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In Campus News



This isn't Nampa.
What kind of culture shock would a move from L.A. to the Town of a Thousand Smells entail? Page 2 tells you.

In World News

Results! Results! Results!

We have numbers for the congressional races and initiatives that interest you. Turn to page 12 in order to find those.

In Sports

Varsity basketball gets underway as the Lady Crusaders soundly

Crusaders soundly defeat an NAIA Div. 1 powerhouse. Look to our pullout for details.



Column One

In a mock election held in the Student Center on Monday, seventy-one percent of you voted for a presidential candidate who was defeated yesterday.

Some of you are feeling bitter. Well, almost three-quarters of you are. A small portion of our readership is feeling quite a bit better; the twenty or so percent that favored Clinton probably aren't feeling as bad.

I'm venturing that a wave of bitterness and other assorted anti-Clinton sentiments will surface over the next few days. Regardless of you who supported, you'll have countless friends who'll spend much of today and tomorrow complaining that we've re-elected an immoral [censored].

I'll pass over the fact that those complaining probably haven't grown up with Bill Clinton, or spoken at length with him recently; I'll skip the obligatory comments that Christians actually could vote for a Democrat; but I will say that it can't be all that healthy for our student body to be that biased.

If a college campus doesn't have dialogue, it doesn't have an atmosphere conducive to real education. My fear is that the sheer volume that Dole supporters are likely to produce in the next few days will drown out the voice of those who felt compelled to back the actual winner. Let's not gripe about the election, let's talk about it. I promise to listen to you if you'll listen to me.



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Basketball is here!

Stories written by John Fraley, Editor-in-Chief, and Tim Benedick, Staff Writer

Crusader basketball has undergone a massive facelift since last season. Both the men's and the women's teams have more new players than returnees; our cover story this week will help you identify all the newest faces.

This second consecutive pullout's got previews, reviews, and interviews. We've got gobs of photos, and home schedules to boot. Go ahead -- look at it now.



The 96-97 Lady Crusaders



Do you recognize Jeff Kinneeveauk?

... BB preview runs pages 9 thru 12 ...

Clinton wins re-election in near landslide

William Jefferson Clinton is set to serve as the 42nd President of the United States until 2001.

Clinton won 389 electoral college votes to Republican challenger Bob Dole's 159; 270 were necessary to win.

In the popular vote, the results were somewhat tighter; Clinton received 50 percent of all votes cast, Dole garnered 42 percent, and Ross Perot earned 8 percent. Perot did not gather any electoral college votes.

In the Congress, Republicans retained control of both houses, even making small gains in the Senate.

... read about it on page 10 ...

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"He who has a message and no propaganda will not get very far." ~Joel Augustus Rogers, historian and journalist, 1924

Bresee Youth bring special perspective to NNC

By Heather Slater **Copy Editor**

"I had just come on staff at L.A. First, and we were trying to think creatively how we could reach out to the community," said Benefiel. "[Initially,] the foundation was to help bring in additional resources for the ministries at L.A. First. But it matured, and actually became an entity of its own." The foundation's outreach now includes ministry to low-income and homeless persons in the L.A. community, the Bresee Institute (an urban training school) and the Bresee Youth program.

This program provides teenagers in the community with after-school recreation, social activities, assistance with homework, and access to a computer lab. "It's where kids go to hang out after school," said Bookman a journalism major. "I started going to get help with my homework."

"[Kids] can come to a safe place," said Rosas, a general studies ma-

full time teacher... Once you walk in the door, you know . . . there are no gangs there." "It was

jor. "They can do

homework, there's a

more of a hangout," said Bise, a child psychology major. "There was always something to do."

Not only

were there opportunities to have fun at the center, but there were also opportunities to volunteer. Bookman, who was involved with the program for six years, wrote for the youth paper, while Aragon, in the program two and a half years, worked as a peer tutor.

The greatest outreach of the program, according to the foundation's executive director, NNC alumnus Jeff Carr, is that it also gives kids a chance to interact with Christians. "It allows students to get connected to a fellowship community," he said. The program's all-Christian staff lead small groups called "covenants" for Bible study and sharing, according to Aragon. "They talk about Jesus," said Bookman, "but it's not something that's forced on us."

This past year, a number of the students visited several Christian colleges, among them NNC and Seattle Pacific University. Bookman said that she chose NNC because it seemed to be the "right" school. "Out of all the schools that I visited, this one stuck in my mind," said Bookman.

Aragon, a social work major, said, "I really needed to get closer to God... a place where I would get time to spend with God. I've had that here."

The group has experienced



Los Angeles, California, the home of the Bresee Youth

a bit of "culture shock"coming from one of the largest cities in the U.S. to Nampa, Idaho, where both the climate and the activity level is very different

from those of L.A. "I like my classes and teachers," said Bise, "but I don't like the weather." Bookman agreed. "[Compared to L.A., i]t's boring," said Bookman. "And it's too cold."

"I've had a hard time adjusting," said Rosas. "It was a complete ninety-degree change."

Another big adjustment was attending a school with a student body that is predominantly white, ethnically, and conservative, politically. "I'm not used to being the minority," said Aragon. "The biggest thing is how we feel politically, [but also] the way we worship here: [back home] services are three and a half hours long, just singing and

However, according to Bookman, the size of the campus is a benefit to attending NNC. "I like that it's small," said Bookman. "The people are so friendly."

NNC Notepad

In Senate this week... A report was presented on prices for a refrigerator, microwave and clock for use by commuter students.

Another report was presented on the cost of vacuums for each dorm, coming to \$1189.93. Research on where the money could come from showed that neither dorm councils nor Environmental Services is willing to pay for them. Senate will explore the possibility of dividing the cost between dorms, Environmental interested in going on the Services and Senate.

Senate discussed subsidizing the cost of the bus for those students that would be



Heather Tompkins encourages everyone to attend ASNNC's Coffee House.

basketball trip to Point Loma Nazarene College.

- Notepad

The spiritual atmosphere of NNC holds great appeal to Aragon. "I like being able to encourage one another," said Aragon, "to be able to get a glimpse of God's kingdom."



NNCalendar

November

6

Cheryl Bookman, a talented

freshman, is one of the Bresee

Election Day!

6 10:15a Chapel **National** Nazarene College Day of Prayer

8:00p Concert **Band-SLH**

10:15a Chapel-Brennan Manning 7:00p VB-Lewis&Clark (Senior night)

8

Weekend 9-10

11:00a VB-alumni 8:00p ASNNC Coffee House

11 10:15a Chapel **Red Cross Blood Drive**

12 10:15a Faculty/ Staff Fellowship

13 10:15a Chapel 9:00p Time Out

14

Board of Regents

15 10:15a Chapel

Weekend 16-17 5th Quarter- after MBB

U.S. Bank Tip-off Tournament

game

Looking Ahead in November:

November 21st-Student recital in the Ad building auditorium

November 22nd-Fall Play

November 23rd-**ASNNC Powder Puff Football**

November 27th-30th Thanksgiving/Homecoming

NNC Notepad

Events this week... One of NNC's favorite speakers, Brennan Manning, will return again this week to speak in chapel Friday, Nov. 8th. Thursday night at 7 p.m. in College Church, Manning will be presented with an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from NNC.

