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**The painful truth about
divorce and NNC students**

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In Campus News

A few things happened this weekend. See page 3 for pics.



In Opinions

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In World



First female pilot dismissed for adultery. See page 10.

Column One

Welcome race fans, to this week's *Crusader*.

We have an issue that deals very much with my least favorite subject in the world: Romance.

We aren't looking at it in that valentines fluffy-bunny happy goo-goo ga-ga sense that we do in February, nor in the it's kinda-cute-but-stupid-everyone's-twitterpated sorta way that I glanced at it a few issues ago, but rather, we took a somber look at some of the ways romance turns dark and often times ugly.

From John's cover piece on divorce, to my column which basically points out some of the more foolish notions that I have observed recently around our campus, to our esteemed and much anticipated Top Ten list, this cover reeks with everything bad about love and dating.

But don't let that discourage you. Rumor has it (but it's just rumor) that dating isn't all that bad. A couple of my friends even claim to like that particular activity (particularly when they get to date the opposite sex). I, personally, wouldn't know, because *Crusader* editors take a vow of dating abstinence just prior to taking office (Hey, it's as good an excuse as anything else).

On a completely different note, the reader might take notice of the fact that we only have half an installment of Dilbert in this issue so that we might bring you a special letter to the editor from Dr. Michael Lodahl.

--J. Matthew Isbell
Editor-in-Chief

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Untying the knot

Divorce: a touchy issue, that's for sure. Touchy because it's personal for many of us and for many of you. As traumatic an experience as divorce is, it deserves attention in an environment such as NNC, in



which countless students get married each and every year. This week's cover story looks at divorce statistics, biblical teachings, and then unveils the truth about divorce among couples formed at this college.

That's where the kicker is. Do lightning-quick NNC matches really last? Our story will tell.

For the stats and the story, please turn to page 8.



FBI agents disciplined for Jewell interrogation

Three FBI agents from the Atlanta field office have been disciplined over their inappropriate questioning of Richard Jewell, the security guard suspected of the Olympic bombing.

Get the full story in "FBI agents reprimanded" on page 10

Worker burned in construction mishap

By Gina Grate
Asst. Campus News Editor

A campus-wide blackout on Tuesday, May 13, startled and frustrated students -- until word swept campus that an employee at the dorm construction site had been critically injured by a massive charge of electricity. According to Jerry Hill, the superintendent of Cherry Lane Construction for the sit, Juan Ramon Reyes, age 22, was hit with approximately 12,000 volts of electricity when the crane he was guiding crashed into a powerline.

"There was an accident and it's under investigation. [Reyes] was holding onto a piece of metal and the boom truck hit a powerline and

Juan Ramon Reyes, age 22, was hit with approximately 12,000 volts of electricity.

the electricity went through the metal to him and into the ground," said Hill. "He was in shock. [The

paramedics] started an IV and had him stable before they took him to the hospital. I think the prayers are probably what saved the boy."

Reyes was flown to the University of Salt Lake City Hospital a few days later, along with one of his aunts.

"I was moving a wire and the electricity came," said Reyes in a long-distance interview from his room at the hospital. He is

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"Nations, like men, are wary of truth, for truth is too often not beautiful."

~Addison Gayle Jr. educator, author 1970

Accident at freshman dorm critically injures worker

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an immigrant from Honduras and can speak only a little English; senior Karen Walker, who is fluent in Spanish, conducted the interview. "The truth is, I remember everything, but right now my head doesn't feel so good and my knees hurt me."

As of Sunday, Reyes was still in the burn ward and had undergone surgery in which skin was removed from his knee and grafted onto his hands and feet, which received third degree burns from the electrical shock. At that time doctors were unsure whether the skin would take.

Cards from students are being collected in Student Development, and are being sent to Reyes' at the University of Salt Lake Hospital.

Sylvester Castanata, a friend of Reyes, said Castanata said that Ramon sustained an injury on his

head above his ear and one on his chest. His left leg, below the knee, also sustained third degree burns. "According to the doctors, the internal organs

and brain are working properly. At first they had the fear he'd lose his left foot, but now the doctor's give a good report and that's not going to happen." Castanata said that Reyes's doctors said that Reyes will remain in the intensive care unit for about two weeks, and then he'll be transported back to Mercy Medical for two more months. "They really are optimistic that he'll be normal."

Reyes' aunt, who has been staying with him, said, "There are times when he cannot talk, not even with me. The pain is very strong." She said that the doctors have been giving him pain medication, but that when

its effectiveness runs out, the pain returns.

According to Reyes' aunt, his doctors say he is recovering well. But she said, "He is very tired of being here. He despairs a lot. I'm always here to be with him. For me it is hard to be here all the time, day and night. I'm the only one who is here. It's hard."

Sylvester Castanata, a friend of Reyes, said that Ramon left Honduras to join his family here in Idaho. "It is customary for Hispanics to support the rest of the

family as best they can and he supports his mother and some of his younger brothers and sisters," said Castanata.

Ramon's wife has remained in Honduras and has been unable to visit him because

she cannot get a green card. Ramon's aunt said his wife does not yet know of her husband's ac-

cident because they are waiting to tell her. "We don't want [his wife or mother] to know about him. Knowing about what happened could

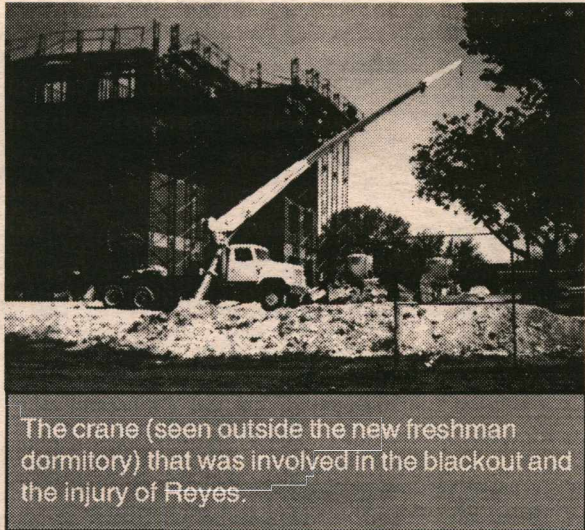
make his mother die of worrying for him. His mother is not in good health."

Ramon's aunt said that she and Ramon were grateful for the flowers they'd received from NNC, and for the prayers of the students and faculty.

Cards from students are being collected in Student Development, and are being sent to his room at the University of Salt Lake Hospital.

Hill said, "Thanks to all the students and faculty for joining [Cherry Lane] in prayers and it's a result of that that he's looking for a full recovery."

"Thanks to student and faculty prayers he's looking for a full recovery" ~ Dr. Hills



The crane (seen outside the new freshman dormitory) that was involved in the blackout and the injury of Reyes.

NNC Notepad

In Senate this week...

President Field has been brainstorming about moving the ASNNC offices downstairs in the student center to allow for greater visibility and availability. Plans to move the Student Center Lounge and the Game Room into Wordsworth Dining Room and redecorating Fireside INN are also in the brainstorming stages. Ideas were confirmed and supported by the ASNNC committee sign-ups started

Monday, May 19th. They can be found on the class window by the ATM in the student center.

Covenant and Rejoice will be leading Time Out this week which will be held in the Science Lecture Hall. Malibu is coming up next Friday and Saturday, May 30th and 31st.

The Student Teacher Appreciation Banquet will be held May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in Wordsworth Dining Room. Also the evening of the 22nd is the Combined Choral Concert at 8:00 p.m. in the Science Lecture Hall

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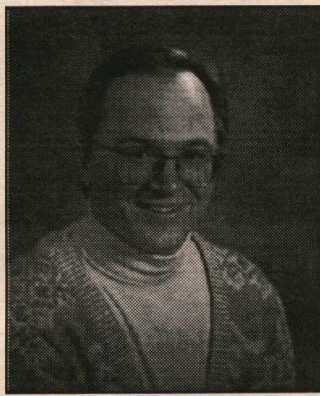
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Dr. Mike Lodahl selected 1997 Prof. of the Year

By Shannon Adams
Campus Editor

Dr. Michael Lodahl was announced as NNC's Professor of the Year for the 1996-97 school year. Lodahl has been teaching at NNC since the late 1980's and graduated from NNC during the late 70's.

For those who have had Dr. Lodahl, the announcement comes as no surprise. A caring and sensitive Professor Dr.



Lodahl is exceptionally personable making any class he teaches enjoyable.

Lodahl, who graduated with a degree in Religion and Philosophy, claims to be a "weird combination" of the Professors he had in the religion department during his years here as a student.

Outside of the NNC arena Lodahl is the Pastor for the Franklin Community Church. He has also written a book entitled The Story of God. His thought provoking approach to his classes

and his devotion to Jesus Christ reverberate in all that he does both at the college and in the community.

Sue Bankston chosen as Staff member of the term

By Shannon Adams
Campus Editor

Sue Bankston, loyal member of the NNC staff and faculty since the 1980's was selected as the staff/faculty member of the term this last week.

Bankston works upstairs in Student Development where, as Chris Field said, "[Sue is the] office head honcho, she bosses Ken, Carey, and Karen around. She's the real brains up here." Meaning no true slight to Dr. Ken Hills, Carey Cook and Karen Pearson, Karen does know what she's doing, and well she should after

eleven years of service. "I feel very priveledged and loved for being given this honor." Bankston said.

Any student who has visited the offices of Student Development has talked with Bankston. Her sincere concern for the students and her ability to convey that makes her an enjoyable person to work with, though Bankston claims that, "this [Student Development] is a great place to work. It's a fun place to work." Some might have said that Bankston is a necessary ingredient to making Student Development a great place to work or visit.



What's going on around campus, a camera's view



Globe players (Chris Wiers, Brian Westcott, Elena Roybal and Cori Severson) finished a local tour at Canyon Hill this past Sunday.



A small portion of the more than 45 business majors that attended the annual business department barbecue enjoy a hay ride at the home of Dr. Karen Vehlow.



Three Northwesters guys (Andrew Diehl, John Fraley and Jesse Rench) enjoy a '68 Firebird while on their choir tour of Denver, Colorado.



The Northwesters unpack their luggage from a rental van at Loveland Nazarene Church.

