

"Expression" Prompts Action: Withdrawal

by J.E. Vail

"Well sir, Master Reason was found dead in his quarters by the maid. There was no mark on the body and no evidence of cardiac disorders. Nor was there any poison."

"Sounds like death from natural causes. What leads you to think otherwise?"

"This sir," replied Pardon handing Hamhock a folded piece of paper. The note revealed the following message: "I am being murdered."

"Hmm. That's odd--but no matter. Why didn't the doctors of Ennency see any significance in the note?"

"Why sir, I t h o u g h t everyone knew the answer to that. It's common knowledge that no one employed by Ennency is critical of anything."

(Excerpted from "The Mysterious Death of Master Reason" by Joe Schmuckatelly which appeared in the **EXPRESSION**, page 4.)

Monday's chapel a u d i-

ence politely applauded the last candidate's speech and rose, en masse, to flood out of the Montgomery Field-house. The small group of students, manned with bundles of papers, mingled in the crowd and passed out their literature to receptive NNCers.

"What's this?"

"It's an underground newspaper. You don't want to miss it!"

And so, the **Expression**, a "low budget, underground literary magazine for the Whole Man" by its own admission, hit campus. Edited by Wayne Mackeson and Gary Bennett, an ASNNC presidential candidate, the magazine presented a pot pourri of letters to the editor, photography, editorial comment, news briefs, features, ads and Joe Schmuckatelly. Parts of the **Expression** were humorous, others satirical, some dead serious, but all had a message.

"We'd been thinking

about putting out the paper since around Thanksgiving," commented Mackeson, "But there was no malice intended. None at all."

Mackeson and Bennett received notification on Tuesday from Dr. Irving Laird's office that they were to attend a meeting with the President the following morning at which time the publication would be discussed. Nobody, except the administrators involved, had an inkling of the things to come.

Wednesday's chapel, reserved for ASNNC presidential candidates to deliver their speeches, came but Bennett failed to show.

After all the candidates present spoke, Rex Wardlaw rose to dismiss the convocation but the audience wanted to know where Bennett was. Wardlaw explained that Bennett had been detained.

"Thanks to who?" was hurled in answer.

By that time, Mackeson

and Bennett had been given a choice: either withdraw or be suspended. Mackeson requested an hour to think it over and to seek legal counsel. The request was denied. Mackeson and Bennett withdrew.

"I had no idea this would happen...no idea. If I had known, why would I have wanted to graduate. I wanted to go to Model United Nations. I wanted to play tennis. Yeah..." added Mackeson, "tell them that I lettered in tennis last year. Tell them about all the great articles I wrote. Tell them what a good boy I am."

Pearsall based his decision on a Nazarene "tradition" that tends to deal harshly with underground publications. He felt that he was making a major concession by giving them a chance to withdraw. Other presidents would have just kicked them out.

Pearsall told Mackeson and Bennett that he had put

his job on the line for them last year (Mackeson was Editor of the **Crusader** and Bennet wrote for the student paper) and couldn't go to bat for them this year.

A delegation of upper classmen went to talk with the President after the decision was made to try and change his mind. Dr. Pearsall stuck to his guns and reinforced his decision's justification through tradition. He did admit that he knew of no written disciplinary guidelines concerning underground publications.

The decision was greeted with some disbelief and one professor termed the move very petty. Petitions are circulating among the community which call for Mackeson's and Bennett's immediate reinstatement.

If you desire a copy of the **Expression**, contact Irving Laird. The Vice-President for Student Affairs confiscated the remaining copies of the magazine.

EDITORIAL

A Hard Look

Gary Bennett and Wayne Mackeson have withdrawn from NNC, although by no choice of their own, and with them has gone another bit of freedom, another shred of sanity.

The first and most dangerous aspect of this decision is the President's usage of a Judicial Process clause (letter G., page 56 of the CRUSADER HANDBOOK) which states that "none of the above jurisdictions shall preclude the prerogatives of administrative decisions. The final authority to suspend or dismiss lies with the President of the College, or his delegated agent." All intermediary judicial channels were bypassed in this case as Dr. Pearsall, with Dr. Laird and Dean Robinson concurring, offered the two gentlemen a choice of either withdrawal or suspension. If this practice becomes the administration's chief disciplinary tool, community legal rights will be effectively erased and the only avenue of recourse open for a community member wishing to appeal any decision will be in the civil courts. We, as a community, must react thoughtfully but strongly to any encroachment of our civil rights.

Dr. Pearsall based his decision on a "tradition" of Nazarene schools to suspend students involved in underground publications and, reportedly, was not concerned with the content of the paper but with its origin. My question is, how can an inconsistent application of tradition prove effective or desirable as a disciplinary guideline? Although we dare not be paralyzed by a rigid set of rules, it is far too easy to bend a situation-ethics mode of discipline to meet one's needs and desires.

What are we as members of this community to expect when we break a rule? There must be a visible standard of procedure to which we can look and in which we can have confidence. That standard of procedure has been provided for in our present judicial framework and should be followed by all factions of the community in all cases.

Regardless of whether one agrees with the opinions held by Mr. Bennett and/or Mr. Mackeson, one should be concerned with the evident violation of their constitutional rights to due process and freedom of speech. This case is an example of encroachment, on the administration's part, upon the right to free inquiry, research and publication of the findings of that research held by each member of this community. We, as a total community, should be concerned with the underlying trends found in this decision, for when coupled with proposed changes in the college's Bill of Rights that delete all strictures specifically prohibiting institutional censorship, the resultant possibilities are far from comforting.

We cannot discuss this matter without looking within ourselves and taking a

good, hard look at our campus and its policies as a whole. Why can't we, as mature Christians or, at least, adults, maintain a healthy spirit of inquiry and discussion? Why must the threat of losing our scholarship or our job or our career at NNC be made a factor in the way in which we voice our opinions? We should not be forced to make the kind of decision that Mr. Bennett and Mr. Mackeson were forced to make. If we act in Christian love and tolerance and do not feel, as Ann Kiemel stated, that we have to come to absolutes in terms of answers, we should never again witness this kind of gross misfortune. On the hand, if we cannot bring ourselves to drop the pettiness that has invaded our lives, then we shall continue (those of us who choose to continue) in the present unhealthy, tense atmosphere that pervades our campus.

If the administration truly wishes to remedy our campus' "sick" spirit, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Mackeson should be reinstated as full-time students as a symbolic gesture and as a first step in the right direction.

Only when we all own up to the fact that we have failed, that we have caused pain, only when we all move beyond apologies and sporadic outbursts of "love-fests" to tangible acts in rectification of wrongs, will we, as a Christian college community, be on the road to healing.

What Opinion?

One of the most necessary elements of our college community is student opinion. And, one of the most disturbing aspects of this same community is that student opinion is, for the most part, ignored.

There are campus organizations whose sole operation and existence is dependent upon student opinion. Student government is a prime example. It was created for, works as and is an extension of student opinion. Yet, the very reason for its existence seems to be failing.

Students listen to almost an hour's worth of speeches read hordes of campaign literature and posters and are expected to make an intelligent decision concerning their leaders to be in an election, campaign that lasts little longer than a week.

Our vote is supposedly an expression of student opinion, but more often than not, it isn't one of confidence.

There are good points to student government. At least it encourages student opinion. The ASNNC senate members and officers are vessels of that opinion. They cannot operate without that element. But, once again, the feeling of inadequacy, a general apathetic attitude concerning the workings of student government and the real role it has the potential to play in decision making, is expressed.

The "silent majority" often feels student government is a joke, and it becomes a joke. With no opinion to act on, student government becomes useless and invalid. But whose fault is that? Who is to blame? On the other hand, perhaps this general

feeling of apathetic inadequacy is not so much inbred (as supposed) but learned. Perhaps those organizations of authority which should be most dependent upon student opinion have fallen short in their task of listening to and acting upon it. To them, it would seem, student opinion is a fairly cheap commodity that can be regarded or disregarded on a whim.

