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WHAT?! It's 4 a.m. already?

It's four o'clock in the morning, and two things are very clear to me at this moment in time: one, I am the News Editor; two, I am very sleepy. Why do I do this to my body? Why do I

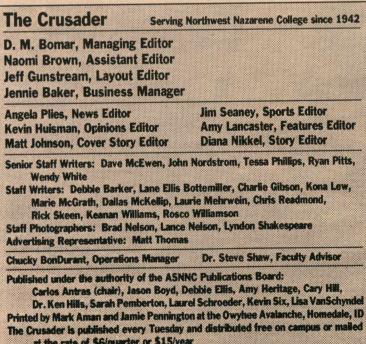
do this to my school work? Is this merely a late-night job for kicks? "NO!" my

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tired mind screams. This is a quest, and I am the journalistic warrior, fighting the evil computer that hates me, struggling to find a way to fit 12 pages of material into three and a half pages of news, overcoming insurmountable obstacles like lost stories and columns that absolutely refuse to line up.

It's a grueling task, but I've discovered a new me in these late-night rendezvous with my Crusader comrades. I've discovered a me that can fall asleep on the floor of The Crusader office surrounded by swarms of publication board members, photographers, and editors (this is daring in and of itself, and you'll know what I mean if you've ever seen the floor of The Crusader office): a me that doesn't care about the test I have tomorrow; a me that has learned to relish really old Fireside coffee. This scares me, and yet I know that I will miss it when I'm gone. But through it all I've learned that life is good, especially on The Crusader's "Liberty Couch" at 4 a.m.

ANGELA E. PLIES, NEWS EDITOR



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Board of Regents searches for new NNC president

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BY JOHN FILMORE STAFF WRITER

The Board of Regents announced that they have begun their search for a new president. Mr. Monte Chitwood, who was appointed head of the search committee, outlined the procedure for the selection process in a press realease issued May 7th.

Chitwood diagrammed the program for selection and listed the members of both the search committee and the screening/ nominating committee. NNC students and faculty will have a voice in the search process, but not in the nominating or selection process.

Since the most recent selection occurred less than one year ago, the first two steps of selection, developing a current profile of the college and of the president, will be omitted. The selection process will consist of compiling a list of potential candidates by the search committee, then a narrowing of those selections by the screening/ nominating committee. These results will then be presented to the Board of Regents for a final selection.

Jim Diehl, Chairman of the Board of Regents, stated that the search committee will base their list on the names compiled in last year's search, although the list will "certainly not be restricted to the names last year." Diehl said that six to eight new candidates will be added and that some considered on the last list will not be considered this year.

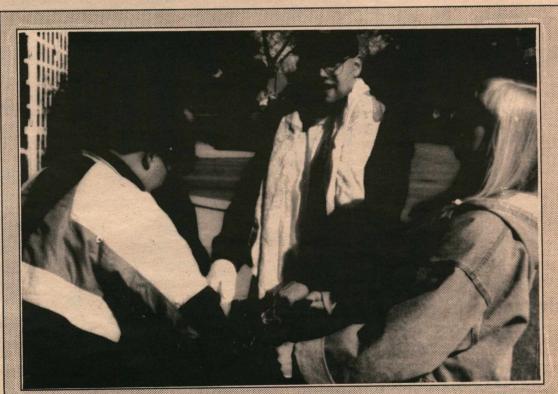
The search committee con-

sists of the chair, four Regents who are elders, three who are laity, four faculty members (including the academic dean), two students, a member of the NNC Foundation, the president of the Alumni Association, and the presiding General Superintendent.

ASNNC President Carlos Antras and Lori Strange are the student members for the search committee, and the faculty members are Lilburn Wesche, Steve Shaw, Ralph Neil and Martha Hopkins.

The nominating committee will consist of the Board of Directors for the Board of Regents and three other Regents selected at large.

Chitwood hopes that a new president will be elected and in office by the beginning of the 1993-94 school year.



in, the community accepted help from the masses of NNC during RUSH, R U Serving Him? Students a to assist elderly persons with lawn care, painting, and clean up, the Hope House, and Nampa Boys Ho ommunity ties again were reaffirmed. Hollie Tiegs, the ASNNC Community Relations Director said the event was, "Great as always. RUSH was a

ss. Thank you to everyone who got involved. "It felt good," Lyndon Shakespeare, a sophon

d her garden. It was also aid We be mix with so

with some people I did not necessarily know." RUSH will happen again this fall and will benefit more families and people of the cou

(Lyndon Shakespeare

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Thompson honored as Professor of the Year

Education professor's ability to touch the hearts of students earns recognition from college community

By Kona Lew Staff Writer

Ernie Thompson, professor of education at NNC, was presented with the honor of Excellence in Teaching: Professor of the Year on May 14, 1993, at a chapel convocation in front of students, faculty, and staff.

Professor Thompson has been the director of teacher placement at NNC for 20 years. He is a graduate of NNC and obtained his degree in biology education.

Joe Peppley, senior elementary education major, introduced Thompson as Professor of the Year. A video about Thompson's background and career at NNC, narrated by Dr. Gaymon Bennett, followed. "Frankly I was overwhelmed and felt awkward when I found out. I'm humbled to be chosen for Professor of the Year," said Thomspon, in his address to the students, faculty, and staff.

Besides Thompson, there were six other nominees for Professor of the Year: professor Bill Wantland, history; professor George Turner, music; Dr. Dave Redfield, chemistry; Dr. Lynn Neil, English; and Dr. Mike Lodahl, religion. "It is a privilege to be professionally linked with you (nominees)," stated Thompson.

Thompson recieved the award for his excellence in teach-

ing which he passes onto his students in and out of the classroom. "The name Ernie Thompson will always bring a warm feeling to my heart, a tear to my eye, and a smile to my face," explained Jerrilene Maxton, senior elementary education major.

Thompson has touched the lives of many people and knows almost every teacher in Ada and Canyon counties. He works with the elementary and secondary schools in the area to help NNC students with field experience and student teaching placement. The many hours of time he spends with schools has helped strengthen and maintain the positive reputation NNC and the NNC education program have earned.

"He very seldom misses a call. He knows what to expect, he has the second sense that is usually reserved for mothers," said Julia Jolley, administrative assistant in the education department.

"He knows what kids are doing, how they are doing and why they are doing it. He prays for them, lectures them, coddles them, laughs with them, cries with them. He plans ahead and pays attention to detail. The students are far better people and Christians for having been in his classes," she continued. Jesus has been at the center Christ, I am the will of God. Life does not bring true fulfillment until you passionately love Jesus Christ," he said. Thompson concluded his response by encouraging each

of his life since 1969. "When

I'm rightly aimed with Jesus

response by encouraging each person to establish a relationship with Christ and see how much of a difference it makes. Thompson has seen the changes in students from when they enter college to when they leave. He has been the foundation to helping them get where they are today. His hard work and compassion will not be forgotten. "I truly have the best job possible with working with the best students possible," he said.

Chapel committee voices student opinion and ideas

Student committee meets with Gene Schandorff as the chapel/convocation program gets a face lift for '93

KEANAN WILLIAMS STAFF WRITER

Gene Schandorff, Director of Campus Ministries, has been hard at work this past year to make some changes in the current chapel system. Schandorff formed a Student Evaluation Committee, consisting primarily of students, to help him with this task.

The group has met all year and plans to meet three times this term. At the first meeting of spring term, the committee discussed the make-up policy. Attendancewill be the second topic, and program content, the third.

