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**“It is the case that NNC must strengthen those programs more central to the mission and more attractive to prospective students.”**

**~Dr. Samuel Dunn, Vice President for Academic Affairs**

# TRACK SPEECH HOME EC

*The mystery of the disappearing programs: Why have the administration and the Regents decided to cut them? What does it mean for students still involved in them? And what kind of legacy have they left? The Crusader offers informative answers to these questions in this week's cover story (pages 6 and 7).*

## In Sports:



**Where is current Lady Crusaders assistant basketball coach Eric Ely headed? See page 10 for the answer.**

## In Opinions:

**What do they think about when they sleep? See page 8.**



## In World news:



**Could Powell be the GOP veep (page 5)?**

## COLUMN ONE

This week's cover story is designed to be as factual and neutral as possible. The topic addressed may be considered touchy, and may cause tensions to rise again, as they did when news first got out that the track and field, speech & language pathology, and family & consumer sciences programs were to be phased out or simply terminated. *The Crusader* would like to point out it is simply printing the facts in order that students may confirm or discount the many rumors that are currently making the rounds.

To change the subject entirely without warning, does anyone seriously think the Bulls will lose another playoff game? Ten bucks and Jeff Kinneeveauk says they won't.

And what were groundbreaking organizers thinking when they decided students should stand for forty-five minutes during yesterday's ceremony? Everybody knows the perennially disrespectful students can't keep quiet in College Church, so why expect them to begin to behave when standing around in Kurtz Park? I was embarrassed with many of my peers' gift for noise-making, but at least I was expecting it.

John Fraley, Managing Editor



**In Campus news: Ground-breaking for Fine Arts Center (page 2).**



**Malibu '96 is here, and maybe the weather will finally act like it should. Festivities begin this Thursday -- check out page 3 and the Student Center for additional details.**

# Standing on broken ground

More than 1,000 donors have pledged support

**Students witnessed the first symbolic step toward completion of the John Brandt Fine Arts and Convocation Center.**

It was a historical event for the NNC campus as Treasure Valley individuals, corporation leaders, foundation representatives, and even twelve-year-old Camden Hughes came together in the ceremonial ground-breaking of the new John Brandt Fine Arts and Convocation Center during Monday's chapel.

The ground-breaking ceremony went as planned for the new facility with a completion date set for September 1997.

In March 1992, NNC received approval from the City of Nampa to acquire Kurtz Park, a parcel of nearly ten acres owned by the city and located near the heart of the NNC campus. In that same year, the Board of Regents approved the start of fund-raising to build a new fine arts and convocation center.



Regents, college faculty and administration, churches, alumni, and friends of the college. To date, approximately \$559,000 in pledges have been received.

The multipurpose facility will be a gathering place for convocations, college chapels, large musical and drama performances, and community events. Phase one will include a 1,500-seat auditorium, large gathering lobby, art galleries, department offices, a VIP suite, and a conference room.

"Although \$5.3 million has been raised, several of the pledges will come in over a period of years, and NNC will have approximately \$4 million by the end of the year," said Jerry Gunstream, Director of Major Donor Relations. "Therefore, fund-raising activities will continue for the remaining \$500,000 for the phase one and for the later phases."

Auditorium seats can still be purchased for \$375. Recognition on a large Wall of Honor, located in the Grand Lobby of the building, will be given to each individual or organization contributing \$375 or more. Significant recognition is still available for major gifts.

Subsequent phases include classrooms, large practice areas for vocal and instrumental music, labs and work areas, offices for the music department, and a smaller theater to accommodate drama productions, music recitals, and forensics as well as forums and lectures.

Monday's ground breaking marked NNC's continuation to achieve academic excellence in a value-centered environment. For more than eighty-two years, NNC has been building Christian character into the lives of young men and women.



Jerry Gunstream addresses the ground breaking crowd (Chtangeev).

In recent months, additional major gifts have been received. A partial list of corporate and foundations gifts includes J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation \$128,000, A.B. and Marge Ellis of Ponderosa Paint \$100,000, West One Bank, \$75,000, Larry and Marianne Williams foundation \$50,000, and First Security Bank \$435,000.

In 1995 the college established a goal of \$600,000 from the Board of

By TIM SCHLACK  
CAMPUS EDITOR



Regents, alumni, major gift donors, and others break new ground during the shovel ceremony (Chtangeev).

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## NNC Notepad

✓ Senate passed three monetary bills this past week. The first SB9605-05, a bill that would amend the ASNNC Code to give the ASNNC Sound Technician a salary of \$250 per term. The second bill dealt with the transfer of \$1900 from the General Account for the purchase of a second ASNNC computer. This bill was withdrawn to make way for SB9605-04, a bill that would allot \$2,500 from the General Account for the purchase of a second ASNNC computer. Finally SB9605-05, a bill that would transfer \$6,000 from the General Account for the purchase of new weight room equipment, was also passed. The bill was drafted in response to students' input on improving aspects of the campus. "This bill would show that Senate is concerned with how thier money is being spent..." said Senior Senator Adam Watkins. This week Senate will examine the ASNNC budget for the fall term of the 1996-97 school year.



Lisa Lande votes on SB9605-05, a \$6000 (no typo) bill to purchase new weight room equipment for the gym.

✓ Ed Media and alumni received the Sweepstakes Award in this past weekend's Parade America. The crew consisted of alumni from the classes 1937, 1938, 1939, and future grads of the years 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012. The float won its

mert based on the parade theme, *Legends, Memories, and Dreams*. The NNC float was one of 125 entrants in the parade.

✓ Circle K International announced that they will be hosting a "penny war" to raise funds for iodine, a micro-nutrient necessary for thyroid production. The "penny" table will be located in the Student Center and will run through the end of this week. The winning class will receive a free night at a recreational center.

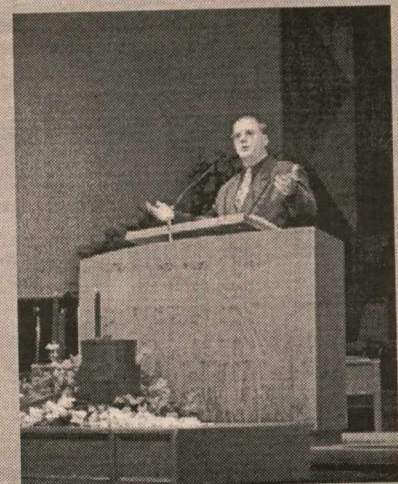
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CAMPUS EDITOR

## Student Preaching Mission

The Student Preaching Mission is a springtime tradition of long standing at Northwest Nazarene College. Since 1975, events formerly associated with the theological program (a commencement activity) have been incorporated into the student preaching mission.

Each senior student orally presents his or her work to the students in chapel and each student creates a program of service for his or her message. Often the students will incorporate a thematic setting for his or her message with the assistance of fellow students.

This year's participants were Chris Murray, who on Monday preached "Are You Looking for a New King," Eric Severson, who spoke Wednesday on "Our Last Reservation"; on Friday, the final day of the mission, Brent Peterson shared a message on the "Sacrifice of Living."



From top to bottom, Brent Peterson and Chris Murray. Eric Severson photo unavailable. (Chtangeev).

By TIM SCHLACK  
CAMPUS EDITOR

# Malibu will make waves at NNC

The action starts this Friday night, and promises to be a "wet and wild weekend!"

Get ready for a "wet and wild weekend" at NNC. That's right, Malibu Days are here again.

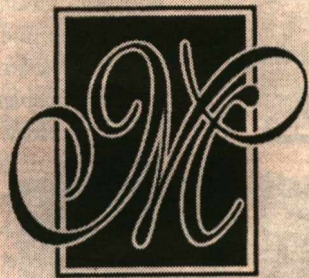
The action starts this Friday night at 5:00 p.m. with the R.D. barbecue in Kurtz Park. Cafe Malibu will be open later in the evening starting at 8:00 p.m. in Marriott. Various mocktails will be served, the first one being free and additional drinks costing you a mere \$0.25. Matt McCaslin will be putting on the ever exciting Theatre Sports this year for your entertainment.

Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m., be ready for three hours of water skiing fun. An NNC Alumnus will open a private lake, where the events will take place.

If you live in either Culver or Morrison, or just like to hang out in the lobby a lot, you can step out in your own back yard between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday to participate in water sports. There will be the usual tug-o-war, egg toss, skim boards, slip

and slide, and the ever popular "buck buck."

"I like the water sports," says NNC senior Courtney Smith. Mark Teeter added that his personal favorite water sport is "buck buck." Junior Mike Chis-



MALIBU

man was in agreement. "Buck buck is quite fun," he says.

At 4:00 p.m., the volleyball championship game will be held on the sand volleyball court. A canteen bar will also be open during this time for all

your munching needs.

Then, at 6:00 p.m. walk on over to the courtyard for the annual luau. The actual dinner starts at 7:00 p.m., but you can come and watch sumo wrestling before you go ahead and pig out (and we do mean pig).

On the menu for the luau will be: real roasted pig, baby cornish game hens, grilled chicken kabobs, and everybody's favorite ice cream pool. "The roasted pig was the best part," recalls Sophomore Kristen Powell. Senior Josh Williams added, "All the food is really good. We especially need Larry Tomlinson out doing the cooking this year."

The annual overnigher on the track is scheduled to begin Saturday night at 10:00 p.m., and the movie featured will be *Jumanji*. Yes, popcorn and pop will be available.

By MELISSA RUPPERT  
STAFF WRITER

# Bend: At least it's not Nampa

Juniors/seniors retreat to Oregon for a not-so-sunny weekend

Fifty-four NNC juniors and seniors made the long trek to Bend, Oregon, this weekend for the annual Junior-Senior retreat. Held at the Thousand Trails Resort/Campground, the students stayed in tents, trailers, or yurts (a canvas-covered cabin).

Although the signup sheet said Bend was only a four to five hour drive, for most students it took a lot longer. One group broke down on the road, and had to stay overnight in a motel while the car was being fixed. But most groups made it in about 5-7 hours.

"We averaged a speed of about 90 mph--so we made it in about 6 hours," said senior Kevin Haydon. "I think it's a good distance to go, but any longer and it would be way too far."

Music from classic and quality groups such as the Jackson Five and New Kids on the Block helped to pass the time driving through endless sagebrush and dust. The students also encountered quite a bit of rain, lightning, and thunder while on the road, which helped to slow up the trip.

