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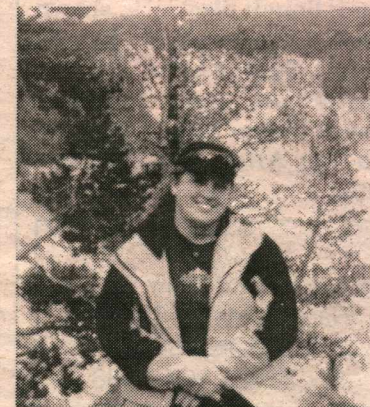
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Column One

Yesterday, what a day. Yet when was yesterday? Throughout life I have looked back at great and awful experiences with wonder. Wonder at how they have come and gone. Yesterday I was in Russia, yesterday my grandfather died, yesterday I asked Jenni to marry me, yesterday I was a freshman.

As a Christian, the past has been both a horror story and a "God--glorifying" story. I have found that the more I think about the past, the more the present starts to look different. I am either more glad to be here or I am more disappointed. A dilemma is formed. I like to think about the past, but instead of leaving the past there it becomes a hindrance toward enjoying the present.

I have come to the realization that to live a joyful Christian life, I should not dwell on the past, and I should not dwell on the future. Instead of saying "yesterday..." I should say "Now..."

Living life full of God one can say "Now . . ." or "Today . . ." because we know that our very existence is wrapped up in our relationship with God. Not to say we should not plan ahead or should learn from our past, and not to say that life will be grand. But when we focus on the past or the future we find ourselves missing out on today.

The world is in desperate need for a people who will feed the hungry, clothe the clotheless, shelter the homeless, visit the prisoners and be a living example of the greatest example of love in all human history, an example of Christ. Let all Christendom open their eyes to the present and reach out to the world!!

J. Vito Montebianco

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English Department honors seniors

by Lynette Brown
 Campus News Editor

Here it is, the end of the year! Everyone is beginning to cram for tests, finish papers five minutes before class and make sure their schedules are perfect. Pretty soon, the packing will begin as well as the saying goodbye to people (and Freshmen, the number has multiplied by at least one thousand since the Fall), and the focus of conversations now turns toward summer plans and jobs.

However, there are many who cannot participate in the planning to come back next year. The seniors who are graduating may now cram and hold conversations about summer plans (can we say that wedding bells will be playing nonstop??), but after next Saturday, life at NNU will enter a new chapter. It will shift focus to keeping up with reunions and friends rather than trying to get in the same classes as them.

The different departments are preparing to send off the seniors in style and trying to make sure they get recognized one last time before graduation.

The English Department is planning a special *au revoir* to

their seniors through a special presentation of their senior projects.

Nine students will be presenting their projects before their peers. Each of these students started their projects during second term last year. They were required to finish them by second term this year. Many hours were spent on these projects, and this is their chance to shine.

The students have a range of projects to present. Some focused their attention on the works of authors while others worked on works of their own. Four of the students were selected to give a 10-minute presentation of their work, and the rest have one minute.

The students who were chosen to give 10-minute presentations were selected by the English Department, of the projects based on diversity. One is a creative writing, two are scholarly looks at others' works, and one is based on education.

Many underclassmen may wonder why it is necessary to work on a project for a year on top of all the other classes, jobs and commitments these students have to deal with. According to Kristina Ritchie, this project

added subsequently to her education at Northwest Nazarene. "I feel like I have something to show for my education--more than just the degree."

Ritchie states "The Senior

"The Senior Project is designed to prepare English majors for graduate school. It also serves as a kind of 'rite of passage' in my opinion."

~Kristina Ritchie

Project is designed to prepare English majors for graduate school. It also serves as a kind of 'rite of passage' in my opinion." After all of the work put into the project, the outcome is a feeling of pride and satisfaction. Why else would these students be required to produce a work such as this?

Attending the English Evening will be an enjoyable experience for anyone who decides

to attend. Take time out of the stress of cramming and come to the Wiley Rotunda tonight at 7:00 pm in to the presentation of the senior English majors.

The presenters include: Angela Greenwald, Amber Jerome, Rebecca Keller, Kelsie Morrow, Kristina Ritchie, Danielle Silvers, Katrina Stewart, Sarah Stude and Melissa Tennyson. The topics range from letters from Missionaries, to Herman Hesse, to Jane Austen. These students have put a lot of effort into their projects and have earned the right to shine.

Summing up what many may have felt, Ritchie said, "While this project may have caused lots of headaches for us, I think it's also been a really good learning experience. The English Department here is magnificent. Where else would we get the opportunity for the kind of challenge the Senior Project gave us? This community pushed us to go beyond our previously established academic limits. It is fitting that we leave 'with a bang' by presenting the much-worked-over projects to our peers and mentors."

RAD increases population of NNU

Annual NYI event brings perspective students to campus.

by Laurissa Hurst
 Crusader Staff Writer

It is like an explosion of people as you walk into Marriott. You say to yourself, "What ever caused this sudden doubling of the NNU population, and why do I not have a place to sit and eat?" The probable explanation is this: Regional Activity Days, a.k.a RAD. This past weekend, May 11th - 13th marked the annual Northwest Region NYI talent festival, RAD. Hundreds of high school students from all over the northwest come to NNU to share their talents in music, speech, drama, art, sports and Bible quizzing. This gave them a chance not only to compete for recognition and medals, but to receive scholarships as well.

Not only did these students

eat our food, but they also shared our rooms. Although we may have seen them as a burden, many of them saw us as a blessing. Using our facilities cut down greatly on the cost of travel; they did not have to pay hotel bills or arrange for churches or homes to stay in. Krista Seltzer, a senior from Colorado Springs, said, "We are so busy that we don't really have that much interaction [with the NNU students], but everyone has gone out of their way to be really nice and helpful." Two gentlemen from Colorado said that it was really nifty to have a dorm room all to themselves. (So it seems that, for a weekend, these boys were on their own.) Many of the students agreed that, overall, our campus was very pleasant.

Some students had been on our campus many times and others had never stepped foot here before this weekend. However, many left with a good impression of our school and its student body. Even if you did not have the sweatshirt, you are an ambassador. I believe our campus was represented well this week-

end. "I feel this is definitely the college I'm going to," said Nathan Lance. If they had not made the decision already they have made it now. NNU, we can be proud of ourselves. We have truly impacted the lives of these students. Maybe it is possible that these students have impacted our lives, as well.

Mixed in with the business of the competition and experiencing dorm life were three chapel services. Many students found these services to be the highlight of their weekend.

Nathan Lance, a junior from Casper, Wyoming, said, "I love being in a large group of people when they're just praising God." Special speaker Dr. Scott Daniels, professor at SNU, challenged the students to become one as the body of Christ and to get up close and personal in doing the work of Christ.

The alters were lined each service with young people responding to the call to become leaders in their churches, schools and neighborhoods and to reach out to those around them who may be hurting.

Often we get frustrated when our daily routine has been messed up. RAD messed up our routine. We could no longer do things exactly as we had done them before. Let us not forget what it was like to be one of those competitors.

Maybe it was hard to remember that this only lasted for two days and we should not fuss or worry.

RAD is a great way for our campus to reach out to prospective students. They must feel welcome, as most did, while they are still in high school, before they choose to come to this college. This weekend was not only a time for fun and games, but a time for high school students to minister and to be ministered to.

"I feel this is definitely the college I'm going to."

~Nathan Lance

Juniors and Seniors take a weekend off for fun!

by Carrie Goldsmith
Crusader Staff Writer

This past weekend fifty-four juniors and seniors plus Mark and Danna Hammer piled in four vans and a few cars for an exciting adventure to Yellowstone National Park.

Everyone had different expectations for the coming weekend, but all seemed to be excited for whatever lay ahead.

Many people expressed interest in seeing the wildlife of the park. "I wanna see some bears!" Ben Hausch said as he drove a van full of people toward their destination. Kelli Westmark was also anxious to see a bear. She remarked excitedly, "Let's go find ourselves a bear cave!" Kelli ended up being one of the few who to actually see a bear while in Yellowstone.

Others had different reasons for wanting to get away. Jenelle Smith said that she wanted "to do something wild and crazy," while Amber Krapsicher was looking forward to "getting away from all sense of responsibility."

Ryan Danker, when asked what he was looking forward to, grinned and said dryly, "The farther east I go, the closer I am to

Wesley's grave."

On Saturday the whole group drove miles around Yellowstone, visiting Old Faithful, the Paint Pots, the Grand Canyon, the Falls and other beautiful sites. Buffalo were the most plentiful wildlife seen by the group, which brought quite a bit of excitement, especially when an extremely large one began to

"The farther east I go, the closer I am to Wesley's grave."

~Ryan Danker

charge Jenelle Smith. She safely and quickly jumped back into the van and no one was hurt all day.

Everyone seemed to enjoy their day in nature. "Lotsa sights, lotsa fun, lotsa buffalos," quipped Brandon Blewett, when asked what he enjoyed about his day. Shelley Bowes had fun playing in the snow, while Apryl Page enjoyed climbing rocks.

The group stayed together for most of the day and got to know each other much better, especially while driving from site

to site.

That night, a tired but satisfied group of students gathered in the hotel conference room for a time of praise and worship. Danna Hammer, the RD of Corlett, gave her testimony and had all on the edge of their seats.

There were many other memorable experiences as each person enjoyed their time in Montana and Wyoming.

J. R.

Caines had only one remark about the retreat, "West Yellowstone junior prom. Definitely." Shawn

Blenker said he enjoyed sending a wake-up call to Amanda Marble at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Despite each person's different expectations and experiences, the junior/senior retreat was definitely a success. People got to know each other better, to stop thinking about school and get away from campus for a short time.

Be sure to look forward to next year, all of you sophomores and juniors!



