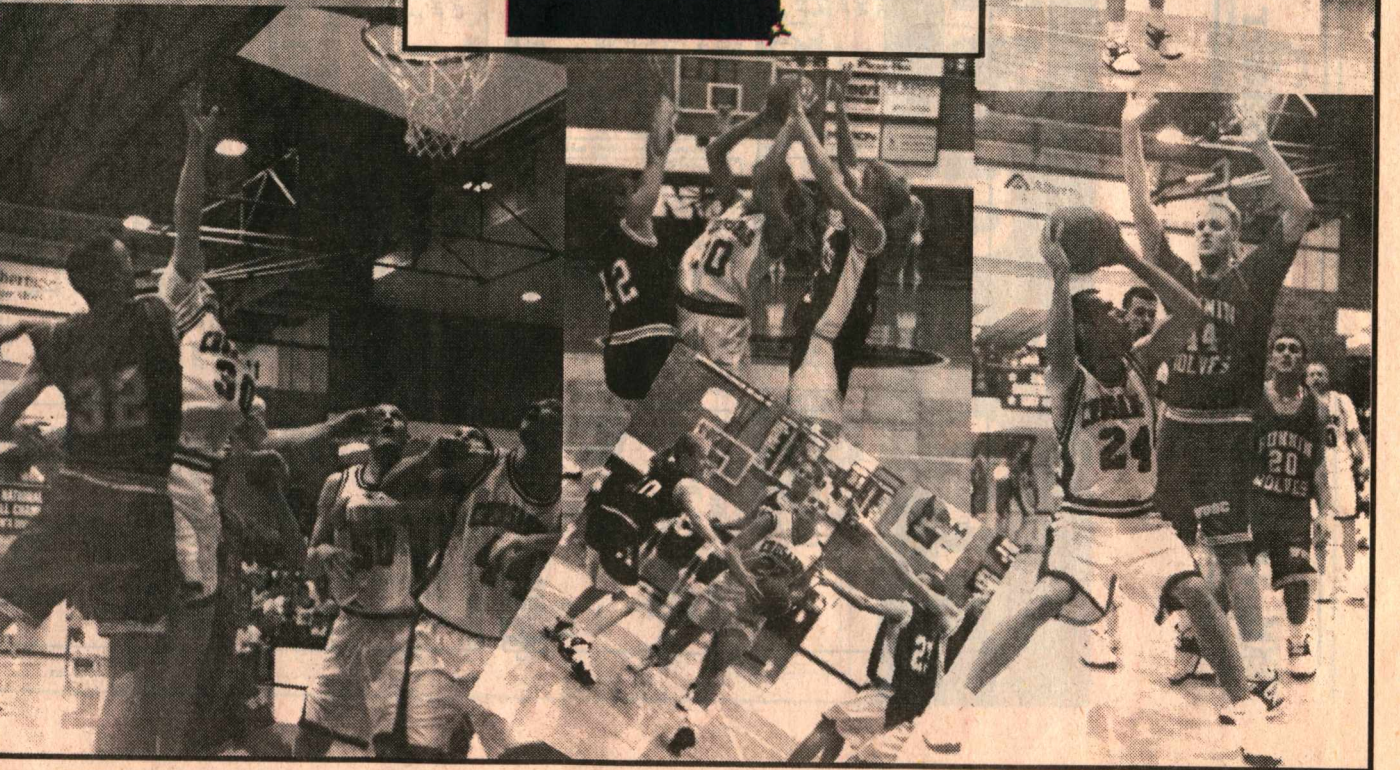
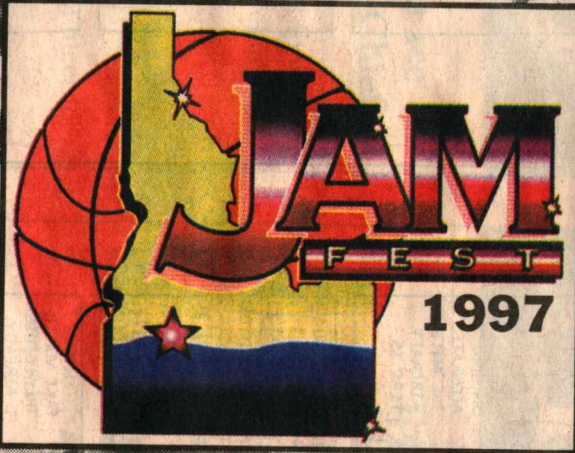


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## In Campus News



Lucille Little Prayer Chapel dedicated; see page 5 for the story.

## In Opinions

The 96-97 *Crusader* staff turns it over to the next staff after this issue; read our year in review column for all the juicy details you might have missed. Also, our four reviews are on pages 6 & 7.

## In World News

White House residents' trouble never quits (page 15).



## Column One

This is it. Certain things here are solid as a rock, unchanging throughout the years, such as:  
...the national tournament arriving in March...  
...campus construction being delayed and re-delayed...  
...every student here disagreeing with every sentence I write in the opinions section...  
...tater tot casserole...  
...Dave Barry...  
...complaints against the administration...  
...But I'm done with this job. That does have to change. I present to you, therefore, one final issue full of pertinent, challenging, informative and fun material. Please don't read it too quickly. Every single page has got something for someone.

So take the pullout to the games. Fill out the bracket. Watch the 'Saders whip some butt here, and listen for results as the ladies fight for their championship in Indiana. The color choice for this front page should give you something to wave when Jon drains a 3 or Kai pulls down an offensive board.

Before the next issue, my buddy Jason, or should I say J. Matthew, will type his name over mine in the top of the staff box, right in that spot where it reads *Editor-in-Chief*. However, to all of you that can't stand my articles, tough: I'm still around until June, and I'll be writing for the next three months. Live with it. To the four of you who do read what I write, thanks. To *The Crusader*: it's been fun, it's been instructive... and it's over.

-- John Fraley  
Editor Emeritus Elect

Published by the Associated Students of Northwest Nazarene College just in time for the annual NNC Invitational Tournament

# Jam Fest '97 is here!

**T**HE CRUSADERS open their '97 tournament play at 8:30 tomorrow evening. The question is, which



team will the 3500-plus spectators see? The one that crushed Western Oregon in the conference semifinal, or the one that sputtered on offense for 40 minutes and handed the championship three nights later *here at home* to Western Baptist?

**Our pullout on the '97 NAIA tournament runs pp. 11 thru 14.**

NNC's first-round foe may not appear all that daunting. But at nationals, there are no

...story continued on page 12.

## Chris Field elected prez on first ballot

By John Fraley  
Editor-in-Chief

The results are in: Chris Field, Lincoln Loeber, and Lindsay Mittelstaedt are the three elected members of the 1997-98 ASNNC Executive Council.

Field received over fifty percent of yesterday's votes in a three-way race for the presidency, ruling

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"All great ideas are dangerous."

~ Oscar Wilde, poet, 1905

# ASNNC election results: The Dreams of Field

... continued  
from page one ...

out the need for a run-off between him and the other candidates, Becky Galloway and Mark Boothby.

In other election results, Linc Loeber defeated Lisa Lande to retain his seat as Executive Vice President.

"Charging people to stay in the Lincoln Bedroom really paid off," said Loeber. "No, seriously, I'm excited to serve again and I hope to put the experience I gained last year to good use this year."

Lindsay Mittelstaedt, who ran unopposed, was officially elected Social Vice President last night.

"I'm really excited!" she said. "I'm really looking forward to this next year. It's something I've wanted to do for a long time and it's finally happening," said Mittelstaedt.

Field contributed the following statement to *The Crusader*:

"Wow! I am excited about this next year--more than you could imagine," Field said. "I am so thankful that the student body felt encouraged to put their support behind me and decided to allow me to serve them as their President.

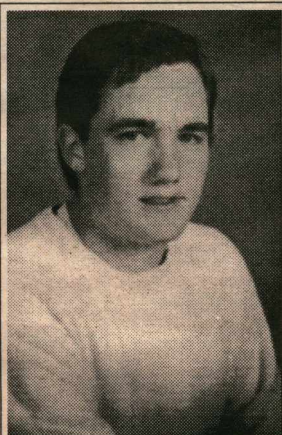
"The Lord has great things in store for NNC, and I hope that I will be the vessel that He requires of me. I feel that the students know me well enough to believe me when I say that I will be continually praying that God will use this next year to teach me lessons and to help NNC become even better. And I would also like to tell them that I will covet their prayers as I attempt to be

the leader that He would have me to be.

"I know that this is going to be an excellent year full of excitement and possibility, and, as always, my door is wide open."

Field will choose persons, through an interview process, to fill the remaining ASNNC positions before the term ends; these new officers will be sworn in early third term.

The 97-98 Executive Council, as its first collective act, will then travel in April to Colorado Springs to attend the annual Nazarene Student Leadership Conference.



Junior Chris Field was elected ASNNC President for 1997-98. "The Lord has great things in store for NNC, and I hope that I will be the vessel that He requires of me." Field will take office next term.

## NNC Notepad

### In Senate this week...

Senate postponed a vote to accept the Psychology Club at B status until a constitution could be obtained and examined by all the senators.

The bill which would transfer \$50.00 from the General Account to the Community Relations account was withdrawn because the money needed had been fitted into its third-term budget.

A concern was voiced about using

Chapel time for ASNNC election speeches. Watkins mentioned the idea of changing locations and days. One aspect that would make moving this convocation difficult was that the entire student body must be able to attend, since ASNNC serves the entire student body. The completion of the new Convocation Center next year provides the solution to this issue.

## Pinafore set to dock in SLH

By John Fraley  
Editor-in-Chief

If one word captures the essence of Gilbert and Sullivan's *H.M.S. Pinafore*, it is the word "cheese."

April 10th, 1997 is the opening night for this year's Northwesterners musical, and the show currently being rehearsed is the operetta *Pinafore*.

The Pinafore is a British ship; the letters H.M.S. stand for His (or Her) Majesty's Ship. Spectators find out early on, though, what sets this ship apart: the captain, played by senior Adam Watkins "never, ever swears the big, big D" and takes pride in using the expression "if you please."

Moreover, Captain Cochran's daughter Josephine, who is promised to Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B. (Knight of the Crown of Britain), loves a lowly sailor, Ralph Rackstraw. Josephine, the female lead, is played by sophomore soprano Amber Lewis, while senior tenor Pete Kinnaman portrays Ralph.

The plot takes a new twist when Sir Joseph Porter shows up on the Pinafore with the intent of marrying Josephine. A wild emotional rollercoaster ride progresses toward the inevitable conflict; but just when the ending seems bleakest, one character's startling confession turns the tide.

Junior Caleb Gilbert plays the despicable Dick Deadeye, while senior Kendra Lubien is the "round and rosy" Buttercup.

The chorus of sailors is made up of Northwesterner guys plus Matt Freeby, Erik Quissell, Brian Richey, Matt Sanders and Shawn Shafer. The ladies are NWers and Linda Folkestad, Tiffany Lande, Missy Rasmussen, Cori Severson, Danielle Silvers and Alisha Van Hooser.

The show is being put on a month earlier than previous years to avoid conflicts with preparations for graduation.

NNC alum Christin Quissell is the show's director, and '96 grad Brenda Vail is the choreographer.

Tickets go on sale April 1st and are \$5 for general admission, but only \$4 for students and senior citizens.

## NNCalendar

March	11	12	13	14	Weekend 15 - 16
	10:15a Faculty/Staff Fellowship - WDR NAIA	10:15a Chapel 9:00p Time Out Run-Offs for Executive Council		10:15a Chapel 8:00p Jazz Band - SLH Winter Classes	6:30a - 6:00p NTE Exam - Wiley Learning Center 8:00p Jazz Band - SLH  16th - 9:00p - 11:00p ASNNC Procrastination Party
		NAIA National Basketball Tournament			
23					
	17	18	19	20	21
					12:00p Residence Halls close Food service ends with breakfast
	Final Examinations				Weekend 22-23
					Spring Break Begins

## Looking Ahead in March:

March 24th - 30th  
Spring Break

March 30th  
5:00p Residence Halls open

April 1st  
9:00a - 4:00p Check-in  
ASNNC Book Exchange  
Class Council Sign-ups  
Classes Begin





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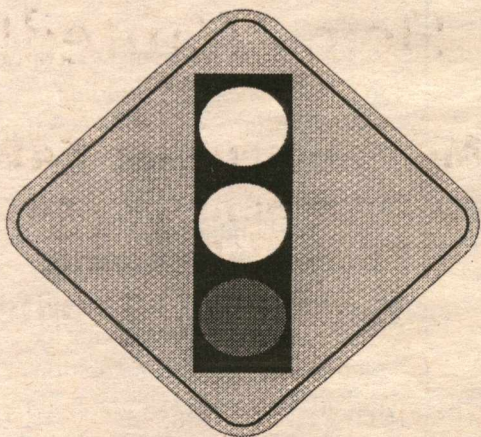
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## On joy, love and religion in Georgia

By Amy Riley  
Cover Story Editor

In the Republic of Georgia, there is a legend that when God was handing out the lands to all the different people of the world, the Georgian people were so excited for everyone else, and were so busy celebrating with other people over the land they received from God, that they missed their chance to get land. When God saw that they were too late, he offered his own paradise to them as their home. And so the myth is still taught in Georgia that their land is God's paradise.

Georgia (the previous Soviet Republic of Georgia) is not to be confused with the southern state in America. Georgia is half the size of Oregon and has existed for at least 30 centuries, according to sophomore international student Lika Alaverdashvili. The Capitol of Georgia, Tbilisi, celebrated its fifteenth centennial in 1995.

Lika grew up in Georgia and lived through the biggest moment of twentieth century history in Georgia. The Soviet Union and all its republics were to be changed forever in 1989 when the communist government fell. Lika lived in Tbilisi when Soviet Union troops marched into the city and ruthlessly killed people in the streets. She said she was in her family's house a few miles away from downtown when this was happening and she could hear shooting and screaming coming from downtown. In 1989 the Republic of Georgia declared itself an independent country.

Lika said her life in Georgia has not always been stricken with turmoil and she had a wonderful childhood there. "I always remember it in very nice colors. It was so good," she said. She comes from a well-to-do family and has two younger siblings, a brother and a sister. Lika got married two-and-a-half years ago in Georgia and she and her husband have a year-and-a-half-old daughter, Mariamy, who is staying with Lika's parents in Georgia.

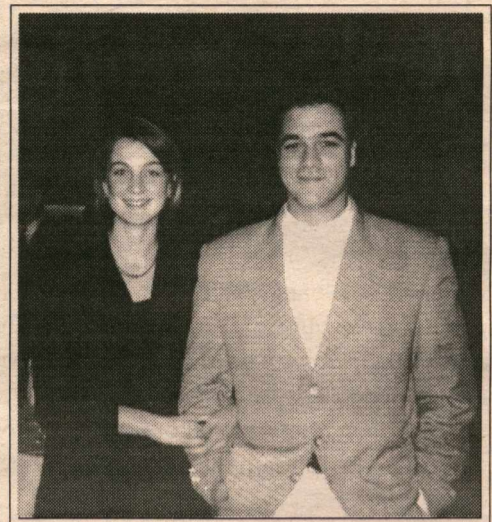
Lika came to America for the first time as an exchange student in Baker City, Oregon, her senior year in high school in 1992. Her host family went to a Nazarene

church, so she applied for scholarships at NNC and decided this was where she'd go to college. She said she came here just for an education and she has never had bigger plans to stay in America.

She said the first time she was here she found that everything here was different, and she thought the differences were bad. "But now that I've been here for a while, I know that the differences aren't bad. They're just different," she said.

One difference she saw was that America had the resources to help people pursue their dreams. "In Georgia you have a dream, but you don't have the tools to make it real. In America you have the tools to pursue your dreams and to make them real," she said. The tool that she saw would help Georgians make dreams real is an education, but that isn't the only tool it takes. "You can get almost anything here. But in Georgia you can't get anything," she said.

Another aspect of diversity between the two nations was in the social structures. She found it difficult to find friends in America. "Here everyone has a friend al-



Lika Alaverdashvili poses with her husband Zaza.

"It's something that you treasure. You only say you love someone to very few people and you don't say it all the time like people do here." She also said that people love and hate more strongly in Georgia. The love she has for her daughter is almost inexpressible. "After I had a daughter, I can't imagine loving anyone else," she said.

Because the culture in Georgia is so different, the way they look at God is also very different. "In Georgia, Christ is not looked up to as a friend. There is more of a Trinity in Georgia. In America you hear more of Jesus Christ when you talk about God, but in Georgia we see the Father, Jesus and the Spirit as the same thing. We have all that in one Father God," she said. Another difference is that when someone is born in Georgia, it's just understood that this person is Christian. "You don't have to say, 'This day, this hour I give up my life to God,'" she said.

"It all stems from the culture. For a mother whose child was killed, you can't go in there and tell them that Jesus is their friend. They would like to believe in God as more of a power that you cannot understand," she said. "Georgians look more up to a destiny than up to a friendly power that tries to help you."

Even though there is plenty of diversity between the two countries, Lika said her experiences here have been pretty good. "I like it here. It's peaceful," she said. "People are, overall, pretty nice. At least they smile, even if they don't mean it."

Lika and her husband, Zaza, have made plans to return to God's paradise this May but they will return to NNC next fall with Mariamy so that Lika can finish her education.

**"Joy in Georgia is when the hot water comes. People here worry about insurance and taxes. There, we ask, 'Will the water come today?'" ~ Lika Alaverdashvili, exchange student from the Republic of Georgia.**

ready. They don't want more," she said. "In Georgia you don't say 'hi' to people walking by in the street--they'd laugh at you or think you were crazy--but you can make lifelong friends there very easily."

But Lika was quick to say that she learned that this characteristic of American relationships isn't necessarily all bad. "I like this relaxed relationship between people. They don't get worried too much about each other. It's just so relaxed," she said.

In Georgia, the concept of joy is unlike that of joy here. "Joy in Georgia is when the hot water comes," she said. "People here worry about insurance and taxes. There we ask, 'Will the water come today? No, okay. I'll go get it.'"

Love is also different in Georgia. "When someone says 'I love you' they mean it," she said.

# Prayer Chapel dedicated

By Judy Clark  
Staff Writer

Close to 200 people attended the Lucille Little Prayer Chapel dedication ceremony on Thursday, March 6. "This marks the day that prayer at NNC will no longer be an underground activity," Chaplain Gene Schandorff joked, referring to the basement location of the previous chapel.

