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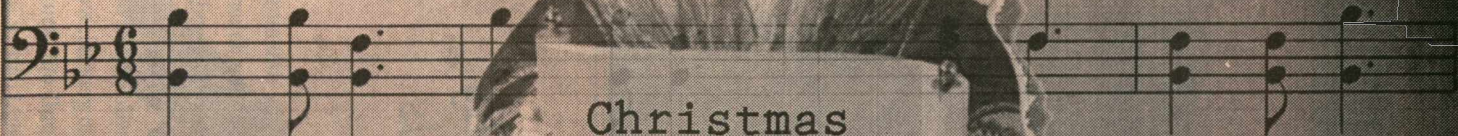
November 28, 1995

Silent Night! Holy Night!

So they...found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.
Luke 2:16



1. Si - lent night! ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight
3. Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Wor-tious star, lend thy light
4. Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light



Christmas Memories



Round yon vir - gin moth-er and Child Ho - ly In-fant, so ten-der and mild,
Glo - ries stream from heav-en a - round Heav-nly hosts sing "Al - le - lu - ia!"
With the an - gels, let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King.
Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,



Sleep in heav - en - ly peace; Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ the Sav - ior is born! Christ the Sav - ior is - born!"
Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.
Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.



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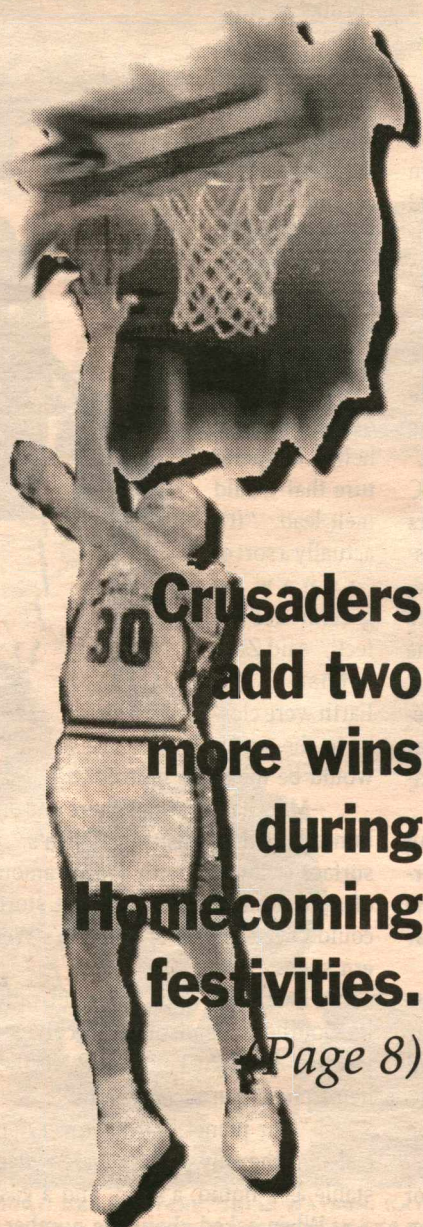
Pranksters hit campus early last Wednesday morning and planted dozens of [borrowed] real estate signs in front of campus buildings. The Emerson Administration building was put up for rent and fine properties like Chapman Hall (?) were offered for sale.

President Hagood later joked in chapel that an offer from IGA to buy the campus and rename it in honor of the grocery chain had been rejected.



The gourmet coffee chain plants a shop in Boise.

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Crusaders add two more wins during Homecoming festivities.

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Editor's Note:

Concerning last week's issue...

Following the release of last week's issue, I, along with other members of the *Crusader* Editorial Board, received several comments and questions from concerned individuals regarding the content of our cover story.

The article dealt with alcohol use by NNC students and reported results of a survey conducted by *The Crusader*. Questions were raised as to the reason for presenting this material during the Homecoming weekend when hundreds of alumni flood the campus.

Although not originally planned to coincide with Homecoming, I believe (along with the *Crusader* Editorial Board) that there could have been no better time for the presentation of this material.

Just as we were enlightened by the results of the survey, so were alumni of this institution. Just as we had our views changed concerning the drinking habits of NNC students, so also the views of alumni were changed.

It is our goal as a newspaper staff to *inform* and *reflect* the NNC community as accurately as possible, and to *interpret* and *challenge* it with integrity. While we do not always succeed in this objective, we feel that our report and analysis of alcohol and drug use by NNC students reported the truth about NNC to the best of our knowledge. The view which we were able to provide for alumni was a positive one, able to

change their understanding of NNC. The results of our survey were predominantly positive and showed, among other things, that students use less alcohol after coming to NNC than they did prior. It showed that our use of alcohol is far below the national average for colleges and universities, and that students feel little peer pressure to use alcohol or other drugs.

On the other hand the results showed that students have the perception that their peers use more alcohol and drugs than they actually do. This type of misperception has been shown by researchers to contribute to alcohol and drug misuse. In light of these results, we warned students of the risk of misperceiving peer use.

Presenting this important information during a week in which alumni from all over the nation were gathered together on the NNC campus undoubtedly changed many mistaken ideas of what NNC students are doing in 1995. While the *ideals* of some alumni may have been shattered by finding that a percentage of NNC students use alcohol, the *nightmares* of others were dispelled when they found that most NNC students rarely, if ever, have used alcohol.

Our coverage of this issue was designed to report the reality of what exists at NNC and to give alumni and students a true and accurate view of the college.

--D. Andrew Zirschky, Managing Editor

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Tobias, Alumnus of the Year, focuses on how we learn

"I STAND IN AWE THAT I CAN DO WHAT I DO STRICTLY BECAUSE GOD USES ME. MY GOALS ARE TO GET MY MESSAGE (ABOUT LEARNING STYLES) TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS I CAN. THEY NEED TO KNOW THAT THEY ARE GIFTED AND UNIQUE."

Cynthia Ulrich Tobias, a 1975 NNC graduate, was chosen by the Northwest Nazarene Alumni Association to receive the 1995 Alumnus of the Year Award.

"It is a great privilege, and I am really honored. There are so many people making an incredible difference," said Tobias about the honor.

After graduating from NNC, Tobias went on to earn her master's degree in learning styles at Seattle Pacific University. She is the founder and president of Learning Styles Unlimited, Inc., and has been a teacher, law enforcement officer and paralegal. She became interested in learning styles through teaching and the learning styles movement of the late 1970's and 1980's.

"I truly love kids and was constantly looking for ways to help kids be more successful. I started looking for learning styles," Tobias said.

Over the past decade, Tobias has used her expertise in learning styles in the public school system by teaching college classes and workshops and by holding in-service training for school districts. She has also made an impact at the corporate level by conducting training seminars for businesses and industries. She formed Learning Styles Unlimited, Inc. to promote and advertise her work. The Oldsmobile division of General Motors even hired her



to conduct their 1995 training program for its service consultants. Tobias has written two books; the most widely known, *The Way They Learn*, is now in

its fifth printing and has entered the best seller list of the Christian Book Sellers Association. She has also produced two videos.

As if that weren't enough to keep her busy, Tobias has a radio broadcast called "A Matter of Style" which can be heard three times-a-week in the Puget Sound area. She has been a featured guest on both *Focus on the Family* and *Family Life Today* and also has a demanding schedule of speaking engagements. Tobias and her husband John are the proud parents of four-year-old identical twin boys.

Tobias was honored during the Friday morning Alumni Homecoming chapel. When Alumni Director Sue Stands asked Tobias about her crazy college experiences, Tobias laughed. She warned female students to avoid a particular dorm room in Culver. Tobias and her roommate have since each had identical twin sons which they blame on that room.

She was a featured speaker at the Alumnus of the Year Banquet on Friday afternoon. She presented a seminar in the Science Lecture Hall on Saturday morning, where she discussed learning styles.

"I stand in awe that I can do what I do strictly because God uses me. My goals are to get my message [about learning styles] to as many people as I can. They need to know that they are gifted and unique."

By HELEN L. WARRINER
STAFF WRITER

Morrison banquet: No boys allowed



Well it certainly won't be a banquet with Princess Diana, but this year's traditional Morrison Christmas banquet will undoubtedly turn the heads of many around the campus when freshmen girls dress up for . . . other girls?

This Friday night, while the rest of the campus tears their hair out at the Crusader basketball game, the 140 gals of Morrison will get gussied up in their finery and enjoy a night all to themselves, no boys allowed.

The ladies "night out" began years ago, recalls Lisa Litsey, Morrison's Resident Director. "I would say for the last ten years at least. I remember 8 years ago we did something similar. It wasn't a banquet, but a dessert night instead."

The dorm council has been working diligently on putting on the gala. "The girls on dorm council deserve all the credit," Litsey said. "I let them plan it and they do everything. The event is their big event for the year and they do a great job of planning."

"Everything" includes even rounding up young gentleman who will serve the ladies their meals. The evening will include light entertainment by Ryan Ketchum and others.

"It will be a night where we can all get dressed up, act really goofy, and just have a lot of fun," said dorm council member Jen Jensen.

So fellas, if your special someone has told you she's washing her hair Friday night, don't be swayed. Chances are more likely that she's just spending a night out with the girls.

By TIM SCHLACK
FLUFF WRITER

A journey from Nampa to Mars

Although NNC alumnus Dr. James Zimbelman is most at home among the rust-covered rocks of the planet Mars, he returned to Nampa during Homecoming week to receive the Professional Achievement Award.

Zimbelman is a planetary geologist with a special interest in the geology of Mars. His work has been inducted in the Center for Earth and Planetary Studies at the National Air and Space Museum at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Zimbelman first developed an interest in the planets in junior high school. "I've had this interest since the 7th grade, when I got my first telescope . . . I just wanted to look at the planets."

Zimbelman graduated from NNC in 1976 with a double major in physics and mathematics. "I majored in physics because I assumed I wanted to become an astronomer . . . I was excited to learn there was a separate discipline for planetary geology."

Saturday morning Zimbelman presented "A Spacecraft Tour of the Solar System" in the Ad Building Auditorium.

"Each planet has something unique about it," Zimbelman said during the presentation. ". . . This is the first generation to get a look at the solar system."

Zimbelman presented a slide show of the different planets of the solar system, beginning with Mercury and ending with Pluto. The following are examples of some of the information given during presentation.

--Mercury, at one-third the size of the earth, could actually be shrinking. "Thrust" faults in the planet cover over

each other and the surface of the planet shrinks as a result."

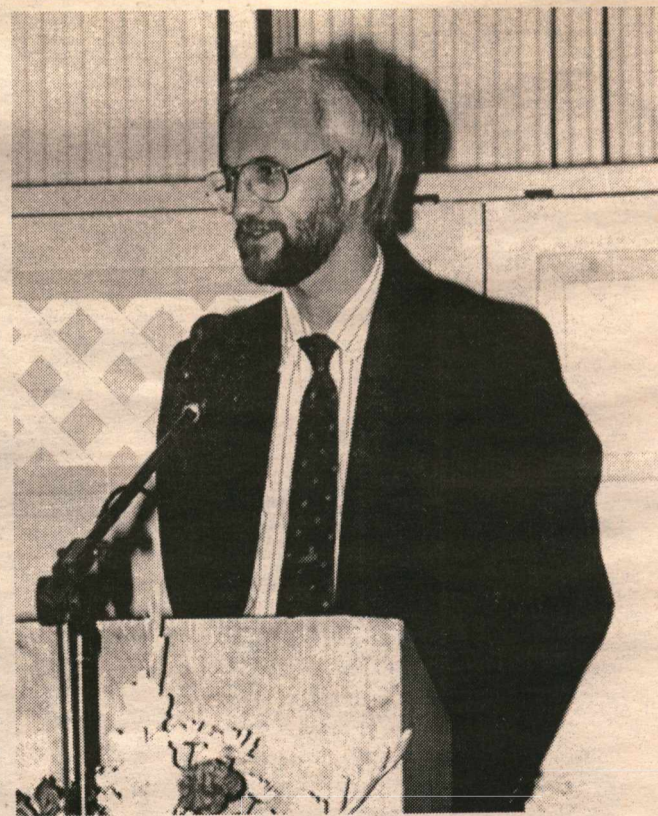
--Earth's sister planet Venus, with an atmosphere of carbon dioxide, has 90 times the atmospheric pressure of Earth and a surface temperature of 900 degrees Fahrenheit, a temperature that would melt lead. "It's actually a sort of 'runaway greenhouse effect,'" said Zimbelman. "If Earth were closer to the sun it would be the same here."