Justify your job: Ken Watson

Assistant to the President explains his job

By Helen Warriner
Staff Writer

For Ken Watson, research didn't end when he graduated from college. It didn't end when he finished graduate school. And it didn't end when he became Assistant to the President at NNC.

"The assistant to the president job certainly differs depending on the president and the school," Watson said. Here at NNC he is helping to develop an institutional research program.

The program's intent, Watson said, is to continually measure and assess the college's programs, faculty, academics, administration and students. Watson is currently working with freshman and senior students and surveying them about their NNC experiences.

"The more you look at yourself, the more you can believe you're going the right way," Watson said. Institutional research can help develop a more successful college program. It also allows other research teams, such as the accreditation team, do their job more completely. Watson has two important goals for his position in the coming year. First, he sees a fundamental need to let the NNC community know about institutional research and what it can do for the individual. Once people understand the importance of an internal research program, he'd like to cre-

ate small assessment groups. These would allow students, faculty and administration to look closely at the workings of the college.

Watson is also involved in the way NNC relates to the national educational community.

"I am constantly trying to facilitate responses to United States surveys," he said. "These kinds of surveys measure the success of the national education programs."

The surveys provided by students can be used to compare with schools across the nation, according to Watson.

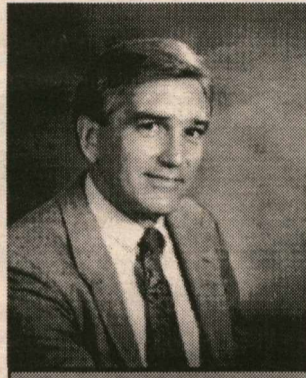
"If the national education association can't determine how they're doing, it certainly doesn't improve U.S. education.

Institutional research information helps create better national education programs," Watson said.

Surveys and research also allow him to help determine how NNC compares and relates to other smaller, four-year, denominational schools.

Watson attended and graduated from NNC with a degree in chemistry and concentrated on bio-chemistry and viruses in graduate school. He taught at the University of Montana for ten years and worked in virus research as well. He came back to NNC through Dr. Hagood.

Watson has been the past advisor of the Circle K club and has organized the United Way fund drive on campus.



Kenneth Watson

Spring RUSH with NNHA

Nampa Neighborhood Housing Association

By Shannon Adams
Campus Editor

On May 10th, around 45 NNC students attended the annual Spring RUSH. This year's RUSH, headed up, as usual, by Community Relations Coordinator Erika McCray, was directed through The Nampa Neighborhood Housing Association.

The 45 students met together at 9:00 a.m., the morning after RAD. The participants met with Martha Stevens, the contact person with the Housing Association, who then divided the students into seven groups and sent them to their sites.

Two of the groups went to parks, where they painted playground equipment. Junior Sarah Tucker, who helped to paint playground equipment commented, "While we were helping to improve the community by painting the playground equipment, we were able to interact and play with the children in the area."

The cemetery and the city streets were the sites for two more groups. Here students were asked to either paint the arches in the cemetery or, for the other group, to fix the sprinklers.

Sophomore Laura Rodgers was with the group that worked on the Nampa/Caldwell Boulevard. There they changed sprinkler heads, making

sure they were straight, and dug up the dirt around them to make sure the dirt would not prevent the sprinklers from working. Rodgers said they also got to drive some of the equipment, "It was a little red four-wheeler they used to carry their equipment in and we were using it to dump the dirt. When we were done we got to drive them back to where the rest of the group was."

"You're working with the community in the community." ~ Erika McCray

Individual houses then served as sites for the other three groups. These groups helped to clean up yards and work on whatever the owners needed done.

Working through the Housing Association made McCray's job much easier.

"It was tons easier for me just because I didn't have to go out to all the sites, because Nampa Neighborhood housing found all the sites and dispersed us accordingly. Much of the confusion was avoided." McCray went on to say that Spring RUSH was more difficult to plan because of the smaller number of people who showed up. The kind of work that is done first term, working at the homes of senior citizens, requires greater numbers than attend Spring RUSH.

The possibility of working with the Housing Association again is certainly there, but McCray explained that this decision will be up to next year's Community Relations Coordinator. But, as McCray stated, "It's a great ministry, you're working with the community in the community."

NNCalendar

May 20 - 31	20 3:30p Faculty Meeting	21 10:15a CHAPEL 8:00p RA/PA/PC/MP Spring Training 9:00p Time Out	22 4:00p Housing Applications due @ Student Development Pre-registration ends Combined choral concert	23 9:00a Sr grades due 10:15a Chapel Last day to drop classes	Weekend 24-25 8:00p ASNNC Coffee House Junior/Senior Retreat
	26 10:15a Chapel Memorial Day	27 8:00p Student Recital- AD aud	28 10:15a Chapel Seniors: meet with Dean 11:00a CO and DO room drawing 6:00p RA/PA appreciation 9:00p Time Out	29 10:15a CU and SU Room Drawing-SCCR 8:00p Concert Band	30 ASNNC MALIBU Weekend

Looking Ahead in May:

May 21nd-23rd:
District Assembly at College Church

May 22nd:
Pre-Registration closes
Combined Choral Concert - SLH

June 1st:
Reunion Zero

REVIEWS

Fathers here, fathers there, there's fathers everywhere

One would tend to think that a movie starring comedy masters-kings-gurus-demigods Billy Crystal and Robin Williams could not help but plunge its audiences into uncontrollable, everlasting, eye-moistening laughter.

And yet, *Fathers' Day* didn't measure up to those expectations. Now maybe that's because my expectations were too high. Or maybe it's because I'm spoiled on a weekly basis by the highly hilarious Poorly Drawn Man and The Abode. But fact is, I didn't experience the level of comedy I expected.

It's not because Crystal and Williams choked--no, they were good. But they weren't good enough to rescue an inferior plot.

When watching *Fathers' Day*, the first step one is forced to take is a lateral one; the premise demands that the viewer sidestep sticky moral questions. When Scott, the 16-year-old son of a wealthy couple, runs away from home with a girlfriend of uncertain virtue, his mother calls upon two of her ex-lovers to search for him. How does she talk them into performing such a service? She convinces each one, separately of course, that he is the kid's real father.

Coincidentally, the two neo-investigators bump into each other as their identical quests begin. Soon enough, they figure out they've been fed the same story by their former

flame. She weasels out by asserting she's not sure who the real father is. Hmm. I dare not say two-timer...

The film also lacks any semblance whatsoever of a subplot, or anything which would have allowed the viewer to breathe. Scott's real father's adventure is too short, and besides, it's contrived.

It seems, however, that the main problem with *Fathers' Day* is not one of a moral nature, or of vulgarity, or of too many plot holes, but simply that it fails to pull the right strings. The slapstick is only occasionally laugh-inducing. Also, the movie lacks that one memorable scene, that one part of the

film you can't tell your friends about without snorting Jello through your nose.

Williams' character does have his moments, like in the scene where he practices what he'll say to Scott if he ever finds him. Meanwhile, Crystal seems frustrated by the script, which never really serves his character all that well.

As it is, I remember having a good time, but not a great one. The movie's cute, but not knee-slappin', pants-peein' stinkin' hilarious. If what your daily needs include a few chuckles, *Fathers' Day* will satisfy that need. Just don't expect to be rolling in the aisles.

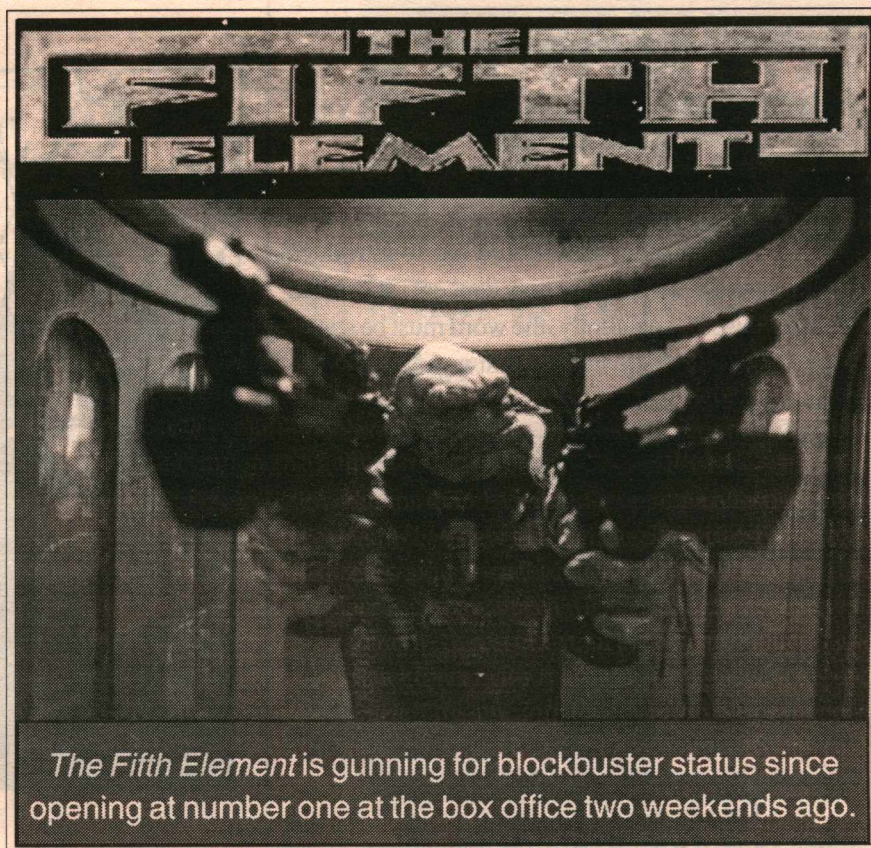
(Rated PG-13, mostly for strong language.)

Fathers' Day

Starring Billy Crystal and Robin Williams

Reviewed by John Fraley

Crusader Rating



The Fifth Element is gunning for blockbuster status since opening at number one at the box office two weekends ago.

Bruce saves the world - with love?

Look out! The opening movie of the prestigious Cannes Film Festival has come your way: get ready for *Beavis and Butthead Do...* No, seriously, it's like *ID4* revisited, only this time with good humor, real actors and a touch of chic from French director Luc Besson: it's *The Fifth Element*.