The group of 54 Juniors and Seniors who went to Yellowstone on the Junior/Senior retreat had a great time viewing the natural beauty and getting to know each other better.



Kari Wilde, Carrie Goldsmith and Jennifer Scoggins smile in front of a stunning sight at Yellowstone.

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Apryl Page influencing children through work

NNU student works with children -- making a difference in their lives and in her own life

by Esther Heath
Cover Story Editor

Northwest Nazarene University a student who is a very remarkable and caring person. When Apryl Page was given the chance to intern at the Northwest Children's Fund she was able to put some of her skills to help out other people.

The Northwest Children's Fund is a publicly funded private school geared toward children who are severely and emotionally disturbed and would not be able to succeed in a normal public school.

Apryl is the woman who makes sure that the school's purpose is fulfilled--to help children who would not normally succeed in the normal classroom setting to graduate and learn to develop healthy relationships and positive goals and outlooks.

Apryl was given the chance to mentor an elementary-aged boy. She observed the classroom and chose one child to mentor and create lesson plans.

She created an individual behavioral program schedule. Since September, she has implemented these plans.

She found out that her student was interested in music and came up with the fun idea of *Veggie Tales!* The child listened to the music and followed

along to the lyrics while "reading" it.

As the months progressed, Apryl was able to take away the reading aids helping the student to learn to read.

The children and Apryl played games, ran obstacle courses and developed a one-- on--one relationships.

Apryl says that one of the most remarkable events that has occurred since she began to work there was the first time one of her students smiled. That experience is something that she will never forget from all of her time working there.

Apryl has enjoyed all her time working at the Northwest Children's Fund. Having the chance to work at this job has given Apryl many opportunities and memories that she would not have the chance to experience elsewhere.

"Working [at the Northwest Children's Funds] gave me a chance to see how the family environment influences the child."



Apryl Page shares the smile that her students have come to love and appreciate! A sweet--spirited person who wants to help others with her talents.

Apryl Page shares the smile that her students have come to love and appreciate!

Working at Northwest Children's Fund has given her the chance to see many improvements in the children and work with children who need some extra help. Some of the children she works with need

help because of the home life they come from.

Apryl will miss the Northwest Children's Fund. Her plans include working with the children on Psychology and Development.

Apryl states "working [at the Northwest Children's Funds] gave me a desire to work with family. It gave me a chance to see how the family environment influences the child."

Through the internship, she came to realize that there are many children out there who need special help.

She knows that her plans for the future will involve working closely with children, and helping to develop relationships that will help children to succeed.

Dr. Scott Daniels message speaks to students



Dr. Scott Daniels from Southern Nazarene University and Northwest Nazarene alumni came back to speak to students during chapel for both the student body and those attending RAD. His message inspired students with his challenges of making the body of Christ into a unit. Students enjoyed hearing him and what he had to say to the school.

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Sophomore party; blast for all!

by Sara Keller
Crusader Guest Writer

With *Grease* blasting in the gym, volleyballs flying in every direction and cartons of ice cream and pounds of M&Ms waiting to be eaten, the sophomore class partied on Saturday night. Sophomores got together for a night of games, food and--of course--a great time!

Jumping at the chance to avoid studying, they filled the evening with lots of food, some intense rounds of Dodge Ball, the ever popular Balloon Stomp, a surprisingly wet game of Twister and the grand finale--Capture the Flag.

Tiffany Brush commented, "Playing Capture the Flag in the dark was cool--I saw sides of people I never thought I'd see!"

Sara Cunningham agreed: "Playing Capture the Flag was a fun way to get to hang out with people I never see and a great chance to get to know my classmates better."

Lynette Brown said "The whole evening was fun--even getting doused in the face by water balloons launched by some Freshman girls as I played Twister! Being able to capture the flag was

definitely the highlight of the evening for me!"

Next year's Class Council had the privilege of putting this party together. It was a great chance to start working together as a council to get ready for some

of our big projects next year. The Junior Class is in charge of planning the Junior Class Play, Junior/Senior Retreat, class chapels, class service projects and of course, more parties! We are ready to have a fun time next year and excited about planning activities you will not want to miss!

If you have any suggestions or want to help out in any way, here are next year's class officers, who would love to hear any input from their classmates: President Ryan Pike; Vice-President David Kadel; Secretary Jayme Harding; Treasurer Melissa Barrass; Chaplain Laurissa Hurst; Senators Steve

Roth, Esther Heath, and Sara Keller, Social Board Representatives Allison McCray and Sherri Borger; Off-Campus Representative Rebecca Weikel; and Publicity Director Amy Ball. This is a great chance to get involved in



Sophomore boys become very competitive while trying to pop the other person's balloons attached to their feet. All who attended had fun and got to know other students better.

school and have a great time while you are at it!

The sophomores who attended the party had a great time of games and socializing with other people.

Sophomores, if you missed out on this party, please do not despair! Come back this fall with your eyes wide open for some awesome class parties!

Plan to attend Malibu Days!

NNU's weekend to beat all weekends is here!

by Lynette Brown
Campus News Editor

Malibu Days are soon approaching. Are you ready for a good time? For the year's newcomers to NNU clarifying "a good time" may be necessary.

So, if you have never attended NNU before, here is a small idea of what you should expect: a massive slip--and--slide, karaoke, tournaments, enough water to compete with Noah's flood with and a real luau.

If one or more (or all) of these listed activities even sounds remotely interesting, prepare yourself for a weekend full of fun coming soon to an NNU near you! May 19-20, 2000 will bring a weekend of fun times, a lot of water, relaxation and replenishment for finals.

Malibu 2000 has a lot of

excitement plans in store for everyone. Friday evening kicks off the weekend with the outdoor RD picnic from five until seven p.m.

That evening from 8:30--10:30 p.m., will be the famous Cafe Malibu. Cafe Malibu consists of fun, karaoke, and mocktails.

Saturday's events will last throughout the whole day. At eleven o'clock, the watersport events will take place. Flooding the lawn between Dooley and Culver for a slip-and-slide and buck--buck is necessary. Snocones and other fun things are also on the agenda for the day.

In the afternoon, sporting tournaments will be part of the fun which the weekend has to offer, consisting of co-ed volleyball and ultimate frisbee. Pepsi will provide drinks for free.

That evening, Sodexo-Marriott will outdo themselves for the sake of the students. The luau will be that evening and will include music and a roasted pig!

To finish off the evening, snacks are offered, and *The Princess Bride* will be shown on

the Soccer Field from nine until eleven.

Many upperclassmen have fond memories of the Malibu Days of the past. Some say that it is just about the best weekend to stay on campus due to all of the fun activities and amusing happenings.

Memories of getting covered in mud and water, seeing freshmen girls dressed in hula skirts and losing one's appetite to the sight of the roasted pig (even if it is an authentic touch) are remembered with fondness.

This is one weekend that a camera without film is not excusable! Many candid photo opportunities will be available, as you see your friends covered in mud and caught in precarious positions (i.e. buck buck, slip-and--sliding, etc.).

So, mark your calendars for Malibu Days this weekend. Hold onto your stomach, because a lot of laughter is headed towards Northwest Nazarene University to give our stomachs a workout.

Make sure that the last weekend of school is one weekend that you will never forget! See you there!

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Deadly storm leaves trail of destruction across midwest

by Amy Oglevie
World News Editor

A series of turbulent weather systems roared through the country's mid-section late last week, leaving a path of destruction from Texas to Michigan. A particularly brutal storm struck Saturday, touching down in Texas, Kansas, Wisconsin, and Illinois.

The tornado touched down in Lake Whitney, Texas, and then in Bosque County where at least 20 homes were annihilated and many others severely damaged. Pat Small, a resident of Lake Whitney, captured the twister on video: "I... saw a black cloud coming back down to the ground. I knew that it was a tornado forming, so I went back inside and got my video camera. I saw it take several different shapes, and it appeared at one point to be sucking water out of the lake."

Wind gusts of up to 110 mph

and baseball-sized hail left one mobile park heavily damaged Friday night, in the city of St. Nazianz, Wisconsin.

"All of a sudden it started raining and the hail came, and

in Tonganoxie, Kansas, who was killed Friday when a porch roof collapsed on her. Apparently the roof had been damaged by a tornado the previous evening.

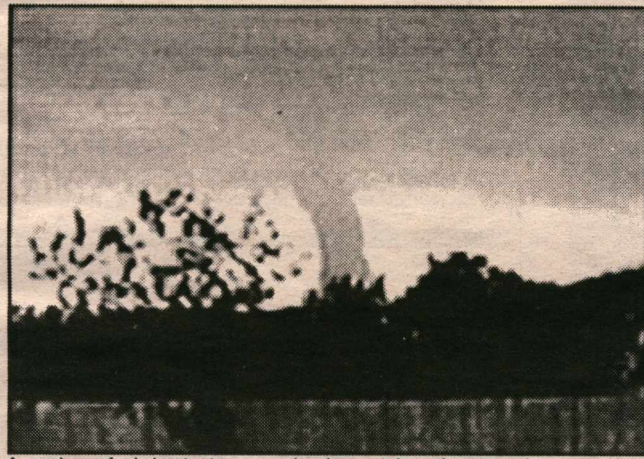
The only other casualty reported was that of a 70-year-old man who perished when the storm leveled his home Friday. A woman in the house survived and was flown by medical helicopter to Parkland Hospital in Dallas. She remains in very serious condition.

Kansas appears to have been the worst hit. Governor Bill Graves declared a disaster emergency

Friday, which could lead to much-needed federal assistance. In Kansas City, Steve Okenfuss, manager of a Toyota dealership, looked mournfully out across the piles of twisted metal that only days before had been new cars. "[The tornado] demolished the building and everything else," he said. "It looks like a big foot just smashed it."

then it got bigger and it just blasted through the windows," commented Don Orth, a St. Nazianz resident. About 28 people were injured, and one is in critical condition as a result of the Wisconsin strain of the storm.