--Mars has an atmosphere one one-hundredth the density of Earth's. Its surface is covered with a large amount of sand, and the planet's dust storms could cover several of the U.S.'s Western states.

--Due to the tipped axis of Uranus, its Southern hemisphere receives 42 years of sunlight before the Northern hemisphere can receive light.

--"Our planet [Earth] is very special--it is the only planet where water is stable as a liquid, a solid, and a gas."

When asked about the number of children present at the presentation and



what their interest should be in astronomy and planetary geology, Zimbelman said, "Kids are just naturally curious, especially about space . . . or dinosaurs. I want them to stay curious."

In his profession, Zimbelman is well aware of the contention between scientists and Christians.

"God created all this," Zimbelman said. "I have yet to see scientific evidence that challenges my faith."

By HEATHER SLATER
COPY EDITOR

Books brighten season for children

Northwest Nazarene College will again play a part in Operation Wishbook. The program is designed to fight illiteracy and encourage reading from an early age by providing new books to those who cannot afford them.

This season will be the second year of NNC's participation in Operation Wishbook. It will, however, be the first year as an official sponsor of the program.

"It's a natural thing for NNC to get involved with," commented Kevin Dennis, an English Department professor. "As a sponsor, this institution demonstrates its support for literacy and for education in general."

Operation Wishbook was the idea of a Boise school teacher, who realized that young people learning to read must have plenty of books to become more proficient. The program has expanded to include much of Ada and Canyon Counties, and its founders hope it will eventually spread nationwide.

"It's important for children to own their own books," said Professor Dennis.

"Research has shown that children's ownership of books is related to their ability to read and succeed in school."

The books are distributed by the Salvation Army along with food, clothing,

and toys. "Anything that young people enjoy will accomplish the primary goal of encouraging them to read."

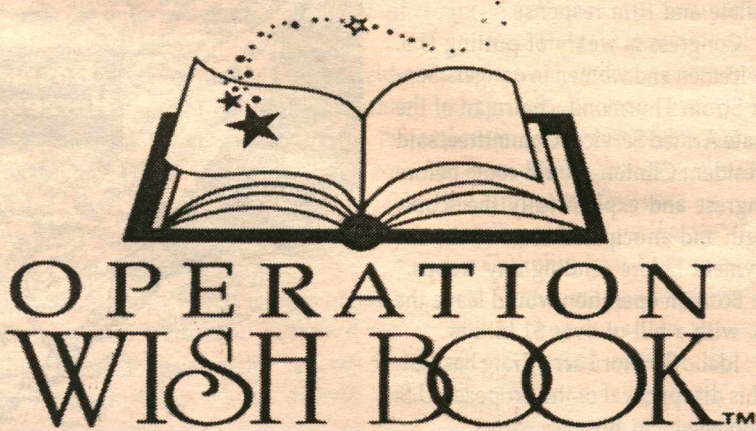
Operation Wishbook officially began November 1 and continues until the Monday following Thanksgiving. However, Northwest Nazarene College generally starts collecting after Homecoming and continues until the end of finals.

People choosing to donate may drop off new books at the NNC Bookstore, any Treasure Valley McDonald's, or at public elementary or

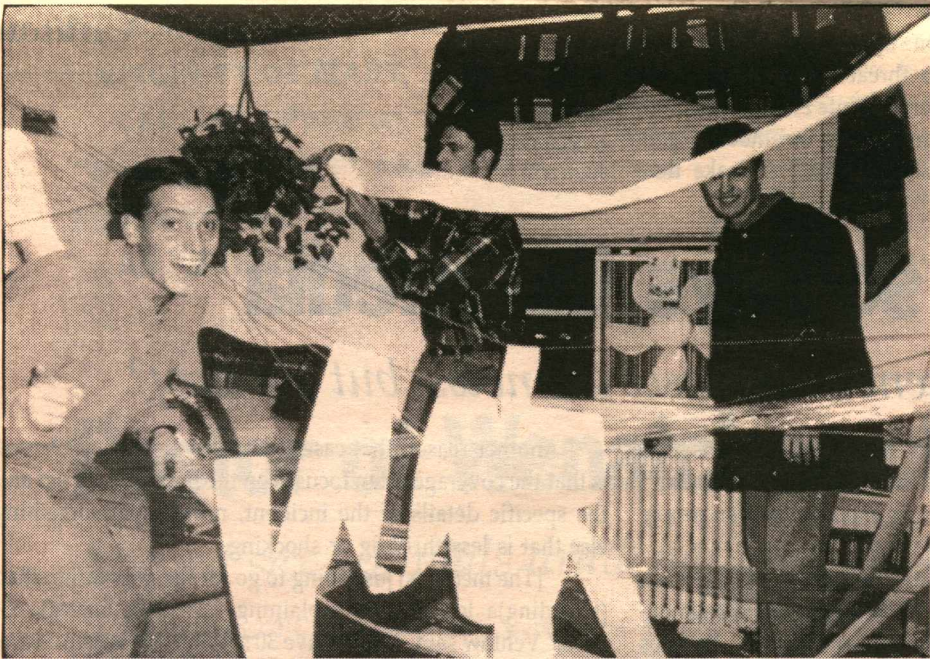
junior high schools in Boise, Meridian, Eagle, Star, or Kuna.

Several bookstores in the area are supporting the program by offering a twenty percent discount on books purchased for this project. Businesses participating in this way include the NNC Bookstore, The Book Shop, Vista Book Gallery, and Bookstar.

By DEBI CARTER
STAFF WRITER



Homecoming royalty runs wild



RYAN KETCHUM, BEN POTTER, AND KING CARY HILL SNUCK INTO MORRISON HALL TO "DECORATE" FRESHMAN PRINCESS DEBBIE BARTLOW'S ROOM.



THE QUEEN, MICHELLE STEPHENS, AND HER COURT: SARAH STERK, JULIE WATSON, KATIE KLOSTERMAN, HEATHER TOMPKINS AND DEBBIE BARTLOW, ARM THEMSELVES FOR WAR AT 4 A.M.

THE PRINCESSES ALL THOUGHT IT WAS A VERY NOBLE IDEA WHEN THE PRINCES INVITED THEM FOR DESSERT AT SHARI'S RESTAURANT LATE LAST TUESDAY NIGHT. LITTLE DID THE GIRLS KNOW THAT THOSE SAME CHIVALROUS MEN WOULD STAND THEM UP AND SPEND THE MIDNIGHT HOUR DECORATING THEIR ROYAL CHAMBERS WITH TOILET PAPER AND CELLOPHANE. YET, THE GIRLS DID GET EVEN AND AWOKED THE MISCHIEVOUS MEN AT 4 A.M. THAT SAME MORNING WITH SQUIRT GUNS. THEY BLINDFOLDED THE PRINCES, TIED THEIR HANDS BEHIND THEIR BACKS, PUT PILLOWCASES OVER THEIR HEADS, AND DROVE THEM AROUND THE NAMPA CITY LIMITS. REVENGE IS SWEET, EVEN THE ROYAL KIND.

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Peace in Bosnia; American troops to be sent

Congress frets about sending 20,000 troops to Bosnia under NATO command

This past Tuesday, Bosnian and Serbian delegations, after three weeks of deliberation in Dayton, Ohio, reached an agreement that would put an end to the civil war in the Balkans.

Control of the town of Bircko was the final point of argument on the peace talk's agenda. The presidents of Bosnia and Serbia consented to outside mediation in the matter. The peace plan is scheduled to be signed in Paris early in December.

Some Serbs were not pleased with the results of the peace talks. Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, made no comment on the agreement, but his associate Momcilo Krajisnik was openly critical. President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia favored the peace initiative, and was intolerant of the Bosnian Serb presence at the meeting. Days later, Yugoslavian news revealed Milosevic was able to bring Karadzic to terms with the peace agreement.

Under the present agreement, Bosnia will be divided into two ethnic territories, one for Muslims and Croats, and the other for Serbs. Also, under the peace initiative, the city of Sarajevo will be under Muslim-Croat control. In addition, people will be free to travel inside Bosnian borders, Bosnia will have open elections, and war criminals will be prevented from holding government positions.

On Saturday, thousands of Serbs publicly demonstrated in Sarajevo against the peace accord and the possibility of being moved once the Muslim-Croat government takes control. One woman said, "This is my house, and I'm not leaving. They can only walk

over my dead body."

Karadzic urged his fellow Serbs to go along with the agreement, but also told the Associated Press that the accord would not succeed without the approval of the Bosnian Serb legislature. He even pondered new negotiations that would eliminate Sarajevo as an issue.

President Clinton hopes to gain the favor of Congress and the American people in using the U.S. military to enforce the peace effort.

Clinton stated, "The presidents of Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia have made a historic and heroic choice. They have heeded the will of their people."

The President is wanting to send a force of 20,000 American troops to the Balkans. The total international force would number around 60,000, with the bulk coming from the U.S., Britain, and France. Another group may be sent in to provide instruction for Bosnian military forces once the agreement is in place. General George Joulwan, NATO Supreme Allied Commander of Europe, will be in charge of the entire operation, if it is implemented. U.S. troops would be answerable only to him, and could defend themselves at any time necessary.

The international force would have to monitor a two-mile wide, 650-mile long stretch of territory that would keep opposing military forces at bay. Bad weather, a lack of bridges, poor roads, and mines make the operation a difficult and potentially lethal undertaking. In contrast to UN efforts, NATO sees its mission as "peace enforcement" and not peacekeeping. Forces will have

adequate weaponry and, as U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry stated that, they will have the option to use it.

Perry said, "Anyone who will attack this force will be met with an immediate and firm response."

Congress is weary of putting U.S. servicemen and women in danger. Senator Strom Thurmond, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said "President Clinton should come before Congress and explain fully the scope, length and anticipated costs of the deployment before sending any troops." The Bosnian operation would leave the U.S. with a bill of over \$1 billion.

Idaho Senator Larry Craig has stated his disapproval of the proposed U.S. involvement in Bosnia.

"This is not an emergency," Craig said. "The security of this country is not at risk. This is a long term, police-keeping, peacekeeping effort."

Craig was also concerned whether the U.S. could get out once it got in.

He stated, "We don't want to see this to be a 20,000-, 30,000-, then 50,000-troop involvement and all of a sudden, we are in war, like we were in Vietnam."

The U.S. Army's Chief of Staff, General Dennis Reimer, is aware of the potential threat to Americans. He said, "If we make a commitment to this, we've got to expect some type of casualties. We've got to be able to withstand those casualties."

Clinton supports action in Bosnia, despite the threat to American lives. Mike McCurry, White House Press Secretary, stated, "It is incumbent upon the commander-in-chief to make that



case clearly because everyone is well aware of the test that is often called the 'mother test'--What do you say to the mother of the young man who has lost his life in pursuit of this peace agreement? That is a risk this president thinks is well worth taking."

On a radio broadcast last Saturday, Clinton urged Americans to support him in his push for military intervention. "Without our support, the hard-won peace would be lost," Clinton said, "The terrible slaughter would resume, the conflict that already has cost so many lives would spread like a cancer throughout the region."

