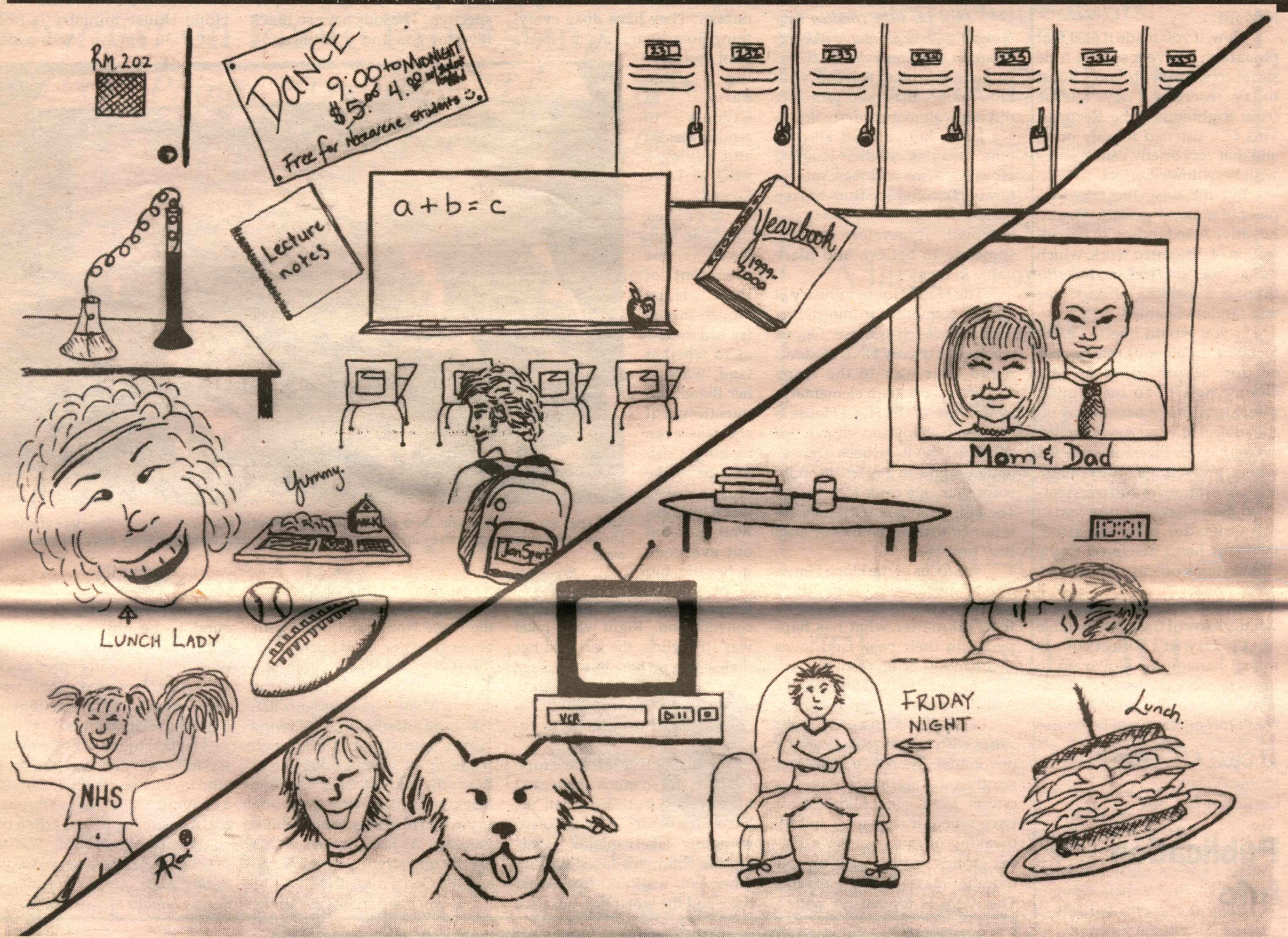


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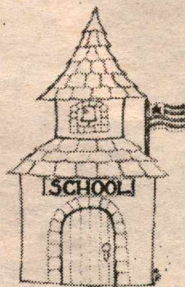
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Column One

Dear faithful readers,

Another Crusader publication nears completion. Another dawn draws closer. Life moves forward.

Now, if you made it past that paragraph I have a special little secret to share with you. I, just today, received a new release from Righteous Babe Records. This CD, listened to only once, and that very briefly, can be yours with very limited effort.

Let me describe this fine piece of musical genius. The innovative Arto Lindsay, in his collection of disjointed work, which he has labeled Prize (and how fitting), is a melding of dark jazz and random Spanish.

If you would like to be the lucky new owner of this limited edition album jump at this chance now!! To be eligible please submit a poem or essay on the subject of what Arto Lindsay means to you. Please include the words prefeelings, ex-laziness, and devastacao for full consideration. Submissions can be sent to the Crusader box, e-mailed, faxed, or hand delivered to the Publications offices. Added Bonus: The first submission will instantly be awarded a black and white glossy of the incomparable Mr. Lindsay. It's perfect both as a wall hanging or blown up to life-size proportions! It can also suffice as a dart board in a pinch. Don't forget, Prize can be yours!

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Offering hope to children in need

by Ruth Voelker

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"Then the little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them."

Anyone who has worked with kids knows that they probably did not wait in an orderly line to see Jesus, but climbed all over him. Imagine children hanging off of his arms and legs, quite a few of them coming from broken homes, craving to be loved and accepted, desperately needing someone to believe and place value in them.

The Hope House ministry at NNU is committed to ministering to children such as those. Once a week, over twenty NNU students make their way to the Hope House to work with elementary-age children. The Hope House is a home, school and church for children who have been abused, battered and neglected in more ways than one cares to imagine. The kids live there until they are returned to their families or until they turn 18.

The focus of the Hope House ministry is to build relationships with the kids, to let them know that, no matter what has happened in their past, God loves them and to bring them to God. The ministry to the Hope House is also entirely student-led.

A typical Wednesday night starts with worship songs and a devotional. Then they break into small groups and share prayer requests. Most of the children there have severe trust issues, and by breaking off into smaller same-sex groups, trust is built up and more intimate sharing happens. The night is topped off with a

game of dodge ball or tag.

Once a term, the ministry takes the kids on an extravagant outing. They have done everything from swimming in NNU's pool and having a pizza party at Clyde's to renting a jet ski and having a BBQ at Lake Lowell.

Earlier this year, Sara Jakel, the president of the Hope House ministry had doubts as to whether God wanted her there. She questioned if she was even making a difference. At the Hope House was a little girl who had shut out everyone in her life, but Jakel had always made an attempt to engage the little girl in conversation. Right when Jakel was struggling, the girl told her that she loved her. Both of them were at a point where they needed someone and only God could have brought them together.

Being active at the Hope House is not so much "how can I bless you?" but "how can we bless each other?" "What keeps me going," Jakel explains, "is seeing the children's faces light up when you walk in. You could have had the worst day, but once

you see the smiles and they run up to you and tell you about their day, it puts everything into perspective. The kids have so much love for you and it is uncondi-

Hope House, contact Sara Jakel at 344-1842 or contact any of the other council members. The Hope House ministry is from 5:40-7:30 pm on Wednesday



Sara Jakel and Andy relax with some Hope House children after a game of softball. The Hope House Ministry tries to reach children by involving them in games, music, and Bible Study every Wednesday night.

tional. It's amazing!"

Jakel now attends church at the Hope House and visits with several other NNU students throughout the week. "I can't go a week without seeing them," she smiles. Many other students like Jakel are involved. The Hope House ministry has a council made up of several other members including Eric DePew, Mickey Smith, Amy Parsons, Jayme Harding and Zack Paulson. As Jakel defines it "It's not my ministry, it's our ministry, and it's God's ministry."

If you have an interest in the

nights. The ministry also asks that, if you are going to go, you need to be able to go every Wednesday because the kids will remember you and expect you to be there. They need people who are going to be consistent in building relationships.

Hope House is not a ministry for everyone, but for those who love to work with kids, have a commitment to follow through and a desire to put into action the commands of our Lord. "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



At the site of the Angel's ministry, Holly, left, and Laura pull weeds from a sidewalk. "Eight of us arrived at the Angel's house not knowing what to expect and left with a sense of accomplishment and a soft heart for those who reside there," commented Shawn Blenker.

Chaos gives students a taste of the various ministry groups through lending services throughout the community.

Miss Boise makes a difference

by Mindy Oldenkamp

Crusader Campus Staff Writer

"And the winner of the 1999 Miss Boise crown is... Miss Christina Tiel!" Those were the words that shocked Northwest Nazarene University's own Christy Tiel as she stood in front of a crowd of supporting fans and family last November. As a contestant in the Miss Boise pageant, Tiel was awarded a scholarship simply for participating, one of the primary reasons she entered the competition mixed with talent, interviews and fun.

"It was the first pageant I've ever done, and when I actually won it, it was quite a shock for me," Tiel stated. However, Tiel got over the shock and into the full revelation of what her new title meant for her. In order to participate in the pageant, each contestant was required to choose a platform to represent and for Tiel, the choice wasn't a hard one.

In conjunction with the local YMCA, Tiel began to travel to local schools speaking on the importance of character education, with the slogan, "Life choices; a living compass." Tiel stressed the power held in teaching young kids that qualities such as caring, respect, honesty, and responsibility are essential in life. As her time as Miss Boise continued, Tiel gained support from the Idaho Youth Theater and other groups, enabling her to make an even greater difference in the schools and in the minds of the young she was reaching out to. "With each school I travel to, I try to show kids that the choices they make about how they act with each other are important," Tiel said. And it would appear that she has made a difference; Tiel who is scheduled to talk to various schools roughly once a week even after she's relinquished her title as Miss Boise, leaves each child with a compass whose points reflect the words "caring," "respect," "honesty," and "responsibility" in the hope that they will continue to choose

right directions in their lives.

After the excitement of the Miss Boise pageant, Tiel was headed on to bigger things, with her competition in the Miss Idaho pageant. "The Miss Idaho com-



NNU's own Christy Tiel was crowned Miss Boise in November and came in 3rd runner-up at the Miss Idaho pageant.

petition was on a completely different level," Tiel added. "At the Boise pageant, all of my judges had been wonderful, Christian people, the schedule a little less hectic, and it didn't seem like such a 'worldly' competition." The Miss Idaho pageant wasn't on the same level, and to add to the already-heightened level of hype, it was the 50th Anniversary of the pageant.

"We were monitored, held to a rigorous schedule of early morning news broadcasts, to late night rehearsals, and we were followed by security the whole time."

As a part of the competition, Tiel was interviewed by a panel of five judges, who, unfortunately, didn't agree with her platform, and hammered her with questions. "The only reason that

I made it through that interview was that God blessed me with strength," Tiel said. "The whole pageant didn't feel quite right to me, and it was through God that I made it, and He gave me great opportunities to witness, which made the pageant a great experience."

Not all of the experiences which Tiel, who came in as 3rd runner-up, had at the pageant were wonderful, however, and one in particular was embarrassingly frustrating. During the talent portion of the competition, Tiel was warming up for the selection that she was going to sing as the next contestant. Tiel thought that she would be the only one hearing her warm-up, but unfortunately that was not so. In a matter of seconds after she had begun to warm up her voice, people came running in her direction, demanding to know just who was singing. "I felt so horrible. All of my warm-up was

transmitting through my mike and coming in over the performance of the contestant on stage!" said Tiel. "It was horrible and stressing, because I couldn't do anything about it, and I was the next one to perform!"

Despite the embarrassing moments, Tiel characterizes her time competing in the pageants as a positive experience, "I was able to meet a lot of wonderful people, and being Miss Boise has been awesome." Tiel's official run as Miss Boise ends this November, but her visitation of schools and hospitals and working with children will not. "I'll do that as long as I possibly can."

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New Monday Community Chapel introduced this year

by Mindy Oldenkamp

Crusader Campus Staff Writer

For those of you who have made it to a Monday chapel service, you may have noticed that it takes a little longer to find a seat in the Brandt Center. And so it will be with Monday chapels from here on out.

A new tradition has begun on the campus of Northwest Nazarene University. "A tradition," as President Hagood put it, "that will bring together the members of the Northwest Nazarene University community."

Every Monday chapel will bring together the student body with the faculty and staff of the university, and the attendance of all members of the NNU community is now greatly encouraged.