Those in attendance seemed to be excited about the event, even though the weather made it a dreary day for an outside service. Campus Ministries Coordinator Jonathan Lindley commented, "I find the rain symbolic for providing life for the garden that will soon come." A plaque was also presented by Lindley to mark the vault filled with scripture and prayer that was placed in one of the chapel walls last term.

Following the three other people who shared a few words, Covenant sang, and President Hagood led the ritual of dedication. There were a number of people or



President Hagood addressed the assembly at the dedication of the Lucille Little Prayer Chapel and Garden this past Thursday.

organizations that made significant contributions to the Lucille Little Prayer Chapel and Garden that were mentioned, including the NNC Women's Auxiliary, that raised in excess of \$23,000, and Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Johnson, who donated the entire construction cost.

While there are only a few shrubs planted outside, the chapel

is basically completed on the interior. It now has carpet and some prayer booths.

"I am hopeful that many will find answers to their needs and problems through this Little Prayer Chapel," said Ralph Little, husband of the late Mrs. Lucille Little.

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## And on the academic front...

*The faculty has been busy approving degrees and calendars*

By Gina Grate  
Campus News Editor

### PROGRAM REVISIONS

Several programs have been reviewed recently and undergone changes. The Social Science degree, the Natural Science degree, the Elementary Education: Educationally Handicapped are the three degrees which have been reviewed. The process began with the individual departments, which initiated the reviews. Their recommendations ran the gamut of committees, starting with the Curricular Committee, proceeding to Academic Council, then on to Administration and finally the Board of Directors.

The current Social Science degree has been transformed into a Political Science degree. "That will attract students who may be interested in law--it's sort of a natural major for prelaw," said Academic Dean Samuel Dunn.

According to Dunn, President Hagood approved the hiring of another professor in Political Science, who would join the faculty in the Fall of 1998. Currently, Professor Steven Shaw is the only po-

litical science professor. The emphasis of Social Science education has not been changed.

The Natural Science degree is an interdisciplinary major which no students have entered for the last five years. The Natural Science degree has been dropped, and will not affect any students.

Elementary Education: Educationally Handicapped was only changed in name to comply with the current politically correct term for handicapped. The new name is Elementary Education: Exceptional Learner, and therefore encompasses not only the education of children with disabilities, but "gifted" children as well.

### POLICY AGAINST FRAUD

In other campus news, Academic Council established a Policies and Procedures on Scholarly Integrity and approved, in accordance with a Federal Legislature that requires all institutions of higher learning to have such a policy in place. This Policy deals with campus research funded by federal money, and is meant to prevent fraud in research, and force its report to the government.

"Any school now has to

have a way to report instances in fraud and make it stop happening," said Dunn. We don't expect there to be much business under that policy."

### CROSS-ENROLLMENT

The Nazarene Deans met and voted in the cross-enrollment agreement, which allows students at any Nazarene college to be enrolled at one, but to exchange for one semester with another. "It has to [be approved] at each of the colleges now," Dunn explained. With NNC's current trimester system, it will be difficult to participate in the cross-enrollment system. Eastern Nazarene College has already approved the agreement.

### CALENDAR CHANGE

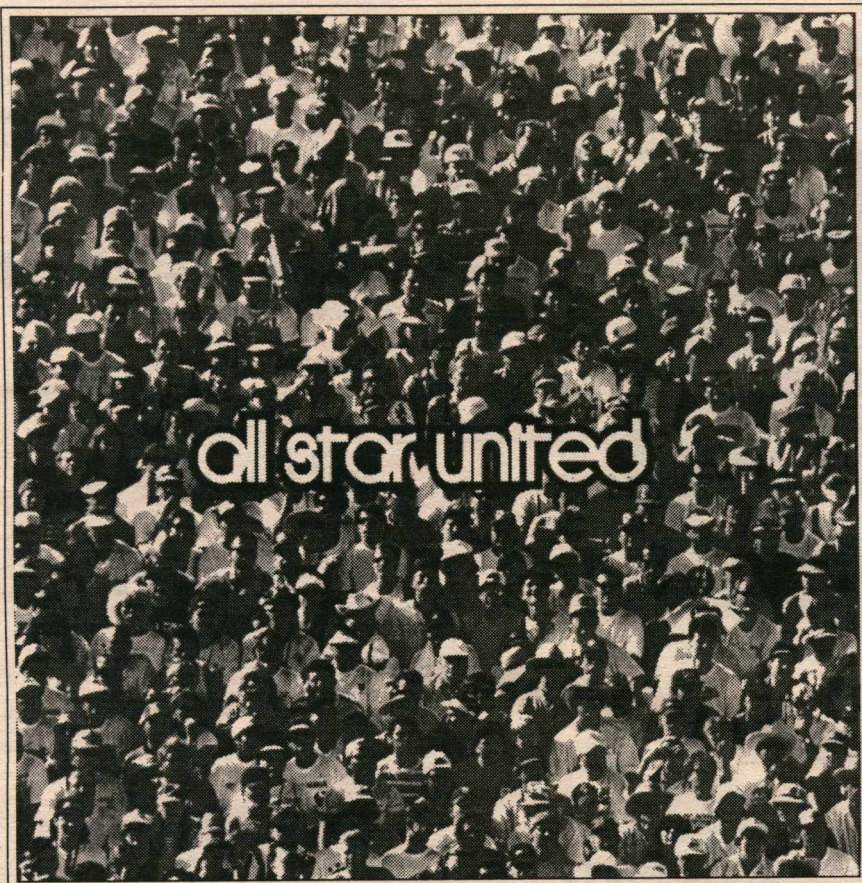
Academic Council approved the shortening of the 1997 academic calendar, scheduling graduation for the end of May. Finals would then go from Wednesday to Friday of each finals week, following regular classes on Monday and Tuesday. However, because of controversy surrounding the decision it has been rescinded.

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## Stars shine with fun lyrics, good message

All Star United, although a new group, has had some experience in the Christian music scene. Ian Eskelin, All Star United's frontman and songwriter, has been in Christian music for at least five years. He started as a member of Code of Ethics on the *Visual Paradox* album, and was also a member of the group Zero which put out an album entitled *Ravenous*. After this album, Ian had two solo albums released *Brand New Language* and *Supersonic Dream Day*. Ian Eskelin is also the producer of the albums *Hymns in the House* and *Praise House* which are two albums that take old church hymns and set them to some dance tunes.

When Ian started touring for his Supersonic Dream Day Tour, he put together a band and called them the Supersonic Dream Day band. They had a good time playing together and felt that they wanted to work together as a band. So they started writing music together and looking for a label. Reunion Records signed them and then sent them on tour with Third Day and Seven Day Jesus. They also recorded this album.

I got to see these guys in concert with Third Day and I enjoyed them immensely. They toured back in September and I have been waiting since then for this album to come out.

As soon as I saw it sitting on the shelf in the Christian bookstore, I bought it. I wasn't disappointed either.

These guys have done a terrific job on this album. Musically, this is a fun album. With driving guitars, great percussion, and funky synthesizer hooks, there is a lot to listen to. These guys can rock when they want to, but they also know how to slow it down quite well. They do a great job on acoustic guitars at the beginning of Saviour of My Universe. They are fun to listen to and have a youthful and fresh feel to their music.

Lyrically, this album is just as good. Ian Eskelin has the job of band songwriter and he does a great job. The song "Torn" is a good example; here is the chorus from that song: *I'm torn in two/ By what I should/ or should not do/ Torn, torn in two/ Will you wait for me/ If I run from you.* They also seem to have a lot of fun with the lyrics on this album. Take this example from "La La Land"; *I've got my prayer cloth in a Jesus jar/ I've got the Holy Ghost riding in the back of my car/ Sometimes He gives me a little tickle and I go "hardee har har"/ Ain't it grand, when you're livin' in la la land. My Jesus decal does quite a trick/ right above my dashboard I stick it/ A good luck charm/ it keeps me from harm/ and saves me from speeding tickets.*

If you get this album, don't be surprised if you find yourself singing along to the songs. It's easy to find yourself liking All Star United. They get a three on the rating system.

### All Star United

Self-titled

Reviewed by  
Jesse Rench

Crusader Rating



## REVIEWS

### If Italy isn't your cup of tea, try outer Mongolia

Mongolian Barbecue is an experience in itself, even without taking into account the actual food. For those of you who lack this unique dining experience, let me explain a bit. One starts with a simple bowl, at this particular establishment you have three bowls to choose from: The "Mini Khan," the "Mighty Khan" and the "Barbarian." For most humans, the "Mighty Khan" is a small feast (seriously two meals) and the Barbarian can feed a small Mexican village for the winter (I'm seriously joking less than you think I am.)

So you have your bucket, er bowl, the next stage is meat. Now you have to listen closely here, because these instructions get a bit complex.

There is a bar, somewhat like a salad bar, running down the middle of the restaurant. This contains the raw ingredients that will make your meal fit for a khan. The bar is laid out in this order: vegetables, noodles, meat, expensive stuff. The idea that the restaurant has is that the customer will start with the vegetables (which are cheap) and run out of room before he or she gets to the meat (which is expensive).

However, the owner of this particular establishment was kind enough to show me the PROPER way of going through the line, which is as follows: meat, expensive stuff, vegetables and finally, noodles.

Mongolian Barbecue proves my theory that people aren't as stupid as they seem to try to prove that they are. People figure out the "proper" way to put together their dinner pretty quickly, which results in people running in every direction, hopping from the

middle of the bar, to the front, to the back and back to the front. It's kinda' fun.

Once you have your ingredients, it's time to add seasoning, which comes in the way of numerous oils provided at the front of the bar. The restaurant recommends five ladelfuls. The owner recommends twelve to fifteen. Mix and match to your desires, it's all good.

Once you have your overflowing bowl of mongolian goodness, your ready to pass it on to your authentic looking mongolian chef (The chefs are really of some asian ethnicity and talk continually amongst themselves in some language that I'm guessing is Yiddish.)

Watching the chefs toss around your food is mildly entertaining during one's first visit.

The food is almost always good, depending on how you make it. However, if you find that you are less than fond of the concoction that you've made, Mongolian Barbecue gives you the option of trying again on the house.

Prices are very reasonable, especially before 5 p.m., and portions are absolutely amazing. The Mini Khan goes for about \$4.00 before 5, \$5.00 after 5. The Mighty Khan goes for about \$5.00 before 5 and \$7.00 after, and the Barbarian goes for \$7.00 before 5 and \$9.00 after five. If you buy the Mighty Khan or the Barbarian be prepared to spend an extra fifty cents for a "to go" box.

Mongolian Barbecue is located on Caldwell Ave. near Gart Sports and lots of other stuff.

### Mongolian Barbecue

Reviewed by  
Jason Isbell

Crusader Rating



*Do you find yourself continually going on dates that go bad? Spending large sums of money on an individual for absolutely no reason whatsoever? Sitting through dinners and movies that you thought would impress, but didn't?*

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# REVIEWS

## Stupid is as Allen does, but *Jungle* no less fun

The premise is pretty inane, I must admit. And I should probably admit that the movie really doesn't get much more intelligent. But you know what? I really liked this movie.

Not for its intellectualism and originality, but because it's happy. In fact, this movie is so impressively happy that I recommend getting a bit depressed just before viewing it so that you can have the experience of being overjoyed by this film.

Oh yes, the inane premise of this film is that Micheal Cromwell (Tim Allen), a successful stock-broker finds that he has a thirteen year-old son who has been raised by his mother, deep in the rain forests. This lost son is sent on a mission by his tribal chief to bring back fire from the Statue of Liberty, which necessitates a trip to the Big Apple.

Obviously, little indian boy doesn't quite fit in in modern society. His pet tarantula scares 90 percent of the cast, he wants to eat the cat and he keeps running around in a loin cloth.

A good suspension of disbelief is highly recommended for this movie. One can continually point out just plain stupid inaccuracies and pointless plot elements.

However, despite everything

wrong with this movie, if one can just relax and enjoy...

Everything that makes this movie stupid is exactly what makes this movie work. Unbelievable? Sure, but that doesn't mean that it isn't funny. Stupid? Sure, but that doesn't mean it isn't worth seeing.

This movie reminds me of Disney when I was a kid: living Volkswagens, household pets that could always save the day and were more intelligent than most parents, nannies with umbrellas, a world where everything worked out for the best before the credits rolled...

I have to admit a certain nostalgia for movies in which no one dies, movies in which world peace is brought about through a dance in Central Park rather than through the rescuing of some damsel in distress.

I've strayed a little from my usual formula for writing a review. This movie makes a point that I think should be made: just because it isn't high literature, doesn't mean that it's pointless. It's nice to see an innocent movie for a change. A movie that teaches simple morality without being preachy.

Disney tells the fairy tales of the nineties, and *Jungle 2 Jungle* is one of the more effective.

### Jungle 2 Jungle

Tim Allen and Martin Short

Reviewed by Jason Isbell

#### Crusader Rating



Everything that makes this movie unbelievable is exactly what makes this movie work.



## Feel 6,000 miles closer to Italy without leaving Idaho

One would tend to think that Meridian, Idaho (pop. barely over 10,000) would be one of the last places one would end up finding truly authentic Italian food. But the truth is, Paisano's Italian Restaurant in Meridian serves delicious dishes you'd be more likely to find six miles outside of Rome rather than six thousand.

What sets apart "real," "honest," "authentic" Italian food? Mainly, more than healthy portions of four ingredients: quarts of olive oil, pounds and pounds of basil, bushels of garlic, and entire gardens' worth of fresh tomatoes. Paisano's uses all of those, and more, in the correct generous doses.

The dinner entrees come with salad and soup and bread, all of which are seasoned liberally as well. Beware of the zesty dressing!

It was pleasant to notice immediately that, unlike at other supposedly fine dining establishments the customer not insulted by the silverware settings: he or she is given two forks of different sizes -- one for salad and the other for the main dish.

The restaurant's decor emphasizes the Italian heritage: colors are red and green, and the founders' portraits hang on the back wall.

If you're afraid of the dark, avoid this place. Bright and obnoxious overhead lights are thankfully absent and the tables are candle-lit. The dining areas are also spaced somewhat tightly; however, the darkness seems to enhance what privacy you do have.

One suggestion: if you plan to eat at Paisano's on a weekend night, call ahead. We arrived after 7 on Friday and had to wait about half an hour before being seated; of course, if you want to actually get to know your date better, then don't get a reservation...

Prices are comparable to the pseudo-Italian restaurants in this valley; entrees run from just under eight dollars to over thirteen. You'll probably want a doggy bag for your leftovers, though, since it's unlikely that you'll finish the larger pasta dishes.

My one disappointment concerns the dessert menu, which was a little thin. Maybe you might want to stop at the Yogurt Affaire on your way back to town.

So, to sum it all up, if your idea of "Italian" is The Olive Garden, think again. The Garden's food is delicious and tasty, yes, but its recipes are mostly American Italian. Paisano's are Italian Italian. Ecco pasta.

### Paisano's Italian Restaurant

Reviewed by John Fraley

#### Crusader Rating



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## STAFF EDITORIALS

*Shorten the calendar,  
maybe, but not this way*

Academic Council approved last Thursday a plan to alter the finals schedule for future terms. The new schedule would go like this:

Monday and Tuesday -- classes as usual;  
Wednesday to Friday -- three days of finals.

We're not entirely comfortable with three facets of this proposed setup. First of all, we think the current finals week schedule is very fine, thank you. We like the weekend to prepare; a class that ends on Tuesday and has its final on, say, Thursday could pose serious studying problems.

Next, we'd like to point out that the decision was made at a meeting during which student representatives Jenny Bangsund and Karl Ganske were both absent. We find this somewhat disturbing.

But here's the clincher: *The Crusader* has been informed that though the council approved the change, it was more than unusually open to criticism of its action. Reportedly, if a large number of faculty protested the decision, it would be overturned.

And that's what happened. Floods of e-mail messages forced the council to reconsider, which it did. Finals are now still unchanged (as of press time).

We don't want to tell Academic Council how to run its show. But we're curious as to why a committee would make such a controversial decision then decide that decision doesn't need to be implemented. We applaud the council's flexibility, but we question why the decision was ever made in the first place.

*Assign clubs to cheer for  
teams who traveled far*

Volleyball coach Darlene Brasch suggested at a recent NAIA organizers meeting that NNC begin a program that Point Loma instituted for its hosting of the '96 women's national volleyball tournament. Last winter at PLNC, each school club volunteered to cheer for a visiting team from elsewhere in the country.

An adopt-a-team program is exactly what the NAIA needs here. Teams from the east of the Mississippi can't bring fans, and those who draw a 9:45 a.m. game time don't always play to a full crowd. If student organizations were assigned to teams who'd traveled more than a thousand miles, they'd (the teams) feel much more welcome here at our school.

Imagine: Urbana of Ohio could have members of Chem Club rooting for them whenever they played. This situation would be great for both NNC and the away teams. Win or lose, every team would have something good to say about NNC's student body and our goodwill.

## Staff Infection

All right, I'm really tired of thinking about God! ... And in other political news, it has been said of Chris Field, "If you build it, he will run." ... and probably win ... we think Chris was elected president of his womb ... despite fierce competition ... Is Oklahoma City actually in Oklahoma or is it like Kansas City? ... I can't believe the Star Wars prequels won't be coming out until the summer of '99. I feel so gypped by all these delays, year after year! Yeah, it reminds me of NNC construction ... most people I know named Heather are girls ... hey b.s. boy, if you come up with two more lines, your article'll fit just right ... read the staff infection, win a free subscription to *The Crusader* ... So much for the feminist movement here at NNC, says MR ... And so much for the campaign content movement here, says Adam Watkins on the following page ... Gina: I really hate when nature calls and then I go to answer the phone and she hangs up ... Gina: I don't WANT to sound like a Hanna Barbara character...

**'Sader says "Goodbye" to John**

Every December 31, newspapers are filled with "Year in review" columns, outlining the most exciting and interesting happenings of the previous year. As with most things at *The Crusader*, our year is just a little bit different. Our 96-97 ends with spring break, and so, this is our "year end" issue.

As such, this opportunity will be taken to outline the most interesting and amusing tidbits of the past year (known around here as "The reign of Fraley").

It all started when we found John Fraley rifling through Andrew Zirschky's desk. He claimed that he was the new editor, but we knew better. After duct taping him to the ceiling, we called Andrew and discovered (to our chagrin) that he (John) was indeed the new editor-in-chief of *The Crusader*.

