interest in its national carrier, with KLM Royal Dutch Airlines as the Kenya Airways' largest individual shareholder with a 26 percent stake in the company.

A statement from Airbus said the plane that crashed had accumulated about 58,000 flight hours in 15,000 flights. It was delivered from the production line in September 1986.

by Jeremy Smith
World News Editor

Dead chicken insured for \$1.6 million

LONDON, ENGLAND - Violet the chicken, who was found dead under mysterious circumstances, could be worth \$1.6 million.

The four year-old Rhode Island Red, a pet of 13 year-old Jessica Flight, had been accused of making a mess at a town war memorial in Finchingfield in Essex, just outside of London. A parish counselor threatened to "wring her neck" at a meeting last year. A white van almost running over Violet caused the Flights to take out the insurance policy, underwritten by a company called Grip. The policy calls for a payment of one million pounds (\$1.6 million) in the event that the chicken was trapped, killed and eaten by a councilman.

"I know the pun fowl play comes to mind, but it is to be taken seriously," said Paula Flight, Jessica's mom. "It's suspicious circumstances that she was found outside the pen dead."

But the policy had fine print: Violet had to be killed and eaten by the counselor. Flight said she would be looking into the fine print, but so far police have not been asked to investigate, according to the Telegraph. The insurance company is conducting its own investigation, Flight told the BBC.

Airline tickets now cost more

Several major U.S. airlines are adding a \$20 surcharge to round-trip domestic flights beginning Tuesday to help offset jet fuel costs, which are at a nine-year high. Among the airlines are United and American, the nation's top two carriers.

Delta tacked on a \$20 fee for a round-trip, domestic ticket beginning January 20. But the carrier is not calling the fee a fuel surcharge, saying there were other increased costs being covered.

Southwest has increased its fares based on mileage rather than by using a surcharge. United and American say they are raising international round-trip fares by three percent instead of a surcharge.

Most customers are not happy about the price increases. However, Chris McGinnis, an industry analyst with travelskills.com, says higher prices will not stop most travelers from flying. "The economy is doing very well," he says. "And despite high prices, people are still buying tickets."

Ray Neidl, an analyst with ING Barings, says he doubts the surcharges will be able to cover airlines' fuel costs, which are about 50 percent greater than a year ago.

Industry experts say even if fuel costs go back down, the cost of flying probably will not.

Suspect arrested in bank robbery

NAMPA, ID - Police apprehended a bank robber, acting on leads by local residents allowing the release of the bank photo to the media, credited by police for the quick arrest of the suspect.

Kenneth Michael Casey, 38, of Arizona, was arrested in a Caldwell bar Saturday, January 29, following a brief struggle with FBI agents and Nampa and Caldwell police officers.

Investigators say a man entered the Washington Mutual Bank in the Fred Meyer complex in Nampa at 6:14 pm Friday and took an undisclosed amount of cash from a teller and fled the scene. No weapon was seen.

Police Chief Alan Creech also credits "excellent bank procedures" in notifying police so officers were quickly on the scene. Assistance from the FBI also aided in the timely arrest.

"The FBI came directly to the bank and the picture was able to be released quickly," Creech said.

Casey has a prior criminal record and will face a felony charge of robbery at his court appearance today.

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Alleged terrorist linked to U.S. bombings arrested

by Heather Oglevic
World News Staff Writer

NOUAKACHOTT, MAURITANIA - A possible second figure in planned bomb attacks on America was arrested Wednesday while crossing over from Senegal, West Africa, to his native country of Mauritania. However, suspicion remains high whether he is a key figure in the bombing ring or merely a messenger for a greater power.

Security officials confidentially told *The Associated Press* Friday, January 28 that the man, Mohamedou Ould Slahi, was currently being held at the offices of the Bureau of Mauritanian Security.

Slahi is suspected of being linked to two major figures in a terrorist bombing ring: Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden and alleged terrorist bomber Ahmed Ressay. bin Laden appears to be the mind and finances behind a bombing plot,

to which Slahi might be connected through relation with one of bin Laden's lieutenants, intelligence officers report. This lieutenant, however, has not been named beyond "the Mauritanian."

In addition, Slahi was in constant contact with a construction company in Sudan that was owned by bin Laden and was a front for bin Laden's international organization, al-Qaeda.

Slahi's connection with Ressay is slightly more tenuous. It is suspected that he aided Ressay or his associates last fall, travelling to Montreal to work closely with a man named Mokhtar Haouri, an Algerian charged with helping Ressay in his failed attempt to smuggle explosive-making materials into the United States.

When Ressay was arrested December 14, Slahi then residing in Canada left the country. Among Ressay's known helpers are his wife and two other Algerian natives, while both Canadian and American officials are searching for a third.