Today is Nazarene College Day of Prayer. Join be for sale. The entry fee with our eleven Nazarene is\$1. sister colleges in prayer for each other.

ASNNC Coffee the Science Lecture Hall on House is Saturday, Nov. 9th. Thursday, Nov. 7th. Come Featured is its first "flea marenjoy an evening of music." ket" in which ceramic beads, shirts, books and coffee will

NNC — 2 — Notepad

Brennan Manning will

speak in chapel Friday.

Band will be performing in

Notepad compiled by Gina

Grate, campus news editor.

The Concert

Freshman Class Council enthusiastic to get started

"I wanted to make a difference, follow the Lord's leading, and encourage others to do so also," ~Trent Friberg.

By Michelle Morrison Staff Writer

This week, the class of 2000 elected their first officers. The people elected are excited about their term in office and are ready to charge their class into the twenty-first century.

Freshman class President Josh Pryor, explained why he ran for the office, "I felt I never got very active in high school. I prayed a lot about it...I felt God was asking me to do a lot more than I had been doing while I was in high school." Pryor wanted to establish himself as a solid Christian leader here on campus and felt that holding office would help him do so. "[I want to] provide opportunities for the class of 2000 to get involved in the school and the community as a class," Pryor said.

Ryan Comingdeer, freshman Vice President, said, "I'd like to use the spiritual gifts the Lord gave me for leadership; I'd like to help lead our class with the president, to let our class strive to be the best it can be."

Secretary Heather Staffenson ran for office of Secretary because "I want to be involved, and being involved in my class is an honor."

Treasurer Jaeme Milam is excited about her term in office. "I love to be involved and help make decisions," said Milan. Her goals for her posision are simply "to do my job with efficiency." According to Chaplain Trent



Freshman class President Josh Pryor wants to "provide opportunities" for his class to be involved.

Friberg, he ran for Chaplain because "I wanted to make a difference coming in." Trent said that his goals for his term in office are "to follow the Lord's leading and encourage others to do so also."

Eric Manley and Kyla Edelman filled the class' Social Board positions.

"I really like to stay involved in student activities and I like to have a say in what's going on," said Manley. "My goals are to make this year a great year by planning fun activities."

The three Senators elected for the class of 2000 are Jodi Peterson, Mindy Bales and Doyle Harris. While Peterson and Bales were unavailable for comment, Harris says he ran for Senate "I think I can make a difference," said Harris. "[I want] to be sensitive to the needs of the class of 2000."

NNCers elect Dole in mock election

Mock Election Results

Bob Dole — 71.2%

Bill Clinton — 21.6%

Ross Perot — 3.9%

Ralph Nader — 2.4%

Harry Browne - 0.9%

A total of 208 votes were cast.

The mock election was held Monday, Nov. 4th, in the Student Center. It was conducted by the Citizens' Awareness Committee.

NNC's voting results were unique when compared with the national vote, which gave Clinton 50%, Dole 42% and other candidates a sum of 8%.

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Staff Editorials

Rewriting government for the sake of the little guy...

Bill Clinton won 43 percent of the popular vote in 1992. Although this year's lucky winner might earn a majority of the ballots cast, the reign of the two major parties is drawing to a close. The Reform Party will outgrow Perot's influence when voters realize its platform represents exactly the alternative they've been waiting for all of these years. (It'll also help when Perot realizes he'll never win, and that his lack of credibility is only harming the young party.) When that happens, no candidate will be able to win even forty percent of the vote, let alone a majority.

In the next four years, Congress has a responsibility to pass a constitutional amendment providing for two rounds of voting in the presidential election. We don't want any more 43-percent presidential winners. We propose to remove the current system of primaries, one general election and the electoral college and replace it with a double election process.

The first election is open to all candidates on a national level. They are all on even footing and are given equal opportunity. In this system, all presidential contenders are given equal treatment, whether of the two major parties or not.

The second election (which would be held about six weeks from the first to allow for strategic campaigning) is to decide a winner between the top two candidates. This allows them to concentrate on each other rather than worry about one lone wolf pulling from one or the other. The second election also lets the populace come to a majority decision, Instead of having a race that has the winning candidate with only 40% of the popular vote.

The Idaho ballot had six different options for President, yet only two, maybe three, had even the remotest chance of winning the election. The era of two-party politics is coming to an end and our country needs to make dastric changes in order to facilitate these revolutionary new leaders.

Staff Infection

Okay, did anyone else think that Adam Pike and Craig Brown cross-dressed a little too successfully on Halloween?... Overheard in Louisiana: "If you vote for a Democrat it's a venereal sin ... venial, venereal, what's the dif? ... Hey, if Dole loses, doesn't NNC cancel all its homework and tests? ... Don't make jokes like that, John -- Dr. Galloway canceled his Management test for today ... "marijuana's legal? people are weird!" ... they're not people, Garrett, they're Californians ...

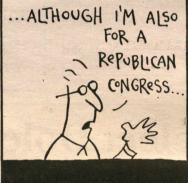
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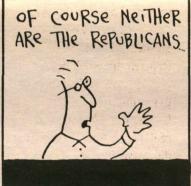
"... Don't forget to pick up some Pepto-Bismol ... We've got to vote on Tuesday."



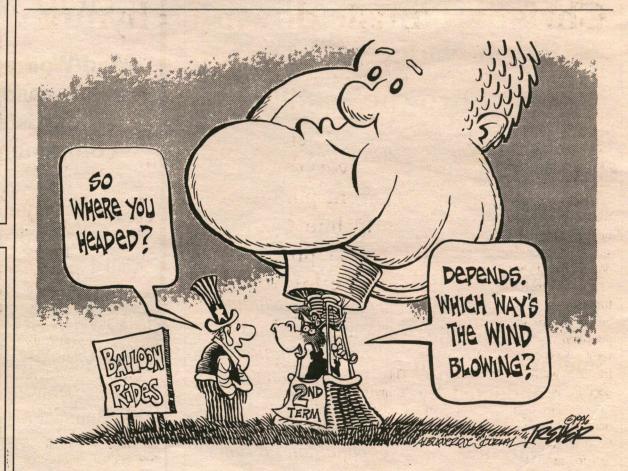












Can we have a decent politician?

Porthos ponders the sport of mudslinging, spin doctoring

Has anyone given any thought recently to the concept of a rousing good revolution? It almost goes without saying that no one is pleased with Political America as a whole. Why, I often ask in a loud gruff voice, is it so often the case that we are forced to vote for

the lesser of two evils? If what I've read is accurate and not simply rose-colored nostalgia, there was actually a time in our not-so-distant past when the majority of America actually believed the politicians they sent to office were good (or at least decent) people who were working for their (the Americans') best interests. Now, it seems, every claim by a politician that he or she is working for the voters' interests is automatically discounted as a limp campaign promise to be discarded once the politician has secured his (okay, or her) victory.