And the rain didn't stop when they got there, either. On Saturday, with only a few sunbreaks at about six in the morning, the students were forced to



Juniors and seniors retreating in Bend, Oregon. From left to right: Richie Chadbourne, Brad Williamson, Adrian Van Hooser, Dave Zink, and Adam Watkins (Photo by Warriner).

go inside or brave the weather.

"Despite the weather and the cold, I had a really good time," said Junior Katie Klosterman. Groups went hiking around the lakes, hiked into the Lava River Caves, or went nearby Sunriver, a village resort. Others slept away the time, or played Trivial Pursuit, pool, and ping-pong in the lodge. Many of the advertised activities, such as bicycling, kyaking, canoeing, and swimming were not available for use until after Memorial Day weekend. This was disappointing for many students who had hoped to try their hand at canoeing or kyaking.

But for Junior Julie Weymouth, the lack of things to do was no problem.

"I liked the chance to be bored. I needed the rest," she said. "As for the car delay, us four girls managed to have

a lot of fun anyway, telling jokes and getting acquainted with truckers while waiting for the tow truck."

Coaches Eric Ely and David Diehl went along as supervisors. They arranged meals and provided dry wood for the campfire Saturday evening. Students gathered to roast marshmallows (along with a few fingers), make s'mores, eat popcorn and sing praise choruses. The retreat ended the next morning with a pancake and sausage breakfast and a devotional time. And then it was time to head back to reality.

By HELEN WARRINER  
OPERATIONS MANAGER

**"Despite the weather and the cold, I had a really good time." ~ Junior Katie Klosterman**

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# Cause of ValuJet crash may soon become known

*Flammable oxygen canisters packed in cardboard boxes may have caught fire and exploded*

The Oxygen canisters found near the crater in the Florida Everglades where a ValuJet DC-9 crashed last week are supposed to be perfectly safe ... when insulated properly. However, when stored in cardboard boxes in a plane's cargo hold, the canisters, which provide oxygen for emergency masks, can be quite volatile. The generators heat up to around 400 - 500 degrees when activated, and create pure oxygen, which is extremely flammable. Investigators are still unsure if the generators caused the crash, but the evidence is mounting.

National Transportation Safety Board investigator Greg Fieth noted in a CNN interview, "They (the canisters) did not have a plastic safety cap on their firing mechanism." Fifteen of the canisters had been emptied "either through removal or other means." While investigators are not yet sure if the canisters started a fire, they have found evidence of a cargo hold fire. Many pieces of wreckage showed signs of soot and other fire damage. Two oxygen generator "end caps" were found embedded in a stored airplane tire, which showed signs of fire damage.

There is little doubt that the canisters can be dangerous. "They are hazardous materials. They have a United Nations code," said a Federal Aviation Administration official. He added that the transportation of the generator is like the transportation of jet fuel. "If it's in the wing tanks, fine; if it's in a 55-gallon drum in the cargo hold, not fine." According to chemical engineer J. Wilson Mausteller, oxygen canisters

on airplanes are harmless if used and stored correctly, because it is heavily insulated to protect the plane from heat. Many experts say that it is almost impossible for an oxygen generator to go off accidentally, and that the canisters have



**"They (the canisters) did not have a plastic safety cap on their firing mechanism."**

*Investigator Greg Fieth*

been thrown on the floor and jostled without problems. However, if a canister was to accidentally activate, "it would enrich the air supply ... if there were an initiating source," Mausteller said. "Conceivably that could have started a

fire." Oxygen canisters have been blamed for several airline accidents, including a 1986 Chicago fire that gutted a DC-10.

The discovery of the air canisters and the black box, which records vital statistics of the plane such as altitude and speed, will help investigators find the cause of the crash, but what is really needed now is the plane's cockpit voice recorder. "This would certainly be the most valuable thing we could find," said National Transportation Safety Board Vice Chairman Robert Francis. In order to do this, searchers must search through eight feet of swamp muck. New technology, such as a ground penetrating radar, is being used, but that didn't help find the black box, which was discovered when one of the searchers stepped on it.

The problems with the air canisters could be a sign of larger problems in the low budget airlines industry. Senator Trent Lott of Mississippi has stated that the FAA didn't adequately respond to a report showing that ValuJet's accident rate was ten times that of major airlines. The report showed five recent ValuJet accidents, three of which were serious. "I'm worried about the fact that they did not as aggressively pursue problems at ValuJet as they should have," Lott said. Transportation Secretary Federico Pena disagrees, saying, "I have flown ValuJet; ValuJet is safe, just as all of our system is safe."

By DAVID STILLMAN  
GLOBAL EDITOR

# Dole leaves Senate to concentrate on campaign

*Republican candidate will now be able to campaign full-time for president*

After thirty-five years of congressional service, Majority Leader Bob Dole is retiring so that he can concentrate on his presidential campaign. "My time to leave this office has come," Dole said. "I will seek the presidency with nothing to fall back on but the judgment of the people, and nowhere to go but the White House or home."

Dole's decision shocked Democrats and Republicans alike, who have seen him on the Senate floor for twenty-seven years. "I will stand before you without office or authority, a private citizen, a Kansan, an American, just a man," Dole said. "But I will be the same man I was when I walked into this room, the same man I was yesterday ... and a long time ago, when I rose from my hospital bed and was permitted by the grace of God to walk again in the world."



President Bill Clinton was surprised by Dole's resignation. "You succeeded in surprising us all," he said when Dole called him to say that he would resign no later than June 11. The Republican challenger hopes to jump start his campaign which has been sloughing in the poles recently by 2-1.

Republicans around the country applauded Dole's move. Rep. James C. Greenwood (R, Pa) said, "It disentangles him -- and us in Congress -- from presidential politics." Sen. Arlen Specter added, "I think now people will see the real Bob Dole unfettered by the legislative agenda." Newt Gingrich also thought it was a good idea, but he had some reservations, "It was a bolder move than I would have counseled," Gingrich said, "It was a very courageous decision ... this is exactly the right thing to do."

Dole begins his campaign in Chicago following the announcement, although he is running low on campaign money.

He is nearing the \$38 million dollar pre-nomination spending limit. He spent most of his money during his difficult primary battle with fellow Republicans. Clinton, who has not been challenged by any Democratic presidential nominations, has a cool \$20 million dollars he can still

spend before the Democratic convention in August. Both Clinton and Dole received \$60 million dollars in campaign funds after each party's nomination convention paid by the tax payers for general election campaigns. Dole has a lot of ground to cover in the public opinion polls, and being a full-time campaigner will more than likely help Dole.



By LUKE HEATH  
STAFF WRITER

## Week in Review

### Beef ban may ease

The European Union may ease the ban on British beef that it put into place during the Mad Cow Disease scare two months ago.

This comes in response to Britain's slaughter of 80,000 cattle which could be infected with the disease.

A European Union spokesman said, "We believe there is every justification for voting in favor of the proposal," and mentioned that the relaxation of the ban would be in line with the approach that EU farm ministers agreed to on April 30.

Several delegates were impressed with the British attempts to eliminate the disease.

Werner Zwingemann, a German delegate to the EU, hoped that the ban would stay in place, saying, "We hope there will be no change today. There is still conflicting scientific evidence."

Despite concerns, it now looks as if the EU will probably vote to ease the ban.

### Embargo lifted on Iraq

A UN embargo on Iraqi oil will be lifted temporarily to allow Iraq to make money to pay for food and medicine. Under the deal, Iraq will be permitted to sell \$1 billion in oil every ninety days.

\$150 million of this money will be distributed to the Kurds in northern Iraq who oppose the reign of Saddam Hussein in Iraq.

Iraq will not be able to sell any more oil until they agree to dismantle their weapons of mass destruction.

Iraqis were pleased by the agreement. "What a good day this is," said U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright. "It's an excellent day for the people of Iraq."

This sale will undoubtedly bring gasoline prices down. Leo Drollas, chief economist for the Center for Global Energy Studies in London, estimates that the price for a barrel of oil will drop from twenty dollars a gallon to fifteen.

### Gay bills unconstitutional

An amendment to Colorado's constitution that forbids laws that protect homosexuals from discrimination was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court on Monday.

The court ruled 6-3 that the amendment denied gays a political right enjoyed by everyone else. "We must conclude that Amendment 2 classifies homosexuals not to further a proper legislative end but to make them unequal to everyone else," said Justice Anthony M. Kennedy.

Justice Antonin Scalia said in dissent, "Today's opinion has no foundation in American constitutional law, and barely pretends to."

"The people of Colorado have adopted an entirely reasonable provision which does not even disfavor homosexuals in any substantive sense, but merely denies them preferential treatment."

He added that the Colorado amendment "is designed to prevent piecemeal deterioration of the sexual morality favored by a majority of Coloradans."

# Bob Dole searches for running mate

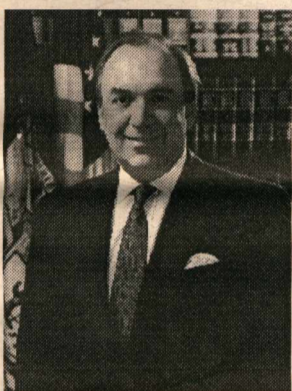
## Several governors and senators are battling for the position

Washington D.C.-- The Republicans now are beginning to look for a running mate for Presidential nominee Bob Dole. The Dole advisors are struggling to find the mate who will bring the most votes but won't upstage Dole himself.

The Republicans need to choose between seven different major competitors and a whole host of upstarts. They have come to an agreement on some of the major qualities that the nominee will need to hold to get the most political mileage for Dole. The nominee is going to most likely need to be young, Catholic, anti-abortion and either a Midwesterner or from a state than can contribute a high number of electoral votes that the republicans didn't win in the last election. The major areas to consider for this are the middle-class suburban and ethnic areas of Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, and New Jersey. These precincts hold a high number of independent voters who have see-sawed over the last decade and are key to a Republican win.

The seven candidates are (in order of popularity from a telephone poll of 335 registered Republicans and Republican leaners taken for TIME/CNN May 8 and 9 by Yankelovich Partners Inc. Sampling error is plus/minus 5.6%) General Colin Powell 40%, Michigan Governor John Engle 8%, New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman 8%, Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson 5%, Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson 4%, Ohio Governor George Voinovich 4%, and Arizona Senator John McCain 3%.

