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My best friend from high school went to the University of Washington. He always rattles on and on about the Dawgs football team. He will then pause briefly and ask, "Now where do you go to school?" I stand up straight,

arch my back, and say

with confidence, if not cockiness, "I go to Northwest Nazarene College, home of the Crusaders."

You, like my high school buddy, are probably wondering why would one be so proud to be a Sader. Well let me share with you.

The U.S. News and World Report says that NNC is the seventh best liberal arts college in the West.

Our women's volleyball team is 22-5 and ranked fifth in the newest NAIA poll.

The NNC women's basketball team is ranked 21st in the preseason poll after finishing 22-7 and 12th in the

After consecutive Final Four appearances in the NAIA Division II National Tournament, the men's basketball team is ranked third in the nation in preseason rankings according to College Sports magazine.

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Voting and the American Way

Dave Barry covers all the issues

Pay attention, voters, because we are approaching Election Day, the day when you, in a glorious affirmation of the democratic process, will exercise your precious constitutional right to elect some goober to Con-

But before you vote, you should familiarize yourself with the issues. This year there are four of them:

1. HEALTH CARE

This issue got started when the Clinton administration (motto: "To-

morrow We Will Have A Different Motto") staved up for 168 straight nights and produced a massive and extremely detailed National Health Care Plan (your personal vaccination records were in there). This was a very ambitious program that would have provided large quantities of medical care to all Americans, whether they wantedit or not. Federal Health Police would have roamed the streets, apprehending unhealthy-looking Americans and if necessary, removing their gall bladders by force.

This plan did fine until people actually read it, at which point it ran into big trouble, especially with the Republicans, who strongly oppose government intrusion into private citizens' lives unless they have thought of it first. So after many months of debate and modification, Congress has whittled the National Health Care Plan down to a one-paragraph nonbinding resolution urging everybody to floss. This resolution would not take effect until the year 2006. Bob Dole is still against it.

2. CRIME

I am pleased to report that crime is no longer an issue. This is because Congress, after much huffing, finally passed a Crime Bill, which goes directly to the root cause of the crime problem, which turns out to be the same as the root cause of every other problem that the federal government decides to tackle, namely: The federal governemnt was not spending enough money on it.

The Crime Bill will rectify this problem by requiring the government to spend \$30 billion, to be supplied by concerned law-abiding taxpayers such as yourself. I don't know exactly how the government plans to spend this money, but I do have a proposal. As I see it, the basic crime problem is that violent criminals are running around whacking us innocent people over the head. Why are they doing this? BE-

CAUSE THEY WANT OUR MONEY.

So let's say there are 3 million violent criminals running loose. Thanks to the Crime Bill, the federal government is now in a position to give every one of them \$10,000 of our money, thereby eliminating the need for them to whack our heads. It would be similar to those agricultural programs wherein the government gives our money to farmers as incentive not to grow alfalfa. These programs are highly-effective, which is why you have never had your head whacked by an alfalfa farmer.

The problem with my idea, of course, is that people who were NOT violent criminals would start claiming they were, to qualify for federal benefits. But we could solve that via an aptitude test wherein applicants would have to demonstrate their criminality by whacking the heads of crash-test dummies or volunteer scientists from the Tobacco Institute. This may seem like a cumbersome program, but it

would definitely work better than whatever Congress comes up with.

3. FOREIGN POLICY

For a description of our foreign policy for today, please call 1-800-

4. THE BASEBALL STRIKE

As you surely know, the baseball season was cancelled, a development that, to judge from the many anguished newspaper columns written about it, was the worst tragedy to occur in this nation since the Civil War - worse, in

> fact, because nobody involved in the Civil War was threatening Roger Maris' home-run record. This has indeed been a bitter October, with no World Series Fall Classic to keep the entire nation enthralled until midway through the fourth inning, which is when the Fall Classic audience generally falls

> I say it's time for the federal government to step in and resolve this thing. Here's the situation: There are 700 players and 28 owners, and they are all, at heart, deeply concerned about the future

of the national pastime, by which I mean money: So all Congress has to do is - you are going to wonder why you didn't think of this first - PASS AN-OTHER CRIME BILL. This would provide another \$30 billion, which would be enough to give every single player and owner approximately \$41 million, plus of course the \$10,000 bonus for those players or owners who are also violent criminals.

I know what you're thinking: You're thinking, "But Dave, these are just grown men playing a kids' game! \$41 million per person might not be enough!" Of course not. That would just be our opening offer. Ultimately we also might have to give everybody involved a national park.

The important thing is to do SOME-THING, because that's why we have a government, and that's why you, the voter, must exercise your semiprecious right, this Election Day, to cast a ballot and cast one for me, too.

Students prepare for R.U.S.H.

STAFF WRITER

This weekend, you can help make a difference in the lives of elderly citizens in the Nampa community by volunteering to participate in R.U.S.H.

"R.U.S.H. (aRe yoU Serving Him) is a call to individuals, neighborhoods, churches, and schools to get together and help make their community a better place to live," said Stacy Henrickson, Community Relations Coordinator. The students of NNC participate each year by helping elderly citizens of Nampa with a variety of chores.

And what exactly are these chores? For those who choose to participate, jobs like window washing, gardening, yardwork, general

cleaning, watering plants, chopping firewood, or possibly even painting lie ahead.

R.U.S.H. takes place this Saturday, October 22 on National Make a Difference Day, as sponsored by the magazine USA Weekend. At 8:45 students will gather in the Student Center Lounge and can look to be done with their jobs by noon.

Each year, between 150 and 180 students are involved with this service project. With the first 150 people who sign up, receiving a free t-shirt. Students to sign up in the Student Center at lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday. Unfortunately, last year 40 participants failed to show up on Saturday morning. Commented Henrickson, "We hope that we can avoid that problem again this year."

For many of the elderly, R.U.S.H. is a yearly event that they look forward to with anticipation. For most, the jobs to be performed are ones that they cannot normally do.

Names for those who students will be assisting are provided by local churches, the Nampa Senior Citizen's Center, and E.C.H.O. (Elderly Contact and Help Organization).

According to Paige Crafton, a R.U.S.H. participant last year, "It was a blast, my friends and I all did it together. I have even stayed in contact with the lady we helped last year."

Coordinator Henrickson had these final words of advice for those who are interested in being involved. "Be prepared to work hard and wear your grubbies." She added, "If it rains, come anyway, just bring along a jacket."

Food A'plenty at Foodfest '94

STAFF WRITER

Food Fest '94 took place this Saturday to the delight of over 100 people. Participants enjoyed culinary delights from many of the foreign nations represented by N.N.C.'s student body. Plenty of variety was present. In addition to the food was much entertainment for the participants to enjoy as they ate. The Food Fest was sponsored by the International Club as a way to further cultural awareness.

Many of the International Club's members took a personal part in the Food Fest. Not only did they provide recipes for dishes, but helped prepare them before hand. Also provided were many cultural items for display, as well as a large collection of national

The food was wonderful. The beef from Pakistan was delicious. Spicy, but not burning. Then there was the Fried Rice, Ghana style. The Brazilian Chicken Pastries were superb, and most couldn't get enough of those Malaysian Kebobs in the peanut sauce. Most didn't have any of Italy's food, however, as they eat at Domino's often enough.

The entertainment was hosted by Eric Ely. Ely is the Multi-cultural Advisor here at N.N.C. Eric is also the sponsor of the International Club.

Several forms of entertainment were provided for the guests amusement after they got their food.

Festivities were started off by the awarding of several door prizes to guests whose names were drawn by Anita Wilson, of Australia.

Next was a demonstration of Karate by the Sidekicks Karate School. The school provides training in Karate and self-defense for pre-teenagers. The school also takes a hand in guiding the students in other areas of their lives as well. The school contacts the elementary school teachers of the students, checking in on them regularly. Any trouble in school with grades or fighting will result in the loss of privileges at Karate lessons.

ed several of the Karate moves by the International Club. (April Schrock) they had learned. The Dooley RD's son was present among the karate students, as was Eric Ely's oldest. Cheered on by a proud father as he tried a roundhouse kick. Babysitters, beware!

The festivities were continued with more door prizes, these ones for



The students demonstrat- Over 100 people attended Food Fest, spons

children brought by their parents. One happy young winner was the son of Professor Kevin Dennis. The kids could also enjoy activities designed just for them. Coloring, a clown with balloons, and an Astro-Tube for jumping in delighted all under the age of ten, and a few others besides.

