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Cleanliness is next to Godliness

I may be the managing editor of The Crusader, but, contrary to (un)popular belief,

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I am NOT the final authority on each issue's content.

Every Monday night at about 11:00 p.m. a handful of ASNNC Publications Board members look over the material scheduled to hit the stands the next morning. They read through articles, check out editorial cartoons and comics, and make sure that the Top Ten list is fairly clean. As of late, however, Pub Board has been losing members left and right.

So, for the two of you who read this column with any regularity, if you have an interest in monitoring The Crusader and Oasis, talk to Carlos Antras, ASNNC President.

(Otherwise, get off my back!)

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Must-haves in men's fashion

You men will be relieved to learn that fashion designer Donna Karan has come out with a list of menswear items that you must have. This is a big load off my mind. I HATE making my own menswear decisions. I hate everything about buying menswear.

Especially pants. I can never find pants in my size, which is 33-31 (these numbers refer to what are technically known as the "waist" and the "instep"). I would call this an average size, but for some reason, the pant industry makes only about two pairs of 33-31 pants per year, and they're always gone by the time I get to the department store, leaving me to paw through the Mutt and Jeff Designer Clothing Collection.

In an effort to find something at least close to my size, I end up trying on a lot of pants in those changing booths with the postcard-sized swinging doors that offer you the same level of privacy as you'd get if you tried on pants while standing on a counter in Ladies' Cosmetics. Actually, you'd get MORE privacy in Ladies' Cosmetics, because the customers have all been temporarily blinded by complimentary fragrance samples." Privacy is a problem, because there are always women lurking around the changing area, making sure their husbands buy pants that fit. They know that their husbands HATE trying on pants, and will, if left alone purchase the first pair they put on, even if it doesn't have the correct number of legs.

So the women stand just outside of the changing area, peering in, trying to get Pant News Updates:

WOMAN: Michael? How do they fit?

MAN: They fit fine. WOMAN: Michael, I want to see them. davebarry

MAN: I said they fit FINE. WOMAN (barging into the changing area, causing guys in there to scurry, ratlike, around their booths, attempting to cover themselves with shopping bags): LET ME SEE THEM.

I personally consider this kind of behavior to be degrading to the husband. I never shop for pants with my wife. This is why I personally own several dozen pairs that don't fit.

I'd like to buy just one set of clothes, the RIGHT clothes, and never have to buy any again. That's why I'm so pleased about the new Donna Karan Fashion Essentials catalog of "must-have menswear items." This catalog, according to a press release, is being distributed "to select consumers."

You will be pleased to learn that the Fashion Essentials catalog does not include a skirt. This is good news, because Donna Karan does sometimes have her male models appear in fashion shows wearing skirts. But for now, at least, you will not be required to purchase one, although this could change; the release states that "Karan will re-evaluate each Essential item to make sure that the product mix remains current."

I was surprised to note that the Essentials catalog also does not include underwear, which most guys I know view as an essential item, both for formal occasions and mopping up beer spills. What the catalog DOES include is a 100% Scottish cashmere jogging-suit consisting of a "hooded zip-front jogger" for \$1,960 and a "drawstring sweat pant" for \$1,465.

I know what some of you men are thinking. You're thinking that you're not going to spend \$3,425 on a jogging suit

unless it also comes with a car. I'm sorry, men, but that is exactly the kind of bad attitude that keeps you off the list of select consumers. This jogging suit is essential, and so are all the other items in the Donna Karan Essentials catalog, including the cashmere crew (\$650), the biker jacket (\$1,200) with cotton mock knit (it doesn't say cotton mock knit WHAT, but whatever it is, it costs \$135), the leather vest (\$495), the balmacaan (\$860), the silk pajamas (\$600) and the cashmere robe (\$1,925). Altogether, the catalog features 25 essential garments, requiring a basic fashion investment of \$18,452,50.

(No, I don't know what a "balmacaan" is. Just shut up and buy it.)

I am certain that all the essential garments in the catalog are very attractive. Unfortunately, I can't really see them. Most of them are, of course, black, and they have been photographed under dim light against a black background. The catalog is a festival of gloom. In most of the photographs, the only thing you can see clearly is the ghostly, floating face of the model, who, like most male fashion models, has a facial expression normally associated with prostate surgery.

But that's his concern, men. Your concern is bringing your wardrobe up to minimum acceptable fashion standards. So I want you to sell that extra kidney, go to a store that carries the Donna Karan Menswear line, and start purchasing your fashion Essentials. While you're there, pick me up a size 33-31 balmacaan.

--DAVE BARRY IS A
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Campus Life Director awaits final approval

Dr. Ken Hills and committee end extensive search and recommend Carey Cook to Board of Directors

By D. M. BOMAR MANAGING EDITOR

Carey Cook may become NNC's new Campus Life Director early next week pending his approval by the college Board of Directors. Cook was recommended to the board Monday by Dr. Ken Hills, Vice President for Student Development, following an extensive search.

"Carey will bring quite a bit of experience to the job," said Hills, citing Cook's background in youth work. He has served as youth pastor at Valley Shepherd Church of the Nazarene in Meridian and currently works with teens in a

drug treatment program. Cook also worked with Hills as a counseling intern in the Office of Student Development two years ago.

"He works well with our office," Hills said. "We're excited about what he can bring to us."

A five-member committee, including ASNNC President Carlos Antras and ASNNC Community Relations Coordinator Hollie Tiegs, narrowed a field of twelve applicants to three finalists. All three finalists visited the campus and met with the ASNNC Executive Council before a decision was made.

Both Antras and Tiegs ex-

pressed support for Cook.

"In any job, in order to be successful you have to have a desire for your work, and I believe that Carey has the desire to work for NNC," said Antras.

"He also has the social qualities needed for the job. He will be a great Campus Life Director."

"He's a very likeable person," said Tiegs. "He's got a lot of energy and can motivate

people. And he really seems to have a genuine interest in the people he will be working with."

If approved by the Board

of Directors, Cook may step into office as soon as next week.

The decision was not obvious, according to Hills. The position calls for someone who is young and energetic enough

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ASNNC Community
Relations Coordinator

to relate to college students, yet mature enough to be in authority.

"We needed someone who could complement our staff --

someone who is very creative and at the same time very organized," said Hills. "A key part of the job is keeping a step ahead and keeping student government a step ahead."

The Campus Life Director acts as advisor to student government, including the ASNNC Executive Council, Senate, Judicial Board, clubs, and organizations. The position also oversees a variety of duties associated with campus activities such as March of Dimes fundraising and homecoming.

(Cook was unavailable for comment before press time, but will be interviewed in a feature article next week.)

President's dinner pays tribute to NNC's lifeblood

By Erin Schmelzenbach Staff Writer

"When we were planning this dinner a couple of weeks ago," said Dr. Hagood, "I had no idea that I was going to be the speaker." The audience's laughter embodied the relief felt by NNC in general to have a President at the President's Dinner.

Every year, the administration and Marriott have a banquet for those who, other than the students, are the lifeblood of NNC.

"It's not intended to be an elitist crowd," explained Development Officer and M.C. Jerry Gunstream. "We've expanded in the last couple of years to include volunteers, donors, regents -- basically friends of the college. This is to say thank you."

The theme was "Celebrate the Spirit of NNC," emphasizing the strength the school's supporters have shown during the last year when NNC was without a president. The year was a successful one because of the "Spirit"--that of Christ in individuals who are led to give to NNC.

At this dinner, the recipient of the Eugene Emerson medal is awarded to the person or persons who especially foster a spirit of community between Nampa and NNC. The medal was presented to Mr. Robert A. Fole, administrator of Mercy Medical Center. Expanding NNC's patronage beyond Nampa to the Treasure Valley, a second medal was given to Idaho businessman and politician Carl Shaver.

Distinguished attenders included Nampa's Mayor Goerring, Senator Thorne, Senator Deal (all past Emerson recipients), NNC class agents, Alumni board and NNC Foundation members. Also invited



Monte Chitwood, left, Visits with NNC President Rich Hagood during last Thursday's President's Dinner. (Lyndon Shakespeare

were student recipients of Endowed Scholarships.

The focus of the evening was the president himself; this being Dr. Hagood's first public appearance and first formal address. His speech was vision-

ary, touching on NNC's heritage, mission, and its future.

Some of the improvement plans that have already been achieved is the new parking lot and baseball field. After assuming the role as president, Hagood is anxious to carry plans for campus residences, the library, and the fine arts center to completion. He concluded with his desire to "care for the soul of NNC" and sustain its foundations on faith in God.

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Cheerleading program finds new enthusiasm

By D. M. Bomar Managing Editor

Following an organizational review by NNC administrators and the ASNNC Senate, the college no longer has a pep squad. In its place, however, a new team of five cheerleaders has been selected and a new coach has been hired.

"We have lots of potential," said Megan Iwersen, one of the new cheerleaders. "We're all really determined to work hard."

The new cheerleaders include Iwersen, Larissa Coblentz, Kris Gault, Brooke Ferdinand, and Nichole Rumbaugh.

"They're a very talented

group, and I think that's agreed upon by the people who were a part of the tryout process," said new coach Dave Shada, who was a cheerleader at Boise State University. Shada also coached the Nampa High School cheerleaders to the national championship two years straight.

"It will be nice to have a qualified coach -- someone we can depend on so we won't have to teach ourselves," said Iwersen.