In years past, offices such as Student Development and the Business Office have remained open during chapel hour not only as a matter of convenience for students, but also in an effort to keep the school running.

Now, in an effort to build campus unity and a greater sense of community within a larger student and administrative body,

Monday chapels have become a gathering time for the entire campus.

The Brandt Center is now literally filled from wall to wall with faculty, staff, students and administrators every Monday. Along with the opportunity to build community, Monday also offers the chance to hear the testimony of a member of the staff. This is a refreshing way to encourage and boost the student body as well as the staff.

By hearing a more intimate side of the leaders on the campus, a higher sense of family is achieved, thereby creating a positive element of closeness between the different members of the NNU campus.

By closing the offices that were once open and accessible all throughout the day, during the chapel hour, skipping chapel is discouraged. Also, the dedicated staff members who were never granted the privilege of regularly attending an NNU chapel are now able to participate in a service of the entire campus sharing in worship and praise as well as testimony.

Important information on the upcoming change to semesters

This week, as with the upcoming weeks, this section featuring will contain some commonly asked questions and their answers concerning what the transitioning to semesters will entail.

Q What is the difference between the quarter system and a semester system?

A A semester system normally has two 15-week sessions, plus finals. Our current quarter system has three 10-week terms, plus finals.

Q Will I lose credits when NNU converts to the semester system?

A No, both the number of credits earned and the number of credits required for a degree will be converted to semester credits.

Q How will Financial Aid and Tuition be affected?

A Tuition and Financial Aid will not be affected on an annual basis. However, students will pay tuition and fees twice a year rather than three times as we do now.

Q When do we change to semesters?

A The summer session of 2000.

Q Will the change to semesters have an effect on my schedule for 1999-2000?

A It might. Check with your major advisor about scheduling courses you want to retake or about "sequential courses." Both of these situations should be taken care of, if possible, before the conversion to semesters.

Native Nampan returns to NNU library

by David Nichols

Crusader Campus Staff Writer

If any of you fine students have attended the Alumni Party or the second Chapel of this year, you will have found yourselves surrounded by old people. Now, I'm sure you probably noticed this when your nostrils started to sting with the scent of moth balls, but here is something you may not have realized: not all alumni are old fogies.

Yes my friends, it is true. I in my infinite search for Truth, Justice and the American, way have found one very cool alumna. "Who is he talking about?" you might ask yourself. Mute the TV, gather all your friends around and prepare to meet Mrs. Coral Mattei of the Northwest Nazarene University's very own Riley

Library.

Mattei has a long history with this University, but if you asked her, she would probably be a little more comfortable calling it a college. Mattei was born on campus, but before long she moved away. You see, Mattei's father was a Nazarene Pastor and during her childhood, he pastored numerous churches in Oregon and Idaho.

How many of you went the NYC, this year? Well, chances are Mattei was there first. She attended International Institute. That's what NYC used to be called back in the days of "Leave it to Beaver." And when it came time for Mattei to choose a college to attend, she came back to NNC.

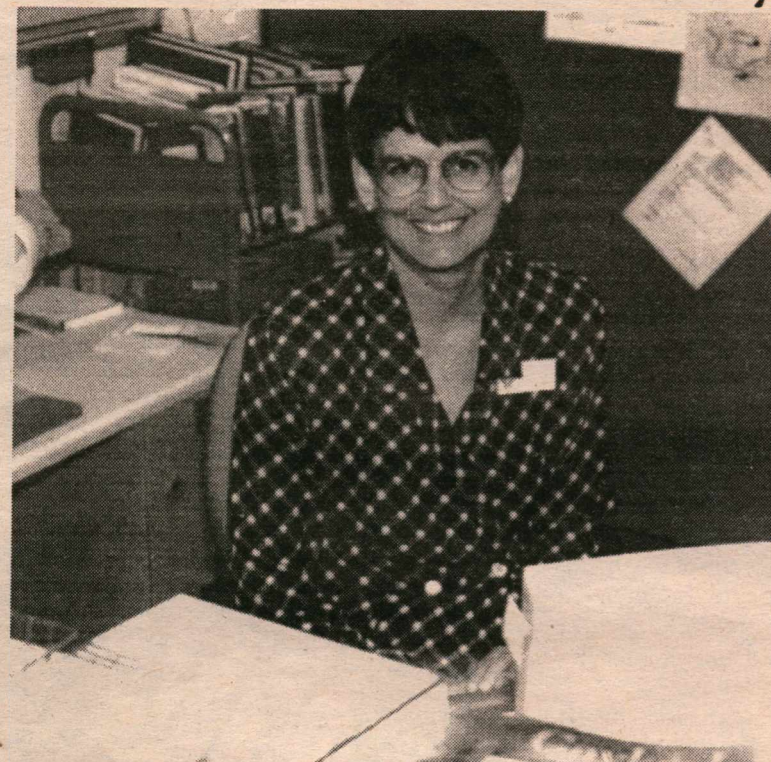
While Mattei was a student here she began working at the li-

brary. Little did she know that she would end up at the same place many years later. After graduating, she moved and married and now has three children. Her oldest son is now a sophomore here at NNU.

When Mattei decided to come and work for the library again, it was November 1997 and she started out in a temporary position, filling in for another librarian who was away on maternity leave. But, having such a fondness for the job, she was hired in March 1998 as a librarian.

Reflecting on her time working at the library, she commented that her worst times are when the computer system goes down. She also said that the best times she has had at the library has been working with the wonderful student workers, who are a lot of help with the everyday hustle.

In closing, I asked for some words of wisdom. Mattei had this to say to the students of NNU: "Visit the library often."



Coral Mattei, a member of the great staff at Riley Library, works in the Technical Services Office in the back of the library. Mattei is happy to be working at the library for the second time in her life and enjoys working with and getting to know the student workers.

Information for Freshmen Class council elections

-11 positions available.

-Information packets/sign-ups available on the Executive Vice-President's Office window from Monday, October 11 through Monday, October 18.

-Sign-ups come down Monday October 18 at 5:00 pm.

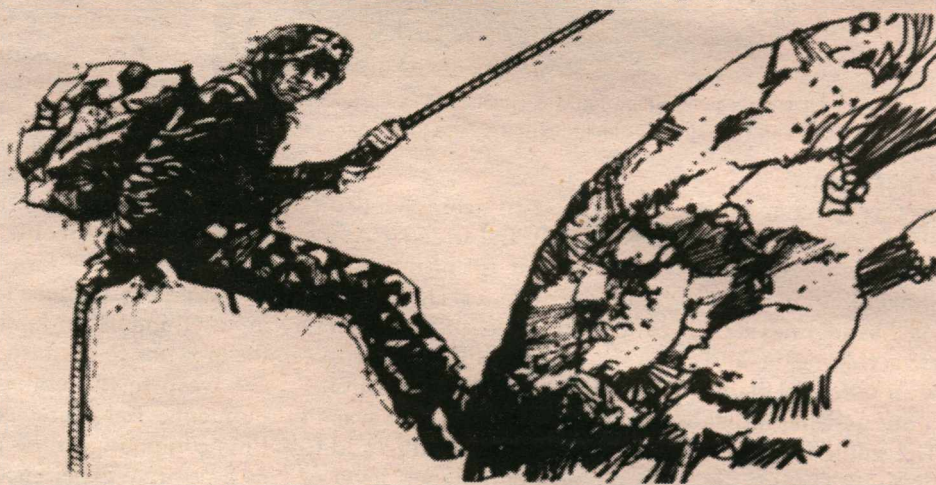
-Campaigning is October 18-24.

-Speeches are on October 25-26 in Class Chapels.

Time Out Kenzi Wilkes

Kenzi is one of the coolest people on campus. Known to some as the SGA secretary, she is one of the most truly beautiful people in this world. And she's Jaydn's sister, so be in the Brandt Center Wednesday night at 9 to hear her.

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British Isles tour memorable for Crusader Choir

by Sarah Pearson

Crusader Campus Staff Writer

Every year, one of the larger music ministry groups (Northwesterners, Crusader Choir, or Hallelujah Brass) tours for a couple weeks during the summer to minister through music to other Nazarene churches.

This year, we in the Crusader Choir went on a singing tour of the British Isles. The group, numbering over forty members, sang at several Nazarene churches throughout Northern Ireland and

friendened many people over there, exchanging addresses, (E-mail and regular both), and promising to write. The members of the churches we visited were extremely nice; most of the churches fixed us meals or held potlucks to show their appreciation and help make us feel at home.

Half the lodgings for the whole trip were actually home-stays in which we stayed in the homes of members of the churches we sang at. These people were absolutely awesome; we experienced the wonderful

group's host went out and bought a load of Cadbury and other English chocolates and let the group have a taste of what really good chocolate was like.

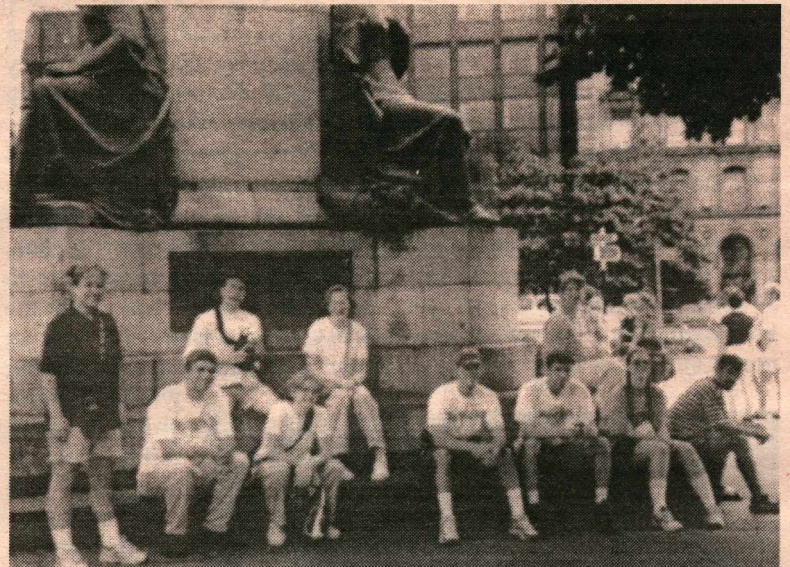
In Carrikfergus, Northern Ireland, many of the host families treated their American guests to an Ulster Fry, which consisted of a large cut of bacon (not the narrow kind we have here, but a real slice), potato bread, eggs, and a biscuit-like bread which was to die for.

Not all of our time in Britain was spent singing, however; sightseeing and touring were definitely some of the highlights of the trip. In those two weeks we went everywhere, from London to Stratford-upon-Avon (home of William Shakespeare), from Stone Henge to Tinturn Abbey, from Carrikfergus Castle to the Giant's Causeway.

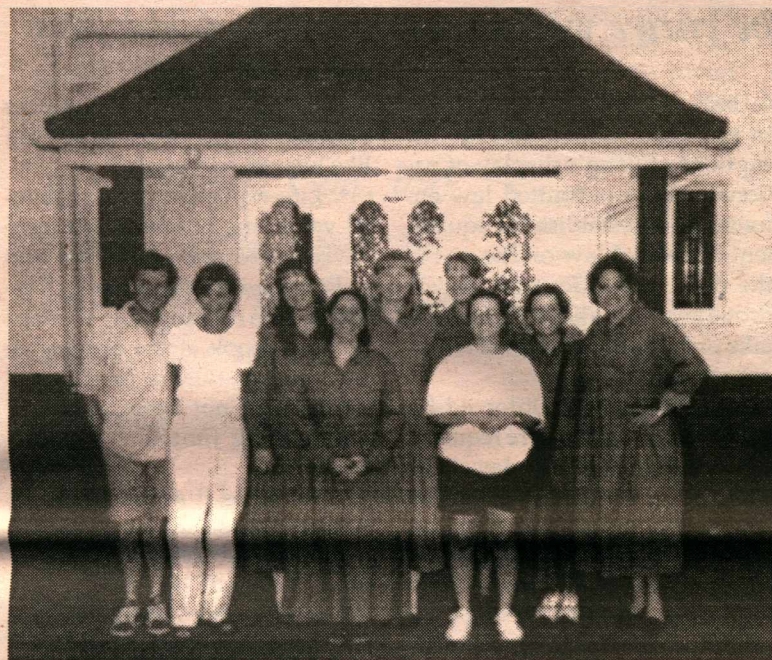
One of the more memorable places, at least for me, was the trip to Windsor Castle. We arrived less than a week before the marriage of Prince Edward to Sophie and could see the preparations for the wedding being made. A few members of the choir exploring the castle even got to see Queen Elizabeth herself, at least from a distance!