Casualties were minimal as many were injured only a handful of deaths were reported. One death was that of a 4-year-old girl



A series of violent storms broke out late last week, spawning devastating tornadoes like this one filmed in Lake Whitney, Texas.

Suspected creators of the "Love-Bug" virus arrested

by Heather Oglevie
World News Staff Writer

A suspect in the 'cyber-attack' known as the Love Bug virus, which crippled e-mail systems from the CIA to the British parliament, may be taking responsibility for the program while trying to dodge the consequences.

23-year old Onel A. DeGuzman, one of four suspects under investigation by the Philippine National Bureau of Investigation, stated that it was "possible" that he had accidentally released the virus, although he said he was not certain who had done it and refused to say whether he had written the program.

Carlos Caabay, the NBI's deputy director for investigative services, commented, "It seems

there was an indirect admission, but there was evasion. Evasion because he wanted to be relieved of responsibility by saying possibly he has released accidentally

"It seems there was an indirect admission (of guilt), but there was invasion." ~Carlos Caabay

the 'love bug' virus." He added, "If it is true, we are going to determine whether it was accidental or intentional."

The investigation is continuing despite the possible confession, and Caabay reports that he has not applied for any arrest warrants. The three other suspects—DeGuzman's sister Irene, her boyfriend Reonel Ramones and another computer student, Michael Buen—remain under investigation.

A raid of the DeGuzman

apartment seized 17 computer diskettes which investigators are reviewing in hopes of turning up more names. Ramones was arrested earlier but released due to

lack of evidence. Officials at the AMA Computer College in Manila have reported that DeGuzman and Buen had previously worked on programs

that may have been combined to produce the 'love bug' virus. This virus spread via e-mail in the computers of anyone who received it and opened an e-mail attachment entitled "I LOVE YOU."

It is unclear what charges might be brought against any of the possible virus authors because apparently the Philippines has no rules outlawing cyber crimes. However, the virus may have cost businesses and governments up to 10 billion dollars in damage.

World News Briefs

by Jeremy Smith and Amy Oglevie

World News Writer and Editor

Armored guards strike in France

LONDON, ENGLAND - It was a market day like no other in France. People had to pull out their credit cards to pay for a 6-franc (less than \$1) baguette.

At vegetable stalls, French shoppers were busy writing checks to pay for a bag of cherries or half a pound of green beans.

Cash has dried up across France because armored car guards have been on strike for the past seven days, demanding increased safety and higher pay.

At the start of the weekend, 40 percent of the nation's automatic teller machines were empty, with those that still had money having 20 or 30 people lined up.

Banks, fearful they may run out of cash, are limiting over-the-counter withdrawals to 1,000 francs, or about \$120.

Security staff at firms such as Brinks went on strike last Tuesday following a recent increase in violent attacks on guards. There have been 11 attacks on security vans in France since the beginning of the year. One guard was killed and two others seriously wounded.

Unions representing the couriers are demanding greater on-the-job security, higher wages and a monthly hazard pay allowance.

National debt steadily decreases

New York, NY - For more than a decade, the stark green sign has chronicled the second-to-second growth in the country's debt from its perch atop a building near Times Square. Often the debt rose so fast that the last several numbers were blurred, reminding people of their serious economic problem.

Yet today its numbers barely budge, and the national debt has actually decreased since the beginning of the year due to budget surpluses and the first buy backs of government debt in 70 years.

Barring an unexpected reversal in Washington's newfound sense of fiscal responsibility, the National Debt Clock will go dark on September 7, the birthday of the man who invented it, Seymour Durst.

"It was put up to focus attention on the increasing national debt, and it's served its purpose," says Seymour's son, Douglas Durst.

NASA looks toward Mars 2003

by Amy Oglevie

World News Editor

HUNTSVILLE, AL - Hoping to boost the struggling Mars program, NASA is considering two choices for the Mars 2003 mission.

As the first option, NASA is willing to land a rover on the surface of the red planet equipped with a 286-pound airbag protection system, similar to the one that cushioned Pathfinder's landing in 1997.

The second for the 2003 launch is a martian orbiter that would search for water and support other missions to the planet over the next decade, according to NASA.

Unlike the Pathfinder expedition, the proposed four-petal enclosure for Mars 2003 would not carry out scientific functions and would only serve to survey physical characteristics on the surface.

The proposed Mars Surveyor Orbiter would carry out the same scientific duties as the Mars Climate Orbiter, which supposedly burned up in the martian atmosphere in September.

The earliest cost estimate of either mission exceeds \$200 million, and the land rover would be more expensive than the other.

"These two mission concepts embody the requirements we have learned through the hard lessons of two recent Mars mission failures," NASA Associate Administrator Ed Weiler said.

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"Million Mom March" commences in Washington

by Jeremy Smith

World News Staff Writer

The "Million Mom March," as it was nicknamed, was a mass gathering of women to protest gun violence. Leaders for the march said that nearly 500,000 people descended on the National Mall in Washington D.C. on Mother's Day, May 14th.

The Second Amendment Sisters said between 2,500 and 3,000 people had joined their demonstration near the White House on the same day, at the same time.

Demonstrators on both sides said they had lost loved ones to gun violence and wanted something done to prevent further tragedy.

Million Mom March organizers principally called on Congress to require trigger locks on all handgun sales and a national system that would require all handguns and their owners to be registered and licensed.

The group claimed that U.S. gun violence kills more than 30,000 people each year. "Politicians, take heed," said Dawn Anna, mother of a student killed in the Columbine High School shootings. "We are watching you. The hands that rock the cradles rule the world."

At the counter rally, organizers set up a small stage and brought in speakers and musical groups. Speakers said gun education - not new legislation - was the answer to the problem.

"My kids know, if you see a gun, you don't touch it," said Elitza Meyer. "You leave the area, you go tell a responsible adult."

After the rally, the gun-rights demonstrators marched up Constitution Avenue toward the U.S. Capitol and the Million Mom March participants. Members of the two groups exchanged some shouts and boing, and a few stopped to try to strike up conversation, which proved ultimately unsuccessful.

"I know some of those women have lost a child to gun violence; I can't imagine the pain," said Wanda Borsa. "But what they want to do is the wrong thing."

The Million Mom March was preceded by a morning-long rally on the south lawn of the White House. Hosting

the rally were President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Arguing against claims that a gun registration laws would violate the Second Amendment to the Constitution, the Clinton compared guns to automobiles:

"Well, the Supreme Court says there's a constitutional right to travel," Clinton said.

"But we license car owners, and we register cars, and we have speed limits, and we have child safety restraint laws, and we have seat belt laws... When's the last time you heard somebody stand up and give a speech about the

eminent evils of car control?"

Later in the day, celebrities stepped onto the event's stage, erected within site of the U.S. Capitol, to speak on

host, introduced musicians Rosanne Cash, Emmylou Harris, Melissa Etheridge and others.

Actress and rock musician

"I know some of those women have lost a child to gun violence; I can't imagine the pain, but what they want to do is the wrong thing."

~ Wanda Borsa

the gun control issue.

Mistress of ceremonies Rosie O'Donnel, an actress and TV day-time talk show

Courtney Love gave an emotional speech calling current U.S. gun laws "annihilistic

and barbaric."

According to Love, if a law banning gun sales to people with a history of mental illness had been in effect in 1994, her husband, musician Kurt Cobain, would not have taken his own life with a shotgun.

"An acquaintance of my husband with a long criminal record and a record of mental illness walked into a pawnshop," Love said.

"It took him about five minutes to purchase a shotgun. He handed it to Kurt on April 6, and on April 7 he was found dead. That's how easy it is."

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■ Growth, Transportation, Air Quality

Canyon County needs a vision for the future not a map of the past. Our infrastructure is not keeping up with our growth. Our roads are congested and dangerous. Trains at Kärcher and Amity hold up traffic. The people want easier access to their homes and jobs. Leaders and experts must be brought together to solve these problems in a way that is best for the valley. We must ease Canyon County into the future without adding new taxes and more government bureaucracy. Air Quality should be priority in this valley.

■ Choice in Education Programs

All families should have the right to choose the best possible education for their children.

■ 2nd Amendment Rights

Idahoans have the Constitutional right to own firearms.

■ Senior Citizen Issues

Rising property taxes, appropriate and accessible health care and the upward spiral of the cost of living are issues that effect us all.

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I will support legislation that encourages strong families.

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With our rights comes the responsibility to care for the land wisely.

■ Building a Better Canyon County

Rural and urban cooperation will help keep agriculture and business productive and our economy growing to provide opportunity and jobs for Canyon County families.

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Cutting taxes, eliminating waste and regulations that effect our farms, ranches, businesses and citizens is the most important goal of my campaign.

I will work hard for the people of Canyon County. Let me know your concerns.

To get involved contact NNU Young Republicans
Bob VanAllen and Jason Grenn.

Congratulations to The Class of 2000

After four years at NNU, most Seniors are ready to leave Nampa and face the challenges of the life ahead of them. The time they've spent here, however, will not be easily forgotten.

During a survey of the various favorites, seniors reported that Chapman is their favorite dorm, followed by Morrison and Olsen. They also reported that the "Center of the Universe" was the favorite spot on campus until it was removed. Each graduate has his or her own favorite memory of the last four years, but most memories seem to revolve around time spent with friends.

In this section, you can read about what graduating classmates will be doing in the future as well as read a personalized account of memories from the past four years. Congratulations Grads!

Food and friends were the main focuses at many events held throughout the years at NNU



Mystery destinations: Is there life after college?

