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## Justify your Job: Merylyn Thompson

Merylyn Thompson explains her position as the Registrar

By Shannon Adams  
Campus News Editor

Merylyn Thompson, first year Registrar, sits confidently behind her desk. The papers that surround her are numerous, but each is in its place. On her wall hang several plaques, one given to Merylyn Thompson for humanitarian work with a food warehouse during a period when she and her family moved to Longview, Washington.

Thompson, and her husband, are

both graduates of NNC. In fact, Thompson and Dr. JoAnn Willis were roommates when the two attended NNC. Thompson then began teaching with the NNC Speech Communications Department in 1979. She left NNC for a time as the collapsing lumber industry, which her husband worked for, moved the family to a job in Washington. After an almost ten year stint in Longview, Washington, Thompson and her husband returned to NNC where Thompson again taught in the classroom and eventually became the chairperson of the Speech Communications Department.

When asked why she took the position of Registrar, Thompson replied, "I thought that it would be a really challenging position. I love teaching; there really wasn't any reason to change, but the more I thought about it and prayed about it, the thing it came down to in the decision making was being able to be involved with students, because that's what I really loved about teaching."

As the Registrar, Thompson is "in charge of maintaining the legal commitment that the institution has with each student through the catalogue," that includes, maintaining all of the student records. These records must be kept up for accurate student informa-

tion and in case of an academic audit.

Thompson interacts with students who desire to push through an independent major. They have to work with Thompson in order to create the paperwork needed for the major to be considered. Any deviation from the catalogue, which includes an independent major, will have to pass through Thompson's office. "The catalogue is determined by the faculty and I have to uphold that,"

Thompson said.

Thompson has to sign all credit overload petitions as well as any other academic petitions that require students to take classes above their qualification. "When I handle special academic petitions," Thompson explained, "I really make a point, of whether I deny or approve, to write my argument back why I am

not approving, so they don't just get a piece of paper that says 'Yea' or 'Nay.'" Thompson looks into the student's GPA and past work in previous classes, as well as talking to the student and professors, before signing the petitions.

Thompson describes her office as a campus meeting place. "Everything eventually comes here. It may come from another department and work here a while but it's kind of a core for where things happen."

One of the most important aspects of her working with students is the graduate audits. This requires making certain that seniors intending to graduate are indeed on track to graduate. These audits are incredibly time consuming, but well worth it. In future years Thompson would like to start working on these senior audits during junior year,

"to make sure students get through, because it's so traumatic to have a student come in the third term of their senior year and realize that they're

not going to graduation."

Thompson handles a lot of conflict with her job, but it's one aspect that she really enjoys because of her speech and debate training. She sees it as having had her teaching audience change. Now she instructs students on how to write a proposal instructing students on how to formulate their petition.

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## NNC Notepad

### In Senate this week...

President Field is still discussing the idea of moving the ASNNC offices downstairs into the Student Center. Students with any comments and/or suggestions should feel free to approach President Field.

Time Out this week will be in the Admission Auditorium at 9:00 p.m. Parable will be leading worship.

Malibu starts this Friday at 3:00 p.m. with the co-ed doubles volleyball tournament and the RD BBQ from 5:00 p.m.-7:00

p.m. at Finkbeiner Field. Student/Faculty sign-ups are still available on the Student Center window next to the ATM.

Up for discussion in Senate this past week was a publications bill that would provide *Crusader* and *Oasis* with four new computers and updated software programs. At present Senate has decided that yearbook and newspaper will receive two new computers this term and two more at fall term. Several suggestions were given as to how to make better use of the five computers that are in use now.

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# Jr/Sr retreat has 12 attend

## Low turnout due to promise keepers

By Shannon Adams  
Campus Editor

Junior/senior retreat, an annual event, took place this past weekend at Pinelow Lodge in Spokane, Washington to the tune of 12 attendees.

The destination of the camp itself was not a problem, but several conflicts sought to drastically decrease the attendance. The major reason, according to ASNNC President Chris Field, was Promise Keepers, going on in Seattle last weekend. Another problem, according to Field, were the "forgotten" papers and projects students had left until this past weekend and had forgotten until then. Other students decided not to attend the retreat due to transportation problems.

The school vans were going to be rented for the weekend in order to drive students up en masse, but that was eventually decided against and students were left to find their own transportation, an action that left many students in Nampa.

When asked if any plans had been made to make sure conflicts like this do not crop up again, Field shook his head. "Next year's calendar is already made." Whether or not Promise Keepers conflicts again will not be known until next year.

Field did add that for those who were able to go this weekend, the time was well spent in rest and relaxation. Conflicts not included, the retreat offered quality time for those who went.

# Dr. Suess comes to NNC via Reader's Theater

By Shannon Adams  
Campus Editor

Under cloudy skies and with an audience who mostly averaged over the age of twenty, the Reader's Theater group gave their final performance of three Dr. Suess stories. The stories were *The Cat in the Hat*, *Horton Hears a Who*, and *Myrtle the Turtle*.

The group performed to an audience slightly less excited than the elementary audiences they had been performing for, but only because of the age difference.

At one point almost 20 audience members were asked to join together to become a throne made out of turtles, so that Myrtle the Turtle might

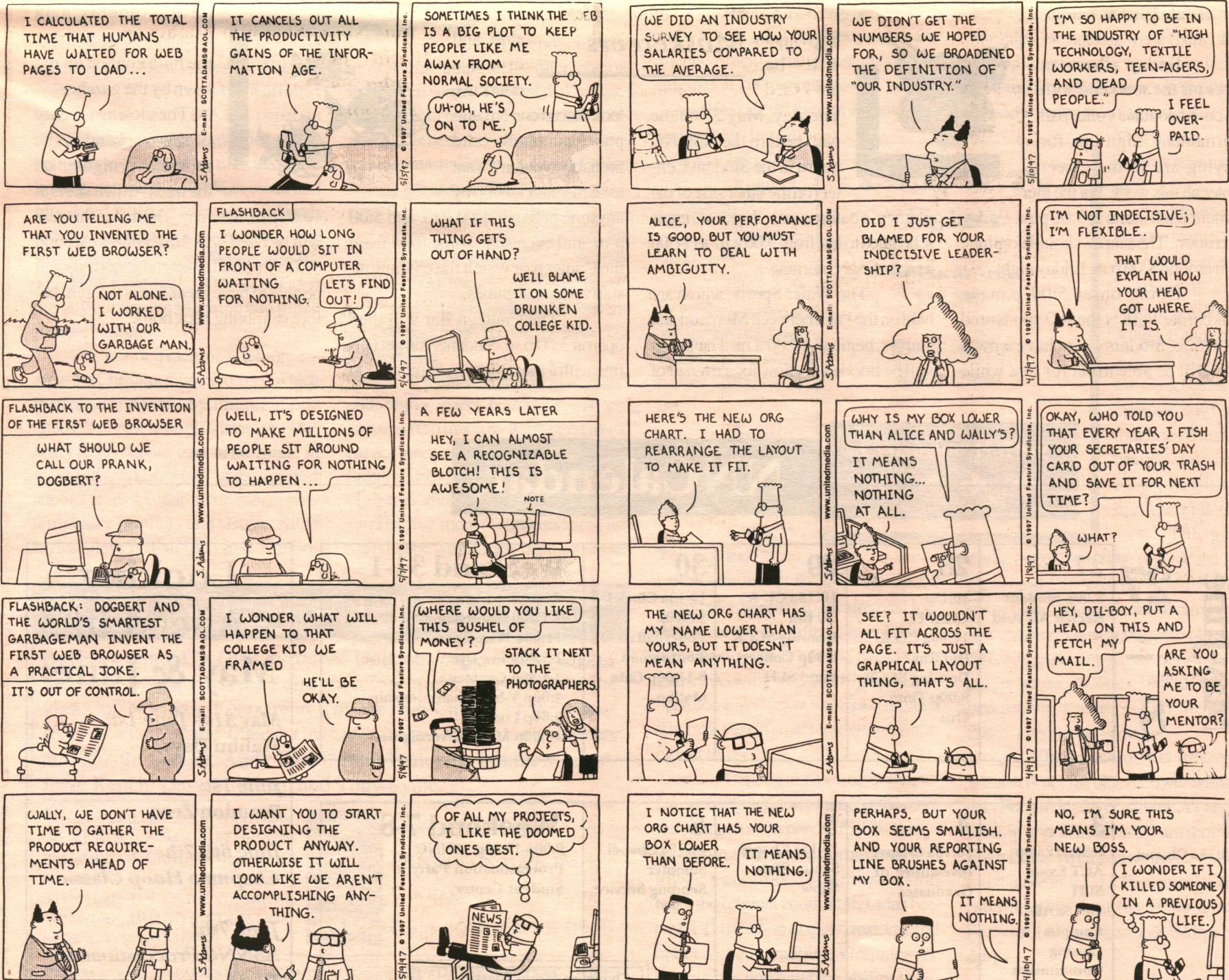
have a throne 5,000 turtles high. In *Horton Hears a Who* audience members were asked to be everything from trees to bathtubs.

This year's members of the Reader's Theater were Erin Harri, Sarah Cobb, Brooke Ferdinand, and Jennifer Bankston. The group did an outstanding job with bringing the stories to life as they proved both for their NNC audience and slightly younger groups.

The group toured four local elementary schools. Erin Harri shared that at one school the amount of audience participation the character needed was, "More than is in the whole school!" Harri and troupe were able to get enough children without using all of the school children, much to the relief of one little student.

# Where did all our pictures go?

## Problems with development leads to this very special installment of Dilbert



# Malibu: mocktails and more

## Where to be on Friday and Saturday

By Shannon Adams  
Campus News Editor

Malibu Days are an annual tradition for NNC. What could be more exciting than playing in the mud with your friends under blue skies only one week before finals? Personal involvement is the key to enjoying the weekend fully. It all starts with the RD barbeque and Co-ed

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volleyball games on Friday afternoon, and the festivities will end with the Movie overnighter on the track Saturday night.

For those of the student body who may not be up on all that Malibu Days offers, a detailed look at this weekend's activities may help to spark interest and involvement. A great way to start is to purchase a Malibu t-shirt, which will be sold starting Wednesday the 28th through Saturday the 31st in the Student Center during lunch and dinner.

Friday afternoon kicks off the weekend with the co-ed doubles volleyball tournament. Sign-ups for playing are in the career center all this week, but the tournament itself starts at 3:00 p.m. Friday afternoon. The games should continue until around 8:00 p.m. Friday night.

Going on at 5:00 p.m. in Finkbeiner Park is the RD sponsored barbeque. Students who have a meal plan will be able to eat for free while

those without a meal plan need to expect a charge of \$5.90. The RDs' plan to have a theme for their barbeque this year, so be expecting the nostalgic sounds of eighties music to accompany your meal. The barbeque is scheduled to end at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening. Get there early in order to be able to enjoy watching your favorite RD flip burgers for as long as possible.

