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"Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

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My Summer Vacation...

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at Camp
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Lake Wenatchee.



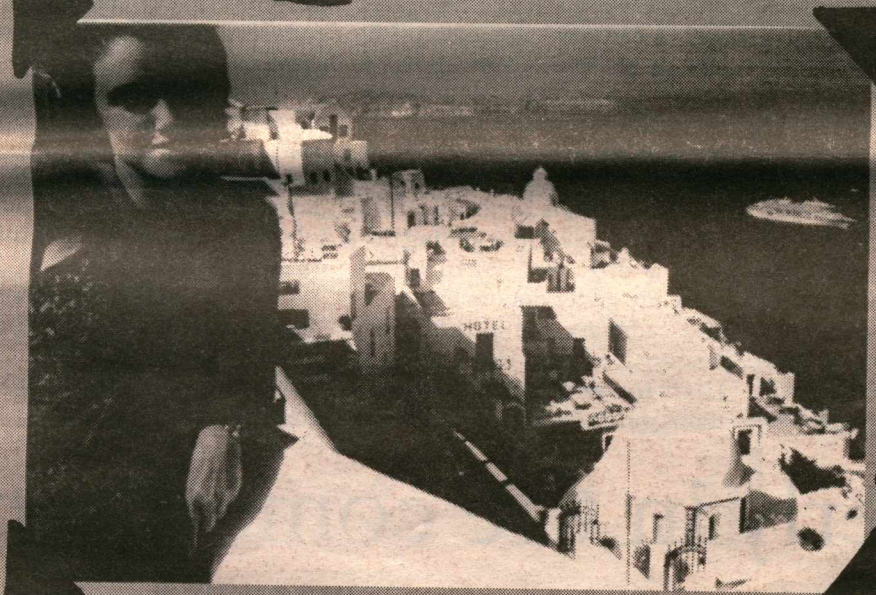
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kids at
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the scenic
Greek
island
Santorini!



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Column One

I'm looking out the window right now getting ready to watch the sunrise. I'm determined to be in bed before I see light, but Monica is convinced we won't be done by then.

So in the meantime, we're scrambling about trying to get the second paper out this year.

The yearbook came out last night, and today the new Crusader hits the streets. This is definitely an exciting time in the history of NNU publications. The last time the school saw this much excitement out of the publications office was last year when the Oasis handed out yearbooks and The Crusader issued a newspaper. Pretty exciting, huh?

I'm sure you've all heard that Dan Quayle dropped out of the political race yesterday morning. That didn't come as a huge surprise though. Last I checked he was trailing Warren Beatty and Otto the mechanic from Iowa by three percentage points. Maybe in 2004.

As for the Democratic ticket, I hope you all have your sights on Bill Bradley. Bradley is the underdog right now, but he's slowly making his way into the spotlight. Even though I am a registered Democrat, I just don't have strong feelings for Vice-President Gore. And besides that, Bill Bradley is an all around nice guy. so why not vote for him?

Nathan R. Hydes

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Donation of cadaver enhances studies

by Jenni McPherson
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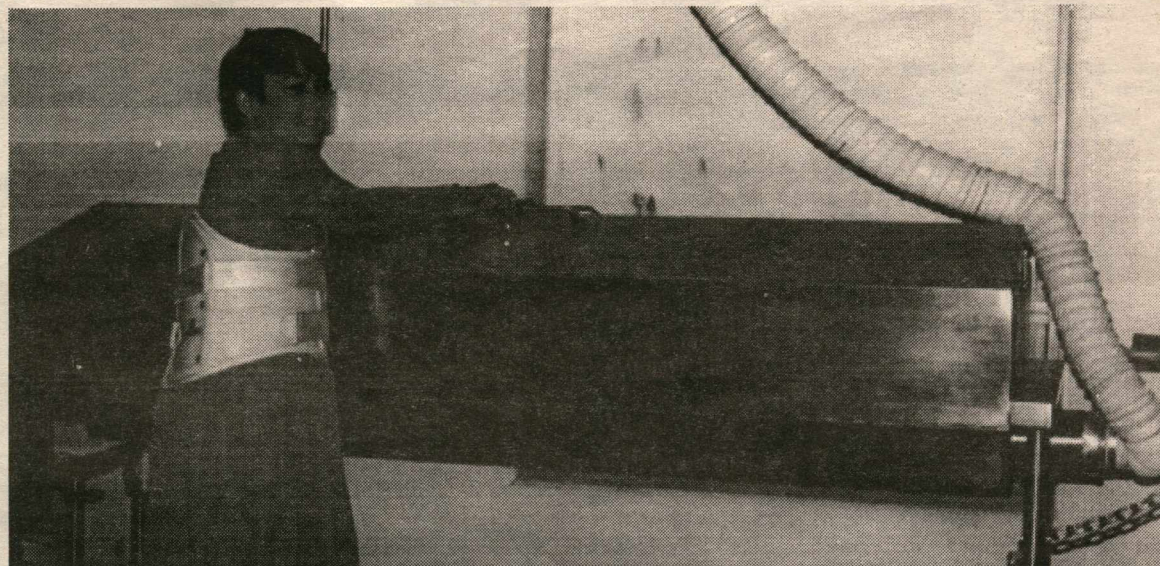
For the first time in NNU history, the Biology department has a cadaver. With the new nursing program, the experiences provided by a cadaver are essential. Until now, NNU has not had the money nor the facilities for a cadaver, but the nursing budget has provided these.

Last year, the Biology department purchased a five-thousand dollar stainless steel container. The department also needed to purchase a ventilation system, a saw and several other tools. These items were recently purchased with funds from the nursing budget for around eight-thousand dollars.

This year's cadaver was a willed donor from Idaho. He had a heart bypass surgery in April and died in the hospital two days later from a heart attack. The man's body was embalmed with a special fluid different from the normal burial embalment.

The cadaver must be treated with a moistener and a mold inhibitor, added periodically to prevent mold and decay of the body. After one year, the funeral home will come to pick up the body to be cremated. Then the ashes will be given to his family for burial.

Several things will be studied using the cadaver. Dr. Chris Kapicka will be using the cadaver in her Human Anatomy and Physiology class. She feels that



Dr. Kapicka stands with the five-thousand dollar stainless steel container that now holds NNU's first cadaver. The cadaver will remain here at NNU for one year, after which the body will be cremated and the ashes returned to the family of the man.

having the cadaver provides excellent learning experiences.

The Ada County coroner, an NNC Biology graduate, will be helping in some of the dissection. Three senior pre-med students, Kenzi Wilkes, Robin Day and Jill Mosley, are the primary students who will be working on the cadaver.

Nursing students, athletic trainers, pre-med students and many others will also have the chance to take advantage of this opportunity. According to Kapicka, "Looking at a cat is just not the same as looking at a human." Having this cadaver will prepare students for future job-

related experiences that animal dissection will not provide.

NNU is very fortunate to have a cadaver program. We are one of the few schools in the area with a cadaver. Albertson College of Idaho in Caldwell has a cadaver program. However, Boise State University (BSU) only has a cadaver for their graduate classes.

NNU plans on continuing having a cadaver, but getting donors is difficult. Fortunately, there are a few donors lined up, and cadavers can also be purchased from the University of Utah for approximately one-thousand dollars if a donor is not

available.

Please remember that this cadaver is here for learning purposes only. The Biology department has strong feelings that the cadaver is not here for a "peep" show.

If you are interested in working with him, take an anatomy and physiology course. It is a federal offense to tamper with the cadaver. Practical jokes will not be tolerated and NNU will prosecute any offenders.

The Biology department thanks you for your cooperation because, as Kapicka says, "This man has done a great service to mankind."

Serving the elderly in the community

Mindy Oldenkamp
Crusader Campus Staff Writer

"It's all about people just looking for someone to love and care for," said Kristi Fenton as she described her passion, the Ministry to the Elderly Club. Though the club itself is still finalizing and perfecting its plans for this new year, its purpose remains the same.

"Witnessing to the elderly is about ministering today, making friends today and learning all you can from each other," stated Fenton. The Ministry to the Elderly is a large service club on NNU's campus, and it is one that serves a welcome and much-needed function in Nampa's community.

Fenton, along with club officers Brad Breuer and Tabitha Chapman, organize weekly meetings and take groups of students

to the Sunrise and Holly Care Centers, two local rest homes.

There, the students take time to be friendly faces and warm hearts in an often all-too-quiet home. The ministry club's time might be spent in leading a worship service with singing and music, or in a simple journey down a hallway, stopping to say hello to a lonely face. Playing games and offering a willing ear can go a long way to make someone smile.

"Just being there, just being someone that a person can talk to and laugh with, makes such a difference," Fenton described. Serving the elderly is not without its rewards, as opportunities to hear fascinating stories about life on the farm or days gone by long ago arise when friendships begin to form. Through listening relationships are built and priceless friendships are made in the sim-

plest of ways.

In many ways, those who take the time to go to the care homes become like a second family to the people who live there. "Many of the family members of the people living in the care homes live far away, and sadly, some of the people there are abandoned by those that do live close. So we fill that emptiness."

This year the club plans to change a few things and to expand the ministry opportunities available to all who come and participate. "We hope to use all the talents we will be blessed with this year, whether it be singing or playing an instrument or anything, God has blessed us with a wonderful ministry chance, and we plan to take it any way we can."

Fenton added, "Sometimes, people feel intimidated and like they can't talk to the elderly, and

we want to offer them a chance to open up in ministry."