What happened?

I've heard Nixon get a lot of the blame. Maybe he is a visible starting point, but it can't just be Nixon's fault (even if we toss in Agnew for good measure). These days it seems as if a politician who hasn't created some sort of scandal hasn't been busy enough. So we continue to elect the politician who looks or lies the best because, hey, it doesn't really matter who we send to govern us, they're all crooked or will be soon enough.

Which brings me to mud-

3 Musketeers

slinging (don't ask me how). Is anyone else sick of this? I am fed up with ad after ad which can basically be boiled down to, "My opponent

Can't we just skip the mud slinging and hear what the candidates intend to do before they go corrupt and dedicate their efforts to getting rich and avoiding sexual harassment allegations?

> sucks. Vote for me instead." The sentiment displayed on our local Dutch Inn reader board sums up my feeling on attack ads: "He who flings mud gets his hands dirty."

Okay, given the nearly universal opinion that ALL politicians suck, can't we just skip the mud and hear what the candidates intend to do in the week before they go corrupt and dedicate their efforts to getting rich and denying sexual harassment allegations. It might be really refreshing to see what candidates really think about important issues. Really.

Don't, oh please, don't think that I mean I want to hear candidates puke up what the polls indicate to be the most popular position on an issue. I'd like to hear what that one person really thinks. Even

if it is opposed to my idea. Speaking of Slick Willie, (well we are now) I would have much more respect for him if he didn't change his mind every time he turns around.

In the same vein, Bob Dole hasn't told me yet what HE really thinks either. That leaves me voting for a candidate's major supporters rather than for a candidate. I'd like to be able to vote for a candidate with personal integrity who will make his own decisions based on what he thinks is best. But I don't get to do that.

I would love to end this gripe session with some bril-

liant insights that would solve this nation's political woes, but I, like too many others, have focused all of my energies on identifying every problem rather than on finding solutions. I guess it will be up to some other brave individual to take it upon himself to enter the political battlefield to defend real integrity and make himself into the Warriorfor-Reality that we so desperately

-contributed by Porthos

Your Turn

Random answers from random students on random issues

This week we went on a quest for the most interesting random questions...



Craig Brown

Year: Undefined

Political Science Major

Anchorage,

"Why are raspberry slush puppies blue?"



Kyle **McFarley**

Aspiring Senior

Social Work Major

Walla Walla,

"In a wilderness environment, is it ethically responsible to climb using pitons as oppossed to passive protection?"

Christian music doesn't = hymns

By Rob Readmond **Staff Writer**

Most people swallow what Corporate Christianity shoves at them. We fall prey to the myth that Christian music has to be cheesy and lack originality. I admit that I went through my own stages of blind obedience to "Christian Music." I have come to realize that it doesn't have to be this way.

There is a lot of music out there that is not processed and pumped with cliches. If that feeds you, then more power to you. I just want to let you know that if you are frustrated with Christian music, you needn't be.

There are a number of bands out there that have a lot of talent and are focused on Christ. I hate to use this word but Christian "alternative" music has been around since the mid-eighties.

Now more than ever, this

genre has exploded with band after band from Hawaii to Georgia.

> There's everything from punk to techno bands that project the love of Christ.

There's everything from punk to techno bands that project a love of Christ that hasn't been tampered with by producers and the like.

They write songs about anything from relationships to temptation. The relevance of their words and music is what appeals to me. It isn't always in stores but it does exist.

You can find out about these bands from many sources. Ask around and find out about shows that are happening. You might be surprised at what you find.

The Northwest's Christian Alternative scene is growing. Not all of these bands are signed and some play in garages and at churches. There are festivals in the West and East now that support this music. Record labels are emerging from everywhere. In particular, there is a label that, to me, epitomizes a Christ-focused company. "Five Minute Walk Records" is a reasonably new label out of California. It has built a house in Tijuana and is currently collecting jackets for the homeless with its "20,000 Jackets" tour.

Basically I want to inform you that there is a lot of music out there that is doing something. I hope you find what you are looking for.



Becca Keller

Freshman

Secondary Education Major

Aurora, CO

"What is the worst pickup line that you have heard around the NNC campus?"



Jason Person

Freshman

English Education

North Bend, WA

"How long do I have to think about this?"

REVIEWS

Lone Star tackles heroes

Lone Star begins with a couple of army buddies poking around in an old firing range. While the main character is occuppied looking at plants and sniffing flowers, his buddy finds a skeleton. Upon further investigation, they find a sheriff's badge and a mason's ring, possessions of ex-Rio County sheriff Charles Will.

From the army base we move to Rio County, Texas. There is a new, young sheriff in Rio County (Sam Deeds) whose father (Buddy Deeds) was the sheriff before him. Buddy Deeds was a local hero, and his son has a hard time filling his shoes. Buddy Deeds came to power under unusual circumstances. Apparently, he had a heated argument with then-sheriff Will and, later that night, sheriff Will disappeared. When Sam hears about the skeleton, he is put in the uncomfortable position of investigating his own father's involvement in the mysterious death of the former sheriff.

As sheriff Sam Deeds digs into the murder case, he finds a history of political corruption in Rio County. The murdered sheriff was a partner of sorts in every business in town. In other words, if he didn't see some of the profit, he would shut the operation down--usually with a bullet. Since Sheriff Will used strong-arm tactics, everyone hated him, and no one asked any questions when he disappeared.

Buddy Deeds, on the other hand, was a sheriff that everybody loved. He was a just man, and he let people keep their own money. This freedom, though, was usually in exchange for votes for the local political machine. Buddy was good to the people, but he and his friends got rich through political connections and misappropriations. The citizens of Rio County still loved their sheriff, and they built a new court house in his honor. This being the case, no one wanted to believe the allegations made by his son. They needed their hero.

That plot is interesting, but Lone Star's greatest strength is its treatment of the multicultural nature of the American Southwest. The town is mostly Hispanic, but the White minority has traditionally held all positions of power. The army base brings a sizeable Black community to Rio County. The police force is full of racists who like to harass Black and Hispanic youths. In one episode, they haul a group of Hispanics into the pokey for possessing a "stolen" car CD player. When the female protagonist calls the station to find out about her son, the police deny knowledge of the youths. So, she goes down to the station. Luckily, the sheriff is sweet on her and quickly has one of his toadies find and release her son. That's pretty heart-warming, but, as the scene ends, the camera pans across a group of other Hispanic mothers still waiting for their sons to be found.

Lone Star shows racial injus-



tice, and it encourages the viewer to become angry. Besides showing the evils of racism, Lone Star shows people overcoming it. A rich Hispanic matron puts aside her prejudices and helps a new immigrant in need.

Lone Star encourages racial toleration, but its main theme is iconoclasm. Rio County has a hero, and that hero is a murderer. Lonestar brings to the viewer the need to question our heroes. the need to question our "sacred" institutions.

CRUSADER REVIEWS

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My greatest love sprang from my greatest hate...