The year is 2231, and once again, aliens have decided to mess up the world while an indescribable, indestructible evil lurks on the frontier of the galaxy. Bruce Willis plays a NYC cab driver named Korben Dallas who happens to "pick up" a perfectly charming Leeloo, portrayed by Milla Jovovich. She pretty much lands in Willis' lap, launching a "car" chase in the crowded "streets" of Manhattan.

Anyway, Dallas takes his find to a priest who knows Leeloo's identity and who volunteers to take care of her. Then the real action takes off, but I'll let you find out the rest on your own.

I'll just add is that to defeat the evil presence and its minions, five elements must be gathered in a remote temple. These elements include, of course, earth, wind, fire, water, and a special fifth one, which just happens to involve the lucky Dallas and willing Leeloo, but I don't want to give the movie away...

All right! Bruce Willis is called upon to save the world, again, but you really do have fun watching him do his job this time. He happens to be a re-

tired Air Force commando member, so he has a good excuse for easily eliminating aliens a la Galaga.

Willis' one-liners are wittier than ever, and it doesn't hurt that he's flanked by the DJ of the future, Ruby Rhod (Chris Tucker). This guy's costumes are eccentric, to say the least; let's just call him "the artist formerly known as Prince" with humor.

Meanwhile, Gary Oldman is more than adequate in his role as the servant of (euphemism warning!) Darkness. His Texan drawl is worth a few chuckles.

The film's violence is seldom (if ever at all) graphic: your first reaction isn't "Yeah! Pump his guts full of phaser shots!!" Sex-wise, one scene could have been

omitted, but it's not utterly shocking. You know what's going on, although you don't actually see it.

The music is exceptional: Eric Serra's original soundtrack with its pumping rhythms is, well, original.

You'll want to catch this one in the theater, though, because it won't thrill through TV sets. Even though the movie doesn't depend on special effects (which is a first for movies of this type), you'll want to catch some scenes on the big screen -- such as the NYC chase. The effects are so authentic-looking that you forget they're not real.

--Matthew Fraley is a junior in high school and lives in Montpellier, France.

The Fifth Element

Starring Bruce Willis, Milla Jovovich and Gary Oldman

Reviewed by Matthew Fraley

Crusader Rating



CRUSADER REVIEWS

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

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Partial-birth abortions go on, thanks to the GOP

The Crusader staff would like to introduce Congress to a revolutionary new concept. It's called "compromise." Apparently, the word must be something of an obscenity inside the Beltway. The Republican-controlled Senate voted down a Democrat-favored bill that would ban partial-birth abortions, except when the mother's life is in grave danger. If this bill had been passed, President Clinton would have signed it, and these last-minute, highly controversial abortions would have been federally outlawed.

However, Senate Republicans wanted to ban partial abortions in all cases, and thus passed instead a corresponding bill -- one that Clinton has promised to veto. The supporters of this bill lack the two-thirds majority vote needed to override this veto.

The Democrats presented the perfect compromise bill. If it had passed, the Republicans could have declared victory because partial-birth abortions had been banned in the vast majority of cases. The Democrats could have declared victory because the mother's life would be taken into consideration.

Instead, Republicans have insured that partial-birth abortions will be legal for another year. Who wins now?

Staff Infection

What kind of sports article do you need? ... Define Sports!!! ... How about the sport of chasing women? ... That's so hard it should be an Olympic event. ... You know how NNC sends out travel groups to Nazarene churches? Where does Albertson College send travel groups to? ... Hmmmmm? It's your store! ... Does an 11-3 loss qualify as a masochistic pounding? ... Isn't that a scene from Star Wars? ... No, that's offstage somewhere ... I can't believe you can lift that couch so easily ... It only weighs 20 pounds ... But Stillman's sitting on it ... Yeah, but he only weighs ten pounds ... Dennis Rodman got a technical? In a playoff game? Huh? ... Have you seen those bumper stickers that say "Vote Kevorkian for White House Surgeon"? ... Where's my red pen? ... I think it got sacrificed, but don't complain. The printer works now ... it's 3:45 ... I'm sure that should ring big liberty bells in my head ... How come they played game six before games four and five? ... Your english teacher was a grand dragon? ... no grand Marshall. ... the p key on my keyboard isn't working. That causes problems when you type play

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**Smaller government is the answer**

David Stillman

As our country becomes increasingly complex, it is getting harder and harder to create bills that work in all parts of the country

I was talking to Perla Aragon a while back about the welfare bill that Congress passed last year. She didn't like the bill, which kicks people off welfare in two years if they can't find a job, because, in Los Angeles, people on welfare usually can't get jobs at all. I liked it, because in Northern Idaho, there are jobs that people on welfare could take, if they wanted them.

This issue has been the source of much debate, but many people overlook a very important point. That point is that we are both right. I am right that the bill is good for the part of the United States where I live, and she is right that the bill is bad for the part of the U.S. where she lives. Thus, we are left with a piece of legislation that is good for one part of the country, and bad for another.

As our country becomes increasingly complex, it is getting harder and harder to create bills that work in all parts of the country. The United States has 250,000,000 people. These people live in both urban and rural areas. They live in suburbs and the inner cities. Each of these areas has different needs, and we are fooling ourselves if we think that one blanket solution will fix a given problem in all these areas.

The founding fathers had the right idea when they amended the Constitution to read that all powers not explicitly given to the federal government should be given to the states. They realized that the federal gov. doesn't have the flexibility to deal with complex problems.

There is really only one

solution to this problem. The Federal Government needs to give more power to the states, who in turn need to give more power to the counties, who need to give more power to the cities, and so on. Power needs to be moved away from Congress and be handed down this chain.

It has often been said that money is power, and in this case it is basically true. As long as Congress has control over the welfare money, it has the power. Congress has been transferring this power by giving states block grants, which give the states leeway to come up with their own solutions.

However, these block grants often don't give the states as much money as they received before, and the states are expected to pick up the slack. Congress then takes this extra money and spends it on something else. Congress is doing the right thing in shifting power in the welfare system to the states, but they aren't giving the

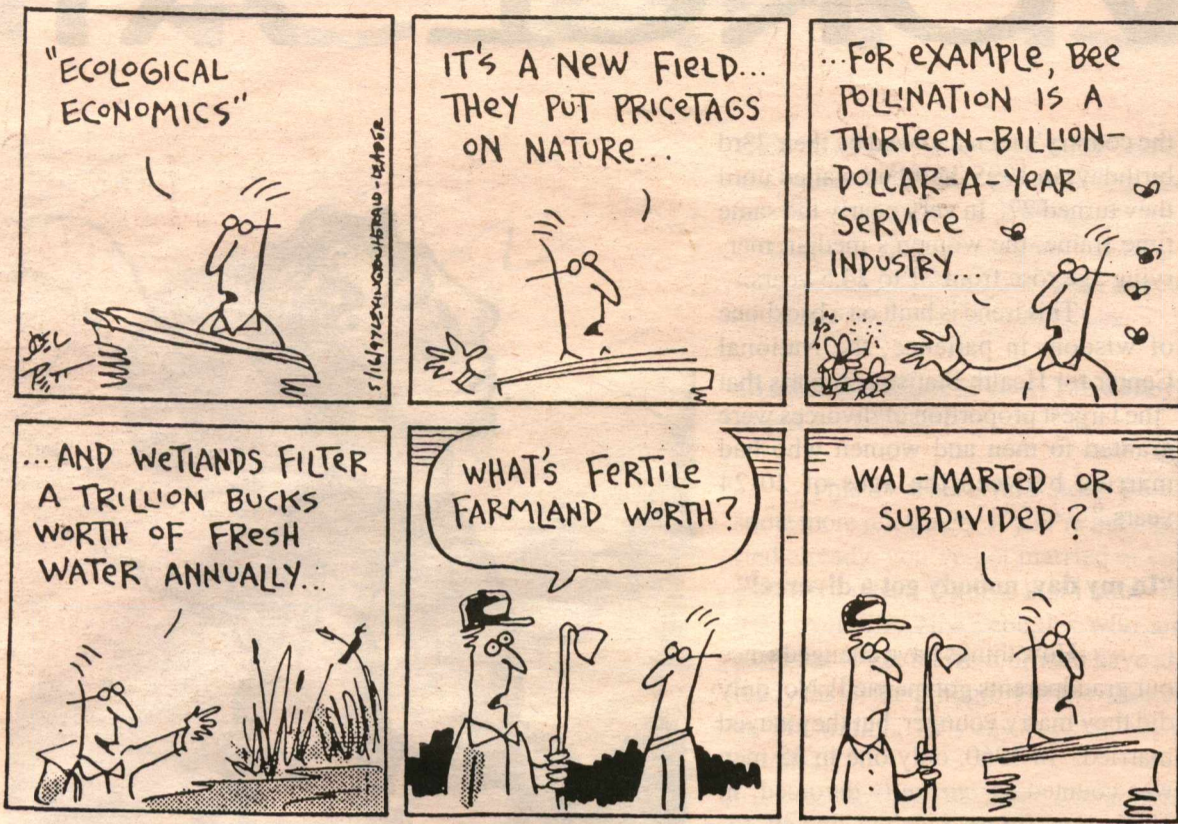
states the money they need to work with. In addition, Congress has the ability to force the states to kick welfare recipients off welfare in two years, whether the states want to or not. While I agree with the welfare bill, I do not think Congress should have the power to enforce a single solution to a very complex problem.

I think that states should have complete control over their programs, and the only real way to give the states that power is to take the welfare money away from the federal government and give it to the states.

Congress could do this by completely giving over the welfare system to the states, and putting that extra money into tax cuts. The states could then raise their taxes to compensate. The American taxpayer would end up paying the same amount of money that he always has, but more of the money would be going to the state government, instead of the federal government.

This would mean that the states no longer have to depend on Congress for money, they are truly free to pursue innovative solutions to the welfare problem on their own. They can tailor-make their program to work in their state, without the federal government lord-ing over them with unnecessary regulations that may or may not work.

~David Stillman is
The Crusader's very tired
Opinions editor



Relationships, Jack, Jill, and love

Ah, romance!

Our fair college abounds with romantic stories, persons falling in love on the first date (or before), men striving with all their might to win the heart of that young female whom they appreciate so greatly, women yearning (and dropping hints) to those burly young men that they so adore.

And then there are the not-so-romantic stories. For instance: late last week, a young lady came to me with a rather distressing story. To protect the identities of the innocent, I shall of course use fake names, let's say Jack and Jill.