Although the club hasn't set some of the specific plans for the year yet, they encourage people to come and see what they are all about. "Anyone is welcome, and we would love to have more people come join our ministry," said Fenton. The club usually meets on the weekends, on either Saturday or Sunday. More information should be available soon. There will be signs posted around campus giving more details as they are ready. The club plans to do many new things this year and is excited to get underway.

The first meeting will be sometime after the upcoming CHAOS event. However, anyone with questions or wanting to become involved can talk to Brad Breuer or Tabitha Chapman, or can contact Kristi Fenton at 8476.

Political Science Club cures boredom

by David Stillman
Crusader Campus Staff Writer

Do you feel like your typical conversation is a little shallow? Take this conversation depth quiz and find out for sure. Give yourself one point for each of the following topics which have cropped up in one of your conversations in the last week:

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| Toenail clippings | Cheese Whiz | Marinara sauce |
| The Seattle Mariners | Ginsu Knives | Toaster ovens |
| Action figures | The word "offal" | Spam |
| Mortal Kombat | The Denver Broncos | The BeeGees |

If you scored above a ten, you are suffering from conversation boredom. You need to add "East Timor" to your vocabulary. "What's that?" you might be wondering. See if you can pick the real meaning out of the following list of possible definitions.

East Timor is....

- A. A new fragrance from Elizabeth Taylor
- B. An affluent suburb of Cincinnati
- C. The baddest rapper since Tupac Shakur
- D. The nickname of a former WWF star who is now governor of Minnesota
- E. North of South Timor
- F. A break-away province of Indonesia
- G. A new romantic comedy directed by James Cameron
- H. A company that sells gourmet chicken products
- I. A former plumber who is currently leading the race for the Republican presidential nomination

One of these answers is correct. How are you ever going to find out which one? By attending the Political Science Club meeting on Thursday, Sept. 30 at 10:15 (that's chapel time) in Clydes. (Note to freshman guys - Chicks dig guys who can use "East Timor" correctly, in context. Your future dating life might hinge on your attendance of this meeting).

The Political Science Club is a new club being started by Dr. Shaw and Professor Nandamudi that will focus on political issues. Format for these meetings has yet to be determined, but could include free-wheeling discussions of any topic members wish to discuss, or presentations on specific topics by outside experts. Heated arguments are not out of the question (but please, no fighting with folding chairs). Possible topics include the Indian/Pakistani war in Kashmir, the plight of the American farmer, the republican tax-cut bill or problems facing Christians in Indonesia or India.

The club will also encourage students to attend symposiums and lectures at Boise State University, such as a lecture by Doris Kearns Goodwin, the biographer of Lyndon B. Johnson, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and the Kennedy family, which will take place on Friday, October 15 at the Boise Center on the Grove.

Other events include the Frank Church Public Affairs program at BSU on Thursday, November 11. This annual symposium on political issues will focus on U.S. interventionism/noninterventionism in places like Kosovo or East Timor.

The Political Science Club is open to any student who wants to kiss boring conversations goodbye. The time (once more) is 10:15 on Thursday, Sept. 30 in Clydes.

Welcome Week full of fun activities



On Friday night, Nampa's rollerskating rink, the Rollerdrome, was invaded for several hours by many oddly dressed NNU students. Justin Koeppen, Jennifer Hill, Kami Watson, Amanda Towle and Armarna Reynolds pose during the Welcome Week's annual Rollerscamming night. This year's dress-up theme was camo, but some people skipped the camo and dressed in their favorite 70s outfits. Rollerscamming is a well known part of the fun Welcome Week activities. However, it is better known for giving the upperclass guys a chance to "scam" all the new freshmen girls. The other Welcome Week activities included the Rootbeer Fest, Time Out, Jazz on the Lawn and a BBQ.

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New directors and ideas, same old fun

by Mindy Oldenkamp
Crusader Campus Writer

Those of you who enjoyed the swinging sounds of the jazz band out on the lawn of the Brick House while sipping sweet Italian sodas this past Thursday may have noticed some changes around the familiar Brick House. For one, there are some new faces.

Running the Brick House this year are Kari Buckendorf, Missy Rasmussen and Dana Grierson. And, if you were lucky enough to get a tour of the inside, you may have noticed a few more new things.

Gone is much of the old, vintage wallpapering, and much of the former paint has been stripped. In its place is now a fresher, newer looking Brick House. And with the new look comes new plans for the new year.

The excitement level of the Brick House is high this year as many new plans are in the works. One of the main goals of directors Kari, Missy and Dana is to bring in many different people. They hope to make the Brick House an open place for all to come.

The first of many upcoming activities is a soon-to-be regular occurrence. This Friday marks the first of a monthly activity in-

volving married students. The Brick House will host a married student BBQ and potluck on Friday evening in an effort to bring the married students together and give them a place to gather.

On a term-by-term basis, the Brick House will be hosting a Sports Party to be awarded to one guy and ten of his friends to view events such as the World Series and the Super Bowl.

For the ladies, the Brick House will be offering a Girls Night experience. It will offer a class-like setting on various activities such as stamps, creative gift wrapping, fun holiday foods and other such topics.

However, some familiar, treasured activities will remain. The

Top 10 Café will be back on every Thursday night by much demand, and all are encouraged to attend. The directors of the Brick House hope to make it an activity that all will feel welcome to attend and enjoy. They want to

have a great time and feel welcome. We want people to use the Brick House as much as possible, and to feel free to reserve it for whatever they need," stated Kari, "We want to have something for everyone, and have a way for ev-



Missy Rasmussen, Dana Grierson and Kari Buckendorf, the new Brick House directors, start off the new year with Welcome Week's Jazz on the lawn. They are excited about the upcoming year and have many fun old and new activities planned.

continue to make it the fun experience it has been. There are also plans to make theme nights to heighten the level of fun.

"The Brick House is to be a place where everybody can come,

everyone to have fun."

For more information on Brick House events or for reservations, feel free to contact Kari Buckendorf, Missy Rasmussen or Dana Grierson at 8249.

Science and Math Retreat coming soon

The annual Science and Math Retreat will be held October 2 & 3 at Cascade Christian Camp in Cascade, Idaho and is open to all students, especially those in the science department. This year is special because the nursing students are now encouraged to attend.

The purpose of the Science and Math Retreat is to let the students become acquainted with each other and with the professors in the department. It presents a chance for some much needed relaxation. Several upperclassmen will share the results from their summer research projects and their experiences from summer mission trips. Some of the people sharing this year are Kenzi Wilkes, Jill Mosley, Amy Mason, Nathan Mason, Jeremy Smith, Dr. Mangum, and Dr. Nogales. There will also be games, hiking, great fellowship and, of course, good food. Gene Schandorff will bring the message Sunday morning.

If you are interested in attending the Science and Math Retreat, come by the Science building and sign up with the secretary or any professor. Everyone is welcome!

Information on semester change

Starting this week, there will be a new informational feature every week. A corner of the Campus section will be devoted to relaying information on the upcoming change from the quarter calendar to semesters.

There is a concern that many students are not comfortable with the upcoming change. It is hoped that, by featuring information on the change to semesters, students will be more informed on what is happening and, therefore, become more comfortable about the move to semesters.

This week, we will start with the Fairness Statement to the students. After this week, included in this section will be frequently-asked questions and the answers them.

NU'S FAIRNESS STATEMENT: Northwest Nazarene University pledges to students that they will not be penalized by the conversion to the semester system.

NO loss of credit. You will not lose credit as a result of the semester conversion for any of the courses you have already taken. The quarter hour credits you have earned will be converted to semester hour credits and counted toward fulfilling your degree requirements. If you are enrolled before the fall of 2000, old and new catalog requirements will be combined so you will not lose credits or progress toward degree completion.

NO change in current program requirements. You will not be required to take any more courses under the semester calendar than your quarter program currently requires.