Perhaps that in itself has left the ASNNC officers in a discouraging position of real decision making. Perhaps the students of this college should begin to vigorously make their opinions known to those in authority.

We, the students, are the controlling factor in this college community. If it were not for the students, Northwest Nazarene College would not exist. The sooner we learn that our opinion, whether expressed to the Regents while they are here, or written in a letter to the editor of this newspaper, has some significance, then we will see that the power lies in the hands of the students. Until then, we will have to be content with half-hearted efforts and deaf ears.

campus forum

to have such mild mannered and accomodating dissenters.

If the gentlemen of the Administration wish to see a REAL underground newspaper I will be happy to procure copies of *The Berkeley Barb*, *Gigline*, *White Power!*, or other equally inflammatory literature for their edification.

R.L. Howard

Reader's reaction: shocked

To the Editor:

There is only one word to describe my feelings when I heard that Wayne Mackeson and Gary Bennett had been shown the front door. The word is shocked. I read their not so underground newspaper and found little in it to merit such action.

Granted, some of it was in bad taste, the satire was a bit heavy handed, and most of the publication was decidedly puerile. However, some of it was worth attention, most notably Sue Ratcliff's political commentary. Indeed, much of the material differs little from that produced by Bennett for the *Crusader* last year and since he wasn't lynched then, why now?

The key word is over-react and I believe the Administration has done so.

If a bit of sarcasm and silliness is reason for expulsion then $\frac{1}{2}$ of us would have been heaved out long ago. Undoubtedly, by NNC standards, the views stated in *Expression* are radical, but having rubbed shoulders with a number of the Bay Area's hard core radicals in the days when Berkeley and San Francisco State were burning (literally) I suggest that we are quite fortunate

"Tradition" questioned

To the Editor:

What possible good was achieved by the recent suspension of *Expression* editors Wayne Mackeson and Gary Bennett, other than that Bennett can not now run for ASNNC President? In this case, the evil far outweighs the good.

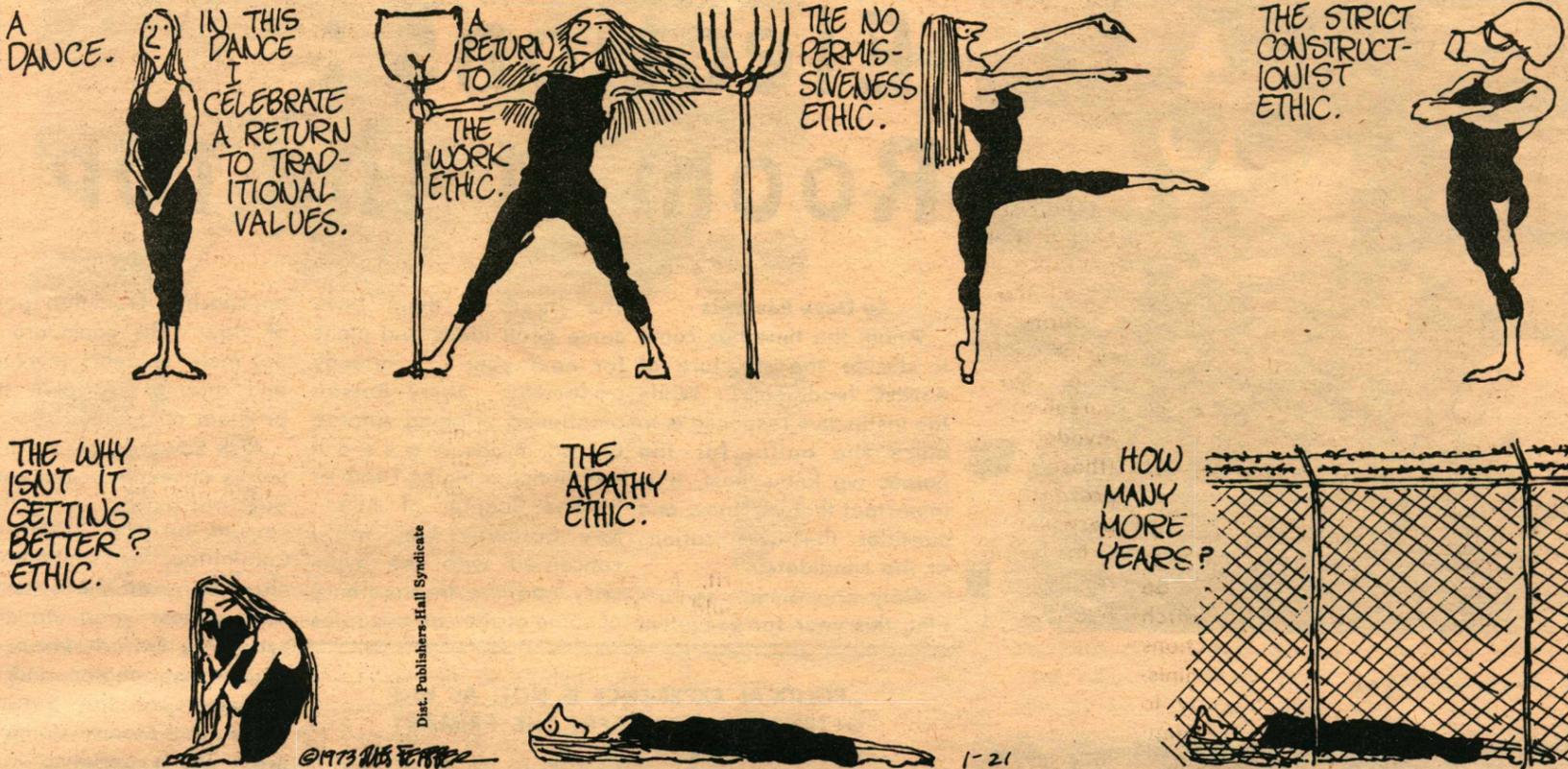
If the reason they were suspended is because it is a "tradition" to do so (you gotta be kidding!), may I ask what the "tradition" is for handling dancers and boozers at NNC? If only Mackeson and Bennett had recruited 33 more editors . . . Oh, and while they were at it, whoever did the booting should have booted Mark Wilson as well. After all, his essay on freedom and its accompanying responsibility threatens the very core of Nazarene Sunday School "theology."

Mike Lodahl

P.S.--I hate chocolate chip cookies too.



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Letters To The Editor

More than you've ever seen before

After emotion, what?

To the Editor:

Hypocrisy is an aged word and an art carried back to early history, but still carries on today. Lately some have dared to step out to open up the door to shine some light on this sickening issue, especially after recent incidents, including Ann Kiemel' opening convention. My thanks to Teckla Smith whose letter I read in last week's *Crusader*, encouraging me to react, expressing some similar responses of several here on campus. By far, Ann's service Friday morning opened my eyes to the fact that not only Ann, but many ministers have played on emotions to lead souls to the Lord, in my opinion a bit too much. After the emotion, what is there to fall back upon?

Sure the service was great for those who wanted to go around hugging everyone, telling them how much they loved and appreciated one another. Several had come up to me and told me that very same story, some I didn't even hardly

know. After hearing it several times I thought to myself, "How many did it just for their personal satisfaction?" Sure, it's o.k. to have emotions to keep us on top of things, especially when life gets rough, but for someone that I hardly know, tells me that they love and appreciate me, this really sends me. I can't comprehend why, when there is no reason behind their courageous gesture. But then after a week is passed on, I find out that the words that have been spoken are merely words that have never developed into actions.