The process of reviewing the former pep squad began early in the school year after basketball fans, including students and alumni, expressed concerns regarding the quality of the squad. Administrators required that several criteria be

met in order for the program to continue, including approval by the ASNNC Senate.

Senators discussed the issue at length during its September 29 meeting, and ultimately decided to give the cheerleading program their tentative support, providing that a Senate committee, in cooperation with the Athletic Department, would be allowed to set new try-out procedures.

"It [the review process] was effective," Iwersen said. "That's what needed to be done in order to build the quality of the squad."

But now that the new cheerleaders have been chosen, they must raise \$5000 by Wednesday, October 13, ac-



New cheerleaders: (I to r) Larissa Coblentz, Coach David Shada, Nichole Rumbaugh Brooke Ferdinand, Kris Gault, Megan Iwersen, (Lance Nelson)

cording to the administration's criteria list.

"Once we can get the fundraising behind us, I think we'll have a great program," said Shada. "The girls have a lot of athletic ability and enthusiasm."

Gault and Coblentz cheered with last year's squad and steered the new program around its various obstacles. "We're still not finished yet,"

said Gault, referring to the task of fundraising. "But I'm optimistic. It'll to be a great year."

Coblentz agreed, explaining that "if everything goes through, the program will be 100% improved."

"I think we'll have a great program," Shada said, "especially with John Cotner willing to integrate the mascot (Clyde the Crusader) with what we do. I'm really excited."

Increased enrollment cramps dorms, Marriott

By Kona Lew Senior Staff Writer

Enrollment this fall is larger than it has been at any time in the last decade. Figures are larger this year as compared to figures for the 92-93 school year.

According to Head Registrar Wayne Paul, enrollment figures are tallied at the same time each school year. About two weeks into the term the Office of the Registrar begins to find out the total number of students who have completed registration and break down the numbers into different classifications.

This year there are a total of 1178 students, of which 64 are part-time and 1114 full-time; all are enrolled in undergraduate programs. Last year there were a total of 1146 students in undergraduate stud-

ies, so this year boasts a 3% growth. Of the full time students, 548 are male and 630 are female.

Not included in undergraduate enrollment figures, 110 students are enrolled in a master's program. Of the 1178 students 327 of them are freshman.

Paul's definition of a freshman is an individual who has either just graduated from high school or has taken a few courses. 126 tranfer students, a 36% increase from last year, also added to enrollment.

"There is a desire and goal to continue the increase of enrollment at NNC in coming years," said Paul who believes enrollment is up due to the effective management of the enrollment office.

Teri Blom, Director of Enrollment Management, sees the increase in enrollment as related to a "redefining of the recruitment service model." Instead of simply focusing on the local area for recruitment, admission officers are working with the entire northwest district, traveling an estimated 25,000 miles in October and November alone.

"The outreach is much more aggressive; the primary constituent is the Nazarene churches and the second constituent are those with similar evangelical bodies," stated Blom.

Admission officers are assigned two church districts, spending time at high schools, churches, youth groups and attending NYI activities in the spring. They also spend individualized time talking with potential students on the phone.

Recently Blom spoke with

President Rich Hagood about the projected plan of 1600 students at NNC in the year 2000. One of the main priorities of the master plan is new campus housing.

With increased enrollment, there has also been an increase in the number of students living in the dorms. First term of the 92-93 school year there were 736 students living on campus, as compared to this year's figure of 758 students.

There are 428 married or off campus students who also account for part of the student housing figures.

According to Karen Pearson, Director of Student Housing, there was a larger number of male students who had difficulty finding a place to live on campus. Some stayed in dorm lounges or guest rooms until permanent places were available.

Spending much time out of the office, Pearson attributes much of her success to Sandy Fernando who answered phone calls and found out where there were empty rooms to place students.

Pearson is pleased with the number of students living on campus this year, "Not having enough rooms is better than not having enough students."

Marriott has also felt the increase in enrolllment with an estimated 790 students with meal plans this year as compared to last year's 735 students.

Michele Lujan, Catering and Retail Manager, has begun her first year as a manager in Marriott. "The dining room is just packed. Students tend to eat more at the beginning of the year, so our inventory has doubled these past weeks."

U.N. raid, earthquake, and peace talks top world news

By Andrew Zirschky Staff Writer

CAIRO- Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin met last week with Yassir Arafat for a brief set of talks at which they agreed upon two new sets of negotiations which will start Wednesday in Egypt.

The negotiations come after the agreement in Washington last month to grant autonomy to the Gaza Strip and a portion of the West Bank.

These new talks will focus on the specific needs of this area, including educational systems, sewer, and water rights.

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Despite the bright outlook by both Rabin and Arafat, tension has been great on both sides since the September 13 treaty. Both parties are uneasy after such events as the wounding of 30 Israelis in a car bombing on October 4 and the arrests of suspected activists by the Israeli police in the West Bank.

Rabin says that both he and Arafat are committed to what they have signed, but the real test is still to come.

INDIA- Cleanup continues after a 6.4-magnitude earthquake hit the center of the country on

September 30. More than 30,000 people are reported to be dead or missing in the worst Indian quake in more than half a century.

The collapse of rickety houses and buildings explains most of the loss of life involved with the quake. In many villages more than three-quarters of the population is either missing or dead.

Many groups have given up searching for survivors and are resorting to using bulldozers to pull bodies out of the rubble. Mass cremations are also taking place in efforts to keep the spread of disease to a minimum.

MOSCOW- Mourning continues for the 187 people killed last week in a revolt against Russian President Boris Yeltsin. The protestors were shot after they overran police blockades October 3 and took control of the Russian White House.

They held the Parliament building until Monday when Yeltsin ended the standoff by sending in the Russian military, armed with machine guns and tanks.

In the wake of the riot, Yeltsin has declared a state of emergency and has resorted to instituting a curfew and imposing censorship on all media in the country.

Furthermore, on Thursday Yeltsin banned Russia's highest court, bringing more criticism by his opponents. Many claim that Yeltsin is abusing the state-of-emergency guidelines by his latest actions.

SOMALIA- Tension and fighting continues after last week's U.N. raid on warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid. At least five U.S. peacekeepers were killed in the assault and more than 500 Somalia soldiers were wounded.

In addition, two U.S. helicopters were shot down in the failed attack on Aidid's head-quarters. Also, bodies of at least two U.S. soldiers were seen being dragged through the streets of Mogadishu by rejoicing Somalis on Sunday.

Due to the embarrassing progress of the U.N. peace-keeping forces, President Clinton says he is doubling the member of U.S. servicemen involved in the conflict.

Clinton is also giving the U.S. authority to follow a course more independent of the U.N. troops.

BRIEFLY

Explosion causes Houston oil spill

Three people were believed dead Sunday when a damaged OMI Charger carrying

thenation

365,000 gallons of gasoline was ripped open by an explosion in the Houston Ship channel, one of the world's busiest waterways. The Coast Guard strung containment booms in case of a possible fuel spill and closed the waterway for part of the day because officials feared ship wakes could endanger the tanker. Said Capt. Paul Prokop, commander of the Coast Guard station at Galveston, "There is a potential for a major spill." Salvage crews anticipate investigations as to the cause of the explosion to start by the end of this week.

Health care boosts Clinton's ratings

President Clinton's health-care plan has bolstered his job rating considerably, according to the new Harris poll conducted Oct. 1-6 based on a cross-section of 1,256 adults. The president's rating has jumped to his best showing since March, at 48%, with the health plan ranking as the most important issue of his presidency by 55% of those polled. The plan itself is favored by a larger than 2-1 majority. Released statistics allow for an error margin of plus or minus 3 percent.

Serbs stop U.N. supply shipments

Serbian troops halted U.N. supply trucks laden with 250 pounds of food and medicine en

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route to two Bosnian towns where tens of thousands of Muslims have been trapped for months. According to U.N. spokesperson Ray Wilkinson, it has been more than 100 days since the towns of of Maglaj and Tensanj have seen an aid convoy.

Gorbechev contemplates political rescue

Mikhail Gorbachev was reported as stating that the newlyerrupted violence between former rival Boris Yeltsin and the Russian Parliament has led him to consider a return to politics to "rescue" Russia, according to an interview published Saturday in the daily newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda.

"A week ago I was saying, 'I don't know what can force Gorbachev to come back.' [But] after October 3-4, we are all living in another country," said the former Soviet president.

Abstention decree fuels anger across Italy

Anger over abstention decree ensued Friday after a conference of Italian bishops told church followers in Rome that remarried divorcees, unmarried couples, and separated Roman Catholics would only be allowed to receive church sacraments if they promised to give up sex.

Across Italy, where most people call themselves Roman Catholic but often diverge from church edicts, a common reaction was outrage, and many communities within the papal jurisdiction declared that if abstention was the price of communion for the divorced, the unmarried, or the separated, communion might have to wait.

-- COMPILED BY LAURIE MEHRWEIN

Tracy to bring enrichment, renewal

By Tessa Phillips News Editor

In one week NNC will once again be hosting Spiritual Enrichment Week, providing daily chapel services as a time of commitment and renewal for students and faculty. This year's speaker is Dr. Wes Tracy, the editor of the Herald of Holiness, the denomination-wide

magazine for the Church of the Nazarene.

In preparation for this week, Tracy took a day off, spending time alone with the Lord in prayer, meditating, and planning. Although Tracy doesn't have a particular theme, two areas which he feels the Lord has laid on his heart will guide Tracy's messages.

