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"Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

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Column One

Something unfortunate just happened. Shawn, Monica, Will, Kara, and I just got back from Chapman Hall. The five of us had devised a perfect scheme to steal the letters off of Chapman and strategically place them in the Crusader office. We left at 2:00 a.m.

Just as Will and I were strattling brick and losing our balance, Neil Weaver, the head security guy (that's his official title), came up the Chapman steps and told us to get down. Of course the five of us refused to go without a fight. So we formed a human chain along the front doors of Chapman and chanted, "Heck no, we won't go." Neil knew these weren't normal college students he was dealing with. Seeing how desperate times called for desperate measures, Neil pulled out his flashlight, and began flashing it in our eyes. We immediately backed down knowing we had been defeated. So we headed back to the student center feeling pretty sorry for ourselves.

But this isn't the end, however. Please support my idea for the senior project for the class of 2000. I propose we erect a monument for Chapman Hall on the new track that is to be built where Chapman stands now. If you like the idea, tell Ken Tennyson or another senior class rep.

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Kern, always eager to hand out money

by Mindy Oldenkamp
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Upstairs in the Administration Building, hidden away in one of the smallest, least modernized offices, is one of the friendliest people on campus. From the moment you walk into the room labeled 101, the Business Office, Joy Kern's face lights up and greets you with a warm and hopeful smile. Hopeful, that is, that she gets to give you money rather than to tell you that you owe some large amount.

For the past four and a half years, Joy Kern has been doing just that. She is the lady responsible for taking care of all the students' receipts, debts and, her favorite, paydays and money owed to the students. She keeps the counter of the Business Office a friendly and warm place, and she makes each person who steps through the office doors feel welcome and at ease.

To Kern, figuring out exactly what students owe, how much students get back, posting money for the entire school and basically taking care of all the money needs on campus, has been a wonderful job. "My fellow workers make my job enjoyable and I love interacting with the students."

The most rewarding aspect of Kern's job isn't the happiness marked upon students' faces when she is able to hand them a little sum of money, although that runs a close second. She finds her main source of happiness in watching the Lord take care of the

students who so desperately need Him. Seeing the Lord financially bless those who are struggling to stay in school, yet maintaining

as much of his CD collection. It was really hard for him to just throw them all away without getting any money in return, but the



Joy Kern, at her post in the Business Office, is performing the part of her job that she really likes- giving money to a student.

their faith in God, is an incredible and awesome part of Kern's job.

"I remember one student who came in and was really having a hard time staying in school due to money. He had just newly recommitted his life to the Lord and was getting rid of many of the bad influences in his life, such

Lord just kept him and blessed him financially in spite of it all, and he was able to finish out school."

Stories such as this and many, many others are the reasons why Kern loves her job. When I asked her if there was anything she didn't like, she struggled to think

of anything. She finally decided that seeing the faces of the students she reluctantly has to tell that they owe some money is the hardest part.

The fact that the carpet and decor of her office hasn't changed since the sixties and that one of the desks has a leg that doesn't even touch the ground was perhaps her unspoken second choice. But it wasn't even a contender compared to the way she feels when she has to take money from a student who she knows truly needs it.

For Kern, the chance she has to interact with the students and be a part of their lives is the most valuable part of her job. "The faith that they have is so refreshing. The students are young enough," she explained, "that they trust God to take care of things and that everything will work out okay. Many adults I know have lost that innocent, strong faith."

Kern has watched many students who were desperate to make it through college fly through many road blocks and survive on the faith that they carry. "I've learned a lot about having faith in this job."

Through it all, whether it be receiving payment on overdue bills or handing out the week's pay, Kern keeps her smile strong and her attitude friendly. The next time you're in the Business Office, talk to Joy Kern and see if you don't just leave that office with a smile and a little more happiness, too.

Questions and answers on upcoming semester conversion

Q. What will be the new General Education requirements?

A. A new General Education Council has been formed to establish and review the undergraduate general education policies and curriculum of the College. The general education policies will be established and announced by November 1, 1999.

Q. What is being done about major requirements?

A. Talk with your major advisor for information regarding major requirements.

Q. What will the summer session of 2000 be like?

A. It will be the first use of the semester system. Session I for undergraduates will be from May 29-June 23 and session II will go from June 26-July 25.

Q. What courses will be taught during the summer of 2000 to help me complete general education requirements?

A. These courses will be announced during the 1999-2000 school year.

Malibu Days is coming this weekend to a campus near you

Friday

RD picnic 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Cafe Malibu 8:30-10:30 p.m.

Saturday

Water Sports 11:00 a.m.

The water events will be held on the grass between Culver and Dooley Hall. A variety of activities will take place including Buck-buck and many others.

Volleyball Tourney 2:00 p.m.

Frisbee Golf Tourney 2:00 p.m.

Luau 5:00 p.m.

Get this. The luau will have an actual pig for you to feast on. The first 10 people in line get the head.

Movie Night 10:00-12:00 a.m.

The Goonies starring Sean Astin and Corey Feldman will be shown on the soccer field. Come and watch the Fratellis in action.

Come one, come all!
Political Science Club meets for the first time on Thursday, May 27th at 10:15 a.m. in Clydes.

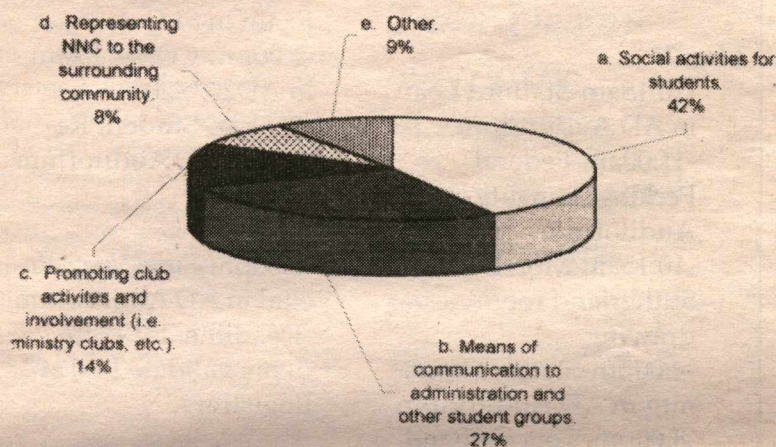
Students speak out about issues in survey

by Bob Van Allen

Crusader Campus Writer

Have you ever wondered about where your student fees are spent, who decides how they are spent and whether or not you get the most out of your fees as a student? Or perhaps you have absolutely no idea who your student leaders are, what they do or why student government even exists at NNC.

Question 1: What primary function do you see ASNNC serving?



Two weeks ago, a student survey was distributed in chapel by the ASNNC Executive Council. Students were asked about the purpose of student government on campus, about communication between students and their student leaders and administration and about where student fees should be spent.

First, in response to the ques-

ernment to provide them with all-school social activities (42%). The other most common answer was "to serve as a means of communication from students to administration and other student groups."

The second question on the survey, referring to the best means of communication from students to and from their student government representatives, generated a mixed response. The

other common perception from the student body. When asked where a larger amount of student fees should be spent, the most common answer was on "campus improvement" (i.e. computers, landscaping, etc.) (33%).

Admittedly, this answer should not have even been an option on this survey, as the \$50 per term ASNNC student fees were never intended to cover things that tuition, room, and board fees were designed to cover. However, this response does indicate that students perceive a problem with the quality and appearance of our campus. A few students commented that they feel embarrassed when friends visit the campus because of the aging buildings and facilities.

Also, many expressed frustration with school's network computers and their lack of speed, quality, and reliability. So, though student fees may not realistically be applicable to campus improvement, the underlying feeling is that these issues should be addressed before "more and/or better all-school social activities" are implemented or before other uses of student fees become priority. Write-in responses included dorm improvement, sports program support, more/better equipment at the Cage and day care for non-traditional/married students with children.

With regard to the campus computer inadequacy problem, Joel Pearsall, future V.P. for Financial Affairs, says "We are in the preliminary stages of developing a plan with Micron Electronics" for future computer upgrades. Working in collaboration with the other Nazarene colleges and universities, NNC would benefit from this very early-stage idea with a continual supply of new computers every three years. Though this plan is still very uncertain, negotiations could lead to a contract as early as next year.

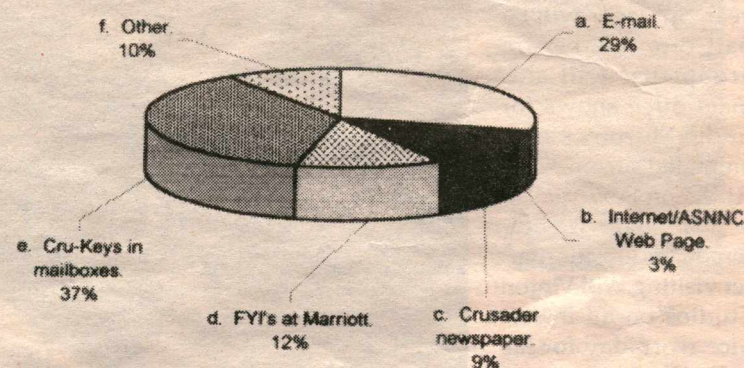
Finally, the most weighted question-response combination was found when students were asked about the best form of direct communication between administration and students. An overwhelming number of students responded that "Chapel hour announcements/presentations" served this purpose the best (62%). Students commented that a chapel hour announcement/remark from an administrative representative is the simplest way to catch the most students in one place at one time.

Other write-in responses to this question included face-to-face communication in Sodexho-Marriott or at administration's offices, and personal e-mails (i.e. not noticeboards).

meal plan for students next year. This process is not yet finished and the final word is not expected until sometime this week.

Finally, off-campus/non-traditional students used the survey

Question 2: What do you feel is the best form of communication between you and student government?



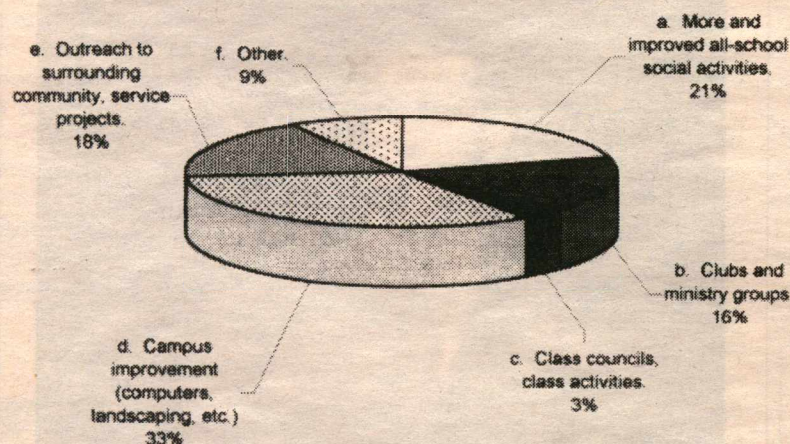
Many of these results show areas which students feel need to be improved—issues not only relating to student government, but also to administration and student development. Many additional comments from students (not related to the specific questions asked) included other issues that need to be addressed. For instance, some students perceive both administration and student government as "unapproachable" or "clique-ish." Basically, comments like these relate back to the communication issue, and, though communication does need to be two-way for both administration and student government, communication can always be improved.