We also visited many cathedrals and churches throughout the countryside, including both St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey in London. We were also allowed to sing a couple of our songs in two of the giant churches, Salisbury and Chester, although not before a formal audience. We also attended Evensong in Chester Cathedral which hosted a boy's choir, the first I have ever heard. Those were definitely experiences to remember.

Throughout our trip, we met memorable and important



Several members of the Crusader Choir resting their feet in downtown Manchester while waiting for the rest of the group to go back to the coach. While in Manchester, many from the group ate at the McDonalds there, which is well-known for being one of the biggest in the world.



Yvonne Manley, Charmine St. Clair, Robin Smith, Debbie Roemhildt, Deniece Miller, Amanda Marble and Jeanine Riggs are standing with the host family they stayed with while in Bournemouth, England. For most members of the choir, the home-stay in Ireland was the most special memory due to the the great host families and the opportunity to stay with them for three days instead of just one night.

England.

The Crusader Choir left the Monday after graduation leaving Boise the morning of the fourteenth and arriving in London the next morning. We then packed into a "coach" as we had to call our bus while there and were driven straight to the first singing engagement in Manchester, having no time whatsoever to adjust to the jet lag.

The tour took us all over the British Isles, although we did not sing in Scotland and Wales. Some of the towns we visited included Manchester, Carrikfergus, Belfast, Bristol, Haworth, London and Stratford.

Several in the group had never been outside of the United States, let alone over one of the oceans. The trip was as much of a cultural experience as a ministry; we met and be-

combination of having everyone around us speaking in those cool British, Irish or Scottish accents, and eating real British food.

One group at one home got into a discussion of how English chocolate was so different from American chocolate, so the

people. One of our dearest companions all over the countryside was Dave, the coach driver. We had to be careful not to call him a bus driver because driving a bus (like a city bus) was less of a responsibility than driving a coach, a tour bus which travels all over.

He had a wacky sense of humor, and knew about almost everything we saw on the side of the road; we could point to a castle and he could tell us its name and how old it was. (He was not a Christian, but choseto attend a couple of our performances on the trip).

Another VIP we were able to visit was the mayor of Carrikfergus, Northern Ireland. He is a Christian and had heard that we were in the area, so he requested an audience with us in his office. He had a few of us (including myself) sign his guestbook, then distributed pins with the coat of arms for the borough of Carrikfergus (a borough is something like being a county, only a little more prestigious) to

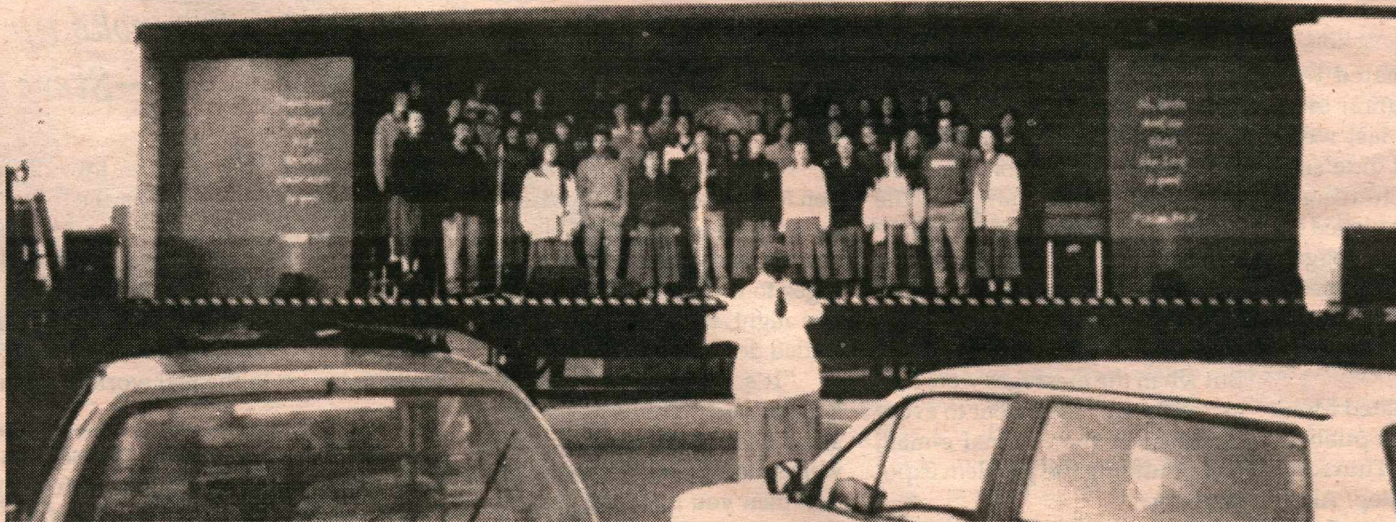
be worn proudly.

The trip finished up with a three-day stay in London, and we were given free reign to go wherever we wanted. We took the tube for most of the sightseeing ventures, although an occasional taxi was sometimes needed.

We also learned the difference between a subway and the tube in England (the subway is just an underground walkway to cross streets). Some people visited the various museums in London while others checked out the various castles around the city. Finally, the last day came and we said a sad goodbye to our coach driver Dave and the rest of the British Isles.

Each member of the choir has their own favorite memories of the trip. Missy Johnson's favorite memory involved Amanda Marble, Stephanie Ortman and a rubbish bin, whereas Heather Oglivied loved the cathedrals. We each came away with special memories.

Many in the choir didn't return this year, having graduated as the class of 1999, but none of us will forget the experience. We all grew together through the experience, made new friends through the home-stays and constant togetherness and built on existing friendships. I was very happy when I got home to my family back here in the States, but I sometimes wish the trip could have lasted longer.



While in Northern Ireland, the Crusader Choir performed three times. Including once at a car park church service in which the choir set up in the bed of a semi-truck and gave the concert. The audience drove up in their cars to the parking area and enjoyed the concert from the comfort of their own cars.

China celebrates 50 years of Communist rule

by Heather Oglevie
World News Staff Writer

The 50th anniversary of Communism in China, hosted October 1 by President Jiang Zemin, came about with a certain mix of celebration and underlying threat. The Communist party spent over 36 million dollars to display the growing military power and economic success of their country in



A boy marches through Tiananmen Square holding a Chinese flag prior to the start of celebrations marking communist China's 50th anniversary in Beijing, China Thursday, September 30.

the fifty years since Mao Zedong stood atop the Gate of Heavenly Peace and declared the founding of the People's Republic in 1949.

The result was a colorful and extravagant show staged for an invited audience of media personnel, local elite and schoolchildren, while most of the natives had to be content with watching the show on television. For half an hour, Tiananmen Square in Beijing was filled with children and military bands, standing at quiet attention, waiting for a speech by their president.

When he emerged, Jiang delivered a rousing message on the greatness of Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaopeng, his predecessors in the office, and issued his own call for the re-union and restoration of China to its original greatness. By this he alluded to his country's recent re-acquisition of Hong Kong, its anticipated recovery of the colony of Macau and its continued attempts to bring

Taiwan into the fold. By strengthening the motherland, he says, he will make possible the restored greatness of China and her will.

Jiang also promised to oppose both hegemony among its provinces and the global dominance of just one nation over the entire planet. He perceives the United States as something of a bully, who has been seeking to dominate the entire world ever since the Cold War. By reuniting and strengthening China, he wishes to create a "multipolar" world—one in which the United States is not the sole mover.

Following Jiang's speech was a long parade, beginning with the military forces. After this was a sight seldom seen in the Square since the crackdown on protestors in 1989—dozens of tanks. Fighter jets roared overhead. Other military hardware accompanied these, including the new Dongfeng 31 long-range missile. Jiang himself reviewed the troops while standing in the back of a Chinese-made Red Flag car. Further down the parade were floats containing portraits—Mao Zedong, Deng Xiaopeng, and President Jiang.

But the parade also had more colorful moments—lime green spandex and yellow capes were sported by a troop of teenage roller-bladers, while several hundred newly-wedded couples in all their finery marched by the crowds. These couples had won a lottery to be married on that auspicious day.

A long chain of floats representing each of China's provinces filed past—last in the line was Tai-

wan. A motto reading "The Taiwan issue cannot be put off forever" decked this last float—a rather ominous reminder of Taiwan's continued resistance to Chinese rule. The parade concluded with the release of masses of colorful helium balloons and thousands of pigeons.

And yet the entire affair had a darker side (beyond the color-

with Jiang's work and with Communism as well. Although most could not watch the parade, they will enjoy a week-long holiday and the sprucing-up of parks and other public places. They point to the benefits they've received over the past twenty years of economic growth. "There's no comparison," says a 70-year-old man who served as a guard in the first

...the United States is something of a bully who has been seeking to dominate the entire world ever since the Cold War.

ful balloons and helium lanterns). In its efforts to prevent any disruptions of Jiang's display of nationalism, he permitted law enforcement to establish the equivalent of martial law on the eve of the parade. Uniformed officers drove away families who came to take pictures of the Gate of Heavenly Peace.

Patriotism was enforced by law—all households were required to display a flag on the day of the parade. If a citizen's flag was judged to be too old, he or she was required to pay 3 dollars for a new one. Entire neighborhoods on the parade route were carefully and thoroughly searched, mailboxes were sealed, manhole covers were locked down and migrants and beggars were driven away. Every precaution was taken to ensure that nothing would ruin the President's display.

Yet, despite what might appear intrusive to Americans, most Chinese seem satisfied and happy

display in 1949 of the differences between Mao's rule and now. "It's like heaven and earth."

Life-expectancy has gone up 40 years, the literacy rates have skyrocketed and starvation and poverty are on the decline. "Today, we can buy anything we need or want. Look at the clothes we are wearing—they're pretty good and they're not even our best," agrees Peng Junzhou, a retired doctor.

Idyllic as it all seems, Jiang still has important issues to confront. In the recent future he needs to decide between painful reforms of state industry—which may cost many of the jobs he has thus far been praised for keeping—or protectionism, which will anger international investors and traders.

At present, his success in raising national pride is an easy win compared to the battles he has yet to face, including Taiwan and Macau—and the United States' influence in world affairs.

E-mail spam hits the House from within

by Ryan K. Dooley
World News Staff Writer

Congress was treated to a real-world demonstration of e-mail's potential evils last week when a congressional aide sent out a mass mailing touting a weight loss pill, which touched off a torrent of replies that bogged down the U.S. House of Representatives' e-mail system and generated new support for anti-spam legislation.

The episode, as related Monday by the Capitol Hill publication Roll Call, began Thursday when a press aide to Rep. Alcee Hastings, a Democrat from Florida, sent a message recommending a weight loss pill to colleagues on the House e-mail sys-

tem.

The problem was that the message went out to hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people via an e-mail distribution list, said Jason Poblete, a spokesman for the House Administration Committee, which is in charge of the chamber's computer network.

Poblete said the message sparked e-mail protests such as, "get me off this list" and "don't send any more e-mail like this." But when the messages were sent as "reply all," they went to every recipient of the original e-mail, compounding the problem exponentially.

One message came from Steve Maviglio, chief of staff for Rep. Rush Holt, N.J. Democrat. Maviglio held up the original e-

mail as an example of what an anti-spam bill backed by his boss was aimed at preventing. Unfortunately, his "reply all" message ended up adding ironic fuel to the fire.

On Friday, House Information Resources sent out advisories by telephone voicemail, alerting system users to stop adding messages to the spam storm. By Friday night, the e-mail traffic had settled down.

"It's all in a day's work," Poblete said. "This is a very busy place. Over 10,000 e-mail accounts were sending e-mail to each other, and then you have the constituents' e-mail. In the bigger scale, this was not up there with the busiest it's been. I guess you'd put it in the nuisance category."

Maviglio, meanwhile, said, "Everything's back to normal." He acknowledged that he came in for his own share of criticism over the anti-spam spam.

"There was a little confusion at first," Maviglio said. "The big point is that the House was exposed for the first time to what's really going on in the real world.

"It woke up a lot of people"
~Steve Maviglio

It woke up a lot of people."

Maviglio said that the anti-spam bill, known as the Can Spam Act, had picked up a half-dozen additional sponsors in a 48-hour time span due to the problems that the House had just faced from spamming.