Before the graduation caps feel the force of gravity seniors will be flying in all directions

by Kenzi Wilkes
Cover Story Writer

About a month ago, I was sensing some serious tension among my classmates. Seniors all over campus were starting to realize how little time they had to figure out their future plans. And when this issue of *The Crusader* comes out, there will only be eleven days until graduation, eleven days until seniors spread out across the country and the world, for that matter. There will be no more free access to your seventy best friends, no more naps in the middle of the day, no more Time Out. Now that you are sufficiently depressed, here are some of the exciting plans that seniors have for summer and the "real world" afterwards.

For starters, your Student Body President, Shawn Blenker, will be a world traveler for the summer before he settles down in Boise with a job in financial planning. After being a groomsman in yet another roommate's wedding, he will be romping around Europe, specifically England and Paris for a week. The day after he gets back, he will leave for Australia to do a month-long mission trip with his home church in Colorado. Once back in Boise, he will be working for American Express or some other prestigious company.

Another world traveler, Heather Staffenson, plans to spend the next year teaching English in

China. Staffenson is a business major from Newport, Oregon. At the English Language Institute of China, she will be working with elementary and high school children.

After a summer working for the National Parks, Jaime Boyd will hopefully begin her two-year service for the Peace Corps in either Central or South America.

"I'm thankful for the dreams and passions God has given me. I look forward to embracing both my strengths and weaknesses in an effort to serve others through the Peace Corps and in life. Though there are many uncertainties in the details, I am excited about the adventures that lie ahead" said Boyd.

Sanchai Dean will be travelling to Thailand to visit family and friends.

Ken Tennyson will be exploring Mozambique this summer with the NNU-sponsored trip, but he will be staying an extra six weeks to help with flood relief.

"My grandparents were missionaries in Africa so it is a great way for me to trace down my family roots. So I'm really excited to return to a place I haven't seen since I was five and barely remember. This is an awesome opportunity to minister before coming back to the United States to get a job," said Tennyson.

Amy Mason and Sarah Stude

will be returning to China this summer with Youth in Mission. Talk about getting stamps in your passport, huh?

Some seniors have chosen to stay within the country. Your Campus Ministries Coordinator, Eric Manley, will be continuing his ministry at his home church in Puyallup, Washington. He will be working with the junior high youth group. Currently, the group is running about seventy strong, but it is growing fast. Eric Emmert also has a youth ministry job lined up. He will be moving to Prescott,

surf?

Hoffman is not the only senior who still has more school in the future. Joanna Harbour, a political science major from Estacada, Oregon, is planning to become a lawyer.

"I decided I want to change the juvenile justice system to what it was originally designed to be, to rehabilitate the youth from having a delinquent mind to becoming a productive member of society," said Harbour.

She will be going to the Willamette University College of Law in Salem. She hasn't decided yet whether she would like to specialize in criminal or international law. Keep her in mind for any future legal issues you may have.

Greg Dement and Melissa Tennyson will also be working hard next year. They are both going to Washington State University in Pullman. Greg will be pursuing his doctorate from the Department of Molecular Bioscience, and Melissa will be obtaining her masters in English. "This time next year I'll be teaching freshman comp. classes! That is very exciting and also very scary for me - I can't believe I'll be teaching people 4 or 5 years younger than me!" said Tennyson.

These aren't the only seniors who, for some reason, are choosing to go to more school. Brent Gould will be going to Idaho State University in Pocatello to study physical therapy. Nathan Hydes will be getting his doctorate in clinical psychology from the Arizona School of Professional Psy-

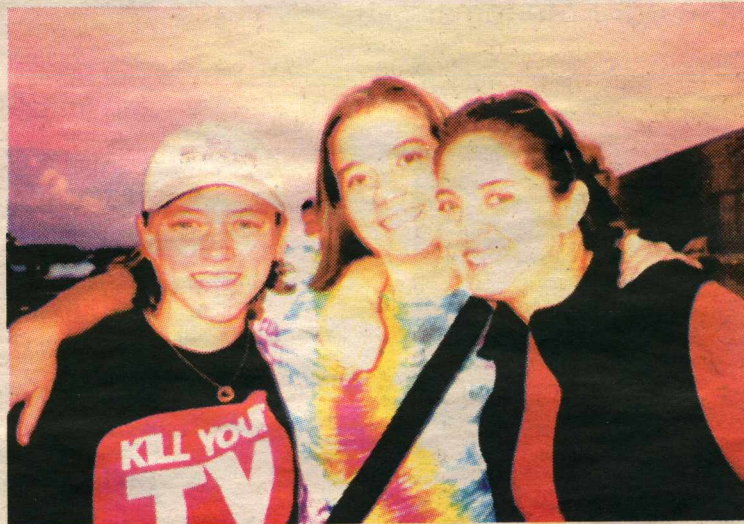
chology. Jeremy Klosterman will be going to school in La Jolla, California, to get his masters in chemistry.

Several seniors already have jobs lined up for after graduation. After her wedding this summer, Alesha Halvorson and her husband, Obadiah, will be living in Columbus, Ohio. Alesha will be teaching at Madison Christian Elementary. Ironically, this is the school that Obadiah attended as a kid. Hmmm. Kyla Edelman will also be teaching. She has the unique opportunity of being the only first-year teacher invited to teach at a brand new elementary school in Meridian. Those fourth-graders don't have any idea what a fantastic teacher they're in for. What better person to teach those yucky fractions?

Kansas City is the destination for several other seniors. Kelli Westmark, Heather Oglevie, Olivia Metcalf, Mindy (Bales) Alsworth, and Eric Depew will all be descending on this hub of Nazarene activity to attend Nazarene Theological Seminary. Maybe you'll be lucky enough some day to have one of these quality people as your pastor. Kelly Robinson will also be moving to Kansas City, but not to go to NTS. She is from KC and will be looking for a teaching job in the area.

Finally, I plan to spend the summer in New York City working at the Lambs Church near Times Square. My Youth in Mission team and I will be working with a kids day camp and hopefully spend some time at the New York district Nazarene church camp. After NYC, I will be moving to San Diego, because really, what better place to start my life in the "real world"?

These are just a few of the exciting stories awaiting graduating seniors from the Class of 2000. I expect to hear about you all in the national and international news. Good luck fellow seniors! I can't wait to see you at reunions.



Seniors will be remembering the friends they made during the past years

Arizona to work for the Prescott Church of the Nazarene. We all know that both of these Erics will do excellently at their jobs because their maturity level is quite compatible with that of junior highers.

Brandon Hoffman, more recently known as Pickering in *My Fair Lady*, has big plans for the future, as well. This multi-talented individual will be attending the University of California, Davis, and studying diligently for his doctorate in physics. Do you think he'll have time to learn how to

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For the last time

One Senior reflects on the evolution of the class of 2000

by Robin Day
Guest Writer

I wouldn't necessarily describe myself as a typical NNU student. I'm not Nazarene, so when I came to NNC, I was alone. As an Idaho girl, my perspective is often very different from other's. I know that some of what I've written here is not the view of a lot of seniors, but hopefully each senior will be able to find something that he or she agrees with.

The Class of 2000 arrived on the NNC campus, for the most part, in the fall of 1996, and we were a fairly typical freshman class. Everyone of us intended to be on the Dean's List every term of our college careers and each of us was going to be the best at whatever that NNC had ever seen.

Meeting new friends was of utmost importance, largely because parents had left us with the advice, "Your college friends will be the best friends of your entire lives." Not that our parents were wrong, but after the first term's reports cards, there was some doubt as to whether our priorities were in line and whether or not we could stick out another four years of this.

I lived in Mangum Hall, a dorm that isolated its inhabitants from the rest of the freshman class and the rest of the campus. For me, it was perfect. I hail from an isolated Idaho town that is smaller than the average NNU freshman class. (Nampa has been a bit of a culture shock for me.)

My wing was further isolated from the others in Mangum and we had a lot of fun with that fact. If we were up at horribly early hours of the morning (which we invariably were),

there was no one around to be disturbed by it.

Freshman year was the year of take-out Chinese in the hallway, 3 a.m. water fights, peanut butter wars, getting in trouble for dancing in the halls and the infamous curfew, which was broken more times than not. It was also the year of the campus-wide revival, something that started within the walls of Chapman and did more to unite our class to each other and to the NNC campus than any other single event.

On that note, it is of vital importance to mention that our class was the last to live in Chapman, something the guys seem to think is a defining characteristic of the class of 2000, more so than being the last class of the millennium or the first class of NNU.

I believe the sentiment attached to Chapman is something no female will ever be able to understand. It has been elevated to the status of a Utopia

new the past year's friendships and to reminisce about those who didn't return.

The campus had changed in our absence. The New Dorm had been finished over the summer, as had the Brandt Center. Wordsworth Dining Hall had been moved and Clyde's student lounge stood in its place.

As sophomores suddenly, we knew (and were expected to know) the system. We knew which classes to take, which professors to avoid, the spots to hang out, and how to insure that college was enjoyed to its fullest.

There were fewer late nights, and academics took on a new importance. It was also the last year that we lived together as a class (for the most part); girls in Culver and boys in Sutherland. After sophomore year, more and more of our class lived off campus while some lived in Dooley, some in Corlett and already a good portion were moved into Olsen and Kirkeide.

One of the biggest triumphs of my sophomore year came within the first week of classes, when I found that a question I had asked during L.E.A.D. retreat was now being passed around campus in the rumor vine. (Maybe you heard it, that the New Dorm would be turned over to the juniors in three years.)

That year there were fewer late nights studying, but those nights lasted until longer in the morning. The following summer, more of our class went on mission trips and most of us spent the time expanding our world views.

When we returned for our junior and senior years, it was not so much moving away from home to go back to school, but leaving our parents to go home.

NNC had managed to ingrain itself into our minds as our home and the people here as our families. All of the changes and there were plenty-became personal insults for many. The final insults came with the name change to NNU and the burning of Chapman Hall.