Romeo and Juliet

Leonardo DiCaprio and **Claire Danes**

> Reviewed by Jason Isbell

Crusader Rating

Welcome to Verona Beach, a bustling sandstone metropolis in South Florida. Police helicopters fly over head as gang warfare tears through city streets.

Meet the Montagues and the Capulets, two warring families whose "ancient grudge" is tearing Verona Beach in half along class and racial lines.

Meet Romeo Montague (Leonardo DiCaprio) heir to the Montague empire, and the fued. A forlorne romantic, lost in despaire over his lost love Rosaline.

Meet "the boys," the young nephews and cousins of the warring families, who hang out in Verona Beach in tricked out cars, always packing their "Sword 9mm Series S" hand guns as protection of their bodies and their honor.

I can't say that I'm a Shakespeare fanatic. In fact, I've read MacBeth and seen the movie (for school). I really liked the movie version of "Much Ado About Nothing." That more or less sums up my Shakespeare experience.

I've always had a singular problem with Shakespeare. I never identify. I spend too much time trying to understand the English and the scene

changes and the setting, and I lose track of the characters.

And, if there's one thing Shakespeare excelled at (so I'm told) it's characters.

I can't tell you if Shakespeare would like this movie, I don't know if this is a loyal adaptation of the classic, but I can tell you this: I loved Juliet. I identified with Romeo. I felt Mercutio's death rip through me, I would have killed Tybalt without hesitation. I felt for the characters.

The world of Romeo and Juliet has been picked up and planted square in the middle of 90's America, and that makes all the difference.

William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet shows the power of Shakespeare's dialogue, the power of Shakespeare's story. The words have meaning in a context that is familiar.

The directors did decide to let go and get artsy in a few scenes, particularly at the beginning. The movie really excelled when the directors quit playing with the camera and let the actors just run with the dialogue.

The change of scenery is a nice one, but don't even think that Verona Beach is modern-day America. Try the original Verona meets Gotham, a dark world even during summer days, with too much color and too much dirt to be anything approximating reality.

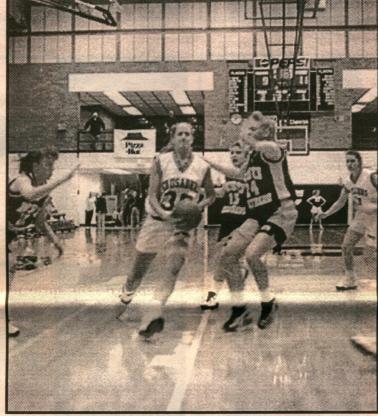
The movies sound track is riveting, ranging from a gospel rendition of "When Doves Cry" to music by Garbage, all of which works incredibly well to accentuate the explosive contrast between the families unmitigated hate and Romeo and Juliet's unceasing love.

That contrast is what really makes this movie, what makes the original story. The greatest love story is also the greatest hate story, and the love seems all the greater because of this

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Preview

1996-97

By Tim Benedick and John Fraley

For most college basketball teams, to reach the quarterfinals of the national tournament would be a crowning achievement and a source of pride. But for NNC, it seemed only a national championship would make up for a 17-12 regular season during which the 'Saders were hot one night, and not quite so hot the next.

The Crusaders and their fans have come to expect more. When NNC's '96 NAIA run ended with a thirdround loss to Whitworth College (the eventual national runner-up), it wasn't quite obvious what one could expect from the '96-'97 team.

With the loss of senior starters Roy Garcia, Trevor Stott, and Chad Herron, as well as substitutes Bob Tamminga and Todd Schumacher, the off-season was sure to bring about considerable changes in the roster.

'96-'97 men's preview '96-'97 women's preview

Interview conducted by John Fraley, Editor-in-Chief

The Crusader interviewed Lady Crusaders Head Coach Roger Schmidt prior to Saturday's season opener about next year's outlook.

TC: What would you say is your team's greatest strength?

RS: I'd have to say athleticism and depth, as those two go hand in hand. It looks like we'll play ten or eleven players pretty easily.

TC: And its greatest weakness would be ...?

RS: Probably the fact that we have seven new players and only six returnees. At this point in time, we're not in sync as much as we could be or as much as we hope to be.

TC: Well, with all the turnover, how's the team chemistry?

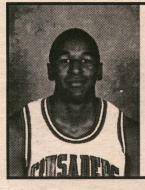
RS: We've got good chemistry because all our players are working hard. The kids are getting after each

A special pullout edited by Amy Riley, Cover Story Editor

Workin' Crusaders

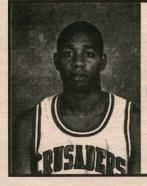
NNC Basketball Team 1996-97





Jeff Kinneveauk G Height: 5'10" Weight: 170 Year: Sr

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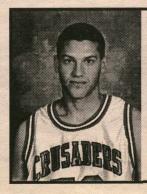


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Hometown: Portland, OR



Nathan Smith Height: 6'6" Weight: 200 Year: Sr Hometown: Seattle, WA



Jay Lassen C Height: 6'6" Weight: 210 Year: Jr

Hometown: Corvallis, OR



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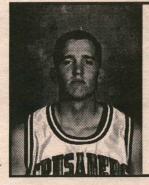


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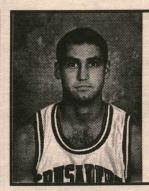


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Hometown: The Dalles, OR



Jon DeRoos Height: 6'4" Weight: 192 Year: Jr Hometown: Manteca, CA



Brent Darnell G Height: 6'3" Weight: 210 Year: Jr Hometown: E Wenatchee, WA



Bilal McIntyre C Height: 6'8" Weight: 220 Year: So Hometown: St. George's, Granada



Kai Knell F Height: 6'5" Weight: 215 Year: Jr

Hometown: E Wenatchee, WA

Lady Crusaders

NNC Basketball Team 1996-97





Ellen Duncan W
Height: 5'10"
Year: Sr
Hometown: McCall, ID



Staci Wilson P
Height: 6'0"
Year: So
Hometown: Molalla, OR



Erica Walton W
Height: 6'0"
Year: Sr
Hometown: Ontario, OR



Brooke Warren W
Height: 5'11"
Year: Fr
Hometown: Pomeroy, WA



Jennifer Myers W
Height: 5'11"
Year: Sr
Hometown: Parma, ID



Staci Kirk G
Height: 6'0"
Year: Fr
Hometown: Boise, Id



Christy Farrar G
Height: 5'7"
Year: So
Hometown: Hillsboro, OR



Rachel Gottschalk P
Height: 6'0"
Year: Jr
Hometown: Oregon City, OR



Kari Smith G
Height: 5'8"
Year: Sr
Hometown: Meridian, ID



Jessica Knowlton G
Height: 5'7"
Year: Fr
Hometown: Craigmont, ID



Sunshine Cecrle P
Height: 5'11"
Year: So
Hometown: Hillsboro, OR



Chelsey Hall G
Height: 5'10"
Year: Fr
Hometown: Grangeville, ID

Men

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Eleven new players will take to the Orrin Hills Center Court this fall; three of those will redshirt, leaving eight new bodies who'll actually suit up.