Slahi himself was temporarily detained in a Senegal airport, questioned, and then

allowed to travel onward to Nouakchott and was arrested. Unconfirmed reports state that his name was on an Interpol list of people to watch as being suspects.

On the other side, Bahaa Elbatal, whose mosque housed Slahi in Montreal until late January, reports that the accused showed no signs of ill-intention.

"I never felt he was a dan-

gerous person," he said. Slahi in fact led prayers daily and showed a deep knowledge of the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam.

The supposed mind behind all of this, bin Laden, stands accused by the United States of several acts of terrorism, including the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania which killed 224 people, including 12 Americans. However, there is no evidence linking him to this newest alleged attack, nor is it known where the target or targets may have been.

Ahmed Ressay's case is adding some fuel to the anti-terrorist fire. He pled not guilty in a federal court in Seattle to charges of planning a terrorist bombing. However, his trial will not continue until a much later date.

Federal judge John Coughenour halted the proceedings until July 10 in response to a plea from defense

lawyer Tom Hillier for a 90-day period to gather evidence. Hillier also protested certain elements in the city of Seattle—such as a front-page story in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer linking Ressay to alleged Saudi terrorist Osama bin Laden on Thursday. The trial was originally scheduled for early February.

Judge Coughenour asked for an analysis of local media in the two alternate trial cities proposed by Hillier, Los Angeles and San Francisco, to be provided by each side in the next two weeks. However, few believe that the trial will be moved out of the city, despite Coughenour's steps toward impartial settings.

Although the prosecuting attorney declined to comment, Harold Malkin, a spokesman for U.S. Attorney Kate Pflaumer, said on Thursday, "I have no reason to believe that the trial will take place anywhere but Seattle."

"I never felt he was a dangerous person."

~Bahaa Elbatal

Doctor convicted of killing 15 of his patients

by Jeremy Smith
World News Editor

PRESTON, ENGLAND - A doctor was convicted on Monday, January 31, of murdering 15 of his female patients, making him one

guilty of forging the \$620,000 will of his last victim, Kathleen Grundy, 81.

During Shipman's trial in Preston Crown Court in north-west England, the prosecution said the doctor enjoyed "exer-

exhumered in August 1998, police toxicologists found evidence that a large dose of diamorphine, the pharmaceutical name for heroin, had been administered shortly before her death.

Eight more bodies were then exhumed; the bodies of the six other women had been cremated.

In every case, Shipman had seen the patients

immediately before they died, and all had died unexpectedly. When confronted by police, Shipman allegedly told a co-worker, "I would have me guilty on the evidence."

Many of Shipman's victims were widowed or divorced, and most of them lived alone. During his testimony, Shipman claimed that some of the women had hidden health problems. He also said the elderly Grundy may have been a drug addict.

Nicola Davies, Shipman's lawyer, told the jury that Shipman was a good doctor and that the only evidence against him was based on "unreliable and unsafe" toxicological tests.

But police sources say they

have another 23 cases of alleged murder connected with Shipman, though all the bodies were cremated. It will be up to the Crown Prosecution Service to decide if any more charges will be brought.

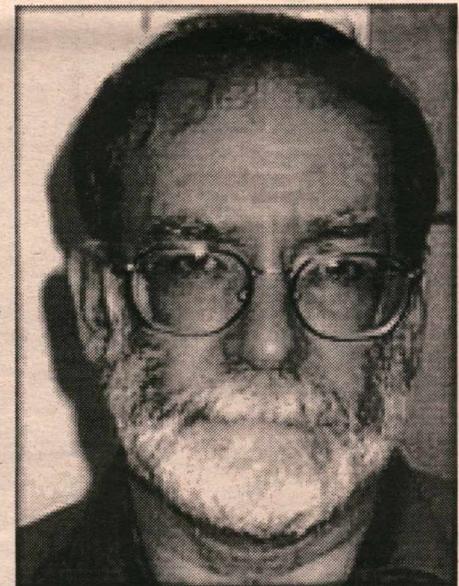
136 suspicious deaths have been investigated altogether.

Before the trial, Shipman lived the life of a respected family doctor in a small northern England town where he was well liked by the community. The 54-year-old father of four ran his own general practice clinic. Shipman had been in general

practice since the 1970s, and by the time of his arrest in 1998, had served 3,100 patients.

"The people of Hyde . . . thought highly of him," 91 year-old May Clarke, a close friend of Grundy, told the court at Shipman's trial.

The way in which he killed was not violent or frenzied, and, aside from forging one will, he seemed to have no interest in stealing from his victims.



Dr. Shipman, 54, was found guilty of murdering 15 of his female patients, all middle-aged and elderly women, with lethal doses of heroin.