Many recent Student Development "hot topics" were mentioned. Many students "heartily" supported the idea of a reduced meal plan for junior/senior residents. Dr. Ken Hills and Kent

to voice their concerns. First, many commented that "all-school social events" are not convenient for them to attend, especially in the evenings, as many commute to campus or have families to attend to in the evenings. Also, day care offered for students with children was another interesting suggestion that is being looked into. And some mentioned the publication of weekly or bimonthly newsletters for non-traditional students in order to keep them better informed. Dustin Herring, SGA Non-Traditional/Commuter Student Coordinator, is planning on implementing a regular newsletter for these students in the near future.

In summary, the survey has generated much of a response from administration, student development, and student leaders alike. Though many of these issues take time to resolve, through

Question 3: Where do you feel a larger amount of student fees should be spent?



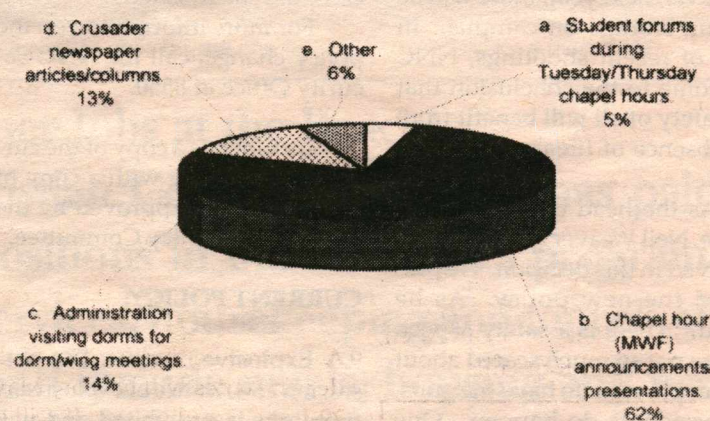
tion "What primary function do you see ASNNC serving?" it has been noted that many students do not even know for what the ASNNC Executive Council and student government is responsible. Also, the issue of cliques among executive officers was mentioned many times under "additional comments."

It was found that students primarily look for student gov-

simple face-to-face communication and "officers being approachable and stepping out of their cliques" would alleviate many of the problems related to communication.

While students responded to the first question (the primary function of ASNNC) with a focus on providing quality social activities for the student body, answers to the third question revealed an-

Question 4: What is the best form of direct communication between administration and you?



Berggren, from Student Development, are working with Joel Pearsall in negotiating NNC's contract with Sodexho-Marriott in order to allow for a reduced

better communication and patience and by staying informed, students and their student leaders can truly make a difference in campus life.

Sprenger's art comes to life

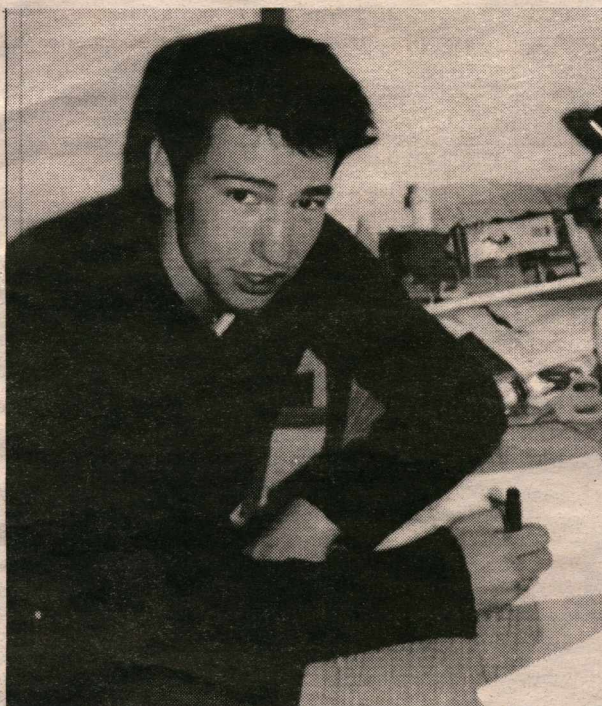
by Andrea Weisen
Crusader Campus Writer

This year, 19 year-old Gabe Sprenger will make people do exactly what he wants them to. Animated people, that is. From June until February of next year, Sprenger will be part of a five-person group that will animate three shows for Eddie Murphy's new animated sitcom, "The P.J.'s," on Fox.

Sprenger was offered this position after visiting Will Vinton Studios on an in-service work day for his school. Located in Portland, Oregon, this major animation company has animated such well-known figures as the California Raisins, as well as The P.J.'s.

While visiting Will Vinton Studios, Sprenger's interest was caught by the company. "So when I went there, I fell in love with the place and what it made.

This place was all about cartoons, but they made theirs come to life! That idea fascinated me," Sprenger said.



Gabe Sprenger will not be going to NNC next year. Instead, this talented guy will be working at Will Vinton Studios on the animation of the sitcom, "The P.J.'s."

opportunities in art and animation. He was chosen as part of a three-student team to make a commercial to air on Nickelodeon and the Disney Channel as a gift from a Portland, Oregon hotel to the community. As part of his senior project in high school, Sprenger also had the chance to teach animation.

The actual audition for the position on the team took place over Spring Break. A team of 21 animators will be responsible for creating 22 shows for next season. If the series gets another season, Sprenger will be working longer than anticipated.

While this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, it does have at least one major drawback, but Sprenger seems to have handled it well. "I am really excited

and I won't be here next year which makes me sad, but it is my dream," he said.

Weapons policy changes

by Andrea Weisen
Crusader Campus Writer

For the safety of the student community, NNC is changing the policy on weapons storage on campus. This new weapons policy was approved through the Student Life Policy Committee. Currently, a small number students have firearms stored in the dorms, kept safe by the RDs. However, next year, there will be no gun storage on campus. In light of recent shootings, NNC has come to the conclusion that the safety of all will benefit from the absence of firearms on campus.

As the head of the Security Office, Neil Weaver has been very involved in this decision. He proposed the new policy. As he stated, "There is a safety aspect. We are not so much scared about the people who do have the guns, but accidents do happen. One could discharge during cleaning."

The decision was made easier due to the small number of students actually storing weap-

ons on campus. The official count of students keeping their firearms close for hunting is only eight.

The new policy becomes effective next year, the 99/2000 school year. According to Weaver, students should have enough time to find other storage accommodations for their guns. "This new policy does not mean: don't hunt. It simply means: don't store your weapons on campus," he finished.

For more information on the policy change, call the NNC Security Office at 8550.

Included is a copy of the current policy along with a copy of the new policy approved by the Student Life Policy Committee.

CURRENT POLICY:

9. Explosive Devices: The possession and/or use of explosives/fireworks is prohibited and will be considered a violation. No explosive devices (i.e. fireworks, ice bombs, etc.) Are allowed in residence hall rooms or personal vehicles at any time. A \$100 fine will

be imposed for violations.

10. Personal weapons and firearms: Must be stored with the Residence Director. Any exceptions to this regulation must be approved by the Director of Residential Life. A \$100 fine will be imposed for violations.

NEW POLICY:

9. Personal weapons/firearms/explosive devices: Items potentially hazardous to members of the campus community are prohibited anywhere on University grounds. These include but are not limited to: guns, hunting weapons, live ammunition, fireworks or other explosives, swords, slingshots, pellet guns, paint guns, blow guns and bb guns. (Request for exceptions to this policy must be reviewed and authorized in advance by the Director of Security and will only include controlled University sponsored and supervised events). A \$100 fine and immediate confiscation of said devices will be imposed for violations.

Upcoming campus events

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| May 25
-7:00 pm-English Evening in Feltar Lecture Hall
-8:00 pm-Student Recital | McClellan's Senior Recital in the AD Building Auditorium |
| May 26
-10:15am-Senior Class meeting with Registrar and Faculty Marshal
-11:00am-Corlett and Dooley room drawing
-4:00pm-Federal Perkins Loan meeting in ADAuditorium | May 31
-8:00 pm-Pops Concert featuring Jazz Band and Northwesterners in Swayne Auditorium |
| May 27
-10:15am-Stafford Loan in AD Auditorium
-11:00am-Federal Perkins Loan mtg in AD Auditorium
-10:15am-Morrison and Sutherland room drawing
-4:00pm-Stafford Loan mtg in AD Auditorium
-8:00pm-Concert Band concert in Swayne Auditorium | May 31-June 5
-Community Clothing Drive |
| May 28-29
-ASNNC Malibu Weekend | June 1
-8:30am-12:00pm-ACT Exam in SLC
-1:00pm-COMP Exam in AD207/208
-8:00pm-Student Recital in AD Auditorium |
| May 30
-3:00pm-Melissa | June 3
-8:00pm-Final Voice Recital in AD Auditorium
-Deadline: Int'l Students validate I-20 at Registrars |
| | June 4
-8:00pm-Deniece Miller's Junior Voice Recital in AD Auditorium |
| | June 5
-12:00pm-All-Ministries Club Luncheon |

Student preaching missions



On Wednesday, Mark Walker spoke for one of the Student Preaching Missions. The other speakers for this special week of chapels were Karen Edes and Karolyn Roberts.

by Craig C
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Shooting rampage rocks small Georgia school

by Heather Oglevie

World News Staff Writer

CONYERS, GA - After a violent shooting incident by a distraught teenager, a Heritage High School in Georgia opened its doors to students for what might be the last time this year. Saturday morning from eight to noon, students were allowed to enter their school and gather books and other items that were left Thursday while fleeing from a student armed with a gun.

In Heritage High School in Conyers, Georgia, a fifteen-year-old sophomore entered the building armed with two firearms - a .357 Magnum and a .22 caliber rifle which he smuggled into the school by hiding them in his backpack and in his baggy jeans. Once inside, he opened fire, wounding six of his classmates but killing none.

It is of interest to note that Thursday's shooting occurred exactly a month after the deadly Columbine attack in Colorado which left fifteen students dead, including the two gunmen.

The motive of the student, in the more recent attack, remains unclear - some students said that he had recently broken up with a girlfriend whom he had been dating for over two years, although she was not one of the students wounded.