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BY ANTONY SYNE
STAFF WRITER

Murder has its merits, or so says the media

What's all the hype about? The media says recent court cases are news, but are they?

Does the media do justice to its coverage of justice? In today's world where celebrities are suspected, criminals and children are increasingly becoming both victims and suspects in murder cases, is it any wonder that coverage of these cases seem to take up more time and space than your "average" murder?

One might think the media is purposefully trying to hype these cases just so they can sell papers or TV news programs. Is that true or is this hype part of the nature of the case?

Three cases that immediately come to mind when one thinks of highly publicized court cases that received lots of attention in the media are the O.J. Simpson case, the Menendez brothers case, and the Susan Smith case. All three of these cases could be considered to have been hyped up by the media. However, if we look a bit closer at these cases, perhaps we can see that each of these incidents might deserve more attention than your "average" murder case.

The Susan Smith case involved a mother deliberately drowning her two children. These children, like most children, put their total and complete trust in their mother's love and protection. If you can't trust your mother, whom can you trust? This mother, Susan Smith, repaid her children's trust with the ultimate betrayal: their deaths. It's not every day you hear of a mother killing her own children, and the fact that the victims were children may merit the increased media coverage.

Another case that received considerable attention was the trial of the Menendez brothers. This case involved two

brothers killing their own parents. The act of murder is hard enough to comprehend when it involves people who don't know each other, or people who are enemies, or even people who used to be friends.

When you talk about family members killing each other, especially when they are of the parent-child relationship, it is almost too horrifying to even consider. Perhaps the horrific nature of the case warranted the increased media coverage.

A third case that probably would be the best candidate for a that that might be considered to have been hyped by the media is the O.J. Simpson case. Media coverage of this case was well over a year in duration and it often seemed to be one of the top cases for any particular day during that year.

A reason for the overabundance of media coverage during this case was that not only had O.J. been a celebrity, but he had also been considered a role model to young kids, and adults as well. When a "pillar of the community" (so to speak) falls, that is big news.

Even though these cases seem to merit the added attention the media gives them, might there be other reasons for the increased coverage given to these cases?

According to NNC professor and part-time judge Karen Vehlow, "The media is going to cover something that they think is going to sell TV time, radio time, [or] paper time. If they think people will buy it, then they are going to cover it. If they think it is something that is either too sophisticated or something that is going to be above the common understanding, or not appeal to whatever interest they think is out there, they're not going to cover it."

Another reason that cases like these tend to get hyped is that the coverage often focuses on the horror of the act and the specific details of the incident, rather than something else that is less thrilling or shocking.

"[The media is] just going to go for the gore rather than (spending) a lot of time explaining relatively intricate issues," Vehlow said. "You have 30 seconds to explain a case; it's a lot easier to explain 'He killed her, he slashed her, he dashed her,' than, 'This is the problem and this is what these people are trying to do to solve the problem.'"

Certain types of media might have more of a chance to hype cases than other types of media.

Dr. Steve Shaw, NNC professor of political science, states, "It's a lot easier for television to hype it than, say, the print media because when you look at television, you are looking at images, you are seeing visual representations, and I think that's part of the nature of the beast. Television, by how that instrument or medium works, projects certain images. You take a complex trial like an O.J. Simpson trial or a Menendez brothers, or what have you, how do you show all of the complexity of that trial unless someone watches day-in and day-out like court TV. When you get two minutes of (the trial) on the evening news there's a temptation to see it as hype."

Perhaps then, when we hear about certain cases day after day, we should realize that many factors play a role in what cases we perceive as being hyped and which ones actually are being hyped.

ANALYSIS BY TOBY HAZEN
STAFF WRITER

Religious tensions on the rise in Brazil

Pastor of prominent Pentecostal church desecrates patron saint on national T.V.

The mistreatment of a statue of Brazil's patron Saint may be the start of yet another holy war.

The sharpest display to date of the increasing competition between the Catholic Church and Protestant Churches occurred recently when Rev. Sergio Von Helde repeatedly kicked and slapped the ceramic image of Our Lady of Aparecida on public television.

According to the *Christian Science Monitor*, Von Helde is the host pastor on the "Awakening of Faith" TV program and is pastor at the Pentecostal Universal Church of the Kingdom of God, which is one of the fastest growing Protestant churches in Brazil. The Church, which had 900,000 followers in 1990, now has 3.5 million members in its body, with 2,100 temples and 7,000 pastors to boot.

The founder of the Universal Church is Edir Macedo, who was a state lottery administrator and is now a self-declared bishop of his church. His doctrine teaches that faith can cure cancer, nearsightedness, heart disease, and even AIDS.

The Universal pastors also question the virginity of Mary call the Pope a "false prophet" and refer to the Vatican as "Babylonia." The Universal doctrine also says that miracles are dependent not only on faith, but on how much one gives financially. In the words of Macedo, "If you don't pay God, you pay the devil."

Because of their stance on financial obligation, the Universal church has an empire worth \$735 million which includes TV Record (the 3rd largest television network), with its 47 broadcasting stations, 30 radio stations, a bank, 2 publishing houses, a newspaper, a recording studio, a tourist agency and a furniture factory.

Macedo did say that Von Helde acted like a child and he would be suspended from his Sao Paulo church.

THE UNIVERSAL PASTORS QUESTION THE VIRGINITY OF MARY, CALL THE POPE A "FALSE PROPHET" AND REFER TO THE VATICAN AS "BABYLONIA."

The Evangelical Association (a group representing 200 churches) said that "the Universal Church is the object of frequent embarrassment and shame for the evangelical population." Sao Paulo prosecutors charged Von

Helde with many violations that could earn him up to six years in prison. Two of the offenses were "public discrimination and contempt for another religion," and the use of the media to "incite religious discrimination."

Von Helde's treatment of Brazil's patron saint evoked a harsh reaction as many Catholic protestors made bomb threats, and threw rocks, eggs, and tomatoes while shouting obscenities at the Universal Churches.

Pope John Paul II asked the Brazilian Catholics "not to answer evil with evil," but it may be hard for the Catholics to obey due to the tension caused by competition between the Evangelical and Catholic churches.

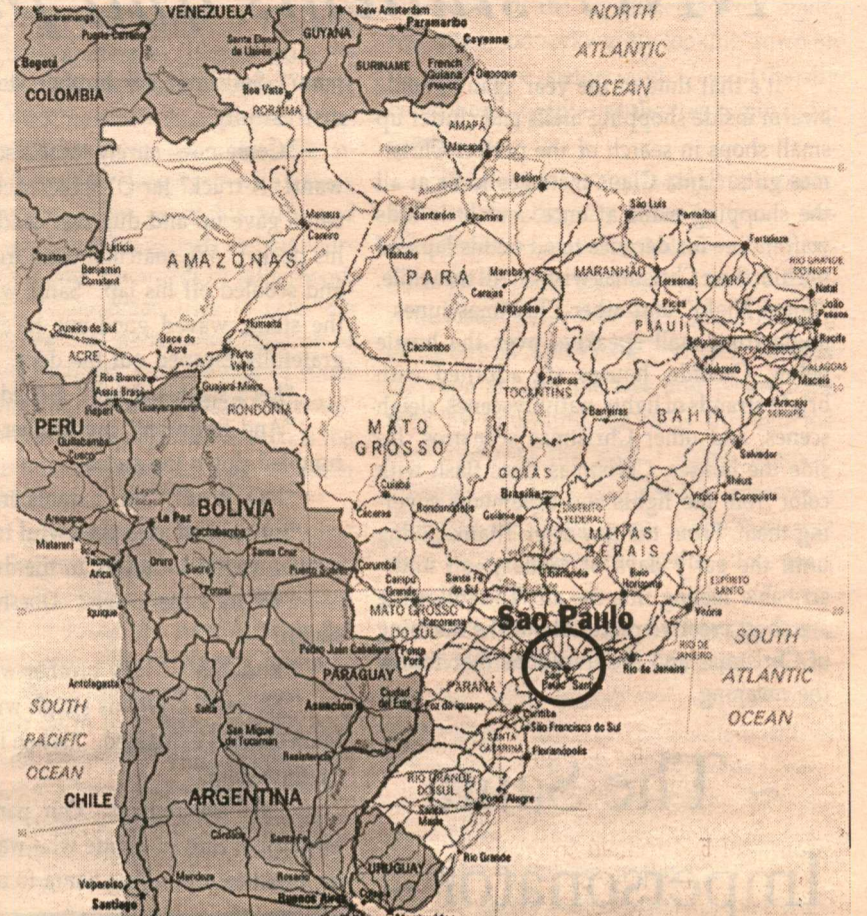
Evangelical churches, (among which the Universal Church is included) started growing rapidly in the 1960's when they sought out the nation's poor.

The poor, most of whom are involved in drugs and crime, flock to the church for help. According to Pedro Nogueira, a member of an evangelical church, "Jesus Christ has transformed me. I was a drug addict, and now I don't even drink anymore." Boris Fausto, a historian at the University of Sao Paulo, said "This type of emotional appeal is irresistible for people who have nothing to lose,"

In 1960, at the start of the evangelical movement, Latin America only had 7 million Protestants but by 1990, that number had risen to 51 million. In Brazil, Chile and Guatemala, between twenty and fifty percent of Catholics have converted to Protestant denominations.

In Brazil alone, Catholic churches have lost an estimated 600,000 members to Protestant churches. Today, on any given Sunday, there are more Protestants than Catholics in Church.

Evangelical pastors have surpassed Catholic priests, (200,000 to 15,000) and in number of Churches (100,000 to 45,000). The Evangelical denominations have even elected their own politicians. Today four senators, 27 federal dep-



uties, 55 state deputies, 125 mayors and 4,000 city councilmen have been elected as evangelical candidates.

This incident with Von Helde, however, may turn the tide against the Evangelical Church in Latin America. Rubem Cesar Fernandes, an anthropologist who has studied the Evangelical movement in Brazil says "the incident over Our Lady of Aparecida will have a sobering effect in attracting new followers [to the evangelical churches]; People will now look at them in a new way."

By RACHEL ROEMHILDT
STAFF WRITER

Pastor of Wenatchee church to be prosecuted

Alleged sex scandals draw national attention, but testimony could be fabricated

The Pentecostal Church pastored by Robert Roberson used to look like any other church in Wenatchee, Washington. Then the church was thrust into the national spotlight when an eleven-year-old bearing the initial D.E., accused the Robersons and the rest of the church body of a myriad of sexual abuse charges.

According to the *Lewiston Morning Tribune*, twenty-eight people have been convicted since last fall for being a part of two loosely organized sex rings since 1988.

So far, eleven have pled guilty, and several more have been convicted. However, some questions have arisen about the city's tactics in apprehending sex criminals.

In some cases, Wenatchee's only sex crimes investigator, Robert Perez, did not videotape interviews with abused children, and didn't even take notes, because defense attorneys once used his notes to impeach him on the stand.

Instead, Perez wrote up statements which summarized what the children

were saying, and had them sign it.

An investigation of abuse by Donna Rodriguez brings some of Perez's tactics into question. *Time* magazine reported that Rodriguez's ten year old daughter was pulled out of class one day and interrogated for four hours by Perez.

According to the girl, Perez threatened to arrest her mom unless she admitted that she had been abused by her mother and several other adults. Later, he told her that she could go home if she signed a two page statement.

If these accusations are true, then these sex crime trials could be something closer to a witch hunt. However, it is important to note that eleven accused members of the sex ring pled guilty, as innocent people rarely do.

Donna Rodriguez was immediately arrested, and didn't see her daughter again for six months. She hired a lawyer immediately, and two days before her trial, all 168 charges against her were dropped.

Twenty of those who have been accused in the Roberson's church have

been convicted, but, according to Kathryn Lyon, a Wenatchee public defender, none of those who hired private counsel and fought the charges have gone to jail.