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Governor Ventura under fire

by Ryan K. Dooley

World News Staff Writer

A storm of criticism battered Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura on Friday after the publication of a *Playboy* magazine interview in which he called organized religion "a sham and a crutch for weak-minded people." Reform Party Chairman Russ Verney made a statement saying that Ventura "should remove himself from the Reform Party" and added that "our members are outraged."

"He was a rising star, now he's a burned-out supernova," Verney said. "He's destroyed himself."

Verney is a close associate of 1996 Reform Party presidential candidate Ross Perot.

Ventura's supporters have welcomed the former professional wrestler's rise to national prominence as a way of wresting control of the party from Perot and his allies. But Ventura's controversial comments call into question his ability to influence the party's future direction.

Some Ventura supporters had expected him to run for president on the Reform Party ticket in 2004, a possibility that has now been cast into doubt by his anti-religious comments.

According to surveys conducted by the Gallup Organization, 71 percent of Americans are members of churches, synagogues or other religious institutions and 40 percent say they attend church or synagogue at least once a week.

In a Gallup poll in May, 58 percent of Americans said religion was a very important aspect in their lives.

Republican presidential con-

tender Steve Forbes added to the barrage of criticism of Ventura on Friday. "Gov. Ventura owes the American people an apology for this religious bigotry," Forbes said. "Public officials who disparage and bully people of faith belittle themselves."

"It was people of faith who founded this country," said Forbes, who was to address the Christian Coalition on Saturday. "These were strong individuals — men and women of courage who built our country — and passed on their vigorous faith to their children and grandchildren."

"Minnesotans do not embrace your views on religion, on women, on prostitution, on drugs or conspiracy," Senate Majority Leader Roger Moe, a Democrat, said at a news conference.

State Republican chairman Ron Eibensteiner said Ventura should consider stepping down because his "attacks show he has a fundamental lack of understanding of the world he lives in." The outrage over Ventura's jibes about religion was similar to that in the Michigan governor's race last year when Democratic candidate Geoffrey Fieger was confronted with similar comments that he had made.

Fieger told a *Washington Post* reporter, "I see no reason why not to believe that in 2000 years Elvis will be God. If one went back 2000 years," Fieger said, "the view would have been Jesus is just some goofball that got nailed to the cross."

In it, Ventura also called for the creation of "places where the addict can go" to buy illegal drugs blamed organized religion for the unpopularity of legalized prostitution; which he has said should

be considered, voiced the hypothesis that President Kennedy was killed by assassins hired by the "military-industrial complex" because he was planning to withdraw from Vietnam, a theory similar to that espoused by film director Oliver Stone in his 1991 movie "JFK;" said of being governor, "It's good to be king. The best thing is that there's no one in this state who can tell me what to do."

The governor, a former Navy SEAL who spent time in Southeast Asia in the early 1970s, said he could not condone what happened during the Tailhook Association's conference in 1991, when female Navy officers were groped and fondled by aviators at a Las Vegas hotel. But he said he understood it.

"These are people who live on the razor's edge and defy death and do things where people die," he said. "They're not going to consider grabbing a woman's breast or buttock a major situation. That's much ado about nothing."

Ventura tried to clarify his remarks on religion Thursday, saying he doesn't need it, but doesn't condemn those who do, including his wife.

He also said he sent religious leaders a letter saying he respects the role they play in peoples' lives and said his skepticism was shaped during his experience as a Navy SEAL in Vietnam.

"I witnessed many instances of so-called religious leaders zealously marketing their beliefs to people too uneducated to comprehend what they were talking about and too poor to afford the money they were being asked to hand over," Ventura wrote.

BellSouth ups ante for Sprint

BellSouth Corp. has improved its offer to acquire Sprint Corporation in an attempt to stop Sprint from signing a merger agreement with MCI WorldCom Inc.

The latest bid from BellSouth is for \$72 per share and stock in Sprint. The new offer also allows a higher premium to holders of Sprint PCS, which is now \$11 per share, up from \$7.25.

MCI WorldCom's (WCOM) bid for Sprint is valued at about \$63 per share.

BellSouth is also asking Sprint to allow France Telecom and Deutsche Telekom to be released from their standstill agreements, allowing them to negotiate freely with BellSouth. Such negotiation could lead BellSouth to offer \$77 per share if the two foreign companies sign on.

Sprint's board is scheduled to meet at 5 pm ET, it and appears that the board seems intent on approving the MCI WorldCom bid.

Nampa Edwards nears opening

Nampa, ID - The Edwards Spectrum in the Nampa complex is scheduled to open in early November for holiday season releases, said Ken Benoit, director of leasing for Hawkins-Smith.

Hawkins-Smith is the developer of the \$25 million-plus project, which will include 14 theaters, an Outback Steakhouse, a Red Robin, a 20,000-square-foot retail building and an additional 6,000 square-foot retail building.

The theater features stadium-style seating, digital sound and the latest in visual technology. Each seat will have rocking seats with arm rests and cup holders. The large auditoriums will feature opening-night releases and will seat 3,000 people.

The retail structure will house Gameworld, Yen Ching, New York Burrito, Pizza Prima, Omniserve Wireless and Call Jewelers, with other leases to come. Construction on the smaller structure will begin this year to house four more retail tenants such as Moxie Java.

Israel-Palestine form "safe passage"

Jerusalem, Israel - Israeli and Palestinian negotiators made an agreement Monday on the long-delayed opening of a safe passage route linking the West Bank and Gaza Strip, officials said.

The plan for the safe passage route, which was introduced Sunday under a September 5 peace deal, is meant to answer years of Palestinian complaints that Israel prevents Palestinians in separate self-governed areas from seeing friends and family.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat told a joint news conference with Israeli Internal Security Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami that he would submit the agreement to Palestinian President Yasser Arafat for approval.

Ben-Ami said that the accord would safeguard security for Israelis and Palestinians and ensure that Israeli sovereignty would not be compromised. He said Prime Minister Ehud Barak already had approved the draft and that the route would now open "at the earliest possible convenience."

Once opened, the safe passage is due to run between Gaza and the southern West Bank near Hebron.

Little League checks coaches

Jacksonville, FL. - Now that volunteers for coaching positions in Jacksonville, FL are required to submit to background checks, 44 potential coaches have been eliminated from coaching Little League baseball. The simple checks revealed coaches who had been convicted of crimes including child abuse, robbery and selling crack cocaine.

The checks were made using the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's criminal computer, and they began after reports in other cities raised questions about coaches.

Parents in Jacksonville, initially shocked to see so many people with criminal backgrounds, say they are pleased that the checks are now mandatory.

"I'm glad they're doing it," Debbie Reeves, a mother of four, said. "I think they should do this with anyone who is working with kids because of the safety of the kids. As parents, we're concerned about who comes into contact with our sons and daughters."

Nan Musslewhite, chief of recreation activities for the city of Jacksonville, says the checks cost \$15 a person.



Giants pitcher Rich Rodriguez collects dirt from the mound after the final baseball game at Candlestick Park Thursday, September 30.

Home schooling versus public schooling:

by Will Brown

Crusader News Copy Editor

In a recent political comic strip drawn by notorious political comedian Oliphant, we read the humorously tragic story of a young child home schooled by his mother. The text of the comic reads: "My mother says schools are too dangerous, so I go to school at home. At recess I go out and stand in the back yard. Then I go back inside. And we do more lessons. Other recess times I just stare out the window. It's very safe here, away from the world. My mother says I can have my childhood later." Through the exaggerated plight of this poor child, an ever-whimsical look on his face, we learn to despise the sheltered life of home school.

We should not, of course, make a habit of learning our lessons from political comics; while I do not always disagree with our society's all-too-regular shortcomings which political comedians expose with sarcastic precision, we must realize that their standard mode of operation is through exaggeration personal interpretation.

Oliphant's commentary on home school is not an impossibility. The picture we get of the child's mother is that of a traditional woman: plain, long, unadorned hair; ankle-length dress. The significance is that the mother is not a woman of our contemporary world but a housewife, a woman informed by the evening news rather than firsthand experience.

This, combined with an overbearing love for her child, leads her to shelter him within the confines of their home and the front porch. But the child's mother recognizes that this sheltering comes with a price: the child is missing his childhood. Put another way, we might say that childhood comes with independence, or that the two are synonymous.

I do not believe that this maternal love is a natural personality trait but one instilled upon expecting mothers through societal norm, reinforced by the years she puts into raising a child. Some mothers are better at it than others, and some simply don't get the message.

On the other extreme is the woman who is too familiar with maternal love. And the housewife, who spends an even greater amount of her time with her children than most, probably knows this love more than any other.

Unfortunately, this situation has the potential of growing into unhealthy extremes. The house mother, so attached to her children by the time they are of the age to attend school, fears allowing any harm to come to them; if they can learn the easy way rather than the hard, all the better. This, coupled with the mother's xenophobic fear of the outside world, tells her that there are nothing but hard lessons out there, so she clings to her children. She keeps the children in the safe confines of home; if independence means hard lessons and if childhood means independence, then childhood is exactly what the mother does not want her children to experience.

This is a nice model, and I think it does account for a number of extreme cases. I do believe, however, that Oliphant's villainous mother is not the exclusive model for the home school mother. I know this because I am a home school child.

I will not sing the praises of home school. Like all other things in this world, it has its advantages and disadvantages. Rather, what I want to do is to discredit the singular notion that the entire institution of home schooling is founded upon the basis of obsessive, xenophobic maternal love.

Without attacking public school in the same singularizing manner as Oliphant, I will say that it is true that, in a system geared toward the education of the masses of children, some are bound to fall through the cracks.

Public education is utilitarian—the greatest education for the greatest amount of students. But often times, this means that any one child with unique educational needs must be sacrificed if his or her education would mean the sacrifice of two or more students who are more easily accommodated. And here I am not speaking specifically of children with special educational needs. I speak simply of the unmotivated or the face forgotten in the crowd.

Home school is one obvious solution to this dilemma. Not that utilitarianism is unfavorable, but it does create a runoff of forgotten children. The one-to-one (or -two or -three) ratio created by home school presents an obvious solution to this dilemma.

Not that this solution is, itself, without problems. The merit of public education is that,

ideally, its educators are trained to do their jobs; through the higher education educators receive, they are acquainted with effective teaching methods which do not come as easily to the average home school teacher. They are usually also better acquainted with the subject matter which they teach, an advantage many home school parents lack.

I suppose, though, that the litmus test should not be who knows the better teaching techniques and who has the better education, but how the children turn out. Is the product of home school education academically comparable to that of the public education system? I won't pretend that my knowledge on such is statistical, so I leave it hanging. I also won't use my own experience as an example, because I don't see my case as characteristic of the average home school child.

I was not a home school lifer. I started at a relatively late date, in the eighth grade. I also home schooled by my own choice, something of a departure from the norm. The point I want to make, academically, is that I was already familiar with public education by the time I came to college, a transition which must be much more difficult for the lifers to make.

I do know that a number of universities and colleges across the United States appreciate incoming home schoolers. It would seem that they regard home school students as particularly well-endowed with the discipline and the habits to study effectively and productively.

I would agree. Throughout the home school child's career as student, he or she rarely experiences the indifference of a teacher too burdened to accommodate the student's needs. Quite the opposite. The home school child, being the sole (or near-sole) focus of his or her parent-teacher, is uniquely advantaged in that he or she has known perhaps more encouragement and discipline than most public school students. The home environment is free from the distractions so common to the class room, and the parent is more able to monitor the child for nonproductive activity.

The image of the xenophobic, uneducated home school parent is also highly misleading in that

one is tricked into believing that the parent alone is responsible for his or her child's education. Most parents do not have the author-

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ity simply to keep their children at home and to teach them with whatever curriculum the parent chooses. Often, the child is home schooled under the umbrella of either the public school system or a private school. Thus, the parent is held to external standards rather than his or her own, and the curriculum which he or she uses usually requires external validation. Similarly, the parent has no authority in him or herself to grant authoritative diplomas, and as a check to this, universities, colleges, employers and the armed forces are very selective about which diplomas they honor.

If quality of education is not an issue for the home schooler, however, social competence is. In fact, one could say that quality of education comes at the price of a certain degree of social aptitude. This is worse for some than for others. Some home school children live in an environment conducive to regular social interaction, and thus such children are not greatly hindered. But for many, the absence of daily inter-student interaction often stunts the development of not only the more complex social interaction skills (i.e., conversationalism), but also often of the most basic social monitoring skills.