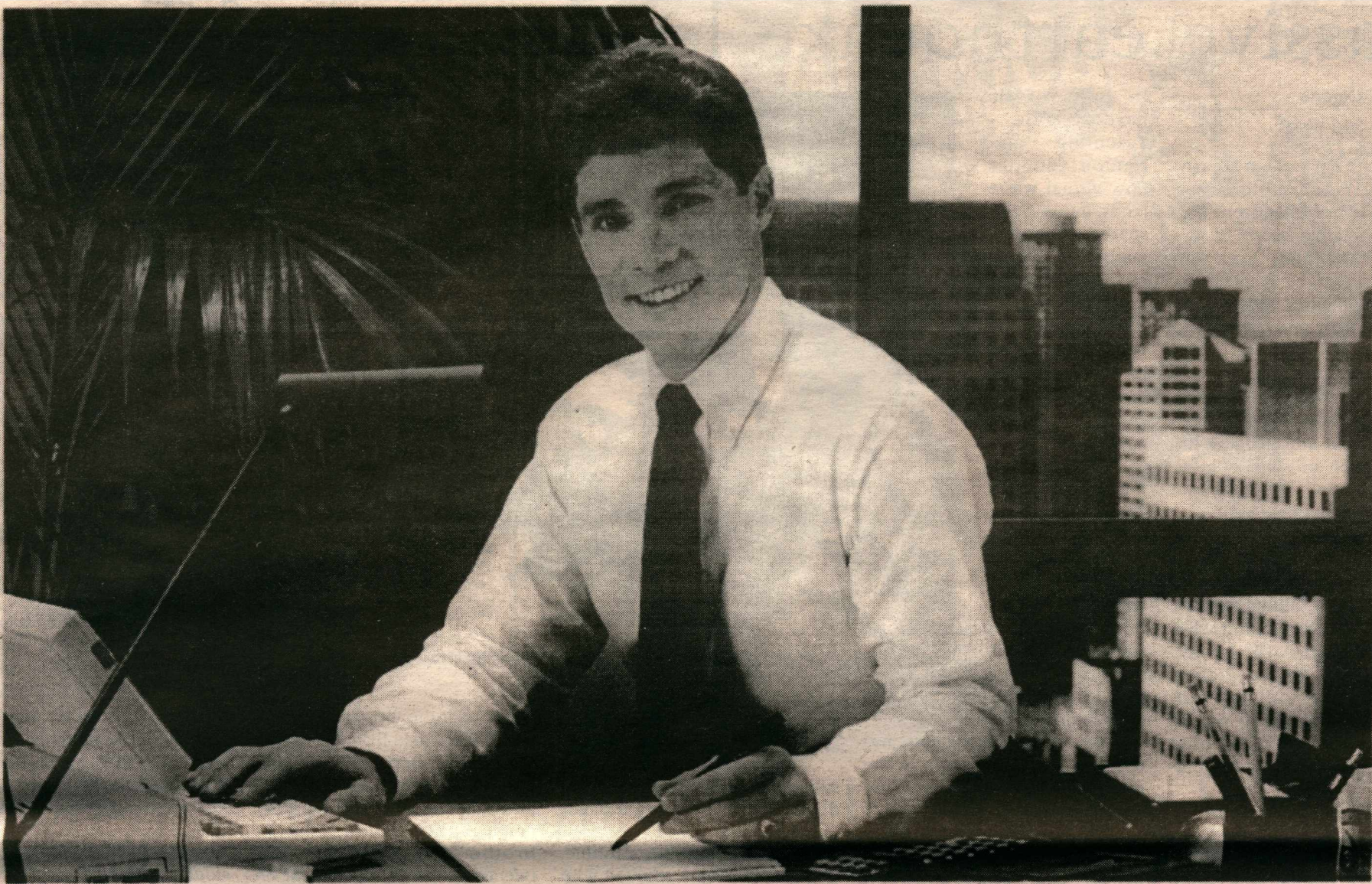
NO delay in graduation. Your graduation date should not be delayed by semester conversion if you have progressed, and continue to progress in a timely manner (average 16 credits per term/semester).

NO increased costs. Your annual tuition and fee cost will not go up as a result of the conversion to semesters. However, under the semester system, you will pay fees only twice a year.

Ushering in a new year



Professor Ed Crawford, Dr. Jo Ann Willis and SGA President Shawn Blenker took part in the first all-student convocation chapel of this year. Several changes are being made in the chapel system this year, including having a Campus Community chapel every Monday containing a time of worship, testimonies and words from the University Chaplain, Gene Schandorff.



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Massive earthquake levels parts of Taiwan

by Heather Olgevie
World News Staff Writer

TAIPEI, TAIWAN - Death. Squaller. Total annihilation. This was the breakfast scene Taiwanese residents arose to this past Sunday morning. Even with the original quake (registering 7.6 on the Richter Scale) long past, more than seven thousand aftershocks pounded the island for many days to follow.

With the death toll surpassing two thousand and rising, despair and grief are gripping the country. Even so, signs of hope remain, glowing faintly in the eyes of the survivors.

On Sunday, September 26, a massive aftershock shook Taipei to the core, collapsing already weakened buildings, starting fires and immobilizing relief workers for hours. The tremor, measuring 6.8 on the Richter Scale, cut power to over a million homes and many public buildings that were being used for emergency work and operations.

Relief organizations continued a intense man-hunt islandwide for the one hundred seventy-five people still feared to be buried among the rubble.

In parts of the hardest hit - Taichung and Nantou counties, now virtual wastelands, thousands of scared, homeless people are camped out in open fields and sanitary conditions continue to worsen due to lack of water and medicine available to these stranded people.

As expected, President Lee Teng-hui signed an emergency order Saturday to help speed relief efforts. Only four such orders have been signed in the history of Taiwan, making the disaster infamous.

Yet, even with the pain and terror of the quake fresh in the minds of its victims, hope is being rekindled.

Rescuers had all but given up hope Saturday, calling in heavy equipment to pull down the remains of the Sungshan Ho-



Soldiers and workers rush to help those trapped underneath the rubble of this leveled building. The earthquake measured 7.6 on the Richter Scale and ripped through Taipei.

tel in Taipei, when one worker glimpsed evidence of life inside.

"After we found there were still signs of life, we started to dig by hand," reported Mayor Ma Ying-jeou.

From the building's rubble, two brothers were rescued who had been entombed for five

days under the weight of the hotel. Cheers rose from the workers, friends, and family as Sun Chi-kuang, age twenty, walked away on his own and tearfully embraced his rescuers, while his brother Sun Chi-feng, age twenty-five, was pulled clear on a stretcher only a few minutes

later. They were the only survivors out of the fifty guests and workers in the hotel last Tuesday when the original earthquake struck the area. Chi-feng said that he and his brother had been playing poker when their hotel room plummeted down around them nearly four and a half days earlier, leaving them isolated from the rest of the work. The brothers explain that they avoided impending death by eating the rotten apples they found and by drinking water that had been trickling down from the firefighters' hoses above ground. Although immensely fatigued and dehydrated, both were in exception shape, all things considered, and in even better spirits when they were found.

United States earns highest surplus in history

by Ryan K. Dooley
World News Staff Writer

WASHINGTON D.C. - President Bill Clinton said Monday that American taxpayers will produce the largest budget surplus in history this year, reaching \$115 billion, and urged Republicans to work with him on deciding how the money should be appropriated.

The surplus for the 1999 fiscal year, which ends Thursday with no agreement in sight between the Democratic White House and congressional Republicans on a spending plan for 2000, had been projected over the summer at approximately \$99 billion.

But the American economic boom produced an even larger surge of tax revenues for the government, and the surplus now is projected at \$115 billion, Clinton said in a Rose Garden statement, delivered during a foggy morning

before he departed on a day trip to New Orleans.

"I'm going to write this in, enjoy it," Clinton told reporters as he scribbled in the surplus figure onto a chart.

For the first time since 1956-

"I will work with members of both parties to fulfill these fundamental obligations to our people and to our future."

~Bill Clinton

57, the United States has produced a surplus for two years in a row, including last year's \$69 billion surplus.

Clinton was quick to state that the surplus was a remarkable turnaround from 1992, when the budget was deep in red ink, \$290 billion in the hole, and deficit spending was projected at that time to have risen above \$400 billion this year.

The new, bigger surplus

seemed likely to intensify the budget showdown between Democrats and Republicans on Capitol Hill this year.

"Our prosperity now gives us an unprecedented opportunity and an unprecedented responsibility to shape America's future by putting first things first, by moving forward with an economic strategy that is successful and sound, and by meeting America's long-term challenges," states Clinton.

He wants to use \$2.9 trillion in projected surpluses over 10 years to strengthen the Social Security retirement program and the Medicare health program for the elderly; add an expensive prescription drug benefit for senior citizens; put new spending into education and environmental protection; start paying down the national debt; and give tax breaks of \$250-\$300 billion to middle-class Americans.

"I will work with members of

both parties to fulfill these fundamental obligations to our people and to our future. I hope they will work with me," Clinton said.

Just last week he vetoed the Republicans' \$792 billion plan for a broad-based tax cut, effectively dooming chances for a major tax reduction this year.

With the fiscal year ending, the White House is threatening to veto more than half of the 13 spending measures needed to fund the government for the 2000 fiscal year. Congress has passed only four bills so far.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, an Illinois Republican, said Sunday that Congress likely will pass a stopgap spending bill that will last for three weeks, during which the two sides will try to hash out an agreement on the spend-

ing measures.

Administration officials said Clinton would still resist a big tax cut despite the larger-than-expected budget surplus for the upcoming year.

Republicans have not ruled out tapping the Social Security Trust Fund, where much of the budget surplus is being generated, to pay for running the government: Democrats said Republicans proposals would require using \$30 billion from the trust fund, up from the \$16 billion previously estimated.

Despite the vast distance between Democrat and Republican opinions on the budget, Clinton said he was not pessimistic about eventually getting a deal. "We've still got plenty of time," Clinton said.

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Russia headed toward war?

by Jeremy Smith

World News Editor

GROZNY, CHECHEN - Russia's air force increased the pressure on breakaway Chechnya on Saturday, September 25, knocking local television and radio off the air and sending tens of thousands of civilians running toward neighboring regions.

It was the third day of air strikes on the capital of Grozny. Russia's air campaign had been focused on bombing suspected rebel bases. However, now it is also attacking economic installations and civilian communications facilities.

Planes bombed the republic's television station in Grozny on Friday and early Saturday damaging the equipment beyond repair. Chechen officials said seven people were killed and 24 were also wounded in the overnight air raid on the Chechen television station.

The Russian military says it is trying to prevent penetration of Islamic militants from Chechnya into the neighboring country of Dagestan.

The militants, who are attempting to establish an independent Islamic state in southern Russia, entered Dagestan and battled Russian forces in August and Septem-

ber. They have been linked to terrorist bombings that have killed 300 people in Moscow and other Russian cities this month.

Saturday's air strikes also destroyed a radio tower in the village of Goyskoye, 12 miles southwest of Grozny. Interfax reported that Chechnya's cellular communications station was also knocked out, but that has not been officially confirmed.

