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Column One

Well, it is past ten on Tuesday morning, and I haven't thought about what to write yet.

I'm wondering, though, how it happened that I finally gave in and wrote a Cover Story. I always imagined that when I wrote a Cover Story it would be about the evils of marriage. That just goes to prove that things don't always happen the way you think they will.

This issue has a lot of great stuff in it. The Campus section has an article about the *Crusader* staff. If you are interested in working for the *Crusader*, this would be a good article to read to get an idea about what really goes on up here on our long and wild Monday nights. Applications for new staff members will be available upstairs in the Student Center starting Wednesday, February 23. The new staff will be hired either at the end of this term or the beginning of next term, and will take over the paper in April. Working for the paper is exciting, fun, and, of course, a paid position.

Don't forget to look at the World section to find out what is happening in the rest of the world. I heard that Peru bombed Africa and that George Bush Jr. dropped out of the presidential race, so I'm going to be sure to read those stories (pages 6-7).

Have a great week everyone.

Monica Olson

Monica Olson
Editor-in-Chief

On the Cover - This week's Cover Art was designed by Kara Lyons

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Junior class courtroom play a success

by Mindy Oldenkamp

Crusader Campus Staff Writer

For two nights and one afternoon in February, *The Night of January 16th*, was relived and a court case was thrice retried. The question of murder or suicide was presented and Ayn Rand's play of courtroom drama brought the Science Lecture Hall to life. The junior class play, under the direction of Jeanine Riggs, received rave reviews and gave the campus of NNU a chance to become involved in something a little out of the ordinary.

The entire play took place in the Superior Court of New York City as the fate of one scheming and yet perhaps innocent secretary comes to trial. Karen Andre, played by Freshman Ruth Voelker, was the secretary in question. She stood accused of murdering her boss, who was also her lover. However, throughout the play, the plot thickens and many intriguing twists and turns take place. The drama came alive as what at one time seemed cut and dry suddenly became odd and

complicated. The secretary was herself entangled in more than one love affair, and the credibility of all of the characters came under question.

a hat on stage by the Clerk of the Court, Sherri Borger. Thus, the fate of the deceptive Karen Andre was put into the hands of the audience.

the first performance, the secretary was found innocent. However, the rest of the performances did not go in Karen's favor, and she was found guilty of murder the remaining two times.

Regardless of the verdict, the play created an enjoyable and interesting activity for the weekend. "We all worked hard for the play to come together, and it went off well," stated Sherri Borger. "It was a different play each night, depending on who made the jury. The variety made it a lot of fun." And the play had all the variety it could with a vast array of characters, ranging from a rather dim-witted southern woman, to a hoodlum from an organized crime ring.

For those who made it to a performance of *The Night of January 16th*, they received a display of talent and a presentation of an intricately woven puzzle. The junior class play was a great success.



Above, Kori Schmidt, Ruth Voelker, Sarah Smith, Joey Boerner and Vito Montebalco, along with other NNU students, perform in this year's Junior Class Play,

As the audience struggles to figure out the honest and dishonest characters in the play, an extra twist is thrown into the proceedings. Members of the jury were people from the audience whose names were drawn from

As a member of the jury for the first performance, Sophomore Heidi Reimer found it hard to find the character of Karen Andre guilty, "There just wasn't enough evidence to prove it beyond a shadow of a doubt." And so, for

RD Kim Haddon impacts students

by Carrie Goldsmith

Crusader Campus Staff Writer

Each gender and class of people on campus have had their own unique dorm experiences, but the freshman and junior girls of NNU have something, or rather someone, in common. Kim Haddon, the Resident Director of Ford, provides that mutual bond between the two groups of girls. Last year, Kim worked as the RD at Culver and was an awesome friend and mentor to many. Now she does the same for freshman girls.

When asked to describe her job, Kim smiled as she responded, "Every day is different." She meets weekly with her RAs, helps with upkeep of the dorm and basically keeps the dorm running smoothly. Most of her life happens between 7:00 pm and 2:00 am. There is no set schedule to her work, but she remains constantly busy.

How she ended up at NNU is a long story, but one that Kim does not mind to share. While attending Western Oregon University, she had the opportunity to

be an RA and a head resident. After teaching second and third graders for four years and becoming increasingly involved with the children and youth at her church, she realized that the church was where her heart was.

Through her pastor, she began working on getting her local minister's license. This was the time in her life when God spoke to Kim most clearly. She felt God calling her to NNC to be an RD and pursue the ministerial classes that she needed to get the license. "God orchestrated the whole thing," Kim nodded as she thought back. He was definitely in control of her life and in getting her on our campus.

Since she has been here, Kim has had no shortage of adventures. During Spring Break last year, she went on the trip to Venezuela and will be going again this year to "do whatever Gene tells [her]." She rode with a van full of girls to attend the Women of Faith conference in Portland last year.

The biggest adventure of the past year, as all of last year's Culverites can attest to, was get-

ting air conditioning installed in every room. Kim was basically the construction manager of the place and organized six wings of girls moving from room to room for ten weeks. She did a fabulous job and helped keep everyone's spirits up throughout the entire adventure.

Kim has learned many things since coming to our campus. One of the most important things is that having a positive attitude in any situation will help it to be a positive experience. One interesting thought Kim expressed was how she thought she had a lot to offer the girls in her dorm, but it has been the other way around, and she feels she has learned more from them than she could ever give.

The advice Kim has for the students of NNU, though she feels it is cliché, is this: "Make the most of your college experience because it is never

going to be like this again." So seize the day and focus on the positive. And remember to thank Kim for all her hard work with many of the ladies on campus.



Kim Haddon, the RD of Ford Hall, is involved here at NNU in many ways, including being a dedicated student.

NNU Forensics off to Nationals in St. Louis

by Lynette Brown
Crusader Campus Staff Writer

How does the thought of public speaking—for the fun of it—strike you? Statistics show that people are more afraid of public speaking than they are afraid of dying. If you are not among the few who choose to write their own speeches in half an hour for competition or debate or to perform selections from literature and plays for the fun of it, you might have a hard time understanding how anybody could enjoy such activities. Our school has just such a group of people in NNU's Forensics Team (or, if you want the literal title, Speech and Debate).

Four of our students will be going to the National Forensics competition from February 26-28 in St. Louis, MO. These students are Melissa Tennyson, Kadee Wirick, Ken Tennyson and Missy Rasmussen.

According to Dr. Dennis

Waller, head of the Speech Team, Nationals is a great experience for students. Each person at Nationals can compete in Debate and four other events (such as Drama, Extemporaneous Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, Poetry, Prose, etc.). Our students will each debate and as well as compete in two or three other events. Dr. Waller said that our school has sent students to Nationals every year since at least 1983, when he came. However, he stated that Northwest Nazarene's first experience at Nationals was in 1959 and that Dr. Ralph Neil debated at Nationals that year.

Each of the students have their own favorite events to compete in. Kadee Wirick's favorite event is impromptu: "I absolutely adore it. It's always fun, and since I'm a storyteller at

heart, it's the perfect event for me."

Melissa Tennyson stated,

"Debate is both my favorite and most challenging event . . . it has been quite a stretching experience for me . . . I think the ability to articulate your ideas in front of people is a critical skill for anyone to have."

"Debate is such a challenge for me. I love it because of the challenge. It stretches me and forces me to think on my feet. It has also really improved my critical thinking skills."

Ken Tennyson claimed that his favorite event is debate: "It's like wrestling, except you use your brains instead of your bodies."

As for the competition at Nationals, Dr. Waller thinks that it is definitely harder for the competitors. "They tend to be a grade above the average competitor."

Melissa Tennyson said, "Debate is both my favorite and most challenging event. It exhausts me, but I enjoy it. I don't have a very aggressive personality, so it has been quite a stretching experience for me. I think it's been such a valuable part of my college education.

I can't tell you how much it has helped my confidence in speaking in front of people, and my confidence in my own critical thinking skills. I know I still have a lot of room for growth in those

areas, but I have come a long way. I think the ability to articulate your ideas in front of people is a critical skill for anyone to have."

Wirick says that the most competitive events seem to be prose or impromptu. "Impromptu draws a large competitive pool because people think it's the easiest one to do . . . or at least the one anyone can do with the least amount of preparation. But prose is very competitive in that there is such a vast sea of literature out there that if you couple a very good piece with a very solid performer, the result is rock-hard competition."

Ken states "I am excited at the chance of going to Nationals for a second time. The people going this year are excellent competitors and wonderful people. Ultimately, Forensics is less about the competition and more about the opportunities to interact and learn from one another."

Good luck to the Crusader Speakers!



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Behind the scenes with the *Crusader* editors

by Vito Montebalco

Crusader Campus Staff Writer

Music plays in the background; someone is typing; a person sleeps in a very unique position on the couch; someone else stuffs a sub sandwich or maybe a piece of pizza delicately down their throat. "Your pictures are scanned," Nathan Hydes tells everyone. These are the sights and sounds that greet a person's senses upon entering *The Crusader* office on a Monday night.

Monday night in this newspaper office is the last night be-

mailing and communications and sometimes help the advertisers if there is a problem. We begin layout work on Sunday nights.

On Mondays, I check on what the editors have and see what they need to have. We try to make everything work out . . . make sure they have something to put on their pages. I make decisions about some layout questions. What I do varies week to week depending on the problems we have. Whatever happens, I make the decisions to make sure the newspaper comes out. After

and last year, it is always changing in format and size.

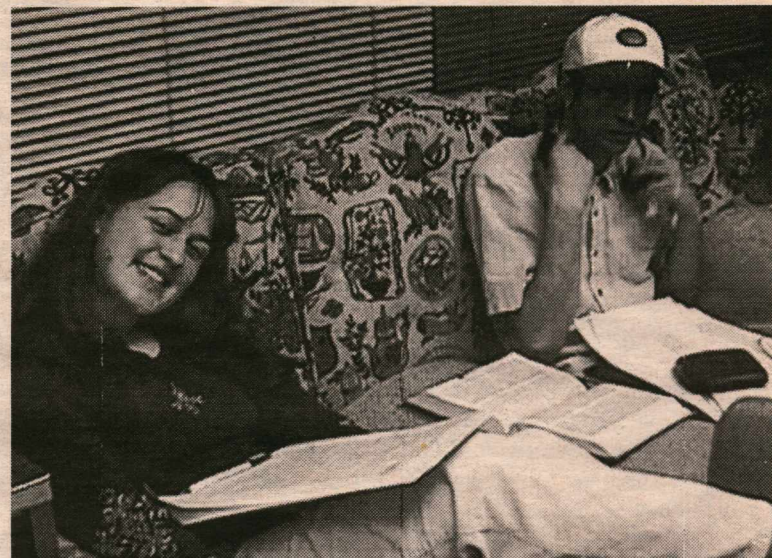
Kari Wilde, Campus Editor

On Tuesday and Wednesday I contact my writers and the photography editor. I assign stories and tell the photo editor which photos I need taken and she then assigns the photos to be taken by her photographers. Usually, I try to contact my writers sometime on the weekend to remind them they have stories due soon. On Sunday nights when the stories are supposed to come in, I get them and bring them up to the office. I place them on the pages and get copies of them, which I give to the copy editors for them to edit.