Tracy prays the Lord will

use this week of renewal to call students who don't have a relationship with Christ into one with Him and then to help those who do to take a step to a deeper life of sanctifying faith. Tracey also wants to issue a call to students to Christian service.

Tracy will give messages on the people in the Bible who demonstrated the characteristics he'll be focusing on. CAMPUS

Fresheree: Saturday Night Lecture hall

Saturday Night Live theme showcases student versions of famous sketches, music, and celebrity spoofs

By JASON ALVIS STAFF WRITER

Combine innovative video, incredible music, idiotic actors, and impressionable students, and what do you get? FRESHEREE '93. Last Saturday night, the Science Lecture Hall was transformed into the set of "Saturday Nite Live" for the annual production of Fresheree.

By [unofficial] definition,

Fresheree means "freshman are free," hence the catchy title. So is that all Saturday night was worth, free admission to a variety show?

For those involved, it was a lot more than

that. Close to a month ago, the Sophomore Class Council had to run ideas through their heads for this year's Fresheree. With the calendar showing only two weeks for actual preparation, Saturday Nite Live was an ideal theme because, according to Sophomore Class President Ross Jones, "it opened more doors for people's skit selections."

However, preparations weren't picture perfect. "Without Linda Swaim [former Student Government Activities Director], we were all in the dark about what to do. In the end, we just 'gelled' together, and everything is great," commented Angie Secord, Sophomore Class Senator.

"We had to rely on our own imagination and creativity and fight through our lack of organization," added Jones.

It was agreed by some that

Fresheree '93 would either make or break the future of variety shows for NNC. So it remains to be answered: Did Fresheree refresh the desire for variety shows, or has the time come to choose a different source of entertainment?

The non-traditional format of Fresheree impressed most with limited "host intervention" and "our very own commercials" (Ross Jones), opposed to the normal introduction of

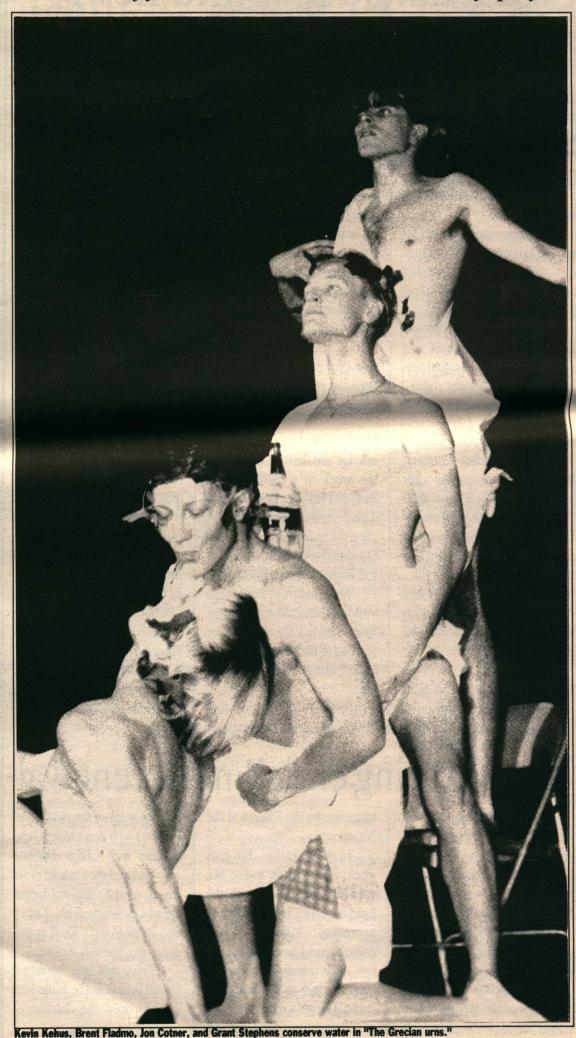
"It [the S.N.L. theme]
opened more doors for
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Ross Jones,
Sophomore class
president

every skit as in years past. Matt McCaslin, David Roemhildt, and Christin Quissell utilized videos and skits in hosting the event.

Although a pessimist could have pointed out a few rough spots, freshman Christine Knapp chose to concentrate on the positive. "I just focused on the good parts and forgot about the rest."

The evening opened with the Saturday Night Live Band, an accordion solo by John Nordstrom, and "Deep Thoughts" by Adam Hedman. Morrison RAs, disguised as bimbos, portrayed Morrison girls as brainless, available cows with permanent bad hair days. The NNC Weekend update showed a newscast full of humor and sarcasm, but also managed to express some feelings

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OPINION

Somalia -- We watch as history repeats itself

A President from the Vietnam era ignores the important lessons learned by his own generation

By MATT JOHNSON COVER STORY EDITOR

We as Americans, have very short memories. We seem to think that everything is more or less instantaneous and forget that history has a way of making things in the future happen.

Fact: While we were losing at guerilla warfare in Vietnam, a young Gen. Aidid was studying the Viet Cong's tactics while in the Soviet Union.

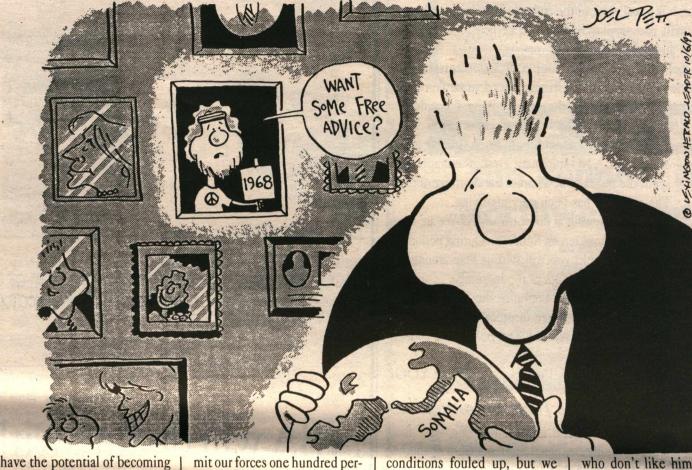
Aidid has been quoted as saying that he knows exactly where our forces are weak and how to effectively counter our military efforts in Somalia. He learned from the very people, who beat us at the same game thirty years ago -- the Viet Cong.

That is the stupid thing. We are approaching this entire military action with conventional warfare tactics, not guerilla tactics. Just like we did in Vietnam.

I remember the eighties when, every time the Administration even flinched toward taking military action, every peace-nik in the country and Europe (which was annoying) would scream, "IT'S AN-OTHER VIETNAM!" Nicaragua, Beirut, Panama, The Gulf War. . . every time, they would say we were getting in over our heads.

Now, it's my turn: "IT'S ANOTHER VIETNAM!"

You might note that none of the peace-niks are sitting outside of the White House beating on five-gallon drums 24 hours a day, nor are they screaming about Somalia being our next Vietnam. Of course, this was supposed to be a humanitarian effort so it's okay, despite the fact that, for the first time since Vietnam, we are in a situation which actually does



have the potential of becoming another Vietnam.

Funny, I think we used to view the oppression of Communist regimes as non-humanitarian -- in fact, I think that is why we sent troops to Vietnam. At that time, a Democratic president wanted to save the people of Vietnam from having their human rights crushed by the Viet Cong. The same Viet Cong that taught a young Aidid much in making mayhem with a larger, more conventional force. We assume that simply because the Cold War is over, so is the history behind it.

Which leads to a much larger issue than tactics. One of the problems we faced during the Cold War, and seemed to recover from during the Gulf War, was that we were not the only Superpower. We lived in fear of a violent nuclear chainreaction. We had to be careful in Vietnam the same way the Soviets had to be careful in Afganistan. Being careful meant not being able to com-

mit our forces one hundred percent. The Gulf War worked and was conducted in such a manner which proved that we did not have to worry about a Soviet-backed retaliation. Now, it seems that President Clinton has suffered some form of amnesia and has forgotten that we can do more or less what we want, if we really want to. Or can we?

The thing that has held us in check has been the United Nations. Talk about a can of worms. Talk about dysfunctional. Up to this point, the United States has been the United Nations. Now that more countries are finally getting involved, the idea of other countries taking the role of leadership out of U.S. officers' hands hasn't exactly gone over as a great idea. In fact, our forces were so opposed to the idea that we are no longer working with the UN forces, and we are doing our own thing. As

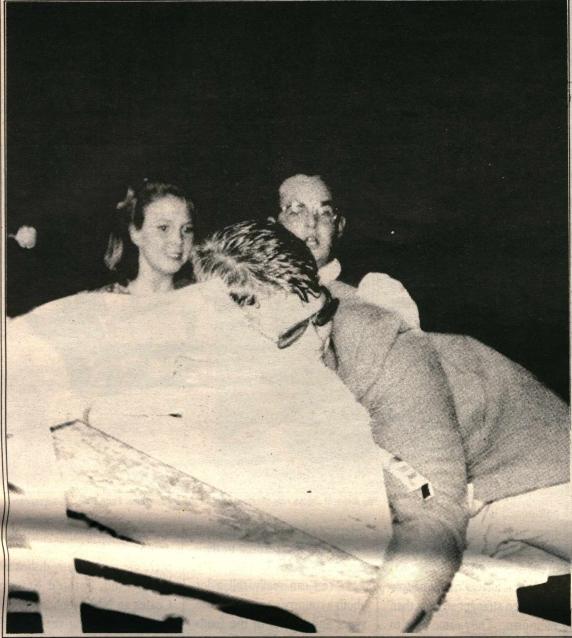
Not only are our working

seem pretty confused about our role in Somalia. The real reason we went was to hand out food to starving Somalians and keep them from stealing it from each other. Fair enough; good deal. The reasons we have had to use troops is because the country is falling apart via a nasty tribal civil war. We are keeping our troops in Somalia until the political climate cools off and all our little Somali friends can behave themselves without supervision. At least we have pulled out of the UN's notion of bagging Aidid. That brilliant idea has cost us fourteen lives too many already. However, Secretary of Defense Les Aspin told reporters that we weren't exactly throwing the idea out the window either. Can you you say "wishy-washy?" I knew you could. Think about it. This entire conflict revolves around the city of Mogadishu. Aidid controls the southern section of it. He can't leave because he is surrounded by other warlords