Students say that he did not seem to be targeting anyone in particular and was persuaded by an assistant principal to surrender



Rebecca Harris, standing, embraces her 17 year-old-daughter Bonnie Thursday following a shooting at Heritage High School in Conyers, Georgia. Six people were wounded after a student, reportedly upset over a broken romance, opened fire in the school's cafeteria shortly before classes began Thursday morning. None of the victims' wounds were considered life-threatening.

his weapon following the shooting. He is currently in police cus-

tody. Investigators who analyzed his weapons found that he had

tacker. Certainly, this contrasts with the Littleton situation, al-

fired as many as fourteen shots--three from the revolver, eleven from the rifle.

The gunman has been charged with aggravated assault - partly because Georgia has no attempted murder charge and partly because none of the wounds sustained by the students were life-threatening. No victim was wounded above the waist, nor did any appear to have met the attacker before.

Because bombs were found after the Littleton school shooting, investigators closed the Georgia high school for several days while searching for hidden explosives but found none.

The brief return of the students to the school may be their last such trek for the year, since School Superintendent Don Peccia decided that the school's final exams, scheduled for next week, would be optional.

High school students and parents expressed far more concern about the boy and his welfare than anger over the situation. The parents' desire for vengeance appeared to have been overridden by concern for their wounded children and for the parents of the at-

though, in all fairness, no student this time was killed. The more immediate issue appears to be the danger of guns at home, since both the Magnum and the .22 used in the shooting were taken from the attacker's house.

There is considerable difference of opinion between the County Sheriff Jeff Wigington and Superintendent Peccia regarding the threat which guns in the home pose to the schools. Although they have not caused much of a problem in the past, Peccia says, if guns are in the homes, they will be in the schools. Sheriff Wigington, however, does not perceive the guns, essential hunting weapons in the county, as a threat to school safety.

The irony of the shooting in Georgia is that this school system has made efforts to avoid adding its name to the list of campuses rocked by student attacks. Although no metal detectors are present at any of the county's 17 schools, uniformed deputies are present at each one and have been since last fall.

The Heritage High School deputy, however, had not arrived when the shooting began--he appeared three minutes later on emergency call. Now, with its reputation as a safe school shattered, the Conyers High School will enforce more strict anti-gun measures next year. Changes, which might affect the homes of students, as well as the school itself.

Supreme Court cracks down on harassment

by Jeremy Smith

World News Editor

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In a major ruling, the Supreme Court put the nation's schools on notice that parents can sue schools when their children are sexually harassed by other students and educators know about the abuse yet, ignore it. Women's groups hailed Monday's decision, but some skeptics predicted it could set off an avalanche of lawsuits, turning every schoolyard taunt into a federal case.

Monday's decision is a victory for Aurelia Davis of Georgia. Her fifth-grade daughter, LaShonda, was constantly picked on by a boy in her class, who allegedly touched LaShonda's breasts, rubbed against her suggestively and repeatedly told her he wanted to have sex with her.

The family complained for months, yet school officials did nothing.

"Her grades went down," said Aurelia Davis. "She was always an A and B honor roll student. Even that changed, along with nightmares that she had."

Davis sued the Monroe County school board and two officials over the five-month "barage of sexual harassment and abuse" her daughter endured at Hubbard Elementary School.

The lawsuit said that LaShonda, now a high school junior, and her mother reported each incident to school officials, but the boy was never disciplined. The boy pleaded guilty to sexual battery after Davis complained to the county sheriff.

Lower courts blocked Davis' lawsuit, saying schools cannot be held responsible when children

harass each other.

But Monday, by a 5-4 vote, the Supreme Court said schools can be held responsible.

The majority opinion, presented by Sandra Day O'Connor, says schools are legally responsible when sexual harassment by a classmate is severe, continuing and offensive. But parents can sue only when the school knows about the harassment and deliberately ignores it.

"The Supreme Court said today that when school officials get notice that a student is being sexually harassed by another student, it cannot stand idly by and let that happen," said Verna Williams of the National Women's Law Center. "It has to take appropriate steps to remedy and address it."

That legal standard is a difficult one to prove, and is the same standard the justices adopted last

June, when ruling that school districts can be held responsible when teachers sexually harass students.

"Recipients of federal funding may be liable for subjecting their students to discrimination where the recipient is deliberately indifferent to known acts of student-on-student sexual harassment and the harasser is under the school's disciplinary authority," O'Connor wrote for the court.

by a 7-4 vote, the ruling reversed a federal appeals court's conclusion that a federal law known as Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 does

not apply to student-on-student harassment. School board lawyers tried to view the outcome positively, saying it won't be easy to sue.

"The decision as it comes out today is really a very high standard. The court is requiring deliberate indifference to known, pervasive sexual harassment," said Julie Underwood of the National Association of School Boards.

Court's dissenters think the ruling could make federal cases out of schoolyard shoves and teases. Conservative scholars say lawsuits for money could drain school budgets.

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First whale hunt in 70 years

Makah Indians revive tradition amidst protests

by Jeremy Smith

World News Editor

SEATTLE, WA - The Makah Tribe's whaling crew, towing their 32-foot cedar canoe in a military surplus truck, led the parade that opened Saturday's celebration of the tribe's first whale hunt since the 1920s.

crew killed a 30-foot gray whale last Monday.

Tribes from throughout the region were invited to celebrate with the Makah. Several meals, including whale meat, said to taste like elk, were served over the course of the party, interspersed with welcome and joyous songs and dances.

But some considered the day cause for mourning.

The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society's 95-foot vessel Sirenian arrived during the parade, accompanied by a smaller boat

key, peaceful memorial for the whale, said Chuck Owens, an organizer of Peninsula Citizens for Protection of Whales based in Port Angeles.

Religious leaders in Seattle called a news conference Friday to urge tolerance and express their dismay at the flood of racist, threatening, anonymous telephone calls which followed Monday's successful hunt.

The whale is at the heart of Makah culture, and its image decorates buildings, boats, costumes and drums in this remote



Makah tribe members celebrate on the back of a slain gray whale shortly after it was towed close to the shore in the harbor at Neah Bay, Washington, Monday, May 17, 1999. Earlier in the day, Makah Indians harpooned a whale for the first time in 70 years, renewing an ancient tradition that defines their culture.

Hundreds of visitors lined Front Street in blazing sunshine as the homespun procession made its way from the Makah Museum at one end of the town to a ceremonial flag-raising at the other end, where happy people lined up with the whalers to pose for pictures.

"Proud Makah," said one float. "Whale to live, live to whale," said another. Tribal member Gary Ray, a deeply religious man, decked his truck with a sign reading: "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven."

"It's a great day," said Bob Coster, commander of the Coast Guard station here, as he relaxed with his family at roadside, run-ins with protestor vessels forgotten in the moment.

Four craft were impounded and two protesters arrested last week for interfering with the Makah as they began hunting. No protesters were near when the

marked "World Whale Police." Three Coast Guard vessels stood by.

"We want them to know we're still here," said Jonathan Paul of the Sea Defense Alliance, who was aboard the Sirenian. His group's two boats were seized last week while protesting.

Anti-whaling activists will remain in the area as long as possible. "We're not leaving just because they killed this first whale. They want to kill more," said Paul.

Protesters also rallied on land just outside the reservation. A large group gathered at Sekiu in a couple dozen cars to caravan to the edge of the Makah land, where Saturday demonstrations have become a weekend routine.

Tribal police set up a roadblock at the reservation boundary and Washington State Patrol and Clallam County Sheriff's Department vehicles were also on patrol.

Organizers planned a low-

community at the northwestern-most tip of the Lower 48. A unique provision of the tribe's 1855 treaty guarantees them whaling rights.

The Makah stopped the hunts more than 70 years ago, when commercial whalers had destroyed global whale populations. The tribe moved to resume its ancient whaling tradition when gray whales were taken off the Endangered Species List in 1994. The U.S. government supported their bid before the International Whaling Commission, and the tribe was allotted 20 whales through 2004.

But the Makah's bid for traditional and spiritual renewal brought them into conflict with anti-whaling activists acting on behalf of the many Americans who have come to revere whales.

Anti-whaling groups contend that the hunt is illegal and believe it will lead to renewed commercial whaling around the world.

Pakistan to end child executions

ISLAMBAD, PAKISTAN - Pakistan is now "one of only a handful of countries which are still ignoring the near universal consensus that killing children is no solution to juvenile crime," said Menno Kamminga, a member of the human rights activist group Amnesty International.

Currently there are approximately 50 children on death row in Pakistan. The Supreme Court labeled the military courts, responsible for many of the rulings, unconstitutional. Their trials will be transferred to special anti-terrorist courts which serve under civilian appellate courts. Amnesty International is applying pressure on the Pakistani government to commute the children's sentences and to reconsider their continued imprisonment according to international standards on the treatment of children.

Volcano strikes Guatemalan city

ANTIGUA, GUATEMALA - Civil officials in the small tourist town of Antigua have initiated precautionary evacuation procedures due to the activity of the Volcan de Fuego (Volcano of Fire). The Volcano, which lies just outside the city of Antigua, 30 miles southwest of the capital of Guatemala City, had not erupted since 1978, said Eddie Sanchez, an official at the National Seismology Institute.

The volcano has been spitting out ash and rock approximately one-third of an inch in diameter, but has caused no substantial damage. So far, 16 people have been evacuated from the nearby village of Alotenango.

The volcano has been considered a high risk in a country that is not foreign to volcanic eruptions. Military personnel are standing by in the area to keep a close watch.

727s to be inspected for wiring

WASHINGTON, D.C. - All U.S. registered 727's are being required to have mandatory inspections of their wiring by the Federal Aviation Administration. The inspections were ordered after it was suspected that faulty wiring was the cause to the 1996 explosion of TWA flight 800 (a Boeing 747) off the coast of Long Island. Other planes such as the Boeing 737 had the inspections conducted last summer.

So far, mechanics have found severed wires near fuel tanks on two 727s, which could have led to an explosion. The FAA and Boeing estimated that the tests will take about four hours per plane and cost \$252,000 for the entire U.S. fleet of 1,000 aircraft. The inspections will not hinder daily service.

Car plows into Allstate offices

NAMPA, ID - The Nampa police department was on the lookout for a young Hispanic male in his late teens to early 20's, five feet eight-inches tall and 180 pounds, wearing a white shirt and dark pants, on mid-afternoon, Thursday, May 20. The young man had stolen a red Mercury Sable and led another vehicle on a chase which crossed the Nampa-Caldwell Boulevard where he crashed into a business center.

The car sped by the Nampa Christian School zone at a speed of over 100 miles per hour and continued to cross the Boulevard without hesitation, according to Nampa police. The individual struck a parked car and ended up crashing into an Allstate Insurance office. No customers were injured. The suspect was reported by a witness to have left the vehicle and disappeared into the Buy-Rite Auto Salvage Yard.