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Realizing Jesus' love and grace in our lives

Brennan Manning speaks in last week's chapel for Spiritual Emphasis Week



'In the words of Francis of Assisi, as he passed by a fellow monk on the road to his mon Manning, a former Jesuit priest, spoke in chapel for four days straight as the guest speaker for Spiritual **Emphasis Week. Manning won over the hearts of NNC** students and faculty with heartfelt and moving sermons focusing on Jesus' compassionate grace and love. (April Schrock)

STAFF WRITER

This past week was spiritual emphasis week at NNC. This year's speaker for the four day series was speaker and author Brennan Manning. In those four days Brennan Manning spoke in six different sessions, leaving, after each session, a spiritual foot print of Christ's love for us on the hearts of the students and faculty of NNC.

Brennan Manning was ordained a Franciscan Priest in 1963. He studied at St. Johns University, University of Missouri, Columbia University, and Catholic University of America, with studies in creative writing and scripsity of Stuebenville in Ohio, and later served as spiritual director at St. Francis Seminary in Loretto Pennsylvania.

Brennan has lived not only in the U.S., but in Europe as well. While living in Spain from 1967 to 1969., with the Little Brothers of Jesus of Charles de Foucauld, he worked as a construction worker and spent extended periods of time in a cave 12 miles from the nearest Spanish village, praying in solitude. In addition to this he worked as a dishwasher in France and voluntarily spent six months as a prisoner in a Swiss jail, with his identity as a priest known only to the warden. After his time in Europe, he returned to Stuebenville University in 1969 to serve as campus minister.

Later, with four other Franciscans, he formed a new community in Bayou La Batre, Alabama. From 1973 to 1975, he returned to campus ministry in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

His full time ministry, which he calls vagabond evangelization, began in 1975, while directing a parish weeks of revival, priests' retreats and scripture institutes. Beyond his dynamic

"You are never more Christture liturgy. He taught at the Univer- like than when you are filled with compassion for another."

Brennan Manning

style of presentation, there exists a depth of content that speaks of one who is firmly in love with the crucified Christ.

In October 1982, Brennan married and now makes his home in New Orleans, Louisiana, from where he continues to travel and preach. Brennan is the author of several books, including: Prophets and Lovers. Gentile Revolutionaries, Signature of Jesus, The Ragamuffin Gospel, and Jesus: Stranger to Self-Hatred.

The central themes and issues that the evangalist spoke about in our Chapels came from his works, Wisdom of Accepted Tenderness, Lion and Lamb: the Relentless Tenderness of Jesus, and Abba'a Child: Cry of the Heart for Intimate Belonging.

The central ministry in which Brennan tries to help people deal with is the healing our image of God in ourselves, dispelling those distorted caricatures of God, and giving support to a gospel of Grace.

Brennan reminded us of the infinite love of Jesus and that we as humans "often rob God by confining Him to our limits." Brennan challenged listeners to stretch their minds and hearts because God's love is truly tender and all encompassing.

Brennan also commented in a session that, "God's love is based on nothing, and the fact that it is based on nothing makes us secure. Were it based on anything we do, if that 'anything' were to collapse, then God's love would crumble as well."

One story of special meaning told by the speaker was of a man who learned about prayer in his dying days. The sick man found comfort and rest by laying his head on an empty chair in his hospital room "Until you lay your own head on the breast of Jesus

> and listen to the heartbeat of the Great Rabbi, you will always going to have borrowed spirituality...and when you do lay your head down on the breast of Jesus you know the message that in love there can't be any fear, because to be afraid of Jesus is to expect punishment.

You have got to experience the truth that it's by grace we are saved, not by anything that we have done. This comes in silent solitude."

Brennan speaks often of the Gospel of John and its great message of love. He relates this central theme in his talks. "For John, Christianity was not a message, it was his own experience that became the message. And the message is that Jesus is the human face of God that was love." Brennan focused on the idea that because God's love is so grand, we should also love one another. Brennan shared warming stories how his own life was affected by God's love and how another person's life was affected by Christ's love through him. In Brennan's own words, "You are never more Christlike, then when you are overwhelmed with compassion for another person."

For the college student, maintaining a relationship with the One who so dearly loves us is often difficult and can be often pushed aside. Brennan taught us prayer is the essence of meeting daily with God.

Manning touched all of us who attended chapel during spiritual emphasis week.



Employee of the Month. LaVerne Bufford. Bufford serves NNC in Environmental Services. The honor awarded recently in chapel. (Anne frehm)

NAMPA

Denny's can be a suitable study environment if you try

By Jolynn Draper State Writer

Denny's (den'nees), n. 1. a local hangout for Northwest Nazarene College (NNC) students to study in a sociable environment off-campus.

Or is it? Ask any upper classman where to study and they'll give you a list the good places as well as the bad. It appears that the freshmen are beginning to notice the hangouts as well.

In a survey of what NNC students thought about studying at Denny's restaurant many different and controversial responses came out.

Here are some thoughts that NNC students had on the service of Denny's while they studied. "I like it pretty well. They don't treat NNC students differently," said freshman, Tony Chilson. Carisa Bishop, freshman, said, "They were really nice to us."

"I think I've been treated just fine, respectfully," said senior Hollie Tiegs.

Tistan Hook described the service as slow, but good.

On the other hand, some students consider Denny's employees to be a little on the rude side, both when they're ordering food or just plain being hit on. (Due to the sensitivity of this article, names have been left out for those who do not wish to be recognized).

Some NNC students believe that Denny's just doesn't have the right atmosphere to study in. The noise level in Denny's tends to get a little high and the karaoke in the background can also be a little distracting.

"If you have a little concentration you can study, but it gets pretty loud in there," said Junior Kim Crow.

A majority of the students that were interviewed saw the major distraction at Denny's to be the smoking atmosphere.

Sophomore, Karyn Dunn said, "I would prefer to be in an environment that you could leave and not have the stench of smoke walk out beside you."



Denny's doubles as both a late-night food source and a study center. (Steve Reisch)

Some NNC students just didn't believe it met up to their qualifications of a restaurant to study in.

"I think other restaurants do a better job at having a cozier atmosphere," said Tiegs.

Chilson said, "I think a place like Fireside would be much better because it's quieter, less smoke, and less things around to distract you."

Other NNC students, however, disagreed with these opinions. "It depends on who you study with," said Bishop.

"It is [a good place to study] if my friends are around," said Tiegs. "I think it's good because usually when you're with a group of people, they keep you on task," said Anne Stock, freshman.

In an interview with Diane Sinclair, General Manager of Denny's, Sinclair, she said, "We've had great success with students coming in and studying in the last three years."

Sinclair went on to tell how she appreciated NNC students switching tables whenever Denny's needed the space. Sinclair also pointed out that she was pleased that NNC students didn't come in to Denny's to sit around all night.

When asked how Denny's employees' felt about NNC students, all Sinclair had to say was, "They feel good about it."

Denny's restaurant is located at 607 Nampa Blvd, and has served as a study place for NNC students for over three years. "Their food is pretty good, service is pretty quick, and it's a good place just to bring a group of friends," said Chilson.

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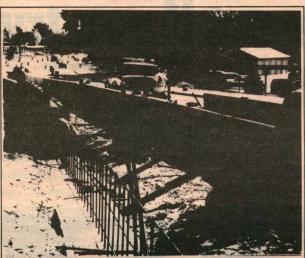
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Nampa attempts to beautify



Nampa's first step in beautification is the median on atmosphere. Nampa Boulevard. (Steve Mann)

BY ANNE FRAHM **PHOTO EDITOR**

Nampa is continuing its dedication to beautifying and renovating the city in hopes of keeping it's entitlement city qualifications and well as attracting quality jobs and businesses.

Currently, the city is in the midst of renovating Nampa Boulevard, its first step in the city entryway beautifi-

The Nampa Boulevard project, which will replace old cement medi-

ans with newly landscaped medians complete raised brick planters, as well as flowering shrubs and trees, is due to be completed towards the beginning of November. New periodic street lighting, sidewalks, curbs and gutters will contribute to the desired historic

"There's been

a very strong public support for this project," said Bob Faller, Nampa's Community Development Specialist, in a recent Press-Tribune interview. "Although it was slow at first, public response has gotten more positive as people see the work getting completed on Nampa Boulevard."