Jack and Jill have been dating for a while, and things are going pretty smoothly, mutual attraction and all that, when suddenly, and without warning, a problem falls into their midst.

Jack's friends, being good friends, are concerned about his love life (most likely since they lack love lives of their own), and so encourage Jack to, how shall we say, advance the physical side of the relationship. (Get your mind out of the gutter, I'm talking about KISS-ING!)

So, Jack is nervous, under pressure, he should be watching submarines with Jill up at Lake Lowell, but instead they're just hanging out and enjoying each other's company (egad!).

Well, Jack tells Jill the source of his nervousness and so, in conclusion, they tell everyone that they've broken up, JUST SO THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO HAVE JACK'S FRIENDS CONTINUALLY PUT PRESSURE ON HIM TO MAKE OUT!

J. Matthew Isbell

I just think that that is just incredibly dumb. I mean, like the pressure around here isn't heavy enough just to be dating, but to have pressure on the sexual side is just going way, way over the line.

Moral of the story: lighten up, gents, get lives of your own and leave your friends' love life development up to the couple in question.

Okay, now that we've es-

I'm concerned with the NNC mentality (on both sides of the gender fence) to get into "quicky," conventient relationships.

Established that all men are jerks, let's move on to story numero dos, wherein all men are not jerks, and women really need to remember that.

Believe it or not, most guys are really cool. Even the ones that "like" (the most worthlessly pointless, meaningless word in the English language) you.

To sum up my feelings and beliefs in this particular area, there are two things that one needs to remember in odd (possibly one-way) romantic relationships: com-

munication and perception. The first one we've all heard before, talk, talk, talk. Odds are good that explanations (simple, clear, guys are dumb (but not jerks) communication) will clear up a lot of murky water.

Enough of that, we've all heard the lecture at least 2.5 million times.

Perception is very different matter. Remember that not everything that is perceived as a come on or a scam, is. A phone call might just be a phone call, an invitation might just be an invitation. What am I trying to say? I'm not sure. I do know that I'm concerned with the NNC mentality (on both sides of the gender fence) to get into "quicky," convenient relationships. Everyone who is seen together is dating, if a guy says "hello" to a girl too often (define that however you want), he is obviously madly in love with her, and a guy who doesn't make out on the second date is verbally abused by his "friends."

I guess what I'm trying to say, to everyone, is lighten up romantically. I'm not saying we shouldn't take serious romance seriously, I'm saying that there is a reason that there is serious romance and non-serious romance. Perhaps in our desire to have good, successful relationships, we overlook the fact that not all male-female interaction has to be a long-term relationship.

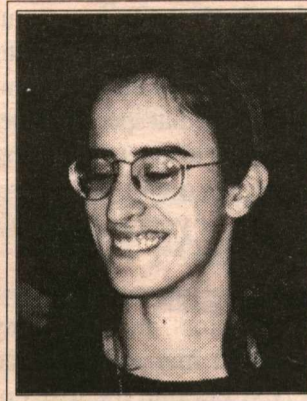
Do me a favor and write letters to this little diatribe so that we can all understand all this a little bit better.

~J. Matthew Isbell is the managing editor of the Crusader

Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues

What is your favorite color and why?



Julie Weymouth

Senior

English Lit.

Caldwell, ID

"I like Midnight Blue. It's dark and soft. It goes good with pure white, which I really like too."



Adrian Van

Hooser

Senior

Business Admin.

Nampa, ID

"Yellow, because it helps me identify with my true self."



Brian Stillman

Senior

Computer Science

Nezperce, ID

"John Deere Green, because it reminds me of tractors back home. Someday, I'm going to paint my pickup that color, with yellow stripes down the sides"



Leah Boyle

Music Ed.

Sophomore

Prosser, WA

"Black, because it signifies drama and music."

IS DIVORCE AT N

By John Fraley
Staff Writer

NNC has earned -- deservedly, one might safely add -- a reputation as a matchmaking school. Activities are designed to hook up as many students as possible: not only have you got Twixes and Wing Dings, but you also know about the immeasurable peer pressure to find that special someone. As a rule, freshmen *expect* to meet their mates at this school. If your parents didn't meet here, then your aunt and uncle did, or your roommate's parents did... or, heck, you did.

Consequently, gobs of recent graduates, scores of seniors, heaps of juniors, and an healthy portion of underclassmen get married each and every year. Countless NNCers find the loves of their lives, pledge everlasting love to their spouse, graduate, head off into the real world, and then...

The fact remains that over half the marriages performed in 1997 will be dissolved at one point or another. 92 percent of people dating today will break up. Of the 8 percent who do marry, 53 percent of those will divorce.

...they get divorced?

Huh? Wait up. Wasn't the blessed union exactly that -- blessed? Didn't a minister implore God to personally stamp his approval on the marriage? Didn't the newlyweds confidently assert they were following God's will? Weren't they *meant for each other*? Weren't they *in love*?

What happened?

Something happened -- a something that wrecks over half the marriages in this country. The big "d word" happened.

After this story lists off divorce statistics that span a few generations and an ocean, then examines what Scripture has to say about divorce, it'll take a closer look at NNC's divorce history.

National stats: not much fun to read

They really aren't that conducive to optimism. Despite indications that divorce rates are on a slight downturn (see table 1), the fact remains that over half the marriages performed in 1997 will be dissolved at one point or another.

The Successful Singles web page reports that "92 percent of people dating today will break up. Of the 8 percent that do marry, 53 percent of those will divorce."

It's worth mentioning, then, on a regional note, that the Northwest states' divorce rate is particularly high. Idaho sported the 7th highest incidence of divorce for 1994, while Oregon ranked 13th, Alaska came in 14th, Washington took 16th and Colorado finished 18th.

In light of their parents' apparent failure to preserve their marriages, Generation Xers who don't go to NNC appear to have decided not to rush into things. Table 2 shows that in the last twenty years, the median marrying age for males and females has risen drastically. In 1974, half

the country's men had wed by their 23rd birthday; in 1995, half had waited until they turned 27. In very nearly the same time frame, the women's median marrying age rose from 21 to 24.5 years.

This trend is built on a backbone of wisdom in patience; the National Center for Health Statistics reports that "the largest proportion of divorces were granted to men and women who had married between the ages of 20-24 years."

"In my day, nobody got a divorce!"

How things have changed since our grandparents got married! Not only did they marry younger, but they stayed married. In 1960, only one in 55 men was counted as *currently* divorced; in 1995, that figure reached one in 13. Likewise, in 1960 merely one in 37 females was unmarried and divorced; in 1995 it's one in ten. Table 3 (page 9) explains more generational differences.

Incidentally, the Bible says...

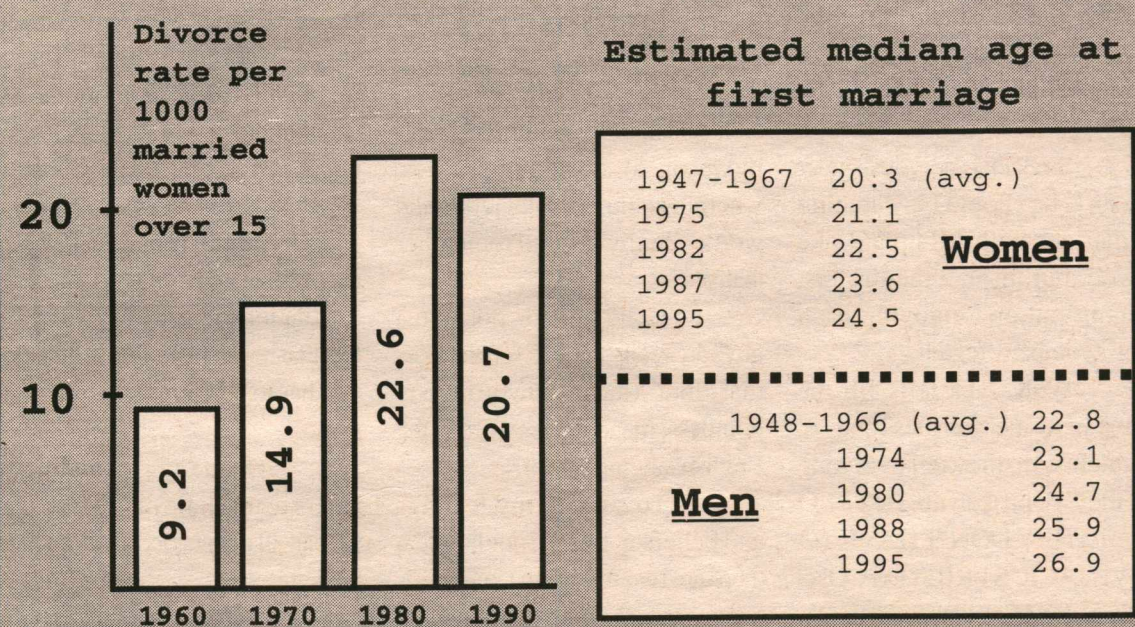
The Gospels record only two instances in which Jesus addresses the moral question of divorce, but the shortage of passages means the message is unmistakable. Matthew 19:3-9 is a restatement of the earlier verses (Matt. 5:31-32), the highlights of which are as follows: "what God has joined together, let man not separate... Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery." You can read the whole thing at your leisure, because the point is made. Save for infidelity, Jesus appears to emphasize that marriage is sacred and indissoluble.

For many years, the Church of the Nazarene, like many other denominations at the time, refused new membership to divorcees, unless these had experienced salvation since divorcing.

That has changed, of course, as



Tables 1-2: rise and fall; marrying later



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churches these days stress forgiveness, not condemnation. Considering the number of persons a doctrine of condemnation would alienate, perhaps mercy is actually a slightly wiser course of action for Christian institutions.

Graduation from NNC: is the honeymoon over, baby?

This is where this story gains some more relevance. If you're not married already, you've got married or engaged friends. I'll guess that I know of well over fifty NNC couples who are planning to get married or who have already taken the plunge. For the sake of an illustration, let's say it's, oh, sixty couples.

If the national stats I found hold up, thirty-two of those marriages, involving best friends of mine, acquaintances, and people I only know by name, will end in divorce. Ouch.

