

Christmas concert coming

Press Release

NNC's Northwesterners will present their annual Christmas concert December 1 and 2 in the Science Lecture Hall at 8:15 P.M. There will be a special matinee for children Friday afternoon, December 1 at 4:15 P.M.

Included in the program will be a performance of Menotti's **Amahl and The Night Visitors**. Singing the role of Amahl will be Kirk Sherrill, a student at South Junior High. The mother will be Marlene Friesen. Mark Bodensab, Gary Woodroof and Joel Pearsall will sing the parts of the three kings. Royce Mitchell is the page. The dramatic coach is Jerry Cohagan and Larry Hooker is in charge of lighting. Sets are by Vic Hessling and Harold McClees. George Turner and Brent Flowers are assisting with accompaniments. Make-up will be by Doris Lay.

Tickets may be purchased at the NNC Bookstore or in the Music Office in the Fine Arts Building. Admission is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.50 for students, faculty and staff.

The Northwesterners is a vocal ensemble of seventeen students. The group was first organized by its director in 1957 for the purpose of performing a variety of types of music, ranging from early vocal reper-

toire to contemporary compositions. The members of the group are carefully selected on the basis of musical ability, scholarship, personality, and character. Each year, the Northwesterners have given many performances for college functions, civic and community affairs and church services. They regularly present two formal concerts each school year—one at Christmas and another in the spring. In addition, the Northwesterners have toured extensively throughout the Northwest and have performed and traveled in Alaska twice. Foreign concert tours have included two for the U.S. Department of Defense and USO—a nine-week tour of the Orient and an eight week tour of Germany and France.

In 1975 the Northwesterners made some forty appearances in New Zealand and Hawaii and in 1977, they made a tour of the Orient, giving concerts in the Philippines, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan and Hawaii.

In May and June of 1978 the group toured Europe giving concerts in Portugal, Italy, West Germany and Denmark. In June and July of 1979 they will be going to Samoa and New Zealand. As in the case of the last two tours, this year's trip is a



Joel Pearsall, Mark Bodensab, and Gary Woodruff display their costumes for part of the Northwesterners' annual Christmas concert.

Missions Tour planned on the invitation of the Mission directors and endorsed by the Department of World Missions of

the Church of the Nazarene. Proceeds from the program will go toward the expense of the summer tour.

"Night Visitors" previewed

by Marlene Friesen

To give an idea of what to expect, here is a brief summary of the opera **Amahl and the Night Visitors** by Menotti. Please don't let the word "opera" prejudice you. The opera will be in English and not the "stuffy"

sort.

The opera opens with Amahl sitting on a stump in his little black cape and hat with a wooden flute in his hands, which he has been playing for some time. His mother calls him in for the night, but, just like any other child, he

just "doesn't hear" her. She finally comes angrily to the door and orders him in, refusing to listen to his protests. When Amahl slowly gets up, that is when the audience first realizes he is crippled, able only to hobble around with the aid of a crutch.

Indoors, after a brief conversation (mother is frustrated at Amahl's inability to tell the truth without considerable exaggeration) both retire for the night. The lights dim.

When there is a knock at the

door, Amahl's mother sends him to answer it. When he returns, claiming something preposterous, his mother breaks out with a cry at his disobedience, thinking he is telling lies as usual. She sends him to the door twice more, but he returns each time with a more ridiculous claim. Going to the door herself, mother finds that Amahl was telling the truth. Amazed, she invites the "guests" in and they all retire for the night until . . .

Come and see the rest for yourself.

NEWS REPORT

Guyana Update: While the labor continues to identify victims of the People's Temple mass murder-suicide, now numbering 912, the survivors have also been brought back to the U.S., some of whom may be facing criminal charges. The bodies of Rev. Jim Jones, the cult's leader, and his wife and children, have been cremated and the ashes cast into the Atlantic, at the request of Jones' parents. Recent press on the tragedy has seen Soviet publications blaming defects in American society, including government repression of the sect. There has also been some reaction by U.S. leaders against using tax-payers money to pay the \$9-\$10 million estimated costs of removing the bodies to the U.S.

Albany, Georgia: Rev. Clennon King, a black minister who had attempted to integrate President Carter's hometown church, was sentenced to 12 months probation for offering to buy votes. He was convicted earlier on charges that he placed an ad in a newspaper offering \$100.00 to voters who would vote for him in an August primary election. He lost all three posts for which he was running.

San Francisco: Daniel White accused of murdering San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, was granted a one-week delay in his arraignment.

Skiing: Because of heavy snowfall this week, several ski resorts in Idaho and Oregon expect to open by this weekend.

Trade: A sharp decline in exports of food, chemicals and gold pushed the nation's trade deficit to \$2.1 billion in October, the worst in three months the government said.

Porno: Nampa City Council members are having second thoughts about parts of the city's new ordinance.

Snow and Light

by John Rapp

The Coming of the Snow is being planned by the internationally reknown Friends of Christmas society. It should be the social event of the season. This meticulously designed affair will be the ultimate break from dreary studies and the perfect opportunity to get a date with that special someone. Though black-tie is preferred, dress for this happening will be optional. The date for the spectacle is somewhat vague at this time. Sources close to this illustrious society have leaked, however, that this once in a life time frolic, open to all, will take place in Kurtz Park at 10:00 p.m., on the evening of our first snow.

As an additional aspect of their

celebration of the Christmas holiday, the Friends of Christmas (all who love Christmas) will be meeting this Monday, December 4, at 10:00 p.m. for the traditional Coming of the Light. The festive occasion will be held at the fireplace in Kurtz Park if the white and fluffy material (snow) has graced the area; if not, all lovers of the Christmas season will gather in the prayer chapel of Williams Hall.

All friends are asked to bring a candle, which should be lit upon entering the celebration.

Until the appointed time of gathering, all friends should endeavor to keep the Christmas spirit and hold fast to the hope that the Coming of the Snow will precede the Coming of the Light.

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THE EDITOR'S IMPRESSIONS

The stores have put up decorations and sale signs. Trucks with bundles of trees rumble by the door. Someone decorated the statue with tires. Windows carry lights flashing red, blue and green. The Messiah cast begins final preparations. White flakey stuff from the sky is still being awaited by anticipating Friends of Christmas . . .

At the time of this writing, Christmas is a scant 24 days away. So often during this season, a recognition of the unfortunate people of the world is made. Money, food, and clothing, are given to needy families. This is considered our "Xian" duty and many groups on campus organize special parties for shut-ins.

And this is good, right and fine.

But, where are we the rest of the year? People get hungry in mid-July. Fathers lose jobs in September. Children need love and acceptance from outside their family all year long.

Crusader notes that there is currently no organization specifically designed to help the poor throughout the year. CWB does have a year-long prison ministry which should be commended. There are GMS and other religiously-oriented groups. These are primarily related to assistance within the Nazarene denomination.

In previous years, the organization called **Operation Satisfaction** served to aid at least the deprived children of the Nampa community. Unfortunately, this was disbanded for whatever reasons.

Nampa is not a large community; roughly 20,000 people abound within its limits. It is well within NNC's ability to make a strong impact on the citizens of the area.

Crusader notes that it is time for NNC to become a part of its community. We are not in existence just for self-benefit. NNC has a responsibility to educate, and to assist in other ways the area in which it resides.

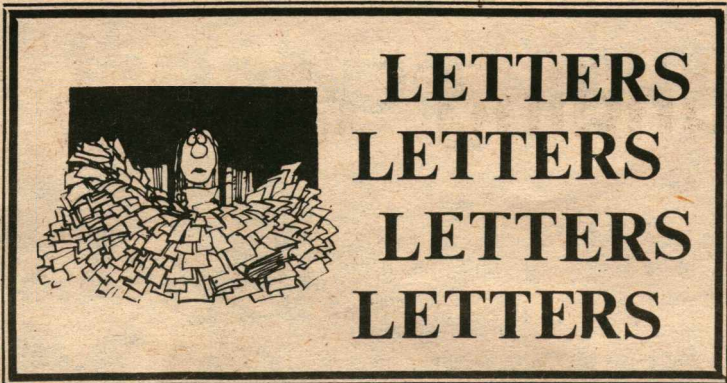
A suggestion which might be well-advised is the formation of a true service club on campus, headed by a vice president for community affairs in ASNNC to specifically develop programs with a community emphasis. The position of community affairs VP used to be a part of ASNNC. It is time to resurrect the idea. Such a person could organize throughout the year (and especially during holiday times) various events such as volunteer tutors, food drives, clothing exchanges and so on. It is time for NNC to begin giving to Nampa.

True, it is not a very glamorous mission. There are no flights to the Far East or pictures of thatched huts. But it is a service well deserving of workers, and a responsibility of NNC.

Besides the obvious help to others and the self-gratification which might result, NNC would also benefit. People in the area would begin to see the Christian nature of which NNC students and faculty often speak. And people would begin to become aware of NNC; many in the surrounding area are not aware of its existence.

Crusader supports the formation of a community service-oriented organization under an ASNNC vice president for community affairs. It could make 1979 a much better year for many.

This year's Crusader staff would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the NNC community a very Merry Christmas, a good New Year . . . and good luck to all on finals . . . ! sdc



Around a deadly circle

Dearest Editor,

My predicament is not a desirous one. Though many men may look in envy, I'm not happy with it at all.

