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## In Campus News



Welcome Week means activities and renewing friendships, but most of all, it means "here come the freshmen!" Hear what they said about it on page 4.

## In World News

Russia's experiment with democracy faces its sternest test as the nation copes with President Yeltsin's health problems (see page 10). Also, you may check out our armada of news brieflies by turning swiftly to page 11.

## In Sports

Men's soccer plays tough, wins one last weekend; ladies' V-ball crushes its competition (see pages 12 and 13).



## Column One

Hi, it's us again. We *Crusader* types are ecstatic to begin a new year filled with new ways of informing, entertaining, and offending you.

Seriously though, we've had kind of a rough summer. Two editors will not be returning this fall. Jason Isbell is taking over for Shawn McDonald in Opinions, and we have yet to find a replacement for Tim Schlack in Sports. So if you're interested in sports reporting and perhaps a bit of editing, then give us a call. Please! And turn to page 12 soon.

In any case, we're back with a new design and a renewed desire to keep you readers informed and entertained. We've kept traditions such as the Top Ten and Dave Barry, while adding Dilbert and reintroducing The Abode (if you're new, ask about it). We've brought back a calendar, a listing of movies, and our world news section got a facelift. And of course, we'll still print opinions you might not like but should read anyway. All this in 16 pages eight times a term.

Our address for letters to the editor is unchanged at Box C in campus mail. Please feel free to e-mail us any complaints, suggestions, congratulations, or hate mail you think of. We're still dedicated to being a student forum.

So what I'm struggling to say here is, please enjoy our product.

-- John Fraley  
Editor-in-Chief

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## Fond, funny, and fuzzy memories

Collected by Amy Riley, Cover Story Editor, and John Fraley, Editor-in-Chief

Things do change. People such as President Richard A. Hagood, College Church Senior Pastor Daniel Ketchum once were freshmen too. They've naturally got fond, fuzzy, or funny freshmen memories, and this week's cover story is a chance for them -- and others -- to retell those first impressions.

The *Crusader* also gathered accounts from its Editor-in-Chief, from ASNNC President Erik Quissell, and from other *Crusader* employees.

Maybe as you read, you'll discover that the more things change, the more they stay the same.



President Hagood shows off the stylin' look he couldn't help but project in 1964.

... story begins on page 8 ...

## Accreditation visit looms all this week

*Volunteers to begin inspection tomorrow*

You've heard the word "accreditation" so much in the last year that it may have lost its original bite. You've heard stories about how infinitely crucial it is for NNC to pass the accreditation test with flying colors, but up until now, it's been all talk.

Now the wait is over. The examination of NNC's academic competence begins tomorrow when a team of volunteers begins surveying our little community within a community. Maybe you haven't even thought about what an accreditation visit entails for NNC. If such is your case, please take a moment to read *The Crusader's* lead campus story. Educate yourself.

... story begins on page 2 ...

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"There are three things that no one can do to the entire satisfaction of anyone else: make love, poke the fire, and run a newspaper." ~ William White, newspaper editor, 1917

# Accreditation team is here

By Amy Riley  
Cover Story Editor

Accreditation. It's a thirteen-letter word that most students don't pay much attention to. In reality, accreditation could determine whether NNC students receive federal loans and grants for school.

However, the issue is not whether or not NNC will receive accreditation. According to Dr. Lynn Neil, Accreditation Steering Committee Chair, NNC faculty and administrators are expecting to receive a 10-year accreditation with a follow up report in five years, which is the highest accreditation possible from the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

According to Neil, the NASC is a very highly respected association. All of the major colleges and universities in the Northwest that are accredited have been accredited by the NASC.



Dr. Lynn Neil, Chair of the Accreditation Steering Committee, has worked hardest to ensure NNC be reaccredited for 10 years.

Accreditation is important to each student at NNC for three major reasons: it provides an opportunity for professors and administrators to improve each sector of the campus to serve students better, it gives NNC a status of high quality education, and it enables the school to receive federal financial assistance which wouldn't be available otherwise.

A team from the NASC is on campus this week as part of the accreditation process which NNC is undergoing. This team consists of 10 faculty members from representative schools and colleges in the Northwest. The team is conducting its observance of the campus Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

Neil said the steering committee would like students to be friendly and take the time to talk to the members of this team if they are asked.

As a part of the NASC accreditation process, NNC professors and administrators have been preparing a campus self-study report and implementing changes from that report for nearly two years. "The self-study showed us that we are a really strong institution," Neil said.

According to Neil, the steering committee sent each member of the visiting team a copy of the campus self-study report, college catalogue for undergraduate and graduate studies, and a schedule of courses for this school year. The team will have read those materials when they visit and they will have been trained by the NASC to know what to look for in order to give a good recommendation for accreditation.

"This team is coming to campus to verify that what we've said about our campus in the self-study report is correct," Neil said. Its members will want to tour the campus and meet the people and they will give some students opportunities to give their input about the college.

The campus visitation and the self-study report are just two parts of the entire accreditation process. Within the campus self-study are two main parts: each sector of the campus wrote an extensive self-study report, citing its strengths and weaknesses and evaluating how it relates to NNC's mission statement, and Dr. Ron Ponsford, professor of Psychology, headed up an alumni survey. A copy of the final draft of the campus self-study report is available for students to

**What can we do?  
"We would like students to be friendly and take the time to talk to this team," said Neil.**

## NNC Notepad

Serving on Senate this year are the following: for the Class of 1999, Becky Galloway, Lisa Lande, and Jeff Norris; for the Class of 1998, Ryan Ketchum, Jolyn Payne, and Shanna Bunn; for the Class of 1997, Jason Alvis, Dave Purdy, Adam Watkins. The Class of 2000 will elect its senators during the last week of October.

Senate is the legislative branch of NNC student government, which is, like the United States federal government, subject to checks and balances from the executive and judicial branches. Senate meetings are every Wednesday at 8 p.m. and are open to every



Senator Lisa Lande will be representing the Class of 1999 (photo by Chtangeev).

student who wishes to observe Senate procedure and become aware of issues concerning the student body.

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read at the circulation desk in the Riley Library.

The accreditation process will officially conclude in December of this year, but Friday at 11:30am the accreditation team will meet with NNC professors and administrators to tell them what their recommendations will be to the NASC.

Looking back on the accreditation process at its close, Neil said, "I think we understand ourselves thoroughly enough that now we know what to base decisions for the future on."

For the most part, the accreditation process has been an experience of self-realization for the entire institution. "We know ourselves so much better than we did two years ago," Neil said.

## NNCalendar

<b>October</b> 1 — 13	<b>1</b> About 4pm First issue of <i>The Crusader</i> reaches campus. Students riot.	<b>2</b> 10:15a Chapel 9:00p Time-Out	<b>3</b> 10:15a Chapel All campus communion	<b>4</b> 10:15a Chapel	<b>Weekend 5-6</b> Harvest Classic Fun Run (all morning long)  CHAOS (Campus Ministries event)
	Accreditation team visits campus				
<b>7</b> 10:15a Chapel  Last day to drop classes without a "W"	<b>8</b> 8:30a-12:00p ACT Exam 10:15a Faculty/ Staff fellow- ship - WDR 4:00p Men's soccer vs. Concordia	<b>9</b> 10:15a Chapel 4:00p Ladies' soccer vs. Albertson 9:00p Time-Out	<b>10</b> Elections Panel - all afternoon	<b>11</b> 10:15a Chapel 7:00p Volley- ball vs. WBC	<b>Weekend 12-13</b> 12:00p Fall Festival  1:00p Ladies' Volleyball vs. WOSC  3:00p Ladies' soccer vs. WOSC
Election Issues Event					

## Looking Ahead in October:

October 14th-  
Freshmen council sign-  
ups begin

October 19th-  
Jr. Class Mud Bowl  
Fresheree

October 24th-26th  
Prevue Days  
R.U.S.H.

## NNC Notepad

Student leaders for this year are the following: for the Class of 1999, Amber Lewis, Secretary; Leland Taylor, Treasurer; Mark Walker, Chaplain; Debbie Bartlow, Publicity Board; Dustin Zimmerman and Lindsay Middlestaedt, Social Board. For the Class of 1998, Chris Field, President; Casey Lund, Vice President; Kara Heitschmidt, Secretary; J.B. Downie, Treasurer; Joe Arnold, Chaplain; Erin Lamkin, Publicity Board; and Sarah Tucker and Lisa Freeman, Social Board; for the Class of 1997, Brad Williamson, President; Matt Saunders, Vice President; Julee Salmeier, Secretary; Katie Klosterman, Treasurer;

**Call for Contributions:**  
If you've got information that you'd like to share in this space with the whole NNC community, drop us a note in box C, campus mail.

Jody Hampton, Chaplain; Heather Lundgren, Publicity Board; Suzy Lee-Warner and Brian Stillman, Social Board.

--NNC Notepad notes taken by Gina Grate, Campus News Editor

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## Welcome Week a smashing success with new students

By Stephanie Merick  
Staff Writer

"I think all the activities are great, but they have got to stop soon so I can get some sleep."  
~ Jody Landham

We left the top of the ladder and are now at the bottom rung once again. High school was bad enough with all our stresses, but now we are at college, where everything counts.

For many of us the experience leaving home was one of ultimate joy others of us, not knowing a soul, were a bit worried; but lucky for us we get Welcome Week. The stresses of the day were washed away with a Mugging on Monday night; then came a Rootbeer Fest, and a burping contest, followed by *Jurassic Park* on Thursday; Friday night we dressed as NNC students did in the '70's, to go roller skating; the week was finished off with a BBQ, Gladiator-style Jousting, and a live performance by *Another Fine Day*.

ASNNC President Erik Quissell said "For me [Welcome Week is] a success to see old and new students mingling and getting involved." Freshman Jody Lanham said, "I think that all the activities are great, but they have got to stop soon so I can get some sleep. I just can't resist all the fun. It's almost worth \$14,900 a year. Almost!" Students Keri Ingle and Jennie Martin commented, "It was a really good way to meet people, we don't want to study, all we want to do is have welcome week." Stephanie Walz said "I think I can't get my studies done, but I love it."

The social aspect was the main reason NNC students liked Welcome Week. Student Darren Golladay said "It's cool they're doing stuff to get people together. Like Mixers instead of making them do it themselves." Angie Kee laughed at the thought of Welcome Week and replied, "I'm just so happy to be here I can't even remember what happened during Welcome Week."