All changes are taking place under the premise of the new statement of purpose of the chapel/convocation program, which, according to Schandorff, "has essentially been adopted." The new statement, developed by the first term committee states, "The purpose of the chapel/convocation program at Northwest Nazarene College is to build and maintain a sense of community... The spiritual, ethical, and cultural content of these gatherings, in accordance with the mission statement of the college, is imperative to the pursuit of a Christian liberal arts education."

Changes in the make-up policy state that students will now be allowed to make-up twenty percent of their total chapel requirements, not to exceed five total. The percentage system was adopted to allow for students with reduced chapel requirements.

Because the focus of chapel/ convocation times are for the purpose of building community, tapes and reports will no longer be used in the make-up process, and are allowed only in special circumstances and with the consent of the chaplain.

The new chapel make-ups will primarily make use of existing programs, such as Time Out and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which will both be raised to full chapel credit.

Otheralternatives would be small group Bible studies, Gene's existing Bible study, a program of off-campus students, and possibly a brown-bag lunch forum.

Ideally there will be five make-up opportunities per week, but only five of these opportunites will be allowed as chapel credit per term. For example, a person needing to attend twenty-four chapels in a term would be allowed to use five of these opportunities as chapel credit, but would still have to attend nineteen regular chapels. These opportunities are to be used for make-up, not as a replacement for chapel.

This new system, Shandorff feels, has more integrity and places more responsibility on the students.

Under this program, students must obtain a chapel make-up card from the Office of Student Development and the turn it into the director of the approved make-up activity.

One of the concerns raised by committee members is that the new system will be abused. But as Schandorff sees it, this isn't about abuse of the system. If a student wants to get their five make-up chapels out of the way the first week of the term, he says that's fine with him. He hopes that chapel make-up opportunities might encourage some students to become involved in different activities.

On agenda for the second meeting of this term is the attendance policy. There willstill be mandatory attendance, but the committee will be looking at the number of chapels required, especially for seniors. This term, graduating seniors had their chapel requirements reduced to seventeen.

Another issue will be ways to enforce chapel attendance and the consequences for not meeting chapel requirements.

Alternatives to the system of fining will be explored. "I'd like to make the make-ups so easy that the fine system becomes moot," Schandorff said.

At the third and last meeting, program content will be discussed. The issue of where to hold chapels/convocations will be addressed. Currently, the rent for College Church is \$200 per chapel. Due to this, rent is the largest part of the chapel budget. Finding a new place for chapel, would free up \$1,200 to \$1,500.

WORLD

Bosnian Serbs kill peace plan

Earlier this week, Bosnian Serbs voted down a U.N. peace

plan. Serb leader, Radovan Karakzic, declared the plan "dead" and a U.N. peace-keeping officer stated that the West was "wasting

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its time" trying to bring warring factions into the ten regions outlined in the plan. Karakzic said he would welcome negotiations on a new plan. Final results were expected to come out Monday.

Paris gunman killed by police

French police fatally shot a gunman who was holding six small girls and their teacher captive in a nursery school outside of Paris. His hostages were held for 46 hours and released unharmed after his demand for an \$18 million ransom failed. The gunman seized 21 toddlers and their teacher of Thursday but released most of the children that same day.

NATION

Kevorkian arrested for aiding suicide

Retired pathologist, Jack Kevorkian, was arrested Sunday for assisting in a suicide for the first time since the practice was banned in Michigan in February. A 54-year-old man with cancer killed himself in Kevorkian's presence in Detroit, police said.

Kevorkian was arrested and released into his lawyer's custody. If convicted, he will face up to four years in prison and \$2,000 in fines. Kevorkian counsels terminally ill patients and has aided in 16 suicides.

Jury selection begins for temple murder trial

In Phoenix Saturday, jury selections began for the trial of Johnathan Doody, 17, and Alessandro Garcia, 16, in the slaying of six robed monks and three helpers during the robbery of a Buddist temple.

60 year trend peaks with Bush

According to a study of the federal judiciary, trail judges appointed by Bush have proven more conservative than those of any other president in the past 60 years.

From a study of over 46,000 decisions dating from 1933, researchers observed that trial judges selected by Carter were 56% more likely to issue liberal decisions than judges appointed by Bush.

GOP has hands tied

Republicans alone will have almost no chance of killing President Clinton's tax bill when it hits the Senate. By law, deficit-reduction legislation can't be filibustered. The deficitreduction bill, bearing about \$246 billion in tax increases and \$100 billion in spending cuts, is the heart of Clinton's recovery plan.

NNC counseling services

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By Keanan Williams Staff Writer

One of the best kept secrets at NNC should not be kept a secret at all. It is the counseling services provided by Student Development. The people who provide these services are Dr. Ken Hills, Joanne Rittmueller, Gene Schandorff, and Deb Teeter, an intern from Albertsons College of Idaho.

Dr. Hills, Vice President of Student Development, came to NNC with an extensive background in counseling. He has a masters in Psychology and a PhD in Counseling Education. He has worked as Director of Counseling at Lane Community College, Director of Student Services in Oregon, and Vice President of Student Development for eleven years at PLNC.

According to Dr. Hills, the focus of counseling is to help people, and the service is available and open to all students. "I see counseling as an available service waiting for people to take advantage of it" Dr. Hills said.

Although his counseling

load is down to about 50 percent from 70 percent last year, due mainly to administrative responsibilities, it is still something he greatly enjoys. Dr. Hills said, "As long as students see me as a reasonable resource, then I'm happy."

Joanne Rittmueller has a Masters of Education in Counseling from Albertsons College of Idaho. She should have her license in June 1993.

Mrs. Rittmueller carries the greatest counseling load, holding 66 percent of the counseling sessions from Winter Term, 1992-1993. As a Christian, she enjoys working at a Christian institution. "In some ways, I think I have more freedom here (at NNC)," she said.

Among her other counseling duties, she also helps Dr. Hills with support groups and seminars. Some such groups deal with co-dependency, family, and sexual addiction. Other groups deal with growth, eating-disorders, and grief.

These groups are periodically advertised in the Cru-Keys, but there is often not enough response to warrant starting groups.

Like Dr. Hills, Joanne enjoys her job. She sees it as a chance to help people and to watch them change. As she stated, "I get to see what the real person is like, and that is very rewarding."

Gene Schandorff, Director of Campus Ministries, deals mostly with pastoral counseling issues. He received his BA in psychology from Pasadena Nazarene College and his MA in Theology from PLNC. Gene also helps Dr. Hills and Joanne with seminars such as "For Lovers Only", offered to married and engaged couples.

According to Gene, his main role in counseling is "to help students make the transition from their parent's faith to understanding their own faith." He does counseling with couples as well as individuals, and says as much as 25-30 percent of what he does is through chapel cards.

Counseling information is strictly confidential and provided by NNC at no cost to students.



"Riders on the Storm", a one-act play directed by Micah Montague, opens Wednesday, May 19th, in the Wiley Rotunda at 7:30 and continues Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$1. (Lance Nelson)

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New faculty evaluation program for NNC

By Rosco Williamson Staff Writer

NNC is in the process of developing a new faculty evaluation program. This new system will make the evaluations uniform and provide statistical data that will allow an instructor to be analyzed with respect to the institutional average.

Interim academic dean Dr. Lilburn Wesche states that the "practical value will be to identify any changes in the instructional program necessary."

This will be done through a self-analysis by the professor of the evaluation's data and through one-on-one meetings with the divisional chair. After these analyses, a long chain of assessments will follow by the instructor.