Starting at 8:00 p.m. Cafe Malibu will begin inside Marriott. Entertainment for this event will include live music and theater sports. The drinks that are served

will all be non-alcoholic (just in case there were any questions), but only the first drink will be free. After that each additional drink will cost a mere quarter (\$.25). The close of Cafe Malibu at 11:00 p.m. Friday night marks the end of the activities for Friday.

Saturday morning begins bright and early with water skiing for those who signed up.

Sign ups will be posted Tuesday, May 27 on the wall next to the ASNNC board in the Student Center (on the other side of the women's bathrooms). Water skiing is scheduled to last from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

The Water Sports, which are held on the lawn between Morrison and Culver, begin at 11:00 a.m. The lawns will be flooded to allow for a myriad of

### The movie this year will be *The Three Musketeers*

look that no one on campus can match (and probably wouldn't want to). Students can stop by anytime between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and even snag some food from the Canteen or watch the championship volleyball games.

The Canteen Bar will then open at 3:00 p.m. Students can get (it's free with a meal plan) fruit, punch and

### A line up of activities for Malibu Days '97

Friday May 30th:

- 3:00 p.m.-8:00p.m.: Co-ed Doubles Volleyball.

- 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.: RD Sponsored Barbeque. Held in Finkbeiner Park. \$5.90 for those without a meal plan.

- 8:00p.m.-11:00p.m.: Cafe Malibu held in Marriott. The first drink is free, each and each additional is only \$.25.



Saturday May 31st:

- 9:00a.m.-11:00a.m.: Water skiing.

- 11:00a.m.: Water sports on the lawn between Morrison and Culver.

- 1:00p.m.-5:00p.m.: Tye-dyeing by the sand volleyball courts.

- 3:00p.m.-4:30p.m.: Canteen Bar by the sand volleyball courts and v-ball championship game

- 6:00p.m.: Luau at the Student Center Courtyard and the lawn in front of the gazebo.

- 10:00p.m.: movie all-nighter starts at track.

"water sports" including slip and sliding, a pool of gunk, skim boards and of course the infamous game of buck-buck. If you don't know what buck-buck is, you need to make sure you play it at least once.

At 1:00 p.m. tye-dyeing will be happening by the sand volleyball courts. Bring your Malibu t-shirt and create a distinctive

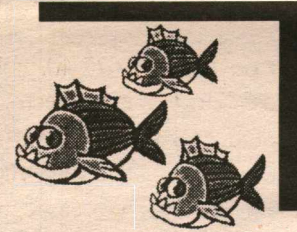
various food snacks at the Canteen until 4:30 p.m. The Canteen will be located by the sand volleyball courts.

Going on at the same time will be the co-ed doubles volleyball championship games, which start at 4:00 p.m.

Out in the Student Center Courtyard, starting at 6:00 p.m. is the Luau. Incredible food and great entertainment from the Jazz band and NNC students a la

karaoke will accompany the hula contest on the lawn by the gazebo.

The closing activity of the weekend is the movie overnighter on the track, which starts at 10:00 p.m. Saturday. The movie this year will be *The Three Musketeers*. Around 6:00 a.m. Sunday morning students will be able to have breakfast at the gym before stumbling back home.



## NNCalendar

May-June	27	27 8:00p Student Recital AD Aud	28 10:15a CHAPEL 11:00a CO & DO Rm Drawing-SCCR 9:00p Time Out	29 10:15a CU & SU Rm Drawing-SCCR 8:00p Concert Band-SLH	30 10:15a Chapel 3-8:00p Volleyball Tournamen 8-11:00p Cafe Malibu	Weekend 31-1 Saturday 9-12:00 Waterskiing 11:00a Watersports 1-5:00p Tye Dye 3-4:30p Canteena 4:00p V-ball Championship 6:00p Luau 10:00p Movie Overnighter
	8	2 10:15a Chapel	3 8:30a-12:00p ACT Exam-SLH 10:15a All-Campus Closing Communion	4 10:15a Chapel Investiture of Graduates	5 10:15a Chapel Senior Slide Show	6 10:15a Chapel Summer Sending Service

Chapman Hoop Classic

### Looking Ahead in May & June:

May 31st- June 1st:  
Malibu Days

June 1st:  
Reunion Zero

June 6th-7th:  
Chapman Hoop Classic

June 7th:  
ASNNC Procrastination Party

# REVIEWS

## Legend, Part I: hot new sound or just plain noise?

This record sounds less like an independent rock project and more like a movie soundtrack. Say, a splice between *Heavy Metal* and *The Ten Commandments*? With "Legend, Part I," Savior Machine has put out an album of serious Christian metal tunes, just in time for the end of this millennium and the beginning of the next. Fans of Queensryche, Fates Warning and Rush should get the most out of this mammoth concept album. Unfortunately, the concept is pretty unoriginal, as the songs make reference to several books of the Old Testament (Genesis, Psalms, Micah, etc.). The band claims this disk is "inspired by the greatest story every told," and goes on to

### Legend, part I

By Savior Machine

Reviewed by  
Tony Syme

### Crusader Rating



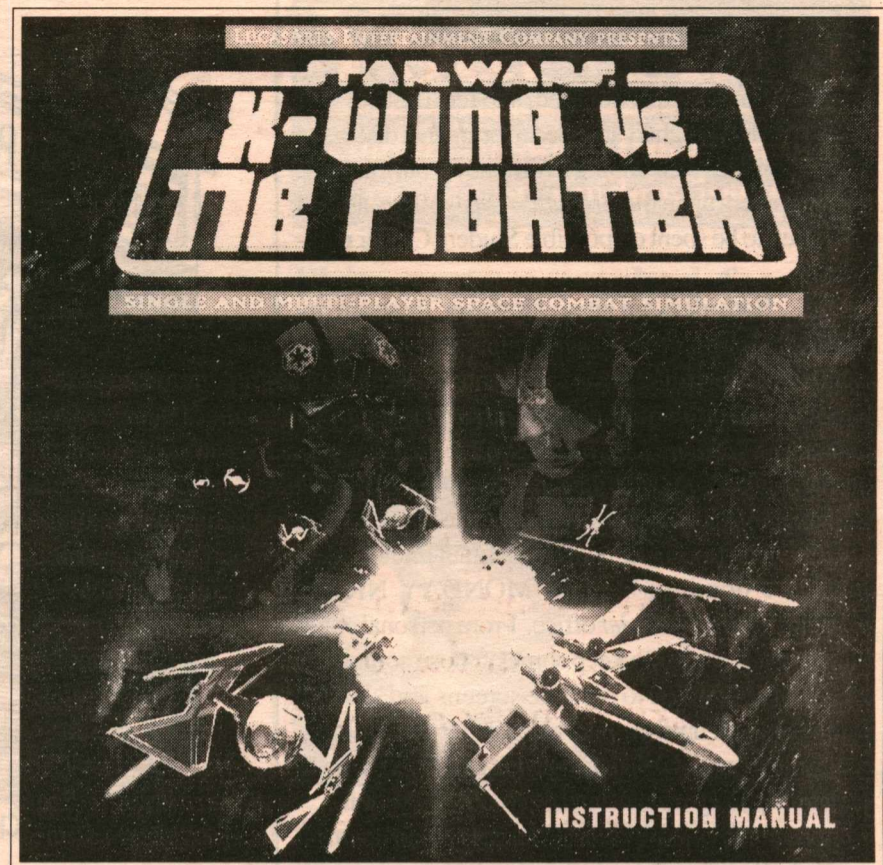
list several dozen verses for listener reference. If I had this CD earlier, I could have done my Bib. Lit. paper on it. At least you can't accuse the band of being lazy. "Legend" is dark and foreboding, complete with black cover and blood-red lettering. The song titles allude to impending apocalypse, like "The Invasion of Israel" and "World War III-The Final Conflict I." One wonders if the guys in Savior Machine had much fun as children.

Savior Machine is a huge asset to the Christian music industry, which is often dominated by impotent pop cheese that nice little girls listen to. This is not to say Savior tries to be vulgar in word and sound, but they make a greater attempt at artistry than some of their contemporary brothers and sisters. Such seriousness is also the band's major

weakness: Too much pomp and not enough substance. There is so much talent seething beneath the surface, but we never get to hear much more than lofty lyrics and drawn-out, cyclical musical arrangements. The music is merely a morbid backdrop for a collection of thoughtful writings. The band takes an extreme minimalist approach. The songs seem to use the same Middle Eastern dirge twisted around in different ways, although the occasional piano score helps vary the instrumentation. Tempos never move much beyond the slow lane. It's kind of like listening to new-age music, but with more blood and leather. And talk about LONG.

"Legend" clocks in at 77:40, including all the filler material in between songs. The first real "music" doesn't occur until the fourth track, "Legend I:I," where the soft piano provides a weak beginning to a long and rather boring journey. "The Invasion of Israel" is graced with some punchy guitar and progressively intense dynamics, but this is worn out pretty quickly, as well. Eric Clayton's vocals are in the "modern" metal vein of Queensryche, but end up sounding more like Jimmy Brown of Deliverance.

I want so much to give "Legend" higher marks, but the inspired text is marred too much by uninspired musical accompaniment. Being somewhat familiar with Savior's previous efforts, "Legend" does not present much of a surprise, but more mountains in the flat soundscape would have been welcome.



## The perfect way to put off studying

*A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away...*

Your heart pounds as your ship drops out of hyperspace. The laws of physics reapply themselves to your body as you quickly check your instruments. Shields charging at maximum, engines at 100 percent power, you tell yourself to stay off the comm. until your squadron leader calls for check-in.

"Rogue 1, standing by."

"Rogue 2, standing by."

Then you forget the rest as you see the blip on your heads-up display: enemy fighters at 10 km.

*The ultimate battle between good and evil wages on...*

X-wing vs. Tie Fighter from LucasArts brings the most advanced gaming techniques to the greatest legend of our time. With the re-release of the classic movie series, the classic games X-wing and Tie Fighter have been combined into a multi player game that take the originals into the technology of today.

The originals came out about five years ago and were among the most difficult games to play with their thirty-something keyboard commands and joystick controls. The new version takes the original controls and adds better HUD (head-up display) features and better maneuverability. Graphics are amazing as you have the ability to fly within inches of other craft.

The original *Star Wars* score has been incorporated into the game to give the player the feel that only comes with the correct music. The original had very synthesized music while on board flagships, but nothing while flying. Now a combatant can fly against either the Empire or the Rebellion's best pilots to the same award winning score that Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader battled to.

Players can choose from a variety of play modes. Training is available in a different Alliance and Imperial craft along with missions, battles and custom dogfights that hone the abilities of even the most experienced starfighter pilots.

The game comes with two CDs: one for the host game and a second for a multi player game. This is significant because most games today cause a buyer to purchase two separate copies to play a multi player game. At a cost of \$30- \$40 depending on where you buy the game, this is a serious advantage.