The socialization was not the only great thing about Welcome Week; Lori Braden liked the fact that it recognized students as individuals. "I just think

it's really cool because a lot of other big universities don't care enough; you're a name, not a number at NNC." Erin Cross said, "I think it's important to have [Welcome Week] so the freshmen can meet each



Jesse Rench goes retro in the spirit of the seventies (Chtangeev).

other and establish new friendships in a strange environment."

Goals and traditions for the year were set during this week also. Eric Manley stated that "Welcome Week has been a lot of fun, but my goal for the year is to ride Mr. Ponsford's motorcycle, because I, too, would like to be a biker for Jesus." Tiffany White thought the mugging "was a really neat tradition and I hope someday I get to put my signature on someone's paper -- NNC has the best traditions."

According to Brent G., the week was "very well organized, really structured, a lot of fun. Cold out, but as long as you can meet friends it doesn't matter." Amy Mason said, "The Rootbeer Fest was a lot of fun, but it was way too cold. The burping cracked me up. Too funny, way too funny. Lots of people with great talent at this school." Rob Russell simply stated, "Good burps!"

Freshmen will remember this important week for many years to come. No matter what their perspective is, may it be for the cute guy\girl they (accidentally?) crashed into at the roller rink, the guys they impressed by burping, they'll have memories and new friends who just could be with them for the rest of their lives.



Mileah Keene is scammed at the RollerDrome on Friday night (photo by Chtangeev).

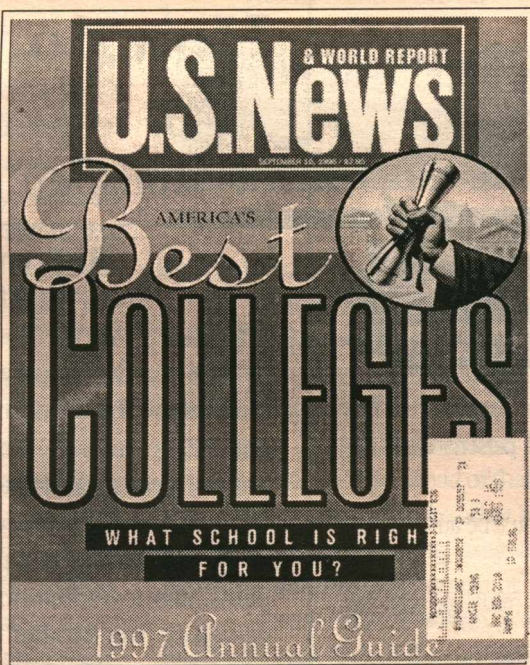
## Top Ten once again NNC ranked as one of America's best

By Nathan Hydes  
Staff Writer

To no one's surprise, yet to everyone's delight, NNC has once again been ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the best liberal arts colleges in the West by placing ninth. This is the third straight year, and the fifth time in seven years that the college has received this honor. The same magazine ranked NNC tenth overall in Best Value Rankings and Best Value. For more information on colleges around the country, check "America's Best Colleges," a guidebook featuring all of the rankings and other useful information about the nation's finest colleges (including NNC).

The top-ranked college was Texas A&M-Galveston. Albertson College of Idaho was second, but NNC was the only Idaho college that was listed in the best value ratings.

NNC President Richard A. Hagood had this to say about the honor: "These ratings offer assurance to families that their college investment will be well spent at Northwest Nazarene College."



The U.S. News issue that gives NNC Top Ten status among liberal arts schools in the west.

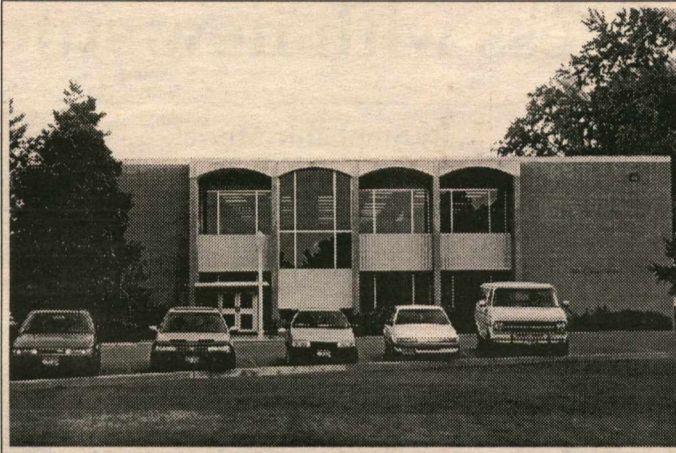
The magazine ranks NNC in three categories. For the fifth time in seven years, we're on the Top Ten and we're the only college in Idaho on any of the Best Buys lists.

## Changes at Riley Library may confuse students

By Sharon Bull  
Riley Library Director

As the new library director, I want to welcome all of you to campus. One of the first things that happened when I arrived in July was that we started making some changes in the library. As often happens, there were some delays and we aren't quite as tidy as we had hoped to be for the beginning of school. Please pardon

our following messes: the lower level is empty and closed to the public; there are books stacked on tables



Riley Library is being rearranged inside to better accommodate the materials and student access to them (photo by Chtangeev).

on the main floor; there are cartons of materials stacked in various places on the main floor and upper level.

But we're still open for business! You may ask, "What in the world are you doing?"

Compact shelving (shelves which roll on tracks set into the floor) are being installed on the lower level and will double our space there. Everything had to be removed and when the project is finished, it will have all been painted, new lighting will be installed and the floor will be carpeted.

"How will this make things better for us?" you might be wondering. This will give us more space--something we desperately

need! We will be able to relocate some materials in what we are anticipating will be a better arrangement and that will free up some additional space for study areas. Some changes will be implemented immediately, other aspects will not be completed for several months--perhaps not until next summer.

Future plans include relocating back issues of periodicals on the lower level; relocating current periodicals; government documents and all microforms will be relocated on the main floor; and more circulating books will be located on upper level, making that floor better suited as a silent study area.

Please try to be patient and cooperative. Until the new shelving is installed, there will be some materials in boxes that will not be accessible. We'll work as quickly as we can to get things back to normal. If something seems to be moved, it probably has! If you have difficulty locating specific material, please ask for assistance. We'll do our best to find what you need. Have a great year!

After eight months of cafeteria food, all-nighters,



cramped dorms, and that annoying person down the hall, you'll be ready for this. Really ready.

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## How do we take it?

*A way to perceive this week's accreditation crunch*

By Brent Peterson  
Staff Writer

As Dr. Neil shared last week in chapel, the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges (NASC) is sending an accreditation team to our campus this week in an effort to complete the final chapter in the accreditation process for NNC.

From the viewpoint of both faculty and students, this accreditation process should not be perceived as "Big Brother" coming in and judging our campus to see if we are good enough. Rather, this committee consists of presidents and deans from colleges and universities across the Northwest who act as outside consultants and are able to make objective assessments and suggestions.

It is critical that you know that these people are volunteering their time as consultants; NNC is not paying them for their valuable services.

By taking a long hard look at every aspect of the college, NNC has shown considerable growth and progress over the past ten years.

Here is where we as students and faculty can help in the process: the committee members will be given gold name tags and will be on the campus from Wednesday through Friday. Likewise, they will be given passes to Marriott. So if you spot a diner that appears too old to be a freshman, and he or she happens to be wearing a gold name tag, invite them to your table -- he or she is probably a committee member.

# REVIEWS

## Plotless summer still scores

John: Hey Jason, we got a column here, whaddya wanna do?

Jason: Well, we both saw the three action blockbusters of the summer, so we could shoot the bull about those for 500 words or so.

John: Fire away -- what about *Independence Day*?

Jason: Definitely the blockbuster action flick of the summer. Without a doubt.

John: Did you say without a plot?

Jason: I thought there was a plot. Hold on -- it didn't need a plot. With that many special effects, and acting power --

John: -- as in Will Smith acting power?

Jason: Listen, you obviously didn't see *Six Degrees of Separation*.

John: Granted. I do concede, to get briefly back to the point, that Jeff Goldblum constitutes acting power. He kicks serious fish. And regranted, *ID4*'s special effects were very nearly enough to carry the whole show.

Jason: Those effects were just the backbone of excellent directing. I mean, when was the last time you got that pumped since *Speed*?

John: Okay, this movie was exceptional until the midway point, when it went down a path carved out by Kraft, meaning that it got cheesier and cheesier as it went. Yeah; aside from the fact that it all ended way too easily (remember nuke waste will be falling from the sky for centuries to come, and how in the world did Will and Jeff survive being microwaved) and that the computer virus thing lacked realism, the plot was flawless. Also, this movie had the worst line I've ever heard. When that alien in the surgery room ominously breathes "Die...", I -- well, words just can't explain how stupid that was. If you've seen it, you know what I mean.

Jason: All right, science major guru Fraley, ever heard of escapism? If I want reality, I'll sit on my couch and watch the news or read *The Crusader*. Besides, I liked that line a lot.

John: Next.

Jason: *Mission Impossible* was *ID4* revisited. Lame, lame plot, but a heck of a lot of fun to watch. Oooh, that plot just offended me, that's how bad it was.

John: Yes, it was seriously deficient in the screenplay department, but it had a hot French actress.

Jason: Hot French actress isn't worth seven bucks. Now what was worth the money was the helicopter chase scene.

John: That scene was one of the best I saw all summer. That and the Langley break-in were astounding. I've never heard such a silent theater in my life. But I don't think a good movie

is made up of two scenes and a delicious --

Jason: -- Better stop there, John. I think we've covered *Mission: Impossible* as much as any human ought to, and we're off to *The Rock*.

John: Tell me all about it.

Jason: Best all-around movie of the summer. Excellent plot, superior acting, excellent directing. After some scenes, like the chase in the Ferrari, you just want to be Nicholas Cage when you grow up, just because of the way he's filmed.

John: I think Sean Connery was at his best, which is to say at his usual performance level. He da man. The plot was terrific, believable, and didn't try to go overboard. The only complaint I'd like to lodge is that the death

***ID4, The Rock, and MI***  
**Starring more actors than this space can hold**

Reviewed by  
**John Ebert Fraley and Jason Siskel Isbell**

**Crusader Rating**  
 ★ ★ ★ ★

scenes were unnecessarily gruesome.

Jason: See, I think that most of the deaths were very well done. When the Marines were getting shot in the bathroom, it hurt. The violence made you go, "Ugh, violence not good." Instead of "Get a load of that violence! Whoopee!" On the other hand, the impaling part was pretty useless, but likewise, that's my only complaint.

John: Should we review the unofficial chick flick of the summer?

Jason: What, you mean *Phenomenon*? No way. We're done.



