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Basketball rocks the court for both intramural teams and for the Varsity leagues  
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## Column One

I love Hockey! It is the greatest game ever and there is nothing, absolutely nothing that anyone can do to change my mind. It was invented by Canadiens (eh!) and someday I will go to Canada just so that I can stand on a frozen lake where hockey was played and men were men! I love it, I love it, I love it!

O.K., that's enough grunting for one Column One. (It will have to do.)

Josh Dooley (World News Editor) and I got to go to the Steelheads game last Thursday and it was the greatest thing that I have ever seen. Especially since it was on press passes so we went for free. Hockey and free...you just can't lose.

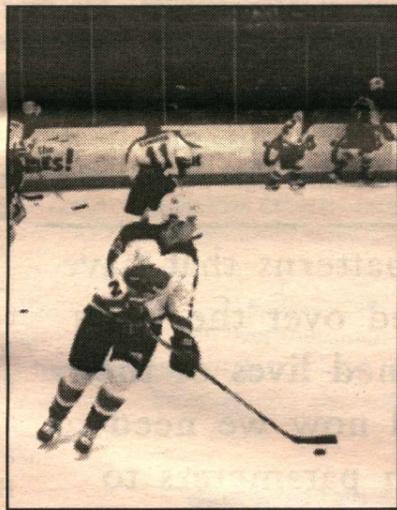
Life is great for other reasons too. *Sherman's Lagoon* Has joined our wonderful menagerie. Of course this has all been done for the enjoyment of the readers of this paper and was no way influenced by the hounding I recieved from Robin and Dave to put it in. NO WAY WHATSOEVER!!!

By the way: Those of you that still need dates to the Valentine's Banquet are pretty much out of luck but you will all try anyway and fail miserably.

Andrew J. Diehl  
Editor-in-Chief

Published by ASNNC to give Andy more space to further spread the doctrine of hockey!

## THE IDAHO STEELHEADS



The Idaho Steelheads are here and there are taking the ice at the new Bank of America Centre in Boise. Check out the cover story where you can meet some of the players and gain an understanding of the game.

Take to the ice with the Steelheads and an intro to Hockey. See pg. 8-

## President requests possible names

Andrew J. Diehl  
Editor-in-Chief

President Hagood is requesting possible names for the new dorm.

If a suitable name can be arranged by March the building can be dedicated at the next Board of Directors.

Any students or faculty that have suggestions can turn them into the President's office with an explanation of why they are making the suggestion.

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~George Stephanopoulos, White House adviser; 1995

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# TIME OUT

This week's speaker:

## Dave Coles

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unique time of praise and  
worship. Wednesday nights  
at 9:00 in the Science  
Lecture Hall

## Crusader love notes

Nathan, we're proud of you, son. You're the  
best! Love Mom and Dad

Monica, you're the one for me -- Bill

Linda, to prove my undying love, I'm knocking \$60  
off what you owe me. -- Dave

I love you, Hillary -- Bill

Romeo, was it worth it? -- Love, Julie

Jennifer, I'll love you forever -- Bill

I just thought I'd put in a love note to myself, because  
no one else deserves me. -- Hortence

Bill, don't close your eyes tonight -- Hillary

## Summit Meetings focus on

Members of Faculty, Administration, Support Staff and the Board of Regents

by Andrew J. Diehl  
Editor-in-Chief

Over the course of several weeks the administration of the college has made a giant move to unite the campus faculty to determine the direction of the college. In an exclusive interview with President Hagood, *The Crusader* learned of the purpose of these actions and their background.

The main move by the school has been to have summit meetings with various members of the faculty and members of the Board of Regents. The basis of these meetings stems back to first term and the discussion over terms and semesters.

Out of Dr. Hagood's decision to not recommend the semester calendar to the Board came the idea that the campus needs to understand its purpose to have a better grasp on its future. In the November sessions of the Board of Regents, Dr. Hagood made the recommendation to hold meetings during Christmas break to begin to better understand the college's position.

The board approved of these meetings and they were held on December 18 and 19. The meetings consisted of Division heads, Regents, four members of the administrative staff and two members of the support staff. Turn-out was exceptional: of the thirty-eight people

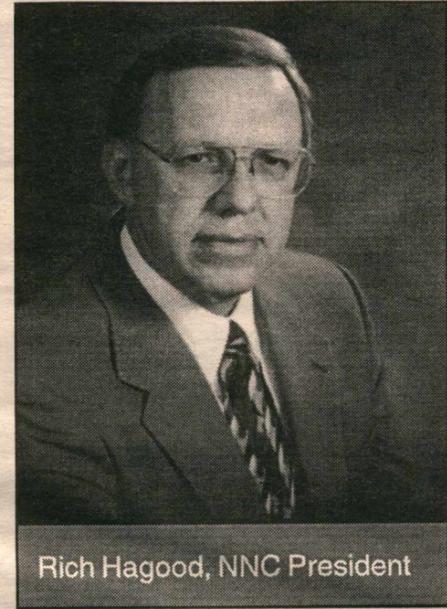
that were invited, 35-36 attended each session. **"Many patterns that have developed over the years have gained lives of their own and now we need to set down parameters to control them."**

The December meetings focused on the direction of the college and finding the vast perceptions that different areas of the school had. From this brainstorming session came four areas that the attendees felt were of significant importance. These areas were: financial, enrollment, marketing and administrative structure.

The financial health of the college is good in contrast to some rumors that have floated around the campus. Many of the practices though of the last twenty-five years are coming under review.

"Many patterns that have developed over the years have gained lives of their own and now we need to set down parameters to control them," stated Hagood. With this come many of the ratios that the school uses to allocate money. How much should be saved vs. money for scholarships must be evaluated. It is the perception of the general populace that college costs too much. The college needs to look at cost, quality and value to come to a point that maximizes all three

areas. The availability of financial aid to new students and the aid packages that are offered need to be competitive with the offers of other colleges without compromising financial integrity.



Rich Hagood, NNC President

Enrollment was a better for this year compared to this past year. The school is facing losing

last year's largest graduating class and a smaller incoming freshman class. The number of incoming freshmen was up but not yet up to previous levels. This loss becomes dollars as the school creates budgets for the next year.

Marketing of the campus is changing to reflect the change in the demographics of both the region and the Church of the Nazarene. As the largest portion of marketing emphases, the Church consists of 450 churches that range from the southeast plains of Colorado to the North Pole. Point Loma is the only other school that come close to covering such a large area only because of the state of Hawaii. This factor tightens what the school can do to engage with prospective students. Direct contact through church visits and summer camps and retreats are still the number one source of recruiting.

The second set of meetings were held on January 22 and 23. Many of the thoughts from the first meeting were focused and set into motion to be presented to the Board of Regents at both the March session and at the annual Regents retreat in August. Plans are in the works to see that the retreat includes more than just the Regents.

Looking to the next Regents meeting, there are several points on the agenda. The spring session traditionally is for the renewing and proposal of faculty contracts and the discussion and ratification of the next year's budget. This year's session will most likely include dedication services of the meeting suites in the Brandt Center and possibly of the new dorm.

Hagood was especially impressed by the spirit of the meetings and to see the different areas of the school's leadership come together.

"When reasonable people are given information, they come to a logical conclusion."

# Junior Class play prepares for opening next week

by **Becca Miller**  
Staff Writer

Murder - what better topic for a comedy? This is the subject attendees at the junior class play will relish next weekend. *Arsenic and Old Lace* puts a comic twist on this interesting subject.

As Holly Quick, a director for the play, puts it, the play "has a twisted plot." It is the story of two sweet old ladies who poison lonely old men and bury them in their cellar. They entice their victims by advertising rooms for rent, and then give them elderberry wine laced with arsenic. Deniece Miller, who plays "Aunt Martha" says, "Murder's always been a pastime for me, but I don't get to do it without any consequences." Their nephew Teddy, played by Steve Carlson is one of the play's most interesting (if that is possible) characters. He believes he is Teddy Roosevelt, and buries the bodies, which he believes are victims of yel-

low fever, in what he believes is the Panama Canal.

These three characters are joined by two other nephews, Mortimer and Jonathan. Mortimer, who is enacted by Joey Boerner, is the young hero. He is dating the pastor's daughter next door, Elaine (Norma Thompson) and is soon to marry her. He discovers the murders his aunts have been innocently committing, and unlike them, know their illegality. He decides to try to pin the murders on Teddy, who is known to be crazy. The other nephew is Jonathan, who is acted by Jose Melendez. He is a fugitive from the law, and brings with him Dr. Einstein (Lane Schmelzenbach), a German plastic surgeon, who changes Jonathan's face as a disguise. At the moment, Jonathan looks like Frankenstein.

It is a complex plot - you will have to see it to believe how it works together. The main point, however, is that it is a comedy. "It's going to be really funny," says director Cory Severson. Prepare yourself for a per-

formance full of hilarity - this is one comedy you will not want to miss. You should attend, because as Quick

says, "It will be a fun evening of death, deception, robbery, murder - everything that makes a play funny!"

**What:** Arsenic and Old Lace

**When:** February 19th-22nd at 7:30pm Thursday and Friday nights, 1:30pm Saturday, and 2:00pm Sunday

**Where:** NNC's Science Lecture Hall

**Who (the cast):**  
Deniece MILLER, Keri INGLE, Norma THOMPSON, Erin HARRI, Jeanine RIGGS, Jenny SUTTON, Joey BOERNER, Jose MELENDEZ, Lane SCHMELZENBACH, Steve CARLSON, Opey FREEDLE, Barry LEWIS

**Directors:**  
Cory SEVERSON & Holly QUICK

**How:** buy tickets at the NNC Bookstore or the door  
\$3 for adults  
\$2 for children, students, & senior citizens  
Admission price one dollar off on Sunday!

## In Our Community This Week:

**Valentine Roses** once again for sale by *The NNC Psychology Club*

*Three styles of high quality roses available. Red, White, & the popular Fire'n'Ice*

Each purchase includes roses and baby's breath wrapped in tissue paper with a message card hand-delivered for you at a designated time and place on Friday, Feb 13th.

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*A beautiful dozen stem ~ \$45*

*(off-campus deliver within Nampa is an additional \$3, but delivery of a dozen is free!)*

Roses will be sold in the Student Center starting Monday, Feb 9th. *However, quantities are limited, so don't wait!!! Order early* by stopping by the *Psych Department* and talking to *Dr. Glenna Andrews*.

