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## Column One

Dear Readers,

I hope you soak up this issue to its fullest. If you don't, you may experience a drought when we take a week off (next week!). If you notice some very happy expressions on the faces of your dedicated section editors, you'll know why.

In this issue, please take time to enjoy each section. Nathan wrote this week's Cover Story on campus connections, or maybe obsessions, with baseball. The idea behind this story has been circulating for about a year, so it is exciting to see it come to fruition.

The World section tries to cover a range of interests while attempting to keep students informed as to what is happening off the campus of NNU. I hope you find this section useful, if not, please send us an e-mail and let us know what we can improve.

Also, *The Crusader* is constantly seeking talent. In particular, we are looking for a person or team to write a comic strip as well as for people with expertise in Pagemaker and Photoshop. Anyone interested in doing cover art is also encouraged to contribute to the paper. Please contact anyone on the editorial staff to become involved.

I'm still waiting for entries to the Arto Lindsay contest from last week - please send those submissions in soon!

*Monica Olson*

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# Butkus drawing students to NNU

by Mindy Oldenkamp  
*Crusader Campus Staff Writer*

Flash back to before you came to college, to the days of spending a week in summer camps, getting to know the traveling groups who came to visit and to entertain and those college representatives who stopped by your church and showed up at camp every once in awhile.

Remember how nice they were, how they sometimes had free stuff to give away, and how hard they campaigned to win your attendance at NNU. Clarify your memory a little more and remember one Admissions Officer in particular, Jim Butkus.

Butkus is no stranger to NNC, he graduated from the college in 1991 and then went on to start a family and eventually to work his way back to NNC. For the past three years, Jim Butkus was one of NNC's Admissions Officers. He kept busy recruiting students and sharing NNC's possibilities with anyone who was willing to hear him out.

As an Admissions Officer, Butkus spent his days traveling and convincing potential students of the opportunities NNC offered. His summers were often spent at church camps and, the rewards were incredible. "Seeing people with such promise dedicate their lives to the Lord is an unbelievable, amazing experience," Butkus recalled.

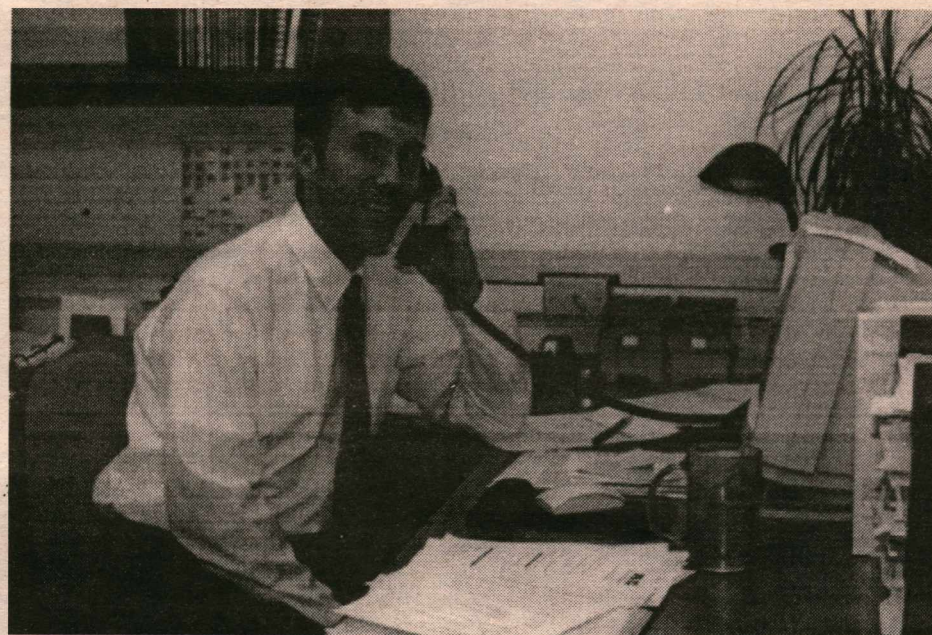
Now, with the change to university status, Butkus has left behind his days of traveling and

camping, and all of the torture and rewards that went with it. For giving up the fun of camp games like "Eat That Food!" and seeing just how much a counselor will put up with, Butkus has been given an office and a brand new title, along with a whole new set of responsibilities.

As Northwest Nazarene University's new Director of Admissions, Butkus is up for the job, and he is certainly the right person for it. With only three months under his belt as the new director, Butkus has already been a busy man.

The most pressing thing on his schedule is getting the Explore NNU weekend planned and underway without a hitch. This activity alone has kept him on the phone and out of the office. "We have to make sure that we have enough housing to hold all those that will be visiting and that all the scheduled activities turn out well."

However, when Butkus doesn't have a pressing event to pull off, he's still a busy, busy fellow. He now supervises those whose jobs he once held and keeps the recruitment cycle mov-



Jim Butkus, NNU's new Director of Admissions has comfortably stepped into his new position, and is working on many projects including the new Explore NNU weekend. Butkus represents NNU at many events including this past summer's Nazarene Youth Congress.

ing. There are follow-ups to do and visits to coordinate with high schools and churches. But the rewards are worth the effort.

This past summer, Butkus was able to represent NNU at the recent Nazarene Youth Congress in Toronto, Canada. "Being able to see God in so many young lives was powerful. The students are at such a unique point in their lives. They aren't quite adults, and yet they are most certainly not just teenagers anymore. To be able to be a part of that is priceless," stated Butkus.

Along with being a part of a transitional time in many young lives, Butkus enjoys the people he gets to work with in his office.

Even with a greater time commitment and more responsibilities, his coworkers and being at home more with his family make it all worth the while. But for Butkus, perhaps one of the most rewarding and fulfilling elements of his job, both as an Admissions Officer and now as the Director of Admissions, is what he sees on campus now.

"It's great to be able to look around the campus and recognize faces, faces that were at one time merely considering coming to NNU, or faces that were in doubt as to where they would go. It's like seeing it all pay off right in front of me, and that's the biggest reward of all."

## Upcoming NNU Campus events

*-October 13:  
TimeOut with  
Michael Spengler.*

*Week with Pastor  
Holland Lewis.*

*-October 15:  
Campus visit day.*

*-October 22:  
Boise Philharmonic  
in the Brandt  
Center at 8:00pm.*

*-October 16:  
Fresheree in SLH at  
7:30*

*-October 23: R.U.S.H.  
9:00am-12:00pm.  
Pink Cadillac Diner  
at 5:00pm. Tickets  
required.*

*-October 18-22:  
Spiritual Emphasis*

## Addressing the upcoming semester changes

Q How will the credit requirements change under the semester system?

A On April 22, the Academic Council approved the following changes for the semester system:

	Quarter Credits	Semester Credits
Credits needed to graduate:	188	124
Upper division credits needed to graduate:	64	43
Senior standing:	136	90
Junior standing:	90	60
Sophomore standing:	42	28

## New GroupWise e-mail system replaces former Pegasus system

Carrie Goldsmith  
Crusader Campus Writer

E-mail: the fast-paced letter for a fast-paced world. Where would we be without it? Some of the more astute students on campus may be wondering, "What's up with the new e-mail system?" Others may be confused as to why they have not received any mail lately. They could be thinking, "I wonder if it has anything to do with those two e-mail messages I deleted?"

Well, the answer to the question of the not-so-clever is "Yes!" It has everything to do with those two e-mails. The letters were from Eric Kellerer, the Director of Information Resources, informing the students of the switch to a new e-mail system called GroupWise.

If you happen to be one of the unfortunately uninformed students and do not know how to get into your new program, here are some instructions: Go to the NNU folder on the left side of the Novell application launcher. Then click on "E-Mail." On the right will appear several different icons. The main e-mail center is the one simply labeled, "GroupWise." From there, one can read and send e-mail, along with many other new options.

Compared with Pegasus, there are some helpful additional features to GroupWise. One is the calendar planner that lets students

organize and plan their lives for daily, weekly and monthly events. There are also great address books and fun little things to mess around with and figure out.

Some students have already had problems with the new system. Jenelle Smith said, "I was typing away on the new e-mail system when my top-quality, extremely creative, juicy e-mail to my parents was blasted away into the cyberspace purgatory for lost e-mails. No one will ever know what happened to it. To say the least, I was disappointed."

Others have had no gripes about the new system and are enjoying the new look. Andrea Fisk said, "I don't think it will be that difficult. I didn't have to change anything."

GroupWise may be new, but we will get used to it. It is always hard to make a change of any sort. "It's kind of a pain to switch over, but it's like that with anything. [The system] is not very different," explained Mindy Reed. She clarified further that, just as cars, computers, and even schools (for instance, NNU) upgrade, so does e-mail. Life is change, and we will all be the better for it.

If anyone is having trouble figuring out the new system, call the Help Desk at 8894. They will be happy to answer any of your questions as you roam about the new halls of change in the e-mail world.

# NNU's Angels play bingo

by Sarah Pearson  
Crusader Campus Staff Writer

Not all of Northwest Nazarene University's campus ministries are for the younger audiences. While a great many of them do tend to revolve around activities with the younger people in the area, some of the campus ministries focus on those who have already lived out most of their lives and who have had experiences we can all learn from. Angels ministry is just such a club.

Angels is a ministry for elderly people with special needs. These are people who can no longer take care of themselves and must be cared for in a shelter or rest home.

Every Monday night, several NNU students head out to one of these homes to play Bingo with

the residents. The students are always greeted with smiling faces and happy spirits by these elderly folks, who visibly love having these younger people come to visit them.

Amidst the popcorn and juice usually served at the Bingo games, the winner of each round gets ten pennies as his or her prize. Then, on the first Saturday of each month, these folks spend the money they won at Bingo when the NNU group takes them out for breakfast.

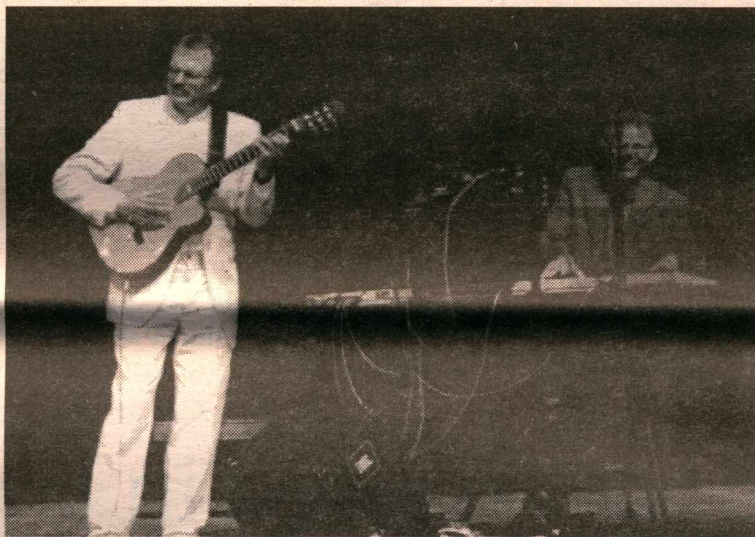
"Each of the people there are special in their own ways," says Shawn Blenker, who is part of this ministry club team. "Each has their own fun personality. There is one lady there, Mignon, who is a real kick in the pants. She's very flirtatious for a seventy-five year old lady."

"Angels ministry is also a great

way to unwind. Life can be so busy sometimes; just going there, seeing the people's upbeat attitudes can help a person's whole outlook on life."

"I think that for me this ministry has made me more compassionate and understanding," says Rachelle Lundy, this year's group president. "It's made me respect the older people, helped me understand them more. It's a real growing experience."

The Angels Ministry team meets every Monday night for Bingo. Just get to the Student Center outside of Sodexho-Marriott a little before seven O'Clock. The point of contact for the group is the president Rachelle Lundy, who can be reached at 8478. If you decide to come, be ready to have fun with some great people, and bring your best Bingo clothes!



**The Birchfield brothers from Tennessee came and shared their unique and very fun style of worship music in a special chapel.**

The Birchfield brothers travel around sharing their talent in music. They got an early start in music on account of their parents being involved in music evangelism. Their music is creative and innovative, especially with the use of their electronic instruments.

## The Northwesterners retreat



Lorine Van Corbach, Norma Thompson, Carrie Franks, Jodie Yoder, Brenna Olson, and Callie Gilbert pose in their Northwesterners initiation costumes. Each year, the new members of the choir are initiated during their retreat in McCall.