Another person who fought the charges and won was Robert Devereux, who runs a group home for troubled schoolgirls.

Perez interviewed a young girl named Anne W., who has fetal alcohol syndrome. He compiled a list of offenses which would have netted Devereux several life terms from Anne's testimony.

However, Anne, who told social worker Paul Glassen that she told "a lot of lies about dad", and one other girl recanted their testimony the next day. Several other adults and children were initially willing to testify against Devereux, but by the time the trial came around, all but two of them had also recanted their statements.

The charges were eventually dropped to two misdemeanors, to which he pled guilty.

Glassen, the social worker, was

arrested for witness tampering and fired. His name began appearing on lists of sex-ring participants.

However, Devereux had by that time lost his home and was \$50,000 in debt.

He is now suing the city of Wenatchee, police chief Ken Badgley, and Perez for two million dollars for violating his civil rights.

Now, it is the Roberson's turn to fight the accusations against them. Robert and his wife, Connie, are charged with a combined total of 13 child molestation charges. The evidence against them is substantial, but the defense contends that it comes from unreliable sources.

The Roberson's case did begin to look up, when a five-year-old witness told the jury that the Robersons had never touched her. However, it is too soon to tell what the verdict will be.

By DAVID STILLMAN
OFF CAMPUS EDITOR

ACCORDING TO THE TEN YEAR OLD GIRL, PEREZ SAID HE WOULD ARREST HER MOM UNLESS SHE ADMITTED SHE HAD BEEN ABUSED.

~ Sharing Christmas Joys ~

NNC students and professor offer original stories

It's that time of the year again! People swarm inside shopping malls and clutter up small shops in search of the perfect Christmas gifts. Santa Claus manages to be at all the shopping malls at once, and little kids wait in line for decades to sit on his lap and tell him their Christmas wishes. All the while, "Silent Night" and other Christmas tunes jingle from mall speakers over the bustle below. Outside, houses are adorned with bright strands of lights, nativity scenes, sleigh scenes, and other Christmas scenarios. Inside the houses, Christmas trees flash with color from the lights and ornaments covering them. From the day after Thanksgiving until the early days of January, an undecidable feeling fills the air. The following are short creative pieces about the meaning of Christmas and the traditions that follow the meaning.

~ The Santa Impersonator ~

"Hey kids! Santa's here!"

"No way!!" my brother and I cried, as we rushed to the top of the stairs. There he was--Santa--in all his chubby glory. He was wearing the normal blazing red suit; a cloud-like beard hovered around his face. He even had the jolly "ho-ho" down perfectly.

"Ho-ho-ho," he said. We squealed in excitement. Grabbing my arm, my brother expressed a valid observation; "He didn't come down the chimney! Why didn't he come down the chimney?"

Santa glanced at my parents uneasily and Dad answered, "We let him in. He only comes down the chimney when the doors are locked." We believed it.

Hopping up and down, we waited 'til he reached us, then we pounced on him. My brother, Chris, latched onto his pantleg and screamed ecstatically while Santa struggled valiantly to drag him to a chair. I leaped onto his lap before he even sat down and Santa fell into the cushion with a grunt.

My parents tore my brother off the black boot and sat his five-year-old body on Santa's other knee. We hollered out toys which we lusted after while Santa began nicely, "Hey, children, ho-ho-ho--be quiet for a minute--children, tone it down--talk with your inside voices--"

Mom snapped her fingers. Silence. Santa nervously loosened his collar, "Tell you what: Let's take turns telling Santa what we want for Christmas."

Rapturously, I named everything that wore a dress, had combable hair, or changed color in water. My brother gazed, fascinated, at Santa's beard. Before anyone could stop him, he had thrust his plump little hand into the curly nylon fibers and yanked. The beard fell into his lap. Chris' eyes widened to the size of Frisbees, his mouth flew open and a piercing wail erupted from his tiny throat. Dad covered Chris' mouth with learned skill, muffling the shrill siren.

"His beard fell off! Why did his beard fall off? Santa, why did your beard come off?" I demanded.

Anxious to distract us, Santa asked, "What do you want for Christmas, young

man?" Sniffing, my brother stared at Santa distrustfully.

"Come now, surely there's something you want? A truck? Jar O' Slime? Action figures?" Santa gave up and dug two candy canes from his pocket. We snatched them from his mitten and scooted off his lap. Santa waddled down the stairs, waved good-bye to everyone, and gratefully escaped out the door.

"Let's see his sleigh!" I cried.

"And Rudolph!" my brother added as we rumbled down the steps.

"NO, WAIT!" our parents cried.

But we had seen the awful truth: a rusted station wagon sat idling in the drive.

"Where's the sleigh? Doesn't he drive a sleigh?"

"Rudolph ..." my brother whimpered.

"He can't drive his sleigh without snow," Mom quickly explained. "When it snows, he'll fly the sleigh."

"Oh," we replied. Our parents climbed upstairs, trying to decide who was responsible for the idea of inviting Santa to our home.

By GINA GRATE
STAFF WRITER

~ Weird Uncle ~

Uncle Morris filled the entryway, dressed like a house whose owner had gone Christmas-light berserk. Tattered packages dangled from his fingers and every now and then, he would twitch. That twitch was a source of speculation for my cousins and me; Uncle Morris's annual holiday emergence had always raised our interest and our parents' eyebrows. My twelve-year-old eyes shadowed him as he lurched over to Grandpa and deposited a canister of cashews on his polyester.

"Eh, what's this?" Grandpa's spectacles examined the canister.

"Cashews," replied Uncle Morris in a nasal tone. He let out a big "A-choo!"

"Bless you. You oughta take something for that cold."

Uncle Morris always arrived after dinner, right as the opening of Christmas Eve presents commenced. That particular year marked the height of his creativity in gift-giving. I still have the green elephant silk scarf and *Tender Endearments: How to Express Your Love to Your Spouse* which was wrapped in the scarf. It was such an odd gift! Despite his penchant for bright colors, Uncle Morris always faded to the background--he reminded me of a wet leaf that stuck to my shoe once. During the melee of family caroling around the piano, I glanced once at Uncle Morris, limp in a corner, and to this day I still wonder why his eyes glistened. Cousin Chris claimed that Uncle Morris was a drunk, which gave him the alligator-esque ability to cry on demand.

The last thing I remember about Uncle Morris was the door's soft click during "Frosty the Snowman." His exit went unnoticed by the rest of the family. But when his absence was realized after we had turkey the next day, the only comment was made by Grandpa, who said, "Eh, I wanted to thank him for the nuts. Hope he gets over that cold."

By LAURA E. CLOUSER
GUEST WRITER

~ Christmas Shrubs ~

"Well, kids, guess what? We're getting an artificial tree this year," my parents calmly informed my brother and me, just a few weeks before Christmas. We sat in stunned silence, staring at our parents with disbelief.

"No, you--you can't! We've always bought real trees! It's tradition!"

"Real trees are just such a hassle. An artificial tree will be much more convenient and easier to take care of."

How could our parents be so cold and composed as they violently murdered our family tradition? One of my favorite parts of Christmas had always involved bundling up into my warmest clothes and trotting around the maze of uprooted pines, thrilling in the challenge of digging out one decent pine from amidst the many disfigured, mutilated tree corpses, leaning dejectedly against one another in the tree lot. I loved the delightful mixture of wood smoke and pine scent, my breath hovering ghostly in the cold air.

A scary man would emerge from a toasty-warm trailer and ask unnecessarily if we were looking for a Christmas tree.

"Here's a lovely one, shipped straight from Canada," and he would lift Charlie Brown's Christmas tree while offering us a "great deal."

"I'll give it to ya for \$63.50, eh? Whaddaya say?"

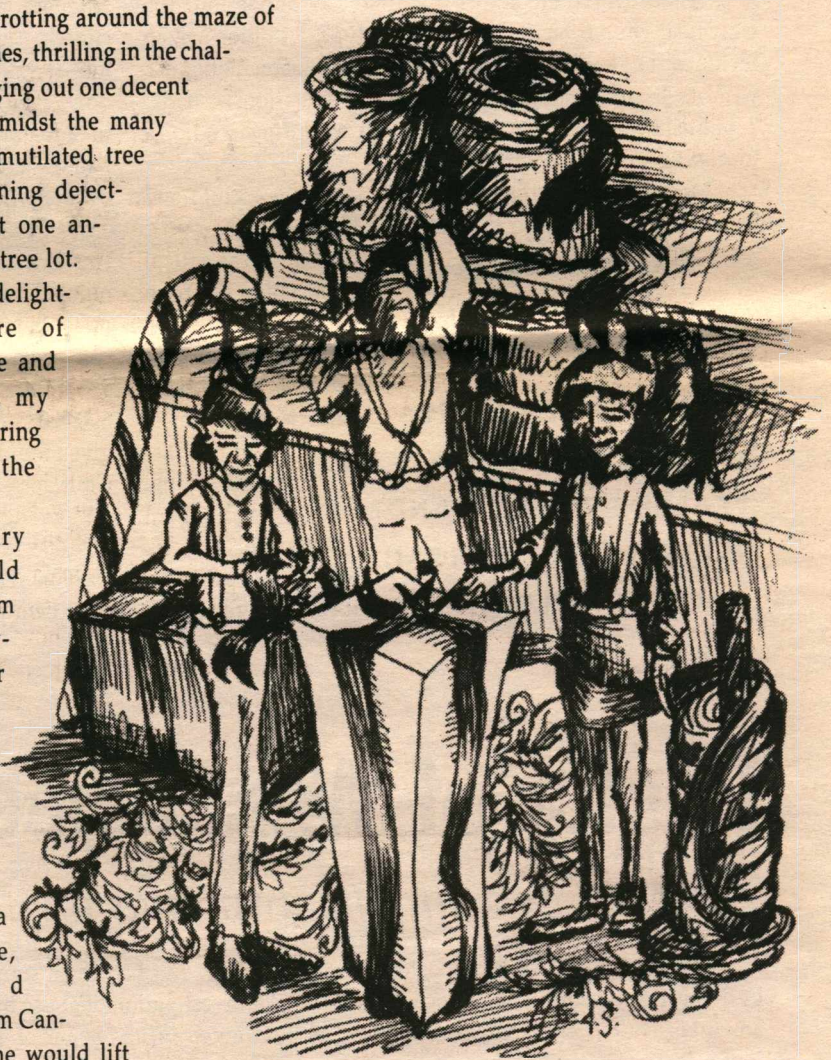
After we returned home, we particularly enjoyed watching Dad drag the tree up the steep flight of stairs, grunting with exertion, before realizing it was too big and dragging it back out. We would position and reposition the pine, trying to face the monstrous gap in the branches to the wall. Invariably, the lowest branches were too low to allow watering, or even the placement of packages.

Those live trees shed worse than cats. And boy, the needles aren't called needles for nothing. My brother and I pierced our bare feet frequently, and not just during the holidays--we found needles lurking in our carpet year-round. Christmas wouldn't be the same without the inflamed pricks and punctures: battle scars received from our struggle with our

"perfect tree." The best part of live trees was experiencing the sheer rush of danger after realizing we'd left the tree lights on all night and nearly perished in a blazing inferno.

I wasn't happy when we abandoned all the pleasures of live trees in favor of a shrub that we stored in our attic in a box. It had no fresh pine scent and its trunk was a metal spine; "O Christmas Tree" lost a significant amount of meaning for me. Yet, when I gave up this tradition, it didn't end my enjoyment of Christmas. Sure, the fun of discovering the needles was lost, and the joy of fresh sap drippings all over our gifts was gone, but, in the end, our tree was just as pretty. And a little squirt of Pine Scent has never hurt a bit.