## Metallica spews a Load

***Load***  
**Metallica**

Reviewed by  
**Tony Syme**

**Crusader Rating**  
 ★ ★

Some of you may be surprised to find a Metallica review in these pages, but *Load* seemed like an obvious choice to start the fall term out with. Metallica, whether you love them or hate them, has been a major, if not the dominant, voice in heavy metal for the past decade.

*Load* promised to be the biggest musical release of the year, but may have been the biggest disappointment, especially for die-hard fans. Now, if I can just get over the hair cuts, I'll move on.

If the infamous "Black Album" was a departure from the band's thrashier outings, *Load* boldly goes where no Metallica fan has gone before. *Load* is not within spitting distance of "thrash" or "speed metal," and the band is rather bold in committing such an act of metal heresy. Metallica now sounds more like the Gothic-blues mix of Danzig, especially with James Hetfield's Glenn Danzig vocal inflections on "2x4" and the clean guitar vibrato in "Until It Sleeps." The most striking track is "Mama Said," with its flagrant country-western flavor that would make most fans either want to laugh in disbelief or spew. "2x4" and "Cure" really groove, but you have to occasionally pinch yourself and remember who you're listening to. "Bleeding Me" and "The Outlaw Tom" are the album's "epic" tunes, clocked at 8:18 and 9:52, respectively, but they lack the grandiosity of instrumentals like "To Live is To Die" (...And Justice For All) and "The Call of Ktulu" (*Ride the Lightning*).

Literally, this album follows the last in its attempt to deviate from the more socially-conscious and political statements made in the past. Gone are the days of "Lady Justice has been raped/ Truth assassin" and in with "Time was never on my side/ So on I wait my whole lifetime." At least the boys generally avoid the typical satanism and macho-posturing found on *Kill 'Em All*.

True, I shouldn't judge these guys just because they didn't produce what I wanted, but to see such a bastion of metal strength go for a stripped-down, twangy romp through the "house of blues" has to be disheartening and can't be avoided. The music still retains its traditional blues-based guitar soloing and textural variation, but taken as a whole, this is overwhelmed by the overall shift in approach. By itself, *Load* is a good listen, and will grow on you over time, but sometimes I have to hug a copy of *Master of Puppets* just to get by.

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Reviews printed in *The Crusader's Opinions* pages reflect **SOLELY** the view of the reviewer, and therefore are not necessarily the views of Northwest Nazarene College, the Church of the Nazarene, or even of the liberal *Crusader* staff. *Crusader* reviewers are: Andy Diehl, John Fraley, Dan Freeborn, Jason Isbell, Tony Syme, and those whose names are still classified.

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★ DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME.  
 ★★ DEPENDS ON YOUR TASTE.  
 ★★★ GOOD STUFF.  
 ★★★★★ KICKS SOME SERIOUS FISH!!

Crusader reviewers are PAID for their work, so contact Opinions Editor and star movie critic Jason Isbell at x8514 if you would like to join our fearless fleet. God bless, in Spiritu Sanctum, and party on, dude.

## Staff Editorials

## The Crusader's editorial staff congratulates NNC

In case you hadn't noticed, every once in a while *The Crusader* takes a more critical look at our fair college. We do this in the hopes of improving the institution that we've chosen to attend; as such we feel that it is only fair to recognize, even applaud, the following announcement.

Once again Northwest Nazarene College has made *U.S. News and World Report's* top ten list.

We of *The Crusader* wish to congratulate President Hagood, the entire faculty (professors, maintenance, administrative employees and financial aid), as well as the Board of Regents for their continuing efforts to improve our school, efforts which have evidently borne success.

We want to point out some of the great things about our school, those particulars that are sometimes overlooked.

Consider our low teacher-student ratio. Throw in some of the best trained, most intelligent teachers who respect their students and do it all for rather dismal salaries.

Our campus, small as it may be, is one of the most well-kept campuses around. Throw in a good snowfall or rain, and our scenery can become rather breathtaking.

That NNC has been moving toward a more mature, respectful treatment of students, which is reflected in the rules that NNC enforces, is one of the most amazing things about NNC.

And last but not least, the dorms at NNC...

Well, maybe not.

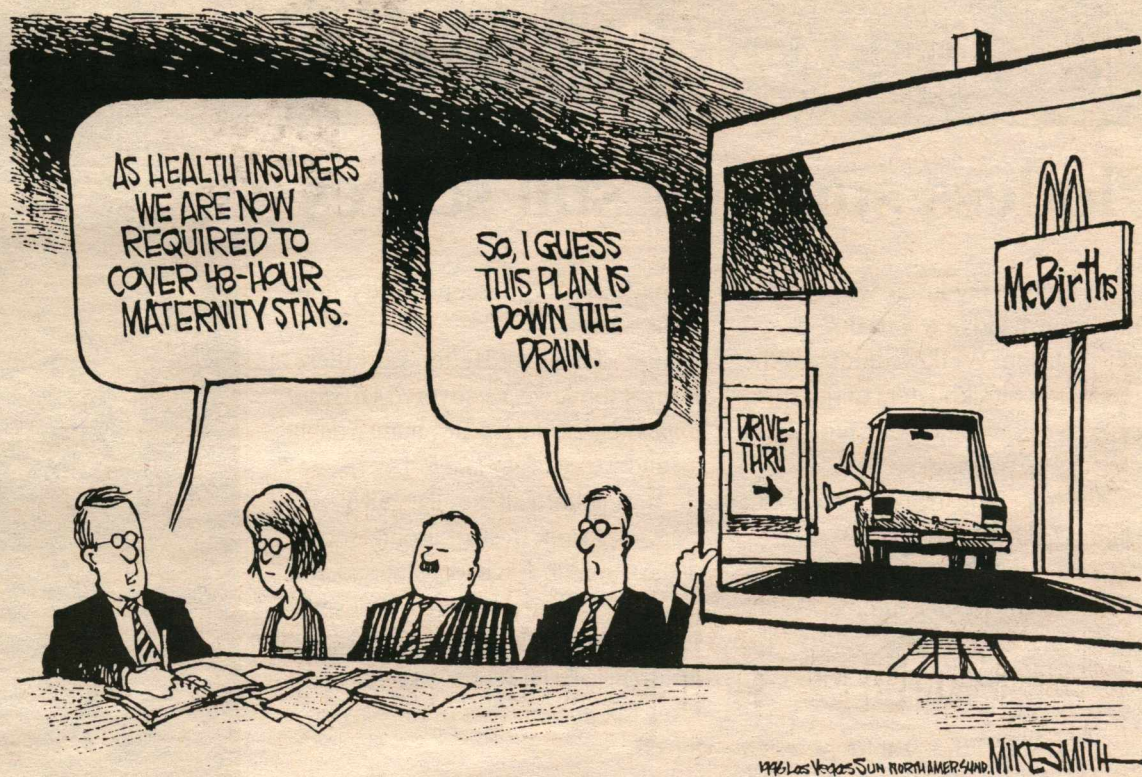
Let's try something. If you have a favorite thing about NNC, something you would like to congratulate the campus about, send them to "Letters to the Editor," Box C in campus mail, and we'll make sure they see print in these pages.

## Staff Infection

Is it customary for the editor to disappear for a couple of hours on Monday nights? ... Write how nice it is to have me up here for one week ... Angie Kee, you mean Angie Ketchum, right? ... Stoned, that's the equivalent of four a.m. up here ... We don't get stoned up here! ... Have you looked in John's drawer? ... Would anyone be offended if I just let the nastiest fart? ... So how desperate are you John? ... I am destitute! In Gene Shendorff's shoes who be your speaker of choice, Brennan Manning or a Regent? ... Tough call ... Barry Goldwater was a stud, er, is a stud ... a Republican who isn't a Christian ... You can do that? ... Max, "Of course, I'm Ukrainian, I have nukes!" ... what! ... Shut up Stillman! ... I need all your signatures on column one this week ... so you can forge checks? ... Staff Infection!!

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## The best of the best of the best

The future is bright and the future will be ours

By Jason Isbell  
Opinions Editor

The report is in. Northwest Nazarene College has once again made the *U.S. News and World Report's* college top ten list. I'm proud of this fact. We go to one of the best schools in the country. Freshman, you should be proud of your decision to attend NNC (and if your parents made you come here, thank them).

Freshman, you have something else to be proud of, as do all of the students (and some of the professors) of Northwest Nazarene College. We're the greatest generation, the generation with the most potential, the generation who has done the most in the shortest time, then generation who came back from the dregs of our world to take the gold.

You want proof? Here are some examples of our generation's greatness.

Computers (and technology in general). They run the world. How many of our parents can do what we can do with these astounding little machines? How many of our grandparents can turn one on without jumping? Do you really think Microsoft is staffed by 40-somethings? Netscape was written by two bored college students, ages 21 and 25 (now 26 and 30).

Debt. I know, we are harped on this all the time, that our rampant consumerism and greed, our "spend now, pay later" mentality will lead to our eventual downfall and destruction. For college students, however, debt is a much different card. Rather than a symbol of our materialism, I see it as a direct result of our willingness to take responsibility for our own intellec-

tual growth.

Civic activism. Our generation is usually seen as lacking in this particular trait. It seems we don't volunteer at the blood bank enough or donate enough money to the Republican party. Who cares? Ever notice that College Sunday School classes are empty because all of the Gen-Xers are teaching kids' classes or leading the worship team?

It is my personal belief, unquantified by any numbers gathered by the government or any in-

**I don't think we can solve all the world's problems, but I know that we've made a good start, and we will most certainly improve from here.**

stitution, that we are the MOST civic, community minded generation ever to set foot on American soil. We just work smaller -- one individual, one house, one family, at a time.

Independent thought. We've been called rebellious, they've said we have no religion, no faith, that we trust in nothing but ourselves. I disagree. We trust in what we know, what we've seen, what we've discovered for ourselves. We respect that which strives to earn our respect, whether that be legislators, presidents, or God himself (Joshua worshipped

God because God proved himself, see Joshua 29). We take nothing at face value, but what we know, we know; it's ours and no one can take it from us.