# Enrollment numbers are up

by Mindy Oldenkamp  
Crusader Campus Staff Writer

Out with the old and in with the new. Gone are the days of Northwest Nazarene College and present are the days of Northwest Nazarene University. The signs have changed, the campus is now nearly tree and shrub-free, and perhaps one of the most noticeable differences is the absence of Chapman Hall. But letting go of the old is good, and along with the tremendous amount of new things present on campus is also a plethora of new faces.

Enrollment for the 1999-2000 year of NNU is considerably higher than previous years. Perhaps you have noticed all the extra bodies in Sodexho-Marriott, all the filled

seats in chapel, or the fact that TimeOut now takes place in the Brandt Center on account of the lack of space in the Science Lecture Hall.

While official numbers regarding the actual total of students attending NNU this year have yet to be released, the rumors have it that the final tally will be considerably higher than the numbers of recent years.

"We've had a large number of positive inquiries from new students, parents, and prospective students with regards to our newly added sports programs as well as all the changes being made here on campus," stated Director of Admissions, Jim Butkus.

The addition of the new sports programs such as men's tennis and

track and field has definitely made an impact in enrollment. "The coaches have made great efforts in recruiting and are encouraging many prospective students to look into NNU due to the fact that we now have more sports to offer," Butkus added.

Although NNU is experiencing the addition of new students, the sense of community is not lost with all the more faces smiling as they walk across the campus. The dorms are full, and the chances of meeting a friendly face on campus are better than ever. With the increase in enrollment, school spirit is increased, and attendance of sporting events in slowly creeping higher. Make a point to greet some of the new faces on campus.

# Two trains collide in London, killing thirty

by Ryan K. Dooley  
World News Staff Writer

London, England -- The crash of two packed commuter trains last week that killed at least 30 people could have been prevented by a warning system that could have stopped one of the trains from running a red signal, the first official report on the disaster said Friday. Police, meanwhile, lowered the confirmed death toll to 30 and said the number of those unaccounted for had dropped to 64.

The interim report by government officials said the local commuter train ran the light, adding that signaling equipment was unlikely to have been at fault in Tuesday's crash near London's Paddington station.

But Chief Inspector of Railways Vic Coleman noted that the tragedy "would have been prevented by the installation and correct operation of a Train Protection Warning System."

The railways were due to have the system by 2003 under regulations passed this year. The system automatically stops a train if it runs a red light.

Coleman said both trains had other types of systems which alert the driver to an approaching red light by sounding a horn on three

separate occasions. The investigation has found nothing to indicate the systems were not working.

"But the emerging conclusions that the signals were showing appropriate colors and that somehow the Thames train went past a red signal does not indicate that we are placing blame on the driver at this stage," Coleman emphasized.

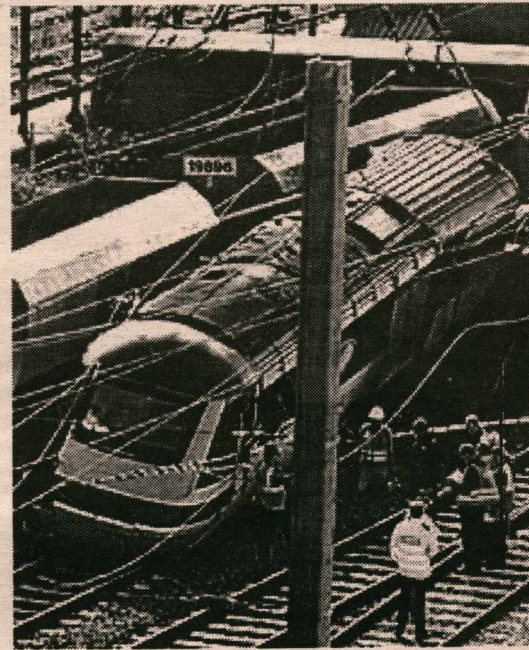
The inspector added that "until we've looked at all the circumstances" the tragedy should be seen as a "systems problem" and not that of an individual.

Asked whether fatigue, alcohol or drugs could be a factor, Coleman said random tests were regularly carried out on staff and that the matter would form part of the public inquiry led by Scottish judge Lord Douglas Cullen.

The report also said the signal at the fatal intersection was difficult for drivers to see, and that red lights at the spot had been ignored eight times in the past six years.

Rail workers have vowed to strike unless train firms agree to discuss the introduction of advanced safety equipment.

It was also announced Friday that a signal worker who saw what was happening via a video monitor tried to stop the train that had a green light by changing its



Officials inspect the site Saturday of the Friday collision between a passenger train and a freight train in London.

signal to red. But the change was made a few seconds too late and the crash happened almost simultaneously.

What is still unknown is whether the driver who ran the red signal had ignored it or didn't see it.

Newspapers reported that the driver who ran the signal had just qualified as a driver two months ago after eleven months

in training. Both drivers were killed in the crash.

"The Casualty Bureau has remained busy dealing with missing person reports, and many people who have been reported as missing have now been reported to have returned home safely," assistant chief commissioner Andy Trotter said at the crash scene, two miles west of Paddington Station.

Also Friday, the identities of eleven of the dead were confirmed at an official proceeding routine in cases of accidental death.

Friends and relatives, most of them still waiting for official word of their loss, grieved.

Several dozen bouquets of flowers have accumulated at the railway station in Reading, where as many as 50 of the dead may have boarded. One card read: "In memory of all those who died at Ladbroke Grove. It should never have happened."

At the crash scene, contractors continued building a complex scaffold around the burned hulk of a first-class carriage, where dozens of people are believed to have died.

The scaffolding will support a structure to permit pathologists and police to enter the coach, where ash is waist-deep in places.

"They will actually be hanging from harnesses above the debris so they can conduct their search," said Superintendent Tony Thompson of the British Transport Police. "What we don't know yet is what's underneath (the ash). Is it all ash or are there charred bodies beneath the ash?"

Dr. Paul Knapman, the Westminster coroner, said Thursday that it was "very likely that very few, if any, identifiable people will come out of that carriage."

The confirmed death toll makes the crash the worst since 1988, when 35 people died in a three-train collision in south London.

A two-train collision in Lewisham, south London, killed 92 in 1957, and 112 were killed in a three-train crash in Harrow five years earlier.

The nation's worst rail disaster was on May 22, 1915, when 227 people perished in Scotland.

# New suspect arrested in two embassy bombings

by Jeremy Smith  
World News Editor

New York, NY - A man whose home was allegedly used to build the bomb that destroyed the U.S. embassy in Tanzania last year pleaded not guilty on Friday, October 8, to murder charges. He was then extradited to the U.S., by U.S. officials, by permission of South Africa.

The blasts in Kenya and Tanzania killed more than 220 people and injured more than 4,000, crimes the U.S. blames on agents of Islamic guerrilla leader Osama bin Laden.

Khalfan Khamis Mohamed, a Tanzanian citizen, is the sixth defendant in the case of last year's bombings to be taken into U.S. custody.

There were no details given about the defendant or his arrest during the hearing. A lawyer representing Mohamed, during the hearing said the defendant could understand some

English but had requested a Swahili-speaking interpreter.

Mohamed would be eligible for the death penalty because South African authorities did not prohibit such punishment when allowing U.S. authorities to take him into custody. However, it is unclear whether the death penalty will be sought.

Mohamed is suspected of membership in a guerrilla cell with ties to bin Laden. One anonymous official points out that a lot of connections between cells and bin Laden are "tenuous," as bin Laden apparently used many local hires to carry out his activities.

As one official said: "He didn't light the fuse, but allegedly he was there that day."

The United States has charged 15 people with the bombings, including fugitive Saudi-born dissident Osama bin

Laden.

U.S. officials said that a CIA Gulfstream IV transported Mohamed from Cape Town to

*"He [Mohamed] didn't light the fuse, but allegedly he was there that day."*

*~Anonymous Source*

New York.

This is the 13th time an alleged terrorist wanted by the U.S. has been transported from a foreign country back to the U.S. for trial under a program called "renditions," under which a host nation will arrest an alleged terrorist for carrying a phony passport or identification papers and "render" him to U.S. custody without a hearing. The U.S. then provides an aircraft, and in most cases, that aircraft is a U.S. military plane.

"The suspect was arrested

early this week in Cape Town in a joint special operation," said South Africa's Director of Public Prosecutions Bulelani Ngcuka.

"Mohamed fled to South Africa a few days after the bombings and entered the country illegally under the false name of Zahran Nassor Maulid," he said.

The Western Cape region's head of immigration services, Jurie de Wet, said that the Tanzanian was not the only suspect in the bomb blasts sought in

South Africa and that more arrests were likely to come.

The ongoing investigation has so far led to a total of six "renditions" to the United States. Bin Laden remains a fugitive in Afghanistan. The U.S. government is offering a \$5 million reward for information leading to his arrest and conviction.

Like the others, Mohamed is being charged in connection with all of the deaths caused by the attacks. The victims in Nairobi, Kenya, number 213, including 12 Americans, giving the U.S. jurisdiction over the matter. Eleven people, none of them Americans, died in the blast in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania.

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# Heavy flooding devastates parts of Mexico

by Heather Oglevic  
World News Staff Writer

Friday, in the city of Teziutlan in southeastern Mexico, dozens of people dug with tools or bare hands, trying to recover friends and relatives buried in mud. They had little hope of finding survivors. Caused by heavy rains Tuesday's mudslide, has already killed over 230 of the city's 180,000 inhabitants—and the death toll is expected to rise as bodies are recovered. Already, Mexico's president, Ernesto Zedillo, is calling the disaster "the tragedy of the decade."

Teziutlan was the hardest-hit of several of Mexico's southern states in a wave of flooding that eclipses the aftermath of Hurricane Pauline in '97.

Many mountain communities are stranded without help after mudslides blocked roads and cut phone lines. Most areas are completely without electricity. However, the worst damage was caused by mudslides ripping into the towns themselves, causing devastation almost beyond imagination. Teziutlan's La Aurora neighborhood was completely buried when a cliff-top cemetery poured down a ravine and into town.

Witnesses say they saw two-story houses carried away like little chips of wood on the sea of mud. Hundreds of thousands of people have been left homeless, a

situation not likely to change despite President Zedillo's promise of government assistance in the worst-hit areas.

The recovery effort is a grim process: teams of workers, already several days behind in the race to find survivors, have little expectation of finding anyone left alive. "The people are dead," said

rains buried 20 houses and a primary school. Workers digging in the buried school recovered the bodies of two teachers, a housewife and a one-year-old girl, with at least 15 others missing and presumed dead.

In Gutierrez Zamora, a town in Veracruz, witnesses saw bodies swept away in a swollen river,

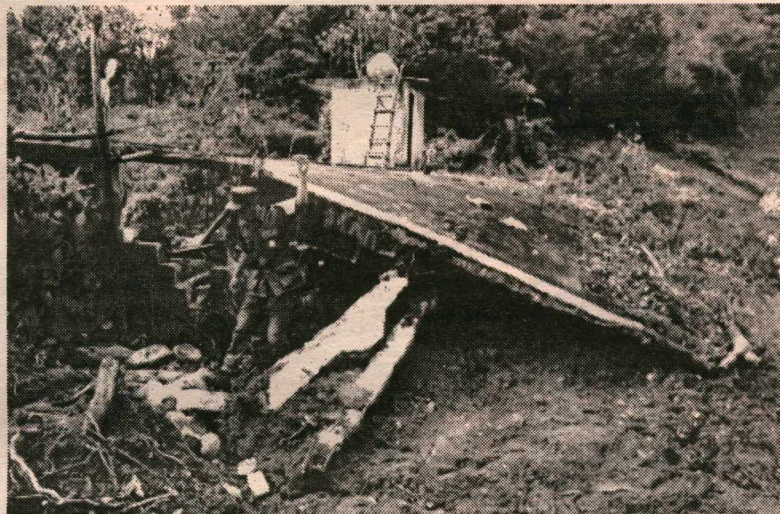
swamps where the river meets the sea." Everyone involved seems too shocked or horrified to be anything but matter-of-fact.

Still others are turning to religion to protect them from the flooding. Roman Catholic priests and their congregations knelt in the cathedral and on the banks of the swollen Grijalva River in Villahermosa, praying for the water to recede before reaching their city, a touching display of faith. But others are simply dealing with grim reality as well as

they can.