However, I know that stats will not hold up. Don't breathe that sigh of relief quite yet: I'm about to *worsen* the scenario, not better it. Remember that marriages involving one partner between the ages of 20 and 24 (especially when both are white, according to the NCHS) are more likely to fail than marriages involving persons in the late twenties and thirties. The figure now probably jumps to thirty-five or more of the sixty.

But then I'm encouraged by the fact that persons of similar religious convictions are more likely to remain together. Despite rampant rumors that NNC alumni are as prone to divorce as their secular counterparts, the 1987 and 1997 Alumni Surveys speak otherwise.

These surveys proclaim that a mere 6.12 percent of 1987 alumni are divorced. More strikingly low numbers are in table 4 below.

However, the sky isn't that blue: my sixty-couple scenario is subject to one more twist. The perspective that eyewitnesses have to offer. As I spoke with many NNC faculty and administrators, I discovered that the rosy pic-

ture the Alumni Survey paints is somewhat illusory.

Older community members, those whose college years fell in the fifties, estimate that anywhere between 20 and 35 percent of their NNC acquaintances and friend had been divorced.

Profs who attended college in the sixties admitted to higher figures, but not by much. One faculty member placed a guess at 25 percent, while another believes that nearly half the couples in her memory are separated or divorced.

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~Jesus Christ

(Matthew 19:8-9, NIV)

Discrepancies arose in the group who studied here in the seventies. One interviewee claimed that at least 75 percent of his college friends were still together, while another from the same decade cited a 70 percent divorce figure.

In any case, the point of this whirlwind local alumni investigation ends up being that you can't necessarily trust the official Alumni Survey, nor can you put all your stock in what faculty members say.

So what's the moral of this story? It's not "Don't get married! And if you are, start to get scared NOW!" No, these words aren't meant to frighten people out of commitment; they're meant to force them to realize what one divorce-related Internet chat room post said last month:

"After 24 years of marriage I can say that we have dealt with all the scenarios in a relationship: those first two years of passionate love; the slow realization that I don't know who this person is and I can't stand him/her; I gotta get out of this... he/she is stifling my career, I could be further along; the conflicts about money/material things; the he/she not giving their share of emotional support; the how he wanted me to have his children and keep his house; and let's not forget the physical fighting and domestic abuse..."

"Marriages don't last because there is great difficulty co-existing with other people. Period.

"It takes time. It takes patience. It takes maturity. It takes Love. It takes honesty. It takes a great deal of understanding. And if you ain't got ALL of these ingredients, I guarantee, it won't last."

Word to the wise.

Tables 3-4: generation gaps, NNC stats

	1960	1992
Divorces per 1000 married women	9.2	20+
Number of divorces (in thousands)	393	1,215

Class	% of divorced alumni
1993	3.8
1987	6.12
1977-1987	3.6 (yearly avg.)

Response rate was 26 percent for the 1987 Alumni Survey

Sources: Alumni Surveys of 1987 and 1997, various NNC faculty, and approximately sixty World Wide Web sites visited for statistics, personal testimonies, and essays.

Female bomber pilot court-martialed

By Andrew J. Diehl
World News Editor

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, ND — The Air Force has ordered the delay of the court-martial of its first female pilot so that her request for honorable discharge can be reviewed.

The case against 1st Lt. Kelley Flinn was slated to begin on Tuesday. She has been charged with adultery, fraternization, disobedience and lying to investigators about her relationships. The case has drawn attention due to Flinn's status as the nation's first female bomber pilot and the implications of the case on the military's controversial sexual conduct code.

The request for honorable discharge has been flying up the chain of command. It is expected to land on Secretary of the Air Force Sheila Windall's desk within the next 48 hours, but there are no estimates on how long it will take for her to reach her final decision.

Pentagon sources believe that Windall has no intention of granting Flinn's request. Flinn is prepared to go to court over the matter if the Pentagon

does not comply. If convicted of her crimes she could serve a maximum of 9½ years in prison plus dismissal.

Flinn does have her work cut out for her, but she now has the added support of Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Mississippi) who has the power to make things very uncomfortable as money passes through the Senate to the military.

Lott believes that Flinn has been badly abused by the Air Force. "At minimum, she should get an honorable discharge." Lott has planned to meet with Defense Secretary William Cohen to discuss the matter.

Flinn, who is single and 26, has admitted to having an affair with a married civilian and sex with an enlisted man. Both offenses break military code of conduct.

Flinn has gathered much public support as the court-martial draws



1st Lt. Kelley Flinn outside the B-52 bomber that she piloted.

near. Flinn argues that even though she did have the two affairs and lied to the investigators, the punishment outweighs the crimes committed.

Under Article 37 of the Uniform Military Code of Justice, commanders must avoid discussions or statements that would amount to "unlawful influence

on the actions of a court-martial." The law has been provided to shield decisions in military disciplinary actions from personal or political pressure. Under the law, Congress can review how the investigation was conducted but cannot interfere of influence the results or the court-martial.

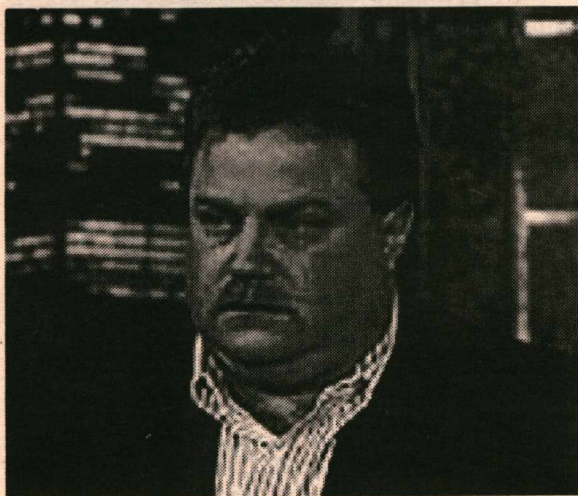
FBI Agents Reprimanded

Three different agents are disciplined for inappropriate questioning procedures during Olympic Park investigation

By Andrew J. Diehl
World News Editor

ATLANTA, GEORGIA -- The director of the FBI's office in Atlanta has made an official statement that he has been disciplined for the improper questioning of Richard Jewell in the Centennial Olympic Park bombing this past summer. Investigators also stated that they are following new leads in the attack and two other unsolved bombings in the Atlanta area.

Agent Woody Johnson stated that he was given a letter of censure for tricking Jewell into answering questions without the aid of a lawyer.



Richard Jewell

David Tubbs of the Kansas City FBI office was also censured while Agent Don Johnson was suspended for five days without pay.

Agent D. Johnson stated that he took full responsibility for the investigation and defended the agents' actions in the face of "extraordinary circumstances" in the time after the explosions. "I believe that we operated within the framework of the Constitution. We have all along." Two unnamed agents have been exonerated of any wrong-doing by the FBI.

While the bombing remains unsolved, police are looking for evidence to link the explosion to the bombings that have occurred in the Atlanta area earlier this year. A gay nightclub was bombed in February while a suburban abortion clinic was the subject of the other attack.

After reexamining the letters that claim responsibility of the two attacks, FBI agents have asked the Georgia congressional delegation for permission to reexamine the delegation's correspondence for clues in the investigation.

Copies of the handwritten letters were circulated to different police agencies and several news organizations. The letters were signed "Army of God," a moniker that has been used by anti-abortion groups in the past. Much of the rhetoric used in the letters though, uses unusual phrases and words that may be cross-referenced with other bombing notes.

Riots breakout prior to election day

By Joshua M. Dooley
Asst. World News Editor

JAKARTA, INDONESIA -- Riots from the weekend at political rallies spilled on into Monday as Indonesians prepared for the general election next week. Meanwhile, supporters of a minority party's ousted leader took on a clandestine illegal campaign.

A mob of approximately 4,000 people attacked storefronts and houses in the town of Jayapura at the end of the election campaign rally by the PDI.

The violence on Monday was the latest in a series of incidents to disturb Indonesia ahead of a May 29 general election. The United Development Party (PPP), Golkar and PDI later agreed not to hold outdoor rallies and street marches in Jakarta to take precautions against any further trouble. If a rally would be held, they agreed to hold it in different parts of the country each day. These three political parties are the only ones who are allowed to take any part in Indonesia's election. After Friday, no more campaigning will be allowed, and the parties are in the final stretch of scrambling for supporters.

As far as things look now, a win seems very likely for Golkar.

The riots were brought on after the PDI party, the closest opposition party, split. This were the biggest riots in Jakarta for more than 20 years when Megawati was replaced by her government-backed rival, Suryadi. Currently, Suryadi is leading what many call a lackluster campaign for the PDI, illegally, and is said to be a lost cause.

Abortion ban falls short of 2/3 margin

By Joshua M. Dooley
Asst. World News Editor

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate voted 64-36 Tuesday afternoon on a controversial bill for late-term abortions, but it fell short of the two-thirds margin that is required in order to pass a bill, that was needed to avoid a promised veto by President Bill Clinton. 67 votes were needed to pass

"We worry so much about the right to choose," said Sen. Rick Santorum, the ban's main sponsor. "What about the right to choose life?"

Opponents, who include President Clinton, said that the legislation didn't include sufficient exceptions to protect women's health.

"I think we actually have a chance to override a veto, even though today we fell three votes short," Senate Majority Trent Lott said. "There is the potential out there, with pressure from the American people that are concerned on just a few senators that are still laboring with this decision. It could be overridden, and certainly we would try to do that."

After days of debate, the Senate searched unsuccessfully for agreement on one of the most persistent wedge issues in American public life.

Last week, in what set the stage for Tuesday's decisive vote, the Senate turned back two less-restrictive late-term abortion bans.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle said, "This decision was not easy because in spite of the personal nature of this debate, its complexity, the medical repercussions and its seriousness, this issue has become politicized to the extent that much of the rhetoric has substantially diminished the potential for real discourse on such an important matter." He added, "The result is that sincere efforts to find common ground

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have been labeled as shams, as political cover and deceptive by many who pass judgment without having even read the legislation."

The supporters of the late-term ban were able to get a last minute boost from the American Medical Association (AMA), which supported the ban on so-called "partial-birth" abortions on Monday. Senator Santorum hoped that this might have swayed enough minds to get to the 67 vote margin that was needed, but

it didn't.

The AMA's support came following lawmakers' agreement to rewrite the legislation to protect the doctors from prosecution if they begin to deliver a baby, but are then forced to the "intact dilation and extraction" procedure to save the mother's life.