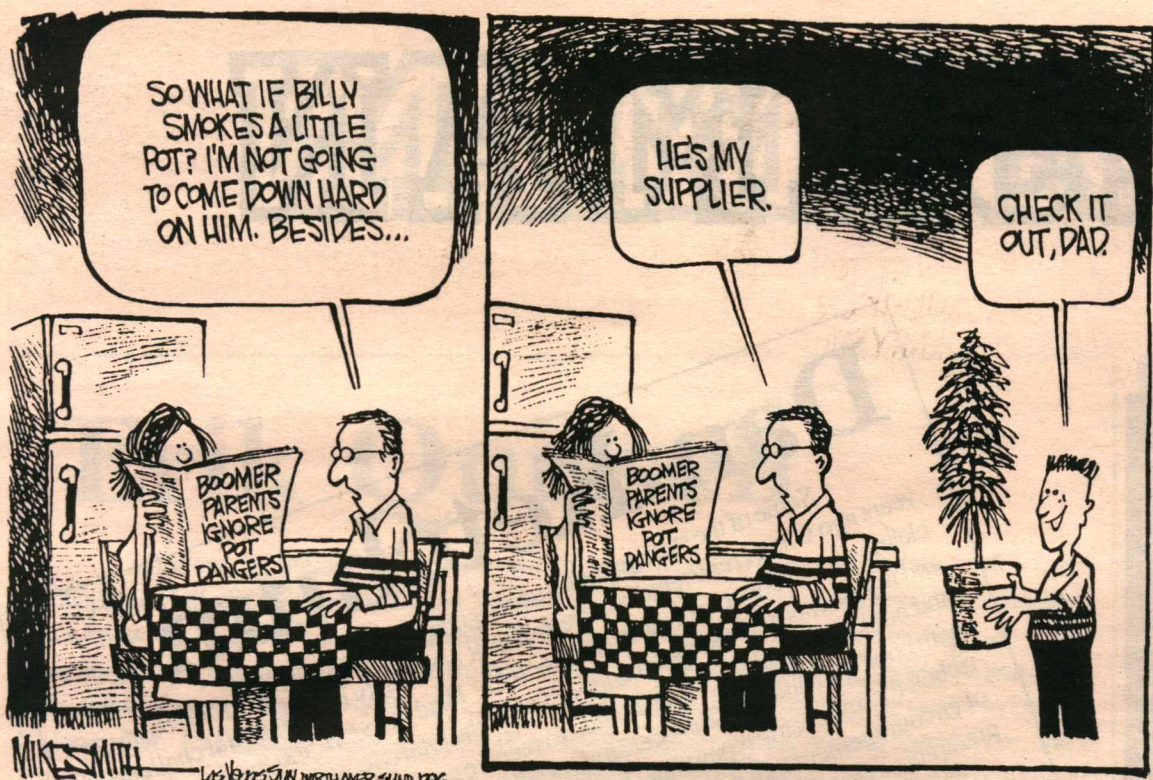
Honesty and openness. Say what you want about hedonism and the "have no shame" status of young people, but at least one good thing has come from our parents' "sexual revolution" and the continuing degradation of American culture: No taboos. Discuss what you will. Learn what you can. Knowledge is power.

Cultural acceptance. I believe, that for the majority of our generation (and I hope for all of our children), that the question "Was he/she Black/White/Hispanic/Asian/etc." is completely pointless. Is racism eradicated? Not yet, but it's definitely on its way out of American thought.

Adaptability. Our parents' various experiments on our schools and churches, varying home situations, and the general self-reliance that was thrust onto us has given us an uncanny ability to survive any situation, and excel at most.

I look forward to our future. I don't think it will be as bright and boring as the fifties, or as dark and exciting as the nineties, but I think it will be better, because someday we will be in charge. I don't think we can solve all the world's problems, but I know that we've made a good start, and we will certainly go up from here.

Freshman, stand proud. You were the best of your high school, you are now going to one of the best colleges of your country, and you are a part of the greatest generation that American soil has seen since our founding fathers. If this isn't reason to stand a little taller...



## Your Turn

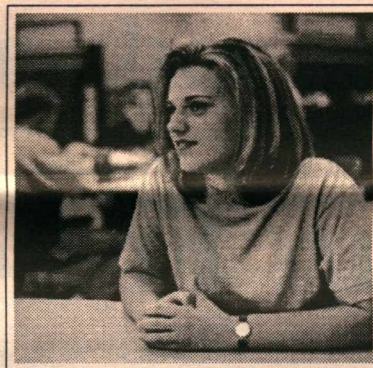
Random answers from random students on random issues

What was the best thing about NNC's "Welcome Week?"



**Angie Kee**  
Freshman  
General Studies Major  
Corvallis, Oregon

"My favorite thing "about Welcome Week was knowing I wasn't going to have to go home after the week was over."



**Michelle Wisecaver**  
Freshman  
Social Service Ministries Major  
Boise, Idaho

"Meeting so many Christian people. There weren't very many at my high school. So it was really neat."



**Jeff Cleland**  
Freshman  
Pre-Med Major

"Sleeping In."



If you see this guy doing this kind of thing, chances are he's asking a random question. If you want your face in this column, stop him and give him a good answer to his question. It could be your first step toward campus fame.

## Our "Mother" who is in...

**Editor's note:** This column marks the beginning of a new feature. For the sake of background, NNC has always brought friends together; four years ago, it brought three freshmen from very different locations to the same wing in Chapman. One hailed from Illinois, one claimed Kansas as home, and the other was raised in Paris, France. Today, two are still full-time students, and one is married, but the three are best friends. Each week, one of these Musketeers -- either Aramis, Athos, or Porthos -- will fill this space with his insights.

"Tell me all your thoughts of God/ Cause I'd really like to meet her"

You've probably heard the song that those lyrics belong to. Maybe when you heard them for the first time this summer, you had the same reaction I did; you chuckled and thought, "Cool, another band put 'God' in its hit song. Isn't it funny, though, that their theology is so messed up that they called Him a Her? Oh well, even though they're wrong about His gender, the song is fun to listen to, and it's relatively original."

Maybe you thought those very thoughts, or maybe you didn't. In any case, if you had your radio on for more than an hour this summer, you probably heard the song.

Second example: when a version of the Bible that referred to God as our heavenly Father-Mother was introduced a handful of years ago, Christians nationwide got on their reactionary horse and launched a crusade to rid the world of such blasphemy.

Why all of this reactionary commotion? Why does the image of a female God shock us?

I feel that I should turn that question right around and ask, "Why are we so bent on insisting

### 3 Musketeers

God is a Him?

Half a Wesleyan quadrilateral should answer that question. Those who discount reason and experience (an easier task for some more than others), are left with two reasons to believe in a male God: scripture and tradition. Neither King James nor his descendant NIV are interested in calling God our Mother. And Jesus himself prayed to his Father, right? Besides, we've called God "Him" for millenia now.

**Please tell me it's a wee bit short-sighted (at best) to believe God has both X and Y chromosomes. Send me a reassuring note or something.**

That's just the way it is or **He** would have told us. So there.

Not so fast. The other half of the [quadrilateral] convinces me otherwise. Reason tells me that at the root of this debate lie six thousand years of cultural baggage. If women had been considered the equal of men at any point in history before our generation, perhaps that would have shaped our perception of God throughout the ages. But when women have seldom been more than slaves in a male world, it becomes clear why God is referred to in a male capacity. Previous generations -- and here I am confining

my remarks to the Judeo-Christian tradition -- could not possibly have respect for a deity if they were *her* subjects. If a Jewish man's first words upon waking up every morning were "Thank you Lord for not making me a woman," how do you think the concept of an omnipotent *female* power would have grabbed him? Naturally, God was a Him. But why are *we* confined to that antiquated (not to mention occasionally offensive) perception? We know better, right?

Back to Wesley. Experience tells me that in a time when virtues such as lovelessness, indifference, and unspeakable abuse seem to be peaking in families everywhere, the image of God as Father may be anywhere from uncomfortable to revolting in many a mind. In a perfect world, complete with loving fathers, maybe the name "Father" isn't so bad. But our imperfect world includes bad memories. Do we have a duty to avoid alienating victims of the past? Or must they heal themselves? Hard to say.

I mean, it just can't be that we really think God is male. Please tell me, so that I can continue to believe that some people out there still use their minds every so often, that it's a wee bit shortsighted (at best) to believe God has both X and Y chromosomes. Please. Send me a reassuring note or something.

One of my pet peeves is when people put God in a box, no matter what size that box is. Calling Him "Him" is far more desirable than using the terribly impersonal and distant "It." If there's no better alternative, so be it. But calling Him "Him" because we can't see Him as "Her" can't be very far from outright blasphemy.

--Contributed by Aramiss

# FRESHMAN

Dan Ketchum is Senior Pastor at College Church of the Nazarene. This photo was taken from his senior Oasis Yearbook, 1968.



## Dan Ketchum

Some of the strongest and most significant memories of my life began 28 years ago when I registered as a freshman at NNC. My biggest initial challenge: clearing my account with the business office. I had saved \$1,500 for that first year and my parents covered the balance of \$500--the total cost of tuition, room, board, and books was \$2,000. I was excited to receive care packages from home filled with cookies, candy, and an occasional \$5 for toothpaste, laundry soap, or a new ribbon for my electric typewriter. Letters from home frequently closed with words of encouragement like "tie another knot and hang on" or "a good reputation is preferable to great riches" or "keep Christ in your life."

I remember Chapman Hall where I shared a room with my first roommate after having my own room of the same size at home for several years. On the second day of classes, friends introduced me to Carol, the young lady who would become my bride four years later at commencement time. The night we met, we went down the street with two other friends to the Dairy King (now removed and replaced by Subway). Lots of new friends filled my life; with many of them we have enjoyed life-long friendships.

What an honor now to pastor College Church and to stand in the registration line again last week with so many of our college friends bringing their own kids to NNC. Carol and I were enrolling the second and last student from our family. And the memories reverberate through another generation. The strongest memory of all--seeking first Jesus and the kingdom of God.

## John Fraley

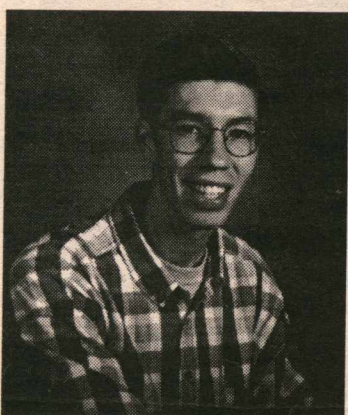
I was one of those kids who shows up with two cardboard boxes and a handful of coat hangers. Parents were missionaries, you know. Still are. Other guys' wardrobes amazed me -- let alone girls' clothing selections. But what struck me so hard about this place was that 350 other people were trying so hard to fit in, and some of them were welcoming me, in spite of how I looked, to share the year with them. People are really capable of being nice at this place.