The game's only disadvantage is that it is not for older, slower computers. For single player gaming, a Pentium 90 chip and Windows'95 are required. For a Local Area Network (LAN) one must have at least a Pentium 100 and Internet play requires *at the least* at Pentium 133 chip and a 28.8 kbps modem.

### X-Wing vs. Tie Fighter

By LucasArts  
\$30-\$40

Reviewed by  
Andy Diehl

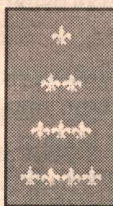
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- \* DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME.
- \*\* DEPENDS ON YOUR TASTE.
- \*\*\* GOOD STUFF.
- \*\*\*\* KICKS SOME SERIOUS FISH!!

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## LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I am sad, discouraged, and feel robbed. Tonight (Monday night) I attended a forum that discussed the possibilities of spending my money, "our" money, for computers up in the *Crusader/Oasis* office, as well as money to be spent on possible Student Center renovations.

Both ideas are great. However, these are my concerns. Six of the twelve Senators that have been voted into office attended the forum. That is not even enough to vote and pass any bill that would be presented. I very much appreciate Ryan Ketchum, JoLyn Payne, David Stillman, Mark Boothby, Shawn Blenker, and Melissa Tennyson for attending the forum.

I was, at one time, the Assistant Photo Editor and have done the "LATE MONDAY NIGHT THING" in the *Crusader* office. From personal experience, the best way to keep some of those computers running is to squint to read the screens and slap the hard drive just hard enough to keep it from crashing. I'm a maintenance kind of guy. If it is broken, fix it. If you are running on five out of six cylinders, fix it.

I very much agree that the Student Center needs help, however, a forum for just that needs to take place. That should be something budgeted for, and student as well as Administrative involvement are a necessity for a tasteful, superior building, meeting all the needs.

I mentioned being robbed. As Campus Ministries Coordinator, I have worked with Senate and understand the system in great detail. We, as students, are not here to be tight-wads with the student fees and save them for rainy days. Check the Senate Minutes; how much money is left in the General Account? Rather than allowing what's left to be rolled over into the General Account for next year, the student fees should be zeroed out every year by providing services and other benefits for the current students of Northwest Nazarene College. We paid our student fees this year. Are they being used for this year? Not in their entirety. Some ideas to spend that money include new vacuum cleaners for dorms, and any other maintenance that needs to be addressed for buildings, or even the grounds. An even better idea is utilizing money for clubs that meet the needs of community and represent NNC. Just a thought.

Johnathan E. Lindley.

## Staff Infection

Hey, I got leied twice in chapel today. That's not bad; that beats my previous record ... Shut up, Stillman!! but I didn't even say that previous comment! Sorry -- it'd just been way too long since we put that in Staff Infection ... NNC won't exist in 20 years? ... and that from a Finkbeiner? ... okay, what does it mean if I can't spell Christiann, corss, or chrurch? It's the evil keyboard; it's possessed ... did you notice that you seem to be able to spell "possessed just fine" ... Lindley, Lindley, Lindley, etc ... no, not Matt -- Jon! ... I'm looking for my Ethics book ... You have ethics? ... No, I don't have ethics, I'm taking ethics. ... HAHAAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA

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"SAY, IS ANYONE CHECKING THE PLANE AS CLOSELY AS YOU'RE CHECKING THE PASSENGERS?"

## Is it sin or is it just culture?

So the deal is, I was in Germany two years ago, on a three-week tour with Northwesterners, and our second concert was in the town of Kaiserslautern. After a terrific concert, I was assigned to stay -- along with former *Crusader* managing editor Dave McEwen -- at a local church member's home. It was June 15th, and we'd been in Germany less than 48 hours, so the whole Europe thing was still new and exciting to most, and we didn't know exactly what to expect from our homestays.

I've forgotten our host's name, so I'll have to call him "Gunther." Anyway, "Gunther" was kind enough to show us his lovely city and share much of the old town's rich history with us, most of which revolved around the breweries. Breweries he claimed were famous throughout the area for their excellence.

So after this short lesson in the finer German delicacies, Gunther logically proceeded around the corner to the local pub. "You vaunt to kome in und haff a trink, ja?" he asked with a jolly smile. Dave and I kind of looked at each other, realized Gunther probably wasn't asking us to drink as much as he was assuming we naturally would. So we decided we probably shouldn't offend our host, went in and had a couple of Cokes as Gunther downed two dark-looking, full-bodied beers.

What's the point? Gunther goes to the church we sang at that night: Kaiserslautern First Church of the Nazarene.

He doesn't see a conflict between being a Christian and consuming alcohol. In fact, if you're German, you drink beer. It's genetic. It's your destiny. You're pre-

## John Fraley

Gunther was kind enough to show us his lovely city and share much of the old town's rich history, most of which revolved around the breweries. Then he took us to the local pub.

destined to drink beer.

Now if Gunther came over to the States, went to a Nazarene church in, oh, say, Kansas City (may as well set this story in the holy of holies), and after the service, asked if anyone wanted to go out and have a couple of beers, he'd probably not get a very favorable response.

So why is that? Why is it okay to drink in a country across the ocean, but not okay here?

American Christians take refuge in the verse that proclaims our bodies are the Lord's temple. They use that reference to assume that since the Holy Spirit resides in each Christian, we should strive to keep the body pure. Therefore, drinking and smoking are out of the question.

Unfortunately, that argument fights back against those who use it lightly. For if one's body really is the Holy Spirit's temple, and it really is one's responsibility to treat it with as much care as possible, and it really is wrong to take

drugs, smoke tobacco and drink alcohol, then isn't it also wrong to eat too much? Isn't it also wrong, then, to sit in front of the tube on Sunday afternoon, munching on Doritos and drinking Pepsi while marveling at the unbelievable things Michael Jordan can do with his "temple"?

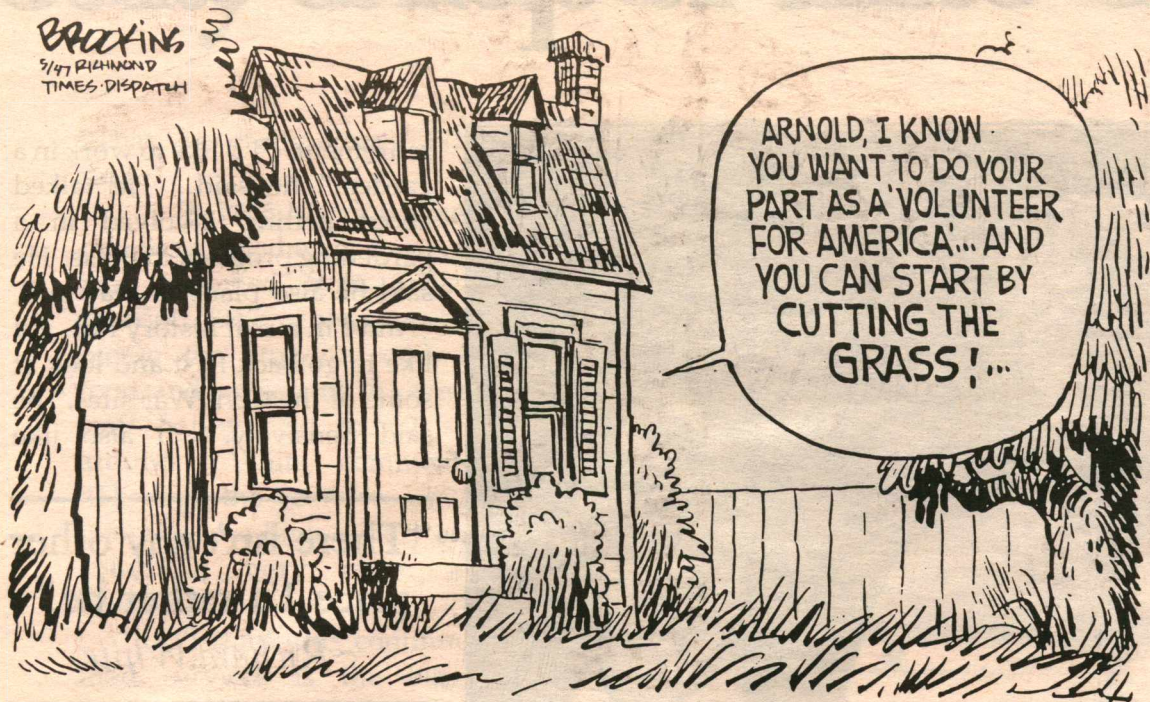
And yet, you don't see the church shunning overeaters. You don't hear Christians talk about couch potatoes spending eternity burning in the proverbial lake of fire. Heck, you don't even see Christians lobbying to get Snickers candy bars off the shelves at Albertson's.

In fact, Sunday school teachers pass out M&M's or lollipops to their best students, and American churches don't turn away obese people who've spent their lives "abusing" their "temples".

And lest we forget, Jesus' first recorded miracle was not when he changed water into grape juice; and Last Supper participants didn't drink Kool-Aid with their bread.

I'll grant that each culture can have its own idiosyncrasies. However, let's not be so arrogant as to assume that this country's strands of Protestantism have transcended its culture and achieved a higher level of understanding. Americans are arrogant enough as it is.

Maybe it's just my peculiar brand of latent cynicism, but it seems that culturally based crusades, such as the war waged on tobacco and alcohol, are nothing more than vehicles through which some Christians can easily and visibly feel superior to non-believers. So when are these people going to begin to worry about things that really matter?



## Unto the very least of these...

Recently I have seen T-shirts that say "Vote Democrat, it's easier than getting a job."

It makes me wonder: what happened to concern for the poor? I will readily admit that I am not up on politics, so I don't understand how the shirt relates to Democratic policy. The obvious inference is that Democrats find it important to help the poor. I must admit that I find this to be a very Christian thing to do.

Now while I don't find myself affiliated with the Democratic Party, I also don't much like the Republican Party either. It scares the heck out of me sometimes when I hear people equating the GOP with Christianity. I believe that Christians can belong to either party. At any rate, a Democratic-like concern for the poor is a very Christian attitude.

The other aspect of the T-shirt that I find worth addressing is the idea that poor people who do not have jobs would love to receive financial assistance instead of holding a job. Do we just blame the poor for being poor, and hold animosity toward them for their use of "our" tax dollars? I remember leaning in psychology that humans often blame others for their degraded conditions. This is known as the fundamental attribution error.

I am aware that the amount of financial help that poor people receive is barely sufficient for their survival.

True, some recipients are guilty of abusing the system currently in place. However, I still feel

### Lee Palo

that there are enough genuinely needy people who benefit from governmental assistance -- enough people to justify continued assistance.

This is not to say I oppose reform, but eliminating the entire system is surely more cruel a solu-

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tion than is warranted.

When I went home for the summer a couple of years ago, I went with my home church (Kirkland Church of the Nazarene) to feed the Seattle homeless. The Kirkland church operates a ministry to the homeless through which a meal is provided Sunday of the year, regardless of what is

going on that particular Sunday.