We never actually saw John during his first term as editor, which we have to admit was plenty fine with us, as he was busy with "other" activities. We worried that he might actually be dating (which is not allowed *Crusader* editors), but this fear was quickly allayed once we got to know him. "Hey!" (Editor's retort)

Over the summer, John slept eighteen hours a day and worked on layout and design issues for *The Crusader*. With so much time spent "dreaming" up design ideas, *The Crusader* has had one of the cleanest, bestest layouts in recent history (just ask John, he'll tell ya!)

This fall brought about numerous changes up in *The Crusader* office. Robin Day, Kevin

## Jason Isbell

Durfee, Gina Grate and Jason Isbell came aboard as Section and Copy Editors extraordinaire replacing persons who realized they could make more money gathering recycled cans off the streets of Seattle.

John continued to do an amazing job as editor, whipping out stories at 2:00 a.m. on Monday morning (a mere 24 hours late) and basically lambasting his editorial staff

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with bad French jokes and free cookies from missionary chapters across the nation. John also started numerous "traditions" around *The Crusader* such as late night Taco Bell and coffee runs. He also did things, that in some vague way, affected the paper.

Meanwhile, the section editors were busily plotting their escape. World News Editor David Stillman decided that he needed something called a "life" and so brought on Andy Diehl as his protege and eventual successor.

In actual news, the Beth Schafer incident brought out the best and worst in *The Crusader* staff

as we guessed, second guessed, researched, interviewed, spied on (not really) and basically tried to discover why one of the most popular and effective teachers on campus was suddenly "let go." We're still working on finding the answers.

Our investigative fires continued to burn brightly with the introduction of the "semester controversy." We had the most exciting time sampling student opinions, and were amazed to discover the majority of students favored the attitude of "semesters suck!"

Last month, John finally learned English, which allowed us all to finally understand his jokes. (Unfortunately, they still weren't funny.)

Lately, it has been our section editors that have been having all of the fun, mostly in the way of minor criminal activities (a.k.a. speeding tickets, hey, we can't be late to press!).

Opinions Editor Jason Isbell finally showed up for work before midnight. Once.

So finally, we come to the grand conclusion of any editor's reign: The NAIA preview issue. John has decided to go out with a bang with this giant 24 pages of full color gloriousness. (None of the section editors are expected to survive.)

So we hope you enjoyed the "Reign of Fraley" and this, his last stand and final triumph over the forces of evil.

One final note: This article used to be really cool, but John (in his final act as editor-in-chief) hacked out all the good parts.

# Why perpetuate our status quo?

'97 ASNNC vote will bury issues for another year

By Adam Watkins  
Guest Writer

I really admire the fact that the "founding parents" of Northwest Nazarene College's student government system chose to model the organization after the national government. I admire the fact that this tradition has endured. What I don't admire is that the students of this college, in our elections yesterday, chose to model our voting after the national elections for president this past year. We all voted without really knowing why.

We had the opportunity this year not just to fill the posts of President and Vice President, but to define them with new ideas and with new methods, but we wasted it. Many have wondered what really happened in student government this past year to affect them. The

reason they wonder is because nothing really did. Care to know what kind of people we have just elected for next year? The two that want the same style of programs from this past year. The logical ex-

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tension asks then: what will happen this next year? You are correct if you answer, "Absolutely nothing." And we have shown that we really don't care.

Don't get me wrong I un-

derstand that we, as an institution, have not yet gotten over the hurdle of voting for what I'd like to nickname "issues," but instead are fascinated by what some of you call "comedy." (Some have prophesied that when this trend of voting is reversed, the school will reach a new level of enlightenment, or it will self-destruct. After living through four years of meaningless elections, I assure you, it will be the latter.) But for once, we were offered excellent candidates that had something original to say and to advocate, and we shut them down without even a run-off. What have we become?

No answer is needed. What we have become is a group of students that is apathetic. I mean that as an insult, to myself, to all of you, to whatever demon has possessed us to forget all of the critical thinking we claim we are learning.

# Liberalism: the unforgivable sin?

The whole thing has to be somebody's fault.

I mean, if nothing else, one should be allowed to blame fate.

But there exist real individuals whose actions deserve to be recounted. After all, it's their fault I ever got into this. It's their fault I even started writing for this publication, which we like to call the most liberal in the Church of the Nazarene.

Andrew Zirschky is culprit number one. If he'd never written that article in '93 about how silly Olivet's rules are, I'd never have responded with a semi-sarcastic, semi-serious letter to the editor.

Laurie Mehrwein stands accused next. If she'd never said my letter was decently written, maybe I'd never have thought I could write an article here and there in the school paper.

Dr. Michael Lodahl also deserves blame. His encouragement of my writing skills pushed me farther over the edge.

Finally, the '93-94 editors are maybe the most guilty collective party in this whole affair. If the likes of Ops Editor Ryan Pitts and Cover Story Editor Matt Johnson had been less receptive to my ideas, and pretty much less all-around cool, I'd never have kept writing.

That's how it all happened. About a year later, Andrew offered me the Opinions section editor job, and when he moved on, there was this open position of Managing Editor. Someone had to seize the op-

John Fraley

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portunity.

This column still needs a few lines, doesn't it... didn't I mention liberal earlier? Maybe that concept needs some light shed upon it.

I probably should use the rest of my allotted space to write the traditional editor's farewell article: namely, give a list of instructions for my successor, who will be chosen this afternoon at a Publications Board meeting.

But what fun would that be? Then I wouldn't get to make one last valiant attempt to challenge what passes for "thinking" in most local, stagnant circles.

'Cause that's what I try to do. This year, I've heard my share of comments about how I distort Scripture to accommodate my shortsighted, feeble intellect, or about how I claim to have access to knowledge others do not, or how I "make it look like I know everything."

But the insult meant to in-

jure me most, the one critics trot out when their lust to condemn me is fiercest, is when they label me a liberal.

Oh no.

Heaven help me.

Forget calling me a heretic, or deeming me arrogant to believe I am mature enough to challenge centuries-old traditions. I've gone too far now, and have fallen prey to the deceptive clutches of liberalism.

For we all know that liberalism is an intellectual stop along the proverbial road which is paved with good intentions but leads to an unusually uncomfortable hot place.

(Really liberal interjection: of course, the use in that preceding analogy of what conservatives would call "hell" does not imply for even one second that I believe there is any such place where souls enjoy eternal damnation. But back to our fascinating story.)

You know, liberalism: the very worst enemy of sound-thinking, traditional Christians. That wicked ideology that rests upon inherently evil pillars such as, say, compassion.

Fortunately, our religion's central figure steered away from those qualities and embraced traditional thinking so fully that the establishment crucified him.

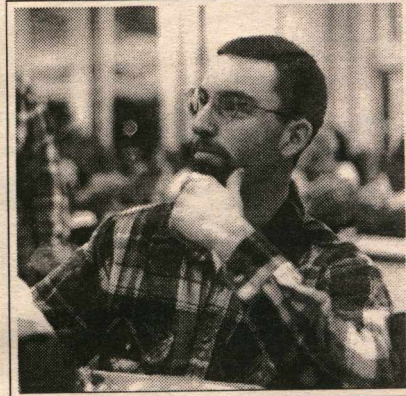
So call me a liberal. But realize I'll welcome that "insult" with sincere gratitude.

--John Fraley used to be, until today, The Crusader's Editor-in-Chief

# Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues

What do you think of *The Crusader* newspaper?



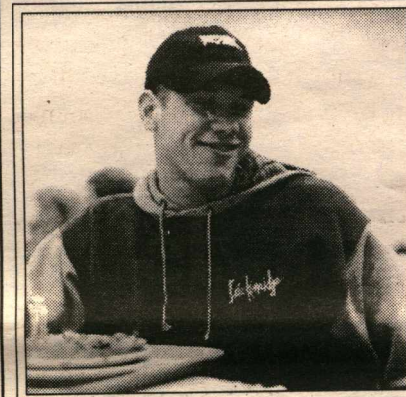
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"The Crusader is the most biased, most liberal and the most un-Christian publication I've ever read. Whoever controls their finances is a real moron.\*"



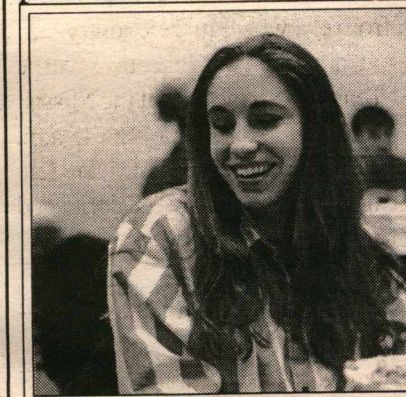
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Computer Science

Oklahoma City, OK

"I like the comics and I love the 'Top Ten' things. I don't like the people's answers to 'Your Turn.' They're stupid."



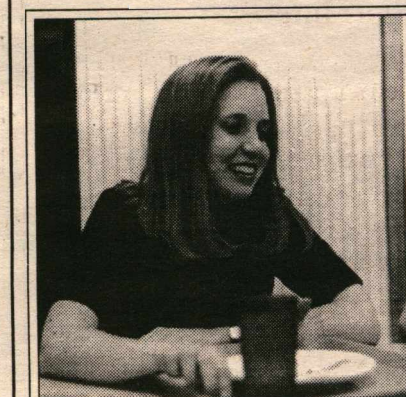
Nell Cochran

Freshman

Business Admin.

Goldendale, WA

"I don't think there is enough interesting articles. I like those 'Top Ten' things."



Amy Minard

Junior

Psychology

Grand Junction, CO

"It's humorous and lets me know what's going on in the outside world that I'm usually unaware of."

\* Tim is the Publications Business Manager, which means that HE controls the 'Sader's finances.

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### What do you think of NAIA being at NNC?

Chris McClees

Freshman

Speech Comm.

Renton, WA



"I think that it's cool. I don't know why. You can slough off of finals, go to games, forget your classes. It sucks that it costs money though."

Becky Abshire

Junior

Elementary Education

Omak, WA



"I think that it will improve the scenery."

Brad Anderson

Senior

Psychology

Pocatello, ID



"It is."

Bryan Berg

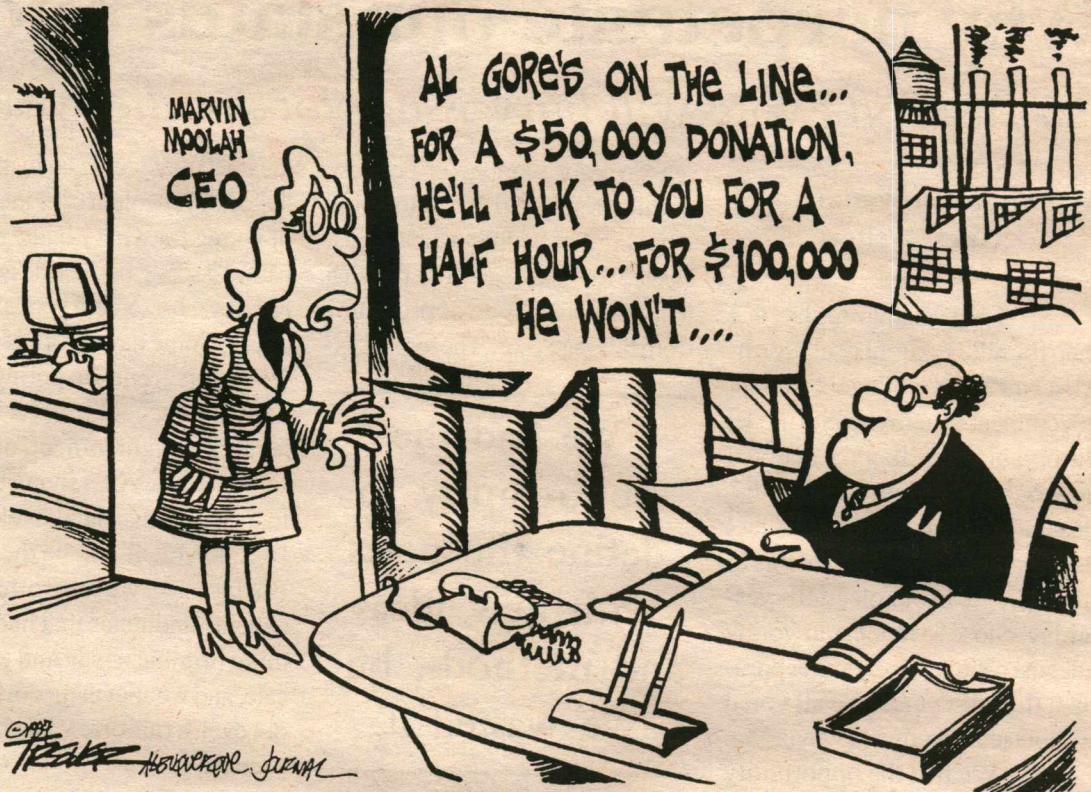
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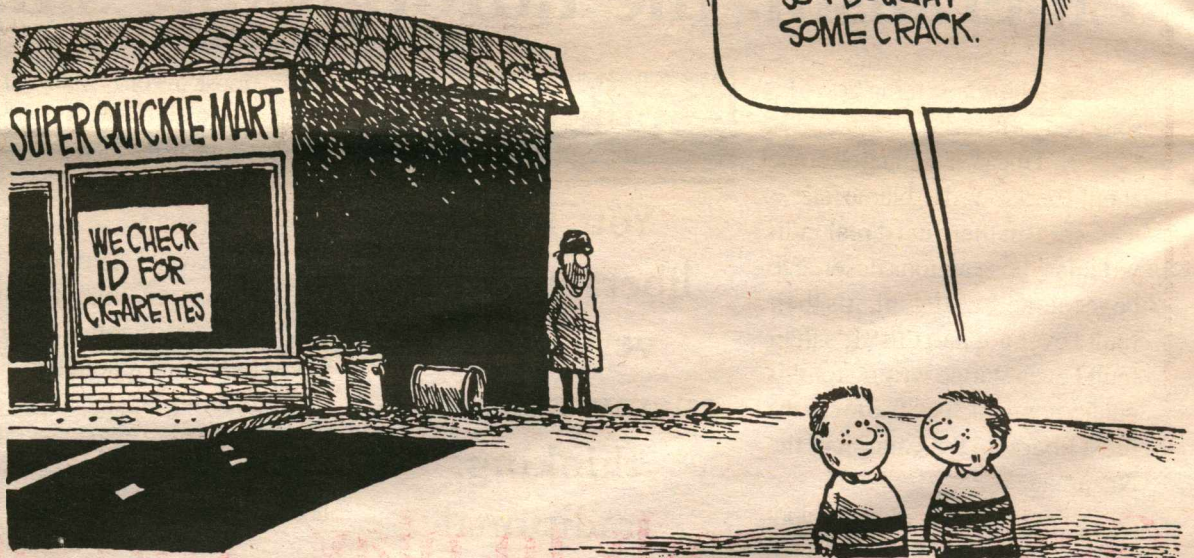
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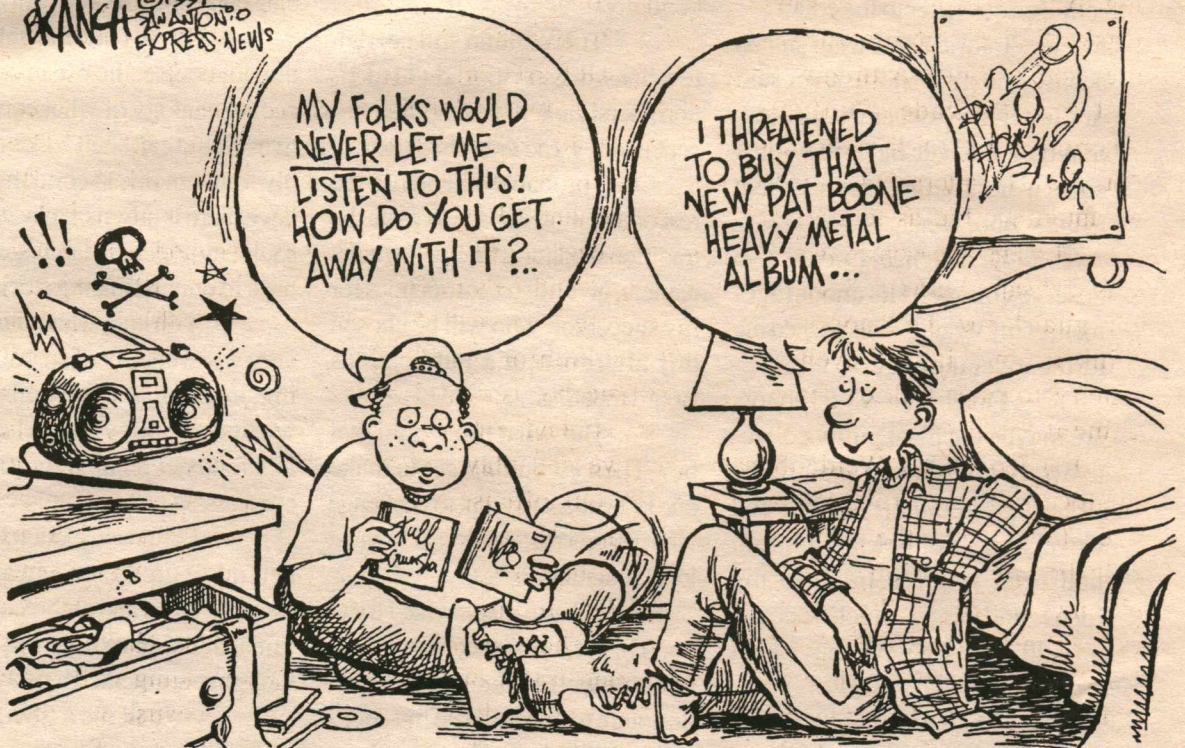
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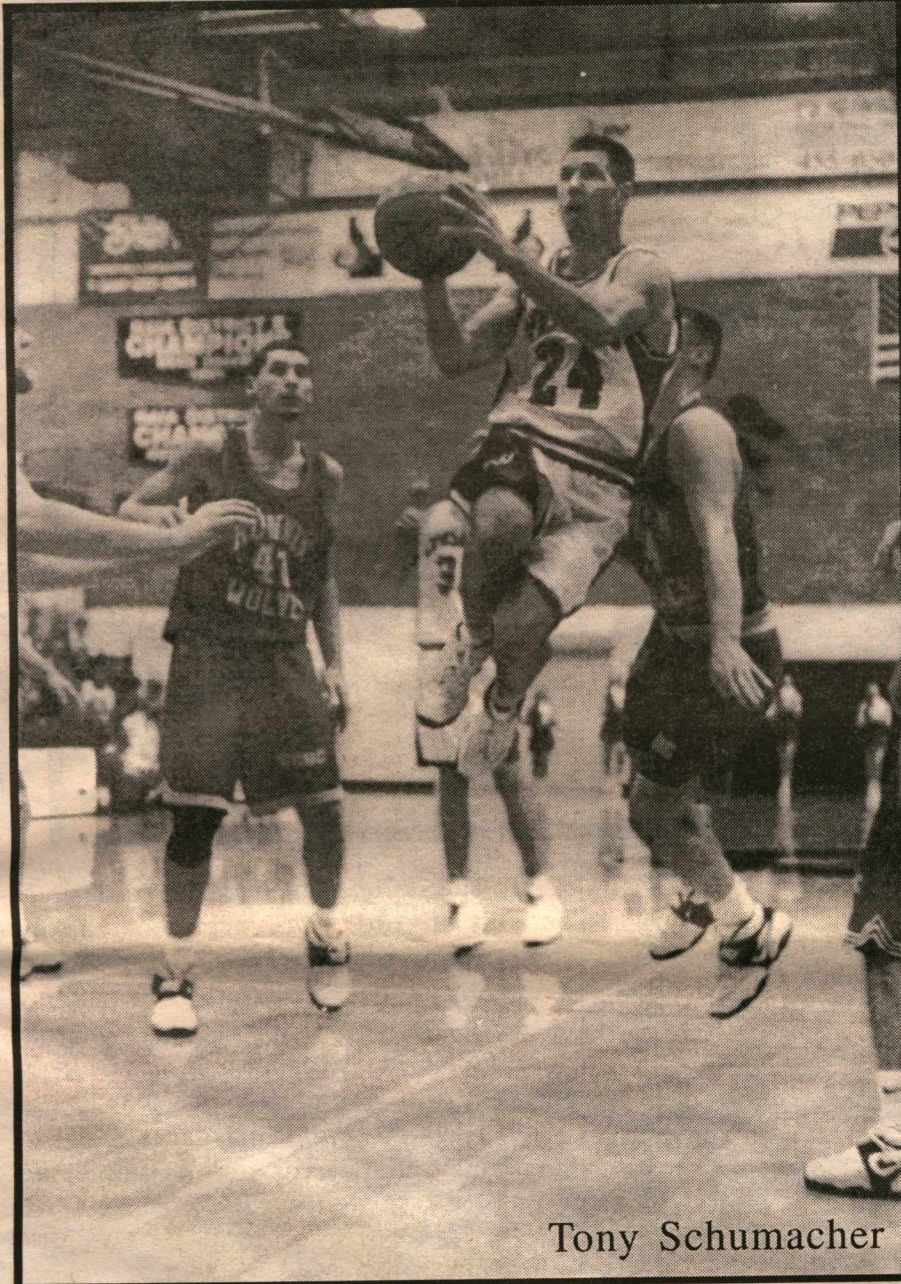
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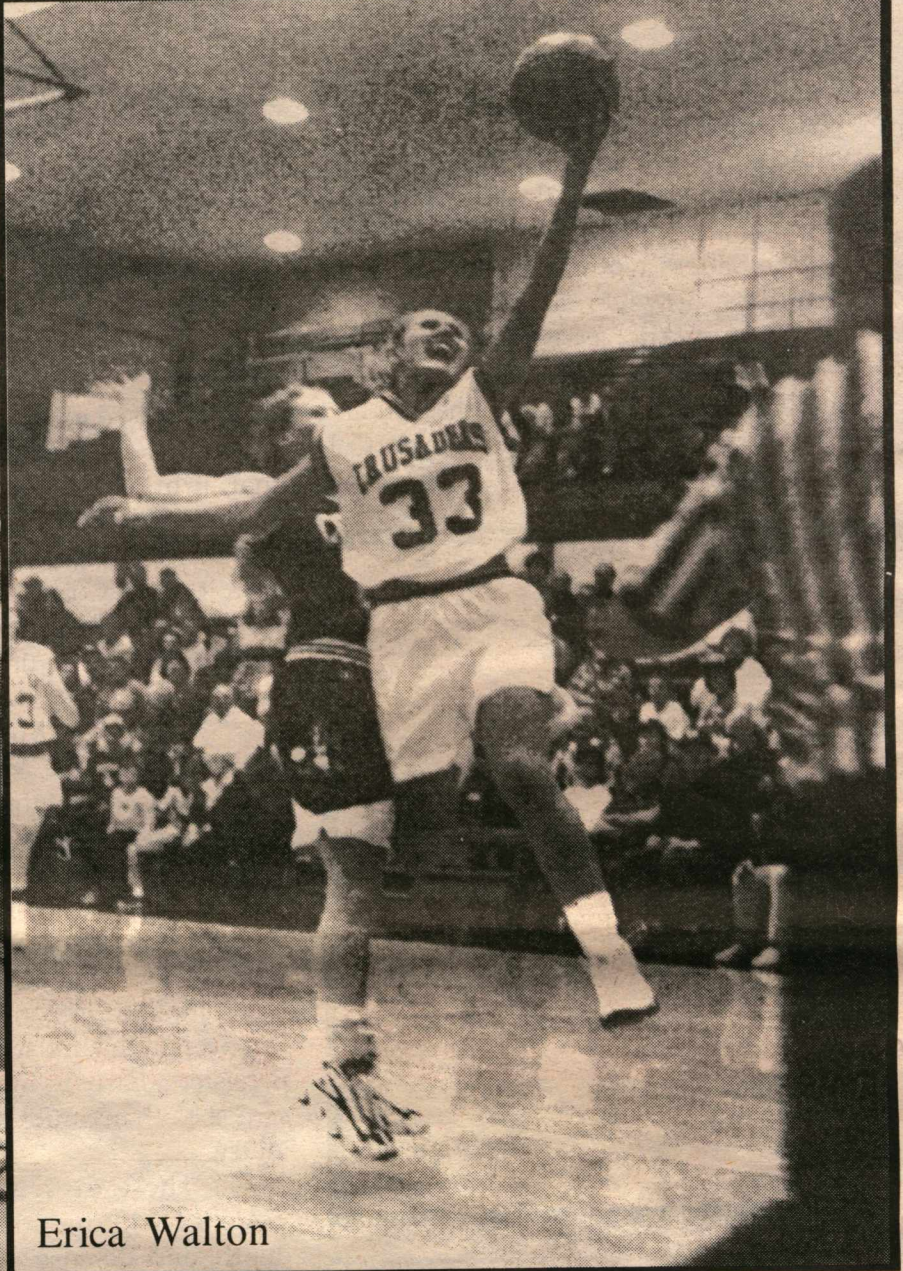
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# The Crusader NAIA '97 Pullout