It's obvious that the Associated press believes the talent of NNC's recruiting class places them once again



Workin' Crusader seniors, from left to right: BrentlDeakins, Jeff Kinneeveauk, Nathan Smith, and Tony Schumacher (file photo).

among the elite. The AP ranked an unproven Crusader team third in the nation in its preseason poll.

Head Coach Ed Weidenbach won't put too much stock in the AP's assessment, however. "You know how polls are -- meaningless," Weidenbach said. "It's nice to get the program recognition, but it doesn't mean all that much

"It's kind of odd. We did have an outstanding recruiting class, the best since I've been here," Weidenbach admitted.

According to Weidenbach, the Crusaders' depth may be their greatest strength. "I think we've got ten even players, and depth usually becomes a factor, especially toward the end of a game."

Weidenbach also mentioned that quickness is a major asset of the '96-'97 team. "If you look at teams like Kentucky, their quickness allows them to wear down their opponents."

With this new depth and quickness, Weidenbach plans to "play more wide-open both ways, which should make the games exciting for the fans."

While the many new players bring strengths to the team, their lack of experience together could prove to be

a temporary obstacle. Weidenbach confessed that "everybody's trying to do what we want, but we're not on the same page. Chemistry makes a difference."

Road woes plagued last year's team; an 11-4 home record was offset by a mediocre 4-7 away mark, costing them valuable home playoff games.

In an effort to improve in that area this season, the 'Saders face

tough preseason road opponents. While this may not better NNC's road record, it will prepare the team for a season-ending five-game streak of conference road games, including a finale at defending national champions, Albertson College.

The Cascade Conference figures to be as strong as in recent years. Albertson, Western Oregon, and an improved Wesern Baptist squad should be NNC's toughest competition as the Crusaders seek to regain a conference title they captured in '94 and '95.

"Whichever team gets consistency and chemistry will take the conference this year," Weidenbach concluded.

Women

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other in practice, and they really get along outside of practice.

TC: Last year's conference was exceptionally strong. How do things look this year?

RS: Last year, four of our seven conference foes were in the top 20, and there's the likelihood that we could have three or four there again

this year.

TC: Tell us a bit about the team's preseason schedule.

RS: It's real tough. We play several NAIA Div. 1 teams, we play at several homecomings, and we have several games against NCAA Div. 2 opponents. Hopefully, that won't break us, but it'll definitely test us.

TC: Is there anything else you'd like to share?

RS: Yes -- this year, our style will be different: more up-tempo. We might have to issue helmets to the spectators in the two front rows.

Ladies begin with win

By Robin Day, Sports Editor

The Crusader women's basketball team started off another

winning season on the right foot last Saturday, November 2, with a 91-79 victory over Montana State University Northern.

The game started with veterans, seniors Ellen Duncan, Kari Smith, and Erica Walton, and sophomores Staci Wilson and Christy Farrar winning the jump and taking control of the game. Freshman Staci Kirk, in her first

intercollegiate game, played up to expectations from coaches and crowd alike. Coach Roger Schmidt commented, "We knew that she (Kirk) could play and she came through against a real good team." Kirk was the game's high scorer, tallying 22

points and thrilling the crowd with four 3-point goals and incredible defense.

Senior Kari Smith demonstrated the true meaning of "hustle," stopping the Skylight's fast breaks and

creating some fast breaks of her own.

The last three minutes of the game saw extensive fouling from Montana, but Crusaders stepped up the pace another notch and when the dust cleared with the final ouzzer, the Crusaders were standing on top, 91-79. The win was impressive as Montana State University Northern competes as a NAIA Division 1 team and

has won their conference for the last nine years running.

"Everyone contributed well," Coach Schmidt said. "We've got a lot of depth this year, and everyone's game has stepped up from last year."

Local Men's Basketball Games

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Nov. 15 fri	US Bank Tip-Off		Nampa
	NNC vs Rocky Mountain	6:00 pm	
	Albertson vs Coventry	8:00 pm	
Nov. 16 sat	US Bank Tip-Off		Nampa
	Consolation	3:00 pm	
	Championship	7:00 pm	
Nov. 29 fri	*Seattle University	7:30 pm	Nampa
Nov. 30 sat	*Olivet Nazarene	7:30 pm	Nampa
Dec. 13 fri	Golden Rule Shoot-Out		Caldwell
	NNC vs Willamette	8:00 pm	
Dec. 14 sat	Golden Rule Tournament	TBA	Caldwell
	Consolation	6:00 pm	
	Championship	8:00 pm	
Dec. 31 tue	Warner Pacific College	7:30 pm	Nampa
Jan. 3 fri	Western Oregon State College	7:30 pm	Nampa
Jan. 4 sat	Western Baptist College	7:30 pm	Nampa
Jan. 17 fri	Oregon Institute of Technology	7:30 pm	Nampa
Jan. 18 sat	Southern Oregon State College	7:30 pm	Nampa
Jan. 25 sat	Albertson College	7:30 pm	Nampa
Jan. 31 fri	Eastern Oregon State College	7:30 pm	Nampa
Feb. 1 sat	Condordia University	7:30 pm	Nampa
Feb. 21 fri	Albertson College	7:30 pm	Nampa
Mar. 12-18	NAIA National Tournament	TBA	Nampa

*NNC Homecoming

Local Women's Basketball Games

Ellen Duncan (23) fights for

a rebound (photo by

Chtangeev).

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Date	Opponent	Time	Location
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Nov. 15 fri	US Bank Tip-Off		Nampa
	NNC vs MSU-Western	4:00 pm	THE AT
Nov. 16 sat	US Bank Tip-Off		
Nampa			
	Consolation	1:00 pm	
	Championship	5:00 pm	
Nov. 29 fri	*Seattle Pacific	5:30 pm	Nampa
Nov. 30 sat	*Alumni Game	5:30 pm	Nampa
Dec. 28 sat	CU-Colorado Springs	7:00 pm	Nampa
Dec. 31 tue	Montana Tech	2:00 pm	Nampa
Jan. 3 fri	Western Oregon State College	5:30 pm	Nampa
Jan. 4 sat	Western Baptist College	5:30 pm	Nampa
Jan. 10 fri	Concordia University	7:00 pm	Nampa
Jan. 11 sat	Northwest College	7:00 pm	Nampa
Jan. 25 sat	Albertson College	5:30 pm	Nampa
Feb. 7 fri	Southern Oregon State College	7:00 pm	Nampa
Feb. 8 sat	Eastern Oregon State College	7:00 pm	Nampa
Feb. 21 fri	Albertson College	5:30 pm	Nampa
Feb. 22 sat	Walla Walla College	7:00 pm	Nampa
Maria Carrier			
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Soccer finishes season with a flourish

By Brent Gould and Melissa Tennyson **Staff Writers**

Aggressive intensity and a non-stop display of sheer soccer skill marked Friday, November 1's game against Cascade College. The Crusaders posted an impressive 5-1 victory aided by two goals scored by sophomore Charlie Laird, one by senior Igor Muniz, and successful penalty kicks from junior Chuck BonDurant and senior Bob Tamminga. According to senior midfielder Chad Ramage, the game was won "courtesy of the seniors."