The program was implemented this year because the accreditation board required a



Question: Do you think the current course evaluation procedures provide valid results?

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"universal, standardized evaluation system" in their May 1992 report.

Plans for improvement will be created by professors who score low in certain areas. These plans may include attending seminars, tryings new styles of instruction, etc.

There has been much concern expressed about the effect of the evaluations on the tenure of the faculty. In response, Wesche stated, "As of now, there is no relation between evaluations and jobs. However, if a person is really having problems over an extended period of time and there is no improvement, then probation will be the result."

"Students won't be voting on good instructors, but will provide a resource for assessment," he added.

Darlene Brasch, director of

testing, is in charge of compiling the results of the evaluations. She said that the major benefits are "accountability, the promotion of better educational skills, and the ability to see where modifications for a class will be most useful."

The potential negatives will be "faculty uncertainty of the use of the scores," Brasch commented.

The academic council took questions created by each division and narrowed them down into what they felt were the 12 most important questions that should be asked of all faculty, regardless of which class they were teaching.

Each professor will then be allowed to select eight additional questions to be added to his or her evaluation.

Wesche said he was pleased with the data from second term. "It says, 'Keep doing what you're doing'," he said. On a scale of 1 to 4, with 1 being the highest, the average score given was 1.5.

Professor William Wantland, professor of history, sees the evaluations a a mixed blessing. "For myself, it will encourage and help me," he said. But Wantland insists that

there are also many negatives and questions the purpose of the evaluation and what will be done with statistical results. "Some courses are not comparable to others," Wantland stated. "How can one effectively compare the results of a lecture class to a smaller handson class?"

Wesche responded to these concerns by stressing the selfanalysis aspect. Each professor will consider, based on the type of course that was taught and the style of the individual class, which questions are applicable and which are not.

NNC women sweep up in Sanner Sermon Contest

By Dave McEwen Senior Staff Writer

Kristi Calman, a senior who spoke about compassion in chapel yesterday, was the first of three students who will be a part of the Student Preaching Mission, the end result of the Sanner Sermon Contest.

In a contest that dates back to 1959, this year constitutes the first time that all three finalists were women. Speaking in chapel on Wednesday will be Jennifer Snyder, and then on Friday, Cindy Transmeier.

1993 has been called by the general Nazarene church, "The year of the woman." But Dr. Neil believes that it is coincidence that this year's Sanner Sermon Contest will be won by a woman, "There have been women among the three finalists before, but there has never been a situation where all three were women."

Each senior in the Senior Colloquium class submits a written sermon manuscript for judging as a project. Then all names are removed and a seven member panel of professors from different departments judges the manuscripts on clarity, correctness, and overall appeal. The three top manuscripts are matched with their writers, and are officially asked by the president to speak in chapel for the Student Preaching Mission.

When the students preach in chapel, the same seven member panel, along with the theology department, judges the sermons as they are given. The Sanner family then awards the Sanner Sermon award to the best overall sermon among the three finalists.

The winner of this year's contest will be awarded next Wednesday in the theology department divisional chapel.

There have been only three female winners of this contest before this year. Last year, in 1992, the winner was Barbara Sheets. In 1988 Cinda Kammerman was the winner of the Sanner Sermon Contest. From there you have to go back nearly thirty years to 1964, to the first female winner ever, Jennene VanBeke.

Music from the movies haunts NNC on Thursday

By Kona Lew Staff Writer

Concert Band presents Music from a Darkened Theater Thursday, May 20, 1993 at 8p.m. in the Science Lecture Hall with College Choir as their guests. It is free and open to the public. The concert will last approximately one hour.

They will play music from three different major motion picture soundtracks: Robin Hood, Hook and Beauty and the Beast. These are only part of their selected pieces, others include two spiritual pieces and a march.

The band will also feature

the brass section in "Little David" and the antiphonal brass in "Praise to the Lord". They will also play "National Emblem March". College Choir, directed by Dr. Marvin Stallcop, will sing selections from a variety of musicals in the midddle of the concert.

Michael Bankston, director of Concert Band explained the concert as having "a lot [of] lighter stuff [so] that everyone will find something to enjoy."

Bankston encourages everyone to attend and enjoy the music and nostalgia from their favorite musicals and newer scores from the movie soundtracks.

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EDITORIALS

NNC could set precedence for women ministers

If you have taken the time to peruse the chapel schedule for this week, you know that this is the week of the Student Preaching Mission. Students are preaching their sermons to

compete for the Sanner Sermon Award (see story, page 5). This contest is con-

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ducted annually, but this year is unique. Dr. Laird revealed in Monday's chapel that all three winners are women.

What?!? NNC is recognizing the accomplishments of women preachers? Yes, it's true. These women submitted written sermons to compete against other students and beat out some top-notch male ministers for this honor. Obviously, these women are talented and deserve to be commended. Congratulations to them and also to the professors who have encouraged them to achieve their best.

NNC should be praised for supporting women in ministry. This is a step in the right direction for the Church of the Nazarene. It is time to start recognizing that women are capable ministers. We may soon see women fulfilling the role of senior pastor in Nazarene churches. And who knows, maybe someday our children will attend a college with a woman president -- and that college just might be NNC.

U.S. should sacrifice

U.S. troops fought the Gulf War for reasons of national interest. When Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait the United States acted fast by sending American troops to Kuwait to fight for the United States' interests in oil. But that was yesterday.

Today the U.S. is faced with intervening in a war of conscience. Serbs are violating and destroying a whole race of people. Serbs are killing, maiming, raping, and starving thousands of Muslims as a part of their ethnic cleansing plan.

Some critics who are against the U.S. intervention in Bosnia have said that the U.S. should not become involved in a war that could seriously injure American interests. They have said that it is naive to fight a war over matters of the heart and conscience.

It is true that there is no oil involved this time. Despite this fact, the U.S. still may benefit by becoming involved in the war in Bosnia. This benefit is not financial but rather ethical. By intervening in Bosnia, the U.S. may save human lives and human dignity.

The government was willing to sacrifice its daughters and sons to oil. On a much nobler and higher call, the United States must then be willing to offer the same sacrifice for the lives of the Muslim men, women, and children of Bosnia.

Editorial Policies

The above editorials express the opinions of The Crusader as determined by the Editorial Board.

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"WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING !... YOU GO PUT IT OUT, I'LL HOLD YOUR COAT !!... "

OPINION

No more pious ignorance

by Anthony Syme Special to the Crusader

The word "humanism" often prompts a negative response from those who hear it, especially in a religious community. Humanism often invokes thoughts of atheism and a retreat from traditional Judeo-Christian values. These images are not altogether unfounded, as a considerable portion of humanist ideology is rooted in a rejection of creationism and a whole-hearted reliance on human ingenuity in solving the problems of humankind. Humanists often view religion as a thorn in the side of man, keeping him from recognizing his own potential as a sentient being in a universe where there is no God. Actually, for some human humanists, faith in man is a religion. The Humanist Manifesto I (1933), as printed in Corliss Lamont's book The Philosophy of Humanism, makes the claim that "Religion consists of those actions, purposes, and experiences which are humanly significant. Nothing human is alien to the religious. It includes labor, art, science, philosophy, love, friendship,

recreation--all that is in its degree expressive of intelligently satisfying human living. The distinction between the sacred and the secular can no longer be maintained." To many a theist, this proclamation of man as the center of all things is a cause for alarm.