Nampa educators to gain benefits

NAMPA, ID - "We want the best teachers that Idaho has, and we're willing to pay for them," said School Board Chairman Tom Luna.

The Nampa School District has come up with a new way to congratulate its top teachers - money. The District plans on rewarding nationally certified teachers with an extra \$2,000 a year for five years, on top of at least a three percent increase on all personnel's salaries.

The proposal, which comes after about 22 meetings and 70 hours, is still waiting on the approval of the Nampa Education Association and the Nampa School Board. The school board is expected to vote by the end of May, while the NEA vote is expected by June 2. "The process worked to everyone's benefit," said Luna. "The needs and wants of both parties were reviewed and discussed thoroughly, and we came to a meeting of the minds on a contract that continues to move toward the best education for Nampa students."

NNC bids farewell to one of its favorite professors

As Dr. Lodahl, longtime NNC professor, prepares to move to California, one student reflects on how Lodahl's passion for teaching impacted his life.

by Will Brown
Copy Editor

During my Freshman year, when short periods of time lasted so much longer than they do now, Dr. Michael Lodahl seemed a distant man. Back then, I knew him only as the instructor of Survey of Christian Thought, a Sophomore level course, and my Sophomore year seemed so far away.

I remember the first day of Survey of Christian Thought, how suddenly Dr. Lodahl lost the illusion of distance as he went around the entire classroom and acquainted himself with each of us, associating names with faces, hometowns and interests and goals.

To be sure, he did not always remember everything, and he remembered some better than

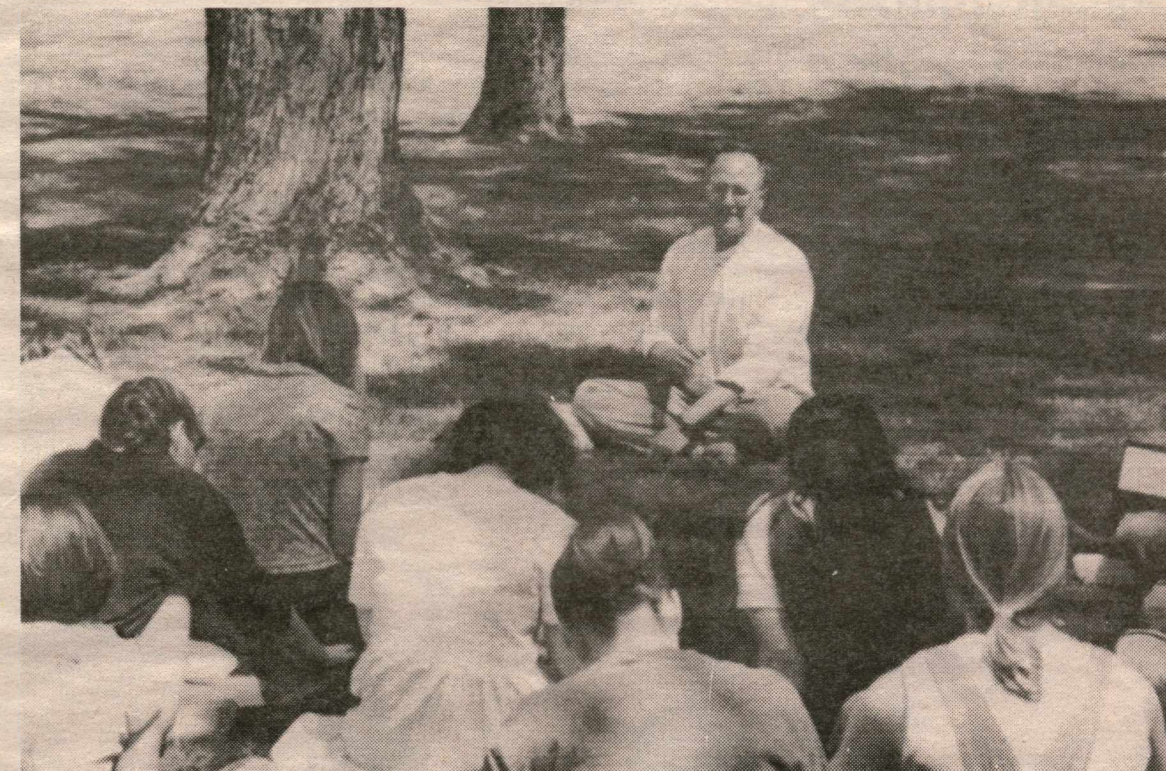
others. Nobody is perfect. But what made Dr. Lodahl special is that he did ask at all, and he asked sincerely.

Those of you who have acquainted yourselves with Dr. Lodahl understand what I mean. If academics are important to him, which they undeniably are, so are people. As long as I have known him, Dr. Lodahl has been eager to know people and to interact with them on an easily sociable level, which has allowed him to win his way into many hearts and memories.

It has, no doubt, made sitting through his classes and learning so much easier and so much more interesting. My own experiences with him in Survey of Christian Thought proved to be so stimulating that I decided to take up philosophy as a second major. Ever since, Dr. Lodahl has been a regular part of my life, one which I have enjoyed very much. Now, he is leaving.

Michael Lodahl was born in Soap Lake, Washington, a nice little town situated around mineral-water lakes which have been used for medicinal and therapeutic purposes even by the Native Americans prior to the arrival of the Europeans. After spending his childhood and adolescence in southeastern Washington, he came to college here at NNC. It simply did not occur to him that there was any other option. Not that this was a bad thing. He had a great experience here.

His focus at NNC was a blur somewhere in-between religion



Many students who have taken a class from Dr. Lodahl know that when the weather is warm, he likes to teach in the sun. Here, his World Religions class gets to enjoy an hour outside and Dr. Lodahl gets to enjoy his trademark bare feet.

and philosophy, influenced greatly by the arrival of Professor Ed Crawford his Senior year, whom he took several classes from. By the time he graduated, his professors had had such a major impact on him that he decided to follow in their footsteps.

Following his graduation from NNC, Lodahl attended the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City for four years. At NTS, Lodahl qualified for the Honors Program, which allowed him to take whatever he wanted. He jokingly says that the freedom that the Honors Program allowed him was the only way he could have gone there.

At NTS, he focused on theology and philosophy of religion, almost without exception. After that, he spent three years as a pastor in Los Angeles, then moved to Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, to earn his Ph.D., completing it

in 1988.

In 1988, Dr. Lodahl also came to NNC to teach, where two of his former professors, Dr. C.S. Cowles and Professor Ed Crawford, would also become his colleagues.

At NNC, he has had the opportunity to teach the classes which have been just right for

him (one of the benefits of teaching at NNC), including systematic theology and a variety of philosophy courses which fit into the purview of philosophy of religion, including Philosophy of Religion, World Religions, Existentialism, Philosophy of Nature and, of course, Survey of Christian Thought.

Dr. Lodahl has published a number of works, including *Shekinah/Spirit: Divine Presence in Jewish and Christian Religion*, essentially his doctoral dissertation, which has met with good critical reviews and scholarly approval overall and has been used by a number of seminaries and graduate schools; the book which we are perhaps more familiar with, *The Story of God*, the quintessential Survey of Christian Thought text under the

Lodahl regime; and a number of articles.

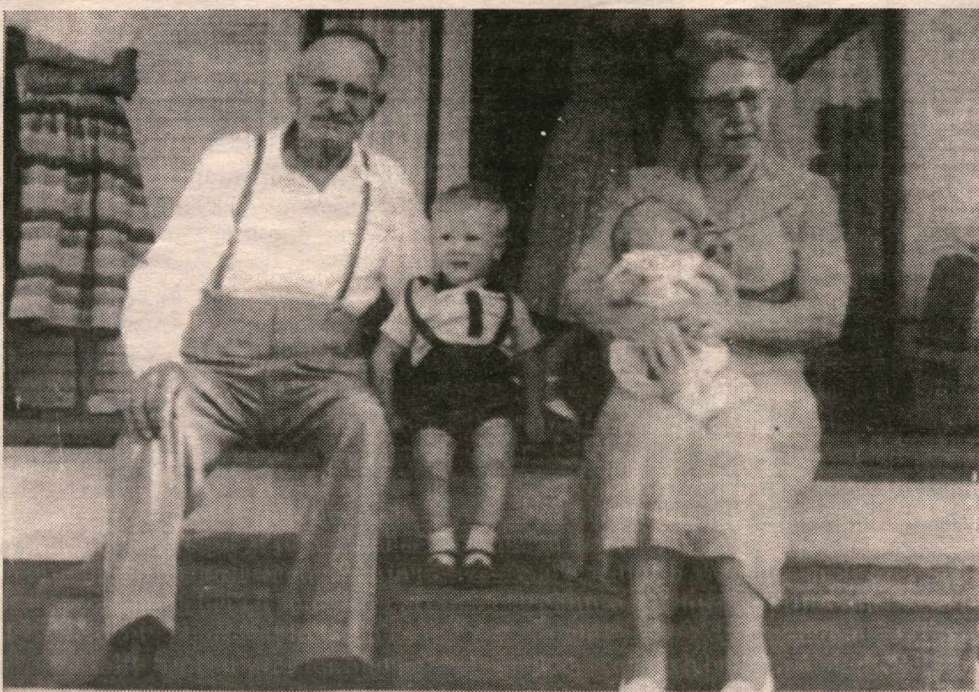
Presently, he is co-editing a book entitled *Holiness and Embodiment*, a topical collection of essays on what it is to be a bodily creature in a bodily world, which will include an article of his own on the parable of the Good Samaritan.

He is working on another book about the Articles of Faith in the Nazarene Manual as an introduction to theological reflection, which will serve him well as he travels to Russia two summers from now to teach theology to Russian theology students. In the long-term future, he also plans to finish

ing a book on the theology in the natural sciences, a work he has partially written but which must wait until he has finished his work in Russia.

Dr. Lodahl has been the thankful recipient of a number of awards and recognitions throughout his eleven years at NNC. 1997 proved to be an especially fruitful year for him as he was honored with both the Professor of the Year and the Faculty Presentation Awards.

Those who know Dr. Lodahl well will not find it hard to picture him strolling along the shore...He says he might learn to surf.



Lodahl is shown as a young boy enjoying the company of his family on their front porch. Today, Lodahl still loves spending time with his family.

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The essay upon which this latter award's lecture was based has recently appeared in the CTNS (the Center for Theology in the Natural Sciences) Bulletin and will be incorporated as a chapter into his pending book on theology and nature. Dr. Lodahl is also a member of a nationally selected group of religion and theology professors participating in teaching world religions, which has increased both his interest and abilities in the area.