My sister regularly participated in this ministry opportunity, and on the particular Sunday that I went, I met a homeless lady that my sister had befriended. This lady was ecstatically happy (not just ecstatic, and not just happy) because she had a job interview during the next week. If you could only see the look on her face, which I will never forget, then any preconceived idea that all homeless people enjoy not working and enjoy receiving governmental financial assistance would immediately disappear.

But is it enough to be content that governmental financial assistance for the poor exists? All that does is alleviate our responsibility to our neighbor by shifting that responsibility to the government. Jesus' death on the cross ought to empower us to help our neighbor. The very least we can do is insure that the poor will be taken care of financially, should their need require it, through governmental assistance.

I'll admit I have my problems with the Democrats. I'm not excited, to put it mildly, about their stance on abortion. But at least they demonstrate the necessary concern for the poor. Republicans, on the other hand, espouse abortion policies I can tolerate, but their obvious lack of compassion toward the needy turns me away.

--Lee Karl Palo is a heretic in his free time

## Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues

This week, we asked for comments about Mr. White.



Chris Adams

Sophomore

Art Ed.

Hamilton, MT

"My family has worked here since the late '70s. He's been a great guy. He practically adopted my uncle. Every day they ask how he's doing."



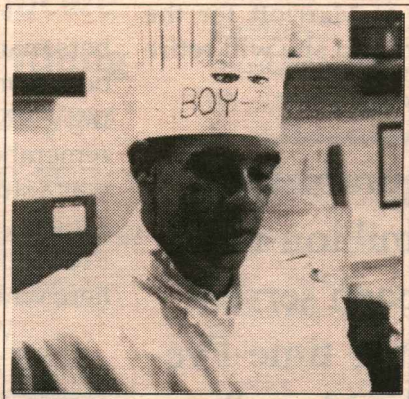
Kurt Wallin

Marriott

Chef

Nampa, ID

"He was the first man that gave me the chance to be a cook, and he believed in me."



Chris Moore

Sophomore

Youth Ministries

Colfax, WA

"First time I met him I was a little nervous that he wasn't very personal, but second time I met him he really brightened my day. He's kind of like my own grandpa here at Marriott."



Shelly Lujan

Mariott

Catering Manager

Nampa, ID

"We'll be able to replace the manager at NNC, but we'll never be able to replace ... Mr. White."

# Mr. White calls it quits after

By Amy Riley  
Asst. Cover Story Editor

He sat sideways at the desk in his office, his eyes looking through his square, wire-rimmed glasses and his mouth smiling a gentle welcome. His silvery hair was neatly combed and he wore a bright white chef's shirt. He leaned his elbow against the desk and put his chin in his hand.

Richard White, manager of Marriott food services at NNC, is retiring after 35 years of service to the college. "I figure nearly twelve million meals have been served during the time I've worked here," White said after going through how many meals, on average, have been served each day, week, month and year, and taking into consideration all of the special dinners that have been catered over the years.

"Let's see," he said and began counting on one finger at a time. "Five presidents have been here during the 35 years that I've been doing this."

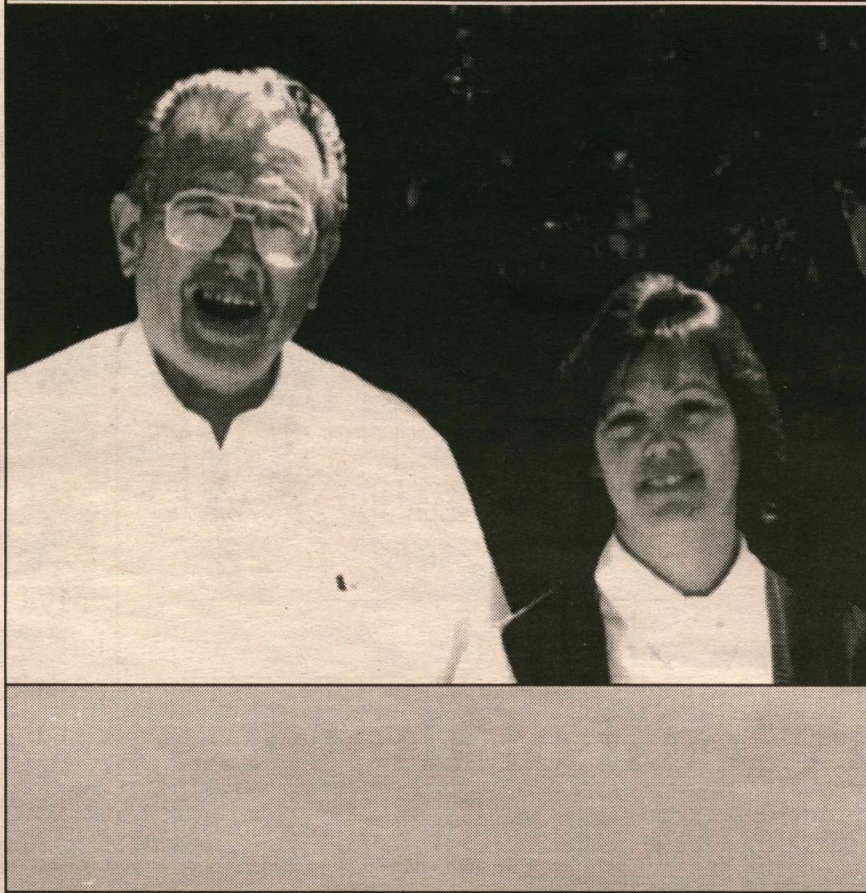
He said his wife, Barbara, has been a major support for him. She has worked by his side at Marriott for the past 22 years and she will retire with him.

**"I figure nearly twelve million meals have been served during the time I've worked here."**

~Marriott manager  
Richard White

White started working at NNC September, 1962 and he'll officially retire next October. "It seems like it went really fast," he said with his eyebrows raised.

Coming into the job, he didn't really know what to expect. The first day he visited the campus, he came in to observe as a part of orientation. He said they had spaghetti and meat sauce but they didn't have enough spaghetti noodles cooked. The cooks had to hurry and boil more noodles and the students had to wait what seemed like a very long time. "I



wondered, 'What am I getting myself into,' " White said.

He remembered the plans he had when he first accepted the job. "When I came here, I was told I'd stay here for a year. But the president of the college at that time really liked me and I really liked it here, so I stayed. There isn't any other place I'd rather be," he said.

He said he also remembers many current faculty members from their years of attending NNC as students. "I remember when Dr. Hagood was a student here," he said with a grin. "Dr. Mike Lodahl, the Professor of the Year, worked here while he was a student."

White has other memories that he'll take with him. One of those memories involved Bob Thompson, Registrar Marilyn Thompson's husband, while he was working here as a professor. The Thompsons and White were decorating for a Hawaiian-themed dinner and Bob Thompson was

making fancy decorations. "He was always so talented. I had fun watching him make the neatest things, and he did them so fast," White said.

While Thompson worked on his decorations, he took a deep breath and caught some of

the fumes from a torch being used as a decoration. White said he didn't know it, but Thompson was allergic to the fumes. While Thompson coughed and tried to breathe, White stood there asking, "So, when are you going to finish? Is this all you're going to do? How much longer will it take?"

Thompson waved his hands at his wife, who was putting up decorations, to get her to come over and help him out. She waved back before she realized he needed help. Thompson ended up going to the hospital and was treated with an oxygen mask. "I felt bad about it when I found out he was allergic to the fumes. I couldn't believe it took us so long to figure it out," White said. "And I was bugging him about when he'd get finished."

**"I'll be 67 in August. I want to spend time with my grandchildren and the rest of my family. It's just time [to retire]."**

~Richard White

White's times here have been fun and yet stressful. "I'll be 67 in August," White said. "I want to spend time with my grandchildren and the rest of my family. It's just time [to retire]. It's time to get away from the pressure and stress," he said.

After a pause, he said, "I feel like it's time, but at the same time, I'm going to miss it. The students are special to me."

He has a few plans for

retirement. "I'd like to work in a garden," he said. He talked about getting involved in a gardening program in Boise. He said he also plans to play golf. "And I'm a real history nut. I'd like to go back East and look at some of the Civil War sites," he said pensively. "I also like

**"There isn't any other place I'd rather be."**

~Richard White

country music, so I'd like to go to Nashville, Tennessee."

Although he said it's time for him to retire, he said he'll miss it a lot. "I will miss the students and the staff. I used to work fourteen or more hours each day, but I'm down to ten hours each day now. But in that time, I've really gotten to know the people here," he said.

"Meeting some special students has been just wonderful," he said. One student he spoke of was Kurt Finkbeiner. Finkbeiner Park was named for Kurt after he died in an accident at Lake Lowell. As he spoke of Kurt, he took his glasses off and wiped his eyes. Then he said, "The faculty and administration have always been good to work with too."

He said there have been

**"Dr. Mike Lodahl, the Professor of the Year, worked here while he was a student."**

~Richard White

some ups and downs about working here, although the ups far outweighed the downs. There really only was one negative thing he spoke of. "It bothers me when students say, 'The food sucks' and then they don't give any suggestions for improvement," White said.

Over the 35 years that he has worked here, things have changed a lot. When he first started, there was only one choice per meal. Then they went to three choices per meal at lunch and dinner. There used to only be 30 minutes for lunch.