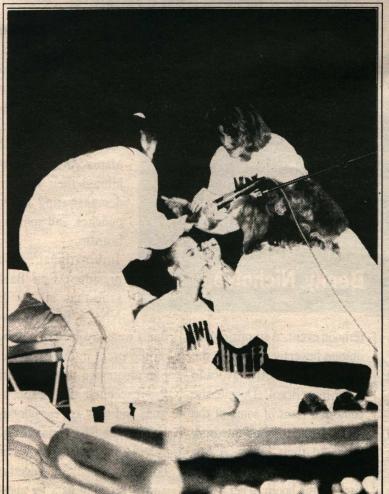
who don't like him. So what every reporter with a camera has proven is that the "hunt for Aidid" is a joke -- the city can only be so big. Maybe we should have sent the New York police department instead of a UN contigent.

"Let us finish the work we set out to do," said President Clinton at a press conference last week. "Let us demonstrate to the world, as generations of Americans have done before us, that when Americans take on a challenge, they do the job right."

Big, wacky words from a former draft-dodger who sat on the "peaceful" side of the Vietnam conflict. Maybe he wasn't paying attention then, because he is pulling one heck of an encore so far, and if he doesn't take a crash course in tactics and listen to historians quick, our already extended time in a city called Mogadishu may become an eternity for a lot of soliders that are too far away from home.



Below: Brenda Elder and the Culver girls go fishing for men in an open house skit. (Nelson)



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about President Clinton that many agree with.

As the night rolled on, various comments such as: "That

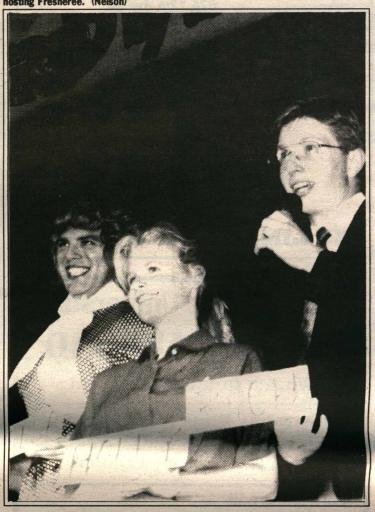
was sweet!" and
"Those guys are
brave!" could be
heard from any
section of the auditorium. Frontrow freshman
Angie Inselman
said that she
wanted more
music while others seemed to

thoroughly enjoy the skits.

Adam Watkins' scream of "In a van down by the river!" almost blew Ross Jones' thirty seconds of stardom. However, Jones kept his composure and proceeded with his "motivational" speech.

The quartet of Mike

Left: Motivational speaker Ross Jones lectures Michelle Stephens and Jeff
Gunstream about the perils of ending up "In a van down by the river!" (Nelson)
Below: Matt McCaslin, Christin Quissell and David Roemhildt use skits to spice up
hosting Fresheree. (Nelson)



Mortimer, John Cotner, John Vandel, and Brad Pederson singing "I'll Fly Away" had the girls screaming and the guys thankful that not all men sing high like Mike.

"I just focused on the good parts and forgot about the rest."

Christine Knapp

The SNL actors did an excellent job of including the crowd with door prizes and free french-fries and Marriott Food Service Director Dick White made sure everyone "liked the drink" by throwing a bucket of water on to the audience.

The Land Shark stole the

stage for one act -- and a couple of girls, too; but Kristina Hedstrom indirectly gave a good tip on how to talk to Jehovah's Witnesses. (Note that she used a rubber hammer . . .

be gentle!)

Another indirect lesson was by the Grecian Urns, who showed how to conserve water . . . share! Mouth to mouth?

Dain Johnson helped close the night with a solo on his bass guitar. Jer-

emy Jones, awestruck, exclaimed, "That guy's bad!" (Of course he meant good, didn't he?).

As the SNL players all congregated onto the stage, newly elected President Rich Hagood chased down his impostors and displayed himself as the real President



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CAMPUS

Multi-cultural fixin's

International club foodfest brings grub o' the nations to NNC

By Andrew Zirschy
Staff Writer

Considering today's increasing airline fares, travel to foreign lands is not always possible. International travel is even more difficult as a college student with tuition to pay and books to buy.

With this fact in mind, the NNC International Club hosted an International Food Fair for the campus and community last Saturday. The event ran from 2:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. and attracted nearly 300 hungry people.

The International Club is composed of NNC students from foreign countries. The club provides them with a sense of unity when it comes to coping with a society full of people with even stranger accents than their own. They came here to see and live in our culture, and now, by this food fair, they brought their culture to us.

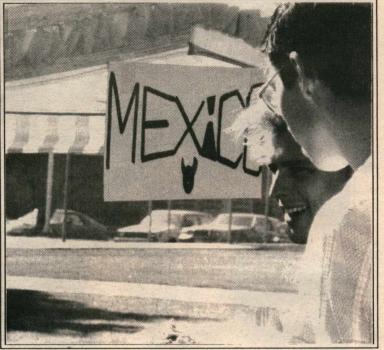
Armed with plates and utensils, the famished participants (aka culinary guinea pigs)

were allowed to chow down on foods from many different countries including Brazil, Mexico, India, and China. Many students commented on the fact that the price of only \$1.00 for admission to the event was quite a bargain compared to the price of

dining out at a realistic foreign restaurant.

"For the price, the food was unbeatable. I didn't know what anything was, but it wasn't any different than eating in Marriott," said Becky Nicholson.

Five gazebos were set up in the courtyard lawn; each rep-



Will Bennett enjoys real Mexican food at the International Food Fest. (Shakespeare)

resented a different country and hosted foods according to their customs and traditions.

"You can really tell a lot about a country's culture by the types and variety of the foods they eat," said Marielle Stats, freshman. "It's just like I could actually taste India."

Chicken currie and French mousse were among the favorite dishes served up at the af"I really like the many different foods they have, but there are not as many dishes as I expected," stated Stacey Coates an NNC sophomore. "I was really hoping they would have those little stuffed Argentinian fetal pigs."

While attendees finished off their afternoon meal with authentic cheese cake and French Chocolate mousse, they

were treated to a display of Tae-kwon-do. Students from a local Martial Arts school exhibited their skill by demonstrating kicks, punches, and splitting boards.

International club president Emi Baca said that all 19 of NNC's foreign stu-

dents were involved in putting on the event in the courtyard. She mentioned that the event had exceeded their expectations and they are considering holding the food fair annually.

"[This event] has gotten our club so much closer together and is teaching us a lot about ourselves and other cultures."

"For the price, the food was unbeatable. I didn't know what anything was, but it wasn't any different than eating in Marriott."

Becky Nicholson

ternoon event. A surprising and unique beverage served at the event was a frothy avocado drink from Brazil. Despite the contorted faces of some of the samplers, most found the drink to be to their liking. A few people were even seen slipping back by the booth to get a refill of the delicious drink.

FEATURES

Drive-in dining new Idaho collegiate rage

A&W and Rockies Famous Burgers bring carhops, waitresses-on-wheels, to Treasure Valley

By Anne Frahm Staff Writer

It seems as if the return of bell bottoms has started a wave of fads jumping from the early years of our parents to the 90's. Not only are we being revisited by dresses with empire waists and cars cruising main street, but car hops as well.

Boise has become the home to some of these car hops, including Rockies Famous Burgers at 4822 Fairview and A & W at 7070 Overland Road.

Rockies recently opened its doors after undergoing changes from its days as the Cruz-In and Arctic Circle, and the owners hope that the new image will especially attract the college crowd. Weekend nights seem to be the most popular for students. Car hopper Adrianna Anghel, who came to the states four years ago from Romania, likes it because, "You meet lots of guys."

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College students who present their ID card upon ordering will receive a 10% discount.

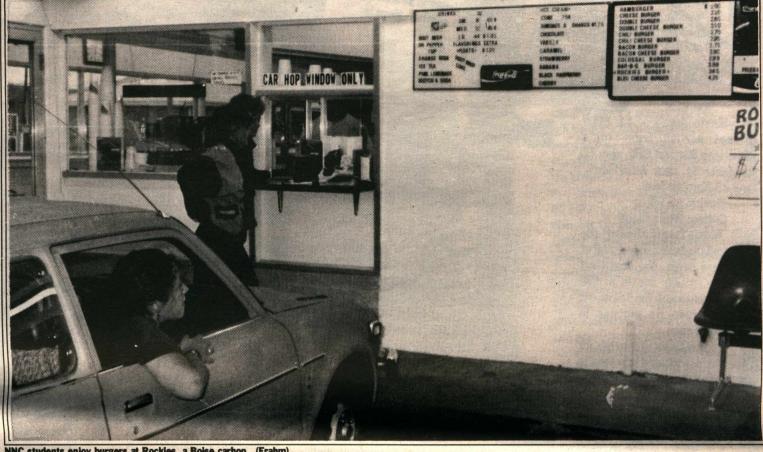
The business is family owned, keeping the atmosphere personable and friendly.