Dr. Lodahl speaks highly of his family. He met his wife, Janice, while at NTS. She is, as Dr. Lodahl says it, "a wonderful woman." Originally from Korea, she is a registered nurse but has left that behind to pursue art. The two have three kids: Sonya, a senior in high school who will be going to Point Loma next fall, Heather, who will be a freshman in high school next fall and Brian who will be a fifth grader.

Sonya Lodahl won't be the only Lodahl going to Point Loma; she'll have the whole family behind her. Dr. Lodahl begins teaching there next fall, filling much the same position as he has here.

Why? Not that he holds a grudge against the NNC living and working environment (save the sugar beet factory and the Armour meat packing plant), but he is a deep lover of the Pacific Ocean, warmth, and swimming.

Point Loma, located right on the coastline in San Diego, then, is the perfect location to live and to work, with an excellent view.

Those who know Dr. Lodahl well will not find it hard to picture him strolling along the shore, pantlegs and sleeves rolled up, enjoying the warm ocean breeze. He says he might learn to surf.

He also has several friends in the Religion Department at Point Loma, several of whom would be a rewarding challenge to work with, and former NNC English professor Karl Martin also teaches there.

His wife, too, stands to benefit from the move. In San Diego, she will be able to finish a Masters in painting, which is difficult to come by around here, and there, too, is a much better art market. Her only sibling, a brother, lives in San Diego, and both Dr. Lodahl and his wife are very

fond of both her brother and his girlfriend, an artist of some renown in the area. In San Diego, then, she will have the contact, the encouragement and the education she needs to pursue art.

At Point Loma, Dr. Lodahl will find himself teaching much the same thing as before. His first year there will be fairly light, teaching two courses during the first semester and three during the second, four being the average.

One of the courses he will be teaching both terms, Christian Traditions, is equivalent to our own Survey of Christian Thought. The second, The Life of Holiness, is the equivalent to our own Christian Holiness course, which Dr. Lodahl has also had a great deal of experience teaching here. Finally, the third course he will be teaching during the second semester is entitled Judaism and Islam, again,

has always enjoyed teaching. He may also take on a few philosophy courses, including Point Loma's Introduction to Philoso-

have to gain from the move, Dr. Lodahl is most looking forward to teaching outside. This is not an unusual thing for him, of

feels he talks too much sometimes and says things he wishes he hadn't said.

He tells the story of a particularly colorful event which he shared with one of his students in Survey of Christian Thought, who, after a long term of annoyingly critical challenges, finally pushed Dr. Lodahl's last button. He says he doesn't remember about fifteen seconds of the event, and he doesn't want to, but he wishes that, instead of exploding, he had taken the time instead to explain how he felt.

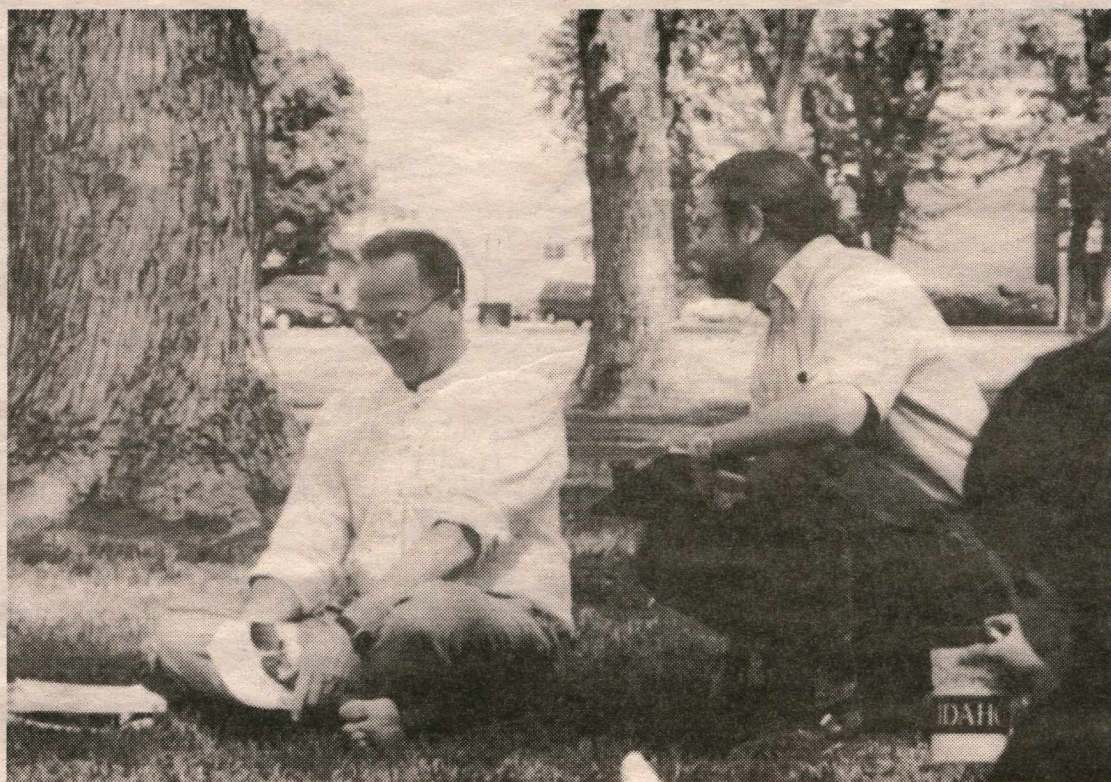
He feels as if he is closer to that goal than he was when he

started at NNC. He enjoys being a reflective person, a goal which is difficult to accomplish during this turbulent spring, and he hopes that the ocean setting will feed that aspect. Essentially, he is a happy person.

Dr. Lodahl has been a valuable asset to NNC and to its students. His easy personability and his vast knowledge have made his classes interesting and I am sure have inspired a number of students on to bigger and better things which they had not before imagined possible.

I would like to think that his constant appearances in the cafeteria, his regularly holding classes outside, his approachable, friendly demeanor and his easygoing attitude have also worn off on those he has known.

As long as he remains teaching, regardless of where, he will continue to do so. For those of us who know him, we are better people for it. I am equally happy that he is going on to try other things, to try a new environment perhaps more conducive to his own excellence and, though our own community is losing such a valuable member, Point Loma is now gaining one. But Dr. Lodahl, we sure will miss you.



Professors Lodahl and Dennis share a joke during an outdoor session of one of Lodahl's classes. During his outside lectures Lodahl often invites passing colleagues of his to share with his classes.

phy and perhaps its hermeneutics course, which is treated very philosophically there, and maybe even Philosophy of Religion.

In other words, the move to Point Loma does not so much present a move upward as the opportunity for a new experience, new waters if you will, literally.

Dr. Lodahl's best memory of his time at NNC is his 1997 year. Between the two awards he received during the spring of that year, two weeks teaching in Cyprus, an eight-day trip to Israel during the summer and his sabbatical in the Bay area during the fall.

He jokes that he never should have come back, that it was difficult to return to teaching the following term (not that such severely hindered him, because I enjoyed Survey of Christian Thought quite a bit the term after). And, not surprisingly, he has enjoyed interacting with the students immensely.

In his own words, "If I have a classroom and some students, I'm happy." The interaction with students, both in and out of class, keeps him young, he says.

Aside from the ocean, the warmth and all of the new experiences both he and his wife

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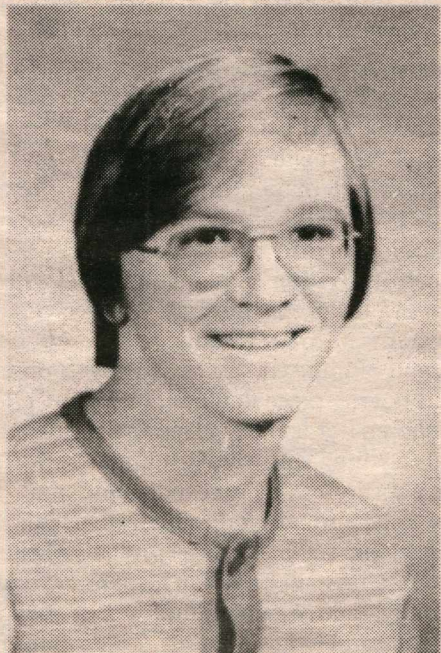
Dr. Lodahl has a list of the things he'll miss about his life at NNC and Nampa, including the snow on the distant Owyhee Mountains, 20-cent popcorn at Kings, lunch at Chapalla and a great many of his colleagues.

Lodahl has enjoyed interacting with the students immensely. "If I have a classroom and some students, I'm happy. The interaction with students, both in and out of the class keep me young." ~Mike Lodahl

And though, as a professor, he will still have students at Point Loma, he will miss specific students.

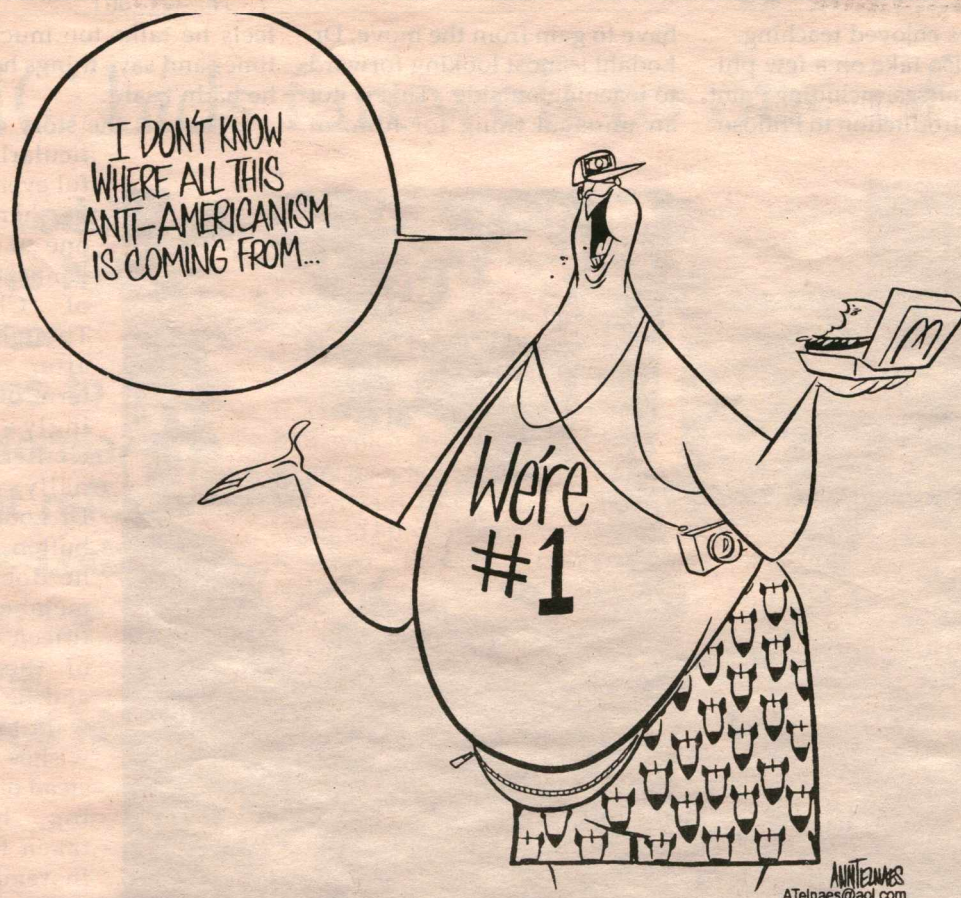
Dr. Lodahl explains what kind of person he is as gregarious. He enjoys being around people, and he takes great fascination from knowing where they are from and what they want to do with their lives.

