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In Campus News



M*A*S*H opens this week. Page 4 previews the Jr. Class Play.

In World News

In the last few months, seven area residents have lost their lives to an unpredictable illness. Authorities are baffled, but doctors are cautiously reassuring. Please turn to page 10 for details.

In Opinions



Is the newest disaster flick any good? Page 5 has the answer.

Column One

Another day in the Crusader Office. Mid-terms have now come and gone and I'm still trying to figure out how to explain them to my parents. Do you ever have that problem?

Seems like third term is always that term where I'm trying to play catch-up from the term before while trying to talk every prof into letting me have that extra half percentage point. Consider this scenario:

STUDENT: "PLEASE salvage my poor miserable soul from the tyranny of academic probation!"

PROFESSOR: "Sure, we can fix you right up... How good did you say you were at windows again?"

It may not actually be that bad, but it is even worse when you already are on probation and you have to try and explain the grades to ACADEMIC ADVISING. Has anyone else noticed the awe that is inspired an the amazing amount of creativity involved with these meetings?

"I know I have a D in ** *** (class number with held to protect myself) but I can't type anymore from all of the windows I've been cleaning lately."

Actually, I can see the point to all of this. I can even admit that as many times as I complain about profs, classes, and assignments I'm really grateful to be here.

In any case enjoy this issue of our hallowed paper. I need to catch up on my windows.

-- Andrew Diehl
World News Editor

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"Hi, my name's George, and I'm a chatoholic..."

These people do exist, and they have a story to chat about

By Amy Riley
Cover Story Editor

We confess: our headline is somewhat guilty of poking fun at Internet chat-line visitors. It's not a given that chatters forfeit their potential lives to the voices on the screen. In fact, some students do a darn good job of justifying their chat-line time expenditures. Read all about it in our cover story.



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Our cover story begins chatting on page 8.

After Hours Cafe debuts Wednesday

By Crusader Press Services

What're you doing after Time-Out? Bored? Hungry? Need to get those choruses out of your head? Fireside's new After Hours Cafe is the way to blow away a mid-week evening and get a few rounds of Presidents or Rook in before the weekend hits.

From 10:00 pm to midnight this Wednesday you'll have an opportunity to down a burger, fries, and shake for only \$2... That's right, TWODOL-LAH! Where else can you get some grub and listen to the oldies? The After Hours Cafe. Be there.

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"I don't see how you can write anything of value if you don't offend anyone."

~ Marvin Harris, anthropologist, educator, 1990

Students represent peers on Academic Council

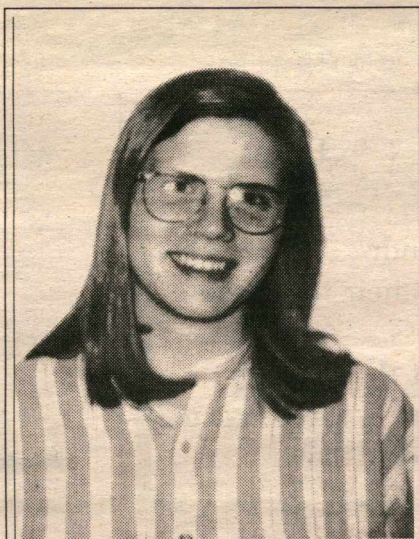
By Judy Clark
Staff Writer

The academic council is an important part of our campus. They make numerous decisions that affect our daily lives.

They have discussed a variety of issues, including the daily class schedule, an internal review that is similar to accreditation, a policy trying to promote minority and female professors, a review on the adequacy of campus building facilities and course title changes, among other things.

"There is no question about the impact of academic council. It influences the ways we relate to other universities as well as things like our daily schedule," Dr. Gary Ganske said.

In last Thursday's meeting some of the items that were reviewed consisted of the issue of scholarly in-



Junior Jenny Bangsund "enjoy[s] being a part" of Academic Council.

tegrity and an articulation agreement between junior colleges and NNC which involves how credits would transfer between schools.

The academic council meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month in the conference room at Williams Hall.

The council consists from year to year of the six division chairs, three general faculty members, the director of teacher education, the dean, the facility chair person and two student representatives.

"I feel the academic council is a wonderful group of individuals that does a fine job and I enjoy being a part of it," junior Jenny Bangsund said.

Bangsund and senior Karl Ganske are the two students that are on the academic council this year.

To be a student representative on the council one simply signs up in the spring. Then one goes through an interview process and the two who are

"I joined because I knew there would be a lot of hot issues this year since it's a critical developmental time for NNC," ~Karl Ganske, senior.

chosen are appointed to their positions. Unfortunately, last year, according to Karl Ganske, only a few people signed up.

"I joined because I knew there would be a lot of hot issues this year since it is a critical developmental time for NNC," Ganske said.

While there are numerous good qualities about the council, one area of frustration for Ganske was being "disappointed in not knowing what the specific responsibilities are."

However, there are many positive aspects to being on the academic council. Bangsund commented, "I enjoy getting to know the professors

outside of class. You get to see some of the many things they do to make the campus better."

Some of the other assets to being a student representative on the council include being able to be a voice for the student body and to help express their needs and dilemmas about important academic issues.

"If students have concerns that would be appropriate for the academic council they should contact Karl or me," Bangsund said.

to a committee in three weeks, and will either be voted on or withdrawn.

A discussion covered the issue of student disrespect and disruption in chapel, and how it should be dealt with. One solution suggested that senators could help by simply asking those who are being disruptive to be considerate of others.

Correction: last week we credited the wrong person with the construction pictures in the story, "Campus Construction projects moving swiftly along." The photographer was actually Max Chtangeev. Sorry, Max!

NNC Notepad

In Senate this week...

There is an opportunity through State Legislature for a student representative to sit on the State Board of Education. This student would have full Board Member rights and responsibilities. The representative would have to be currently enrolled in the State of Idaho as a full time student. The term would be two years, and during this period, the student must remain in Idaho and remain active. The resolution will be written and signed by Monday.

Senate examined some revisions to the Constitution which will be sent



Senior Karl Ganske is finding he can serve NNC well on Academic Council during his final year.

NNCalendar

February	18	18 8:30a-12:00p COMP Exam 3:30p Faculty Mtg M*A*S*H Dress Rehearsal 7:30p	19 10:15a Chapel 5:30-7:00p Freshman RA mtg M*A*S*H 7:30p	20 8:00p Student Recital AD AUD M*A*S*H 7:30p	21 10:15a Chapel M*A*S*H 7:30p	Weekend 22-23 8:00p ASNNC Coffee House M*A*S*H 1:30p and 7:30p
	2	March of Dimes Wing Challenge				
	24 10:15a Chapel Exec Council sign-ups begin	25 8:00p Com- bined Choral Concert - SLH	26 10:15a Chapel 9:00p Time Out Finkbeiner Fast (lunch and dinner)	27 6:30p LUV Auction	28 10:15a Chapel	Weekend 1-2 LUV Auction Date Nite MBB-semi-finals
	Concert Band Tour					

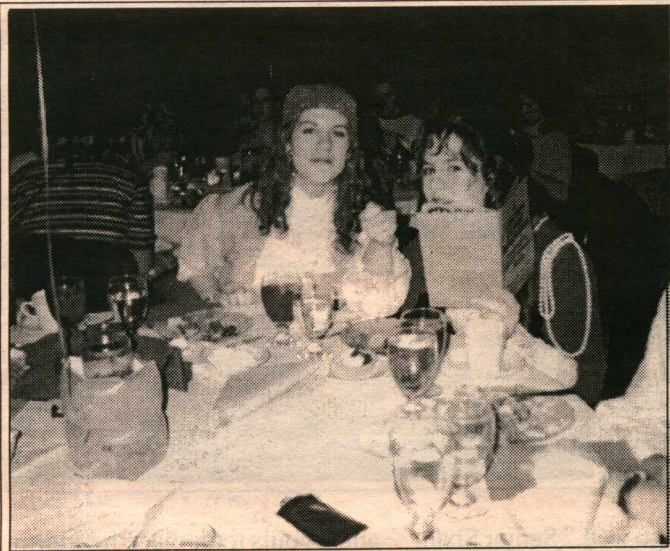
Looking Ahead in February:

February 24th
Executive Council sign-ups

February 25th
8:00p Combined Choral Concert-SLH

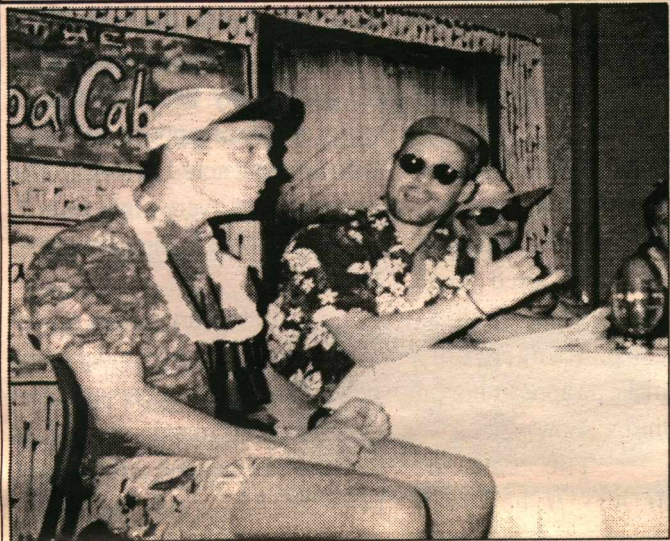
February 27th
6:30p LUV Auction

Valentine's Banquet maroons 260



Pirates and natives and tourists, oh my! Approximately 260 attended the Tropical Island Adventure Valentine's Mystery Banquet, on Saturday night, February 15th. First place prizes of \$10 and second place prizes of \$5 were awarded to those who guessed the identity of the murderer correctly.

Below, Wiki-wiki, (a.k.a. Gene Schandorff) was the native chief on the island of Maui. Top left, Holly Quick and Cori Severson enjoy the banquet. Bottom right, Erik Quissell and Neil Weaver goofed off on stage.



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Students clean up Banks, ID

By Shannon Adams
Assistant Campus News Editor

For the past six Saturdays, excluding one, NNC students have travelled up to Banks, Idaho to help with flood relief. Chaplain Gene Schandorff and Director of Counseling Joanne Rittmueller have been in charge of coordinating these trips.

The Red Cross, of which Rittmueller is an active volunteer, connected NNC to the need at Banks. It was through donations that NNC students were able to help out. Home Depot donated shovels, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries donated money to cover the van rentals and Marriott opened early on Saturday morning for students heading up as well as providing food for their lunches.