Powell is considered the White Knight for the Republican party.



John Engle

He would bring the majority of supporters that he had gained during his "bid" for the presidency, the ethnic following, and the popularity of a war hero.

Voinovich fits the ticket for what the party feels the nominee needs to gain the most votes. He is Catholic with an extensive resume who is known as a problem-solver and has a 73% approval rating. He is also pro-life, pro-business, and was the first governor to endorse Dole. At the same time, he isn't afraid to speak his

mind as seen last week when he denounced Dole support of repealing the gas-tax. He has been called a tax raiser because of his adding of an alcohol and pop tax that brought deficit stricken Ohio into a \$1 billion surplus. He also carries twenty-one Midwestern votes.

Michigan Governor John Engle is stumbling in making himself presentable to the party. His ill-timed endorsement of Dole and his boasts of his own abilities have brought him into disfavor. At the same time though, Dole knows how important Michigan is and has kept up contacts and with Engle. Engle is Catholic and a strong campaigner but these are overshadowed by his missing the draft for being overweight.



Colin Powell

Senator John McCain of Arizona has a spotty background after his involvement in the Keating Five S&L scandal. He did spend five and one-half years in a North Vietnam prison camp and could use that to pull the hero response to match Powell if marketed correctly. Unfortunately, his state

has voted Republican since 1952, so its votes are considered a given. He is currently considered the last route if the others fall short.

Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey is playing hard to get. She was known as a hard liner in her state but has now changed her views on abortion and on several other major issues that have taken her off the main list. Her rather short political resume also hurts her chances. The only thing that really is in her favor is that she is from New Jersey.

California has two offerings. Gov. Pete Wilson and Attorney Dan Lungren are making heavy bids. The only thing in their favor is that Clinton would need to move \$10 million of support from the Midwest to protect the fifty-four electoral votes of California.

Carroll Campbell of South Carolina spearheaded the Dole win over Pat Buchanan in the March primary. His nomination would help to hold the power base in the South so that effort could be concentrated on the Midwest. It looks as though Dole has more plans for him to use his campaigning abilities.

Conservative Tommy Thompson is known for his aggressive reforms and his strong style. His major problem is that he was also slow in endorsing Dole. His comments about Dole missing a public engagement in his state due to a schedule conflict have brought Thompson into disfavor.

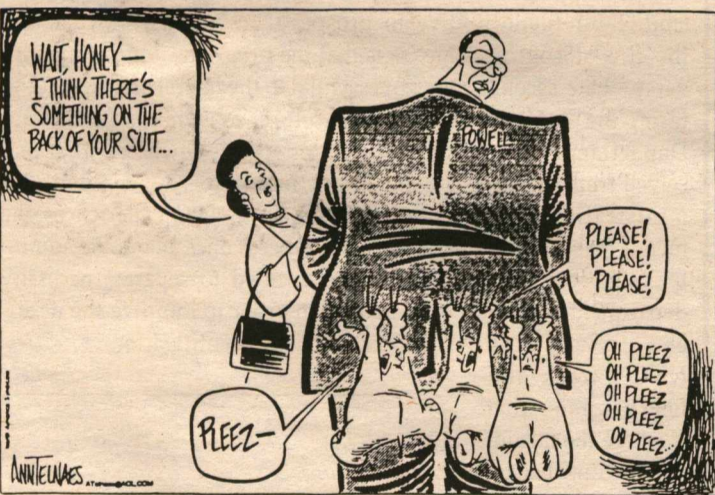
The Republicans definitely have their work cut out for them in choosing the best person to fill the Vice Presidential position



Pete Wilson



Christine Whitman



BY ANDY DIEHL  
STAFF WRITER

# Kevorkian acquitted

On Tuesday, May 14th Dr. Jack Kevorkian was acquitted of violating Michigan's common law in two assisted suicides that took place in 1991. The federal jury took only three days of deliberation to reach a verdict.

Kevorkian was charged with helping Sherry Miller, 43, of Roseville, Michigan, and Marjorie Wantz, 58, of Sodus, Michigan, commit suicide. Wantz suffered from severe pelvic pain, and Miller had multiple sclerosis.

Dr. Kevorkian helped the two choose their means of death. Miller died from inhaling carbon monoxide, while Wantz died from lethal injection.

Testimony revealed neither woman was terminally ill. The prosecution's medical experts testified that the women probably suffered from depression.

Kevorkian, a retired pathologist, showed up the first day of the trial dressed in a Colonial-era costume to mock the trial as being behind the times.

He told the jury, "See, suicide is not the aim. Eliminating suffering is. But you pay the price with the loss of a life. The patient decided the price was worth it."

## Testimony revealed neither woman was terminally ill.

His lawyer, Geoffrey Fieger, said, "We're not talking about death. We're not talking about killing people. We're talking about ending suffering."

The prosecution said Kevorkian's use of poisonous gas and lethal doses of drugs was not a treatment for pain, but a means to the end of his patients' lives.

Kevorkian has accumulated some amazing numbers over the past few years. He has amassed twenty-eight assisted suicides, five acquittals, and no convictions.

"I now consider this a legitimate medical service," he said. "I've never been so convinced of being right in my life."

BY LELAND TAYLOR  
STAFF WRITER

# China still M-F nation

Bill Clinton has asked Congress to extend most-favored-nation status to China, despite America's pending embargo on Chinese goods. The most-favored-nation status will reduce tariffs on Chinese goods exported to the U.S.

In defense of his request, Clinton said that the decision is "a vote for America's interests," citing 200 percent increases in U.S. telecommunications exports to China. Taking trading privileges from China would "drive us back into a period of mutual isolation and recrimination that would harm America's interests, not advance them."

However, a pending raise in tariffs of Chinese goods proposed by Clinton last week would have this same effect. Three billion dollars in tariffs will be doubled on many Chinese goods if China does not agree to curb software piracy inside its borders.

China responded with its own list of sanctions which it will put in place when the U.S. places the tariffs on Chinese goods next month.

# Freemen make offer

Colorado state senator and militia sympathizer Charles Duke has apparently succeeded where the FBI, Bo Gritz, and Barney the Dinosaur had failed, and has coaxed a proposal for surrender from the Freemen holed up in Montana.

Duke met with the Freemen for forty minutes on Monday to cement the proposal. "In the past I've seen the FBI put something on the table, give a little, give a little, give a little," Duke said. "Up until today we've had very little in the way of response. But that changed today."

This tentative agreement does not necessarily mean an end to the Freemen standoff. The FBI must still agree to the proposal.

According to Duke, the FBI has one objective in mind for this conflict. "We want all the people to exit the property," he said. "We've got some creative things we are going to try." He was also optimistic that the talks would continue. "They are now talking freely. The question is will they be willing to continue talking without someone like me?"

# Jordan's killer gets life

Larry Martin Demery, who was convicted of killing Michael Jordan's father, received a life sentence on Monday. The jury deliberated for two hours before deciding that Demery should not get the death sentence for his crime.

Demery testified against his friend Daniel Green, who Demery said actually fired the shots that killed Jordan. Demery said that he watched Green shoot Jordan as he awoke from a nap in his Lexus on July 23, 1993. Green said that he was elsewhere at the time of the murder, and Demery's testimony helped put Green in prison.

Demery's defense lawyer Hugh Rogers said in his closing argument that "Larry Demery did not shoot James Jordan. Period," but the jury agreed with District Attorney Johnson Britt that Demery was as much to blame as Green

Briefs compiled by David Stillman  
Global Editor

# The administrative reasoning explained

*Why the Regents cut the track, speech/language pathology, and dietetics programs*

Usually, when the Regents come to town, it is to discuss how much to raise tuition, or, on a kinder note, how a raise in student fees can be made less painful. But the board was unusually active last March. On March 6th through the 8th, the Regents voted to phase out the Family and Consumer Sciences, the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology major, and the intercollegiate track and field program. Some of these recent decisions have angered students, mostly because of the cloud of secrecy that surrounded those actions. Now, with the wounds having been mostly sewn up, it seems appropriate to reiterate the rationale behind eliminating those three programs.

Student Life, under the direction of Dr. Ken Hills, found it necessary to brief ASNNC Executive Officers right before spring break on the progression of thought that led to the

changes. The information below is taken from this briefing and from personal interviews with Dr. Hagood and Dr. Dunn.

that attracts students.

According to 1992-93 studies cited by Dr. Dunn, only 0.4 percent of all U.S. college

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Despite the fact that not all three programs being cut are academic in nature, all three fell victim to the same reasoning. According to the administration, as relayed by Dean Dunn, none of the three is a program

seniors graduated with a diploma in the field of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, and only 1.6 percent earned a degree in Family and Consumer Sciences. He and others therefore believe that the funds

dedicated to these programs are disproportionate compared to the number of students enrolled.

A commitment to meet the the degree requirements of students still involved in the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology program was reiterated, but incoming freshmen will not have this direction as an option.

As far as track is concerned, *The Crusader* must assume some responsibility for fueling the fire of controversy. Late second term, the Athletic Department received from the administration a memo that "strongly suggested" the department consider eliminating NNC's track and field program. That is where the misunderstanding began.