At the same time, he wants to be a person of less words. He



Dr. Lodahl's yearbook picture from his freshman year at NNC shows an energetic young man. As most of his students know, Dr. Lodahl has retained this energy and he pours it into his family, his studies, his church and his students.

a course which finds its equivalent in our own World Religions, an opportunity which he is very happy to accept, also allowing our own Professor Crawford to teach the course here, a class he



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Judge's role not part of Christian line of duty

by Benjamin Earwicker
Crusader Staff Opinions Writer

Christians have always been known for selfless love, compassionate acts toward the poor and holy living. On the other hand, Christians have also killed, tortured and persecuted those who have differed in their personal religious beliefs. As a student of Northwest Nazarene College, I wonder toward which extreme we lean. We affirm, at least in principle, the doctrines of Jesus that mandate compassion and understanding, yet I wonder how far we are willing to take our principles. More specifically, it is easy for us to speak of "loving the sinner, hating the sin," but when we talk about women who obtain abor-

tions or homosexuals, the tone of our conversation often carries a harsh, judgmental edge. It appears to me that rather than "hating the sin, loving the sinner," we as Christians hate the whole package. We understand that the Bible calls such things as prostitution and homosexuality sins, so it is natural to speak of people who commit such acts as sinners. How should we view people who behave in ways that directly violate our convictions and moral principles? It is my strong belief that we should view these people as Jesus did, with sincere compassion and "color blind" eyes, so to speak.

I realize that some reading this have already jumped to conclusions and assume I am suggest-

ing a loose moral position, or that I endorse a "whatever goes" mo-

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ality. This is not the case. Let me put it this way: it is not my place to judge or condemn ANY person based on his or her moral or ethical choices. To do this is to assume a self-righteous attitude, the idea that I am superior because of my morality. This presents us with a problem, a conflict of interests. How can we maintain our Christianity without filtering everything through that lens? Shouldn't our morality affect all areas of our lives, including our political opinions and relationships with others? Is it truly possible to look at a homosexual without seeing him or her with that label? I believe it is possible and, in fact, an important aspect of our Christianity.

I am studying to become a social worker. When I work with people, I am bound to discover one who

is gay or lesbian, one who has had an abortion, or one who holds vastly different beliefs from my own. As a professional social worker, I have a responsibility to support them and allow them to make their own choices, regardless of the consequences. Certainly I may counsel people and warn them of the negative repercussions of their actions, but as far as morality is concerned, I must remain neutral. The fundamental value in this is allowing personal responsibility for choices made and respecting another individual's choice. The same should be true of Christianity. Each individual has a right to choose his or her lifestyle, belief system, and/or morality. If a friend of mine chooses to be gay, it is not my place to tell him he is a sinner, nor is it my place to berate a young woman who obtains an abortion. It is my responsibility to be a friend and to offer my emotional support. As a "professional Christian," I have a responsibility to love people, not to be their moral judge.

I write this because I have heard a rather different perspective being practiced among the student body. Whether it is a student in chapel chiding a drug-addicted woman or a friend in Marriott belittling a lesbian woman, I often hear judgmental, critical comments made about people who are not Christian. What should we say, then? How does one speak of a person with a different sexual orientation or reli-

gious code? To begin with, I think it is appropriate to speak of people first as people. That is, when talking about someone who is gay, I should recognize that person's unique individuality, strengths, and weaknesses in addition to the "gay" label. A person is more than his or her sexual orientation. Secondly, I need to recognize that some behaviors may not be "sins" as I have supposed. Is it fair to call a drug-addict a sinner? Is she not addicted to drugs just like some of the student body at NNC are addicted to pornography, alcohol, or other substances? When we make choices, we must live with the consequences of those choices, but who can draw the line between a sin and a behavioral problem or chemical addiction? Certainly I can not make that distinction. Therefore, I will not make a judgment.

Jesus really did love people. As those who claim to follow Jesus, we have the privilege of loving people as he did, looking beyond the labels and seeing a unique individual worthy of our respect. Loving with compassion means more than saying I will accept a person as soon as he or she changes his or her chosen lifestyle. Loving the way Jesus did means accepting people unconditionally, without reservation, no questions asked. And, if God so chooses, he may convict them of any "sins" in their lives. Only let me love as Jesus did, with no trace of condemnation or accusation.

Staff Infection

When she said slinky, I was thinking...Oh, you mean slithery...That should be the cover story, "Nathan Comes Out!"...Oh, I hate preying mantises worse than anything...How scary is that, how scary is that--an insect who can turn its head and look at you!...I can turn my head and look at you...Brooke, what do you think about clowns...I'm not obsessed about clowns, I'm just obsessed about mermaids, preying mantises and tomato worms...Uggghhhhh!!!!!!...Are they fuzzy and can you pet them?...Just call it Brooke Infection...Ooh, I hate them, they kill people...What do?...Mermaids, they kill people...Have you ever heard a person say, "A mermaid saved my life?" No. Which means they either watch people drown or kill them themselves...I've seen pictures of myself...Does everybody want to know something!...So he's just fat and wears tight, tight jeans?...Top Ten is a good place to meet people of the opposite sex...Happy Birthday, Amelia...This thing is peeing on me like you wouldn't believe...Intramurals bring out my feminine side...I think that you like to put in anything that makes me look bad, Kadee...You're not poo---maybe dung heap, but not poo...

ASNNC, Senate stupid institutions

by Chad Cray

Crusader Staff Opinions Writer

Well, as you may or may not remember, last week I briefly outlined the three main categories of stupid people. This week, as promised, I will discuss what happens when stupid people come together in large groups and create various institutions. Actually, I guess it isn't just stupid people. Unfortunately, many nice and intelligent people get tangled up in various organizations, and, being overwhelmed by the stupidity of the other members, end up helping them.

So, with all that said, I would like to start off with the largest mentally deficient institution (MDI) there is: the government. First let's examine the etymology of the word "government". Government comes from the Greek words *gouve*, meaning "thought," and *menttas*, meaning "complete and total lack." This just goes to show how appropriate the word "government" is.

The government, as a whole, is much too broad a subject for my meager little article, so I will focus on a very limited form of government: ASNNC and Senate. First, I want to say that I am talk-

ing about previous senators and ASNNC members (mostly because the new ones haven't had time to follow in the footsteps of their predecessors). If you are a current member of the school government, please don't take offense at this article, but, if you are a former ASNNC or Senate mem-

ber, then don't hesitate, and then, in true ASNNC fashion, do absolutely nothing about it.

Now that I have bashed on ASNNC and Senate, your first question should be, "Why do you dislike them so much?" Answering this question is fairly easy. First, I have often dealt with ASNNC while working at Marriott. My experiences there have been the same all three years. Each year during the ASNNC events, a few of the ASNNC members sweep into the cafeteria, boss everybody around, mess things up, attend the event and then take off. The student workers, on the other hand, who are forced into wearing a shirt and tie, end up working more hours than usual, fixing ASNNC's mistakes, getting bossed around, having to skip the event and then cleaning up. As you can see, the student workers tend to get the short end of the

stick. About all we get out of the whole deal is ABSOLUTELY NOTHING! (Not that I'm bitter about this or anything). Being a club president has influenced my view of Senate just like working for Marriott has influenced my opinion of ASNNC. My personal experience with Senate has been incredibly tedious, boring and almost completely useless. The positive side is that most of the senators were very friendly and were relatively new. So, while my own experiences have been both good and bad, I have talked to several other club members who have had horrible experiences with Senate. Take, for example, any educationally involved club such as the Psychology or Chemistry Clubs. As soon as these clubs try to get their constitutions approved or attempt to get school funds for club activities, they are faced with several problems. Actually, I guess they are only faced with one problem: a senate that hates to fund anything academic but will gladly hand over a small fortune in order for a few juniors and seniors to take



a nice, relaxing trip.

Why, you might ask, would Senate give educational clubs such a hard time but hand money out for fun activities like homecoming or the junior/senior retreat? The answer is: because they can! It doesn't matter to them whether or not they ruin a good idea, so long as it doesn't ruin their fun. All they seem to care about is exercising their power over all of us little people.

Unfortunately, my little tirade on ASNNC and Senate was a little longer than I expected and so I must be brief in discussing another type of MDI: groups who have names that make them seem more important than they really are. The two best examples of groups like this are the Moral Majority and the Christian Coalition (I don't mean to bash on only conservative groups but these are the only names I could think of). Both of these groups have names that imply that they speak for a large group of people, but how many people do they really speak for? For all I know, the Moral Majority could consist of a few middle-

aged, balding men with large beer-bellies who got bored with bowling and decided to form a political group. All I really know is that the Moral Majority is not really the majority, otherwise they would have made a difference in the U.S.

Well, that is all the space I have for this week, and remember, this article most likely represents the view of most of the campus because it was written by an group called EONNC (Everyone's Opinion at NNC). To contact this club, simply contact Chad Cray who is the founder, president, treasurer and single member of EONNC.

Letter to the Editor

(In response to Shane Power's letter of 5/18/99)

I shudder at the implication of equating "sex" with alcohol, tobacco, and drugs.

Jonathan McNally, NNC Alumni

Your Turn

Random answers from
random people on
random issues

"What do you think about using tanning beds?"



Mike Dickerson Freshman Youth Min. Porterville, CA

"I think it's pretty sick, you should just get lotion and go outside. Fake 'n Bake is stupid, you could get skin cancer and die."



Oni Baumann Sophomore Youth Min. Portland, OR

"I would never do it. I prefer the sun, it's better to get it naturally. If it's winter and there's snow on the ground and you're tan, it's obvious."



Charlie Ruppert Junior Philosophy Portland, OR

"I think they should put them back into the public schools."