*(All proceeds go to help fund psych research students' trip to the Western Psychological Association convention in New Mexico in April.)*

### Also on Campus...

NNC Monthly Crime Statistics Report for January 1998

Petty Theft: 1  
Grand Theft: 2

# Mr. NNC brings out the surfer...in Grandma Coles?

by J. Vito Montebalco  
Staff Writer

Freshman Dave Coles, with his Grandma drummer and Booger Man skit, clinched this year's Surfing Safari Mr. NNC pageant, while senior Ben Olson took first runner up.

"I was nervous the whole time. In fact, right before, I thought I was going to pass out, but overall it was a great experience," said Coles. According to Coles, he had done something similar to Mr. NNC at Valley View High School called Mr. VHS, in which he won first runner

up. But as Coles puts it "I am honored to be Mr. NNC, but nothing has changed. I am still the same Dave."

According to Lisa Litsey, this is the sixth Mr. NNC pageant, and in all of the past pageants, Coles is the first freshman ever to win. Other contestants for this year's Mr. NNC were freshman Chris Cowan, sophomores Matt Sanders and Sanchai Dean, juniors Luke Heath and Jeremiah Crane and seniors Matt Boyd and Ben Olson. The

judges for this year's pageant were Karen Blacklock, Marcia Bright, Dr. Karen Vehlow, Adra Bryant, Erika McCray, Kathy Burns, Stacey Berggren, and Jamie Mittelstaedt.

"I saw last year's Mr. NNC and thought it was funny, and when I was nominated to be in it this year, I was really excited," commented

Luke Heath. "I like to do acting, though I am not always able to, and doing Mr. NNC this year, coming up with the skits and all, was a lot of fun."

The pageant started with an introduction routine where contestants introduced themselves and did a couple of poses with their

surfboards. After this there were three skit sections; sports wear, talent and formal wear; each contestant performed a skit of some sort for each section. Some of the skits ranged from Coles' Grandma drummer to Boyd's fish slapping skit and Olson's Lord of the Dance number. After the skits were all finished, there was a little intermission with prizes for whoever was sitting in one of the special seats as well as for the best dressed, which went to Jenelle

Smith.

After intermission came the interview section where each con-

testant answered a question given by one of the judges. The questions ranged from, "If you could be an animal what would you be and act it out," to "What would you do with Chapman hall and why?" Another more

embarrassing question was "What would your roommate want everyone here to know about you?" These questions were to be answered as best as possible by each contestant and they were judged accordingly.

Once the interviews were over a video called *Goldencape* was shown, starring Mike Mueller, former Mr. NNC, as 00821994, a James Bond type character. "Joey Boerner came up with the script and did the editing for the movie," Mike Mueller said. Next came the last routine number by the contestants and the final walk of the former Mr. NNC. The last event was the awarding of the new Mr. NNC with his crown and robe along with announcing the first runner up.

Mr. NNC is usually put to-

gether by a student director with the help of the freshman class council and the former Mr. NNC, though this

year Lisa Litsey, freshman class council adviser, did the directing. Some past themes have been "Tool Man," "Welcome to the Jungle" and many more. Mueller and Boerner were the MC's for this year's pageant.

"It was a good time, all I have are great memories from being a part of Mr. NNC," Mueller said. "I was sure scared, though, from last year until now, about being the MC, but once it all started it turned out great."

Mr. NNC is one of the many ways that the NNC community donates money towards March of Dimes, an organization that helps disabled children. This year 934 dollars, along with an additional 340 dollars from the Uniglobe Plane throwing contest and approximately 250 dollars from the wing challenge, were raised and will be donated to March of Dimes.

"I think Mr. NNC is a great way to raise money for a good cause and it should be looked at as a time for people to have fun and to laugh," Mueller commented.

**"I was nervous the whole time, in fact, right before, I thought I was going to pass out, but overall it was a great experience." ~ Dave Coles, reigning Mr. NNC**

**"I think Mr. NNC is a great way to raise money for a good cause and it should be looked at as a time for people to have fun and to laugh." ~ Mike Mueller, Mr. NNC 1997-98**

Sophomores Heather Staffenson, Carrie Seaney are looking for two people to join their band. They need a pianist and a guitarist. If you are interested in auditioning, please contact either one of them via campus mail, phone, or e-mail.

## NNCalendar

February 22 - 10	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Weekend 14-15</b>
	9:00a Mid-terms due 10:15a Faculty/Staff Fellowship - WDR <b>JR Class Play</b>	10:15a Chapel 9:00p Time Out	Lincoln's birthday <b>Junior Class Play</b>	10:15a Chapel	<b>JR Class Play-Matinee</b> Valentine's Extravaganza
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Weekend 21-22</b>
10:15a Chapel President's Day	8:30a-12:00p COMP Exam 3:30p Faculty Mtg 7:30p MBB-Alberston	10:15a Chapel 5:30p-7:00p Freshman RA mtg-WDR 9:00p Time Out <b>Mangum Lecture Series-Rev. Steve Doerr</b>		10:15a Chapel	7:00p WBB-Alberston ASNNC Event-after MBB game

### Looking Ahead in February:

**May 16th:**  
Chapel for Professor of the Year

**May 21nd-23:**  
District Assembly at College Church

**May 22nd:**  
Pre-Registration closes  
Combined Choral Concert - SLH

REVIEWS

Classy Nampa restaurant

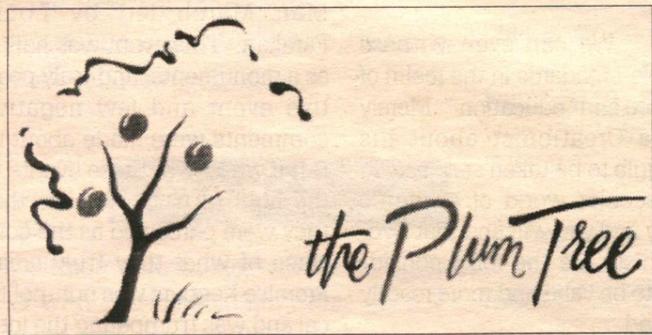
Akroyd reprises Elwood in this campy sequel

I have discovered a really nice restaurant--in Nampa of all places! Perhaps others have already discovered it, but I am the first person to write a review on it, so therefore, I can claim, in legitimate print, that I, Gina Grate, have discovered the Plum Tree.

It doesn't quite fit. You'd never guess a place like this would be here. But there it is, on 604 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South, Nampa (on the same street as the Nampa Civic Center, further down on the left, for my fellow women readers; no one shoot me for being sexist against my own gender).

Now, I must admit, I'm a Denny's kinda girl. I actually LIKE those twenty-four hour, smokey restaurants where the coffee is bad and the waitress asks, "Did you want meat with that grease?"

But the Plum Tree was a fun, once-in-a-term kind of thing. It's a furniture store with a restaurant in the back. I happen to think furniture is cool, especially exotic furniture which, to me--not a furniture expert--looks like its been unearthed by archaeologists from vine-entangled palaces in South America,



or stolen in the dead of night from ancient palaces in China. Some of it looks like its been purchased from European museums too.

The menu is pricey, so it's a good thing to save up a little to eat there. Guys (or girls) could also take

girls (or guys) there to impress them, if he (or she) seems to like that kind of thing. Average prices at lunch are around \$9. Depending on what you're hungry for, supper prices can be anywhere from \$9 to \$23.

The Plum Tree offers salads: classic caesar(\$7.95), sesame duck and spinach(\$8.95) or mixed seafood louie(\$9.95) are some of the signature ones. At lunch, there are pastas: linguinne with shellfish (\$8.50) and fettuccine with chicken and mushrooms (\$7.50) are a couple. At supper, there is filet mignon (\$20.95), game hen (\$15.95), various fish and beef and pastas (three-cheese ravioli--\$8.50, cannelloni with veal--\$9.00). It may be expensive, but the portions are large.

And of course, you wouldn't want to forget dessert! The menu changes, but it consists of things like hazelnut cheesecake or a giant slab of spice cake dribbled with hot caramel and a scoop of heavy vanilla ice cream (this is what I had, yum!), a wide, flat slice of rich lemon tart, and so forth. The desserts are all \$4.

I recommend going just for dessert because it's cheaper, it's better than anything you'll get at Marriott, and it gets you into the atmosphere without emptying your wallet.

The Plum Tree probably isn't for everybody. But it was fun. Once.

Hours are Monday to Thursday--11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday's dinner hours are extended to 10 p.m. Saturday there are no lunch hours. Sunday it is closed.

**Plum Tree**  
604 3rd Street South  
Downtown Nampa

Reviewed by  
Gina Grate

Crusader Rating



Before I get underway, let me start off the same way the movie started off. *Blues Brothers 2000* is dedicated in loving memory to John Belushi, Cab Calloway and John Candy, all of whom passed away after the filming of the first Blues Brothers movie.

In 1980, the Blues Brothers Band was sent to prison for a list of traffic violations and felony charges that was a mile long. Now, 18 years later, Elwood Blues (played by Dan Akroyd) is the final member of the band to be released.

After his release, he is informed that his brother Jake (played by John Belushi in the original movie) died. Feeling down on his luck and seeing nowhere to turn, Elwood decides to get the boys back together to reform the original Blues Brothers Band. The only thing he's missing is a lead singer. While visiting a club, he meets Mighty Mac McTeed (played by John Goodman). Mac sings with Elwood once and from then on, it's chemistry.

Elwood also teams up with a 10-year old orphaned boy named Buster who helps him with harmonica and vocals. Personally, I thought throwing the kid into the script was just another weak attempt to involve the cute factor, but the kid could actually sing and dance, so it wasn't too bad.

*Blues Brothers 2000* is a pretty good movie, but there are a few things you need to be aware of before you watch it. First of all, it's a musical. After all, it's about a band, so a little music is expected. It will also help if you like blues music because this flick is chalk-full of blues legends and other musical bigwigs such as B.B. King, Eric Clapton, Bo Diddley, James Brown, Aretha Franklin, the original Blues Brothers Band, Steve Winwood, Blues Traveler, Paul Shaffer, Billy Preston, Wil-

son Pickett and the ever-so nauseating Travis Tritt (who isn't even a blues singer).

If you liked the first Blues Brothers movie, then you will most definitely like the sequel. It offers the same kind of exciting chase scenes involving the "Bluesmobile" and the police that we've all come to expect from the Blues Brothers. If nothing else, you should watch this movie to see the biggest freeway pile up ever witnessed by man. The giant wreck involved an estimated 50 cars. It was truly spectacular as well as extremely funny.