"I think that it's great that the city is finally making an attempt at making it's entrances look more attractive. I really feel that it will generate a positive attitude towards making our city one that welcomes and encourages

visitors to stay," said Carol Barnum, Nampa resident.

Despite this strong public support some oppose this use of funds, stating that the needs of Nampa's low income people are not being addressed.

"They really have not gone out and seen what the needs of the people are," said State Rep. Jesse Berain in the same interview. Berain suggests that a portion of the grant money should go towards low-income housing, an issue that has caused controversy in Nampa's neighborhoods.

A Community Development Block Grant provided by HUD totaling about \$485,000 will fund the project along with numerous donations which have been solicited from the general public. Most donations have been in the \$50-\$100 range, but several business and institutions have made large donations ranging from \$5,000-\$10,000. NNC is one of these.

Future grants want to be used in future years to improve 11th Avenue, Garrity, as well as smaller similar projects on 12th Avenue, Amity, 2nd Street, Caldwell Boulevard, and Franklin Boulevard.

McDonald's pays for scholarships

By GINA GRATE STAFF WRITER

A current low unemployment rate, and a fast growing workforce is now providing many diverse job opportunities for employees. This puts employers in a tight competition to keep their workers, and is sending them scrambling for new programs which will appeal to employees and hopefully prevent them from looking for better paying work elsewhere.

Gene Schultz, an economist, stated that companies which offer entrylevel wages, such as fast food chains, typically have more difficulty in attracting and keeping their workers. To better deal with this problem, local Subway manager Jess Galford raised his starting wages to \$4.75 an hour, to avoid "constant turnover." Dominos Pizza began taping job applications to pizza boxes and student doors on college campuses. However, McDonald's

own, to keep its employees, and give them a financial boost besides.

There are 12 McDonalds' in Boise, Meridian, Mountain Home, and Emmett, all owned by Darmody Enterprises. These McDonalds' are now offering tuition scholarships to their workers. The new program is the first incentive program in Idaho, and through it, McDonald's hopes to keep employees for a greater length of time.

To qualify for the scholarship, a

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student must work 20 hours a week, as well as keep a 2.5 grade point average. Every semester of work the student puts in at McDonald's will earn \$250 to his/ her individual scholarship fund. Then the student issued to the college of their choice, when they register for full-time classes. However, the scholarship is forfieted if the student quits before high school

If the student wishes to continue work after he/she begins classes, he/ she may still earn \$175 at the start of each semester. But the student must work 30 hours a week and keep a 2.5 grade point average. The scholarship program will begin in January.



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Faku, SA's first black mayor

By JASON ALVIS STAFF WRITER

South Africa's mayors have not been known for kind gestures, especially gestures that reached out to the black community, but Nceba Faku has made that change. He went to the funeral of two innocent men mysteriously shot to death. The men were white, Faku is not. Nceba Faku is South Africa's first black mayor.

South Africa has been divided racially for years. Only a few years ago, blacks could not live in white towns. Now they are running one, and Faku is trying to draw his city, Port Elizabeth, together.

As South Africa reforms, multiracial interim governments have been appointed until next year's elections. The interim governments help control

the uniting of black townships with adjacent, less populated white towns. Political parties agreed last year to unite them into single municipal units.

However, the only city that has actually made these drastic changes is Port Elizabeth. This city made the changes so quickly and so smoothly, that the rest of the country hardly noticed the feat.

Originally unknown to Port Elizabeth's whites, Nceba Faku is a 38year-old political activist respected among blacks for serving 14 years at Roben Island prison for his anti-apart-

Faku's kind gestures continue to surface. He has personally bargained for the freedom of a white guard held hostage during a prison riot. He also answers calls from private citizens personally, and appears at most public Source: The Oregonian

Faku has already faced opposition and hostile people. At a meeting not long ago, he was challenged by an angry white crowd. He stood his ground, and told the people at the beginning of the meeting that things were going to be different. There was nothing like it ever before. One protester even had a gun in his belt. However, the angry taxpayers stormed out of the room, and the meeting contin-

Speaking with the Associated Press, Faku remarked, "The people who are coming from a history of marginalization-- they want things to be done now. You have to balance those kind of expectations with the reservations and fears from the white minority."

Aristide returns from Haitian exile

By JAMES HINTON STAFF WRITER

Haitian President Jean-Bertraud Aristide returned to Haiti Saturday after over three years of exile. Aristide's plane touched down on the runway in Port-au-Prince at 10:13 amid cheers and shouts from a large crowd outside the airport. Aristide was taken to the Presidential palace by helicopter, where he addressed a gathering of Haitian

citizens eager to greet his return.

Aristide, in a symbolic gesture, released a dove before beginning his speech.

"This is the day on which the sun of democracy has risen to never set," Aristide promised the crowd. "Never again will blood be shed in this country. We are thirsty for peace."

Aristide returned to Haiti with the aid of U.S. forces. Aristide thanked the U.S. for its aid. "On behalf of my nation I would like to share my sincere thanks to you, to President Clinton, to all of you, for your support," Aristide said in his returning speech.

Aristide's return was made possible by the removal of former military

ruler Raoul Cedras earlier this week. Cedras fled to the Dominican Republic Wednesday, and is expected to seek asylum in Spain.

Aristide returned to Haiti on a U.S. owned Boeing 707. He was accompanied by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Jesse Jackson, and several members of the Congressional Black Caucus, along with several other dignitaries and U.S. officials. Security for both the plane's landing, and the

"Haiti will resume its rightful place in the community of democratic nations...The time for struggle is past and the time for governance has begun?"

Warren Christopher

speech at the National Palace, was provided by U.S. military personnel, 20,000 of whom remain in Haiti.

Aristide's return to Haiti was a welcome relief to most of Haiti's populace, but his problems may only be beginning. Haiti's economy has been virtually destroyed by three years of economic sanctions.

The national treasury has been

emptied completely. Hospitals, businesses, and schools are almost completely shut down. There is no electricity, and the roads have decayed to virtual non-existence. Unemployment figures are at least 50%

Many nations, including the U.S., have promised economic aid to help with Haiti's restructuring, but many officials are doubtful about how much it will help. Haitian Central Bank economist Kesner Pharel viewed the situation grimly.

Military rule has led to "the pauperization of Society," Pharel said. Haiti will receive over one billion dollars in aid over the next five years, but may be unable to do anything with it.

People remain hopeful, however. "Only Aristide can take us out of the dark ages," said Gilles Loussaint, one of those in the crowd. "Now that our father is home, he will take care of

The United Nations Security Council voted on Sunday to lift the economic sanctions which helped topple the former rulers. The 15 member council passed the vote with fourteen votes, with Brazil abstaining. With the removal of the sanctions, critical supplies of materials such as food and fuel can again enter the nation.

Aristide has promised wide ranging efforts to create new jobs and to restore the economy.

BRIEFLIES

Hourly wages in America rise

The average American works for \$15.50 an hour, which is a 2.5% increase in 4 years. The entire rise in pay during the 80's was only 2.5%. Experts attribute the increase in pay to an increase in managerial and professional positions. Of 2.5 million new jobs created this year, 75% of them fell into this category.

Haitian peace lasts one day

Just a day after Haitian president Aristide promised peace instead of retribution, pro-Aristide gangs killed two pro-military backers in Port-Au-Prince. Gangs also attacked the car of Maj. General Jean-Claude Duperval, the temporary head of the Haitian military.

Duperval had just left a meeting with Aristide where the removal of human rights violators from the army had been discussed.

Finland to join European Union

Finlanders passed the first of three referendums to join the European Union. The referendum is not binding on the Finnish Parliament, but most members said they would respect the vote's outcome.

Unmanned dozer rolls half mile

An unmanned bulldozer was turned on by unknown individuals at a construction site in Buffalo, NY, Saturday. The bulldozer rolled half a mile before being stopped, crunching 15 cars at a Subaru dealership into a half-million dollar piece of modern art. No injuries where reported.

Helmut Kohl wins German vote

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl held on for a win in the second all Germany elections. The Christian Democrats held on to a slim majority control in the lower house but maintained it with far less of a hold than in previous

Nampa's first homicide this year

A Meridianite is being sought by Nampa police after a Sunday night shooting that ended in the death of a Nampa man.