By GINA GRATE
STAFF WRITER



~ "Anti"-Ritual ~

Having begun the final undecorating, I loosened the upper lights, pulled the top section off the artificial tree, in muted ceremony placed the stiff boughs alone in a bare pile. At post meridiem twelve o'clock, I seemed to satire saintly Santa Claus. And at that moment, intruding upon my dumbly played satirical dream, above me, from the bannister, a hoarsely strained "Daddy..."

broke silence. "Daddy, Mom said...."

So I waited, guiltily it seemed, though innocent, I knew, of offending anything Mom said.

I waited for my daughter's vain argument to preserve last year's Christmas. And again in her strained five-year-old voice, "Mom said we could take off the decorations, but leave the lights on."

Then, as I prepared my Grinchy response,

"E'en like the passage of an angel's tear that falls through the clear ether silently,"

two drops from saddened eyes above awoke me suddenly from Grinchdom, hitting with a "pat, pat" a folder of paper on the floor below.

All right then, Christmas would last just a little longer. Emily came quickly down the stairs, and together we returned the artificial boughs to their sockets, the tangled string of lights to an approximation of sparkling order.

I say, "What does a child know of adult rituals? Can she understand how life's incorrigibles--dim rites-- Help string together semblances of order? Even the old 'anti' ritual fuss of taking down worn out Christmas?"

And she, "Why can't we leave the tree up? It's so beautiful!"

BY PROF. DARRYL WENNER
GUEST WRITER

~ Train Station Holiday ~

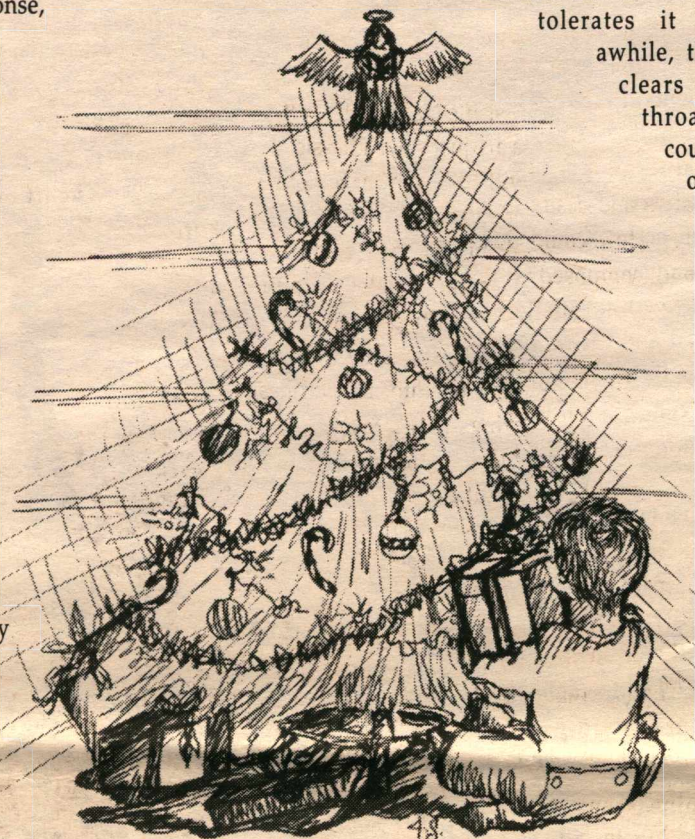
December 24th, 12:40 PM

This day is swallowing time slower than I wish. It hardly feels like Christmas Eve. I have been here almost an hour. My train should've come in at 11:30. The bearded man at the desk says he, "doesn't have any information presently." His voice is raspy from too many cigars, several of which peek out of his shirt pocket. His face is weathered from something....life...the city.....who knows. He finishes his sentence and then he

bends over again and proceeds to tinker on his old typewriter. I stand there and let my verdict sink in slow. I have read the newspaper twice now.

2:20--There is a new arrival to the group stranded here. He is tall and in uniform. We are not united as a group, but as the stranger walks toward our chairs we gawk and examine him like a jury looks at a surprise witness. Out of all the chairs against our wall, he chooses the one next to me. I can feel the chairs heave as he sets his large frame onto the chair. He smells like some drugstore cologne--not fancy, but nice enough to give to Dad as a Christmas gift. Afraid I would stare and be met with angry eyes, I look at everything else. He begins to whistle "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." The old lady with the blue tint in her hair tolerates it for

awhile, then clears her throat a couple of



times and shoots icicle stares at him. I can't help but feel sorry for the stranger. He didn't ask to be thrown into our company. His fate is the same as ours: Stuck in some train station on Christmas Eve.

4:40--The sun bursts through the window, casting large rectangles on the marble floor. "This room could be mistaken for a morgue," I think as I put on the sweater Lucy had made me last Christmas. So what, one arm might be longer than the other, but "that just gives it character" (or that's what I told her last Christmas).

I decide to sit silently for awhile. I fall away from the rumble of conversation. I find myself walking down the road past the creek. There's a stand of birches that I used to just sit in. The leaves would ramble like paper in the fall, floating down occasionally. That has been my quiet place since I was little. I ran there the first time when Jimmy Banks and I accidentally killed Lucy's chicken with our sling shots. Jimmy just ran, avoiding the fire I was gonna get. I stood there in a daze, realizing slowly what had been done. I ran as fast as I could. That day quieted me and left me alone with my thoughts. After a little of that, I just got up and told Lucy what had happened. The whipping didn't hurt as bad as seeing Lucy cry.

5:20--Gordon decides to make us all some coffee. The warmth of the cup is comfort to my hands, which are cold from winter's bite. The others are alone in their thoughts, afraid to look into each others' eyes. That would mean they might have to be polite, give a smile; heck, they might have to speak to someone else! This doesn't apply to the soldier, he's as friendly as all get out. His long legs take him to the two businessmen at the end of the row of chairs. He offers them a cigarette and holds the pack out for what seems like an eternity. The businessmen are hesitant at first, but then they accept

the offer. They hit it off immediately after that. They begin talking about the Dodgers or something. Baseball is a foreign language to me. They smile appropriately when I laugh at their conversation. Sometimes I'll make up a ridiculous sentence just to see if they'll throw in a "Oh yeah, uhh uh..." I chuckle inside at their politeness. I know from the start they don't know what I'm saying. I talk with the three baseball fans to pass time. Occasionally there's an uncomfortable silence, but the soldier rescues us with a story of his home in Ohio or of his wife and newborn son. His voice quivers and his courage is shaken with the words of fatherhood. The skinny businessman tries to calm his fears revealing that he has two children at home. I am a witness to all of this. I stand there feeling like I am in my stand of birches. The tall men are the trees, their speech is the continuous hum of the leaves. I am secure in this odd silence.

6:30--I go outside the train station and buy some hot dogs from a street vender on the corner. The black man's breath floats through the freezing air, mixing with the steam rising from the hot dogs. Christmas decorations hang lifeless in the streets. Everyone must be in their houses eating and visiting with relatives. I turn around and walk back to my temporary home. The train station people are my family this day. I hand the makeshift Christmas dinner to my companions and we make due with hot dogs for Christmas Eve dinner.

BY ROBERT READMOND
GUEST WRITER

~ A Very Merry Christmas ~

My short, frail neighbor, Violette, stood in our living room, bracing our six-foot Christmas tree with her right hand. She held the tree crookedly, so that the trunk stuck out to one side. As she attempted to put it back up, we wondered how she could see what she was doing. The entire part of her stature, from her waist clear up to the top of her head was covered by the fuzzy branches of the pine tree. Knowing Violette, I am sure she looked regal under the pine branches, as if she were holding the torch from the Statue of Liberty. My family and I stood in a moment of stunned silence, wondering what was happening under the heavy boughs of the fragrant pine and how Violette was holding up the tree.

Violette had carefully placed the ornaments on the tree, so none of us could figure out why the tree had tipped onto its side. It fell gracefully, slowly tipping as the tree favored its heaviest side. It came down lightly and Violette stretched her small arm toward the ceiling in an attempt to break the tree's fall.

My mother quickly snatched the trunk of the tree and pulled it upright. With the tree back up, we set out to arrange the ornaments differently to keep it from falling again; but, no matter how hard we tried, we couldn't center the tree. We tried everything to straighten the tree, but all of our meager attempts were met with failure. We moved ornaments from the right side of the tree to the left, and from the left side to the right. We unwound the lights from the tree and wrapped them around the tree the other way. Heavy ornaments were placed on what we thought was the lightest side of the tree. Our father attempted to trim branches from

the heavier side, but, to no one's surprise, it didn't work. Instead, our tree had a very heavy, uneven appearance. The absence of a few large branches made it look completely lop-sided.

After all the adjustments were made, our tree stood awkwardly looking down on us. My three sisters and I could hardly control our laughter as the tree began to tip to one side.

The inventor in our family, my mother, knew what the only solution was. She searched through the junk drawer frantically, only to come back to the family room with a hammer, rope, and a small handful of the largest nails I have ever seen. She tied the rope around the tree and secured the rope by pounding the nails through the rope and into the wall. I stood stunned, thinking that our Christmas tree was now a fixture in the living room. Nails that large were bound to keep the tree in place for a very long time.

Well, the nails did fix our Christmas tree. Violette was not embarrassed by the tree, but rather proud that she had been center stage in the tree-decorating tradition of my family. Our tree was decorated beautifully, and with all of the excitement no one noticed the sawed limbs or heavy rope that attached the tree to the wall.

The important lesson I learned from this is, try to find a Christmas tree that will



stand up straight, and if the tree does tip over, don't be afraid to be creative and attach it to your wall. The nails will come out quite easily a couple of days after Christmas. If your tree is hard to handle, remember that Christmas is not about the perfect tree but about God's love for us.

BY RANA CABOT
Guest Writer

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"We wanted to come out and establish some control,"

Husson and Rocky Mountain grudgingly yield to NNC men

Northwest Nazarene won't have the luxury of coasting through its regular season schedule this year. In fact, Coach Ed Weidenbach has ensured a season filled with competitive matchups in an effort to gain the respect of probable national tournament teams.

This weekend, as the Crusaders took on Husson College and Rocky Mountain College on Friday and Saturday nights, the Crusaders once again were faced with aggressive teams who came ready to play.

While NNC recorded wins on both nights, neither foe went down without a fight. As students and alumni looked on, NNC was ultimately able to prevail and steal two more for the win column in their quest toward another post-season run.

WHILE NNC RECORDED WINS ON BOTH NIGHTS, NEITHER FOE WENT DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT.

The Crusader arsenal was made up of a combination of deadly outside shooting along with consistent play underneath the basketball. Chad Herron put on a show Friday night by tying the record set by Tony Schumacher last year for most 3-pointers in a game. Fans looked on as Herron buried nine in the winning effort.

Opposing teams, Husson and Rocky Mountain, kept games close throughout. Despite a 12-0 spurt by the Crusaders in the opening minutes of Saturday night's game against Rocky Mountain, the Bears hung around and tied the game at 71 apiece with only seven minutes to go in the contest.

Yet the Bears never led. With the game tied at 73, Nate Smith converted a pair of free throw attempts and Trevor Stott stole the ball and finished with a layup to take a four-point lead with only minutes left to play.