Back in Teziutlan, thousands of homeless are living in temporary shelters in schools, auditoriums, and other public buildings. Shortages of clean water and food are becoming severe problems.

In addition, clothing manufacturers Guess? and Tommy Hilfiger have shut down their factories in the area due to the flooding, leaving many unemployed. There is not one person in the area whose life the disaster has not touched.



A soldier searches through the rubble to find survivors in the aftermath of the floods that destroyed parts of Mexico.

one. "Everything's destroyed." Nor does it help that items like toys, tricycles and bedposts are being pulled out of the muck alongside bodies and other debris. It is, no doubt, a heartbreaking task.

In other areas such as the remote village of Maxim in the northwest part of the country, a mudslide caused by the heavy

some wrapped around the branches of trees.

The mayor, Carlos Castenada, said nine residents were confirmed dead, but the real number of victims was unknown. "We are counting them as they turn up," he said. Others fear that the death toll will be far higher. A radio reporter, Carlos Klast, remarked "They'll turn up in the

## Nuclear test treaty to be delayed

Over the weekend several Clinton administrators pushed over the weekend for the delay of the Senate vote on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. The treaty will restrict the United States as well as 154 other countries which have signed the treaty, from taking part in or encouraging any nuclear tests within their jurisdictions. Only 48 out of the 154 countries have ratified the treaty and the United States must be among those to ratify it in order for it to take effect. The ban, however, is heading toward rejection. Its advocates are about 15-20 votes short of the two-thirds majority needed in the Senate to pass the treaty. The Clinton administration claims that the rejection of the ban would send a message to the world that we are not serious about the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. Its opponents claim that the treaty could be a beginning to the weakening of America's "nuclear deterrent," and could halt the development of necessary deadly weapons in the future.

## Satellite launched from Pacific

An international consortium known as the Sea Launch Co. recently launched the first commercial satellite into orbit from an ocean platform in the South Pacific. The rocket boosted the Direct TV satellite into space off of a former oil rig-turned-sea-pad, about 1,400 miles southeast of Hawaii. One of the intents of the sea endeavor is to place the launches as close to the equator as possible. Officials from the consortium, which is sponsored by companies from the United States, Russia, Ukraine and Norway, believe that the "faster rotational velocity" at the earth's equator, will provide such advantages as heavier payloads.

## Local company receives grant

The Nampa Neighborhood Housing Services and Centennial Job Corps have received \$193,756 from \$39.1 million in Youthbuild grants, distributed by Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo. The money will be used to train young people in construction skills. The funds have been formally awarded to the Nampa Neighborhood Housing Services, which will administer and provide the money for the training, while Centennial Job Corps will provide the actual training. In the end, the program will benefit local youth, including those who have dropped out of high-school, as well as Nampa residents.

## Isaiah Thomas buys Stampede

Former Detroit Piston guard/NBA star Isaiah Thomas recently finalized his purchase of the CBA and the Idaho Stampede. The most substantial advantage to come from the purchase will be the league's unification. The CBA will now be able to bargain collectively, with more power. Thomas' intentions are to make the CBA into a minor league from which the NBA can draft. CBA and NBA teams will have closer affiliations much like professional baseball. Stampede General Manager Clay Moser repudiated rumors of the team's possible connections with the Utah Jazz, believing that it is too early to make such assumptions.

# Lawyers set sights on HMOs

by Jeremy Smith  
World News Editor

Washington D.C. - Managed health care companies are now the big target of lawyers. Lawyers are lining up to go after the HMOs, including a trial lawyers' council in San Diego that which is planning the nation's next big wave of lawsuits.

The lawyers aren't targeting tobacco or the gun industry. Now they are after the HMOs, the health maintenance organizations that cover nearly 85 million Americans.

The lawyers, who headed the legal battle with the tobacco industry, say that HMOs are putting profits above patients.

"When you have what I call the three As — arrogance, avarice and attitude — working together, folks go to lawyers and lawyers go to court," said trial lawyer Russ Herman.

The latest in the lawsuits

come this week against health care giant Humana. The lawsuit accuses Humana's HMOs of paying bonuses to doctors who deny coverage to patients, even when the proposed treatment is medically necessary.

The lawyers behind the lawsuit say HMOs seldom disclose to the patient how their decisions are made.

"The policy holder ought to know that the doctors they see get this economic payment and Humana creates an economic disincentive to provide broader coverage," said Joseph Sellers, a trial lawyer.

Humana declined comment on the lawsuit but claimed that four out of every five of its patients say they are satisfied with the coverage they receive.

Lawsuits against HMOs are a difficult, if not impossible, matter. Only three states, Georgia, Texas and California allow the right to sue HMOs. However, the

idea is now getting more precedence.

Just last week, the Illinois Supreme Court gave a green light to lawsuits against HMOs in that state. The U.S. Supreme Court will decide later this year whether HMOs in any state can be sued under federal law.

Yet the industry is worried that the target is not the health of the patients, but the money that the lawsuits will generate.

"Targeting us in a way that will be detrimental to the health care system may line their own pockets, but in the end is going to mean that fewer people can afford health care," said Susan Pisano of the American Association of Health Plans.

Congress and the courts now must decide whether more lawsuits will improve the quality of the nation's health care or just make it more expensive for the people to receive the care that they need.

# Five faculty members take the time to

by Nathan Hydes  
Crusader Editor-In-Chief

The idea for this story was originally brought to me about a year ago when I was told that the NNU library had one of the best collections of baseball books in this region of the country. Still having my doubts about the magnitude of the collection, I headed over to the library to see for myself. What I found was quite amazing.

The NNU library had, on hand, 299 books on baseball. At least that's how many I found. There might have been some that were checked out or misplaced. To put this number in perspective, let me share how many books I found on other subjects. Of all the sports, baseball obviously had the most books with 299. Football was second with 37 books, basketball had 26, golf 18, soccer 11, badminton eight and one book on bullfighting. I was stunned. When I asked why there were so many baseball books, I was told

the English professors were largely responsible.

Dr. Dennis is the person who donated most of the books. As it turns out, he's quite a baseball fan. It seems the NNU faculty is riddled with not only baseball fans, but baseball nuts.

## Dr. Dennis

Dr. Dennis is one of those nuts. In the opinion of the other faculty members I talked to, Dennis is probably the most knowledgeable when it comes to baseball history. According to Dr. Bennett, Dennis deserves the credit for making the baseball section of the library what it is today. "When I got here, there were probably about 50 books in our library about baseball," Dennis admits. Over the years, however, Dennis has donated several books a year which he picks up at used book stores and various other places. After 20 years of doing this, the baseball library has been beefed up considerably.

How did this fascination start? According to Dennis, it began at an early age. "When I was growing up, baseball actually was the national pastime," Dennis said. Back then there were less options for kids. "My own son is into Tae Kwon Do. I didn't even know what that was when I was a kid."

The first time he can remember being a baseball fan was in the fourth grade. He recalls one story where he told his class that he wanted to be president of the United States or centerfielder for the New York Yankees when he grew up. The class laughed when he said he wanted to play professional baseball, but they saw nothing wrong with him being president.

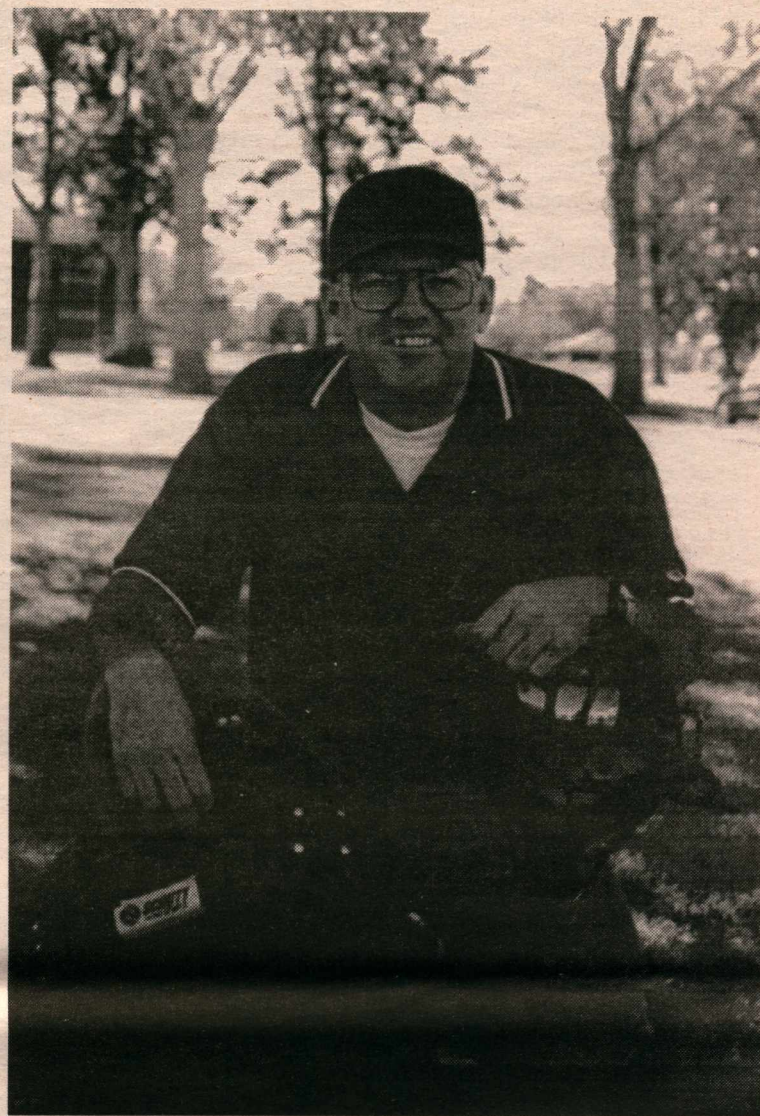
As a child, Dennis was an avid Yankees fan, and Mickey Mantle was his hero, although now he says Babe Ruth is his all-time favorite player. He was thrilled when Seattle got a professional team in the 70s. They were then known as the Seattle Pilots.

He played little league growing up, but unfortunately, the ability just wasn't there. He played through the eighth grade, but in his own words, "I couldn't hit to save my life. I couldn't throw or catch either. The only thing I could do was run. So I quit the baseball team and joined track in high school." As a result, his baseball hobby took a backseat for awhile. It was time, he decided, to leave childhood fantasies behind. It wasn't until he reached graduate school that he picked up the hobby again.

As an adult, baseball appeals to his love of literature. "Baseball has inspired a lot of great writers," Dennis said, most of whom you can find on the shelves in our library.

One of the reasons baseball is such a great sport, according to Dr. Dennis, is because it's the only sport where you can argue that the old-time players were just as good as the players today. In any other sport, the current players are held in the highest esteem.

People never argue that George Mikan or Bill Russel are



As shown here, Dr. DeCloss is an umpire for high school baseball games. Not only is DeCloss an avid baseball fan, he has also enjoyed coaching little league baseball. "My goal is to help the kids have so much fun they want to come back the next year and play again...and I also hope they learn a little bit about the game and rules."

the greatest basketball players of all time. People rarely mention anybody older than Magic Johnson or Larry Bird when

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they talk about all-time greats of the NBA. The same goes for football.

Ever heard of Sammy Baugh or Jim Hutson? These were the two great NFL players in the 1940s. For some reason, they seem to pale in light of John Elway and Jim Rice.