Schandorff guessed that 45 to 50 NNC students made the trip to Banks. Through these 45 students, four families were aided in various ways. Schandorff commented, "What we wound up doing the whole time was just helping people get possessions out of the mud and getting them relocated."

The students who went found it to be a positive experience. Though they were giving up a Saturday and immersing themselves in mud, they recognized the need to move beyond themselves to help others. Sophomore Luke Heath, who went up twice, commented that, "I did it more for myself than anything else just because the community does a whole bunch of stuff for us and I thought it would be a neat opportunity to do something for people who do something for us." Junior Mickey Smith had a similar feeling about it. "I felt like it was a really humbling experience for me. It was really hard to just be in the mud and be all dirty, but I kept having to remind myself that it was for God."

One of the families that NNC students aided had never really had contact with the church community before. This Sunday they were invited to attend Franklin Community, Dr. Mike Lodahl's church, with Rittmueller and her husband. During their time up at Banks, Schandorff and the students were able to share who they are and why they were doing this. Overall, as Schandorff said, "I think it was a really positive aspect for the Lord in their lives."

The need in Banks seems to be filled for now, but Schandorff said that more rain will mean more disaster. He went on to say, "If we went and did some more work [now] it probably wouldn't be in Banks. My guess is it would be somewhere else where they have had flooding problems, like Payette." There may also be a need later this spring for more trips back up to Banks. Some of the land there is extremely unstable, which means another major landslide this spring. The area of Banks has been condemned. It involves a restaurant, a hotel and about six homes.

Fencing Club: nobody's dead yet

An unusual sport that adds to the diversity of campus fun

By Heather Slater
Copy Editor

For the members of the fencing club, finding pirate props for the Valentine's Banquet was not a problem. The members of one of NNC's more unusual clubs can be seen carrying their foils wherever they go.

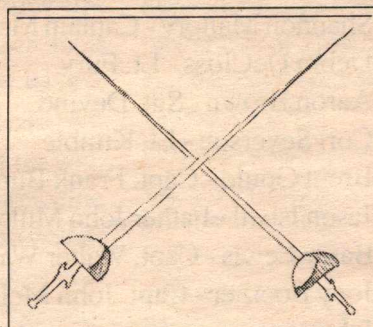
Senior Evan Hales is the founder and president of the club. He feels that the sport has not received the attention it deserves. "Fencing is important. We (the U.S.) have fallen behind. For a long time, Europe has gotten gold medals in the Olympics, especially Eastern Europe."

Hales founded NNC's fencing club unofficially in 1985. The club finally gained Class B status in 1993, which meant that some of its funds could be provided by ASNNC. "[But] it wasn't to get money. It was to be able to use the gym," said Hales.

Hales became involved with fencing going into high school in Haines, Alaska. A fencing club had just been founded in his school by a man who had studied in New York with a world champion fencer. "After six months, I was helping teach," said Hales, "and after a year I was the teacher." Hales went on to join the fencing club at Willamette University in Oregon and took fencing classes at the University of Alaska. "I have taught fencing in many different spots, both in the Eastern and Western hemispheres," said Hales. "A little fanatacism goes a long way."

Sophomore Dave Tomandl has been involved in the club for all of his time at NNC. "My junior year in high school, I saw the Prevue Days fencing demonstration. I was looking forward to joining fencing as soon as I came here. It's been as rewarding as I'd hoped."

"The people are really,



really interesting," said the club's secretary treasurer, freshman Ruth Gleason. "You get to stab people," she laughed, "and it's good exercise."

Sophomore Angela Eaker said, "I like the challenge, the competition. I'm interested in drama and they do fencing in Shakespeare plays."

"I joined three weeks ago. A cute girl asked me to come to class," said freshman Peter Erickson. "It's great. The instructor's lots of fun to work with. The sport itself is a lot more refined than [other sports, like] basketball. There's more discipline."

The club has eight active members, twelve semi-active and the extended membership runs in the twenties. It meets at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the gym and at 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays in the gym and 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. Sundays in Student Development.



Backrow: senior Evan Hales is founder and president of the Fencing Club.

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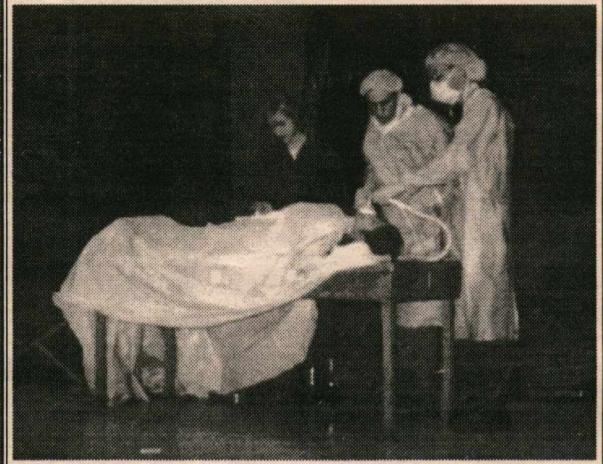
M*A*S*H opens this week

By Stephanie Merick
Staff Writer

February 19 to 22, the Junior class will be putting on the play *M*A*S*H* in the Science Lecture Hall. The co-directors of *M*A*S*H* are juniors Al Ellis and Jessica Curtis. Ellis has been planning the play since last year and this is his first directing experience. "There has been a fair share of no shows, but with a cast this big and everybody's schedules, you can't expect them all to mesh."

The cast size this year is larger than average, making it a challenge, but Ellis believes that by February 19, things will "all pull to-

Left to right, sophomore Heather Moon, senior Garrett Schmelzenbach, and senior Todd Smith "operate" on freshman Perla Aragon, who plays Min Li.



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gether and go well." Senior Shannon Mallory stated, "It is going to be a good show. It's been a lot of work, working with so many people."

For those who enjoy the television show, this is the play upon which the show was based (some characters, such as Corp. Klinger, only make an appearance on the t.v. show).

The cast of *M*A*S*H* has been practicing since the beginning of second term

and tryouts took place first term. Senior Kevin Haydon said, "I find that the play is a good opportunity for everybody because it gives many people an opportunity to act who haven't acted before." The cast practices every night from 7-10 p.m. and have Saturday practices as well.

Tickets are on sale now at the student center. For students and senior citizens the prices are \$3 for evening performances and \$1 for the Saturday matinee, while adults' prices are \$5 for evening performances and \$2 for matinee.



Left to right, junior Lane Schmelzenbach chews out G. Schmelzenbach and Smith.

The cast consists of :

Andrew Watkins - General Hammond
Elena Roybal - Private Boone
Lane Schmelzenbach - Colonel Blake
Shannon Mallory - Captain McCarthy
Debra DeCloss - Lt. Fury
Aaron Brown - Sgt. Devine
Cori Severson - Lt. Kimble
Brent Gould - Capt. Frank Burns
Jason Isbell - Father John Mulcahy
Barry Lewis - Capt. Walter Waldowski (Walt)
Joey Boerher - Capt. John McIntyre (Trapper John)
Kevin Haydon - Capt. John Black (Ugly)
Brian Westcott - Corp. "Radar" Reiley
Garret Schmelzenbach - Capt. Benjamin Franklin Pierce (Hawkeye)
Todd Smith - Capt. Augustus Bedford Forrest (Duke)

Perla Aragon - Min Li
Kevin Durfee - Pvt. Lopez
Christina Butler - Korean woman 1
Kim Fleishmann - Korean woman 2
Brooke Ferdinand - Lt. Nancy Phillips
Heather Moon - Maj. Margaret Houlihan (Hot lips)
Amber Culbertson - Congresswoman Goldfarb; Maj. Ruth Haskell
Holly Quick - Dean Mercy Lodge
Deana Pelletier - Miss Randazzle
Becky Abshire - Mitzi
Sara Cobb - Fritzi
Erin Harri - Agnes
Lonna Elliot - Lt. Connie Liebowitz
Brent Gould - Capt. Frank Burns; Oliver
Wendell Jones (Spearchucker)

Marriott renegotiates contract

By Shannon Adams
Staff Writer

Marriott, the food service for NNC, has only been here since 1986. Since that time many things have changed, such as the discontinuation of family nights on Wednesday nights and Sunday afternoons, the change to continuous dining, as well as the addition of 'Sader Grill (sideline). These changes must be renegotiated through Marriott's yearly contract with NNC.

Food Service Director Richard White, who will be retiring after this year, said that the contract works through two separate areas. Hal Weber, Vice President of Financial Affairs, handles Marriott's budget concerns and equipment needs, while Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Ken Hills deals with Marriott issues that directly affect students. Negotiations used to be every five years, until NNC requested that it move to a yearly contract.

White also commented that the issue that is most often discussed

at these renegotiation meetings is inflation. Marriott did not have to make major allowances for inflation in their budget this year due to the fact that Marriott was already paying more than the minimum wage required. However, according to White, "[We] tried to tighten up where we could."

"Tightening up" seems to affect NNC students more than the 22 regular staff Marriott employs. Presently, Marriott employs about 60 students, none of whom should have cause for worrying about their hours being drastically cut back.

REVIEWS

Disaster flick's effects will blow your top

This ain't no twister. Move over *Twister*, 'cause *Dante's Peak* will blow you away. The action starts from the very beginning when U.S. Geological Survey Volcanologist Harry Dalton (Pierce Brosnan) misjudges a Colombian volcano. While trying to venture through a pyroclastic cloud, a molten rock smashes into the cab of his truck, killing his fiancée.

Four years after the tragedy, seismic activity is reported in the northern Cascades at Dante's Peak. Just below the mountain is the town of Dante's Peak, which has just been named the second most desirable place to live in the United States.

Harry Dalton is called off of his vacation to investigate this phenomenon. On arriving in Dante's Peak (the town) he meets up with Mayor Rachel Wando (Linda Hamilton), who falls for the volcanologist as soon as he sets foot in town.

While investigating, Dalton begins to classify the strange happenings as just a normal attribute of a semi-dormant volcano when he discovers something is totally wrong. After this discovery Dalton tries to put the town on alert but runs into one problem: Dalton's boss doesn't agree with his call and the in-

vestigations continue without the alert being called.

You know through the whole movie that the volcano will erupt, but when, is the question. Will Dalton convince his boss in time for the town to be saved? Well, I guess you'll just have to find out for yourself.

I'd totally recommend this movie if you are the type of person who likes a good suspense movie. Unlike *Twister*, this movie has a plot.

