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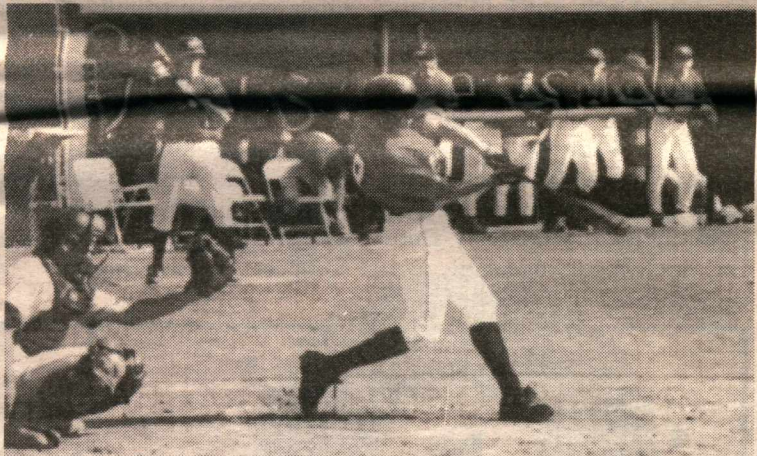
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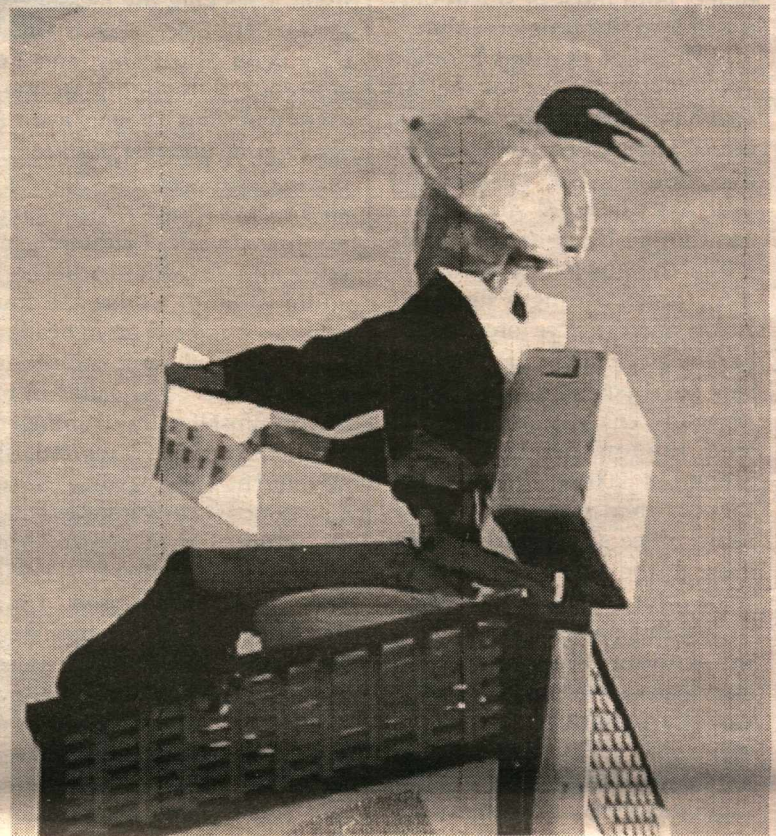
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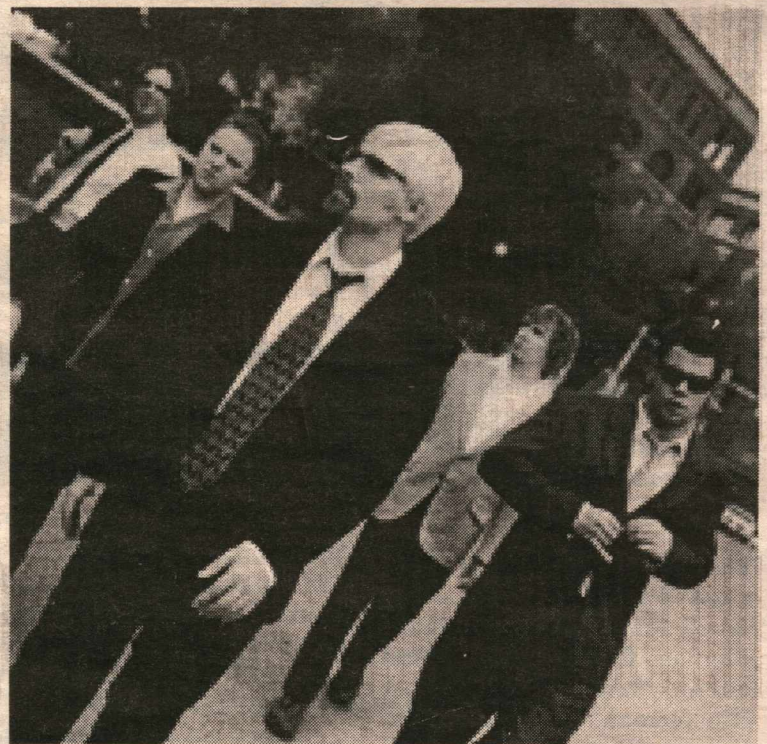
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Column One

Hey there everyone,

It is a little past 2:00am on Tuesday. I've just eaten way too much chocolate, so I have this mixed feeling of sickness and perfect contentedness. Being able to feel both must be a feat only possible at this time of night.

The staff that has brought *The Crusader* to you for the last year has finally completed its last issue. Things have changed a lot over the past year. For one, this year has run more smoothly. I can't forget the time last spring when the electricity went out three times during a lightning storm, and we were forced to finish the paper the next day. We saw the shadows dancing in the trees and enjoyed strange visits from random people roaming around at 3:00am. Those aren't the only great memories, the Crusader office also affords a great view of the sunrise, I wouldn't trade it for anything but sleep.

At this point I have to thank my wonderful and dedicated staff that worked hard and occasionally pretended to listen to me.

Since tonight was our last night together, we did many sentimental things including firing the appropriate people, making them clean out their desks, and filming the whole ugly scene. We topped the night off by opening the *Crusader* time capsule. After this week, there will be no more Juice Newton, Roscoe Williamson, Hot Tub in a Can or Publication Standard Time. At least the sunrise will always be there for us.

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Third Day prepares to come to NNU

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Crusader Guest Writer

As I rushed into my apartment, I saw a horribly blinking light. Checking my messages, I heard: "Hi, Eric. This is David Carr with Third Day, and I'm supposed to be doing an interview with you. If you want to reschedule, you just need to call our management..." Oh no! Of all the days to lock myself out of my apartment! I dropped my stuff and sat down. Before I could attempt to use the four minutes I had left on my calling card the phone rang and set my fears at ease. The caller introduced himself as the drummer of Third Day, which is my favorite southern rock group since Creedence Clearwater Revival.

When I first heard Third Day's self-titled album in 1995, I was not very impressed. I was just beginning to get into Rock and did not like anything unless it screeched or blared. Since Third Day did not screech or blare, I moved on. Soon their second album came out—*Conspiracy #5*—and I got to see them in a Boise concert at Central Assembly Church. When Third Day swept me away into a world of orchestrated noise that was worshipful and soul-searching, I became a fan. The programmed light display was incredible and gave the music visual life. It was altogether the best concert I had been to since Tom Fest '97 (the alternative music festival of the summer). When Nathan asked

me to do an interview right before class, I could not help myself.

So I started things off with a dumb question. "What do you feel is your group's mission?" He told me they had sat down and worked on it a while ago but that he didn't remember what they decided on. A good band without a mission? Was this possible?

Eric's pet peeve #1: Throw-together groups that come up with a mission to please the Christian culture before finding out if they can actually play good music.

Then David remembered: "We want to worship God through music." David said that they want to draw people into the presence of God at concerts. They want the Holy Spirit to come and touch everyone, but it won't happen because of anybody's skill or musicianship; it will happen only when the music and the listeners focus on worship. "Here's a plug," he said: "we're putting out a worship album in July."

Eric's pet peeve #2: music groups that cannot write their own worship songs and so sing everyone else's.

My heart sank...until I remembered that Third Day has always had worship songs on their

albums. In fact, many of their songs have been played and sung in worship services ever since they first hit the stage and the shelf in 1995. Many people have

most impactful worship songs on *Conspiracy #5* were deeply reflective and even slightly dark sounding. "I Deserve" reflects on the depths of God's mercy: "is it that your mercy is much more than I deserve?" *Time*, their newest album, starts off with a worship song titled "I've Always Loved You."

I asked David what songs were on this new album were really meaningful to him. He told me he liked "I've Always Loved You," "Can't Take the Pain," and especially "Never Bow Down"—which is about the persecuted church around the world.

Third Day met in Atlanta while in college. They have been a solid band writing music and touring ever since. Their *Time* tour, with Jennifer Knapp, is going great so far. "We really compliment each other musically," David said. They have

been able to grow close on the road and have really helped each other grow spiritually through group devotionals every night before a concert.

Instead of the intense light show they did two years ago, this concert will focus more on the music, and I encourage everyone to go on April 26. Hopefully you all will get to enjoy Third Day's southern rock worship.



Third Day is coming to NNU to play the Montgomery Fieldhouse on April 26.

heard Mac Powell sing "Just to Be With You" and "My Hope is You" on the radio in a church service.

David was quick to clarify. He let me know that this album is not just another hop on the bandwagon, but really their own stuff. There will be some live songs and some new songs. Some of it won't be recognized as worship by many people, but that is fine for them. Personally, Third Day has helped broaden my own understanding of worship. The

Bicentennial Bash brings local author

by LaRita Schandorff
Crusader Guest Writer

Currently, the United States and Japan are the only two developed nations that still use the death penalty. As of 1997 there have been 3,000 men and women waiting to die on death row in the United States.

Where do you stand on this issue? In his book *Against the Death Penalty: Christian and secular arguments against capital punishment* local author Garner Hanks offers an "impressive range of information...in clear, down-to-earth language."

You can learn more about Hanks and his book at the upcoming Library of Congress Bi-

centennial bash on April 24th, 7:00 pm at Riley Library.

Included in the evening will be a book talk by Hanks. Hanks is a librarian at the Idaho State Library in Boise and state coordinator for Amnesty International's Program to Abolish the Death Penalty.