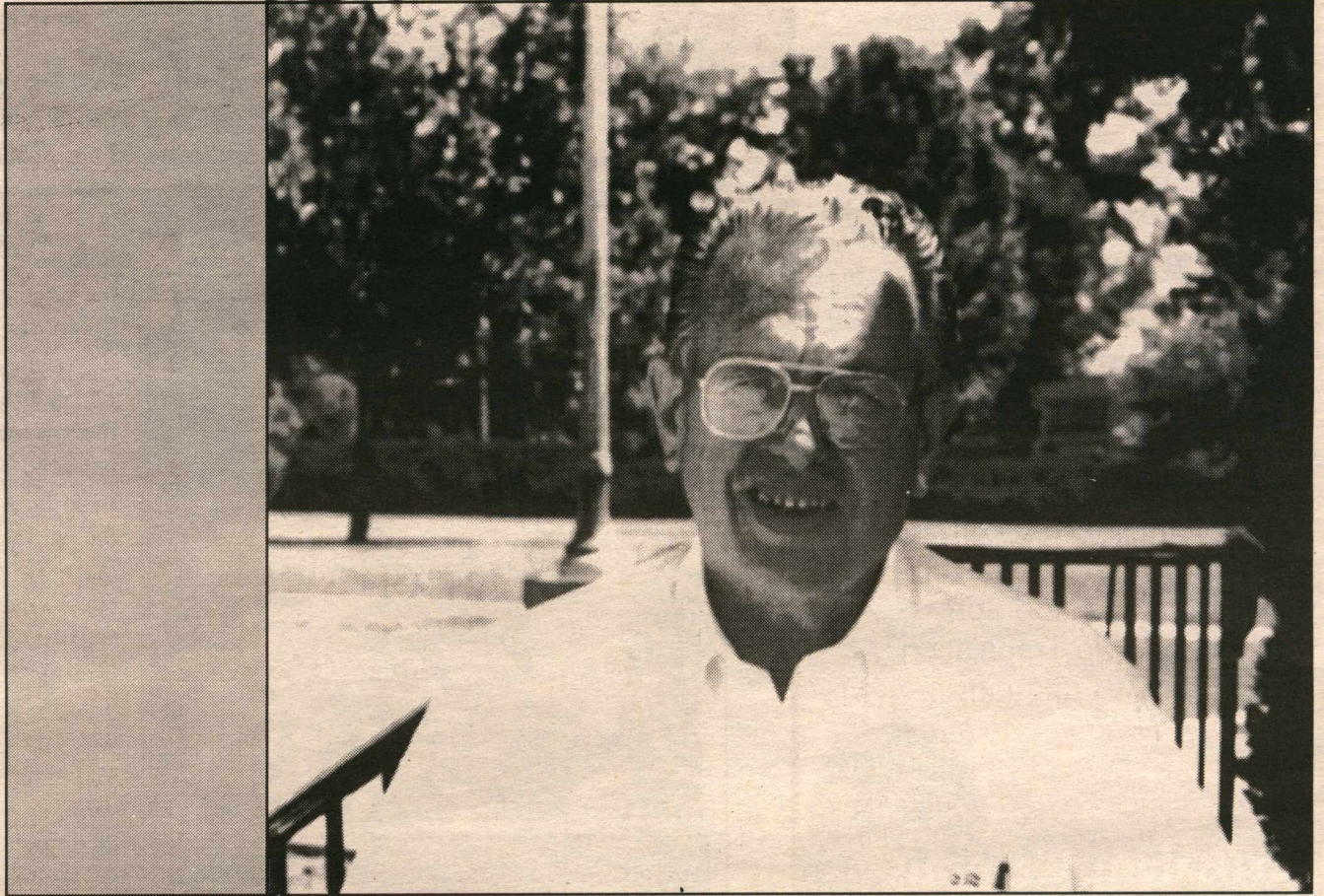


# 35 years of service to NNC

"That was really crazy," White said.

In 1986 Marriott bought out Saga, so the food services here switched from Saga to Marriott. "We've always tried to please the students with the food, and we've tried to keep our staff happy so they'll stick around," White commented. "Through the years we always maintained a high quality environment; very clean and healthy."

"I think this continuous food services is the biggest change we've made. It makes it more difficult for us, but I think we've got it going pretty well," he said.



## Marriott employees remember Mr. White

By Amy Riley  
Asst. Cover Story Editor

In the early morning at NNC's food services, a man's voice can be heard singing, "Oh, Lord, it's hard to be humble," above the usual clatter of trays, dishes, pots and silverware.

It's typical for Richard White, manager of Marriott food services, to make his presence known any time of the day by singing this familiar song.

"We really get a kick out of his singing," said Fireside cook Jan Cooper (known to students and faculty as J.C.). She has enjoyed working with White for 13 years.

**"We'll really miss him. Nobody will ever really fill his shoes."**

~Fireside cook Jan Cooper

"He has always been a really good boss. If you make a mistake, he doesn't get mad and jump on you," Cooper said. "He usually just laughs and tells you about a mistake he once made as

a cook," she continued.

Grace Harmon, NNC's dinner cook for the past 19 years, said White is fun to work for. "He's also real caring and understanding," Harmon said.

Part of what makes White such a great boss for Harmon is that he does a lot to keep the employees happy. "He is always working things out to be able to give people a day off or anything when they ask," she said.

According to Shelly Lujan, Marriott's catering director, White is easy to work for because he is sensitive. "I've really appreciated his caring ways," she began. "In the last five years I've gone through a lot of life-changing and tragic events. He has been really good to me as I coped with all those things. He has known when to say something and when to just listen to me," Lujan said.

She has enjoyed working for White because he has been like a father to her at times. "He has really protected me on campus. He has helped me know what to say and when to say it and I've always really appreciated it," she said.

White has also been very personable to the employees. Harmon said she shares special friendships with White and his wife, Barbara. "He's almost like a brother to me," Harmon said.

She's not the only one with whom he has made a friendship. Harmon said he'll be missed by everyone. "He knows

**"He's so sincere about everything he does for you and says to you.**

**I'm really going to miss his sincerity."**

~Shelly Lujan.

us all so well. He stops and visits with us as we're all doing our own thing back here," she said.

Student employees have also appreciated White's friendship. Post-bac student Lee Palo said, "I've had some great theological and philosophical conversations with him and he has even given me a couple of books about the subjects. I really enjoy talking to him about that stuff and he's really into it too."

As a boss, White has surprised Palo by his willingness to work side by side with the kitchen workers. "Sometimes when I've been short in the dishroom, he has actually come in and helped me get caught up. He's not above getting dirty," Palo said.

Marriott employee of the month for April, Amber Jerome, said, "He always says 'hi' and I think he really has concern for the workers."

Of all the characteristics they mentioned about White, his kindness and sincerity were most frequently spoken of. "He's so sincere about everything he does for you and everything he says to you," Lujan said.

He still has the last few weeks of this term and the first few weeks of next year as manager at NNC's food service, but he'll be missed when he leaves. "We'll be able to replace the manager at NNC, but we'll never be able to replace the man, Mr. White," Lujan said.

Although White will be missed, he said he felt like it was just time to retire. He noted his age--he'll be 67 in August--and he said he has really enjoyed his 35 years working here. Some employees would love to have him stay longer. "I know he's going to be missed. Even though we feel like we would like to have him stay around, that's not very fair to him. Thirty-five years in one job is a really long time," Harmon said.

Marriott employees will miss more than his singing when he leaves. They'll miss his friendship, kindness, sincerity and his fun personality.

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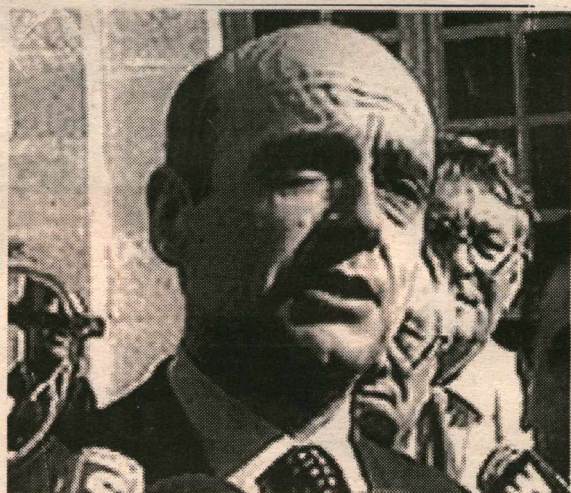
## Fr. premier resigns after election

*Aligned left-wing grasps control in early election ballot*

By Andrew J. Diehl  
World News Editor

PARIS, FRANCE -- After the center-right's worst showing in a first-round election in 30 years, French premier Alain Juppe announced that he would resign from his position. "A new team and a new prime minister are needed," Juppe said in a statement to the press Monday afternoon. "I'll continue to fight the right fight to the end. After that, I'll consider my job done."

Now that all of the votes from the districts have



Former French Premier Alain Juppe

been counted, Sunday's vote has Juppe and President Jacques Chirac's party with 30 percent of the electorate while the Communist, Socialist and ecologist alliance has 40 percent of the vote. The far-right National Front, which holds a strong position against immigration and the European unification, collected 15 percent: enough to have a say in some major decisions.

Any candidates who collected more than 12.5 percent of the vote will be advanced to second-round voting next Sunday.

Political analysts believe that if the left wing holds as much of the vote in the next election as it did in the last, then the President will be in a peculiar position of "cohabitation" of the government.

The entire election has been a gamble by President Chirac. The next election was slated for ten months from now, but he had moved the ballot up to have the election before instituting new economic measures that are necessary for France to qualify for the unified currency in 1999. The coalition held 80 percent of the seats, all of which were behind Chirac's plan. If the leftists take control, then the plan will slow to a stand-still because the Communists are against unification.

The next round of the election hinges on which direction the National Front will throw its weight. The Front's leader, Jean-Paul LePen, took a personal swipe against Chirac, and the party is expected to go likewise. Chirac is countering this move by hosting the signing ceremony at Elysee Palace between Russia and NATO.

## Parks plan to raise usage fees

*Sites draw 260 million visitors in past year; Dept. of Interior hopes fees curb park usage to preserve for future*

By Joshua M. Dooley  
Asst. World News Editor

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Along with the beauty of wildlife and natural splendor, National Park visitors may be faced with the less-than-pleasant reality of sticker shock this summer.

The price for admission to the nation's most popular parks has nearly quadrupled, to \$20 per car. Even though the money has been used to make the improvements that are desperately needed, people still might not receive what they came to escape: crowds, noise and traffic.

As of last year, America's national parks, seashores and historic sites calculated some 260 million visitors, and many of those sites are in desperate need of repair. Though the parks have improvement plans, they don't yet have the money needed to make things better.

When the Merced River flooded through California's Yosemite Valley last winter, it helped park planners in demolition work — tearing up cabins, campgrounds and roads. The floodwater cleared ground for the park's master plan and moved Yosemite up the priority list for money. "If the flood had not occurred at Yosemite, the superintendent of that park would be standing in line with 370 other park superintendents,

with very critical needs, to get a priority, to get money, to do what needs to be done there," said former Yosemite superintendent B.J. Griffin.

Yosemite, as well as most of the older, bigger parks — need fewer cars, mass transit, upgraded trails and utilities. Many of the national parks need the private trusts and funds to pay for everything beyond basic operations. Even though repairs are needed, demands remain high: nine million people visited the Great Smoky Mountains National Park last year, four million went to the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone brought in more than three million people and nearly three million went to Rocky Mountain National Park, mostly by car.

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That's the current problem at most parks across the country, and it may be about to change. "I think the visitors' expectations need to change somewhat. The marriage between the American public and the automobile is going to have to undergo a separation," said

National Parks Regional director John Cook.

These parks just can't handle the traffic. As of last week, Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt said that at the beginning of next year, visitors will need advanced reservations to get into some parks. While crowds wait for space at the big parks, hundreds of lesser-known parks wait for visitors, offering wild rivers, national sea shores, battlefields, monuments and historic sites.

# Investigators look into plane crash

Six would-be skydivers die in plane crash; one experienced member jumps to safety

By Joshua M. Dooley  
Asst. World News Editor

MIAMI, FLORIDA -- Investigators are doing work to find out if a skydiving plane that crashed into a sweet potato field was caused by a weight factor.

The single-engine Cessna 210 crashed and burst into flames killing six people. One woman on the plane, Carol O'Connell, was fortunate to have survived by jumping out and parachuting moments before the plane crashed.