It all began when I took notice of a beautiful damsel leaving Saga one afternoon. She was the loveliest woman—absolutely flawless. I swear it. At last many days of bird-watching had paid off. I had just found Miss Right. Her hair fell sensuously over her head leaving traces of comb teeth marks. Each strand poetically in tune. Her fantastic personality, which is shown through her sparkling blue eyes, would melt any man. Her gestures and mannerisms reveal one of class and high intelligence. Her smile reflects security and contentment. I had indeed found the mother of my children.

Just to say "hi" to her in passing was most difficult. When I was conscious of her presence, I became awkward. I was fully aware of every kinetic movement I made. My tongue would often get caught between my lips and I would salivate all over my beard . . . and sometimes her.

But these little embarrassing moments were a small price in exchange for a high which no artificial drug could duplicate. The feeling was euphoric. If heaven is anything like this, I'm apt to take Christianity a little more serious. So with that in mind I decided to invite her to chapel.

That night I called her. The phone rang exactly three times. She answered! She really answered! My heart exploded. My

face was flushed. My throat was so constricted I couldn't speak. Quickly I hung up and threw myself on the floor gasping for air. I blew it. Now I had to wait at least two weeks to call again so she wouldn't tie the two calls together. If she did I would just die.

I decided that during these two weeks I would get to know her better. That should relieve some tension, I thought. Well it worked. I began to know her intimately and the tension was relieved. Our conversation was not just "hi" and "bye" anymore. Instead a more meaningful, "How are you today" and "really good. Hope you're having the greatest day of your life." And so on.

Well, to make the story short, one thing led to another and another led to one thing. We are married now and expecting a little toddler really soon. You might say, "Well then, what's the problem?"

Without beating around the bush anymore, yesterday I noticed a beautiful damsel. She was the loveliest woman—absolutely flawless. I swear it. And I'm sure I wasn't looking for her, or anyone else for that matter. I'm really depressed. My friends say I am torn between two lovers. I am afraid not though. Oh it's sad to belong to someone else when the right one comes along.

In psychiatric care Stephen Hauge or any other married couple

Hot and deadly solution

Dear Ms. Editor,

You know, all the time people come up to me and say: "H. Wally! What does the H. in H. Wally stand for?" Up to this point I have never told anyone what the H. really stands for. Well, the time has come for me to come out of the closet. (I know what you are thinking, but it is a different closet, the one right next to the violent joke closet.) My first initial stands for **HOT FUDGE**, which brings me to the point of this letter: **THE SOLUTION TO ALL THE PROBLEMS ON CAMPUS!!!**

Problem No. 1: The library. My solution to this current mess is to divide all of the books up between the students on campus and let them take the books home. We could do it alphabet-

ically. Students with a last name beginning with A get all the books with an author whose name begins with A. The same method could be applied to all of the magazines and newspapers. Then all you must do is make up a list of who has what books, xerox it off and give all students a copy. What could be more simple? Also, to take care of the problems with people getting ripped off paying 10 cents a copy for using the xerox machine, we should charge \$1.00 a copy for a month or two and then lower the price to 10 cents a copy. This way they would think they were getting a bargain. The empty library building could be converted into handball and racquet ball courts.

Problem No. 2: Required chapels, dancing, movies, co-ed

dorms. No big deal. Instate the death penalty; after one chapel skip—ZAP—death penalty, anyone caught dancing—ZAP—death penalty, movie viewers would also be shown no mercy. Co-ed dorms? Fine; just make everyone get married when they register. Set up an extra booth and after you pay your fees, you get married. Anyone not wishing to get married would be declared a heretic and—ZAP—the death penalty.

Problem No. 3: SAGA Food Service. No problem here either. Call in the National Guard, have Dick Saga arrested for attempted murder, have President Jimmy declare the cafeteria a national disaster area, and get federal aid for starving masses.

Problem No. 4: Grades. Have students grade teachers on how well they have been teaching their subject. If a teacher gets a C or above, they stay. If they get a D or below—ZAP—the death penalty.

Problem No. 5: Student-Administration-Board of Regent problems. Have an elected administration and board of regents, with yearly elections. If members of either of these two bodies fail to show the proper respect they would be impeached and you guessed it—ZAP—the death penalty.

Problem No. 6: All other problems. Have a Kangaroo Kourt made up of six students, one administration member, and one board of regents member. If anyone has a problem or complaint, all they would have to do is go before the court and state their case. Liberal use of the death penalty would keep problems at a minimum.

Since I am the one who came up with the solution to all of your problems, I expect to be given the position of Dictator for life in charge of NNC. My salary would be 8,973 cases of **HOT FUDGE**, 16,221 cans of **REAL** whipped cream, 7,633 jars of maraschino cherries, and 32,476 gallons of **FRENCH** vanilla ice cream. These gifts would be given to me on a semi-monthly basis as I intend to use lots. Then at the end of each day, I will sit back on top of my giant **HOT FUDGE SUNDAE** and dream of times not long past 'cause we know, but they don't (hee-hee).

H. Wally Carlson
Perfect Master

Apologies

Dear Editor,

We would like to apologize to the Team, the Student Body, the Alumni and friends of NNC for the way in which the game ball was presented at Friday night's opener. It was not well planned and should not have been presented in that way. It was in bad taste and reflected poor judgment on our part. We did not intend to offend anyone and are truly sorry we did.

In the future, we will be careful to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of NNC and what it stands for.

Spirit Freaks

Understanding change

by Marva Weigelt

Dr. A. Elwood Sanner is a herald of change. He is also a long-time professor of religion at NNC, author of a newly published book, and a distinguished minister and lecturer.

Dr. Sanner addressed chapel Wednesday on the subject of change in the church. He spoke, with sincerity and a touch of spontaneous humor, to one of the most captive audiences yet to be seen in this term's chapels and convocations.

"What do you know about change?"—Dr. Sanner queried—"Ten years ago the freshmen were in third grade, and Dr. Ford and I had already been teaching at NNC for eighteen years." Thus began the fascinating tale of changes—both superficial and far-reaching—in the traditions and beliefs of the Church of the Nazarene. The substance of change, however, as Dr. Sanner was careful to point out, is much the same in any church.

His audience was delighted and evinced by his stories of the evolution of customs in the church. Hymnal-tossing, muslin extensions on basketball shorts, and the forbidden rodeo, roller skating rink, and movie house—these were symbolic of the rules of the church in the 1930's.

Things are different now, but those symbols were only a



superficial part of the past. Dr. Sanner went on to chart the deeper growth in the church, and to weave together the essential elements of a developing faith. He did so not only with skill as a speaker, but also with wisdom as a man of God.

It was an appreciative audi-

ence that clapped long and hard as Dr. Sanner concluded. It is not often that the student body of NNC will listen so attentively and respond with such gratitude to a speaker. Dr. Sanner spoke from his heart—heralding change, and establishing the essential stability of our faith.

Senate Notes

by Jim Ferguson

In the Senate meeting this week Social VP Gordon Harter announced that because of the low attendance at last week's Danniebelle concert ASNNC lost \$2700.00. Many senators felt that because of the low interest in Thanksgiving concerts that ASNNC should consider projects which are less likely to lose money. Dr. Laird pointed out that since the Thanksgiving concerts have been presented, starting four years ago, they have yet to earn a profit, or even break even.

In other new business, Chief Justice Leon Kalbfleisch announced that procedures for handling chapel fine cases have

been improved.

An attempt was made later in the meeting to override the veto of ASNNC President Randy Grant of a bill which would place responsibility for the student taxi service on the Religious Life Director, which this year is Mike Powers. Grant vetoed the bill on the grounds that it did not adequately define the duties of the student taxi service. The override measure failed by one vote to reach the required two-thirds majority. As a result, specific responsibility for the taxi service is still undecided.

In the next Senate meeting, the senators will discuss a letter sent to the Senate by the Publications Board which outlines some suggestions for changes to the ASNNC constitution. Specifically, the outlines propose to amend the constitution by eliminating some sections under Article IX entitled Publications.

ASNNC

by Judy Moench



The ASNNC Senate received an important letter from the Publications Board at their regularly scheduled meeting on November 28. The Pub Board is requesting that Article IX, Sections 3 and 4 of the ASNNC Constitution be removed. The general feeling of the Publications Board is that because it has

more facets than just the students, represented in its membership, that it should not be governed by just the students' constitution. The Publications Board is made up of 9 students, 1 administrator and 1 faculty representative with the ASNNC President serving as chairman. There are only 3 articles that the Publications Board feels has authority over them: The Publications Board Constitution, Statement of General Policy for Student Publications and Canons of Journalism. The ASNNC Constitution does not. The letter from the Board to the Senate recommended that the Senate start the procedure to remove Article IX, Sections 3 and 4 because it is unnecessary and is outside the jurisdiction of ASNNC.

Homecoming proved to be both exciting and rewarding—to alumni, students and Coach Layton. The basketball games were tantalizing effects of thrills, chills, and fouls. The whole crowd seemed to sigh an audible gasp of relief when the basketball team pulled ahead in Saturday night's game. God does answer prayer. Congratulations to our homecoming queen, Judi Bear! It is a rare treat to have such a super person both grace the court and reign over it.

The weekend is packed full of quality things to do with your time. The Northwesterners are putting on their Christmas program both the 1st and 2nd of December. They have been putting in long hours and much hard work. It should be very high quality for the students to watch, enjoy and learn.