Anyway, that first term is for me a collection of events. There were the interminable (at least for the RA on desk) sessions of Rook and Risk. I'm sure that for a couple of weeks, 3:30 a.m. was the earliest I went to bed. I pulled all-nighters trying to conquer Asia -- unless I was busy shooting the moon just to see if I could do it. Oh, and there were also Wing Dings at some point, but I don't remember them. Funny that.

And then there was the time that Chapman RD Al Sjogren stayed up until 4 talking to my roommate and me. We weren't in any kind of trouble, save that we wanted to know who we were, why we were here, and where we were going. Come to think of it, maybe Dan and I still want to know all that.

I can't help but mention as well the time we fit 11 (I really do mean eleven, trust me) of us in a Honda Prelude for a one-hour ride through mountain roads when two of our other cars broke down simultaneously one night. Cozy little hour, it was.

I may have earned the second-worst GPA of my life that term, but I sure enjoyed the ride. I'm told that one never recovers from sleep deprivation. But cheesily enough, I'd do it all over again in a second. Because I was a freshman.



John Fraley is the Editor-in-Chief of The Crusader, and this year is his fifth year attending NNC.



Dr. Richard Hagood serves today as NNC's President. This photo was taken from his senior Oasis Yearbook, circa 1964.

## Dr. Hagood

When it was time for me to go to college, my family and I did not have the resources for me to do so. I was only able to enroll in NNC in the fall of 1960 because my brother and his wife invited me to live with them in their home just six blocks from campus. NNC basketball Coach Orrin Hills, the night shift supervisor at a food processing plant, got me a job following high school graduation. My parents brought food from our family farm to pay for my board and room.

Because I lived off-campus it took me a while to adjust to college life, but another off-campus student, Larry Willcuts, and I developed a friendship through athletics which lasts to this day.

While I had started a few games for the NNC varsity early in the 1960-61 season, more playing time opened up for me when several players were dismissed from the team for violating team rules. Though such a transition could be termed bittersweet, through basketball I was able to develop friendships and a comfort level that allowed me to expand my interests on campus.



# MEMORIES

## Erik Quissell

One special memory from my freshman year involves a late night, and the front door of Chapman Hall. Two friends and I had been out on the town, and we were rushing home because we knew we would be pushing curfew. As we came running up the steps of Chapman, I was leading the pack, and had the chance to quickly peek in to check the time. Seeing that we had a few minutes to spare, I turned to tell the others this wonderful news, and at the same time, I jerked the door open. As I turned back to go in the door, my presence of mind seemed to leave me, and I pulled the door into the side of my nose. The laughs of my friends were stilled by the odd sound of the door thudding against the bridge of my nose, and the slow groan issuing from my lips. Although I was able to meet the RA on desk, and the RD in a personal way, I would rather have done it in a more glorious fashion.



*Erik Quissell is ASNNC President. This photo of him from 1976 was generously loaned to The Crusader.*



*Amy Riley is the Cover Story Editor for The Crusader. This is her third year at NNC.*

## Amy Riley

Looking back on my freshman year, it all seems like a blur. I came in at second term of the 1994-95 school year, my freshman year, because I was financially unable to attend college first term (that's the "now-that-I've-been-in-college-for-two-years" way of saying, "THADNOMONEY!!!").

I remember how strange it was taking Intro to College with only one other student. There was no hiding in a class so small, which made it difficult to avoid being called on. Because I was called on quite frequently, it was very obvious when I hadn't concentrated carefully while reading the assigned chapter (that's the "now-that-I've-made-excuses-for-two-years" way of saying, "IDIDN'T EVEN OPENMYBOOKLASTWEEK!!!").

During the first week of classes, I met so many people! One bad thing about beginning my NNC college experience later in the year than most students was that I felt like everyone already knew everyone else. But, during the second week of classes, I found out that everyone did NOT know everyone else! Imagine my joy when I discovered that there were students all around me who were just waiting to embrace a new friend (that's the "now-that-I-think-I-have-friends" way of saying, "I'M REALLY NOT A LONER, HONEST!!!").

I found myself quickly getting into the coffee scene at NNC. One of my new good friends at that time was the Underground Escape director and she asked me to help out. I was ecstatic to go to Underground Escape and contemplate the sound, contemplate the flavor and just whatever. What an experience! It's amazing how great bad-tasting coffee can seem when you're surrounded by enthusiastic people and some of NNC's truly talented musicians (that's the way I would really say it, I may need to apologize about the bad-tasting coffee thing later).

Ultimately, my freshman year was a vibrant and enlightening experience in which I found a passion for learning and a deep concern for others (that's the "now-that-I-know-how-to-brown-nose" way of saying, "THADABLAST!!!").

## Heather Slater

For me, freshman year wasn't only about growing up. It was also a frantic, last-ditch effort to hold onto my childhood. It was a rediscovery of cartoons and 80's music. It was an attempt to balance my respect for the philosophical depth of Aristotle, Sartre and Hemingway, and the blindly nostalgic coolness of He-Man, G.I. Joe, and Barbie.

My class schedule included such challenging collegiate courses as Intro to College (where I studied the textbook diligently in order to learn how to study), and Fundamentals of Wellness (where I learned that I'd better enjoy college while I'm here, because, unless I cut down on Twinkies and Lucky Charms, my life-span only extends as far as graduation).

The social aspect of NNC was not without its lessons, as well. Along with many other female freshmen I learned what M-O-R-R-I-S-O-N really spells (for those of you who have not learned this yet, it spells "available!"). I learned how to successfully T.P. a very tall pick-up with a sensitive alarm system. And, perhaps most important, I eventually learned to refer to the abode of male freshmen as "Chapman Hall" without having to drop my voice into an awe-inspired whisper.



*Crusader Copy Editor Heather Slater is a senior this year.*

## The Yogurt Affaire

*Congratulations  
to our four Dream Date  
winners!*

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Michael Young

Chris Gintz

Jami Johnson

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# Yeltsin's hospitalization creates power vacuum

By David Stillman  
World News Editor

Ever since Boris Yeltsin was hospitalized with heart problems on September 13, his opponents have called for his resignation. However, Yeltsin, who works several hours a day from his hospital room, is determined to stay in power, despite his illness. This is not nearly enough time to fulfill presidential duties, and many important decisions are being left to others. The situation is leaving many Russians wondering whether anyone is in power at all.

Alexander Lebed, who helped propel Boris Yeltsin to victory in Russia's presidential elections last July, voiced such concerns in an interview with a Moscow newspaper last Saturday. "It's not clear whether we have a president or not," Lebed said. "I would rather have a boss to deal with, even a temporary one ... and the boss must know he bears responsibility for everything that goes on in the

country." Lebed told reporters that not much decision-making was going on at all, and complained that no one had done anything about unpaid army wages. According to former Russian president Mikhail Gorbachev, Yeltsin's health "will not

**"It's not clear whether we have a president or not."**

~Alexander Lebed

allow him to fulfill his presidential duties in full." Gorbachev is also pushing for Yeltsin's resignation, as is Gennady Zyuganov, whom Yeltsin defeated in the recent election.

Should Yeltsin resign, his presidential authority would be transferred to Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, who walks the line between Yeltsin's reform policies and the hard-line communists. Chernomyrdin received

control of Russia's security and military forces shortly after Yeltsin was hospitalized.

Yeltsin can choose to stay in power for the present, but he will be forced to give it up while he undergoes triple bypass surgery in late November. He has already agreed to transfer all power to Chernomyrdin, including control of Russia's vast arsenal of nuclear weapons. Yeltsin's doctor, Sergi Mironov, said that Yeltsin will be back in control a day after his operation, but if there is a slow recovery, things could really get interesting.

The Russian Constitution states that if the president is killed or incapacitated for an extended period of time, the Prime Minister would take over and new elections would be scheduled within three months. However, many analysts fear that Alexander Lebed, Chief of Staff Anatoly Chubais, or Gennady Zyuganov could try to seize power if Yeltsin remains in the hospital for an extended period of time.

# Peace in Israel in trouble ... again

*Palestinians riot over disputed tunnel construction near holy site*

By David Stillman  
World News Editor

Just when it could be thought that the problems between Israel and Palestine had been resolved, tensions between the two groups exploded after Israel began construction on a tunnel that supposedly undermines the foundation of the Dome of the Rock, an Islamic holy site.

The tunnel is one of many actions by Benjamin Netanyahu that have inflamed the peace established by Shimon Peres. Syrian President Hafez Assad is one of the participants who is upset by the change in policy. "Once the results of the Israeli election was announced, the

new Israeli prime minister appeared to be obliterating all those principles and eliminating all efforts, commitments and rights. And so he canceled the peace process en-

**One survey showed that a majority of Egyptian citizens would favor war with Israel.**

tirely," Assad said.

For some Palestinians, the building of the tunnel was the last

straw. Several rioting Palestinians were killed over the weekend in riots.

In an attempt to save the fragile peace, Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat have agreed to attend a peace summit in Washington D.C. Egyptian President Honsi Mubarak has been asked to attend to help solve problems between Israel and Egypt, but he is sending his foreign minister instead.

One senior Egyptian diplomat, frustrated with the stagnating peace process, said that Netanyahu "needs a psychiatrist" to deal with Israel's security obsession. A survey in an Egyptian newspaper showed that a majority of Egyptian citizens would favor war with Israel.

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# New treaty bans all nuclear testing

*Underground nuclear testing will be a thing of the past if treaty is ratified by eight nations*

**By Rachel Roemhildt  
Staff Writer**

Using the same pen that President John F. Kennedy used in 1963 to sign the limited test ban treaty, President Bill Clinton signed the Comprehensive test ban treaty last Tuesday.

"[The treaty] will help to prevent the nuclear powers from developing more advanced and more dangerous weapons," Clinton said. "It will limit the ability of other states to acquire such devices themselves."

The treaty calls for a ban of all nuclear explosions in the atmosphere, underground or anywhere else.

Two weeks ago, the treaty was approved by the general assembly with a vote of 158-3,

with India, Libya and Bhutan in opposition.

Clinton was the first of the five declared nuclear states to sign the treaty at the United Nations. China, France, Russia and Britain followed to sign the treaty as the remaining four nuclear states. Right behind them was Japan's Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, who is pressing hard for this ban.

"As the only county to have suffered nuclear devastation, Japan has been making this appeal to the international community as a top priority," Hashimoto said.

Along with the five acknowledged nuclear powers, it is crucial for three so-called threshold states, which are believed to be able to develop nuclear weapons quickly, to sign the treaty. Pakistan, Israel and India must sign the treaty in order for it to be internationally

implemented. However, India has refused to do so.