Thus, when the home school child finally enters society as a full-fledged member, his or her social integration comes at a rela-

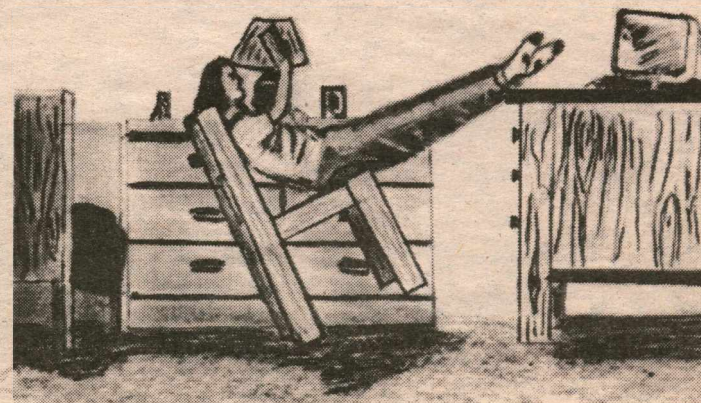
tively late period, and it comes with a categorically novel price; that is, the home school child, when he or she enters society, enters it in a way totally unlike the public school student. The home school child entering college finds him or herself confronting a world

of people already secure in their social selves, already knowledgeable of the standard ways of social interaction. In some ways, the home school child entering college or the career world is like the five year-old entering kindergarten.

Similarly, the home school child finds him or herself struggling to balance the time he or she puts into studying and into socializing. Thus, even that quality at which the home schooler excels is put at jeopardy by the painful task of social integration.

My own feelings toward home school are ambivalent. There are times when I regret my choice to home school, usually when I am in a social circumstance at which I imagine myself to be doing poorly. I wonder if my withdrawal from public schooling just prior to high school came at a developmentally crucial stage. And I do not know if I would choose to do it again a second time around.

But I cannot deny the importance it serves as a helpful counterpart to public education, covering over those few spots that public education misses. Nor do I think that home school breeds only social incompetence. As an institution as whole, I believe that home school is a good idea, but before I give it my full support, I believe that it has several flaws which need to be worked out.



g: Who really ends up coming out on top?

by Shelly Hall and Gina Meis
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In this day and age of less-than-perfect public schooling, Christian parents often find themselves looking for other educational options. Private school is one choice, but it is often costly, leaving home school as an option. However attractive it may look to teach one's children in a wholesome Christian environment, the effectiveness of home school is entirely dependent on a set of variables, and, all too often, the home school environment is not the best choice for the child neither academically nor socially. (The following is a cautionary tale that instructs parents to think about the long-term effects of home school.)

When parents are considering the option of teaching their children, it is important to remember the various constraints of the teacher in a home school setting. For those of us who are products of public schooling, the finals, midterms, papers, portfolios and presentations are all too familiar. These fundamental expectations are building blocks of public education and have a tendency to be neglected in a home school setting. Not only are these important elements potentially void, but their lasting effects cannot be achieved by the home school student. Such expectations breed time management skills and goal-oriented students. In the home school setting, these major tests and projects are rare because of a lack of formality. Mom knows that you were at Grandma's late last night helping her shovel snow. Mrs. Jones, your first period teacher, doesn't. Knowing where you were last night, Mom doesn't require the paper the next day; Mrs. Jones has no idea where you were and still expects the paper.

Students within public schooling must constantly prioritize and plan for the expected and the unexpected. A home school student is allowed the grace period of "one more day." These concrete expectations, common in a public school setting, change from black-and-white boundaries to become obscure in a home

school situation.

The issue of black-and-white boundaries carry over into the basic principles of presence, punctuality and accountability. For a public school student, being in class Monday through Friday, 8:00 to 3:00 becomes a lifestyle. These time constraints are not an absolute to the home school student. There aren't school bells. There aren't tardies; therefore accountability is lost. To the real world, time management, deadlines and accountability are invaluable. Public school trains students in these crucial skills in a way that the home school simply cannot.

A buzzword in education today is "technology." It is touted as the key to the new millennium. There is no doubt that public school students have the upper hand in utilizing technology in the classroom. From the physics and chemistry labs to the power point presentations to the wealth of resources available through the Internet, public education presents a student with opportunities not available to a home school student. Along with these opportunities, public school students have the benefit of learning the ins and outs of

these tools from a trained professional. By "trained professional," I mean someone who has been to school and who has gained the necessary credentials to teach their specific subjects. I realize that there are

many home school teachers with educational training, and there are materials available to aid their efforts. Nevertheless, a home school student loses the benefit of having a teacher who is specialized in a particular subject. All too often, home school becomes a generalized education without current data. Advancement in our world is based on being taught what wasn't being taught before. Home school breeds tradition, while public school breeds advancement.

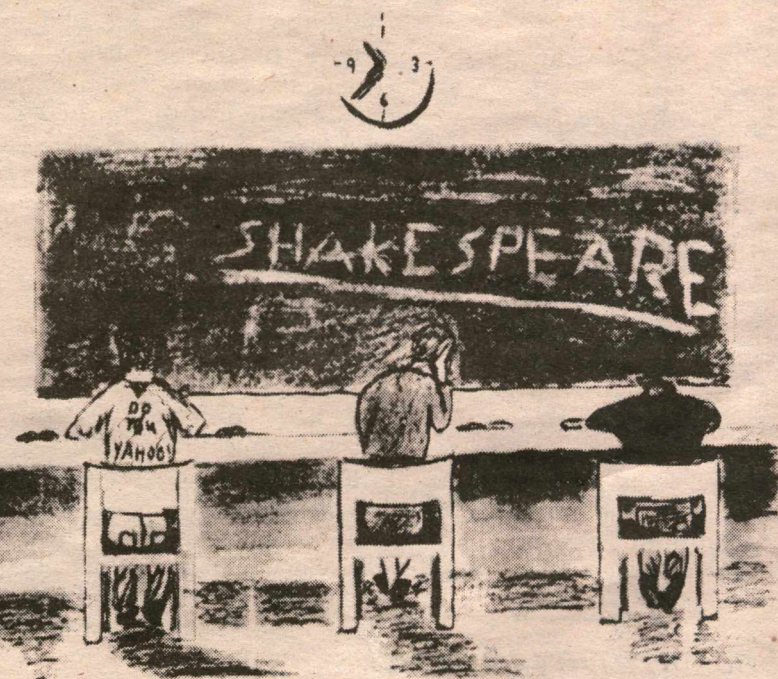
Another academic advantage of public schooling is grading in general. The teacher within a public setting uses grades as a means to record a

student's knowledge and advancement. Grading is often comparative; the English teacher grades one essay based on the other essays. Comparative grading within public schooling is crucial to the student's ability to excel. As a student, I often found myself comparing my scores with my peers' in order to measure my own ability. This is important to the self-awareness of one's knowledge. Grading is evaluative, a means to an end. Although grades may be distributed in the home school, what does the grade mean? They are empty. They do not reflect any comparison of ability. A home school student can be completely unaware of his or her progress compared to other students their age.

The grading system in a public school can have its pitfalls, but the purpose of grades will remain the same. That purpose is to give a concrete evaluation of progress and ability. The home school student will not get a true measurement of his or her progress until the SAT or the ACT. It is important to recognize that these tests, which colleges require for entrance, are based on comparative knowledge. If a home school student's education is found to be inferior, what can be done to reverse it? There is no question that grades provide a standard by which we measure advancement. Grading does not hold water in a home school environment.

In public school, perhaps the most important subject is not taught, but learned. The social atmosphere public school provides can not be replicated in any other situation in life. From the first day of kindergarten until graduation day, there is constant interaction amongst peers. A public student will learn to work with others in cooperative groups and will come to learn that teamwork is essential for success.

One of the main arguments for home school is that children should not be taught in a non-Christian atmosphere. But I would ask the question, what about the world outside the home? As a Christian student in a public school system, I was well aware that the whole world did not go to church, let alone read their Bibles every day. Because of my public schooling, I am pre-



pared to operate as a successful Christian in a secular world, and my convictions were strengthened in the process. It is important to note that this philosophy still applies today at a university level.

My choice to attend a Christian university is not purely academic, but is grounded in the attempt to develop a certain type of lifestyle. Public schooling's goal is not to establish lifestyle but to teach fundamentals.

Social fundamentals include getting along with all individuals in different settings. It is invaluable training to recognize the differences that exist in each person. Learning to deal with the frustration of working with a disagreeable person is more important than sheltering children from those they might not get along with. Eventually, life will hand us challenging social situations, and children should learn early how to deal with gossip, the undermotivated and the positively abominable. Those of you who are well-acquainted with public schooling probably have several stories dealing with the social lessons you learned and how these lessons shaped your life. This is not to say that home school students do not experience social lessons, but they can not experience the excitement of a homecoming game or a great class discussion. They are robbed of the camaraderie that is experienced in the realm of public schooling.

The true success of public schooling comes when the academic and social elements meet. Personally, I realize how much I

have benefited from the experience of combining social and academic elements in public school. It is with fond memories that I recall revolutionary class discussions and the successful group projects that were a part of my public school experience. I know that I would not have been as motivated to achieve without seeing those excelling around me. A home school environment can potentially provide academic success and can work with a network of other home schools to provide some social elements, but, realistically it can never provide the combination of the two. The adult world requires that public education teach that the greatest success comes from the teamwork of several minds. It is with this very idea of collaboration that our country is founded on. Working and learning together produces the best product. I can truly say that public education provides for students to work in an environment of social academics.

While home schooling has several attractive qualities, it is clear that it cannot provide everything that a public education can. Every student has individual needs, and the different schooling options in America provide for parents to best meet those needs. Public schooling enriches students' minds and goals daily. There will continue to be concerns surrounding public schools, but the answer is not to give up but to work together to improve the schooling of the future. Working together is the key to successfully surviving in life.

Psst... Did you hear that? The lowdown on gossip

by Mindy Oldenkamp

Crusader News Guest Editorial

How often do the words "You won't believe what I heard!" or "Did you hear about...?" enter your conversation on a daily basis? Most likely, more often than you truly care to admit, if you think about it, for it brings up the question, "How often am I really involved in a gossip session?"

You know it happens, it happens all of the time. Rumors, gossip, slander and vicious chatter plague many conversations every day, and in a school setting, rumors circulate like wildfire in a raging wind. However, just because gossip is

The only way in which a rumor gains power is through the people who choose to spread it and those who choose to believe it. Many of you will remember how the rumor mill churned and spewed out various ugly false facts in high school and previous years, but unfortunately, little has changed since those days. Rarely a day goes by without some 'juicy little tid-bit' being passed from willing lips to eager ears.

I'm not saying that some things aren't different here on NNU's campus. For one, gossip tends to be hidden a little more here. However, simply because something isn't in the direct view of all doesn't mean that it isn't noticed by most. Add to that the fact that we are on a Christian campus, and the presence of gossip becomes an even uglier blemish on the student body.

It's easy to say "Oh, I'm not involved in any of that," or "I don't repeat rumors." but the fact still remains that whether or not you repeat a rumor, listen to it. Simply allow others to gossip in front of you makes you a player in an unfriendly, hurtful game.

I will be the first to admit to the fact that I have been a part of gossiping more times than is decent to confess to. But many times, people fail to realize that gossiping does hurt others, and as someone who has seen many people broken and battered over what others have chosen to say or believe without finding out the truth, it dis-

to something so evil is disturbing. And yet, rarely is it stopped before it gets out of hand.

All it takes is simply putting yourself in the shoes of the subject of the 'latest news'. Think about how you would feel if it were you being whispered about or if it were you about whom people were say-

sion. Imagine it being you, or at least being someone you care about greatly instead of the person you are discussing.

Take the initiative and set conversational boundaries. As a Christian, part of our responsibility is to love one another, and I don't believe that occurs when gossip does.

Stopping gossip is such a simple thing to do that it becomes shocking that it even exists in the first place. I suppose it is human nature to be curious and that leads to some morbid desire to know details of other peoples' lives whether we are sure they are true or not, but it doesn't benefit the description of human

nature by my definition when it involves behaving like animals lacking social courtesy. The next time gossip breaks its way into the conversation you are carrying on, stop it. It simply takes saying, "No, I'm not interested in hearing that," or "If you don't know about that yourself, you have no business talking about it." These words have great effect. A gossip is nothing without an audience, so don't provide one. Without a listener, words have little effect, little power and no meaning. Don't give life to such an ugly killer.