The sequel's biggest downside is the obvious absence of John Belushi's character, Jake. John Goodman is an attempt at filling Belushi's shoes, but a sad one at that. Goodman is overweight, but his similarities to Belushi end there. Goodman just isn't as cool or as funny as the original Jake Blues.

The Blues Brothers band has definitely started to show their age, but they can still play the blues. Even though many of them are balding, have white hair and a new spare tire in their midsection, they sounded as good as they did almost twenty years ago, if not better.

One scene in the movie that I could've done without, was one which featured Motown dinosaur, Aretha Franklin. She's really been packing away the twinkies in the last 18 years. Her neck alone must have gained 80 lbs. She was a tank. And to top it off, she was sporting a tight miniskirt. This woman needs to accept the fact that the phrase "foxy and over 50" is an oxymoron. She sounded good, but her sex appeal made me long for the better days of Chris Farley in his tu-tu.

Overall, this is an entertaining flick definitely worth a look. It has some cool action scenes, a lot of laughs and enough good music to keep you humming all they way home.

**Blues Brothers 2000**

Dan Akroyd  
John Goodman

Reviewed by  
Nathan Hydes

Crusader Rating



-Audience members of this motion picture younger than 13 years old should use parental guidance in viewing due to its mild language and violent content.

CRUSADER REVIEWS

Our Rating System

- ✓✓✓ KICKS SOME SERIOUS FISH!!
- ✓✓ GOOD STUFF.
- ✓✓ DEPENDS ON YOUR TASTE.
- ✓ BUDGET HOUR.
- ☛ RISK OF DAMAGE.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

[In response to articles and letters rebutting Ms. Edwards letter which appeared in the January 28 issue of *The Crusader*]

I have received three letters in response to my letter regarding Mr. Fraley's article [November 25, 1997]. Rebuke is never easy for either party to give or receive.

Since you have opened *The Crusader* to be an open forum, I would like to inform the students about an evil God hates; namely **SLANDER**. David tells us in Psalm 15 what we should add to our lives and what to erase. Verse three gives us three things we are NOT to have in our lives if we are to dwell permanently on His holy hill: 1) "He who does not SLANDER with his tongue, 2) nor does EVIL to his friend, 3) nor takes up a REPROACH against his neighbor."

God hates SLANDER, EVIL AND REPROACH because when we seek to destroy another person's life, we're tapping into a long line of EVIL. We reflect characteristics from Satan's family, not God's. I Peter 3:12 says He turns His face away from evil, He hates it so much. *Satan is the accuser of the brethren, not us.*

There is no "freedom" when we speak EVIL of a Brother or Sister or even of our fellowman/woman. EVIL words only bring us Satan's bondage. We will all stand before God one day and give an account for every word spoken.

Now, you may not agree with the statement I made that "Pat Robertson is God's FAVORITE person." But I'd like to show you how I arrived at this TRUE statement from the word of God.

The Psalmist David knew he was God's favorite when he said, "By this I know that you FAVOR and delight in me..." Psalm 41:11a. Many other scriptures refer to God's FAVOR upon His children; a few of these are Is. 26:10-12, Job 10:12 and Prov. 3:4.

Webster describes FAVORITE as "a person liked very much and granted special privileges as by a king, regarded with special liking, or more highly than others." The definition of FAVOURED is almost identical.

To be the "apple of one's eye" is to be one's FAVORITE or FAVOURED. We, the righteous, or the apple of God's eye. Every one of the

*(Continued top next column.....)*

## Staff Infection

Is this thing loaded ... Deep thoughts by Dave: I think everything who eats at Marriott is a chicken because you are what you eat ... I am going to go change ... You are a god ... Would you help me take over the world? ... I got cookies because I don't have any girls to give me anything ... I think it's sweet ... I think it's a silly excuse... Why can nobody read my mind, this is a problem!

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*(Continued from previous column)*  
students and faculty of NNC are God's FAVORITE PERSONS. He only made one of you and has a unique PURPOSE in making you for His honor and glory.

There is no doubt in my mind that Pat Robertson is God's FAVORITE person also. God has FAVOURED him and bestowed great things upon him.

I don't believe that God is pleased even when we SLANDER an evil person who may be

our enemy. He rather teaches us to PRAY for our enemies and even to BLESS them.

Also there is a real temptation to SLANDER President Clinton right now. But we are told in God's Word to pray for those whom God places in authority over the nations. Only God knows the whole TRUTH and will bring down powers as per his will. It is my earnest prayer that "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven."

In Jesus' LOVE,  
Delores "Dee" Edwards

Dear Editor:

In past years, our men's basketball team has made it deep into the finals by defeating higher ranked teams. Why? Because of our "sixth man." What people don't realize is the fans can determine the game. Our crowd used to make our players play above their abilities, intimidate opponents into conceding, and could include themselves as part of the victory. When one of our guys would dunk, bleacher boards would be broken, people would be falling  
*(Continued next page.....)*

## Ponderings on a double-standard

by Chris Field  
Staff Writer

Not wanting to sound negative, allow me to preface my comments with a disclaimer: "I don't want to sound negative. I am not negative." Is that clear enough? I guarantee that someone reading this article, maybe even you, will say that I'm too negative and nitpicky, even after reading my previous statement.

The issue that I desire to confront is that of double-standards. Not the typical double-standards we see around here, such as supposed "Christians" partying on the weekends or professors that tell us we should attend chapel and then don't themselves. (Where are you faculty? I thought we were "one body." Whatever.) No, these are not the hypocrisies I desire to discuss now.

What I'm talking about are the ignorant allowances made for certain persons or groups and not for others by the liberal media (redundant?) and the rest of the country. I realize that life isn't fair, but we can limit our own hypocrisies. I also understand that life isn't logical, and that's fine. As Paul Harvey said, "If life were logical, men would be the one's riding side-saddle."

What I do want is for anti-conservative and anti-moral treatment to end. Was I redundant again? (For those of you whose blood-pressure jumped by thirty points after the question you just read equating conservatism and morality, I was making a joke. If you're so uptight and looking for a reason to be mad, then stop reading and go take a nap or, better yet, a suppository.)

For example, why am I considered narrow-minded if I regularly tune-in to Rush Limbaugh, but open-minded if I follow Larry King? King is as

liberal as Limbaugh is conservative. Why the difference? I think the answer is obvious.

These double-standards are also found in the arts. Have you ever noticed how some people (usually Libs) clamor for the government to support the arts with words and money, but if one group suggests censorship, these same people are up in arms? If the government cannot say what is wrong with words or money, then it should not be able to say what's good.

What about in the job market? Never should a man be hired on the basis of his skin color, never. Ability is what counts, or it should be, at least. In today's warped society, though, I would be seen as being a conscientious, compassionate person for hiring a man because he's black. But if I were to hire a man for being white, then "racist" would be my label.

We can even witness double-standards in the realm of science and "education." Merely ask a Creationist about his struggle to be taken seriously in the secular world of scientific study and you will find that Evolutionists are the folks considered to be valid and more readily heeded.

Does anyone out there remember Clarence Thomas? He was portrayed as guilty of sexual harassment/misconduct by the media, but they continue to support their boy, Bill. And what about the women in these cases? Anita Hill was

fully supported by the NOW gang, but they're nowhere to be found with Paula Jones. Interesting. Sickening. Hypocrites.

Our country also equivocates when it comes to groups that have the same goal. A few summers back the nation's professional baseball

players went on strike and were characterized as greedy men who didn't need more money. But just this past summer the striking UPS workers were hailed as heroes by many because of their stance and willingness to fight for what they believed was rightfully theirs. Please don't come back with the standard reply that the baseball players were already millionaires and didn't need the money. This is a matter of principle--both groups were claiming what they believed was entitled to them. It's called "what the market will bear."

Finally, Promise Keepers had an enormous rally in early October, but the media and those without a clue (redundant?) labeled it as a political movement and detrimental to women. A few years ago, on the exact same plot of land, there was an event called the Million Man March led by Louis Farakan. This event was hailed as a monumental and truly positive event and few negative comments were made about it. But if we look at these events in the light of truth, we see that they were perceived as the converse of what they truly were. Promise Keepers was non-political and was trumpeting the idea of racial unity. The Million Man March, on the other hand, was led by a man who preaches a hatred of whites and Jews, but

is seen as a hero of "his people." (I don't want to sound completely critical of Farakan: he does demand that black men take responsibility for their lives and families.)

Let's end double-standards and hypocrisy. It helps to remember that the elite are not always right, and the media rarely is. And if we see something as a double-standard, we can't afford not to call it what it is--wrong.

### The Million Man March...was led by a man who preaches hatred

# The Monogamy Game revisited

by Judi Watkins  
Advertising Manager

Last year's *Crusader* ran a fun/serious article and board game titled, "The Monogamy Game." It provided several laughs and hopefully some serious thinking about the subject of love and marriage on the NNC campus. I enjoyed it like everyone else, but since my perspective is a bit different than that of the average student, I also wondered about the other side of the coin--you know--the *positive* side. So being the serious little researcher that I am, (no laughing allowed here, Dr. Waller) I decided to ask a few questions and then share the answers with you, the reading public, who probably doesn't care. Nonetheless, serious research should never be disregarded, so here it is as follows:

The age of the average student on our campus is around 20. My age is around 34 years more than that, which will account for the different perspective. I have also been married for 30 years and have three grown sons, a beautiful daughter-in-law and two wonderful grandchildren. Looking for a husband on campus didn't even *make* my list, much less top it, but it appears that many stu-

dents (not just women) come to college with the thought of leaving with a mate at the end of their stay. Now if you are expecting me to argue against, ridicule, or otherwise "pooh-pooh" this concept, I will have to disappoint you, because I think the idea is well worth pursuing. (No pun intended.)

So here comes the serious research. I didn't say I spent a long time on this, but I was serious for the thirty minutes or so it took. Do any of these names ring a bell? The Hagoods, Watsons, Hulls, Bowes, Beymers, Blacklocks, Brasches, Wenners, Neils, DeClosses, Schandorffs, Ketchums, Hills, Wallers, Bennets, Vails, Ponsfords... and I could go on, but seventeen names will do for now. Have you figured the common thread that ties that these folks together? Yes, they are all involved in and around the campus. Yes, most of them are employed by the college, and yes, several are instructors in the classroom. The other factor that you may not have guessed is that all of these couples met and subsequently married after meeting on a Christian college campus. Further, all but

two met right here at NNC. The other two met at Pasadena (now Point Loma), and I threw them in to show how liberal I am.