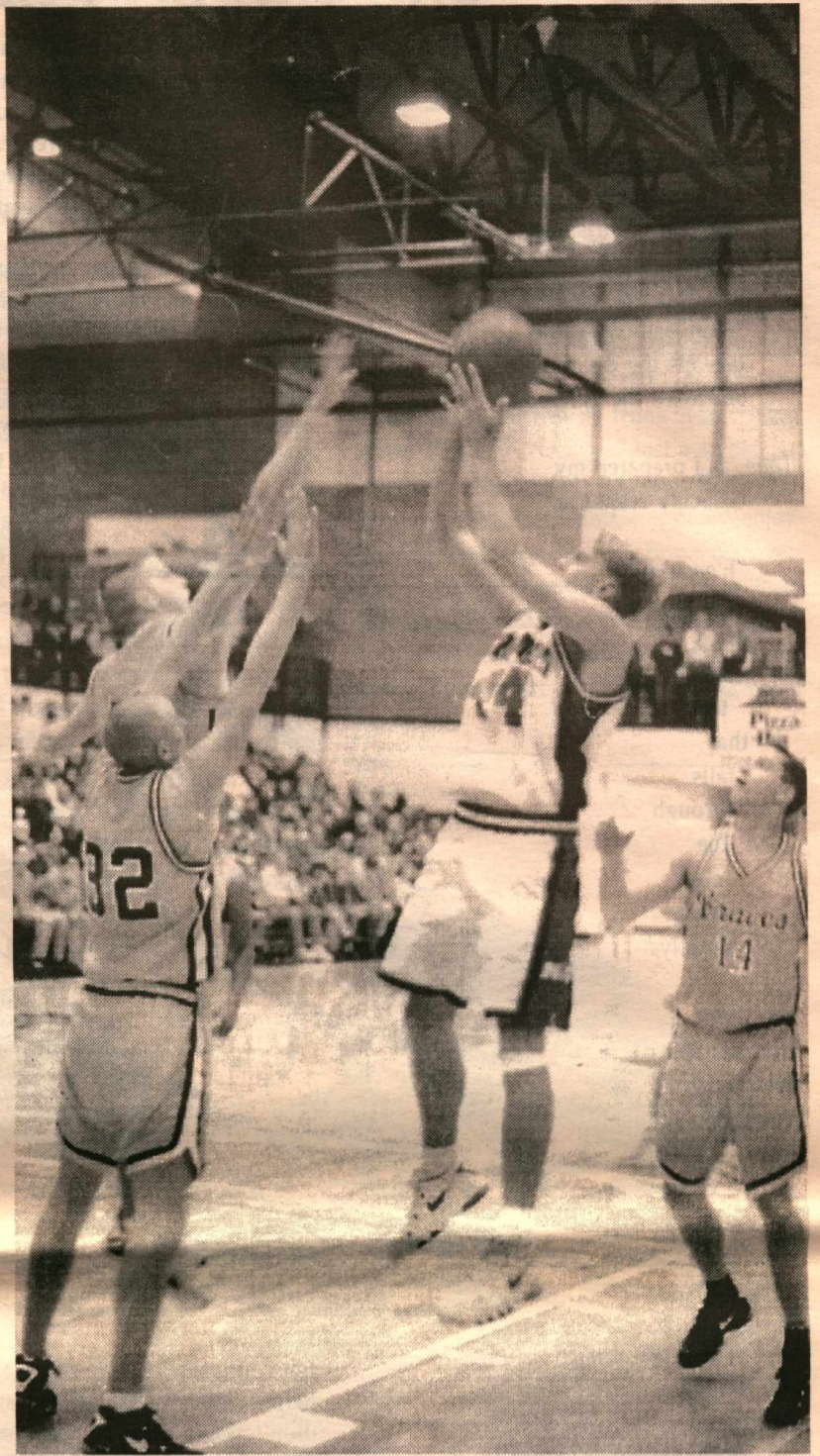
Dependable free-throw shooting paid off for the Crusaders as they pulled away down the stretch. In the closing minutes, NNC hit 8 of 10 attempts from the line.

Former NNC player and coach, Gary Matlock made his first return to his alma mater in two years as coach of Rocky Mountain.

Matlock played for the Crusaders in 1963-66, and coached from 1982-91. He holds the all-time assist record at NNC.

Stott impressed many students and alumni with his play this weekend. He finished Saturday's contest with 22 points and 9 rebounds.

"We wanted to come out and establish some control," said Stott. "We are at our best when we are running hard."

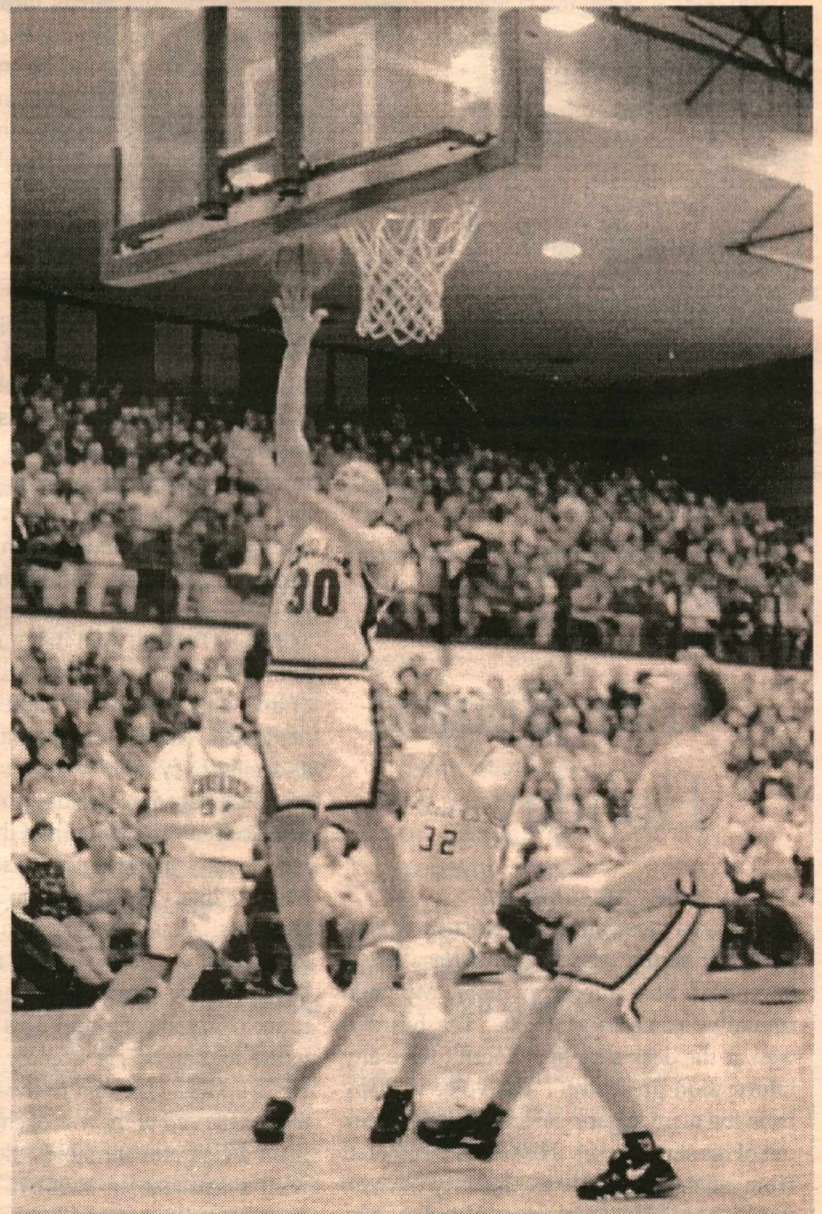


- NATE SMITH -

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- BOBBY TAMMINGA -



Sader's "breather" puts alumni out of breath

"We were really surprised at the turnout of Alumni this year," ~ Ely

The NNC Lady Crusaders took a "breather" during the Homecoming weekend. They hosted the women of NNC past in a match up that was far from nostalgic. In the end, the current team defeated the Alumni, 91-42.

"We were really surprised at the turnout of Alumni this year," said Assistant Coach Eric Ely. "We had fifteen Alumni women participate, which is more than we have had in recent years."

**IN THE SECOND HALF,
AN ODD PHENOMENON
BEGAN OCCURRING.**

The Alumni women were coached by Kori Kinney. The current team came out strong in the beginning and quickly ran up a 17-5 lead.

In the second half, an odd phenomenon began occurring. Every time the Lady Saders would score, the Alumni would get credit as well. Despite the charity from the scorer's table, the NNC women managed to seal victory.

"We had three sets of five to contend with during the course of the game," remarked Ely. "And they had good spurts of scoring."

Starters Donna Knight, Ellen Duncan, Kari Smith, and Jennifer Myers all finished the game in double figures.

Having at least three of the five starters finish in double figures is becoming a consistent trend for the pre-season play. The only loss faced by the team occurred last weekend during the Montana tournament.

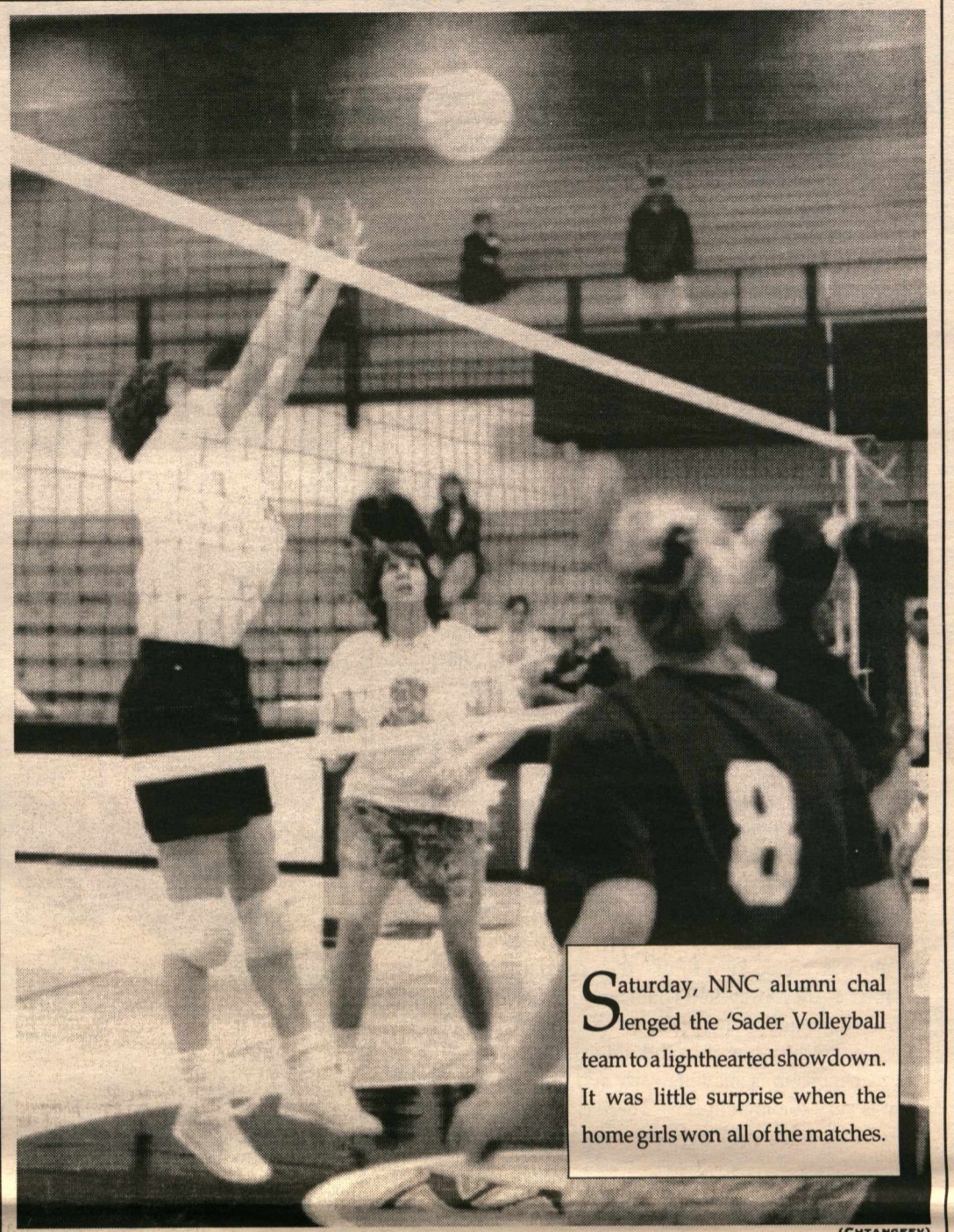
Bench production is a key that the Crusaders will have to use this year in order to continue their threat.