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a common pass time for many people does not make it a wholesome one.

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gusts me that I have ever been party to something so hurtful.

There is a time and place for everything, and still I have yet to find a time when gossip is any kind of 'good' thing. Proverbs 22:11 states "He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have The King for his friend." and I believe that this verse just exemplifies the fact that gossip isn't an activity to be involved in. All it takes is one brutal rumor to completely thrash someone's reputation or state of mind. The fact that so much power is given

ing to each other "Have you heard what they did?" See just how you would feel inside to know that while you were sitting there roasting someone else and their actions, somebody just across campus could be discussing you and critiquing yours.

If you don't have the guts to put your feet in their shoes, than you shouldn't be such a loser in life that you have to talk about other people. Gossiping becomes a much harder thing to do when you put your face in the place of the topic of discus-

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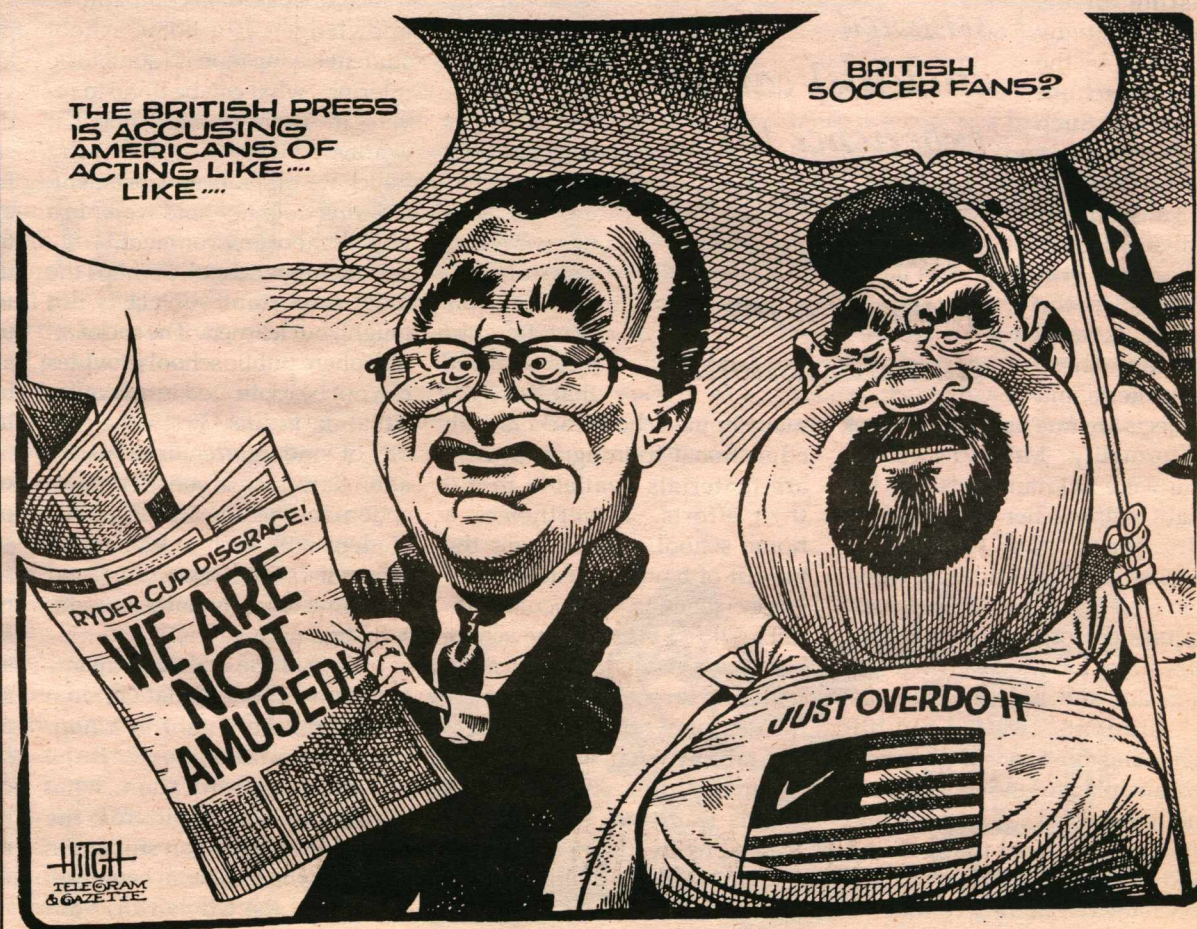
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Help.... What am I doing at NNU?

by Kami Watson
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I am 16 years old. Okay, you all know I am lying, but at least I got your attention. Actually, I am a dorky sophomore studying Political Science and thinking about minoring in Children's Ministries. I am going to tell you a little about NNU, my life and what I think I am planning on doing for the

and the public schools. The children at the public school were just as nice as those who attended private schools. I was absolutely shocked learning that children that didn't go to a "good" church were so kind to me. At that point I started analyzing the adults around me and how they treated others.

I could never understand adults. They would always tell me that lying is wrong, but I saw them do it all of the time. The people who loved me so much didn't love everyone like Jesus did. This hypocritical lifestyle of some Christians deeply affected me.

Kids were rude and mean, calling me gay, fat, ugly, ditzzy and slow. I knew, though, in the bottom of my heart that Jesus loved me. I would respond to the kids with "Well... you are jealous!" Then I would say something rude, acting like it didn't hurt.

I knew when I did wrong and when I hurt someone's feelings. Sometimes, I would

apologize, but often, I would go in my room and cry out to God. I would ask God for forgiveness and assume that He would throw the sin into a big dark lake and forget about it. I was hesitant to approach people to tell them I messed up and would work on it. This was wrong of me and I needed to deal with that problem.

I have never considered using drugs, alcohol, or cigarettes. I haven't had premarital sex, but I do have to deal with my issues daily.

During my sophomore year of high school I knew it was time for me to find out who God was for myself. I was tired of watching so many Christians being so negative and critical while trying to show Jesus love to me.

I listened in church to what my pastors had to say about God, but then I would look at how much we failed to make the mark in almost every area. I sat up night after night trying to find out why humankind was so sinful.

You get to the point in your life where no one can understand you except God.

If you want to know what triggered this change in me, then come and ask (I'll also give you a spiel about writing editorials).

We are all in this crazy life together. Some say it is a game, but I disagree. I love the gift of life that God gave me.

In the midst of the worst days of my life so far, God sent people to make me laugh, cry, and support me. It was these people who encouraged me to live for Him alone, and that is exactly what I have been longing to do.

I can say that I am a Nazarene, and I am proud of the heritage I have been given. Most importantly, I am a child of God and I am a Christian. I believe that he sent His son, Jesus to die for my sins. I love God with all of my heart and cannot wait to worship the Creator in Heaven. I have had some pretty hard times, but God's hand has protected me. Each day, he gives me peace, joy and a love of liv-

ing. Each day, I have to ask for wisdom, direction and forgiveness for my faulty human ways, but God remains faithful.

I challenge my peers of NNU to open their eyes to the world we are living in. Put aside negative and

You get to the point in your life where no one can understand you but God.

perfectionistic thoughts. I am still young and don't know very much. We all make

mistakes and know when we aren't doing what God calls us to do.

The focus in our lives shouldn't be on the specific things we do or not participate in. All of us are so different, yet so so unique.

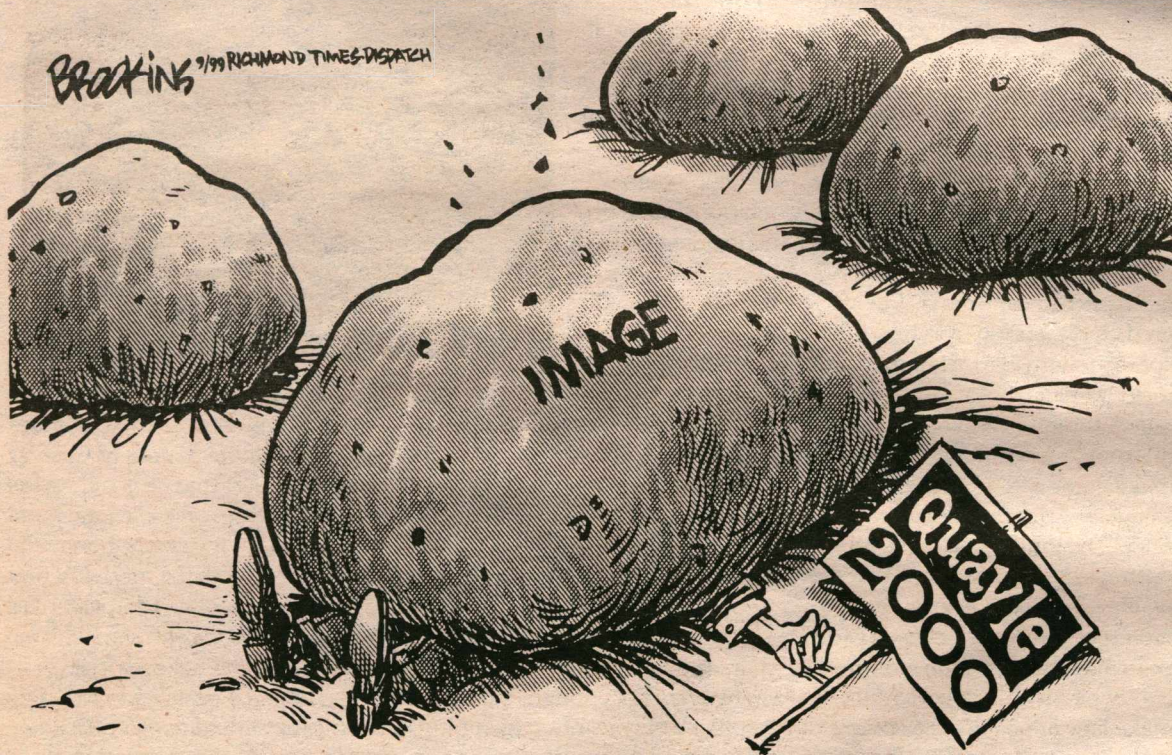
Don't wait until you are 65 to find out the best way for yourself to glorify God. Ask God for wisdom, and He'll give it to you.

Pray for your friends, and the entire community of NNU. Have faith that God can pull you through the difficult times. Get into His Word and see what you get out of it. I am starting to see why I am at NNU... how about you?

I listened in church to what my pastors had to say about God, but then I would look at how much we failed to make the mark in almost every area.

rest of my life.

I have lived in Idaho my entire life. I attended Nampa Christian School my kindergarten year. From there I went to Zion Lutheran School for five years until I was placed in public schools. I couldn't believe the difference between private



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Oh talk to me too...not just...he is so lucky. He has all of these girls who are in love with him...we used to call him Kenny Rodgers...he was tall and really skinny...I grabbed this boy's butt...he picked her nose in Marriott...well he sure did aim high...goin' on down.. I don't like the whole southerny area...some people think my friend and I are an item because we make out.....your armpit is hot...get it off me.....I took a shower this morning. I even washed my knees...she is still makin' up the notes...why did you turn the radio on...sociological evaluation...what...nothing...pizza...see...still singing without the notes...too tired...lets call her up...I don't do very well on command...all the old ones were falling asleep...it was really good...pink water...this paper is yellow....if watermelons are mostly water than why are they pink? Water isn't pink...that wasn't random...the love is in the darts...i need to go jog...wanna race me up and down the stairs?...can't talk...I'm listening to a CD right now...think he is hot...it would be faster... I will never get this done...one second...I think it will work...just say shut-up stupid...yeah that's great....how do you spell...Is it two or one...did you hear about.....and the problem...It's okay...its good... I have no idea what they mean...you are politically correct...good job...do I want to read it?...it is too late... not usually...I need to go on a walk...you need to go home...that took the rest of my creative juices...want to find out where your spouse is...Amarillo twice... it can't be in the water...Utah...oh yeah...muchacha! muchacha!...chica baby...what if I hit the playboy...its fate

Do you feel there is a problem with gossip at NNU?

Random answers from random people on random issues



"The word on the street is that it's not an issue."
Nathan Vanderpool-
Anacortes, WA Senior
General St.



"There is a huge problem with gossip at NNU because it is something that can happen at any moment and the whole campus knows about it."
Eric Langlais
Mukilteo, WA Freshman
Biology



"I haven't fully gotten to talk to a lot of people. I personally haven't heard a lot but I am sure there is going to be some around. Because you are going to find it anywhere you go whether you are a Christian or not."
Megan Griff
Yakima, WA Freshman
Elementary Ed.