What's the point? Most parents send their children off to college in hopes that they are going to get a solid education and be prepared for LIFE. Some parents, (are you listening, Adam?) also hope that they will be fortunate enough to connect with that one person who will be a friend, lover, partner, and soul mate. We just hope that our children understand that while marriage should not be the main goal, it can be a marvellous bonus. So don't feel guilty if you have marriage on your mind, just be sure that it's what you are spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and maybe even financially *ready* for, and not what you think is *expected*. Have fun in college. Date, play the field, have a lot of friends of both sexes, and take advantage of the fine educational opportunities available here at NNC. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, (unless you wait thirty years like me and do it again). Above all, don't get desperate! A degree without a mate is not a lethal combination.

**A degree without a mate is not a lethal combination.**

What we were doing was standing, yelling, cheering on our team, encouraging and making them play above themselves.

We still have a small group of people who do yell and scream and have a few (Doyle, Brandon, Jesse, etc.) that still paint up and that is awesome! But not all of our loud fans are encouraging. This is another concern that I have and has also been addressed by near by professors and other students. I stand in the middle of the student section and hear some of the things being said from those who are our student leaders and it bothers me. What we need to remember when we walk into the gym is that we still attend a Christian school and our speech should reflect that.

When opposing players come in to play at our house, do they take with them a negative impression of our fans and what they say they stand for, or do they see a difference between our fans and a school like Albertson? Suppose a non-Christian comes to watch one of our games and all they hear is the crap that our crowd yells out. Would they leave wondering, "Is that what Christians do?" What kind of witness is that? What about those non-Christians who go to the school, seeing these same people up front in things like Chapel and

Time-Out. Is being a Christian like a job where you only have to do it certain hours of the day or is it who you are? It is easy to get caught up in the excitement of the game, but we need to be careful of what is said. It can lead people away from what should be our higher priority than winning a basketball game and that is to be a witness for Christ.

At Promise Keepers a couple of years ago, the theme was "Raising the Standard." The world has set standards that have been accepted, no matter how high or low. It is our job as Christians to not only live by the standards of the world but to RAISE THEM! We should not lower ourselves to ripping on other players or throwing candy bars at the opposing team's cheerleaders. We had a taste of what our crowds should be like this last week end against Concordia. February 17 is our last seasonal home game against Albertson. We have seen the worst in a crowd the last time we played them. Now, we need to show them the best in a crowd. Let our team and our sixth man do the talking on the court, not from the stands. Raise the standard of NAIA crowds and support our Sadars to victory!

-Kyle Buck

## Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues

**For you, what connection lies between this Friday being Friday the 13th and Saturday being Valentine's day?**



**Bekah Kunz**  
Freshman  
Physical Therapy  
Oregon, Wi.

"For those of you who know the Morrison first floor girls, you know what the 13th brings."



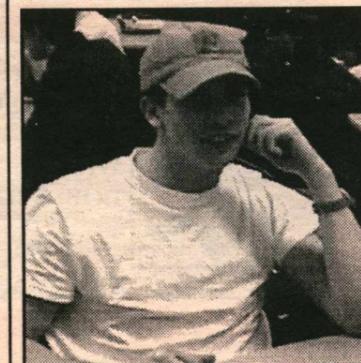
**John Greentree**  
Junior  
Accounting  
Littleton, Co.

"It brings up the whole vision of *The Exorcist* in some form. The spinning head thing scares me."



**Jerla Chatelain**  
Junior  
Elementary Education  
Connell, Wa.

"There is no connection."



**Daniel Epley**  
Sophomore  
History / Physical Education  
Anchor Point, Ak.

"It must be some sort of omen. I don't want to sound like a retard, but... This is going in, isn't it? Shoot!"

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

(Continued from last page....) over, yelling, screaming, almost hyperventilating, and the crowd would be going into a frenzy! Now, I'm not sure we can still say that. What happened?

When I first came to school, we had to get there twenty minutes early just to find a place to **stand!** When another team comes in to our house, they used to see hundreds of people standing, some of them painted up, yelling, screaming, encouraging our team. Now they see about fifty or sixty people standing, maybe half of those cheering and the other half silently watching. What has happened? Do we not have to cheer as loud now because our teams are better than they used to be? Is it because we have a more talented cheer squad than in years past? We should take pride in being blessed with such teams. When we played BSU this year, we were playing a team that was a class above our Sadars. It should not have been a game but we were just a couple calls away from bringing home a victory. Why? Our one little sliver of fans in the Pavilion silenced their crowd! We were not picking out players on the opposing team and yelling at them or reducing ourselves in our representation of our school.

## MEET THE STEELHEADS



**Head Coach  
Dave Langevin**



**Rob Dumas (Doomahs)  
Defenseman  
Ht: 6-0  
Wt: 200  
DOB: 3/19/69**

**24**



**Sean Farmer  
Left Wing  
Ht: 6'4:  
Wt: 228  
DOB: 2/4/77**

**5**



**Troy Edwards  
Defenseman  
Ht: 6-0  
Wt: 225  
DOB: 2/2/72**

**11**



**Dmitri Leonov  
Right Wing/Center  
Ht: 5-11  
Wt: 190  
DOB: 2/5/75**

**19**



**Alain Savage  
Center  
Ht: 5-7  
Wt: 190  
DOB: 9/13/74**

**41**



**Marco Pietroniro  
Left Wing/Center  
Ht: 5-8  
Wt: 185  
DOB: 8/21/70**

**16**

# STEELHEADS BRING

By Andrew J. Diehl  
Editor-in-Chief

Boise is a unique city. It is small in relative size yet has major sporting venues that can continually attract crowds. Because of this ability, it has become the home to two professional teams: The Idaho Stampede, CBA basketball; The Idaho Steelheads, WCHL hockey.

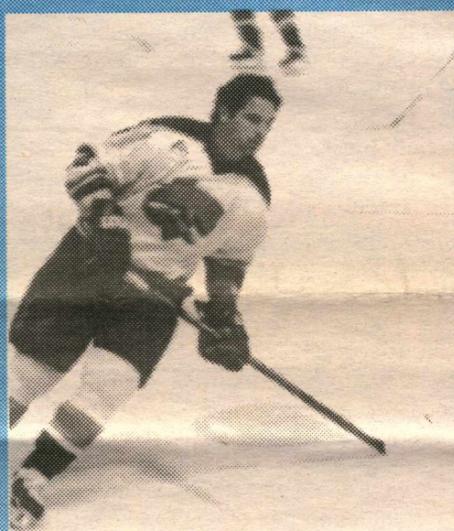
Hockey is a growing sport that is gaining popularity here in North America and abroad. The game originated in Canada and the majority of players are from that country. Players also come from the U.S. (mostly from the northern states) and Europe.

The Steelheads are a great team to watch for an intro course in hockey. They play fast paced action that continues throughout the game. Their energy continues until the end even when the team is down by several points.

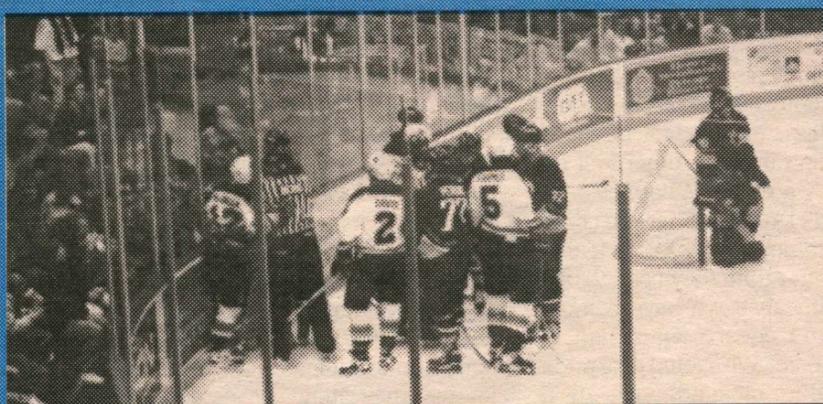
This is the inaugural season for the West Coast Hockey League and consists of nine teams which include: the Bakersfield Fog, the Reno Rage, the Anchorage Aces, Fresno's Fighting Falcons, the Phoenix Mustangs, the Tucson Gila Monsters, the Tacoma Sabercats, the San Diego Gulls and the Steelheads.

Steelheads play in the Bank of America Centre. The Centre is part of the Grove Hotel and is a 6,000 seat venue that allows a great view from anywhere in the house. There are two levels to the Centre. Seats are best at the top of the lower section but sitting on the glass is cool, too.

Hockey is an easy sport to understand once the basic rules are applied.



The player's skating ability is essential to his effectiveness on the ice. Most players have been on skates since childhood.



Due to the violent nature of hockey, fights do tend to breakout. Referees try to break up fights as soon as possible but even a light skirmish can become an all out brawl that brings the fans to their feet.



# HOCKEY TO IDAHO

Hockey consists of six men on each team: one goalie; two defense men; two wings, left and right; and a center. The responsibilities of the players are divided up along their titles. Goalie protects the goal from the other players trying to place the puck in the goal zone. Defense men hang back and help pull the puck from the goal and down the ice to the offense. The wings cover the sides of the opposition's goal and pass between each other to outwit the goalie. Center plays the center of the ice and directs traffic between the wings and adds another element that the goalie needs to track. The defensemen can also come forward but are the first to return if the puck goes back home.