Tony Schumacher



Erica Walton

## Guys are ready to play

Excitement. The men's basketball team is once again heading to the NAIA Men's National Basketball Championship, and they can't wait. Although they lost the Cascade Conference championship to Western Baptist, the Crusaders (24-7) receive an automatic bid as tourney host.

"[Losing the conference title] was a disappointment," said junior guard Jon DeRoos, "but I think it's making us even more hungry to play well in the tournament."

For Coach Ed Weidenbach, the focus of the past week has not been the loss of the conference title but preparation for facing Virginia Intermont the first night of tournament action. Virginia Intermont, a very physical team, is going to be a challenge for the 'Saders, but Weidenbach feels his team will be ready when 8 p.m. rolls around Wednesday night.

Weidenbach's overall focus

for the tournament is versatility. Said Weidenbach, "These kids have to be able to adjust from night to night."

DeRoos, a transfer from Modesto Junior College in California, has never experienced anything as big as a national tournament. He said all he has ever heard about the Jam Fest is hearsay, and he's really excited to compete.

Senior guard Tony Schumacher is confident that the team is playing consistently. "We feel we can play with any team when our offense is consistent," he said. He added that in practices it has been.

The feelings the team has about the tournament were summed up in one statement by junior Kai Knell, a transfer from Washington: "The NNC community, fans, and students deserve a championship, and we're going to do our best to win it for them."

## Girls look to win it all

What a road trip! The Lady 'Saders surfed the people in O'Hare Airport Monday on their way to Indiana for the NAIA Women's National Tournament. And they are excited about the road trip. "Going so far away for something I love to do is a great feeling," said freshman guard Staci Kirk.

1997 represents senior Kari Smith's last chance to win a title. "I want to do my best since this is my last year," said Smith. And she feels that the team will do great in the tournament. The team is more well-rounded and more capable of playing well from every point. Going into the tournament as Cascade Conference champs doesn't hurt, either. "Going in as champs feels good because [...] we didn't get bid in," said Smith.

The Lady Saders' higher seed means they'll have a better bracket. "Not only is it great that

we are going... we're going in with a great seed," adds Kirk, "so we will probably get to rest in between our games."

Smith hopes they will do their best since the national tournament is basically a one-game season. If NNC loses its first game, it's back to Nampa, but the team has confidence.

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## It's all there: desire, depth, and defense

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"easy" games. Coach Weidenbach hinted before last week's conference championship game that it would be dangerous for any team to enter into the tournament with a false sense of confidence.

The truth is, before any games were played, fans were expecting a banner year from the Workin' Crusaders. Everyone else was too, as the Associated Press ranked NNC third nationally in their pre-season poll. At times, the Saders would rise to these lofty expectations; however, as the season progressed, complications entered the picture.

The Saders' season often had a magical quality to it, as they beat arch-rival and defending national champs Albertson College four out of four times. In December,



**"Sure, that loss [to Western Baptist in the Cascade Conference championship game] hurt. But there's nothing worse than a wounded animal."**

*~Jon DeRoos,  
Crusaders guard*

NNC even moved to the very top of the polls, achieving a national number one ranking for the first time in school history. The team, made up of only four returners, six transfers, and one freshman, came together to play, as junior guard Jon DeRoos said, "...on the same page and all doing this together."

This team swept the annual U.S. Bank Tip-off Tournament held here in Nampa, beating ACI in the championship game for the first time in four years. NNC also carried home the first-place trophy from the Western Oregon State College Tournament in early December. To boot, the next week, the Saders stole first place -- for the first time since 1991 -- at the Golden Rule Tournament

held at Albertson College. This despite losing four starters to food poisoning on game day.

Food poisoning, however, would be the least of the Crusaders' worries. Over Christmas break, star center Bilal McIntyre was stranded indefinitely overseas, due to "international protocol." McIntyre was shooting 76 percent *from the field*, positioning himself for a whole slew of potential postseason awards.

When that situation came crashing down, the Crusaders refused to self-destruct. "When you lose one guy like that, it hurts you, but we all came together," said forward Kai Knell. DeRoos said, "We owe it all to Coach. He prepares us and he seems to handle it best by getting us prepared."

Coach's ability notwithstanding, the McIntyre-less Crusaders lost their opening home conference game to Western Oregon. One player commented, "When you lose a game like that, you need to learn from it." And learn they did: NNC won its next nine conference matchups before falling to Oregon Tech in Klamath Falls. But even in the midst of this streak, troubles persisted. Early in the term, the Saders lost senior Nathan Smith temporarily to a knee injury.

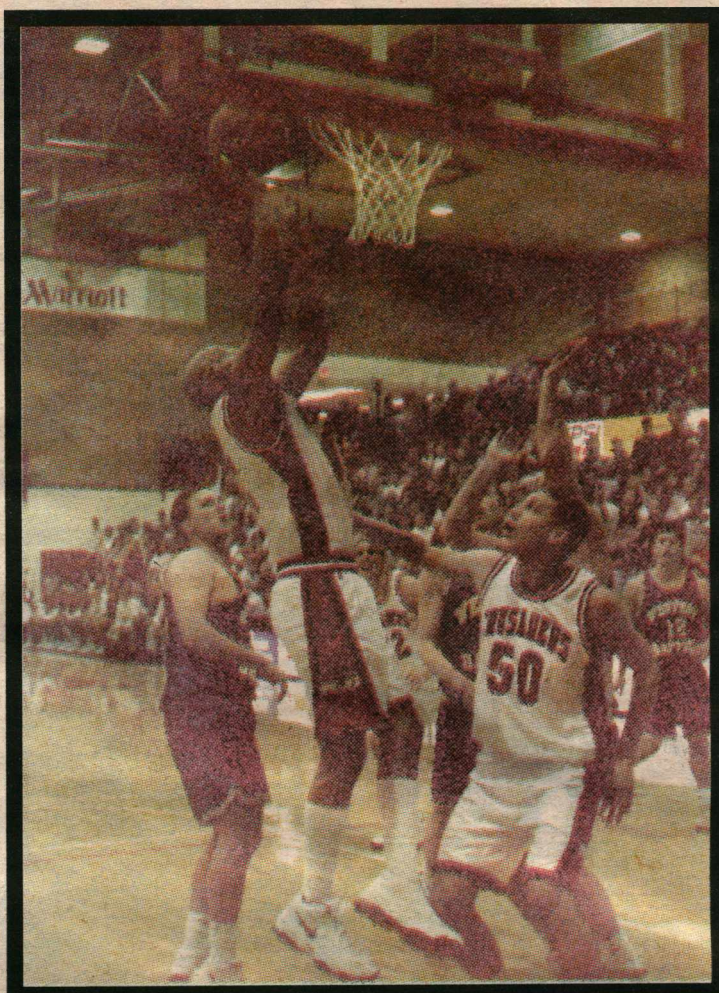
These difficulties did not set the 'Saders back, due to three factors: desire, depth, and defense. The 'Saders have six players who are averaging in double figures and five who have consistently done so for the whole season. The Crusaders are also out-rebounding their opponents by a healthy margin. Even when the offense doesn't show up, the Sader defense can provide the win.

However, NNC enters the national tournament on a down note, having been surprised at home in the conference championship game by upset experts Western Baptist. The stunning loss was only NNC's second all year.

Knell and DeRoos insisted that they can turn that defeat into a positive experience. "Sure, that loss hurt," DeRoos admitted, "but there's nothing worse than a wounded animal."

"We'll take it game by game," Knell.

Coach Weidenbach is in agreement: "Obviously, you can't look ahead, and you've got to take it night by night. I really like the way our guys are playing with intensity right now."



The 'Saders finished the regular season with a record of 24-7 overall and a conference record of 11-3. They go into the national tournament seeded ninth -- a seeding that is not particularly advantageous, because if NNC and number one seed St. Thomas Aquinas (NY) both advance, they would collide in a huge quarterfinal game on Saturday night. And the Crusaders have their expectations:

"We want to be there at the end," Tony Schumacher said.

So what will make the difference?

"We need the fans," Knell said.

You heard the man. Game time is 8:00 p.m. tomorrow night. The opponent is Virginia Intermont. Let the games begin.



## A look back at the ladies' season

The Lady Crusaders finished their season right where they wanted to be: in first place. The 'Saders ended the season 22-7 overall and 10-2 in conference, capturing first place in the Cascade Collegiate Conference last weekend. In the final regular-season poll, NNC received a number 3 ranking, which they translated into a number 3 seed at nationals. This year's national tournament is held in Angola, Indiana.

The first major test for the 'Saders was the U.S. Bank Tip-off Tournament, here on home territory. They won the tournament, beating both Western Montana and Western Baptist by over 20 points each. Senior team members Erica Walton and Kari Smith were both named to the all-tournament team and Walton was selected as the tournament's MVP. The 'Saders won consolation at Montana State Northern's Tournament, losing to Rocky Mountain College, but beating MSN.

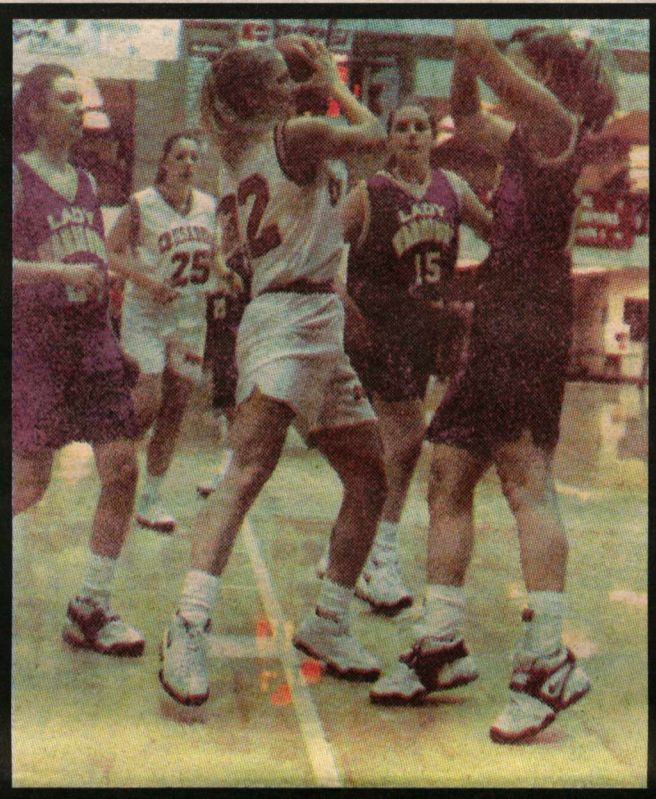
This season was also a good year for beating ACI. The Lady 'Saders duplicated the men's feat by beating the 'Yotes four out of four times this year, boosting their all-time record against Albertson to 21-0.

Several of the team members are achieving personal goals, as seniors Walton, Smith, and Ellen Duncan all surpassed the 1,000-point

mark in their careers. Freshman Staci Kirk also has had a successful rookie season that she has to be happy about, as she has become the team's starting point guard.

Smith expressed her satisfaction with this year's team. "This team is a good one to end a career on. It's well-rounded and everyone has a position on it."

The '96-'97 team will leave its mark



## Jam Fest '98 to be held at the Idaho Center

NNC signed yet another four-year contract, ending in 2001, to host the NAIA Men's National Basketball Tournament at the Montgomery Fieldhouse. The Idaho Center, home of the CBA basketball team the Idaho Stampede, will be the future site for the NAIA Jam Fest. In 1998, the first year of the new contract with the NAIA, the Jam Fest will be held in the Idaho Center for a trial run. Montgomery Fieldhouse has been the site of the tournament since NNC began hosting it, and the staff of the gym has been commended by fans and the NAIA for their work. Yet it has been decided to try the Idaho Center out as the new tourney venue.

What this means for the NNC community is no more crunch time for student workers during finals, no more staying up till 2 a.m. for the gym's head custodian, student workers, and other staff, a neutral floor for tournament play, a larger crowd capacity, and more room for media coverage.