In his dying moments, Jose Armando Hernandez, 43, named Jose Lorenzo Santana, 27, as his murderer.

According to police, Hernandez and a witness to the shotting were traveling eastbound on 11th Street when they noticed they were being followed by a man in a white van. The witness, who was driving, reported he pulled over because they knew the van's driver.

Hernandez was pronounced dead at 1:18 Monday

Prince Charles never wanted Di

In a public denial, Prince Charles said he never loved Princess Diana and didn't want to marry her.

The 45-year-old bared his soul in the biography, which began appearing in serial form in The Sunday Times newspaper on Sunday. Many people saw this as an apparent attempt to revive acceptance for his as the future king by being unusually frank.

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Ministering to Generatio

By D. Andrew Zirschky **Opinions Edite**

get our share of culture ttage. Althou h we're located in wn, we also happen to lie Oreading to the through our little coffee

There are Baby Boomers with their mini-vans and strollers. There are also customers who, by their dress, you can tell still wish it was still 1968, and others who think it still is.

And then there are those that belong to Generation X. I remember a guy who came in to order an Italian soda one day. His greasy hair hung in strands covering his eyes and much of his face. His jeans were frayed and his t-shirt was black, and white lettering across the front it simply read, "LOSER.

That's where Generation X is not knowing who they are, having no hope for the future, feeling cut off from society and often-times themselves. The nineteen twenties produced the lost generation, but the nineties is producing the loser generation -- people who believe they are worthless, and have no reason to live.

So who is Generation X? Quite simply eneration X consists of all individuals born ween the years of 1961 and 1981. Xers re called, are sandwiched between mers and the Millenial Generation those born after '81 who will spend most of their lives in the 21st century.

Generation X got its name from author Douglas Coupland whose book was aptly called Generation X. But why "X"?

It is thought that Generation X stands for nothing, believes in nothing, and is nothing -- a philosophy that, sadly enough, many Xers have bought into.

Yet, it is not right to limit membership in Generation X to those who have birthdays days in the right years. Many people outside of the walls of Generation X are facing the same spiritual and emotional dilemmas that Xers are facing.

There are two philosophical problems which plague Generation X. These two questions of existence are really no different than those which have been pondered since Socrates and Plato. The difference for Generation X is that they are living in a world that approaches these subjects differently than at any other point in time, and the way they are being approached is with a sense of hopelessness

The problems can be characterized as Meaninglessness and Separation. Xers, more often than not, feel they lead a meaningless life, and they often feel separated from other people and even themselves.

The societal problems that lead Generation X to a life of Meaninglessness and Separation are wide in range.

Americans are for the first time facing a day where we're not on top of the economic power chain and no longer have a "demonic" power to fight against, as in the form of the Soviet Union, which unites us in a common purpose.

Further, having to follow in the steps of Baby Boomers, who seem to control the world, and who often have a dislike for Generation X similar to that of a belligerent big brother picking on his smaller sibling, is rather launting. And sitting through the nightly news and hearing reports about how there won't be any money left in Social Security by the time Generation X tires isn't too comforting either

So displaced, misund stood, picked on, and in hostile world without once omnipotent U.S. g ernment to protect the members of Generation X are ever more reconciling themselves to a life where they feel separated and meaning-

"Oh, come on, every generation of youth has experienced these feelings in some degree," you are bound to say, Yes, every generation has, but the degree is the frightening thing.

Half of those in Generation X believe cent say life will be harder for them than vently." their parents. Ravaged by the effects of a lt is the conditions of our Post-Modern broken home (more than half of Generation society, a society that believes everyone is sexually abused.

A U.S. Surgeon General study found that the nation's college students drink nearly 4 billion (yes, billion) cans of beer, and that they resemble cases of Post-traumatic annual consumption of alcoholic beverages up to 34 gallons per person.

Violent crimes by youth rose 25% during the 1980's. Teenage suicide has tripled over the past three decades. A recent study in Oregon found that, "More than a fourth of the state's high school students considered suicide during 1992."

A study by the American Medical Association and the National Association of State Boards of Education said of Generation X, "Never before has one generation

of American been less healthy, cared less prepared for life than the parents were

> age." and wom generation have with nessed tens of of murders on television screens. To us, sex on and safe-sex commercials are routine.

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We were born in the Nixon-era and have never known national trust in leadership. In fact, we have corrupt leadereverything PTL minis-Los Angeles

Police Department. The standard of the "good life," that which has been accepted as the new norm, has been raised so high that in today's families both spouses are now required to work at paying jobs. We Xers have paid the emotional price for the consumer society in the world is getting worse. Sixty-two per- which our elders have participated so fer-

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X have divorced parents), the primary wortheir own master and should be responsible ry among Xers, before everything else, is for no one but themselves, that have created "having a good marriage and family life." A Generation called X. My generation, and One out of three Xers were physically or your generation, is becoming the laboratory mutant of a terrible experiment.

> Researchers say that the people of this generation often have problems so severe

enough wine and liquor, to bring their Stress Syndrome of the Vietnam war. If this isn't a wake-up call to make us realize that there is something wrong in our generation, then I don't know what is.

> As the first generation of latchkey kids, we were neglected by our parents and raised by television. Few of us eat dinner around the family table anymore, and no one seems to give a rip what we're doing, with whom, or when.

> The rise in popularity of mission trips seems to be a result of this in the church. Missions trips seem to be one way in which members of Generation X can make themselves feel like there is meaning to their lives. This is a trend not only in the church, but outside. Statistics show that community service among Generation X is high.

At the same time, other members of eneration X are searching in the opposite direction to dull the pain of meaningless

As one author says, The absence o meaning leads to drunken frat-house bashes, date rape, vandalism, and acts of vio-Students have no incentive to delay on, because pley place so little e future that has no meaning for lany in Generation X believe they vorthles past, and a meaningless

Albert Camus said, "If we believe in nothing, if nothing has any meaning and if we can affirm no values whatsoever, then everything is possible and nothing has any importance. There is no pro or con; the murder is neither right nor wrong. We are free to stoke the crematory fires or to devote ourselves to the care of lepers. Evil and virtue are mere chance and caprice.'

That is exactly where Generation X is. Some are choosing to serve others, some are choosing to destroy others. Either way, the meaninglessness of their lives is still present. It is the mission of the church to show Generation X where true meaning can be found.

"I can't help but feel that I will always be reaching up, stretching for something that will remain forever out of reach," one Xer said about the meaninglessness of his

What Xer doesn't feel this way at times? In a techno world where nothing stands still long enough to call it normal and where everything is obsolete; in a day and age when a drive by shooting, or serial killer, or a nuclear disaster could suddenly snuff out your life, what choice does an Xer have but to always be fearful, always be watching his no

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In a world where a high school degree means nothing, and a college degree means little more, who doesn't feel like they are striving for something they will never have, working for something they will never see, simply surviving with no certain meaning or purpose?

It's a feeling that is overwhelming, and one that the youth of Generation X are facing every waking moment. Kurt Cobain, the late lead of Nirvana, understood that so well when he once answered his

manager's question of why he was depressed. "I'm awake aren't I?" Cobain replied.

Mission trips and community service, booze and sex, can cover the meaninglessness of life, but they are not the cure. When they are gone, the feeling of meaninglessness returns.

The second problem facng Generation X is a feeling of Separation; rom others, God, and even themselves. In tudy after study, researchers have found that the members of Generation X are longing for true relationships. We long to have a true community -- a real communion -with someone else. In a Christian framework this makes sense. After all, communion is what we were created for.

One author, speaking of community has said, "What we long for is to be loved apart from who we are in society and solely for the fact we're a person. . . Churches, schools, frats, come and go without becoming true communities in which there is real communication or a sense of commitment among members. The ultimate test whether or not a collection of individuals is a community is whether the members are seriously concerned about one another's well being.'

The kibbutzim of Israel have a slogan by which their communities are run. "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need." Is there anything more Christian, a community based on need rath- at all is the lesson most Xers have learned. er than usefulness? Yet, as with the rest of our society the Church is failing to create true communities. A true community requires giving up one's self interest. It truly involves "loving your neighbor as yourself." If the church wants to reach Generation X they must create true communities.