When I saw the banner, "We love you Ann," and after sitting in on one of her meetings that she held, I was influenced that many of those on campus were trying to win her opinions through emotions (such as the banner), so that this might arouse her to comply with the answers that they wanted concerning their questions. This would give them adequate reason to turn around and pounce upon the administration or church in general, saying, "Ah, ha! Ann said it, she is Dean of Women in one of our Nazarene colleges, she is a distinguished person in our church, so it must be correct. Lets get it changed!"

Did we play Ann up a little too much?

How many are sincere when they come off of their emotional high?

To put it bluntly-Ann has the potential, the influence of a messiah-but to whom? If Ann has the answers, why am I, along with others, still left up in the air over these issues?

Myron Bush

Severe discipline protested

An Open Letter To Dr. Pearsall

Sir:

I am very disturbed over the recent administrative actions which have resulted in the withdrawal of Gary Bennett and Wayne Mackeson from this school. I do not propose to question the legal basis by which these actions were instituted. I do wish, however, to protest the severity of the disciplinary proceedings taken against them. I believe that they were unfair and uncalled for: I ask that they be rescinded.

I recall that during the opening chapel services of

this term, you, Dr. Pearsall, rose before the entire student body and faculty and, in a courageous act, humbly asked us all for forgiveness.

It was an honest and sincere act for which I applaud you. I now ask you to do yet another courageous act.

I need not remind you, sir, that to be worthy of forgiveness, one must himself forgive. I, therefore, call publicly upon you to reinstate Gary Bennett and Wayne Mackeson as students at NNC. I call upon you to do this with a spirit of Christian charity and love in your heart for these two good people. I would ask you, Dr. Pearsall, to forgive.

Mark Chaparro

"You must give account..."

To the Editor:

Perhaps I am assuming ahead of time what the *Crusader* will contain this week, considering all that has happened in recent days but I would like to ask you to give some consideration to some of the follow-

ing statements:

1. "Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely, and dwell on the fine, good things in others. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about." Phil. 4:8

2. "You have no right to criticize your brother or look down on him. Remember, each of us will stand personally before the Judgment Seat of God." Romans 14:10

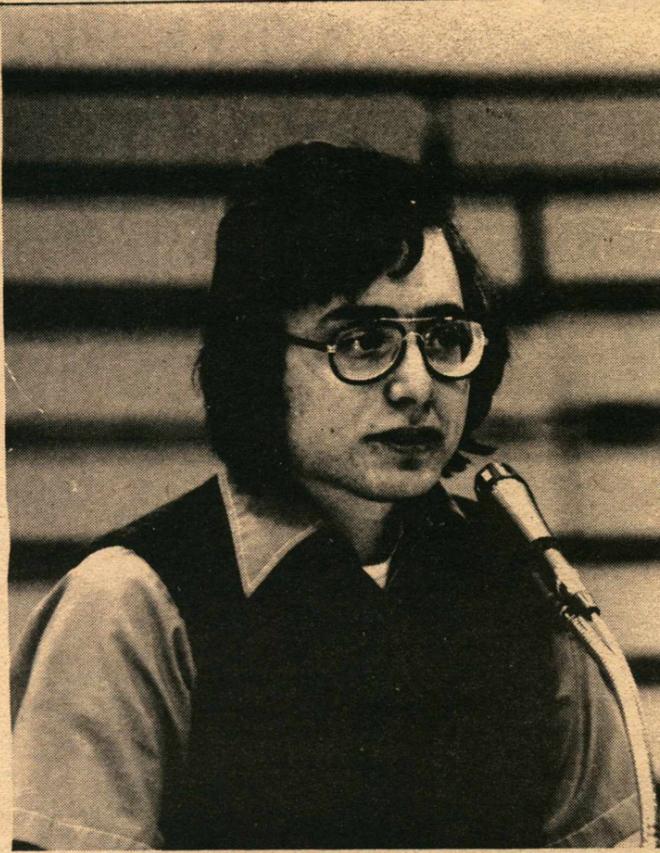
3. "And I tell you this, that you must give account on Judgment Day for every idle word you speak." Matthew 12:37

4. "Never criticize or condemn--or it will all come back on you. Go easy on others; then they will do the same for you." Luke 6:37

5. "Don't criticize or speak evil about each other, dear brothers. If you do, you will be fighting against God's law of loving one another, declaring it is wrong." James 4:11

I am well aware that these verses should affect all of us, and they do. We need to be reminded occasionally that they are in the scripture and that they apply to all of us.

In order to show a spirit of love, we must refrain from saying some thing



ASNNC Elections: Room at the top

by Dave Edwards

Again the time has come to decide the structure of ASNNC leadership. While the instinctive response is to mark the ballot for the names we know best, it is important that we know and consider the qualifications of the candidates.

Only one person is running this year for Executive

The three of them have some good ideas and plans for next year already underway. Jerry Bowen mentioned bringing Andrae Crouch. Bruce Wasson mentioned bringing Lamb or Second Chapter of Acts. Ray Boldway was more concerned with the hypocrisy and the inconsistency of some of the campus rules

approach it from that point of view. His goals are to get more students involved and attempt to solve the problem of apathy.

Rick Edwards, also a junior, is an experienced campus politician. He has served on the Elections Committee, as sophomore class senator the second half of last year, on the Screening Committee, as junior class senator, and as chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. His experience indicates what Rick feels is a thorough knowledge of "how and how not to keep senate meetings running efficiently." Rick feels that the responsibilities and influence one has must be

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Secretary. That one is sophomore Robin Merrick. She is an English Education major who is trying to work in an Associate degree in Secretarial Business. She served as student body secretary in her senior year of high school. At present she is working as secretary of the Home Economics Department.

Steve Guy, the present Social Vice-President, delegated to Robin the responsibility for planning the Sweetheart Banquet. She has worked closely with Debbie Beeson, also.

When asked why she wanted the job she stated that she enjoys secretarial work. She also enjoys taking part in planning and organizing.

Robin feels that there is "quite a bit of apathy," especially toward student government.

She believes that student government should be more open and intends to aid communication between student government and the student body.

Brant Bartlow is the only student running for Business Manager this year. He has served as Treasurer for Circle K and is a Business Administration major.

than actual plans, but he explains that he does have ideas on social activities in the future.

Two men are running for Executive Vice-President.

...CONCERNED WITH THE HYPOCRISY AND INCONSISTANCY OF SOME CAMPUS RULES.

Junior Mark Chapparo feels that his knowledge of the office and its procedures qualify him. He stresses that political experience is not, as has often been stressed, the primary qualification. He has, however, served on the Elections Committee. He feels that the best qualifications for the office are: Can the person think? and Is he going to commit himself to the job? Mark stressed the importance of student government and indicated that he would work to the best of his ability.

On the subject of chapel, for which the Executive V.P. is responsible, Mark indicated that chapels are 35 minutes of excellent educational opportunity. He mentioned that he would try to obtain speakers to give presentations of special problems or areas of interest; to try to introduce consistently good and valu-

backed up by a little political savvy.

Rick indicated his desires as far as chapels. His intentions are to have a good balance of spiritual and informative chapels. Some chapels will be used to keep students informed as to the inner workings of student government and to the functioning of clubs of campus-wide concern--GMS, CWB and CMA. He also indicated the desire that chapels should relate intellectually to the students.

The most vital office in the student government is that of President. The field of four candidates has been narrowed to two: Sam Hunter and Doug Slaymaker.

Sam Hunter--freshman class senator, Student Life Policy Committee, junior class senator.