Marijeanne Uhalde Senior Biology Jordan Valley, OR

"I'm sure they increase your chances of getting skin cancer. Sunscreen isn't enough, you need to put zinc oxide on for total protection."

Fencers win two medals at second tournament

by Ruth Gleason

Crusader Staff News Writer

We, your very own NNC Fencing Club, have just hosted our second fencing tournament. Even though it's close to the end of the season eleven fencers from NNC, Snake River and Salle of Boise came together this past Saturday in our gym to compete in a small tournament.

According to the rules of the United States Fencing Association, the winner of a tournament

in which fifteen fencers compete receives a D-rating, and the second, third, and fourth placers receive E-ratings. The highest rating that a fencer can hold is A. One of our greatest benefactors has been Jon Daley, a C-rated fencer from Boise and instructor of Salle of Boise Fencing. Since we aren't too experienced with the tournament process, he came to show us how to set up rankings and brackets.

All of us are unrated except Brad Breuer, who received an E-

rating in our last tournament. We wanted to have a chance to fence students from other clubs who were also relative beginners, so we made our tournament E and under.

The tournament opened with registration at 8:00 and consumption of Mountain Dew and doughnuts -- the secret power fencing formula. At ten, we began bouts. Most fencing tournaments have two parts, the seeding round and the elimination round.

The seeding round is a round robin, each bout going to five touches (skewerings). Fencers are ranked according to the number of points they score, and placed in the elimination brackets according to that rank. We like to fence more than once, so we set up a double elimination bracket, with each bout going to fifteen touches.

Our tournament was open to all Idaho fencers rated E and under. While that allowed us to fence people at our own level neither Jon Daley or the winner of our last tournament, Mike Higgins, were able to enter. They and Max "The Mongoose" Callao acted as presidents instead. The president is the fencing referee; he



Brad Breuer and Sonja Daley lunge for the kill simultaneously, making it necessary for president Mike Higgins to decide who killed who first.

watches the scoreboard, calls the order of action and disciplines unruly fencers. There were none at our tournament.

We had met most of our opponents before, but three college students from Snake River were unknown to us. They all did very well; two of them made it to the final eight and their instructor, Ken Brandsma, tied junior Jonathan Goff for third place. Second place was Mike Mercy, an E-rated fencer from Boise who helped us set up the last tourna-

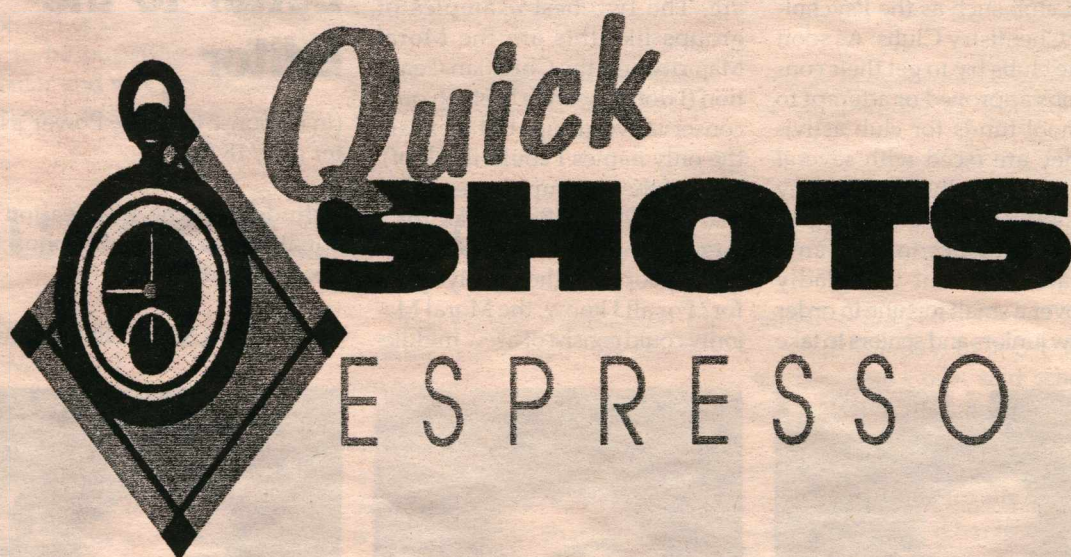
ment. First place was sophomore Brad Breuer from NNC.

The tournament was a complete success. No major injuries were received (Jeff Leitch, who got his face kneed in an unfortunate Passe de Soto/Fleshe combination, turned out to be just fine) and everyone had a great time.

We hope to host more tournaments next year and would love it if you all came and watched. You could even join the Fencing Club and compete.



Tournament medal winners: (l-r) Jonathan Goff, third place; Brad Breuer, first place; Ken Brandsma, third place; Mike Mercy, second place



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Two new coaches for Crusaders

The NNC athletic department has announced the hiring of two coaches for the sports to be introduced next year.

Randy Dalzell will be coaching men and women's track and field and cross country. He comes to NNC from Cascade College in Portland, OR, where many of his runners competed at the NAIA national championships. Dalzell

has a Master in Education from Linfield College.

Also new to the Crusader sports department is men's tennis coach, Mark Heleker. Heleker comes to NNC from Payette, ID. Among his credentials are a Master of Education from ACI, coaching experience at TVCC and experience as a pro at many resort areas.

Time Out with Dora Reeves

Dora is a soft-spoken sweetheart. Anyone not at Time Out this week will really regret not hearing what she has to say. Besides, all Biology majors are cool and you could probably use the chapel credit, so go.

Softball: The saga continues at your local field

by Craig Craker

Crusader News Staff Writer

The intramural softball season is coming to another exciting finish as teams pour it on for the stretch drive. For some, the regular season has just been a tune-up for the playoffs. For others the regular season has been a long exasperating experience that needs to end.

Take, for example, the Ed Casteldine All-Stars. They started out 1-0 with a 39-0 win and have since lost five straight games. They had two games this past week, one against the Sherwin Williams Paint Squad and the other against the Manson Family.

In their first game, the All-Stars opened up with a 4-1 lead after the first inning. This was the first time all year that the 5-0 Paint Squad had trailed in a game. But the Paint Squad went off and scored 19 unanswered runs as they went on to rout the All-Stars 20-4. One of the many highlights was when Matt Warner called a home run to left and proceeded to one-hop it into the volleyball court. Ricky "The Alumnus" Plata was three for four with three doubles and he drove in four runs. He stayed red hot and has gone 14 of his last 15.

In the All-Stars' second game, they played the Manson Family and fell behind 9-0 after two innings. The All-Stars made a valiant comeback to cut it to 10-6 after three, but then a key two-out double by Nathan Hydes led to four runs for the Manson Family and they rolled onto a 15-7 win. For the All-Stars, John Mark Wood was 3-4 with a double Justin Marion, Tony Duvall and

Craig Craker all added two hits apiece. The All-Stars finish up their season on Tuesday against Blitzkrieg in what will hopefully be a quick, painless game.

In a surprising game between M.S. and Company and The Smackdown Hotel, the Smackdown Hotel went up 12-0 early, which was really no surprise. But in the bottom of the fourth, with two on and two out, James Bowser went the other way with an opposite field three-run

Team Downie played the Smackdown Hotel in a good 'ol fashioned romp around the park.

homer for his team's first runs of the year.

When M.S. and Company did not score in the fifth, the team got a little confused and thought that they had another inning to play. So Smackdown Hotel said they would play another inning just for the fun of it, but M.S. and Company went and scored six runs to make it a ball game.

The umpire then had to explain amidst anarchy that the game was over and as much as he would have loved to count the runs, they didn't count. So, M.S. and Company, we're very sorry, but you have still scored only 3 runs this year.

Undefeated Blitzkrieg battled 2-3 Team Leaf last week. Team Leaf scored early and often as they rolled to an easy win 14-4 in five innings, knocking Blitzkrieg out of a tie with the Paint Store for first place. Jon "Buhl" Pereira was three for four with two singles, a triple and five RBIs, including what turned out to be the game-winning RBI. Team Leaf goes for win number four this week against the

never favored Special Ed. Be sure to come and watch, as you only have so many chances to see Freshman boys wearing nice tight spandex uniforms.

The Manson Family played host to the ever-exciting Team Leaf in what promised to be a grudge match, but ended up being nothing more than a rout. Team Leaf banged out five runs in the first, getting hits from Jacob Bear, Pereira, Matt Davis, Scot Mortimer and Josh Hodges. At the end of the third inning the Manson Family had not even gotten through their entire line-up while Team Leaf was already leading 12-2.

The Manson Family was led by Gerry Singleterry who went 2-2, Nathan Hydes who went 1-2 and Dave Lafrenz who went 1-2. The Manson Family is now 4-2 and plays Sutherland 2W on Tuesday.

Team Downie played the Smackdown Hotel in a good 'ol fashioned romp around the park. Downie got one run in the first and five more in the third, behind big hits from Josh Coopridier, Josh Hodges and Keegan Lenker. The Smackdown Hotel scored one in the first, second, fifth and the sixth to lose 11-4. Team Downie plays on Thursday against The Posse from third floor in Ford. The Smackdown Hotel will play against the Rob Russell All-stars on Wednesday.

The Posse played Special Ed, looking for their first win against these special people in spandex. John Galloway started things off on the right foot in the first inning with a solid hit. He came into score on Andy Nilson's base hit.

In the top of the fourth Ryan Tatum drove in two runs with two outs to give The Posse the lead. But in the bottom of the fourth, Special Ed fought back once more as David Orias drove in two with a double.

In the top of the fifth, The



Sophomore Seth Davick of M.S. and Company puts the runner out at second base. His team went on to lose all of their games in this past

Posse was wondering what was wrong with them: how could they not be beating this team? They came out fired up as Ryan Cantrell and Eric Vehlow started things off with good hits. They both came in on a double from Galloway. Galloway also scored on a double by Jason Friedrich. The Posse had a lead they would never relinquish as they continued to pour it on as they eventually rolled to a 13-6 victory.

The Posse plays Team

Downie this Thursday for their last game of the season, and Special Ed plays Special Olympics on Tuesday in what is shaping up to be a very special game. Be sure to come on out to watch all of these great games this week as we prepare for the playoffs.

Only the top six teams will make the playoffs, beginning the first week of June. Women's playoffs will begin in the next week. Check the intramural board for scheduling details.



Nick Nettles goes for the pop fly, while backed up by a teammate.



Barry Warren of Team Downie grabs up the ball and prepares to throw to first for the out.

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Phantom clichéd, overrated movie

Star Wars has always been one of my all-time favorite series to watch. After seeing the amazing previews, I was captured by an intense desire to see the movie that was to precede my all-time favorites. Although I didn't camp out to get tickets to the midnight showing, I don't blame the people who did at all. I know that if I'd had the chance I would have done the same.