A large part of junior year for me was spent frantically

trying to prepare for senior year, when I got a chance to relax. (I realize that I am slightly backward in this, as most people relax their junior year and become frantic zombies their senior year.)

Junior year was the year when the thought that we were going to leave NNC began to really sink in. Friends were already graduating and many had transferred to other colleges. Fewer spontaneous events took place, but those that did became more precious memories. More classmates were married or well on their way to being married, making it difficult to do something with "just the guys" or "just the girls."

Now we are nearing the last few days for the Class of 2000. This year has been bittersweet for me; every time I do something, a voice in the back of my head (a result of too many chem-

istry classes) whispers, "This is the last time. You'll never be able to do or see this again."

However, excitement about what is out there for each of us prevails. Once again, we are standing on the brink of a completely different world than what we've known and this time, this new world will last for forever.

Most of us have had a taste of this world and it agrees with us. We are ready to take on a new life and ready to be on our own, because we know that with the friends we've made in the last four years, we won't ever really be on our own.

There will always be a network of people willing to say that they knew us when. So, as we graduate next week, let me take this opportunity to thank everyone who made the NNC experience for the Class of 2000 something worth sticking out.



Doyle Harris & Kevin Allen complete their daring sky diving celebration

Things I learned at NNU

by Robin Day
Guest Writer

No matter how much they try or what the claim, your professors do not and will never truly understand the importance of your nonacademic commitments or your social needs. The same goes for your parents.

The eighties, seventies, sixties and even the fifties never really died; they just come out of hiding at socially acceptable times and continue full-strength in some fearless individuals.

Professors really don't like to fail people. They enjoy giving out A's and seeing their students' accomplishments.

Every class thinks they were the best, or the most misunderstood, or the lone reed, or will be the most missed.

If you can sleep through noise, more people will want to be your roommate.

If you wait until you have no homework and no commitments to do something, it will never happen. So enjoy time with your friends NOW!

Computers don't just seem to hate us, they really do.

If you wait until your senior year to get to know someone; you'll regret it. Get to know people as soon as possible so you'll have as much time as possible with them.

Cliques exist, fact of life. But the really good cliques allow anyone to join.

Only freshmen insist that they do not act like typical freshmen.

The people who rail the most against marriage get engaged the fastest.

Some jokes are only funny at 3 am and others aren't even then. These should not be repeated at noon.

When your parents, aunts, uncles, friends . . . and acquaintances said that these would be some of the best years of your life, they were right.

Softball Playoffs Preview

The Basketball Team

by Craig Craker

Crusader Sports Editor

As we prepare for the intramural softball playoffs, there comes a time when every columnist must pick a team and then go into a long, detailed account to fill up space.

After much research and deliberation, I think that the team to beat in this year's playoffs is the Basketball Team.

When one looks at the lineup of this team, and we're not talking a police line-up, it is simply unbeatable.

Nevermind the fact that this team was mediocre during the regular season, I think that they have the necessary components to make a run for the title.

They have one of the best veteran pitchers in the league in Kelly Herron.

They have the best first baseman in all of softball in Matt Warner. They have a group of veterans who have been playing basketball together for at least two years.

This includes Warner, Herron, Josh Coopridier, Bob Lowe and Jeff Nielson.

Add to that the mix of newcomers James Thomas Jr., Christawn Lawrence and Ryan

Marquez and you have a great mix of young and old.

We will choose to ignore the fact that all of these guys play basketball while we are speaking about softball. It is safe to assume, I think, that if these guys are good enough athletes to play basketball pretty well, then they can play softball pretty well.

We will also ignore the fact that the basketball team has had two straight losing seasons and ignore those heretics who think these players are the reason why.

Anyways, back to softball. This team also boasts Justin Schneidt, Ruben Burciaga and Matt Guthrie, who all play for the baseball team.

Think how much better these guys must be at softball. Not to take anything away from their baseball skills, but the softball is so much bigger than the baseball. I think how much easier it is to hit.

Basically, this softball team has a great mix of guys, and it does not matter how they played during the regular season, because with this group, they can turn their game on and off when-

ever they feel like it.

A few guys to watch for will be Warner, who has had a hot bat, and Herron whose pitching has been unhittable, as no one has been able to touch his knuckle-slurve.

I compare this team to the Yankees. They don't necessarily dominate during the regular season, but once they get into the postseason, watch out.

This team also has motivation. As team member Bob Lowe put it, "I am so sick of losing. I have lost 11

in a row to Kelly in Nintendo 64 baseball and I feel that it is carrying over onto the playing field. There is only one way to make it up, and that is to take home the title."

The playoffs start Tuesday for the Basketball Team against Team Sanchei.

So be sure to go out and watch the dream team of intramural softball, as this may be the last time this many star players get together. And if they lose don't laugh at me than talk to Matt Warner because he brainwashed me into this article.

We will also ignore the fact that the basketball team has had two straight losing seasons.

Women's Tennis Wrap Up

by Liz Archung

Crusader Sports Writer

Looking back on the women's tennis season, one can't help but wonder if next year's team will be as promising. Who will take the co-captains spots?

Kristen Crawford, who played number one singles and doubles, and Sara Hamilton, who played number three singles and number three doubles are graduating in a few short weeks.

They not only provided the heart of the team, they also served as role models for their teammates. The love they had

for the game was always evident in every match they played.

"I think the whole team just bonded really well together," comments Stacia Hinson. This was

Hinson's second year playing for NNU and commented further by stating, "I really think the two freshmen this year have extreme potential and definitely are the future leaders of the team."

Freshmen Megan Klure comments on playing

doubles with Hinson this year by saying, "Sure, she was a little intimidating, but after I got past that, I had a

lot of fun."

The truth is, that's what the women's tennis team was all about- fun.

Every road trip taken was memorable and helped create a bond between the girls that will last as the years go by.

Even though the team is saying good-bye to some of their teammates, the standards set this year will remain in tact. And we will never forget what we learned and were taught this year by those that had played before us.

There is expected to be promising new freshmen joining the team next year as well as players continuing on from this year.

Overall, it was a great year for women's tennis that reminds us to work hard at whatever we do and the rest will just come naturally.

Be sure to come out next year and cheer the team on.

Time Out

with

Janelle Stauffer

As future Brick House girl, Janelle Stauffer has promised to give the secret recipe for the Brick in order to promote attendance at Time Out on Wednesday, as well as to tell stories about living with Freshmen again. Come to Time Out this Wednesday in the Science Lecture Hall (or outside; I really have no clue, so talk to Eric Manley). Be there at 9 pm or risk paying a lot of money for chapel fines like I have to.

Top Ten Worst Sports Announcers

10. Anyone on TNT or TBS doing the NBA Playoffs not named Kevin Calabro.

9. Doug Collins: Always telling us about how he used to coach and all the great players on his teams.

8. Steve "Snapper" Jones: I just don't like the nickname Snapper.

7. Ron Fairley: Points out the most obvious things, as though we are the stupidest people in the world.

6. Isaiah Thomas: Talks about how the Detroit Pistons are the greatest team ever, and how he is one of the best players in NBA history.

5. Bob Costas: Read the article on page 11.

4. Tim McCarver: Makes all baseball fans look smart.

3. Joe Morgan: Thinks the Big Red Machine is the greatest team ever. Thinks he is the best second baseman ever.

2. Hubie Brown: Just has an annoying voice.

1. Bill Walton: Do we really need to go into an explanation? Just watch the NBA on NBC any weekend and look for an article similar to the Costas one.

Go Figure

0 Number of RAD students left on our campus. Can I get an amen!

0 Number of papers left to produce this term.

2 Number of days until my 20th birthday.

3 Number of teeth that were knocked from Dave Oliver's mouth after being struck with a wicked line drive.

4 Number of losses in a row by the mighty Yankees, hey we all have our bad weeks.

7 Number of cents per line I am getting paid to waste space.

10 Days till we blow this joint.

22-13 The New York Yankees record.

28 Number of meals, if that is what you want to call them, we have to eat at Marriott.

35 Pair's of shoes that Matt Warner has on the floor of his room.

\$100 Amount of money that Handle Bar has spent making repairs on his car this year.

100 Times better guys look with cowboy hats on.

Just want to say thanks to Liz, for writing your article twice.

I love you so much for that Liz, even though I lost your disk.

The "Lake-Show" Starring Bob Costas

by Mick Craker

Crusader Sports Guest Columnist

As long as there have been sports there have always been people who talk about them. Then there are those lucky individuals who actually get to talk about the event while it is going on to add to the viewing pleasure of the television audience.

Now that television is a big business when it comes to sporting events, the need for quality commentators is in demand. The bigger the game, the better the sportscasting. That's the theory, but I don't buy it when it comes to NBC's coverage of the NBA playoffs.

NBC has the rights to the weekend games during the playoffs, which have the larger viewing audience. When there is more than one game, the marquis game is usually the last one and comes with the most hype. Bob Costas is NBC's go-to man when the biggest games are being played.

NBC thinks that he is a great sportscaster. Personally, I think that he is the leader of my all-garbage team.

I heard someone on the radio the other day saying that Bob Costas was arguably the best sportscaster of all time. I wanted to laugh, but I was too busy puking all over myself.

Costas is the poster child for sports commentating. The way he calls a game makes it sound like he could not only do what the athletes are doing, but that he could do it ten times better.

I can't imagine Costas playing anything other than Nerf Basketball in his basement as a kid. He hasn't grown an inch since he was ten years old.

He also commentates on baseball games, but I know he has never played because there is dirt on the field and he wouldn't want to soil his lily white, university boy hands.

Bob Costas is well-known for a never-ending supply of knowledge. His credentials read like a book review. "Bob Costas brings a stream of consciousness that has yet to be contributed in the sporting world." "Every game is a tour de force that leaves me exhausted and wishing for overtime." Bob Costas for president.