When one of my friends, who was raised in a Christian family, began missing youth group frequently, I began to wonder why. When I asked someone, I found out that he wasn't doing too well -- his mom had entered his room one day to find it filled with witchcraft books and crystals. Soon after, I found that his parents were having marital problems. When his parents sepa-

rated, he announced to his mother that he was gay. He disappeared without a trace ger from any aspect of church life. What was his grievance against the church? "Nobody there has ever cared about me," he said.

"I think what characterizes us as a generation is aloneness," says one author. "My friend cannot rely on her family for support, nor can she rely on her mechanical lover of a prostitute trying to be honest, her friends to help her bear her burdens. She feels afraid of being held up at the cash machine and afraid to go on a date with a man. Like many Xers her age, she is

financially independent and lives

Speaking of her parents and the hippie teration, one Xer made this statement, Sometimes I wonder if their experiment ack fired. Growing up with no rules, no religion, no family dinner, I didn't take naturally to limitation. So I waited on high rollers in Atlantic City, became the racetrack companion of an aging hustler, and the to shake the habit

scaped to become a scholar, an artist, a painter, a lesbian, a lover of women, a creature of suicide and rage. I moved to

New York where I put my political consciousness to work in the with roommates.

Stephen Mann'94 But no one really needs her, and she needs no one. This is alternative aloneness...Aloneness is not lonemedia indusliness. While loneliness is a state of try and nursed emptiness, in aloneness one's life is my weaknesses full of activities but without the aid of with alchohol and family and friends. Aloness is largely about self-destruction."

Maybe George Orwell's novel 1984 truly was a prediction of what the post-modern society of the 80's and 90's would be like. Not in his portrayal of Big Brother, but of e aloneness and desperate search for sympathetic humanity. The utter psychotic desperateness in the novel is truly what many Xers are feeling today. Don't trust anyone over thirty? No, don't trust anyone

While I was in a mall this summer, I happened upon a whole display of items patterned after Edvard Munch's famous painting The Scream. There were Scream tshirts, Scream key chains, and even a Scream blow-up punch doll. "How symbolic," I thought. The masterpiece of agony, despair, meaninglessness and separation, has become a cultural slogan.

It is in this context that the Church of Jesus Christ must present the Good News. For it is Good News. Someone loves you, and in your uselessness, he died for you, so that you might have communion with him. Jesus is the answer for our Meaninglessness and Separation.

"Later I moved to Harlem where I pretended to be white trash, then moved to Brooklyn and had a nervous breakdown. Discipline and reality snapped me out of another low and I decided to live to be 25. A daughter of hippie parents."

While this case is extreme, it is people like this that we must learn to minister to if the Church is to have any effect in the 21st century. We are losing that battle. The church has betrayed their trust through examples such as Jim Baker and further, just as the rest of society, the church has ignored the needs of Xers in favor of the ubiquitous

The people of Generation X are searching for meaning in their life. As the Universal Church of Jesus Christ, we must proclaim to our society in general, but to Generation X in particular, that there is an ultimate meaning in life. Jesus Christ said, "I came that you might have life and have it more abundantly." Jesus also said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

We must proclaim at just the right time, that while we were still useless to him because of our rebellion, Christ died for us.

And he died to reconcile us to the One in whom we live and move and have our being, and so to restore meaning to our life.

Barbecues, beach trips, and mud volleyball is not what this generation needs, and they know it. The fun masks the pain of a useless life. It isn't the cure, and it is time that the youth and young adult groups of our churches stop wasting their time being a country club for hurting souls.

If we truly believe we have the answer for humanity, then we better start proclaiming it. The way to cure the meaninglessness of Generation X, and our culture as

a whole, is to proclaim reconciliation to the source of our being and to become reconciled Him to ourselves and to live like it. the song goes, "People Need the Lord." With Generation X, it is action that speaks. Words are meaningless. Let's be the Church of Jesus Christ to Generation X by proclaiming to

them the truth we know with our lives. A second part of being the Church to Generation X is providing for them a conmunity. By the word community I mean lefinition of community. the real working Not the shallow way it is so often used in our

on X longs for true relation ships. Generation X has grown up in an age of convenient relationships where true co mitment and caring is nonexistent. Their deepest desire is to have a relationship when they feel safe and stable.

Like the rest of the world, we Christians have forsaken Generation X. We must create a place of trust, a place of community, and a place of hope. That is what the Church has always supposed to have been.

Finally, our message to Generation X must be: "Come to/me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." -- Jesus.

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Crusaders continue on their winning ways

After three wins during Western Weekend, the Lady Crusaders **improved** to 22-5 and are looking to move up in the new NAIA poll. By Chris Barrett Staff Writer

After the dust settled on Orrin E. Hills Center Court, NNC's Women's volleyball team increased its record by three wins as the Lady Crusaders are now 22-5.

"We played good ball this weekend," replied a smiling Cheri Dailey.

Last Friday, NNC started the Western Weekend with a bang by defeating Western Baptist 15-3 in the first game. Western Baptist came back to score ten points in the second game, but the Saders still triumphed. The Lady Saders finished off Western Baptist 15-7.

"Western Baptist was a good match," commented head coach Darlene Brasch, "everyone on the team contributed to the win."

Saturday afternoon the showdown continued as eighth ranked NNC went head to head against 18th ranked Western Oregon. The Lady Saders fought the Wolves for every point. NNC took the first game as Cheri Dailey, playing with a hurt right shoulder, served an

ace to win 15-12.

At the beginning of the second game, the Crusader women jumped to a five point lead before Western Oregon fought back. The Saders won the the second game, 15-13.

Faltering a little, the women lost their only game of the weekend when Western Oregon downed NNC 10-15. The Crusaders fought back to take the fourth game and the match with a win of 15-11.

"We played great together," mentioned outside hitter, Patty Grim, "We wanted to win. I was happy."

"We played extremely well against Western Oregon," replied coach Brasch, "but we came out flat against Western Montana."

The Crusaders did have difficulties against the Bulldogs. During the first game, the Saders managed to win 15-12.

After that first game, NNC never looked back. The second game against the Bulldogs ended with NNC winning 15-6. The last game of the weekend ended as the Crusaders

gunned down Western Montana 15-7.

"It was hard to fire up for a second game after such an intense victory," explained Dailey.

Western Weekend demonstrated how the Lady Crusaders work together. Tricia Anderson had 53 kills, 7 blocks, 1 ace, and 24 digs. Cheri Dailey followed with 37 kills, 13 blocks, 9 aces, and 28 digs. Michelle Barfknecht used 9 kills, 1 block, and 2 digs to aid the team. Twenty-three kills and 1 dig was the gift Patty Grim gave the team.

The statistics continue as Michelle Miller contributed 12 kills, 8 blocks, and 20 digs. The Saders utilized Laurie Vail's statistics of 1 kill, 3 blocks, 5 aces, 23 digs, and 128 assists for the wins this weekend. Jessica Menard gave 10 kills, 5 blocks, 3 aces and 19 digs. Melanie Trombley assisted the team with 23 digs. Finally Diane Williams employed 2 aces and 2 digs while Annette Fenton had 5 kills.

The Lady Saders return to action Friday, October 21 in a conference match against Eastern Oregon in LaGrande, Oregon.



Cheri Dailey with another week end spike. (April Schrock)

Saturday the Lady Saders return home at 7 p.m. against arch rival, Albertson College of Idaho. Crusader volleyball continues on Tuesday, October 25 at 7 p.m. against George Fox.

"Last year we were second in home attendance, this year we want to be first," stated coach Brasch.

"We should do well next weekend," remarked Grim, "because it will boost us up for the end of the season."

BASKETBALL

Pick A Winner

last's week's winner: Clay Hatfield

Send name, phone #, box #, and picks to Pick A Winner c/o Box C. Entries must be received by Friday of each week.

Chicago at Detroit
Cincinnati at Cleveland
LA Rams at New Orleans
Pittsburgh at NY Giants
Seattle at Kansas City
Washington at Indianapolis
Atlanta at LA Raiders
Dallas at Arizona
Denver at San Diego
Tampa Bay at San Francisco
Ohio State at Penn State
Washington at Oregon
Utah at Colorado State
UCLA at Arizona

TIEBREAKER Kansas State at Colorado

Hoop season starts with Madness

By Paul Burch Staff Writer

NNC basketball fans received a good preview of the upcoming season last Friday night when the mens' and womens' teams turned out impressive performances at Midnight Madness, a late night round-ball extravaganza.