The air raids took out Grozny's oil refinery on Friday, and energy officials told Interfax that all refinery operations had come to a standstill. The refinery was burning out of control, said Bekhan Islamov, head of the Grozny fire department, and a thick cloud of smoke hung over the city.

"There are no means to stop the fire," Islamov said.

As Russia has changed its air attacks from outlying villages to Grozny, tens of thousands of civilians have tried to leave the republic.

An estimated 100,000 Chechens were herded toward the border crossing between Chechnya and the neighboring Russian republic of Ingushetia. The line of cars and trucks waiting at the border stretched for miles, while Russian border guards rarely opened the crossing.

Ingush authorities said some

20,000 Chechens had sought refuge there, most of them arriving by foot, crossing the border away from official checkpoints, and that Ingushetia could not handle the large influx of people.

"We are on the verge of a humanitarian disaster," said Akhmed Malsagov, acting head of the Ingush government.

Russia's Air Force commander, Col. Gen. Anatoly Kornukov, told reporters Saturday that Russian air strikes beginning in early August killed more than 2,000 militants and annihilated some 250 rebel strongholds and training centers in Chechnya and Dagestan.

Russia put approximately 13,000 troops along the breakaway republic's border with Dagestan. The air raids and the concentration of Russian troops have fanned fears of a full-scale war in Chechnya.

Chechnya has run its own affairs since winning de facto independence in a war with Russia that ended in 1996. Yet Moscow still claims it is a part of Russia and has struggled to keep violence from spreading to the rest of the Caucasus region.

Georgian authorities have denied Russian accusations that Chechen and Dagestani militants had used Georgian territory to cross into Chechnya.

Inflated gas prices lead to investigation

by Ryan K. Dooley

World News Staff Writer

Idaho's Attorney General Al Lance has decided to be a gasoline price watchdog. Jim Jones has been asked to chair a task force considering why Idaho's self-serve unleaded gas is the costliest in the continental United States.

"I've asked the committee to find out why Idaho's gasoline prices are consistently higher even when retail prices are adjusted for state gasoline taxes," Lance says. "I've also asked them to look at Idaho's consumer and antitrust laws."

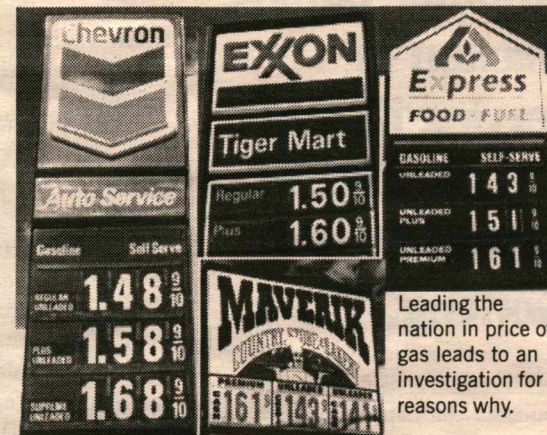
Last fall, the median Idaho price was under a dollar a gallon, Lance said. It has risen to an average \$1.49 a gallon, and has risen three cents in the last month, said Dave Carlson of the AAA in Idaho, also a member of the panel. The national average is about \$1.28.

It also eclipses Idaho's all-time high average of \$1.48 set in May 1996.

Prices are starting to drop in

most places around the western part of the United States.

During his first two terms as



Leading the nation in price of gas leads to an investigation for reasons why.

Idaho's Attorney General in the 1980s, Jones has had repeated success checking high gasoline prices by jawboning the oil industry threatening to investigate the possibility of price-fixing and collusion.

In one case involving gas retailers in Pocatello, Jones succeeded in proving collusion among dealers, resulting in several criminal convictions.

"Jim was very effective in taking on some issues relating to gasoline prices," Lance said. "That has created the expectation that the Attorney General of the state of Idaho controls the price of crude oil, controls refineries and controls pipelines."

Scientists look into recreating the "Big Bang"

by Heather Oglevie

World News Staff Writer

At least, so say the opponents of an almost fantastic experiment to recreate just a tiny piece of the theoretical Big Bang which is said to have created the universe billions of years ago.

The authors and creators of Brookhaven University's Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) have an opportunity never before had: to actually put into practice their theories of how the universe first began and to see if they were right.

Physicists say that all matter is composed of atoms, which in turn are composed of tiny particles called quarks, held together by other tiny particles scientists have dubbed "gluons." This foundation matrix of quarks has persisted since the beginning of time.

However, Tom Ludlam and his associates theorize that for a fraction of an instant in time—the instant following the Big Bang—these particles were free-roaming in a superheated "quark-gluon plasma." When, in the next tiny

increment of time, the primordial atomic stew cooled, it formed itself into the atomic patterns we know today. Now Ludlam and his "mad scientists" have the technology to create a "Little Big Bang" and see this happen for themselves.

The RHIC (pronounced "rick") is a 2.4 mile wide collider ring in New York State. The experiment

Everything doesn't revolve around us [Earth].

~Robert Jaffe

itself will smash gold nuclei together at 99.95 percent of the speed of light, creating incredibly high temperatures and, hopefully, quark and gluon stew.

According to Ludlam, the scientists are not recreating the beginning of time simply because they can, but rather are trying to understand why the particles joined together the way they did—and whether any other configurations are possible.

Their work is the stuff of science-fiction at its best, since new frameworks of quarks could contain the potential for a new kind of matter, or even a new kind of world. In fact, a novel called Quom was published last year when the project first came to light, wherein the RHIC experiment produces a strange new cosmos. Ludlam was even written in as a minor character.

When asked about this, he responded that he had never read the book, but was told that everything worked out in the end. "At least the world doesn't get destroyed."

After its dedication on October 4, collisions will begin, probably around December or January. But since this is also around the time of the Millennium, Domsday scenarios have already begun. Already newspapers like the *Sunday Times* of London advertise the coming of the "Big Bang Machine" that "Could Destroy Earth."

But the possibility of this, though it exists, follows a long string of "unlikies" which would have to be strung together "like a Rube Goldberg machine." If such "strangelets" occur when the collision happens, they will probably be harmless but deformed varieties of quark, perhaps one which is heavier than the normal "up" or "down" variety.

Only under the right circumstances would a possibly dangerous quark be produced—a quark with a negative charge—which would attract matter to itself and devour it like Pac-Man going after little white dots.

Scientists do not dismiss this possibility off-hand, but they do not feel it is very likely. For evidence, they point to cosmic-ray collisions—Robert Jaffe, Director of the Center for Theoretical Physics in Massachusetts, states that cosmic rays collide on the moon's surface over a trillion times per second with enough energy to create a dangerous strangelet—yet have not produced anything destructive.

During the RHIC's anticipated

ten years of operation, only half a trillion collisions are planned. "If strangelets could be made in RHIC, they also would have been made in cosmic rays," concludes Jaffe. In more technical terms, he adds that it's "pretty darn near impossible" that the RHIC could create anything more dangerous than atomic stew.

However, even if worst-case-scenario fears are put to rest, certain philosophical and ethical questions remain. Are these scientists simply "playing God"?

Jaffe disagrees, while admitting that scientists have been guilty of being too Faustian—of wanting too much power, control, or information. He feels that modern science has become a great deal more careful and humble about dealing with the world.

But he disagrees about the possibility that their machine might actually tear apart the fabric of the universe itself. "[It's] actually rather Ptolemaic," he said, referring to the ancient view that Earth was at the center of the cosmos. "Everything doesn't revolve around us."

I know what NNU students did last summer

Whether cutting chicken or serving it, most students spent the summer working.

by Kara Lyons

Crusader News Copy Editor

When I think of having to get a summer job, frightening visions of dull, menial jobs swirl around in my mind.

My thoughts race to my horrible experiences of boredom working as a greeter at Fred Meyer before my freshman year. When I was in high school, all my friends' summer jobs were either at fast food places or out in a field, corn-topping. While these jobs aren't necessarily terrible in every instance, they don't quite offer the kind of excitement a true summer should entail.

When my wing in Morrison had our initial meeting this year, we shared information about ourselves, including what we did for employment during the summer.

We had a wide variety of jobs in our little wing meeting: Several girls had worked in an office; Two girls on our wing had actually worked at the same chicken processing plant in Oregon.

(Strangely enough, they never saw each other because one of them worked cutting chicken breasts and the other worked in the gut room).

Two girls had worked in fish canneries in Alaska. Although some of these jobs might appeal to you more than others, they are all a step up from high school-level jobs (at least in pay).

After asking around, however, I found that many NNU students had summer jobs that were far from average. In fact, some students had jobs that were downright fun. Far from boring, many were not only opportunities to make a little money to pay for school, but were chances to make a difference.

Many students worked at Christian camps all across the Northwest. Several students worked at Golden Bell in Colorado. A couple worked at Twin Rocks Friends Camp on the Oregon Coast near Tillamook. Victory Cove Camp in McCall was the home of at least one NNU student this summer.

Whether washing dishes, lifeguarding, leading the kids in activities or counseling, summer camp workers had fun-filled summers, packed with memories.

Sophomore Sara Cunningham worked at Camp Zanika on Lake Wenatchee in Washington. About her summer experience, she was quick to comment, "I had the time of my life playing with the kids."

Sophomore Jennifer Hill worked as a park ranger during the summer.

But before images of stampeding moose and Smoky the Bear enter your head, let me clarify.

Jen worked as a tour guide in Quincy, Massachusetts at the Adams National Historic Park, the former U.S. presidents John and John Quincy Adams' houses.