He has also served as spiritual adviser for death row inmates in Idaho and is a member of the Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship in Boise. Regardless of your stand on this issue, and especially if you haven't considered your position, you'll find his book a great resource and the evening a great opportunity for reflection and discussion.

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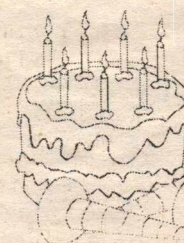
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Financial changes

New system will make student loans easier to track and control

by Kelli Brooker
Crusader Guest Writer

The Financial Aid Office of Northwest Nazarene University has simplified the process of borrowing Federal Stafford Loans for the 2000-2001 school year. A Master Promissory note (MPN) will take the place of the promissory notes signed each year by students in order to receive Federal Stafford Loans.

The purpose of the new loan procedure is to save students the aggravation of having to sign a promissory note for each individual loan they take out during their school careers.

According to Sandy Fernando, the Financial Aid Computer Specialist, it benefits the Financial Aid staff as well. "We won't be having to use 'snail

mail' anymore," she said.

Wes Maggard, Director of Financial Aid, also believes the new system will be beneficial. "I think it will benefit both the student and the school," he said. "There will be quicker processing of loans and it saves the students time because they only have to sign one promissory note."

Even though the MPN system began last year, the Financial Aid Dept. at NNU decided to wait to introduce the program. According to Fernando, "We didn't switch because we had a lot of other changes taking place on the campus."

Along with the simplification, there are some concerns over the new loan procedure. Fernando and Maggard both fear that students will not be fully aware of what they are borrowing, which could lead to the cancellations of many loans. In order to keep this concern from happening, students will be required to fill out a Loan Questionnaire to keep track of the loans they borrow.

Time goes by during Mother-Daughter Weekend



Jennifer Hopping and her mother participate in an art project at Artist for a Day during the weekend. Many of our female students had their mothers as guests on campus for Mother-Daughter Weekend April 14-16. The theme this year was "As Time Goes By."

This last weekend was special for many of the students at NNU. In Friday's, chapel it almost looked as though several family reunions were taking place. From several different states, mothers came to Nampa to spend a weekend with their daughters. Some of the activities set for the weekend included of a chapel service, a banquet, and a showing of *Father of the Bride*. Sophomore Laurissa Hurst said that she and her mom really thought the chapel service was a neat touch to the weekend. Janelle Smith, Junior, said, "Having my mom meet my friends and their moms was nice." Shawna Potter, also a Junior, said, "My mom and I have done this for the last three years. It gets better every time!"

Marsha has moved

by Mindy Oldenkamp
Crusader Writer

After four years of service in the office of Student Development, Marsha Jones calls it quits as her family heads for new ministry opportunities in Lima, Ohio.

Jones left earlier this term, on a flight bound for Ohio as her husband, Terry, prepares to take a new ministerial position at the Nazarene Church there. The Jones' and their two sons are leaving behind their eldest child, Christine, to finish the year of school as the rest of the family heads for a new beginning.

"It's been a wonderful time of working here, and the people

have been truly fantastic," Jones said. "After moving up from California, Nampa was a wonderful place to settle for a few years, and I wouldn't trade my years here for anything," she added.

"We're excited at the possibilities ahead of us, and though we are sad to be leaving such a warm town, and such loving people, the future is open for us."

Jones' husband Terry had served as the Associate Pastor at College Church for the four years the family lived in Nampa, but began to feel a call to a new area. "We just feel that this is the right thing for us, for our family at this point in time," Jones said.

"We're excited at the possibilities ahead of us, and though we are sad to be leaving such a warm town and such loving people, the future is open for us."

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NNU's own television studio

by Mindy Oldenkamp

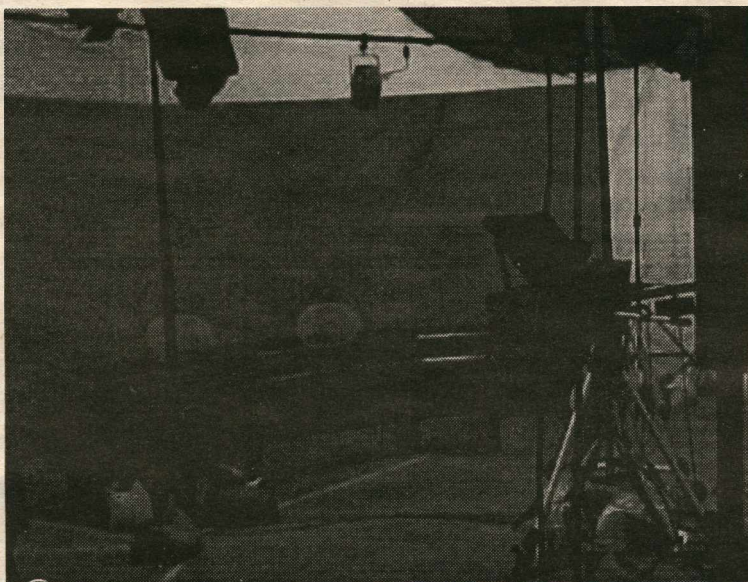
Crusader Staff Writer

The average student may think they know every corner of the Wiley Learning Center, and yet, the majority of the student body would most likely be surprised to know that hidden in the corner of Ed Media is a small recording studio open to students.

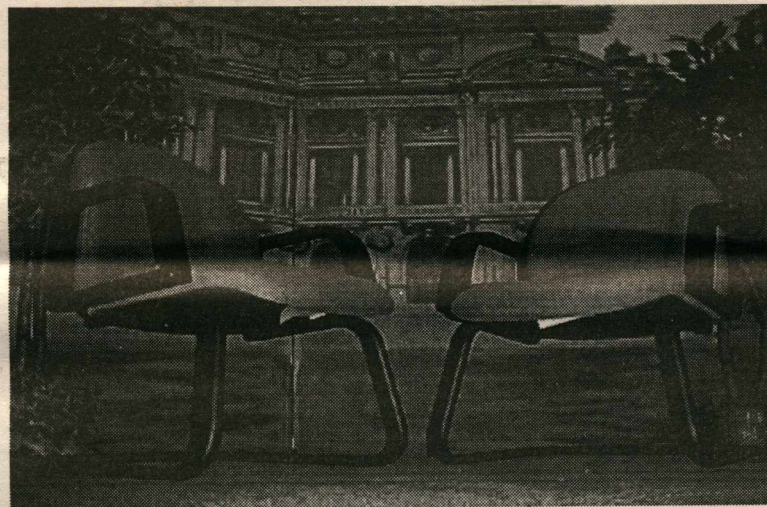
As a recent addition to the already many services available to the students of NNU, a small studio has been set up in one of the back rooms of the Ed Media center. Students from all majors are able to, after scheduling a specific time, go in and put forth their best efforts at recording.

Sophomore Jayme Harding has already utilized the studio by making a recording of many songs sung by herself. Other students are starting to take note of the studio and taking advantage of it. "It's nice to have there, and it's a great opportunity to make something with your own efforts," stated Harding.

Since the studio is still a new venture, there are some kinks in the rules to work out, and more information will become available as time goes on. For more information, questions should be directed to Ed Media.



Part of the sets in the television studio in the Wiley Learning Center.



Crusader Choir performs at local church



The members of Northwest Nazarene University's Crusader Choir sang at the United Methodist Church in Nampa this last Sunday. Some of the selections included "When Jesus Wept," "Hear Me Redeemer," and an arrangement of "The Lord's Prayer," by choir member David Stillman.

Spiritual Emphasis Week

Speaker John Fischer inspires and challenges students

by Laurissa Hurst

Crusader Guest Writer

As students entered chapel on Wednesday, April 5, their eyes fall upon a tall, gangly, slightly older man. Wearing a turtleneck with a sports jacket he played old songs on his guitar. Who was this man? What could we possibly learn from him?

"His message was insightful and related to what we are going through, and we are easily able to apply it to our daily lives. It was a wake up call for a lot of people."

April 5th through the 7th marked spiritual emphasis week on the campus of NNU. The speaker, John Fischer, is a highly acclaimed author and musician.

His approach was down to earth and straightforward. He pulled no punches. It is obvious that he was not worried about stepping on anyone's toes. A few people were offended, but many students were moved to action.

One student, Andy Smith, said "His message was insightful and related to what we are going through, and we are easily able to apply it to our daily lives. It was a wake up call for a lot of people."

As humans we do not want to take a look at our shortcomings, but this was what Fischer was asked us to do. We were called not only to look at them, but also to change them. His main point was that if we cannot be a witness without wearing a Christian T-shirt then our message has no solid foundation. He called us to be great in all we do, to do our best in everything. Our lives should be our strongest witness.

Fischer was not confined to

the platform during his stay here. After Time Out on Wednesday night, a group of students had the pleasure of having him accompany them to Shari's restaurant.

Mindy Meier, a sophomore at NNU, said, "[Fischer] was considerate and I liked how he was so eager to come hang out with a bunch of college students." He was not above anyone; Fischer was a regular guy.