Despite the hostility towards the secular strains of humanist thought, the humanist tradition has left its mark on the Christian Church ever since the days of the Renaissance. If someone had tried to set up a "Christian liberal arts institution" during the medieval period, he or she would probably have been excommunicated or worse. While the Renaissance has been associated with a general rebellion against the traditions of the Catholic Church, one can hardly consider it a total revolt against Christian beliefs and values. Men like Martin Luther did not seek to destroy Christianity, but merely wanted to address the abuses of the Holy Church. The Renaissance was a time when good Christian men felt it was okay to question authority and take individual responsibility for their faith. People wanted to read the Bible themselves and make their own conclusions about written Scripture according to their own consciences.

Whether one believes in God or not, it is difficult to deny the power of the human mind and spirit, even within its limitations. The big question that ultimately arises is how can one seek worldly wisdom but retain faith in things unseen? The perceived conflict between faith and reason need not rage on. Why should people be afraid to expand their own minds at the expense of their own heart? In taking a leap of faith, why should one's brains be left behind? Without a brain, anything having to do with faith couldn't be perceived, anyway. Belief is a concept! No mind, no concepts. Since the mind is so important in this aspect, shouldn't it be used to plunge deeper into things that affect us on a spiritual level? The mind is a precious gift that should not be squandered out of fear of becoming "humanistic." As J.S. Spong noted in his book, Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism, "Adding piety to ignorance does not temper the ignorance, no matter how real and beautiful the piety."

COMMENTARY

A "real approach" to the semester switch

By MATT JOHNSON COVER STORY EDITOR

It's two in the afternoon, it's ninety degrees outside, and the last thing on my mind is class. What is on my mind is the sun shimmering off of the road's surface as my mind hears my bike beckoning in the distance.

It's third term, and I hate it. The only redeeming thing that ever comes out of third term is campus-wide participation in intramural sports. GPAs plummet, people skip as many classes and chapels as is humanly possible and stay eligible for passing (or graduating), and there are just too many things to do on warm evenings to sit in a stuffy dorm and study.

So, why do we do this? Why this torture?

A good question. As you

can tell, I have no intentions of really approaching this argument from the traditional "Quality of Academia Offered Here vs. Let's Integrate, Shall We?" approach which you have all listened to since your freshman year. Instead, I will submit another perspective, which I will call the "Real Approach" to this whole waning in the academia cycle we call third term.

My first two years of college were spent at a school which was mainstream enough to be included in the vast collegiate community which operates under the semester system. Ironically, I found myself transfering after those two years to NNC due to an inferior academic program. Maybe they weren't that mainstream after all.

But, again, aside from academics, which at this point in the year are a joke, there are several things which I miss about the semester system.

Imagine getting out of school the second week of May. Summer hasn't even started and you're already free. You could go home, kick back at the folks', take that roadtrip you've been holding off, and still get a jump on those summer jobs. Wouldn't it be great?

August means stir-crazy. I'm half crazy by the time the first week of August rolls around. Tired of working and sick of my parents/roommate, etc., I'm ready for seeing people I miss and doing things I enjoy. Heck, I'm ready for challenging classes again. I might point out at this juncture that <u>nobody</u> is ready for challenging classes third term. Who would want to be? So just think of it -- August, back to school <u>before</u> Memorial Day. Wow. Nice weather, exciting classes (because you're excited), and three extra weeks to get things done before Christmas break.

Which reminds me -- I don't know about you, but the idea (and experience) of going caroling, decorating the dorm and campus, etc. for Christmas on the 5th of December is really lame. I honestly feel sorry for all of you who have never spent the first part of the Christmas season with your closest friends. Holiday season in the dorm is something I'm grateful to have experienced. You've no idea what you're missing out on.

Then you come back for spring semester at the end of January. Its an exciting countdown to May, and then you're outta here for yet another summer. Granted, intramurals wouldn't be the same, but your attendance record would look a heck of a lot better. Also, I'd just like to point out that we NNC students aren't graduating any quicker than anyone else. In fact, the lure (or necessity) of additional classes inherited with the quarter system is causing some of us to take longer to get through school.

I have a hard time believing that many students come here because NNC offers a system which allows the student to take more classes than he or she would be able to take at a school with a semester system. Most of us just want a degree.

It's two in the afternoon, ninety degrees outside, and somewhere on some deserted college campus, you can hear vacationing students laughing...

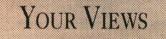
LETTERS

Congratulations for excellence

Dear Editor:

I would like to extend a hearty congratulations to you and your staff for the awards that <u>The Crusader</u> and several of its personnel received recently

from the American Scholastic Press Association.

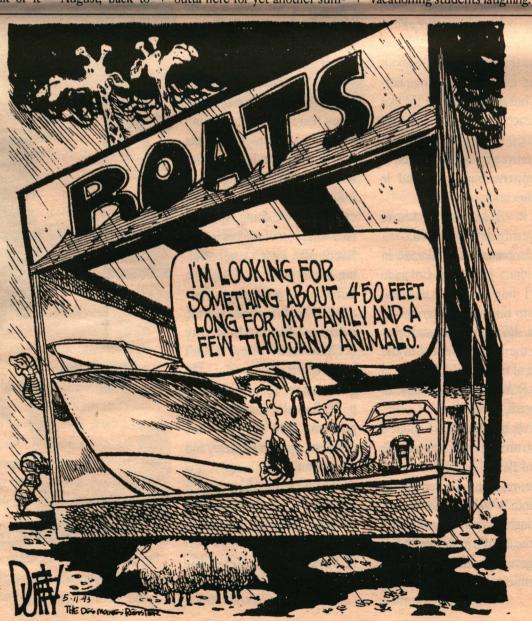


In my opinion, those awards are all richly deserved. The quality of concept, editing, art, layout and writing demonstrated consistently in the paper this year has been exceptional. You, Mr. Editor, have inherited a fine legacy from your predecessor Mr. Reckling and have enriched it.

In my travels I have had opportunity to peruse many college an university papers, and also served on The Crusader during a fine era of its existence in the mid-70s. The quality of the present Crusader is exceptional; I have come to expect journalistic excellence on its pages, and very rarely have been disappointed. I, and many of my colleagues, already knew we have a top-flight paper - it's just nice to see you receive this well-deserved recognition off-campus.

> MICHAEL LODAHL PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY

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TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1993

DEDICATION

Editor's note: The following interview with interim president Dr. Ford is a brief exploration into the life of a dedicated educator who has made a distinct impact on the NNC community.

BY ROSCO WILLIAMSON STAFF WRITER

R: Dr. Ford, what's your specialty?

F: I suppose it's nuclear physics. It's the area in which my degree was given, although my emphasis is in mass spectroscopy.

R: Was this your dream when you were a kid? F: Oh, certainly not!

R: What was your dream when you went to college? F: My last years in high school I was thinking originally about going into electrical engineering, but then I thought I'd like to teach maybe chemistry or physics. Finally, when I went to the university and I majored in chemistry, but I minored in physics and math.

R: What undergraduate university did you attend? F: University of Colorado in Boulder. I lived in Colorado and I didn't have the imagination to think I could go out of state. It was, in my biased opinion, the best university in the state of Colorado.

R: You went from there to Harvard, right?

F:Well, not directly. I entered the University of Colorado the fall of 1940. During my sophomore year, the United States got into WWII in Pearl Harbor. I thought initially I would probably be drafted in six weeks, but the government decided to give deferment to people majoring in science and engineering. I speeded up my coursework and attended summer school because I had this private goal that maybe I could get my bachelors degree early and join the service.