Then I start preliminary changes on the pages, like dates. I erase every thing from the week before and I start trying to get an idea where I am going to place the stories for this new week. I choose pictures to be used, and I also read through articles myself for any changes, and do some editing.

On Monday night, I do everything else. I finish placing the articles and pictures. Usually I have to change the placing around a couple times because it does not always work the way I thought it would. I make the editing changes from the copy editors, write captions and some headlines, type in the by-lines and do anything else that needs to be done. I do everything until I am done, which this term has usually been until 2:30 in the morning.

[Working on *The Crusader*] is a really big responsibility, but it is a great experience, and I enjoy



Copy Editors, Kara Lyons and Will Brown, edit all the articles and pages for each newspaper.

any editing experience would be good.

Kadee Wirick, Opinion Editor

I have been working on the *Crusader* a year and a half, four terms. I worked on my high school newspaper for three years: Opinion Editor one year and Editor-in-Chief one year.

Every week I am in charge of "Your Turn," but that is just like a little tiny thing I do. I assign stories for the editorial section of the Opinions as well as reviews for the Entertainment part of my section. I design the pages, make corrections, write headlines, all that fun stuff.

The Crusader taught me that every word you put in the newspaper is important. Even though you think people are not reading, somebody out there cares about statements made or content within. And it really has to be kept in mind, especially in the Opinions Section. There is so

much room to offend. Words are powerful and words can change people and words hopefully stir up thinking among students here. It has been fun to see that work itself out.

Working on *The Crusader* has shown me how if you put anyone in a relatively high stress position you see all sides and the real greatness come out. I have been constantly

amazed at the patience of the group of people I work with. Seriously, we get shafted all the time with articles coming in, or computers crashing, but we still have fun. I think that it is a great testament to the newspaper staff as individuals and as a whole.

Jeremy Smith, World News Editor

I started winter term of last year, so about a year ago. I started out as a writer and became editor of World News spring term. On average I spend at least two hours per week looking for articles to write. I check out the Internet and other sources for local and world news. Then on Friday I assign them to my writers, who have them due on Sunday.

I try to find some variety. I look at local and world, and I try to find something for the readers. I then work on page layout on Sunday and Monday, but mostly I work on Monday.

Kara Lyons and Will Brown, Copy Editors

As copy editors, we get the articles and pages and look for any gross grammatical errors-any errors that would make the writer look bad. We also look for page layout errors.

Neither Lyons nor Brown has ever had any newspaper experience, but they have always been good with English and have edited their friends' papers all the time.

Working on the newspaper is a good job. You get paid for fun while working.

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Kadee Wirick, the Opinions Editor, works hard to finish her pages on Monday night.

fore the paper is printed, which makes it a late, busy, stressful and simply a fun time. Each week, the ritual is the same, with minor variations. This week was no different.

Tuesday night, the weekly meeting begins. Ideas are tossed around as the editors decided what the readers wants to read, the number of pages to be printed, whether the issue is going to be in color or all black and white. From here, the editors go along their prospective ways, starting their personal weekly rituals.

Monica Olson, Editor-in-Chief

I am the boss! I have been working for *The Crusader* since April of last year; Editor-in-Chief since last April. I didn't have previous newspaper experience. I had taken a journalism class in high school and a little bit of year-book, but no real newspaper experience. We begin each week with a meeting. We decide issue layout, articles to include-what- ever we think students want to read or would be interested in. And then, the section editors assign the stories. I do a lot of the

we are done on Monday, I do the paste-ups, take the paper to the *Press Tribune* and pick it up. I send out the subscriptions on Tuesday afternoons and everything starts all over again.

The job has many rewards. It is a lot of stress and a lot of responsibility. My mom says my job is to make this work environment as enjoyable for the workers as possible, so I have gotten food and done other things so that some people will enjoy their jobs.

As far as the readers are concerned, we want them to get something out of the newspaper and to enjoy it. For one thing, the look of the paper changes all the time. Students who have been here for the last four or five years have noticed that the paper always looks different. Except this year

it most of the time. I had no prior experience, but I want to be an editor a book editor, so I figured

relatively high stress position you see all sides and the real greatness come out. I have been constantly



World News Section Editor, Jeremy Smith shows his frustration as he finds he is one story short.

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Robin Day, Sports Editor

I am the senior sectional editor on this newspaper. I have been here since September my freshman year. I have been involved with newspaper work since fifth or sixth grade, when I delivered the newspaper. In high school I worked in photography and helped put out a monthly newspaper for the school and I worked on the high school yearbook. Also, I helped out with a community newspaper.

I have really enjoyed working here. I have worked with a lot of people and have had no problems with anyone. It is interesting to see what the focus is each year. My freshman year it was a very liberal paper, and today it is less liberal than it was then. It is interesting to see how things change. But four years is about enough.

Brooke Humphrey, Cover Story Editor

[As Cover Story Editor] we have to think up stories. Monica and I work together and get people to write them and do the cover art. And then I place it. Sometimes throughout the year, interesting things will come up. The ones about the presidential election and Y2K were big ones. But sometimes we'll hear about interesting things, like students studying abroad. They might be interesting cover stories. But we just try to think of things to do as we see them.

I love it. Sometimes it can be stressful to rely on other people. I think that jobs where you rely on other people can get stressful. But it is so much fun, probably the most fun job I have had. And a personal comment: "Staff infection should go back in!"

Nathan Hydes, Entertainment/Office Editor

I have been working on this paper since September 1996. Day has only one issue seniority over me. I was Co-Editor-in-Chief last term, but now I am just in charge of Entertainment. I am responsible to scan the pictures in and make sure the other editors get them. And I also do the last page with Dave Barry and Dilbert.

The weekly ritual ends Monday night when the pages are done. They awake Tuesday after little sleep, only to begin the cycle again with the weekly staff meeting. The fun is continuous.

Service at the heart of Circle K Club

by Christi Ross

Crusader Campus Guest Writer

How Do You Want to Serve?

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." -- Philippians 2:3-4

Did you know that there is a service club on campus called Circle K? Contrary to what you may think, it is not a club for gas station attendants or mini mart employees. It is a club for all NNU students who desire to get involved in the community.

Circle K International is committed to service and leadership development and can be found in seven countries. Though the club spans many different cultures, the mission is still the same. Its purpose is to involve college students in service to their campus and community.

Circle K operates in conjunction with the local Nampa Kiwanis. This introduces students to business professionals with the same desire to serve the community around them. Involvement in Circle K allows students to build relationships with important community members,

including President Hagood. This automatically allows students to network with professionals in their field of interest.

Many other business professionals are familiar with Kiwanis and the assistance it provides for the community. This is why Circle K membership looks very good on a resumé. Since Circle K and Kiwanis have the same mission, many people already know what Circle K believes in and is working toward.

The club allows for a variety of service activities and is in no way confined to service in any specific category. Circle K gives students a chance to impact the community around them with projects that are needed and interesting to the students.

Last term Circle K participated in the Nampa "AReading is Fundamental@" program. This program gives children a new book of their choice to take home after it has been read to them. The

children are given one-on-one attention and encouraged to continue reading.

Circle K members also attended a party for children who had been fully immunized. The

K will be joining forces with other campus clubs to make a bigger impact on the campus and community. The club hopes to work with the new Boys and Girls Club throughout the year and collect money to reduce iodine deficiency.

One of the best things about Circle K is that many different projects are going on at the same time. Any member can begin a project that interests them and serves others. The club is flexible, allowing members to fulfill a need when it is noticed.

What Circle K needs is students who desire to serve the community and enjoy the variety that many projects bring. The club allows members to use their God-given talents and desires to minister to those in need. So, if you desire to serve, are willing to use your interests for God's glory and want to have fun, come to a Circle K meeting and check it out. If current projects don't interest you, suggest one that does and make a difference in someone's life.



Circle K members, Spring Fisk, Becky Caines and Rachel Schmidt serve refreshments at the Immunization Celebration first term.

"AGive Me Five@" program encouraged parents to immunize their children with five important vaccinations. It also rewarded the children with an indoor carnival complete with clowns, a playground and prizes.

This term, Circle K recruited students to assist with the Twila Paris concert. The club also helped with the collection of teddy bears for children who are victims of crime.

For the rest of the year, Circle

Student Technology Fee Report

The Student Technology Fee Committee, in accordance with a survey completed by students last year, set a stipulation insisting that the way in which the technology fee is spent be published in a manner easily read by the student body. The following is in compliance with that stipulation:

Student Technology Fee Expenditures for the 1999-2000 School Year

Dorm Wiring	\$ 59,335.16
Student Support	\$ 370.45
Dial-Up System	\$ 11,678.00
Student Server	\$ 10,000.00
Student Labs	\$ 42,000.00
Print Credit	\$ 22,500.00

Total Spent \$ 145,883.61

Remaining (approx.) \$ 4,116.39
If only 1000 students

As the committee meets during the remainder of the year, there are several on-going needs that will need to be met in the student labs and on the student server during the summer, but we will need to make some decisions about purchases that can help the students in creative ways. Some ideas are: color printers in the labs, more scanners, a kiosk in the Student Center for e-mail purposes, a reserve of money for departmental grants to be used for customized equipment such as smart boards and accessibility to video conferencing. If you have any suggestions, comments or questions on the material presented or on the way the student technology fee should be spent, please contact Information Services Director Eric Kellerer or Student Government Vice President Bob Van Allen.

Mr. NNU 2000



Charlie Ruppert fights his way across the stage as the Matrix's Neo at the Mr. NNU pageant. Eight NNU students participated in the pageant and Colin Donahoe was crowned as this year's Mr. NNU.

Cuban spy, Mariano Faget booted from United States

by Amy Oglevic

World News Staff Writer

Get Smart, the classic humor spy-spoof show of the '70s, was focused around the elimination of Kaos: The International Organization of Evil. Time and time again, Agent Smart and Agent 99 would get the bad guys, making the world safe once more, as terrorism would be temporarily wiped out, with the bad guys

the information was secret and highly sensitive.