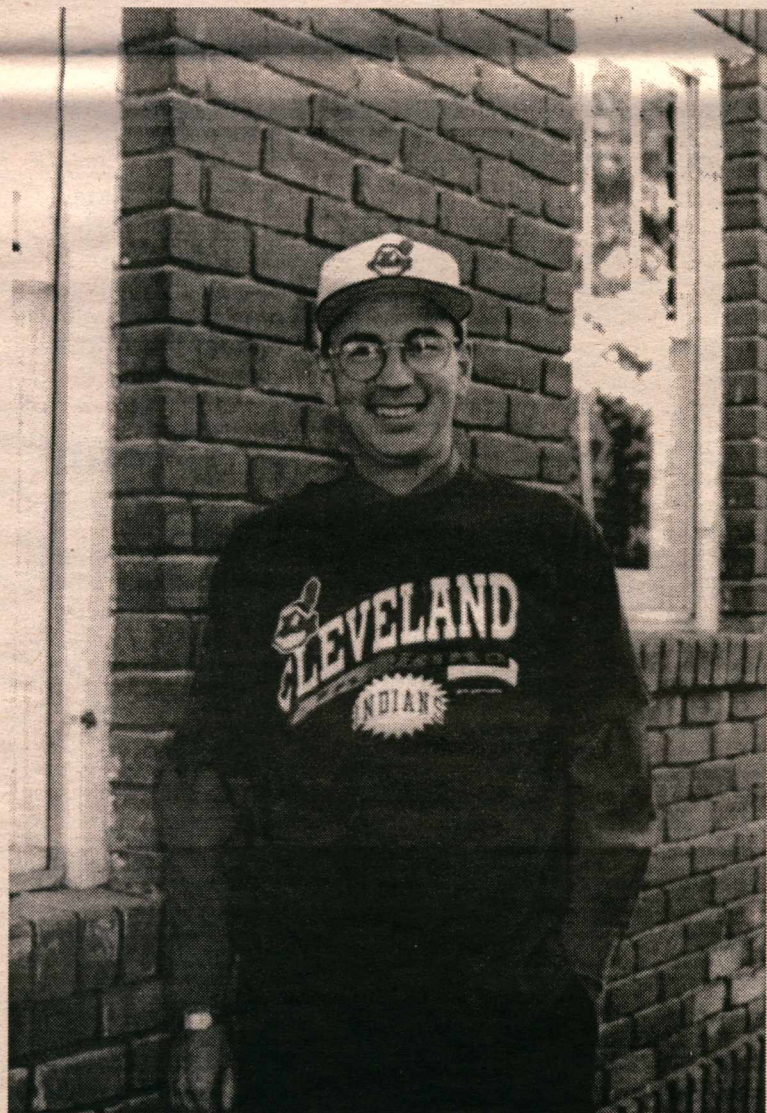
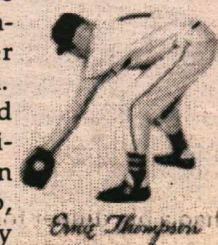
On the other hand, if you

look at the great players of the same era in baseball, you come up with a plethora of names including Jackie Robinson, Ted Williams, Willie Mays, Satchell Paige, Joe DiMaggio and countless others. Baseball truly is the only timeless sport.

## Dr. Wantland

Dr. Wantland is originally from northern Ohio. This means one thing: he is a Cleveland Indians--but not a Cincinnati Reds--fan. No one can be both. As he put it, "There are no divided loyalties. You pick one or the other." In his case, he's been standing faithfully by the Indians since he was a kid. The Reds are simply another team to him.

His dad was an Indians fan growing up, and actually



Dr. Wantland grew up in Ohio, and as a result became a dedicated Indians fan. Here he dons his finest Indians apparel complete with two Chief Wahoos. "It was tough sticking with the Indians, but I did it no matter what. And it was a pretty bad what, I'll tell you."



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played semi-pro ball during the 1940s. The Indians were one of the major teams in the 40s and 50s, and that was who he saw growing up. But when the 70s rolled around, the Reds were having their heyday, and the Indians spent the better part of two decades at the cellar every year. "It was tough sticking with the Indians, but I did it no matter what. And it was a pretty bad what, I'll tell you," he said, laughing.

Wantland is one of the few faculty members who had a shot at playing pro ball. He played throughout his childhood and continued to play into college. He was a centerfielder for the team at Mount Vernon Nazarene College. He batted .435 his senior year and led the team with 4 home runs. He had a few scouts come look at him, one of whom was from the Philadelphia Phillies.

If given the opportunity, he would have quit college and pursued a career playing baseball. "That was my dream my whole life...that was what I hoped to do. I really had no clear-cut aim when I went to college other than playing baseball and hopefully getting drafted and going on. In terms of other careers, I hadn't much thought about it." Unfortunately, the draft didn't come. "I was good, you might say, but just not good enough."

Baseball is a constantly changing game. In some ways it can be argued that it has either gotten better or worse, but either way, there are some things that won't change. "It's not the same thing it was in the 50s," Wantland said, "but I still think there's a magic about it that won't go away, that can't be duplicated in any other sport."

## Dr. DeCloss

Dr. DeCloss grew up playing baseball. He liked playing outfield, but he says he couldn't hit very well. He recalled one season in particular: "I remember at the end of the season they had a big dinner for all the play-

ers, and they had stats listed for everybody, and my average said .000. I didn't hit the ball once the whole season. It was pretty embarrassing."

Now that he has recovered from that devastating season in the late 50s, he enjoys baseball vicariously by coaching Babe Ruth baseball and watching his son play for Nampa Christian. He no longer coaches, but recently he started umpiring for

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high school baseball games.

A few years ago, Dr. DeCloss coached a little league team with Dr. Ganske. "I'd like to go back and coach Babe Ruth again," DeCloss said. "It's fun watching the kids develop...My goal is to help the kids have so much fun they want to come back the next year and play again...and I also hope they learn a little bit about the game and rules."

Although his baseball interest has peaked while living in Nampa, he was a Dodgers fan when he lived in Los Angeles, and as a result of having family in San Francisco, he became a Giants fan as well. When he later moved to Nampa, his son became interested in the Seattle Mariners, so DeCloss began to root for them too. "I don't really support any one team," DeCloss said. "I just tend

to root for west coast teams."

If there's one thing that bothers Dr. DeCloss about baseball today, it's the laziness he sees on the field. "It really irritates me to see a guy hit a long ball and just walk it instead of hustling right away...Ken Griffey, Jr. and Barry Bonds are both bad at that...There's also a lot of players who seem to have bad attitudes. Rickey Henderson is one. He seems to be pretty arrogant. Those kinds of attitudes bother me."

But, overall, DeCloss has a positive attitude toward baseball today. "I thought that Mark McGwire Sammy Sosa thing was just phenomenal. It really brought a lot of people back to baseball. They handled the public well, they weren't arrogant. I thought it was great...Besides, the fans like the longball."

## Dr. Bennett

Dr. Bennett grew up in a small town. So small, in fact, that there was no organized baseball league for kids. As a result, he didn't have the opportunity to hone his baseball skills. The only time he remembers playing was at school until the seventh grade. Until a few years ago, Bennett was ac-

tive in softball.

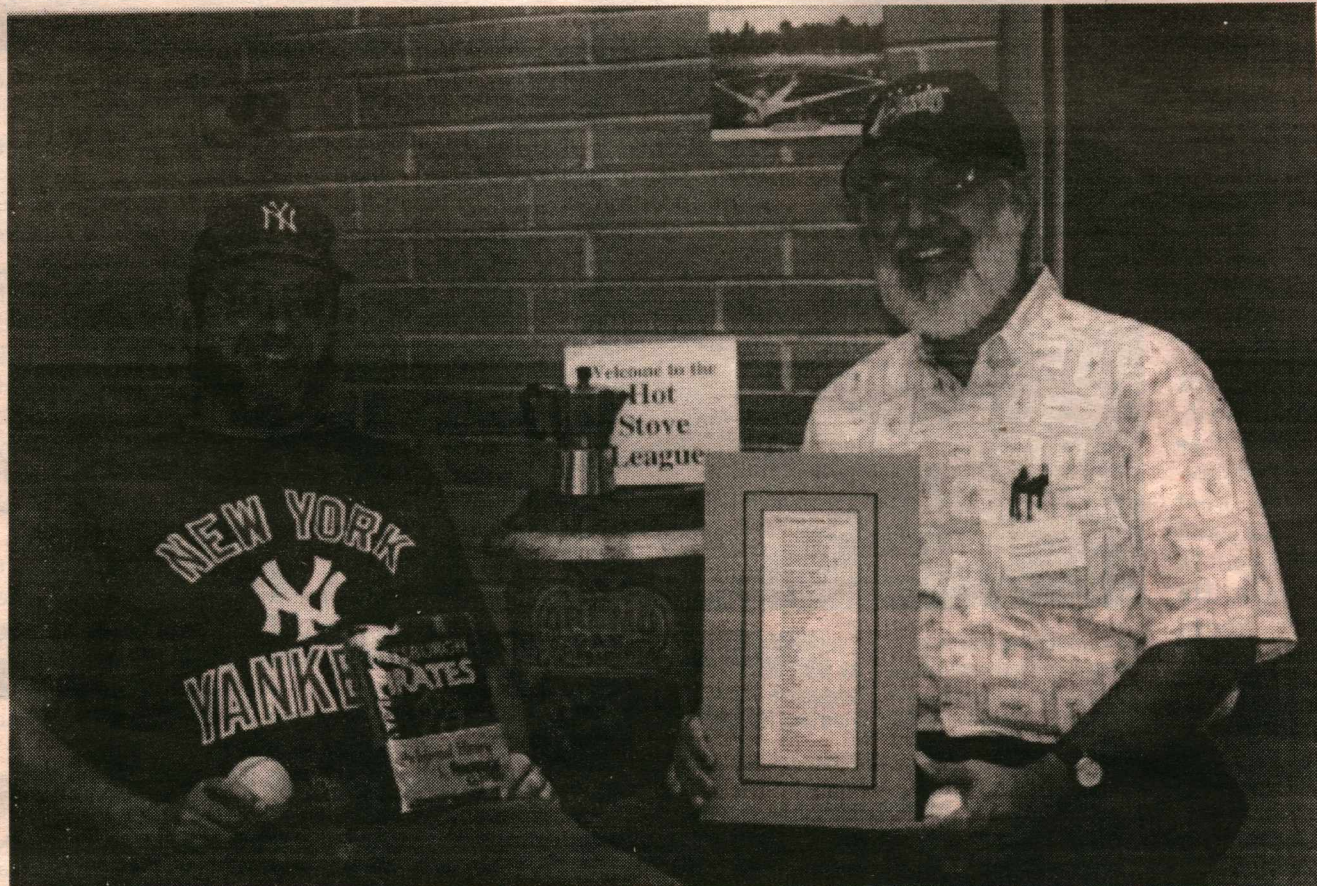
Of all the things Dr. Bennett commented on, one caught me as especially interesting. It was when he said, "There seem to be a lot more educated people that like baseball than football." In a column Dr. Bennett reads regularly called "Stark's Reality," the NFL was referred to not as the National Football League, but quite appropriately as the "Not Fun League." Ed

Castledine agreed with the theory that baseball attracts a smarter crowd. "I wouldn't be surprised if that were true," he said. "Baseball does seem to attract a less violent crowd."

So why is Dr. Bennett a fan of baseball instead of football or basketball or any other sport? "I have a feeling the reason I'm interested in baseball is because baseball resonates with story structure that we're born with.

has the same elements as a story with conflict, drama and periods of inactivity shattered by periods of crisis."

Dr. Bennett's claim to fame in the baseball world didn't come with his playing ability, but his writing ability. In a way, Bennett has established himself as something of a baseball historian. He has written 32 biographical essays which were published in the series titled,



Two serious fans, Dr. Dennis and Dr. Bennett hold up some of their favorite pieces of baseball memorabilia. Dr. Dennis is holding a baseball autographed by Red Sox great Ted Williams and a book on the history of the Pittsburgh Pirates signed by the author. Dr. Bennett is holding a poem he wrote which was put on display in The Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. He is also wearing a Boise Hawks baseball cap. Bennett holds season tickets to the Hawks games.

*The Biographical Dictionary of American Sports.* He wrote about players young and old, most of whom were Dodgers, including Tony Gwynn. Gwynn is currently his favorite player.

But his biggest achievement may have come when he submitted a poem to a contest he saw advertised in the tabloid *Baseball Weekly*. The poem he sent in ended up winning second place. He won a variety of exquisite merchandise, including pens, notepads and other similar lavish gifts. But the exciting part was when the poem was put on display at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

## Ed Castledine

Ed Castledine claims to be a better baseball card collector than a baseball player. It all started when he was in the second grade and he bought his first baseball card from a neighborhood kid for five cents. It was a '54 Bowman Sammy White. White was a mediocre catcher for the Red Sox. "The name Sammy White doesn't mean a thing to anyone else. I bought the card because I thought it was so pretty, and that was probably my introduction to baseball."

During his childhood, Castledine was known for having the best baseball card collection in his class. He had about 1,500 baseball cards from the 50s. But, as the story goes, his mother threw

them all away. He started collecting again years later and has since compiled a collection which surpasses his old one.

Castledine recalled getting a first baseman's mit when he was in the fourth grade, and after that he and his friends would play ball for hours in the

streets. "We always played baseball in the streets. That was our playground."