So, by June 1943 I had my baccalaureate degree. The army still didn't want me too urgently, so I did a year of graduate work at Colorado. I was going to have to drop out of school because I could no longer get a student deferment.

R: Where did you go from there?

F: A gentleman came from the University of Chicago and talked to some of us graduate students and said if we wanted to do something important for the war effort we might write to five places that he listed.

R: And that was in 19...? F: 1944. So, I wrote to them. They were places that didn't mean anything to me at the time, like Los Alamos, New Mexico and Richland, Washington. I indicated my interest in whatever they were doing. I had no idea what sort of project it was. Eventually, I got a letter offering me a position at Clinton Laboratories in Oakridge, Tennessee. My first choice was the radiation lab at the University of California Berkeley. I didn't know quite what to do. My good mother suggested that I notify Berkeley about my other position. The next day they called me up from Berkeley and offered me a job there. A few days later I was working in their radiation lab.

R: What did you do at Berkeley?

F: I eventually discovered that the work I was doing there was



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on atomic energy, a little known area. At first I didn't know what our country had in mind, but one could eventually deduce this. They eventually sent me to Tennessee to work with the radiation lab group.

R: Before you go on, if someone were to ask you if you were in the Manhattan Project, you would say . . .? F: Yes.

R: What exactly was your role in that?

F: I was a junior physicist that worked on the project for separating Uranium-235. The Uranium-235 that came out of this project was used in the first atomic bomb and the bomb used in Hiroshima. I had only gradually become aware of what I was working on, but before it was used, it became pretty clear to me what we were doing.

R: How did that make you feel?

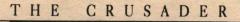
F: Well, after it was used on Hiroshima, I had mixed feelings: I was very glad that it had ended the war quickly, but I was really troubled in conscience for a long time that I had been involved with a project that had resulted in such an enormous loss of life. It took quite a while to find peace about this involvement. War is a terrible thing and I had been reared in a denomination that might be described as a "peace" church. But I had done this. I had to grapple with it and pray about it and think about it and I eventually found some answers that at least satisfied me and found a level of peace.

But, it's a little painful yet to talk about it. I suppose if I had had my way, instead of using the bomb, I would have announced it to the world first. I had two men tell me recently that they were thankful that I had done this, because perhaps it had saved their lives. But, war is a terrible thing.

R: When did you go to Harvard?

F: After WWII ended, I had to spend another year in the army. I was glad to have been in the army, because my graduate school was mostly paid for by the G.I. Bill. I stayed on the Manhattan District Project. After I got out of the army, the next thing I accomplished was that I met the girl who is now my wife, Norma. We were married in Washington D.C. in 1946. After this I went to graduate school at Harvard. I spent four years there.

R: Did you get into Harvard



R: Why NNC out of all the choices?

F: By this time I had become a member of the Church of the Nazarene. So, I thought in terms of Nazarene colleges. I was from the west so I gravitated towards the west. Also, I wanted to get away from large metropolitan areas.

R: What was the science program like when you came?

F: When I came in the fall of 1950, there was only one course offered in physics. There was a strong pre-medical studies program. My first years at **NNCI** taught

because of good grades? F: I think it was largely the

grades I had made. Almost all the graduate students were veterans then, anxious to get about our lives again. Many of the professors there were involved in the Manhattan Project. The man I did my dissertation under, K. T. Bainbridge, was the physicist in charge of the first test atomic explosion at Los Alamos.

R: What did you do upon

receiving your doctorate? F: Well, actually I came to NNC. After about 1948, I wrote to L. T. Corlett. I had this dream of teaching in a Christian college. I had not attended a Christian college, and I think one of the main reasons why not was because they didn't have good science programs. I had this vision of helping one develop stronger programs in science so that young Christians could come and study science in a Christian

environment.

a fair amount of chemistry as well as physics.

R:How did you fulfill your dream of improving the science program?

F: I started offering some upper division physics and we introduced a physics major. We didn't have any large enrollments in physics until 1958 when the physics/engineering major was introduced. This was about the time of Sputnik and the space program, so there was abig interest in science. Enrollment in physics jumped from 5 to 30 in one year. I got a small grant to launch a research program in mass spectroscopy. We received other grants from the late fifties to the mid seventies.

One of the first students I had went to MIT and came back to teach at NNC, Dr. Darrell Marks. My teaching career was interrupted in 1970 by being selected academic dean, and my replacement was Dr. Frances Sharpton. I continued to teach during my term as dean. In 1985, I resigned as dean and went back to full time teaching. I've enjoyed the last 8 years very much. I've had a lot more contact with students. I've enjoyed that very much; that's what NNC is for. I think a lot of our students.

R: What are you doing now? F: I'm currently acting president of NNC. It's a very shortterm commitment because NNC will have a new president sometime this summer. But I want to provide a sense of stability. I want to leave things in good order for the new president. I want to establish a data book for the new president consisting of information compiled from all areas of campus, including students.

R: What are your plans after this office?

F: I have a contract to teach part-time next year at NNC. I'll be on 4/9 time. I'll be teaching Descriptive Astronomy, Conceptual Physics, Astronomy Lab, and Physics 213. I also intend to advise some students on their senior research projects. So, that will keep me busy about half the time. I may apply for a grant to work with elementary school teachers in science.

R: Do you plan to do any travelling?

F: I'd like to. I've done a lot of travelling in the last few years. I enjoy going to places outside the United States. One time in my life I studied in Germany. I'd like to visit South America, particularly Argentina and Chile, maybe revisit Bolivia. I'd like to spend time with my grandkids especially! R: Speaking of that, how many children do you have?

F: I have 3 daughters, all three of which have graduated from NNC. They all live in this area right now. The oldest is a science teacher at Greenleaf Friends Academy. She and her husband spent ten years as missionaries in South America. My two younger daughters graduated as english majors and have come back to NNC with their young families in the teacher certification program.

R: How many grandchildren do you have?

F: I have six ... I should say seven perhaps. My daughter and her husband had a daughter who suddenly died while they were in Costa Rica. She got Viral Encephalitis and in about 48 hours we saw a healthy little girl die at about 18 months.

R: Most people know that two years ago you had surgery. Has there been any reoccurrence at all?

F: Two years ago I discovered I had prostate cancer in its very early stage. I had a radical prostatectomy. I've had regular checkups since then that indicate that, as of yet, there has been no reoccurrence.

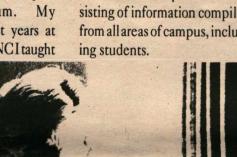
R: Are there any unrealized dreams?

F: Not really. I've been very fortunate. My goal early on was to teach at a Christian college. That was to be my main avenue of service to the Kingdom. It's been a very rewarding life. I've had rewards far beyond what I ever thought would come my way.

I never imagined myself being the acting president of NNC. I didn't even think about it, so it couldn't be an unrealized dream! I've had opportunities to work with Christian colleagues and Christian students. I've seen graduates go out and do so well professionally, people I'm really proud of.

That means a great deal to me -- seeing the accomplishments of students, seeing them come back to campus as mature, happy, stable Christians. That's worth a great deal.





INTRAMURALS

IM softball winding down

BY RICK SKEEN STAFF WRITER

The sun has finally come out and the action has heated up in the men's and women's intramural softball leagues.

Teams are jockeying for position with only one week left in the regular season. Although every team will make the playoffs, regular season standings will determine seedings for the playoffs.

The Mosh won their first game of the season this past week and are now looking toward the playoffs with a great deal of confidence.