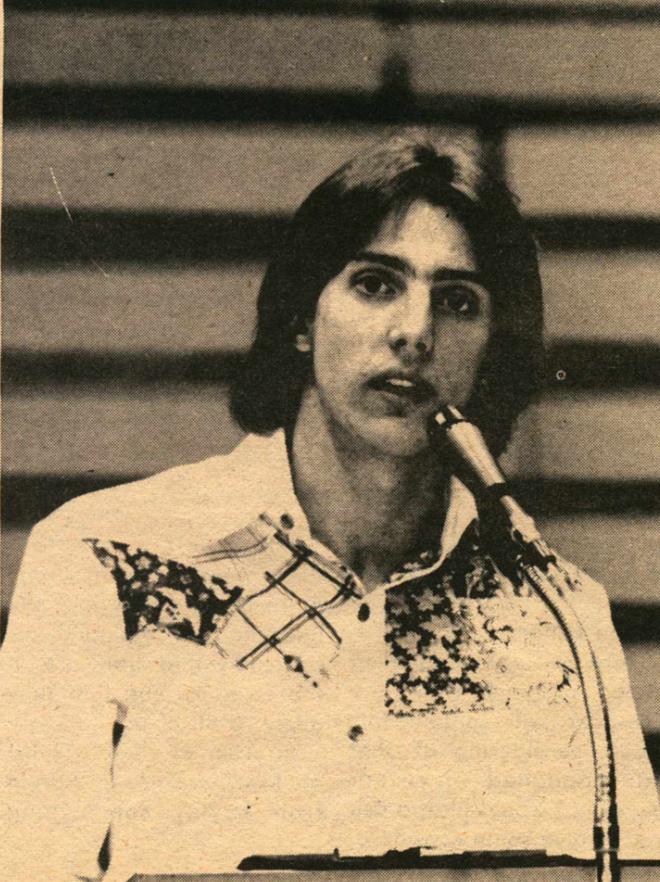
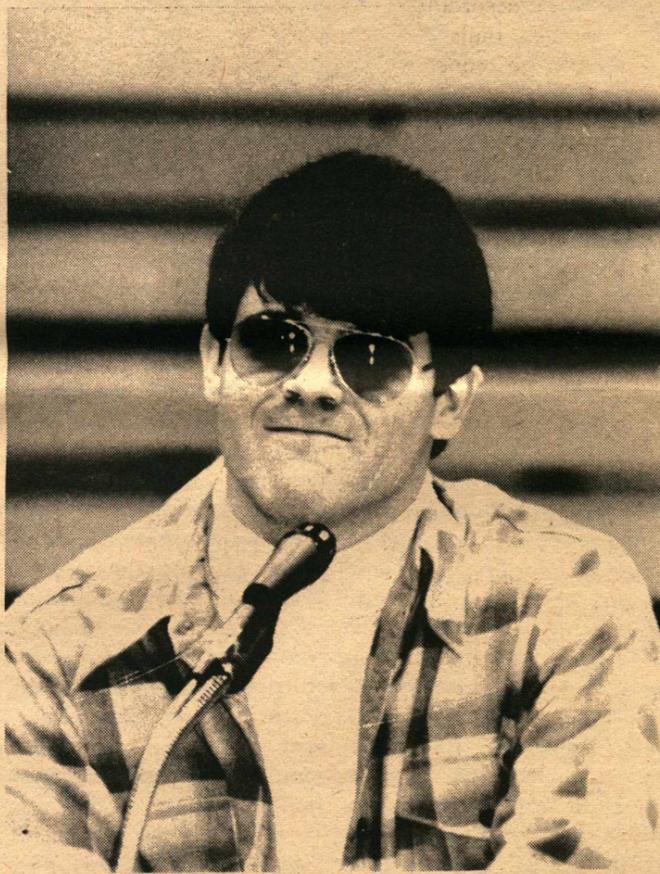
Platform--Fight students apathy, build communication, enhance academic climate, promote campus spirituality, insure student rights.

Sam feels that the best way to fight apathy is to not be apathetic himself. He wants to establish effective lines of communication between student government and the student body, be-

THE KEY IS COMMUNICATION...

There are three seemingly well qualified men running for Social Vice-President: Jerry Bowen, Ray Boldway and Bruce Wasson.

able chapels on a variety of topics. The position of Religious Co-ordinator is an administrative one, Mark said, and he intends to





tween students, and among students, faculty and administration. He feels that the **Crusader** should be utilized more as a means of communication. He intends to work closely with the new chaplain and the vice-president. He says that most students are not aware of their rights. One chapel time should be used to present the Bill of Rights and to delineate within the college framework exactly where student rights stand. Sam stated that next year will determine the future of student government.

He believes that there should be more co-operation within student government. The senate should be more involved and working, especially in the area of making improvements. The key, Sam says, is communication.

Doug Slaymaker - - High school student body presi-

dent, Judicial Board, senate parliamentarian.

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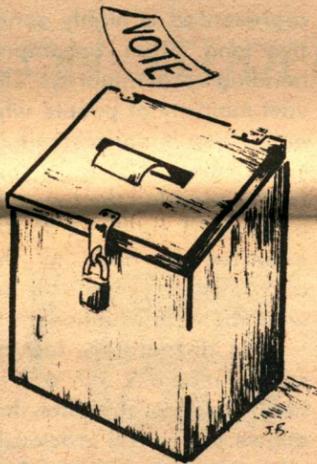
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student government. Exactly what role does it play in the actual decision-making on campus? He believes that student government, communication between the classes, revision or study of academic standards, getting students involved in student government, non-flux revival.

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has come for a hard look at student government. Exactly what role does it play in the actual decision-making on campus? He believes that student government, plays an important part in some areas, as it should in



others. He is also concerned with the problem of communication. There should be lines of communication opened between the classes, especially in the

area of co-ordinating activities and the use of campus facilities, according to Doug.

He also feels that there should be constant study and revision of academic standards. He is especially concerned with the areas of class evaluation and attendance policies. Doug said that most students are not aware that they have any

constant religious atmosphere rather than a spiritual

emphasis week once or twice a term.

Doug stated that he feels competent and qualified in providing the necessary leadership and liason and includes the Board of Regents as part of the college structure.