India has vowed never to sign, "this unequal treaty, not now, not later," unless the atomic powers set up a timetable for destroying their nuclear arsenals.

The treaty must be ratified by 44 nations that contain nuclear power reactors on their soil.

Russia's Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov warned the nuclear powers that any nuclear testing before the treaty enters into force will greatly prejudice the pact "and may compel many countries to revise their attitude to it."

However, Qian Qichen, China's foreign minister, said that Beijing needed to make sure that the weapons were reliable and safe, in the light of the huge arsenals of other nuclear powers, "before the goal of eliminating all

nuclear weapons is achieved."

Qichen, however, did not say that China would conduct underground testing.

Currently, the U.S. and Russia each have 7,000 nuclear warheads, France has 512, Britain has 464, and China has 284.

Since its first nuclear explosion in 1945 in the New Mexico desert, the United States has conducted 1,030 explosions. Russia has conducted 715, France has overseen 210 and China and Britain are responsible for 45 each.

If Clinton is re-elected, U.S. officials have said that he would present the treaty to the U.S. Senate. Ratification -- if it passes -- would be in early 1997. However, the U.S. or any of the seven other nations will not ratify the treaty until all eight are ready to do so.

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## ...very briefly...

Boise Cascade, a major timber com-

### financial news

pany based in Boise, Idaho, will sell its Rumford pulp and paper mill, along with 667 thousand acres of timber to Mead Corp. of Dayton, Ohio. 1,400 Boise Cascade employees will be transferred to Mead in a deal that should be sealed by the end of the year.

Four hundred ninety thousand tons of coated groundwood and free sheet paper were produced by the plant each year. In exchange for the plant, Boise Cascade will receive 640 million dollars, with which it plans to reduce debt and invest in uncoated paper products.

Kelsey Grammer, star of the T.V. show *Frasier*, re-

### people news

ceived a DUI after flipping his \$60,000 Dodge Viper in California last week. He was taken to the hospital and treated for a head wound. He entered the Betty Ford center two days later to receive treatment for alcoholism.

Grammer had recently split up with his fiancée, Tammi Baliszewski, but a friend commented, "There was certainly no more trauma in his life now than he's faced before." Grammer's show, *Frasier*, has been temporarily canceled as a result of the arrest, and it is unknown whether it will ever be revived.

The first annual tramps con-

### news of the weird

vention opened last week at Mar Del Plata in Argentina, but the conference was not without divisions. Mario Alonso, one of the "new tramps" who helped organize the convention, said, "For food, well I don't eat meat. We can just go out into the country and there is food." Hector Woollands, a member of the "old tramp" camp, complained, "These ones today, they're phony tramps. They're idealists but not tramps." Activities at the convention include a non-competitive hike, in which each participant strives to go no faster than anyone else.

--compiled by David Stillman

### What do I care?

#### a weekly news analysis

news. If you know anything about small college newspapers, then you know many of them don't see the usefulness of a section that deals exclusively with off-campus events. If you're a returning student, you may assume that we report current events merely out of habit, or because there's a special *Crusader* tradition that dictates the inclusion of "real" news each week.

In making those assumptions, you wouldn't be entirely wrong, but you'd be far from correct. Yes, there is a "special *Crusader* tradition" that demands that we include "real" news. But it's a young tradition.

As recently as the 1992-93 school year -- though the fact that many of you readers were in junior high that year makes '92 seem much less recent -- during the first reign of King Bomar the Great and Often-Praised, NNC's paper seldom contained more than half a page of world news. By the end of his second year of editorship, however, two or three pages were the norm, as they have been to this day, thanks to Dave McEwen (94-95) and Andrew Zirschky (95-96).

The benefits of running "real" news extend well beyond the sake of perpetuating a fine tradition. It becomes obvious to any new NNCer, after a couple of weeks have gone by, and after that special freshman camp feeling has worn off, that this college has the power to isolate anyone from the "outside world." In response to this phenomenon, 1995-96 ASNNC President Pat Fitzgerald created what he called the Awareness Program. The challenge he took on was to help prevent NNC from graduating scholars who couldn't tell you the first thing about world events that had transpired since their freshman year.

Of course, that same challenge is what our World News section has been striving to meet for the last four years. Education cannot be reduced, especially at a liberal arts school, to reading textbooks and writing term papers. Education is also about information; when you need it (and at what stage in life do you think you won't?), *The Crusader* will provide it.

--contributed by John Fraley

## Around the world in eighty words

Compiled by David Stillman  
World News Editor

### Valujet back in the air

After a four-month grounding following a crash that killed over 200 people, Valujet is taking to the skies once again.

There are now seven federal inspectors overseeing the Valujet operation, as opposed to three before the crash.

Valujet hopes to bring customers back by offering tickets from Atlanta to Washington D.C. and several Florida cities for \$19 apiece

### Rebels conquer Afghanistan

Islamic fundamentalist rebels have conquered Kabul and hung Afghanistan's president after heavy fighting. The Taliban fighters are now concentrating on driving the remains of Afghanistan's government out of the country. The rebels now control three-quarters of Afghanistan's territory.

The rebel's government is planning on taking Afghanistan back to its Islamic roots, banning all women from the workplace and closing girls' schools around the country.

### NASA to be privatized

Starting next Tuesday, Lockheed Martin and Rockwell International will take control of NASA's day-to-day operations. The companies, together with United Space Alliance, signed a seven billion-dollar, six-year contract last week.

NASA, which hopes the move will improve morale and efficiency in the U.S. space program, will retain ownership of the four space shuttles and will still coordinate shuttle missions, as it has in the past.

# Sader soccer is lesson in intensity

*They win some, they lose some, and they keep a positive outlook for the rest of the season*

By John Fraley  
Editor-in-Chief

NNC students may have had to wait until school started to get a glimpse of the 1996 men's soccer team, but by that time, the Crusaders had already played 9 matches, accumulating a 1-3 conference record.

When asked about the early portion of the season, veteran sweeper Chucky Bon Durant was ambivalent: "We started off pretty well, but after a few injuries, our cohesion was broken. Since then, we've not really had all eleven starters for any one game."

"We're playing with intensity, ain't no doubt," Bon Durant added, however. "Everybody is showing they want to play."

In the Les Schwab tournament held on campus Thursday through Saturday, the Crusaders won

one of three while playing their hearts out. Said captain Patrick Fitzgerald, "We felt good about how we played. There were some letdowns, sure, but we played Albertson toughest of all."

Bon Durant echoed Fitzgerald's comments: "I felt good. It hurts to lose, but we didn't really let down. Also, we didn't have all our key players in."

For the record, NNC beat Westminster on Friday afternoon 5-4 in an exciting scoring festival. Thursday had seen the Saders fall 4-1 in overtime to Cascade, but Saturday's game vs. ACI was the main event.



The Crusaders played with intensity all weekend, according to team leaders Patrick Fitzgerald and Chucky Bon Durant. Their outlook for the coming weeks is positive (photo by Toby Rogers).



Senior Josh Sharette chases down the ball while dealing with pressure from two defenders (photo by Toby Rogers).

**"We're playing with intensity, ain't no doubt about that."  
~Saders sweeper Chucky Bon Durant**

After Charlie Laird tied the game early in the second half at 2 apiece with a spectacular header on an assist by Josh Sharette, Albertson countered with a goal of a dubious nature -- meaning the Coyote was probably offsides. In any case, he appeared to be offsides to everybody but the referee, who allowed the goal to stand. Ten minutes later, a fourth and final ACI goal broke NNC's back.

Despite the setback, optimism is the order of the day. Bon Durant assured that "we'll start capitalizing and our mistakes will not be too major. We can make the playoffs if we win the rest of our conference games."

Fitzgerald wanted to thank the faithful fans: "They make playing a lot more fun. Come again 'cause we'll try our best." The Crusaders' next home game is on Oct. 18 at 4:00 p.m. versus Concordia.

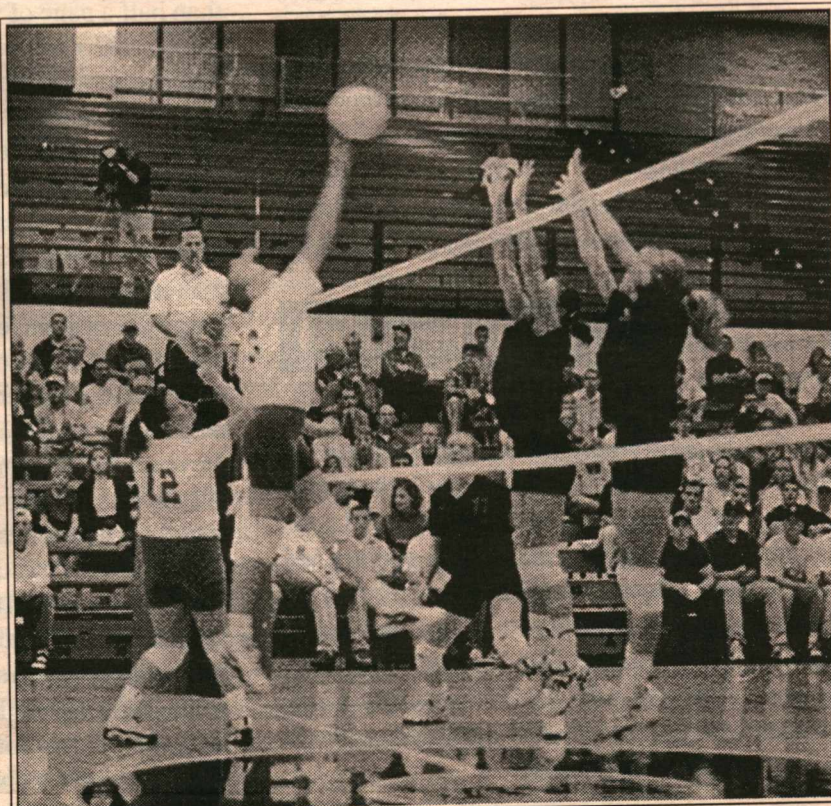
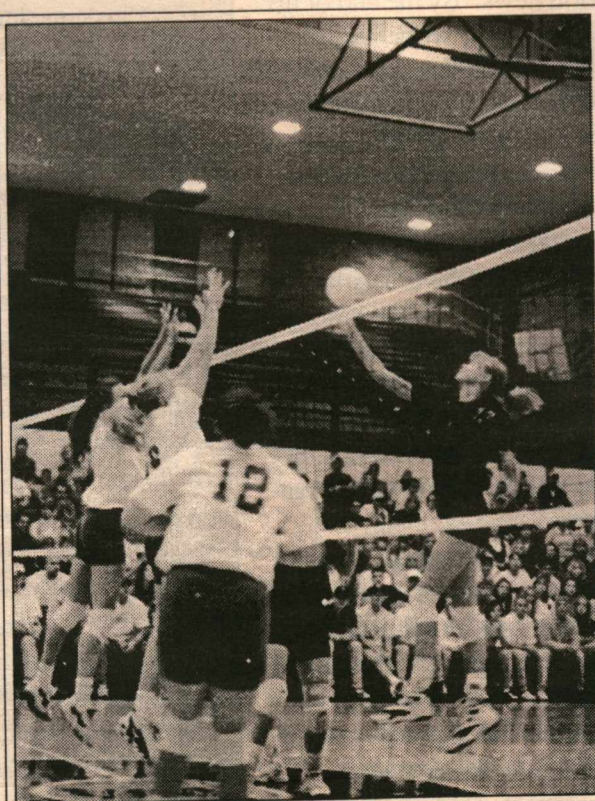


Chad Ramage asserted his presence recently by scoring four goals in two days for the Crusaders (photo by Toby Rogers).