"I'm very grateful to be alive," O'Connell said. "I guess when it's your time to go, you go. It wasn't my time."

The plane took off from Homestead General Airport, south of Miami, loaded with seven people and skydiving gear. This type of plane was designed to carry only six people. The passenger seats had to be removed to give the skydivers room.

One witness filmed the accident which showed the plane losing speed on a turn which caused it to go into a spin and crash to the ground.

"Aerodynamically, the airplane had gotten too slow and it lost lift with the wings — the wings did not have enough airflow over them," said Jeffrey Kennedy, an investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board. "It's not a mechanical failure."

O'Connell, with 22 jumps under her belt, saw the pilot struggling with the plane. She was on a small platform that was attached to the right side of the plane where she awaited her jumping instructions from the jump master. She was suppose to make the jump at

**"These people were pinned down against the fuselage because of the centrifugal force. They're on the floor, and they have 25 pounds of gear on their backs. It's difficult to get out."**

**--Dan Poynter,  
Skydiving Authority**

altitude of 3,500 feet, but the left wing dipped and the plane began to shake. "The engine seemed fine," O'Connell said. "One of the last things I saw was the

pilot struggling to handle the plane."

With the plane seemingly out of control, O'Connell has two choices — jump from the plane that might crash, or hang onto the plane and hope that the pilot could regain control of the plane. She chose to jump; and as she drifted to the ground she watched the plane crash. She landed unharmed moments later about 80 feet from the flaming wreckage.

Why is it that she was able to escape, but the other six couldn't? Dan Poynter, author of six technical books on sky diving, claims the plane's rotation as it spun down to Earth would have held them down. "These people were pinned down against the fuselage because of the centrifugal force," he said. "They're on the floor, and they have 25 pounds of gear on their backs. It's difficult to get out."

Police are refusing to release the names of anyone involved at the moment. Authorities are using dental records to identify the bodies.

Four people have died in Skydive Inc. jumps since 1989. Two people were killed in 1989 and again in 1991 during tandem jumps that failed when parachutes malfunctioned.

After the jump that saved her life, O'Connell is one short of the 24 jumps needed to obtain a license. "It's the kind of experience that makes you ask yourself questions about life," she said. "But now, I'm thinking it's not for me."

## ...very briefly...

NEW YORK, NEW YORK -- Summer

### Business news

job seekers will have the best odds of finding a job as temporary employers plant to expand their workforces states a survey by Manpower Inc. of over 16,000 temporary services nationwide. Only five percent of those surveyed said that they planned to cut their work forces back any. This growth is coupled with the nation's lowest unemployment rate in 23 years (April 1997, 4.9%). Manpower said that the highest portion of growth should be throughout the Midwest. Construction plans to have the highest growth while mining plans to have the least amount of change.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK -- Nobel

### People news

Peace Prize winner Mother Teresa slipped into New York to welcome a new group of nuns into her order, Missionaries of Charity. She flew in Monday from Rome and was greeted by two dozen nuns at Kennedy airport. After blessing them and passing out medallions, the 86-year-old nun proceeded to her order's convent at Mount St. Vincent in the Bronx. Ten days ago, on her flight from India to Rome, she asked for oxygen and complained of lightheadedness. She appeared in good health after this most recent flight and said she was feeling much better and described her flight into New York as "very good."

CAMBRIDGE, MASS -- Cheating

### College News

on college campuses across America has integrated technology again. Students are now able to access students papers from other institutions and pass them off as their own through a number of different World Wide Web sites. Some sites, such as "The Evil House of Cheat," charge a flat rate such as \$70 for proven winners, or by the page for other sites. Some sites even accept Master Card and Visa. The most popular site has had over 600,000 visitors.

## What do I care?

In an unprecipitated

move between North and South Korea, the hunger-stricken North has agreed to accept 50,000 tons of food from rival South Korea. The agreement, hammered out after three days of talks in Beijing, China, is the first agreement between the two countries since a 1985 pact to allow visits between families that had been displaced by the countries' 1950-1953 war.

The United Nations estimates that some 4.7 million people risk starvation without some kind of massive food aid. The aid from the south is being channeled through the Red Cross and is expected to feed 600,000 for around six months.

600,000 of 4,700,000 people will actually get the aid they need. 12.7 percent of the people in need.

Now let it first be known that under the usual circumstances, I don't think that we should be involved in international affairs. Different "conflicts" over the years have made me wary of how much intervention the United States should be involved in. I am not even saying that our government should be involved in this matter.

What bothers me is the bull-headed stubbornness that leaders exhibit when asking for help or even in acknowledging the fact that they have a problem.

Grow-up for crying out loud! The countries still are "technically" at war. It took **THREE DAYS** to decide to send the food for the 600,000. On a proportional rate it would take them almost a month to decide to send enough food for all of them. By the time you decide to send the food and actually get the logistics figured out to transport the goods, how many people will have starved or become seriously ill from malnutrition?

I understand that there are limits to what can be done to help and that there are limitations on everything. There also has to be a limit where self-preservation take precedence over petty differences. Either way will save lives.

-- analysis by Andrew Diehl

## Around the world in eighty words

Compiled by Tim Drake  
Staff Writer

### Poles approve Constitution

WARSAW, POLAND -- A new Constitution was barely approved to replace the charter that was created by the Communists in 1952 under the directions of Joseph Stalin. The new document will keep many of the powers that existed under the old Constitution but drastically weakens the power of the president. The document also allows for the introduction into global organizations and leaves the decision of abortion to be decided at a later time.

### Japanese blockade protesters

Tokyo, Japan -- Japanese Coast Guard ships turned back protesters who believe that several Japanese controlled islands are the property of China and Taiwan. Japan claimed the islands -- Diaoyu in Chinese and Senkaku in Japanese -- in 1895 after defeating the Chinese. 60 coast guard ships turned back the 20 ships of protesters after a ocean cat-and-mouse game that included several minor collisions. The island have been a major point of contention after a small private group built a lighthouse there.

### Military Gov't arrests five

Freetown, Sierra Leone -- The new military government arrested five of the civilian government ministers during a weekend coup. Fifteen were killed and forty were injured as looting and rioting were rampant in Freetown. This is the third such action in the last five years.

# Spring IM's Rocking the Courts

Final softball game to be played on May 29; more about soccer, tennis, and raquetball

By Robin Day  
Sports Editor

Intramural Softball is almost over (promise) with only two games left to play. Game 15 was played May 27 at 5:15 p.m. Team Downie defeated Team York 8-7, due to a scoring streak in the seventh inning. Team Downie now proceeds to the championship game to play Blitzkrieg. The championship game will be probably be played on Thursday at 5:15 p.m. As Blitzkrieg has not lost a game yet and the tournament is double elimination, if team Downie beats Blitzkrieg, there will be another game immediately following the first to decide the championship.

Games played this past week and scores finally turned in include Team Buck's triumph over Team Newman and the Stoner's fall to Team Downie. Team York was defeated by Blitzkrieg in one of the semi-final games, sending Blitzkrieg directly to the championship and Team York to play in game 15 with another shot at the final.

Intramural Volleyball is almost over, with only the final tournament left, which will be held May 27, with games beginning at 5:00 p.m. This past week saw the wrapping up of regular season play for all teams. On Tuesday, May 20, Team Mongoose defeated Team

3, Team 5 forfeited to Team 11, and The Raggheads (Team 7) forfeited to KOF. Wednesday, May 21, brought Team 10 a win by forfeit against Team 2 and Team 4 defeated Team 12, 11-2, 11-2. Thursday, May 22, gave Team 3 a victory over Team 11, while KOF fell to Team Mongoose. Team 6 forfeited to Team 10. The last game of IM regular season volleyball was played on Friday, May 23, between Team 8 and Team 12. Team 8 conquered, 11-2, 11-4.

In Intramural Racquetball, only three games have been played and reported. Game 1, a match between sophomore John Greentree and senior Kyle Six resulted in a victory for Six. He will go up against sophomore Chris Moore, who defeated sophomore Sony Pierre-Andre. Freshman Raul Flores fell to senior Brent Thomas, and will play the loser of game 4, while Thomas will match up with the winner.

Men's soccer has begun, with games occurring on the track field. However, neither tennis nor soccer has any scores or results recorded yet. Teams are reminded to fill in the brackets on the bulletin board after the games are played.

Coming up, the last week of school will bring a flag football tournament. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, along with more information. Students are encouraged to organize teams for this long anticipated event.

In other intramural news, the King and Queen

of the Court tournament will occur this Friday, May 28. The women's games will begin at 11:00 p.m. and the men's games will begin at midnight. The '96-'97 Chapman Hoop Classic is still scheduled for Saturday, June 7, and 18 teams are entered to compete. If you still want to participate, you can sign-up on the bulletin board until June 1. Contact Brian at 8035 or Kent at 8668 for more information.

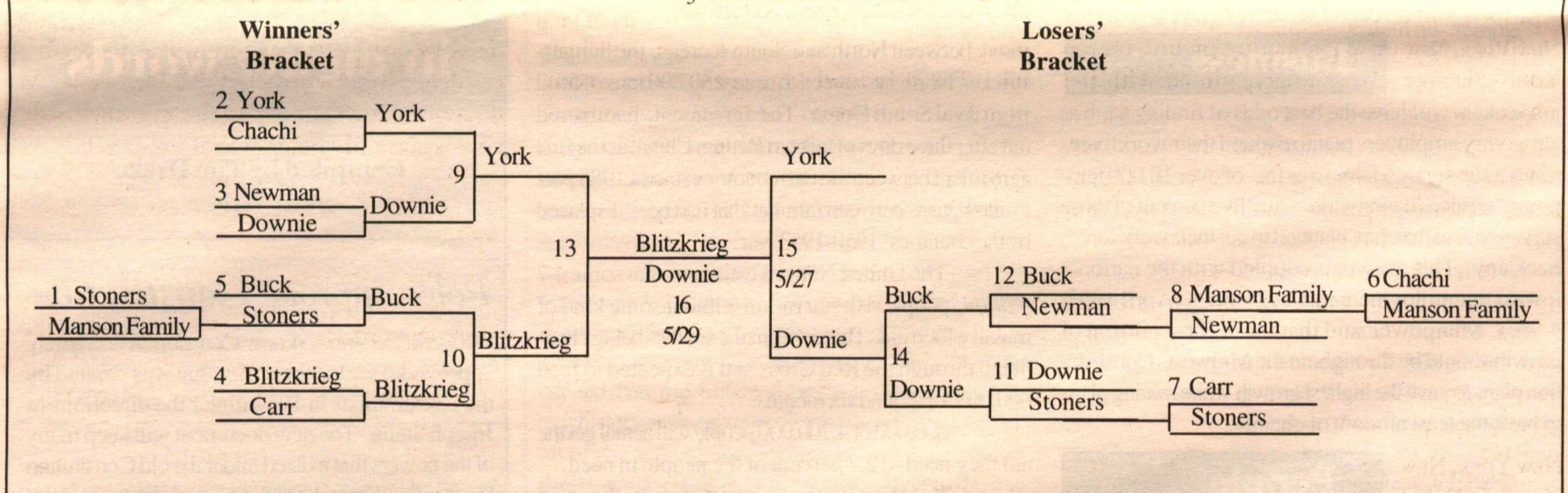
## Pool Rankings

Pool A	Pool B
1) Team Mongoose	1) Team 8
2) Team 5	2) Team 12
3) Team 10	3) Team 3
4) Team 4	4) The Raggheads

## IM Volleyball Schedule

5/27 Tournament	
Quarterfinals	5:00                      5:45
	1st A-4th B (1)    2nd B-3rd A (2)
	1st B-4th A (3)    2nd A-3rd B (4)
Semifinals	6:30                      7:15
	Winner of 1 & 2    Winner of 3 & 4
Finals	8:00

IM Men's Softball Bracket



## SPORTS BRIEFLIES compiled by Dave Stillman

### Detroit Knocks off Avalanche

A 3-1 Detroit victory over the Colorado Avalanche Monday propelled the Red Wings into the Stanley Cup finals and crushed Colorado's hopes for a back-to-back title.