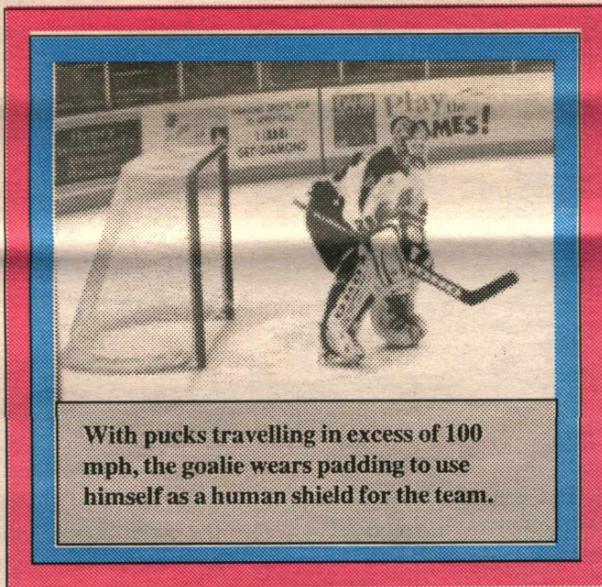
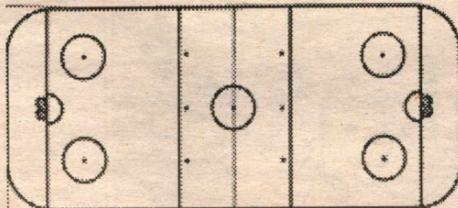
Passing is essential to the game of hockey. There are five lines that the players need to keep track of. These lines determine offsides and icing calls.

Icing occurs when a player passes the puck from his side of the rink to the opposition's side and past their goal. If they

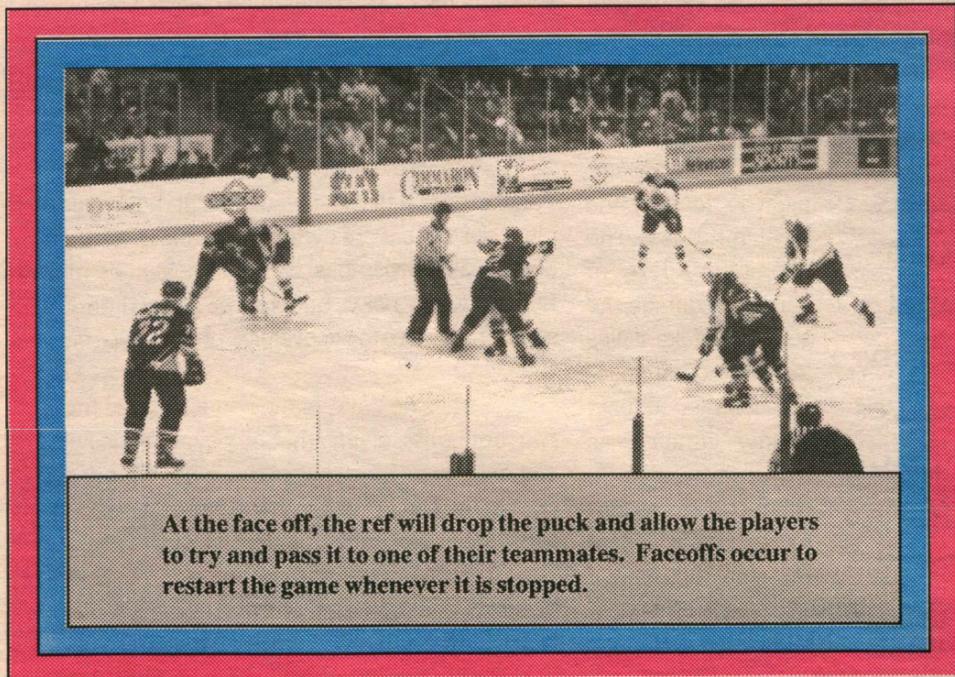
score, there is no icing if one of his teammates gets to the puck before the opposition. Icing brings the puck back to the offending team's side of the rink. Offsides occurs when a player doesn't pass before crossing the middle line.

Personal penalties are punished by sending a player to the penalty box. This leaves his team shorthanded. The other team has what is known as a power play. Because they have more men on the ice they have a better chance of scoring. Personal penalties include cross-checking and fighting.

Hockey is great sport for both the players and fans. The high speed and actions as the teams race for the puck is amazing. The checks and slams into the glass will keep the spectators wincing as they cheer their team on to victory.



With pucks travelling in excess of 100 mph, the goalie wears padding to use himself as a human shield for the team.



At the face off, the ref will drop the puck and allow the players to try and pass it to one of their teammates. Faceoffs occur to restart the game whenever it is stopped.

## STEELHEAD STATISTICS

Of the nine teams in the West Coast Hockey League, the Idaho Steelheads are third in attendance beating out cities such as Phoenix, Ariz., Fresno, Cal. and Reno, Nev. The Bank of America Center attracts almost 5,000 people per game.

The Steelheads are in the North Division of the West Coast League. Of the four teams, Idaho is currently in third place. The Tacoma Sabercats are in first with a record of 27-12. The Anchorage Aces are second followed by the Steelheads and the Reno Renegades are bringing up the rear with a record of 14-24.

The top scorer for the Steelheads is forward, Alain Savage, who has contributed to 63 points over the season. Savage scored 32 of the points himself, the other 31 he assisted.

Another team leader is left wing Lee Svangstu who has the highest scoring percentage of 21.1%. Unfortunately, Svangstu also leads the team in the amount of time he's spent in the penalty box. His current record is holding at 180 minutes.

## STEELHEAD SCHEDULE

All of the following are home games beginning at 7:00 p.m.

- Feb. 12 - v. Tucson Gila Monsters
- Feb. 13 - v. Tucson Gila Monsters
- Feb. 19 - v. Fresno's Fighting Falcons
- Feb. 20 - v. Fresno's Fighting Falcons
- Feb. 26 - v. Tacoma Sabercats
- Feb. 27 - v. Tacoma Sabercats
- March 4 - v. Phoenix Mustangs
- March 12 - v. Fresno's Fighting Falcons
- March 13 - v. Fresno's Fighting Falcons
- March 18 - v. San Diego Gulls
- March 27 - v. Tucson Gila Monsters
- March 28 - v. Tucson Gila Monsters

Tickets can be purchased at the box office at the Grove Entrance or by calling 331-TIXS. Youths 16 and under range from \$8 to \$13 while adult prices go from \$15 to \$20 depending on the location of your seats.

# One man buys back the freedom for 132 Dinkan slaves

by Joshua M. Dooley  
World News Editor

MADHOL, SUDAN -- A Christian outsider made an exchange of currency, worth \$13,200, for 132 slaves.

Akuac Malong, a young Dinka girl, spent seven years, which was more than half her life, as a slave for an Arab in northern Sudan. Only the memories of the beatings, near-starvation, mutilation and attempted brainwashing are with her now. "I thought it would be better to die than to remain a slave," she said.

Akuac's mother, Abuong Malong, couldn't help but to sob as she finally got to see her daughter for the first time in seven years claiming that "it's like she's been born again."

The only way Akuac's mother would recognize her was by Akuac's straight, square teeth. "She was very small when she was taken, her features have changed, but she came back with the same spirit."

When Akuac's mother was asked to recollect the memories she had of the fateful day, she remembered that they were fetching some water when the Arab militiamen came on camels and horses into their village. The raiders began shooting at the clusters of mud and wattle huts and rounding up cows and goats.

Afraid of being killed if she pursued the horseman, Akuac's mother was forced to watch her daughter be taken out of her life.

After the attack, the women and older children were forced to carry the loot that was taken by their captors. Some time after, Akuac was sold to an Arab in Kordofan who made her wash clothes, haul water, gather firewood and help with the cooking.

Her only means of survival were table scraps and a kitchen for sleep. "I was treated badly," Akuac said. If that wasn't bad enough, her master tried to make her into a Muslim by taking her to a mosque and giving her the Arabic name of Fatima. Still she managed to keep her Christian faith, praying and singing hymns in secret and never forgetting her real birth name.

At the age of 11, she was forcibly circumcised with her master's daughters. "It was very brutal. It is strange to our culture," she said. "The master told me, 'If I don't circumcise you, I will have to kill you because you will still hold the ideas of your people, and you will try to escape.'"

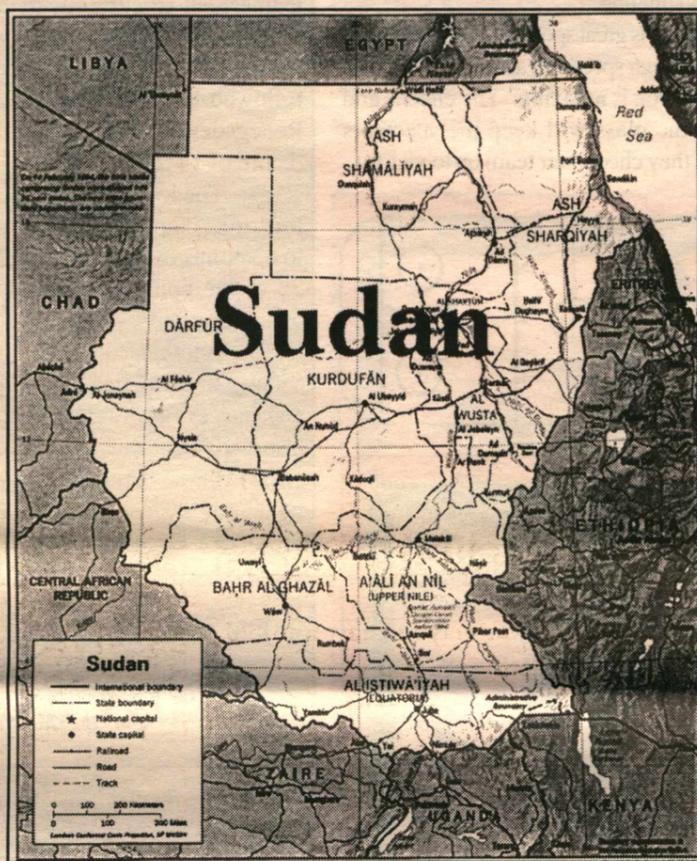
News for her brother wasn't as good though. He was killed two years ago at the age of 13, trying to escape.

Another lady, Akec Kwol Kiir, in her 40s, says she was often raped by soldiers who took her north. At the end of the trek, she found herself at a camp where slaves were bought and sold. "They treated us like cattle," she said.

Unlike Akuac, when Kwol's master tried

to have her circumcised, she refused and was slashed for it. Eventually she gave in, "otherwise they would have killed me. Because I was a slave, they had the right to do whatever they wanted to me," she said. Fortunately for Akuac and Kwol, Madhol came along and bought them back along with 130 other former slaves from a trader who calls himself Ahmed el-Noor Bashir.

Since Sudan's independence in 1956, southern rebels, mainly black Christians and followers of tribal religions, have fought for freedom from the national government of Khartoum, which has been monopolized by northern Arabs for all but a decade. It is believed that the North is try-



ing to impose Islam and the Arabic language and to dominate Sudan's wealth.