There aren't a bunch of people trying to find volcanoes and get ahead in technology. This movie will leave you on the edge of your seat, watching wide-eyed, waiting for the darn thing to blow up. When it does, look out; if you have a weak heart it may not be suitable for you, as your adrenaline will rush just watch-

ing people escape from acid lakes, lava flows, pyroclastic clouds and other natural pyrotechnics.

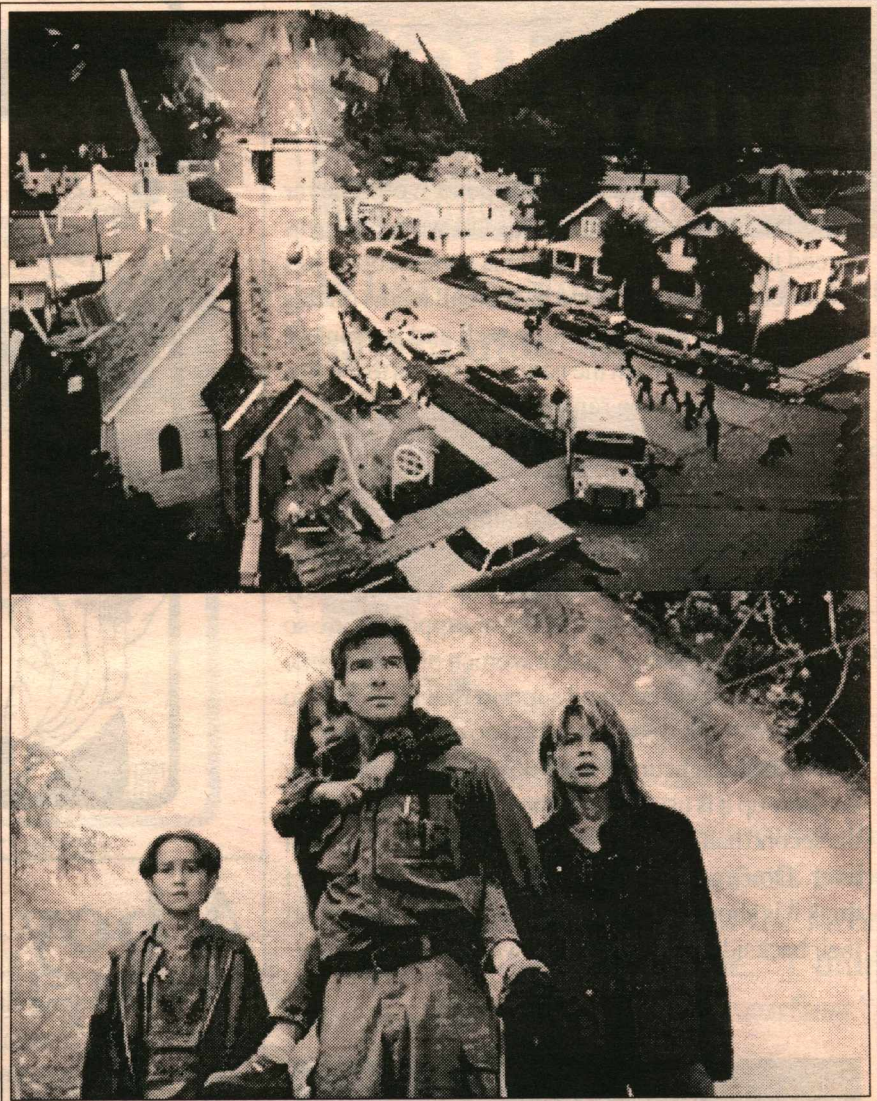
Granted just as in any other movie, there are those little details that directors add which you know aren't totally true, but help make the plot go on. All of that is easily ignored as you will be awestruck by the power that Mother Nature can hold in a single mountain.

Dante's Peak
Starring Pierce Brosnan and Linda Hamilton

Reviewed by
Josh Dooley

Crusader Rating

Your adrenaline will rush just watching people escape from acid lakes, lava flows, pyroclastic clouds...



Seafood in Marsing?

This review kicks off a series of a somewhat investigative nature. In the next few *Crusaders*, you can expect reviews of the valley's more obscure dining establishments.

The Blue Canoe fits the obscure billing, all right. Located technically in Marsing, the restaurant sits alone on the side of a hill outside the town. Our friendly waitress explained that the Canoe used to be a bar and that the place had been there as long as she could remember.

Though it doesn't look like much from the outside, the place is very well-kept inside, so you've got a down-home, small-town feeling with a clean atmosphere. You

can escape the oppressive every-franchise-is-exactly-the-same-whether-you're-in-Nampa-or-New-York setting, without then having to worry if some guy at the bar is going to spill his beer on you in thirty seconds or in thirty minutes. Photos on the walls feature local ranchers and were taken by a local Kuna resident. The surroundings are very ... well ... blue. It's a pretty blue, though.

Another thing you won't have to fret about is leaving hungry: portions are generous. Prices are fair, ranging from 3 to 6 dollars on their monster real-beef burgers and sandwiches; drinks

are refillable (you can get real Coke products!), but their dessert selection is somewhat minimal. Anyway, menu items include burgers such as Earl's Favorite -- a Texas-sized double bacon cheeseburger -- and Ross's Choice. We asked if those were named after regular customers, but, disappointingly, they weren't.

Next time I go, I plan to try their pricier items, which include larger steaks as well as seafood. "Seafood in Marsing?" you may ask. To which I can only reply, "Hm. Indeed." In any case, it's safe to presume that the higher-budget meals are at least as filling as the cheaper stuff. Ask me personally about them later.

When you go, don't hurry to get there; the place might not fill up until after 6:30 p.m.

I was a little uneasy when we walked into an empty dining area at quarter to six on a Friday evening, but by the time we left, it was almost a happenin' place, at least by rural Idaho standards.

The final word? It's not The Olive Garden. Don't wear a business suit or ask for the wine list (even after you graduate). It's simply a welcoming, quiet place with good eats at reasonable prices.

Directions: Drive southbound for about 10 miles on 12th Avenue. Veer left onto highway 78. Several miles later, the Blue Canoe sits on your right. It is about the size of a large trailer.

Blue Canoe

Reviewed by
John Fraley

Crusader Rating

CRUSADER REVIEWS

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LETTERS

To the Editor:

This is a letter that I hoped I would never write, but unfortunately after this last weekend I was forced to do so. It seems that this student body has forgotten that there are two basketball teams on this campus. Both are doing quite well and are ranked among the top teams in the nation. It seems to me that when a number three ranked team plays a number four ranked team there should be more support than what was at last Friday's game.

All of those so-called supporters of basketball must think that the only hoops in town is for men! Maybe they should try and keep up with the Lady Crusaders. It is a shame that those supporters are so closed-minded to the fact that women play this game also and deserve the same support that is allotted to men. It really burns me up when no one recognizes a quality team right under their noses. And when they do show up it is usually after the first half and well into the second half only because the men are playing right after. Don't get me wrong, I support both teams but I think it is about time that all of the Dumb Jocks get off their backsides and support the women's program.

--Greg Farrow

Have a gripe or a praise? Letters can be sent to the editor at "Letters to the Editor", Box C via on-campus mail or through E-Mail just by sending to "Crusader" on the campus network. Please write, it saves me work.

Staff Infection

This movie obviously has something against Nazarenes! I mean, the asteroid isn't gonna hit Salt Lake ... If there were no one else here, I'd be the tallest one, says Heather ... This week's issue is rated CRU-14 for adult situations ... yeah right ... Andy would like to state his determination to give up chapel for Lent. What a sacrifice ... You were hard-core doodling, Amy? So what's soft-core doodling? You tell us, Gina ... You know, when you're mad for a whole hour in a row -- oh wait, that sounded pretty stupid, didn't it ... Stop throwin' cups at our window! ... You wouldn't think that I'm an emotional ninnie, but I am ... If I were to become an alcoholic, that's what I'd drink ... You know, we have all classes represented here. And all genders too! ... I'm not really a Priest, but I play one in the Science Lecture Hall ... Yoda says "Obnoxious you are!" ... I'm almost done, and it's not even light out yet!!!! ... The Sea of Galloway? What!!

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A boy and his... computer?

Long, long ago, in a galaxy far, far away ... men cared about cars. It was not uncommon for huge monstrous behemoths cobbled together from junkyard parts and duct tape to come roaring into '50s diners with tails of flame lingering behind. Conversations among guys usually sounded something like this:

"Yeah, I just dropped in a hertzgovania five-thousand bronsonized quadruplehead trans-axle carb in last night. Gives her an extra 40,000 horse power and lets her do 0 to 200 in 3.9 seconds ... 'course gas mileage dropped to a half mile per gallon, but who cares, it's my CAR!"

Aside from Kevin Durfee, few men talk quite like that anymore. Sure, guys are still into cars, but now we have a more holistic view of our automobiles. They need to be (in the ideal) fast, quick, sexy, get good gas mileage, have low insurance payments and immaculate interiors. And a nice, nice stereo. In reality, what this usually translates to is a car that is neither fast, quick or sexy, but gets decent gas mileage. It, of course, has a nice, nice stereo.

Now, it may just be my circle of friends, acquaintances, business associates, Bible study group, Sunday School class, classmates and perfect strangers, but it seems to me the thing that guys now, hmmm ... how should we say ... umm ... tinker with, is their computers.

Here's the '90s version of the above conversation: "Yeah, I just upgraded to a pentium pro 200 with 128 megs of ram, a 9 gig "scuzzy" hard drive and a twenty-one inch flat screen monitor last night. Gives her a 300% speed boost and lets me boot Windows NT in just under 4 seconds. 'Course, it cost me two grand and I had to do all the work myself, but, hey, it's my

Jason Isbell

COMPUTER!"

For all of you females whose boyfriends are into computers and for all you males whose girlfriends are smarter than you, here is a nifty lexicon (look it up) of computer terms that you should upload.

Modem: Hardware that lets guys connect to the Internet and find out about new computer parts and video games that they can buy.

RAM: Random Access Memory. Lets video games run faster. Nothing to do with Dodge.

Hard Drive: '56 Chevy

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without power steering. No, seriously: Permanent memory. The larger the better (you can hold more video games). Terms to know: Gig: 1000 megs. Meg: 1000 Kilobytes. Kilobyte: 1000 bytes. Byte: 1000 ... just kidding, 8 bits. Bit: a 1 or a 0. (Confused yet? Good.)

IPX Network: Very important piece of hardware to connect computers so that guys can play video games together.

Operating System: The software that runs all the other software.