Detroit's victory gave them a 4-2 series victory in the best of seven Western Conference Finals. Detroit hasn't won a Cup since 1955, but were finally swept in the Finals by the New Jersey Devils two years ago.

Outstanding play by Avalanche goaltender Patrick Roy was basically wasted in the loss. He allowed only three goals in 42 shots on goal. One of those was a shot at an empty net at the very end of the game.

### Bulls Fail to Sweep Heat in Game 4

The Miami Heat showed some signs of life Monday in a 87-80 victory over the Chicago Bulls in the NBA Eastern Conference Finals. The Bulls managed only 31 points in the first half, their worst halftime scoring ever in postseason.

Michael Jordan failed to make a single field goal in the half. Jordan missed 22 of his first 20 shots, but still nearly turned a 21 point deficit into victory by scoring 20 of Chicago's 23 fourth quarter points.

The Bull's furious comeback was cut short by a Alonzo Mourning's dunk with under a minute left that put the game out of reach for the Bulls.

### Rockets even series; Malone scores 22

Eddie Johnson's three-pointer with 0.2 seconds left gave the Houston Rockets an 95-92 victory over the Utah Jazz to even their series at two apiece. Johnson was also the hero of game three, when he came off the bench to score 31 points in a 118-100 Rockets victory.

Season MVP Karl Malone scored 22, but had two consecutive turnovers and was one for five from the field in the closing minutes of the game.

"I'm very proud of my team," said Charles Barkley. "We played with the sense of urgency we needed. We're two games away from the finals or two games away from vacation."

### Fliers beat Rangers Phillie advances

The Philadelphia Fliers advanced to their first Stanley Cup in ten years with a victory Sunday over the New York Rangers. The Fliers won their series 4-2.

Rangers coach Colin Campbell blamed the series loss on injuries. The Rangers had four injured players, and a fifth, Alexander Karpovtsev, missed two games in the series due to his mother's death in Russia.

Fliers forward Eric Lindros scored nine goals in the series. "He was a factor everywhere," said Rangers captain Mark Messier. "No one has ever played with the size he has and encompassed it with talent."

## Special

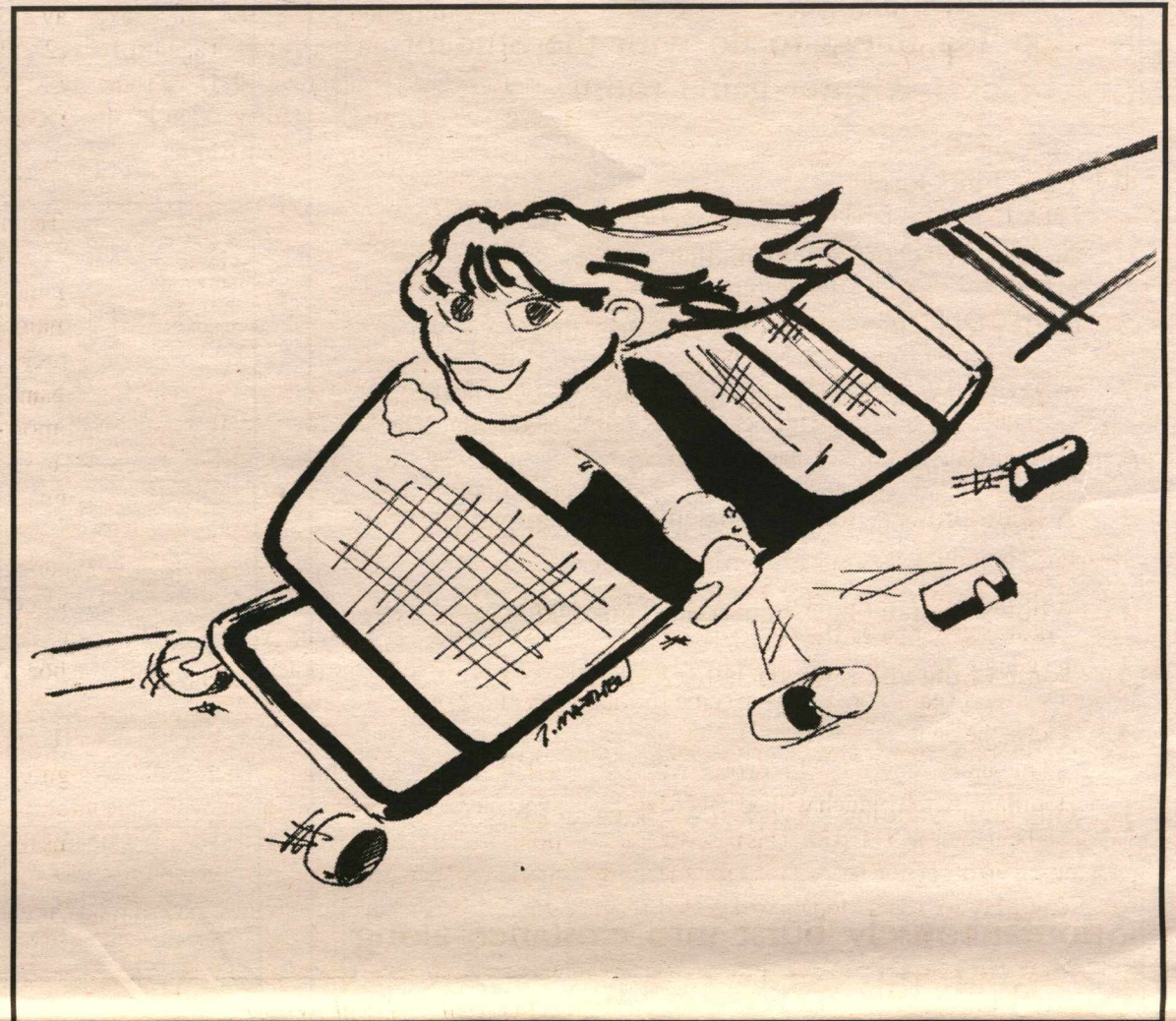
## Appreciating the victims of our hungry appetites

It has been brought to my attention by alert members of the existential philosophy and literature class that we Western Civilization persons lack awareness of our true state of dependence upon the creatures around us. Creatures! Like *The Creature from the Black Lagoon?* (TM) No, according to experts in the field, a creature can be anything from other humans to plant life - yes, rice are people too, stated one alert reader Steve Jackson. So anyway, it appears that we westernly civilized are forgetful of the fact that OUR VERY LIVES are dependent on those creatures whose life cycles end with our plate. Things like this did not happen in the olden days. I have seen *Last of the Mohicans* almost six times and I can assure you that the American Indians were always conscientious about thanking their nutritional sources (such as elk and badger) for sacrificing their lives for the Indians' needs. Food does not receive this kind of recognition anymore, and I think we all know why: It stems from the fact that James Fenimore Cooper never rode in a shopping cart when he was little. If he had, he would've known that shopping carts are at supermarkets, the houses of food humiliation. Indians did not find elk haunch shrink-wrapped and covered with a *Hawkeye Farms* (TM) little farmhouse packaging picture on the front - no, they were unacquainted with the aisles of trivialized death!

So I, as a now enlightened westerner, have begun a protest against the grocery store humiliation of our brothers and sisters from the earth. Not only do I give thanks before a meal, but I say to my frozen hamburger as I take it from the freezer; "I am sorry to take your life my noble brother, and I thank you for your sacrifice on my behalf." Just like *Last of the Mohicans*. I also give honor to rice and vegetables: "You whose body allows me to have Vitamin E and B12 complex." I also

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think a law should be mandated that we Americans have to stalk our food in the supermarket, treating it more as an equal adversary lurking in the deli section rather than a spiritless parcel synthetically spewed by technology. Think of the appreciation we would have for our pork chop if we had to pounce



on it from behind as it lay warily in its chilly lair! The only food which has not been completely dehumanized is Mrs. Butterworth (TM) syrup, the rebel of the maple syrup industry. Although her creators show some confusion in fashioning the container as a woman rather than a tree (syrup comes from the latter, not the former), it does at least demonstrate a recognition of the spiritual connection between syrup and humanity, one which we would do well to celebrate!

Speaking of celebrate, one of the three phyla for classifying creatures (vertebrate, invertibrate and celebrate), it has been brought to my attention by alert writer Nietzsche that human existence should be celebrated - meaning it should have creatures in it. Yet my sources tell me that this Nietzsche person believed that creatures should be conquered by the Superman! Now, there is another blatant case of westernly civilizing things, first in its complete lack of regard for the dependence

upon other persons thing, but also in its illustration that television has led to a cultish following of movie stars through the assertion that Cristopher Reeve should be made supreme dictator. I find this appalling. However, my sources tell me that this Nietzsche was insane, as evidenced by his novel *Thus*

*Spoke Zarathustra*, wherein people took up residence in a town called The Pied Cow. My uncle has cows, and I assure you that a pied cow is certainly not material fit for a dwelling and would never pass inspection. If I were Nietzsche, I would have changed the name to Cowed Pie, which results in a most amusing image of pie that is somewhat ashamed of itself and wishes to make amends. Or further, it could be called Loud Guy, which would then be referring to my neighbor who has a horrible process to be followed before he can go to bed, the process involving first a brushing of hte teeth with a nuclear powered toothbrush, followed by the Search for a Gizzard, where he clears his throat on the back porch numerous times, making a regurgitating sound, before he begins to call his dog (which died a year ago, incidentally, but no one will tell him) by beating a boomstick against a tether ball pole in time to the song "Bobcat Boogie" playing on a record player placed -- and I am sure of this by the sound -- deep within a metal pipe.

It is obvious that the answer to all of this is to be found within the Cantonese proverb "*haut mang atay*" or, "avoid strange sauces." If we can apply this advice to our everyday lives, the connection between ourselves and all creatures will be illumined to the fullest, and we will reap the oats of eternal rootedness while simultaneously treating Jello (TM) with more respect.