Approximately 1.5 million Sudanese have died from fighting, famine and disease since the rebellion had resumed 14 years ago, which is more than those who died in the genocides and civil wars in Rwanda or Bosnia. Another 3 million people have either fled or been forced from their homes.

Much of the fighting that has occurred on the side of the government is done by the local militias. The radical leaders of Sudan encourage the soldiers to take slaves for their compensation for their unpaid bounty, which is as old as the war itself, claim U.N. investigators and the U.S. State Department.

The most valuable slaves are young women and children. According to Eibner, the old people are beaten and robbed while young men are killed. This happens in this select type of people because they can't be trained to be useful, but harmless slaves.

Bashir claims that he doesn't do it for the money, but for humanitarian reasons because hu-

**"The master told me, 'If I don't circumcise you, I will have to kill you because you will still hold the ideas of your people, and you will try to escape.'"**

man lives can't cost money. "My father is Arab, but my mother is Dinka. When I see my mother's people are suffering, I must do something," he says.

Unfortunately, many of those families who have lost cattle and crops to the raiders aren't able to afford Bashir's price of five cows or the equivalent of \$100 in cash for each slave returned.

Eibner isn't reluctant to give the ransom because he realizes, though Bashir seems well off, if he is caught in the effort, he will be a dead man. For this reason, the slave caravan only traveled when the moon was at a "melon slice," or a sliver.

The walk took three-nights and wearied the 132 freed women and children. The infants of Arab fathers were carried on their raped mother's backs. Through the years, the abuse came to be known through bruises and scars.

"According to the Khartoum's regime ideology of jihad, members of this resistant black African community -- be they men, women or children -- are infidels, and may be arbitrarily killed, enslaved, looted or otherwise abused," Eibner stated.

The Sudanese government claims that they don't take part in slave ownership and insists that the practice continues because holding prisoners for ransom is a tradition rooted in tribal disputes.

It is said that the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army has forcibly recruited teen-age boys into its army. The southern blacks, however, don't take Arab prisoners for slaves.

According to Paul Malong Awan, a regional rebel commander, the enslavement process is a government tactic used to weaken the morale and the military might of the South.

Many of the blacks that are taken into slavery are Dinka, a tribe consisting on a million members, and is the biggest ethnic group in southern Sudan. These people are so vulnerable because of the fact that they are close to the front that lies between the North and South.

Reports from Christian Solidarity International estimate that there are tens of thousands of black slaves that are owned by Arabs in northern Sudan. The Swiss-based charity has made more than a dozen risky, undercover bush flights to southern Sudan, to recover 800 of the slaves since 1995.

Alex de Waal, of the London-based group African Rights, claims that by paying large sums of money to free the slaves, the Swiss charity discredits the Dinkas living in the North who do the same secretive work for a fraction of the cost.

Eibner responded by saying, "There is no evidence to suggest that our work has undermined efforts to redeem abducted women and children. In fact, Dinka elders encourage us to press ahead with our activities."

## European balloonists return safely with memoirs

by Rachel Roemhildt  
Staff Writer

CHATEAU D'OEX, SWITZERLAND -- An attempt to circle the globe in an air balloon was unsuccessful after China refused to let the balloon enter its airspace. However, the three European balloonists, in the Breitling Orbiter 2, did set two time records.

Switzerland's Bertrand Piccard, Belgium's Wim Verstraeten and Britain's Andy Elson took off from the Swiss mountain village of Chateau d'Oex on January 28th. The crew stayed aloft for nine days, 17 hours and 55 minutes before landing in a rice paddy in Rangoon, Burma.

The crew did beat the existing records for the longest unrefueled flight by any type of aircraft, and the longest time spent aloft by a balloon. The balloon and its crew, however, were not able to surpass the record for distance traveled. The balloon

traveled a total of 5,258 miles with the existing record, by American Steve Fossett, being held at 10,000 miles.

Initially, the crew ventured out to be the first balloonists to circle the globe. If they had been let into China's airspace, they would have been able to pick up on the jet-stream wind that would have propelled the balloon across the Pacific. China later consented to the deal, but it was too late by that time.

Piccard said that they flew so low over Mount Olympus in Greece that he was able to hear the shouts of children. The Olympic flame was used to light the balloon's burners at its launch, according to the Associated Press. The crew flew until they ran out of fuel, and landed in Rangoon.

"It's been a fantastic adventure. I've enjoyed 99.9 percent of it and the other 0.1 percent of it was character building," said Piccard.

## Yeltsin's warning may add to high tensions in the Middle East

by Joshua M. Dooley  
World News Editor

WASHINGTON D.C. -- As of the fourth, reports showed that Iraq would offer to let U.N. arms inspectors into a handful of presidential palaces. At the same time Russian President Boris Yeltsin warned President Clinton that a U.S. attack on Iraq could lead to World War III.

"We must try... to make Clinton feel that with his actions in Iraq he can lead to a world war," said Yeltsin. A spokesman from the Kremlin was quick to state that, however, Russia was by no means threatening retaliation, but stating their position that this particular situation should be solvable by diplomatic means.

Shortly after Yeltsin made his statement, reports showed that Iraq has offered to allow some U.N. arms inspectors into the presidential palaces where weapons of mass destruction -- or records relating to their construc-

tion -- may be concealed. Apparently this is only a limited access.

However, Russian spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said, "One can hardly imagine a more ridiculous and absurd interpretation" of Yeltsin's statement than that Russian would take retaliatory measures if Clinton ordered an attack on Iraq. Still, Russia's opposition to an attack such as this shouldn't be taken lightly.

"He is acting too noisily there," Yeltsin said about Clinton's threat to a military strike.

Russia has felt for some time now that the U.S. is trying to establish itself as the only superpower on the world stage at Russia's expense. Russia could even feel that such an attack by the U.S. would only further isolate Iraq, to the sideline Russian diplomatic efforts.

Just hours before Yeltsin's statement, the Duma, Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov, insisted Yeltsin consider ending sanctions if the United States attacks Iraq.

### ...very briefly...

OLYMPIA WA --  
Washington State became

the 27<sup>th</sup> state to ban homosexual marriages on Friday when the state legislature overrode Governor Gary Locke's veto to enact the ban.

It was the Democrat's first veto override, but the governor said that he was consoled by the fact that the override meant Republicans would not send the gay marriage to the state voters in a referendum.

WASHINGTON D.C. -- Senate Budget Com-

mittee Chairman Pete Domenici said Saturday, he agreed with President Clinton that the surpluses should help shore up Social Security, but proposal using tobacco funds for Medicare. Clinton has said any future surpluses should go towards bolstering the Social Security system. His budget for next year relies on \$65.5 billion from tobacco legislation, which has not yet been approved, to pay for the new spending programs.

BOSTON MA --  
Boston University is suing

eight companies that sell term papers over the Internet, a medium that makes it convenient for students to buy ready-made essays on deadline. They say that they warn students not to pass off the papers as their own, but the school wants the federal courts to enforce a Massachusetts law banning the sale of term papers. The university sued a number of other term paper companies 26 years ago and won the case.

### This Week in History

Historical facts that may or may not deal directly with you

Dating February 8 - February 14

February 8, 1861 -- The Confederate States of America are formed.

February 9, 1870 -- The National Weather Bureau is created.

February 10, 1947 -- Italy signs a peace treaty with the U.S., Great Britain, France and the U.S.S.R.

1961 -- The Niagara Falls hydroelectric project begins producing power.

February 11, 1766 -- The Stamp Act is declared unconstitutional in a court in Northampton, Virginia.

1958 -- Ruth Carol Taylor is the first African American flight attendant for Mohawk Airlines.

February 12, 1908 -- The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is formed.

February 13, 1635 -- the first public schools in America open in Boston, Massachusetts.

1935 -- The first heart surgery for the relief of pain from angina pectoris is performed at Lakeside Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

February 14, 1859 -- Oregon is admitted to the Union as the 33rd state.

1929 -- Six gangsters are machine gunned to death in the St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

-- Compiled by Joshua Dooley

### Around the world in eighty words

Compiled by Ryan Dooley  
Staff Writer

#### Possible combination sought

@ Home Inc. is told to be in talks with Time Warner Inc.'s Road Runner unit about a possible combination of the two cable-Internet service providers.

Negotiations have yet to reach the serious part and no deal is imminent. The talks were first reported last week in the industry trade magazine, *Broadcasting & Cable*.

#### Possible Airport computer flaws

The computer security systems that controls access to 40 airports worldwide through electronic badges have a design flaw that could make them vulnerable to terrorism. A California computer security consulting firm found the flaw in December in an audit of a large California financial software company. Government buildings, including the CIA, and prisons and industries with sensitive military, drug or financial information or material also use the system and are vulnerable to attack.

#### Dinosaur bones found stolen

For six years, thieves have been looting the Russian Paleontological Institute, with stolen fossils turning up for sale in Germany, Japan and the United States. The thefts, at first, were small. The bones of a few amphibians that existed 240 million years ago disappeared. Then the thieves began to steal dinosaur skulls. The jawbone of a tarbosaurus is gone without a trace. "This is really a tragedy because this is a specimen on which a new species is based," remarked Maria Hekker, a scientist.

# Men win over Eastern Oregon

*Workin' Crusaders pull together to defeat a hustling Eastern Oregon team*

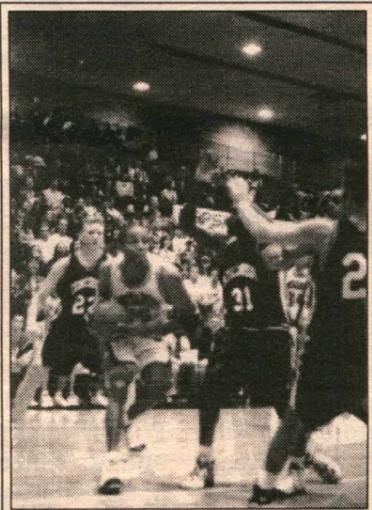
by **Jon DeRoos**  
Staff Writer

The NNC men's team found themselves in a dog-fight when they made the hour-and-half trip to LaGrande to take on Eastern Oregon University. The Mountaineers hung on despite four big runs by the Crusaders. At certain times during the game, it seemed as if NNC was going to be able to pull away for yet another Cascade Conference win, however the Mountaineers-- constantly keeping in striking distance--gave their home crowd reason to stick around until the very end.