The "morning" festivities began with a free-throw competition and fund-raiser. Patrons were encouraged to sponsor players for each free-throw made out of a possible one hundred. The money raised went towards the basketball program fund. The program came away with some needed extra revenue.

The 22nd ranked women's team were first to scrimmage. The team was split up into two squads: Red versus White. From early on the ladies in crimson took control of the game.

After winning the initial tipoff and scoring the first points of the game, Team Red built a surprising 25-12 lead to end the first 10-minute half.

In the second half, Red ran away with the game. The final score was Red 56, White 35.

Sophomore Ellen Duncan led Team Red with 11 points, while junior Donna Knight topped Team White with 17.

The men, who are ranked third in the nation in the first NAIA Division II poll of the year, were next up to showcase their talents.

During warm-ups, an unofficial slam dunk show materialized. Justin Marion, a 6'4" junior, connected on various dunks, including a Jordanesque 360 which brought the crowd to its feet.

The men's scrimmage followed. Like their female counter-parts, the male version of Team Red also built an early lead and led 18-14 at the half.

The men in pale mounted a late comeback, but Red would never trail



Justin Marion skies for a rebound.

(April Schrock)

in their 32-28 victory.

Marion led the way for Red with 13 points including 3 treys, while junior Chad Herron and sophomore Shane Collins lead White with 8 apiece.

The cheerleading squad topped the night off by serving free root beer floats, a pleasant ending to a night of Midnight Madness.

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Saders suffer weekend losses

Ray Gibler Staff Writer

The postseason hopes and dreams for the Crusader men's soccer team were dashed to the ground Saturday afternoon, when they dropped their second game in as many days, 5-1 to George Fox. The Saders fall to 2-12 on the year with just two games left on the calendar.

Saturday's game against nationally ranked George Fox found NNC's strikers against a very fundamentally sound team. Nevertheless, the Saders took a solid performance into halftime with the score knotted 0-0.

The assault on NNC's goal proved to be too much however, as George Fox picked up two quick scores early in the second half. NNC battled back on a Bobby Tamminga goal, against Fox's all-American goalie, off an Igor Muniz assist to bring the score to 2-1.

George Fox quickly retaliated by scoring a total of three more goals to arrive at the final tally of 5-1.

Unfortunately for the Crusaders,

Friday had not been any better for a team who was out-shot by Concordia College 28-5. On this rainy afternoon, the men in black and red allowed a plethora of goals, without a single answer to lose 7-0.

Down 3-0 at the half, NNC came out eager to get back in the game. Opening the second half however, Concordia took the ball the length of the field and scored without the Saders so much as touching the ball. Needless to say, this took the wind out of their sails.

This game was one marked by several second and third attempts on goal as holistic defensive breakdowns occurred. Not only did NNC players lose their men after the initial shot, but were unsuccessful in clearing the ball on several different occasions.

Playing the best two teams in the conference on the same weekend was not an easy assignment.

As Bobby Tamminga put it, "This weekend was a really good learning experience for a lot of players who clearly saw what it meant to play at a



Pat Fitzgerald marks his opponent in recent action. (April Schrock)

college level."

Looking ahead, the Crusaders finish up their season with two home games. The first takes place this weekend as they host Western Baptist on Saturday. On October 29, the Saders play their season finale against the Yotes of AC of I.

"We're looking to end our season on a positive note and win our last two games," commented Tim Whetstone.

Teammate Ben Kneadler added, "This weekend we really pulled together as a team, and we will be ready to win our last two games."

INTRAMURALS

Pansies stand alone in first place

By Tim Schlack Staff Writer

Week number three was a cold and windy weekend for intramural sports. However, the weather did not stop those who love to play flag football from coming out and tossing the pigskin.

Despite last week's closely called game, women's soccer did not play. Lack of participants and minor scheduling problems kept team Peppercorn from avenging their 2-1 loss to Team 2, in last week's first match of the season.

Flag football was not left abandoned however, many bundled up to watch the games of the day.

Saturday's action began with The Panthers (2-1) taking on the Rubber Duckies (2-1). The action started to heat up in the second half when Matt Elton and company came alive. Elton, quaterback of the Panthers, threw for

three touchdown passes and Steve Fairbanks picked off Marc Kneeland twice. Kneeleand's second pass play to Shane Koglin for 22 yards was not enough to hold off the Panthers. The final score Panthers 20, Rubber Duckies 14.

The Freshman team (0-3) could not get things going as Team Clyde (1-2) steam-rolled to a 34-0 victory. Team Clyde's Jason Wakeman had a outstanding day both on the ground and in the air, ripping apart the youngster's defense. Wakeman rushed for approximately 80 yards, 50 of those yards on a punt return resulting in a touchdown.

The Welcome to the League team (2-1) improved this weekend in their win over the Knights (1-2). Jay Hughes' three touchdown passes gave the Welcome gang bragging rights as they shut out the Knights, 20-0.

The day's third match-up put the perfect Free Agents (2-1) up against the experienced and well-balanced Fat,

Bald, and Beautiful. The Fat, Bald, and Beautiful (2-1) dominated the game as the Pat Swapp show took place.

Rick Skeen, Brent Swartzentruber, and Lane Schumacher were on the receiveing end of a number of well-thrown balls by Swapp. The trio's speed, coupled with Swapp's arm proved to be too much for the Free Agents as Fat, Bald, and Beautiful took the win 34-14.

The final game of the day pitted Chinga Won Gow (0-3) against the Pigskin Pansies. The Pansies put their undefeated (3-0) record on the line and showed great endurance as they silenced their opponents in a 13-6 victory. Manny Burciaga's touchdown pass to Nate Hoiosen was Chinga Won Gow's only score of the day.

Scott Englund had another remarkable day as he scored the final touchdown on a 35 yard quarterback keeper. The Pigskin Pansies remain the leagues only undefeated team.

Auburn squeaks past Florida

Despite scoring 33 points and amassing 367 yards in offense, the #1 ranked Florida Gators lost their claim to the national title bid when they lost to the University of Auburn 36-33. The #6 Tigers picked off two different Gator quarterbacks a combined five times in this SEC matchup.

Auburn (7-0), the only SEC team to beat the Gators in the last two seasons, asserted their championship quest with their eighteenth straight win. Coming off an NCAA probation, the Tigers have made a big claim to their share of the AP poll spotlight.

Nittany Lions new number one

The Associated Press' Top 25 College Football Poll withstood some major shakeups this week. The Nittany Lions of Penn State (6-0) took over the #1 spot for the first time since 1986.

Colorado rose to the second position while Nebraska, following a 17-6 win over Kansas State dropped one position to third. Rounding out the top five were Auburn and Florida.

Texas A&M came in sixth followed by Miami, Alabama, Washington and Florida State. Notre Dame, 3-3 on the year, was absent from the Top 25 for the first time since 1986.

"Neon" Deion burns former team

Deion Sanders made his presence known in the San Francisco 49'ers 42-3 drubbing of Atlanta.

In the second quarter, he and Falcon receiver Andre Rison got into a slapping match that not even Don King would not have promoted. Later in the same quarter he picked off a Jeff George pass and returned it 93 yards down the sideline for the fourth Niner touchdown of the game.

Sanders, who is only playing due to the extended baseball strike, danced, taunted, and trash-talked his way into the memories of the Falcons for the first time since his departure. Deion is hoping to win a Super Bowl ring, which he feels he has a better chance of doing in San Francisco than he did in Atlanta.

Bengals slip by favored Broncos

Eleventh ranked Boise State was upset by the Idaho State Bengals 32-31, who won their first back-to-back Big Sky Conference game for the first time since 1985.

The victory came on a 22 yard touchdown pass with 20 seconds left in the game, from 18-year old, true freshman quarterback Robb Wetta to Kirk Clifford, who caught his first touchdown pass of his collegiate career. The touchdown culminated from an 87 yard drive that took 33 seconds to complete.

A key play in the game came on the Bengal 7 yard line. On a fourth and one situation, the Broncos opted to go for it instead of kicking the "sure thing" fieldgoal. The Bengal defense held, and the subsequent drive pulled the Bengals within 6 points with 8:45 left in the game. The 6-1 Broncos journey to Bozeman where they will take on the Montana State University Bobcats next weekend.