She spent her days educating tourists about this national historic site.

Though she enjoyed this unique experience, she admitted that "sometimes tourists can be obnoxious and belligerent, especially when they've gotten lost or walked on another long sight-seeing tour already that day."

Several students held paid ministry positions throughout the summer. Working as interns for youth and children in churches around the country, many NNU students dedicated their summers to church work.

Eric Manley, SGA Campus Ministry Coordinator, held an intern position in Augusta, Georgia this summer. He, along with others who served in this sort of ministry, felt that his experience made a permanent impact on his life.



Molly Rogers shows off the style of the islands while in port during her trip to the South Pacific. Rogers was able to receive school credit for her trip.

Each group went to several Nazarene camps and performed in churches around the region. Covenant got to travel to NYC in Toronto, which was a strenuous, but exciting-experience for them.

This employment opportunity is near and dear to my heart because this summer I was fortunate enough to be in Parable.

Speaking from personal experience, the main attraction to such a group is not the job's big paycheck.

What interested me in auditioning for a summer travel group was the unique opportunity to serve God in a very powerful ministry. Such a chance is not available

everyday. Heidi Allgeier worked as an intern at Gateway Presbyterian Church in The Dalles, Oregon. Working under the church's youth pastor, she and another college student helped plan the whole summer schedule of youth activities. She helped lead a mission trip to Victoria, B.C.

There, they did a Vacation Bible School program and worked in soup kitchens.

Heidi put in more than 30 hours a week, hanging out with kids and assuring that activities ran smoothly.

About her experience with the internship, she says, "I made a ton of friends."

She discovered during her time working with teenagers that age doesn't make as much of a difference as she initially thought it would. "There's a lot of people I'll keep in contact with."

For some students, NNU offered opportunities for summer ministry in the form of Summer Travel/PR groups. Three groups traveled around the Northwest this summer:

Covenant, a vocal and instrumental group; Witness, a new recreational, camp group; and Parable, a drama group.

Our group grew together into a sort of on-the-road-family. We traveled through some of the most beautiful scenery in the country. We visited seven states: Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana.

We took numerous roles at camps, such as entertainers, counselors, referees, motivators and worship leaders. Spending time with teens, being an example and being ministered to by their witness made the hard work more than worthwhile.

My first summer of my college experience was a great one. A lot of students utilized their summer time by doing more than flipping burgers. Instead of settling for average jobs, many students are deciding to invest their time in something that will help others while also affecting their own growth as individuals.

Next time you look for employment for the summer, consider trying something out of the ordinary. As you've seen, there are many opportunities to find jobs that can not only make lots of money, but influence your life and others as well.



Kenzi Wilkes assists in a tubal ligation surgery during her mission trip to India this summer. Many Nazarene students from across the United States went on mission trips with Youth in Missions.

Polygamy: Is One Spouse Really Enough?

The government shouldn't limit people to one-spouse marriages

by Chad Cray

Crusader News Opinions Writer

Right now I cannot go out and marry two women. Not just because I couldn't find two women who would want to marry me (although this would be a pretty big problem for me), but because it is illegal. This bothers me quite a bit.

If I want to be married to multiple people, who is to say I can't do it? Right now the government says I can't and my fiancé says I can't. It is fine if my fiancé doesn't want me to marry other people (I wouldn't want her to either), but it is not okay that the government prevents me from marrying more than one person.

In a land where personal freedom is cherished and promoted, it seems strange that people are restricted as to the number of people they can marry. Of all the things that are legal in this country, why shouldn't we legalize polygamous marriages?

If the government were to take away a person's right to free speech, people would be pretty upset, but people are okay with the fact that the government has taken away their right to marry whoever or however many people they want to. Of course that last sentence suggests a lot more than just polygamy, but that is for another article entirely.

I realize that many people have a problem with polygamy (and right now I would like to point out that polygamy means both men and women can be married to more than one person).

Polygamy's two main criticisms are that it is a sin to be married to more than one person and that it would be too complicated if people could marry several people.

In order to address the first criticism, that polygamy is a sin, I would like to point out that it is not mentioned as a sin in the Bible. In fact, several prominent and holy Bible figures had more than one wife. While this does not prove that the Bible supports polygamy it is far from condemning it as a sin.

One of the most common verses pointed out to me is the

one that says that a husband is to love and honor his wife. The reason people point this out to me is because the Bible does not use the plural form of wife. My response to that is: so what! Maybe what the Bible means is that we are supposed to love each wife, or perhaps some scribe along the way messed up and forgot to pluralize "wife." In either case, my point is that we cannot condemn polygamy because the Bible does not clearly say one way or the other as to whether or not polygamy is okay.

As for the second criticism of polygamy (that it makes things too complicated), I would like to say: big hairy deal! Just because something makes life a little more complicated does not mean that it should be made illegal! If I (or anybody else) want to marry a few people and as a result it makes my life a little harder than tough luck for me. As long as everybody involved in the marriage is happy, it is nobody else's business, no matter how complicated it becomes.

Of course, most people assume that polygamy would make life a little more confusing or complicated, but would it really make life that difficult? I don't think it would, and to support my belief I would like to quote a text book called *Sociology*: "Globally and historically, the majority of world societies have permitted more than one marital pattern [i.e. people could be polygamist or monogamist as they so choose]; even so, most marriages have been monogamous." The point I'm trying to make is that making polygamy legal might not lead to as many complications as most people fear.

While I would not want to be married to more than one person (and I certainly would not like to be one of my wives' three husbands), I would like others who want this kind of family to be able to have one.

If somebody out there would be happier being in a multiple-person marriage, then they should be given that right. I would hate to see anybody (especially the government) stop them.

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In a time when the average American family consists of a single mom, two latchkey kids and a boyfriend named Vinny, bringing polygamy back into fashion seems like the worst thing we could possibly do.

Polygamy Isn't an effective or healthy alternative to marriage

by Nathan Hydes

Crusader Co-editor-in-chief

When you think of polygamy, what do you think of? Do you picture one big happy family running around at a picnic? Or perhaps you imagine a person who is so full of love he can't help but having four or five spouses.

These situations may sound somewhat appealing in a strange way, but this isn't what I imagine when I think of polygamy.

When I hear the word polygamy, I imagine an 84-year old man with 40 wives, 80 kids and a couple marbles rolling around upstairs.

Call me old-fashioned if you want, but I don't see polygamy as a realistic or effective way of raising a family. In a time when the average American family consists of a single mom, two latchkey kids and a boyfriend named Vinny, bringing polygamy back into fashion seems like the worst thing we could possibly do.

An argument in favor of polygamy might embrace the idea that as Americans, we should not have this God-given right to marry large groups of people taken away from us. If we want to have more than one spouse, that's our business. After all, polygamy has been practiced for 1000s of years, and in some countries, it is still practiced. This is true, but for some reason, the United States decided to do away with this form of marriage. Why? I like to think of it as something called progress.

In past cultures, men use to club women over the head and drag them into their cave. This was also a method for choosing a spouse. But, once again, progress stepped in and somebody said, "Hey, there's gotta be a better way." Therefore, the argument that polygamy is acceptable simply because it's an old tradition doesn't hold water with me.

I'm not closed-minded, however. I'm willing to listen to reason. If somebody approached me and had a legitimate reason to take part in a polygamous relationship, then I would be all ears as to how this would improve the situation of

anybody's life. But right now, I have yet to hear a convincing reason to legalize polygamy.

So far, the argument I've heard most often defending polygamy is one which states that we should be allowed to marry whomever we want. The government should place any restrictions on us. So really the argument isn't about polygamy, but more about government control. Polygamy is just a bad example of how the government is placing a hinderance on our lives.

Let's say for instance that polygamy was legalized. I would probably be correct in assuming that some trouble would come of the situation. Even if some people are responsible polygamists (now there's an oxymoron), the chances are there would be a few groups of people who would cause trouble. Maybe the husband wouldn't be able to pay for his 19 children. Or perhaps, a jealous wife would murder one of her husband's other spouses.

Now, to justify this trouble, I would need some kind of good reason to convince me polygamy is a good thing. Once again, to keep the government from taking our rights away isn't a good enough reason.

My biggest worry about polygamy has to do with children. If some single guy off the street wants to have 73 sexual partners, that's his business. Although I don't condone it, I can very easily turn the other cheek. On the other hand, once you bring children and families into the picture, I have a problem. What kind of solid family structure could a polygamous family offer a child?

It would be pretty tough to give a child quality one-on-one time when there are 30 other kids wanting to spend a weekend with dad. Kids already have enough things to get teased about without having to worry about getting jeered at school because they have four dads, six moms, and a sister named Brigham.

Some people may want to call polygamy an alternative lifestyle. I call it infidelity.

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Lawrence delivers small laughs in *Blue Streak*

While watching *Blue Streak* one could sit and try to think about as many different comedians as possible to play a troubled thief Miles Logan, but look no further than the star of *Blue Streak*: Martin Lawrence. A really good comedy with a decent storyline is hard to come by these days and this wasn't one of them. It was more of just a good comedy with an okay storyline and rather bad acting except by the stars.

Lawrence performs well in this comedy as a thief, Miles Logan, who got the bad end of his own genius. After stealing a blue diamond the size of a tennis ball, his partner in crime, Deacon (Peter Greene), ends up turning the tables on him at gun point, demanding the diamond.

A chase ensues and just before

the police arrive, he hides the diamond in the ventilation shaft of a building under construction.