Castledine played little league baseball as a kid and played some high school ball, but he never excelled at it. "I liked baseball in high school, but baseball didn't like me anymore. I just wasn't that good."

His one big attempt at the baseball world came when he tried out for the NNC baseball team in 1964. He made the team, but he admits that he spent most of the season riding the bench. He was active in tennis at the time, but he decided to put his tennis career on hold in order to try the sport he loved most. Although he didn't get a whole lot of playing time, he looks back on his one season on the diamond as a great one because of the head coach, Elmore Vail. "I went out for the team for one reason. I had heard so much about Elmore Vail...I heard so

Of the five faculty members I interviewed, Castledine was the most passionate about baseball. The interview lasted just over two hours, and he had a smile on his face almost the entire time. Whenever he would recall a game he went to or a baseball card he used to have, he couldn't help but get a little excited. Here is a man who truly loves baseball; what an admirable quality.

He had a long list of reasons why he thought baseball was a great game. "Baseball is a game that is handed down from father to son or father to daughter," Castledine said. "I didn't hand down football to my son, but we sure did play a lot of baseball."

Throughout his career as a fan, Castledine has been to an impressive number of major league ballparks, including old Comiskey Park, Wrigley Field, Candlestick Park, Oakland Coliseum, Dodger Stadium, Safeco Field, Tiger Stadium, Kaufmann Stadium, Mile High Stadium and Cynergy Field.

As I was walking out the door, Castledine said, "You'll leave, but I'll spend the rest of the afternoon daydreaming about baseball."

## The Pete Rose debate

During the summer of '99, Pete Rose was making headlines yet again as he approached the tenth anniversary of being banned from baseball for life. Rose was banned in 1989 by the late commissioner Bart Giamatti for gambling on baseball while he managed the Cincinnati Reds. Rose currently holds the all-time hit record with 4,256 hits, dwarfing Ty Cobb's long standing record. The question being debated

is: should Rose be admitted to the Hall of Fame, or should his offenses keep him out? So I asked the question, "Should Pete be forgiven for what he did?" to each of the faculty members. The verdict was 4-1 in favor of Rose's readmittance.

Dr. Decloss more or less

summed up what most of the faculty members said when he stated, "Absolutely it's time to bring Rose back. I think if they allow guys like Daryl Strawberry time and time again to come back and get a second, third and fourth chance, they should apologize to Pete Rose...It seems like Giamatti had a vendetta against Pete Rose. I just don't understand it at all."

Dr. Bennett echoed the thoughts of DeCloss. "I feel a little bit ambiguous about it. I have a suspicion that Bart Giamatti had kind of a personal vendetta going that I didn't understand. It seemed to me that Pete Rose loved the game...If you let a guy like Ty Cobb into the Hall of Fame, why not Pete Rose? He's a guy with a flawed life, but the Hall of Fame is full of guys with flawed lives. Babe Ruth was a pretty unsavory character."

Dr. Dennis, on the other hand sees things differently. "Ban him for life," he said without hesitation. "Rose committed the ultimate sin," that sin being disgracing the game of baseball. He continued, saying that anytime a manager or player bets on the games he's directly involved with, he's effecting the outcome of that game. All the evidence points to Rose gambling. And the fact that Rose's old teammates don't support him kind of makes you think he was probably guilty.

"Don't listen to Dennis," Castledine said jokingly. "I say put him in. At face value, I would recognize Pete Rose as a Hall of Fame Player, but not a Hall of Fame person."

## The DH rule

The DH rule came into effect in the early 1970s when low batting averages and powerful pitchers were dominating the game. In an effort to boost fan interest and the amount of runs scored, the American League suggested that a talented hitter bat in place of the pitcher. Ever since that fateful season, debates have gone on, and they continue even today.

There are even websites dedicated to this never-ending controversy.

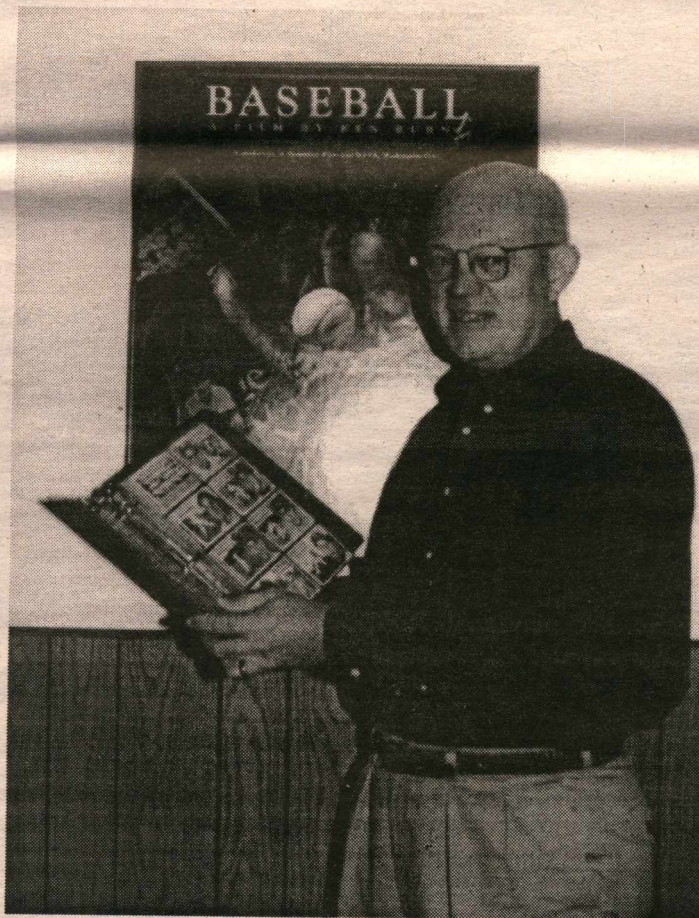
Bennett expressed his disgust when he said, "The DH rule is the stupidest thing to ever happen to baseball. Pretty soon it's going to be like football and you'll have an offensive team and a defensive team; you'll have nine guys who play in the field, then nine different players to bat. Ed Castledine agreed. "The DH rule and artificial grass, those are two things that don't belong in baseball. I think people who really like the game would agree."

No one I talked to particularly liked the DH rule, but some have learned to live with

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it. "Initially I was with the purists, but I've come to accept it," Wantland said.

Baseball carries with it a feeling of magic. As corny as that may sound, it's true. It seems to possess a characteristic that cannot be replaced. It grabs us when we're kids and it simply refuses to let go.



Ed Castledine has a passion for baseball that is unparalleled. He follows the current players as well as the players of seasons gone by. He also boasts a very impressive vintage baseball card collection. "I don't collect anything newer than 1960, Castledine admits."







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# Small packages

by Jayson Grenn and  
Scott Campbell

Crusader News Staff Writer

As many of us go through life, the opportunity to meet extraordinary people is small. When presented the chance, we either don't recognize it and regret it later or, for the few of us who do, we are better people because of it. This is where midgets come in.

All joking aside, midgets have made my life better. Oh sure, they make you laugh in such movies as "Willy Wonka and the chocolate factory," "The Wizard of Oz" and the proudest Hollywood movie moment for small people everywhere, "Willow".

Without midgets, these movie are simply not possible to make. And who would have heard of Verne Troyer or "mini-me", whose recent movie debut has launched midget popularity skyward and drastically increased his public persona.

Of course, seeing these joyous people in your everyday life makes your day a little better (no pun intended). Midget firemen (playing with hoses, ladders, dalmatians, sliding down the pole, the whole gambit): funny.

Watching a midget weather person on the six o'clock news: show me the funny. And what did about midget clowns? Could be the most side-splitting action ever imagined in the entire galaxy. There would be nothing funnier. Call the Fox network, Get their people on it.

Not only are midgets extremely funny, but they are extremely strong and very compact people. They have all of the essential components of the human body, only crammed into about half the area of the human body. They are very powerful people because any muscle they have is unusually dense, which is no surprise to me.

Have you ever seen "Dwarf Tossing" on TV? Only the strongest of the strong can partici-

pate because; their height is misleading, midgets weigh about the same as I do.

Truthfully, we all know that the midgets have been planning one day to turn the tables and start tossing "regular" people, because they can, only we wouldn't suspect it. And you know what? Shortness isn't a disadvantage. God has blessed them with that gift. It's unique.

Anyone can get whiter teeth, more hair or a nose job. Heck you can even take growth hormones, if you think you aren't tall enough. But guess what? You can't do anything to become like those special people.

You can't shrink! But even with this so called "drawback", midgets have made the best of their lives. They have sprung up a small town in Utah, where 4'10" plays center for the basketball team.

Their organization, the Little People of America, reaches out to other dwarfs with peer support and counseling. They continue to be popular in movies, TV shows, and more recently, music videos.

If you ever get the chance to meet one, you will learn, as have I, that they can be the kindest people ever. They have learned to be confident in their shortcomings of not having that over-rated thing called "height". You never hear of midgets robbing banks or going to jail because they are the nicest people you will meet.

They have discovered that they aren't less of a people or less loved by God because they are shorter than most. They love everyone because, through their life experiences, they have seen that everyone is created equally through the hand of God.

That simple fact is what I have learned from the midgets I have known. Maybe we all could learn something from the small people who make our life better.

To learn more about dwarfs and midgets visit Little People of America at [www.lpaonline.com](http://www.lpaonline.com)

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# Livin' in the Real World

by Gene Schandorff

Chaplain

It's fascinating what sort of things can stir up an argument around here. I'd expect a fight if I spoke up for an increase in chapel fines or a 7:00 p.m. curfew for Kirkeide residents (wait, they'd love a 7:00 p.m. curfew) I'm amazed that I've stirred up a bit of controversy by simply stating that the NNU community really is the "real world."

Late last year a couple of students suggested that I reconsider what seemed to them to be a ludicrous assertion. So, I have. I must say that the notion that NNU is "not the real world" has a lot to commend it.

Take, for instance, the whole idea of grades. Since this isn't the real world, when you send off that transcript or resume all you have to do is attach this brief disclaimer:

"Dear Sirs, or Madam, The grades recorded on the enclosed transcript represent work done in an "unreal world." Had the work been done in the real world, your world, I as-

sure you that they would be far better. Really!"

Then there's the whole idea of "bad news." You know, the call from home informing the student that their parent has a terminal disease. Since this isn't the real world, it must not be real news. And what about the female student who discovers she's going to be a mother. Once again, not the "real world, not the real deal. Now at the considerable risk of alienating many of the male students on campus, I must add that this particular bit of fancy comes as particularly good news to women involved, as I have observed that the men involved often have no trouble acting like nothing ever happened. As Bart says, "Denial is not just a river in Egypt."

And so it goes. The problem is, the calls do come. The news is often bad. Students have to make very difficult decisions. And in the midst of it all they have to make an effort to keep their minds on studies that sometimes seem about as meaningful as the words of some other school's Alma Mater.

But it's one thing to contend

that this is the "real world" because "real things" happen to "real people. Some would say that's not even the "real issue." Life at NNU is unreal because of all rules! Many a chapel-card-note has informed this chaplain that in the "Real World" people would be allowed to make "decisions" for themselves. Last week I visited with a 1998 grad who was spending two final weeks of freedom before starting her career with a major U.S. entertainment corporation.

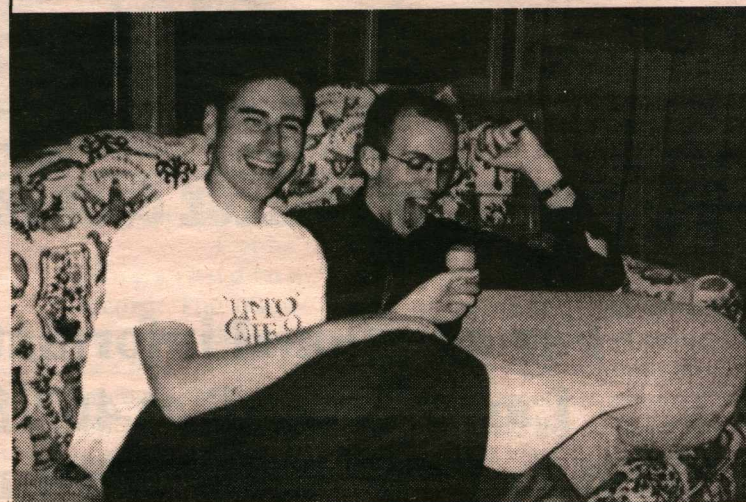
She had just come from her orientation. In the course of the class she had been told what kind of clothes she would wear to work, what kind of make-up she would wear to work, what she would call herself while at work, what she would call the clients while at work, what she would call the bathroom where she worked, and what she would say to her supervisor when she had occasion to use what ever she called the bathroom where she worked. And that, my friend, is the Real World! And so, in its own way, is this.