The ASNNC Christmas party is scheduled for this Friday, December 1. Gordon Harter, ASNNC Social Vice President, has planned a super party with some new ideas for entertainment. It should be both fun and interesting.

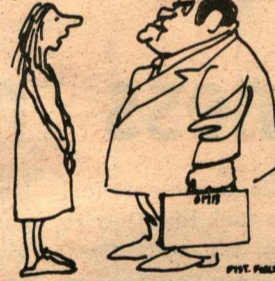
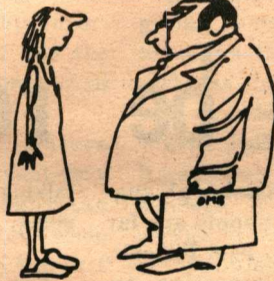
FEIFFER

11 MILLION ON WELFARE.

IT MAKES ME SICK.

BUT 7 MILLION ARE CHILDREN.

SO EVEN 4 MILLION MAKE ME SICK.



BUT 3 MILLION ARE MOTHERS.

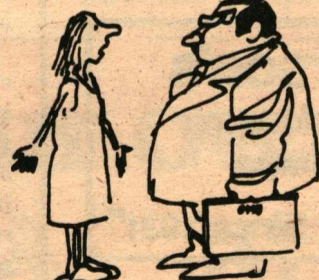
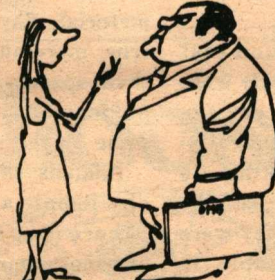
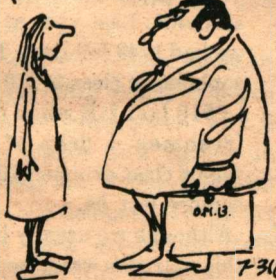
THE REST MAKE ME SICK.

BUT 150,000 ARE CRIPPLED.

THEY STILL MAKE ME SICK.

BUT 165,000 CAN'T FIND WORK.

THE OTHERS MAKE ME SICK.



AND I CAN'T EITHER.

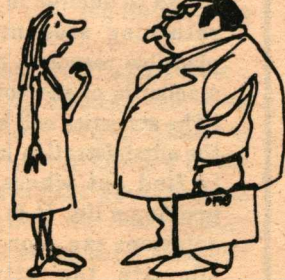
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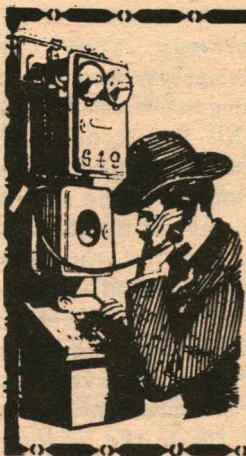
SO I WON'T GO ON WELFARE.

YOU MAKE ME PROUD.

I'M GETTING HUNGRY.

FIRST WE BALANCE THE BUDGET.





BUREAU-CRITIC

by Mike Robinson

The struggle between two Communist powers, Russia and China, appears ready to erupt into war in Indo-China. U.S. intelligence officials say there is overwhelming evidence that Vietnam, with strong Russian support, is preparing to attack Cambodia, which is backed by China.

Russia and China see the prospective war as a test of their strength in the struggle between the two superpowers, a struggle which has taken on worldwide proportions in the past few months.

Russia apparently intends to help Vietnam defeat China's Cambodian allies in order to

humiliate China. And of course, China is intent on preserving the independence of Cambodia to show Russia that it cannot call the shots in Asian conflicts.

American officials believe that neither China nor the Soviet Union plans to become directly involved in this war, but they talk about a "nightmare scenario in which the two Communist powers are inexorably drawn deeper into a third Indo-China war." The conflict could make Peking feel forced to lean on neighboring Vietnam. If China does, then Russia could respond by exerting military pressure on China along their common border. Experts generally agree that neither country dare let its client in Indo-China lose, because of the potential impact that would have on their global rivalry.

That rivalry has escalated to the point where it now has an

overwhelming impact on international affairs. A case in point: a China-Japan friendship treaty, signed in August in spite of strong Soviet objections, could mark a major shift in the world balance of power. The treaty reflects a decision of Japan to end its fence-sitting policy in relations with Russia and China, and to lean toward China. It represents a big setback for Russia, opening the way for a partnership that will speed the industrial buildup of Russia's archenemy.

For Soviet leaders, China's success in strengthening cooperation with America is just as disturbing. They are worried about the danger that a Chinese-American military alliance directed against Russia may emerge. The Russian fear is reinforced by the Carter administration's endorsement of the sale of weapons to China by

NATO Allies in Europe.

But a Russian counterattack is forming. Officials in Moscow are going to great lengths to warn that a Chinese-American alliance, even an informal one, would destroy detente, a threat that U.S. officials should probably take a hard look at.

But it is in Indo-China that Russia is striking at China the hardest. In early November, Russia signed a friendship treaty with Vietnam involving a tacit commitment of military assistance.

The escalating struggle between Russia and China confronts Washington with a serious problem: how to guard American interest by strengthening China, without losing our detente with Russia.

In other political happenings, there is some good news for the student from a middle-income home, who is having financial struggles in college. A new law, called the Middle Income Student Assistance Act, will provide federal grants to middle-income college and vocational students for the first time. Grants had been limited mostly to students from families with incomes of \$16,000 or less. The new ceiling will be \$26,000. When the changes take effect in the fall of 1979, students who qualify will be eligible for grants ranging from \$208 to \$1,800 a year. About 1.5 million students are expected to take advantage of the broadened program.

Australian lectures conclude

staff

Last Monday saw the conclusion of a two-part lecture series entitled *Under the Southern Cross*, a brief study of Australia by former NNC president, Dr. John E. Riley. Dr. Riley commented that it was difficult to compress a year of learning into two thirty-minute lectures, but managed to share quite a broad discussion of the history and culture of Australia.

This lecture began with a continuation of the captivating tales of the history of the young nation of Australia. Dr. Riley told of the gold rush that greatly boosted the growth of the country, and shared the story of

the crisis of World War II that stimulated the national spirit and crystallized this country as a people.

Through his travels around the country, Dr. Riley gained a first-hand knowledge of the contrasts in climate between the different segments of Australia. He shared a vivid description of the physical environment—mineral resources, desert, dense forest, reef, white sharks, coral, and exotic shells.

As a parallel to his physical observations about the diversity of the country, Dr. Riley told of the great diversity among the people. Australia is made up of people of all cultures, people who

share the same economic tensions and the same conflicts with high unemployment. Riley shared the advantages and disadvantages of the educational system, which is modelled after the British system.

The country is young, and the population spread out with vast spaces of desert in between. As a consequence, the people have few national heroes, and their closest approximation to a national anthem is "Waltzing Matilda." Although they are not a religious people, the Church of the Nazarene was established in Australia thirty years ago and is still growing. The growth of the church depends to a large extent

on the training provided at the Nazarene Bible College located on the continent.

The Australians both love and hate the United States. They admire and imitate the U.S., but feel that we are too sentimental, too ambitious, and too proud of our nation. The Australians are rugged individualists, and the country is young and full of promise. Dr. Riley has come into contact with 45 NNC alumni who have served or are presently serving in Australia. He emphasized that we must never lose the sense of mission that inspires people to spread the gospel in young and needy countries like Australia.

Attrition Rate Rises

This year, 602 new students are on the NNC campus. However, many students from last year did not return. The problem of attrition has always been an item of concern at NNC. It seems especially important this year because of the large amount of non-returning students. The President has formed an ad-hoc committee to investigate the situation.

Looking at the straight statistics, we are presently a student body of 1234 full-time students. Last year at this time, we had 1249 full-time. This year's sophomore class is 310 compared to 515 last fall when they were freshmen, a drop of 205. The junior class dropped 104, and the seniors lost 54.

Although we usually have about this attrition rate, some special reasons have been suggested to account for this year's high rate. The increase in tuition by 18% may be a factor. The change in calendar may also have contributed to decline in numbers of returning students. Another plausible reason is the academic standards of the college.

The statistics will be studied by the administration in an attempt to find out where the major problems lie. It is hoped that solutions can soon be found to alleviate the attrition rate currently being experienced.

Shyness may be relative

Lots of college students feel compelled to look like they're comfortable in social situations, while to themselves they're wondering, "Boy, how do I start a conversation here?"

But a recent study at the

University of Pittsburgh suggests that such people are far from being alone. Paul Pilkonis, an apparently assertive researcher at Pitt's Medical Center, found that nearly half of the college students he interviewed as part of a study considered themselves and, according to subsequent psychological testing, actually were, shy.

Pilkonis, though, found that even certifiably shy people were only shy in certain circumstances. Observing generally-outgoing people talking to members of the opposite sex, the researcher discovered they were quicker than shy people in initiating conversations, and that they typically did most of the

talking once the conversation got going.

Yet shy people didn't differ from the outgoing when the average length of each utterance was measured.

Both shy and not-shy groups performed as well when asked to deliver a speech using prepared material. Shy people were, it's true, more anxious while giving their speeches, but their overall performance scores were the same as the outgoing people.

Pilkonis thus concluded that shy people are only shy when "there is no clear definition of the most appropriate or desirable behavior" in a given social situation.