The defense also lit up that afternoon. Sophomore Steve Lynch played a key role in keeping the ball upfield, while the power forwards did the dirty work. Senior Pat Fitzergerald played a great game, setting up nicely placed headers and showing athletic footwork.

Despite some abusive language and shoving from Cascade, which resulted in several yellow cards, the Crusaders maintained their composure, allowing only one goal to get by in the second half. Junior Drew Hinds aggressively blocked several crucial goals, and freshman Jeremy Klosterman added his goalie know-how and an audible support for the team.

"This was the best game we played all year. The refereeing was awesome and we played as a team," commented Bob Tamminga. Coach David Diehl added, "Good win for our players. They came out

> like they wanted to play, and they played with intensity and composure."

The next afternoon, Saturday, November 2, the team played their last game of the season against Evergreen State. NNC's 3-2 win made for a strong finish to the season. This was a highly competitive, fast moving game. Four minutes into the first half, the first goal for NNC was scored by Laird. One goal by Evergreen tied up the score at the end of the first half. Muniz led the offense in the second half with a goal, making the score 2-1. NNC aggressively held the score until Evergreen made their



Chad Ramage and Chucky Bon Durant put pressure on an opponent (Chtangeev).

second goal, three minutes from the end of the game. The game went into overtime. Muniz scored his second goal for NNC, which was also the final goal of the game, leaving the 'Saders with a 3-2 victory. This was the last game for the seniors. Ramage said, "With the leadership of the seniors, our team came throught at the end and showed the true skill that we have." Fitzgerald, also a senior, made the comment: "We won, and that's the bottom line!" Regarding the last several games, Coach Diehl said, "These two games were very good for the team in their morale. They had a lot of intensity...it was really good for the players."



Crusaders kept their opponents on the run (Chtangeev).

Intramurals still in full swing

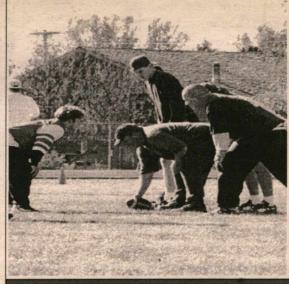
WEEKEND RESULTS: Nov. 2 ROSS & CO. 24 18 EWING & CO. 21 CARR **RUBBER DUCKIES** 12 DOWNIE & CO. 20 TBA 0 FLYING CHEETAH WHEELIES W **CHAPMAN**

INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

TEAM NAME	W-L
DOWNIE & CO.	5-0
CARR	4-1
MARQUARDT & CO.	3-1
JONES & CO.	3-2
RUBBER DUCKIES	3-2
ROSS & CO.	3-2
FLYING CHEETAH	
WHEELIES	2-3
EWING & CO.	2-3
TBA	0-5
CHAPMAN	0-5

-Player of the Week-

Scott Englund led his team (Carr) to a 21-12 victory over the Rubber Duckies, throwing three touchdown passes and completing three extra point attempts.



Ross Jones prepares to snap the ball in recent intramural action (Chtangeev).

In the Ewing and Co. versus Ross and Co. game, Ewing and Co.'s Geoff Newman completed two touchdown passes and ran the ball 7 yards for Ewing's 18 points. R.J. McLaren scored for Ross and Co., getting the pitch and running 10 yards. In the second half, both McLaren and Nate Pickens completed a 10-yard option for the touchdown, tying up the game. Brock Ledbetter secured the victory for Ross and Co., carrying the ball 10-yards into the endzone.

Team Carr put away the Rubber Duckies, Scott England successfully completed four touchdown passes for a total of 21 points. The Rubber Duckies had their moments though, once when Shane Koglion ran 75 yards to score on a punt return and another when Koglin scored again on a 15-yard run.

Benji Rhodes led off Downie and Co. against TBA carrying the ball 50 yards for the touchdown. Rhodes scored again, snagging J.B. Downie's 60-yard pass and in the second half, Dean Sanchai racked up another 6 points after a 30-yard run.

Flying Cheetah Wheelies gained an easy victory this weekend, when the Chapman team forfeited.

Brieflies

Japan welcomes Dodgers' Nomo after 2-year absence

Токуо, Japan - Hideo Nomo was given a hero's welcome on his return to the Tokyo Dome to start the American all-star team to a 6-1 exhibition win over a team composed of players from Japan's Pacific and Central leagues.

"For me the important thing was letting the people of Japan see me pitch," Nomo said after his three shutout innings. It was his first game in Japan after he left the Kintetsu Buffalo two years ago to play for the Dodgers.

Thousands of flashes went off during his pitching as fans tried to catch the star on film. So many flashes went off that announcers discouraged the use of flashes even though they didn't bother Nomo.

Barkley and Rockets win over Suns

PHOENIX. AZ - Charles Barkley led the Houston Rockets with his greatest game to date against his former Phoenix teammates. Barkley grabbbed up a career high 33 of rebounds and dropped 20 pts in the basket in Saturday night's 110-95 Houston win.

Barkley's 33 rebounds are the most pulled in since Rony Seikaly made 34 rebounds for the Miami Heat on March 3,1993 against Washington.

Barkley was traded over this summer to Houston by the Suns after his demand to be traded. At the end of the game he left to a standing ovation with 38 seconds left in the game -just as he had for his four years in Phoenix.

Election '96: the results

Idaho

House of Representatives

District One:

Helen Chenoweth (R) — 52% Dan Williams (D) — 45%

District Two:

Mike Crapo (R) — 64% John Seidl (D) — 36%

Senate

Larry Craig (R) — 60% Walt Minnick (D) — 40%

Proposition One*:

Yes 35% No 65%

Proposition Two**:

Yes 37% No 63%

Proposition Three~:

Yes 34% No 66%

Proposition Four^:

Yes 53% No 47%

- * Limits property tax to 1% of assessed value
- ** Bans bear baiting and limits hunting season
- ~ Voids Governor Batt's nuclear waste agreement

^ Term limits

Clinton wins Presidency

Electoral Votes

Popular Votes

Clinton

379

48.7%

Dole

159

41.3%

Perot

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8.4%



Washington

Governor

Gary Locke (D) — **59%** Ellen Craswell (R) — 41%

Oregon

Senate

Tom Brugerre (D) ———— 46.5% Gordon Smith (R)———— 49%

Alaska

Senate

Ted Stevens (R) — 77%

Jed Whittaker (Green) — 12.5%

Theresa Obermeyer (D) — 10.0%

Colorado

Senate

Wayne Allard (R) — 52.4% Tom Strickland (D) — 44.9%

Montana

Governor

Senate

 Max Baucus (D)
 50%

 Dennis Rehberg (R)
 44%

California

Proposition 208*:

Yes 56% No 44%

Proposition 215**:

No

45%

* Abolishs affirmative action

Yes

** Legalizes marijuana for medicinal use

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	Seats	Gain/Loss
Republicans	227	-9
Democrats	206	+8
Independents	2	+1

The New Senate

	Seats	Gain/Loss
Republicans	55	+2
Democrats	45	-2
Independents	0	

Refugees flee from Zaire

Reporting and analysis by **David Stillman World News Editor**

For the last two years, refugees have been fleeing from fights between the Hutu and Tutsi tribes of Rwanda. Now the Hutus and Tutsis are fighting in Zaire, where most of the refugees from Rwanda's civil war are staying.