"You get to talk more to the customers when you're a car hop," said Jonetta Smith, car hopper at Rockies. "You get to know them because they come in all the time."

The family also tries to make a lot of their own food, taking pride in making their own fresh onion rings. Several NNC students recently enjoyed a free ride to Boise to rate these car hops.

Donna Kenoyer, a freshman at NNC said, "It was good and cheap food."

Cheap quality food is enough to draw any college student, and Rockies seems to be



NNC students enjoy burgers at Rockies, a Boise carhop. (Frahm

having a lot of positive feedback from its customers, who especially like the nine inch Rockies special burger.

"The food was great, and part of the fun was making a mess while eating in the car," said Kim Keller, fresh-

Adria Olsen and Latitia Lagstrom both freshmen, also went along for the ride and especially enjoyed the friendly atmosphere that the car hop provided.

"The waitresses are so cool and friendly," said Lagstrom.

Olsen agreed, "At first they seemed kind of quiet, but they opened right up and were very talkative."

To keep in tune with the fifties theme of the restaurant, the car hops will be getting roller

skates or roller blades in the near future. The owners also plan to decorate the drive-in with photographs of local hot rods, using the customers' favorite car to create the logo for the drive-in.

The car-hop also hopes to

"The food was great, and part of the fun was making a mess while eating in the car," Kim Keller, freshman

> be sporting fifties uniforms in the near future. Plans call for sweater shirts paired with short leggings underneath a short black skirt. During the winter they hope to switch to letterman sweaters bearing the Rockies' logo.

The other restaurant with a car-hop atmosphere is A&W. Unlike Rockies, where the girls come to your window to take your order, A&W handles its ordering through the intercom system located at each parking space.

Another difference between the two car-hops is the fact that Rockies does not use the trays which attach to the window due to the fact that today's cars are "too flimsy". A&W still attaches the trays to the windows with metal hooks.

Customers at A&W like the unique

style of restaurant because it generally reminds them of their years growing up.

"It was this way when I was young. It's not as quick as fast food, but it's nice and they have good root beer," said one Boise resident.

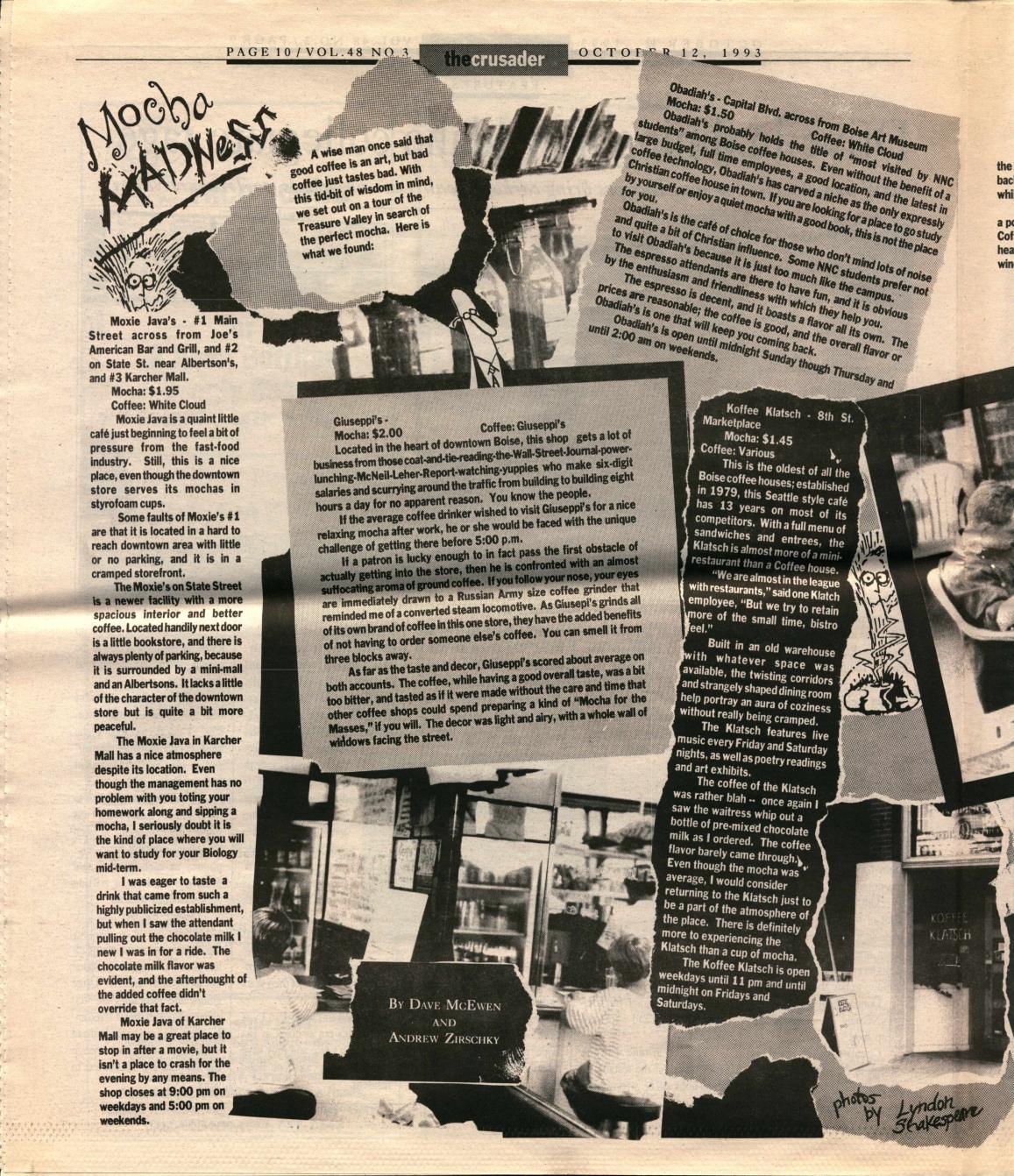
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Those who didn't grow up knowing car-hops seem to be enjoying them just as much as the regulars.

"It's something different from the typical fast food restaurant. I mean, the food is the same, but it's just a nice change," said Brooke Norland, a student at Boise State.

"It reminds me cf going to A&W with my family when I was a little kid. Except that we used to order using the little telephones in each booth," said Sydnee Hamilton, a visiting Rick's College student.

Despite the fact that little advertising has been done by the restaurants, word of mouth has gotten around, and business has been fairly steady. Large groups and gatherings are welcome at Rockies, but it is recommended that a call be made ahead of time to ensure that enough car-hoppers are scheduled to work.





SOCCER

intramurals

D-up for intramural success

By Toby Jeffrey Staff Writer

North Contract

The spotlight fell on defense Saturday, during week two of intramural football.

A total of six interceptions were returned for touchdowns that day. The longest was a 76-yard interception for a touchdown by Doug Schwinn for the Jets.

The top match-up of the week pitted the Lions against the Jets. Both teams were coming off big wins last week. Following up last week's performance, Darin Kessey led the Lion offense with two touchdown passes. Kessey also made a big play with an interception return for a touchdown late in the game, giving the Lions an exciting 19-14 victory.

Ron Ford's Cowboys came back from last week's loss with a big win over the Saints. Behind Ford's two touchdown passes and one touchdown run, the Cowboys shutout the Saints 34-0.

The Steelers upped their record to 2-0 with a blowout of the Bills 32-6. Scott Wilde returned two interceptions for touchdowns in helping the Steelers shut down the Bills' offense.

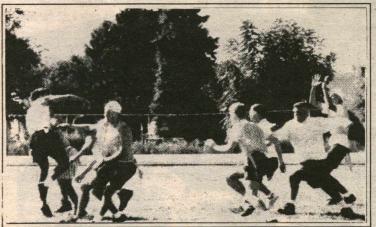
Meanwhile in the west division, the Seahawks also moved to 2-0 behind some great defense and sharp offense.

Captain Matt Elton threw three touchdown passes to lead the Hawks over the Chargers 34-6.

John Cotner ran for two touchdowns to give the Chiefs a 12-7 victory over the 49ers.

Quick Kicks... Defensive player of the week goes to Scott Wilde. Wilde returned two interceptions for touchdowns, one for 10 yards and the other for 25 yards, in the Steelers' victory. . . . Offensive player of the week goes to Matt Elton. Elton threw three touchdowns, a 12 yarder, a 19 yarder and a 21 yarder, and also showed sharp leadership in the Seahawks win. ... Jay Hughes' Steelers have outscored their opponents 80-12 in two games.... The freshman Chargers have been outscored by their opponents 60-6 in two games. . . . so until next week, see you at the games.

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Defense was the key to intramural football wins this week. (Lance Nelson

Saders open district play with split

Soccer team drubs Linfield before succumbing to George Fox

By RICK SKEEN STAFF WRITER

The soccer team opened district play this past weekend, winning one of two home matches. The Saders beat up on Linfield on Friday, finishing with a score of 5-1. On Saturday, a powerful George Fox team shutout NNC 5-0.