## Lady spikers trounce competition, delight fans

The Lady Saders brought a Welcome Week crowd to their feet as they defeated Albertson in three games last Tuesday. They are currently ranked 21st in the nation and have led the nation in attendance the last two years.

The next home game is scheduled for October 11th.



# Intramurals showcase football, soccer skills

By Crusader Press Services

NNC's intramurals enjoy a rich tradition, complete with high student involvement and frequent championship t-shirt distributions. This fall's activities include the ever-popular flag football season as well as a continuing experiment in women's soccer.

Flag football games are typically held on Saturdays from early morning to afternoon; the season is expected to begin this coming weekend. Next week's Crusader will feature full coverage of all organized sports.

Sign-ups for women's intramural soccer are still -- as of press time -- posted on the board outside of the cafeteria in the Student Center. Just do it.

### IM Scores 'n' Schedules

Each week *The Crusader* will publish the latest and greatest scores from intramural action around campus right here in this cute little box.

You can also check this space for the upcoming playing time of your favorite flag football and women's club soccer teams.

### Crusader Player of the Week

In honor of all of those incredible athletes who sweat so hard and receive such little credit, *The Crusader* will weekly recognize one player whose performance and sportsmanship are worthy of applause. (Bribes are not mandatory, but may be considered!)

# We've Lost It!

Things are getting desperate in the Crusader office... Our Sports Editor was recently carried away by a wild band of Montana sheep and we can't seem to find him anywhere! His chair sits vacant upstairs in the Student Center and YOU could be just the person to take over this prestigious position! A knowledge of journalism is necessary and PageMaker skills are a plus, but not required! You should have a passion for sports and the ability to get a little wacky on very late Monday nights (we can help with this one)! If you are the slightest bit interested, contact John Fraley in the Crusader office #8656 or at #8483. You too could join the ranks of the hippest editors ever known to a Nazarene institution!

## Shots Heard 'Round the World: Sports Brieflies

### Padres sweep LA to claim NL West

LOS ANGELES, CA -- With a 2-0, 11-inning victory, the San Diego Padres completed a three-game season-ending sweep of the Los Angeles Dodgers to win the NL West by one game. The Pads and Dodgers had identical records entering the final game, and both had already clinched playoff spots.

The win means LA will have to face Atlanta in the first round, while San Diego draws the NL Central champion St. Louis Cardinals. Playoff action in both leagues begins tonight.

### Cowboys save face on Monday night

PHILADELPHIA, PA -- The Dallas Cowboys regained some lost credibility and avoided visiting the NFC East cellar by beating the Philadelphia Eagles 23-19 last night.

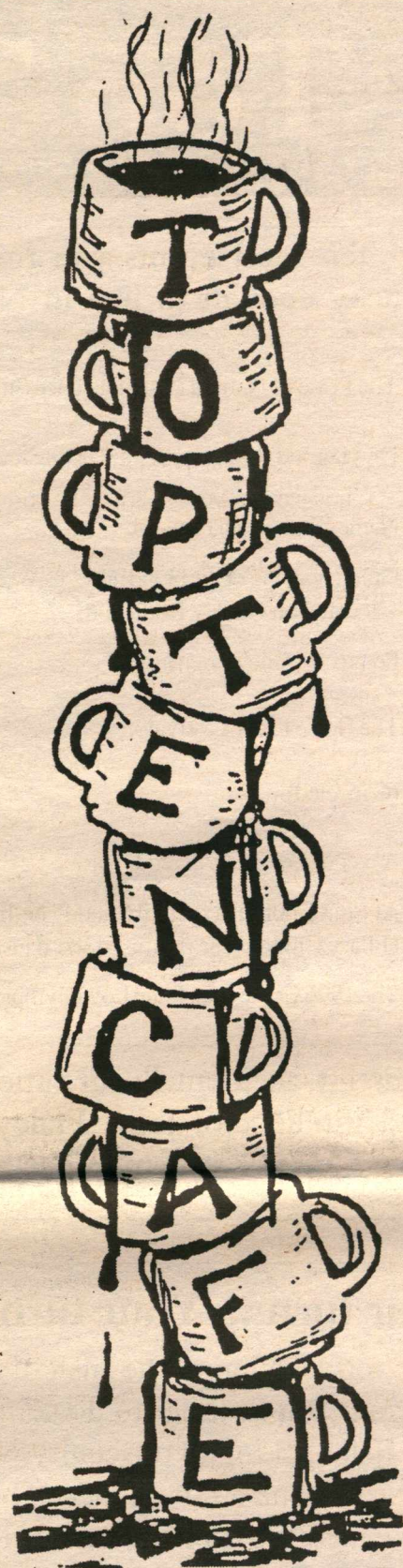
The Boys scored 20 straight points in the last sixteen minutes of the first half to turn a 10-0 deficit into a 10-point lead.

Dallas' defense forced five turnovers while Eagles QB Rodney Peete suffered a season-ending knee injury. Dallas regains the services of Michael Irvin in their next game, Oct. 13.

### Anderson, McGwire hit 100 homers

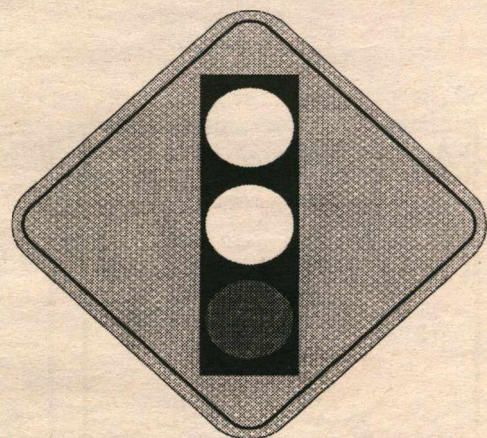
BALTIMORE, MD -- Oriole Brady Anderson connected on the final night of the regular season for his 50th home run of 1996. When coupled with the 52 longballs of Oakland Athletic Mark McGwire, it was the first time since 1961 that two players reached 50 dingers in the same year, when teammates Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle did it for the Yankees.

In other achievement news, 21-year-old Alex Rodriguez, the Mariners' shortstop, won the AL batting title with a .358 average.



## The Brick House

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# Top Ten

Top Ten local events you missed if you weren't lucky enough to live in Nampa all summer

10. The Pride of Nampa Long Distance Sugar Beet Spitting Contest
9. Dr. Hagood's Annual Wine Tasting and Line Dancing Extravaganza
8. Name-That-Smell Face-Off
7. Grand opening of the brand new "U-Wrecked-It, We-Stack-It" junkyard -- located on Garrity Boulevard
6. Potato season
5. The Boise Litter Festival
4. (Canceled)
3. A record low 36,407 weddings
2. At First Church, a special Sunday night worship service address by Hillary Clinton (she promised she'd just preach)
1. The 1996 Centennial Lake Lowelympic Games

This list accidentally dreamed up by the twisted intellect of John Fraley, Jason Isbell, and any Crusader staff member awake after 4 a.m.

## Your turn ... Your turn ... Your turn ...

You, too, can enjoy the rush of seeing your Top Ten in print. But in order to do so, you have to turn it in. Any lists lacking in obscenity, vulgarity, and general bad taste stand a fair chance at being published in *The Crusader*. We do reserve the right to refuse any list, however. So what we're saying is "Act now!" Send your lists to Box C in campus mail, and start your trek toward campus fame **today**.

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## Dilbert®

by Scott Adams

CATBERT, EVIL H.R. DIRECTOR  
I NEED TO HIRE A PROGRAMMER FOR MY PROJECT TEAM.

OUR POLICY IS TO FIRST SEEK CANDIDATES FROM WITHIN THE COMPANY. IF NONE IS QUALIFIED, YOU MUST USE A SOCK PUPPET.

HOW MANY OF YOUR POLICIES ARE DESIGNED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF SATISFYING YOUR SADISTIC TENDENCIES?  
ALL OF THEM. SOME ARE JUST MORE OBVIOUS.

WE'LL BE HAVING AN ISO 9000 AUDIT SOON. THEY'LL CHECK TO SEE IF WE FOLLOW OUR OWN DOCUMENTED PROCEDURES FOR EVERYTHING WE DO.

I'VE DIVIDED OUR PREPARATION TASKS INTO TWO GROUPS: UNETHICAL AND UNPRODUCTIVE.

I'LL TRAIN OUR DEPARTMENT TO LIE TO THE AUDITOR. YOU CAN DOCUMENT OUR INANE PROCEDURES.  
NO FAIR. YOU DID UNETHICAL LAST TIME TOO!

CAROL, I NEED TO DOCUMENT YOUR PROCEDURE FOR ORDERING OFFICE SUPPLIES. IT'S AN ISO 9000 REQUIREMENT.

IF SOMEONE ASKS FOR SOMETHING, I CHECK THE SUPPLY CABINET FIRST. THEN I SAY, "THERE'S ONE LEFT. YOU CAN'T HAVE IT BECAUSE THEN WE'D BE ALL OUT."

THEN I SPEND THE REST OF THE DAY COMPLAINING ABOUT THE PERSON WHO ASKED.  
UH-OH... I'M OUT OF INK.

I NEED TO DOCUMENT YOUR JOB PROCESSES TO SATISFY OUR ISO 9000 REQUIREMENTS.