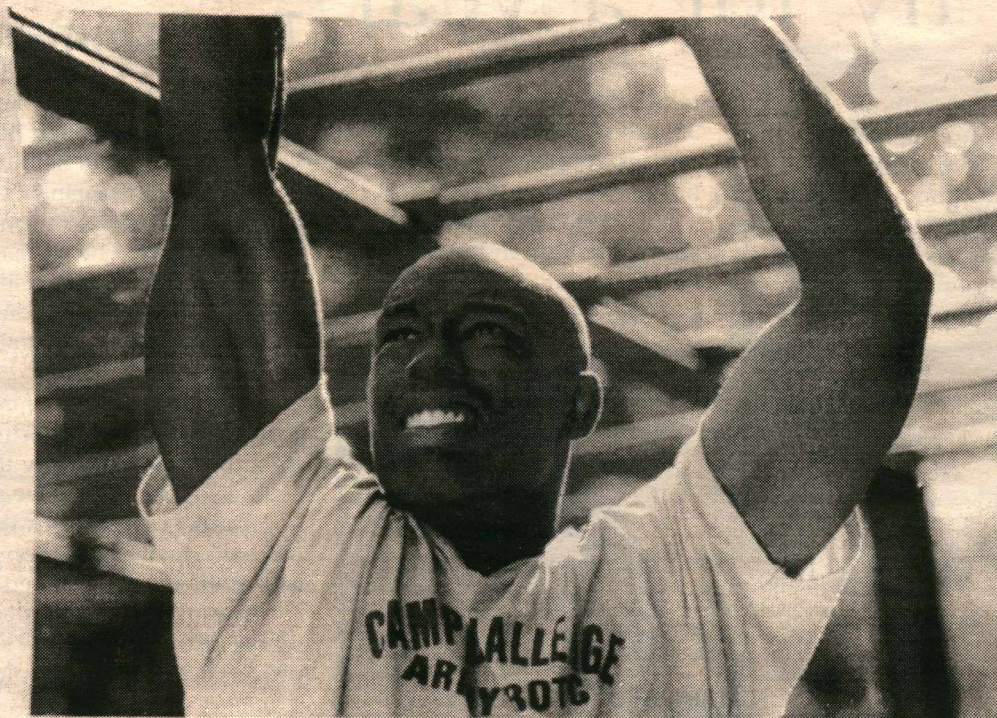
Another student said, "He was a genuine person [who was] interested in the lives of others. He had a unique view on a lot of things and was very interesting to talk to."

Personally, I found him very easy to talk to and open to different opinions and ideas. However, he was strong in his own beliefs and always had significant proof to back them up.

Despite slight opposition from a few members of our student body, Fischer's message and personality were widely accepted. As a person he has gained a few new friends here in Nampa, Idaho. As a speaker and musician, the words and message of his sermons and songs will ring true in our hearts and minds for a long time.

Many of the students felt that what he had to say made perfect sense and it was something that the student body needed to hear. Others were inspired to make sure that the title of Christian would not be tainted any longer. They would do their part to show the world that the reputation Christians have gained may not be the correct view to have.

If the point of this week was to cause us to reflect on our spiritual lives and think about our relationship with Christ and others, then Fischer helped to accomplish that. We as a student body have been moved to challenge the Christian subculture and break out of our comfort zones. We have been challenged to live our lives in such a way that our unsaved friends will say, "If I didn't know you, I would hate them."



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NASA develops new plane that could fly for a year

by Heather Oglevic

World News Staff Writer

NASA plans to launch a revolutionary solar-powered plane built solely for the purpose of making extended flights over the Earth at heights greater than any plane has been capable of flying before. The new plane, called the *Helios* (Greek for "sun"), is designed to be powered by solar-panels by day and by stored energy by night, making it capable of flights longer than 100 hours. In time, scientists speculate, the pilotless *Helios* will be capable of flights as long as six months.

"We look at this as the beginning of a new era, almost like the Wright Brothers in 1903. I am sure they were pretty excited and we are too," said John Del Frate, a NASA scientist in California.

According to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the plane has already been constructed and has even made a few brief test flights under solar power, but the special energy storage cells have yet to be installed. These are the key to the entire long-term flight capability of the new plane.

Once in place, NASA plans a test flight of 96 hours around

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~John Del Frate

the year 2003, to be followed by a longer flight of six months if successful.

The *Helios*' new structure will enable it to reach heights of 100,000 feet, higher than any propeller aircraft. Prototypes have already soared as high as 80,000 feet, making this lofty ambition a little more down to earth than it sounds.

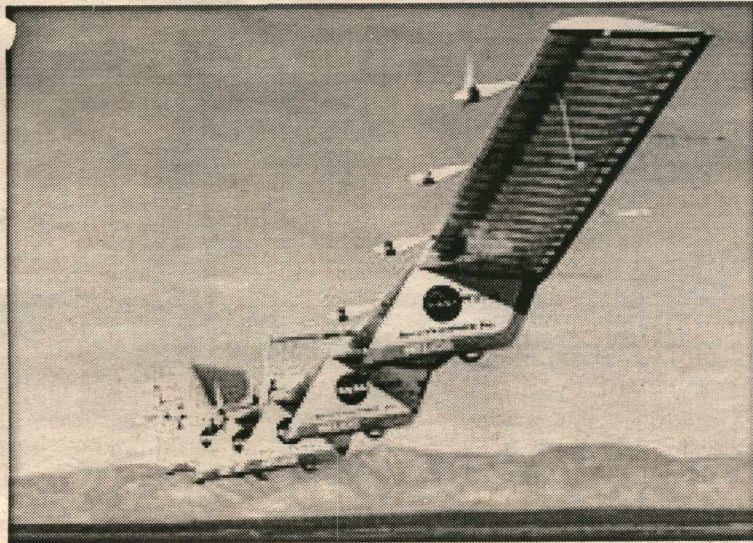
Hopes and plans for the *Helios* and its kin are soaring almost as high as the airplane. The possibilities are rather broad, but it seems that the plane's main function might be

within telecommunications.

"It won't replace other technologies wholesale but I think it will become a very large participant in telecommunications," said AeroVironment President and Chief Executive Officer Timo-

thy Conner. take off at a speed of less than 30 miles per hour. In the air, it cruises at around 100 miles an hour.

Though it should be able to soar quite high indeed, Conner believes that, for its intended purposes, it will operate best



A prototyp for the NASA Helios plane lands on a lake bed last week. NASA hopes that this new plane could help with communications in th world.

thy Conner.

The main usage may be as a relay station for Internet or cellular phone signals. The planes could be based above major urban population centers such as Los Angeles and each could provide the equivalent of around 2,000 high-speed lines for Internet users in an area about 40 miles in diameter. This would be of tremendous economic advantage over low-orbit satellites, costing about 1/20th as much per bit of data as a satellite.

At the moment, the cost of these planes is something of a deterrent, however, as each of these giant aircraft costs around "a few million bucks" to build. Conner is confident, however, that the prices will decrease in the near future as technological advances and economies of scale drive down key costs, including its 66,000 solar energy cells.

The size of the planes themselves remains somewhat daunting nonetheless—the *Helios* has a wingspan of 250 feet (longer than an entire Boeing 747), though it weighs less than 2,000 pounds and can

at 65,000 feet. Most information about this plane remains classified.

The solar panels appear to be located in the transparent wings and will thus be able to gather solar energy reflected from the clouds as well as direct sunlight. Even so, the angle of the sun at certain locations during the year must be taken into account when planning the *Helios*' flight path.

While the plane could fly year round following the equator in 2003 or 2004, flights in the southern U.S. and then to larger eastern cities such as New York may have to wait until 2008-2010.

Del Frate, project manager for NASA's Environmental Research Aircraft Sensor Technology (ERAST), adds that the plane would be of great value in times of natural disaster. He notes that if a major earthquake, for example, were to hit southern California it could not only provide images of the damage but also serve as a telecommunications platform, restoring lost communications within 24 hours.

"Disaster organizations could distribute thousands of cell phones. [The plane] would provide a ready-to-plug-up cell phone system," he said.

World News Briefs

by Jeremy Smith

World News Editor

Ten Commandments ban upheld

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Supreme Court let stand a Southern California school district's ban of the Ten Commandments on a fence at a high school baseball field.

The dispute began when Edward DiLoreto, a Downey, California businessman, paid \$400 to advertise on the Downey High School baseball field fence. The ad listed the Ten Commandments after stating, "Meditate on these principles to live by." After the ad was rejected, DiLoreto sued on the grounds that the school district's decision unlawfully discriminated against religious speech and violated religious freedom.

Last November, the ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals called the baseball field fence "a forum limited to certain subjects and not open for indiscriminate use by the general public." Therefore, the appeals court said, DiLoreto's free-speech rights had not been violated.

The school district was free to exclude subjects "that would be disruptive to the educational purpose of the school," the appeals court said, noting that a Planned Parenthood ad also had been rejected.

The justices have under study a Texas case asking whether public school districts may allow students to lead football stadium crowds in prayers before high school games.

Top Secret FBI computer missing

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A State Department computer which may have held classified information is missing and the FBI is investigating whether it was stolen, the State Department said Monday, April 17.

The Bureau of Diplomatic Security received a report earlier this year about a missing laptop that contained classified information that may have been compromised.

The FBI is now heading a joint investigation with the Bureau of Diplomatic Security into the missing laptop.

The laptop, which reportedly disappeared two months ago, was in a supposedly secure conference room at the department.

The FBI has launched an intensive search for the computer and agents are questioning construction workers who have been renovating the area.

A senior State Department official said it was unclear if the computer was mislaid or stolen. If it was stolen the thief may have made off with it for the hardware without realizing the sensitivity of the data it contained.

A person familiar with the incident said that the missing laptop contains "code word" information, which is higher than top secret, and includes sensitive intelligence information and plans.

Italy voters wear only underwear

AGRATE CONTURBIA, ITALY - A group of Italian voters opted for a very basic look to cast their ballots at Sunday, April 16's regional elections: they entered the polling station in their underwear.

Approximately 30 people wore only their undershirts and briefs when they entered the polling station in Agrate Conturbia, west of Milan, as a protest against noise caused by planes at nearby Malpensa airport.

After initial embarrassment among officials, they were allowed to cast their votes.

The airport, northern Italy's biggest international hub, was recently refashioned to host more flights and relieve Milan's smaller Linate airport from congestion.

The shift is opposed by environmentalists and there have been complaints from residents of towns near Malpensa affected by the increased air traffic.

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Summit leaders of poor nations demand better support and help from richer nations

by Jeremy Smith
World News Editor

The leaders of the world's poor nations are joining forces to demand a greater say in the global economic system, insisting on greater aid, increased trade and a role in financial decisions that often affect their countries.

"From now on we will play our part in shaping this [world] order into one that is just, fair

the G-77 into what could become a significant international voice for the developing world, in hopes of putting pressure on richer countries to consider the interests of the poor.

"We will not be mendicants, content with the crumbs that fall from the table of the North," said Jamaican Prime Minister P.J. Patterson.

About 40 heads of state or government were involved, along with vice presidents or

nology to these countries.

The leaders also promised greater cooperation among themselves. This was dramatically accepted by Cuban President Fidel Castro, who promised to provide 3,000 doctors to a Group of 77 medical program. He said the overall plan "could save at least one million lives each year in Africa."

Obasanjo also lectured the delegates on the need to solve problems in their own countries and to end regional conflicts. "Peace is the bedrock of all human development," he said.