-Anonymously contributed  
to The Crusader

# cTopaTen

Top Ten things to do with the Student Center game room

10. Fire! Fire! Fire!
9. New ASNNC offices. Nah, that's lame.
8. Chris Field's love shack (since he gets all the women.)
7. Tadoo parlor. (Specializing in tree frogs.)
6. A discoteque.
5. A microbrewery. Crusadenstein! It's Nampan for beer, mate!
4. Wholesale diamonds. Senior discount available.
3. Tomb of the unknown bachelor.
2. A mosque
1. One hour wedding service. (We have an Elvis!)

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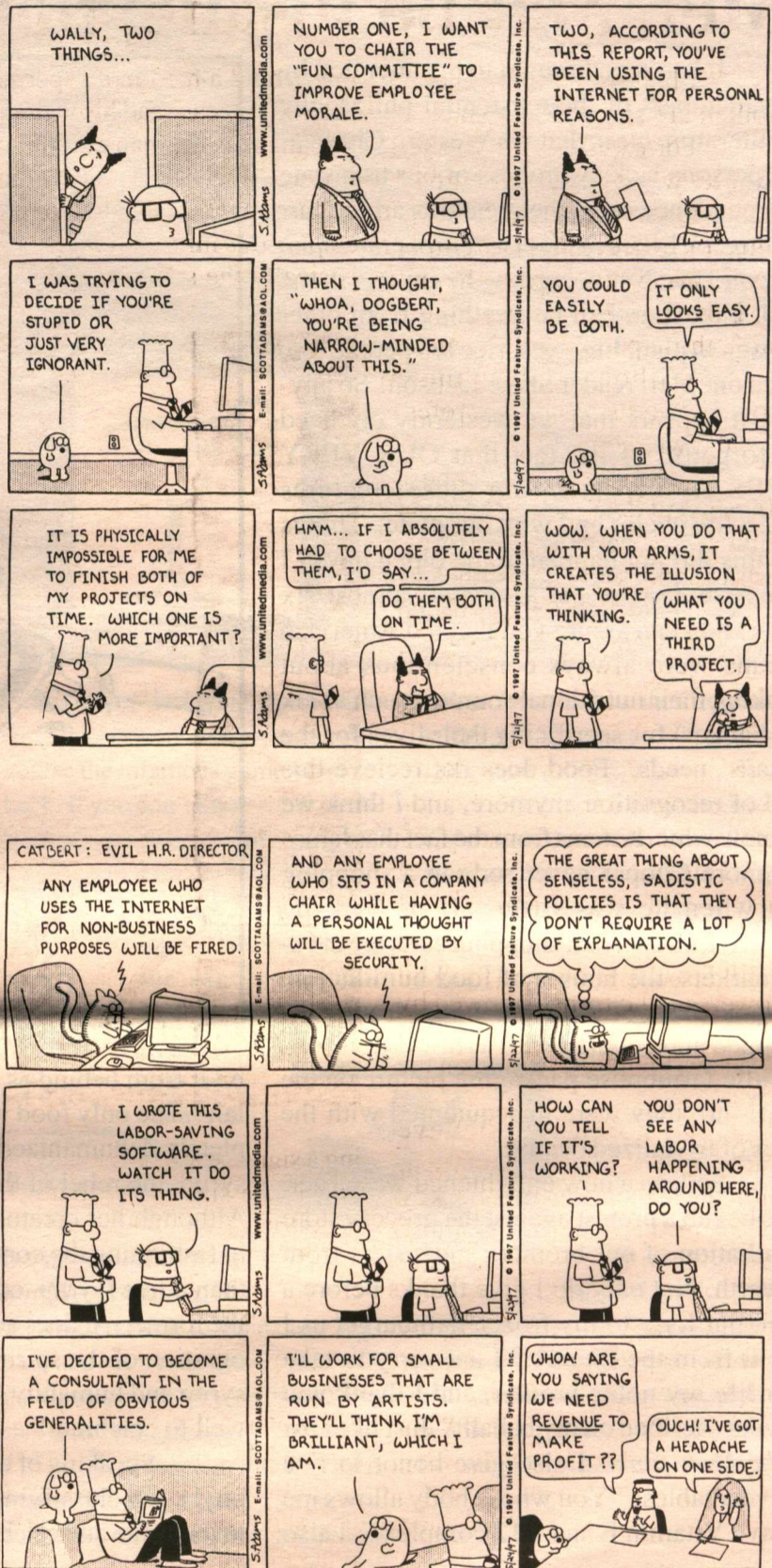
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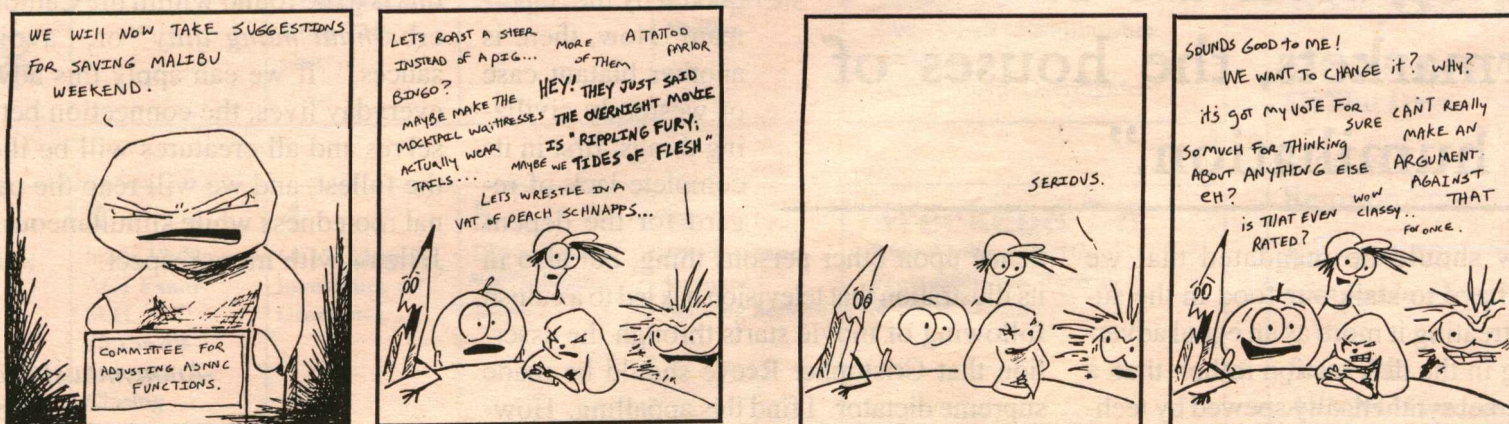
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## The Aboode

By Garrett Schmelzenbach



Dave Barry

Men may be insane, but at least their clothes fit

I believe that, in general, women are saner than men.

For example: If you see people who have paid good money to stand in an outdoor stadium on a freezing December day wearing nothing on the upper halves of their bodies except paint, those people will be male.

Without males, there would be no such sport as professional lawn mower racing.

Also, there would be a 100 percent decline in the annual number of deaths related to efforts to shoot beer cans off heads.

There would be no such words as "wedgie" and "noogie."

Also, if women were in charge of all the world's nations there would be -- I sincerely believe this -- virtually no military conflicts, and when there WAS a military conflict, everybody involved would feel just awful and there would soon be a high-level exchange of thoughtful notes written on greeting cards with flowers on the front, followed by a Peace Luncheon (which would be salads, with the dressing on the side).

So I sincerely believe that women are wiser than men, with the exception of one key area, and that area is: clothing sizes. In this particular area, women are insane.

When a man shops for clothes, his primary objective -- follow me closely here -- is to purchase clothes that fit on his particular body. A man will try on a pair of pants, and if those pants are too small, he'll try on a larger pair, and when he finds a pair that fits, he buys them. Most men do not spend a lot of time fretting about the size of their pants. Many men wear jeans with the size printed right on the back label, so that if you're stand-

ing behind a man in a supermarket line you can read his waist and inseam size. A man could have, say, a 52-inch waist and a 30-inch inseam, and his label will proudly display this information, which is basically the same thing as hav-

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8 now, and if a size 8 outfit does not fit her, she will not move on to a larger size: She can't! Her size is 8, darnit! So she will keep trying on size 8 items and unless they start fitting her, she will become extremely unhappy. She

OUSLY LYING BECAUSE NONE OF THE SIZE 8's FIT HER. There is no escape for the husband. I think a lot of unexplained disappearances occur because guys in malls see their wives unsuccessfully trying on outfits, and they realize their lives will be easier if, before their wives come out and demand to know whether they're fat, the guys just run off and join a UFO cult.

The other day my wife, Michelle, was in a terrific mood, and you know why? Because she had successfully put on a size 6 outfit. She said that this made her feel wonderful. She said, and this is a direct quote: "I wouldn't care if these pants were this big (and here she held her arms far apart) as long as they have a '6' on them."

Here's how you get rich: Start a women's clothing store called "SIZE 2," in which all the garments, including those that were originally intended to be restaurant awnings, had labels with the words "SIZE 2." I bet you'd sell clothes like crazy. You'd probably get rich, and you could retire, maybe take up some philanthropic activity to benefit humanity. I'm thinking here of professional lawn mower racing.



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ing a sign that says: "Howdy! My butt is the size of a Federal Express truck!"

The situation is very different with women. When a woman shops for clothes, her primary objective is NOT to find clothes that fit her particular body. She would LIKE for that to be the case, but her primary objective is to purchase clothes that are the size she wore when she was 19 years old. This will be some arbitrary number such as "8" or "10." Don't ask me "8" or "10" of WHAT; that question has baffled scientists for centuries. All I know is that if a woman was a size 8 at 19, she wants to be a size

may take this unhappiness out on her husband, who is waiting patiently in the mall, perhaps browsing the Sharper Image store, trying to think of a way to justify purchasing a pair of night-vision binoculars.

"Hi!" he'll say, when his wife finds him. "You know how sometimes the electricity goes out at night and . . ."

"Am I fat?" she'll ask, cutting him off.

This is a very bad situation for the man, because if he answers "yes," she'll be angry because he's saying that she's fat, and if he answers "no," she'll be angry because HE'S OBVI-

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Poorly Drawn Man

By David Stillman

# Searching for Senior Wills

For those of us **LUCKY** enough to have gone to a high school whose newspaper or yearbook had senior wills, this explanation is unnecessary. However, as some of us were NOT so **FORTUNATE**, here's the deal: You leave something (it doesn't have to be real or physical) to some particular person, some group of persons, or the entire campus. This way, the campus doesn't lose all your talent (or lack of it) when you leave. If you're confused, ask someone sitting around you, they can explain it. (Try to keep these under one hundred words.)

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Name:

Hometown:

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I, (your name here), Leave \_\_\_\_\_

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