Only 12 minutes after the meeting, Faget returned to his office and used his personal cell phone to call a New York businessman, who is believed to have close ties to the Cuban government.

"Faget told the businessman that 'a person we both know' was 'one of the ones working with the Americans,'" U.S. Attorney

husband and father of three adult children, is hardly the typical model of a spy. Faget and his father fled to the United States and claimed political asylum in 1960, the year after Fidel Castro came to power in Cuba. After becoming a U.S. citizen, he began working for the INS as a clerk in 1964. Bob Wallis, INS district director, said that Faget would have been eligible for retirement next month. As a supervisory district adjudication officer for the INS, Faget had "secret" security clearance and oversaw most decisions that affected the residency status of immigrants.

Federal authorities said that in addition to the New York contact, Faget placed telephone calls to the Cuban Interest Section in Washington, which represents Cuba in the United States, and also to two other Cuban intelligence officers in Miami.

Faget is formally being held on charges of violating the Federal Espionage Act and making false statements to a federal officer. The first charge carries a prison sentence of up to ten years, with the second violation costing about five years in prison.

Authorities said that Faget has been under secret investigation for about a year, but wouldn't comment on just how long he had been suspected of spying for Cuba. They are also uncertain about the effects of his alleged espionage, an example being whether any Cubans were denied residency or prevented from defecting.

Wallis commented that all cases in which Faget as closely involved would be re-examined and closely reviewed. Early Friday morning, authorities searched his office and home, confiscating two computers and Faget's automobile.

Investigators do not believe that Faget was involved in an earlier Cuban spy ring, broken up in 1998 or any other international terrorist organization.

Mariano Faget is currently being held until a bail hearing on Thursday. Defense Attorney Joel Kaplan refused to comment at this time.

Thomas Scott said. "Faget then identified the Cuban intelligence officer by name."

Later that evening, Faget telephoned the man from home and discussed the case in greater detail, according to the FBI. According to court papers, Faget and the New York businessman are officers of a Florida-based company, America-Cuba Inc., whose stated intent is to engage in future business transactions with Cuba. Established in 1994, America-Cuba is headed in part by Faget, who serves as active vice president and secretary.

Jose Goyanes, listed in the Florida state records as an executive of the America-Cuba, said Friday that he was surprised by the charges against his friend and co-worker. "I am shocked. The guy was a family man. He works for the government," Goyanes said. "This is the last thing I ever thought. The courts will prove him innocent when its all over."

Mariano Faget, a 54-year old

Investigators check out stabilizers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Government materials specialists are examining control mechanisms - in particular, the jackscrews - removed from several airliners during inspections following the crash of Alaska Airlines Flight 261.

Specialists are studying wear on the assemblies which control the movement of the horizontal stabilizer on the aircraft's tail.

The Federal Aviation Administration ordered inspection of more than 1,100 MD-80, MD-90, DC-9 and Boeing 717 planes, all of which use similar control mechanisms. In a statement, the Safety Board reported that its specialists are examining grease samples from the removed jackscrews. Some lubricants contained grit or metal shavings.

The jackscrew from the crashed plane had a stripped nut and the screw itself carried metal shards of the same material as the nut. Turning of the screw within that nut is what moves the stabilizer up or down.

There were also impact marks on the nut, and the board is trying to determine if the impact marks and stripping of the nut occurred before the plane crashed or afterward.

The Navy has completed mapping the wreckage and will begin salvage operations next week using remotely controlled vehicles. Recovered wreckage will be taken to a hangar at the Port Hueneme, California, naval base for examination.

Officer held hostage in prison

LIVINGSTON, TX - Two armed death row inmates held a 57 year-old female correctional officer hostage in the Terrell facility at Livingston on February 21.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Todd said the inmates were talking to the warden and attempting to reach a resolution.

Ponchai Wilkerson, 24, who is scheduled to be executed March 15, and Howard Guidry, 22, whose execution has not yet been scheduled, were among seven inmates who attempted to escape on Thanksgiving Day 1998 from the Ellis Unit I in Huntsville. Only one inmate, Martin E. Gurule, made it out of the prison yard, but he drowned in a creek about a mile away.

The officer, who was not harmed, was handcuffed and sitting on the floor in the recreational area.

Each of the inmates had a weapon, Todd said. One was fashioned from a sharpened metal rod about 12 to 18 inches in length. The other weapon is not a gun, Todd said, but he would not reveal any other information about it.

Prison officials started relocating death row inmates to the 2,900-bed Terrell unit from the Ellis unit near Huntsville six months ago. The 1998 escape attempt by seven inmates from the older facility there on Thanksgiving Day 1998 prompted officials to moved inmates to the more modern and secure Terrell unit.

U.S. troops sent to Kosovo

PRISTINA, YUGOSLAVIA - U.S. soldiers arrived in the flashpoint Kosovo city of Mitrovica February 18 to reinforce French forces in the area.

Around 350 soldiers moved into the city that has been the scene of several recent outbreaks of deadly violence.

British, German, Danish, Belgian, Italian and Austrian peacekeepers have all been present over the past few weeks in the Mitrovica area, which is part of Kosovo's French-led northern military sector, Multinational Brigade North.

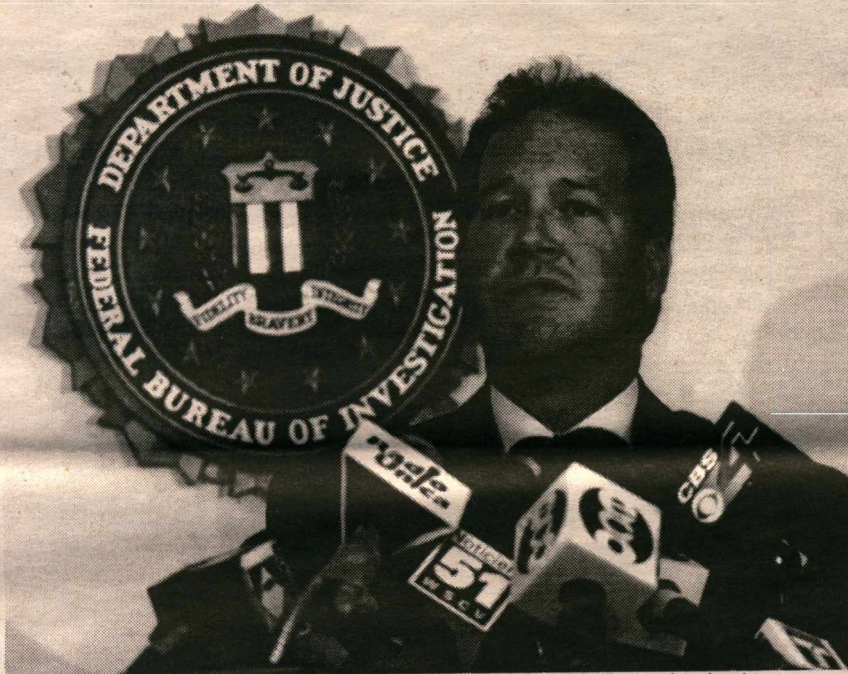
"They'll be used as MNB North feels appropriate," said Sergeant Ian Fitzgerald, the U.S. forces' liaison officer at KFOR's press center in Pristina.

French forces have faced the task of trying to keep the peace in the city and have come under criticism from the press and local people, especially ethnic Albanians who accuse them of a pro-Serb bias.

Armed violence in the past few weeks in Mitrovica has left at least nine people dead and well over 20 wounded, including two French soldiers shot in previous gun battles.

"It is very dangerous. It is certainly the most dangerous place in Europe at the moment," said Richard Holbrooke, who is Washington's envoy at the United Nations.

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Immigration and Naturalization Service district director Bob Wallis speaks about immigration official Mariano Faget who has been accused of spying for Cuba. Faget supervised adjudication and naturalizing decisions.

vowing to take their revenge next time.

Ever since the days of the Cold War, America has worried about the threat of Communist infiltration. From Stalin to the Red Scare to the Cuban Missile Crisis, we have worried more about attack by Communists than by any other political power.

Cuba, a Communist country, has made American headlines many times recently.

The latest event, though, is the case of Mariano Faget (pronounced fah-HEY), who has been charged with spying for Cuba. Faget, a thirty-four year veteran of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), was arrested Thursday night as the result of a government sting operation. According to court documents, on February 11th, officials from the INS and FBI showed Faget pictures of a Cuban intelligence officer he knew and then told him (falsely) that this officer planned to defect and that

Mir space station may be converted into a resort

by Heather Oglevie
World News Staff Writer

The Russian space station Mir may have been retired to pasture, but it may find a new life in an entirely new area—as an orbiting resort-hotel for civilians who want to vacation in space. For approximately \$20 million a head, guests can spend a few days in orbit 125 miles from Earth. They will be transported up to the station in tiny, three-person Russian Soyuz rockets.

For the skeptical, a deal has already been signed to preserve the aging space station, which was to be dumped into the Pacific Ocean earlier this year. Washington millionaire Walt Anderson, the brains behind the entire operation, put up seven million dollars to save it from a watery grave. He has drawn together a group of investors

including venture capital firm Gold & Appel and Internet investor Chirinjeev Kathuria to form Amsterdam-based MirCorp, which is investing over 200 million dollars to thoroughly renovate the station, which MirCorp is leasing from the former Russian state agency

old station was scheduled for only five years of use and now is suffering from metal fatigue, corrosion and chemical contamination among other problems. Even after renovation, it is estimated it will cost over \$100 million a year to man and maintain it.

“We pretty much know from cameras what the state of it is now and it’s a wonderful view from up there.”

~Jeffrey Manber

RSC Energia. This agency also has a stake in the space venture.

Mir is experiencing some of the problems of age the 14 year-

Moreover, the station could also be used as a commercial laboratory. The President of MirCorp Jeffrey Manber said,

How-
ever, the investors anticipate that the station, comprised of an area the size of five school buses, will be able to accommodate as many as five guests at a time.

has many potential uses, from pharmaceutical experimentation and beaming live images back to earth to advertising and satellite repair.” The Amsterdam-based company plans to officially unveil its plans Thursday, in London.

The company plans to send a mission up in March to “knock on the door, switch on the lights and see how everything’s going up there.” They might even have their first visitor by this time—a Russian actor who’s been in space training for many

months—though there is doubt whether he’ll be able to raise enough money in time.