Most of the anger was directed at the booming North, and its efforts to impose tough free-market policies on Third World governments and at volatile world markets that can send prices or interest rates falling or soaring, with devastating effects on poor countries.

Many of the leaders expressed frustration that the technological revolution which has brought wealth to the rich is out of reach to billions of people, leaving many living on the edge of starvation, with no telephones or only erratic power supplies.

Castro once again compared the world economic system to the Holocaust, as he did at the start of the summit.

"I hold the firmest conviction

"I hold the firmest conviction that the economic order imposed by rich countries is not only cruel, unjust, inhumane . . . but it is also a carrier of a racist conception of the world which in its time inspired the Nazism of the Holocaust and of the concentration camps,"

~Fidel Castro

and mutually beneficial to all sides," said Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, chairman of the South Summit.

The Group of 77, founded in 1964 as a U.N. lobbying group, has expanded to include 133 nations. The leaders used their first summit to transform

foreign ministers from nearly 80 other nations.

In resolutions adopted Friday, April 14, the summit demanded relief of the Third World's crushing debt, an increase in aid, more exports sent to developed countries and an increase in the transfers of tech-



Annan speaks at the inaugural ceremony; Fidel Castro hugs Vice-Premier of China, Li Lanqing, during the South Summit of Developing Nations in Havana.

tion that the economic order imposed by rich countries is not only cruel, unjust, inhumane . . . but it is also a carrier of a racist conception of the world which in its time inspired the Nazism of the Holocaust and of the concentration camps," states Castro concerning the richer nations.

"In the third world, they now call them refugee centers," in which people are "concentrated by poverty, hunger and violence," Castro said.

The summit urged "a new global human order aimed at reversing the growing disparities between rich and poor," with Southern countries given the

right to "participate on an equal footing in decisions which affect them."

The leaders called for the outright cancellation of unsustainable debt, increased aid and measures to ensure that developing nations receive new technologies. They promised to try to expand their own educational systems and domestic power and telephone networks to help themselves.

The summit demanded that developed countries open their markets to the farm and textile products of the South, and sought freer movement of workers.

Congo blast kills at least 40 people, injuring many more

Many more feared dead in airport bombing

Amy Oglevic
World News Staff Writer

KINSHASA, CONGO- Kinshasa, the capital of Congo, was rocked last Friday by a series of explosions in its airport, killing at least 40 people. U.N. spokesman David Wimhurst, speaking in New York, said the explosions involved a Boeing 707, though he refused to comment further.

While information remains sketchy, two general theories have emerged: the presence of

a munitions short circuit and the theory of a soldier dropping ammunition while unloading the military plane. It is still unclear, however, if the explosions are somehow connected to Congo's 20-month civil war, which President Laurent Kabila has waged against a variety of rebel armies.

State-run radio reported that the series of explosions were triggered when a short circuit sparked a fire at an army munitions depot. According to the state, the fire spread to a fuel depot, sparking further explosions, and engulfing two military planes in flames. Secondary blasts then persisted for more than two hours as

ammunition blew up, showering the area with shrapnel and other material.

An airport official, however, contradicted this account, stating that the fire and explosions were triggered by a careless soldier. According to the official who spoke under the condition of anonymity, the soldier was unloading the Boeing 707 of its cargo, when he dropped ammunition that went off and sparked the explosions.

The initial blast ignited the fuel depot, from which the flames spread over to the munitions depot. The airport was sealed off by local police and soldiers and was not accessible for the conformation of either

account.

In neighboring Brazzaville, the people gathered along the Congo River to watch the flames from the explosions shoot high into the air. Removed from the city, morbid curiosity ran amuck as residents wondered what had happened.

Inside Kinshasa, ambulances raced between the airport and city hospitals in a frantic attempt to save as many wounded as possible. Distraught relatives milled through the hallways and clustered around emergency rooms hoping for good news, or any news at all of the people they cared about. The blasts sent a brief panic through the people of Kinshasa, as they worried

that rebel forces had reached the capital city.

The question of terrorism is a very real threat to the people of Kinshasa: Could rebel troops be involved with this tragic accident? The civil war in Congo, former known as Zaire, erupted one year after Kabila overthrew the late dictator Mobutu Sese Seko. A cease-fire was signed July 10 by President Kabila and his allies—Zimbabwe, Angola, and Namibia—and by Rwanda and Uganda, who are backing the rebels.

The main rebel faction signed on in the weeks that followed, but even so the fighting continues with each side accusing the other of violating the agreement.

A Closer Look at the Friendly Faces serving

by Mindy Oldenkamp
Cover Story Writer

The clatter of trays and silverware, the requests for bagels and cookies, and the constant ring of students' voices as they invade Marriott for a chance to relax from classes, to eat and to socialize—these are everyday noises for a Sodexo-Marriott worker. And everyday, the duties of scanning ID cards, making sure the milk is full and ready to flow and replacing the tongs dropped by the salad bar are completed by an amazing crew of diligent employees.

The workers who make it possible for hundreds of hungry students to be picky in their many options of food and then help clean up after the whole process is

through are the often unthanked, unnoticed lifeblood of the cafeteria. They are the hands sliding the dirty dishes off the conveyor belt behind the wall. They are the

tling group of blue-green shirted bodies constantly making sure that the salad bar is stocked, the soda is full and the bagels are available.

Yet, these are not nameless faces, or lives without stories.

For instance, the shy, quiet man who always seems to be in a hurry to get something done, or who will softly apologize for being even remotely in your way as you reach for one of the dark blue glasses in order to get a drink, is more than just another warm body doing a small job. Nathan, also known as the milk guy, has worked at Marriott for the past fourteen years, and has seen many young faces come through the doors of the cafeteria.

And for Nathan, that is one of the best aspects of his job, "I love being able to help the students,

and when something's not ready for them, I haven't done my job." However, rarely is something under Nathan's supervision.

Nathan constantly makes quick, constant rounds of Marriott and can often be seen hustling large containers of ice from one end of the cafeteria to the other. For such a hard working man, it's important that all needs have been met, and that the students are happy with what is available to them.

"It's important to do my best, so that everything [the students] need is ready and waiting for them from the time the first student enters in the morning to eat breakfast until the last one leaves after dinner," he stated.

This is the common attitude among those who are brave enough to work in a large room filled with rowdy, and often un-thanking, college students. The smiling faces that scan every ID card as it comes across the front desk aren't just there to greet you and provide the after-dinner mints.

The refrigerator standing

directly behind the desk where Mary and Shaura, two of the hostesses for Marriott, isn't just for decoration, but rather, holds the handiwork from yet another depended on, but rarely thought of task: the making of the sack lunches.

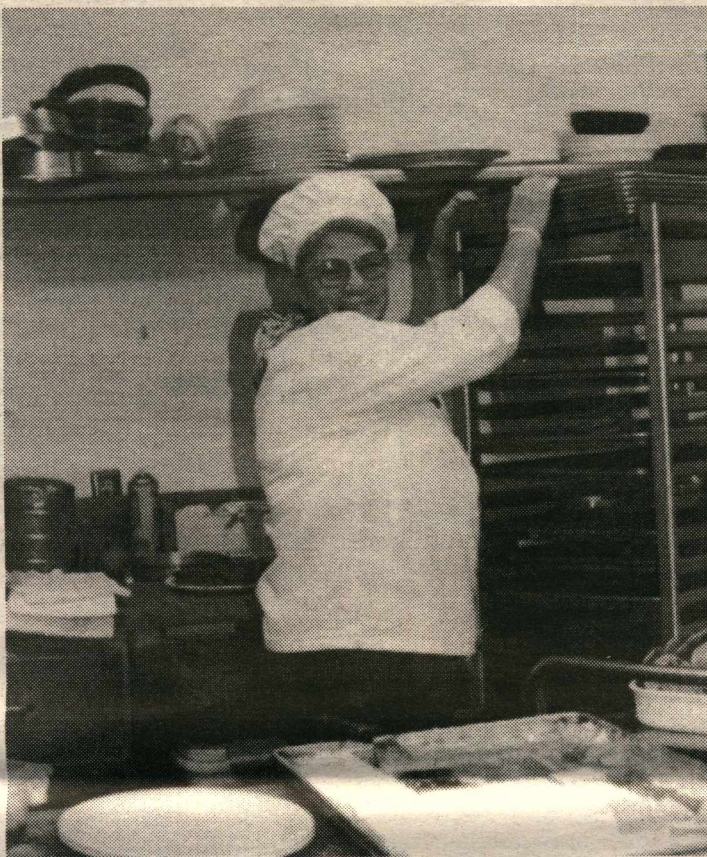
Mary, the card scanning figure who greets the students as they enter, is also the artist who makes sure that the busiest of NNU's students don't go hungry as they rush from

"I enjoy Nathan the best. He is the most helpful. If something is not there, he brings it out for you." Jeron Chatelain

one class to another by filling counting orders for lunches to go. Everyday the fridge is filled

with paper bags folded over at the top that contain hand made lunches.

In addition to that responsibility, both Mary and Shaura, help keep the salad and pasta bars running smoothly. Replacing dropped tongs, and letting many of the behind-the-scenes workers know just when something has run out are but two of the small things that add up to keeping a cafeteria working well.



Phyllis, a Sodexo-Marriott worker shows her smile as she prepares a batch of lemon bars. Phyllis makes all the irresistible desserts at Marriott.

smiling faces who dish up the plates according to the requests of each student and the bus-

Who is your favorite Sodexo-Marriott worker and why?

"The laser lady is my favorite. She always has a wisecrack. They make me laugh."
~Amy Fallo

"Patty had the best smile of anyone!"
~Craig Craker

"Shara is the best. She is a very kind and hard worker who takes time to listen to you. She demonstrates compassion."
~Preston Madden

"Esther. Once she struck a conversation with me and told me not to stress out over the finals that were happening that week. I didn't even know her. How cool is that!" ~Sara Keller

"I like them all. They do their job well and with a smile." ~Danae Schenk

"Esther definitely beats all the others. She is really cute and super nice. Her hard work really shows."
~Becky Brundock and Tara Vanleerdam

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But it's not all work and no play for Mary, who is new to the Marriott staff in this past year. She likes playing a more involved role, and enjoys being included in activities, such as serving as a judge at the Mr. NNU 2000 competition. She also likes taking a little time away and would love to go back to the beach again soon, "I heard all of the students talking about their Spring Breaks, and I would love to have been along, to go to the beach."