DOS: Disk Operating System. Prime OS (see above) for

playing video games.

Windows: Not very good for playing video games.

Windows '95: Prettier version of Windows, plays games OK.

Windows NT: Really neat version of Windows which doesn't play games very well.

Processor: Doohickey that does all the math to play video games. Comes in different flavors: 486, okay for playing video games (not really, I'm being nice), Pentium, pretty good for playing video games, Pentium Pro, really good for playing video games. The higher the number after the name, say "Pentium 200," the better for playing video games.

Doom: Coolest video game ever made, half the reason freshman males flunk out of NNC. Larger schools offer Master's degrees in this specialty.

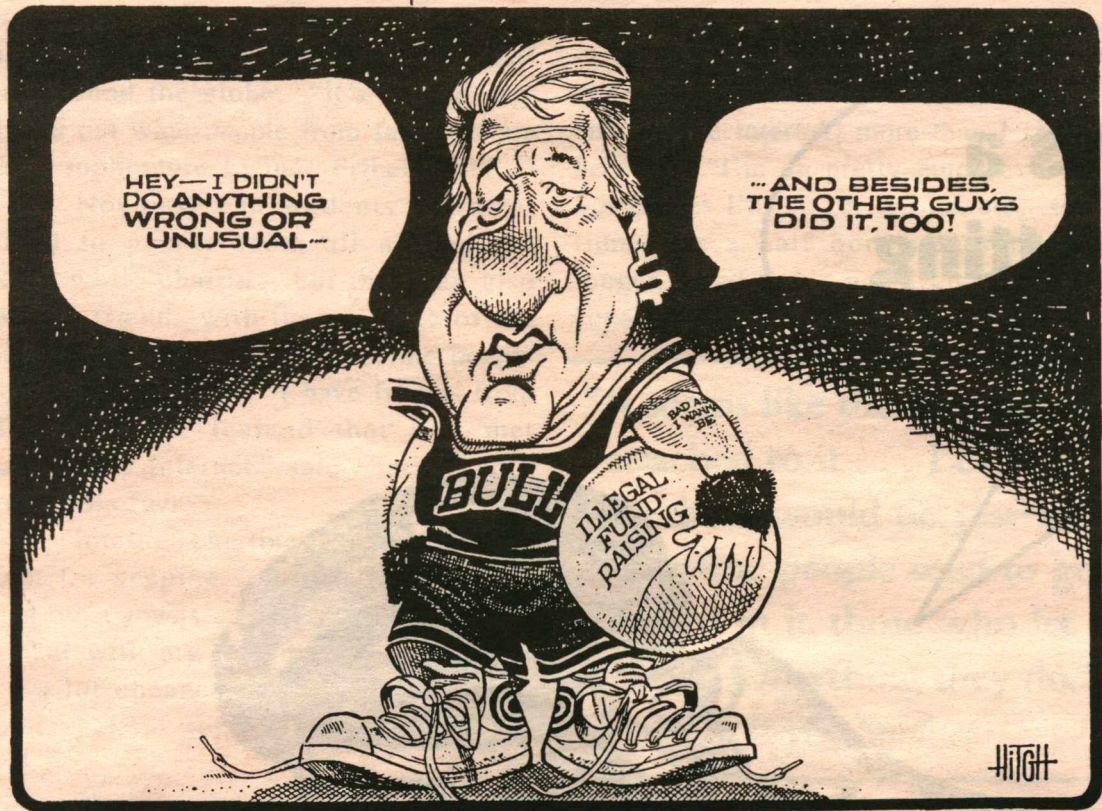
Power Switch: Little button on the front of the computer. Turns the computer on. Persons who only use the NNC computers may have a hard time finding this.

Power strip: Specialized extension cord that keeps the computer from getting fried by electrical power bursts. You will need at least five.

Power Bar: Nutritious bar of goodness. Not generally eaten by men with computers.

Shower: Men with really powerful computers usually haven't seen one in a while.

Printer: Evil instrument of Satan whose goal is to prevent you from receiving a hard copy of anything on your computer, ever. There is a simple equation for determining the likelihood of printing success. Likelihood = proximity of due date / importance of document. (Ask a math ed / computer science major to explain it to you.)



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Tips, tricks for the dating deprived

By Jason Isbell, Opinions Editor and Andrew Diehl, World Editor

Compiled by Jason Isbell, Opinions Editor and The Crusader staff members

In this happy, romantic season of Valentine's Day, we have decided to help out all those lonely guys out there in their quest to find the perfect mate. So we set out to find out what GIRLS think us guys should do in order to woo that special someone. We hit the phones on Sunday night and questioned some of the romance experts, decided upon by yours truly, and asked them what we, er, you lonely guys should do to get the girl of your dreams.

- Never, ever, under any circumstances bet on a girl. For example, never say "I'll bet you that I can get a date with..." -Contributed by Erin Harri.

- Send the young lady of your desires a dozen roses. It proves you have moolah. -Contributed by Jennifer Kung.

- Shower, brush teeth, floss every once in a while. -Contributed by Shannon Adams

- Serenade your intended special someone with the Song of Solomon (Revised cleaned up, non-pornographic version) -Contributed by Elena Roybal and Leah Boyle

- Plan ahead. If you ask, you plan. Ask at least three days in advance, preferably four. But if she doesn't like what you have planned, be flexible enough to change it. -Contributed by Dacia Kaiser.

- Never honk your horn. You have to come into the dorm and pick us up. -Contributed by Dacia Kaiser.

- A gentleman shouldn't spend too much money on the first date. If a girl can have a good time on a good date where the guy didn't spend much money, then it is really impressive. -Kristen Duvall

(A number of girls standing around while we took this informal collection disagreed highly with the above suggestion.)

Well, we hoped this helped all you lonely, single, insignificant males out there. Jason and Andrew have been trying these out since they were compiled Sunday night (so far we're still single, but hopefully they'll work better for those of you who don't have the distinction of being a Crusader editor).

While collecting information for the column opposite, numerous young ladies asked us guys what we would like to see more often in women. Now, you have to understand that this was put together even more last minute than the article before, so it reflects, for the most part, the ideals of the male Crusader staff members, all of whom are single and darn proud of it (except for Jason, who desperately wants to fit in with his roomates).

- Personality, personality, personality and muscles. Flossing is good too. -Contributed by Kevin Durfee.

- A women should act heretically and speak sarcastically. -Contributed by His Eminence, John Fraley.

- Uuuuuuhhhhhh -Contributed by David Stillman.

- Sense of humor, no really, sense of humor. I like girls who are just cool to hang around, no pressure sorta thing. -Contributed by Jason Isbell.

- A good woman should like power tools, video games and she's gotta really like Pepsi. -Contributed by Andrew Diehl.

- Guys need a little help after the third date. We kind of lose our creative edge. -Contributed by Barry Lewis.

- Men don't have a clue about romance, so girls need to give a guy credit for what he does, no matter how little it might be. -Contributed by Scott Elwood.

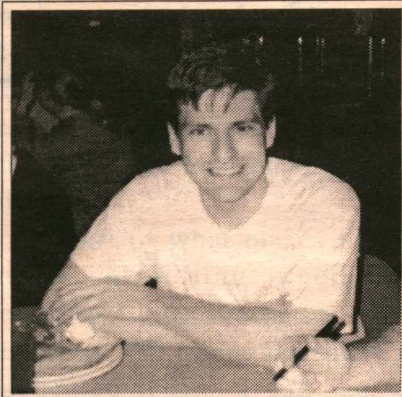
- Guys are fairly dense, so drop hints about what you want us to do. For instance, tell us many, many times exactly what you want us to do. -Contributed by Jason Isbell.

Well, us single guys hope that these little tidbits of romantic information can help all you single girls find us (I mean that in the most general sense) and understand us all a little better. Of course, this list was compiled from the wandering minds of single men, so maybe we're just missing something important and you girls don't have to do anything ... nah.

Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues

What do you do with the information super highway?



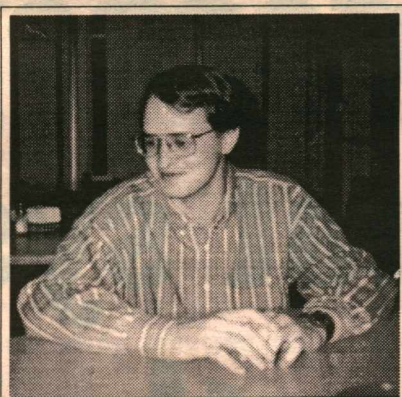
Paul Schmelzenbach
Junior
Ed./Physics/Chem.
Portland, OR

"It provides current ideas around the world, however I think it needs to be kept in perspective. Not all the information out there is reliable. I think there's too much hype about surfing."



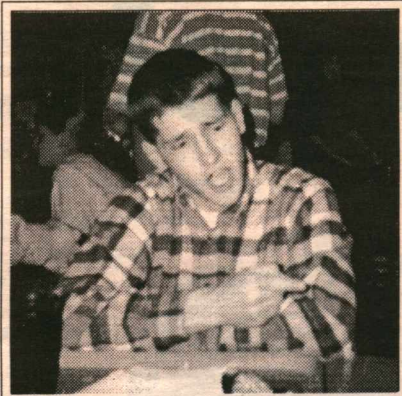
James Finkbeiner
Senior
Business
Connell, WA

"I use it for a diversion during my business classes."



Stephen Descalzo
Junior
Religious Studies
Nampa, Idaho

"I keep track of the division of religion and philosophy home pages and the Wesley Center home pages."



Wyatt Werner
Freshman
Religious Studies
Salem, OR

"Usually to look up stupid eighties stuff. Stuff from really bad eighties movies and really bad songs. We have a page coming out now of the worst eighties songs."

It's always a
pleasure chatting
with you!



Internet interactive chat systems are the way to go!



By Amy Riley,
Cover Story
Editor

Chatter: "Hi everybody! Does anyone want to chat?"
(long pause)

Chatter: "I'm just looking for someone to chat with. *sigh* Anyone interested?"

One of the popular things for students to do with their spare time is talk on the Internet using interactive chat systems. There are hundreds of them out there and a few are even absolutely free. Those few chatlines that are free are frequently visited by students from NNC.

Chatlines exist for nearly every category of interest anyone may have, from snowboarding to your favorite music group.

One of the attractions to chatlines is that they provide an opportunity to meet people from all around the world. There's something almost magical about



sitting down at a computer and communicating to someone from a country half way around the globe. "It's a good way to find out what people from far away are like," sophomore Lynnee Friberg said.