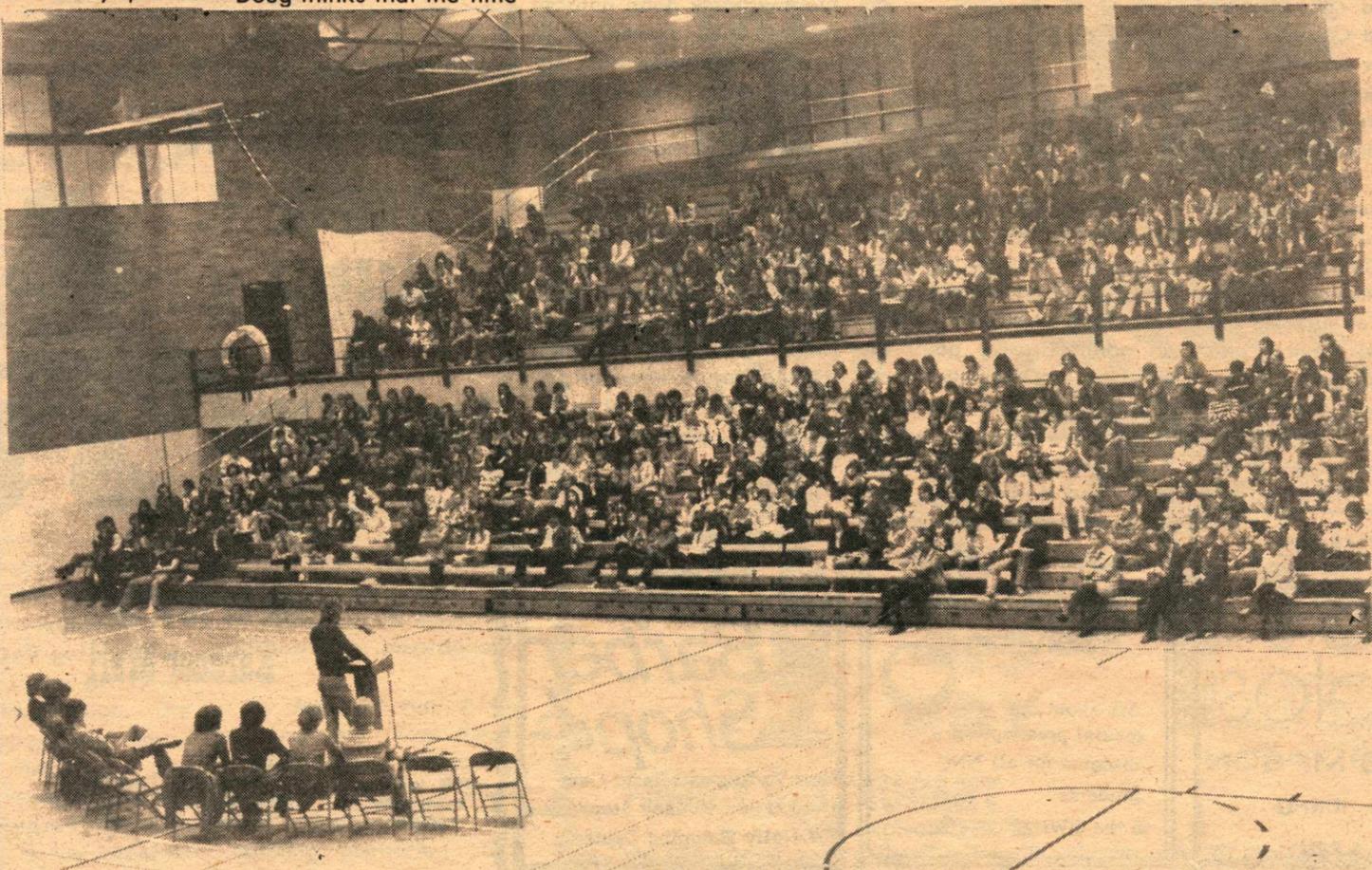
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say in matters and rules which are applicable to them. As instances, he mentioned the matter of dorm hours and the visiting hours which were experimental last year.

Doug places an emphasis on a sense of spiritual stability. He wants to see a

Former candidates for ASNNC President are: Jon Harris, who withdrew in pursuing the post of editor of the **Oasis**; and Gary Bennett, who committed political suicide, as far as ASNNC is concerned, with his paper **Expression**. After a conference with administration officials, Gary and his co-editor, W a y n e Mackeson, former ASNNC Business Manager, have been asked to withdraw from school.



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that, even though true, perhaps, would not uplift and help others. We do not know what prompted the actions, or words, that have brought about some of the situations we don't like, and since we don't we really do not have a right to criticize anyone.

If you have questions concerning actions, why not go to individuals, whether students or faculty or administration and ask for and explanation? I realize this take guts, but it makes better sense to do that than to take potshots through the "Crusader".

I cannot believe that a Christ is pleased with the constant flow of criticism that seems to invade our campus, and perhaps a good question we need to ask ourselves might be "What would Jesus do in this or that situation?"--then follow His leading.

Naomi Long

Actions, attitudes protested

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the incident in which Wayne Mackeson and Gary Bennett were forced to withdraw from school under threat of suspension for publishing an underground newspaper. The fact that I am writing at all is an indication of how deeply I feel about this. In the past I have been a columnist for an embattled Crusader, and a contributor to the much-abused underground newspaper. I have never before, however, aired my views publicly on school issues, mainly because I have not thought them worth the effort it would take to write. I do not write now with any great sense of surprise over the incident; having been active in student government for three years I am in a position to know what the administration does to students who disagree with

them, and although I did not predict this particular reaction, I can't say it is untypical or unexpected. There are two things which prompt me to write. The first is the deep sense of loss and disappointment I feel over the actions of some members of the faculty in this matter--that has been a tremendous blow. Secondly, I am much disturbed by the fact that Dr. Pearsall and Dr. Laird have gone so far as to question the Christianity of the persons involved. I, personally, do not feel qualified to judge the fact of a man's Christian experience. By this letter I wish to disassociate myself from the brand of Christianity practiced by our administration in this matter, because I feel that to stand by silently would seriously impair any Christian witness I might have in my community or among my peers. Fortunately, I do not have to rely upon the example too often seen at this college of so-called Christian living for my own commitment to Christ, which I often feel grows in spite of the atmosphere. I must add that I deeply regret having to make these comments; while they have steadily been brought to my attention during the four years of college, I firmly intended to graduate without having voiced them. There are those in the administration and faculty whom I love and respect as persons, but in order to maintain my spiritual and intellectual integrity I must protest their actions and attitudes in this matter.

Susan Ratcliff

Over-Kill over paper

To the Editor:

The "underground" newspaper issued earlier this week was at its best, funny; and at its absolute worst, insignificant. From an administrative point of view the most effective way of handling the problem would have been to ignore it completely, perhaps laugh at it; and if discipline was

really felt necessary, a reprimand and possibly putting the students concerned on probation would have been more than sufficient. The immediate administrative response of asking the students to withdraw or face suspension, if not in fact legally wrong, does seem to be an example of over-kill. Why was such an inappropriately stiff measure used to deal with a problem of such small proportion? For it is a measure that has already imprinted a publication of relative inconsequence forever on the collective NNC student memory.

Whatever the official reasons for such action, including that it is "traditional" to suspend "underground" newspaper publishers, there are certain other underlying ones. The "problem" was seen as drastic at all reveals the degree to which it has been inflated by a lack of perspective. While I appreciate the position and responsibility of the decision makers, they need to realize that the negative feedback they felt it necessary to respond to represented a highly sensitive and often uncomprehending vocal minority. The vast majority of people who either didn't understand or didn't care about the paper (not to mention the few who enjoyed it) could hardly be expected to flock to the offices of the administration with their observations.

Also desperately lacking seems to be a strong healthy sense of humor that allows one to roll graciously with the punches. Rex Wardlaw has probably been the object of more below the belt blows than anyone lately and all of them coming from his peers, but his invariably good natured response has served as a worthy example and endeared many of us to him a result.

Note that I have not dealt with the question of the right of these students to publish such a paper; nor have I stated whether I agreed or disagreed with the views expressed. I simply believe that the punishment represented an undue overreaction that in the spirit of Christian love

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should be retracted. In keeping with the pledges made at opening convention, I believe that both Gary Bennett and Wayne Mackeson should be reinstated as students at NNC under a less restrictive form of discipline. Tolerance does not imply approval; and above all traditions, let us support the tradition of a Christian community being a tolerant one.

Kevin Dennis

Scharff's first-hand account

The Editors:

Wednesday, several members of the senior class including myself made an appointment with Dr. Pearsall to inquire about the grounds behind his recent decision to expel Gary Bennett and Wayne Mackeson from school. I feel that it is only proper to pass on what he told us.

First, he told us that his was a "Traditional decision." Since Dr. Delong was president of NNC every student that has edited an underground newspaper has been dismissed. He emphasized that his decision was not based on the content of the newspaper but solely on the fact that it was from underground. He assured us that he would have had to expel these students even if the paper had been complimentary to the school and the administration. Dr. Pearsall admitted that he could find no written rules applicable to underground newspapers. Several times the president reminded us that he was not nearly as harsh on these students as past presidents have been because he allowed them to defend themselves and offered them the option to withdraw so that they could return to NNC in the future and so that this disciplinary action would not be entered in their school records.

Dr. Pearsall gave us two additional points on which he based his decision. The school must not be represented by more than one student newspaper. He felt that the *Expression* was published with the intent to

undermine the *Crusader*. Also we were told that he made the decision he did to protect the student body from the reaction he was afraid the Board of Regents might have this weekend. The president felt that if he did not take harsh and immediate action the Board of Regents might move to put severe restrictions on student government and on the *Crusader*.