In the case of 77 year-old Lizzie Adams, Shipman was found calmly admiring her china collection while he waited for her to die from the injection he had just given her.

Shipman's conviction means he will join British crime history alongside other notorious killers, such as the Yorkshire Ripper, convicted in 1981 of murdering 13 women and attempting to kill seven others.

"I have little doubt that each of your victims smiled and thanked you as she submitted to your fearful administrations."

~Thayne Forbes

of Britain's most prolific serial killers in modern times.

Dr. Harold Shipman, 54, was sentenced to 15 life terms in prison for injecting the middle-aged and elderly women with lethal doses of heroin between March 1995 and July 1998. Investigators also said he may have killed dozens more.

"You are a wicked, wicked man," Preston Crown Court Judge Thayne Forbes told Shipman.

"I have little doubt that each of your victims smiled and thanked you as she submitted to your fearful administrations," Forbes added.

Shipman was also found

cising the ultimate power of controlling life and death."

He "repeated the act so often that he must have found the drama of taking life to his taste," prosecutor Richard Henriques told the jury.

But in June 1998, Shipman came under suspicion when Grundy was found dead in her house. The same day, her will arrived at a local law firm, leaving her entire estate to Shipman in recognition of his work for the community.

Grundy's daughter Angela Woodruff, a lawyer who handled her mother's legal affairs, was the first to raise suspicions.

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Senior ballplayer shares her thoughts and life

by Jon McCoy
Crusader News Staff Writer

Heather Doncaster is a senior on the Lady Crusaders basketball team. She transferred to NNU as a junior out of junior college. Coach Roger Schmidt recruited Doncaster at the junior college championship tournament (NWAACC) two years ago. That was her first introduction to NNU. "I didn't know anything about NNU, but God did, and he brought me here."

Doncaster was looking for a small Christian college to attend. She had grown up attending small schools and then attended a small junior college. Not only was Doncaster looking for the Christian atmosphere, but she also wanted a school which had a reputable teaching program be-



cause she is a Secondary Biology and Art Education major.

Her first meeting with the basketball team was the icing on the cake in her decision to attend NNU. While she has enjoyed playing basketball for two and a half years, it has not been her fa-

vorite part of the NNU experience. The people she has met, the friends she has made and the Christian community give her the most satisfaction.

Not only does Doncaster play basketball, but she is also a Peer Assistant (PA) for sophomore girls in Dooley Hall. It is challenging for her to prioritize her time between class work, basketball and her PA duties. Being as busy as she is, weeks can become stressful. However, there are not many conflicts between her basketball schedule and her PA duties.

Doncaster simply makes time to do all she needs to get done. Whether it is homework, practice or just being around for someone from her wing to talk to, she finds time to accomplish it all.

As much as she likes basket-

ball, it does become stressful. Because she misses a lot of classes due to away games, she is responsible for getting her assignments ahead of time and having her work completed before her team leaves on a road trip. Because fi-

ing because of her coach. Coach Roger Schmidt first saw Doncaster during the semifinals at the Regional Junior College Championship Tournament (NWAACC) two years ago. "He [Schmidt] is really cool." Schmidt coaches with a firm hand without using intimidation, but at the same time, he makes his players want to win. Because of the type of coach he is, Doncaster respects him, and holds him in high esteem.

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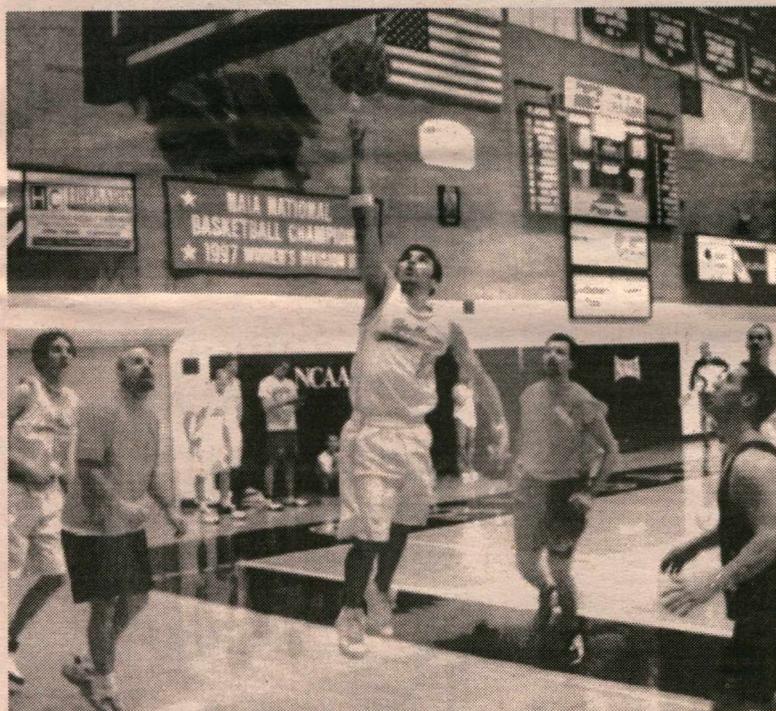
Doncaster in action on the basketball court at the next home game, Friday February 11, when our number two Lady Crusaders take on Eastern Oregon and Saturday February 12 against Southern Oregon.