Compiled by Ray Gibler From the Idaho Statesman COMMENTARY

Here is the church, here is the steeple

So, where were you last Sunday? One-third of NNC students were in bed.

many times a month do you attend a Sunday church service? In a survey of **200 NNC** students, nearly 90% said they attend nearly every Sunday. **Yet 30%**

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If you came to lunch between 12:30 and 1:30 last Thursday afternoon, chances are that I yelled at you to come over and fill out a questionnaire for me concerning your church

Forty-five percent said they attend a Sunday service between three and four times a month while 43% said they attend five or more times a month. With Sunday evening services included, attendance at eight Sun-

nearly every Sunday, yet nearly one-third of the student body was

not in church this week. Of those who said they rarely, if

ever, miss a Sunday, 14% missed church Of those who said they miss a Sun-

day about once a month, 28% missed church this Sunday.

When we look at this from a statistical point of view, that's about right. If each one of these people misses about one Sunday a month, then we can reason that about a quarter of them will not be in church on any given Sunday.

In a nutshell, NNC students have a pretty realistic idea of how much they go to church.

However, the question remains as to whether NNC students are going to church more than the rest of America. It would seem that if this is a Christian college with mostly Christian students, we would find a much different makeup of people than if we randomly surveyed 200 people off the street. Yet, the difference doesn't seem to be that great.

According to Gallup, 60% of Americans attend church or synagogue regularly. According to our survey, 70% of NNC students are attending regularly. So between the general American public and NNC there is only a 10% difference in church attendance.

When I mentioned the results of this survey to people around campus they seemed to all affirm that they thought that 70% of the student body

attending church this Sunday was great. I think this is pretty good

However, as one professor pointed out to me, this is only the third week into the term. Try the survey again in the spring, she said, and you may find something totally different. Her point is a valid one.

As the year drags on, fewer and fewer people seem to be dragging themselves out of bed and getting themselves into the pews on Sunday morning. I witnessed this first hand last year attending Sunday School at First Church; I saw the numbers dwindle from over a hundred down to around thirty. Granted, it was Sunday School, but I bet the same sort of thing happened with church attendance too.

The point to all this, if there is a point, is that we're doing pretty good about getting ourselves to church. 70% of the campus in church isn't bad, but it isn't great either.

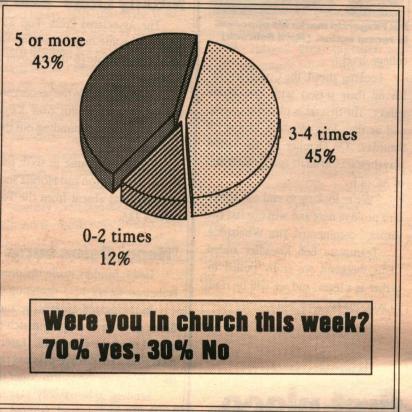
When the national average is only ten points lower, we better be careful before making rash statements about excellent church attendance.

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Also, remember that as the year drags on and work begins to pile up along with lost hours of sleep, those numbers start falling fast

As Hebrews 10:25 commands us, "Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another all the more as you see the day approaching.'



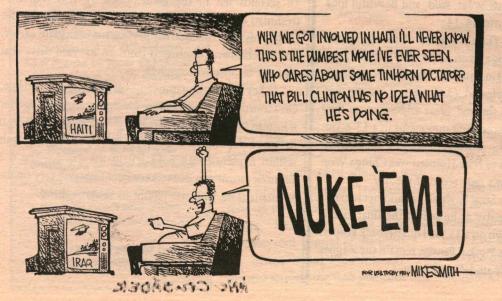
Two hundred of you were nice enough to come over and fill out my four question survey. Another one hundred of you looked at me really weird and kept walking.

When asked about their church attendance habits, 12% of those surveyed said they attend church between zero and two times a month.

day services is possible.

When those surveyed were asked if they had attended church last Sunday, 70% said "yes" leaving 30% with a "no" vote.

When I took a closer look at the numbers above I found that nearly 90% of respondents indicated that they go to church every Sunday or





The impending doom of the United States

By John Fraley Staff Writer

America is messed up. The country is on the wrong path; we are approaching our impending doom; our society is rapidly falling apart at the seams; we are headed for nowhere and getting there fast; we are on the wrong track.

Amoral congressmen—er, congresspersons—are taking us down a road of ruin as they jeopardize our future with legislation essentially written by financially gifted lobbyists, and our teachers are corrupting our children by legally teaching New Age philosophy and secular humanism in their classrooms.

Our President is a Communist, our churches are dying, and all there is on TV is violence and sex. In short, we're headed for someplace hot in a handbasket.

And Elvis just confessed that he killed JFK and Nicole Simpson.

Is anyone else fed up with modern doomsayers? I know you've heard them. They speak in public, they write books, they preach on television, and a few might even attend this school.

Even if you walked out of a cave this morning after spending your whole life in solitude, you've heard them. You might have listened to them once or twice, too, which creates a personal moral requirement for you to finish this article, as it has the potential to knock some sense into you.

You're awfully sarcastic, John, and I fear that you cannot support this argument. America really is screwed up. Actually, you're wrong. I have a thesis that no one in their right mind would dare to oppose. And this mighty thesis is that the U.S.A. is by far the healthiest nation on this planet. Americans are the richest, the most powerful, the most generous, and the most Christian people alive today.

Okay, I don't think I can argue with the "richest" part. But we waste so much, we pollute so much. We're destroying the planet as we speak.

And our recycling program is more advanced and more widely used than any other country's.

We're tearing down the rainforest and killing spotted owls. And we're replanting

trees in the Northwest faster than we cut them down.

Back to money: haven't you heard about that federal deficit? What, the one whose growth rate is slowing drastically? If it takes you a while to believe this, feel comfortable, because I was skeptical at first, but the fact remains: the bud-

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get deficit is shrinking year by year even with a traditional tax-and-spend Democrat in the White House.

All right, I guess we are the most powerful as well. It's almost funny when our most pressing military concern is not whether or not we should invade some country, but whether or not we will

lose any lives in doing so.

One of my wise roommates put it this way: "It's like our biggest problem is deciding who we should lend our military to."

You must be joking about that generosity part. You meant to say that Americans are the most selfish, right? Not even close. Char-

itable donations in the 1980's grew faster than salaries, while also reaching an all-time high in sheer volume. Maybe it's just me, but when a nation donates a growing percent of its wages to others, I tend to think of it as an increasingly generous nation. Feel free to notice that I haven't even mentioned tithing yet.

Aha! There's where I've got you: America is no longer a Christian nation! Nobody goes to church anymore!

Wrong again; while a majority of the U.S. population does not attend church on any given Sunday, church attendance in this country dwarfs attendance in every other rich nation.

If you're looking for places where "nobody goes to church anymore", you might want to investigate Western

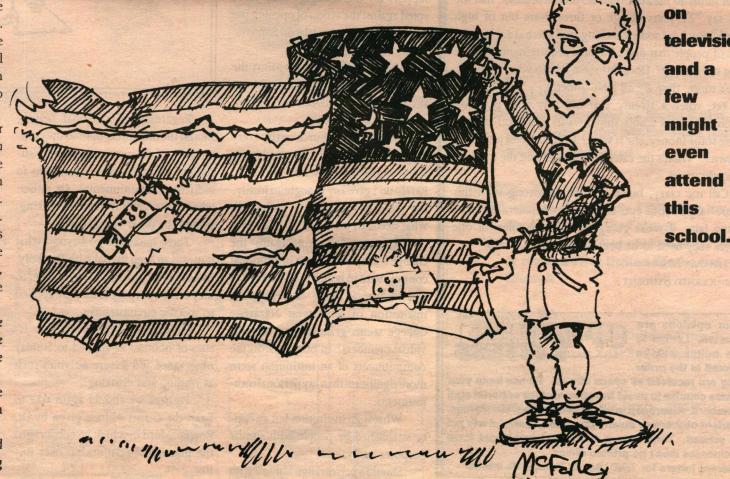
Europe.

You're evading the point again, John. I stand by my opinion that America is losing its spiritual focus. Well, I find it hard to believe that America is becoming less and less spiritual when I hear how quickly Islam, Mormonism, and various (not-so-)New Age cults are growing.