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Looking back on Homecoming



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Big eyes show big surprise—Judi Bear, 1978-79 Homecoming Queen.

by Wayne Eklund

Homecoming 1978 meant many different things to many different people. To a bubbly redhead from the Colorado Rockies, it meant an opportunity to bow before 4,000 people in Kenneth Montgomery Fieldhouse and risk losing the sparkling new crown that seemed bent on springing from her head.

The personality of this junior art major resembles that of a child's favorite cuddly teddy of the species of her last name. To many people, Judi Bear's selection as queen was no shock, in spite of her classification. She had gracefully fulfilled the prestigious role of sophomore princess only one year before. It was, however, a far cry from Judi's expectations. She had expected that one of the senior girls would be crowned and receive the roses.

Now where to? What could be any bigger than being crowned NNC Homecoming queen? Judi is looking ahead to a career in commercial art. Preparation for this goal will be pursued at an art institute upon graduation from this college. She is presently undecided between one located in Pasadena, California, and one closer to home in Denver, Colorado. Eventually, Judi Bear may someday own and operate her own art studio in the Rockies.

At present, Judi, who is from a family of four children (one older brother, two younger sisters) is tired and looking forward to the conclusion of next week. She will then return to her Rocky Mountains as, perhaps, a slightly

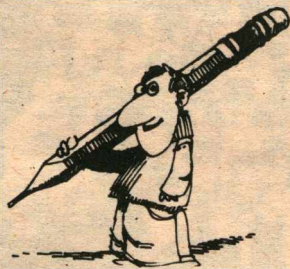
different person.

For those of you who would like an in-depth report: I asked Judi what thought ran through her mind at that very special moment when she was crowned. She replied it was, "a sense of puzzlement and questioning such as, 'Why me?'" John Rapp, who was listening in on this interview, then pointed out that the Virgin Mary must have had similar concerns.

Judi expressed a sincere thankfulness and honor that very appropriately accompany the selection. However, it took some persuading to convince her that she need not send each student a personal thank-you card!

Judi may not truly realize why she was selected to such an honor, but we that know her are well aware of her attributes, and celebrate with her.

Roving Reporter



The end of Homecoming this past weekend on the NNC Campus brought mixed reactions from students. The majority of students interviewed talked of the week-long festivities as memorable but most didn't feel they were anything earth shattering.

Ken Gray, sophomore, thought that Homecoming was generally well done. "I enjoyed it greatly, but I wish my folks could have been here."

Paul Stalleop, Director of Financial Aid, was one of many who had some suggestions for the future Homecomings. "I wish that they would group class reunions together in sets of three or four. Put all those who graduated in 1953-54-55 together for example. That would greatly improve the turnout and let us get together with students we went to school with but maybe graduated before or after us. Also, I don't think we need such syrupy comments concerning the queen candidates during the coronation."

Though hampered by Thanksgiving evening family get-togethers, the Danniebelle concert was well-received by those who attended.

Fritz Jenkins, senior, thought it was great. "It was more than a concert, it was more like a service. It was disappointing that more couldn't have made it to this great service."

Judy Moench, senior, also like it. "It was tremastic! Danniebelle displayed a wide diversity of talent—mellow—hard—soul—all three styles were stupendous."

Beth Mowrey, freshman, "Not only was she a great singer but a sensitive spirit as well. You could really feel close to her."

Not everybody was quite as radiant, as Susan Reed displayed. "I liked her singing, but when you pay for a concert it's a shame you don't get a bigger percentage of music."

Another feature of Homecoming is the honoring of a distinguished alumnus. This year the honor went to Mount Vernon Nazarene College President Dr. L. Guy Nees. On Friday morning he spoke to a special alumni chapel. After an exhaustive search we found Jeff Johnston who went to the non-required chapel to hear the words of Dr. Nees. What stuck in Jeff's mind from the speaker was a quote that Dr. Nees gave (but which we are not able to further credit). It goes like this: "Go to school, stay in school. If they can make penicillin out of mold they can do something with you."

One of the recurring joys of Homecoming were the many

presentations of William Shakespeare's *Two Gentlemen of Verona*. Comments on this presentation were numerous and repetitive in their praise.

Junior John Osborne really liked it. "I thought it was super. I love comedy and really broke up on the scene with Launce and his dog Crab."

One problem that NNC ran into with Homecoming is that not too many students or faculty wanted to talk about it. However, enthusiastic and ecstatic responses concerning the end of the term and the coming of Christmas were received. For example:

Freshman Mark Engelbrecht is a bit upset. He doesn't get to leave school until the 23rd, "But I'm really looking forward to it then."

Another freshman who is eager to get home for Christmas is Elaine Gentzler. "I love the Christmas feeling in the Bay Area with all the lights and fancy decorations. It just feels more like Christmas time at home."



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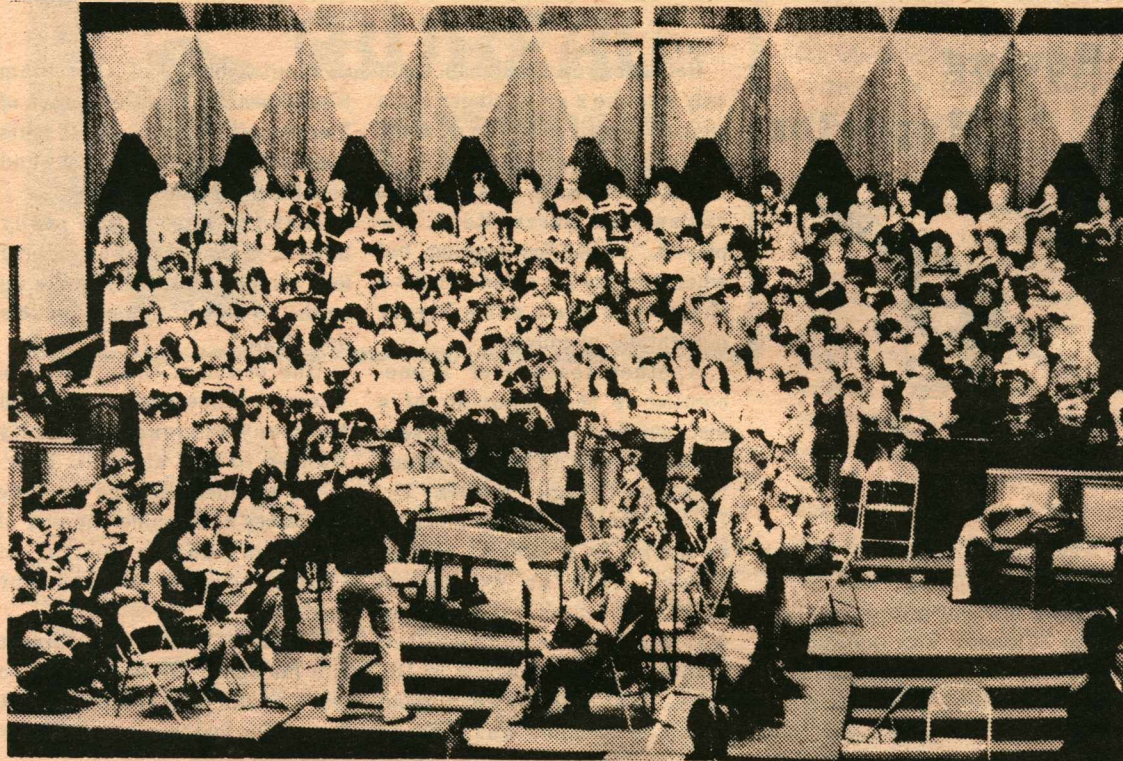
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Dr. Marvin Stallcop, his College Concert Choir, and the local string ensemble are in the last stages of preparation for the annual performance of Handel's "Messiah," Sunday, 8 p.m., at College Church.

by Loreen Flanagan

The 42nd annual NNC presentation of George Frederick Handel's classic oratorio, **Messiah** is slated for the College Church this Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m.

Under the direction of Dr. Marvin Stallcop, the 100 voice plus choir will be joined by a twenty-piece orchestra in the two hour performance of one of the traditions of Christmas in the Nampa area.

According to Dr. Stallcop, the college presents the **Messiah** annually as its Christmas gift to the community. No admission will be charged those attending, but a free-will offering will be accepted.

The production is basically made up of NNC students and personnel with some special outside performers included.

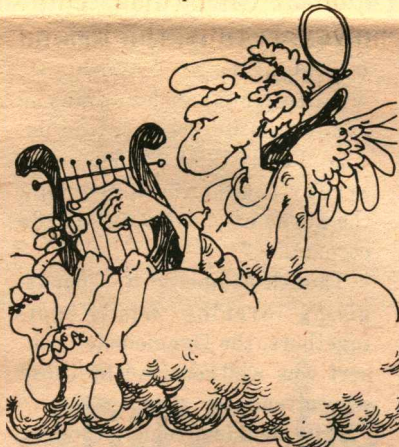
This year's production will feature in the professional solo vocalists roles; Soprano Dorothy Barnes, voice professor at the University of Idaho, Alto Rebecca Olsen of Caldwell, Tenor Larry Dolbee of Boise and the college's own Dr. Marvin Bloomquist will be handling the bass solos.

The orchestra, restricted to strings only, was prepared for the event by music professor George Turner. NNC's organ professor, Connie Hensley, will be performing at the harpsichord, while Nancy Parks, an organ graduate of NNC will be on the church organ. The piano accompaniment assignment will be handled by Monica Hughes.