I TRY TO ANTICIPATE THE SHIFTING POLITICAL WINDS. THEN I WRAP MYSELF IN THE RELEVANT BUZZWORDS AND TRY TO ACHIEVE IMPORTANCE WITHOUT ADDING VALUE.

WHAT'S YOUR JOB TITLE?  
DIRECTOR OF ISO 9000 QUALITY PROCESS DESIGN.

YOUR PRODUCT LOOKS GOOD, BUT YOU CAN'T BE OUR SUPPLIER UNLESS YOUR COMPANY IS ISO 9000 CERTIFIED.

SO... YOU DON'T CARE HOW BAD OUR INTERNAL PROCESSES ARE, AS LONG AS THEY'RE WELL-DOCUMENTED AND USED CONSISTENTLY?

THAT'S RIGHT. OUR DOCUMENTED PROCESS SAYS I MUST NOW LAUGH IN YOUR FACE AND DOUBLE OUR PRICE.

YOU KNOW WHAT'S FUNNY?  
I'LL TELL YOU.

YOU'RE WORKING HARD. I'M DOING NOTHING. IN A HUNDRED YEARS WE'LL BOTH BE DEAD.

YOU MIGHT NOT NEED TO WAIT THAT LONG.  
I THINK I'LL SPREAD SOME JOY OVER THIS WAY.

## The Abode

By Garrett Schmelzenbach

AND SO... AFTER A BIT OF PERSUASION...  
THE ABODE RETURNS.  
OH GREAT... AND I'M STILL A HAIRBALL.

WITH OLD FRIENDS AND NEW  
NOT ASKING VERY NICE EH?  
TEAR OUT OUR WHAT?

FOR SOME, IT'S THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE  
YEA... LIKE THAT STUPID STUDY SKILLS CLASS AGAIN..

FOR OTHERS, A GREATER MOTIVATION.  
HA... LIKE MONEY.  
OR WOMEN.  
POWER. DEFINITELY POWER.

**Dave Barry**

**Read carefully: you could be on Dave's jerks list**

Recently, when I was having a hamburger at an outdoor restaurant, two guys started up their Harley-Davidson motorcycles, parked maybe 25 feet from me.

Naturally, being Harley guys, these were rebels -- lone wolves, guys who do it Their Way, guys who do not follow the crowd. You could tell because they were wearing the same jeans, jackets, boots, bandannas, sunglasses, belt buckles, tattoos and (presumably) underwear worn by roughly 28 million other lone-wolf Harley guys.

And of course, once they got their engines started, they had to spend the equivalent of two college semesters just sitting there, revving their engines, which were so ear-bleedingly loud that I thought my hamburger was going to leap from my plate and skitter, terrified, back into the kitchen. I believe many Harley guys spend more time revving their engines than actually driving anywhere; I sometimes wonder why they bother to have wheels on their motorcycles.

Perhaps you, too, have experienced an assault of Harley-revving; and perhaps you have asked yourself: Why do this people DO this? What possible reason could they have for causing so much discomfort to those around them?

As it happens, there IS a reason, and it is an excellent one: They're jerks.

I'm not saying that ALL Harley guys -- some of my friends are Harley guys -- engage in this obnoxious behavior. I'm just saying that the ones who DO engage in it are jerks. And I am not afraid to tell them so, even if they are large and hairy and potentially violent. I am not afraid to say: "OK, Mr. Loud Harley Guy, you got a problem with me calling you a jerk? You want to DO something about it? You want to express your disagreement by tapping out lengthy Morse Code sentences on my

skull with a tire iron? Then why don't you -- if you have the guts -- come see me personally at my place of employment, located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.? Come on if you dare, fat boy! Ride right into the lobby!"

And let me also say, while I'm at it, that I'm sick of you people who park in spaces reserved for the handicapped, even though you are not, personally, handicapped. You



know who you are. Many of you even have those little rearview-mirror handicapped signs, which you got from a friend or relative, or which you once needed because of some temporary medical condition that has long since been cleared up.

One of my hobbies is to watch when cars pull into handicapped parking spots, and see who gets out. Very often, in my experience, these people appear to be totally unhandicapped: No wheelchair; no crutches; not even a trace of a limp. I realize that some of these people have problems, such as heart conditions, that are not visible. But

some of them, to judge by the sprightliness of their walks, are off to compete in the decathlon. Their only handicap is: They're jerks.

What we need in this country -- I would pay extra income tax for this -- is an elite corps of Handicapped Parker On-Site Medical Examination SWAT Teams. These teams would prowl the streets, wearing rubber gloves and armed with X-ray machines, CT scanners, scalpels, drills, saws and

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employ the 250-foot intestinal probe nicknamed "Big Bertha." The idea would be that if you weren't qualified to park in a handicapped zone BEFORE the physical examination, you definitely would be AFTER.

And let's talk about you people who always send your food back in restaurants. (I KNOW this has nothing to do with handicapped parking; I can't stop myself.) I mean, sure, if the food is truly BAD, if it has RODENTS running around on it, OK, send it back; but what about you people who ALWAYS send your food back, thereby turning EVERY SINGLE MEAL into an exercise in consumer whining? I'm sorry! You're jerks! Especially if, when the bill comes, you also ALWAYS insist -- even when everybody ordered basically the same thing -- on figuring out your EXACT share ("Well I had the Diet Sprite, which is ten cents less than the iced tea ..."); and then you decide that a 5 percent tip is adequate, thereby forcing your friends, who are embarrassed, to put in more money.

Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you. Put your ear right down to the page: YOUR FRIENDS HATE IT WHEN YOU STIFF THE WAITER. IF THE SERVICE IS OK, YOU SHOULD TIP 15 PERCENT. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TIP, THEN DON'T EAT AT RESTAURANTS.

Also, you should never, ever, no matter what, butt in front of people waiting in line without asking their permission.

Also, if, when you talk to people, they keep backing away from you, it's because you're TOO CLOSE, all right? SODON'T KEEP ADVANCING ON THEM LIKE A HUMAN GLACIER.

Thank you, and I apologize for using so many capital letters. I can be a real jerk about that.

harpoon-sized hypodermic needles.

When a team spotted a handicapped-zone parker who could not immediately prove that he or she was handicapped, that person would immediately undergo a severely thorough physical examination conducted by burly personnel who have attended medical school for a maximum of four hours plus lunch ("Hey, Norm! Which ones are the kidneys again?"). These examinations would involve full frontal nudity and the removal of enough blood, organ and tissue samples to form a complete new human; also if the SWAT team found a Harley guy revving his engine in a handicapped-parking zone, it would

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**WHAT'S PLAYING?**

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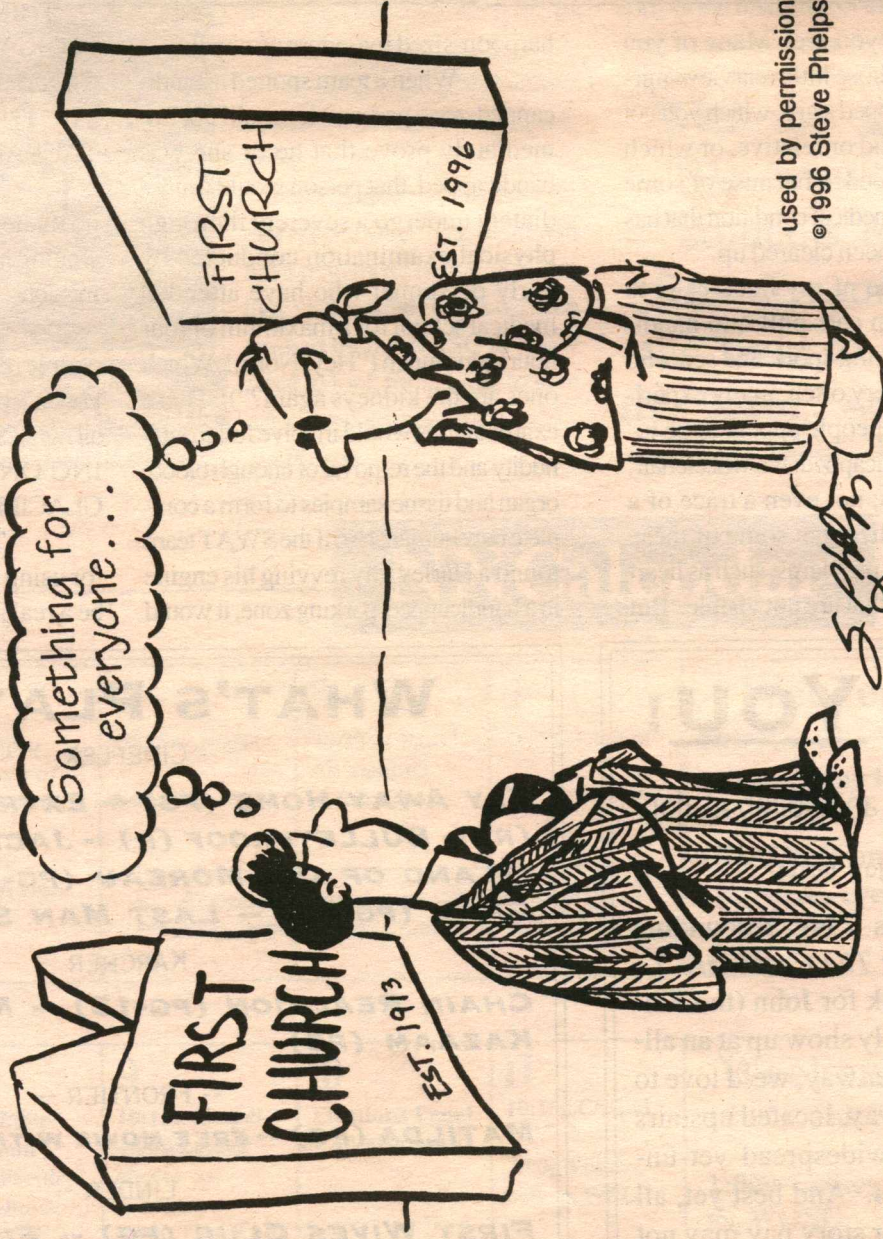
**MATILDA (PG) -- FREE MOVIE WITH \$2.50 PURCHASE**

-- LINDEN --

**FIRST WIVES CLUB (PG) -- FIRST KID (PG) -- PHENOMENON (PG) -- MAXIMUM RISK (R)**

(Note: schedule as of Monday, Sept. 30. Don't blame us if a movie is gone by the time you decide to go see it.)

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