I know that NBC has a simul-

cast in Spanish, accessed by pressing the SAP button on the remote. I want to know where the NoBobCostas button is.

Costas can incorporate Shakespeare's *Henry the VIIIth* with Edgar Allen Poe while segueing to commercial by plugging NBC's version of the 1970's or *Jason and the Argonauts*. Sometimes I have to make sure I'm on the right channel because I think that I am watching *History's Mysteries* with Arthur

Kent.

Bob Costas is famous for asking rhetorical questions like: "Isn't he great?" referring to Kobe Bryant.

"Wasn't that a fantastic play?"

"Don't you just love the Los Angeles Lakers?"

I'm not sure if, when he asks these types of questions the viewing audience is supposed to log onto NBC@theBobCostasshow.com and answer those questions with answers that would be suitable for

only the great Bob Costas.

"Oh Bob, yes, that was a great play.

"Kobe Bryant is great Bob."

"Yes, Bob the Lakers are the best team now that Chicago has fallen from your graces."

"Where did you get your Ph.D., Bob?"

"It's your world, Bob. We're just living in it."

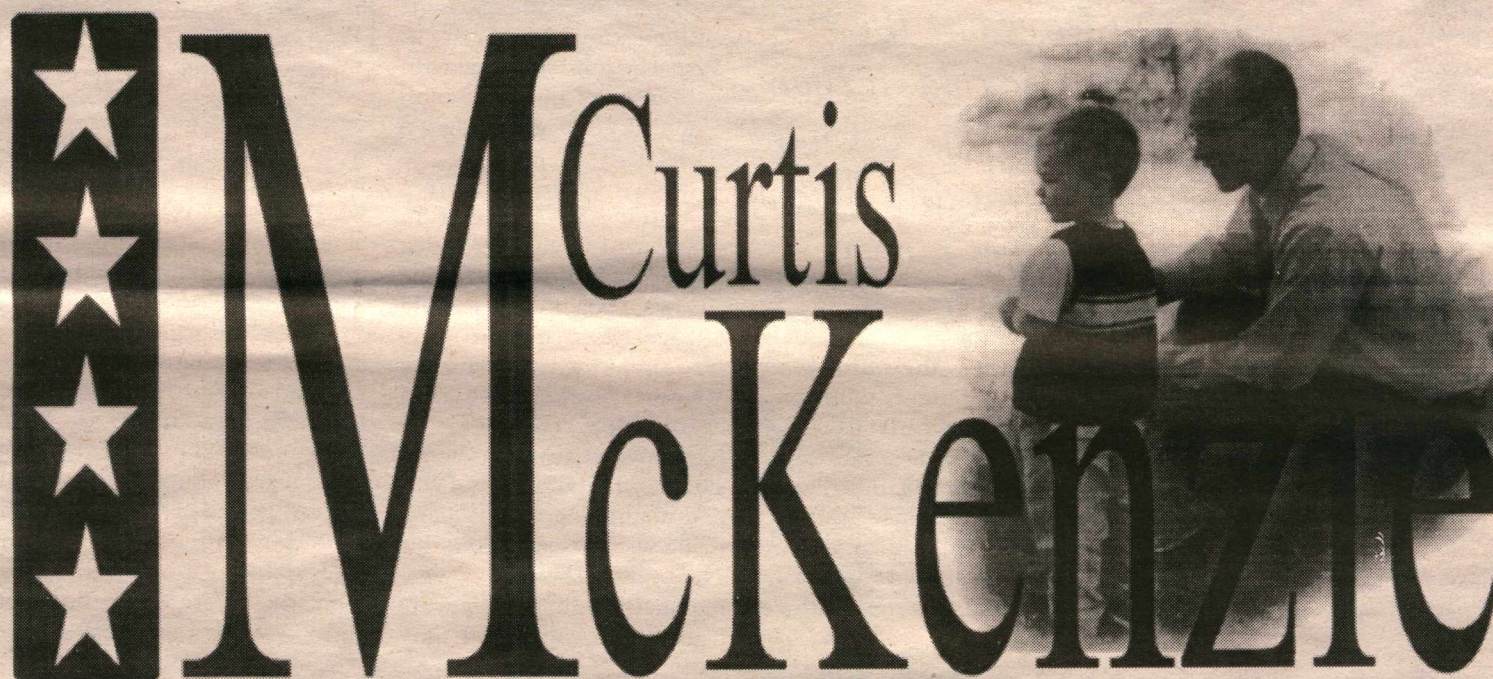
Bob Costas may sound smart and he may even be a literature professor or a Rode

Scholar, but when it all comes down to it, Bob Costas has gotten too big for his Mickey Mouse underoos.

Yet, when the game is winding down in the fourth quarter, no one is glued to their T.V. sets for the action of the game. Instead, they are wondering what wisdom Bob will bestow on them in the waning seconds.

I rarely catch the end of the game, however, because I am busy cleaning the puke off of myself.

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Ultimate frisbee anyone?

by Jayson Grenn

Crusader Staff Opinions Writer

Have you ever wondered why some things are just doomed from the beginning? Sometimes, as soon as you see them, you instantly get this gut feeling that they are going to fail miserably. Take Izzy, the 1996 Summer Olympic mascot. What was termed as the "coolest" Olympic mascot ever turned out to be one of the biggest marketing flops in the 20th century.

And remember the Hindenburg, the German zeppelin that exploded and burned to the ground? The "infallible" German engineers designed the outside of the airship out of a material similar to dry leaves. Both of these ideas were not well thought out.

Well, a road trip I took 2 weekends ago had the same disaster-like qualities; Ten guys, squeezed into two cars, with 357 miles of open road and a trunk full of spoiling meat.

The purpose of this trip was 1) to get away from Nampa for one weekend (which should be the purpose of any road trip) and 2) to embarrass ourselves in an Ultimate Frisbee tournament. For some reason, the ten of us dropped \$250 to be part of this National tournament, which is quite a bit of cash to me, but any price is worth it to fulfill purpose #1.

The glorious day came, and after classes on a beautiful Friday, we packed up, feeling invulnerable to anything the traveling gods might send our way. I remember thinking to myself that nothing could stop us. At 4:35 p.m., we took off, ready for adventure.

4:42 p.m. - Now, I'm not a mechanic, nowhere near one, but a large piece of car dragging on the road signals to me that something is wrong. It turned out that an axle broke on the other car, and we had to go for help. Five of the guys left to get assistance, leaving the rest of us stranded on I-84.

The next two hours brought

If you leave out the unbearable cold, a choir of barking dogs, divot-filled ground and lack of space..., I got a good night's sleep.

many escapades, including a group of NNU students willing to help, a lady cop who let us pet her drug dog, tossing a frisbee across a busy freeway, and the Idaho Accident Response Team. All of this passed the time, and by 7:00 p.m., we started the trip for a second time, this time with two working cars.

Everything went well and, except for a wrong turn that led us to a town nowhere near our destination of Salt Lake City, we ended up at a complete stranger's house, which is where we slept for the next two nights. Keep in my mind that not one of us had ever talked to, heard from, or seen the ladies who live in this house, but we walked right in, announcing that the team from Idaho is here.

Two twenty-something girls were in the kitchen. They welcomed everyone and showed us the backyard, which happened to double as our sleeping quarters. We set up the tents and I instantly fell asleep, and if you leave out the unbearable cold, a choir of barking dogs, divot-filled ground and lack of space from sleeping with four guys in a two-man tent, I got a good night's sleep.

I woke up the next morning at 7:00 a.m. (I'm still mad at whoever's idea that was) and forced some low fat yogurt and day-old bagels down my throat. We showed up at the fields and my jaw dropped. You know the laugh that people do when they're nervous? That's all any of us could get out of our mouth. Now, I was a blind man going in, not really knowing what to expect, but this was too much. These guys were more than incredible. They were just goofing around and they

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were ten times as good as we were. My friend Jeff put it best when he said, "We would have a better chance at winning if we played the Lakers in a pickup game."

The game began and finished in less than ten minutes. We lost 13-0 and never really had the disc for more than fifteen seconds. Something told me that this was what it was going to be like all day. By the end of the day, we had scored a couple of times and looked like a team that knew what they were doing but still stunk. We obviously lost all our

games but had a good time (as good a time as you can have losing, I guess).

Later that night, a party was set up for all the teams at a local bar. They were nice enough to give us our food, kick us out and send us to the curb, which was symbolic of the whole trip—getting treated like (or sleeping on) dirt, but making the best out of everything. Looking back, I'm glad I went. Friendships were made, fun times were had and overall, it was a pretty good idea for a weekend trip. It was certainly a better idea than Izzy.

Culture Stock

Charismatic leaders at the pulpit cry
as normalcy invades the room...
forming discontented rows...
-hammers bowed-
chanting unintelligibly...
by the advice of Lady Tradition.
Collectively dancing in monotone,
they make their appearance...
-wearing cardboard masks-
hoping in the correctness of belief...
but without heart,

soul,

or mind.

-Armarna Reynolds

"It is a fact universally acknowledged that a man of good fortune must be in want of a wife."

-*Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austin

"And in the eyes of the people there is the failure; and in the eyes of the hungry there is a growing wrath. In the souls of the people the grapes of wrath are filling and growing heavy, growing heavy for the vintage."