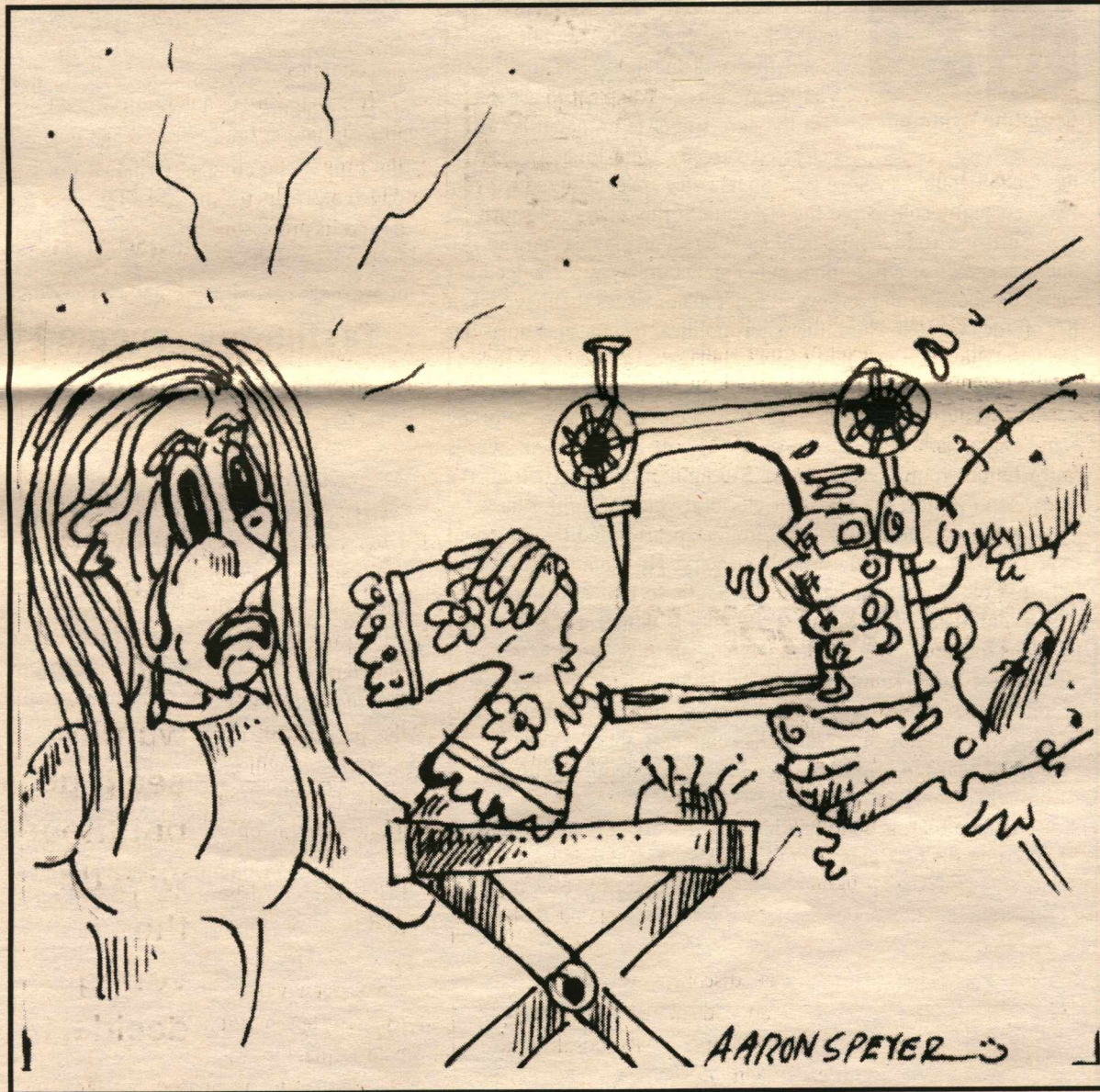
Dunn insists he did not order the Athletic Department to discontinue track, but merely informed the department that he felt it would be a justified course of action, in order to comply with Title IX requirements (which deal with establishing parity in participation by gender in college sports). Dunn's recommendation was introduced at the meeting as a directive, which it was not. However, the dean explained that such a misinterpretation was possible: "The wording 'strongly suggest' that I used was legitimately misunderstood. I believe that neither the Athletic Department nor myself are to blame, and we are not pointing fingers at anyone."

At any rate, on the night that memo was issued, *The Crusader* staff got wind of it. Having received the impression that NNC track had suddenly disappeared like an anonymous flasher, we contacted Dunn for an explanation. Stunned, the dean offered no comment, serving only to further the greatly flawed perception that the administration was trying to subversively eliminate track and field. This, and word of mouth, led to a student petition, which was signed by over 300 concerned souls -- all this before a final decision, which was up to the Board of Regents, not Dunn, Forseth, or Hagood, had ever been made.

In reality, the administration was merely objectively observing that the rate of participation in track and the number of recruitment opportunities connected with it were insufficient to warrant its sustenance.

It becomes apparent, then, that this administration is seeking to solidify the core of NNC. The idea is that if NNC commits to doing something, it should do it well. Consequently, Dunn has written, "it is the case that NNC must strengthen those programs more central to the mission and more attractive to prospective students." What that means is that the programs done away with are not essential to the liberal arts education, and are therefore consuming funds that would be better spent elsewhere. That reasoning is not meant to sound harsh, but rather efficient. As NNC experiences the accreditation process once again, the administration has decided to separate necessity from luxury, in order to improve the necessities each student is entitled to.

By JOHN FRALEY  
MANAGING EDITOR



## Faculty also affected by campus changes

It's a time of change at NNC, and some of these changes include a few of the faces you've seen around campus. Professors Adam Duncan, Shannon Miller and John Dejoy will be affected dramatically by the sweep of changes.

Professor Duncan graduated from NNC in 1992 with a music education and vocal performance degree. He attended graduate school at the University of Kansas City. He said he did not apply for a job here at NNC; rather, he was asked to come replace Dr. Bloomquist.

Duncan teaches class and private voice lessons and also has directed Crusader Choir for the past two years. This summer he plans to travel with Crusader Choir to Denmark, Sweden, and Norway.

"I love to teach voice and music and direct choir," said Duncan. "So this was a great opportunity. I like to help students

**"I have chosen to be a performer. I want to be an expert about doing what I love to study instead of just knowing what I love."**

people grow in areas they didn't know they could, or didn't even know existed."

Duncan will go back to the University in Kansas City and start his Doctorate of musical arts.

"I have chosen to be a performer. I want to be an expert about doing what I love to study instead of just knowing about what I love."

While it is not definite that Professor Shannon Miller is leaving, she is, as she says, "looking for another place. I have two years left on my contract. If I leave at the end of the year,

NNC will buy my contract in exchange for giving my children free tuition."

Miller says she doesn't want to move; she feels called to be here.

"But in a sense, I have no choice. That is

part of the fallout when people don't look ahead."

Miller has taught at NNC for a total of 11 years, and has coached track for the same amount of time. She specializes in hurdles and jumping events and is working hard with her track athletes to finish out the track season.

Professor John Dejoy will also be leaving at the end of the year, but declined to comment.

All three professors will be greatly missed and it is hoped that they find success in the coming years.

By HELEN WARRINER  
OPERATIONS MANAGER

# NNC Track has run its last leg

*By vote of the Board of Regents, the track and field program has been cut*

Change is never easy. Often compromises have to be met where everyone isn't satisfied with the decision, and someone feels they are giving up more than the others. Such was the case with the NNC track and field team.

Although NNC track has kept up its reputation at the conference, regional and national levels, the team is still being cut from NNC's athletic program.

"People say we're not visible enough to the students, or the public," said Shannon Miller, NNC track and field coach. "But track had fifteen All-Americans, which is not a record any other event or team in NNC can boast. Visibility is not a problem."

In order to bring NNC into compliance with Title IX, which concerns the proportionality of women to men in athletics, the NNC track program has been cut. As of next year, there will be no more track.

Other academic purposes and intents for a new direction for the school also led to this decision. But to the people involved it wasn't a wise decision.

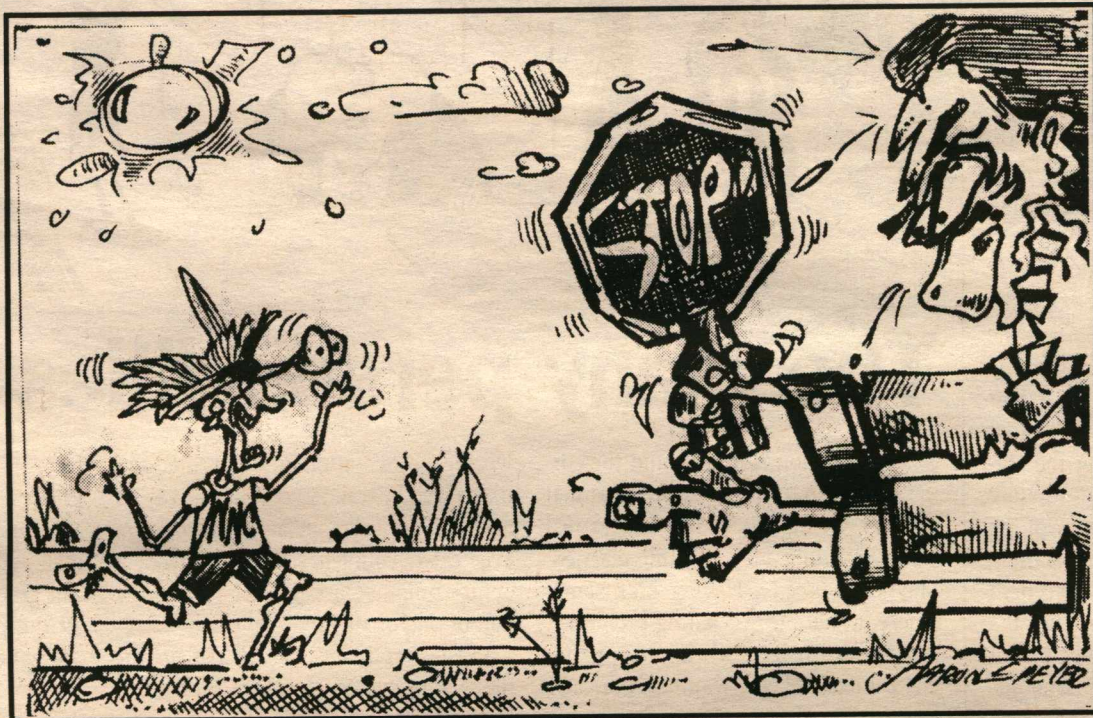
"The regents didn't want to put more money into creating a program that would allow more girls to participate," said track coach Paul Taylor. "But this can't be a good

move for the institution when only one half of the students (females) could participate."

Miller said she agrees. "They took away the one man's individual sport we had. That's criminal and it's really a blow to the men on campus."

with no program to coach? Taylor said he will just teach more classes, and Miller said she's looking for another place.

"The biggest disappointment for me is that when I came here ten years ago, I got a direct message from the President to bring



Not just track members were upset at this cut. Hundreds of students signed a petition and presented it to the regents.

"I really appreciated what the student body did," said Taylor. "But the administration pretty much had their minds made up before they saw the petition."

So what will the coaches do next year

the track program and the facilities up to the level of other state programs," said Miller. "We've worked on that, and now it's all gone."