For Shaura, work is a kind of play, and yet she is also required to be a bit of a sleuth on the job. Shaura, who is also a new addition to the faces of Marriott this year, enjoys working the front, likes being able to talk to the students as they come in, or as they leave, but she also finds herself having to watch carefully. Recently the large container that once held all the dinner mints Marriott had to offer decided to take a va-

cation from sitting on the counter at the front. Now Shaura is on the lookout. "If it just suddenly reappears, nothing would happen to those who brought it back, but

but a few. Many hands lend help in making the cafeteria run like a well-oiled machine, and before any students are hired to help these are just three of the members of the staff that keep it going. The quiet lady who constantly stocks the salad bar, the younger guy who can often be seen making Caesar salads for the students in line, and the woman who grills cheese sandwiches to perfection are just a couple of the other familiar, and yet often taken for granted, people who keep Marriott serving the student body.

So the next time that you take your sack lunch from the fridge where it was made and waiting for you, or the next time you receive a plateful of food from a smiling server, or the when the milk is full and the ice is stocked, and you see Nathan working diligently, take a moment, and let the hard-working members of the Marriott staff know they're appreciated.



Nathan evades the camera as he faithfully fills the ice cream machine. Nathan has been known for his dedication to service at Sodexho-Marriott.

it's hard to get the mints out without it," she said with a smile.

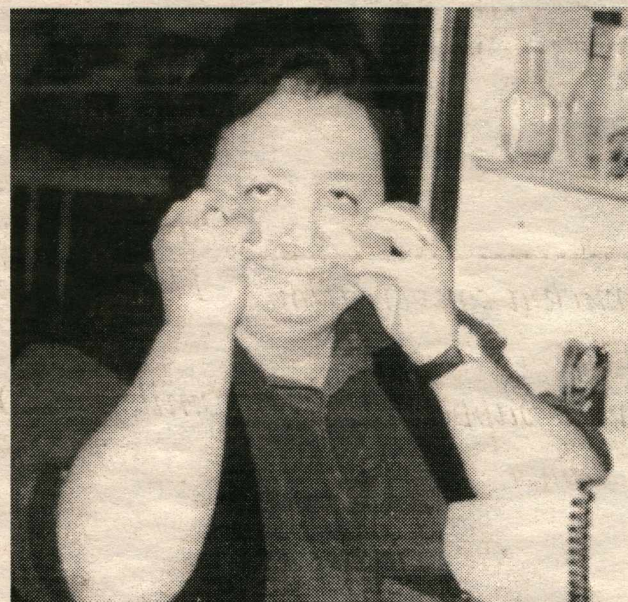
Among all the members of the Marriott staff, these are

"Shara is my favorite. She hooked me up with some good sack lunches and is always so friendly. I always appreciate the service that she provides."

~Andy Nilson AKA "Kid"

"I always had an affection for Patty. She had service with a smile keyed to perfection. She related to people and best of all, she remembered me. What a personality!"

~David Orias



Former Marriott worker, Patty, displays her exuberant personality before the camera. We all miss her.

Alumni professors share their memories of Saga

by David Kadel
Soon-to-be Opinions Editor

When you walk into Marriott today, where do you head first? Do you saunter over to the exhibition with hopes of fajitas and Caesar salads or peak in on the main line to see if there's anything good? Do you make a beeline to the grill for a cheeseburger, or just survey the choices of desserts available? What about soup, chili or salad? How about pizza, a sandwich or even just cereal? What most of us overlook while searching for something edible is that we have an enormous selection available to us at almost any time of every day.

It hasn't always been that way, though. The school cafeteria has undergone a lot of changes to make it what it is today. Before 1961, the cafeteria was located in Morrison. The cooks, just a few local people, were all employed by NNC, and students were hired as waitresses. Everyone ate exactly the same thing and portions were rationed conservatively.

In 1961, with the arrival of the new Student Union Building, the administration contracted out for a new cafeteria, called SAGA. Students now had two choices of what they could eat. Professor Roger Schmidt remembers SAGA as a place where people got to know each other. "It was little more than an all-school social time. The cafeteria was only open for one hour each meal, so everyone would file in and eat at the same time," says Schmidt.

Dr. Lynn Neil attended NNC from 1957-1961. She recalls, "We used to only be able to have one glass of milk per meal, and for breakfast, we would only get a carton of milk if we had cereal. I remember that many of us were so excited when SAGA started because we were able to have unlimited milk." Dr. Neil also relates, "Sometimes, a boy who had a really big appetite would sit at a table with a bunch of girls who didn't eat much with hopes of getting their leftovers."

President Hagood moved on campus as a sophomore the same year SAGA started. He says, "One thing I remember [about the cafeteria] is that every Sunday at noon, there was a big family-style meal." Everyone would get dressed up and go to dinner. They would sit at assigned tables, which varied often, and were served their meal family-style. This also helped them to get to know everyone on campus.

Eventually, SAGA was bought out by Marriott, which, in turn, was later bought out by Sodexho. Through the years, efforts have been made to improve the cafeteria, and allow students to have more of a selection. This has resulted in the cafeteria that we know and love today. It's true that often, the search for something relatively pleasant to eat is difficult, but compared with what was available in years past, we really do have it good.

Men's Baseball loses 3 of 4 over weekend

by Craig Craker

Crusader Assistant Sports Editor

NNU's baseball team lost three out of four this previous weekend, leaving very much doubt there chance at making the postseason. NNU is three games behind Western Baptist and Concordia in the win column. They will play three games at Concordia this weekend and desperately need to sweep them.

In the first game on Friday afternoon, NNU took the lead 1-0 in the first inning after junior Dan Benedick hit a sacrifice fly driving in junior Ruben Burciaga. But then Western Baptist scored five runs as they roughed up starter sophomore Benji Warren.

Trailing 5-1 in the fifth, pinch hitter sophomore Neil Elder was hit by a pitch and Burciaga followed with a single setting the stage for senior Zack Deboi. Deboi promptly ripped a three-run homer cutting the lead to 5-4.

In the sixth the Crusaders left two men on base but failed to score. In the bottom of the seventh still trailing 5-4, Deboi singled and moved to third on a stolen base and a balk. With one out NNU went for the squeeze play but sophomore C.J. Mylander could not get the bat on the ball, which was high and outside, and Deboi was caught in the subsequent rundown.

"The squeeze is just one of those options that you try, and

you live or die by it - we died by it" said Coach Brian Muir.

In the nightcap, it was all Deboi. As the starting pitcher, he constantly made the Warrior batters look foolish. He also added a three-run bomb, his second of the day.

Deboi hit a two-run single in the third giving NNU a 3-0 lead. After Baptist hit two home runs to cut the lead to 3-2, NNU started hitting the long ball. Junior Barry Warren continued his power surge with a three-run homer. Matt Davis added a two-run shot in the seventh.

Deboi hit his three-run homer in the eighth and Benedick followed with a solo shot to close out the scoring 11-2. He was two for five with five runs batted in and a run scored.

On Saturday morning Western Baptist roughed up NNU's starter senior Justin Schneidt. The first five Baptist batters singled as the Warriors jumped out to a 5-0 lead before NNU even came to the plate. After Deboi scored on sophomore Brendan Smith's double, NNU found itself trailing 9-1 after three innings played.

In the fifth, sophomore Matt Davis hit a three run shot to cut the lead to 9-4, but it simply was not enough as Baptist rolled to the 11-5 victory. With the loss Schneidt falls to 0-6 on the season.

In the second game, NNU



Senior Zack Deboi slides under the tag at first base. NNU lost three of four this last weekend.

struck first as Burciaga led off with a single and moved to second after Deboi walked. Burciaga scored on back to back sacrifice flies to make it 1-0 after one inning. In the fourth Smith doubled and came around to score on Benji Warren's one-out single allowing NNU to retake the lead at 2-1.

But then starter freshman Matt Guthrie began to tire. With NNU's bullpen being depleted as it is, Coach Muir was forced to leave him in the game. Baptist took the opportunity to put up four runs in both the seventh and eighth innings as the Warriors won by the final of 9-2.

Game Box Scores

First Game

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 NNU 100 030 0 4 8 2
 Uskoski, Tollison (7) and Hansen; Benji Warren and Fisher. WP Uskoski 5-5. LP Benji Warren 3-3. Save Tollison 6. LOB WBC 3, NNU 6. DP NNU 2. SF WBC, Batsell; NNU, Benedick. 2B WBC, Hansen (2); NNU, Burciaga (6). HR WBC, Batsell (1), Charette (1); NNU, Deboi (4). Hits WBC, Smasal 1-4, Batsell 1-3, Mills 1-3, Owre 1-2, Charette 1-3, Winters 1-3, Hansen 1-3, Zeeb 2-3; NNU, Burciaga 2-4, Deboi 2-4, Benedick 1-2, Smith 1-2, Mylander 1-2, Fisher 1-2. RBI WBC, Batsell 3, Charette 1, Hansen 1; NNU, Deboi 3, Benedick 1.

Second Game

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 Dorman, Emmert, (7), Micah (8) and Winters; Deboi and Fisher. WP Deboi 3-8. LP Dorman 4-5. LOB WBC 6, NNU 8. DP, WBC 1. 2B WBC, Winters (4); NNU, Fisher (1). HR WBC, Owre (9), Barr (3); NNU, Deboi (6), Benedick (3), Davis (2), Barry Warren (6). Hits WBC, Batsell 1-4, Mills 1-4, Owre 1-4, Charette 1-3, Winters 1-3, Bailey 1-1, Barr 1-4, Purnell 1-3; NNU, Deboi 2-5, Benedick 1-4, Smith 1-2, Davis 3-4, Schneidt 2-5, Fisher 2-3, Barry Warren 1-3. RBI WBC, Owre, Barr; NNU, Deboi 5, Benedick, Davis 2, Barry Warren.