"It's always tough down here," NNC coach

Rich Sanders said. "They're always scrappy here in this gym for us."

The Mountaineers (2-15 overall, 0-10 conference) stuck through every single spurt that the Crusaders made including an 11-3 run early in the second half, and a seemingly lights-out 17-4 late run. With only 12.6 seconds left following an Eastern 3-pointer, NNC led by only three points, 81-78.



Senior Jawanza Hadley drives to the basket against Concordia.

That's when Jon DeRoos, playing in his third game back from a stress fracture in his right foot, stepped to the line and iced the game hitting two out of two free throws. He finished the game with 17, coming off the bench for the Crusaders and knocking down 3-of-4 3-pointers, the first threes for the shooting guard

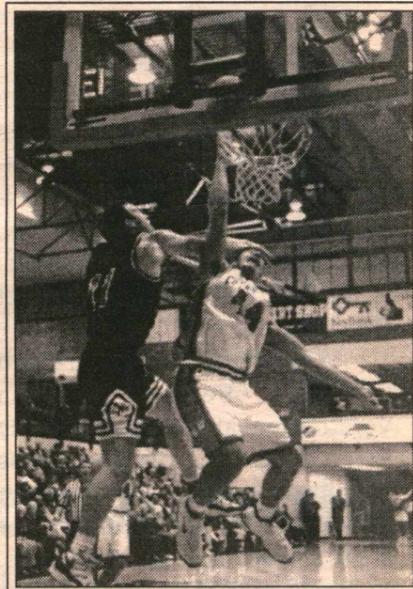
since his return.

Said Kai (Duece "K") Knell, "Against Eastern we made a lot of good spurts, but you have to give those guys credit; they never gave up. Its always tough to get a win out there. Its as if they have nothing to lose so they play real loose. Their crowd seems to have the same attitude. Those fans get rowdy regardless of their team's record--I don't think they (the fans) know that their team is zero and ten in league."

"They play their hearts out," said NNC point guard Brent Darnell. "After the game they looked exhausted." Darnell commented to Coach McDowell, "They look like a bunch of sweat boys (laughing)."

Jawanza Hadley, returning to Quinn Coliseum for the first time since earning the MVP award at the Quinn Classic tournament hosted by EOU on Dec. 5-6, led all scorers on Thursday with 26 points.

Knell added 18 points for the Crusaders who now take the 10 hour bus ride in order to take on



Kai Knell gets fouled by Concordia's center. Did the ref's see it?

Oregon Tech on Friday and Southern Oregon on Saturday. NNC is now 19-6 overall, and 9-2 in Cascade Conference play. Friday night against OIT, the Crusaders will be going for their 20th win of the season.

## Men on a winning roll at home

by **Hattie James**  
Staff Writer

The NNC Crusader men had three home games in a row these past two weeks, and have since maintained their undefeated-at-home record with the defeats of Northwest College 114-75, Concordia University 81-73 and Cascade College 90-60. These three games began the return to the starting line-up for senior guard Jon DeRoos, out for over a month with a stress fracture in his foot.

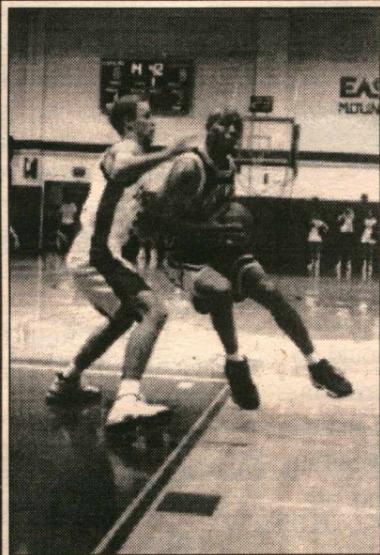
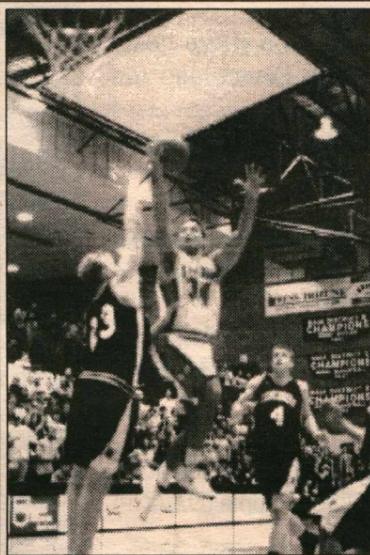
Saturday night, January 31, the 'Saders played Northwest College. The impressive point spread was not expected, but was well received. "We were on a roll," said Coach Rich Sanders, "and they were dragging by the end." However, the Crusaders did have to fight for all 114 points. The Crusaders had had a tough time with Northwest away, and were expecting a tough time with Northwest. Fortunately, the home win proved much easier. "We had a good ball game, and they had an off night," said senior center Jay Lassen. For DeRoos, the Northwest game meant his first start since his injury, and 23 points, 17 of which were in the first half. "I didn't even know what I scored in that first half; all I knew was that my shots were going in and I was having a lot of fun," he said of his night. Five of his eight 3-point attempts went in. The night was led by Kai Knell, with 24 points. NNC outrebounded Northwest 52-37, and assists were a lopsided

34-9. Junior Michael Ratcliffe led rebounds with eight, with senior guard Brent Darnell a close second with seven. Darnell led assists with 12, and DeRoos had five. As usual, the NNC bench did a great job keeping the score up. The biggest point of the night was scored by center Jeremy Lund, who hit a three that put the 'Saders up even more over their highest score

the game. His first shot was off, but he hit the second, sending the game into overtime. Darnell hit a three right at the beginning to give the 'Saders the lead. They did not relinquish it. Said Sanders, "We found a way to win." Senior forward Jawanza Hadley led the team with 24 points, while Knell had 17. In the end, two of Concordia's starters fouled out, giving the 'Saders a bit of an edge. Rebounds once again played a big role in keeping the 'Saders within sight of the win. Hadley had 12 of the team's 44 rebounds, while Lassen had ten.

Saturday, February 7, NNC had a slightly easier time with Cascade. Hadley led again that night with 18, and Knell and DeRoos both added 17. Once again, assists were abundant for NNC, with the team total at 20, while Cascade only had five. Rebounds were led by Hadley with eight, and every member that played, which was everyone but Ryan Brown, who was ill last week, had at least one rebound, giving the team 42. Cascade had 37.

For the next week, the team will be preparing for the games in Oregon, which will be crucial in determining where the Cascade Conference tournament is played, and by whom it is won. The game against Albertson at home is another big thing coming up for the Crusaders, who lost to Albertson three weeks ago in Caldwell. It's possible that this game will determine the league champions. "I hope we play better," said Sanders, "and avenge our loss."



Left: Brent Darnell soars above the Concordia defense this past Friday. Right: Jawanza Hadley defies gravity and scores at Eastern Oregon.

of the season. He finished the game with five points.

Friday, February 6, NNC faced Concordia University, a team they'd lost to earlier in the season. The 'Saders fought like mad in overtime to win the home game. With 2/10 of a second on the clock, DeRoos was fouled, giving him two shots and the chance to win

# Crusaders go 3-1 in past weeks

Lady Crusaders win three key games; Kirk voted Conference Player of the Week

by Melissa Tennyson  
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team went 3-1 in the past two weeks' games.

On Friday, January 30, NNC destroyed Concordia, 74-44 in a home game. Defense and poor shooting on Concordia's part were the keys for the NNC victory.

The Crusaders led from the start, jumping out to a 38-17 first-half lead holding the struggling Lady Cavaliers to just 21 percent on 6-for-29 shooting from the field. The Crusaders continued to build their first-half lead holding the opposition to 10-for-32 (.313) in the second-half. NNC shot .483 for the game, including 11 three-point goals.

NNC had five players in double-figures. Conference player of the week Staci Kirk led NNC with a game-high 16 points and 4 assists. Kirk recorded 4 three-point goals. Christy Farrar had 14 points on 5-for-8 shooting, including 4 three-point goals and 4 assists. Diana Smith, who has been a pleasant surprise lately for the Lady Crusaders, added 12. Lisa Sorenson, who connected on 3 three-point goals, had 11 points and hauled down 7 rebounds. Staci Wilson highlighted the game's only double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds in only 23 minutes of play.

On Saturday, January 31, NNC played Northwest College at home, crushing them 71-46. NNC led in the first half 37-24. NNC's strong

shooting accuracy (50 percent) compared to Northwest's 37 percent accuracy pulled them farther ahead in the second half, to win with a 25 point lead.

Three players took leadership on the floor. Staci Kirk led the team with 17 points, 4 assists, and 3 three-point goals. Staci Wilson played a strong game, with 14 points, 2 assists, and 17 rebounds. Lisa Sorenson contributed 12 points and 3 assists.

NNC had a solid 65-53 win in Friday's game against Western Baptist College. Team defense was a big key to the Crusader victory. The Lady Crusaders jumped up to a 5-point half-time lead (30-25) and came out strong in the second half taking it outside-in on outstanding play from Kirk, Wilson and Smith. NNC ran away from Western outscoring them 35-28 in the second half.

The Crusaders, who only shot 39 percent for the game, had three players in double-figures. Super-sophomore Kirk, who has single-handedly shredded opposing defenses thus far through league play tallied 20 points on 4-for-9 shooting including 3 three-point bombs and 9 rebounds. Wilson was close behind netting 17 points and gathering 4 rebounds. Post-player Smith was the only other player in double-figures with 13 points and 3 rebounds. Guard Jessica Knowlton led NNC with a game-high 13 rebounds.

Saturday's game against Western Oregon University proved to be an important loss for NNC, with a final score of 63-71. Wilson led

the 'Saders with 16 points and Sorenson and Smith both added 14 points. However, the ladies couldn't quite pull it together to win this game.

Coach Schmidt felt that "free throws and turnovers were our struggle." However, he felt, "the post players did really well. Smith came in real well off the bench, and Brooke Warren came in to pick up some good rebounds. We have more strong players now coming off the bench. We just need to eliminate mistakes. We need more consistency."

Sophomore player Warren commented, "This weekend, the games were both really important to us. The second game was a disappointment because we played hard, but we didn't quite get the job done. We were ready to play; we just didn't perform like we needed to." Assistant coach Stephanie Arland added, "the girls showed a little more heart in the second half of the game against Western, but they just didn't step it up enough to win."