"I didn't know anything about NNU, but God did and he brought me here."

~Heather Doncaster

nals week is scheduled the same time as the NAIA National Tournament, players must make up their finals before they leave.

With all the stress that comes with basketball, she enjoys play-



Junior James Robinson has the open lane for the layup. For a good study break, go to the gym and watch the basketball action.

Team names & numbers

A League

- 1 V.H. II
- 2 Hoosier Daddy 2000
- 3 Yellow Snowmakers
- 4 TBA
- 5 Team Pentecost
- 6 Great White Hype
- 7 The Third Stringers
- 8 Team Marion
- 9 Team Skeen
- 10 The Chicago Bears

no B League!

C League

- 1 Team Krause
- 2 Partners in Crime
- 3 Thug Passion
- 4 M.O.S.H. 2
- 5 All Millenium Team
- 6 The Juice
- 7 Magic Apes
- 8 The Bangers
- 9 Team Paulson

Women's League

- 1 Blue Flamers
- 2 Volleyball Girls
- 3 Team Betts
- 8 Team Leatherbury
- 9 Carly's Angels
- 11 Blazers
- 12 Dooley Hall

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9:00	A1-A4	A2-A5
10:00	A3-A6	A7-A8

2-3 Thursday

	south	north
7:00	W2-W8	W11-W12
8:00	W1-W9	C5-C8
9:00	A5-A8	A1-A10
10:00	A3-A9	C2-C7

2-7 Monday

	south	north
8:30	W1-W12	W8-W11
9:30	C1-C7	A3-A10

2-8 Tuesday

	south	north
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9:00	A1-A5	A2-A6
10:00	A4-A8	A3-A7

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Women Crusaders still on top; 2nd in nation

Ladies defeat Evergreen and Northwest College on the road

by Heather Doncaster
Crusader News Staff Writer

If you want to be one of the best teams in the nation, you have to play well on the road. That is just what the nationally ranked number two Lady 'Saders did this weekend: they sent a statement out that they are the team to beat.

The Crusaders traveled to the Seattle area this past weekend and took on The Evergreen State College Geoducks Friday and the Northwest College Eagles Saturday night.

On Friday it was a total team effort as the 'Saders breezed by the Geoducks, with all 14 players seeing action. The Lady 'Saders were all over the court, and they jumped out to a 21-4 lead in the first half. The Geoducks tried to play zone defense, but that didn't stop the Crusaders.

Coach Roger Schmidt had the team run an inside out offense to try to frustrate the struggling Geoducks. The score at half time was 25-12 and NNU wasn't done yet. The final score was an amazing 66-28, with the Crusaders

very much in control.

Junior post Jaime Smith lead the 'Saders with 16 points, while senior Heather Doncaster added eight. Sophomore Amber Hellburg had four rebounds and senior Jessica Knowlton dished out five assists.

When NNU visited the Lady Eagles of Northwest College on Saturday, they were in for a tougher battle. The Lady 'Saders didn't run away with the win as they did with the Geoducks, but they were persistent. At half time, they were down by one point, 34-35.

Coach Roger Schmidt knew he had to pull his team around, and he did just that. The 'Saders came out and immediately pushed up the tempo and created wonderful opportunities. NNU's pressure defense held the Eagles to just six

of 26 shooting, while the 'Saders had a 19 of 32 offensive performance.

All 14 of the Crusaders players once again saw playing time, and all 14 scored. It was senior Chelsey Hall who led the scoring with 18 points, senior Staci Kirk-Carter hit 16, and Smith and freshman Alysson Kollmann each added ten.

On a side note, if you are wondering "What in the world is a Geoduck?" you are not alone. That is what most people wonder

when they hear of this interesting mascot. *The Crusader* aims to keep fans in-the-know about things like this, so some undercover investigative reporting was initiated. This is what we found.