Not only can students be introduced to people from all around the world while chatting, but they can also become friends with them. "One of the really interesting things is meeting people from other countries. I have friends from Singapore and Iceland that I've met through the Internet," said chatline guru Steven Shofner.

Internet chatlines are also convenient for keeping in touch with friends from other towns. "I like it because I get to chat with my friends back home and it's a lot cheaper and a lot easier than phone calls," sophomore Allen Pelley said.

Another attraction to chatlines is that when meeting new people, the chatter doesn't need to worry about being judged by his or her appearance as might be the case when meeting someone face to face.

Of course, there are not just advantages to Internet chatlines. There are also drawbacks. One drawback of chatlines is that people can become obsessed with them and devote far too much time to them. Senior Sean Thielman said he doesn't like chatlines because of this. "I've seen friends do it and that scares the crud out of me. People live there and that's their life. They don't know what

"I like it because I get to chat with my friends back home and it's a lot cheaper and a lot easier than phone calls."

~Allen Pelley

real life is like when they get to that point," Thielman said.

He also said he doesn't chat on the Internet because he doesn't want someone becoming obsessed with him through it. "The people who chat usually don't care what's going in your life outside, like whether you're married. They only care about what's going on inside the computer," he said.

Although Thielman doesn't approve of interactive chatting, he spends two hours about three times a week playing an interactive role-playing game on the Internet. To just look at him play the game, one would think it was very similar to chatting. Like chatting, the screen is filled with different people's words and he types his response to others. "There are a lot of differences between this and chatting. Here, nobody ever asks for real names. With role playing games, people who take their role in the game too seriously are the exception, whereas people who take chatting too seriously are the rule," Thielman said. No matter what form of interactive Internet program, it appears that they can be time consuming

and habit forming.

Shofner is one student who is quite dedicated to Internet chatlines. "[I chat on the Internet] more than I should," he said. "I'm on pretty much everyday. Sometimes I'm on for ten minutes, sometimes for a half hour and sometimes longer. And that's not even taking into consideration the time I spend on e-mail

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~Steven Shofner

each day," he continued. "I average about fifteen messages a day. I spend about one to two hours each day writing e-mail to my friends from the chatline," he said.

Shofner said he has let chatting become a part of his regular routine and he's aware of how time-consuming it can be. "I've been on for hours at a time before. Maybe two or three hours at a time was the most," he said.

Shofner spent a large portion of his summer in the computer labs on campus doing a variety of things, one of which was chatting. "I probably spent a third of my time this summer in computer labs chatting, working on my home page, messing around with a 3-D rendering page or just playing the stupid little card games, which is always so fun," he said.

He first began chatting on *Group Therapy*--his regular chatline--last Spring when a friend of his was just looking for something to do and got on the line to try to make everyone mad. Steve got on a separate computer at the same time and got into *Group Therapy* to check out how his friend was doing. "At first I was just watching but then I got into the spirit of things and began doing it too," Shofner said. He started out in *Group Therapy* trying to stick up for his friend who had succeeded in interrupting the friendly conversation, but then he began to get to know the other chatters. This encounter with *Group Therapy* took place right after spring break last year and Shofner has been chatting regularly ever since.

He said he has continued to chat because of the friends he has made on the chatline. "I chat because I met a couple of friends and this is the way I've kept talking with those people," Shofner said. He has kept in contact with thirty or forty people over the past year through

the chatline and he has made a very close friend through it as well. He said he feels like he's best friends with one person he has kept in contact with since last May. She let him know that her real name is Vanessa.

Some people might say that a friendship made over the Internet is not a sincere one. "In a way, when I talk about [my friendship with Vanessa] to others, it makes me feel awkward that our friendship is through the computer," Shofner said. "It's kind of a strange relationship. We just kind of joke around with each other and make each other laugh," he continued.

Part of what makes him feel awkward about telling others about this friendship is the reputation that belongs to chatting. "It seems like there's a stigma attached to it . . . I can see why there would be, just with how some people tend to get involved in it, those who let it control everything they do," Shofner said.

Chatting can be a form of escape for people who don't feel comfortable talking with others in person and so people who chat are sometimes viewed as socially inept "freaks" who take on a totally different personality on the chatline. Shofner said he's not like that because he could joke around in the same way with people in a face-to-face situation.

In general, there's nothing wrong with being curious about who's out there and appeasing that curiosity through a chatline. "It's fine if you keep it under control and don't spend every waking moment doing it," Shofner said.

There can, however, be times when chatting is not worth the effort. "I thought it was a waste of time. A lot of people got in there and just said a lot of nonsense and you don't get to know the people. You're just responding to these little statements they make. It's just not real," Friberg said. "I think it's actually kind of a bad thing because people spend a lot of time doing it--time that they could be spending meeting real people," she continued.

There are both advantages and drawbacks to interactive programs on the Internet. While chatting gives opportunity to meet people from all around the world, it can also be misleading because what a person says over the computer in one to twenty words is not a true representation of who that person is in real life. Students agreed that the best reason to use Internet interactive chat systems, other than to talk with their friends and family, is to occasionally meet new people in the casual conversations that chatlines offer.



Seven deaths linked to common bacteria

Local pathologist 95 percent sure of cause of death, health department wants more proof

By Andrew J. Diehl
World News Editor

Clostridium perfringens type A has been diagnosed as the cause of seven mysterious deaths in Canyon County in the last five months.

Dr. Thomas Donndelinger, a Canyon County pathologist, is 95 percent sure that the cause of deaths is from the bacteria. *Clostridium* is a common bacteria that is found in food, dirt, even in healthy people. It usually causes mild to severe intestinal illnesses.

In the cases in Canyon County though, the bacteria is having a completely different effect on its victims. Six of the seven victims died of sudden respiratory problems. The victims are confirmed to have either died in their sleep or enroute to the hospital after awaking with chest pains.

Donndelinger is so sure that he has given an advance warning to the community. "Use the

refridgerator," he said. "When you close the refridgerator door, you can stop worrying."

Strangely though, the agency in charge of giving public health warnings, the Southwest District Health Department, isn't sure of its position.

Included with that position is the fact that the agency is unsure of what to tell the public in order to avoid infection, stated Gene Gunderson, department director.

"*Clostridium perfringens* type A is not this strange, wierd, bizarre, heretofore unheard-of organism from outer space," Gunderson said. "What should we warn against? Don't go near pigs? Don't go near cows? Stay away from dirt? We just lack the information...to be able to tell the general public where to focus their concern."

Now that it has been tagged down the mystery revolves around how a common bacteria can take the lives of seven people in a five month span. Donndelinger believes though that there's too much

Victims of the Disease

Kortney Longstreet, 8 months

Hailey Bingle, 5 months

Erik Manriquez, 3 months

Suzanne Payne, 36 yrs old

Jerald Averill Jr., 38 yrs old

Sharla Wagner, 39 yrs old

Unidentified, 21 yrs old

at stake to wait until the source is located.

"If we sat on this and had another death, we could be criticized for not cautioning people," Donndelinger stated. "We didn't want an eighth case."

Control of Brcko debated

by Debbie Miller
Staff Writer

All last week Bosnian Serbs and the Muslim-Croat federation anxiously awaited a U.S. arbiter's announcement on which group should control Brcko (pronounced BIRCH-koh). It was necessary that a decision be made because the Serbs had threatened to resume war if they were denied the control of the town, and the Muslim-Croat federation made a counter threat saying that to hand Brcko over to the Serbs would reward ethnic cleansing.

Brcko is a strategically placed town in Northern Bosnia which sits on the narrow Posavina land corridor linking the eastern and western halves of Serb-con-

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trolled territory. Brcko is important because of its port on the Sava River; it is considered to be one of the region's main flashpoints, which was captured by Bosnian Serbs early in the 1992-95 war and purged of its mainly Muslim-Croat pre-war population. This town is now dilapidated, its suburbs ru-

ined, its factories and bridges destroyed, and its port currently idle due to the war.

Friday, U.S. arbiter Roberts Owens made the announcement that this volatile town will be put under international supervision pending a final decision next year on the status of Brcko. An international supervisor, with police powers to defuse the potential for confrontation, was to be named to oversee the area claimed by both sides. Those involved in this decision desire that International Supervision for Brcko last for not less than a year in order that tensions may be reduced. It is possible that eventually Brcko might become a special district of Bosnia-Herzegovina with something like the status of Washington, D.C., remaining outside exclusive political control of either Bosnian Serb or Muslim-Croat entities.

Tension has build up around Brcko because the West, and primarily the United States, has intervened in this situation. Displaced Muslim and Croat families have begun to blame the U.S. for their homelessness. International peacekeeping forces have stepped up patrols in the area.

Friday's decision to impose international supervision will satisfy none of the parties involved, and may antagonize them all. While a return to arms is unthinkable, according to international peace mediators, a flare-up of civil unrest, especially against U.S. troops, is not being ruled out.

Nine convicted in Rwanda

Mandatory death sentence given in genocide trials

By Rachel Roemhildt
Staff Writer

Genocide trials, which opened up two months ago in Rwanda, have convicted and sentenced nine people to death. One of the men, Froduald Karamira, was sentenced last Friday. Not only was Karamira sentenced to death, but will be forced to pay \$3 million to genocide survivors.

Karamira was on trial for over a dozen charges of murder, genocide and crimes against humanity during the 1994 massacre of a half-million Tutsis.

After the overthrow of the Tutsi monarchy in Rwanda in 1959, the country had been under control by the Hutu people. In July of 1994, Tutsi rebels entered Kigali, Rwanda and put an end to a genocide of the Tutsi people that

had been conducted by the Hutu government for 100 days. The Tutsi people only make up 14 percent of the population in Rwanda with the Hutus having 85 percent and one percent made up of Twa.

Karamira, himself a Tutsi, according to Human rights groups, "had renounced his Tutsi heritage after being accused of helping Tutsi-led rebels who invaded Rwanda in 1990."

Karamira is the founder and former leader of a Hutu extremist political party. During the trials, witnesses testified to the fact that Karamira has made radio broadcasts that had incited the killing of the Tutsis.

None of the nine death sentences have been carried out as of yet, but according to the law in Rwanda, the death sentence "is mandatory upon conviction."

Twelve days before Karamira was sentenced, a Roman Catholic priest was shot in the back while celebrating Mass. Prosecutors feel that the Rev. Guy Pinard was killed due to his extensive knowledge of the 1994 massacre.

"He knew too much because he had been around for 30 years or more," Tharcisse Karugarama, a prosecutor in the Ruhengeri

regional court in Rwanda said.