Third Game

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 Mills, Brown (7) and Hansen; Schneidt and Fisher. WP Mills 2-3. LP Schneidt 0-6. DP NNU 2. LOB WBC 5, NNU 7. 2B WBC, Samasal (12), Batsell (6), Mills (5), Winters (5); NNU, Smith (4), Wolfe (3). HR — WBC, Batsell (2); NNU, Davis (2). Hits WBC, Smasal 2-5, Batsell 3-4, Mills 3-4, Owre 2-4, Charette 2-4, Winters 1-4, Hansen 1-3, Purnell 1-3, Zeeb 1-3, Bailey 1-1; NNU, Burciaga 2-4, Deboi 2-4, Smith 2-3, Davis 1-4, Schneidt 1-4, Wolfe 1-2, Barry Warren 1-3. RBI WBC, Batsell, Mills, Owre 2, Charette 2, Winters, Hansen 3, Zeeb; NNU, Smith, Davis 3, Barry Warren.

Fourth Game

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 Smasal and Dorman; Guthrie, Elder (8) and Benji Warren. WP Smasal 3-3. LP Guthrie 0-4. DP WBC 1, NNU 2. LOB WBC 10, NNU 5. 2B WBC, Smasal 3 (15), Mills 2 (7), Winters 2 (7); NNU, Smith (5). HR WBC, Owre (10). Hits WBC, Smasal 4-6, Batsell 2-4, Mills 2-4, Owre 1-4, Charette 1-5, Winters 2-4, Dorman 2-5, Purnell 2-4, Zeeb 2-4; NNU, Burciaga 3-3, Deboi 1-3, Smith 1-3, Elder 1-3, Benji Warren 1-4. RBI WBC, Smasal, Batsell, Mills 3, Owre 3, Charette; NNU, Davis, Benji Warren.



Sophomore Matt Davis connects with the ball during Friday's game. Davis had a two-run homer.

Inside the Numbers

0 The number of superstars that will be playing for the Mariners by the end of the season.

0-5 The San Francisco Giants record in their new home park.

3 Number of walk-off homeruns last week by the Kansas City Royals; a feat only accomplished by two other teams in baseball history.

6 2/3 Number of perfect innings pitched by the Yankees spot starter Ramiro Mendoza.

7 The number of home runs that Mike Sweeney of the Kansas City Royals has hit. He is leading the majors with four more homeruns than either McGwire, Sosa or Griffey have.

8-3 The New York Yankees record. **19th** of April The date that Charles Barkley of the Houston Rockets is scheduled to play in the last game of his career.

21 The jersey number of basketball player Eric Dugan, who will no longer be competing for the Crusaders next year.

24 The number of players who have achieved 3,000 hits.

1 2/3 IP, 8 hits, 11 Runs, 8 Earned, 2 HR The line score for Daryl Kile while facing his former team, the Rockies.

Crusader track team takes 15 first places in Invitational

Craig Craker
Crusader Assistant Sports Editor

LaGrande, OR - The NNU track team placed first in 15 events this past weekend at the Eastern Oregon Invitational.

Women

100 - Lyndsy Glaze 14.26
100 high hurdles - Mary Glaze 17.25

400 intermediate hurdles - Mary Glaze 1:08:67

3000 - Jana Harris 12:07.01

High jump - Nicole Leatherbury 4-10

4x400 relay - 4:17.50

Shot Put - Maryann McDonald 38-00.75

Discus - Kristina Romero 39.67

Men

100 - Josh Fishburne 12.10

400 - Douzi Nguerdjeoubel 51.88
1500 - Aaron Matthias 4:03.33

5000 - Ian Manyfingers 16:21.3

400 intermediate hurdles - Aaron Capen 1:02.74

High jump - James Thomas Jr. 6-2

Javelin - Nathan Cummings 169-2 9



Ian Manyfingers makes a splash in the Steeple Chase this past weekend at the Eastern Oregon Invitational.

Women's Tennis wins 3 of 4

by Liz Archung
Crusader New Staff Writer

Written on the back of the tennis team shirts is the following quote: "Some people want it to happen, some people wish it would happen, others make it happen."

This last weekend, every member of the women's tennis team made it happen. Despite the long hours on the road and horrible rainy conditions in Portland and Olympia, the girls went 3 for 4.

The trip started out with a 9-0 NNU victory over The Evergreen State College. The next match against Lewis and Clark College proved to be much more difficult and the 'Saders ended up being defeated with an overall match score at 2-7. "

Everyone played their hardest and I don't think it would be fair to say we lost out there, we were simply beat," says co-captain, Kristen Crawford.

The next two matches were played at Pacific University and George Fox University. Both matches supplied a victory for the women. After being rained out and having to finish the match in the Pacific University

Gymnasium, the final score ended up being 5-0, 'Saders.

Sophomore Stacia Hinson and Freshman Megan Klure played an amazing pro-set of doubles at the number two seed with a final set score of 8-6. There were victories on every court for

"You could play the greatest game of your life and still have a score that says you lost."

NNU and each girl gave an outstanding effort, which showed in the overall match score.

The final match at George Fox University was played in beautiful sunshine and in good spirits because the team pulled away with a final match score of 8-1. Co-captain Sara Hamilton ended up winning her match playing the number three seed, 6-2, 6-0. Junior Brandi Blacklok also defeated the number four seed with a score of 6-3, 6-0.

These matches, along with

every other girl's effort last weekend put the Women's tennis

team status for the season at 5 wins and 11 losses. Although these losses may seem numerous, it is important to consider the fact that they were mostly acquired during the competition with Division 1 schools.

Being defeated in matches has taught the team that the game of tennis is not always about winning. "You could play the greatest game of your life and still have a score that says you lost," says Junior Brandi Blacklock.

This demonstrates the attitude each and every girl has out there. Whether it's a loss or a win, the women's tennis team plays every match with determination, desire, and most of all, dedication.

The next two matches will be played on the NNU courts at 3:00 pm on Friday, April 21 against Montana State University. Saturday, April 22 they play Lewis and Clark State College at 9:00 am. They will also compete against Albertsons College at 2:00 on Saturday. Come out and show your support!

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Time Out with Shemia Fagan

Shemia has the distinct honor of playing on the NNU women's soccer team, which automatically makes her a very cool person to know. She was recently recruited to join the USA women's team as a back-up goalie and will be traveling to Australia this summer. (The Olympics and all that.) If you want Shemia's autograph, go to **Time Out** this Wednesday night in the Science Lecture Hall at 9:00. Even if you don't like soccer, show up and sing, because we can always use more singers. (Bring a friend.)

NNU students plagued by complacency, mediocrity

by Ken Tennyson

Crusader Staff Opinions Writers

I have become more and more convinced in the last year that the Christian church in America has lost its way. This effect is seen most vividly in the one place you would not expect to find it, right here on our Christian campus. For the most part, students at NNU (myself included) have a distorted and inadequate understanding of what it means to be Christian. Let me preface my comments by stating that I hold myself accountable and judged by these comments as well.

When one walks the campus of NNU, one cannot help but become aware of the great number of self-indulged people. Our Christian faith that emotionally bubbles to the surface during Time Out (i.e. flirt with your neighbor), is suddenly cold and distant to those we encounter. Our concept of a "personal" relationship with God has conveniently removed us from responsibility in the way we treat one another.

This phrase exemplifies the "selling out" that Christians are doing on our campus and around America. Christianity is not about "personal" anything; Christianity is about a vibrant and growing faith in God and an infilling of His grace that cannot resist flowing out into all spheres of one's life. Christianity is meant

to be holistic and communal, yet we continue to effectively compartmentalize our faith to avoid being made uncomfortable.

Many students have stumbled on a wonderful discovery. They have realized that through careful wording and appropriate disclaimers, we can be

I worked with several auto-mechanics...they felt that NNU consisted of pampered, self-absorbed, and judgemental people.

Christian and yet embrace sin with open arms. I am sick and tired of the open displays of sin on our campus. Perhaps most often overlooked is greed. Not greed for money, but greed for material wealth.

We live in an Abercrombic generation, and NNU students are eating it up. Never does scripture endorse the life of Christianity as fat, happy and wealthy. Yet I watch students strut their stuff in designer jeans and polo shirts while the impoverished tenants of the trailer park next door are pondering just what is so special about Christianity. We giggle with glee realizing that we have tricked God. We can have our

cake and eat it too. Personal sacrifice and a life of self-discipline just aren't cool these days.

Here at NNU most students have a cheap version of Christianity. It's that discount version of Christianity sold on clearance racks that consists of a ticket to heaven without any sacrifice or personal discomfort. We bask in our me-first mentality, looking down our noses at a "secular" world we judge ourselves superior to.

Perhaps the easiest way to prove my point is to go out into the community. In my time here at NNU I have worked many jobs and talked with many people. Do you realize that many Nampans have an unfavorable view of NNU? I worked with several auto mechanics who work on students' cars all the time. They felt that NNU consisted of pampered, self-absorbed and judgmental people. For the most part I think they are right.

Finally, I want to talk about the most damaging mindset I believe is pervasive on this campus. People are happy with settling for second best. I see this all the time. Students are content with mediocrity in their academics, dating relationships and faith.

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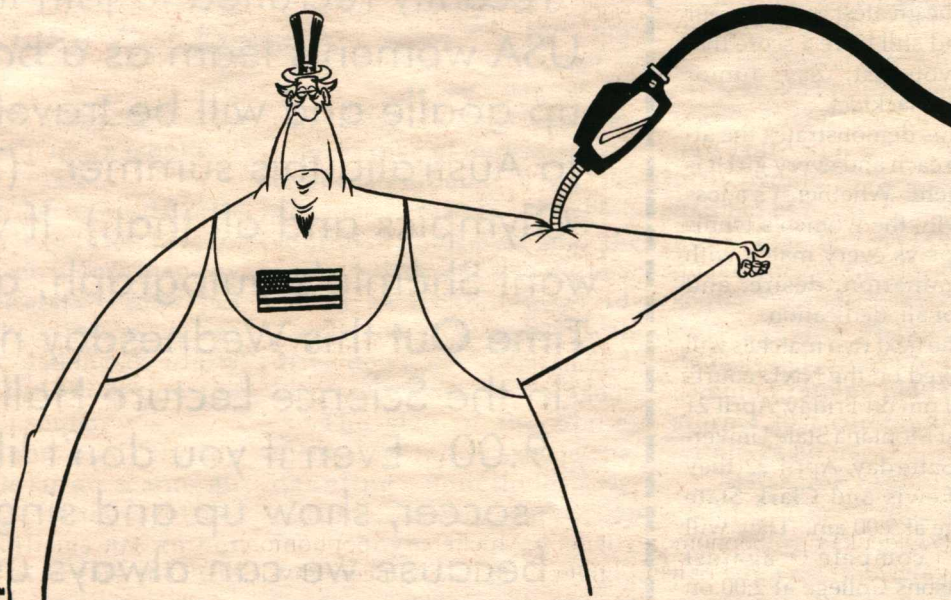
More than anything else, I want my fellow students to be aware

Our Christian faith that emotionally bubbles to the surface during Time Out (i.e. flirt with your neighbor) is suddenly cold and distant to those we encounter.

that they may spend their lives as mediocre persons. In America, a Christian life of mediocrity is not only possible; it is probable. The

American dream is not the Christian one. Here in America we are faced with a greater challenge to Christian faith than religious oppression, Islam, atheism, or anything else. That challenge is complacency.