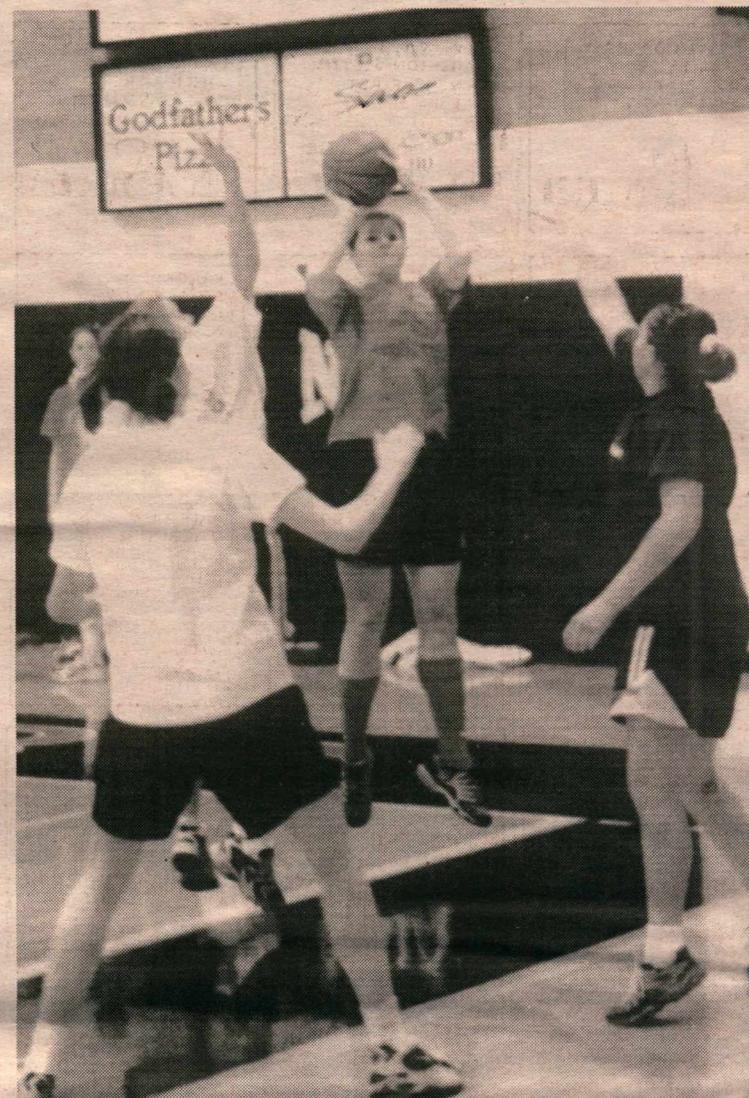
Keeping in mind that The Evergreen State College is a very liberal and free-thinking college, they decided to make their mascot an animal on the endangered species list: a clam. That's right, a CLAM. A geoduck is a very large clam, as well as a very ugly one. Of course I have nothing against clams, but for a mascot? Is it really going to instill fear in the opponents' hearts when they think of the ferocious "fighting clams?" And how does one become inspired by being a clam?

How does one become inspired by being a clam?

Sadly, no information was available on these fascinating questions. All I

can say is this: it is always an experience to be the visiting team at Evergreen State College, something I am sure that none of the NNU players will ever forget.

The next two games for the Crusaders will be away at Portland this next weekend as they take on Concordia and Western Baptist. They will be home the following weekend of Feb. 11 and 12 to host Southern Oregon University and Eastern Oregon University. Come out and support your Lady 'Saders.



Freshman Shemia Fagan shows off her jump shot during one of this past week's intramural basketball games.

Culver Pool Hall Champs?

by Paul Clark, David Hille and Chad Frosland

If, by chance, you were wondering what all of the commotion at Culver Hall has been about (the constant crowds, mobs of screaming girls, unexpected rock band appearances, and the heavy ESPN news coverage), your questions would be answered by the humble, yet majestic, green felt-covered table in the strangely feminine Culver lobby. It's the game of billiards we are describing (pool to the layperson).

Within just this last week, witnesses experienced a miraculous match between three dashing and debonair Freshman guys who took this gentlemen's sport

head-on. Let us set the scene for you. The historic game took place on the three-legged green monster which poses as a pool table. The players were so experienced and seasoned that they were able to play with a shoddy plastic stick which was in desperate need of a tip. It probably could have been successfully replaced by any branch from one of the many trees recently put to the chainsaw.

The game was cut-throat and the stakes were high.

The game commenced by a crushing break that sent the cue ball flying into the far left corner pocket. At that point, everyone gazing in awe knew that this would be a game to remember. The players methodically took

their turns as they sent the balls flying from corner to corner and, oddly enough, scarcely finding the holes they call their home. The game proceeded and the tensions rose. Just as one player would be eliminated, another would scratch, bringing back hope and new life to the recently vanquished shark. This pattern continued on into the evening, and night, and late night, and late late night, and really late, late night, until finally the writer of this article gave up and went to breakfast.