Feelings are mixed about the move to the Idaho Center. Ellen Reisch, Custodial Manager for NNC, expressed disappointment in not being involved in the tournament, but she also said that it will be a great relief. The sentiment of relief is shared by Andrew Diehl, a student manager for Marriott, whose workers are often overworked during the tournament. Both Reisch and Diehl stated that there had always been a shortage of student workers during the week before finals, the week of the Jam Fest. Said Reisch, "It is true that [the tournament] gives a few students extra hours ... but we find that most students are not eager to have the extra hours the

week before finals." Environmental Services would no longer have to fill the busiest times of the tournament with staff when students are not available.

The Idaho Center comes equipped with all the extras, like game and parking lot security, ticket sales, concessions workers, announcers and room for better media coverage. Instead of just semifinals and finals being televised, the Treasure Valley and perhaps the nation could watch all the tournament action. Men's basketball coach Ed Weidenbach sees this as an advantage to the tournament and as great exposure for Nampa and the college.

Playing in the Idaho Center can be seen as both good and bad. Dr. Eric Forseth, NNC's Athletic Director and the person in charge of the planning of the Jam Fest, has said a few sponsors have expressed concern about the changing of the venue because of the loss of proximity to campus. However, the vast majority of sponsors are more than willing to continue their support of the tournament.

Weidenbach expressed interest in the increased reimbursement of traveling teams through ticket and souvenir sales, which will most likely increase when the venue changes. Both Weidenbach and Forseth are in favor of the move.

Weidenbach is happy that the teams will have neutral territory to play on, since in the past he has heard in the past complaints by other teams that NNC has the home-court advantage. Weidenbach is sure that some of the advantage will be with the team since the tournament will still be in Nampa.

## Who's Who in '97

The '97 edition of the NAIA Jam Fest may look remarkably similar to its siblings of years past. Indeed, almost all of the nation's powerhouses have shown up, and only seven of the 32 teams are in Nampa for the first time.

Most notably absent, however, are the two teams who fought for the '96 trophy. Defending runner-up Whitworth College of Washington was ranked nationally early on this season, but the Pirates struggled in conference play and will miss out on this year's tourney. Meanwhile, defending national champion Albertson College finished 11-15 on the year and 5-9 in conference, completing the Coyotes' first losing season under coach Marty Holly. 1997 marks the first winter in 16 years that ACI will not take part in postseason action.

St. Thomas Aquinas, based in New York, finished the regular season in the number one slot nationally. Sporting a 33-1 record, they will be the team to beat; if NNC and St. Thomas win their first two rounds, an 8:00 p.m. Saturday quarterfinal will pit the home team against the favorite with a Fantastic Four berth at stake.

Bethel College, the '95 champ, returns to Nampa seeded second. Junior point guard Rico Swanson reportedly described the '96 tournament to a freshman teammate as "good food, good ball, and crazy fans." Bethel opens play Wednesday at 5:45, in the game immediately preceding opening ceremonies.

Perennial Fantastic Four participant William Jewell returns yet again to the tourney; however, their low 14th seed means they would have to defeat 3rd-ranked Oregon Tech in a wild second-round matchup. WJC graduated '96 All-American Brook Russell but still managed to finish 26-9.

Two weeks ago, few would have picked Western Baptist to win the Cascade Conference, which many call the toughest league in the nation. But WBC pulled off three consecutive "upsets" to close out the year, beating Western Oregon 65-64, Oregon Tech 96-69, and NNC 73-68 to clinch the school's first-ever trip to nationals. Baptist's road to the championship would involve a second-round upset over mighty Bethel.

New teams include Holy Names (CA), which bears the unfortunate distinction of being St. Thomas Aquinas' first-round opponent; Virginia Intermont, the Crusaders' first foe; South Dakota Tech; Tennessee Wesleyan; sixth-seeded Urbana (OH); St. Thomas of Florida, which boasts a tournament-worst 17-16 record; and 15th-seeded Western Baptist.

15 teams are from east of the Mississippi, six of which are East Coast colleges. In the tournament's short history, teams from the Midwest and the Northwest have out-performed teams from other regions. The Northwest sends five representatives, and 15 teams hail from the Midwest.

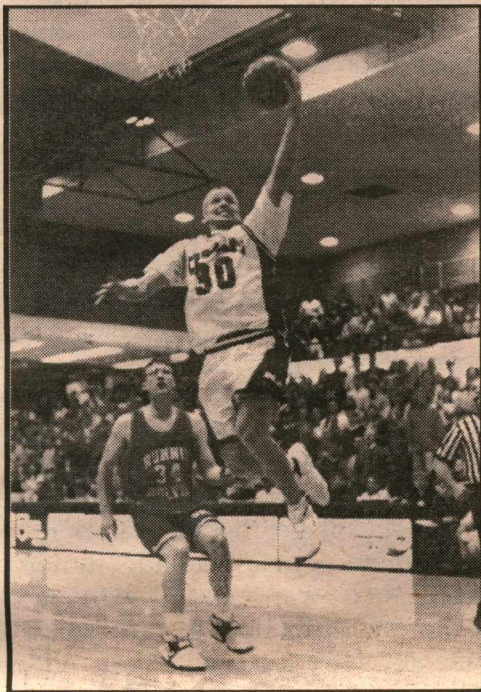
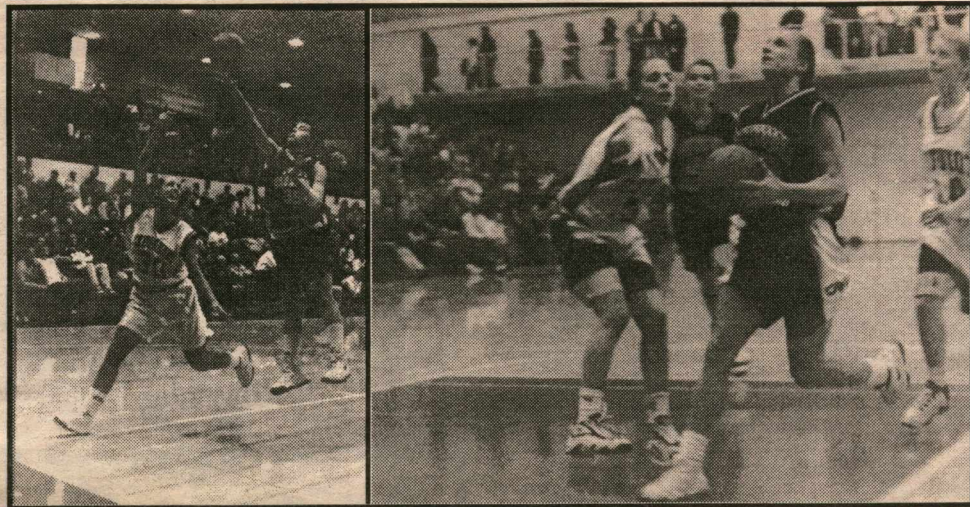
Seven of the nine top teams in the regular-season final poll failed to win their conference championships, including Bethel, OIT, and NNC, so expect these top teams to play with hunger and pride.

# Ladies — from pg. 13

on the record books as well, having already surpassed several team season records; many team members also reached the top ten in individual stats. At press time, Walton has a season total of 439 points, Smith has set a new NNC record with 134 made free throws and is in second on the lists with 85 steals. Kirk made her debut to the record books by making 43 3-point-

ers. Wilson is shooting 59 percent currently from the field and these marks stand to be improved in the next few days.

When asked about his thoughts on the upcoming nationals, Coach Schmidt commented, "If we take care of business, we'll be in good shape. It's a one game season every time we step on the floor now, and whoever can stay healthy and fit will do well."



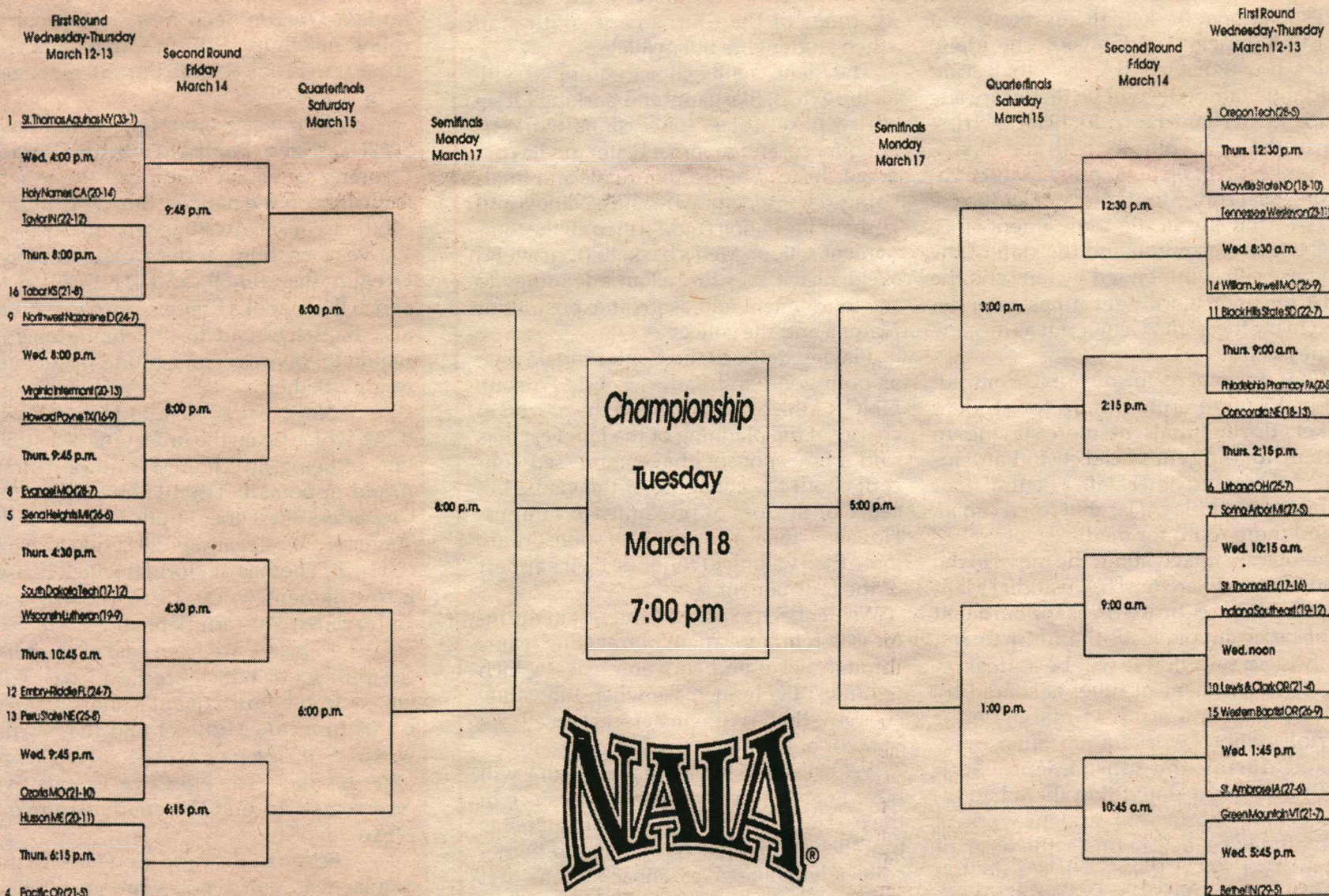
Who the experts see playing on Monday

We gathered '97 Fantastic Four predictions from a select group of psychic experts who happen to be attending or have attended NNC. Hopefully, at least one prognosticator will be correct.

- Tim Benedick: NNC, Pacific, William Jewell, and WBC or St. Ambrose.
- Erin Coordes: Western Baptist, NNC, OIT, Pacific.
- Robin Day: NNC, Pacific, Urbana, and Bethel.
- Carloe Estigoe: St. Thomas Aquinas, Siena Heights, OIT, and Bethel.
- John Fraley: Pacific, William Jewell, LCSC, and us!
- Lisa Freeman: NNC, OIT, Bethel, and Wisconsin Lutheran.
- Jason Isbell: NNC, Western Baptist, LCSC, and Pacific.
- Linc Loeber: St. Thomas Aquinas, Siena Heights, OIT, and Spring Arbor.
- Aaron Middleton: NNC, Pacific, Oregon Tech, and Bethel.
- Brian Richey: NNC, Pacific, Oregon Tech, and LCSC.
- David Zink: Western Baptist, William Jewell, NNC, and Pacific.

## 1997 NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship

### Official Tournament Bracket



# Contributions infect Clinton and the DNC

*Wrong credit cards, soft funds and patrons in the Lincoln Bedroom trip up the White House*

By Joshua Dooley  
Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- On Monday, March 3, Vice President Al Gore apparently gave out false information when he claimed to have used a Democratic National Committee (DNC) credit card in order to make fund-raising telephone calls from his White House office.

In all actuality, it turns out that Al Gore used a Clinton-Gore campaign credit card instead of the DNC credit card, which could most certainly create additional legal and political problems. First of all, this places the distinction that the President has tried to make between campaign and party fund-raising out of focus. In order for the President to keep this line distinct, the money from the DNC must be moved to the Clinton/Gore campaign. The problem is that the money has already been credited to the DNC.

This latest embarrassment came about as Gore toured the Midwest floods; temporarily escaping the accusations that he broke the law when he solicited campaign funds last year on federal property. Independent counsel could be called to investigate the accusations.

The Republicans are pressing for an investigation to occur, but the President won't talk about it. "Well, I think there is a law on that," he told re-

porters. "It's a legal question; it shouldn't be a political one."

This all compounds Gore's long-term political headaches and looks to be an encouragement to some of his Democratic rivals. Mark Siegel, a Democratic strategist, claims, "If there's anything that even suggest the possibility that there might be a race in the year 2000, of course some people — possibly Congressman [Richard] Gephardt, Senator Kerry — both Senator Kerrys [Bob Kerrey (D-Neb.) and John Kerry (D-Mass.)] — former Sen. [Bill] Bradley —

**"The real problem is these campaigns cost too much money."**

these people might see any opportunity developing."

On Friday, March 7, during a press conference, President Bill Clinton withstood a flood of questions dealing with the ever-growing questions of the Democratic fund-raising effort. Clinton stood up for his staff and his campaign's actions by calling the present campaign system "out of whack."

Clinton used this situation to try to get his point across by claiming, "We had to work hard within the law to raise a lot of money to be competitive. We did work hard, and I'm glad we did, be-

cause the stakes were high and the divisions between us in Washington at that time were very great." Clinton went on to state, "The real problem is these campaigns cost too much money, they take too much time and they will continue to do so until we pass campaign finance reform."

Clinton strongly defended both Gore and the First Lady's Chief of Staff Margaret Williams. Though praising Gore, Clinton still couldn't say that he'd never done the same thing. Williams admitted that, during the week, she forwarded a \$50,000 soft money donation from Jonny Chung, a California businessman, to the DNC from the White House. Clinton claimed over and over that Williams had done nothing wrong or illegal, but looking back it may have been just as well if she had not given Chung the "courtesy."

The controversial White House coffees and overnight visits of friends, family and donors in the Lincoln Bedroom were also defended by Clinton. "I don't believe you can find any evidence of the fact that I had changed government policy solely because of a contribution," Clinton claimed. Clinton accepted the fact that it wasn't enough to explain away fund-raising irregularities by claiming the other party does this or that it's legal, but he believes that the Democratic party must remain in competition.

## Where are the priorities here?

*Do we want more emphasis in on campaign funds or a balanced budget?*

Analysis by Andrew J. Diehl  
World News Editor

*Editor's note: This editorial is best read with two cookies, a glass of milk and the article above!*

Throughout our country's history, men and women have tried diligently and at great expense to gain the privilege of holding public office. Once they hold the office, where do the needs of the party end and the office begin?

While many problems have plagued President Clinton during his tenure in office, this latest fight over what is legal when collecting contributions, is one that puzzles me and makes me question the length to which government can control anything. It also makes me ponder the contradictions that one can make when deciding between one's personal and professional conflicts.

I must admit that college has made me into a little more of a liberal than I would like to admit. The courses that I have chosen have forced me to be more objective on many subjects, not to mention a few nights with the bastions of liberalism... *The Crusader* staff.

How many times have employ-

ees across America used a company phone, computer, or copier to do personal business? In the world of small business, it happens regularly as employers take a position to in the lives of their employees. Big business and government tend to take more of a stance in trying to separating the entities of professional and personal lives, while trying to maintain that they are in favor of families and the employee's life outside the walls of work.

The article above points out to the mistake made by Gore in stating that he had used one credit card when he actually used another for calls made from his office. Not that I think that it was the best for Mr. Gore to make calls from his office, there needs to be a line drawn on where nit-picking gets out of hand. True that the accounts should be balanced and the correct campaign funds debited and credited, but there is a time and place for it. If there was a question of Gore trying to defraud the government by billing the office long distance bill on purpose (especially if the calls were to some German XXX phone number that he found in the Congressional Men's Room) then there would be a reason for all of the talk. This, how-

ever, is a simple accounting problem that could be dealt with in a reasonable, civilized manner.

For all of this, the President calls for strict reform that would change the ways that candidates collect money. Is this what we need, though? It would be interesting if Clinton were to deal with campaign reform in the same manner that he has dealt with a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. For the balanced budget amendment, the President stated that the parties just need to get together and figure something out that they can live with. Amazing that legislation is needed for something as simple as getting together with the Republicans "gasp" and deciding on how to make changes that will benefit both sides, while something that has become a problem for over a decade and is costing the nation billions of dollars per year, should just be settled over tea.

Not to say that what happened with Clinton's fund raising, use of the Lincoln bedroom, and collection of foreign "soft money" are things that should be taken lightly. They just need to be taken in perspective of other issues that are happening with our government that we really need to keep an eye on.

## Timeline

Oct. 13, 1996 -- Republicans question \$425,000 that the DNC collected from Arief Wiradinata of Indonesia.

Oct. 17, 1996 -- The Wall Street Journal reports that residents of various branches the Hsi Lai Buddhist temple have donated \$50,000 to the DNC.

Oct. 18, 1996 -- The DNC states that it will reimburse the Hsi Lai Buddhist temple for \$15,000 for the costs of the fund-raiser on April 29. Vice President Gore attended the event which netted \$140,000.

Oct. 22, 1996 -- Gore states that he didn't know that the event at the Temple was a fund-raiser.