-*The Grapes of Wrath*, John Steinbeck



Graduation & the fight against time

by Will Brown
Crusader Staff Opinions Writer

"[D]uring every day of an unillustrious life, time carries us. But a moment always comes when we have to carry it. We live on the future: 'tomorrow,' 'later on,' 'when you have made your way,' 'you will understand when you are old enough.' Such irrelevancies are wonderful, for, after all, it's a matter of dying. Yet a day comes when a man notices or says that he is thirty. Thus he asserts his youth. But simultaneously he situates himself in relation to time. He takes his place in it. He admits that he stands at a certain point on a curve that he acknowledges having to travel to its end. He belongs to time, and by the horror that seizes him, he recognizes his worst enemy. Tomorrow, he was longing for tomorrow, whereas everything in him ought to reject it."—Albert Camus, *The Myth of Sisyphus*

The fall of 1996 seems so long ago. Then again, the spring of 2000 seemed so far away, looking back. And yet, looking in either direction, few of us really remember three and a half years passing by. Three and a half years have passed by, but not as years; as days, 1000 some-odd individual, unextraordinary days. And yet,

somehow, three and a half years have gone by anyway.

Events—graduation, marriage, whatever—have a knack for knocking us out of our mundane lives, out of the pace of one day, then the next day, then the next day. Suddenly, we realize time has passed and is moving still. Suddenly, we realize that we are temporal creatures, creatures whose lives exist in time—lifetimes.

[W]hat was once a distance off, graduation, is now practically upon us. What was once only an abstract sense of time has suddenly become all too real.

Most of the time, perhaps, we exist in a state of unconsciousness, unawareness of our predicament. Most days, we do not seem to ourselves mortal. Granted, the language of time remains. But it is a different sort of awareness of the future than when we are closer to it. Then, we lived toward the future, but without a sincere acknowledgment of the gravity of it. Then, living through one day and then the next was merely a way of passing through to the 'important' things.

But what was once a distance off, graduation, is now practically upon us. What was once only an abstract sense of time has suddenly become all too real. By analogy, we realize our own mortality. Through the proximity of these smaller ends,

the abstractness of greater ends are brought closer to us for our inspection. Now we realize that, in our living toward the future, we have lost time, time which cannot be taken back, which cannot be rewound for missed opportunities. Our living toward the future has cheapened the experience of our day-by-day existence because we have invested our days in the unspectacular rhythm of bringing the future nearer. And once we are closer to the future, closer to ends, we realize that they are just that—ends, solutions, conclusions—that they present the end of days, the end of existing. After we have spent so many days, living toward a time which signals that there will be no more days, we realize that we cannot bring them back. Indirectly, living toward is living toward death.

I must admit that I look toward graduation with as much apprehension as excitement. Some of it is fear of what lies beyond, but most of it is regret that

my existence—existence as a college student and as a member of a community which has made itself a part of me and of which I have made myself a part—ends here. Graduation is a steppingstone to new experiences, new days, new existence, perhaps, but it is also a brutal and complete finale, an interruption or a truncation of existence as we

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know it.

It is not that I don't look forward to new opportunities. But in a certain way, the project of looking forward or of living toward is subversive and malig-

nant. It seduces us into investing our days in the tedious and uninteresting rhythm. It devalues our days in order that we may move closer to an end, but an end which is of less value the closer we get to it.

My point, then, would be a reinvestment or a redirection of our days. But I do not mean that we should live as if there were no tomorrow. (If I have not made myself clear, I will say it this way: the consciousness of tomorrow awakens us to our condition.) But nor should we live toward tomorrow or expend our days in the rhythmic monotony of humdrum life. My advice is that we live today *in spite of* tomorrow, that we remain conscious of our predicament, that we use the smaller ends to remind ourselves of the larger ends, and that we draw as much value as we can from each day before we reach the end of our living each day. That is the worthy way of living, if there is one.

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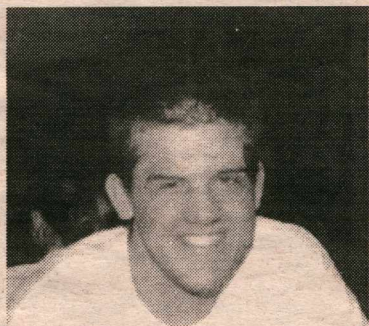
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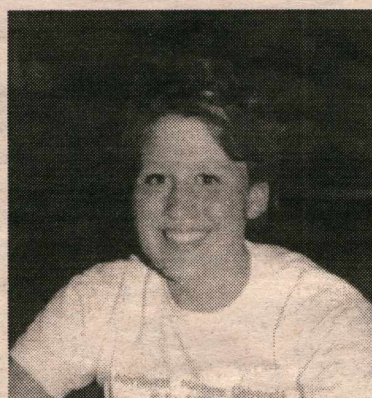
Random answers from random people on random issues:

What is the most exciting thing you will be doing this summer?



Chad Owens
Salem, OR

"I'm going to Colorado to see a friend's wedding."



Nikolai Yunge
Marysville, WA

"I'm gonna' go to Mozambique and catch a lion. Then I'm gonna' go to Yellowstone and catch a bear."



Nick Mahaffey
Dundee, OR

"I might go to the zoo or something."



Monica Olson
Richland, WA

Senior Psychology
"Ever since they started serving Frappuccinos on airplanes I've been planning a long flight over the Pacific."

Casa Mia, Casa Tia at Gino's Italian Ristorante

Nampa may seem to be a small town in the middle of nowhere, but a short drive to Boise can take you directly to Southern Italy. The restaurant review team headed to Gino's Italian Ristorante in downtown Boise this past week to satiate our appetites.

We took a pleasant walk and headed up the stairs to the second story of the Capitol Terrace Building building. We chose to be seated in the patio section of the restaurant, which is enclosed but light and open, with a decidedly outdoorsy feel.

The candle in the center of the table, with previously melted wax dripping down the sides, was lit for us by our waiter. Fresh bread, steam still rising, was brought to our table. A mix of Sinatra-esque and Italian sounding music played in the background.

We settled in to examine the extensive menu. One thing Gino's does not have is a cream

sauce. "Alfredo is some dead guy in Italy," our waiter, Jason, quipped as he helped us make our selections.

Gino's has several sauces and nine different pastas. Patrons can choose their combination of sauce, pasta, vegetables and meat. Since Gino cooks most everything himself, he wants the customer to be satisfied.

If you enjoy restaurants like the Olive Garden, I would challenge you to try a more authentic Italian dining experience. Gino's may be the one restaurant in Boise that can offer this.

Gino's family started in the restaurant business with Gino's grandmother, Immacolata. This restaurant, Il Triestino Ristoranti, continues today in Naples and is run by his parents. Gino was working at this restaurant when Tia, a young girl from Boise was traveling through Europe with her parents and visited the restaurant. Tia and Gino were later

married. They moved to Boise and opened their own restaurant.

Gino is the only person with a key to his restaurant. He has opened and closed every day since the restaurant opened three and a half years ago. Gino is always in the kitchen; the recipes are all his.

Kara ordered "Salsicci Marinara," which came with multicolored tortellini, homemade Italian sausage, a red marinara sauce with herbs on top. "I would accept a date to this place," said Kara as she enjoyed her delicious meal.

Jen decided on the "Pollo Maria," a dish including chicken, artichokes, spinach, sun-dried tomatoes, capers, rosemary, garlic and gnocchi. The recipe is Gino's grandmother's. Gnocchi is a pasta made from potatoes and shaped like miniature potatoes. "I'm going to have the best bite!"

Jen exclaimed as she pieced together the parts of her meal.

I enjoyed "Gnocchi alla sorrentina," a basic, wholesome pasta dish. It came with the gnocchi pasta, a marinara sauce, mushrooms and ricotta and mozzarella cheese. The gnocchi pasta is very good, more chewy than normal pasta, and very satisfying.

We were all very happy with our dinners. It was obvious that the ingredients were fresh and that the dishes were made au-

thentically. We were also impressed at the speed with which our order was made and delivered. While the portions aren't huge, they are filling. The staff is also very friendly, knowledgeable and attentive.

Gino's is located at 150 N. 8th Street, in the heart of downtown Boise, the perfect location for a night out. Prices for dinner range from \$7-25. If you do visit Gino's, park in the parking garage below - they validate parking.



Contemplating their choices, Jennifer Hill and Kara Lyons examine the menu at Gino's Italian Ristorante. The patio at Gino's offers great food in a comfortable environment.

Gino's Italian Ristorante

150 N. 8th St.
Boise

Reviewed by
Monica Olson



Volkswagen Maintenance provides inspiration

Prayer and the Art of Volkswagen Maintenance by Donald Miller is a travel record

of a couple of "wannabe hippies" trying to leave their mark on the world. Paul and Don are two average guys taking an average road trip full of unexpected twists and turns. The purpose of their journey is to make it to Paul's home in Oregon and, more importantly, to find a deeper understanding of what Christianity is all about.

Their journey begins in the heart of Texas and takes them to a variety of places where their

physical, mental and spiritual strength is tested. The Volkswagen van they travel in also gives them their fair share of difficulties along the way. Luckily, both Paul and Don know the power of prayer, and that power is definitely on their side. Each trial and tribulation they are confronted with, many of which seem completely hopeless, confirms that God is on this journey along with them.

I highly recommend *Prayer and the Art of Volkswagen Maintenance* to any person who has ever struggled with Christianity or a

relationship with God. This is not your everyday theology book, so don't go and read it with the idea that all the answers will be given to you. What makes it such a great book is that it comes from a person who is struggling with the same questions and difficulties that many of us face as Christians.

Filled with witty one-liners and deep intellectual thought, Miller kept me entertained and

touch ed throughout the entire book. I could not put this one down. I felt that I was riding along with Paul and Don, participating in their adventures, playing night golf, struggling during the hike down the

Grand Canyon and counting my pennies to make sure that I would reach my goal.

Prayer and the Art of Volkswagen Maintenance is by far the most inspirational book that I have read in a long time, so if you are feeling that you are living a casual Christian life and want to have the point of view of someone "real," pick this one up and start your own journey to your own understanding of Christianity.