To this day, no one knows the outcome of that epic billiards match. In fact, if one ventures into the Culver lobby, it is possible that they may stumble upon the three young men attempting to finish their battle to the death. You probably won't see them, but it's possible. Hey, you never know!

Time Out

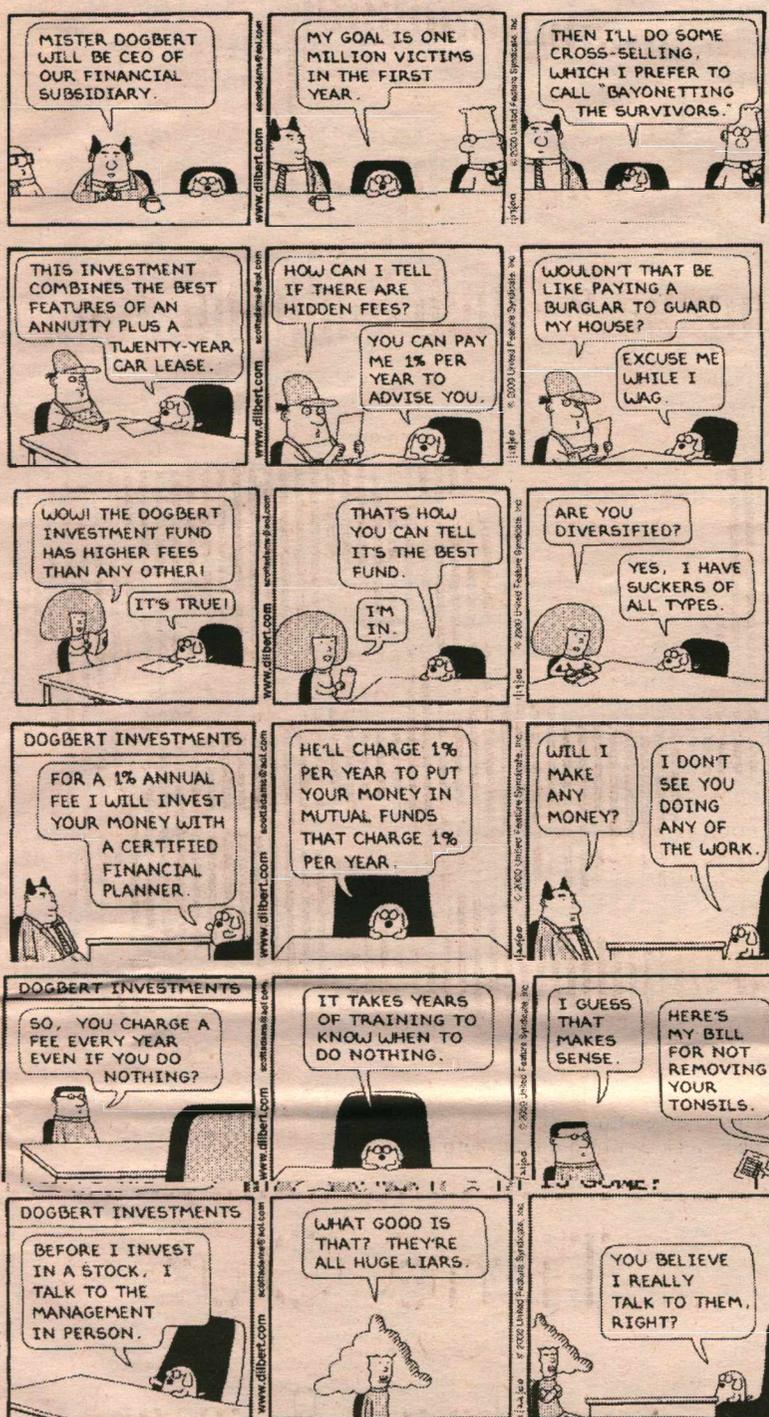
with

Jonathan Brown

If you are up for a keen time Wednesday night or are just looking for an excuse not to study, come get an alternative chapel credit at Time Out. Mr.