By HELEN WARRINER  
OPERATIONS MANAGER

## Changes close an entire department

Among the many changes decided on this year is the closing of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. This Department includes Home Economics, Fashion Merchandising, Pre-Dietetics, and many other programs. There are currently nineteen students in programs in this department, and two professors within the department.

"Basically we have been given two years to phase out everything that we teach," Head of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences Liz Murtland said.

Although this department won't be closed for two more years, some changes in its programs are already beginning. "Starting next year, some of the 400-level nutrition courses will not be taught again, simply because we're not going to have a pre-dietetics program any longer," Murtland said.

"We were headed toward accreditation for the dietetics program since 1988 under Academic Dean Dan Berg, but the current administration has not approved of this accreditation process," Murtland said.

Students' general reaction to the closing of the pre-dietetics program is not at all what NNC should desire. "Students are transferring to other schools for pre-dietetics," Murtland said.

According to Murtland, at the beginning of the 1995-96 school year, there were seven students enrolled in the pre-dietetics program. Of those seven students, four have already left or will leave NNC, two have changed their majors, and one will graduate

next month.

Because the pre-dietetics program is the first to go, prospective students are being nudged away from NNC. "I've had many people approach me about it, and I've just told them not to pursue pre-dietetics here," Professor Kate Hohenbrink said.

How important is having a pre-dietetics program anyway? "There's no other dietetics program in the Treasure Valley, so many people were in support of NNC's pre-dietet-

**"I honestly do believe there's a problem with this school not supporting programs that predominantly consist of women."**

ics program," Murtland said. "We had hospitals all around the area letting us know they supported us. Some people don't want to or can't afford to leave the area to pursue dietetics."

The support from a variety of people was amazing. "Over 100 letters of support came across my desk after the administration made their intentions to close the department known. I even got one letter of support from Dr. James Dobson," Murtland said.

According to Murtland, closing this department makes a very negative statement about the school. "I think closing this department is a loss of family emphasis on this campus," Murtland said.

As with any cut, those involved in the program being cut are likely hurt the most. Murtland was calm as she stated that the way the administration brought about the changes was "discourteous."

Murtland said she felt rushed to make an argument against the proposal to close the department. After being told the department would be phased out in two years, Murtland and Hohenbrink were only given 30 days to respond.

"There was no procedure in place to deal with administrative initiatives," Murtland said. Due to lack of structure, Murtland said they had to "wing it."

They had no idea who would need to read their appeals or what to include in their appeals. In the final meetings about this decision, the Academic Council had less than 24 hours to read the Family and Consumer Sciences 40-page document of appeal.

The process of change is never easy. It's not easy for the persons involved in the area of change or the persons asking for the change. "I think it was a very closed-minded process," Murtland said.

By AMY RILEY  
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## NNC will lose "speech-path"

In spite of strong convictions about the value of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology major at NNC, it won't be long until the program is gone for good.

"I'm a strong believer in Liberal Arts education. I have been since my own Liberal Arts education, but within liberal arts I think there can be room for pre-professional studies," said NNC Speech Pathology professor, Dr. Earl Owens. One of the pre-professional programs, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, is scheduled to be phased out by the fall of 1998.

Why the cutting of yet another quality program? According to Dr. Owens, it is part of the general move to remove small majors, especially small pre-professional majors, from those offered.

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was not as financially viable, and it was simply a matter of college philosophies and economics.

"It was definitely not a reflection of the faculty in the program, or the program itself," said Owens. "The program and its professors have been praised for their work."

The phasing out of the program will entail three steps to ensure those already in the program continued assistance and guidance.

First, no more students who could finish the program in two years were accepted into the program as of second term. Second, during the second year in the process, all the regular classes will be offered. Third, by the third and last year, only one advanced course and practicum will be offered.

Community reaction has been varied. Many people do not even know that the program is going to be phased out, and the families of the children whom the students work with had, as of May 1, not been notified.

Several professional colleagues and speech-pathologists in the area have expressed unhappiness that the program is ending.

"I am greatly saddened, although not so much from a personal standpoint. Speech-Pathology is a strong program that I would have liked to have seen go on after me. I started it, so it's a little sad and disappointing, but it is not a personal affront," said Owens. "The Speech Department and the Division of Language Arts and Literature really didn't want to see it go, but those who do the voting decide. We just have to accept it as something that is."

By HELEN WARRINER  
OPERATIONS MANAGER

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## STAFF EDITORIALS

## Senate finally spends money wisely but forgets an essential step along the way

Senate finally did what they should have done for many weeks: they used student fees in a way that will certainly benefit a large amount of the student body. Last Wednesday, Senate approved bill 9605-05, which calls for a donation of \$6,000 toward the purchase of top-notch weight training equipment. The Athletic Department will combine the six thousand pledged by Senate with a few thousand dollars of its own to buy specific material which was deemed excellent by potential users.

For this wise decision, we commend our Senate. Students have long clamored for significant weight room improvements, and rightfully so. In addition, the research that went into this bill was exemplary.

However, we are appalled at the lack of responsibility displayed in the manner Senate approved 9605-05. The bill's first reading was Wednesday night -- and so was the vote on whether or not it should pass. Something is amiss in that process: namely, the senators' instructions to gather their constituents' opinions concerning support for that specific bill. Once again, we are not questioning the students' desire for new equipment, but we *are* questioning exactly how Senate knew the students were in favor of the massive sum of \$6000 being consecrated to the new station.

What is most serious is the fact that a sorry precedent was set last Wednesday. If Senate thinks it can skip the terribly important step of asking students whether or not they approve of a specific bill, and not just an issue addressed by that bill, it needs a reality check. Twelve persons should not a student Senate make, but rather twelve hundred.

## Don't you dare repeal the gas tax

To refresh your memory, remember that Republicans marched into Congress in 1994 behind the rallying cry, "Balance the Budget!" To jog that memory a little further, recall that Bill Clinton sailed into office four years ago on the strength of that same issue.

If elected officials ever really do get serious about balancing the federal budget, they'll need every source of revenue they can get. That's why repealing the gas tax would do much more harm than good.

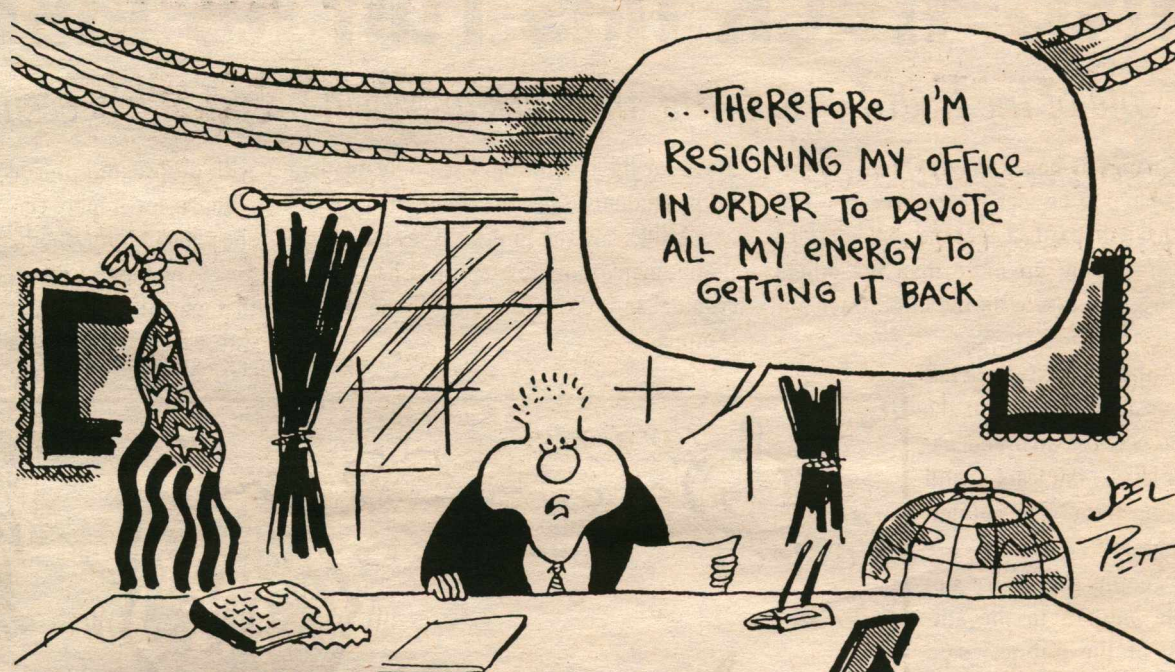
Furthermore, the rising gas prices are due to a shortage of oil caused by Iraq not selling one billion barrels of oil last winter. Major companies, expecting a supply crunch, jacked up prices. But now that Iraq has been cleared to sell the excess oil, it becomes reasonable to expect your gas bill to drop back to manageable levels sometime soon. There is no reason to panic, so no reason to change course.

If Republicans, behind the leadership of presidential nominee Bob Dole, insist on rescinding the gas tax, beware the political ploy. Nobody wants to pay a buck-fifty for gas indefinitely, and the right-wingers know this. If Bill Clinton insists the tax should survive this very temporary crisis, then please believe him, and be assured he is the most committed supporter of the balanced budget.

## STAFF INFECTION

I remember when George Bush came to Montana! That was so much fun. People aren't allowed to have too much fun in Montana, are they Tim?... cynical--that rhymes with rabbinical, right?... "Hey Heather, let's go to the guys' restroom." "No, Amy, I value my sense of smell."... If you want one 8-year-old's opinion, Heather is a "cutie-pie"... Hey guys, let's not make fun of Tim while he's not even here... Somebody get him up here then... Which editor said, "Guys, I'm up dating the basketball team this week?" Um, John, that was Toby. And he meant "updating." Oh... Say, has anyone else felt like complimenting Heather Tompkins on the fine decorating job she and her assistants did in the Student Center last night?... Gina felt moved to share that she enjoys bodily functions at any time of day -- or night... The headline of the week goes to the Press-Tribune for "Panis wins a wet Monaco"... OK, STOP!! That's quite enough.

## ONCE AGAIN, THE ME-TOO PRESIDENT MAKES HIS MOVE



## The many personalities of NNC

Graduation is just around the corner, and even freshmen know what that means. Going out to live in the real world. Finding a job. Getting married. Maybe divorced. Having kids somewhere in that mess. Getting promoted, getting "downsized." Being happy. Or just content. Maybe waiting to die. Or any combination of these scenarios.