"We are a lot better team than people think," commented Mosh member Pete Brumbaugh. "If we keep playing well, we are going to surprise some people."

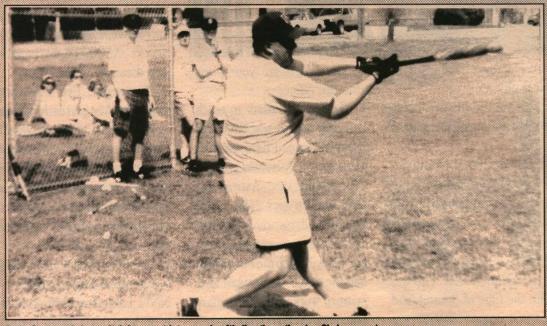
When asked about their probable first-round match-up in the playoffs against undefeated Kaptain Crunch, Brumbaugh smiled and said, "Kaptain Crunch is definitely going to have their hands full."

"I just hope they have more than four people show up next time," replied Kaptain Crunch center fielder Jeff Jackson. "Our team prides itself in being quiet. We focus more on playing than on talking."

The recorded scores for the past two weeks are as follows:

MEN'S SCORES

The Johnsons 19 Mosh 12 Kaptain Crunch 13 Indians 6 The Johnsons 15 Shortstuff 14 Fab Five 12 G Swat 1 Your Bad 14 Shortstuff 2 The Johnsons 10 Weez 6



Craig Stensgard rips a pitch in recent intramural softball action. (Lyndon Shakespeare)

In women's action, the Swingin' Sisters have taken over first place. Although the Moosenuggets have dropped to third place in the standings, team member Mary Kessel claims, "We are the best." The following are the recorded scores for the past two weeks:

WOMEN'S SCORES

Swingin' Sisters 11 Fine Food Servers 2 Party Time 13 Safety Girls 4 Knights 23 Safety Girls 4 Bridgeman-Phillips 28 Fine Food Servers 8

TRACK

Weather dampens district track meet

By Tessa Phillips Senior Staff Writer

The wind and rain welcomed competitors on May 7 and 8 to Linfield for the NAIA District 2 Track and Field Championships, but the weather was nothing new for NNC's athletes. With over half of their regular season meets held in similar adverse conditions, the NNC squad faced the stormy day with a little experience under their belt.

On Friday, high jumpers Justin Marion and Zach Smith splashed their way to third and fifth place finishes with leaps of 6'4" and 6'2", respectively. Coach Shannon Miller praised the jumpers stating, "I was particularly pleased with their finishes! Zach placed well above what I had anticipated and Justin was right up there with third."

Long jumper Sarah DeBoard finished fifth followed by Kristie Pickens with sixth. Coach Miller recounted, "Distances in long jump were hampered by rain and neither of the girls jumped near their scason best."

After being out with an injury for two weeks and having only two days to practice with the new hammer, Jeff Jackson once again broke his school record with a throw of 148'1" and took sixth over all. In the discus, Tessa Phillips threw a seasonal best of 116'6" for seventh. In the polevault, Reid Kornstad matched his seasonal best of 13'6", while Jackson set another personal record with a vault of fourteen feet even.

In the running events, strong performances were seen by the women's squad as Sarah DeBoard finished fourth in the 100 meter high hurdles with a personal record of 15.95 seconds while running a seasonal best in the preliminary race of the 400 meter hurdles.

In the 400 meter relay, the women's team (DeBoard, Pickens, Debi Carter, and Vonnie Baker) had a seasonal best, while in the 1600 meter relay, a new school record was set by Baker, Pickens, Gina Miller, and Rena Miller. Picken's anchor leg split was her fastest this season, spurring her team to a fourth place finish.

Making it to the finals in the 100 meter sprint, Debi Carter finished eighth. Coach Paul Taylor recounted, "Debi had a bad start, but she stayed even with the pack for the rest of the race."

In the 800 meter race Gina Miller poured on the steam to set a personal record of 2:19.69 and sped across the finish line for third place. Coach Taylor praised Miller's performance commenting, "Gina ran a really aggressive race and finished very strong! Next year she can be right up there competing for first."



CRUSADER THE

BASEBALL

Sader baseball team slips out of playoff race

BY D. M. BOMAR MANAGING EDITOR

Forty-one games were scheduled. Twenty-six were played. Third-grade subtraction will give you the season result: fifteen rainouts. FIF-TEEN. That's more than onethird of the season, surrendered to the weather.

"NNC took many giant leaps for the future of the baseball program this season," said senior pitcher Paul Kingsboro, "but it turned out to be very disappointing for the seniors since nearly as many games were cancelled as were played."

"I hate to say it was a building season," said coach Brian Muir. "I expected big things. I thought we would go a lot farther than we did."

Well, just how far did the Crusaders get? They finished the short season 12-14 overall, 6-8 in their league. They barely missed a trip to last weekend's district playoffs. That's not so terrible, but ...

"... but it's the game of

baseball," Muir said. "I don't blame the players a bit. They were great. I wasn't unhappy with their performance. This year's team is a lot better than last year. Our schedule last year is what got us to districts."

This year's schedule situation was, to say the least, undesirable. It's not just that one-third of the season's games were cancelled. The trick is that many of these games were probably Crusader wins waiting to happen: Western Baptist, Whitman, Pacific Lutheran. Had the Crusaders played these schools, they certainly would have raised the tally in their W column and they possibly would have appeared in the district tournament. But when it rains, it pours . . .

"It was a good season, but it seems like yesterday that we ended fall ball," said senior third-baseman Drew Murray.

"I enjoyed every second of every minute of every hour of every day," commented Chad Chigbrow, senior centerfielder. "I only wish I had one year left



to work harder, play better, and be a true team leader."

The season finale came at Concordia College. As the Crugot some clutch hits and beat us." saders entered the series, they its bright spots, however.

knew they needed three wins to ensure a playoff berth. They ended up losing the first two games (3-2, 9-3) and winning the closer (11-2).

"They lucked out," said Muir. "Their coach told me afterwards that was the best they played all year. We outplayed them and outhit them, but they

The season wasn't without

Muir couldn't help but

smile following yesterday's announcement of sophomore pitcher Mike Mortimer as District Player of the Year (see story at bottom).

Perhaps Mortimer's best outing came three weekends ago as NNC beat Albertson College 3-1. The win marked the Crusaders' first league victory against their archrival in five years.

But which is Muir's favorite win?

"Everybody would think it was beating Albertson but I hate Eastern Oregon more than I hate Albertson," Muir said. "I respect Albertson. To beat them is fun. But to me it's more fun to beat a team that pops off the whole game and shove it in their face. I really enjoyed beating Eastern Oregon."

Muir served as tournament chairman for the district playoffs, held at Boise Hawks Memorial Stadium last weekend. George Fox College defeated Linfield College for its third consecutive district title.

"No surprise," said Muir. "They're a good team. They hit the ball well and they've got pitching depth. I watched every game of the tournament and Fox definitely deserved the title."

Mike Mortimer picked as District Player of the Year

BY D. M. BOMAR MANAGING EDITOR

Although the Crusader baseball team couldn't swing a district playoff berth, it captured another distinguished honor. This weekend, sophomore pitcher Mike Mortimer was voted NAIA District II Player of the Year by the district's coaches.

"It's very impressive. He definitely deserves it," said NNC coach Brian Muir, adding that four of six coaches selected Mortimer. "They said he was the best pitcher they had faced all year, even out of NCAA and PAC-10 teams they played."