"I have no idea."
Kimberly Little
Emmett, ID Freshman
Business

Audio is anything but an Underdog

Underdog: (n) a person or group that is losing or expected to fail in a contest (Webster's New World College Dictionary). No matter how you define the word, it simply does not describe Audio Adrenaline's latest effort. From beginning to end, this album is truly a winner.

Audio Adrenaline (AA) is basically known as a straightforward rock and roll band, and they certainly do not disappoint with their first three songs "Mighty Good Leader," "Underdog" and "Get Down." Each has a great beat that makes it hard to resist the urge to get up and dance, not to mention some incredible lyrics and catchy choruses that will leave you singing even after the music has ended.

An example of the creative yet deep lyrics are these words from the title cut, "...And consequently all my pride has all but died, which leaves me on my knees, back to the place I should have started from" and also, "I'm in the race to win a prize, the odds against me. The world has plans for my de-

mise. What they don't see is that a winner is not judged by his small size, but by the substitute he picks to run the race, and mine's already won."

"Get Down" is a flashback to the AA classic "Big House" with its supercharged emotion and fun, straightforward message. However, on this album Audio Adrenaline is not just about rock.

In fact, AA shows their amazing musical maturity and versatility by tossing in a couple ballads, as well as an alternative "Sugar Ray" sounding tune, and even a hilarious swing number called "DC-10."

The band steps far away from their stereotypical style when lead singer Mark Stuart joins Jennifer Knapp on a duet of the traditional "It Is Well With My Soul." However, although the words remain the same, the tune is anything but traditional. Once the listener can get past the fact that the melody is different from the one we are all used to, he or she will find that this ver-

sion is hauntingly beautiful.

The most powerful song of the album is entitled "This Day" simply because the band really bares their soul without dressing it up using fancy words or a creative story. This song is a pure and simple worship tune that I think each and every college student can relate to.

"It's six A.M. I'm so tired. The alarm sounds, a new day begins. Before I go, and disturb this peaceful moment, I look to you. I want to say a prayer, before my feet can hit the ground. Lord I give this day to you."

The beauty and emotion of this song will grab you and hopefully impact you as much or more than any preacher's message.

"Underdog" concludes with the most fun track of the album, a googy little story called "The Houseplant Song." Listeners receive a small change of pace as guitarist Bob Herdman takes the microphone for this little ditty. I can guarantee that you will find yourself laughing out loud

Underdog

by
Audio Adrenaline

Reviewed by
Chad Frosland

Crusader Rating



at the incredible silliness of the song. It is not exactly beautiful, but very entertaining.

Audio Adrenaline has returned to the greatness of "Bloom" after a sub-par effort in "Some Kind of Zombie." So far, every student I have talked to who has heard this record has used such adjectives as "sweet," "rocking" and "spectacular." If you are looking for a great album, I would put my money on the Underdog.

Costner strikes out in the big "game"

"For Love of the Game" can be viewed as either a two-hour commercial for major league baseball, another ego-trip for Kevin Costner, or a terrible movie. As a commercial for major league baseball, 'Game' uses famous announcers, sweeping game shots, and emotional highlights to create a stirring tribute to the game of baseball. As an ego-trip, Costner continues his line of recent flops. And as a movie, it is one of the worst of the year.

In 'Game', Costner plays Billy Chapel, a famous major league pitcher in the twilight of his career, suffering through the sale of his

team, the Tigers, the loss of his girlfriend, Jane, and persistent pain in his shoulder. Early in the movie Chapel is established as, surprise, a stoic, thoughtful, warm hero, the same character Costner has played in every movie of his film career.

The central plot revolves around Chapel pitching his way through a perfect game, flashing back between innings and pitches, to earlier scenes in his life and his relationship with his girlfriend. From pitch one the movie follows a predictable, boring storyline, interspersed with bad dialogue and melodramatic music.

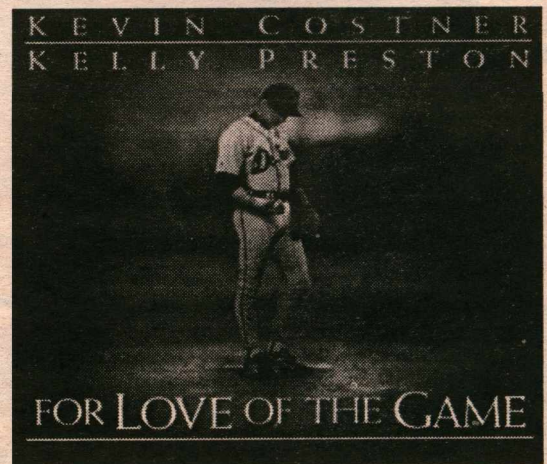
Although every character in the movie is shallow, the writers make some attempt to give Jane, Chapel's girlfriend, depth of character. The third scene of the movie portrays her telling Chapel that she realized he doesn't need her anymore, how he never has, yada yada, she's moving to London tomorrow, it's over, etc. The writers try to make Jane appear to be a complex, mature woman, in complete contradiction to her actions, which resemble a spoiled, immature child.

Aside from Chapel's pitching struggles and Jane's confusion, few other storylines are developed in the movie, although the owner comes to Chapel before the game to tell him that he will be selling the Ti-

gers and that Chapel will be traded, apparently to give the sense that this game will be Chapel's final. Flashbacks inserted throughout the movie try to develop Chapel's relationship with his teammates and opponents, although the shallowness of these characters makes this somewhat futile.

The movie maintains its flatness through the anti-climatic climax. The poor plot development is overcompensated for through over-the-top photography and a stirring musical score, which lend the scene a sense of silliness.

As if the poor plot, shallow characters and hollow cinematography were not enough, the movie is full of barely camouflaged plugs for major league baseball. The film contains nearly as much play-by-play and color analysis, provided by everyone's favorite FOX broadcasting team, as meaningful dialogue. Sweeping shots of the stadium could be mistaken for a World Series broadcast rather than a love story.



The-major-league-baseball-is-a-beautiful-thing theme continues when the owner comes to Costner with the news that he is selling the Tigers. He goes on for several paragraphs about the corruption in the game, the greed, the infidelity, and how he is sick of it. Chapel replies by telling that it's still a great game and that he still believes in it.

Game is the latest in a long line of disappointments from Costner. Even an unoriginal plot like this could have been made into a respectable movie. But poor timing, shameless commercialism and juvenile writing tank this film. Unless you are a die-hard baseball fan, an avid fan of Costner or a total sucker for cheesy love stories, you should avoid Game.

For Love of the Game

Starring
Kevin Costner

Reviewed by
Jardon Jaramillo

Crusader Rating



Volleyball Crusaders finish 3-0 at ACI tourney

by Lisa Erickson

Crusader News Staff Writer

The annual Blocktoberfest tournament held at Albertson College was a successful event for the Northwest Nazarene University Crusader women's volleyball team. Like last year's tournament, the Crusaders ended the weekend as co-champions with Albertson, each team finishing the tournament undefeated with a 3-0 record. NNU played three matches this past weekend, facing Westminster, Carroll and Warner Pacific colleges.

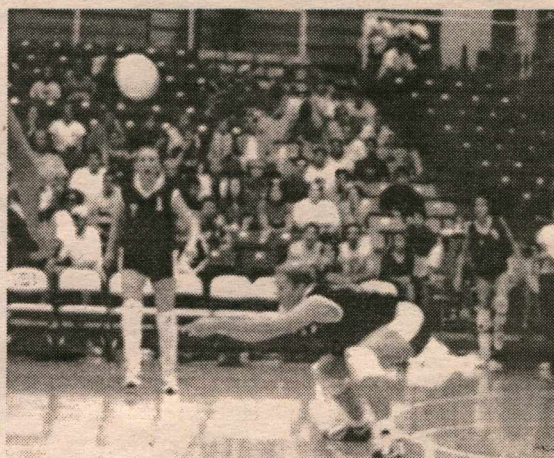
The Crusaders' first match on Friday was a chance for the team to warm-up for harder competition later in the weekend. NNU easily handled Westminster College in three games, 15-1, 15-4 and 15-4. Game one allowed the starters to try a new line-up, because starter Michelle Phillips was out of town for the weekend.

The new line-up proved to be effective, giving the Saders confidence for future matches. Many of

the younger players gained some valuable experience in games two and three, as they easily conquered Westminster. Erin Hellberg led the Crusader offense with nine kills and six blocks. Freshman standout Louise Free added seven kills, while sophomore Rachel Roberts added six. Defensive specialists Nancy York and Mindy John led the team serving with five and four aces respectively.

Next, the Crusaders faced the number four place team in the region, Carroll College. The game on Saturday morning was important for the Crusaders to win in order to move back up in the regional rankings. Carroll was ranked in the top 25 teams nationally last week and proved to be tough competition for the 'Saders.

After five games, the Crusaders were victorious winning 15-12, 5-15, 15-3, 11-15 and 15-5. Tabitha Shipman led the team with 29 kills and eight blocks, while Erin Hellberg added 14 kills. Jessica Ackley had an outstanding game,



Mindy John gets the dig during one of the tournament games. John's excellent serves and digs helped the 'Saders to three wins this weekend.

providing five blocks, 16 digs and two aces:

"This match was extremely important because Carroll College was ranked ahead of us in the region. We definitely needed to win. I love it when our team knows what needs to happen, steps up and gets the job done," said setter Lisa Erickson. Erickson dished out

53 assists, 14 digs, two aces and a career high eight kills in the match against Carroll.

The Crusaders' third and final match was against Warner Pacific College. NNU finished out the afternoon with game scores of 15-7, 15-4 and 15-5, tying for first place in

the Blocktoberfest tournament. Many of the first and second year players started this game and crushed Warner Pacific to finish out the tournament play. Jaime Butler-Dawson racked up 21 assists and five aces in the three-game match.

"It was really nice to play all of our team this weekend. It gave

the freshmen a chance to gain some confidence and experience. It was great and they had fun doing it," said coach Darlene Brasch about the weekend's match-ups.

Two of the Crusaders made the All-Tournament team at the Blocktoberfest tournament this past weekend. Erickson finished the tournament with 63 assists, nine kills, four aces and 16 digs. This was her third consecutive year of being named to the All-Tournament team at Albertson.

Last year's blocker award winner, Shipman, went error-free hitting for the weekend. She averaged 5.5 kills per game and tallied up 35 kills for the tournament. She also averaged 1.7 blocks per game, with a total of 11 blocks for the tournament.

All in all, the weekend was a success. The Crusaders accomplished their goals and found victory in the process. Thanks again to all the fans who traveled the distance to Caldwell. All of you are amazing.

Return of IM football

by Craig Craker

Crusader News Staff Writer

Another year of gridiron madness has begun on the NNU campus. In the first game of the season, Third West of Culver went up against The Other Guys. Sanchai Dean opened the scoring with a 40-yard rumble to make it 6-0. Jeremy Lynch for Third West then tied it up at 6. Interceptions were traded the rest of the half before The Other Guys stepped it up a notch.

The defense for The Other Guys clamped down as they blitzed and sacked the Third West quarterback multiple times. Rob Russell scrambled in from 35 yards out to make it 12-6, then Kevin Allen scored from 25 yards out to make it 18-6.

Rubbing salt in Third West's wounds late in the second half, James Robinson showed off his lightning speed, scoring on a reverse from 50 yards out to put on the finishing touches of a 24-6 rout. Third West played a solid first half, but The Other Guys were just too much for the freshmen to handle.

In the second game, Team 3 played Team 2, who still have no idea what hit them. Ryan LeBaron opened the demolition with a touchdown to make it 6-0. Ryan Warwick crossed the goal line for the two point conversion to make it 8-0. Dave Oliver then scored, followed by a Ryan Brown touch-

down, followed by a J.B. Downey touchdown to make it 26-0 at the half.

In the second half, Oliver and Brown each scored touchdowns and Warwick added another two-point conversion to complete the scoring at 40-0.

Games three and four were by far the most exciting as Team 6 and Team 9 won in very convincing fashion: by forfeit.

In the final game of the day, Team Sutherland took on Everybody Else. Team Sutherland scored early on, as Stephen Griffin caught a long touchdown pass to make it 6-0. The game went back and forth, until early in the fourth quarter, on fourth and 19, Nathan Vanderpool hit the 6'9" wide out Jeremy Lunde for a 55-yard touchdown completion. Vanderpool then kept it him-

self on a QB sneak for the two-point conversion, giving them an 8-6 lead.