Nov. 23, 1996 -- DNC announces that it is refunding the money that was donated by Arief Wiradinata. Wiradinata was a permanent resident who had ties to the Lippo Group and failed to file a tax return. The donation amounted to \$450,000, the largest donation to date.

Dec. 17, 1996 -- Trustees of the Clintons' legal defense fund disclosed that \$640,000 in questionable donations had been returned.

Dec. 19, 1996 -- The Justice Department extends the investigation of the DNC to include the Clintons' defense fund after the disclosure of the returned \$640,000.

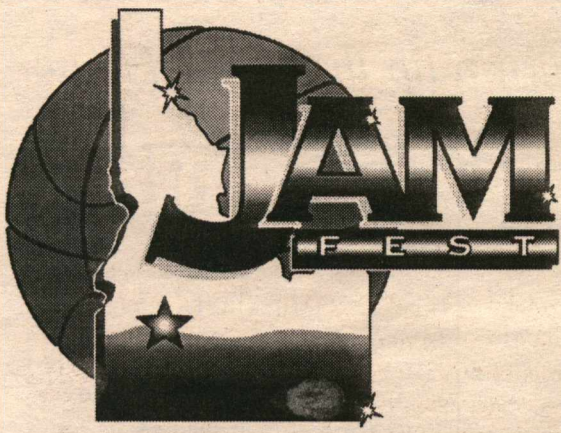
Jan. 15, 1997 -- Vice President Gore's office acknowledges that he was aware that the Buddhist Temple event was "finance-related."

Jan. 24, 1997 -- Gore acknowledges his "mistake." "I knew that it was a political event and I knew there were finance people there." Documents were also released that show that at least 100 coffee services arranged at the White House by the DNC for the purpose of fund-raising. One of significant interest is one in May that had the heads of several major corps, the President, Vice President, the Comptroller of the Currency and the Secretary of the Treasury in attendance.

Feb. 16, 1997 -- *The Washington Post* reported that 6 months after Mrs. Clinton visited Guam, \$900,000 was received from the commonwealth for the DNC. The White House denies that Guam's subsequent change in immigration law was not related.

Feb. 25, 1997 -- President Clinton acknowledged that he personally encouraged the reward of DNC donors with stays in the Lincoln Bedroom.





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## Ohio Valley flooded

*Residents try to outrun the water moving down the Ohio*

By Debbie Miller  
 Staff Writer

Beginning around March 4, the waters of the Ohio River started rising quickly. Throughout the Ohio River Valley, tens of thousands of people have been driven from their homes, saving what they could, but in many cases, losing everything. Homes have washed away, and inundated historic downtown districts have also been devastated. Floods and tornadoes have been blamed for at least 57 deaths, and tens of millions of dollars in damages in the past week. As of Friday, sixteen counties in Ohio have been proclaimed federal disaster areas, as were thirteen counties in Indiana and at least twenty-four counties in Kentucky. On Saturday, Vice President Al Gore traveled to Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee to examine the flood damage and discuss cleanup efforts with local leaders and residents.

As the flood conditions worsen each day, more and more areas along the tributaries of the Ohio

are devastated by floods. On Friday the Ohio River crested in Louisville. Don Armstrong of the Kentucky Emergency Management agency has stated that the state's disaster officials have feared that rivers that run east to west across Kentucky before emptying into the Ohio would only make the flooding worsen considerably.

Friday, the residents of Falmouth, Kentucky returned to survey the wreckage that once was their homes. It was a very sad picture. A man stands in front of his crumbling home, sobbing loudly. An old woman weeps as she opens a hinged, gold-embossed double frame containing photos of her late husband. A teenage girl breaks down, tightly holding a stuffed monkey she pulled from the wreckage inside her house. Rev. George Naylor, who once preached in Falmouth, rushed to the flooded town. On viewing the destruction, he said, "It's like a vision of what the end of the world would look like the day after. Things they never believed could have happened."

**A man stands in front of his crumbling home, sobbing loudly.**

## Rebels surround Kisangani

*Zaire's third largest city in danger if peace negotiations fall*

By David Stillman  
 Asst. World News Editor

KISANGANI, ZAIRE--Rebels against the government of Zaire are on the verge of overtaking the country's third largest city, and the site of the government's main military base in the eastern part of the country. The rebels have surrounded Kisangani, and are threatening to overrun it if progress is not made in peace negotiations with the government. The government has refused to negotiate unless the rebels lay down their weapons. "Our position remains the same. We will not negotiate with those who are making war," said government spokesman Jean-Claude Biebie. The government told reporters that the rebels weren't even close to Kisangani. "They're not even close -- they're some 80-100 kilometers away. It's just propaganda to scare the people and the refugees." However, CNN has reported that government troops are currently being flown out of the city.

The Zairian government has repeatedly accused neighboring Uganda of aiding the rebellion, and

recent aerial photographs show that at least some of the accusations are true. According to *The Washington Post*, Uganda has aided the rebel cause with money, arms and equipment. The government of Uganda has denied this. "To the best of my knowledge, we are not helping the rebels in eastern Zaire in any way," said Ugandan foreign minister Rebecca Kadaga. "No one has brought forth any evidence... Unless there is really hard evidence, then all this talk is a lot of bull." However, she did say, "We think that Africa should really move away from propped up, little educated soldiers put in place by colonialists in places like Zaire. We would be happy to see legitimate leadership in those places."

The rebels' goal is to unseat Zairian President Mobutu Sese Seko, who has ruled Zaire for thirty-one years. They blame Mobutu for Zaire's impoverished condition. If the rebels can build on their recent military successes, they just might achieve their goal. They now control almost a third of Zaire, and recently captured the city of Kalemie, a key port on Lake Tanganyika; they also took the town of Lubutu and overran the nearby Tingi Tingi refugee camp. Rebel leader Laurent Kabila has appealed to the United Nations to help refugees trapped in the fighting. "Our men have been ordered not to harm [the refugees]," he said in a press conference in the eastern city of Gome. "The United Nations is invited to go to Tingi Tingi to help refugees to return home and help repatriate them."

However, many of the refugees are terrified by the rebels. When the Catholic Church brought food to a refugee camp in Ubundu, south of Kisangani, some asked why they were being "fattened for the slaughter." An attack on Kisangani could pose a problem for refugee aid organizations, which have been trying to gather refugees in the city, because aid is more accessible. According to CNN, many of these refugees are now fleeing the city, moving through swamp land with few roads.



# Third man is wanted in OKC case

*FBI releases sketch of possible suspect that they have been haven't been able to find*

By Andrew J. Diehl  
World News Editor

CASSVILLE, MO-- The FBI is now searching for a third man who could be involved in the OKC case.

Sources indicate that authorities believe a third man was with bombing suspects Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols on a trip to Cassville, Missouri in the fall of 1994. The third man is believed to have gone by the name of "Robert Jacques."

The FBI is not ready at this time to classify the man as a suspect or a target in the bombing. After more than a year, the authorities have tested out every person in the country with a spelling of Jacques that matches that of the suspect.

The three men are alleged to have been in the process of trying to purchase a secluded parcel of land with a cave on it that FBI agents believe would have been used as a hideout. Real estate broker Wil-

liam Maloney had run the ad on the piece of land at which the men were looking. He described the parcel at being at the end of a rough road in the bottom of a hollow.

Nichols and Jacques came to the real estate office in November 1994 and introduced themselves as Nichols and Jacques to Maloney and his salesman, Joe Lee Davidson. "The day he (Jacques) was here, he seemed to be the one in that was in control and in charge of what was going on," stated Davidson.

Maloney believes that McVeigh came to the

## The third man went by the name of "Robert Jacques."

door of the office. Maloney noticed the sparkle of a filling in the man's mouth. FBI officials state that McVeigh's dental records match with Maloney's description.

Initially, the FBI picked up the wrong Robert Jacques. He is one of two Arizona drifters that is thought to have crossed McVeigh's path at the time of the bombing. Jacks and his traveling companion were quickly released when Maloney gave a negative ID.

Maloney has passed a polygraph test conducted by the FBI and a third witness, a saleswoman from another agency, was put under hypnosis and her story matched the others. Even with this proof, McVeigh's attorney Stephen Jones, claims that his client was nowhere near Missouri at that time.

"Our information states that Tim was somewhere other than Cassville," Jones stated. "That's what our research shows."

The sketch provided is the last sketch that the FBI had not released in this case. The FBI has publicly removed all pictures that it was running on a John Doe #2. Witnesses at the Ryder office claim that there was a second man with McVeigh when the truck rented in Junction City, Kansas two days before the Oklahoma City bombing.

### ...very briefly...

MOHE, CHINA -- Tens of thousands of people

in northern China and eastern Siberia were able to witness a rare event Sunday morning as a total eclipse of the sun darkened the skies for a view of the Hale-Bopp comet. Chinese television broadcasted the show live, and officials in Mohe stopped residents from lighting their stoves in order to keep the air clear from smoke to make the comet more visible. Though a snow-storm blocked the view in Mongolia, this is the third time in the last millenia that the spectacle has been seen on Earth.

TOKYO, JAPAN -- The Swiss, famous for their

chocolate, regained their pride by laying out the longest piece of chocolate, 729.3 ft. in length, in a Tokyo hotel ballroom. The Swiss hope and believe that this will bring more tourism into Switzerland. Josef Fessler, a Swiss chocolate chef, said, "The problem was not making the praline itself, but rather the circumstances to transport it to Tokyo and find a room big enough for the chocolate."

Maurice Campofranco, the director of Switzerland tourism, claimed, "Today we produced the world's longest chocolate mainly because Switzerland and chocolate are the same."

NEW YORK, NY-- Investors on Wall Street have

turned their attention toward the fallen business sectors as records fell on the Street. The Dow Jones Industrial average climbed another 78.50 points to reach an all time high of 7,079.39. This beats out the previous record of 7,067.46 points that was set on February 16. Economists don't believe that the Federal Open Market Committee, which meets on March 25, will raise the interest rates. Various market players agree on the subject. "The economy looks good... why not invest in some stocks that have been weak and make some money?" Strong markets were in high-tech, drug and energy stocks.

### What do I care?

To clone or not to clone, that is the question. With the cloning of "Dolly" in Scotland and the Oregon monkeys, that becomes the operative question.

Argentina, Bolivia and Chile have already taken measures to enact bans on research of human cloning. On Tuesday, President Clinton called for a similar ban.

"I am issuing a directive that bans the use of any federal funds for any cloning of human beings. Effective immediately, no federal agency may support, fund or undertake such activity," Clinton said.

The procedure that cloned "Dolly" was done by transferring the nucleus of one cell into an egg; another method is to actually split an embryo in two. For human cloning to succeed, however, scientists have to use a cell that has been in the human for at least two decades.

Harold E. Varmus, the director of the National Institutes of Health, suggested that despite current outcry, he believes that in some point in time, society might accept the idea of human cloning. Conceivably, cloning could be used for untreatable, infertile couples who want a genetically related child. In this circumstance, the offspring would be a genetic copy of only one of the parents.

"Varmus and his panel of scientists ... have invested in themselves the authority to manipulate and dispose of human life at their own will and they don't want anyone with a conscience to stand in their way. If our government allows scientists to usurp the authority that belongs to God alone -- that of creating human life -- America is surely destined for the path to self destruction, Human cloning is an evil step that should never be taken," said Mrs. Judie Brown, president of the American Life League.

This brings up the question of a person's reproductive rights and their right to privacy. Varmus asked, "How do we define reproductive rights? What is the government's role? Where does privacy begin and end?" Cloning could become a reality if a governmental body determined that a person had the right to privacy to decide whether or not to clone themselves. In the abortion controversy, the Supreme Court determined that it was a woman's right to decide what happened to her body. It seems the ethics of a procedure can be put aside if there is a possibility of a person's rights being infringed upon.

As Clinton said, "We should resist the temptation to replicate ourselves." So lead us not into temptation -- scientists. --analysis by Rachel Roemhildt

## Around the world in eighty words

Compiled by Andrew J. Diehl  
World News Editor

### Explorer has major leaks

SEATTLE, WA -- Microsoft Corp. has issued a software patch on its World Wide Web site to correct three security flaws that were found in its Internet Explorer browser over the past week. The flaws would let Web site operators get into someone else's computer, send e-mail and damage software or wipe out a hard drive altogether. This flaw alone has affected nearly 50 million computers. David Fester (product manager for Internet platforms division) claims, "Clearly, it means that the industry needs to come together to better address this sort of problem ... these security concerns."

### Doctor charged with murder

TOKYO, JAPAN -- A Japanese doctor who was once the nation's leading authority on AIDS is standing trial for knowingly allowing a hemophiliac to contract AIDS from untreated blood. Prosecutors accuse Takeshi Abe of recommending the use of blood products that were not heat treated, all the while knowing that the blood carried HIV. Abe says that he had no idea that the blood was infected, and that he didn't trust heat treating at the time. If convicted, Abe could serve five years in prison.

### Car thefts plague Russia

MOSCOW, RUSSIA -- Three hundred cars are being stolen in Russia every day, and Moscow is becoming a hot car market to replenish the supply. American cars are a sign of status, but the police offer almost no protection from thieves. Experts estimate the stolen car trade to be in the billions of dollars.

# Men turn over conference to WBC

*Poor shooting and curious refereeing techniques plague Crusaders in championship game*

By John Fraley  
Editor-in-Chief

Is it a stretch to presume that the '96-'97 Workin' Crusaders, as a team, suffer from split personalities? Judging by the team's collective performance in the Cascade Collegiate Conference postseason tournament, maybe not.

The team that beat and beat up on Western Oregon in their CCC semifinal got beat and beat up on

by Western Baptist College in the championship game three days later. After Jeff Kinneveauk tipped in a meaningless rebound at the buzzer, the jubilant Warriors were on the preferable (for them) side of a 73-68 score. And they had a sputtering 'Saders offense to thank for the chance to cut down the nets.

NNC managed only 39 percent shooting, after averaging 52 percent over the season. The 'Saders made only 3 of 13 three-pointers and seemed lackadaisical on offense throughout the second half.

One spectator was heard yelling, "Don't just STAND there!" NNC accumulated only 10 assists all night.

Forward-center Kai Knell was the bright spot on offense for the Crusaders, scoring 18 points on 7-of-13 shooting in the losing effort. However, forward Jawanza Hadley was the only other 'Sader in double figures, with 10.

The 'Saders showed up on the defensive end, as always, on Tuesday night. Tony Schumacher and Hadley applied intense pressure to Warriors star guard Brian Hills all game long, limiting him to 19 points on 5-of-15 shooting. Hills had exploded for 39 against Oregon Tech in the other Saturday semifinal, as

Baptist upset the nation's 3rd-ranked team in Klamath Falls. NNC head coach Ed Weidenbach wasn't about to let Hills do the same to his team.

"In the past, [Hills] has had 26-28 points on us," Weidenbach told the Idaho Press-Tribune after the game. "Maybe we should have let him have his points and focused more on the other guys."

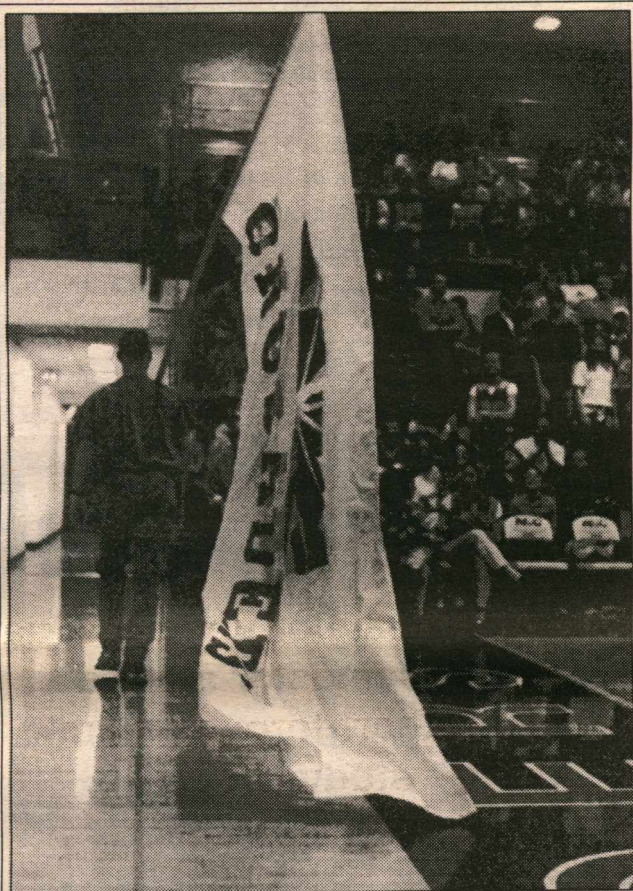
One Warrior worth focusing on would have been center Nate Linman. Linman, who averaged 10 points a game during the season, picked up for Hills, exploding for 20 points and 13 rebounds.

Complaints concerning the referees began to surface when Kinneveauk was somehow called

for an intentional foul on a Western Baptist player who was meekly attempting a lay-up. Coach Weidenbach was whistled for a rare technical foul later in the half.

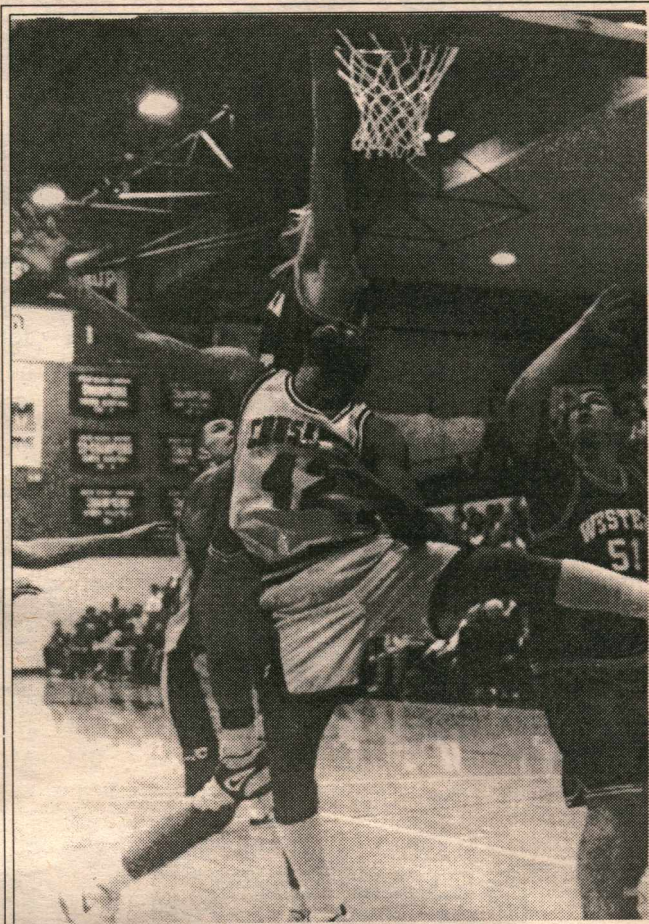
The win handed Western Baptist its first-ever conference title and an opportunity to continue its upset streak at the national tournament, where it is seeded 15th. The upset setup is there: if the Warriors win their first round, they could meet perennial powerhouse, Bethel in a second-round game on Friday at 10:45 a.m.