Pinard had made it possible for many Tutsis to survive the genocide. He went as far as to bribe Hutu gangs in order to spare some lives.

"Many families owe their lives to him," Karugarama said. Karugarama also said that Pinard, before he died, had recently expressed his own fear that the safety of the genocide survivors may be jeopardized if they testify at the trials of the suspected genocide implementors.

Peace has not come to Rwanda yet. The government currently is Tutsi-led, but the Tutsi and Hutu peoples continue their fighting.

According to *Reuters*, "... UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan put the spotlight on the plight of trapped Rwandan Hutu civilians in the war zone, saying that the Hutu hard-liners were being armed to help block Tutsi-led advance from the east."

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Top North Korean official defects

By David Stillman
Asst. World News Editor

Fed up with the North Korea's communist regime, Hwang Jang Yop, a leading member of North Korea's Central Committee, defected to South Korea last weekend. Yop became the highest ranking member of the North Korean government to defect when he sought asylum at the South Korean embassy in Beijing, China.

Yop's defection was partially due to a repressive communist regime. He puts a large portion of the blame on North Korean leader Kim Jong Il.

"After being engrossed in extolling himself as great and a genius, the great leader has come to believe that he is really great and a genius," Yop says of Kim, and accuses him of turning North Korea into a feudal society. He said that the repression is so great that the people can do little to improve their political situ-

ation. "Even in a feudal society, farmers could rise up in such a situation," he said, "but it is almost impossible to expect the people to get out of the misery, because suppression is so severe and ruthless."

Yop, one of the founders of communist North Korea, also accuses Kim of leading the nation away from its socialist ideal.

"Today's North Korea has nothing to do with socialism," Yop told the Chosun Ilbo, a major newspaper in Seoul, "How can a society in which people, workers, farmers and intellectuals are starving to death be a socialist society?"

North Korea has refused to

believe that Yop defected and is accusing South Korea of kidnapping. It has threatened...and has demanded that China take "appropriate action".

Under a 1978 treaty, China is required to force North Korean defectors, and any others without visas, to return to North Korea. It is unlikely that China, which is trying to ease tensions with South Korea, will comply, because it would have to break into the South Korean embassy to do so.

China has

instead stepped up security around the embassy after ten North Koreans tried to force their way into the building. A number of North Koreans are waiting

outside the building for Yop to say, in person, that he has defected.

"He's a secretary in the Central Committee. He's worked his whole life for our country," said one worker, "Now he's given everything up. That's why I say it's not possible. I don't believe it."

Among the things that Yop gave up when he defected were his wife, daughter and two sons. "(My) family (and other) people will judge that I'm mad," he said in a statement released by the South Korean government, "Is it the action of sane people to call each other enemies and talk of turning the other into a sea of fire? Can we call people sane when they talk of having built a utopia for the workers and the farmers when the workers and farmers are starving?"

Yop now wants to help ease tensions between the two Koreas. "I only hope that I could help the two Koreas make peace and reunite."

"Can we call people sane when they talk of having built a utopia for the workers and the farmers when the workers and farmers are starving?"

-Hang Yang Yop

...very briefly...

The U.S. Patent office has decided to

Science news

grant patents for human DNA sequences known as expressed sequence tags (EST's). These can be used to identify specific genes.

According to Patent Office Deputy Commissioner Lawrence Goffney, the office "has decided to allow claims to EST's based on their utility as probes." He said that the office grants patents to anything that is useful as a tool. Many scientists fear that the decision will restrict access to DNA sequences for research purposes.

President Clinton called off a pilot's

Business news

strike at American Airlines mere minutes before it would have taken effect and grounded thousands of President's Day travelers. Clinton's action will delay the strike for 60 days while an emergency board attempts to resolve the dispute. According to CNN, a strike would have cost the national economy \$200 million a day. Allied Pilots Association President James Sovich was skeptical that the extra 60 days would do any good. "I've spent half my life in mediation," he said. "If what comes out of the presidential emergency board is not acceptable, we will start into another cooling off period."

Even though the strike was called off, American Airlines lost millions of dollars as passengers rebooked their flights on different airlines.

A high school student in Gobles, Michi-

news of the weird

gan was suspended for eleven days for bringing a knife to school to cut her friend's birthday brownies.

Superintendent Tom Saylor had asked that she be suspended for thirty-three days for violating the school's weapons policy. The school board reduced the suspension, but wanted a punishment that showed that they were serious about keeping weapons out of schools.

In other news, the *Fortean Times* says that the world was 2.9 percent weirder in 1996 than in 1995. According to the *Times*, the increase was due to "increases in strange behavior, cults, conspiracies, ineptitude and stupidity."

What do I care?

When it was revealed last year that Co-

lombian President Ernesto Samper may have been accepting drug money, President Clinton declared Colombia to be an obstacle to the drug war and decertified the country as a recipient of foreign aid. The United States accuses Samper of accepting nearly \$6 million in campaign contributions from drug traffickers. According to Robert Gelbard, Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics Affairs, Samper is "a truly corrupt president who has had a clear history of cooperating with drug dealers and receiving drug money back to 1982."

Colombia's generals of national police and armed forces say they have made strides in the war on drugs despite the loss of U.S. aid by destroying drug processing labs and capturing drug barons. However, both said that the loss of aid has severely curtailed their abilities to fight.

Gen. Harold Bedoya Pizaro, commander of the Colombian armed forces, said, "In some cases we don't even have the ammunition or the helicopters to fight." Maj. Gen. Jose Rosso Serrano, director of Colombia's national police force said that the decision halted the delivery of eight million dollars worth of ammunition and spare parts to the Colombians who are fighting the drug lords, and also ended all training programs.

Without the help of Colombia, the United States cannot win the drug war. However, if President Samper is receiving payments from drug lords, it is unlikely that any aid will do any good. There is only one way out of this predicament and that is to get rid of President Samper. But can we really do that? He is a democratically elected president. It may appear that we are doing exactly that if Bill Clinton decides to increase pressure against Samper and set up trade sanctions against Colombia, using the same technique that has worked so well against Saddam Hussein in Iraq.

General Pizaro of the Colombian armed forces is upset that the Clinton administration is viewing Colombia as the enemy. "It is difficult to understand how, in a fight in which all of us must march together, that we who are actually fighting the fight in the jungles and the mountains are the ones suffering the effects of decertification," he said. "We are not the enemy... The enemy is international narcotics."

--analysis by David Stillman

Around the world in eighty words

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McVeigh witness not to be used

DENVER, CO--The only eyewitness who saw Timothy McVeigh at the scene of the Oklahoma City bombing has been dropped from the case. William Dunlap said previously that he saw McVeigh standing beside the Ryder truck containing the bomb, but now he isn't sure. The prosecution will now have to make their case with only a gas station attendant who saw McVeigh stop for gas in a Ryder truck at 1:00 a.m. at a truck stop 80 miles north of Oklahoma City. However, that witness has filed for workman's compensation because of blurry vision.

Starr to take job at university

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Whitewater special prosecutor Kenneth Starr will be taking a job at Pepperdine University in California. Starr has led the Whitewater investigation for the last two-and-a-half years, and the prosecution team is currently deciding if they have enough evidence to indict the president or first lady. Current White House speculation is that Starr is taking the job because he doesn't intend to indict the president. It is unclear when Starr will leave the prosecution team.

U.K. Minister squeaks by

LONDON, ENGLAND--Parliament defeated an attempt to censure Britain's agricultural minister for his handling of the mad cow disease crisis. Minister Douglas Hogg's pay would have been cut \$1,600 due to his late response in an incident that cost the U.K.'s treasury \$5.3 billion. The result of this election averted a parliamentary vote of confidence, which could have brought the government down and forced an election sooner than the May 1 date that is favored by the prime minister.

'Saders split weekend; drop to 3rd

By Robin Day
Sports Editor

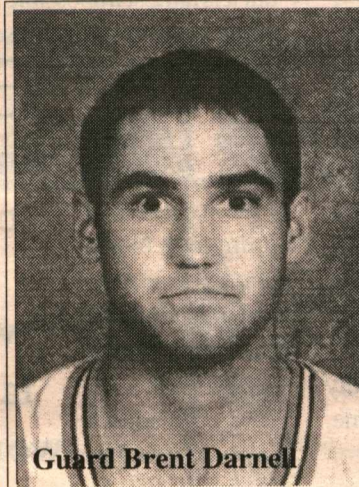
The Workin' Crusaders played two of their last three games this weekend against Western Baptist and Western Oregon. The 'Saders came away with a split, defeating Western Baptist 101-91 and losing to Western Oregon 55-74.

In Friday's game, the 'Saders played well, placing five players in double figures in scoring. Western Baptist had previously had a home record of 10-1, but NNC had the team depth and balance to roll over the Warriors. Senior Tony Schumacher led the team with 21 points and junior Brent Darnell followed close behind with 20 of his own. Junior Jawanza Hadley, senior Nathan Smith, and junior Kai Knell added 16, 14, and 10 points respectively to the team effort and once again, the Crusaders controlled the boards, which added to the overall quality play of the game.

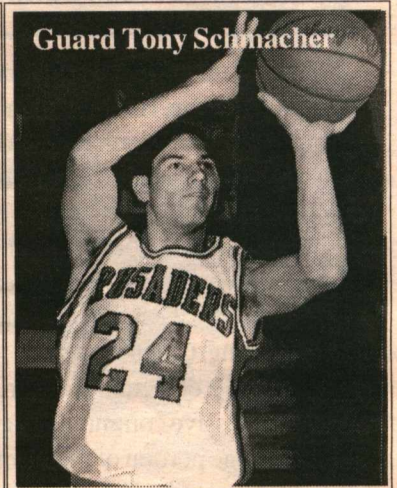
Unfortunately, the team didn't carry the brilliant Friday night play over to Saturday's game against Western Oregon. According to Assistant Coach Rich Sanders, "All the good things that we did Friday, we didn't do on Saturday. It was not a good game."

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~ Assistant Coach
Rich Sanders



Guard Brent Darnell



Guard Tony Schumacher

NNC scored only five points to Western Oregon's 19 in the first ten minutes of the game. Coach Sanders further commented, "We were chasing them from behind the whole time and we didn't get the job done." The Crusaders couldn't find the bottom of the net, connecting on only 16 of 32 free throws and 18 of 46 field goals, for a dismal 39 percent accuracy. On a good note, Darnell led the 'Sader effort with 14 points and the 'Saders out-boarded Western Oregon by two rebounds.