Two years later he comes back, hoping to get to his prize, only to discover that the building has become a newly constructed police station. After a few unsuccessful tries getting into the station, Logan calls on an old friend to make him up some fake IDs, and he instantly becomes a new police officer. Hoping to just run in, grab the diamond and jump out, he is soon mistaken for the new lead detective in the burglary division.

Using his criminal knowledge, Logan actually ends up helping out his partner Detective Carlson (Luke Wilson) solve his first case. Carlson immediately looks up to Logan and they soon

join up with Detective Hardcastle (William Forsythe) on a drug bust at the airport.

Naturally, this is when the fun begins as they bring in various witnesses and Logan has no idea what he's doing. He throws them around the room and has them begging for mercy by the time it's all over.

During an interrogation, Hardcastle says one of the movie's funniest lines when he's discussing the tactics of Logan. Talking to Carlson, he says, "You know what? I think he's FBI. You don't get that kind of training at the academy" as the witness gets slammed into the mirror.

The main reason why this movie is so funny is its spontaneity. There wasn't a five-minute span in which something was said to make you crack a smile. Lo-

gan goes from being a thief to a prisoner to a cop to an internal affairs agent and on and on. One can't help but laugh at all of the lies he flings at the police department just to stay in long enough to get a chance at getting his diamond back. The end of the movie is hilarious as well when he... well go watch it and you'll see.

This movie does make the police force seem a little stupid for mistaking him as one of their own, adding more and more humor to the movie.

For good laughs, this movie is quite a find. I don't think it was a fluke that it beat out Kevin Costner's "For Love Of The Game" by \$6 million in its opening weekend. The movie had a lot of good, strong comedy in it.

The storyline in itself was average, but some of the acting by

Blue Streak

Starring
Martin Lawrence and
Luke Wilson
Reviewed by
Jeremy Lee



the supporting cast members was unimpressive. However, if you're looking for some good laughs and a great movie to see with a bunch of your friends, *Blue Streak* is for you.

Staff Infection

Do you want to write this... I sure don't...Do you make up the notes too...hi dad--happy birthday...I lost weight...there are two copy editors in the room one is not working... hint, hint, hint...I eat pretzles off the floor...I sucked my spit... we're working we're working lets find ourinspirationhere...because I was here...good..good

dobee doobee to the radio..last time we went dancing it was so awesome we even took a guy with us...not all of us...it's grossdoope...eeewww...whine, whine...Will is the next Helen Keller...should we call this the Will infection...desperate...she can call me wart hog for all I care...way to recycle...

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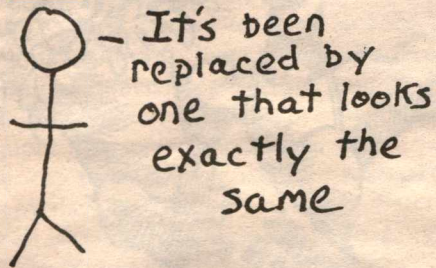
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Poorly Drawn Man by David Stillman

Poorly Drawn Man Returns to NNC, but his beloved campus is gone!



There are some sinister differences

Chris Field, NNC's dictator-for-life has been replaced by some tall guy

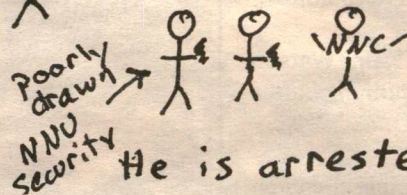
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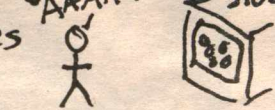
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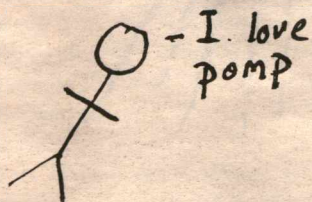
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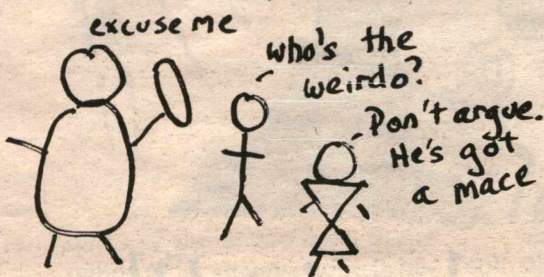
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When we left our hero, he was being forced to watch tapes of opening year convocations

poorly Drawn Man soon becomes addicted



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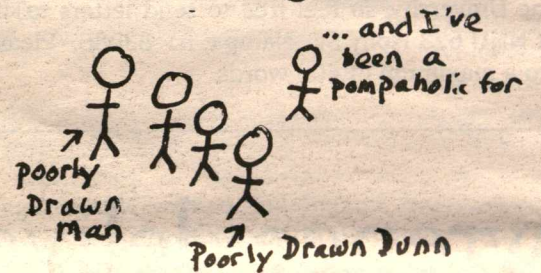


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'Saders win tournament second year running

by Robin Day
Sports Editor

NNU's women's soccer team is on a roll. They have won all of their last three games, and managed to pick up two very nice trophies and some individual medals along the way. The most recent series of victories was in the NNU-hosted Arthur D. Ortman Invitation, where the lady 'Saders faced rival Albertson College of Idaho and then Southern Oregon in a scrimmage. It was a sad trip home for both their opponents.

The tournament began for the 'Saders on Thursday with an opening game against Albertson

College of Idaho.

NNU scored twice against ACI. The first goal came from a header by sophomore Jaime Swanson off a corner kick by junior Beth Nixon. NNU's second goal was courtesy of junior Denise Thuline. Luckily this was enough for the victory, as the Crusaders held the Coyotes to only one goal.

Junior Melanie Hays said of the game, "They [ACI] changed some things in their defense that seemed to work for them, and we didn't adjust well to it at first. It was kind of a disappointing game for us because we came off the field knowing that we could have played better than that. We won,

but we really could have played a lot better than that. We did have a lot of fans, though, and that was good."

There is an unofficial contest between the women's soccer teams of Albertson and NNU. The teams face each other three times in a season and the winner of at least two of those games receives the honor of housing a traveling trophy. Due to the past two weeks' victories, the 'Saders are now in possession of this trophy for the remainder of the year. Said Hays, "We play them one more time and we really want to prove to them that they did lose and we are by far the better team. We want a sweep!"

The tournament-closing game on Saturday between NNU and SOU was another fierce battle. NNU scored within the first five minutes when Parsons sent a pass to sophomore Mindy Gibbons, who promptly put the ball to the net.

The second goal of the game came when Thuline headed a ball passed by Mindy Gibbons straight into the net and beyond the Raiders' goalie's reach. A roundoff-handspring combination from the elated Thuline captured the spirit of the moment.

SOU attempted a comeback and managed to put a ball in the net, but the goal was recalled due to an obvious handball just before



Junior Melanie Hays works to get the ball away from an ACI defender, while freshman Jen Hopping runs to cover her teammate.

the goal. With nine and a half minutes left in the first half, the Raiders finally scored, sending a ball just out of reach, over NNU freshman goalie Shemia Fagan's outreached hands. This goal counted and the half ended with the Crusaders up, 2-1.

When play resumed for the second half, both teams were fighting for control of the game, but NNU clearly had the upper hand. Most of the time the ball was threatening Southern Oregon's goal and NNU's goalie spent much of her time watching the game from afar. NNU had several close shots on the goal, but luck was against them and nothing would go in. The game ended after a scoreless second

half, 2-1 Crusaders.

In the awards ceremony following, the three captains for NNU were given the tournament championship trophy for the second year in a row. Five NNU players were named to the All-tournament team: Swanson, freshman Kendra Thoren, freshman Emily Schreppe, senior Amy Parsons and Thuline. Thuline was also named the tournament MVP.

The Crusaders are now 3-5. They play this next weekend away at Cascade and Concordia. Their next home games will be on October 15 at 4 p.m. and October 16 at 1 p.m. against Western Baptist and Western Oregon respectively.



Freshman Jen Hopping out-manuvers a Coyote player during Thursday's game. The Crusaders went on to win the match, 2-1.

Men's soccer has disappointing weekend at home

by Raul Flores
Crusader News Staff Writer

Last weekend, the NNU men's soccer team hosted the Les Schwab Tournament. The participating teams were Albertson College, Westminster College, California Baptist University and Northwest Nazarene University.

In the first game, ACI played Westminster. Both teams were scoreless. The second game of the day was NNU (0) against CBU (2). The defense of CBU played an important role, not allowing the Crusaders to offense score. NNU offense created a lot of chances but did not capitalize on them.

On Friday ACI (1) played against CBU (1) in an intense offensive game. Later, the crusaders played Westminster, defeating them 2-1. This was the best game the Crusaders played in this tournament.

On Saturday, CBU lost 3-0 to Westminster, winning the game

and therefore the tournament. The traditional match came later. The expectations were high because in the last season, NNU beat Albertson at home twice and tied them as visitors, gaining the right to go to playoffs. Albertson played hard and tough from the start, scoring early in the game, giving the 'Yotes the confidence to play calmly. The 'Yotes defeated Albertson 4 to 1, ending with a second place in the tournament.

This weekend was the last chance for Coach Pearson to try new techniques and players and to chose the system NNU needs in order to compete in the conference. NNU played nervously and many times, communication among players was not clear. They got confused, particularly in the positioning inside the court.

Junior Scott Strobel is the factor that controls the timing for NNU. Strobel did a good job distributing the balls to forwards and containing the midfield. Jose

Limon delivered a good performance, opening up many opportunities to score. Captain Jeremy Keating was the leader in the defense, a tough player who frustrated forwards several times in the game.