The loss was NNC's second at home this year; the last time the 'Saders lost at home, they won their next nine games. The Crusaders (24-7) open NAIA tourney play against unseeded Virginia Intermont (20-13) at 8:00 tomorrow night.



Senior Aaron Middleton proudly carries a Crusaders banner across the baseline after circling the court during a timeout.

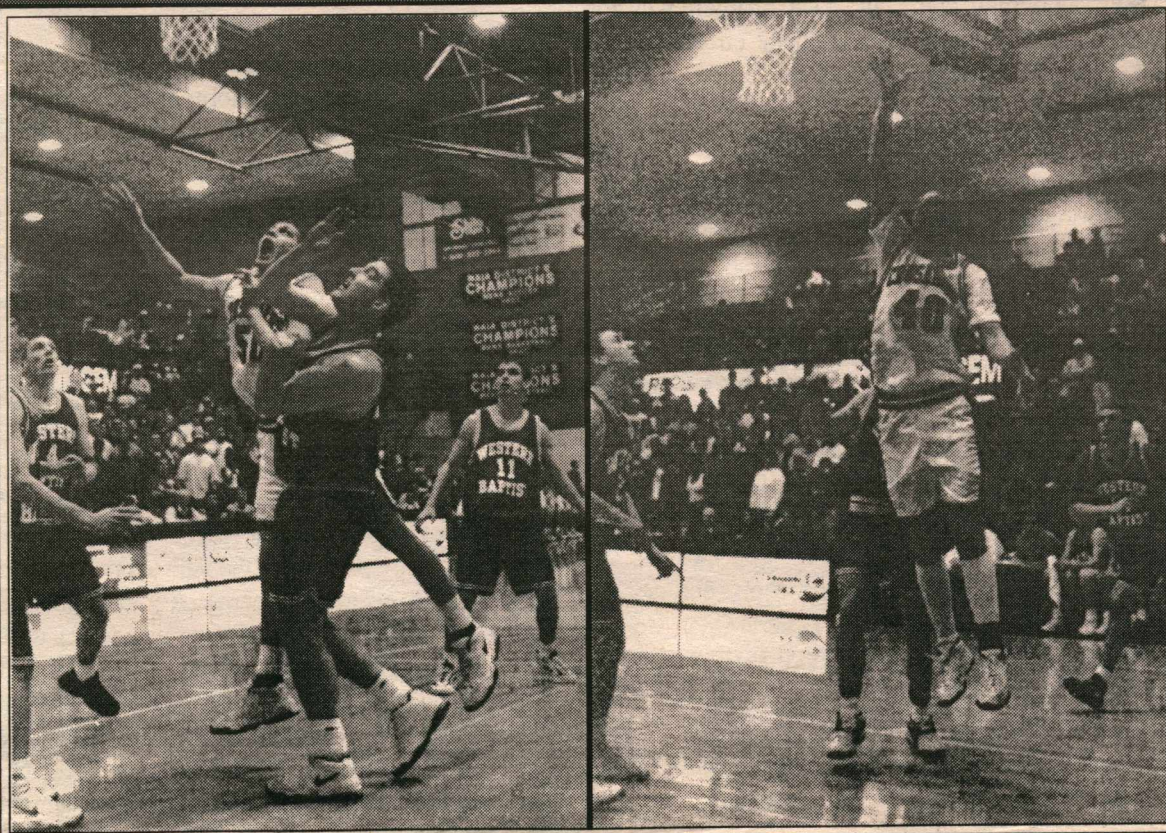
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Ed Weidenbach**



Limbs fly freely as Jawanza Hadley (42) and a couple of Western Baptist players fight for a loose ball under the basket.

ERIN COORDES -- THE CRUSADER

Below left: Jay Lassen gets fouled as he goes strong to the hoop. Below right: freshman center Jeremy Stockett saw good playing time in last week's conference playoffs.



ERIN COORDES -- THE CRUSADER

# Baseball begins; splits week's four games

By Brent Gould  
Staff Writer

Spring is finally here and that means things like spring break, tanning, Easter and of course, baseball. The Crusaders baseball team has been practicing all year and now all their hard work is beginning to pay off. The 'Saders hit the field this weekend with a series of four games to start off their regular season. Friday, the 'Saders took on Central Washington University and came out victorious, 5-4. Junior Christoph Falke, the team's starting pitcher, pitched a solid game.

Later Friday night, the 'Saders faced off against Pacific University. Shabby defense and less than solid hitting, however, plagued the Crusaders all

game long, and the team suffered a 11-4 loss.

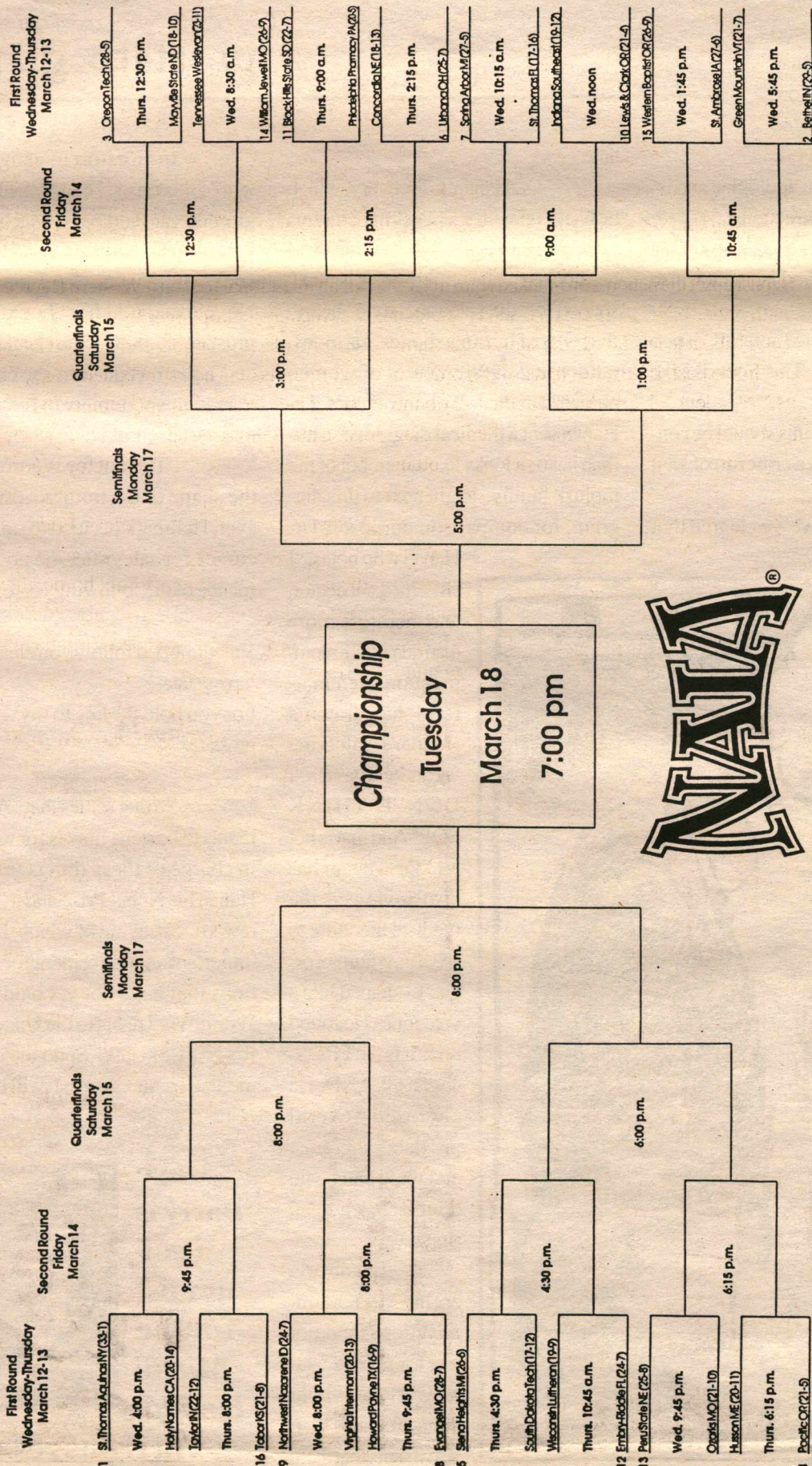
On Saturday, the Crusaders redeemed themselves with a huge 11-5 victory over George Fox. Falke again battled aggressively on the mound on defense, while on offense, the team connected well.

The 'Saders' final game this weekend was against the University of Puget Sound. Unfortunately, it was Friday night against Pacific University all over again. The Crusaders fell in a 14-3 upset, plagued again by uneven execution.

"If we can get on the right track, our defense and hitting will really improve," says Head Coach Brian Muir. "It was good to beat who we did, even though we didn't play very well."

The Crusaders take on Albertson College Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.

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## Dave Barry

## Journalists are people too - with heart-shaped prostates

You can say what you want about us newspaper journalists. You can say that we are atheistic liberal family-hating, snake-worshipping, communist perverts. You can say that we dress like the character Ratso in the 1969 movie "Midnight Cowboy" and apparently have our hair styled by angry wrens. But the one thing you CAN'T say about us is that we don't admit our mistakes.

Yes, we have made some "doozies." Everyone remembers the famous 1948 picture of Harry Truman holding up a copy of *The Chicago Tribune* with a huge front-page headline declaring DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN. But what people DON'T remember is that the very next day, *The Tribune* corrected that error with a front-page headline declaring DEWEY DEFEATS COOLIDGE.

That is the high standard of accuracy to which we hold ourselves. And that is why, today, I want to correct a statement that I made in a recent column about a police officer in a Finnish city called Espoo who invented a harpoon for cars.

In that column, I stated that Finland is also known as "Norway." Shortly thereafter, I received dozens of letters, and do you know what they said? That's right: I may already have won \$10 million!

But I also received a lot of letters, some of them quite angry in tone, stating that Finland is NOT also known as "Norway." A typical statement came from Patty Young, who wrote: "Though Finland and Norway are both within Europe, they are two individual countries." Another writer, Elizabeth Natti, noted that "Finland was the only foreign country that paid off its World War I debt to the United States." She also took issue with my suggestion that the civic motto of Espoo should be "The City that Sounds Like A Person Spitting." She states that "there is no 'Pe' sound in the Finnish alphabet," and therefore "Espoo" is pronounced "Es-BOO."

So I wish to apologize and issue the following corrections:

1. Finland is NOT also known as "Norway." Finland is, in fact, also known as "Sweden."
2. The civic motto of Espoo should be "The City That Sounds Like A Person Barfing."
3. None of this should be construed in any way as a criticism of Neil Diamond.

Now that we've cleared that

up, let's get to the real purpose of this column, which is an alarming medical discovery that was made during Valentine Season by alert reader S. Scott Hanan, M.D., a family practitioner who apparently has (1) access to medical research materials and (2) a lot of spare

are thousands, perhaps millions, of hairy men walking around with the word "Mom" tatoored on a picture of a prostate gland. But the biggest impact has to be on the greeting-card industry, which I imagine will have to recall billions of prostate cards it has sold over the years.

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time.

Dr. Hanan's discovery, which he backs up with six pages of diagrams from medical books, is that -- prepare to be shocked -- the human heart is NOT shaped like the valentine-style "heart" that is used in candy boxes, cartoons, tattoos and the signatures of women named "Brandi." By way of proof, Dr. Hanan sent a medical diagram of a human heart; it looks like a member of the molusk family. Right next to this diagram, for comparison purposes, Dr.

Hanan who notes, "I am a medical doctor, and therefore more than qualified to comment on such matters," has drawn a standard valentine "heart" and written "I DON'T THINK SO!" And that is not all. Dr. Hanan has also reviewed the medical literature to see if any human organ IS shaped like a valentine. He found one: It is the PROSTATEGLAND. He enclosed several prostate diagrams, and there can be no doubt: It's a dead ringer.

This discovery has MAJOR implications, and not just for people who play bridge ("I bid three prostates"). It also means that there

In an effort to gauge the extent of this crisis, I called the Hallmark greeting-card company, which is located in Missouri (also known as "Kansas"). I spoke with spokesperson Allison Novela and told her about the heart/prostate situation. She checked into it, and, a short while later, she called back to read this statement, which I am not making up:

"The doctor is correct about the shape of the human heart. However, Hallmark decided to sacrifice accuracy for sales after the poor performance of the following verse:

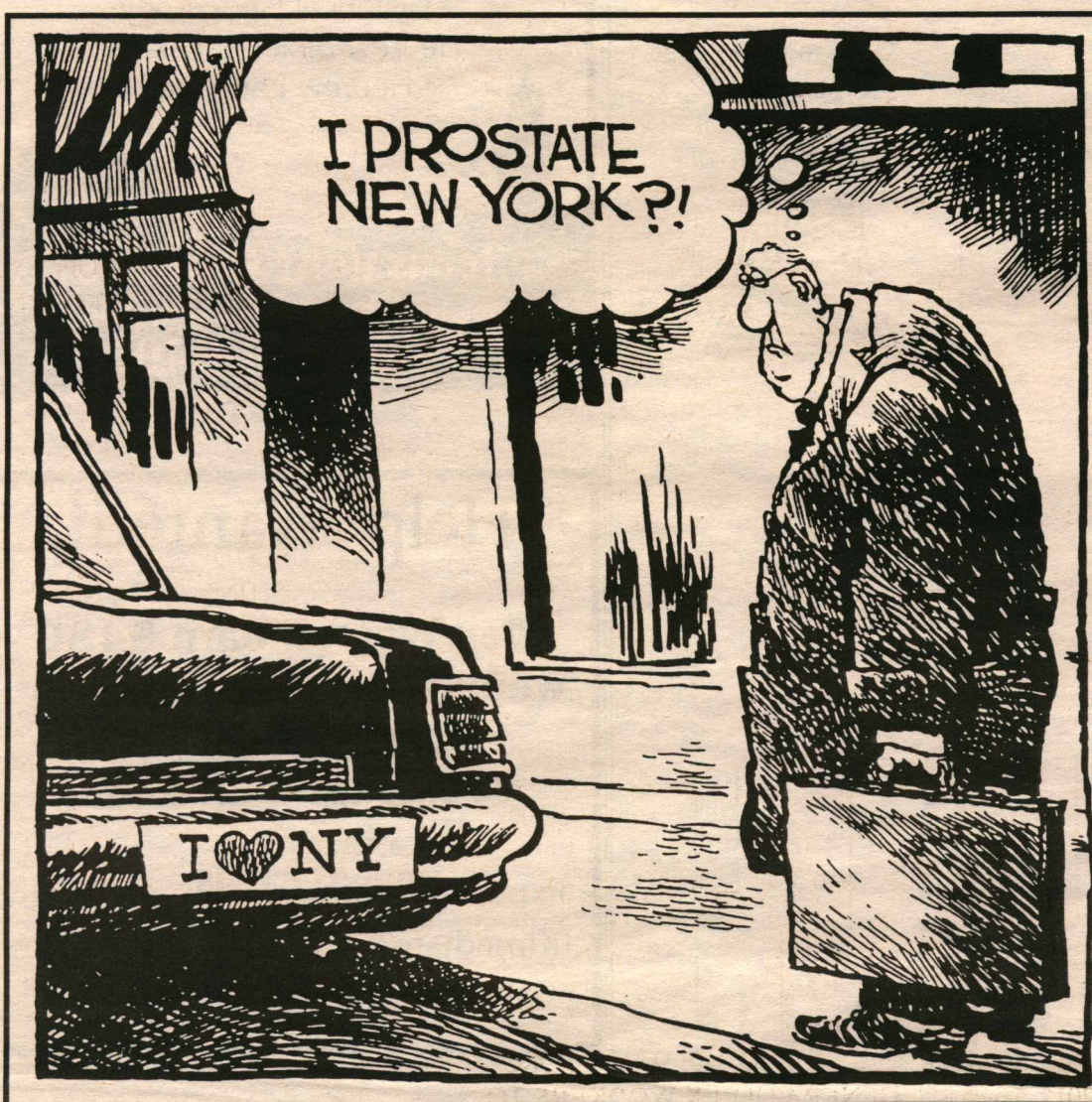
Valentine, I'd follow you clear  
'cross state,  
For you hold the key to my  
prostate."

So that settles that. All that remains to be done now is for whoever is in charge of these things to send Dr. Hanan his Nobel Prize and a large cash reward. Speaking of which, I have this important announcement for those nations that have not yet paid off their World War I debts to the United States: It's NOT too late! Send the money to me, and I assure you that will be the end of it.

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Dave Barry

# Hey, you think they'll let ME fix Social Security?

I've been thinking about how to fix Social Security. Ordinarily, I don't think. Ordinarily, I focus on issues such as how to remove little pieces of pepperoni stuck between my teeth, and I leave government problems to the trained professionals in Washington, D.C. (Motto: "Overlooking the obvious since 1978").

But they are frankly not getting the job done. President Clinton hasn't had time, what with all these pesky scandals, which have forced him to scale down his vision for his second term from "build a bridge to the 21st century" to "settle out of court."

Congress has also been busy, focusing its brainpower on the scandal swirling around House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who was formally accused by members of the House Ethics Committee of reminding them of the Pillsbury Doughboy.

No, sorry, I'm confusing the House Ethics Committee with me. Newt was accused of violating the tax laws. Now you might say in Newt's defense: "But EVERYBODY violates the tax laws. The whole POINT of the U.S. tax system is to be so complicated that no normal human can conform to it, or even think about it for more than ten seconds without bleeding from the forehead. This system enables the Internal Revenue Service to select random taxpayers for audit with 100 percent confidence that they will be guilty of something, even if they live in isolated wilderness areas and measure their annual income in squirrel meat."