Practice for this musical masterpiece has been underway since the first days of school and the final steps of putting all the

elements together have been progressing the last couple of weeks. Certain alterations and cuts in the music have been made to accommodate NNC's chorus and orchestra.

Everyone is invited to attend. Past performances have been highlights of the school year and this year's **Messiah** promises to be no exception.



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by Marva Weigelt



The day is fast approaching when you will be relatively free from textbooks and the traumas associated with them for almost a month. You may wish to give up all books for Lent, or you may want to put your glasses away and forget that you ever knew how to read. There are a few crazies who still love to read, and have been anticipating this interim as a time in which to sit down with a good book and pull the curtains on the rest of the world.

For those of you who experience a decided lack of direction when facing the prospect of truly free reading, and who spend aimless hours in library and bookstore without being able to decide what to read—here is a short list of books that I have found readable and profitable.

Wilson Rawls: SUMMER OF THE MONKEYS—For those who loved the touching, downhome story of the boy and his hound dogs, **WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS**, you will love the equally pleasing story of a farm boy's adventures with escaped circus monkeys, by the same author.

Thomas Tryon: LADY—Lady is an elegant, mysterious, beautiful woman who is the heart-throb of the young boys in the neighborhood. Tryon writes through the eyes of the little boy across the street who manages to wangle his way into Lady's life, and eventually to discover the shocking secret behind the captivating lady across the street.

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Judith Guest: ORDINARY PEOPLE—Even the people who appear to be the most successful and well-adjusted lead extraordinary lives behind the scenes. The Jarrett family hides a painful secret beneath the ordinary veneer of their lives. The author is very skillful at sharing the inner thoughts and pains of the people in the story—death, attempted suicide, mental illness, divorce.

Frank Herbert: SOUL CATCHER—The soul-catcher is an Indian who has attempted to return to the old ways. He is acting out an ancient ritual that requires the sacrifice of a young, innocent boy to pay for the sins of the people who have left the old ways. This is an intense, captivating story of how the soul-catcher kidnaps the son of a rich and influential man, starting a chase and search that end with a jolt.

Merry Bookdrop to one and all

Long overdue

It took some calculation and fifty years for Harvard to get back one of its books, **The Theory of Transfinite Numbers**. The book has been on the school library's overdue list since 1938.

That's when the book was checked out by one Julian A. Ripley, then a masters of science candidate. Ripley took the book with him when he went to Stanford as a professor of physical sciences, and gave it to another Stanford professor shortly before Ripley's death in

1974.

But on a family visit to Massachusetts, Stanford professor George A. Feigen returned the book to Harvard on October 29. Reigen figured the fines had amounted to \$913.10, but Sheila K. Hart of the library noted, overdue fines had been raised to 10 cents a day in 1950, and came up with a penalty of \$1263.75.

Hart, however, decided to waive the fine "in consideration on Prof. Feigen's superb timing of its return on the 50th anniversary of the due date."



Desiring to brighten your holiday season, the Friends of Christmas have decided again this year to sponsor Christmas. This ultimate celebration is seldom fully experienced, however; thus, the Friends of Christmas wish to offer this brief preparation for all the Friends . . .

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—Author Unknown



MUSIC COMPANY

by Marlene Friesen

Since this weekend will see Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors* featured by Dr. D. E. Hill and the Northwesterners, study of another of Menotti's works is interesting and appropriate.

Menotti, a modern composer, has written several operas, most of them lightly humorous, but a few of which are deeply emotional. "Amahl" and "The Medium" are two such operas. *The Medium*, the topic of this review, was first produced in 1946 by Columbia University, revised and and represented in 1947, finally appearing on Broadway in the same year.

Madame Flora, also called Baba, is a deceitful woman who makes her living by conducting seances; her daughter Monica and a mute named Toby (who had been taken in off the streets as a child to aid in the seance work) both live with Baba in a squalid room of a flat near a large city.

From the beginning, Baba is a character who strikes terror into all but her daughter Monica who still loves her mother in spite of her dishonest activities. Baba

catches Toby playing with her costumes and jewelry and flies in to a rage but is restrained by her daughter. All three then begin preparations for the seance soon to be held by testing levers, lights, and cables, which are hidden behind a curtain in the same room.

Soon three guests enter: a husband and wife, regular clients; and a lady coming for the first time. All four adults seat themselves at the table, the lights dim, and the seance begins. Toby and Monica have previously hidden themselves behind the curtain. The new comer's dead daughter is "spoken for" by Monica behind the curtain and begins to weep; the couple hear their baby laugh. (They are satisfied with coming week after week for a few laughs because they know their baby couldn't talk yet; he was only two when he drowned in a fishpond.)

Suddenly Baba jumps up, the lights are raised and the clients, amazed, begin to whisper among themselves. With terror, Baba questions her guests, asking who touched her. She sends the

protesting parents away and spends the rest of the night in Monica's arms, unable to be consoled and filled with fear. She suspects Toby who shakes his head and refuses to admit to the action.

Baba spends the next night away from home and comes back drunk, with a bottle in her hand. She tries to sweetly cajole Toby into admitting he touched her by offering him bribes. He still refuses to admit to the deed and Baba angrily sends him out of the apartment for good, to fend for

himself, in spite of Monica's pleas.

Monica runs to her room upon Toby's departure and Baba sinks into a restless sleep, musing as to who "it" could have been. After a time, Toby re-enters, goes to Monica's door, but is startled by Baba who stirs to wakefulness. She sees movement behind the curtain where Toby has hidden himself and draws out a revolver, firing it into the curtain where Monica runs into the room and finds Baba, delirious with happiness, thinking she has killed her "ghost." Toby's body falls out of

the curtains into Monica's arms and the opera closes with Baba's hoarse question, "Was it you? Was it you?"

Decidedly a different type of opera from *Amahl*, Menotti's *Medium* is equally dramatic and is worth listening to. Much of the music is reminiscent of that in *Amahl*; one of the solos (later a duet) in *Medium* is very similar in character to the repartee between the mother and the three kings in *Amahl* where the kings are describing Jesus, the child they are seeking, and she is thinking of Amahl, her own child.

Death of an outlaw

His friends were not surprised that he chose the beginning of the bleak New York City winter to commit suicide. Thomas King Forcade came from Arizona, and the damp dreary days between November and February always depressed him. So did the rain, and when he was laying out the first issue of *High Times* magazine in a dank basement on New York's west side, Forcade would often choose not to eat, rather than trudge through the slick, garbage-strewn Greenwich Village streets to a nearby eatery.

The 33-year-old Forcade was founder and still publisher of *High Times* magazine when he ended his life with a bullet to the head in mid-November. Although his name never appeared on the masthead, he guided the fast-growing drug culture magazine until it achieved its current certified monthly readership of over four million people around the world.

High Times began in 1974 in the cramped basement offices of the Underground Press Syndicate (UPS) on West Eleventh Street in New York's gritty West Village. Forcade had been running the loosely-knit coordinating body for underground newspapers for several years when he decided to attempt the first slick magazine about the increasingly-visible and above-ground drug culture. He collected a group of friends from the underground press, and slowly pieced together a trial issue over the span of several months.

Visitors to UPS watched as the layout sheets went through numerous changes before Forcade felt the magazine was ready to fly. With funds collected from friends, and proceeds from a

timely dope deal—as well as help form a printer willing to extend credit—*High Times* was launched as a glossy 48-page magazine in the summer of 1974. The first press run of 10,000 copies was snatched up within the week; so was the second 10,000, and the third. *High Times* became a financial success with its first issue, a rare event in magazine publishing. Despite the obvious demand for the magazine, the staff of ex-underground press people took its time producing subsequent issues. Everyone spent a lot of time smoking dope or sucking on balloons filled with nitrous oxide from a tank that sat in the office.

A second issue, this time with color photographs and the first of the now-traditional dope centerfold photos, appeared in the fall of 1974, and a third issue made its debut the next spring. By now *High Times* had more advertising than it knew what to do with. Forcade had tapped the multimillion-dollar paraphernalia industry, and for the first time offered a semi-respectable format for the selling of roach clips, rolling papers, bongos, and other devices favored by the now upwardly mobile drug culture. The magazine soon became a monthly and moved to offices just off Madison Avenue. The staff still smoked a lot of dope, but now *High Times* was big business.

Still, there was considerable worry about a long-awaited bust of the offices. Forcade believed authorities would not stand for such a blatant affront to their anti-drug laws, and figured it was only a matter of time before the magazine was hauled into court. Early issues of the magazine were thus mailed from

scattered mailboxes in plain brown envelopes with blind return addresses. The subscription list was kept in a wax-sealed envelope by an attorney known only to Forcade. The raid never came.

Forcade had previously garnered national attention by helping organize marijuana smoke-ins and other demonstrations. He also appeared as the radical marauder in the semi-documentary film *Medicine Ball Caravan*. His most famous public act occurred after he gave testimony defending the underground press before a congressional committee investigating pornography. Screaming "the only obscenity is censorship," Forcade hurled a fluffy cream pie into the face of a startled conservative representative.

This and other provocative acts led to Forcade being banned from the Senate and House press gallery. Forcade challenged the ban, and forced his admission to the prestigious gallery by threatening legal action. His colleagues in the establishment press responded by enforcing a dress code which demanded all reporters wear a jacket and tie while in the gallery. Forcade complied by wearing a black frock coat, black shirt, black pants, black tie, and black cowboy hat.