NNU's individual players have potential, yet they showed a need for teamwork rather than individual excellence. Incoming freshmen show a lot of promise that will begin paying off in the near future. Now is the time when NNU needs to play as a team, with all lines ready to play hard and smart. The conference games are coming up soon and this young team has a lot of hope. Expect to hear good things about the NNU soccer team in the near future.

The Crusaders' next games will be on October 1 at Cascade and October 2 at Northwest College. Their next home game will be on October 8 against Western Baptist. Game time is 3:30 p.m.



Freshman Daniel Cole pushes the ball down the field uncontested by the opposing team. The Crusaders dropped both of their games this weekend.

Across Countries

Foreign Student Runs for Crusaders

by Robin Day
Sports Editor

The addition of a cross country team has brought many new faces to our campus who might not have been here otherwise. Many of these faces are seen by the slower and less physically fit members of our community (myself included) in a blur as they jog by on the way to class. One such blurred face belongs to freshman Ian Manyfingers.

Manyfingers comes to NNU with an impressive resume. Last year, he ran in the Canadian Junior Nationals, placing third in the 3,000 meter steeple chase. He was also the provincial champion in the 15,000 meter and 3,000 meter for the second year in a row. It should come as no sur-

prise that we will be seeing Manyfingers again in the spring when he competes for the track team in the 3,000 meter, 15,000 meter and the 3,000 meter steeple chase.

The Crusaders have been grateful for this shy freshman's contribution to the newly formed cross country team. In the last meet, Manyfingers placed 39th out of 195 runners, with a time of 27:21 in the 8K.

Manyfingers decided to attend NNU after being contacted by the coach. He was also contacted by six other universities across the U.S., but elected to come to Nampa because, as he said, "I liked the people here and I was offered a scholarship." Manyfingers further commented, "I'm really happy with the choice I made. NNU is a great place for me to continue my running to the college level." So the next time you see Manyfingers' blurred face on campus, say hello and wish him luck in the next Cross Country meet.

Sports Schedule for this Week

October 1

4:00 pm Volleyball at Albertson College

October 2

10:00 am Volleyball at Albertson College

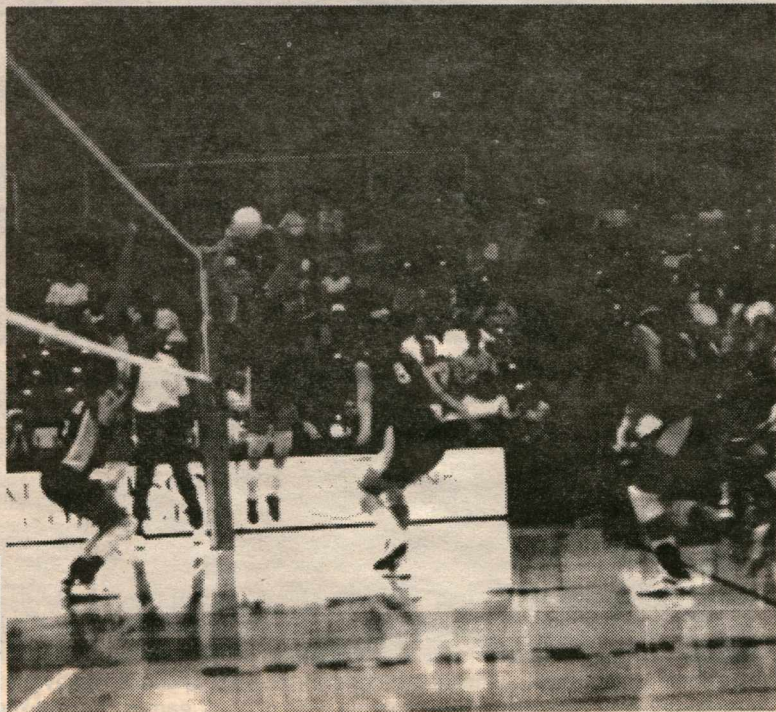
4:00 pm Volleyball at Albertson College

Cross Country at Boise State

Intramural Football games

October 5

7:00 pm Volleyball HOME



Photos by Jenelle Smith

News Flash

The Crusader is looking for talented and not-so-talented people to write for the Sports section. If you plan on being at the games anyway and are even slightly interested, then we have a place for you! Please contact Robin at 8931 or The Crusader office at 8656 for more information. Writers do get paid for all printed material, so if you want to see a movie on Tuesday, write about the game on Saturday.



left: Senior Lisa Erickson power sets for senior middle blocker Tabitha Shipman during Tuesday's game against ACI. above: Another solid hit for NNU against ACI.

Celebrate.

College Church offers two opportunities for worship celebration each Sunday morning:
9:00 Contemporary; 10:45 Traditional
plus an opportunity for small group Bible Study at 10:30
at the NNU Clyde's Lounge with George Lyons and
College Class Pastors, Russ and Loena Ritchie

College Church of the Nazarene
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Sunday, October 3: NNU Students are invited to
Pastor Daniel and Carol Ketchum's home for a BBQ at 12:30

Time Out

this week:

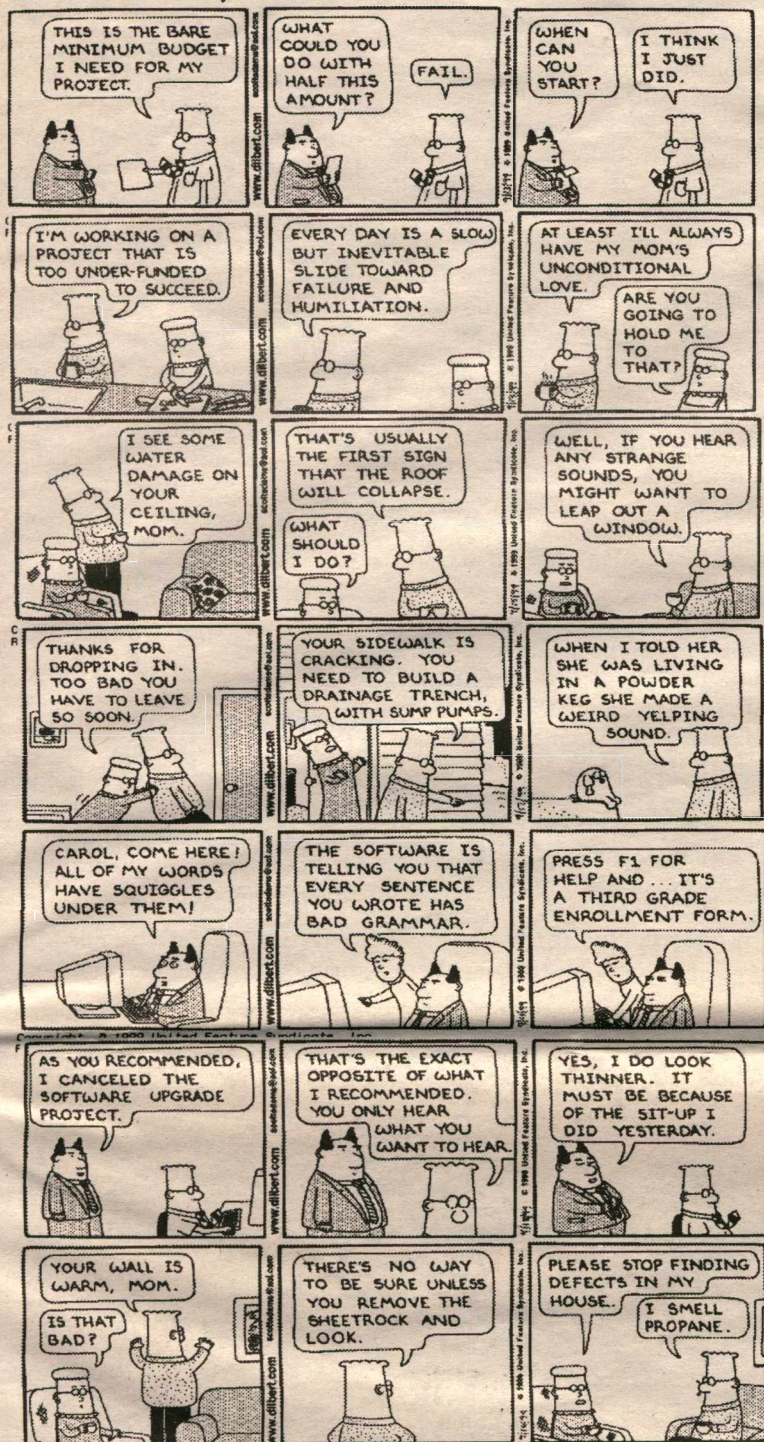
Jared Lanham

Jared is a freshman from somewhere north of Anchorage, AK. I have no clue what his major is.

Ask him yourself. (Yes, he is Jody's younger brother, but don't let that keep you from going!)

Due to the cooler evenings and reports of possible snow next week (something Jared is used to at speaking engagements), Time Out will be in the Science Lecture Hall. Be there Wednesday night at 9:00 to be blessed by what Jared has to say.

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Top Ten rejected NNU mottos

10. Seek ye first the NCAA division II Championship.
9. Shrub free by 2003.
8. Financial aid available
7. Transfer your credits here with no hassles
6. Come live in the heart of beautiful Idaho
5. Attend the cheapest college north of Marsing and west of Middleton.
4. Democrats unite
3. Come look at our glowing clock
2. Enjoy the slow-paced never-changing environment.
1. Experience the diversity

Submitted at Top Ten Cafe by:

Nathan Hydes, Monica Olson, John Fraley, Toby Jeffrey, David Stillman, Brenda Clough, Heather Slater, Shawn McDonald, Todd Smith, and Tim Schlack.