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The investors all appreciate the risk involved. Mir has already suffered one near-deadly fire back in 1997, as well as a crippling crash that forced one section to be sealed off because of a punctured hull. But Manber and crew seem confident in the success of their daring business venture. “The mission could well go up in March and find it’s not feasible,” he admitted. “But we pretty much know from cameras much what the state of it is now, and it’s a wonderful view from up there.”

China threatens to invade Taiwan over democracy

by Ryan K. Dooley
World News Staff Writer

BEIJING, CHINA - War could break out if the Taiwanese government does not make appropriate negotiations to become unified with mainland of China. Taiwan has entered the final month of a heated presidential election campaign and has been warned just today that refusal to negotiate unification might cause the mainland to wage war.

In a new policy paper on Taiwan, China’s cabinet added Taiwanese foot-dragging on unification to the usual provocations that Beijing has long said would bring a Chinese attack.

While stopping short of setting a timetable for unification, the State Council policy paper signaled the communist government’s growing impatience with Taiwan’s resistance to Chinese overtures.

The Hong Kong media, which is widely followed in Taiwan, reported over the weekend that Chinese President Jiang Zemin was in southern China touring military bases that would contribute to any invasion force of the island.

The tactics ominously echoed Taiwan’s last presidential election four years ago. Then, China tested missiles near the island to dampen any independence sentiment, and the United

States sent in warships to bolster Taiwan, once a close Cold War ally, raising tensions in the area to their highest level in more than 30 years.

the foreigners invade or Taiwanese refuse indefinitely to peaceful negotiations “then the Chinese government will be forced to adopt all drastic measures

necessary for the Chinese government to strive for peaceful reunification,” said the document.

In Taipei, the Mainland Affairs Council, which handles Taiwan’s China policy, did not immediately respond to the report. But how to deal with China has been at the center of the race to succeed Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui in the March 18 election.

Although there is no sign China that is planning to stage menacing war games, the State Council paper raised questions

about what lessons Chinese leaders drew from the tense standoff in 1996. Senior U.S. diplomats in talks last week urged China to show restraint and see the Taiwan election as an opportunity for a fresh start.

The State Council document vilified Taiwan’s Lee for promoting separatism in the 1990s—a tactic that only served

to gain him more support in 1996. It noted that threats of force have worked in curbing independence sentiment.

“Lee Teng-hui has become the general representative of Taiwan’s separatist forces, a saboteur of the stability of the Taiwan Strait, a stumbling block preventing the development of relations between China and the United States and a troublemaker for the peace and stability of the Asia-Pacific region,” it said.

As evidence, the paper offered Lee’s foreign missions to the United States and elsewhere to break Beijing’s diplomatic blockade of Taiwan, his promotion of a separate Taiwanese cultural identity and his suggestion in July of last year that China and Taiwan treat each other as equal states.

Lee’s “two-states theory” brought renewed threats of force from China. The State Council paper, which never mentioned the upcoming election, noted that Chinese opposition forced Taiwan to abandon plans to amend the constitution and laws to incorporate Lee’s policy.

Much of the document appealed to Taiwan to recognize that it is part of “One China,” which is ruled by Beijing.

“Only by adhering to the One-China Principle can peaceful reunification be achieved,” the document said.



A construction worker works on a residential development built by Taiwanese developers in Xiamen, China February 19. Xiamen is a great example of why Chinese leaders will think twice before attacking the island they consider their renegade province: Taiwanese companies have invested so heavily in this city that their enterprises are the backbone of its economy. Xiamen is only 2.5 kilometers from the closest island of Taiwan.

China and Taiwan separated 51 years ago amid a civil war that never formally ended. While the mainland’s communists still claim Taiwan as a rebel province, Taiwan’s democratic government insists reuniting should be put off until China embraces democracy.

The State Council said that if Taiwan goes independent,

possible, including the use of force, to ... fulfill the great cause of reunification.”

Its policy paper included a warning to the United States, calling on Washington to scale back arms sales to Taiwan and “not to stand in the way of the reunification of China.”

“Acting otherwise will destroy the external conditions

Everything you ever wanted to know about debt

That's not money, that's plastic!

by Monica Olson
Crusader Editor-in-Chief

Once we leave college, it is unlikely that Park Avenue will be our place of residence. In fact, our goal might only be to afford Baltic Avenue (or anything but home). For most of us, the reality of the expenses of college has brought us to the realization that our days of playing with paper money are, for the most part, over. Some of us have easier financial situations than others, but few of us could say that our financial situations are ideal.

Maybe you are struggling with credit card debt, or perhaps you are just struggling to make ends meet. Maybe you are interested in a way to make better investments on the money you do have.

As college students, we all wish we had more money. While this isn't always possible, it is possible to use the money we have in better ways.

This cover story hopes to offer some information and advice about ways to make the most of your money. Specifically, we have included an article about credit cards, an article about ways to save money, and an article written by finance expert Shawn Blenker on investing. Each of these articles is aimed at helping you as you make important choices about your money.

Some web sites about student budgeting and finance:

www.pueblo.gsa.gov/
www.nfcc.org
www.ica-credit.org/
www.mastercard.com/consumer/student
www.rankit.com/cgi-bin/bestguml/budget.html

Things to understand before signing up for a credit card.

Understand the terms of the card before signing up (read the fine print).

It is best to pay bills promptly.

Watch out for low introductory rates.

Verify receipts for accuracy before signing them.

Destroy all carbon copies.

Hold on to receipts to protect yourself from false charges.

Protect your cards and account numbers.

Treat the card as cash.

If you lose your card, call the credit card company immediately.

Keep a record of account numbers, expiration dates and phone numbers of each issuer for emergencies.

Don't give your card number to friends or strangers.

Carry only cards that you think you will use.

If credit card offers like this are the bulk of your mail, read on

As college students, we are bombarded with offers for credit cards. According to a CNN study, we receive about forty offers each school year. When you think about it, this is really strange. At NNU we are paying about \$16,000 to attend college, plus books and other expenses, so we either have huge loans or are scraping by on pennies (or both). What possible use can we have for one credit card, much less forty?

It is time for us to realize that credit cards don't exist to make our lives easier. Credit cards and credit card companies exist to make the company a healthy profit. Credit card companies are counting on two things when they get you to sign up for their card: 1) you'll get a good job some day and eventually pay off your debt, or

2) your parents will bail you out of debt to protect your credit ratings.

Credit cards can spell major problems for students. According to a study by the Consumer Federation of America, 70 percent of students at four-year colleges

able, however, there is no reason to get a card with an annual fee.

Other charges. Some extra charges that are sometimes added include fees for getting cash advances, making late payments or exceeding your credit card limit.

Calculation of the balance. If you don't pay off your balance each month and if you don't have a free period, it is important to understand how the interest on your card is calculated.

There are four major computational methods.

Average daily balance

are is the most common;

it credits your account

from the day the payment is

received by the issuer. It figures the

balance by adding up all the daily balances,

subtracting credits and dividing by the number of days in the billing period.

Adjusted balance subtracts payments or credits received during the current billing period from the balance at the end of the previous billing cycle.

Previous balance computes charges based on the amount owed at the end of the previous billing period. Two-cycle balance uses various methods to calculate your balance.

Credit record - why it matters. A good credit history is important because it can be reviewed by employers, insurance companies, apartments managers and businesses offering credit. Good credit is necessary for all the major purchases you will make in the future. Your credit rating is a paper reflection of your personal responsibility.

Annual fees. Some issuers charge a fee for the use of the card. With all the cards avail-



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Monica's Guide to Saving/Making Money

Ben Franklin was right when he said, "A penny saved is a penny earned," for what good is the money you worked for if you waste it? These are a few of my best ways to save money, and even to make money without working!

1. Make money while on the internet. The easiest way that I have found to make money (besides investing) is to get paid for being on the internet. The service I have is AllAdvantage.

If you sign up for an AllAdvantage viewbar, you will have to install a viewbar that goes across your screen while you are on the internet. The time you spend on the internet is recorded and you are paid for the time you spend actively surfing. Unfortunately, you are only paid something like ten cents each hour.

By getting referrals, however, you can turn the pennies to dollars. You are paid five cents for every hour that a referral spends on the internet. This can add up. My sister, who has about forty referrals, is sent a \$30-40 dollar check each month.

If you are still wondering why anyone would pay you to use the internet, here is the answer. The viewbar carries advertisements which rotate while you are on the internet. Those advertisers pay AllAdvantage to post those advertisements. AllAdvantage pays you to have advertisements come up on your screen.

When you sign up, go to alladvantage.com and be sure to include the referral number of a current AllAdvantage member so that they can make money off you. My number is FGN-618, and since

I told you about AllAdvantage it would be kind if you returned the favor :).

2. Get free internet. This might not be such a big deal while you live on campus, but after you graduate, or even this summer, it is unlikely that you'll want to pay \$20 a month for internet service.

The good news is that you don't have to. Several companies offer free internet for the exchange of you letting them put their viewbar at the top of your screen.

Such companies include AltaVista, NetZero, Free World by Excite, BlueLight and Juno. These sites work by letting your modem dial a local number.

Check out the websites to see if they have an access number in your area. Also, download more than one program. If one program's line is busy you can use another. At least AltaVista and NetZero have local (Boise) access numbers.

3. Get cheap phone-time. With all the options for long-distance, there is no reason to be paying astronomical rates or for making collect phone calls. Many phone companies have inundated the market with advertisements glorifying their rates. The 10-10-321 (etc.) numbers claim that they can save you lots of money on calls over twenty minutes.

Every time I see a phone company commercial I laugh because I've never seen their low, low rates come close to matching what I have. I buy my phone time off the

internet at bigzoo.com.

BigZoo offers the rate of 3.9 cents a minute any time and anywhere in the continental states. To buy phone time from BigZoo you will need a credit card. You must set up an account and prepay for the phone time you want. The charge will show up on your credit card, so you won't have to deal with a phone bill (another 33 cents saved!).

Once you have everything set up, you will be able to make phone calls. The first number you dial is a 1-888 number, and you can call this from any phone (pay phones cost extra). You then enter your PIN number your individual password number, and lastly, you enter the phone number you wish to reach.

The automated voice will tell you both how many minutes you have and the balance on your account, but you can remove these options while you are on the website if you choose (because the voice can become annoying).

You can also look at your account history online. The account

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history looks much like a regular phone bill, outlining the numbers called, the dates and times, and the length and price of each call.

One word of caution, the 1-888 number is often busy at peak times of the day (they just can't keep up with the demand), so it pays to have a back-up plan.