The fans who braved the bitter Nampa wind last Friday were rewarded with an offensive explosion by the Saders in the first half. Captain Carlos Antras was in the middle of most of the scoring with two goals and two assists. Rod Markham and Brian Murphy added first half goals to make the halftime score 4-0 in favor of NNC. Colby Halker scored NNC's final goal in the second half.

"For the first time all year we played like we are capable of playing," commented Rod Markham.

Markham also commented on the superior playing of Carlos Antras. "Carlos played a great game. He always gives it all he has on the field. He is really a good team leader."

Coach Diehl was extremely happy with his team's performance on Friday. "The team came out and played very strong, hard, intense, and with great desire. They did everything we asked them to do. We took our soccer to another level and I think we surprised a good Linfield team."

The sun showed up again on Saturday, but, unfortunately, the Sader offense did not. The effort was there, but the execution was not for NNC.

"We had too many balls in the middle of the field, rather than clearing the ball down the wings like we did against Linfield," remarked Coach Diehl.

"We played very hard," said Carlos Antras. "They scored three goals on our silly mistakes; other than that it was fairly even."

Antras also felt that fatigue may have played a factor in

Saturday's game. "We were a little bit tired. Playing two games within twenty hours really takes it out of your legs. I think if we would have played George Fox on Friday it would have been a lot closer match."

After making a sliding save, goalie Rob Lawler was taken out of the game with a four or five inch gash below his knee. Lawler was taken to the hospital and is listed as questionable for next weekend's games. However, Coach Diehl is not worried about the goalie situation because backup goalie Colby Halker was the starter earlier in the year.

"Colby started for us earlier in the year, and we don't lose a bit when he is in there," commented Diehl.

The Saders have two more home matches this weekend against Concordia on Friday and Willamette on Saturday. Come out and support the soccer team as they try to position themselves to secure a district playoff spot.



Patrick Fitzgerald is upended by an Albertson player in recent soccer action. (Lance Nelson)

VOLLEYBALL

Crusader volleyball team scores three weekend wins

Players feel optimistic about rest of season's games

By JulieWeymouth Staff Writer

Volleyball action this weekend brought home an even three wins and three losses. The Lady Saders earned victories against Lewis and Clark State: 15-9, 15-0, Simon Frazer (from Canada): 15-11, 15-6, and Montana Tech: 15-9, 15-5. Fatalities were to Linfield: 12-15, 9-15, Willamette: 15-10, 10-15, 14-16, and George Fox: 9-15, 8-15.

Reflecting on past action, Brenda Cave commented, "I think we played one of our best matches this season against Willamette." Spectacular stunts were made by Stephanie Arland with 40 kills and 60 digs; Terea Josephson with 42 kills, 41 digs, and 10 blocks; and Cheri Dailey with 31 kills, 29 digs, and 13 blocks. Melanie Trombley contributed 121 assists, 13 kills 59 digs, and 7 blocks.

Overall, the players were optimistic about the rest of the season and their chances of post-season play.

"We will play a lot of conference games which will count for a place in conference playoffs," said Kristie Pickens. "We are about even with four of the other teams so we need to be aggressive and confident and play as a team."

Tournament is coming up and Crusader expectations are high. Cheri Dailey echoes the sentiments of her teammates, "There is no doubt we're going!"

Montgomery Fieldhouse will be the scene of volleyball action this weekend when the Saders take on AC of I on Friday and Southern Oregon State on Saturday. Four Senior players, their parents, husbands, or fiancees will be honored for their dedication and hard work at 7:00 p.m. before Saturday's game.

BASEBALL

Baseball field finally taking shape

NNC athletic teams join forces to lay 111,000 sq. ft. of sod

By D. M. Bomar Managing Editor

NNC's baseball program took a giant leap toward its new playing facility yesterday as team members, coaches, and scores of volunteers laid sod on a large portion of the 111,000 square foot field. About half of the outfield was covered with grass when workers finished late Monday afternoon, and the remaining section of the outfield should be completed Tuesday.

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"It's a dream come true," said head coach Brian Muir, who spent well over 500 hours working on the field during the summer. "It's something that NNC baseball has needed for along time."

Muir expressed particular

appreciation for the volunteer help the team has received.

"It's great to see support from other aspects of the college -- the athletic department, the basketball and soccer teams, and the administration."

Shortstop Pat Swapp was also enthusiastic about the field. "It's great to see grass on it," said Swapp. "And it's equally great to see so many people out to help work on it."

Currently, the team is practicing at Vallivue High School, a twenty minute drive west of Nampa and the best available playing field in the area. The trip gets tedious, according to players, and has limited practice time.

"We're way behind," said Muir. "We have a long way to go before we're playing at a level where we can compete."

Nevertheless, Muir is optimistic about the team's potential. "We have the talent and players we need to compete," he said. "I'm very happy with the way the new recruits and the returning players are performing on the field."

In their fall season, the Crusaders fell to Treasure Valley Community College 16-14 Friday afternoon. Saturday in Twin Falls, NNC split with the College of Southern Idaho, winning 11-8 and losing 6-4.

"I think we're playing as well as can be expected, considering what we have to work with," commented Swapp.

The Crusaders will battle against the Albertson College Coyotes Friday at 3:00 p.m. at Rodeo Park in Nampa.

Jordan bids farewell

By KEANAN WILLIAMS, STAFF WRITER

It's the end of an era. Michael Jordan has retired, and the National Basketball Association's "Jordan era" is over.

As a child, professional basketball existed somewhere, but not really any place that was real. It existed in the newspaper box scores and on the radio. A friend up the hill even had some basketball cards, although I could never find any for myself.

I suppose that there were televised basketball games back then, too, but I never knew about them. Perhaps they were televised on Sunday, the one day of the week when I couldn't watch television.

So even though I loved basketball, I grew up ignorant of the wonderful world of NBA and all that it had to offer.

Sure I saw the Globetrotters on Scooby Doo and on Gilligan's Island, but it was just the Globetrotters on Scooby Doo and on Gilligan's Island.

The first I heard about the NBA and real professional basketball was the controversy over a pair of shoes. A budding shoe company had made shoes for a fantastic young player, but the NBA would not allow the player to wear them during the games.

The shoes were Air Jordans, and the man was the man who would become the three time world champion, two time Olympic Gold medal winner, former NBA Rookie of the Year, second player ever to win seven straight scoring titles, and arguably the best player ever to play the game of basketball, Michael Jordan.

As Jordan's fame and fortune grew, so did the NBA, and so did Nike, as well as companies like Wheaties, Gatorade, and others who jumped on the Jordan bandwagon. Now, Nike is everywhere, and the NBA is seemingly always on some TV station. Sure there were other famous players, like Larry Bird and Magic Johnson, but no one else could do what Michael did. And what he did was play basketball like no one else could.

Jordan was the model superstar who helped NBA commissioner David Stern build the NBA into the money-making entertainment industry monster that it is today.

As Jordan became more popular and his fame spread throughout the world he seemingly began to feel suffocated, and desired his privacy above all else. He just wanted to be left alone in a world that wouldn't allow it. The price of fame.

Jordan began to do what he wanted, regardless of his high public profile. His public image had lately come under assault due to gambling allegations. At one point during the 1992-93 playoffs, he even boycotted the press for their part in the incident.

And then this past summer the father of Michael Jordan was tragically and senselessly murdered. His father's death, combined with the gambling allegations, and who could blame a player who has long talked of retirement for calling it quits.

But unlike Magic and Bird, whose bodies forced them into early retirement, Michael Jordan was still on the top of his game. There was no one, really, to stop him from claiming another scoring title or to keep his Bulls from claiming another championship.

If Jordan, too, had been somehow forced out of the game while he still desired to play, then it would be different. But he is a man who is retiring while still able to dominate the game.

It's been suggested that Jordan will just take one year off and then return to continue his reign as king of the basketball world. While a nice thought, I think that this is really and truly the end of Jordan's playing days.

So long, Mike, and thanks for the memories.

EDITORIALS

The rise and fall of the NNC variety show -- where have all the actors gone?

Variety shows are great . . . at least to watch. The NNC variety shows used to be long, tedious affairs because so many people wanted to act. However, this kind of tediousness came from the overall length and having to watch occaisonally less entertaining acts among the great ones.

Lately, a new tediousness has occurred. With less acts per show and less people putting out effort, variety shows are past their golden age. It is not, however, due to the fact that people do not want to see them. Fresheree sold out, and there were many great acts. But the interest of people who want to perform is waning.

Now don't tell me that, if you've attended NNC for the last couple of years, that you won't eternally remember Gil Harris' rendition of the "Grumpy Old Man." And who can forget the Saga employee music video featuring rappin' Dick White. These are the things that will stick in our college memory banks, and who is stepping forward to replace these variety show icons?

NNC students want to be entertained, but, for the most part, do not want to entertain. What is the future of this activity that is high on the demand side, yet dwindling out on the supply side? The only answer is for students to start caring about doing something. Otherwise, the variety shows may become extinct and a lot of people will miss them.

Saga shenanigans and other tom-foolery

There is something that has been bothering us up here in the Crusader Office. Yeah, there is something that has been bothering us, but we're not going to tell you, because it's personal. However, there is something else. We have been wondering, and when we say "we", we mean "we" the editorial staff.

Anyway, what has been bothering "us" is that, why, at Marriott, when they say "perch", it is actually "pollock"? Where is the honesty, where is the integrity? The sign says "perch", and we should be eating perch, not pollock or flounder or cajun catfish or any such nonsense. If it is particularly distasteful fish, it could give perch a bad name. What if you had your mouth set on perch, and it turned out to be herring? We think you know the kind of thing we're talking about. What if pollock is an endangered species?