He appeared in the grim outfit in a full page photo in a 1969 issue of *Rolling Stone*, which ran a huge article on the Underground Press in America. Forcade's face does not appear in the photo because he feared local Arizona authorities would circulate his likeness as a part of a continuous campaign of harassment of *Orpheus*, a radical underground magazine that Forcade published from a 1946 Chevy school bus he drove all over the country from its Arizona base.

In recent years, Forcade's success seemed to make his already ambiguous spare links with emotional reality almost undecipherable. He withdrew into periodic bouts of depression which even his wife, a former colleague in the underground press, was unable to pull him out of. She was in the next room in their Greenwich Village loft when he put a gun to his head and ended his life.

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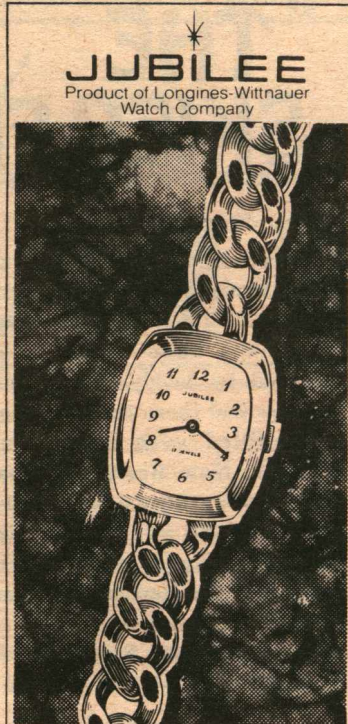
Jeff DiBene was the key player as he scored 19 points and pulled in 9 rebounds. Jeff earned the MacDonald's player of the week award for his performance in both Friday and Saturday nights' games.

On Saturday night Carroll College came to town. NNC fell behind early in the game. But Coach Layton worked some NNC magic during halftime, as the Crusaders came out fighting the second half. The Crusaders out scored Western Montana 14-2

during the first 6 minutes of the second half. "We used some different defensive matchups to start the second half, and that was a key" stated Coach Layton. Jeff DiBene again played a big part in the win, as he scored 22 points, thus receiving his award.

Sporting a 2-0 record, the Crusaders play Hilo, Hawaii tonight and tomorrow night, in their Tip-off tournament. They then face the Seattle Pacific University Falcons on December 4, before returning home to finals.

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At the time of this writing, Bogus Basin reports approximately 12 inches of snow and is receiving heavy snowfall. A decision will probably be made Friday concerning weekend

opening. The mountain needs between 17 and 20 inches to open.

Sun Valley will open the lower Warm Springs runs Saturday, and depending on snowfall may even open some Baldy lifts. Lifts will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Brundage Mountain at McCall has 15 inches and will probably open Saturday. For further information on weekend skiing call Sunset Sports at 467-5711 and ask for the ski department. It seems the annual wait is

over and the once silent hills will soon echo with laughter as skiers from all over the valley begin the mass exodus to the slopes. Yes, the talk is over, let the action begin!



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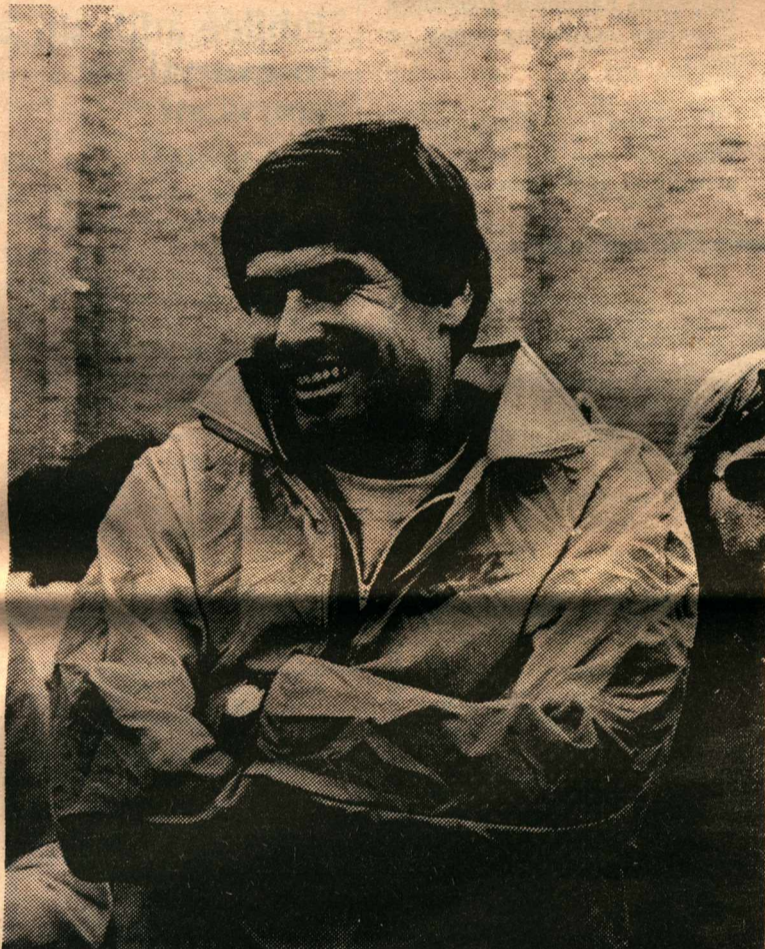
"THE SKIER FEATURE"

by Steve Guy & Rod Moore

Once upon a time in a land called Brokenridge, lived a very Hanson man named Scott. Scott lived in a huge Kastle, surrounded by lovely evergreens, Aspens, and there too by a huge moat filled with man-eating Gaitors. Now Scott had just about everything a fine skier could want; his own Kastle, a Ski Tote, Hotfingers and electric socks, but also Hanson Scott had no girl.

One day Hanson Scott rode his Yamaha into town to do some

shopping. While he was there he met a very beautiful girl, Bonnie Bell. Bonnie Bell was so foxy, she triggered an Atomic explosion in Hanson Scott's mind everytime he even thought of her. As first loves usually go, it was just a few weeks until Bonnie Bell and Hanson Scott were engaged. But then as some engagements go, the boat in the moat began to rock. Bonnie Bell began to complain that Hanson Scott never seemed to give her a lift when she was down, was always



Although the official results have not been tabulated concerning the Jog-a-thon, several things are for sure: many miles were covered and everyone running had the chance to run with Jim Ryun.

Burt-ing in public, but most of all never seemd to speak her Lange -gwidge. All this time Hanson Scott was not comprehending Bonnie Bell's dissatisfaction, but just attributed her discontent to bad Moog's.

Soon Bonnie Bell and Hanson Scott had a huge argument. Bonnie Bell left and did not say when she'd return. One day Hanson Scott was in the courtyard with the musicians, and just as they were putting Rosin-on-all of their bows, Bonnie Bell burst through the door. "You've been gone Elan time!" said Hanson Scott. "Yes," replied Bonnie, "And I've decided we're through!" With that she turned and strutted away. At first Hanson Scott was angry. "Uvexed me he thought," and anger filled his being. Then he went to his office and looked through his Files for his book on love (with the Marker in the chapter on "How to Patch things up."). But alas it was too late, Hanson Scott left his Kastle and went down to the river to Look for the old Fischer-man who was revered by all and said to have the Wisdom of Solomon. The Fischer-man told Hanson Scott, "You are suffering from a De-laminated Hart, and the only way to get your Head back together is to find another lover." With this Hanson Scott left the Fischer-man and headed back to his Kastle, but his trip was aborted when he got caught in a monstrous Blizzard and had to stop at a motel in Sleepy Valley. While dining that evening at the motel restaurant, a waitress named Kay was assigned to him. Now Bonnie Bell was beautiful, but K-2 was beautiful. Kay was a lovely girl who Hexcel-led in her work and had a Dynamic personality (she even received a special Citation for her work at the motel!) By and by affections grew, "I Lovett, I Lovett, thought Hanson Scott as they dined under the romantic glow of P-TEX candles and shared each others presence. Love had arrived and the couple planned their wedding. As time went by it became Krystal clear that they were meant for each other.

Finally the wedding day arrived and the ceremony began. The special music was sung by a man with a broken leg (referred to as the Kast-Singer). Hanson Scott and K-2 held hands as Father Garmont led them in their vows, Binding them together in love. The two were now one and Hanson Scott and K-2 lived happily ever after.

Yes, all things that begin well, usually endwell, for Hanson Scott had found the "Perfect Link Between" he and she.

Howdy Sports

It's beginning to look like no one wants to win the Western Division of the American Football Conference. After the Denver Broncos dropped a Thanksgiving game to Detroit 17-14, the Raiders determined not to be left alone in first place, lost 17-16 to the Seattle Seahawks. The win puts the Seahawks 1 game back of Denver and Oakland—in good shape for a possible playoff berth.

The Purple People Eaters of the NFC Central Division, the Minnesota Vikings, are still sharing a tie with their rivals, the Green Bay Packers, after a sudden death overtime game between the two Sunday resulted in a 10-10 tie. The all-time greatest quarterback in the NFL, Fran Tarkenton, put on a spectacular scrambling show, evading the ferocious front four of the Packers, tying the score with 10 seconds remaining on the clock. The Vikings, the perennial champions of the Black and Blue Division, could win the division again if they maintain a tie with the Packers to the close of the season, as they have previously defeated the Bart Star gang.