Other tips from consumer guru Clark Howard

Things to watch out for. "Be wary of purchasing a new computer that gives you a \$400 rebate in turn for signing a 5-year Internet contract at \$22 a month. You'll be locking yourself out of the demand and supply of free services."

Credit card help. "NextCard (is) a site that allows visitors to complete an on-line application and searches for the best three offers that may have a personal interest for you with features such as no annual fee or special offers."

Ripoffs--Telemarketers. "If anyone attempts to sell you something on the telephone and says

you must make a decision right then, don't fall for the pressure. Never give out your credit card number or checking account number on the telephone, unless you make the phone call. With these numbers, con artists can steal from your accounts."

Buying a computer. "Plan on spending \$800-1000, but be prepared for it to be obsolete in about three years." Buy a computer based on how you plan to use it. Buy the computer when you need to. It will be cheaper in six months, but if you need it, it's not very helpful to have it sit on the shelf becoming out-of-date. Also,

unless you have a specialized need, buy Windows compatible, not Apple.

Travel deals. For airfare and other good travel deals, look at www.travelocity.com, www.expedia.com, www.bestfares.com.

Clark Howard also has consumer information for many products, as well as consumer contacts, a car buying guide and much more.

Clark Howard is a consumer activist based in Atlanta, Georgia. Check out his website for more consumer information at clarkhoward.com

Finance for Dummies

by Shawn Blenker
Special to the Crusader

As one of the *many* graduating finance majors this year, it is an honor to have my passion put on paper by request from the editor herself. However, and this is probably more likely, the other senior finance major, Jody Lanham, was busy over the weekend selling his car and finding a job, making me the only finance major available to write this article.

Apparently I am the only student available on campus who knows how to construct an amortization schedule for a thirty-year adjustable rate mortgage with relative ease or tell you how to read and analyze the "Money & Finance" section of *The Wall Street Journal*. I am beside myself.

Putting your finances together and planning for the future may sound like a hassle, but rest assured, if you know a few simple principles and stick to them, then you and your future family will be much more financially secure. For the sake of simplicity I will try to squeeze the basic principles that you should be aware of now into a three-prong approach:

1. *The 10-15-75 rule.* This rule is probably the most important rule to remember when it comes to your personal finances. The first ten-percent of your income every pay period goes to the church, *always*. The next fifteen-percent of that check is set aside for you. This, like the first ten-percent, is not even seen.

Once it is in your checking account, write a check to your mutual fund company, your financial planner, your E*TRADE account, etc. (There are strategies in investing that I will discuss later). This money will not be touched and will just grow over the long haul into a very successful portfolio to be used in retirement or other major purchases down the road.

The last seventy-five percent is designated for all your other budgetary needs, i.e.: bills, education, entertainment, etc.

It should be noticed that many of you would not be able to effectively utilize the 10-15-75 rule right now. However, remember this principle for when you do have a steady income because this is how you will become financially secure no matter what career path you decide to take.

2. *Diversify your portfolio.* An investment portfolio should have diversity. You do not want to be 100% secure in T-bills and slow or stagnant blue chip stocks. Nor should you have a portfolio with 100% aggressive growth stocks.

Here is a general rule for diversifying your portfolio to reduce risk a touch and still show good performance: Subtract your age from 100 to equal the amount of aggressive holdings your portfolio should show. If you are 20 years old and ready to start a long-term portfolio, then you should have 80% of your holdings wrapped up in aggressive investment vehicles and the other 20% in more secure mutual funds or stocks (100-20=80% aggressive).

3. *Let it ride!* The beautiful thing about investing is watching your money grow. Always reinvest your dividends and capital gains if your financial position allows you to do so. This will allow those earnings to earn more money for you the next year, and the next year, and so on. Let your money do all the work. Your gains will compound at an exponential rate in time if you will just let it ride.

I know that these three principles will help you at some point in your life, and it may not be now, but try to remember to save money, to diversify your portfolio and to let your investments compound to make even more money. There is so much more information out there related to personal finance and I would suggest that everyone take a class or read a book about it before leaving NNU. If you would like individual help regarding specific financial questions or you would like to learn how to read *The Wall Street Journal*, just ask Jody Lanham or myself and we would be glad to help when we can. One last tip: Don't believe everything you hear when it comes to investing.

A week in the world of unsung Crusader sports

by Robin Day

Crusader Sports Editor

NNU's women Crusaders are on the road to another national title. This past week, they finished conference play and, more importantly, defeated rival ACI twice in a matter of three days.

The team's first meeting on Thursday left the 'Saders on top, 69-59. The 'Yotes did not go down easily, however, and planned their revenge for Saturday night. It was not pretty. The Crusaders proclaimed open season on the Coyotes, winning 66-54. Senior Staci Kirk-Carter led the NNU onslaught with 23 points and 12 rebounds. Sophomore Amber Hellberg followed her with ten points and senior Heather Doncaster pulled down eight rebounds.

The 'Saders finished their regular season third in the nation and undefeated in conference (14-0), something that hasn't been done at NNU since 1981. The girls play again on Friday night.

Also on the road for a national title are NNU track stars Doussi Nguerdjeoubel and Aaron Matthias. Both qualified for the national indoor track meet at the meet this past weekend, Doussi in the 800 meters and Matthias in the mile. They will be competing Friday, February 25 in qualifying rounds and then running on Saturday in the finals.

The Crusaders' outdoor track season has just begun with a small meet last weekend. The track team has pulled its members from the NNU community, finding people in sometimes surprising places.

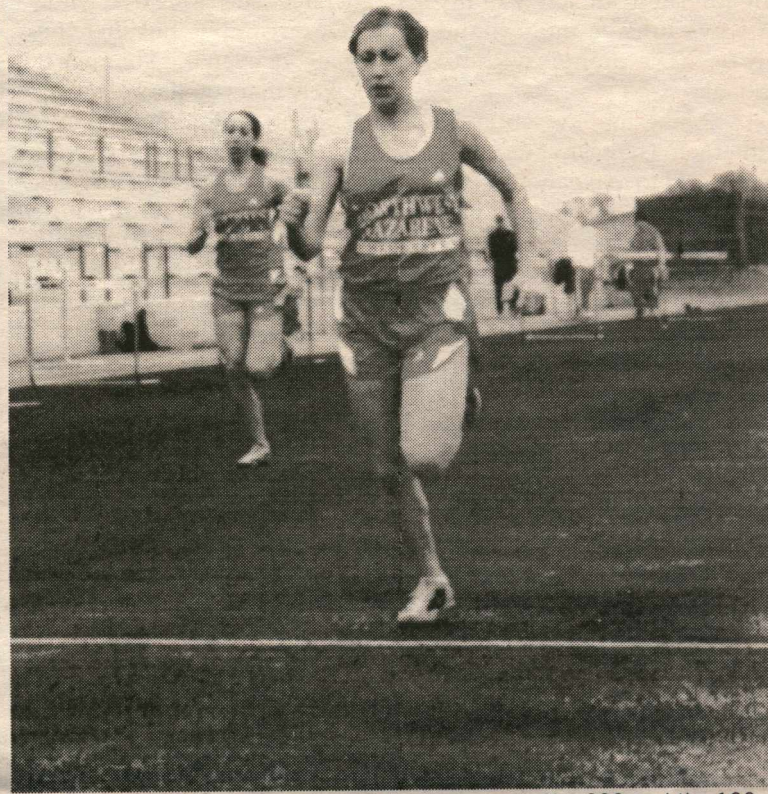
NNU's women's tennis team began their season this past weekend as well, taking on Weber State in a tournament at BSU. Weber State is a NCAA Division I team who has won the Big Sky title 20 times in the last 26 years. The Crusaders did not win, but they played well and had competitive matches.

This year's team consists of returning members Sara Hamilton, Kristen Crawford, Keri Barnes, Jayme Harding, Stacia Hinson and Beth Nixon. They are joined by Liz Archung and Megan Klure.

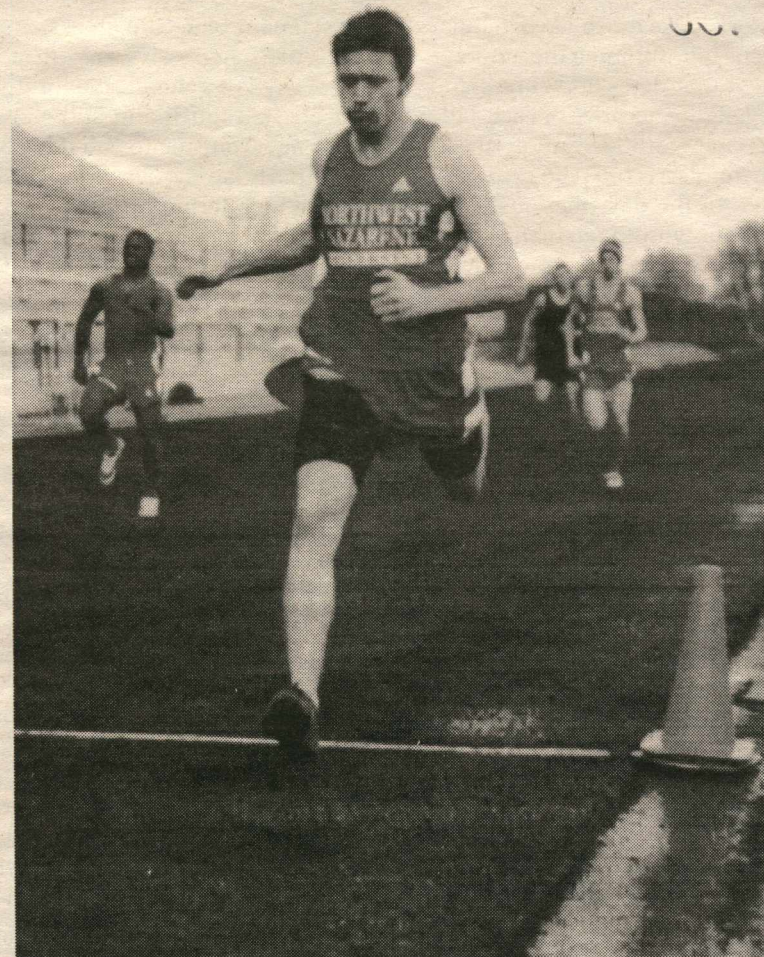
The team travels to Walla Walla next weekend, looking for conference victories over Whitman College and Whitworth College. The 'Saders can be seen at home on March 24, taking on The Evergreen State. Fan support is always in demand!