Let's talk.

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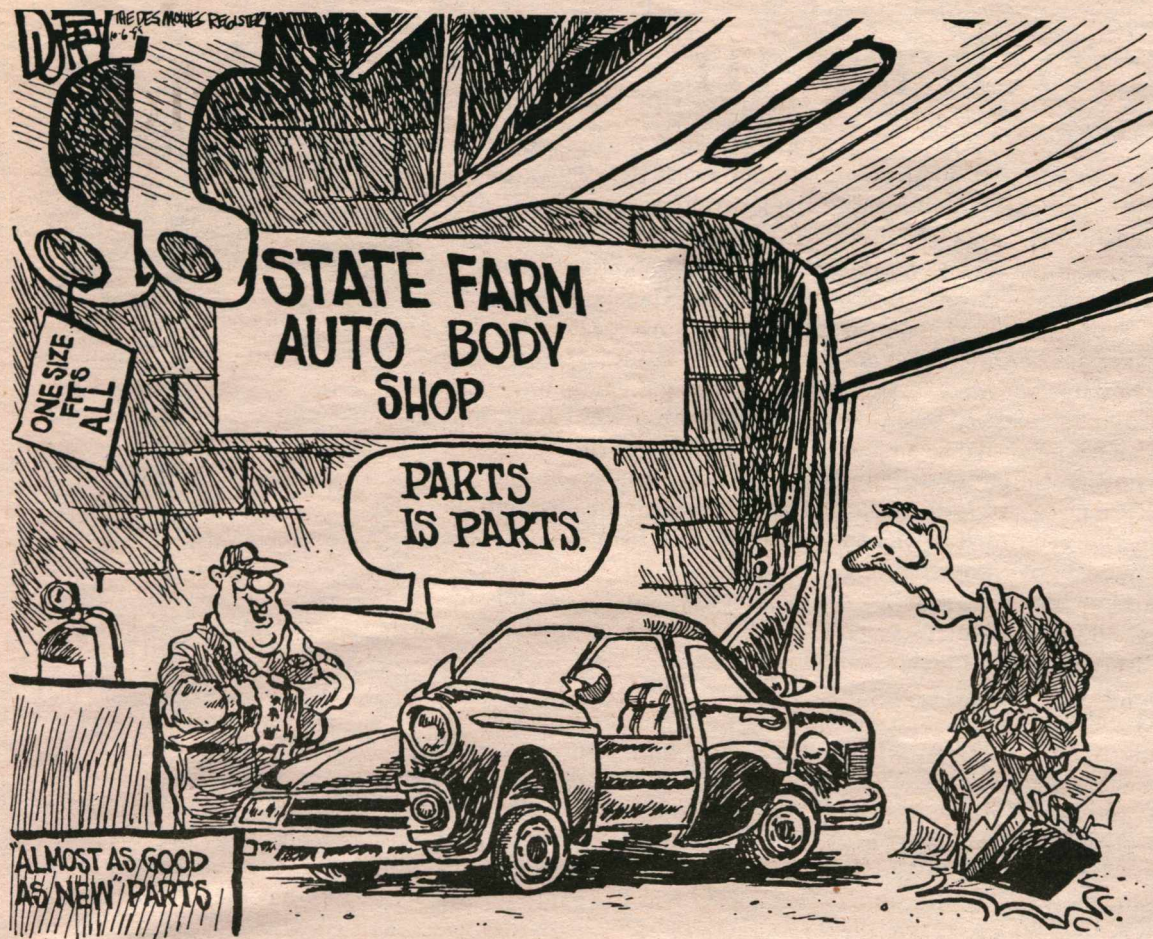


## Staff Infection



While Nathan is sitting on the Liberty Couch, Will tries ever so sneakily to steal a lick off Nathan's cone. When Will isn't trying to steal ice cream, he enjoys water polo, cribbage, and small rodents.

Cheese and canadian bacon...that freaky thing...that one looks like a woman...I am going to teach you more dance moves...can I read you my favorite line...pizza... I, again am mis-reading...are you proud... lets get married...that is so terrible...if we had seperate rooms...seperate beds?...that's sad...I just thought of it...I am going to have a ceremony...they take a sample...in my room...did you know i did palm reading once...sad thing...I've made it a rule to not contribute to the staff infection...I believe...I think it takes some growth time...settle, settle, settle.. went there to teach...he is here to entertain...that guy was on the Mickey Mouse Club...ahhh...you work on it and we will see if we can keep the process going...I want to learn how to be a groupie...I like it... I don't understand...I need to know... I love all people...I wan't to dress up like you for Halloween....



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# A response to the problem of Polygamy

by Jason Person  
*Crusader News Guest Writer*

I have known Nathaniel Hydes for four years now. He is a great guy and I would advise that everyone get to know him. There is only one drawback to it. When he needs an article, I, as a friend, am required to produce an intelligent and relevant article on current events, with very little time to prepare for it.

Because of my time deficit, I believe that I will respond to Chad's and Nathan's polygamy arguments.

I have to admit that this is not an easy task for me. For one thing, how can anyone try to address an argument produced by

Chad Cray? We all know that if Chad says something, then it must be true. And what about Nathan? Nathan wrote a very compelling and logical answer that most people I have talked to agree with. Being a married man myself, I find myself under penalty of death if I do not agree with monogamy, so I have been saying that I agree with Nathan just like the others.

But for me the argument has not ended. Like I said previously, I agree with Nathan's point of view.

Incidentally, so does the Bible, specifically in the book of Matthew. Matthew 19: 4-6 says

that a man shall leave his mother and father and will join with his wife and the *two will become one flesh*. Jesus quotes this scripture from the book of Genesis, so this perspective comes from both testaments of the Bible. But I also have to agree with Chad because I don't believe that the government can *tell anyone* what beliefs they can and can't hold or act on.

The argument that something is Jesus's law (like the wrongness of polygamy) cannot be used by the government because not everyone in our so-

ciety are followers of Jesus. This is why it would not be appropriate for our government to force any belief on the entire popula-

## *Is it your Christian duty to tell her she is going to hell?*

tion.

Think of it this way: picture a friend in your head. Let us say that she is not a Christian and she is married. Unfortunately, she has fallen in love with another man, but her love for her first husband remains. Your friend wants to marry her new love interest while keeping her

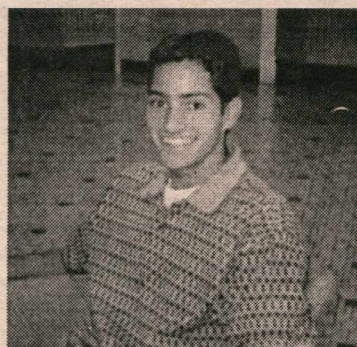
original. When she tells you this, is it your Christian duty to tell her she is going to hell? I think we all agree that you would not. Mentioning your belief in the matter would be appropriate, but what if she does not take heed of your belief?

You see, it is easy to dictate what a law should be, but when a family member or friend is involved, it makes the situation much more relevant. With this thought in mind, I would say that polygamy is wrong, but forcing others to live that belief will not accomplish our goal, which is to bring all people to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

## YOUR Turn

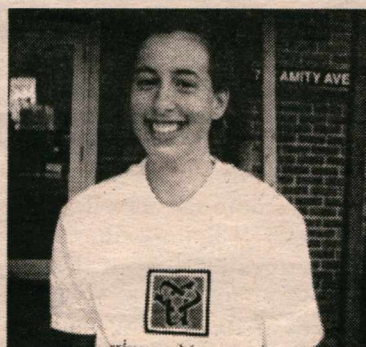
Random answers from random people on random issues:

### What are your predictions for the world series this year?



Brice Roncace Freshman Meridian, ID Business

"My predictions for the world series will be the Chicago Bulls and the New York Yankees. The Bulls have great outfield abilities."



Mindy Meier Sophomore Anchorage, AK General Studies

"I have too much homework and cross country practice to know what is going on in this world."



Becky Wornell Senior Harrisburg, OR Intern. St.

"I have been out of the country all summer so I have no idea how anyone is doing..."



April Supina Senior Battle Ground, WA Speech Com

"I'll have to consult my farmers almanac. I consult it for everything. In fact, I need to check to see how my harvest will do this year."

# NNU intramural football in second week

by Craig Craker  
Crusader News Staff Writer

The second week of football has struck here at our university, and while none of the teams may make a top 25, it is still fun to watch. In the first game of the day, Team 13 squared off against Team 14. Jeremy Franklin caught a long touchdown pass to make it 6-0, followed by a Trevor Gunsteam ten yard catch, putting Team 13 up 14-0.

In the second half, Aaron Heath caught a 50-yard touch-

down pass to cut the lead to 14-6. But late, as Team 14 was moving down the field, Franklin intercepted a pass and roared 40 yards down field with the clincher as Team 14 won 20-6.

The second game of the day was billed as a meeting of possible Championship Game candidates. It featured The Other Guys against the West Canaan Coyotes. Early on for the Coyotes, quarterback Jon Crozier, in the running for the Heisman, threw an interception to Eric Manley who ran it back for a touchdown to make

it 6-0.

Crozier suffered what may turn out to be a season-ending injury, twisting his ankle severely and having to be carried off the field and taken to the emergency room. The Coyotes never seemed to recover, as The Other Guys got a five yard touchdown catch from Matt Sanders, followed by an extra point from Sanchai Dean and yet another touchdown from James Robinson, for 19-0.

In the second half, Ryan Hammer caught an outstanding 60 yard touchdown pass to make it 19-6, and then Ryan Warwick cut it to 19-13 with a touchdown catch and a point after. Late in the second half, Kevin Allen was scrambling to his right when Ricky Plata went to tackle him. Plata was clipped and sent to the ground, leaving him to only watch with official Matt Warner, who somehow missed the call, as Allen rolled 50 yards for the clinching touchdown. The Other Guys went on to win 25-13 climbing to 2-0, while the Coyotes fell to 1-1.

The third game of the day, which proved to be the most exciting, featured Third West (Culver) against the Smooth Operataz. Marcus Stewart of the

Operataz took the opening kick-off and ran it back 59 yards for the touchdown and the 6-0 lead. But this only inspired our Heisman-hopeful Rex Gaoaen to go to work. Gaoaen caught a 77-yard touchdown pass on the first play from scrimmage for Third West, putting them on top 7-6.

The teams went back and forth until early in the second half, when Gaoaen showed his face again with an interception which he took back 40 yards. On the ensuing drive, Gaoaen caught another touchdown pass, this one from 25 yards out, to increase the lead to 13-6.

The Smooth Operataz, though, showed just how smooth they are as they went the length of the field with a minute and a half to go to make it 13-12. With just 14 seconds left on the clock, Stewart caught a two-point conversion to win the game for the Operataz 14-13.

The fourth game featured team's 7 and 8, which went right down to the wire as both teams forfeited. This makes the second forfeit of the season for both of these teams, so they have been kicked out of the league as an appropriate but unnoticeable punishment.



photo by Esther Heath

Trevor Hall of Third West awaits the snap. Third West lost a close game to Smooth Operataz, 13-14.

This week there is no contest for the honor of being named Player of the Week. My vote, which is the only one that counts here, goes to Rex Gaoaen of Third West, the fabulous freshman. Be sure to congratulate him next time you see him, and come out next weekend to see him in action. The ever-exciting intramural football games are on Saturday morning, from 8 am to 1 pm. Be there.



Photos by Esther Heath

The Third West defense puts the pressure on Jason George of Smooth Operataz, who keeps his cool and looks for the open pass.

## NNU has club volleyball?

by Dan Wilcott  
Crusader News Staff Writer

Growing up, I have always been a volleyball fanatic (Ask my friends; they can testify). I thought it would be cool to play college level volleyball. When I came to NNU last year, I was thrilled to find out that a club team existed. It was not a collegiate team, but it was a chance to play college level volleyball.