Oklahoma offensive guard Greg Roberts has been named the 33rd winner of the Outland Award. The Football Writers Association of America, which has more than 800 members, votes to award the Outland to the outstanding interior lineman in collegiate football, either a center, guard or tackle on the offensive or defensive teams.

The last Oklahoma player to win the award was Lee Roy Selmon in 1976.

Dave Cutler kicked four field goals and Jim Germany added a 2-yard touchdown run Sunday as the Edmonton Eskimos beat the Montreal Alouettes 20-13 in the Grey Cup game for the Canadian Football League championship.

The victory gave the Eskimos their second CFL title in the past four years and avenged their humiliating 41-6 loss to the Alouettes in last year's Grey Cup game.

Free agent pitcher Tommy John took less money than was offered by Cincinnati, Atlanta, and Kansas City to sign with the World Champion New York Yankees. John posted a 17-10 season with the Los Angeles Dodgers last year and beat the Yankees in the opening game of the World Series before the Yankees bounced back to win the last four games.

John joined a pitching staff which includes other millionaires Rick Gossage, Catfish Hunter, and Don Gullett.

All-star third baseman Pete Rose says that he will definitely be leaving the Cincinnati Reds for greener pastures after 16 years with the club. When asked about the negotiations with the Reds Reuven Katz, Rose's attorney, answered, "We're just too far apart. There is no chance of a last minute compromise." The Atlanta Braves, Kansas City Royals, St. Louis Cardinals, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Philadelphia Phillies are the teams still actively bidding for Rose's service.

Second baseman Lou Whitaker of the Letroit Tigers was named the American League Rookie of the Year last week in a nationwide balloting of sportswriters.

A native of brooklyn, New York, Whitaker batted .285 with 3 home runs and 58 RBIs and with shortstop Alan Trammell turned over 95 double plays.

Second baseman Paul Molitor of Milwaukee was the second place winner followed by California third baseman Carney Lansford.

Richard Petty broke a 44-race jinx when he took the Arizona NAPA 250 NASCAR stock car race at Phoenix International Raceway earlier this week. It was Petty's first win since capturing the Firecracker 400 in July, 1977 at Daytona Beach.

In her second international tennis tournament since turning pro last month, Tracy Austin beat Martina Navratilova 6-1, 6-1, to claim the women's singles title in the Gunze World Tennis tournament in Tokyo. The 15-year-old American also won her first pro competition—the International Stuttgart tournament in West Germany on October 29.

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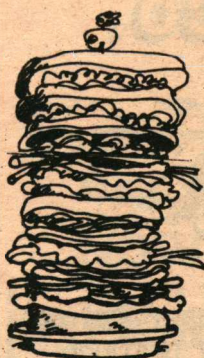
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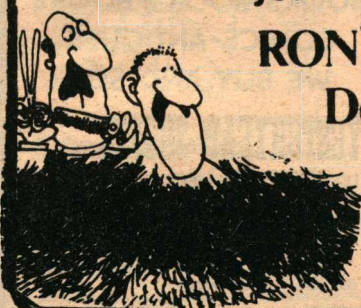


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Hopeful squad

by Michelle Iko

With a 3-2 record NNC's JV cagers are well on their way to a great season.

The JV's played and defeated the Alumni last Friday, November 25, 88-68. Mark VanAchte and Brad Adams were high scorers with 16 points a piece, and Eric Forseth was leading rebounder with 10 boards.

Coach Schmidt was pleased with the team's performance, as they shot 70 percent from the

line, 14 for 20, and they had 10 turnovers. This is the first time the Alumni has been defeated 2 years in a row. He felt as though it was JV's best effort so far.

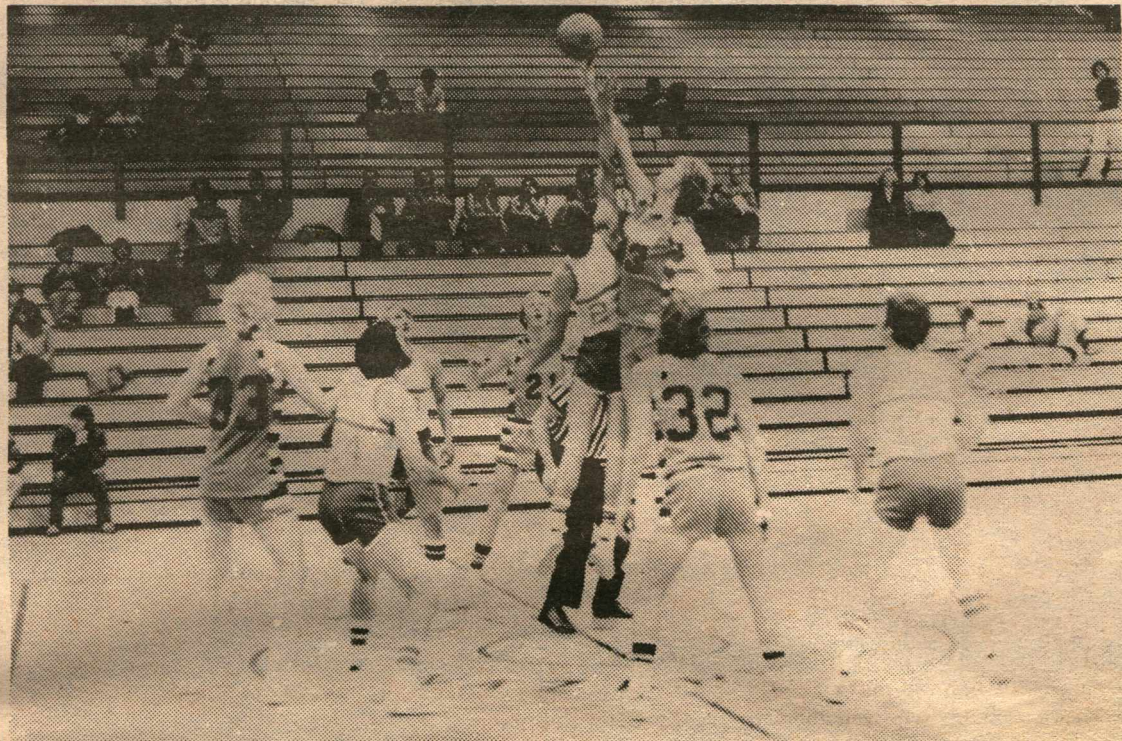
"There were too many turnovers" (26) admitted Coach Schmidt, "we need to work on playing together and knowing what each other is going to do."

Mountain Home Air Force Base invaded the NNC gym last Tuesday night, with NNC coming

out on top 88-64. Kevin Fagerstrom had a super game with 23 points and 14 rebounds. Brad Adams played well offensively, and Mark VanAchte, and Mike Funk did well off the bench.

Coach Schmidt feels the team is really starting to gell, and that this is the "Biggest and best JV team talent-wise NNC has ever had." He feels they need to work on defense and cut down excessive turnovers.

After quite a layoff the JV's next home game will be January 4 against TVCC. Be there or be Square.



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Down on the mat

by Del Gray

Taking advantage of their strength in the lower weight divisions, the NNC Crusader wrestlers posted a 36-9 win over Eastern Oregon a week ago at the Montgomery Fieldhouse.

Crusader coach Rick Lande was very pleased with his team's performance on the mats, pointing to the execution of the prematch plans. "We worked all week with the guys on getting that first takedown since it often dictates the outcome of the match. We won eleven out of seventeen first takedown situations."

Three NNC men were able to

SAY WHAT?

by Ginny Luhn

I DON'T UNDERSTAND!!! Why does this always happen to us? Must we always bear this terrible burden? Christmas isn't until December 25th, and they want us to "mail early"!

Have you noticed that in the past, the 1850's or "Little House on the Prairie" time, Christmas wasn't celebrated until a week or so before? Well they probably thought about it but the Christmas lights didn't go up on the house until the 20th of December, they did their Christmas mailing with an air of dignity, and when they went shopping it was a calm affair.

Today, people have simply gone bananas over Christmas, which is nice, but they all seem to have the wrong motives in mind. For example, Christmas lights. Every town has a section that has to look like a strip in Las Vegas, lit up like a fire station, each house trying to outdo the others. They waste money, electricity, and no one is friendly until the lights come down the first of January, which gives them about a month and a half of unfriendliness since the lights are up in November.

Another degrading thing brought on by the Christmas rush is the over load of mail. I realize that the post office can't handle all the mail that comes in on the 24th of December, but when they start asking us to mail Christmas cards in June it seems a little out of hand. Getting a Christmas card for your birthday is depressing when your birthday is in October. *Sigh*. I am a firm believer in the re-establishment of the Pony Express, at least we would know that "the mail must go through," instead of sitting in a bag, on some train until the Columbia River dries up, the Pacific Ocean freezes over and Nampa becomes a tropical rain forest.

Our shopping today is an interesting ritual to watch. One person sees something that they want, at the same time another sees the same thing and—the race is on! Both get to the item and make a grab, one gets it and the other does not. The one who gets it walks away with the spoils like a champion of war. The one who does not get it pretends they really didn't want it anyway. If you have watched any TV lately you will have noticed that the commercials are playing upon your giving spirit, your love for your family and your pocketbook. Unfortunately, most of us only have two of these items so we aren't quite so badly influenced as our rich friends.