The crisis could easily become a war that would engulf the region. The Hutu-led Zairian army is currently battling a tribe of Tutsi rebels who are backed by Rwanda. The situation could become an allout war between the two countries if something isn't done.

The one bright spot in the conflict is the announcement of a three-week cease fire to allow refugees to leave the area. Both sides have suspended fighting as refugees scramble to get out of the way.

Some aid is being given, but a large-scale effort to help the refugees has not yet come about. "Some people come here with dysentery, and some have been going four days without water," said one relief worker. Red Cross workers buried 400 civillians who were killed in skirmishes near the Zairian border city of Goma.

The entire conflict started when the Tutsi rebels attacked Bukavu, a major city in eastern Zaire. The rebels soon overtook the city, killing many civilians, including the area's Catholic archbishop, in the process. The Hutuallied Zaire army then attempted to push the Tutsi rebels out of the country. Rwandan troops entered Zaire to aid the Tutsi rebels, and together have scored some important military victories. Zaire's president is currently in France undergoing heart surgery and has not been in Zaire in over two months.

Kenya is currently holding a summit on the crisis; the summit is being attended by eight central African nations. However, Zaire has refused to attend until Rwandan troops withdraw from their borders.

The nations at the summit have come out against UN intervention. "If there were a decision for such an intervention ... it would be opposed by the sub-region by all means, not only political," said Rwandan Foreign Minister Anastase Gasana. Said Salim Ahmed Salim, Secretary General of the Organizaion of African Unity, "First, we must open corridors to ensure supplies and second, create the conditions so the refugees can return to Rwanda. This is the most important issue to help find a lasting solution."

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Top Ten!

Students! You now have the opportunity to submit your very own top ten lists.

One list each week will be chosen for publication and the winner will receive some cool (or hot) Yogurt Affaire treats.

Get your entry form at the yogurt shoppe and good luck!

...very briefly...

British scientists

Science many

say that a second meteorite from Mars has been found to contain organic material.

This discovery of organic material may suggest that life once existed, and might still exist on Mars. This British discovery correlates with NASA's discovery last summer of another meteorite from Mars containing organic matter.

However, the meteorite found by the British scientists is said to be billions of years younger than NASA's.

Tonya Harding, who

People news

was banned from figure skating after an attack on Nancy Kerrigan in 1994, helped revive a 81-year-old woman in a bar and is now actually getting good press. Harding gave Alice Olsen of Portland, Oregon mouthto-mouth resuscitation after she collapsed playing video

"The lady came to in a couple of minutes," said saloon owner Kim Ip. "I'm grateful that Tonya was

"It was very, very scary," said Harding, "I kept my calm and cool and knew what I was doing ... Thank God I was there. Nobody else in the bar knew what to

Not

all campaigns news of the weird in the U.S.

consisted of negative campaigning. For instance, in Maryland's 4th district, Republican John Kimble said he'd pose nude for Playgirl if Howard Stern would help him raise a million dollars. Lynne Plaskett, who is running for Volusia County Council in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, said space aliens got her out of bed one night, levitated her, and cured her cancer. Her opponent says he's glad she's cured.

Also, there's Gary Brook, who dropped out of the race for Texas 9th District after he was told he couldn't run under the name G. Jack Brooks, which just happens to be the name of the retiring incumbent who held the seat for twenty-one years.

-- by David Stillman

Around the world in eighty words

Compiled by Debbie Miller **Staff Writer**

Yeltsin has heart surgery

Russian President Boris Yeltsin had quintuple bypass surgery yesterday. The surgery lasted seven hours, and doctors expect Yeltsin to return to work in four or five days.

His doctor said that he expected Yeltsin to return to office and perform his duty in perfectly normal fashion."

Yeltsin said, "I'm not going to stay in the hospital bed for too long. I believe that I soon will be working as before -- at full strength."

More scandals for Clinton

The President is trying to keep himself from the rising scandal concerning allegations of the possibility of a Taiwan political party making a \$15million donation to the Clinton campaign. A donation from a foreign party would be a violation of U.S. election laws. Just who has contributed to the Clinton campaign remains to be seen, because the Democratic National Committee has refused to release a required election-finance report.

General Motors strike ends

Saturday, GM and UAW finally reached a tentative national labor agreement. Although a tentative contract has been made now, workers at two plants are still on strike due to local disputes. The UAW has advised GM that it ought to "work hard to patch things up with the locals." The national labor agreement defines wages, benefits, job security, etc., while local pacts take care of plant-specific issues. It is estimated that GM has lost up to \$20 million a day in profits over the strikes.

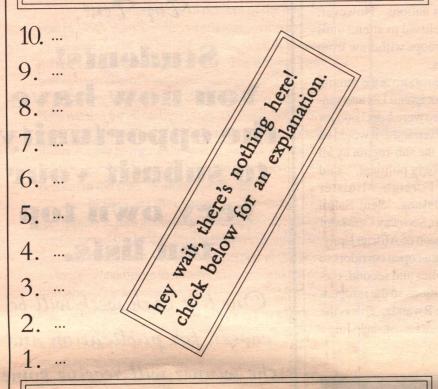
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Top Ten

Top Ten Halloween costumes we wish we'd seen



This list didn't quite make it. Send us the top Halloween costumes you'd like to have seen, and we'll print the ten best in a compilation.

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

You, too, can enjoy the rush of seeing your Top Ten in print. But in order to do so, you have to turn it in. Any lists lacking in obscenity, vulgarity, poor jokes, and general bad taste stand a fair chance at being published in *The Crusader*. We do reserve the right to refuse any list, however. So what we're saying is "Act now!" Send your lists to Box C in campus mail, and start your trek toward campus fame today.

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SUDDENLY A DEEP SEA

SPORT FISHING BOAT

HELD ON FOR MY LIFE.

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By Garrett Schmelzenbach

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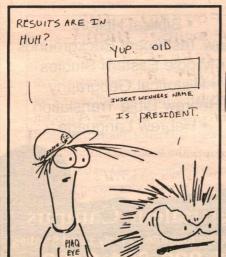
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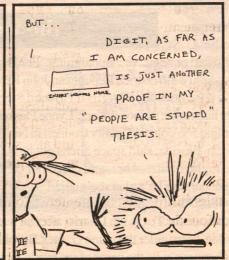


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Dave Barry

Where does the fat go if we all stop eating it?