Sophomore player Shanda Elwood summed it up pretty well: "Our biggest problem is inconsistency. We should have won the game on Saturday. The loss really hurt our chances for going to Nationals. But we are really improving as a team and since we're not losing any seniors next year, I know we can only get better."

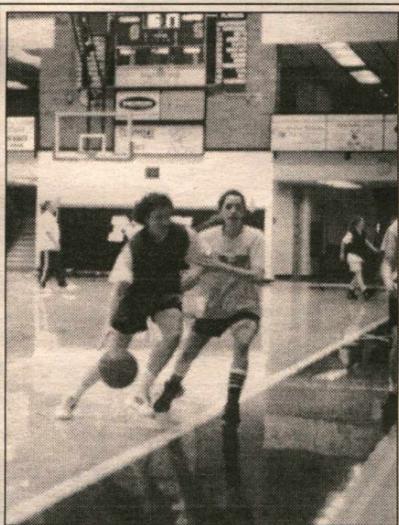
The Ladies will play their next game on Thursday against Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon.

## Last week of Intramural basketball

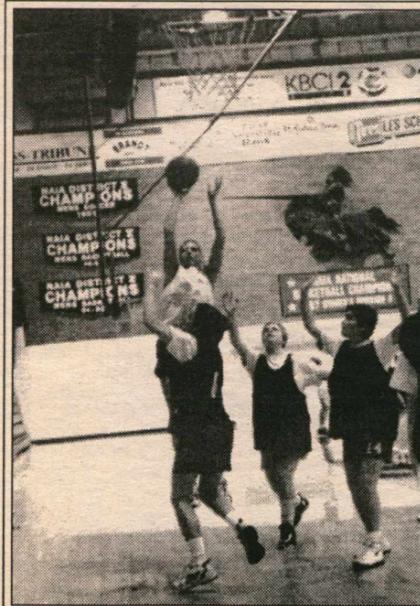
By the time that this issue of *The Crusader* is published, there will only be one day left of regular season games, before the playoffs.

League leaders are the Alumni team for the A league; the winner of Yellow Snow Makers and Hoosier Daddy for the B league; the winner of Monday's game between Cool People and \$ for the C league; and the victor between the Blue Flamers and Team Heitschmidt for the women's league.

Playoffs start on February 16.

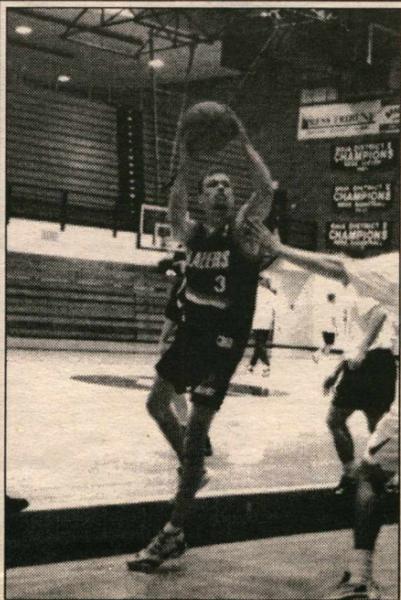


Senior Julia Hoffman of Suckin' Air drives and scores against the Shooters during one of Tuesday's games. Shooters went on to win the game, giving them their first win of the year. The Shooters play this week on Thursday at 7:00. They will be facing the Volleyball Team. Suckin' Air plays on Thursday at 7:00 also, facing Carly's Angels.



Above: Liz Benear sinks a jump shot in Volleyball's win over Carly's Angels.

Right: One of the Cool People puts the ball in over Slick's defense. Cool People beat Slick, 61-41, and are in first place in the C league. \$ shares the number one spot with Cool People, followed closely by the Hungry, Hungry Hippos. By the publication of this issue, all regular season C league games will have been played and the teams will be preparing for the playoffs.



### Intramural Basketball Schedule

2/12	North	South
7:00	W2-W7	W3-W6
8:00	W4-W5	B1-B5
9:00	B2-B3	B6-B7
10:00	A2-A3	A1-A4

2/16 Playoffs begin today. No schedule has been made available. Check the Intramural board in the Student Center lobby for further details.

2/20 King and Queen of the Court tournament. More details later.

# Top Ten

Top ten things people won't say when they see a Christian bumper sticker on your speeding car

10. Look! Let's stop the car and ask those folks how we can become Christians.
9. Don't worry, Billy. Those people are Christians - they must have a real good reason why they're driving 90 mph.
8. What a joy to be sharing the highway with another car of spirit-filled brothers and sisters
7. Dad, how come people who drive like that don't get thrown in jail ... can we get a bumper sticker like that too?
6. Isn't it wonderful how God blessed that Christian couple with a brand new BMW?
5. Stay clear of those folks, Martha. If they get raptured, that car's gonna be all over the road.
4. Oh, look! That Christian woman is getting a chance to share Jesus with a police officer.
3. No, that's not garbage coming out of their windows, Bert, It's probably gospel tracts for road workers.
2. Oh, no! We just rear-ended one of God's cars.
1. Quick, Alice, honk the horn, or they won't know we love Jesus.

Shamelessly kyped off the Internet in a futile attempt to print a top ten list that is actually funny.

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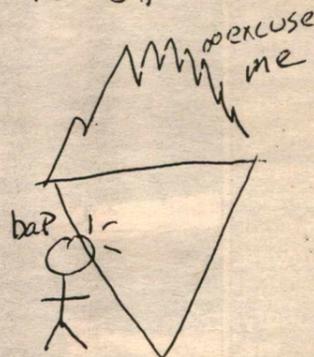
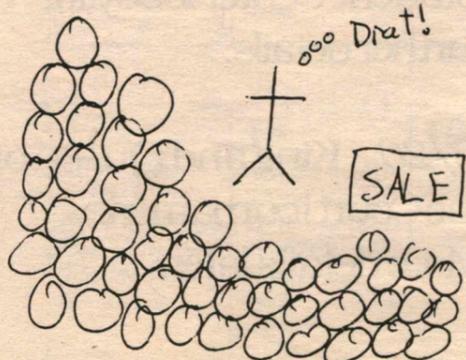
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## Poorly Drawn Man

By David Stillman

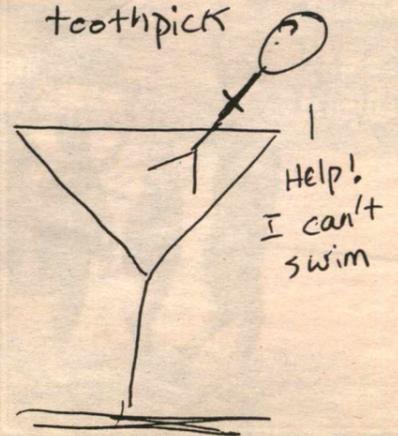
Poorly Drawn Man's greatest fears:

Losing his head in a tire store



Getting stuck by an iceberg while walking to Wiley

Being mistaken for an olive on a toothpick



Special

# The hand of God moves the backhoe

Twenty year old Dale recalls walking through the foot-deep, powder-like snow like it was yesterday. He was working in the median on interstate 84 underneath the Emigrant Part bridge between Pendleton and La Grande.

He was a welder/mechanic for a construction company which built bridges throughout the state. The air was a freezing 20 below and only his double-insulated Carhart coveralls stood between his fragile body and the elements of nature. As he walked up to the bone-crushing, blood-thirsty 510 John Deere backhoe, his anger overcame his good senses from the uninspiring lecture he had just received from his foreman.

He thought back to the words of Paul he had so doubtfully read the night before, "Be submissive to others out of reverence to Christ," and brushed them off like it was a human taboo designed to cause good standing citizens to become slaves to our modern bullies. He jumped into the machine frustrated, and soon let it become an extension of his fierce self. After only a few short minutes of letting it warm up, he took off and charged the piling he was ordered to clean up.

Many thoughts raced through his mind as he spent the next hour rearranging the forty-foot pieces of steel which he had been joining together. He thought about how only three months before he had come to this dreadful place, with all the fire of broken spirit struggling somewhere between the eyes of God and Satan. He recalled the pain he had suffered from the end of a wonderful three-year relationship with his girlfriend. His mind was anguished by the fact that he had been placing his ungodly life in faith of something entirely unseen and unproven to himself. "What a waste of

time," he thought. "How foolish I was to believe."

Dale had never known God before this time, and the pressures of secular society were really starting to get to him. He reasoned that if God really loved him, that he would be able to leave this forsaken place. Misery had become his friend, and his friends became his enemies. The drugs and alcohol he was using on a nightly basis no longer subsided the grief that encompassed him. What could he do, where could he

Half-way up the mountain of dirt he was climbing, the bucket of the dipperstick became lodged in the muddy snow and he could go no more. Furious, without using good reason, he swung the boom of the backhoe into reverse and took off. It took a turn for the worse. The machine started to tip sideways which Dale knew he was totally unprepared for. He was unbuckled and worse, he was totally unaware of what to do. As the machine rolled over, he grabbed tight onto the steering wheel, but was thrown onto the roll-over protection structure nonetheless. As the machine came to rest up-side down, the floorboards, and the eighty-pound battery came down on top of him, crushing his legs.

After the trauma of the accident subsided, Dale regained consciousness to the thirty-gallons of hydraulic fluid which was running out of the transmission box onto his face. He suddenly realized that he was alive! He carefully removed the bulk of steel that was laying on him and reached up and shut the machine off. Dale then climbed out of the broken machine, only to find that he had escaped with only minor cuts and bruises. "How did I survive?" he wondered. "God must have truly been with me! What a wonderful day this was!" Despite the fact that Dale's foreman was now going completely haywire and screaming every dirty word he knew, Dale walked a short distance away from the machine, fell to his knees, and prayed. "Thank you, Oh Lord, for delivering me from certain death! This day you have shown me that you are real, and that you are with me. Let it be known, that today I have died in this wreck to sin, and become alive in you, Christ my savior!"

Christian Thoughts  
-By Christian Love

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go? What a hopeless life this was, for not even the scale wages he was making could bring joy into his life.

Just then his foreman screamed to him with words of fire and a heart as cold as the wind that ripped through the pass. His foreman was severely lacking social graces and often included swearing in his speech to make up for his limited vocabulary. Dale became instantly inflamed with hate, and literally wanted to run over that man. He slammed the backhoe into high-gear and charged up a steep slope between the two highways racing on either side of him.

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