Prayer and the Art of Volkswagen Maintenance

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Donald Miller

Reviewed by
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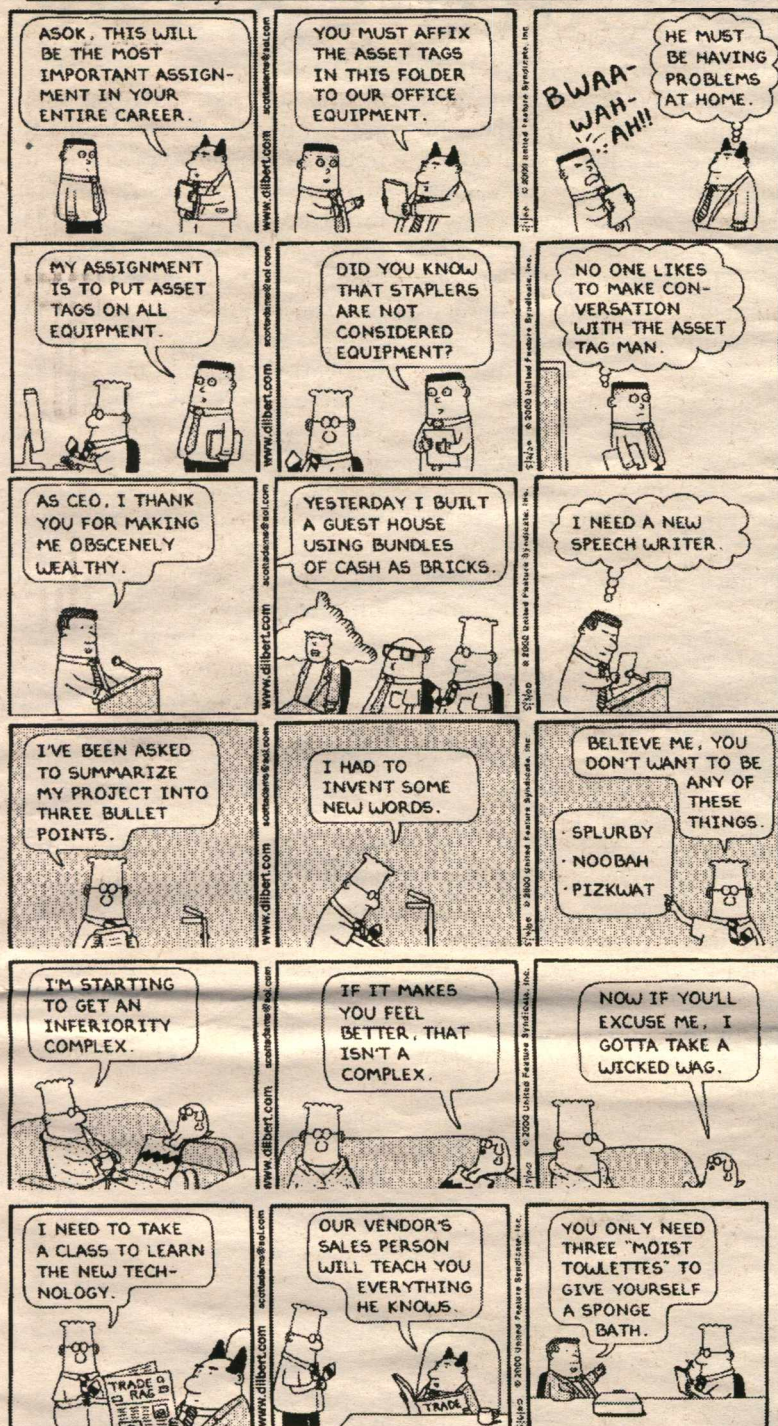
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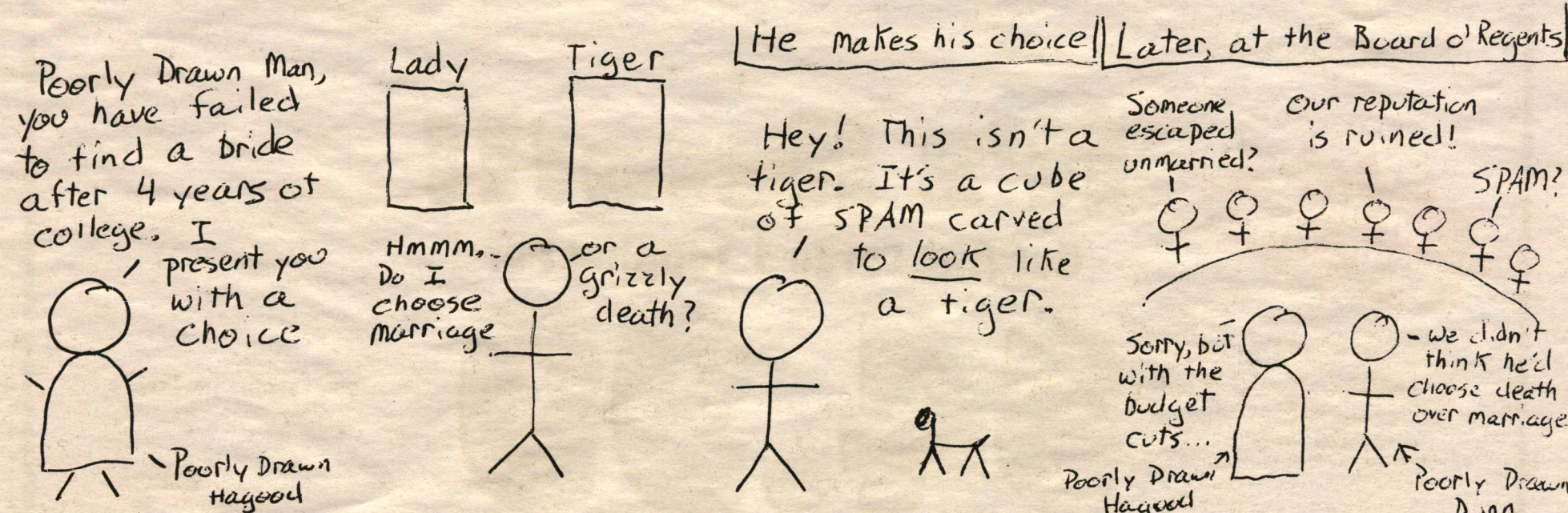
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The 'Have-Nots Are Eating Yak

What lies ahead for the U.S. economy? Will it remain strong? Or will it collapse? Will all the Internet billionaires go broke and be forced to use their Palm Pilots to kill rats for food? Wouldn't that be great?

To answer these questions, we need to understand how the U.S. economy works. We'll start by following an imaginary dollar bill on its fascinating journey as it circulates through our economic system:

Our dollar is "born" in the U.S. Mint when a blank piece of paper goes into a printing press and comes out with a picture of George Washington and a pyramid with a weird eyeball. It then travels, with millions just like it, on a conveyor belt to the office of the Treasury Secretary, who sits at his desk 24 hours a day with a pen and a huge bottle of amphetamines. After he signs the dollar, he places it into circulation by tossing it out the window behind him. At this point we lose track of it. All we know is that it eventually winds up in the possession of Bill Gates.

So never mind following the money. Money is an outdated concept anyway: The hot thing

is stocks. Stocks are BETTER than money, because with money, there's no mystery about what it's worth: If you have \$2,038 at 10 a.m., it will be the same old boring \$2,038 at 5 p.m. Whereas if you own stocks, you have the excitement of knowing that at any moment you could be wiped out by economic forces that you do not

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T h i s i s c a l l e d
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and it is the dream that has millions of hard-working, clueless Americans investing everything in the Stock Market, a place operated by shouting men with big armpit stains. You should get in on this immediately. It's easy! You need to understand only two things, which are called the "Dow" and the "NASDAQ."

The "Dow," or "Dow Jones Industrial Average" for short, is calculated by adding up the stock prices of 50 major companies, then dividing by the number of times they get on base. The Dow repre-

sents the Old Economy, defined as "companies that still write on

animal skins." These are the obsolete, dinosaur companies that are still trying to make money by — get ready to laugh

— actually manufacturing some kind of product. Ha ha!

This concept has two big economic flaws. First, it involves labor, which is, almost by definition, work. Second, when you produce a physical product, you run the risk that it will fall into the hands of the American consumer, who is the least intelligent life form on Earth, including the sugar beet. Whatever your product is, some consumer will find a way to injure himself with it. Then you'll get sued, and the plaintiff's lawyer will make you

Dave Barry

Syndicated humor columnist



admit, in court, that NOWHERE on your product did you put a warning label stating that the consumer should not set it on fire and jam it into his ear canal. Then the jury — consisting of consumers — will find you guilty and award the plaintiff the biggest number of dollars it can think of (currently, a "skillion").

So the U.S. is turning the business of making things over to the Third World, which doesn't mind becoming a manufacturing-based economy, because until just recently its economy was based on yaks. Meanwhile, we're developing a New Economy, based on the "NASDAQ" (which stands for "a bunch of letters"). This is an "information-based" economy, defined as "an economy in which you can't figure out what anybody actually does." The key activity is buying stock in "NASDAQ" companies, which have value because they run the Internet, which is the engine that powers the economy because it provides everybody with vital information, mainly about how the "NASDAQ" is doing.

The other essential tool of the "information economy" is the cel-

lular telephone, which enables businesspeople, wherever they are, to attempt unsuccessfully to return each other's voicemails. In airports, I have eavesdropped on hundreds of businesspeople's phone conversations (they use "high-tech" headsets that require them to shout, so the only way NOT to eavesdrop on them is to be deaf). As far as I can tell, none of these people has ever actually reached the person he or she wanted to talk to. But they keep trying! They are in the airport right now, pacing and shouting to nobody. This kind of productivity would be impossible without information technology.

And it's just the beginning. Some day, our economy will become so advanced, so purely informational, that we won't even walk around. We'll just lie on our backs, motionless, while the Third World takes care of all of our bodily functions for us, including chewing our food. I hope you like yak.

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