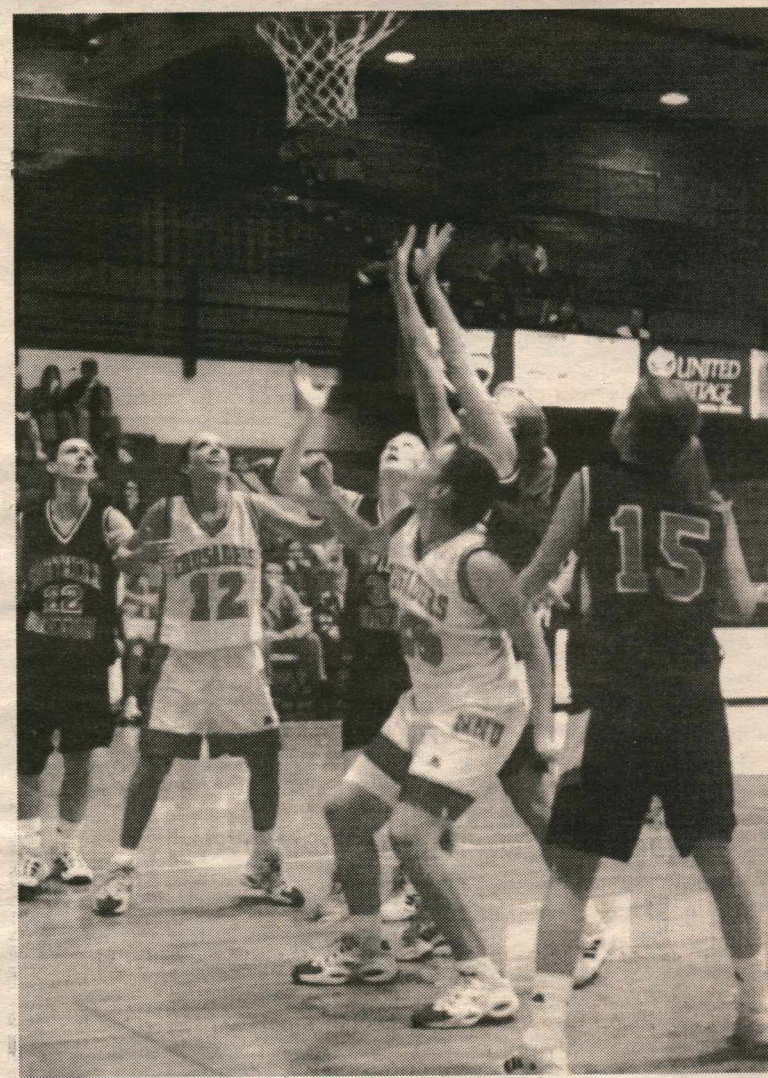
Sophomore Erin Hellberg competed in the triple jump. Hellberg plays volleyball in the track off-season to keep in shape.



Usually seen as a dancer, junior Heidi Allgeir ran in the 200 and the 100 this past weekend. She commented, "I have lots of room for improvement!"



Freshman Jimmy Bennum crosses the line after running a 200. He was joined a moment later by Dem Hechanova and Chip McNeiece.



Senior Jessica Knowlton and junior Jaime Smith fight for a rebound during Thursday's game against the 'Yotes. The Crusaders won, 69-59.

Men's basketball team ends losing streak

Wins over ACI & Cascade

by Craig Craker
Crusader News Staff Writer

Over the past two weeks the NNU men's basketball team has experienced many ups and downs. After splitting four games, NNU goes into the Conference playoffs looking to make a run to qualify for the Big Dance. NNU plays at Albertson this Wednesday night in the first round of the Conference Playoffs.

Two weeks ago, NNU hosted Cascade College, looking to end a four game losing streak. NNU started things quickly, jumping out 7-0 behind a tip shot by Jeremy Stockett, a three-pointer by James Thomas and a driving lay-in by Josh Coopridier. NNU held the lead throughout the first half, going up as much as 16 at 48-32 following a three-pointer by Coopridier. NNU led 53-42 at the half.

NNU maintained a double-digit lead until Cascade went on a 12-2 run to cut it to 84-81 with

3:03 remaining. But the 'Saders responded behind the boisterous crowd by going on a 7-0 run. Coopridier led the charge with a three-pointer, Thomas added a running jumper and Jeff Nielson closed it out with two free throws. NNU went on to win 96-87. Stockett and Nielson both hit for 17 points and Thomas added 14 points and eight rebounds.

The following night NNU played host to Western Baptist who trailed NNU by two games in the Conference. The game started normal enough as NNU trailed just 13-10 with 9:27 remaining in the first half, before Baptist broke off a 20-8 run to blow the game wide open. NNU suddenly found itself trailing 33-18 at half. NNU shot just 29 percent from the field, including 0-7 from downtown as everybody struggled.

Coming out of the half, Stockett and Nielson seemed to rally the troops as NNU started a furious rally, Stockett scored four points followed by four from Nielson, including a steal and a lay-up. Jon Bussell followed that with a lay-in, Nielson added a jump hook and Thomas put in a

lay-up capping a 15-5 run that cut the lead to 38-33 with 10:30 to go in the game.

NNU hung around, but never seemed to be able to get over the hump. There best chance came while trailing 57-52 with 40 seconds left. Coopridier hit a driving lay-up, and the defense stepped up the intensity by forcing Baptist into a five-second violation. But on the ensuing possession LaMark Judkins missed a wide open three-pointer as it rimmed in and out. Western Baptist went on to win 60-54. Stockett finished with 17 points, Thomas had nine points and six boards, and Nielson added 12 points.

This last Thursday night was Senior Night as we said goodbye to some of the favorite players, as Jeremy Stockett, LaMark Judkins and Jon Bussell looked to end their careers at Montgomery Fieldhouse with a win over archrival and number three ranked Albertson. Neither team came out of the gates very hot as NNU shot just 33 percent in the first half but still managed to hold a 31-24 lead.

With the game tied at 35-35 NNU took things into control go-

ing on an 11-0 run. Coopridier hit three free throws, and then Judkins promptly scored eight in a row, hitting a three pointer, a driving lay-up and another three-pointer. NNU maintained a double-digit lead until Ben Riley of Albertson took over. Riley hit two free throws, stole the inbound pass and hit a three-pointer and then, following a five-second violation, hit another three pointer.

Suddenly a 12-point lead changed to a four-point lead in a matter of 14 seconds. On the next possession Judkins came down and pulled up from way downtown and nailed the three to give NNU a 66-59 lead. The 'Yotes battled back behind Sherman Ewell, who scored a game high 30 points, and trailed just 75-73 with 1:09 remaining.

Judkins bounced back from the missed opportunity just five days before by pulling up for a three pointer from the right corner. The ball hit the rim and shot ten feet in the air. As the entire crowd held their breath, the ball came back through and hit nothing but the bottom of the net. As pandemonium ensued NNU held

on to win 82-77, successfully holding their home floor.

Judkins who scored 20, all coming in the second half, had this to say after the game, "It was my last game at home and there was no way I was going to let Albertson beat me. It was a very emotional game for me." Judkins' uncle passed away just three days before.

Coopridier added a team-high 23 points, with 17 coming in the second half. Ryan Marquez played the best game of his career as he came off of the bench to score 14 points and grab eight rebounds replacing an injured Stockett.

On Friday night NNU went to Eastern Oregon needing a win to host a first round game. But Eastern dominated NNU and easily rolled to an 89-67 victory. Coopridier had 23 points, Stockett had 15 points and Judkins added ten. Eastern Oregon dominated, the glass holding a 58-31 rebounding advantage including 22 offensive rebounds.

Everyone needs to go to the mens' game this week at Albertson as this is the biggest game of the year.

Time Out with Jimmy Skeen

Jimmy is a senior youth ministries major and will be leaving our NNU community in May. This may be your last chance to hear him speak before he continues his ministry in Greenland. Jimmy was also a RA under Neil Weaver. If you do not come to Time Out, he will find you and point out the error of your ways. Bear that in mind and be at the **Science Lecture Hall** at 9:00 Wednesday night. Or lock your door.

2-22 Tuesday

	south	north
7:00	A3-A2	A6-A4
8:00	<i>winner of women's games</i>	

2-24 Thursday

	south	north
7:00	A8-(A3-A2)	A10-(A6-A4)
8:00	<i>winner of c-league games</i>	

Playoff Rankings

Women

1. Volleyball Girls
2. Team Leatherbury
3. Blue Flamers
4. Blazers

C-League

1. Magic Apes
2. Team Paulson
3. Thug Passion
4. All Millenium Team

A-League

1. Team Marion
2. The Chicago Bears
3. TBA
4. Hoosier Daddy 2000
5. Yellow Snowmakers
6. Great White Hype

A League

- 1 V.H. II
- 2 Hoosier Daddy 2000
- 3 Yellow Snowmakers
- 4 TBA
- 5 Team Pentecost
- 6 Great White Hype
- 7 The Third Stringers
- 8 Team Marion
- 9 Team Skeen
- 10 The Chicago Bears

C League

- 1 Team Krause
- 2 Partners in Crime
- 3 Thug Passion
- 4 M.O.S.H. 2
- 5 All Millenium Team
- 6 The Juice
- 7 Magic Apes
- 8 The Bangers
- 9 Team Paulson

Women's League

- 1 Blue Flamers
- 2 Volleyball Girls
- 3 Team Betts
- 8 Team Leatherbury
- 9 Carly's Angels
- 11 Blazers
- 12 Dooley Hall

Rumors, faith, and must-see TV

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Out of my Mind



In his column, Gene will be sharing his insights with Crusader readers. His articles will appear bi-weekly.

by Gene Schandorff
University Chaplain

Maybe I took one too many sharp blows to the head the other day during my maiden voyage on the snowboard, but try as I may I just can't get anything to come "out of my mind."

This is a great opportunity for some random thoughts on random issues. Don't look for "the point" this week, unless you're really hurtin' for procrastination material.

Random thought #1 I had more fun two weeks ago than anyone is supposed to have in chapel. Watching you folks listen and learn from Abdul Yoonas and Rabbi Daniel Fink was a major treat. (Actually I was doing some learning of my own.) Here are a few of the comments you sent me on chapel cards during that series.

A Freshman man wrote, "Very interesting, Thanks for the opportunity . . .", An upper division woman wrote, "It's good to hear the Islamic viewpoint so we can understand where they are coming from. Thanks for having them speak today." Another freshman guy wrote, "Chapel got the ol' wheels running today."