Recently, a reader named Jim Cornell sent me a postcard with a picture of insects on it, posing an interesting question.

(No the insecst were not posing a question. As far as I know.)

Jim stated that he, like every other American above the age of 4, is on a low-fat diet, and he noted that we have become basically a non-fat nation. This is true; virtually all edible substances, and many automotive products, are now marketed as being "lowfat" or "fat-free." Americans are OB-SESSED with fat content.

DOCTOR: Mrs. Stoatbonker, you will die within hours unless you take this anti-biotic.

PATIENT: Is it fat-free? DOCTOR: I don't know. PATIENT: I'll just have a Diet Pepsi.

So anyway, Jim, after noting that "millions of pounds of formerly fatrich food is now de-fatted," asks: "What are they doing with all that fat?"

Jim, that is an excellent question, and I intend to answer it just as soon as I have written enough words to make a column. (Don't you wish you had a job like mine? All you have to do is think up a certain amount of words! And they don't even have to be true! Plus, you can repeat words! And they don't even have to be true!)

First, however, we need to consider exactly what "fat" is. Just off the top of my head, without glancing at a dictionary, I would define fat as "any of various mixtures of solid and semi-solid triglycerides found in adipose animal tissue or in the seeds of plants." A "triglyceride," as I vaguely recall from my highschool years, is "any of a group of esters, CH2(OOCR1)CH(OOCR2) CH2(OOCR3), derived from glycerol and three fatty acid radicals."

But what does this mean? One thing it means, of course, is that "Three

Fatty Acid Radicals" would be an excellent name for a rock band. But it also means that fat is some kind of chemical item that nature puts inside certain plants and animals to make them taste better. A good rule of thumb is: the more fat something contains, the better it tastes. This is why we eat hamburgers, but we do not eat ants. Ants have a very low fat content, so nobody eats them except unfortunate animals such as birds, who,

plastic surgery. He no longer looks like the "Ho! Ho!" guy; he now looks like Paul McCartney on steroids. Check

The second thing I noticed is that the key ingredient in Harvest Burgers is "soy." This ingredient is found in many low-fat foods, and I think it's time that the Food and Drug Administration told us just what the heck it is. A

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plant? A mineral? An animal? Are there

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cows, which are notoriously fat. You will never see a cow voluntarily going anyhere near an Abdominizer. attempts to make low-fat "hamburgers." In researching this column, I purchased a product called "Harvest Burgers," which are "All Vegetable Protein Pat-

because of a design flaw, cannot use

drive-thru windows. Human beings, on

the other hand, enjoy hamburgers, be-

cause they (the hamburgers) come from

Of course, there have been ties" manufactured by the Jolly Green Giant Corp. Upon examining the package, the first thing I noticed was that the Jolly Green Giant has apparently had

enormous soy ranches in Nebraska, with vast herds of soys bleating and suckling their young? As a consumer, I'd like some answers. I don't want to discover years from now that "soy" is an oriental word meaning "compressed ant parts." This is not intended as a criticism of the "Harvest Burger," which is a wellconstructed, extremely cylindrical frozen unit of foodlike substance. The package states that it contains "83 percent less fat than ground beef;" I believe this, because it also tastes exactly 83 percent less good than ground beef. Nevertheless I highly recommend it for anybody who needs more "soy" or a

backup hockey puck.

Oh sure, there will be people who will claim that soy patties taste "almost as good" as real hamburgers. These are the same people who have convinced themselves that rice cakes taste "almost as good" as potato chips, when in fact eating rice cakes is like chewing on a foam coffee cup, only less filling. You could fill a container with roofing shingles and put it in the super-

market with a sign that said "ZERO-FATROOFING SHINGLES," and these people would buy it and convince themselves it tasted "almost as good" as French toast.

Yes, we have become a lowfat society, which brings us back to the question posed by Jim Cornell: what's being done with all the fat? Jim offers this theory: "I suspect that they're dumping it in some small town in Texas or New Mexico." No way, Jim. Our government would never allow a major fat-dumping facility in the same region where we're storing the dead UFO aliens. No, the truth is that the fat is being loaded into giant tanker trucks, transported by night, and pumped into: my thighs. There was no choice: Marlon Brando was already full. But I'm happy to do my part for a leaner

America, so don't bother to thank me. Are you going to finish those fries?

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POSTSCRIPT: After I wrote this column, my editor, Tom Shroder, sent me a note saying he thinks he read somewhere that ants DO contain fat. I think he's wrong, but since we're both professional journalists, neither of us will look it up. I will say this: if ants DO contain fat, it's only a matter of time before somebody comes out with low-fat ants.

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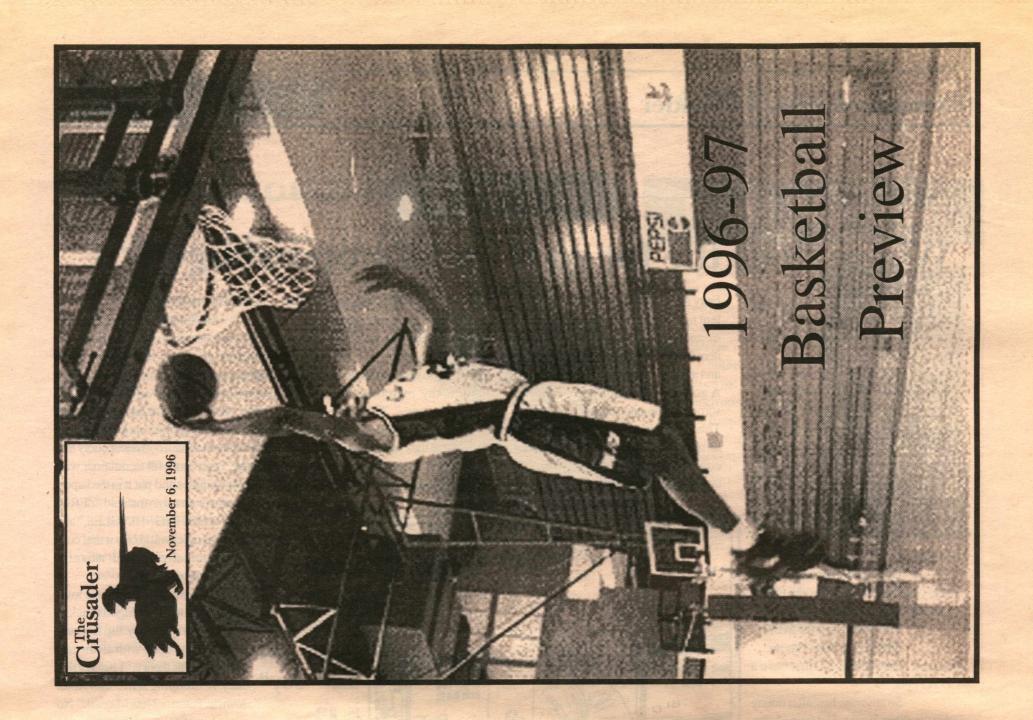
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