A person's life is only a possibility; there are no guarantees. If we sell out like everyone else and embrace the easy life (of course tithing 10% to ease our conscience) we have missed God's incredible call to our life. Sure, we might go to heaven, but never again will we have the opportunity to act as agents of God in a hurting world, impacting those around us for eternity.



Penicillin

For Christians the beginning of the day should not be burdened and oppressed with besetting concerns for the day's work. At the threshold of the new day stands the Lord who made it. All the darkness and distraction of the dreams of night retreat before the clear light of Jesus Christ and his wakening Word. All unrest, all impurity, all care and anxiety flee before him. Therefore, at the beginning of the day let all distraction and empty talk be silenced and let the first thought and the first word belong to Him to whom our whole life belongs: "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." (Eph. 5:14).

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. So the women hurried away from the tomb afraid, yet filled with joy, and ran to tell the disciples.

-Matthew 28: 5-8

Week
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And for dessert, we'll have Brussels sprouts!

Out of my Mind



In his column, Gene will be sharing his insights with Crusader readers. His articles will appear bi-weekly.

by Gene Schandorff
University Chaplain

First of all, yes. That is the correct spelling of Brussels sprouts. And no, I didn't know that before I sat down to write whatever this article turns into. I just thought it had a "ring" to it; ok, maybe a dull thud. It reminds me a bit of the time back in "my day" when the folks in the cafeteria tried to smuggle the left-over beets into our unsuspecting bodies by floating them in red jello, but that's another story.

The truth is most of the stuff we look forward to having for dessert isn't the stuff that's particularly good for us. Conversely, most of the stuff that's really good for us is seen as something we have to eat to earn the sweets. This is not a new problem. I can just imagine Mrs. Thebaptist saying to John, "No wild honey until you've finished those locusts."

In the words of some prophet, "life's like that." I'd love to fill my day with affirmation, acceptance, encouragement, good times, good friends, good

...well, you get the idea. In short I'd thoroughly enjoy a lifetime filled with dessert. Unfortunately, it's not really healthy for me to want nothing but desert and it's even less healthy for me to get it.

So, what about the Brussels sprouts? The "veggies" on the "dinner-plate-of-life" that were handed to me last week came in the form of accountability. Not the theoretical kind where we talk about the value of "being held accountable" or the "need to be held accountable in a Christian community," as though it were something we really would welcome. I'm talking about the kind where someone actually has the nerve to confront you and tell you you've messed up. And to

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make it worse (if it could be worse) this someone (actually, there were two of them) got the whole "appropriate role" thing completely backwards. You see, they were people like you; That's right, they were S-T-U-D-E-N-T-S. And I'm . . . well . . . every-

body knows who I am. I'm the guy who is paid to hold people like you accountable.

I'm trying to decide whether or not to fill the whole world in (yea, like the whole world reads this column) on my personal mis-steps, and I'm trying to make a short column just a little bit longer so Kadee won't have empty space to fill. OK, I'll do it. The first was a mild scolding for a wise-crack I made in chapel about a comment on a chapel card. The second was a more direct rebuke for a recent tendency to focus a great deal of attention on the "bad things" students do while giving practically no time to the positive things that go on all the time around this place. My plea to both charges: GUILTY!

I've already thanked and apologized to all of the appropriate people. That's not the point here. The point is that one of the things we need most in our daily

diet around here is broccoli, (Man, vegetables are hard to spell.) I mean, one of the things

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we need most in the mix of our daily encounters is plain-old, home-grown, risk-taking, sometimes heart-breaking accountability. We need a few more folks like (you know who you are) who are willing to tell it like it is.

This would be the time for someone to stand up with eyes turned heavenward and hands folded in a posture of public piety and say something about not being judgmental. In the words of President Harry Truman, "That's a load of manure."

chapel on Monday. So, to the two who stepped up last week, and to the many others who will do the same in weeks to come I have two things to say. First, Thanks, I needed that. And second, would one of you please get me a chocolate-chip-cookie and mint-chip ice cream sandwich? I've eaten enough veggies (does that have two g's?) for one week.

Blessings, Gene



Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues:

What is your favorite summer apparel?



Matt Osborne Junior Philomath, OR Philosophy "Skin."



Mindy Oldenkamp Sophomore Nampa, ID English "My grass skirt and coconut bra, of course."



Jeremy Mueller Sophomore Billings, MT Engineer/Physics "Water."



Sara Blowers Freshman Boise, ID Nursing "I would have to say sunscreen."

Water, bread abundant at Johnny Carino's

A change in plans caused by a lung-descending cold found me on my way to Boise last Friday night, ready for an evening of food, flicks, and coffee with nineteen (yes, nineteen) other fabulous NNU friends. To take care of the dining section of the evening, we ended up at the newly opened Johnny Carino's, an Italian restaurant located within the Edwards' megalopolis.

The service was hilarious. We figured out pretty quickly that our table (our group was split between two different tables) was

the "training" table. Our water, bread and drinks, whatever were filled every other minute, and somebody was always asking if we needed something else.

Our friends at the other table were not quite as lucky. They practically had to commit murder to get the waiter people to pay attention to them and went through periods of thirst while waiting for someone to

come check on them.

Complimentary loaves of bread were brought out almost as

soon as we sat down, and they were very good. I had a really hard time not filling up on them and the Italian butter that they served with them.

While we were snacking on that we checked out the menus and found a very large selection of dishes from which to choose. After a few minutes we ordered our respective meals, and it took a fair amount of time before it was served, which was understandable considering how large our group was and how busy the restaurant was that night.

I ordered one of my all-time favorite veggie dishes, eggplant parmigiana, and was pleased to see that it was a pretty large portion when it was served. Unfortunately, when I took a bite I found that the eggplant was overcooked and thus a

bit tough, but everyone else at my table really liked their food. When I mosied on over to the other table to ask their opinion, I

at Johnny Carino's. The waiterpeople (if you're at the right table) are very friendly and overly attentive, making sure that every single one of your dining needs are being met.

Michelle and Matt, one of the several couples present, said that it was a good dating atmosphere. Keep that in mind if you're looking for a brand new place to try the dating thing.

I left full and very satisfied with my meal. It was a fairly expensive dinner—my eggplant parmigiana and apple juice came out to about ten bucks, and I ordered one of the less expensive dishes on the menu.

However, the food will fill you up and satisfy your taste buds, so if those are your primary dining goals, then I urge you to take a trip to Johnny Carino's.

found a generally positive response, with the exception of Jason who thought his dish a bit too spicy.

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Johnny Carino's
Located in the
Edwards complex
Boise, ID

Reviewed by
Kadee Wirick

Crusader Rating



Jones, Jackson solid in Rules of Engagement

For all paranoid NNU-ers, *Rules of Engagement* is not about the way one gets oneself hooked up while making one's way through one's institution. Rather, it's the powerful portrayal of a paradox found whenever the United States Marines enter an area where they're not wanted.

The movie begins with a scene from Vietnam that introduces the audience to the main characters in the drama. Colonel Terry Childers (Samuel L. Jackson) and Colonel Hays Hodges (Tommy Lee Jones) were both leaders of their platoons attempting to find a military installation deep within the jungle of North Viet-

nam. A tactical decision puts the two on completely different courses for their careers in the Marines; both spend the rest of their lives serving their country, but Childers does so in the combative arena, and Hodges does it behind a desk.

The movie then fast forwards thirty-some years to find Childers leading a group of Marines into

the country of Yemen in an attempt to evacuate the American ambassador and his family. When three of his Marines are killed, Childers makes the difficult decision to open fire on the mob protesting outside the embassy, killing 83 men, women and children, and wounding a hundred more.

He is put on trial for 83 counts of murder, conduct unbecoming to a Marine, and disrupting the peace. With very little support elsewhere, Childers turns to his Vietnam buddy, Colonel Hodges to serve as his lawyer.

The movie was bursts with American patriotism—even the ads for it say, "*Rules of Engagement: A Hero Should Never Have to Stand Alone.*" It does a great job of forcing the audience to make a decision: if American lives are being lost, to what extent do we have the right to fight back?

Trying to make this decision when faced with a bunch of

bleeding or dead Yemeni women and children is one that cannot and should not be easy. We won't reveal the ending, but it is faithful to the American patriotic theme woven from the time the movie was first advertised.

Jason thought that the movie was good. Jones and Jackson did an excellent job in letting us see through the eyes of those who have been in combat before and how those individuals will always see the world and the conflicts they were involved in differently than those who have

never had a gun pointed at them. Kadee felt that the story line was excellent. The situation por-

trayed in *Rules of Engagement* happens all the time on different scales, and the moral, psychological and diplomatic ramifications of being involved in a conflict like that is something not often talked about but completely necessary in our ever-shrinking globe. Besides that, it's just a great action flick, and if you like war-type movies, definitely check this one out.

Rules of Engagement is the next in line for those movies which keep you entertained but force you to think about the world around you in a different way. All NNU-ers who can hack the R-rating should make their way to the theater and take this one in.



Rules of Engagement

Starring
Samuel L. Jackson
Tommy Lee Jones

Reviewed by
Jason Hoyt &
Kadee Wirick

Crusader Rating



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- ✓✓✓ OPEN UP A CAN...
- ✓✓ SOLID PIECE O' WORK...
- ✓✓ TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT
- ✓ DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME
- ☛ CAUSES CANCER IN LAB RATS

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We're Just a Few Dinosaurs Short of a Full Tank

If you've been to a gas station lately, you have no doubt been shocked by the prices: \$1.67, \$1.78, even \$1.92. And that's just for Hostess Twinkies. Gas prices are even worse.