"When you can get help from your bench, your chances of winning games are greater," commented Head Coach Roger Schmidt.

The women will have a full schedule while fellow NNC students travel home for Christmas break.

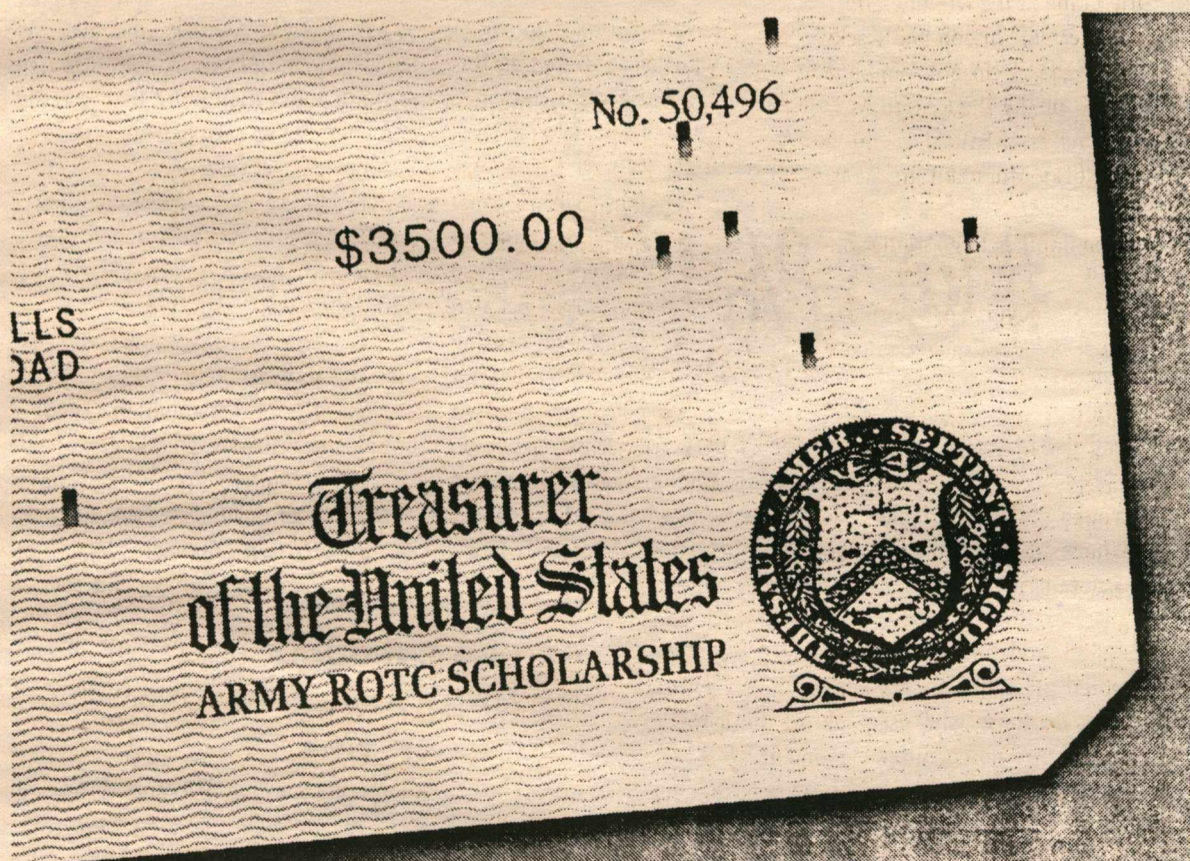
This weekend the Lady Crusaders will return to the road once again. They will take part in the Pacific Tournament in Forest Grove, Oregon. There they will have the chance of playing conference rival Eastern Oregon State College and old conference foes Willamette and Pacific Oregon.

By TIM SCHLACK
OPERATIONS MANAGER



Saturday, NNC alumni challenged the 'Sader Volleyball team to a lighthearted showdown. It was little surprise when the home girls won all of the matches.

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To the NNC community:

I would like to thank you for your gift. I would also like to thank God for bringing me here to NNC. I appreciate everyone's help in doing things to help me. My family will pray for the NNC staff over the holiday season.

Because of the people who work here and the grace that God has blessed them with, I am such a changed person it is hard for me to believe sometimes. I will make it a point in my future to thank you by helping others as this place has helped me get in touch with God and those he works through.

--Name withheld by request

To the Editor:

Representative Helen Chenoweth travels the country claiming the grizzly bear never lived in the area around Kamiah, Idaho. She ridicules a plan being considered by the federal government to reintroduce an experimental grizzly population under the Endangered Species Act. The plan was the result of a lot of hard work by the Resource Organization on Timber Supply (R.O.O.T.S.) that includes local timber workers, mill owners, and environmentalists. She should applaud that effort, not ridicule it.

Rep. Chenoweth is just plain wrong when she claims there is no evidence the grizzly ever lived near here. My 82-year-old father and other Nez Perce elders remember seeing his tracks in the hills when they were young, and their own fathers recalled seeing him. When Lewis and Clark camped in Kamiah in 1806, they killed six grizzlies for food, and Sargeant Ordway wrote in his journal on May 14, 1806, "we gave the natives Some of our bear meat as they gave us so much & are So kind to us. they cooked it in the Same manner as they Swet their commass roots" [sic]. Our traditional language has a word for grizzly bear. Why would we have a word for him if he did not exist in our land?

Chenoweth is showing early signs of a political virus that is very common in D.C. There is no word for it in the Nez Perce language, but I hear it is called Potomac fever.

--Allen Walker, Kamiah, Idaho

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STAFF EDITORIAL

When should Homecoming be?

Millions of non-students overran the campus last weekend. Since it seemed a little too early for RAD, and the overrunners looked a little more, er, mature than your typical RAD invader, the Crusader staff concluded that it was Homecoming time.

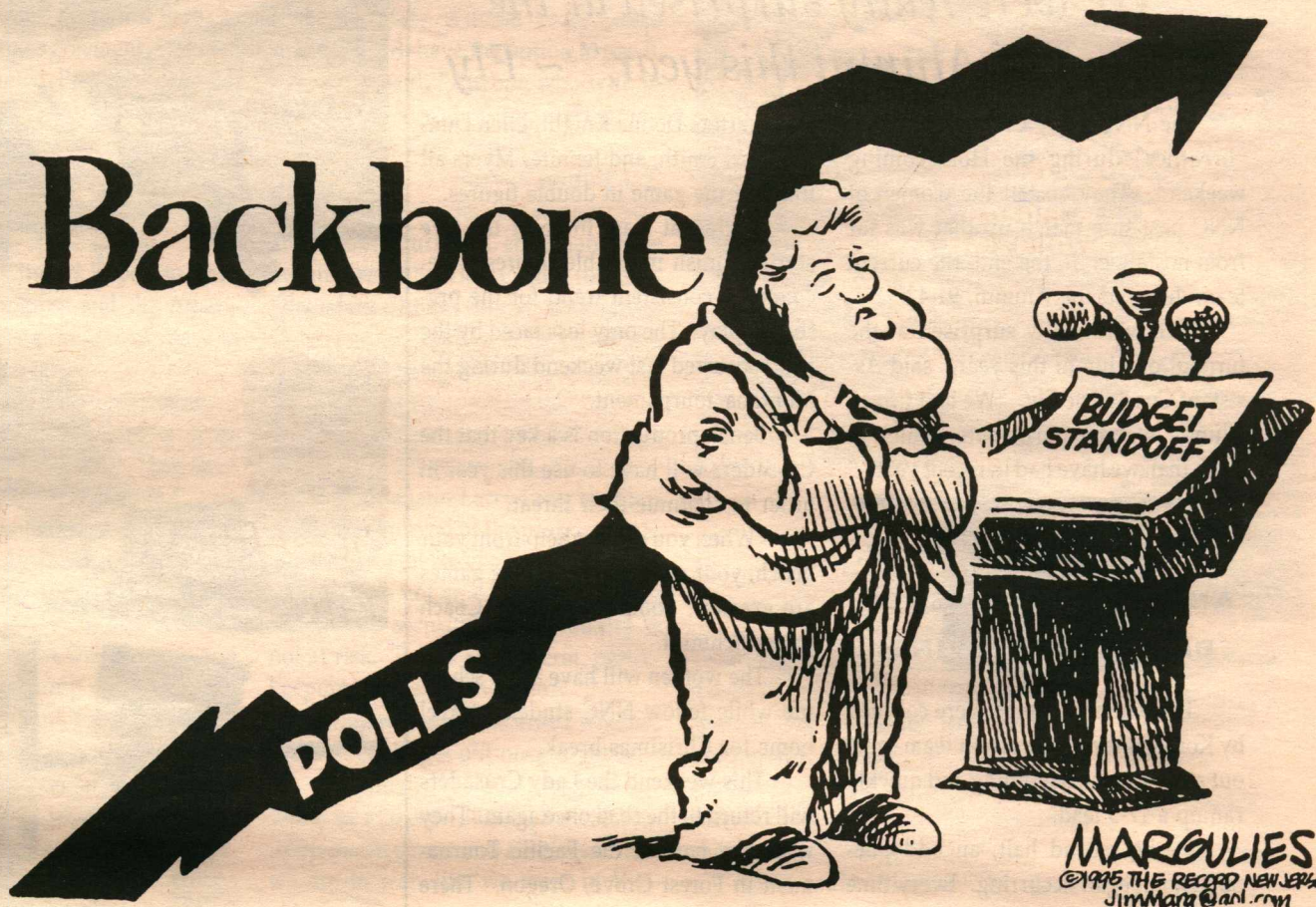
In a nutshell, the timing could be better, for two reasons. First, look at the students that make some of the activities happen: the musically involved, the Fall Play participants, and, yes, the athletic teams. One week before finals, a substantial number of NNC students have huge extracurricular demands placed on them. At the time when studies hit hardest, involved students are in a world of hurt.

Secondly, any student whose parent(s) are not NNC alumni are faced with a choice between spending Thanksgiving with the family (if they live close enough to make the journey) and participating in the most exciting events of the year this side of the NAIA National Tournament. That is, they have the choice if they don't *have* to stay because of those same activities.

We have to concede, however, that Homecoming is a time that is geared mostly toward alumni. Maybe it is not supposed to be scheduled around our convenience. Activities, concerts, and award ceremonies are scheduled to accomodate first the alumnus/spectator who's just dropped in for the weekend. This is fine, as long as authorities remember that, for students, after the Homecoming activities comes the study crunch and ten days of grueling effort.

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Backbone



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Welcome to Northwest #@&*% College

Watch that language. Expletives seem to abound lately.

This has been an interesting term. Getting to see the freshmen act like freshmen has been such a treat, especially since I have not had to be one of the freshmen this year. I have been noticing, again, what all freshmen who once expected NNC to be "heaven on earth" have noticed--widespread use of colorful language.

As I go through my many adventures on this "holy" campus, I have been hearing utterances that do not belong here. These exciting expletives include #@!&, *%&! , and @#!* (sorry, the editor censored all of that). My question is, "Why do those who use these words that require no cognitive activity at all think that what they say doesn't really matter?"

We here at NNC are supposed to be proud of the different type of lifestyle present on a campus that is supposedly centered on our Creator. When people on this campus, student and instructors (gasp) alike, decide to centralize their vocabulary around just a few words, primarily four letters long, what makes us different from any other college?