I personally feel that Dr. Pearsall made a mistake in this decision and would like to question his reasoning. The *Expression* was not truly an underground newspaper. The word underground implies anonymous editing and malicious intent.

The *Expression* cannot be classified in either of these categories. When we questioned the President about this he responded emotionally telling us that he would answer our questions but that he would not argue with us.

Secondly, I do not believe that he totally overlooked the content of the paper when he made his decision. I believe that he was personally embarrassed by its content and reacted on a gut level.

Tradition in disciplinary affairs at NNC is changing. Within the last month this school has wisely changed its standard disciplinary action for students that dance.

And finally, I feel that Dr. Pearsall has neglected to consider the fact that NNC has adopted a Bill of Rights that guarantees freedom of speech since the last so called "underground" newspaper was published on campus. If the administration is allowed to disregard our Bill of Rights in this instance it will undermine the authority of the Bill of Rights and open our campus up to arbitrary rule.

Danny Scharff

Master Reason Dead

To the Editor:

Re: Death of Master Reason
Silence may, at times, be considered a virtue but to have withheld the following would, by analysis of my conscience, have been tantamount to an unpardonable sin.

My feelings run strong but I maintain a level head. In other words I have not murdered reason, a statement others at this time "thinking institution" may

not be able to truthfully make. By now I'm sure some of you have already guessed the subject of my critique. Although freedom of the press could be a strong issue in this analysis, I shall dwell instead on the obvious inability for clear and logical thought by one of my so-called "leaders."

An "underground" paper is printed and distributed. Some satirical criticisms are made. Someone reacts with a normal show of resentment, but (and this is my point) does he make use of the one talent God has given us to set us apart from common animals. The evidence at hand replies with a resounding, NO!

Analysis: When criticized, aggressive resentment is natural. I, too, would react so. These responses are often even more violent when the accusation level-

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GOVERNOR'S SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Governor's Summer Internship Program will employ twelve college students in positions within Idaho State government from June 14 through August 11, 1976. The focus of this program is to provide a learning experience in government through on-the-job training. Interns, who must be Idaho residents, will be assigned to a full-time position within a State department, and will attend weekly afternoon seminars on topics of interest.

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Death cont.

ed is accurate. A false one is easily dismissed. The accusation having been made, a self recapitulation is in order. "Do I deserve it? Obviously not; for could I? I'm a fine, upstanding man. It is they who are wrong. In that case the heretics must be liquidated. What excuse is to be used? Here we have it and a fine one, indeed! I will blame my actions on my predecessors. That way I will not have to enter into the fearful realm of reason. Tradition demands that you be exiled. Honestly now, that is just a coverup for my own personal hurts and prejudices. But then, who will ever know?"

Might I ask: are we dealing with an ostrich, afraid to face a problem; or are we dealing, instead, with a regent-programmed computer, incapable of independent thought.

If tradition had stopped my forefathers from reasoning through old molds I dare not think where I would be now.

Steven Rudeen

Where stops freedom?

To the Editor:

The escapades of Gary Bennett and Wayne Mackeson are much talked about these days. And always they are made the heroes while the administration is given criminal status. We argue that the constitutional rights of the two former students were violated. What really happened?

The *Expression* was full of ungrounded and unwaranted criticism of NNC administration officials who, for all that their offices mean, are still human. They have the same rights as the rest of us. One of those rights is the right to take legal action in cases of libel. It is my opinion that parts of the *Expression* were libelous and that legal actions could have been taken. I would think that Bennett and Mackeson would consider themselves fortunate that such actions were not taken. Even though no names were named explicitly, implicitly everyone knew to whom the articles referred. Is not defamation of character also a

violation of constitutional rights?

And if Bennett and Mackeson were dismissed solely on the grounds of distributing an underground paper, the administration was completely within its rights. See the ASNNC constitution, Article IX, Sections 2, 3A, and 4A. The *Oasis* and the *Crusader* are the only authorized and/or recognized student publications. Both (and all student publications) are under the authority of the Publications Board which consists of ten students and two faculty or administration members. The *Expression* was in violation of ASNNC's own guidelines, of which Bennett and Mackeson were, no doubt aware.

Thirdly, I cannot believe that either Bennett or Mackeson are stupid. They had to be aware of the school's reaction when they were formulating their plans for the *Expression*. What puzzles me is that Mackeson would try to get away with the same thing for which a number of others have been dismissed, and only eight weeks from graduation.

I was taught that my freedom to swing my arm ended just shy of the other person's nose.

David Edwards

Seeking first

To the Editor:

I am not seeking first a kingdom of God where freedom of inquiry, thought, and expression are held as enemies. I am not seeking first a kingdom of God where because of pride and pettiness Christ's name is used to destroy the rights of others by those in authority.

Because I am seeking a kingdom of God built of love, toleration, and openness I am deeply hurt by the forced withdrawal of the *Expression* editors, Wayne Mackeson and Gary Bennett. I am praying that by reinstating Wayne and Gary President Pearsall will show us that love is something you do, not something you only say.

Mark Wilson

Two vs. 35?

To the Editor:

I feel that the action concerning the rather forced withdrawal of Msrs. Bennett and Mackeson was unfortunate.

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Faith who?

By Rick Johnson and Mike Lodahl

Everything we know about Faithflight can be summed up in a picture of five people in front of an outhouse. The question is, what are they waiting for? Who are these five smiling enigmas of Jesus music?

Frankly, we know not. According to the group's advance publicity, Faithflight is a name foreign to our ears. Apparently, no Faithflight material has yet touched vinyl. Indubitably, attending this concert will be a learning experience. And that's what college is all about, isn't it?

Faithflight joins a notable roster of Christian musicians (e.g., Children of the Day, The Way, Chuck Girard, Debbie Kerner) who established their ministries in conjunction with Maranatha Music. The organization, established in 1972, is the leading independent purveyor of Jesus music since the ABC conglomerate acquired Word, Inc., nearly a year ago.

Maranatha! music to date has followed a general style of soft, easy-on-the-ears music. It is tempting to label it folk or country rock, but secular labels simply don't apply to the Maranatha! sound. The message is one involving a straightforward, fundamental gospel approach.

If Faithflight is anything like the other musicians and groups that Maranatha! has backed with its name, the concert should be both musically enjoyable and spiritually uplifting. It begins at 8:00 p.m. Saturday night at the Science Lecture Hall. Tickets are 2.00 apiece.

Wasted haste?

To the Editor:

Throughout history, literature has been an outlet for criticism and questioning of existing institutions and values (even traditions). Perhaps the administration should look behind the fact of *Expression*, not the reasons why it was published. I think they would find that it is not a malicious affront to the values of the church and "the things NNC stands for" but more of a questioning of those values.



It disturbs me that our college administration acted so hastily in the case of Mackeson and Bennett, according to the set precedent of "tradition", without taking time to really consider alternatives to their dismissal. It is sad that those students who think are discouraged and those who are academically deficient are retained for financial reasons. It is also sad that freedom of *Expression* is not the established precedent on this campus.

grae renschow

God's will?

To the Editor:

It seems as if God's will has intervened upon our campus once again. The students that wrote that naughty paper about Ann Kiemel "chose" to leave the school Wednesday after a counseling session with the administration. My mind is at ease once again, I mean I sure wouldn't want anyone to have a Non-Christian attitude on this campus cause it might disturb our beautiful atmosphere we have here. The administration looooooves us here and they protect us from all of this radicalism. This is a place of all of what was said in that paper, but surely not on this "Holiness campus." There is a place for all of us on this campus as long as we keep our mouths and minds closed to what we are given as "God's rules" and don't say a n y t h i n g against our fine Christian

men that hand those rules down.