Mortimer's selection was unexpected, since the Crusaders didn't make an appearance at last weekend's district tournament. Mortimer also was

ore pitcher Mike Mortimer, NAIA District II Player of the Year (Brad Nelson) picked for the all-league and all-district teams.

> "I found it a little surprising," said Muir. "I figured that because we didn't make dis

tricts he wouldn't have a chance. Usually they pick somebody who appeared in the playoffs." Mortimer was equally sur-

prised at his award.

"I suspected that it would be difficult to make the all-district team, let alone player of the year, since we didn't make it to the district tournament," Mortimer commented. "Evidently the coaches looked at more than just statistics. A 4-3 record is nothing to boast about. It's not a player of the year caliber record."

Although Mortimer may not be bragging about his win-loss record, his earned run average made him arguably the top

pitcher in the league. With a 1.26 ERA in over 60 innings, Mortimer closely trailed a Western Oregon pitcher who set a 0.90 ERA in only 20 innings.

"The whole thing causes more attention than I really want," said Mortimer. "I feel like I'm going to be a target next year. Batters will be ready to show me up, which may happen. It makes me realize I need to keep improving to be competitive."

"The fact that we didn't make districts is discouraging, but this honor is a solid bright spot for the team. And they rightfully should share in the award.'

THE CRUSADER

Pitzer views college inadequacies as blessings

NNC campus and facilities aren't very friendly to disabled student, but he rises to meet the challenge

By Wendy White Senior Staff Writer

You may have seen him pushing through doors with his wheelchair, or perhaps you have passed by him as he is walking with the help of his crutches and leg braces. And many of you may have wondered exactly how he gets up the steep stairs that exist in every building on campus.

Rodney Pitzer is a senior accounting major at NNC. And he is also physically handicapped. "I'm a paraplegic. That means I only have upper body strength," he explained.

In 1984, when Rodney was a junior in high school, a car accident left him injured. "My friends and I were going skiing on the first cold morning of the year. A bridge had black ice on it and we went over the edge of the bridge," he recalled. "I think it's a miracle that we lived."

As a result of that accident, Rodney broke his back and lost all feeling from his waist down. The doctors said he would never have feeling in his legs again; therefore, he would never be able to walk or

have a family. R o d n e y defied his doctors. After getting married and having four c h i l d r e n , Rodney is now walking with the help of his crutches and leg braces. He admits

that NNC played a part in helping him get out of his wheelchair. Not all the buildings on

campus are accessible to wheelchairs; this fact forced Rodney to use his crutches.

"It was a blessing to come to NNC; otherwise I would still be in my wheelchair. It has forced me to be on my feet," he ex-



the buildings on handicapped access. (Brad Nelson)

plained.

Rodney also said that people at NNC have been really helpful in making it possible for him to attend his classes. "Everyone was doing these things without me ever saying anything. That was really nice, but I don't see a reason why people should adapt things for me. I realize that NNC is an old campus, and there's not a lot that can be done."

However, even though Rodney adapts himself to everyday-life situations, he expressed the challenges of many of the physically handicapped in a speech he delivered to Dr. Waller's Advanced Public Speaking class. Other students presented their speeches while standing; Rodney delivered his speech from his wheelchair.

"Many abled body people take their mobility and 'normal' day-to-day activities for granted," he began his speech. "What's easy for you may be an obstacle course for someone else."

Rodney proceeded to explain and portray the obstacles. Using a chair alongside his wheelchair, Rodney showed students how he and other physically handicapped people lift themselves from their wheel chairs into the bathtub or seat of a car.

When speaking about going

over curbs with his wheelchair, Rodney smiled and "popped-awheelie" to illustrate how he handles those vicious curbs.

"To go over curbs I have to be able to do wheelies," he explained. "I enjoy going down curbs--they're fun. It's going up, though. I compare that to someone shooting a high-powered rifle. I flinch like people do when they fire."

Doors can also provide many physically challenged people with added obstacles. "The first thing I do when I see a door is evaluate it. Can I get through it?" he said. "Ialso bang my knuckles on doors all the time."

Even though NNC is not fully equipped for handicapped students, Rodney has no complaints. He said it is the people thatmake NNCattractive to him. He smiled warmly as he commented, "I knew about the deficits of NNC as far as me getting around, but I came here because I wanted to come to a Christian college. Everyone here is very helpful and very nice."

Bennett exposes pilgrims' lives; revisits England

By WENDY WHITE SENIOR STAFF WRTIER

"I wanted to see for myself. I wanted to be where these people walked."

Dr. Gaymon Bennett did just that -- twice. Once in 1987 and once in 1992, Dr. Bennett went to England to study the English backgrounds of American colonists, particularly those of William Brewster, William Bradford, Simon and Anne Bradstreet, John Cotton, John Winthrop, and Arabella Johnson.

Last Thursday, Dr. Bennett presented the findings of his study on the pilgrims' separatism and flight to North America in search of religious freedom.

Dr. Bennett gives credit to Professor Lillian Lewis for getting him interested in the colonial period while he was in college.

22 years of teaching Colonial American Literature at NNC built his interest in completing a detailed study about the literature and people of the colonial times.

So Dr. Bennett studied everything he could about the pilgrim fathers but found some missing details that could not be answered in his readings. He wanted to know how they were treated in 16th century England, how their fellow Englishmen viewed them, and how they are regarded now.

"There is little information about their (pilgrims) lives prior to coming to America because they weren't eager to have their lives remembered," Bennett explained. "They drew the curtain behind them. It has only been in the last half of the last century that this curtain has been drawn aside."

The most important event in 16th century England which sparked the separatist movement was when the Bible was printed in the English language. Before this, the church was the only authority on interpreting the scriptures.

"The Bible for them was like the TV in the family room for us today," Bennett explained. "When they got the Bible in their own language people would question the church's interpretation of the scriptures. The church saw them as a threat to church authority. For those who separated from the state church, they were branded as outlaws."

In a slide presentation, Bennett showed the audience the English roots of the pilgrims, where they started, and their escape from England for the sake of their conscious.

Because little was known.

about the pilgrims' English backgrounds, myths have grown on both sides of the Atlantic.

For example, not all pilgrims' dress was drab. "Their dress was not like the elementary school bulletin board style," Bennett explained. "They wore bright colors with wide collars."

These myths are finally being corrected by people like Dr. Bennett. He sees that he is not the only person that benefits from his studies and travels.

"I would eventually like to publish my findings, " he said. "But I suppose the primary beneficiaries of my research are my students."

MINISTRY Inner city ministry serves Hell's Kitchen area

Nazarene ministries in San Francisco and New York City offer Christ and hope to desperate people

BY RYAN PITTS SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Ministry to the inner cities has long been an emphasis for organizations within the Church of the Nazarene. Cities like Los Angeles, San Francisco, Indianapolis, and New York house urban ministry sites affiliated with the denomination.

Even while the national media has begun to ignore the still-urgent problem of homelessness, the Church of the Nazarene continues

to assist those in need, sharing the gospel all the time.

The various Nazarene urban ministry centers differ as much in style and organization as they do in location. There is no set structure for a "Nazarene-style" mission -- the only thing necessary is a willingness to serve.

Two prime examples of inner city ministries exist in the Golden Gate Community, Inc. and The Lamb's Center, two of the largest and more well-known centers in the country.

The Golden Gate Community project was started in 1981 with the goal of reaching the lost in San Francisco. Geared specifically toward the homeless in the Haight-Ashbury/ Golden Gate Park area of the city, the ministry is a direct agency of the Northern California District of the Church of the Nazarene.