You know what I mean. Christian values are increasingly ignored by the media. Are you saying that as a Christian community, we're getting a bad rap just because so many of us are judgmental and holier-than-thou?

Yes. Er, no. What I'm saying is that because of the blatant promotion of abortion, "safe" sex, and homosexuality, the moral backbone of America is about to collapse. Then it's up to people of upstanding moral character to surface and to provide genuine, Christlike love to all people, including abortionists and homosexuals. Love, not judgment. What a novel idea. Funny thing is, this guy who told great stories during my regular morning study break last week was saying something to that effect. Glad you listened. Let's stop whining and put the wisdom of Jesus' love into practice.

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YOUR TURN

NNC is playing favorites with officers and athletes

Dear Editor:

This is my third year at NNC. Every year



I have been here I have noticed things that have bothered me and I just have never said anything. But now I will break the silence. I hope I speak for more of the people that have kept silent for one reason or another when I say that NNC really plays favorites.

Don't get me wrong. I admire ambition and athletic ability, but there are some of us who have to work twenty to thirty hours a week to pay the \$14,000 a year tuition. Because of this, we are not able to attend all the fun and exciting extracurricular activities. But is this a reason for someone to open the yearbook and not even know we attend this school? I think not.

I realize making a yearbook is not an easy task, but I really think that there could have been a wider variety of campus life pictures. There are more people who attend NNC than just members of ASNNC or special selective groups.

I just don't see why we can't have more candid, "smaller" pictures in this book. Also, how much more would it cost to have some color in our yearbooks? I know I would personally be willing to pay extra. Why not? I'm already paying \$605 for a meal plan. What's an extra \$40 for a yearbook which I want to look at?

In addition, graduation, which is supposed to be a HUGE event, only fared three black and white pages, with a total of eight graduating students' pictures (two of which were the same person!).

Since I'm sure I'll receive a few snares from this letter anyway, I might as well get it all off my chest! How is eligibility for off campus housing determined anyway? It seems funny to me, as a regular, literate student, that the rules say "21 years of age or three years out of high school." But I did some checking, and there are at least 10 cases of people that don't fit these requirements that are living off-campus? Does this seem odd to you? But wait, there's more, they are all NNC athletes.

Yet, when a twenty year old lady who pays full tuition (no sports scholarships) wants to live off campus to save some money, she is what? DENIED! Not just once, but twice. What's the catch? Well, she told the truth on her application!

Call me crazy, but is something wrong with this picture? Open your eyes Student Development and start playing fair. If we're going to bend the rules for one person, they need to be bent for everyone.

--STEPHANIE MAPES
A CONCERNED STUDENT

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Legalism, the library and Sundays

By Hollie Tiegs Guest Writer

Are you surprised that the Northwest Nazarene College library and computer labs are open for student use on Sundays?

Carlos Antras, our 1993-94 Student Body President, was the catalyst for such a change. Although the transition was swift, Sunday business hours were not entirely void of suspicion and resistance.

Surprisingly, the majority of resistance originated from concerned students and not from the Regents board or pastors. Our church relations director, Ernie McNaught, made several contacts with pastors across the region concerning the Nazarene denominational stand to "honor the Sabbath day and to keep it holy."

According to McNaught, the pastors concluded that "students will study regardless of an open or closed library. Doing homework is a much better option than those other things college students may do on a late night."

After Antras instituted the change, he realized that a few of his ASNNC council members were a little disturbed. Antras proceeded to conduct an unofficial vote to identify council support for the change. Only three voted against the action of opening the library and computer labs on Sundays. I was one of the three.

My reason for voting against the change was not motivated by a personal commitment to honor the Sabbath day and to keep it holy.

I worship in a church nearly every Sunday morning and I cram in homework nearly every Sunday evening. Rarely do I give any thought to justifying these two actions: I simply do what needs to be done.

My reason for voting against the change was spurred by an institutional commitment to honor the Sabbath day and to keep it holy. Somehow the institution of Northwest Nazarene College seems grander than its individual members. In other words, the commitments of an institution seem more significant than my personal commitments.

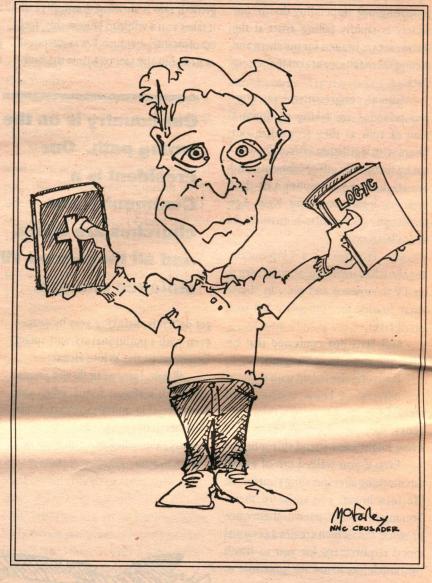
What is an institution but an entity established by people with similar purposes and values?

Should a person align himself with

an institution that does not reflect his personal beliefs? If there are points of contradiction between individual and institutional commitments, how should one apply the issue of integrity?

Our answers to these questions should reflect what is essential to our relationship between others and to our God.

The struggle emerges when it is



Regardless of personal beliefs, should the individual uphold the commitment of the institution or are institutional commitments subservient to individual commitments? Or rather, where one commitment is lacking, should the other compensate?

These questions go beyond what it means to keep the Sabbath Day holy. Although the questions seem general, they serve a purpose as they are applied to specific circumstances.

How do we wrestle with the issues of holiness as applied to Sunday observance and leisure activities such as reading and drinking?

Perhaps we should again take to heart the chapel address given by Dr. Ron Ponsford in which he encouraged the priority of relationship over justice difficult to determine just what is essential to that relationship because matters of justice may have a temporary place in the nurturing of relationship.

More severe than this struggle, however, is the complacency to wallow in cumbersome legalism.

Editor's Note:

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Her commentary is the first to appear as part of "Your Turn" which spotlights the opinions of NNC students.

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MAJOR, OR SOMETHING ... WHAT DO YOU DO ?

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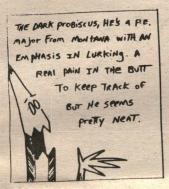
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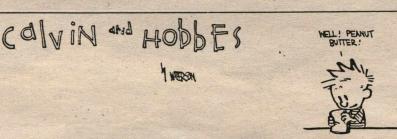








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*Faculty Meeting, 3:45pm

*Peggy Farnsworth (American Institue of CPS's) Presentation, 7:00pm @ Ad.

Building, room 201

*Junior Class Bible Study, !Opm @ **Williams Chapel**

Wednesday 19

*Chapel w/ Eric Ely, 10:15am @ College Church

*Senior Yearbook Pictures, 11am-6pm

*Weight Management Group, 6:15pm @ **420 Juniper, Nampa**

*Time Out, 6:30pm @ WMDR

*Fellowship of Christian Athletes w/ Ed Castledine 7pm @ gym

*Senate, 8pm @ Student Center Lounge *RA/PA Meeting, 8:30pm @ WMDR

Thursday 20

*Senior Yearbook Pictures, 11am-6pm *Steven Curtis Chapman & The Newsboys, 7pm @ BSU Pavilion, Select-aseat tickets

*Top Ten Cafe, 8:00pm-12:00am @ the **BRICK House**

Friday 21

By Schmelzenbach

*ASNNC Praise and Worship Chapel, 10:15am @ College Church

*Senior Yearbook Pictures, 11am-6pm

*Chapman Open House, 7-10:00pm

*Trombonist David Mathie, 7:30pm @ **Morrison Center Recital Hall, BSU**

Saturday 22

*R.U.S.H., 9-12pm

*Soccer vs. Western Basptist, 1pm

*Volleyball vs. AC of I, 7pm

*"Dracula" presented by Idaho Ballet, 2 & 8pm @ Morrison Center Main Hall, **BSU, Select-a-Seat**

Sunday 23

*Ministry to the Elderly, 1:30-3pm, meet in **Student Center Lounge**

*SAVETHE ORGAN Benefit Concert, 7:30pm @ Nampa First United Methodist Church

Monday 24

*Chapel, 10:15am @ College Church *Underclassmen Yearbook Pictures. 11am-6pm

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