Well, I guess I should quit being sarcastic and say what I want to say in plain English. I don't believe or like a lot of the things that were written in an underground newspaper that came out, but I do affirm their RIGHT to say what they had to say. And if our administration is so threatened by what was said in the paper that they would kick out the students that wrote it, maybe what they had to say about this school, and the administration has a lot of validity. I agreed when I came to this school to hold onto the rules of this school and abide to them, but I didn't agree to have my rights taken away as a person of the United States. Person-hood is very important to me, and I'm not about to sit back and let some people take that away by saying that "this is a Christian campus and we don't allow people here that disagree with us."

I believe we need to bring this school to court to actually find God's will, (the blacks in America had to do it during the 60's). Dr. Martin Luther King was approached with people that asked him to just pray for freedom. Dr. King replied by telling them that if they never acted to find God's will then God's will would not be achieved. As Christians at this school I believe we should really strive to find God's will here, and I believe it lies far away from the arbitrary hands of the administration.

Ray Boldway

Is nothing sacred?

To the Editor:

I am writing in reference to incidents occurring this week in rebound to the distribution of *Expression*. Frankly, I am confused and startled. My faith in our administration has been shaken considerably. Just what are the objectives of this "Kingdom College"? Is this administration striving to aid each student to confront his world-his frustrations, his anger, his creativity, his positivism? Have Gary Bennett and Wayne Mackeson been asked to either withdraw or be expelled because of genuine concern for their best interests or because of reactionary fear on the part of the administration? Yes, the President of the College does have the right to have the final say in the matter of discipline. But why, in this case, were the traditionally preliminary steps of the Judicial Board and SLEC preempted? And why, in this case, were the personalities attacked during their ultimatum interview? Is nothing sacred but the Board of Regents? Does the individual not count for anything at all here in this small, liberal arts, Christian college? While I am not in accord with all of the views stated in *Expression*, do they not have the privilege of freedom of speech?

Ann Bittleston

Shoe fits?

To the Editor:

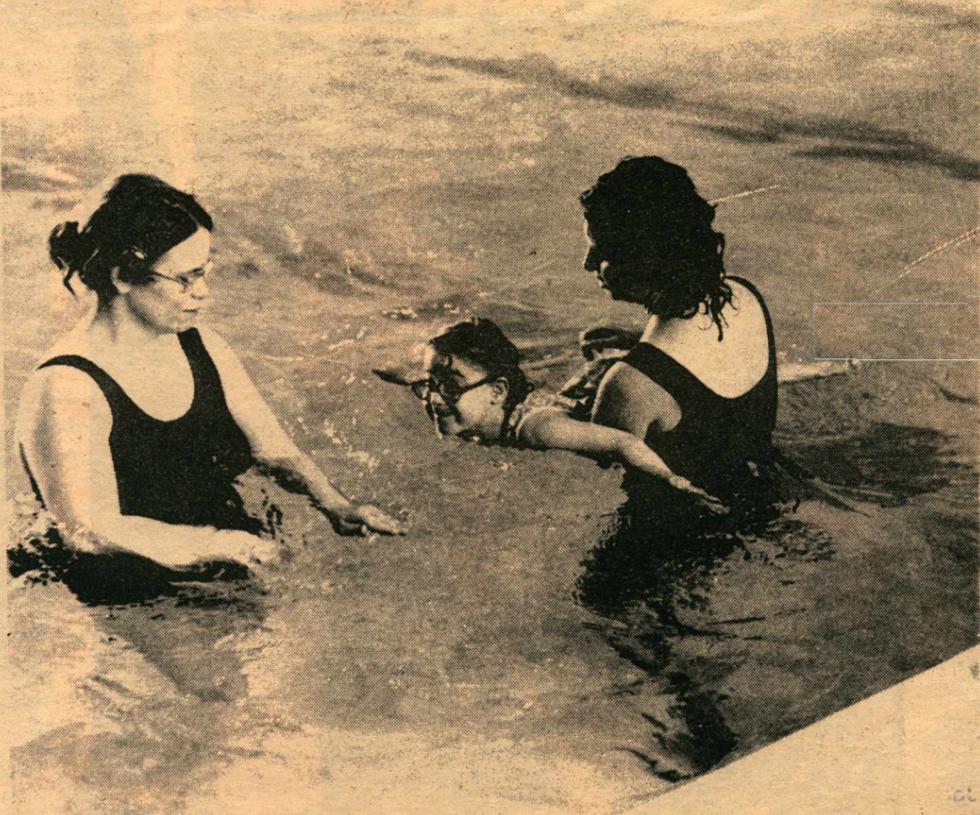
When we read Gary Bennett and Wayne Mackeson's newspaper *Expression*, we found it highly entertaining and amusing, not to mention the monotony it broke. However, when we recently found out the trouble Wayne and Gary got into because of it, we began to do some serious thinking concerning the whole incident.

Gary and Wayne's rights as a student were violated, not to mention (as silly as it might seem) their rights as an American citizen were denied. (Amendment 1). The sad thing is we are all effected, when Gary and Wayne lost their rights, all of us lost ours too.

But this issue tells us something else also. It tells us that those people most offended by the paper, must be those who are not very secure within themselves, in other words, if the administration can't take it with humor, then it must of really hit home. We have this to say to the administration, if the shoe fits, wear it and kick yourself with it, but don't take your faults out on other students by making an example of them.

To close we offer these final words, as food for thought. In chapel, with Ann Kiemel, our president, Ken Pearsall, asked for student forgiveness, if he honestly meant it, than why can't he forgive others?

Jim Brown
Dennis Peterson



A warm hand of love

by Sharon Arnold

One of the greatest accomplishments we can know in life is when we reach out beyond ourselves and touch the life of someone else. We cannot possibly measure the growth, the peace, the satisfaction we feel when another human being finds our arms stretched out in love toward them.

In the fall of 1972, a warm hand of love reached out to children of the Idaho State School and Hospital. That warm hand belonged to Mrs. Jean Horwood, coach, professor, and advisor at NNC. With the opening of a new swimming pool and with special training in the teaching of

disabled children, Mrs. Horwood felt the opportunity perfect for beginning a swimming program for these special children.

Today the program is in its third year of existence. Along with Mrs. Horwood, a student qualified in water safety instruction or life saving, and approx. 17 student volunteers per term maintain the level of success and worth this program possesses.

The Child Development Department of the Health and Welfare Program helps to organize the three groups sent weekly to our pool. First is the Early learning group and it is composed of physically and mentally disabled children. Second is

the Day Care group made up of children who are profoundly retarded. (This group is not being worked with this term) Behavior Modification is the third group and these children possess a normal IQ but tend to be either aggressive or very shy.

How do these children benefit from this type of program? Mrs. Horwood feels that it gives them a chance to learn how to swim. It also helps them get used to new surroundings, to better follow directions, to gain self-confidence and just plain enjoy themselves. Perhaps most importantly, they receive attention and love on a one-to-one basis that they

do not experience very often anywhere else.

Volunteers are needed. No experience is necessary, only a desire to reach out beyond yourself and touch someone who needs you. The sessions are Tuesdays, Thursday's and Friday's 3rd period, and 6th period Tuesday's and Thursday's. Contact Mrs. Horwood in the PE building or show up on any of the times listed.

A young boy, confined to a wheelchair because of cerebral palsy, waits for his ride at the end of the road. He is anxious to get on his way. Today, he is going swimming! How excited he becomes as he slips into the

ruffled, blue waters of the pool and begins to move his

crippled legs and feel along the bottom, kept up by the buoyancy of the water. Without the water, he could never have experienced such success! Suddenly he begins to fall. A hand begins to fall. A supporting hand reaches out and grabs him tighter just in time. The comforting words come,

"That's okay Eric, I've got you, you're doing just great!" Eric smiles. Reassured and confident, he goes on . . .