And so they went. Most, but not all of the notes, were very positive. Several expressed a concern represented by these two cards. "Very interesting, but I was sorry that my peers took this as an opportunity to challenge the speaker." And, "Why did we ask questions? All people did was mess with the guy." I was grateful for the concern expressed by these notes and several more like them. Let me put your minds at ease. Mr. Yoonas and Rabbi Fink were THRILLED with the questions. It was a great chance to address some tough issues and some misconceptions head on. It took lots of courage for the speakers to be here, and it took a bit to go to a mic and ask tough questions. Forgive the "cheese," but you folks are the best.

I'm still excited about the learning that took place in, of all places, chapel. Before I leave this topic for who-knows-where I have one more thought. I'm wondering if the interactive, issue oriented format might be a good way to go from time-to-time. Drop me an e-mail and tell me what you think. While you're at it you might even suggest a topic or two.

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Random thought # 2: Have you ever noticed how easy it is to get cynical and critical around this place? Has anyone else ever noticed

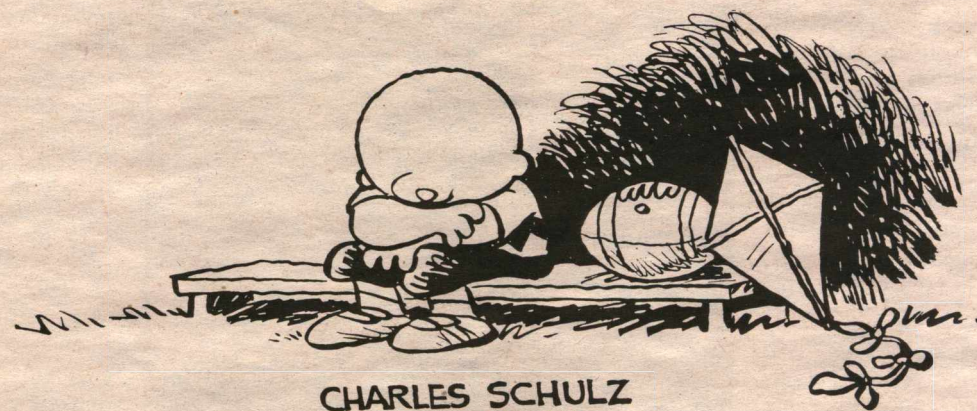
how quickly rumors spread across campus? Have you ever wondered why that is? A good friend of mine once said "There's a fine line between a critical mind and a critical spirit." He was right. I have to confess to having crossed that line far too often myself. Criticism happens when people know more about each other than they probably should, and less about each other than they think they do. It's extremely easy to become critical of someone's "lack of faith" without so much as a notion of the path they have walked to the place where they are. It's way too easy, and sometimes way too much fun, to become critical

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of the way the school is run without a clue about why it's run that way. So here's a plan. The next time you hear that someone is an idiot, or that someone just made the worst decision in the world, or that someone is out to destroy the spiritual life of the campus, go ask them what's up. That's right. Just ask them. Just walk right up and say, "Hey, this is what I heard. What's your story?" We might all be amazed at what we'll learn about each other.

Oh, and as for rumors, rumors thrive where people are ignorant and completely lacking in anything resembling a life of their own. My simple solution to the rumor problem on campus is for everyone to recognize the "rumor monger" for what they are; pathetic souls whose life finds meaning only in the spreading of useless trivia about persons who they'd give just about anything to be like.

Random thought C: There's no such thing as "Must-See-T.V."



CHARLES SCHULZ
(1922 - 2000)

Penicillin

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
-Matthew 5:3-10

Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues:

If you could elect anyone for U.S. president, who would you choose?



David Hille Freshman
Spokane, WA Applied Studies

"I'd say Steve Largent, he's a politician, and I think the center for Oklahoma--and he was an awesome wide receiver for the Seattle Seahawks."



Christi Ross Sophomore
Seattle, WA Business

"My roommate, cause she's fun and she knows first aid."



Mike Garmire Junior
Nampa, ID Mass Comm.

"Oscar the Grouch. He doesn't try to please everyone so he'll actually get something done."



Jennifer Holmquist Senior
Boise, ID Chemistry

"I would choose Dr. Redfield, because everyone needs a little craziness in their life."

The Beach ups expectations, not normal Leo

On a weekend not very long ago, to break up the monotony of homework and test preparation, the three roommates of Corlett 227, decided to go catch a flick. Having watched all the moves that were playing at Edwards, we decided to watch the cheesy new Leo action/drama, *The Beach*.

We expected a *Titanic* or *Romeo and Juliet* style love story, but not long into the movie we learned that this was not the traditional DiCaprio film.

It started with Leonardo walking down a busy street in Bangkok where he is looking for adventure. He finds a taste of it when he is offered snake's blood, and, being the new tourist he is, he can't resist.



After that nauseating experience, DiCaprio quickly gets a hotel room where he meets a

strange, mentally imbalanced man who commits suicide the next day, leaving Leo a map to a secret island which has the most amazing beach in existence hidden within.

Being the incredibly intelligent guy that he is, Leonardo not only decides to follow the map of a lunatic who has committed suicide, but he also decides to bring a beautiful woman along with him. Normally we're all for bringing a hottie to an isolated beach, but DiCaprio also brings her French boyfriend along. That

was mistake number one. The ending has a surprising twist which makes this movie an

interesting cross between the *Lord of the Flies* and *Six Days, Seven*

amount of depth concerning character development and plot twists. This would leave it more in line with *Basketball Diaries* than with *Titanic*.

The supporting actors also provided a broad spectrum of personalities that added a level of interest to the story which helped distract from the predictable outcome of Leonardo's love interest. Also, the picturesque tropical scenes contribute greatly to the atmosphere of the movie.

Overall we'd say it's worth seeing if you're ready for a movie with subtle imagery and a fair amount of symbolism, however it is not for the weak of heart as there are several violent scenes that are rather graphic. Again, this isn't your average Leo love story.

On a side note it is rumored that DiCaprio beefed up for this movie, and it is true. He went from 95 pounds to a buck ten.

The Beach

Starring
Leonardo DiCaprio

Reviewed by
Alan Krause &
Ryan Barker

Crusader Rating



Nights.

Despite a few cheesy scenes involving a shark, this movie actually manages to maintain a rather serious mood and has a fair

Little Mexico friendly, American experience

If there is anything I appreciate, it's a solid Mexican food experience. I spent my childhood in a town in south central California, living in an 85% Hispanic population, having huge Cinco de Mayo celebrations and enjoying the authenticity of the Mexican food that can only be provided in that type of a town. Therefore, when deciding where I wanted to eat my Valentine's dinner, my thoughts immediately went to the Mexican food I love.

So, with much enthusiasm, I set off with my sister Stephanie and my best buddy Jason for a family dinner at Monterey's Little Mexico. When we walked in, we realized that, if a family dinner was what we wanted, we were DEFINITELY going to get it. Despite the fact that it was Valentine's Day, Little Mexico was crammed full of families with small children. The atmosphere was upbeat and totally well-lit, making for a stark contrast to the usual Valentine's mood that restaurants try to create.

We were seated at a nice little booth and immediately brought out the chips and salsa standard to Mexican restaurants. If you're looking for spiciness, you'd probably better ask for something different, because the salsa was very tame, probably to cater to the needs of families with younger children. I personally didn't

mind that at all because my spiciness tolerance is slim to none, but spicy food lovers may

very large portions, especially with Steph's veggie burrito. She had ordered a small and the thing was HUGE—I can't even imagine what a large looks like. When it was all said and done and the entrees rested safely in our tummies, we all had the wonderful, totally stuffed feeling that should accompany any good Mexican meal.

The food wasn't quite up to my standards, taste-wise. It seemed a bit bland and overly-Americanized to me, but it is entirely possible that my cold contributed to that. Stephanie found the verde sauce to be very spicy, and she and Jason both agreed that it tasted very good. The rice and beans provided had a very interesting flavor and were served in the grandiose proportions that the main dishes had

also come in.

The only huge downer of the

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evening came when it was time for dessert. Steph absolutely adores flan, the wonderful little custard dish that, along with fried ice cream, should be standard at

any Mexican dining place. However, flan does not find its place on Little Mexico's menu, so Steph had to leave with her stomach quite flan-less.

I would have no problem recommending Little Mexico to any diner, save the super-spicy-loving, romantically-inclined ones. And even then, the friendly atmosphere, upbeat music and lighting, and casualty of the place would make it a fun place to come on a date. The place is definitely directed at families (we saw tons of "kids eat free" or "kids half-price" specials throughout the place), which can be fun if you like that sort of thing. I do, so I like Little Mexico as do Jason and Stephanie, and we encourage you to try it for yourself.

Monterey's Little Mexico

Located at:
525 Caldwell Blvd.
Nampa, ID

Reviewed by
Kadee Wirick

Crusader Rating



find a problem with it.

We all ordered—Jason and I both ordered the sour cream chicken enchiladas and Steph got a veggie burrito. There are tons of options as far as the platter idea goes, where you can get a number of Mexican dish combos, all of which come with beans and rice, as well as the a la carte option if beans and rice just don't tickle your fancy.

Our waitress was totally awesome, checking up on us throughout the evening and making sure that we had everything we needed. When she brought our meals out we were glad to see

Crusader Reviews

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- ✓✓✓ OPEN UP A CAN...
- ✓✓✓ SOLID PIECE O' WORK...
- ✓✓ TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT
- ✓ DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME
- ☛ CAUSES CANCER IN LAB RATS

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War on Smoking always has room for another lawyer

Just when you think the War on Smoking cannot possibly get any more entertaining, up pops a new batch of lawyers to save the day.

Before I tell you about the latest legal wrinkle, let's review the key points in the War on Smoking so far:

POINT ONE: Cigarettes are evil, because smokers smoke them and consequently become sick or dead.

POINT TWO: The tobacco companies are evil, because they make and sell cigarettes.

POINT THREE: Therefore, in 1998 there was a big settlement under which the tobacco companies, by way of punishment for making and selling cigarettes, agreed to pay more than \$200 billion to 46 states and numerous concerned lawyers.

POINT FOUR: The tobacco companies are paying for this settlement by making and selling cigarettes as fast as humanly possible.

POINT FIVE: At the time of the settlement, the states loudly declared that they would use the money for programs to eliminate smoking, which is

evil.

POINT SIX: Perhaps you believe that the states are actually using the money for this purpose.

POINT SEVEN: You moron.

POINT EIGHT: In fact, so far, the states are spending more than 90 percent of the tobacco-

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settlement money on programs unrelated to smoking, such as building highways.