I know the majority of my graduating classmates. I know what kind of people these friends of mine are -- or perhaps I just recognize an image they've created for themselves. Either way, I know they fall into four major categories: the optimists, the cynics, the hypocrites, and the naive. Such a breakdown of the population is nothing new. We all identify to some degree with one of these categories.

The optimists are a large group, perhaps encompassing a third of those who will receive their diplomas on June 9th. Included in the optimists are many student leaders, be they elected, appointed, or free-lance. They hold the idealistic belief that by their involvement, they can make a difference. They believe this involvement's difference should carry over into "life after college" or "the real world." And they have good reason to believe in that, for most of them can lead, serve, and have the skills to be significant in our society (though all too often, they'll be too modest to admit it). In any case, they will seek to be the world-changers for a few years, but after a while, due to lack of success, negative circumstances, or naivete, many will end up in the next group: the cynics.

For now, however, the cynics are thankfully less numerous; they number about one tenth of the Class of '96. NNC's emphasis on affecting the world for Christ helps to keep cynicism in check; we are indoctrinated here to assume our contribution to the world will make it a better place. At a secular school, cynics are probably the largest group. This is understandable considering they've not been reassured every day that they have good news to spread "to all corners of the earth."

Here's the rub, however: the real

world, the one after June 9th, hits you like a freight train; and it has a way of teaching cynicism in a hurry. If you ever catch yourself saying, "I'm not a cynic--I'm just a realist"--you know you're one of them.

The hypocrites here make up for the lack of cynics. I cannot pretend to know exactly how many of our community members are sincere in their public displays of spirituality, for I'm sure there have been enough times when I looked like the biggest hypocrite alive. But I can assert with some confidence that plenty of our graduates will all too readily shed the mask of "the perfect Christian" they've carefully worn for four (or more) years. It's just too bad they can't take that mask off now, and spare everyone the trial of wondering who they really are.

On to the naive--this group is the largest of the four. I'd place nearly half of NNC's immediate graduates under its umbrella.

These persons' thinking has been done for them since birth, and they are just fine with that. And why not? It's easier that way. All the answers are there; our ancestors have found them for us so we don't have to rack our brains. Once again, why not? Thinking is hard stuff. You have to be somewhat logical. You have to do away with incoherent preconceptions. You have to reduce *your* beliefs to truly *your* beliefs. You can't commit your life to someone else's ideals--they have to be *yours*. And you might not find answers to life's tough questions for a long time, using such a method.

I'm not saying NNC fails to teach students to think for themselves. In

fact, the ability to think for myself is the greatest debt I owe to NNC (my loans are repayable to the federal government, not the Business Office). But one can graduate from here without losing all the preconceptions, prejudices, and pretentious ideas he or she arrived with; and unfortunately, more than one does.

Another trait of the naive is their inability to deal with situations not encountered at NNC. I'm a life-long city-dweller who grew up in the suburbs of an 11-million person metropolis. I've probably seen as much desperation and insensitivity as anyone around here. Yet the last time I was in a real urban setting, not Boise, but one complete with bums carrying signs that plead for food or spare change, I experienced an unfamiliar sensation: that of not knowing what to do. I felt ignorant. I felt like I'd never had to deal with this before. The almost exclusively middle-class, lily-white, Christian-professing environment I'd matured in for the last four years had somehow numbed me. So imagine how a big-city rookie feels on his/her first date on the town. Witnessing real problems is important. The hot topic of whose roommate is dating whose pales in comparison to the real world's crises of poverty, homelessness, crime, and

lack of hope. Will the naive be capable of dealing with them--let alone trying to solve them?

The optimist, the cynic, the hypocrite, and the naive will all walk together on June 9th; each will receive a diploma. But what did each graduate learn here? To believe the best can happen if one only tries to make a difference? To expect the worst because we

can't help it anyway? Maybe to live a lie? Or worse yet, do you expect the world to be an extension of Northwest Nazarene College? I'd be the first to rejoice if worldwide, the concern and love I often see here were duplicated. However, I'm not naive enough to expect such a rosy situation -- or cynical enough to assume it can't be done.

By JOHN FRALEY  
MANAGING EDITOR

**Finding a job.  
Getting married.  
Maybe divorced.  
Having kids.  
Getting promoted,  
or downsized.  
Being happy.**

**If you ever find yourself saying, "I'm not a cynic, I'm just a realist" --you know you're one of them.**

REVIEWS

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*Kingsolver's masterpiece--dreams of a better day*

*Animal Dreams* by Barbara Kingsolver reaches down to the reader's very soul and lingers there. It's a book about family, love, tragedy, home, and controversy that has lasting effects on its readers.

The story revolves around the main character and narrator, Codi, her younger sister, Hallie, and their father, Doc Homer. Kingsolver develops the characters of the sisters by showing the special relationship they have. Throughout the narration, Codi describes their relationship by saying they were so attached that they were like "keenly mismatched Siamese twins conjoined at the back of the mind."

Codi and Hallie grew up in Grace, Arizona with their widowed father. After high school, Codi moves to Tucson, Arizona to go to college, and just three years later, Hallie joins her. When they finish college, each moves away. Hallie, the more outspoken, determined of the sisters, moves to Nicaragua to help plant and cultivate amidst the terror-stricken land.

Hallie sees Nicaragua as the only real cause left. Generations of the past have all had something to risk everything to fight against, such as the Nazi movement under Hitler, and Vietnam; and the post-revolution period of Nicaragua is Hallie's. Kingsolver vividly depicts the U.S.' inhumane treatment of the Nicaraguan people during the ten years following the 1979 revolution. This, as well as many of the other issues in the novel, is based on actual events.

Quite different from her sister, Codi goes back to Grace, where she faces all the turmoil and tragedies which she had left behind. Among the hidden aches is her superficial relationship with her father. "My relationship with Doc Homer had always improved with distance, which is to say that mail was okay and short, badly connected phone calls were best."

Codi also has to deal with a pain which has wrenched her heart since she was fifteen years old; a pain that she hasn't forgotten, but has covered up and shoved into the corners of her soul. This pain haunts her for nearly twenty years until she returns to Grace to deal with it. Yet though this torment lay hidden, it has crippled her to the point that she feels inferior and unable to succeed.

But her life in Grace is not all torment. She gets a job as a high school Biology teacher, and enjoys it as much

as any excellent teacher could. She also finds romance in the arms of an old friend from the past, an Apache trainman named Loyd Peregrina. "People dream about what they do when they're awake. If you want sweet dreams, you've got to live a sweet life," Loyd tells Codi. Above all, Loyd offers her the intimacy of friendship. Loyd's view of life offers Codi's eyes clear sight, and subsequently offers her heart the chance to feel again.

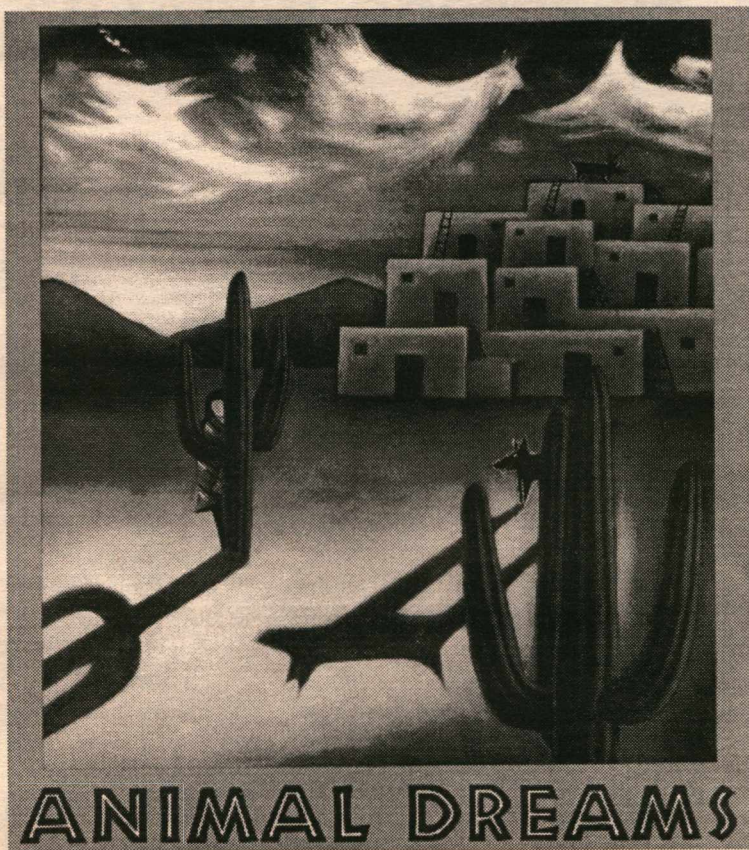
Kingsolver is careful not to let the story be lop-sided by Codi's feelings, leaving out those of the other characters. Kingsolver does an excellent job of presenting the fragmented thoughts of Doc Homer's failing mind and the rushes of emotion that go with each of his memories. Doc Homer's reflections reveal the sorrow a father feels when he knows he has failed again and again in raising his children.

In *Animal Dreams*, Kingsolver tells a fascinating story that will take you on a journey of joy, humor, wisdom, wonder, hope and sadness. However, I feel it would only be fair to warn you that once you have read a Barbara Kingsolver novel, you'll never stop craving another.

**Animal Dreams**

Reviewed by Amy Riley

Crusader Rating **A-**



ANIMAL DREAMS

CUISINE

*Try taming a ravenous appetite at "the Ram"*

The Ram, a relatively new restaurant in Boise has made quite a debut with the locals. Ever since its opening on Super Bowl Sunday, people have been raving about this new sports bar/restaurant situated right in the heart of downtown. It is a great place to meet friends or to have a nice family meal. The prices are reasonable, ranging from \$5.00-\$8.00, depending on what you are hungry for. The Ram is conveniently located at the end of the Connector: past Broadway across from Morrison Knudsen. Its patio has a great view of the Boise River. There is a special feature every day (including Sunday), buy a burger, get the second for \$2.50. On Tuesday you can grill your own steak, there is a pizza night, and much more!