A major portion of the Golden Gate Community's re-



Skins v. Shirts at a practice game for Lamb's Basketball Clinic in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood.

sources are invested in the Oak Street House and Oak Street House Enterprises. The Oak Street House itself is a "comprehensive facility to assist homeless individuals in reversing the downward spiral of poverty and homelessness," according to their official statement of service. Operating in two phases, the house consists of a 90-day working shelter and a Transitional Residential Program. Each stage meets the physical needs of an occupant as well as offering spiritual encouragement in the form of counseling, discipleship, and friendship.

The Oak Street House Enterprise (OSHE) system provides employment opportunities for those in need of work. Because OSHE is available to both Oak Street House residents and other members of the community, workers are able to learn new skills and make enough money to get by while they look

for permanent employment in the city.

The OSHE screen printing service is the most extensive of the system's programs, but landscaping, painting, and remodeling services are also offered. By putting the unemployed and under-employed to work in the general commu-

nity, the Oak Street House Enterprises allows the city of San Francisco to see the homeless and underprivileged in productive societal roles.

A more recent addition to the Golden Gate Community's programs is the Bridge For Kids. The Bridge was created in 1988 to offer child care services to area families affected by the AIDS virus. Two on-site respite care programs are offered, one at the San Francisco General Hospital and the other at the University of San Francisco Medical Center Perinatal AIDS Clinic. A branch of the program, Un Puente Para Ninos, began in 1991 to serve the primarily latino neighborhood of the Mission District. On the other side of the

United States, the Lamb's Cen-

"... At the Lamb's Center, the Golden Gate Community, and at all other Nazarene ministry centers, the good news of Jesus Christ is spread to lonely and desperate people."

> ter operates with similar aspirations. Soon after the Manhattan Church of the Nazarene was started in 1973, the Lamb's Club building was purchased. The outreach ministry had begun to operate in full force by Thanksgiving 1978, and currently the center offers much in the way of

nutritional, medical, and counseling program services.

Located only a half-block from Times Square, the Lamb's Center operates in a highly needy area. Both the infamous Port Authority Bus Terminal and the volatile Hell's Kitchen neighborhood are a part of their immediate service area.

One major form of ministry at the Lamb's Center involves feeding the homeless. Over the last year the center served over 21,000 meals, and also provided food supplies to needy families.

Medical stores are also held at the Lamb's center, where thousands of hygiene kits are distributed each year. Health education is also offered to the general public, specifically regarding AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

The Lamb's also puts on many community activities over the course of each year, ranging from a youth Basketball Clinic in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood to Family Fun Camps to highly successful holiday banquets. These projects allow the Lamb's staff close contact with the people of the city and effective opportunities to share the message of Jesus with them.

The Church of the Nazarene is highly involved in these and manyotheractive inner city ministries. And by allowing unique structures amongst the

separate programs, each city may be served in specific and most pressing areas of need. But most importantly, at the Lamb's Center, the Golden Gate Community, and at all other Nazarene ministry centers, the good news of Jesus Christ is spread to lonely and desperate people.



HUMOR Home remedies for earwax

Today I want to tell you about an Amazing Home Medical Remedy that you are definitely going to want to try if you are one of the thousands of Americans who have:

1. Ear wax.

2. Fire insurance.

I am talking about an earwax-removal product called "ear candles." I swear I am not making this product up. Ear candles were brought to my attention by alert reader Marianna Wright-Newton, who sent me an advertisement featuring a cartoon drawing of a man lying down on his side; sticking out of his left ear is a long, tapered object with flames shooting out of the top. This is not a small candle such as you find on birthday cakes. This is more along the lines of the torches that the villagers used to chase the monster out of Dr. Frankenstein's castle.

The cartoon man's mouth is wide open, and he has sort of a strange expression; you can't tell whether he's saying, "This certainly is a fine home remedy!" or "Help! My brain is on fire!"

I sent my order in immediately. At risk of becoming the celebrity spokesperson for this dreaded condition, let me come right out and state that I am an ear wax victim. There are many of us out here -- lonely, tortured souls, little understood by society. We can't even talk frankly about our condition with each other.

EAR WAX VICTIM: Let's talk frankly about our condition.

SECOND VICTIM: WHAT?

So we suffer in silent isolation, hiding our shameful little secret, doing our best to "fit in," secretly terrified that one day, in a social setting, somebody will get up and say, "I know! Let's all look inside each other's ears!"

There is no cure for ear wax. You can temporarily remove it via an unpleasant process involving chemicals and a squeeze bulb, but your body just manufactures more. There is a sound biological reason for this: namely, your body is stupid. Your body is constantly

DAVE BARRY

manufacturing things you don't need, such as ear wax, fat and zits. Wouldn't it be nice if, just once, your body would manufacture something you could actually use?

BUS DRIVER: You can't get on this bus without a token. YOU: I don't have a ... Wait

a minute ... YOUR BODY: (Blurp.)

(Clink.)

YOU: There you are. BUS DRIVER: I'm

BUS DRIVER: I'm not touching that.

So I sent my order for ear candles off to Quality Health Products, Box 375, Fayette, Ohio 43521, and several weeks later they arrived. There were five candles, which made me wonder about the medical expertise of the folks at Quality Health Products, inasmuch as the typical U.S. resident, according to the most recent census data, has an even number of ears.

The candles are actually hollow cones, about 10 inches long, made of cotton and wax. The brochure states: "Basically, an ear candle is put into the ear and lit with a match by a second person.... The flame creates a vacuum which pulls the wax out of the ear into the ear candle." Under the heading "Can anything go wrong?" appears this: "If the ear candle is not well seated in the ear when you start, you might notice smoke coming out the bottom. Stop immediately. Put it out and start over. It lost its draw and was going the other way."

I hate it when that happens. So I followed the instructions very carefully. I cut a small hole in the center of a paper plate -- which I assumed was supposed to protect my head from burning stuff falling from the candle --

then I poked the skinny end of the candle through the hole and seated it firmly in my ear. Then I lay down on my side, with my head under the plate and the candle sticking into the air. My wife and son and our two dogs gathered to watch. It was a tense moment, kind of like just before they ignite the rockets in the Space Shuttle. At my command, my son, Rob, who is 12 and therefore will cheerfully set anything on fire, including his father, lit the candle. It flared right up, and I could hear a hissing sound in my ear, and I though to myself: What if something goes wrong here? What would the newspapers say?

"MAN KILLED IN EAR BLAZE; Deserved to Die, Authorities Say."

But nothing bad happened. In fact, it was kind of a nice, oldfashioned scene, the whole family gathered around to bask in the glow of Dad's ear candle. I'm sorry we didn't have marshmallows.

When the candle had burned down close to my head, Rob, in accordance with the instructions, extinguished it with a wet paper towel. I then pulled the candle out and unwrapped it. Because this is a family newspaper, I will not go into detail about what was inside, other than to say that everybody was grossed out except the dogs, who displayed the kind of keen interest that they usually reserve for rancid squirrel parts.

So I believe that this is a fine product. Even if you're not an ear wax victim, you'd probably find it to be useful in situations where you wish to receive special attention, such as fine restaurants. ("Waiter, please bring our entrees promptly, as my ear candle is burning down.") At only \$2.50 each, ear candles also make a delightful gift for the new graduate or the young woman who has just gotten engaged. ("Will you marry me?" "WHAT?")

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