POINT NINE: This is good, because we need quality highways to handle the sharp increase in the number of Mercedes automobiles purchased by lawyers enriched by the tobacco settlement.

So, to boil these points down to a single sentence: The War on Smoking currently is a program under which states build high-

Dave Barry

*Syndicated humor
columnist*



ways using money obtained through the sale of cigarettes. Is everybody clear on that?

Good! Now let's move on to the entertaining new wrinkle. It seems that a new batch of lawyers, who were not involved in the original tobacco litigation, has been pondering the 1998 settlement, and they have come to the conclusion that it has a very serious legal flaw, namely: They are not getting any of the money.

Ha ha! That was just a joke, and I will instruct the jury to disregard it. The new lawyers are in fact unhappy because they believe the tobacco settlement unfairly leaves out a group of victims who deserve a hefty share of the money. And those victims are: smokers. That's right: Smokers, without whom there would not even BE a tobacco settlement, are not getting a piece of the pie! So the new lawyer batch believe that billions of dollars of the tobacco

settlement should go to smokers who receive Medicaid for illnesses that they have suffered as a result of smoking.

I realize this sounds complicated, so let's break down the way the cash would flow if these new lawsuits are successful:

1. **SMOKERS** would give money to **THE TOBACCO COMPANIES** in exchange for cigarettes.

2. **THE TOBACCO COMPANIES** would then give the money to **THE STATES** (and their lawyers).

3. **THE STATES** would then give the money to **SMOKERS** (and their lawyers).

4. **THE SMOKERS** would then presumably give the money to **THE TOBACCO COMPANIES** in exchange for more cigarettes. Perhaps you're thinking: Isn't this inefficient? Why not eliminate the middle steps and simply require tobacco companies to give cigarettes to smokers for free?

The trouble with that idea is that it would defeat the two main purposes of the War on Smoking, which are (1) to provide the states with money; and

(2) to provide lawyers with, well, money. And this would be an especially cruel time to take the War on Smoking money away from the American lawsuit industry, which already suffered a devastating setback recently when the Y2K computer glitch, tragically, failed to be disastrous.

So we should not be critical of the way our political and legal leaders are waging the War on Smoking.

They have proved once again that this great nation, with its "can-do" attitude, can take any problem, no matter how sad and hopeless it seems, and figure out a way to turn it into increased Mercedes sales. Although I do not mean to cynically suggest that the only beneficiaries of the War on Smoking are luxury-car dealerships. Lear jets are also selling well.

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9. The Human Jenga
8. The 25,000 peso pyramid
7. Let's Make a Deal... with Satan (with guest host Bob Barker)
6. Nude Family Feud
5. The Mating Game
4. Scarsearch
3. Name that Highly Contagious Skin Disease
2. The Wheel of Cutlery
1. Who Doesn't Want to be a Millionaire?

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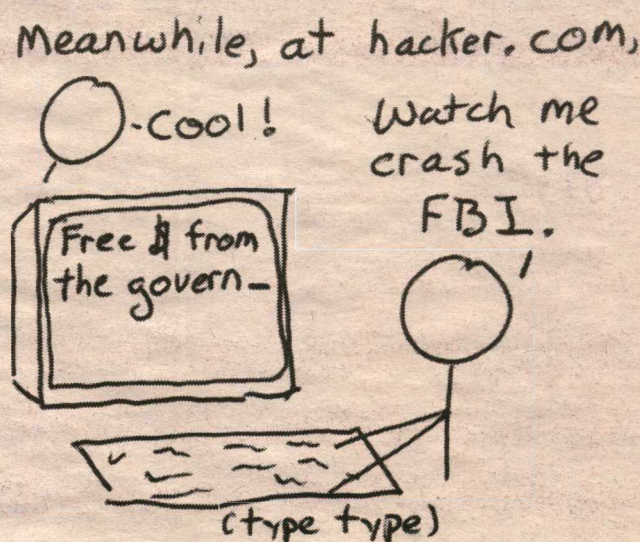
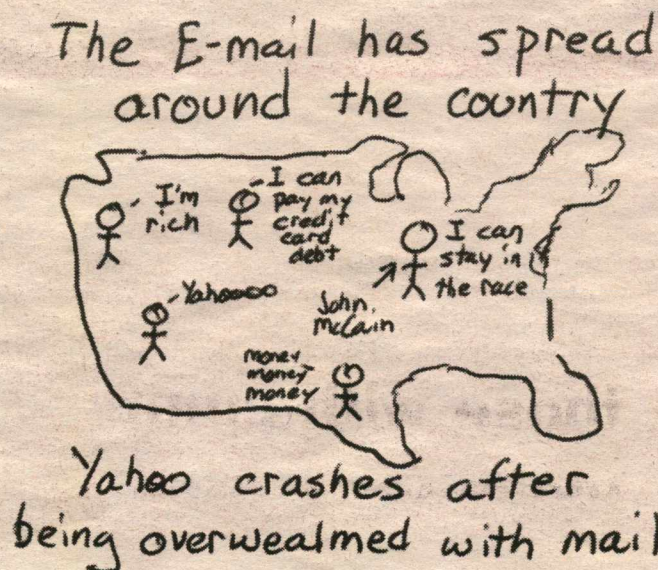
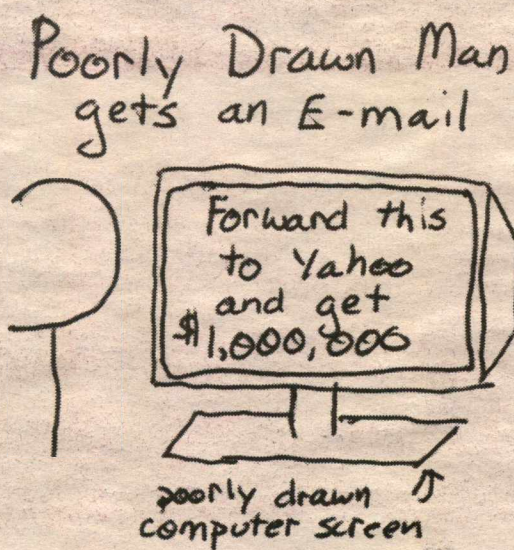
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Poorly Drawn Man - by David Stillman



Final thoughts from an NNU believer in exile

by Andrew Yoder
Crusader Staff Writer

Over the past few months we have had the pleasure of hearing a variety of people speak passionately on the subject of religion and Christian faith. Fervent believers and non-believers alike have had the freedom and privilege of expressing diverse opinions for the purpose of responsible dialogue between people of differing beliefs.

It seems to me that this kind of freedom and diversity is one of the very pillars on which this community should be founded. It is unfortunate (although typical) that this freedom has recently come under fire by those who would prefer that this newspaper be a safe voice of conformity rather than a challenging voice of free thought and inquiry.

Before people such as myself are banned from writing in the *Crusader*, I would like to speak of a group of men and women on campus who have yet to be represented in the recent spiritual dialogue. I call this group the "believers in exile."

The phrase "believers in exile" comes from a book by Bishop John Shelby Spong entitled, *Why Christianity Must Change or Die*. These are people such as myself who continue to strongly experience the reality of the spiritual, yet who feel alienated and exiled from the classical religious language of the traditional church.

As in the Old Testament,

such believers are constantly asked to "sing the songs of Zion" by this community – in chapel, in class, in Time Out. But increas-

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ingly, the NNU community reels like strange land to believers such as myself. How can we "sing the Lord's song in a strange land" We believers in exile are *not* looking for a way to sing the "old songs" again—of classical theism, of first-century science and metaphysics, of irrational or unquestioned faith or of supernatural mysticism.

The experience of "God" has forever been changed by the experience of exile. And yet, neither are we exiles seeking to reject all spiritual and "Christian" realities. We are therefore in need of a *new song*—a new way of speaking and experiencing spiri-

tual truths!

It is my conviction that the god of classical theism, a god "up there" or "out there" is an almost lifeless concept to many today. In this sense, the radical theologians of the sixties were right when they, as Christians, proclaimed the death of this kind of "god."

But that proclamation is not the end of Christianity. There is hope. From the ashes of classical theism a *new* understanding of a God "in there," a God of depth, and a God at the very heart of everything that is can emerge. This is the God, "in whom we live and move and have our being." (Acts 17:28)

As a believer in exile I can no longer speak with conviction the supernatural and mythical claims of the Church and its scriptures (although I do believe in the power and authority of such scriptures when they are understood symbolically and culturally). Nor can I speak the ancient creeds with confidence in their literal meaning. And yet, the reality of God, the Source and Ground of my being, remains a beautiful and transforming part of my life. Jesus continues to be a shining example of a human life lived in the fullness of God-consciousness and the symbol of that power which can overcome our estrangement from the depths of our existence!

There are, I believe, a number of members of this community who are "believers in exile."



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They may even be committed to Christian service. I, myself, am preparing to teach theology in the academic setting and hope to speak meaningfully about a religious faith that promotes love and justice in this life.

At the same time, in my youthful playfulness I have three buttons on my backpack. One says "Heretic," because I am often accused of being one (although if being a heretic means that I struggle deeply and sincerely with my faith, then may I be called one). Another says, "guilt, fear, mass insanity—three cheers for Christianity" and is a reminder to me of the many atrocities that have been done in the name of "Christianity" throughout history. And the last one says, "God, protect me from your followers" and is a reminder to me that often we "followers of Christ" don't often act very Christ-like towards others.

I have overcome my cynicism, anger and bitterness, so none of that is what is expressed here. Although I have been through the hard times in life, in the end I have come to realize that I basically love human beings! However, we, the exiled, are searching for a new song of faith that can express our religious experience—one that is naturalistic, committed to humanism and devoted to living this life in fullness

and vitality, sensually embracing every beautiful gift this world has to offer.

We are not afraid of religious diversity. We affirm the goodness of culture in its art, music and literature. We embrace the beauty of nature. We support the fight against oppression, both in the form of racism, but equally as important to this campus, in the form of persecution and condemnation based on one's sexuality. We encourage every individual to struggle with questions of faith and to discover for one's self the meaning and power in the religious experience.

And finally, as a believer in exile I would like to plead with those who still feel firmly committed to the traditional church structure. Please remember that above all else, Jesus as the Christ lived and died to promote love and acceptance that transcended all boundaries of religion, culture and gender.

May all of us who call ourselves religious promote an atmosphere of love and acceptance (not merely, tolerance but true acceptance), and may we come to realize that we are all brothers and sisters not just "in Christ" but *in our very humanity!* In the spirit of Paul Tillich, may we devote our lives to the struggle to make this entire earth a world of Love, Power and Justice!

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