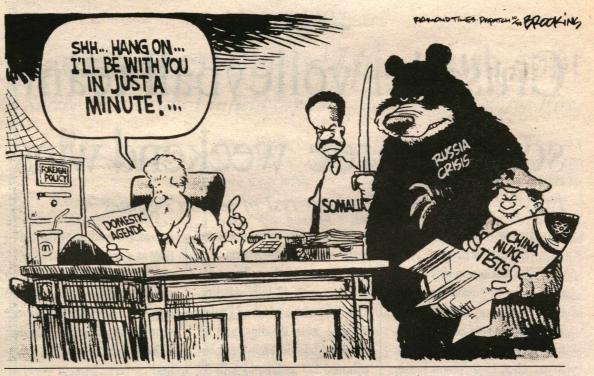
And what's with those new "juice" dispensers? Do they really think we'd fall for that one? It's not even juice, it's more like some kind of "stuff." One of you students should take it upon yourself to swap the juice labels with labels that say "Orange Stuff" and "Red Stuff" and "Purple Stuff that tastes kind of Grapey". Not that we at the Crusader condone any such tom-foolery. Now you all go out there and get an education, kids, and if you've got a beef with what we've said, the person to contact is Dave Bomar.

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COMMENTARY

Roe v. Wade and your own personal Judgment Days

Some interesting facts regarding the still-controversial Roev. Wade Supreme Court case of 1973 have recently come to my attention. Since I doubt that much of the general public is aware of all of the circumstances behind the case, I thought I'd take some time to share them with you, and maybe even make a point in the process.

It seems that "Jane Roe," or Norma McCorvey as her parents chose to call her, brought her case before the Texas court system claiming to have been brutally gang raped as she walked home from work late one summer evening in 1969. Her story, as you well know, ultimately was presented before the Supreme Court of the United States, which in turn ruled that the Constitution will not permit the government to interfere with a woman's right to choose abortion.

Unfortunately, about fifteen years after all the legal action had been wrapped up, some new information regarding "Jane Roe" arose. An em-

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barrassed Norma McCorvey explained that in fact she had not been raped at all, but had made up the entire scenario to hide the reality of her impregnation during a perfectly normal relationship.

The Supreme Court's decision to, simply speaking, legalize abortion was based on, simply speaking, a lie. Countless dollars have been spent, verbal wars have raged, and lives have even been lost in defense of this verdict based on testimony that proved to be nothing more than a ploy to sway the emotions of a jury.

Realistically, the judicial system was perfectly capable of going back and reversing their original decision upon the revelation of these startling new facts, but politically it would have been a very difficult move. So instead, our nation's highest court stood by an imperfectly conceived verdict.

So how does this apply to

you and me beyond the obvious political and moral implications? Simple -- there is a lesson to be learned from the actions involved in this historic legal situation.

Judgment is a very scary thing, especially when based on incomplete information. And just like the Supreme Court in 1973, we don't always get the whole story.

But fortunately for us, we have a luxury that the court system cannot afford -- we can withhold our condemnation, or approval, as the case may be, until a little more light is shed on the subject in question.

On a campus where a "liberal arts" education is stressed and where students are presumed to keep open minds, the kind of snap judgments which are so dangerous probably occur much more often than we would like to admit.

Perhaps we could all stand to take a step back, adjust our egos a little bit, and listen to the lesson behind all the political rhetoric that came from this decision in 1973.

OPINION

Somalia -- We watch as history repeats itself

A President from the Vietnam era ignores the important lessons learned by his own generation

By MATT JOHNSON COVER STORY EDITOR

We as Americans, have very short memories. We seem to think that everything is more or less instantaneous and forget that history has a way of making things in the future happen.

Fact: While we were losing at guerilla warfare in Vietnam, a young Gen. Aidid was studying the Viet Cong's tactics while in the Soviet Union.

Aidid has been quoted as saying that he knows exactly where our forces are weak and how to effectively counter our military efforts in Somalia. He learned from the very people who beat us at the same game thirty years ago -- the Viet Cong.

That is the stupid thing. We are approaching this entire military action with conventional warfare tactics, not guerilla tactics. Just like we did in Vietnam.

I remember the eighties when, every time the Administration even flinched toward taking military action, every peace-nik in the country and Europe (which was annoying) would scream, "IT'S AN-OTHER VIETNAM!" Nicaragua, Beirut, Panama, The Gulf War... every time, they would say we were getting in over our heads.

Now, it's my turn: "IT'S ANOTHER VIETNAM!"

You might note that none of the peace-niks are sitting outside of the White House beating on five-gallon drums 24 hours a day, nor are they screaming about Somalia being our next Vietnam. Of course, this was supposed to be a humanitarian effort so it's okay, despite the fact that, for the first time since Vietnam, we are in a situation which actually does



have the potential of becoming another Vietnam.

Funny, I think we used to view the oppression of Communist regimes as non-humanitarian -- in fact, I think that is why we sent troops to Vietnam. At that time, a Democratic president wanted to save the people of Vietnam from having their human rights crushed by the Viet Cong. The same Viet Cong that taught a young Aidid much in making mayhem with a larger, more conventional force. We assume that simply because the Cold War is over, so is the history behind it.

Which leads to a much larger issue than tactics. One of the problems we faced during the Cold War, and seemed to recover from during the Gulf War, was that we were not the only Superpower. We lived in fear of a violent nuclear chain-reaction. We had to be careful in Vietnam the same way the Soviets had to be careful in Afganistan. Being careful meant not being able to com-

mit our forces one hundred percent. The Gulf War worked and was conducted in such a manner which proved that we did not have to worry about a Soviet-backed retaliation. Now, it seems that President Clinton has suffered some form of amnesia and has forgotten that we can do more or less what we want, if we really want to. Or can we?

The thing that has held us in check has been the United Nations. Talk about a can of worms. Talk about dysfunctional. Up to this point, the United States has been the United Nations. Now that more countries are finally getting involved, the idea of other countries taking the role of leadership out of U.S. officers' hands hasn't exactly gone over as a great idea. In fact, our forces were so opposed to the idea that we are no longer working with the UN forces, and we are doing our own thing. As

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seem pretty confused about our role in Somalia. The real reason we went was to hand out food to starving Somalians and keep them from stealing it from each other. Fair enough; good deal. The reasons we have had to use troops is because the country is falling apart via a nasty tribal civil war. We are keeping our troops in Somalia until the political climate cools off and all our little Somali friends can behave themselves without supervision. At least we have pulled out of the UN's notion of bagging Aidid. That brilliant idea has cost us fourteen lives too many already. However, Secretary of Defense Les Aspin told reporters that we weren't exactly throwing the idea out the window either. Can you you say "wishy-washy?" I knew you could. Think about it. This entire conflict revolves around the city of Mogadishu. Aidid controls the southern section of it. He can't leave because he is surrounded by other warlords who don't like him. So what every reporter with a camera has proven is that the "hunt for Aidid" is a joke -- the city can only be so big. Maybe we should have sent the New York police department instead of a UN contigent.

"Let us finish the work we set out to do," said President Clinton at a press conference last week. "Let us demonstrate to the world, as generations of Americans have done before us, that when Americans take on a challenge, they do the job right."

Big, wacky words from a former draft-dodger who sat on the "peaceful" side of the Vietnam conflict. Maybe he wasn't paying attention then, because he is pulling one heck of an encore so far, and if he doesn't take a crash course in tactics and listen to historians quick, our already extended time in a city called Mogadishu may become an eternity for a lot of soliders that are too far away from home.

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LETTERS

Defending the honor of the Yogurt Affaire

First we want to congratulate John Nordstrom and crew on the opening of the Top Ten

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Cafe. We feel it is a real asset to the college. We also feel that we have had a small part to play in it, as we helped to acquire the espresso mugs and shot glasses for flavors.

We do feel, however, that a couple of statements in your excellent article in October 5th's Crusader need to be corrected. Students have not had to go all the way to Boise for a decent espresso. We feel that we have the best espresso in Idaho, and a large contingency of NNC students agree with us. A sizeable group of our regular customers are NNC students. To show our appreciation we happily spent the bucks to be a part of the Northwesterners discount card. The response has been very gratifying.

We do not roll up the sidewalk at nine on Sunday. We are open until eleven weekdays and until ten on Sundays. During periods of high stress (such as finals week) you will find us here among the books and papers until the wee hours of the morning.

Our prescription for happiness: Patronize the Top Ten Cafe on Thursday and Sunday and come see us other times during the week. You will find a group of NNC students behind the counter ready and eager to serve you.

-- KEN SWAIM AND THE GANG AT THE YOGI

Lots of thanks from the International Club

Seven months ago, I had the opportunity to visit a food extravaganza put on by the International Students Club of another campus. It then occurred to me that our club here at NNC could carry out a project like this. I discussed this with several of the club members, and we went forth from there to carry out such a project. Our goal was to provide a service to the NNC community and to share our many different cultures with those here on campus.

This was the first time we had undertaken such a big project, and from the beginning there were may obstacles that had to be overcome. Feeding 200 people with a club size of only 19 members was no easy task. Organizing a project with which we had no previous experience was also a big challenge.