Through a letter to Sen. Santorum, AMA executive Vice President P. John Seward said while the AMA's general policy would be to oppose criminalizing medical procedures, the group has supported such legislation "where the procedure was narrowly defined and not medically indicated." The rewritten bill, Seward said, "meets both those tests."

Abortion rights supporters disagreed with the AMA's move. Kate Michelman of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League claimed that such a move could lead to political intrusions "into doctors' professional decision-making."

The house has already given approval to the measure with enough votes to override a veto, 295-136, even though the representatives would have to agree to the Senate's changes. Last year a similar legislation was vetoed by President Clinton, and the Senate failed to override his veto.

Throughout all of this, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists still opposes the legislation, claiming it's not right for lawmakers to include themselves in medical decision-making.

...very briefly...

ROME, ITALY --

Business news

Italy's transportation ministry has barred the nation's rail unions from conducting a 48-hour strike that was slated to begin on Monday night. Union leaders for the stationmasters and engineers had called for the strike to begin at 9 p.m. to protest the stalls in finalizing a new contract. Even though the government has banned the strike, some delays are inevitable as employees refuse to obey the ban.

Other government offices may experience delays as firefighters, air traffic controllers, teachers and bus and tram operators plan strikes throughout the next month.

WASHINGTON, D.C. --

Science news

The Hubble Space Telescope forecast Tuesday's weather for Mars. The forecast is in anticipation of the landing of Pathfinder Mars on July 4. The weather was forecast as cold and cloudy with the occasional dust storm. The average high temperature for Mars peaks around 0° F while the evening lows can drop to -212° without the sun. The ship is to land in the Ares Valley. It is theorized that the valley was created by water flowing through under pressure and shooting out to clear the land. The equivalent would be if the Great Lakes were to flow down to the Gulf of Mexico in less than a week.

FOND DU LAC, WI -- Don Gorske

Big Mac News

suffered his first Big Mac attack 25-years-ago. Since then he has had the attack 14,837 times as of last Saturday. He started keeping track when he drove his first car to Mc Donald's when he was 17. At first he devoured 9 per day, but has since cut back to just 2 per day. He met his wife Mary at around 1,500 in September 1973 and proposed to her three years later in the Mc Donald's parking lot. He has spent an estimated \$50,000 at his favorite restaurant.

What do I care?

Earlier this week it was declassified

that the British knew much more about the genocide committed by the German Nazi's during World War II. In fact it, is now known that the British knew of the massacres from the time that they began in June of 1941 through the final gassings in 1945.

Statements from the U.S. National Security Agency proved that senior officials knew about the day to day killings and knew numbers and the territories that the different crimes were committed in.

But why is it that over fifty years later, a separate government decides to bring the information out into the open? Why wasn't the information brought out into the open before when it would have been pertinent?

The British government claims that it saved the information until it was sure that it would use it to prosecute for war crimes. This contradicts history since the Allies didn't declare this intention to prosecute until over a year later.

I can't decide what makes me more angry: the fact that the governments involved didn't do anything when they had the information in hand or that they bring it out now and act as though releasing the information now should not have any meaning.

Should they really release that information now? It is over 50 years in the past. Is it really even relevant, other than to raise more questions? Is it really even important for us to hear about so far after the fact?

The reality is that these things tend to happen more often than we like to admit. Even though we are protected by the old NNC bubble, we can't let the outside world pass us by. To do so would be the greatest insult to those that have died so pointlessly in war.

Even more important than that is the fact that we need to know what is happening so that the atrocities do not happen like in the Holocaust. With the information that we have at our fingertips, to have that much information hidden from the public would be as great a sin.

-- analysis by Andrew Diehl

Around the world in eighty words

Compiled by Tim Drake
Staff Writer

Power loss closes reactor

KIEV, UKRAINE -- The final operating reactor at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant was automatically shut down after electrical failure. "Radiation at the station and around the reactor did not change," stated the plant's public affairs office. The statement also mentioned that the plant is expected to remain closed for around three days.

A different reactor in the same plant was responsible for the Chernobyl incident in 1986 that is known as the worst nuclear accident in history.

Donkey honored for WW I

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA -- Murphy the donkey was posthumously decorated 82 years after his service in WW I. Stretcher bearer John Kirkpatrick and his donkeys (the most famous of which was Murphy) were war-time heroes as they carried the wounded on the battlefield back to safety. The donkeys were trained to walk into medical tents and to backpedal on command to leave the tents. Murphy received a purple heart.

NTSB wants fire supressant

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The National Transportation Safety Board made its recommendations to protect aircraft from the ValuJet disaster that occurred last May. NTSB wants fire supressant equipment added to the cargo holds of all planes. There were twenty-seven other recommendations made to help make air travel safer.

Spring IM's Rock the Courts

Men's Intramural Softball is in tournaments; final game to be played on May 26

By Robin Day
Sports Editor

The Men's IM Softball is coming to an end, with only a few tournament games left to play. Since the last publication of *The Crusader*, thirteen tournament games have been played. The tournament is a double elimination tournament with a winners' and losers' bracket, which gives teams a second chance to win the coveted championship t-shirts. Unfortunately, no scores from these games were available.

Game 1 was played Monday, May 12, and brought the Stoners and the Manson Family face to face, with the Stoners emerging on top. Tuesday, May 13, saw games 2 and 3. Game 2 was between Team

York and Chachi, Team York conquering. Team Newman and Team Downie met in game 3; Team Downie won and advanced to play Team York later in the tournament. For unknown reasons, game 6 was played before games 4 and 5 on Wednesday, May 14, matching up the Manson Family and Chachi. The Manson Family pulled together for the win, eliminating Chachi.

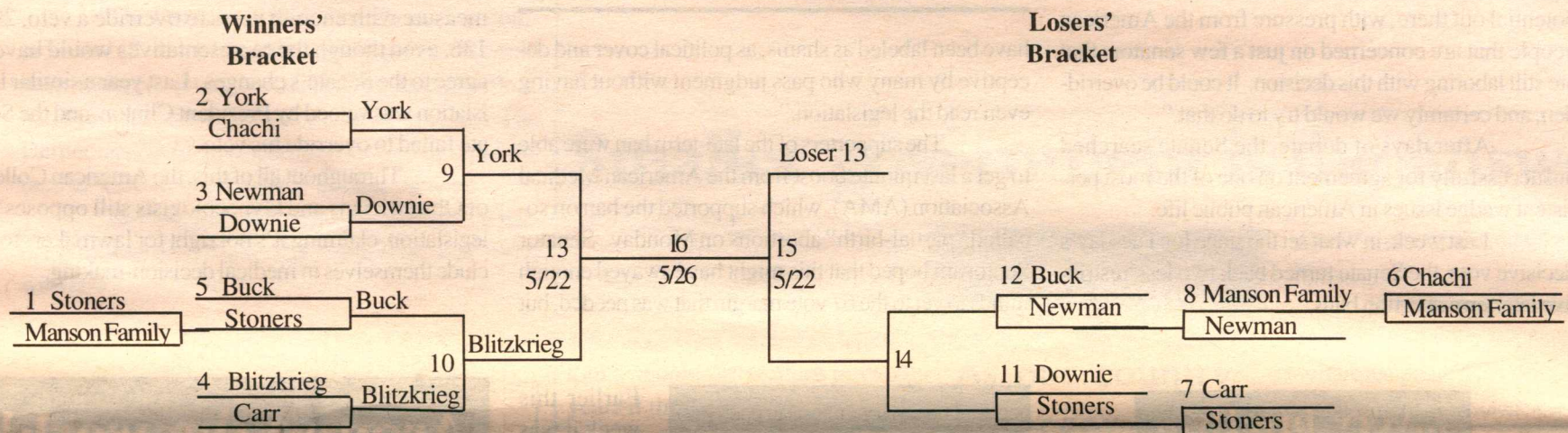
Games 4 and 5 were played on Thursday, May 15. Game 4 brought together Blitzkrieg and Team Carr. Blitzkrieg triumphed, advancing to play the winner of game 5, which was played earlier that day. Game 5 was a contest between the Stoners and first ranked Team Buck, with Team Buck left standing to advance.

Game 7 matched up the Stoners and Team Carr, on Saturday, May 17, which ended with the Ston-

ers' win. The Manson Family and Team Newman met in game 8. Despite a valent effort, the family ties weren't quite strong enough, as Team Newman defeated the Manson Family to move on in the tournament.

Monday, May 19, brought about games 9 and 10. Game 9 was a match between second ranked Team Downie and third ranked Team York. Team York come out on top, while Team Downie dropped to the losers bracket to play the Stoners in game 11. In game 10, Blitzkrieg managed to upset Team Buck, and moved on to play Team York.

The results for games 11 and 12 were not reported, however, the results of games 11-17 will be available in next weeks paper. Stay tuned for more.



Other IM sports to begin soon; news about soccer, tennis, badminton and raquetball

Intramurals are taking off, as the weather gets warmer and warmer, and students look for more excuses to be outside working on their tans. The latest excuses are in the form of intramural soccer, tennis, the Chapman Hoop Classic and, though they are not outside, badminton and raquetball.

There are eight teams signed up for men's intramural soccer. Games will begin on Thursday, May 22 at 5:00 p.m. Because of the small number of teams, there will be no regular season, just a double elimination tournament. Games will last until June 7, when the championship is scheduled to be played.

Intramural men's singles tennis do not have

set match times, but match deadlines. The first two matches should be played by Friday, May 23. There are six men participating in the tournament, which is also double elimination play. The championship match will be played by May 31.

Raquetball is set up much the same way as tennis, without set match dates and with match deadlines. There are eight men participating in the double elimination tournament, which will begin by Thursday, May 23. The championship match will be played by June 6.

Badminton also has eight participants. No schedule has been set for the tournament.

Saturday, June 7, is the '96-'97 Chapman Hoop Classic. Fourteen teams have signed up for the annual event so far. The Classic will be held on the basketball court beside the dorm. There will be a basketball tournament, a dunk contest, a 3-point shootout, music and prizes. Call Brian at 8035 or Kent at 8668 for more information, or sign up on the bulletin board in the student center if you wish to participate.