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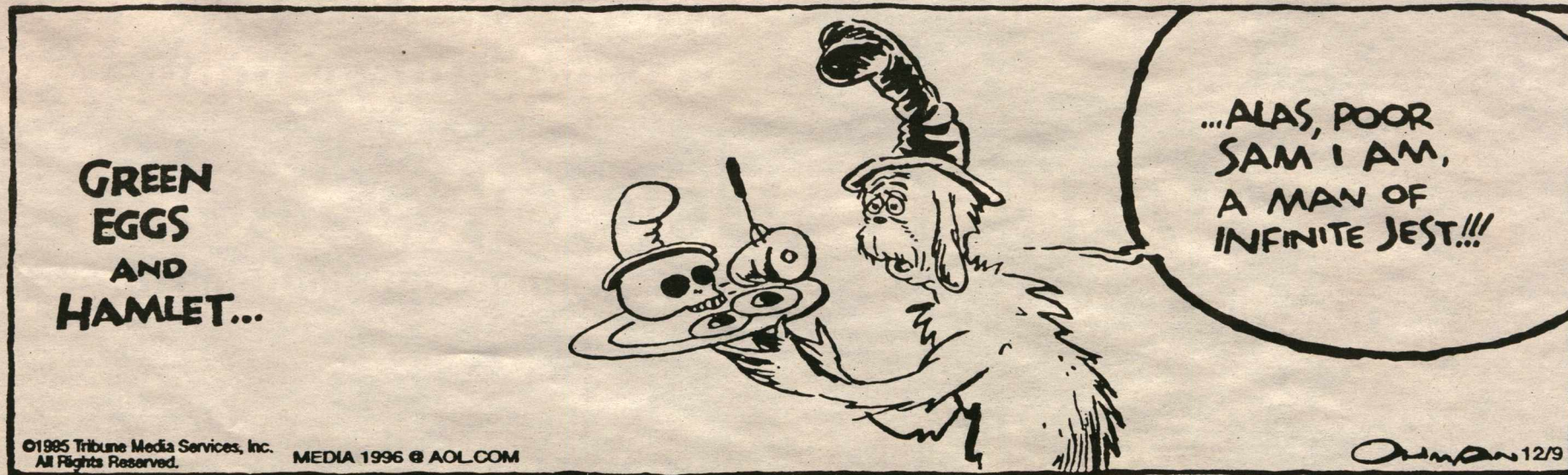
Fill your stamp cards for free drinks this week.

Stop by the Top Ten Cafe at the Brick House this Thursday!
Study, relax or just hang out - See you there!

The Crusader
is continually looking for talented writers, illustrators and photographers.

Call Nathan or Monica at 8656 for to add your name to the proud list of contributors to The Crusader.

Also, if you would like to be a cartoonist, please submit a cartoon concept and samples of your artistic and creative ability. Submissions can be brought to the Crusader office upstairs in rooms 218/219 of the Student Center or sent through campus mail, Crusader, Box C.



Wearing a bra is easy; writing about it is hard

As a professional newspaper columnist with both medical AND dental benefits, I receive many letters from people who would like to get into my line of work.

"Dear Dave," they write. "I'm sick of my boring dead-end job as a (lawyer, teacher, office worker, Tipper Gore). How do I develop the skills I need to obtain a job like yours, where you have an opportunity to make a difference, even though you never actually do?"

OK, then: Today I'm going to take you "behind the scenes" here at Dave Barry Inc., and reveal, step-by-step, exactly how I write a column:

Step One is to come up with a topic. I'm always thinking about possible topics, from the moment my alarm goes off at 6 a.m., through the moment I actually get out of the bed, at around 10:15. During that period, I take a series of decompression naps while monitoring the morning TV news shows to find out what the news is. Unfortunately, the morning news shows no longer show the news: They're too busy

showing the crowd of people who stand around outside the TV studio for hours on end waving at the camera and holding signs that say: "HI!" Evidently these people are too stupid to operate tele-

phones, and this is the only way they have to communicate with their families or ward attendants back home. Sometimes the TV personalities go outside; I always hope that they'll point firearms at the sign-holders and yell, "GO HOME," but instead they ask the sign-holders where they're from. The fascinating answers never fail to amaze and delight everybody ("Ohio?? Great!!")

So I have no column topic when I emerge from the bedroom to fix myself a hearty breakfast of coffee with extra coffee. My next step is to look through the daily newspaper, which I have found to be an invaluable and amazingly rich source of advertisements for women's underwear. Every other page has an ad featuring female models in lingerie;

you get the impression, from newspapers, that at least 80 percent of the Gross National Product is brassieres. Why? Do women really need to be sold on the concept of underwear? Do they smack their foreheads and go, "THAT'S what I need! Something under my clothing!"?

But you can't write a professional column about women's underwear. You need a topic with some "meat" to it, such as the U.S. Trade Deficit, which is an important issue that the newspaper often puts next to the brassiere ads. And so, with this topic in mind, I head for my home office, which is an area that I would estimate, for tax purposes, covers 94 percent of the total square footage of my home.

I work at home because, as a professional writer, I find that a solitary environment enables me, whenever the muse strikes, to clip my toenails. This particular muse strikes more often than a French labor union. I'll be pondering the Trade Deficit, and I'll glance at my

toenails and think, "Hey! Those babies have grown at LEAST three thousandths of an inch since I last clipped them!" So I grab the clippers, which I always keep handy, and soon I'm hard at work. All your top writers do this. If you don't believe me, go up to, say, Norman Mailer, and have some friends hold him down while you remove his shoes and socks. If his toenails aren't trimmed to the base, I'll pay you \$10. I'll need color photographs.

Another reason why creative individuals prefer to work at home, as opposed to an office, is that when you need to scratch yourself, you don't have to sneak behind the copying machine and settle for a hasty grope. At home, you can rear back and assault the affected region with both hands, or, if you want, gardening implements. But you cannot scratch yourself forever. You are not a professional baseball player; you are a newspaper columnist, and sooner or later you have to "knuckle down" and get to work on the task at hand, which is: lunch. After lunch, it's time to get back to thinking about the Trade

Deficit. The key, with a complex issue like this, is: research. A professional newspaper column has to be 800 words long, which is why I cannot say it enough: research, research, research. Among the questions that need to be answered are: What, exactly, IS the "Trade Deficit"? For this kind of technical detail, I get on the telephone to my Research Assistant, Judi Smith, who is a wealth of information. "Judi," I say, "How come there are so many newspaper ads for women's underwear?"

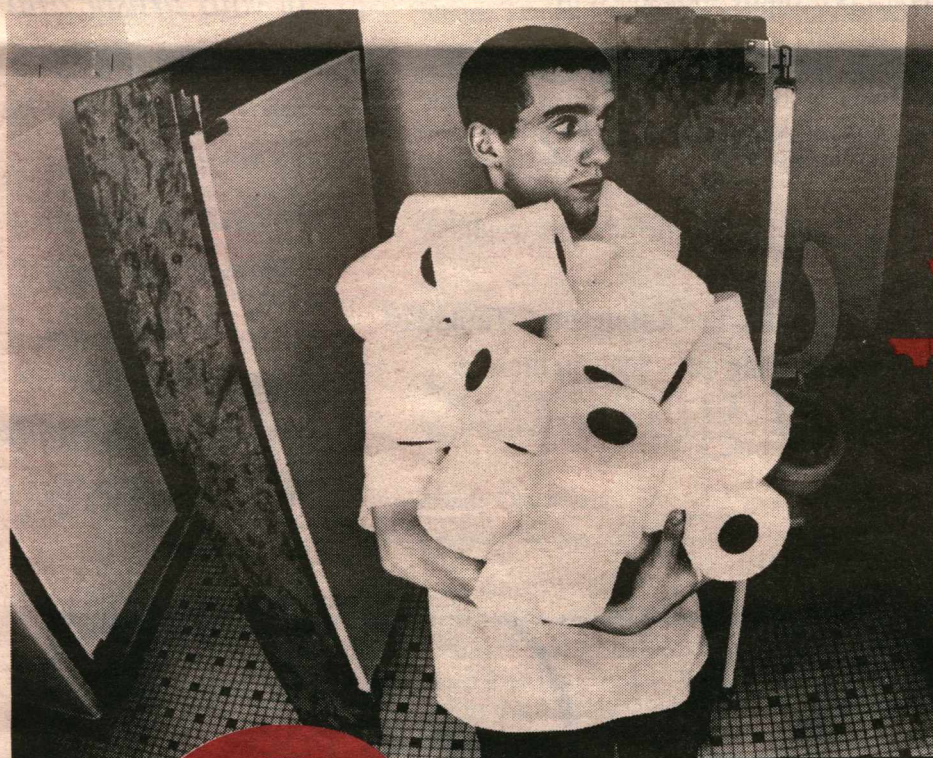
I think because men like to look at women in brassieres," she replies. My wife, who also works at home and is listening to this discussion, notes: "All those ads look the same."

Both my wife and Judi agree that nobody ever buys a bra from an ad. It frankly makes me wonder if this could be a contributing factor to the Trade Deficit. Somebody should think about this. I'd do it, but these toenails are not getting any shorter.

(Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald.)

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