With 1:33 to go, Dan Wilcott threw up a Hail Mary a on fourth down that was tipped by two defenders before Griffin came down with a miracle catch. He ran it in from five yards out to put Team Sutherland on top, 13-8. Everybody Else had one last chance to come back, but three of their last four passing attempts were blocked by the tenacious defense of Team Sutherland.

The Player of the Week goes to Dave Oliver, so congratulate him next time you happen to run into him.

Be sure to come out next Saturday from 8 in the morning until 1 in the afternoon for some good ole' fashioned flag football.

Fall-ball, baseball

Baseball team shows promise for spring

by Jon McCoy

Crusader News Staff Writer

Grass. Dirt. Sweat. Cool sunny days. It's fall-ball time at NNU and the baseball team is in full swing. With the fall season less than three weeks old, the team can be seen working hard and getting ready for the spring just a few short months away.

Coached by Brian Muir (head coach), Tim Onofrei (pitching coach) and Nate Hoison, the Crusaders are looking to be at the top of their conference this year. With only two returning seniors, Zack Deboi and Justin Schneidt, the team is young but very talented. Other returning players include Ben Abshire, Ruben Burciaga, Dan Benedick, Matt Davis, Neil Elder, Matt Lowe, Jacob St. Mary, Barry Warren, Benji Warren, and Jake Williams. Transfers and freshmen include Josh Apperspach, Josh Gray, Tom Defer, Todd Fisher, Jonathan McCoy, C.J. Mylander, Chris Uh, Joel Wolf and Kevin Seward.

Though the team may be young, the defense is still solid, with most of the starters returning. Coach

Muir thinks that with most of last year's defense still intact and improved pitching, the defense will be a major factor in the outcome of a lot of close games. Pitching has been solid in the first few games of the fall season. The pitchers have been staying low in the strike zone with the majority of their pitches, enabling the defense to be ready for a ball hit. However, defense is only one aspect of the game and one cannot play without an offense.

"The bats have been coming around, but we will still have to play the little game," says Coach Muir. The little game includes bunting, base stealing and hit-and-runs. "Though there is potential for the long ball from a few guys, we will win most of our games by doing those little things and executing when we need a run or two. If we can do that, our defense is solid enough to where we can win most of those tight games."

The Crusaders have played six games so far in the fall season. With each game, they continually show progress. The outlook for the spring season looks great, and with hard work this fall, the team will be ready to make a run at the conference title. Fall games are Saturday mornings and afternoons at the NNU baseball field until October 26 and the team is looking for support from the student body.

Soccer team #1 in conference



The women's soccer team defeated Cascade 6-0 and Concordia 3-1 in away games this weekend, putting them 5-5 overall.



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Blair Witch mystery solved: The seal did it

Recently, it came to my attention that I was one of the eight remaining Americans who had not seen "The Blair Witch Project."

In case you're one of the other seven, I should explain that "The Blair Witch Project" is a hugely popular movie that was featured simultaneously on the covers of both Time and Newsweek (mottoes: "We Both Have The Same Motto"). "The Blair Witch Project" stunned the Hollywood establishment, because it proved that, to make a hit movie, you don't need big stars, an expensive production and a huge promotional budget to generate hype. All you need is a huge promotional budget to generate hype. The movie itself can cost \$34.

Not wishing to be a cultural holdout, I went to see "The Blair Witch Project," which tells the story of three young actors who attempt to make a documentary without a tripod. This means the camera constantly moves around, as though it is strapped to the head of a hyperactive seal. (For some reason, the camera is often pointed

more or less at the ground, as though the seal is hunting for ants.) The effect of this technique is to create a mood of intense realism for several minutes, after which it creates a mood of intense motion sickness.

The three movie characters are looking for the Blair Witch, who according to legend is a mean witch who is never actually seen because of the high cost of special effects. The characters set out and almost immediately become lost in the legendarily huge uninhabited forests of Maryland (motto: "The Endless Vast Expanse of Wilderness State"). They respond to this predicament exactly as Lewis and Clark would have: by holding long, whiny arguments wherein they wave the camera around and repeatedly shout a very bad word that I cannot put in the newspaper, so let's just call it "darn." Much of the dialogue sounds like this:

FIRST CHARACTER: Darn you! You darned got us darned lost in these darned woods! Darn!

SECOND CHARACTER: Go

Dave Barry
 Syndicated humor columnist



darn yourself!

SQUIRREL: Will you darners shut the darn UP!?!

The characters are all so busy arguing and yelling "Darn!" at each other that, in the entire movie, they actually travel a grand total of maybe 75 linear feet. You get the impression that if they'd just shut up and WALK, in 20 minutes they'd come to a Wal-Mart. But they don't, and after several days they run out of food. They do NOT, however, run out of electricity for their cameras, which apparently are powered by tiny, highly portable nuclear generators.

And thus they are able to keep videotaping, which enables you, the viewer, to experience the terrifying things that happen right outside their tent at night, namely: It's hard to say. Apparently SOMETHING terrifying is happening, but you can't really tell what it is, because pretty much all

you see is the ground, or total darkness. Much of the footage near the end appears to be shot deep inside a sleeping bag.

I won't not reveal the terrifying and shocking surprise ending of the movie, because I don't want to spoil it, plus I have no idea what it is, since it's not actually IN the movie. The characters all get killed and are unable to videotape it. But at least the darned camera stopped moving.

I hope I don't appear to be criticizing "The Blair Witch Project." I happen to think it's a great film, because despite its flaws, it meets the ultimate artistic test: It will make over a hundred million dollars. This inspires me. In my college days, I spent my summers working at Camp Sharparoon as a counselor for disadvantaged youths, and one of my key counseling techniques was terror. When we were out in the woods at night, I could make the youths at least briefly stop hitting each other and making bodily sounds by telling them scary bedtime stories. Not to brag, but some of my stories were a lot scarier than "The Blair Witch Project,"

as determined by the standard unit of measurement for bedtime-story scariness, which is Bedrolls Wetted.

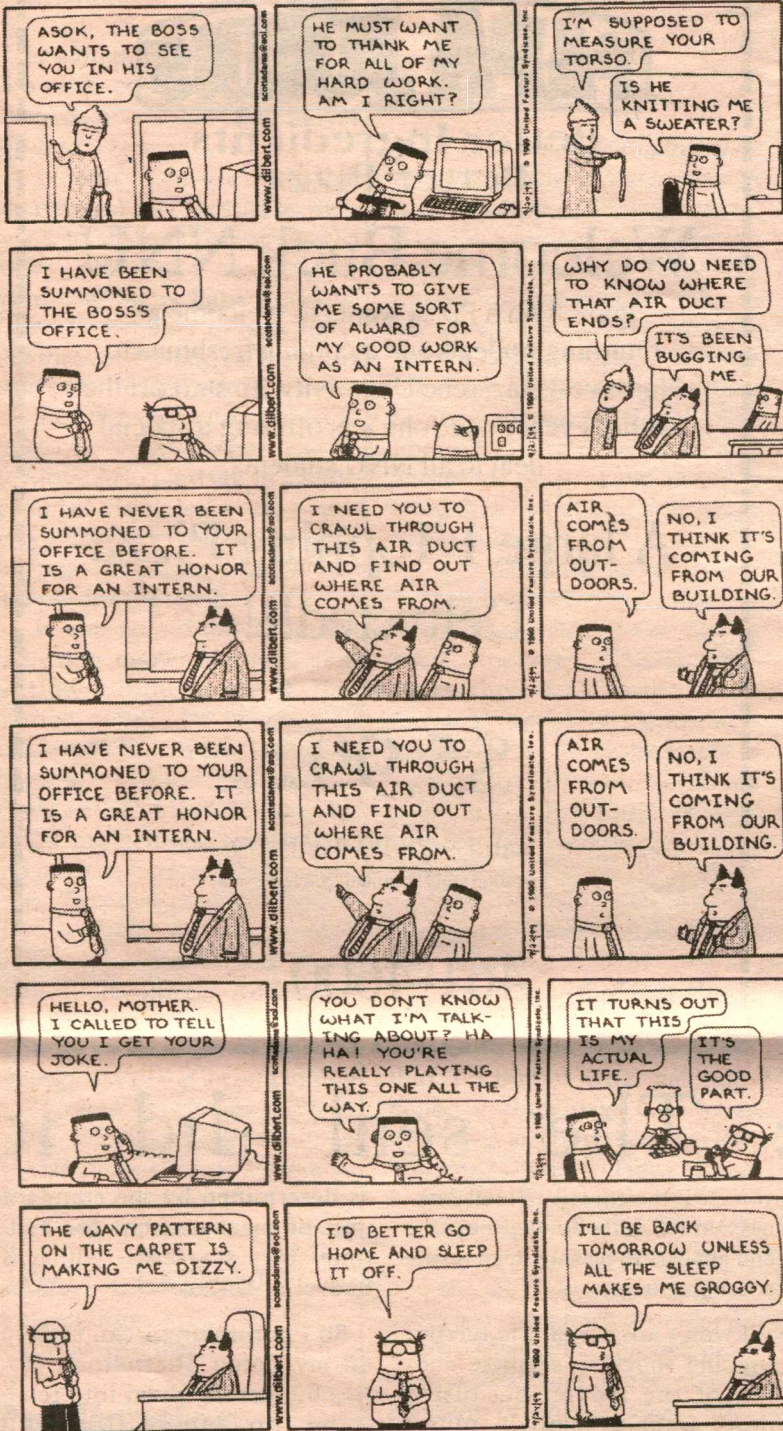
So I'm thinking I can cash in on my Camp Sharparoon stories by turning them into terrifying low-budget films. I'll start with "Hunt for the Latrine Demon," which will be about an ill-fated attempt to make a documentary about an entity that dwells, according to legend, in a primitive hand-dug campsite toilet facility. I've already got a script written ("It's got me by my darned ankles!"). All I need now is some unknown actors, a video camera and a huge promotional budget. And of course a seal.

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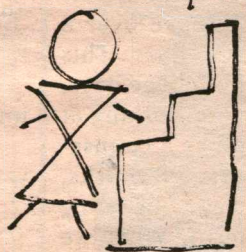
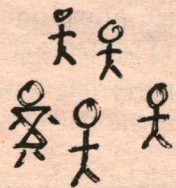
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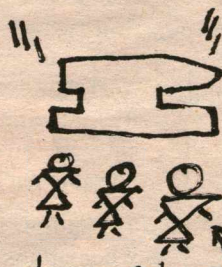
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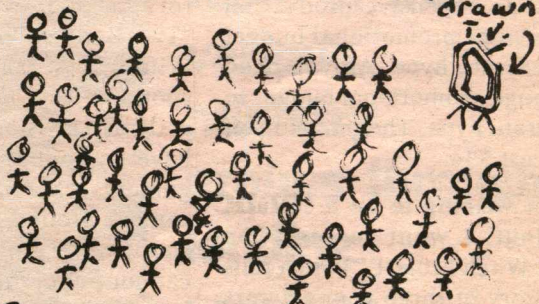
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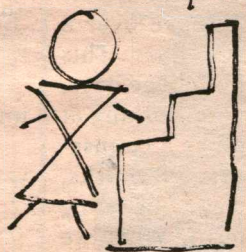
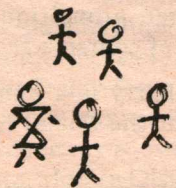
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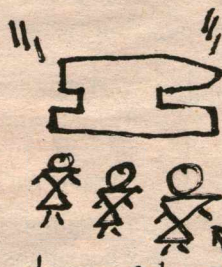
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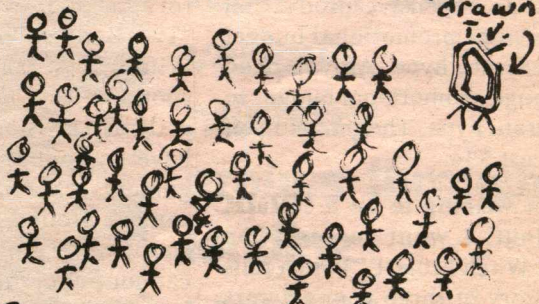
poorly drawn volleyball team



poorly drawn doomed opponents

Student attendance: 15

"Anthony Edwards talks about his cat" episode reruns on ER



Student viewers: 579