Brown is a renowned evangelist and certified lunatic, so I can promise you that God will be there and will speak to your heart. Show up to the Science Lecture Hall at 9:00 to see the amazing Mr. Brown! (currently a freshman at NNU)

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9. Talk about your low maintenance relationships
8. You hear he's got a great English accent
7. It's inexpensive
6. He wasn't looking when you spilled the Marriott special
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Submitted at Top Ten Cafe by: Janie Graf and Missy Johnson

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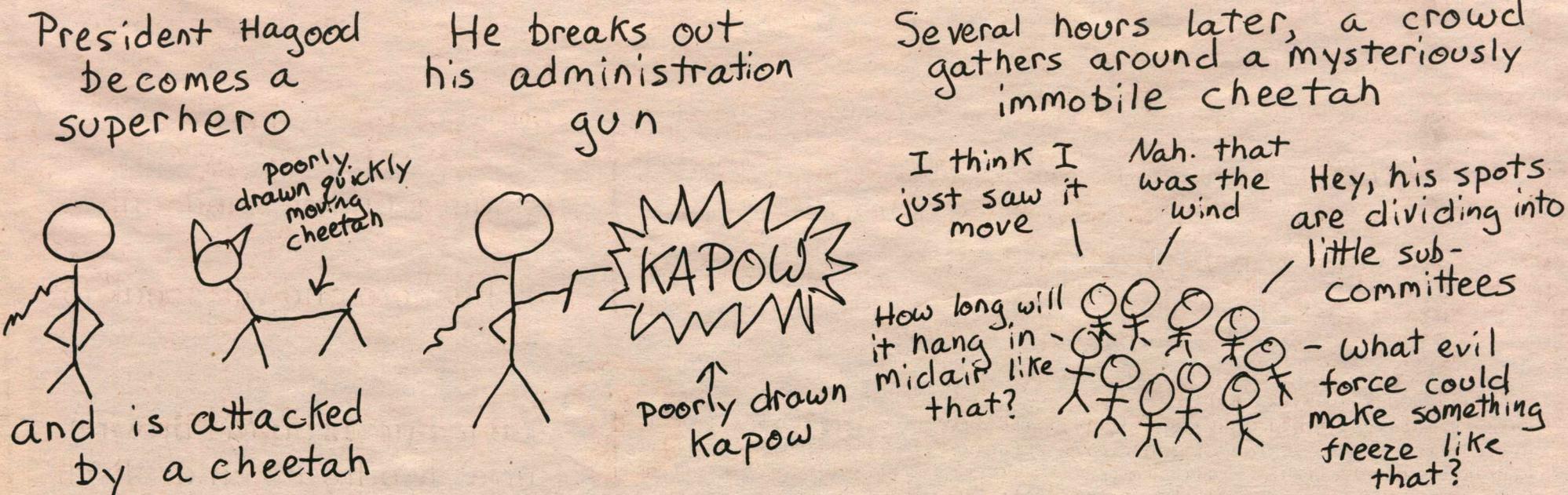
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Poorly Drawn Man - by David Stillman



Cursed "Einstein gap" turns son against father

Recently I received a phone call from my son, Rob. It was a phone call that every parent dreads. That's right: My son told me that the universe does not exist. Or at least it does not in any way resemble my concept of it. According to Rob, I understand the universe about as well as a barnacle understands a nuclear aircraft carrier.

I blame college. That's where Rob is getting these ideas, which have to do with the Theory of Relativity and something called "quantum physics." Rob and his roommate, Hal, stay up all night discussing Deep Questions and figuring out the universe, and when they have it nailed down — The Rob and Hal Theory of Everything — Rob calls me up, all excited, and starts talking about time travel, the Fifth Dimension, the Big Bang, etc. I try to follow him, but I am hampered by a brain that for decades has firmly believed that the Fifth Dimension is the musical group that sang "Up, Up and Away."

So I quickly become confused and testy, and Rob gets frustrated and says, "Don't you understand? THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS TIME!" And I'll say, "YES THERE IS, AND RIGHT NOW IT'S FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING!" (At one point, I swear this is true — we got into a bitter argument about whether people in Minneapolis age at the same rate as people in Miami.)

When I was in college, during the Sixties, there was no such thing as "quantum physics." Or, if there was, nobody told ME about it. Back then, when we stayed up all night, we were not trying to figure out the universe: We were trying to figure out how to operate the phone, so we could order pizza. (Note to young people: Phones were MUCH more complicated in the Sixties.)

This is not to say that I know nothing about physics. I studied physics for an ENTIRE YEAR in Pleasantville High School under the legendary Mr. Heideman. We learned that there are five simple

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Syndicated humor columnist



machines: the lever, the pulley, the doorbell, the hammer and the toaster. We learned that the most powerful force in the universe is static electricity, which Mr. Heideman demonstrated by getting a volunteer to place his or her hand on a generator, which caused the volunteer's hair to stand on end, unless the volunteer was a girl with the popular early-'60s "beehive" hairstyle held rigidly in place by the other most powerful force in the universe, hairspray. Presumably, if Mr. Heideman had cranked the power up enough, the static electricity buildup would have caused the volunteer's head to explode, and we would finally have found out if — as widely rumored — many "beehive" hairstyles contained nests

of baby spiders.