There are also sign-up sheets for the intramural events: ultimate frisbee, women's singles tennis, men & women's tennis doubles and mixed tennis doubles. If you are interested in any of these sports, please sign up soon so that coordinators can schedule the events.

SPORTS BRIEFLIES compiled by Mark Boothby

If you can't stand the Heat...

MIAMI, FL - Following the lead of Tim Hardaway, the Miami Heat took Game 7 from the hands of the suspension-depleted New York Knicks. Hardaway put on his game face and went on a scoring rampage of 38 points. The Heat also became only the sixth team in history to come back from a 3-1 start in a best-of-seven series.

The Knicks have themselves to blame along with the heroic Hardaway. Their 20 turnovers led to 26 Miami points. New York coach Jeff Van Gundy said, "People are going to make excuses for us. I don't think any of our players are looking for excuses. We got our behinds whipped today. That's the bottom line."

MVP Malone wins by small margin

SALT LAKE CITY, UT - The NBA's newest MVP, Karl Malone, jokingly gives gracious thanks for his borrowed award. "I thank Michael (Jordan) for letting me borrow it for one year," Malone said Sunday after receiving the award.

Malone's won the award by a margin of only 29 points. Michael Jordan was second with 957 votes. Malone led the Jazz to the conference's best record of 64-18 with an average of 27.4 points, 9.9 rebounds and 4.5 assists. Jazz coach Jerry Sloan said, "As great as he's become, it's due to hard work. Work has never been something he's shied away from."

Tiger Woods takes 3 weeks off, still wins

IRVING, TX - After a 31-day layoff since his win at the Masters, many expected Tiger Woods to come out rusty. Tiger redefined rusty with his 17-under score and two-shot victory over Lee Rinker.

Woods was hitting the ball so poorly this week, at least by his standards, that his teacher, Butch Harmon, drove up from Houston Saturday night. It didn't help much, as Woods hit only 12 greens in regulation.

Woods even admits that he was struggling on many shots, but he hit well when he needed it. Tiger added, "At Augusta, I was hitting the ball pretty good. Today, that wasn't the case. I hit some really good shots and some really bad shots."

Red Wings clunk by Avs in Game 3

DETROIT, MI - Red Wing Doug Brown didn't see Slava Kozlov's game-winning goal as much as he heard it. "Instead of a clunk, it was a clunk," said Brown, in regard to Kozlov's shot. The shot surprised Avalanche goalie Patrick Roy along with everyone else on the ice. When play was stopped following the shot, they saw that the goal light was flashing. Roy pleaded that the puck had ricocheted off the post. Replays clearly show that Roy was beat on the stick side and the puck did bounce back out of the goal rather quickly.

The win put Detroit up in the series 2-1 over the defending Stanley Cup champs. The series resumes Thursday in Detroit.

IM Volleyball to end

Mongoose & Team 8 in the lead; tournaments to begin

**By Robin Day
Sports Editor**

This past week saw the beginning of intramural volleyball, with games starting on Saturday, May 10. Six matches were scheduled for the 10th, but only five were played, since the match between the Kickers of Fish and Team 3 was postponed until a later date. In Pool A, Team 5 played Team 7. Team 5 managed to pull off the win in a close match, which went to three games. Team 5 lost the first game, 6-11, and then won the next two, 11-9 and 13-12. Team 11 went up against Team Mongoose (Team 9), only to lose in two games, 11-0, 11-0.

On Monday, May 12, Team 3 took on KOF (Team 1), winning the match in two games, 12-10, 12-10. Team 7 attempted to get revenge on Team 5, only to fall again, in a close 15-13 game and a not so close 11-3 game. Team Mongoose added another win to their record, defeating Team 11 in two games, 11-7, 11-9.

Wednesday, May 14, saw Team 7 win again, this time, over Team 3, 11-9, 12-10. KOF suffered a masochistic pounding at the hands of Team 5, losing the first game 3-11, but improving the second, losing only 11-13.

This past Thursday, May 15, saw Team 5 attempt to redeem themselves against Team Mongoose, only to lose the match in two games: 11-3, 11-3. Also, Team 7 defeated Team 11, 11-3, 11-3.

Tuesday, May 21, only saw one game, be-

tween Team Mongoose and Team 3. Team Mongoose creamed Team 3, but unfortunately no scores are available from this game. Team 11 and KOF both won by forfeit.

Pool B play began Saturday, May 10, with Team 2 taking on Team 4 and winning 11-5, 11-9. Team 6 fell to Team 8 in two quick games: 11-4, 11-1. Team 12 was all over Team 10, winning 11-7, 11-4.

Tuesday, May 13, saw Team 4 revenge themselves on Team 2, winning 11-6, 11-6. Team 6 got a chance to avenge their Saturday loss to Team 8, but fell short, with Team 8 winning a tough match in three games: 11-7, 7-11, 11-1. In another long match, Team 12 held back Team 10, beating them in three games, 10-12, 11-4, 11-9.

Thursday, May 15, brought Team 4 up against Team 8 in a match which ended with Team 8 on top, 11-3, 11-4. Team 2 played Team 6, only to be beaten 9-11, 6-11.

There were three matches scheduled for Monday, May 19, but the contest between Team 10 and Team 4 was postponed until a later date. Team 6 forfeited to Team 12, leaving only a match between Team 2 and Team 8. Team 8 emerged on top with a two game win, 11-3, 11-4.

Only two more days of regular season games remain for intramural volleyball, and then tournaments begin. The top four teams in each pool will compete in quarterfinals, and four teams will advance to the semifinals in a single-elimination tournament. See schedule or contact Karl Ganske for details.

IM Volleyball Standings

Pool A

Team Mongoose	4-0
Team 5	2-2
Team 7	2-2
Team 3	1-2
Team 1	1-2
Team 11	1-3

Pool B

Team 8	3-0
Team 12	3-0
Team 4	1-2
Team 6	1-3
Team 2	1-3
Team 10	0-2

IM Volleyball Schedule

	5:00	5:45	6:30	7:15
5/21	2-10	4-12		
5/22	3-11	1-9	6-10	8-12
5/24	Tournament			
Quarterfinals	10:00		10:45	
	1st A-4th B (1)		2nd B-3rd A (2)	
	1st B-4th A (3)		2nd A-3rd B (4)	
Semifinals	11:30		12:15	
	Winner of 1 & 2		Winner of 3 & 4	
Finals	1:00			

Saturday schedule subject to change on short notice

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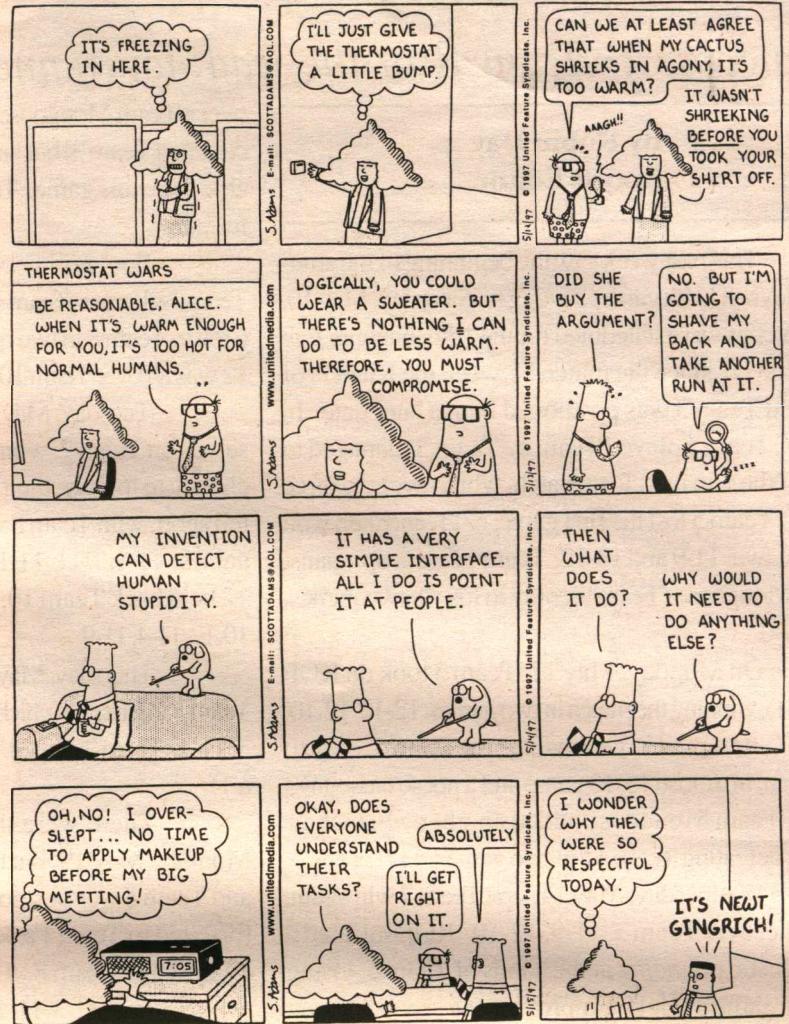
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8. Your title is "ASNNC President"
7. You count down the days until R.A.D. and PreVue
6. You volunteer for Welcome Week
5. You petition for more Morrison open houses.
4. You set up Wing-Dings between your Corlett/Olsen room and a freshman hall.
3. You like NAIA halftime shows a little too much...
2. You spend more at the Luv Auction than on tuition
1. You've paid money to have your name and phone number scratched into a freshman bathroom stall

Conceived under last-second, Tuesday night desperation pressure by three guys, none of whom are actually desperate seniors (Boothby, Fraley, and Isbell)

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Letter to the Editor

By Dr. Michael Lodahl

POORLY DRAWN LETTER to the EDITOR from DR. MICHAEL LODAHL, Stick & Theologian. There are 4 main reasons why Scum Sucking Lawyer, if he were to sue me for all I'm worth, would lose the case.

#1. Poorly Drawn Theologian has been drawing poorly drawn humans for a decade—long before Poorly Drawn Man was even conceived.

#2. Poorly Drawn Man has horizontal arms. Poorly Drawn Humans generally have arms uplifted at approximately 45° angles.