Many times since I first

learned of the volleyball club, I have tried to spread the awesome news, hoping it would spark the interest in more people. The response that I usually receive is, "We have a club team at NNU?" or the oldest of all excuses, "I'm not good enough." Although it was a dream of mine to play at the college level, I used both of these excuses.

It turns out that there is no excuse. The club welcomes anyone who wants to play, both female and male. There are co-ed volleyball tournaments in the Treasure Valley that the team will take part in later this year. There is also a men's league which travels to other colleges on the weekends to take part in tournaments.

These tournaments include well-known schools like WSU,

BSU, U of I, and many other schools from Montana, Idaho, Washington and Utah.

The volleyball club organized a co-ed grass roots tournament this past week as a kick-off event. There were a few publicity problems, but several teams did turn out to play. The winners of the tournament go by the name of "Los Imigrantes" and include Jeremy Smith, Raul Flores, Kori Schmidt, Sarah Hughes and Libby Allen.

I encourage anyone with an interest to show up to the first practice and try it out. There is always a need for both guys and girls to play. If you would like to know more about NNU's club volleyball team or have any other questions about the club, call Dan Wilcott at 8737 or Raul Flores at 461-8927.

Practices will be held in the gym. Times for the next month are:

October 12, 8:00-10:00 p.m.  
October 14, 8:00-10:00 p.m.  
October 19, 8:00-10:00 p.m.  
October 21, 8:00-10:00 p.m.  
October 26, 8:30-10:30 p.m.



Photos by Jeremy Lynch

Raul Flores of Los Imigrantes gets the kill during Thursday's grass roots volleyball tournament, while Dan Wilcott goes up for the block.

## Weekend baseball triumphs

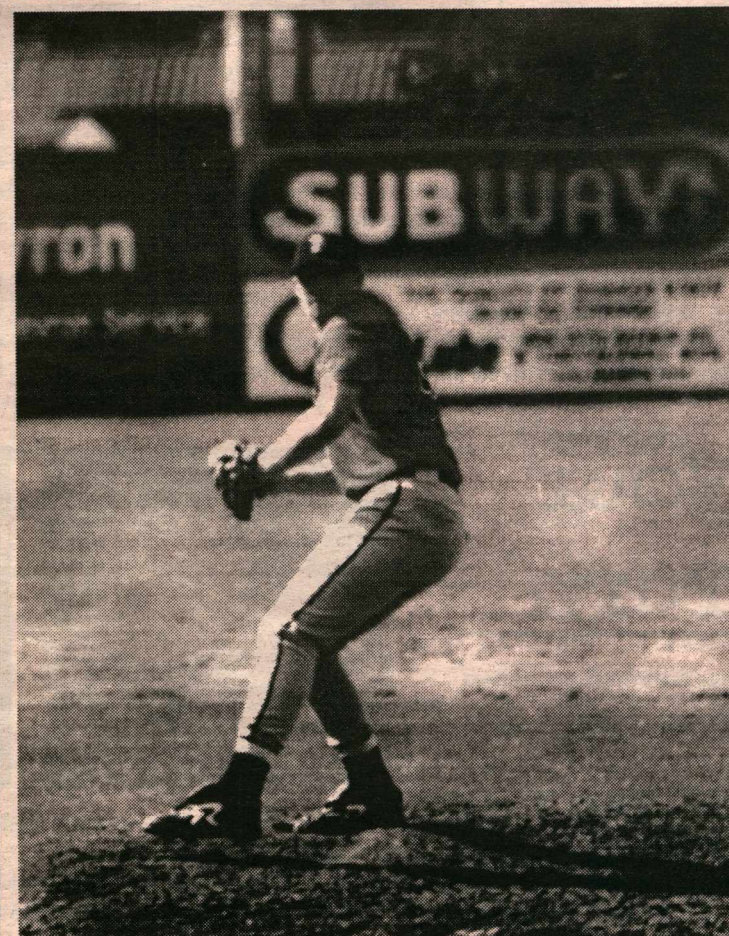


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Junior Josh Gray hurls another one over the plate. Gray pitched an excellent game on Saturday. There will be a double header Tuesday evening at 4:00 at the Elmore Vail Field.

# NNU men's soccer team drop two this weekend

by Raul Flores

Crusader News Staff Writer

Last weekend the men's soccer team had two away games, moving the team into the conference season. In Friday's game, they played Cascade College, winning 2-0. John Pereira scored a superb goal from about 35 yards and later, Justin Metzger scored again, giving the Crusaders a good start in the Conference.

On Saturday Northwest College was the opponent. Northwest College had the "natural" advantage of playing in turf. Soccer players know that playing in turf makes things very different: the speed of the ball, the bounc-

ing, the sliding and so forth are completely different on turf than on grass. The Crusaders were up to the challenge of grounds differences, however, they did not anticipate the official problems. According to team captain Jeremy Keating, who also scored the only goal for the 'Saders, the referee stole the game.

After being down 1-0 most part of the game, Northwest College took advantage of a corner kick, equalizing the game and sending it to overtime, giving Northwest the desired will to win the game, which they did with the help of the referee, who missed a very obvious fault against Klosterman.

The game lasts 90 minutes, and every minute has and needs to be played with the same intensity. The Crusaders were close to winning the game, but because of some players' lack of concentra-

tion, they could not do so. It is impressive to see how young this team is; many freshmen are part of the starting lineup and they are doing well, but not well enough. They are not performing at the level that intercollegiate athletics demand.

On Saturday, the 'Saders played Western Baptist, losing 3-1. I don't know if it is the nervousness of playing at home, but NNU always loses within the field. The positioning of most players is inadequate. This time, Western Baptist took advantage of their lapse and scored early in the game. Two minutes later, there was another misunderstanding in the defense and Western Baptist scored again.

After the second half, the Crusaders came back stronger, and the desire to win was finally perceived. NNU scored a goal which gave them the hope to tie or even win the game. Unfortunately, Western Baptist scored a wonderful goal, clinching the win for them. Klosterman, who played an excellent game, could not save such a shot. This goal finished the dream of equalizing the game. After the goal, Western Baptist destroyed the game.



An NNU player works to steal the ball from an opponent.



Photos by Amy Ball

Freshman Chris Pinkerton tries not to run over a Western Baptist player while junior Trevor Stoneberg tries to steal the ball.

On Saturday, Cascade College played a good first half, scoring two goals. In the second half, they just played defense, and they accomplished their mission well. NNU, once again, started the game giving the rival too many chances to score. To win the conference, a team can not be as generous as NNU was. Cascade had the most seniors in the field, and the concentration and game smarts that comes from experi-

ence showed in their game.

The next game will be against Albertson this Tuesday at 4 p.m. The chances of moving to the next round depend on this game; playing against ACI demands not only the best of a player's ability but also demands a total commitment to the game.

There is a need for an injection of energy from the first minute to the ninetieth. The talent is there, waiting.

## Volleyball wins two more

by Lisa Erickson

Crusader News Staff Writer

The NNU women's Volleyball team headed out this past weekend to take on the two most improved Cascade Conference teams, Northwest College and Cascade College. This is the second time NNU has taken on these teams this season. The 'Saders are just over one week into the second half of their season and are currently ranked third in the conference and fifth in the Pacific Northwest Region.

Friday brought about a tough match as the Crusaders played Northwest College at their home court. "Northwest is a new and improved team," said coach Darlene Brasch. "Just last week they took the conference leader to five games and almost gave Southern Oregon their first loss of the season."

NNU felt the fire from Northwest, but quickly extinguished it winning the match in four games, 15-9, 10-15, 15-11 and 15-1. "The fourth game was great because it gave us a chance to relax and just have fun winning. I love serving teams off the court," said senior Lisa Erickson. Erickson finished the match with four kills, three blocks;

16 digs and six aces. Four of those aces came when Erickson served twelve straight points to give the Crusaders a 12-0 lead in the fourth game.

Erin Hellberg and Louise Free added 12 and 13 kills respectively to the 'Sader offense. Freshman Katie Oelrich stepped in and played a great game, providing the 'Saders with three blocks and two aces. "Most of the time when I play, it is with the other underclassmen. It was great to have a chance to play with the starters," added Oelrich.

Tabitha Shipman played an outstanding match, leading the Crusaders in every front-row category, racking up 18 kills and setting a new school record with 14 blocks. "It was exciting to break the school record for blocks again. It was always a goal in the back of my mind that I wanted to accomplish, but I never thought I would be able to do it again."

Saturday night came and it was time for the 'Saders to raise their conference winning streak to four games. The Lady Crusaders continued to gain confidence by beating Cascade College 15-9, 15-4, 13-15 and 15-6. Game One was a long, drawn-out battle, the 'Saders tying

with the Thunderbirds at 9-9. Finally, the 'Saders picked up the level of play and continued to succeed, outscoring the Thunderbirds 6-0 in the final half of the game.

Game two gave defensive specialists Mindy John, Jessica Ackley, Nancy York and Jamie Butler-Dawson a chance to show off their skills as the Crusaders held the Thunderbirds to just four points. Many of the freshman and underclassmen gained a great opportunity for experience in the third game but unfortunately fell short allowing Cascade to overcome the NNU lead and take game three 15-13.

With the starting line-up back, the Crusaders easily handled the power of Cascade College and finished of the fourth and final game of the match. Shipman once again led the Crusader offense with a match high 17 kills, while junior Michelle Phillips added ten.

The Lady 'Saders continue the tough conference play this coming weekend, taking on sixth place Oregon Institute of Technology Friday night before Midnight Madness and first place Southern Oregon University on Saturday before Freshere. Make your evening complete by supporting the Lady Crusaders.

## Soccer news

### Women's team splits the weekend; #1 in conference still

by Sarah Hughes

Crusader News Staff Writer

The Northwest Nazarene University Lady Crusaders split their games 1-1 this weekend on their next to last road-trip into Washington State. They challenged Evergreen on Friday and moved on to challenge NCAA Division II Central Washington University in Ellensburg on Saturday afternoon.

As tradition dictates, the lady 'Saders defeated Evergreen State College 1-0. The first half ended with the teams tied at zero. The scoring block finally fell when sophomore striker Mindy Gibbens put in an unassisted shot from the far left side of the field that zipped past the goalie and into the net.

After their Friday game, the

victorious Crusaders packed their bags and headed east to face Central Washington University for the first time ever. The lady Crusaders put up a good fight but fell short in the end, losing 4-0. Junior midfielder Beth Nixon explained it by saying, "They scored in the seventy-seventh and seventy-eighth minutes. We obviously broke down there."

NNU's team is still number one in the league with a league record of 3-0 and an overall record of 7-6. This upcoming weekend, our girls will continue to defend their number one spot at home, where they will face Western Baptist on Friday at 11 am and then Western Oregon University on Saturday at 1 pm. Make your way out to the field to support our ladies.

Congratulations are in order for junior striker Denise Thuline. Recently, she has been recognized as Cascade Conference/Pacific West Player of the Week as well as the regional player of the week. Thuline is third in the conference in scoring, with eight goals and six assists. Thuline is also one of the team's tri-captains.

# Double Jeopardy, simply not worth the risk

Paramount Pictures recently released the movie *Double Jeopardy*. This thriller begins with a lovely married couple and their romantic weekend sailing. Little did Libby (Ashley Judd) know that she would wake up covered in

## Double Jeopardy

Starring  
Ashley Judd

Reviewed by  
Jayme Harding

Crusader Rating



blood, framed for the death of her husband.

While surviving six long years in prison, Judd is filled with two burning desires--finding her son and solving the mystery that destroyed her once-happy full life. Though her quest is obvious, her selfish parole officer (Tommy Lee Jones) stands in her way.

No one believes the convicted. Though Jones gets irritated at times, he is also faced with his failures and soon wrestles with his superiors and law enforcement colleagues.