Yet with the support that was given to us we were able to make our dream a reality. And now I want to take the time to thank all of you who made this Int'l Food Fest both possible and a success. To the Int'l Club members -- your sincere dedication to this project and your countless hours put into it was amazing. I am so very proud of you guys. Much thanks to ASNNC and Student Development for your support -- and to Matt McCaslin, thank you so much for your help with advertisement. Eric Ely, you put more into this project than I could have ever asked for. Thank you so much for all your time and your enthusiasm . . . and most of all, thanks for being a friend to the Int'l Club.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to those in the community who supported us -- Maria's Hacienda, Jade Garden, and China Garden -- your willingness to contribute was shown in your generosity. To those from the Academy of Martial Arts -- your performance was superb.

Finally, I want to thank all of you who came to the Food Fest -- thank you for supporting and believing in us. I hope that you all enjoyed our Food Fest and that you were able to "Get a Bite of the World."

-- EMI AURORA BACA, INT'L CLUB PRESIDENT



OPINION

NBA will do fine without Jordan

By Dave McEwen Features Editor

As basketball fans (and advertising managers) around the globe mourn the loss of him from the sport of basketball, reams of paper are printing tearful farewells for newspapers everywhere. Somewhere in the midwest, a room is even now being cleared out in the basketball hall of fame. Still, amid all the clamor, there are a select few of us who will not miss Michael Jordan.

Jordan's retirement supposedly "shocked the sports world", but, really, after he won a third national championship in a row, his well known and televised dreams of a pro golf career seemed the only challenge that he hadn't yet overcome. Maybe in a few years, we will see Jordan in plaid pants and Nike pump spikes drinking Gatorade and downing a few MacJordans on the green, and this will not bother me.

What did bother me about Jordan was his ability to take over the spotlight of the NBA, and not share it with anyone. Remember the days a few years ago when the league's best shared time on network TV, and there were featured matchups between stars? The question of "Who is the best player in the league?" could have been answered six or seven different ways.

With the recent loss of superstars Larry Bird and Magic Johnson, and the decline of former stars Isaiah Thomas and Moses Malone, Jordan was far and away the most seen face in the basketball world. As the faces of his contemporaries faded away, the spotlight didn't let new faces in, but rather narrowed down until it focused almost exclusively on Jordan.

The NBA will, as a whole, fare better in the long run because of the loss of Jordan. At first the networks will be screaming for their money back,

but sooner or later the public will call for new heros and, out of the mist, those who have been settling for second best status will rise to center stage. The Shaquile O'Neals, the Shawn Kemps, the Larry Johnsons, and yes, even the Scottie Pippens will emerge to claim the full spotlight as the new class of supermegastars.

Fans will more often follow the best players of their local teams instead of simply rooting for Jordan and the Bulls because they are a sure bet. In short, more people will watch more teams, and there will be better and closer games. Fans in Orlando, Seattle, and Charlotte will be able to watch their teams play on national TV against someone besides the Bulls, and more often.

I feel sorry for Michael Jordan as a person, and I understand that he would feel like leaving the sport after his Dad's death, but it was about his time to go anyway.

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MUSIC

"River of Dreams" drifts from style to style

"River of Dreams" Billy Joel Columbia Records, 1993

Billy Joel, the eternal bard, keeps going and going and going... Will the piano man with a greatest hits list a mile long ever quit cranking out intelligent, thoughtful top 40 material that turns the current pop trend on it's ear?

Joel's new album, "River of Dreams," once again showcases his brilliant lyrics and ever expanding repertoire of style. The record contains everything from explosive social commentaries to actual lullabies, from pseudo-african swing to good, old-fashioned pop in the classic Joel savoir faire.

Listeners expecting a smooth, docile sound from an aging rocker on the verge of retirement will be in for a big surprise when "No Man's Land," the album's first cut, hits them like a cannonball. The fierce judgment on man's attempt to lay waste the forests for the sake of mini-malls and urban development wastes no time cluing the listener in to what his extreme views really

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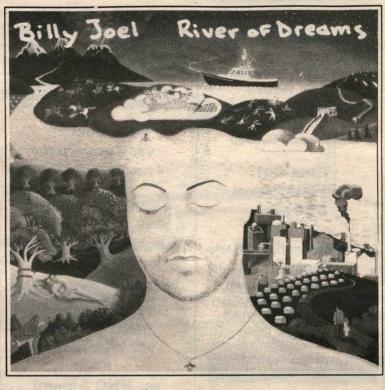
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The whole album, however, is not devoted to the slamming of corporate America by an opinionated musician. After loel gets the frustration out of his system, he moves on to a whole album of satisfying songs.

Joel also uses the artwork of his wife, Christie Brinkley, to adorn the cover of the CD. A mural of Joel dreaming a kaleidoscope of scattered images gives the album an unmistakable aire of mysticism.

The title track from the album, "River of Dreams," has already made a substantial mark



on the pop charts, and with Joel performing "No Man's Land" and other cuts on Letterman and Leno, look for it to be making its single debut soon.

"River of Dreams" is aimed at a more sophisticated audience than is common these days. If you get into songs with lyrics that directly address real issues, then this one's for you.

-- By DAVE MCEWEN

LITERATURE

Irving explores faith in a misfit

A Prayer For Owen Meany By John Irving Ballantine Books: New York, 1989

What if your best friend since childhood, the same one who was responsible for the freak accident which claimed your mother's life, claimed to know when he was going to die and that God had brought him into the world for a specific reason? What if he claimed to have seen a vision which revealed the exact date and circumstances of his predicted death?

Welcome to the intriguing and beautifully complex world of John Irving's A Prayer for Owen Meany. Irving creates, detail by detail, the events of an entire childhood focused around one of modern literature's most vivid and developed characters, Owen Meany. Owen is a remarkable creation -- a misfit that is portrayed with such conviction that readers are bound to find themselves thinking about the "Owen Meany's" that they have encountered and perhaps even regretting the manner in which they have treated them.

Told in retrospect by the narrator, Irving explores the very essence of miracles -- from all the tiny details which eventually create an image and event larger than life, to a lifetime of after-shock and reflection.

Set in a rustic New England town, Irving's language is pure genius, creating an atmosphere as detailed as a Norman Rockwell painting. The two central figures complement this writing style, interacting with one of the most colorful casts of characters created in a long time.

A Prayer for Owen Meany explores the very nature of faith from the perspective of traditional Christianity versus the exceptional individual whose very approach to life supercedes the confines of organized religion. This story will provoke serious questions concerning the nature of faith for the reflective reader. If you are looking for something both deep and entertaining, Mr. Irving may just have what you are looking for, and may even point out some things in life you weren't.

-- By MATT JOHNSON



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lemma. Whenever spending money is involved, there is sure to be a vast difference of opinions.

Should we use extra money earned from the rental of refrigerators to purchase a computer for ASNNC officers? Or is there a better place where the money can be put to work?

FIRST OF ALL... a computer would greatly benefit ASNNC officers in their everyday tasks. For example, the computer would greatly benefit the whole campus in the area of publicity. ASNNC Publicity Director Matt McCaslin has done an excellent job of keeping us informed. Unfortunately, he has had to work during odd times while borrowing computers from the publications office. Therefore, it seems logical that this ASNNC earned money should be used for a computer.

ON THE OTHER HAND... how about using it for clothes for the Hope House children? How about making ASNNC activities free? How about helping fund a service project for low-income people? How about... the list of ideas goes on and on. Some ideas are more legit than others, of course. What are your ideas? Talk to your ASNNC officers and let them know what you think. After all, we are just students trying to SERVE the students.

-- MATT THOMAS, ASNNC BUSINESS MANAGER

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Boise Art Museum After Hours

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NNC Soccer vs. Concordia 4 p.m.; Finkbeiner Field

NNC Volleyball
vs. Albertson
7 p.m.; Montgomery Fieldhouse

saturday 16

NNC Soccer

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Noon
vs. NNC Alumni
3 p.m.

NNC Volleyball vs. Southern Oregon 7 p.m.; Montgomery Fieldhouse

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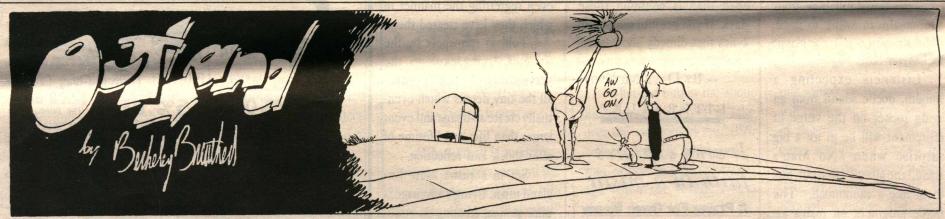
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Ballet Idaho
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"Midsummer Night's Dream"
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October 22; 8 p.m.
Morrison Center
Tickets thru Select-A-Seat



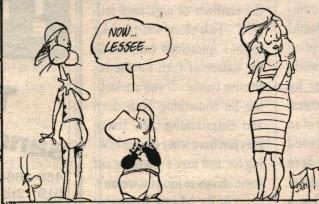
















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Top 10 Things You Should Not Do In Morrison Hall

- 10. Slaughter penguins.
- 9. Try the cookies.
- 8. Drive Rich Hagood's "Harley Hog" down the halls.
- 7. Gesture emphatically while squeezing a mustard packet, (believe us, we know).
- 6. Mash with your roommate.
- 5. Fingerpaint the halls, i.e. Culver.
- 4. Touch anything that "Moos".
- 3. Toggle.

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- 2. Eat fiberglass.
- 1. Duct tape the R.D.'s children to the television.





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