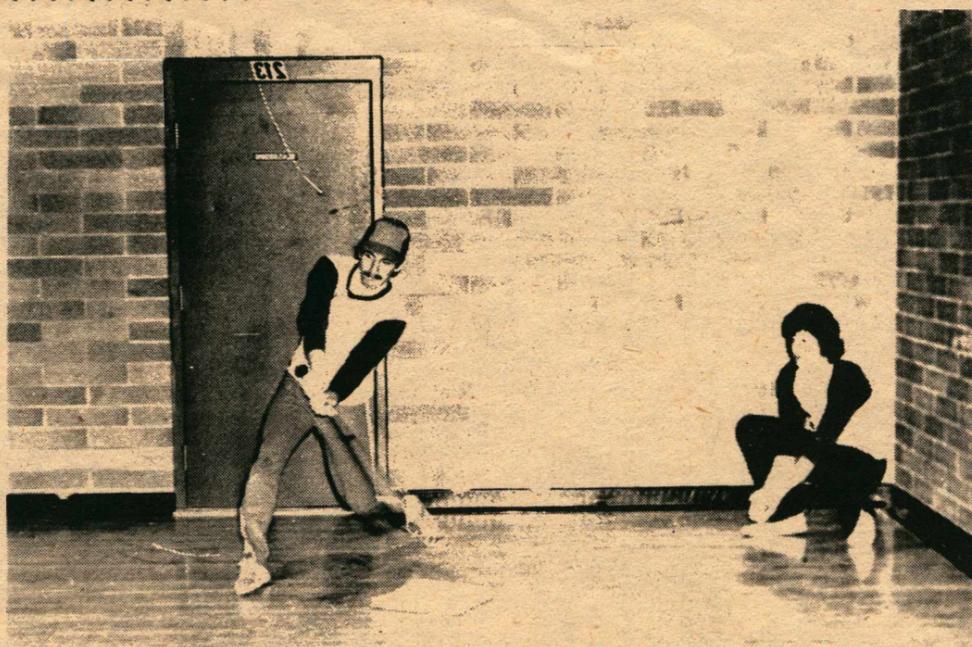
Saving face

To the Editor:

The reactionary actions made by the administration have resulted in a degree of unrest that should be viewed objectively. Indeed, though there has been a violation of student rights resulting from an inability of some to accept creative satire, we as students must not over-react to these injustices of the administration. Bitterness and personal animosity have no place on this campus--on the part of the students or the administration. As difficult as it may be, we must continue to respect (love?) them if not their decisions. This idea of respect for others seems not to be held by the administration, and if held by them, is overshadowed by personal prejudice. This prejudice, being called personal, is justified by saying that to the best of this student's knowledge the "underground" newspaper contained nothing opposing Christianity, The Nazarene Church, or Northwest Nazarene College.

The only possible remedy for this injustice is an apology to the students involved by the administration with a request that they return to school. This student doubts that this will happen, as the idea of "saving face" is held in high regard by the administration--as witnessed in Ann Kiemel's last chapel. Sadly, it appears that all we as students can do is to wait for the administration to start acting as adult and Christian as we are expected to act.

Stephen Condor



News from home

Dear Mr. Editor:

I received a letter from the youngest member of my family, my little brother. In it was tid-bits of news at home. This compelled me to write of the news at Northwest Nazarene Prison, oops, I mean College. The news topics went something like this: Administration Boycotts Student Elections, and the next headline is, Censorship is alive and well at NNC. These are the subjects to which I will address the content of this letter.

For an institution of higher education, I feel that the administration is treating me like an elementary student. They tell me that it is very important and quite beneficial to attend chapel. So being the good, rule abiding scholar that I am, I sit through a great host of meaningless and worthless chapels. Granted there is always one good speaker a year. This year it was Dr.

Jack Wright. But this does not disturb me because at home, during the socialization process, I was told there would be good days and bad days. What does cause me intense anxiety is the lack of faculty and administration at the two convocations allotted for student candidate speeches.

The thought occurred to me that they were too busy to attend. I'm sure that is why they allow us, the students, five chapel cuts. But then I realize that they, faculty and administration, were present in great hordes when Ann Kiemel was here.

Now I'm faced with a dilemma. Do I forgive and forget or do I speak my mind knowing full well the consequences that await me. But I sigh and think that the administration will not listen to a person they regard as an elementary student who needs great guidance.

Then a nasty thought comes my way. I heard that one of the students running for ASNPP, oops, C, president was called on the carpet because of a private paper which he participated in printing.



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Poetic justice

To the Editor:

Blow the dust off the clock.
Throw open your cherished
heavy curtains.
You do not even realize that
the day has
Already dawned outside.

Man had distinguished himself
From the animal world by
thought
and speech.
And these naturally should
be free.

If they are put in chains,
We shall return to the state
Of Animals.

Alexandr Solzhenitsyn

This poem sufficiently expresses my feelings about the freedom of Expression.
Sharon M. Gain

I was horrified and shocked that such a rumor would exist. This is totally unlike the administration to stifle the students' Expression. Expressing your ideas and opinions is exactly what a college was intended to do. In history the college or university was the breeding grounds for new, liberal, different, and sometimes radical thought and action. But the administration of Northwest Nazarene College knows that through censorship and the alternation of past records they can change history to suit their purpose, and this reminds me of 1984.

Phil Harden



note. While the printing of the **Expression** was probably poorly timed and several of the articles were in poor taste, it seems rather inconsistent to take such extreme action against the two.

Thirty-five students are still enrolled after directly violating the rules of the college while two whose only sin was to attempt to express themselves rather humorously about some college and church practices aren't.

It seems to this writer that few members of the student community agree with Mr. Bennett and Mr. Mackeson's ideas. The best way to deal with their behavior would have been to ignore it. Why make them heroes and martyrs? Why stir up a lot of controversy, especially while the Board of Regents are here? It seems to this writer that all action accomplished was to reawaken a lot of rest that would have better been left asleep.

Steve Smylie

Nazarene college parable

To the editor:

And it came to pass that Jesus was in the area of a certain Nazarene College. At dawn He appeared nearby, where many gathered around Him, and He sat down to teach them. But

some of the teachers of that nearby college, and many students, brought to Him the college president. They made him stand before the group and said to Jesus,

"Teacher, this man has been caught in the very act of inconsistency in his daily living..."; and they continued to make their accusations. Finally they asked Jesus "We know Your way is of love, and consistency in our Christian walk. What do you say we should do with him?"

But Jesus bent down, and with His finger traced on the ground. When they persisted in questioning Him, He straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without failure in his Christian life, if any one of you has never caused a brother to stumble, if any one here is righteous and clean by his own endeavor, let him be the first to say what should be done with this man."

Then he stooped down again, and wrote on the ground.

And when they had heard His words, they began to go away, one by one, until Jesus was left with the man still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked him, "My son, where are they? Has no one judged you?"

"No one, Lord" he said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now, and give to all those around you the same tolerance and patience and forgiveness that I give you." Then Jesus prayed "Fath-

er, I ask that all of them will soon come to be one, just as we are one". And Jesus wept for His people.

Bonnie Woodbeck

Make punishment fit

To the Editor:

I was disappointed at the news of the "withdrawal" of Mr. Bennett and Mackeson. I fear this constitutes a grave threat to the freedoms of expression and press that we enjoy on our campus.

Even if one rejected the publication as devoid of value, forcing its producers off campus remains a policy of dubious merit. Not only does it abridge fundamental freedoms guaranteed by law, but the punishment is in no way proportionate to the "crime."

It is my sincere hope that we will one day learn to laugh at ourselves, our misconceptions, and idiosyncrasies without resorting to coercion and yielding to over-reaction.

Michael D. Rap

Huh?

To the Editor:

I'm not the type who usually writes letters to the editor, but in this case I thought I had to.

A Concerned Student

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