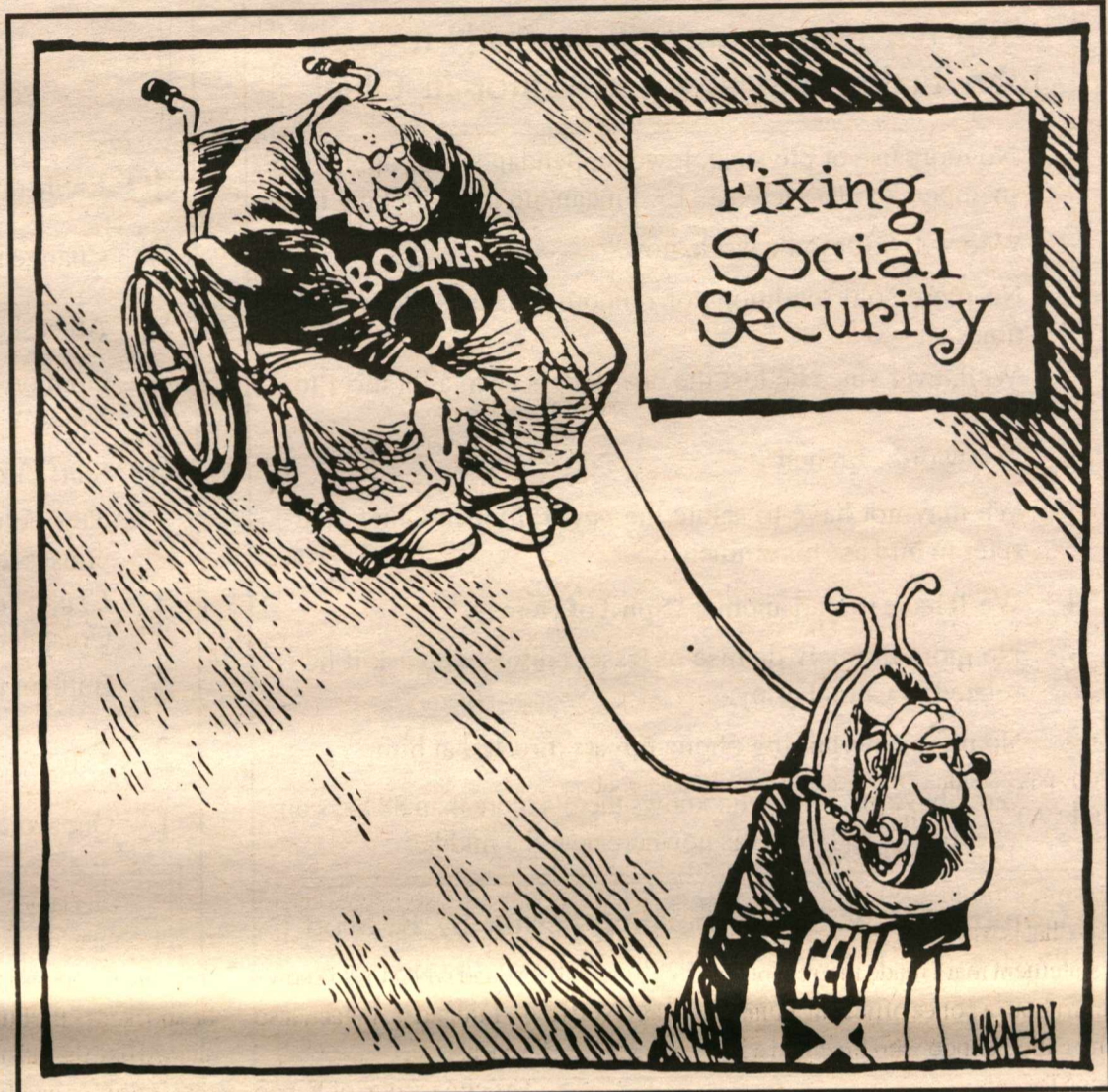
Yes, but Newt is not a "normal human." Newt is a member of Congress, the very organization, if you want to call it that, that PASSES the tax laws, and the

wording they want to in there. I bet that if you actually read the entire vastness of the U.S. tax code, you'd find at least one sex scene ("Yes, yes, YES!" moaned Vanessa as Lance, his taut body moist with moisture, again and again depreciated her adjusted gross rate of annualized fiscal débenture").

My point is that our leaders, what with one thing being another, do not have time for leading, which leaves the Social Security problem up to me.

First, we need to clear up a misconception. Many Americans believe that Social Security works this way: The government takes money out of your paycheck, keeps it for you in a safe place such as a giant federal mattress, then, when you retire, starts giving it back to you. If that's how you think it works, then let me quote the famous French economist Francois Quesnay (1694-1774): "Ding dong, you're wrong."

What actually happens is, the government takes money out of your paycheck and immediately gives it to a retired person (in your particular case,



the first retirement year of the massive Baby Boom generation (defined, technically, as "people who, when you say 'Shirley, Shirley bo-berly,' instantly reply 'Bonana fanna fo-ferly'"). There will be WAY too many of us Baby Boomers collecting benefits and way too few "Generation X" workers to support us unless they are forced to pay ridiculously high tax rates, and Social Security will collapse like a Wal-Mart lawn chair under Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. (Get it? "D-Mass.")

What can we do? One solution would be to reduce Social Security benefits, but this is out of the question, because of the powerful senior-citizen lobby. If any politician dares to even talk about cut-backs, the American Association of Retired Persons notifies the politician's mother, and she immediately flies to Washington, marches into his or her office and twists his or her ear until he or she promises

never to do it again.

So if we can't cut benefits, what can we do? Unfortunately, there is no one easy answer. There are in fact four easy answers:

1. GO AHEAD AND FORCE GENERATION X WORKERS TO

PAY RIDICULOUSLY HIGH TAX RATES. They deserve it, for starting this stupid cigar craze.

2. SET A MANDATORY FIVE-YEAR-MINIMUM PRISON SENTENCE FOR ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF USING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS TO MAKE A PURCHASE FROM THE HOME SHOPPING NETWORK. The minimum sentence could be increased to ten years if the purchase involved a ceramic cat.

3. DO NOT GIVE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS TO PEOPLE WHO SPEND THE EQUIVALENT OF THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT OF CHILE TRYING TO LOOK AS THOUGH THEY'RE TOO YOUNG TO QUALIFY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY. This would be called the "Zsa Zsa" rule.

4. REDUCE THE EXPECTED CRUSH IN THE YEAR 2012 BY ALLOWING BABY BOOMERS TO RETIRE EARLY, GOING IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, STARTING WITH THE LETTER "B."

See you on the shuffleboard court.

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is therefore theoretically supposed to have some idea what they say. Of course, the truth is that the congresspersons are too busy raising campaign money to read the laws they pass. The laws are written by staff tax nerds who can put pretty much any

this person is Mrs. Edwina P. Loogersnapper of Yeasting Springs, Vt.; she says "hi"). This system works fine as long as there are enough younger people working to support the retired people. But there's going to be Big Trouble in the year 2012, which is

# cTop Ten

Top ten reasons we will be "sad" to see John Fraley step down as Editor-in-Chief

10. No more use of physical, lower appendage force applied to members of class teleost. Er, I mean, no more kicking fish.
9. Who will do Jason's work, now?
8. No more solo renditions of random musicals at random times.
7. Well, ever since he lost the beard, he's been a lot nicer to kiss...
6. One word: French.
5. We may not have to salute the new Editor-in-Chief, and refer to him as "his eminence."
4. We'll have to find another "Spirit of Heresy."
3. No more intently demise of lesser editors who ask if he is related to Chris Farley.
2. No more entertaining phone threats directed at him.
1. We'll have an editor who knows there's more than 88 keys on a keyboard, and that C is nowhere near the middle.

Constructed without a building permit by K. Scott Durfee and J. Matthew Isbell. Special thanks to B. Luther Ponsford for numbers seven, six and two.

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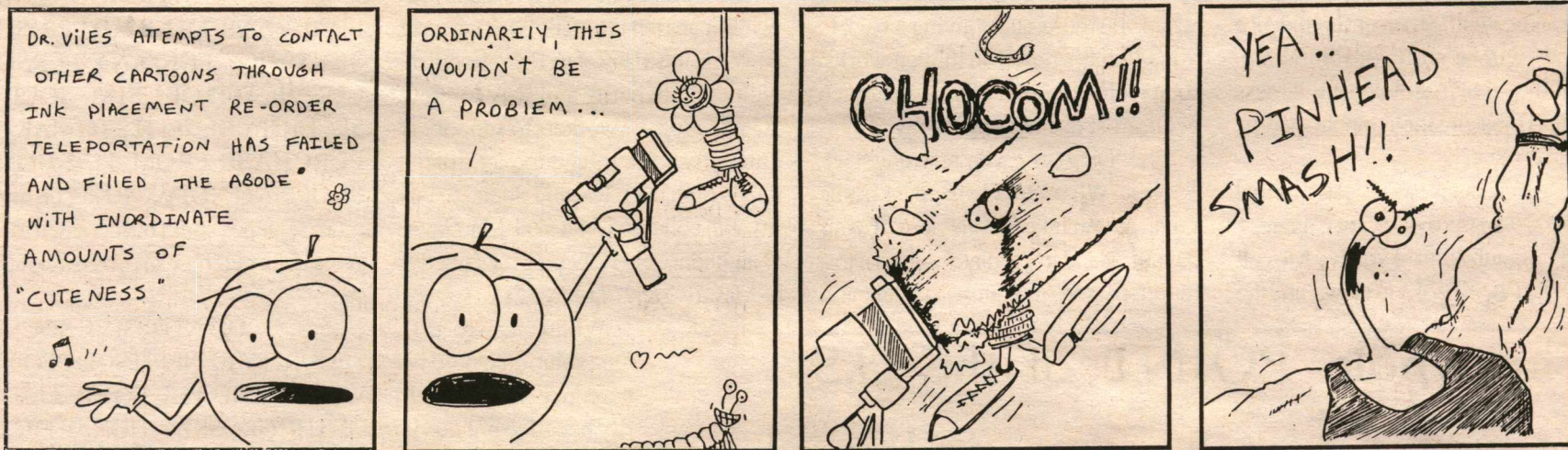
Top Ten changes that the new editor will make to *The Crusader*

10. Entire editorial staff to be replaced with cheerleading squad.
9. Change name from *The Crusader* to *The Jihader*.
8. All basketball stories to feature star redshirt Shanda Elwood.
7. Opinions section to be replaced with "Kevin's Automotive News."
6. Staff Infection replaced with Intestinal Infection.
5. New columns to include "Read all about Andy's endless praises to Tiffany Lande."
4. *Crusader* E-Mail address changed to: Crusader@heresy.nnc.edu
3. Batman to make guest appearance in every issue.
2. Top Ten lists will be funny.
1. One word: Centerfold!

List compiled from the myriads of individuals who are fighting for the thankless job of *Crusader* editor-in-chief

## The Abode

By Garrett Schmelzenbach

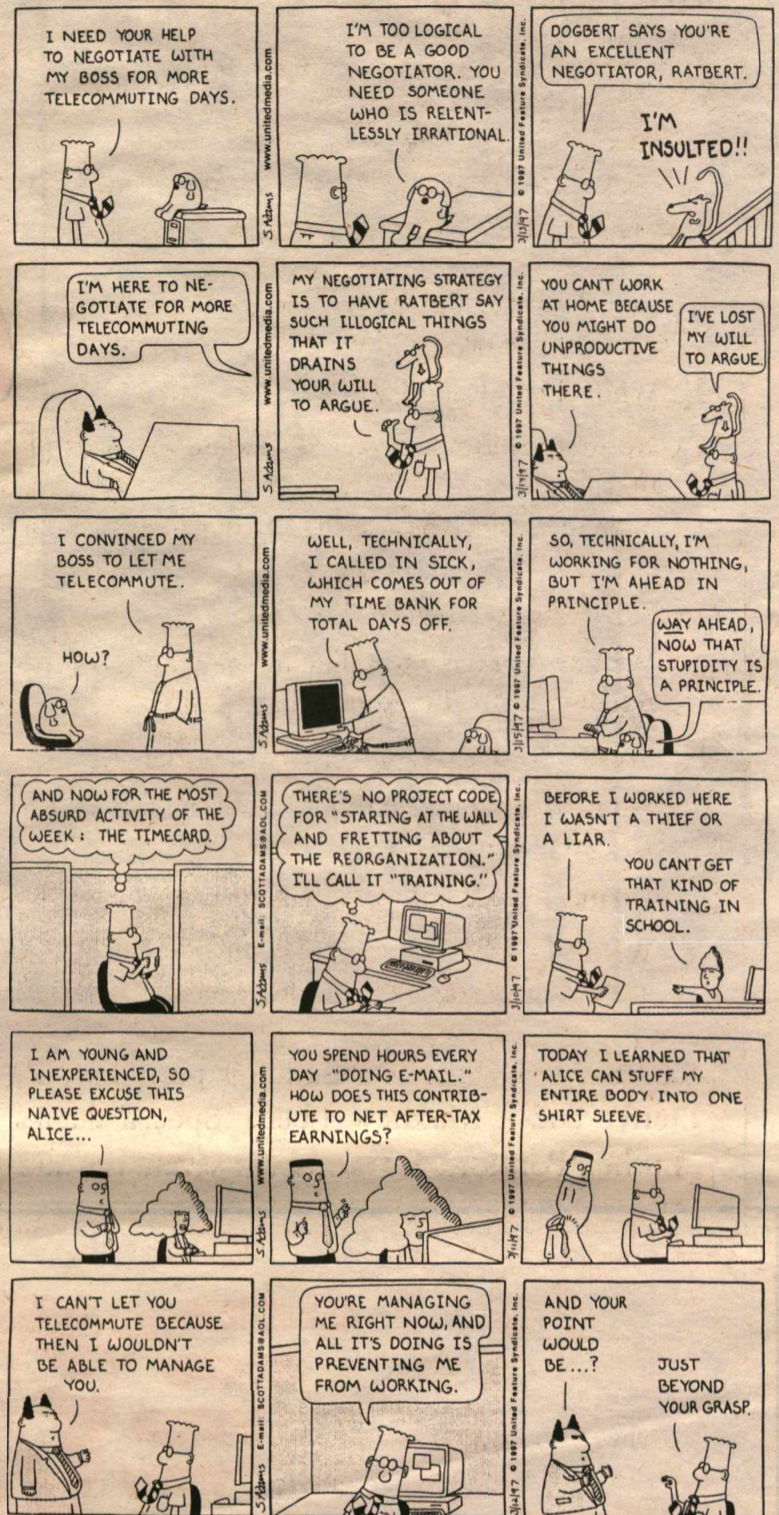
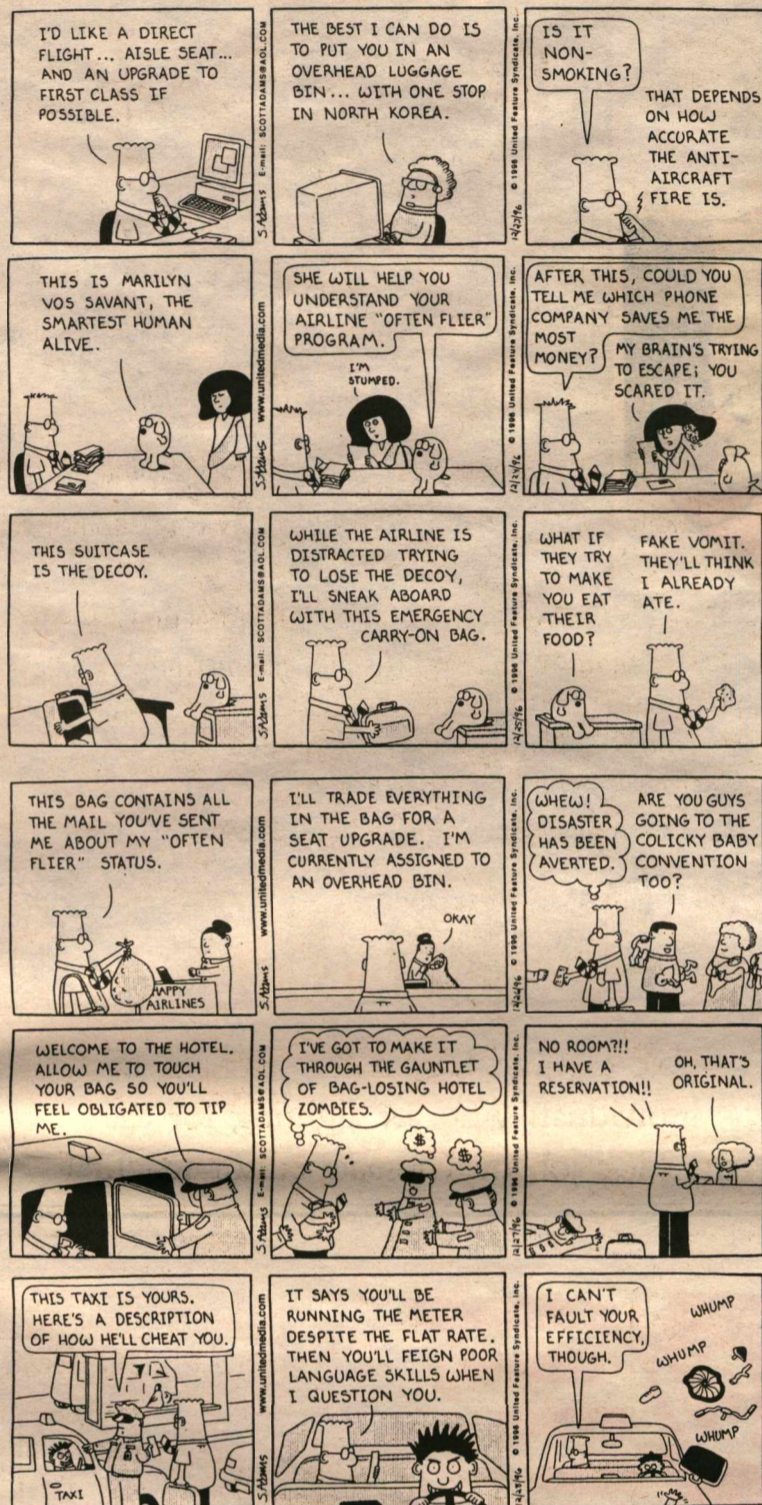


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You can turn Top Tens in to NNC Box C. If you make them funny, they stand a heckuva lot better chance of being printed. Happy listmaking.

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