You may answer, "The fact that we're Christians is what makes the dif-

ference." I have two things to say to those of you who just answered me this way. First of all, to be a Christian is to be Christ-like.

Would Christ use those words, especially the name of his own Father? By the way, I bet that Jesus loves hearing his name often, especially if it is used outside of prayer.

Second, what do visitors to our college see and hear when they come here, whether they may be athletic opponents or community members? They remember what we do and say, not what we preach. Think about that for a moment.

I hope that, for the sake of the reputations of myself and many other NNC students, that you have controlled your tongue at public events, such as basketball games against opponents who come from schools named after grocery store chains.

I would like to share with you a humorous bit of material that my grandfather gave to me. It is entitled "Why I

Swear." While you may find that this list is quite humorous, you are also free to think about each point that is made and consider its serious side.

I swear because:

1. It is a fine mark of manliness.
2. It proves I have self-control.
3. It indicates how clearly my mind operates.
4. It makes my conversation so pleasing to everybody.
5. It leaves no doubt in anyone's mind as to my good breeding.
6. It impresses people that I have more than an ordinary education.
7. It is an unmistakable sign of culture and refinement.

8. It pleases mother so much.

9. It makes me a very desirable personality among women and children in a respectable society.

10. It is my way of honoring God who said:

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain."

AS I GO THROUGH MY MANY ADVENTURES ON THIS "HOLY" CAMPUS, I HAVE BEEN HEARING UTTERANCES THAT DO NOT BELONG HERE.

By CHRIS FIELD
STAFF WRITER

REVIEWS

MUSIC

Don't freak at DC Talk's new (alternative) style

Thinking of buying the new DC Talk album, *Jesus Freak*? Be prepared for a change. DC Talk went alternative. From their music to the way they look, everything has changed.

I was expecting this new album to be somewhat like their last one, *Free at Last*, so the first time I listened to it I did not enjoy it. This doesn't mean that the music isn't good, just different from anything they have done before. The songs are well written and performed. Each song has a different feeling and individuality to it.

JESUS FREAK

Reviewed by Karen Edes

Crusader Rating **B+**

The album starts out fast and mellows out towards the middle. There are a few slower songs mixed in. The faster songs are "So Help me God" and "Jesus Freak." The slowest songs are "What if I Stumble," "In the Light," and "What Have We Become."

The one thing that did stay the same is the message of the music. DC Talk has always had Christian lyrics and this album is no different. The band addresses many different issues.

"Colored People" and "What Have We Become" both deal with prejudice. Their message is that we are all human

and have to live together here. They tell us we have to come together. "What Have We Become" emphasizes that prejudice stems from our selfishness.

"What if I Stumble" and "Between You and Me" are about falling from our faith. "What if I Stumble" asks what will happen if we stumble and fall from our faith. "Between You and Me" is about a fight between two people and how they need to resolve it.

"Like it, Love it, Need it," "Mind's Eye," and "In the Light" are about our relationship with God. The first describes how we need Jesus in our lives. The second explains how God sees us in His eyes and how much He loves us. The third deals with how we need to walk in the light of God.

"So Help Me God" and "Day by Day" talk about our daily need for God. "So Help Me God" tells of how we need God's help in today's world. "Day by Day" says we need to walk with God day by day.

"Jesus Freak" talks about how we appear strange to the world because of our belief in Jesus.

My favorite song is "In the Light." It says "I want to be in the Light as You are in the Light." It talks about wanting to be in Christ.

Even though *Jesus Freak* is different from anything DC Talk has done before, they switched styles successfully. I would recommend this album to anyone.

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CINEMA

Disney may have finally flipped as X Files meets Barbie

TOY STORY

It could be considered the dawning of a new era: computers have taken their place in the film industry for good. If you're a computer buff, or you still sleep with your favorite teddy bear, or are just a warped person in general, we would recommend you pull out your \$3 and make a Tuesday night date of it.

Disney went all-out in the production of *Toy Story*. Big names like Tom Hanks and Tim Allen grace the credits, as well as some old friends from *Cheers*. The personalities that permeate the screen make the story line fun to follow.

One-liners from the main characters Woody the Cowboy (played by Hanks) and Buzz Lightyear, the self-centered space hero (Allen's character), keep you laughing all the while and wondering if the three-year-old sitting next to you really got the joke. Much of the humor in *Toy Story* is above the heads of any given child you might know. This

should appeal to anyone who likes to think they're smarter than the person next to them. Just bring along a toddler when you go if you feel like giving your ego a boost.

This story is about the lives of the toys who belong to a little boy named Andy. Woody is Andy's favorite toy--until he gets Buzz the Space Ranger at his birthday party. Now Woody must defend his beloved position from Buzz, who doesn't realize he's a toy. To make matters worse, all the other toys like Buzz better too.

The movie takes a turn to the bizarre when Buzz and Woody, after experiencing many initial mishaps, end up next door at the psychedelic neighbor kid's house. The toys over there have been blown up, torn apart and reshaped. What emerges from under the bed is sort of an *X Files* meets Barbie mishap. It makes you wonder if Disney has finally flipped. We thought it was great!

If you have a thing for computer graphics, this movie won't disappoint you.

If you like Disney cartoons, don't expect miracles. There's no princess in this one, unless her head was ripped off and I didn't recognize her. For an animated movie, it was terribly witty and amusing. I wouldn't pay six bucks to see it, but if you have a free Tuesday night, or are willing to wait for Karcher to get it, you might want to consider checking it out.

Reviewed by Corlett Room 107

Crusader Rating **B+**

STARBUCKS: SEATTLE'S PRIDE FINDS ITS WAY TO IDAHO -- FINALLY.

CAFFEINE

Centerpiece of bookstore is a Treasure Valley first

Straightforwardness is a good thing: it forces me to admit that the best thing about the newest mega-bookstore on Boise's block is its Starbucks cafe. Then again, maybe we should give the bookstore itself a little bit of credit.

I'll excuse your interruption, Shawn, because I was about to say that the rest of the establishment is more than worth your while. In fact, the new Barnes and Noble Bookstore that opened in Boise last Friday is, in my humble experienced opinion, a superior literary and musical destination. Agreed. However, the appearance of (at last) a Starbucks in this usually far-too-remote-for-anything-high-class valley warrants that I write a review honoring (honoring?) it alone.

Yes, honoring. You're from Seattle. You don't know what a privilege having a Starbucks within four hundred miles is.

I don't mean to be too hypercritical, but yes, I am from Seattle and have been around coffee for a few years. I know what a privilege it is to enjoy a real quality coffee every once in a while, and that is why I have a difficult time giving Starbucks a high review at this time. In particular, I must say that I feel this Starbucks does not live up to its Seattle predecessors, except of course for its prices. For my three and a half bucks, I can honestly say that I have had more than a few from Nampa's own Yogurt Affaire' which knocked the pants off my latest Starbucks experience.

I'll concede two things: one, the place seemed hectic and two, the prices are high. But I'll also say that neither of those characteristics are true faults. The first is due to the fact it was opening day, while the second is just a given. You should expect to shell out the cash if you want the goods. Well, I got the goods, and the goods weren't great. I disagree. Also, you try to make two hundred espresso drinks after an NNC home game. Starbucks only had about twelve people in line, max, eight behind the counter, and we were still there for 15 minutes!

That's only because we got in line at the worst possible time. The employees were extremely friendly, and I'm not trying to kiss up to cafe manager (and former Crusader editor) Dave McEwen. Remember also that it was their first day at work. We will be going back there soon, and it will be less busy. Oh, and the customer area was quite clean and charming. And another thing: Cari and Kendra loved their drinks, and they know a thing or four about good coffee in the Starbucks tradition.

All right, I agree, the staff was friendly, and they probably will get faster as they get into the swing of it. Also, the coffee was not in any way bad. I actually enjoyed it quite a bit. However, I am reluctant to hand out a superior rating, all things considered. From experience, the coffee was about what you would expect from a valley coffee house, but I feel it falls short of the Starbucks name (and price).

You're just picky. You haven't lived here long enough.

* Shawn thinks more along the lines of a C, but what does he know, he's not the editor...Yeah, and you're a putz.

STARBUCKS CAFE (BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSTORE)

Reviewed by John Fraley (interrupted by Shawn McDonald)

Crusader Rating **A***

Give Christmas to a senior citizen

A4 John--undershirts(XL), slippers (10-11), underwear(L)
 A5 Wally--Personal coffee cup, sweats(XL), colored t-shirts(XL)
 A6 Betty--Sweatsuit(L), underwear (cotton L), soft cookies
 A7 Zora--Sweatsuit (M), undershirts(M)
 A9 Lee--Sweatpants(L), flannel shirt(L)
 A10 Alice--Underwear (cotton L), slippers (8-9), undershirts(M)
 A12 Marge--watch, socks, sweatsuit(bright color XL)
 A13 Hazel--pants(M), bright picture for wall, socks
 A14 Ken--T-shirts(L), tube socks, sweatpants(L)
 B1 Female--Plastic coffee mug, sweater(M)
 B2 Female--Sweatsuit(XL)
 B6 Female--Duster(L)
 B8 Female--Sweater
 B11 Female--Cashews, sweater(L)
 B12 Female--Powder, lotion
 B13 Male--Aftershave
 B14 Female--Radio
 B16 Female--Warm fuzzy blanket
 B17 Female--Slippers (L)
 B18 Female--Sweatsuit(L)
 B19 Female--Sweatsuit(M)
 B20 Female--Sweater(M)
 B21 Female--Sweater(M)
 B22 Female--Sweatsuit(M)
 B25 Male--Socks (L)
 B30 Female--Radio
 B31 Female--Sweater (L)
 B34 Male--Sweats(XL)
 B35 Female--Sweats(M), Stuffed Animal
 B40 Male--Sweats(XL)
 B44 Female--Stuffed Animal, Sweats(L)
 B45 Female--Sweater(M)
 C1 Female--Slippers (9-11)
 C2 Female--Shirt w/pockets (XL)
 C3 Female--Slippers(9-11)
 C4 Male--Gripper socks (9-11)
 C5 Female--Duster w/pockets (XL)
 C6 Female--White socks (9-11)
 C7 Female--Large Hair Barrettes, T-shirts(L)
 C9 Female--Nature sounds tape, romance books
 C11 Female--Socks, Knit hat

C13 Female--Small radio, scented lotion
 C15 Female--Blouse w/tie front
 C17 Female--Blouse or Sweater(L)
 C18 Female--Nature poster, scented lotions
 C19 Female--Picture books, Large Magna Doodle
 C22 Female--Duster w/front pockets w/snaps
 C25 Female--Socks, slippers (M)
 C28 Female--Socks, slippers (9-11) or stuffed animal
 C29 Female--Jewelry, Blouse(M)
 C30 Female--Knee-highs

C31 Female--Pantyhose, Brooch
 C34 Female--Pictures of flowers, socks
 C36 Female--Knee-Hi socks, slippers(9-11)
 C37 Female--Mother Mary Ceramic Statue
 C38 Female--Socks, Sweater (M)
 C40 Female--Slippers (XL)
 C41 Female--hand lotion, peanuts
 D2 Alice--Chocolate Covered Cherries, perfume
 D12 Al--Songbook, aftershave
 D16 Katherine--Unscented lotion,

"The annual gift drive is important because many of these nursing home residents don't get gifts for Christmas" Stacy Henrickson, AS.NNC Community Relations Coordinator, said. "I challenge wings, clubs, individual students and faculty to find somebody on the list they would like to give a gift to."

Call between 9:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday of this week to request a gift. The gifts need to be delivered by Saturday, Dec 2,

red slippers (6)
 D17 Louise--Hose(11), stationary
 D22 Dorothy--Lotion, candy
 D24 John--Socks, cologne
 D26 Jean--Chocolates, stamps
 D27 Pauline--Chocolates, shampoo