The Crusaders have dropped from first to third place in conference due to their loss on Saturday night. They are now 10-3 in conference and 22-6 for the season, with only one more regular season game left to play. NNC takes on Albertson College February 25 in Caldwell. If the 'Saders win and Oregon Tech and Western both lose, NNC will hang up another regular-season Cascade Conference crown in Montgomery Fieldhouse.

Last IM regular season games over

Last games before IM playoffs begin; Women's and C leagues ready to begin championships.

By Brent Gould
Staff Writer

C League
The Losers
Team Farmer - Forfeited

Team Ames
Manos, the Team of Fate - Forfeited

B League
Team Baseball 60,
Team Herring 47

Defense took over as Team Herring took control of the game. Jodie Lanham made some crucial baskets, scoring 13 big points while Jeremy Riehl played aggressively under the boards, pulling down 10 rebounds to put away Team Baseball.

"It was a hard fought game," says Jeremy Riehl. "It was very well officiated and we enjoyed playing."

A League
Team Carew 81,
Team Pentecost 54

Both teams were neck to neck during the first half, and then a huge second half surge by Team Carew led to the 27 point defeat over Team Pentecost, and one step closer to winning the playoffs. Chris McKenzie played a big game leading all scores with 21 points.

"Our defense really shut down their guards," commented Dan Rousselle. "We seemed to shut down their drives." Rousselle ended the game with 18 points. Team Carew is ranked first in the A League playoff competition.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION POST-SEASON SCHEDULE

		7:00 N	7:00 S	8:00 N	8:00 S	9:00 N	9:00 S
M	2/17	GAME W1 5th W- 4th W	GAME W2 6th W- 3rd W	GAME C1 8th C- 1st C	GAME C2 7th C- 2nd C	GAME C3 6th C- 3rd C	GAME C4 5th C- 4th C
T	2/18	GAME W3 Winner W1- 1st W	GAME W4 Winner W2- 2nd W	GAME B1 5th B- 4th B	GAME B2 6th B- 3rd B	GAME A1 5th A- 4th A	GAME A2 6th A- 3rd A
W	2/19					GAME A3 Winner A1- 1st A	GAME A4 Winner A2- 2nd A
T	2/20	WOMEN'S	CHAMP	GAME C5 Winner C4- Winner C1	GAME C6 Winner C3- Winner C2	GAME B3 Winner B1- 1st B	GAME B4 Winner B2- 2nd B

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1997
MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP - MAIN COURT

"C" LEAGUE - 1:30 PM

"B" LEAGUE - 2:45 PM

"A" LEAGUE - 4:00 PM

SPORTS BRIEFLIES

DALLAS, TX -- In a nine player deal, the Dallas Mavericks traded five players, including their four leading scorers to the New Jersey Nets in exchange for Shawn Bradley, Khalid Reeves, Robert Pack and Ed O'Bannon. The Nets got Jim Jackson, Chris Gatling, Sam Cassell, George McCloud and Eric Montross in the deal, which is believed to be the largest in the NBA in thirty years. The Mavericks have traded nearly all their players in the last year.

DAYTONA BEACH, FL -- Jeff Gordon won the Daytona

500 Sunday, leading a 1-2-3 sweep in the race for Hendrick Motorsports NASCAR team. Terry Labonte and Ricky Craven placed second and third, respectively. Dale Earnhardt was running second when he crashed on the 488th lap, and was unable to win the Daytona 500 in this, his 19th attempt.

PITTSBURGH, PA -- The Pittsburgh Steelers have signed runningback Jerome Bettis to a \$14.4 million four year contract. The All-Pro running back is the league's number three rusher with 1,431 yards. He is the first start-

ing free agent to resign with the Steelers in five years. Bettis' contract averages 3.6 million dollars a year.

RALEIGH, NC -- The Atlantic Coast Conference has admitted that a blown call caused Wake Forest's 60-59 loss to North Carolina State. NC-State was given credit for a buzzer-beating three pointer when television replays showed that the player's foot was clearly on the three point line. The basket should have been worth two points and forced a second overtime.

'Saders third in nation

By Melissa Tennyson
Staff Writer

This weekend, NNC's Lady Basketball team travelled to Oregon to play Western Baptist College and Western Oregon State College. On Friday night, they lost by 9 points in a difficult game against Western Baptist, the final score being 74-65. The girls had a difficult time with this game. Coach Roger Schmidt commented, "Friday night, we just couldn't find the basket. Our shot accuracy was very low; only 30 percent. We had 14 turnovers and we made a couple of bad plays."

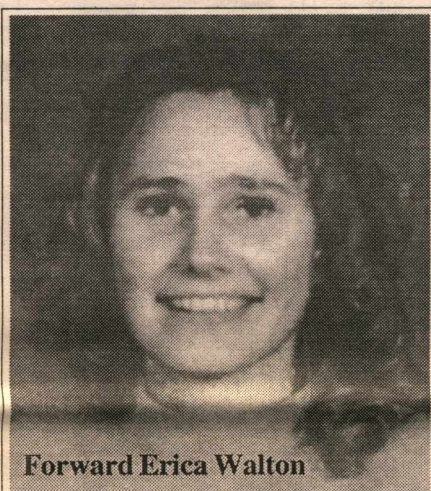
On Saturday night, the Crusaders came back to the court fighting, winning by 18 points in the game against Western Oregon State College. The final score was NNC, 70; Western Oregon, 58. Three girls who really stepped up to the challenge on Saturday night were senior Erica Walton, with 22 points, junior Staci

Wilson with 20 points, and senior Kari Smith with 16 points.

The team's shot accuracy was also a lot better than the night before, improving to 46 percent. Smith played some really aggressive defense, pulling down 11 rebounds. She also made eight out of ten free throws. Walton made the only three-point shot for NNC for the game. Wilson added nine rebounds and three steals to the team stats.

Coach Schmidt commented, "Saturday, the kids came back to play really well. We made some good executions, the shooting was a lot better, we had more control and it was just more dynamic playing. It was exciting to beat Western Oregon State at home. This is the first time they've lost at home all season."

NNC's seasonal record is currently 19-7. NNC also was ranked in the third spot in last week's NAIA Top 25 poll, which also put them solidly in first place in the Cascade Collegiate Conference.



Forward Erica Walton



Guard Kari Smith



Post Staci Wilson

Tennis team double faults

By Robin Day
Sports Editor

The 'Sader tennis team traveled to Lewiston, ID, taking on Lewis & Clark State College and Whitworth College Friday and Saturday. NNC didn't win a match, but Coach Darrell Humphrey is hopeful about the rest of the season. "I was proud of the way our team battled against a very strong and nationally ranked LCSC team. Although we are taking some early-season lumps, these matches should only help to strengthen us as we prepare for the remainder of the season."

The team did play well against LCSC, but were expected to do better against Whitworth College. Coach Humphrey commented, "Unforced errors absolutely killed us. I honestly felt like we had

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~Coach Darrell Humphrey

a good chance of beating Whitworth, but we beat ourselves instead."

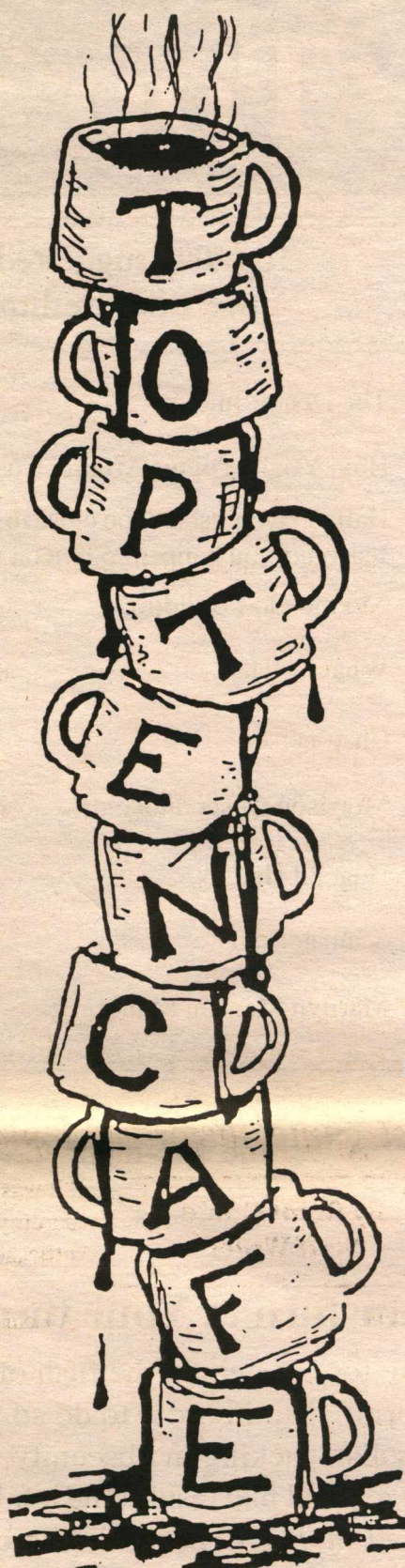
"Our team really supports and encourages each other," remarked freshman Stephanie Ridlen. "We have a lot of potential and we all work well together, which will benefit us later on."

Right now the Crusaders are looking ahead and preparing for their next match on March 13 against rival Albertson College at the Health and Racket Club here in Nampa.

NNC's 1996-97 Tennis Team

- #1 Singles
Stephanie Ridlen, Fr.
- #2 Singles
Betsy Hamann, So.
- #3 Singles
Amanda Johnson, Jr.
- #4 Singles
Sara Hamilton, Fr.
- #5 Singles
Jessica Menard, Jr.

- #6 Singles
Jenny Kung, So.
- #1 Doubles
Stephanie Ridlen, Fr.
Sara Hamilton, Fr.
- #2 Doubles
Amanda Johnson, Jr.
Betsy Hamann, So.
- #3 Doubles
Jessica Menard, Jr.
Nell Cochran, Fr.