The atmosphere at the Ram is conducive to conversation, as everyone is usually talking quite loudly. You wouldn't believe the things you can overhear in this setting! The music is also usually loud and covers up the noise coming from the nearly twenty TV's that look

down on you from almost every direction. The TV's are usually plastered with sports or old movies, I've seen a basketball game and "The Bad News Bears," while enjoying a meal. If the date isn't going well at least you have an easy out, watch TV! The Ram is decorated with old boats and other paraphernalia, including a banner from every high school and college in the valley, except for Northwest Nazarene College. I was shocked, even more so when I saw the brown bag banner with the Albertson's logo hanging from the rafters. I made an inquiry, but got no answer. I suspect it has something to do with the adjoining bar. For those staying in the Boise area over the summer, the Ram is hiring four to five people a week. Their staff is already over one hundred forty-five strong! This restaurant is not only a great drawing point for the community, it has also produced a significant number of jobs as well.

A recent trip to the Ram proved most interesting; upon arriving we (a friend and I) were seated in the middle of the room. We were seated in a section with a cute waiter (score one for us!) We placed our order and he left, but soon came back with an all too infamous line. "My friend and I have a bet on how old you are." After he got the conversation going, he asked about school, major, you know all the important things. Luckily for us, he avoided our table the entire time we were eating. Well, the story does have a happy ending, a phone number and a free dinner. So, I would definitely recommend the Ram to anyone, but I can't guarantee that this will happen to you. If you end up at the Ram's doors, I recommend the Grilled Onion Burger or the Club Focaccia Sandwich. In fact, go out on a limb, I would venture to guess that almost any item on the menu would be great. Good luck and Bon Appetit!

**The Ram**

Reviewed by Nicole Corbin

Crusader Rating **A-**

VIDEO

*The President--with personality?*

Coming upon election time, one of the last things you may want to do is see a movie dealing with election year politics. *The American President*, however, downplays the politics considerably, focusing on the man behind the office.

When Andrew Shepherd's wife dies, he is left to raise his adolescent daughter on his own--not to mention carrying out the duties of Commander-in-Chief. Well, it can be lonely at the top. So Andy (Michael Douglas) has no qualms about pursuing a relationship with opponent political strategist Sydney Allen Wade (Annette Bening), even after it pulls his rating down by 15 percentage points.

As for the setting, *The American President* is one big field trip through election year politics. Of course, we don't usually see much of the "behind the scenes" operations, we all have a good glimpse from this side for about ten months of every four years. While the President's having a girlfriend might sound intriguing, we did get a taste of that setup in *Dave*. And while a relationship between people whose political agendas differ may have potential, it's nothing *Speechless* didn't cover.

But what makes *The American President* great is not even really the plot. There's not much to it which is that new or original. No, what really makes the show is the writing. The script is so solid, so humorous, so enlightening--it's just darn good. I've never seen such subtle use of one-liners. It seems that with every other line the President was dropping a joke, and most of the time you

don't even see it coming. The rest of the time, he's saying something rather profound or heartwarming.

I do have to admit that it was refreshing to see Michael Douglas in a clean role. While he is a good actor, the parts he usually chooses are not some of the best, in my opinion. With *The American President*, however, I think he found a winner. His character is the kind of guy we'd all like to see in the oval office. He is moralistic, he cares about his country, and human life in general, and his daughter is one of his main priorities. And you have to admit that it would be difficult to have to schedule time to see your own daughter, and even then only when you have a spare five or ten minutes between meetings and press appearances.

**The American President**

Reviewed by Shawn McDonald

Crusader Rating **B+**

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**SPORTS BRIEFLIES**

**Sonics take two-game lead in Western Conference finals**

Playing in their first conference finals since 1992, the Seattle Sonics jumped to a two game lead over the Utah Jazz with a 91-87 victory last night.

Behind the defense of Gary Payton, who scored 18 points with four steals, the Sonics were able to hold onto a slim four-point lead in the waning minutes. The loss gives the Jazz an 0-8 record in conference final road games.

In game one, played Saturday, the Sonics gave the Jazz their worst playoff loss in history with a 102-72 thrashing. The Sonics seemed to take advantage of a full week of rest after sweeping the Rockets in the second round.

Shawn Kemp led the Sonics in game one with 21 points on 10-of-11 shooting for the game.

**Bulls pound Magic in opening game of Eastern Conference finals**

Behind the defense of Dennis Rodman, and the scoring of Air Jordan, the Chicago Bulls gave the Orlando Magic a thorough pounding in the opening game of the eastern Conference finals, 121-83.

Rodman guarded Shaquille O'Neal throughout the game. Pulling down 21 rebounds and scoring a season-high 13 points, the Worm, 6'-8" and 220 pounds, shut down O'Neal, 7'-1" and 325 pounds, during a key Bulls run in the third quarter.

O'Neal finished the game with 27 points, Penny Hardaway led the Magic with 38 points, but the Magic's other three big scorers--Horace Grant, Nick Anderson and Dennis Scott--combined for two points on the game.

The series resumes with game two tonight in Chicago.

**Doc Gooden no-hits Mariners**

Coming off a drug ban and some shaky early season pitching, the Yankees' Dwight Gooden threw the first no-hitter of his career and the second of the '96 season.

Striking out five, Gooden relied on his curveball that made him famous in the '80s to completely shut the Mariners' bats down.

With two men on base in the ninth, Gooden struck out Jay Buhner, then forced a Paul Sorrento pop fly to the shortstop to the delight of the standing crowd at Yankee stadium.

**Indy 500 racer Brayton dies in practice session crash**

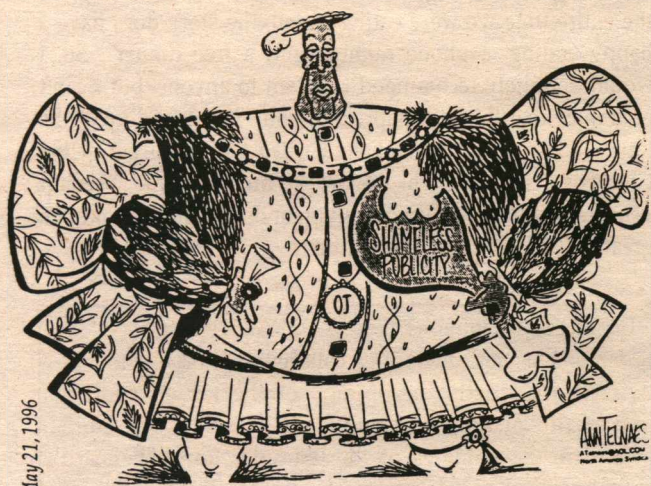
Scott Brayton, who had earned the pole position days earlier, died during a practice run Friday when his tire went flat, causing his car to slam into a wall at 230 m.p.h.

He had been testing possible race day setups when his right rear tire deflated rapidly as the car entered turn two.

"He was in a great car. He had a great day to race on. Certainly as far as we can tell it was not driver error," said Jack Long, executive director of the Indy Racing League.

The son of an Indy car driver, Brayton became the 40th Indy 500 driver to die during practice. The most recent fatality at the Indy 500 was Jovy Marcelo who was killed in a practice crash in 1992.

In all, 66 people including drivers, mechanics, spectators and a bystander have died in accidents at the track.



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SPORTS EDITOR

**Eric Ely takes Mt. Vernon Nazarene women's coaching job**

Over the years the students of NNC have become familiar with a man who has contributed a great deal to the NNC campus. The next few weeks will be the last for Eric Ely, a coach, an advisor, and above all, a friend to everyone.

As a graduate of Wilbur Wright High School in Dayton, Ohio, Ely began his NNC legacy in 1978, when he transferred from Treasure Valley Community College in nearby Ontario, Oregon to play for the men's basketball team.

During Ely's two seasons at NNC he set a record for the single-season field goal percentage of 68.3 percent.

After his short-lived career at NNC he went on to play professionally in Europe and South America, playing in both France and Brazil. It was during his time playing for Brazil that he met his wife Regina.

As many know, roads can lead back to NNC, and Ely's return was no surprise. Ely returned to NNC in 1986 to take the assistant coaching position for women's basketball.

"Being here (at NNC) was an ex-

cellent time of learning and working with students," said Ely. "I am thankful for the years here and have seen a lot of dreams fulfilled."

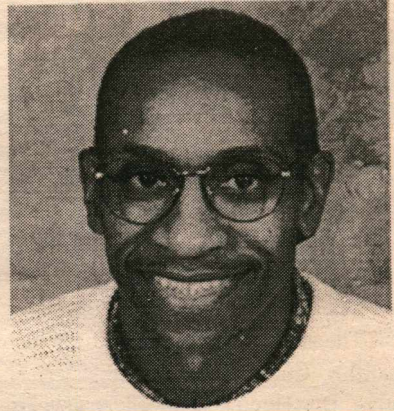
Ely will be leaving NNC next fall to take the women's head coaching position at Mount Vernon Nazarene College. While there he will also become, as he was at NNC, the Director of Multicultural Affairs.

Ely expressed his sadness of leaving NNC, but knows that the move will be good for him and his family.

"No time is a good time," said Ely. "It's a hard time, but there's something refreshing about new beginnings and because of that there is some optimism."

Not only will Ely receive the positions of coaching and Director of Multicultural Affairs, but his wife will also be working in one of the women's residence halls as a Resident Director.

Ely takes with him not only his family, but a great deal of wonderful memories. His plans are to build many new memories at Mount Vernon. Who knows, a possible match-up between



Eric Ely will be leaving for Mt. Vernon in July.

the Cougars of Mount Vernon and the Crusaders of NNC could be somewhere down the road.

Thursday, May 30, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge an all-campus farewell will be held for Ely.

By TIM SCHLACK  
CAMPUS EDITOR

**Intramural champions will be decided in Thursday games**

The quest for the esteemed intramural championship t-shirt is now down to the final teams.

In both the men's and women's softball leagues, the season tournaments will be decided this Thursday evening.

For the women's league, Team Crow entered the tournament as the number one seed, while Team Volleyball enters the championship game as the number seven seed.

In their first game of the tournament, Team Crow picked right up where they left off in the regular season by thumping Team Mittelstaedt 13-1.

In the third round Team Crow faced Team Volleyball who upset number two seed Team Basketball.

Team Volleyball pulled a second upset by defeating Team Crow 12-7. Team Crow turned right around in the losers' bracket and defeated Team Pond in a loser-out thriller, 14-13.