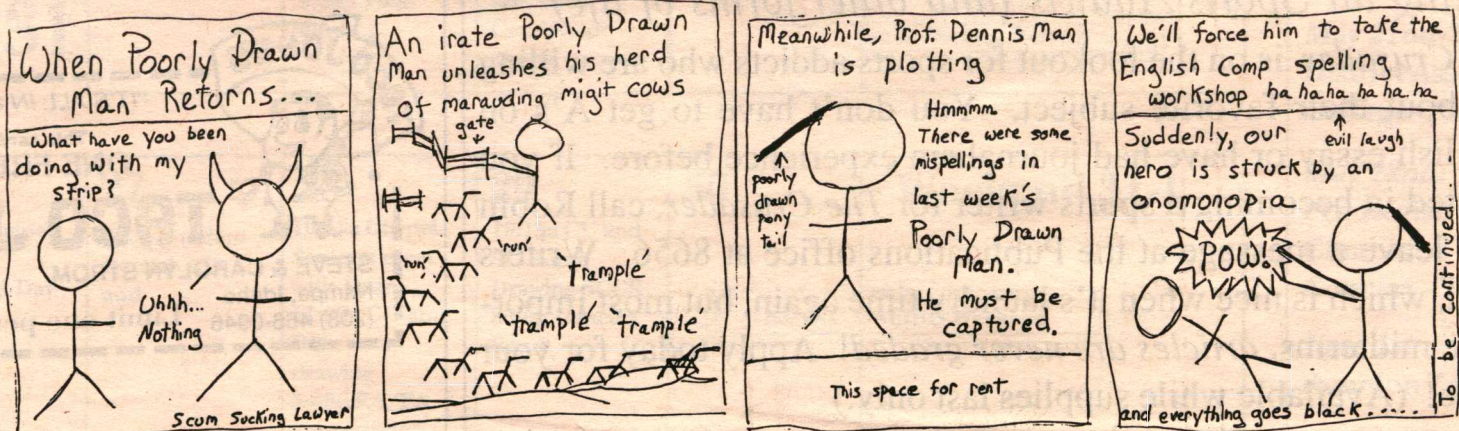
#3. In the past couple years, Poorly Drawn Humans are drawn in community with each other and in the context of a Poorly Drawn Creation.

#4. Most recently, Poorly Drawn Humans have been poorly drawn with their tops opened up toward the Salving Presence of Impossible-to-Draw Holy Mystery.

So there! AMEN.

Poorly Drawn Man

By David Stillman



Dave Barry

China invites the world to smell her toilet

I have received a number of letters from readers complaining that I focus too much on "bathroom humor," instead of using this forum to educate my readers about important issues that are of deep concern to our nation. OK, fine. I can take criticism, and I admit that maybe I have become somewhat fixated. So today my topic will be: China.

China is a large nation located over in Asia. You readers should be more concerned about it.

Now, with what little space I have remaining, I'd like to talk about a fascinating newspaper-insert advertisement for Vanish brand toilet cleaner. You may have seen this ad; it features a portrait-style color photograph of a middle aged woman standing next to a toilet. She's smiling and holding a package of Vanish, and next to her head is this quotation, which I am not making up:

"I have the cleanest and the nicest smelling bathroom in the neighborhood. If anybody doesn't believe me, ring my doorbell and you can smell my toilet." Pat Mayo, Hometown, Illinois."

This ad was sent to me by alert reader Lee Burtman, who states: "As a very busy teacher and mother of four (including two young boys just learning to aim) I cannot imagine encouraging people to ring my doorbell and ask to smell the toilet."

That was my reaction also. I mean, I don't want to get explicit here, but there are times when I don't want my own loved ones going near my toilet. If total strangers were to start coming to my door and asking for a whiff of it, I would purchase a Sears Craftsman brand home flame-thrower.

So I decided to contact Pat Mayo of Hometown, Ill., which turns out to be a real place, right next to Chicago (a large city). Pat said that she

did, indeed, invite people to smell her toilet; in fact, she makes the same invitation in a TV commercial. Here, as she explained to me, is what happened:

A while back, Pat, who is a real stickler for housework, purchased some Vanish at the supermarket. She tried it

leech.

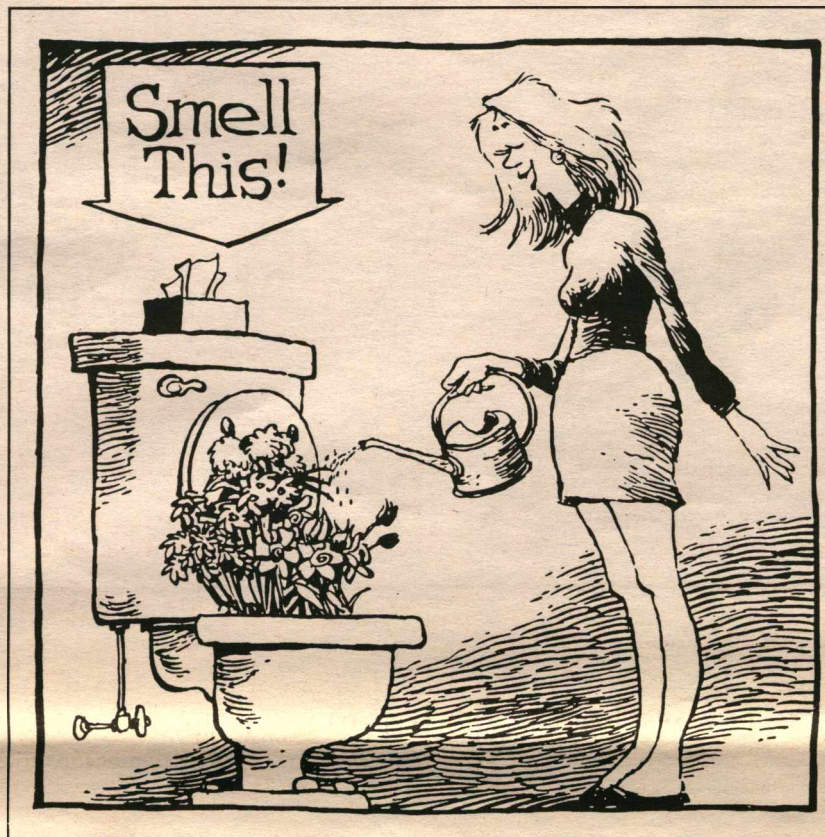
Also, remember the Ty-D-Bol man? the guy who used to float around the toilet tank in a little boat? I hate to burst your bubble, but he wasn't real either. He was just a professional actor who happened to be six inches tall. The

she said that about a week after the commercial started running, she was cleaning her house and the doorbell rang; it was two neighborhood boys on bicycles, and they said "Hey, Mrs. Vanish, can we smell your toilet?" So Pat let them in, and they flushed it a couple of times, and she gave them soda pops and sent them on their way.

"They were bragging around the neighborhood," Pat said. "We smelled the Vanish Lady's toilet!"

Yes, Pat has become a celebrity, and not just in her own neighborhood: She has been interviewed on several radio programs, and she even got mentioned by Jay Leno. You have to love a country where one day a person can just be a regular private citizen in Hometown, Ill., and the next day her toilet

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and was very impressed with its toilet-cleansing properties.

"I threw away my toilet brush," she said.

She was so impressed that she called the Vanish people, and they decided to put her in one of those commercials wherein they use regular humans. As you know, with a lot of TV commercials, when you see "typical homemakers" getting worked up into an advanced state of rapture over the cleanliness of their toilets, you are actually watching paid professional actresses who, in real life, would no more clean a toilet than they would french kiss a

REAL Ty-D-Bol man is only four inches tall and is always watching via a little periscope. Try not to think about it.

(Also, for the record, the so-called "Engergizer Bunny" is actually Sylvester Stallone in a costume.)

But getting back to Pat Mayo: She told me that she was filming the Vanish commercial, and she was wearing a long-sleeved outfit under those hot lights, and they kept putting powder on her, and the director kept badgering her to say, in her own words, WHY she was so fond of Vanish, and finally she just blurted out a blanket invitation to the world to come and smell her toilet, and that's what they put on TV.

I asked Pat if anybody had actually taken her up on this offer, and

let is being discussed on nationwide television. That is the beauty of the American way of life, in stark contrast to the way of life in China, where -- even now, in the late 20th Century -- there IS no Jay Leno.

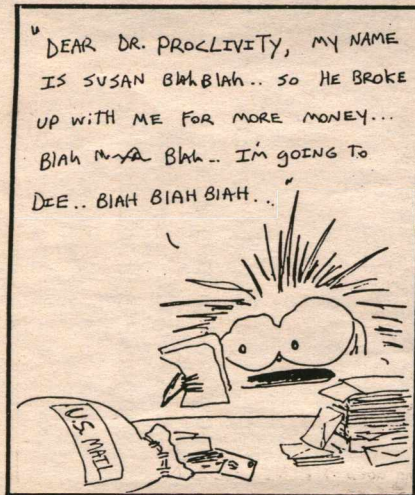
NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC: "The Federal Reserve Board: What does it do? Who belongs to it? What kind of toilets do they have?"

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The Abode

By Garrett Schmelzenbach



Happy Birthday Shannon Mallory



Hey!!! Have you ever seen that 6'1" chick walking around campus? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to know her? Have you ever wondered

Well Shannon, I managed to do this. And I have a feeling that you're going to rip my face off tonight, but that's okay. I just wanted to make sure that you had a happy birthday. I feel very lucky to be in your wing, and I wouldn't trade that for the world.

--Karen

Sis for the sunshine that you bring us,

His for the "heck" you've put us through

And there's no denying you're a winner

Now that graduation's in clear view

Numerous freshman chicks have bugged and pranked you

On the wings of Mangum where you reign

Now you'll have withdrawals as you leave them.

(Oops! No letters! Wish I had your brain)

--Mary Perry

As an RA of two years, she allows no nonsense. Even off-duty, Shannon continues her ironfisted rule...

--Hope

what it would be like to *live* with her?

Well, the girls of Mangum 2nd North are very proud to call Shannon our RA.



OK, so the first time I saw Shannon was when she was in the travel group that visited my church in Auburn, WA. I was amazed by how tall she was and how awkward that it was that she was not even standing on the stage and yet she was still taller than Ryan Ketchum. Later on, when arriving at my new home at Mangum hall, I discovered she was my new RA!! I turned to my dad and said in a worried voice "Oh my Gosh, it's her!" Shannon has turned out to be one of the greatest RAs. Thanks Shannon!!!

--Reesia