Thanks to my high-school training, I believed I had a solid grasp of physics. So when Rob was growing up, I was able to answer his questions about the universe, such as "What is a star?" (Answer: a big ball of static electricity that has caught on fire because of friction with comets) or "What is gravity?" (Answer: a powerful type of static electricity that sucks you toward the ground, especially after you eat Italian food).

These answers satisfied my son until he started reaching that snotty, know-it-all age when kids start losing all respect for authority (18 months). And now he's calling me from college and telling me that the universe is NOTHING like my concept of it. The stuff he talks about is pretty complex, but I will try to summarize the main points, as I understand them:

- Point One: Whatever you think about anything is wrong.

- Point Two: There is no such thing

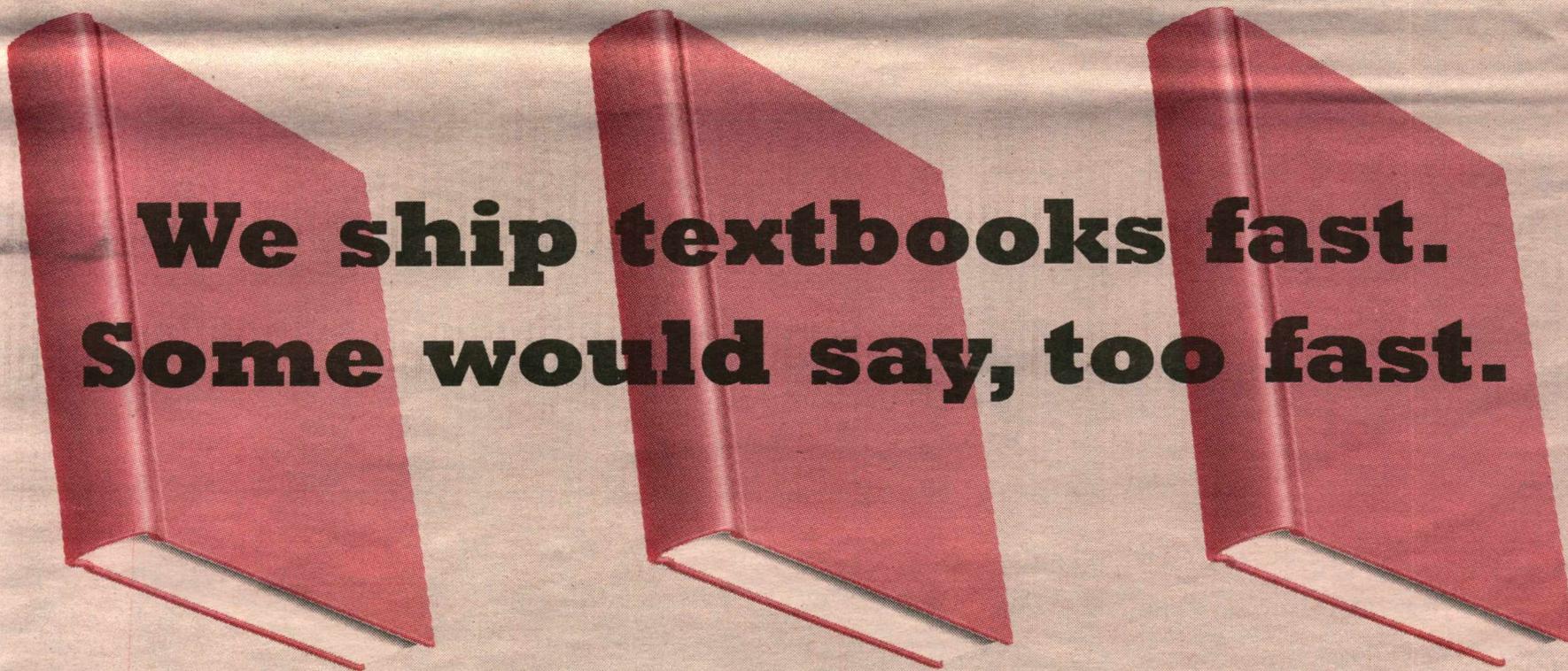
as Point One. You THINK there is a Point One, but that just shows what a physics moron you are.

- Point Three: If there are two identical twins, and one of them gets on a spacecraft going at nearly the speed of light, then one of them will grow old much faster than the other one, and that one will retire to Miami.

- Point Three: There are an infinite number of possible Point Threes, and they all are all equally true, and you will never understand ANY of them.

OK? Is that clear to everybody? Good! To prove you really understand, I want you all to write me a 15-page paper on how the universe works and send it backward through time to me in 1964, c/o Mr. Heideman's class.

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