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10. The Den of Iniquity
9. Hogi Yogi - Yogurt Affaire' Customer Weaning Center
8. Hall of "Don't stand too close to your window during soccer season if you happen to live on the lower west wing"
7. Next to God Building
6. What the Hall
5. Chap-person
4. Morrison Observatory
3. Hagood Hall
2. Scamatorium
1. Marilyn Manson Manor

This list was constructed by the late-night Crusader staff

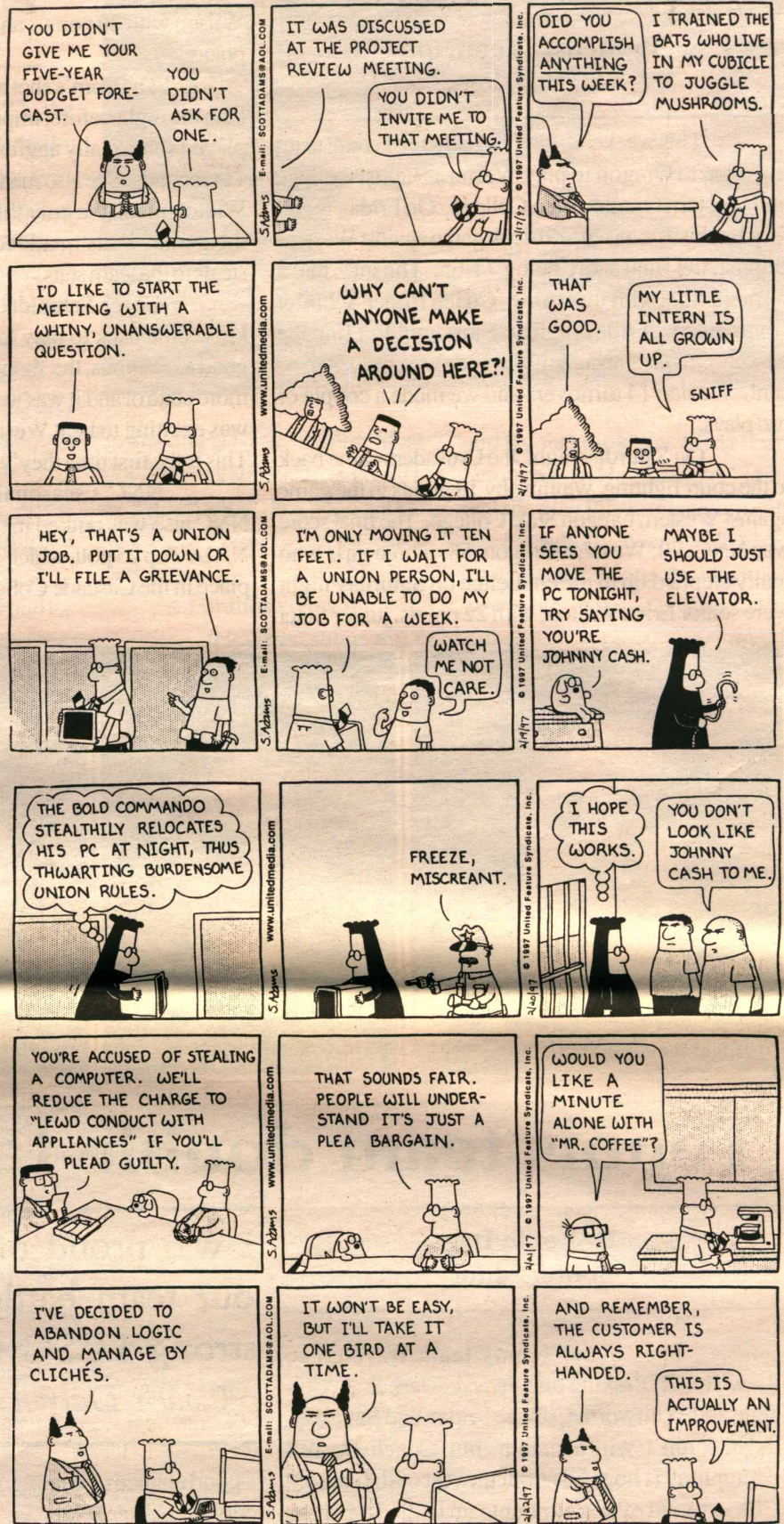
Your turn ... Your turn ... Your turn ...

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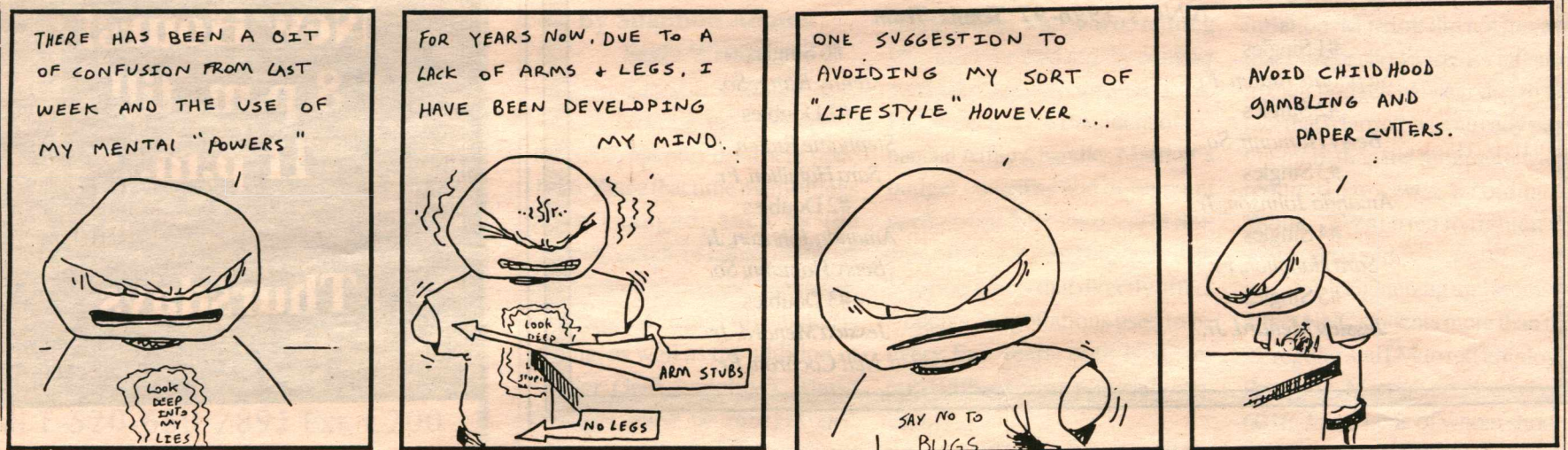
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The Abode

By Garrett Schmelzenbach



Dave Barry

Those commercials we hate: second of two parts

Last week I promised that in today's column I would announce which commercial, according to my survey, you readers hate the most. So if you have an ounce of sense or good taste, you'll stop reading this column right now.

Really, I mean it...

This is your last chance...

You're making a HUGE mistake...

OK, you pathetic fool: the most hated commercial of all time, according to the survey, was the one for Charmin featuring "Mr. Whipple" and various idiot housewives who lived in a psycho pervert community where everyone was obsessed with squeezing toilet paper -- or, as they say in Commercial Land, "bathroom tissue." Americans still, after all these years, feel more hostility toward that ad campaign than they ever did toward international communism.

Of course, some people will say: "But those ads sold a lot of Charmin!"

Yes, and the Unabomber produced high-quality, hand-crafted letter bombs. But that doesn't make it RIGHT.

The Mr. Whipple ads are related to a whole category of commercials that, according to the survey, people really detest -- namely, commercials that discuss extremely intimate bodily functions and problems, often at dinnertime. People do not wish to hear total strangers blurting out statements about their constipation and diarrhea and their hemorrhoids and their "male itch." People do not wish to see scientific demonstrations of pads absorbing amazing quantities of fluids. People also cannot fathom why this fluid is always blue. As Carla and Bill Chandler put it: "If anyone around here starts secreting anything BLUE, the last thing we're going to worry about is how absorbent their pad is."

People do not wish to hear any more about incontinence. Rich Klinzman wrote: "I have often fantasized about

sneaking up behind June Allyson, blowing up a paper bag, and slamming my fist into it, just to see how absorbent those adult diapers really are."

People also do not wish to see actors pretending to be mothers and daughters talking about very personal feminine matters as though they were discussing the weather. Richard J. O'Neil, expressing a popular sentiment, wrote: "If I was a woman, I would walk on my lips through a sewage plant be-

headache.

Many survey respondents were especially scornful of the commercials suggesting that you can undergo an actual surgical procedure, such as a Caesarean section, and the only pain medication you'd need afterwards Tylenol. As Gwen Marshall put it: "If my doctor had given me Tylenol and expected me to be pain-free and happy, I'd have jumped off that lovely table that holds your legs ten feet apart, grabbed



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fore I would share this kind of information with any living soul, let alone my mother."

People do not wish to see extreme close-ups of other people chewing.

People are also getting mighty tired of the endlessly escalating, extremely confusing war of the pain relievers. At one time, years ago, there was just aspirin, which was basically for headaches; now, there are dozens of products, every single one of which seems to be telling you that, not only is it more EFFECTIVE than the other ones, but also the other ones could cause a variety of harmful side effects such as death. It seems safer to just live with the

the 12-inch scalpel out of his hand and held it to his throat until I got morphine, lots of it."

Another type of advertising that people detest is the Mystery Commercial, in which there is no earthly way of telling what product is being advertised. These commercials usually consist of many apparently random images flashing rapidly past on the screen, and then, at the end, you see a Nike swoosh, or the IBM logo, or Mr. Whipple.

People are sick and tired of seeing actors pretend to be deeply emotionally attached to their breakfast cereals. People also frankly do not believe that the woman in the Special K commercials got to be thin and shapely

by eating Special K. Patricia Gualdoni wrote: "I have eaten enough Special K to sink a battleship, and I look a lot more like a battleship than the woman in the ad."

People are also skeptical of the Denorex shampoo commercials, "How do we know that that tingling sensation isn't battery acid eating through your scalp?" asked Alyssa Church.

Here are just a few of the other views expressed by the thousands of readers who responded to the survey:

Andy Elliott wrote: "I hate radio ads that say, 'Our prices are so low, we can't say them on the radio!' WHY??? Will people start bleeding from the ears if they hear these prices?"

Michael Howard wrote: "I live near Seattle and there is one channel that runs commercials approximately every five minutes advertising the fact that they have a helicopter. Can you believe it? A helicopter!"

A.J. Van Horn theorized that "the increase in suicides among young people is due to the beer commercial showing a bunch of rednecks in a beat-up pickup swigging beer from cans and telling everyone 'It don't git no better 'n this.'"

Kathy Walden objected to "Wal-Mart commercials that shamelessly try to portray all Wal-Mart customers as poor, uneducated, rural and concerned primarily with reproducing themselves. Of course, this is true, but STILL..."

There were many, many more strong comments, but I'm out of space. So I'm going to close with a statement penned by a reader identifying himself as "Flat Foot Sam," who I believe spoke for millions of consumers when he wrote these words:

"I'd like to buy the world a Coke, and spray it out my nose."

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