Stores begin advertising for Christmas the first of November, which is too bad since they almost skip over Thanksgiving altogether, looking forward to the future, instead of turning to the past for a day.

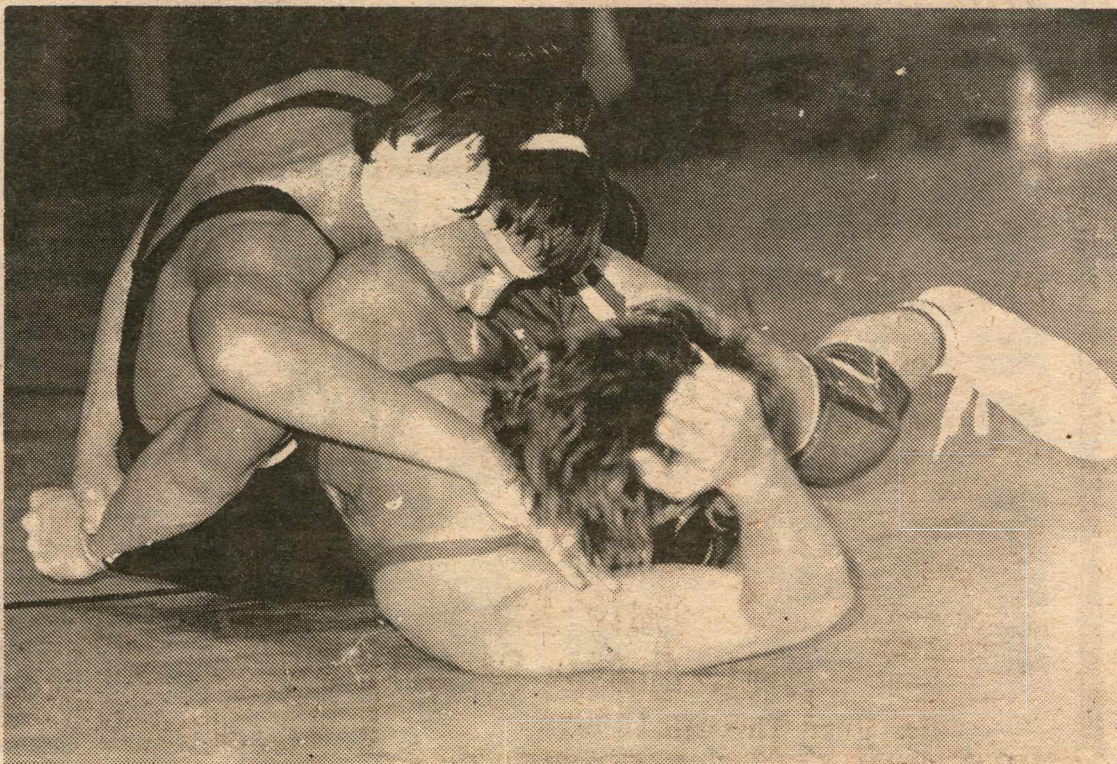
Christmas is for everyone, and everyone should enjoy it, but not because of the things under the tree, or the food but because we all received the best Christmas gift ever given. This gift never wears out, or breaks down, and although it is given to millions of people, it is unique to each one of us.

Enjoy your Christmas, stay out of the rush and have a very happy holiday! Merry Christmas (25 days early)!!

pin their opponents in the third round of their matches: senior Tim Kurtz at 142 pounds, and juniors Keith Horwood and Doug Shaffer at 158 and 190 pounds.

Tonight NNC faces Columbia

Christian College in a duo match in Portland and tomorrow will be involved in the huge all-district Pacific University Wrestling Tournament at Forest Grove, Oregon.



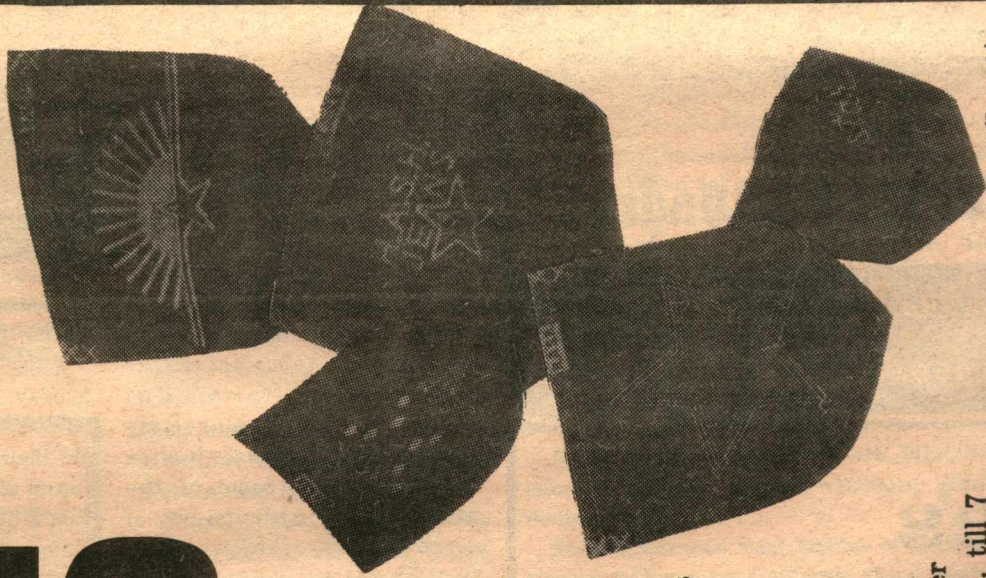
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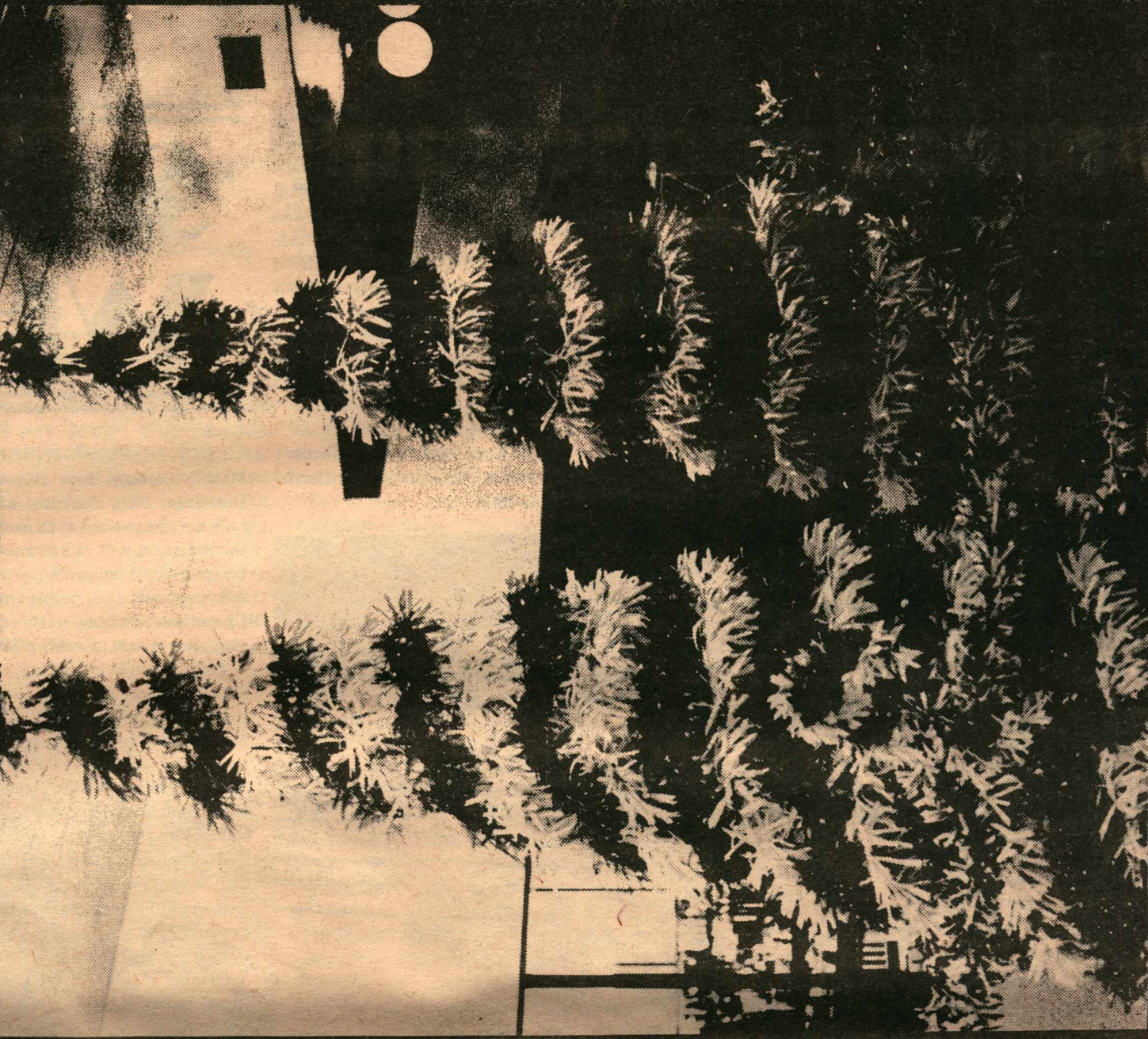
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