The victory set up a rematch with Team Volleyball who would take the championship with a win. Team Crow avoided elimination with a 12-6 victory, and forced a rematch to decide the champion this Thursday at 6:00 p.m.



Chris McKenzie races for first while first baseman Jimmy Lynn waits for the throw, Lynn and the Niners went on to win the game (Jeffrey).

In the men's tournament, the GoFurs fought their way out of the losers' bracket to make their third straight intramural championship appearance.

The Gofurs' third round loss to number one seed Team Basketball put the Furs in the losers' bracket. The GoFurs won three games in two nights to avoid elimination.

On Wednesday night of last week, the Furs defeated the number two seeded Team Eruption in an extra inning

game that went down to the final out. With two men on and two outs, Eruption was unable to put the tying run across the plate.

With the win, the Furs turned right around and played the team that put them in the losers' bracket, Team Basketball. Scoring six runs in the fifth inning, the Furs held Team Basketball to six runs to win 11-6.

The Niners entered the tournament seeded third. The Niners avenged an early season loss to Team Eruption by scoring two runs in the last inning to win 5-4.

In the winners' bracket finals, the Niners gave Team Basketball their first loss of the season with a five run sixth, winning 10-6.

The GoFurs and the Niners will play the first game at 6:00 p.m. If the GoFurs, coming out of the losers' bracket win, the second game will follow immediately after at 7:15 p.m.

By TOBY JEFFREY  
SPORTS EDITOR



Ralph Johnson of Team Eruption takes a swing at the ball, Eruption was knocked from the tournament by the GoFurs (Jeffrey).

# Dave's commencement address for the Class of '96

Members of the Class of 1996, as I stand here before you, gazing out upon your eager young faces, the question that comes to my mind is: What if I have to scratch myself? I'd have to distract you somehow, perhaps by... HEY! LOOK OVER THERE! IT'S THE UNABOMBER!

No, sorry, I was mistaken. Anyway, members of the Class of 1996, today is a very big day for you. For today you will leave the safety and comfort of the academic world -- a world of college and classes; of tests and teams; of professors and proms; of books and barfing on your roommate after attending the Phi Delta Zet fraternity Quart Size Martini Night.

Yes, members of the Class of 1996, college has been fun, but the time for fun is over. Now you must take off your comical rented graduation outfits and go forth into the world, unless you are one of the slower students, in which case you must go fifth. Ha ha! Get it? I will pause here for laughter. But seriously, young people, you are entering a world that has many problems. I am reminded of the words of President Bill Clinton, who, in a recent speech at Yale University, said: "We, as a nation, must make a decision: Are we going to go out and DO something about our problems? Or are we going to remain here and finish these doughnuts? Because I notice there are still some chocolate ones left."

What do President Clinton and I mean when we talk about "problems"? For one thing, we mean corporate "downsizing." Take for example AT&T, which recently, in a cost-cutting move, fired all of its employees. The only person left there is the CEO, who makes \$257 million per year and spends his days squatting on top of his

desk, fearfully clutching a letter opener, because the corporate headquarters, lacking even janitorial workers, is overrun by rats.

And believe me, things are no better in the journalism industry. At one time, 100 percent of the content of the American newspapers was produced by American workers. But today, because of layoffs and "outsourcing," more than a quarter of the words you read -- including nearly half of the verbs -- are produced by low-paid work-

an entrepreneur! Look at Bill Gates! Here is a person who, despite having few assets and the charisma of paste wax, was able to create a software empire so vast and pervasive that "Windows 95" now comes pre-installed on every personal computer and many kitchen appliances. What is Bill Gates' secret? What, exactly, did he do that enabled him to rise so much faster than his peers, and become so wealthy that he uses disposable helicopters? The answer is: HE DROPPED OUT OF COLLEGE.

While his peers were frittering away their brainpower studying for exams in which they had to name three French Impressionist masters, Bill was out making money. He now has French Impressionist masters painting his garage. The same can be said for Shaquille O'Neal.

But does this mean that just because you, the Class of 1996, have indulged in four years of brain-frittering, your future is hopeless? Does it mean that you have to slink back home and live with your parents?

Does it mean that, from now on, you'll be awakened every morning at 6 a.m. by those noises that your dad makes in the bathroom? What is he DOING in there? Strangling a pig? Does it mean you'll have to listen to that radio station your mom listens to -- the "oldies" station that never plays anything except the top hits of 1964, over and over and over and over, so that one bleak afternoon, when for what seems like the 11th time that day, you'll hear the opening strains of "Baby Love," and you'll decide you can't take it anymore, and you'll take a fatal leap from your bedroom window? Is that what you have to look forward to, Class of 1996?

As the French Impressionist mas-

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ers in Taiwan. Newspaper quality are definitely suffering, but ironically the stock prices is higher than they ever be.

So the employment trend does not bode well for you, members of the Class of 1996. It bodes badly. You cannot expect to simply remove your diamond nostril stud, walk into a major corporation and get a high-paying position; you will find that most the openings available to you are in the field of retail yogurt. But does that mean you should get depressed? Does that mean that your diploma is a worthless piece of paper best suited for cleaning up spilled Yoo-Hoo? Of course not? It is nowhere near absorbent enough!

Besides, you don't NEED to beg a large corporation for a job. You can be



ters say: "Au contraire!" (Literally, "negatory!") For one thing, your bedroom is on the first floor. For another thing, there is always hope for a brighter tomorrow. I am reminded of the words of former president Thomas Jefferson, who, delivering a commencement address at UCLA, concluded his remarks by telling the graduates...HEY! LOOK OVER THERE! ELVIS!

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## The Yogurt Affaire' presents the weekly Top Ten List

Top Ten worst analogies ever written in a high school essay

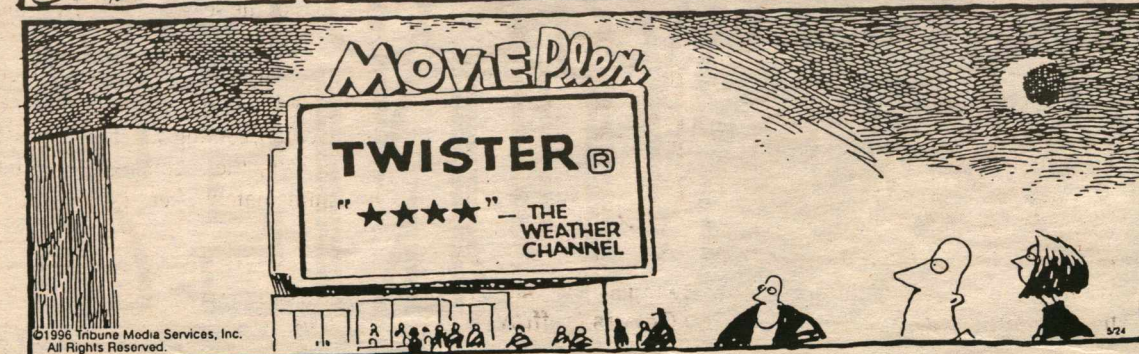
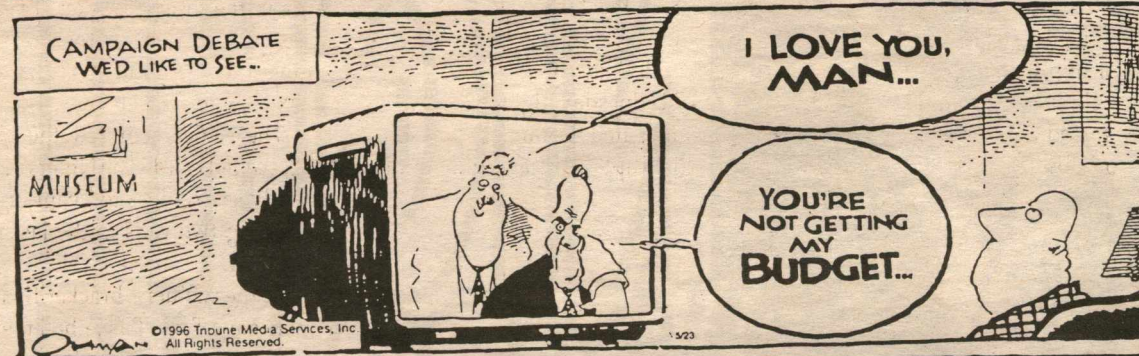
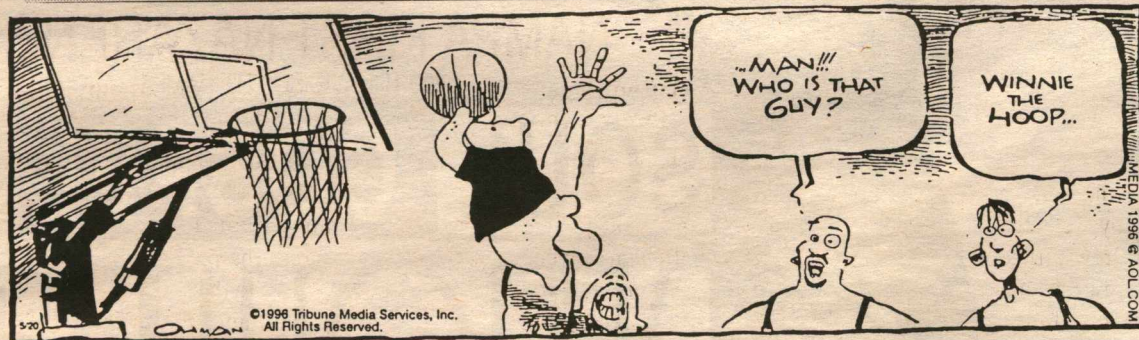
10. The little boat gently drifted across the pond exactly the way a bowling ball wouldn't.
9. McBride fell 12 stories, hitting the pavement like a Hefty Bag filled with vegetable soup.
8. Her eyes were like two brown circles with big black dots in the center.
7. The hailstones leaped from the pavement like maggots when you fry them in hot grease.
6. Her hair glistened in the rain like nosehair after a sneeze.
5. John and Mary had never met; they were like two hummingbirds who had also never met.
4. The red brick wall was the color of a brick-red Crayola crayon.
3. He was as tall as a six-foot-three-inch tree.
2. The scene had an eerie, surreal quality, like when you're on vacation in another city and Jeopardy! comes on at 7 instead of 7:30.
1. Her vocabulary was as bad as, like, whatever.

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By Jack Ohman



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