*Double Jeopardy* is a Leonard Goldberg production directed by Bruce Beresford, starring Tommy Lee Jones and Ashley Judd. Ashley Judd was asked how she had prepared for her "woman on the run" role and stated that it was filmed during the summer, when she was pretty well fit. The film however, is rated R

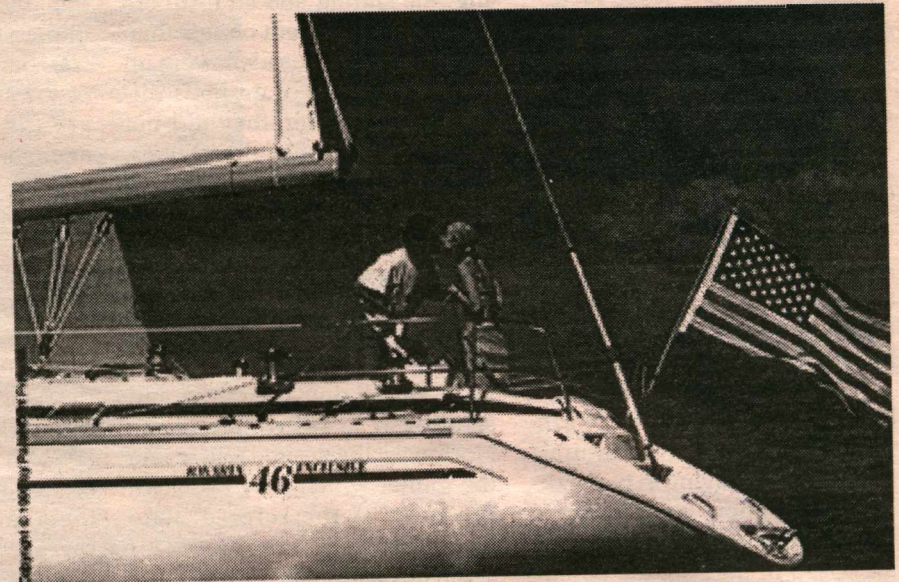
and should be. This movie contains vulgarity and sexual conduct, so I would not suggest it for a "family night out".

I did not find the movie very suspenseful. However, Tommy Lee Jones was attracted to the screen play as he eagerly read to see what would happen next. I find myself with a rather torn opinion. The film is humorous statements and Jones does a great job playing "Mr. Know it all," as he did in the award-winning *Men in Black*.

When convicted of a crime, the convict can never be tried for that crime again. Though Judd's intention was never revenge, she abuses her few

privileges to search for her son who she hasn't seen in six years. Though Edwards is a fabulous environment for a movie, so is the couch with a \$2.99 new release of *Double Jeopardy*.

"No one person shall...be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb..."  
-Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.



# Beauty gives new perspective on an old world

## American Beauty

Starring  
Kevin Spacey

Reviewed by  
John Redfield

Crusader Rating



*American Beauty* is the most interesting film I have seen in some time. It attempts to tackle the very abstract, yet deeply personal, topic of beauty. Most films give a shallow taste of beauty, merely using it as a vehicle for the love plot between the two immaculate central characters.

This film takes a different look, a look at a less-than-perfect world. The plot involves violence, swearing, nudity, deceit, sex, drugs, rock'n'roll, murder, adultery, homosexuality, gore and child abuse (everything a growing person needs). I think the real purpose of the

film is to show that one can still find beauty amidst these things.

It begins with a sitcom-like setting in the home of the Burnams where the father, Lester, is completely unsatisfied with his marriage and, hence, daydreams about his daughters best friend. Meanwhile, his wife is suffering a mental breakdown over her business failures and finds herself attracted to her occupational nemesis. Their daughter Jane has become distant to them both and finds solace in the curious gaze of the next door neighbors' drug-dealing son. At this point, it sounds a lot more like a soap opera than feature film, but as Lester awakens from his lethargic daze, he begins to see beauty in the world again.

While his wife and daughter continue deeper into their relationships, he begins to take hold of his life and surprise even himself. Each member of the family begins to see a new sort of world past the one they have always known. As the film progresses, it blooms in poetic poignancy, using symbols, repetition and understatement to fuel its themes. Interesting music also helps develop the intensity. However some of the

passion is lost when cliché ideas of beauty are introduced as if new.

In the end, the film industry boils down to money, but I'd like to think that this film means a little more. It's about seeing beauty and creating it in yourself, and it's about opening your eyes to the beauty right in front of your face. But, most of all, it's about experiencing extraordinary beauty in what others consider an ordinary life.



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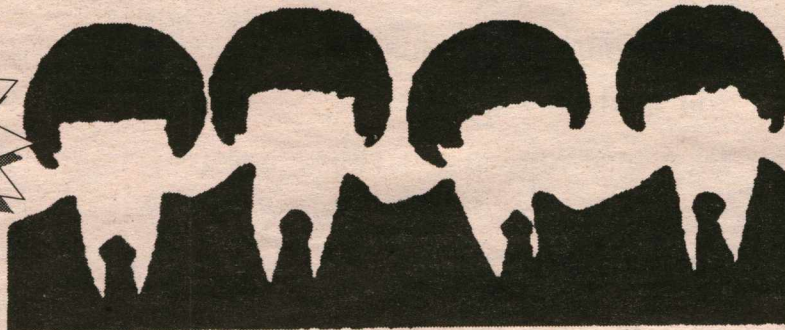
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NEWS ANNOUNCER: Good evening. Our top story tonight is Tropical Depression Vinny, which is shaping up to be the most deadly potential natural disaster ever to strike this nation since last week when Tropical Depression Ursula came within just 1,745 miles of American soil before veering off and inflicting an estimated \$143 worth of damage on the Azores. For more on Vinny, let's go straight to the FearPlex WeatherCenter, where meteorologist Dirk Doppler, in anticipation of a long night of escalating tension, has already applied 75 cubic feet of Rave Extra Hold hairspray.

METEOROLOGIST: Thank you, Bill. As we can see from this satellite photograph taken from space, right now Vinny is located at a latitude of 36.8 degrees centigrade and is projected to follow a path that, according to our computer model, could potentially take it directly to any of the 13 original colonies as well as Florida, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Canada and western Europe. We are urging everybody within the potentially affected area to become extremely nervous, because this thing potentially has

the potential to become a Category Seven storm, which means a storm capable of yanking the udder right off a standing cow.

ANNOUNCER: What is your best guess at this point, Dirk?

METEOROLOGIST: Without creating undue alarm, Bill, I would say there is no hope for human survival on this planet.

ANNOUNCER: Thank you, Dirk. We go now to reporter Crystal Baroque, who has been standing by at the Homeowner Hell megastore. Crystal?

REPORTER: Bill, as usual with storms of this potential, there are long lines of people waiting to buy plywood. Sir, how long have you been here?

CUSTOMER: I've been waiting 17 hours, but it's worth it, to get plywood. Whenever there's a storm, I hear these voices telling me, "Irving! Go get plywood!" And I don't even have a home! I just have a big pile of plywood.

REPORTER: I see.

CUSTOMER: Also, my name isn't "Irving."

REPORTER: Back to you, Bill.

ANNOUNCER: In another important tradition, the supermar-

## Dave Barry

Syndicated humor columnist



kets are jammed with panicked consumers buying bottled water, as you see in this videotape that we have shown during every potential storm since 1973. Now let's go back to the FearPlex WeatherCenter for an update from meteorologist Dirk Doppler.

METEOROLOGIST: Bill, as you can see from this satellite photograph, Tropical Depression Vinny has not moved at all, which means we are now expanding the potential disaster area to include mainland China. The satellite is also reporting the entire planet Earth is surrounded by a cold, airless void extending for trillions of miles in all directions. It looks very bad, Bill.

ANNOUNCER: We now go to the National Hurricane Center, where we'll be speaking with the director, Harmon Wankel, who has been sitting in the same chair for 68 straight hours with-

out food or sleep, staring into bright lights while being relentlessly interviewed by TV news people about this potential storm. Harmon, what's the latest word?

HURRICANE CENTER DIRECTOR: I hope you all die.

ANNOUNCER: Thank you. Now we're going to go to the White House, where we understand President Clinton is about to make an emergency statement.

THE PRESIDENT: As you can tell by my big sad moony face, my heart goes out to all of those who have the potential of being devastated by this potentially devastating storm. I have ordered the mandatory evacuation of North and South America, to be enforced by strafing, and I have personally instructed Vice President Gore to get into a helicopter and fly around until everybody in his entourage is airsick. I am also hereby offering clemency to every convicted felon in New York State. Let us all bite our lips and pray that this terrible potential disaster proceeds directly to the home of Kenneth Starr.

ANNOUNCER: Let's go back to

the FearPlex WeatherCenter, where Dirk Doppler has an Urgent News Bulletin on Tropical Depression Vinny.

METEOROLOGIST: Bill, according to our latest satellite images, Vinny is GONE! It was right here, and now, pffft, there's no sign of it!

ANNOUNCER: Does this mean we can stop panicking?

METEOROLOGIST: Of course not. Vinny could be ANYWHERE. It could be IN YOUR HOUSE. Everybody should get under the bed NOW. Also we need to start worrying about potentially lethal Tropical Breeze Xera, which is forming over here. See it?

ANNOUNCER: No.

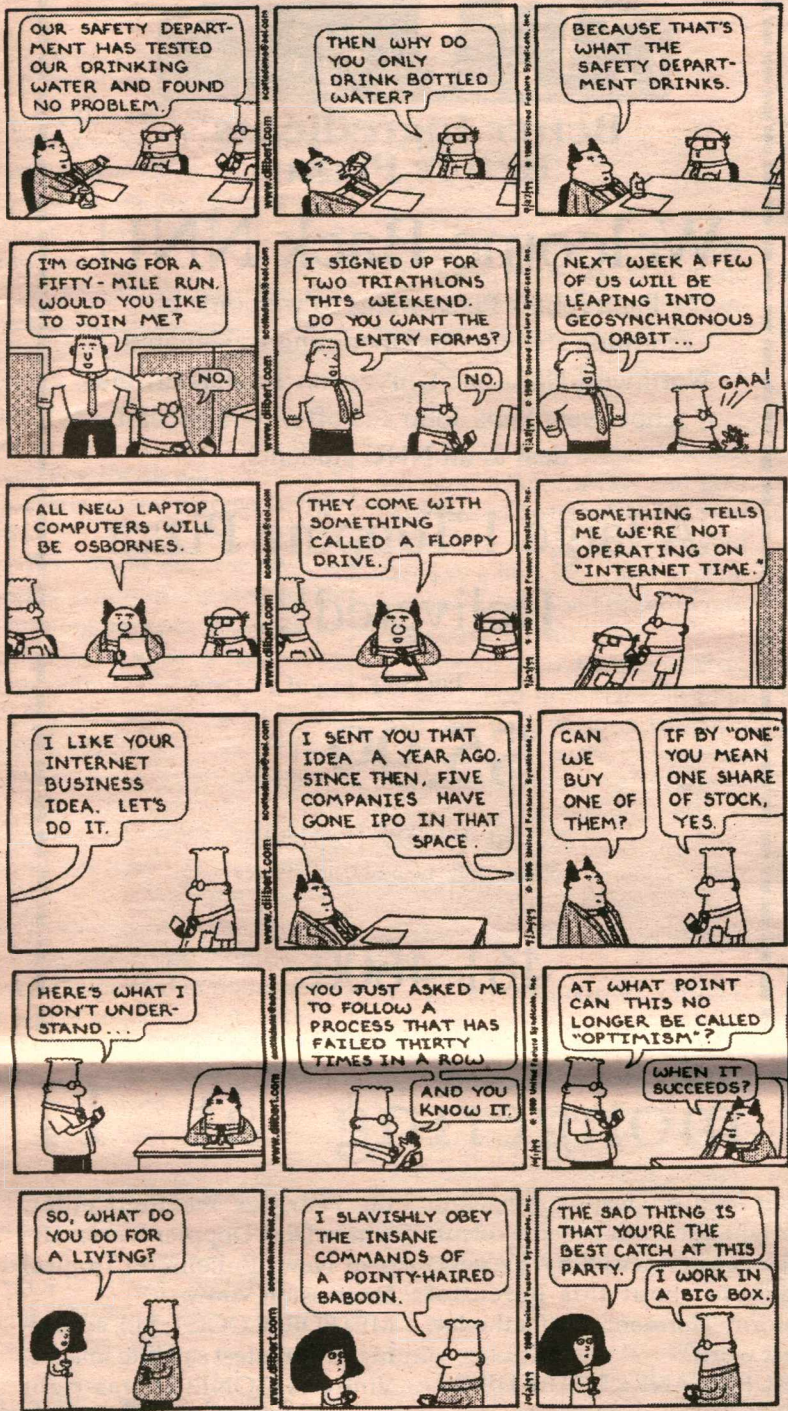
METEOROLOGIST: YES YOU DO! IT'S RIGHT THERE! YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME!

ANNOUNCER: We go now to Dan Rather, courageously standing on a beach, wearing a slicker.

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