Americans are ticked off about this, and with good reason: Our rights are being violated! The First Amendment clearly states: "In addition to freedom of speech, Americans shall always have low gasoline prices, so they can drive around in 'sport utility' vehicles the size of minor planets."

And don't let any so-called "economists" try to tell you that foreigners pay more for gas than we do. Foreigners use metric gasoline, which is sold in foreign units called "kilometers," plus they are paying for it with foreign currencies such as the "franc," the "lira" and the "doubloon." So in fact there is no mathematical way to

tell WHAT they are paying.

But here in the U.S. we are definitely getting messed over, and the question is: What are we going to do about it? Step one, of course, is to file a class-action lawsuit against the cigarette companies. They have nothing to do with gasoline, but juries really hate them, so we'd probably win several hundred billion dollars.

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But that is a short-term answer. To truly solve this problem, we must understand how the oil business works.

Like most Americans, you probably think that gasoline comes from the pump at the gas station. Ha ha! What an idiot. In fact, the gasoline comes from tanks located UNDER the gas station. These tanks are connected to underground pipelines, which carry large oil tankers filled with oil from the Middle East.

Dave Barry

Syndicated humor columnist



But how did the oil get in the Middle East in the first place? To answer that question, we must go back millions of years, to an era that geologists call the Voracious Period, when giant dinosaurs roamed the Earth, eating everything that stood in their path, except for broccoli, which they hated.

And then, one fateful day (Oct. 8), a runaway asteroid, believed by scientists to be nearly twice the diameter of the late Orson Welles, slammed into the Earth and killed the dinosaurs, who by sheer bad luck all happened to be standing right where it landed.

The massive impact turned the dinosaurs, via a process called photosynthesis, into oil; this oil was then gradually covered with a layer of sand, which in turn was gradually covered by a layer of people who hate each other, and thus the Middle East was formed.

For many years, the Middle East was content to supply the United States with as much oil as we wanted at fair constitutional prices.

But then the major oil-producing nations - Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait and Texas - got all snotty and formed an organization called OPEC, which stands for "North Atlantic Treaty Organization." In the 1970s, OPEC decided to raise prices, and soon the United States was caught up in a serious crisis: The Disco Era. It was horrible. You couldn't go to a bar or wedding reception without being ordered onto the dance floor to learn "The Hustle."

At the same time, we also had an oil crisis, which was caused by the fact that every motorist in the United States was determined to keep his or her automobile gas tank completely filled at all times.

As soon as your gas gauge dropped from "Full" to "Fifteen-sixteenths," you'd rush to a gas station and get in a huge line with hundreds of other motorists who also had nearly full tanks.

Also a lot of people, including me, saved on heating oil by buying kerosene space heaters, which enabled us to transform a cold, dank room into a cold, dank room filled with kerosene fumes.

Buying gas and dancing "The Hustle" with people who smelled like kerosene: That was the '70s.

So anyway, the oil crisis finally ended, and over time we got rid of our

Volkswagen Rabbits and replaced them with Chevrolet Suburbans boasting the same fuel economy as the World Trade Center.

Now, once again, we find ourselves facing rising gas prices, and the question is: This time, are we going to learn from the past? Are we finally going to get serious about energy conservation?

Of course not! We have the brains of mealworms! So we need to get more oil somehow. As far as I can figure, there's only one practical way to do this. That's right: We need to clone more dinosaurs. We have the technology, as was shown in two blockbuster scientific movies, "Jurassic Park" and "Jurassic Park Returns with Exactly the Same Plot." Once we have the dinosaurs, all we need is an asteroid. Or, if he is available, Marlon Brando.

If this plan makes sense to you, double your medication dosage, then write to your congressperson. Do it now! That way you'll be busy when I siphon your tank.

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Of course they don't say they want to drive because that they say they want to be able to live in houses where all appliances are on the internet, sharing information and appliances will be smarter than most of their owners." For example, the article states, you would have a home where the dishwasher "can be turned on from the office" and the refrigerator "knows when it's out of milk" and the bathroom scale "transmits your weight to the gym." It be "smarter than most of their owners." For example, the article states, you would have a home where the dishwasher "can be turned on from the office" and the refrigerator "can be turned on from the office."

I frankly wonder whether the appliance manufacturers, with all their money, have been smoking crack. I mean, did they ever stop to ask themselves WHY? After all, after calling a plumber to fix the kitchen counter, and shouts at them, "DID YOU FIX THOSE DISHES IN THE SINK WASHER RIGHT NOW OR I'LL BE ALL OVER YOUR SHOES!"

Likewise, we don't need a refrigerator that knows when it's out of milk. We already have a wife out of milk. We ask our wife, "What are you doing about the milk?" and she says, "I'm going to the store to get some more milk." We are about to get a snack in two hours.

As for a scale that transmits our weight to the gym, we don't need that. We already have a scale at home. We ask our wife, "What are you doing about the scale?" and she says, "I'm going to the store to get a new one."

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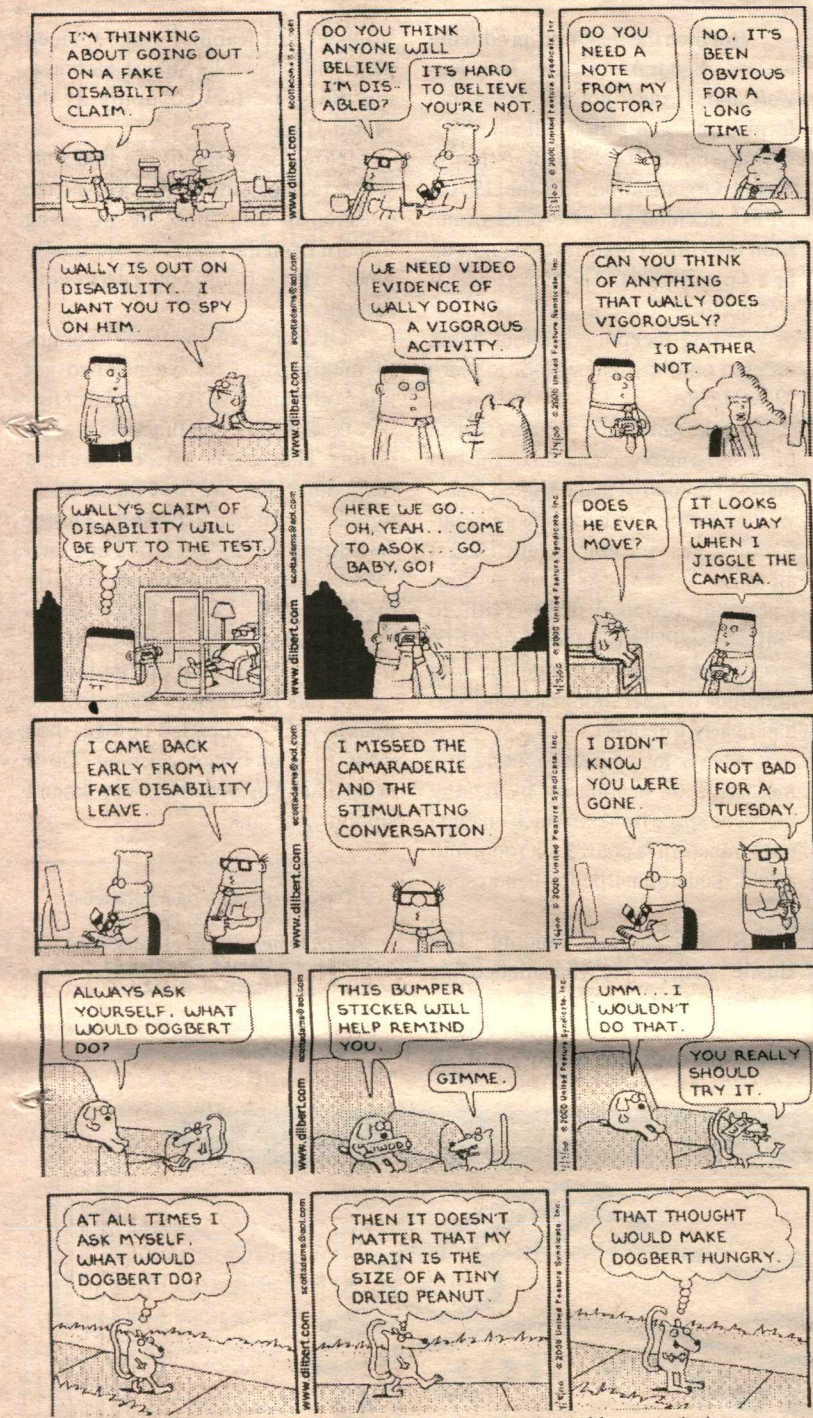
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Top Ten Random Items on Random Top Ten Lists

After two years of receiving a huge number of really awful top ten lists, we've picked ten of the weirdest items written. In no particular order, here they are:

10. You are not a 38-year old college student living in the dorms
9. The only blonde girl you ever liked was Lassie
8. Drink iced chicken broth
7. D'wayne Wayne from "A Different World"
6. Idaho gets flava. . . yo
5. Make out with stuffed animals
4. Bob Saget
3. Your skin is as smooth as the transitions between songs at Time Out
2. Moon roommate uncontrollably
1. It's not you, it's your face

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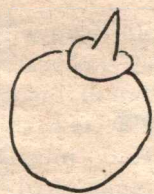
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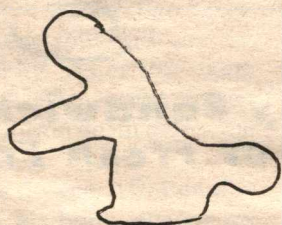
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It's time for... A or B



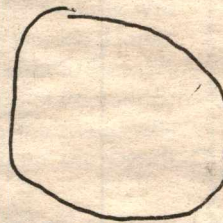
A: Jack, from jack in the box

B: The planet mars, with a sombrero



A: Godzella

B: A piece from a jigsaw puzzle gone horribly wrong



A: a square

B: a circle

A: a dog

B: a reason to fire your cartoonist