I obtained tickets for that first Wednesday night and settled in my seat, surrounded by approximately 20 other NNC students. And when the blaring trumpet introduction to the movie came on, the *Star Wars* title came on the screen and zoomed back into space and the story of *The Phantom Menace* scrolled up the screen, I felt all of the excitement that I'm sure the fans who had camped out for endless hours and days had felt upon seeing it.

And that, I will say, is probably the point from which the movie began its spiraling free-fall into disappointment-dom for me. From that point on, *The Phantom Menace* immediately turned into a movie that showed all the cheesy characteristics of a late 1990s sci-fi film: weak character development (Darth Maul was on for maybe 20 minutes and was supposed to be the primary evil character), generic humor sprinkled with clichés and characters from the 1990s (the annoying Jar-Jar's "Ex-squeeze me?") and an overabundance of highly computerized special effects that seemed to outnumber all "real" characters to the point of exasperation.

Star Wars, I realize, has never been a series dedicated to the art of deep, mind-boggling dialogue, but in this case, the humor is such

that it simply will not be funny to those who come after this generation.

A few other disturbing factors came out in my date with destiny. For instance, I had no idea that Anakin Skywalker, and not Jesus, was the Messiah (Chosen One, whatever). True, he wasn't exactly conceived by the Holy Spirit, but the midichlorines, or whatever they were called, didn't seem too far off. "He doesn't have a father...I can't explain it," was the whiny answer given by Ani's mother. Uh, okay.

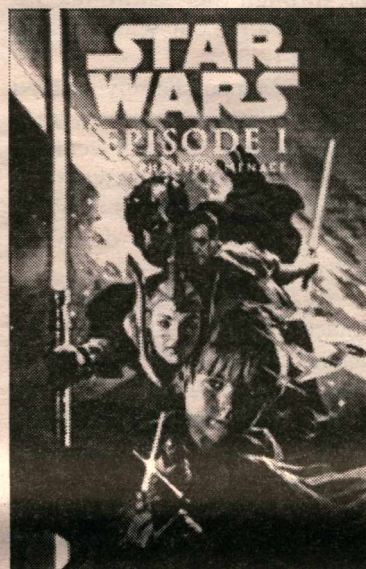
And while I enjoyed the chariot scene, I thought it rather tacky to put in one of the most famous scenes out of one of 1960s most popular movies (*Ben-Hur*), simply adding a futuristic hue. True, anyone under the age of 12 (well, actually most college students) probably didn't pick that up, but it's there, nonetheless. The announcers in this scene were funny, but once again very 1990s.

The movie did manage to keep me on the edge of my seat, and I really had no idea of how it was going to finish. Unfortunately, it seemed to me that the end was horribly anti-climatic, and I rose from my theater seat with an overwhelming sense of disappointment. I almost always judge a movie by the feeling it leaves me, and in this particular case, *The Phantom Menace* simply did not leave me with the satisfaction of a good movie.

And so, in the face of much persecution, I will conclude that *Phantom Menace* has simply been added to my collection of "Would see again...stimulates my eyes" and know that it lacks in all the areas I find so important in the arts of good movie-making.

The Phantom Menace

Starring
Liam Neeson
Natalie Portman
Reviewed by
Stephanie Wirick



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Starring
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Star Wars prequel worth the waiting

When I was about three years old, my uncle David invented a story about how he had met Darth Vader in a forest and fought him with his light saber. Sixteen years after that story (and a subsequent adoration of *Star Wars*), I found myself waiting in line to see *The Phantom Menace*, the newly released prequel to the *Star Wars* trilogy.

I have to admit that I was a little nervous about seeing the movie. After all, *Star Wars* isn't something that you think can be repeated realistically. However, as I left the movie theater, I definitely felt satisfied with what I had seen. George Lucas

did a great job with carrying on the *Star Wars* tradition.

In particular, my two favorite characters in this film were Queen Amidala (played by Natalie Portman) and Qui-Gon Jinn (played by Liam Neeson), the Jedi knight who finds Anakin Skywalker. Perhaps it was Queen Amidala's exceptionally cool wardrobe or the odd way in which she spoke, but at any rate, I thought she pulled off the character of the queen of the Naboo very well. Neeson already had my vote just because he's one of my favorite actors, but his performance in *The Phantom Menace* was truly an excellent one.

Ewan McGregor performed very well as young Obi-Wan Kenobi. Shmi Skywalker (Anakin's mom, played by Pernilla August) turned in an outstanding performance, despite her small role in the movie. Her abil-

ity to believably portray a wide variety of emotions really helped carry the scenes in Tatooine.

A point where I tend to differ from all other viewers is on that of the character Jar-Jar Binks. Jar-Jar was seen as annoying by almost everyone and while I have to admit that he could be pretty

obnoxious at times, I think his character added some really nice humor to the movie overall. The character with whom I was exceptionally annoyed, however, was Anakin Skywalker, played by Jake Lloyd. I guess I shouldn't expect a second-

grader to do an absolutely phenomenal role as a young Skywalker, but by the time the kid was saying good-bye to his mother, I was about ready to gag for the lack of believability. We must remember that this kid's character will eventually end up being Darth Vader, and, as Darth is my absolute FAVORITE character, I think Lucas needs to screen a little better when choosing the next Anakin.

The battle scenes, while slightly anti-climactic, look VERY cool, and the special effects in general are just fabulous. While I'm still struggling a little bit with some points of the plot (e.g. Anakin's immaculate conception), I think that *The Phantom Menace* did a great job in setting up for the next two movies which will give the history behind the events of the original *Star Wars* trilogy.



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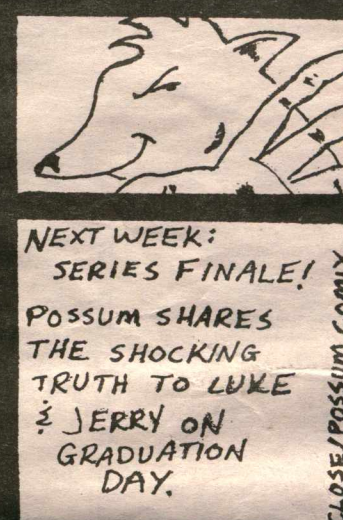
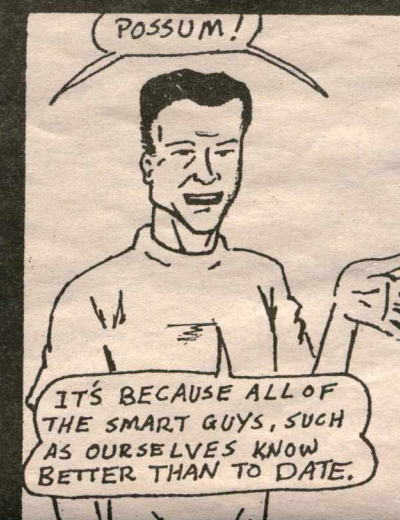
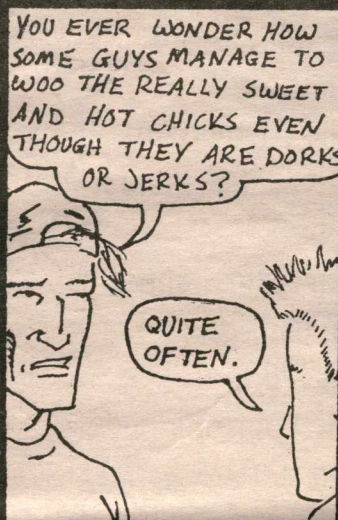
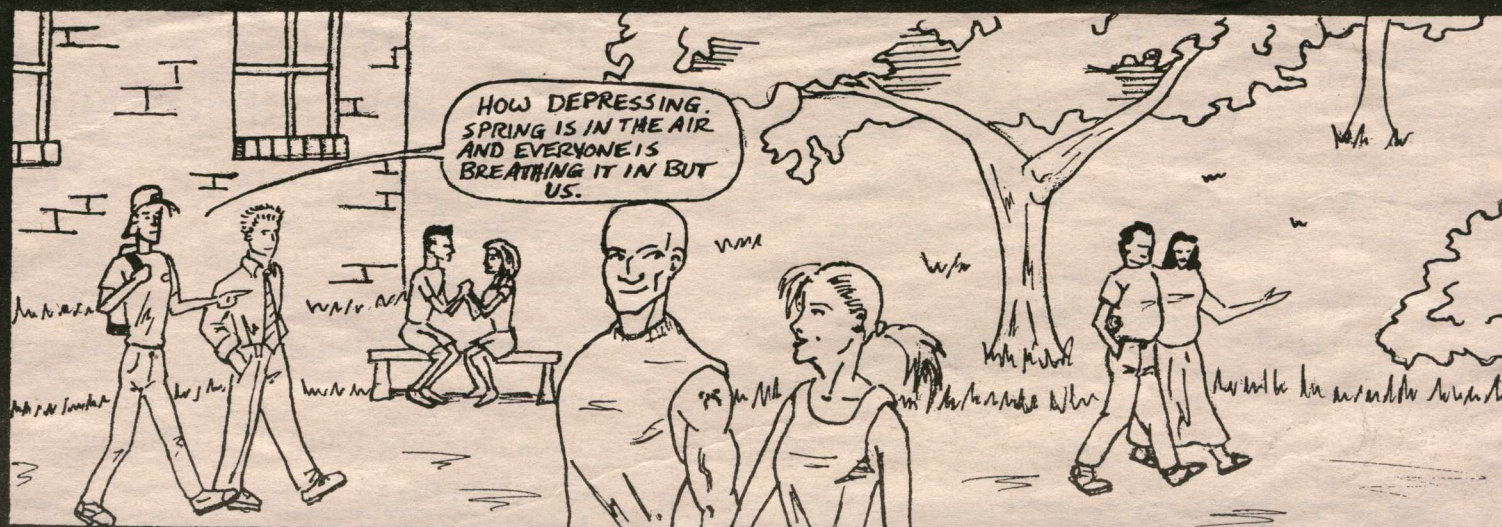
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The ups and down of Fabio and the Tri Cities

Before I get to today's topic, which is celebrity-attacking birds, I want to issue a formal apology to the "Tri Cities."

The "Tri Cities" are Pasco, Richland and Kennewick, Wash., which call themselves the "Tri Cities" in proud recognition of the fact that there are three of them. I had not heard of these cities until recently, when I wrote a column about the Hanford contaminated nuclear dump site, which is located near the "Tri Cities." My column was about the fact that radioactive ants, flies and gnats had been discovered at Hanford; I expressed concern that they might mutate and become gigantic and attack Los Angeles and suck all the blood out of actress Fran Drescher.

This column prompted a somewhat critical article in The Tri City Herald, which is the leading newspaper in the "Tri Cities" area. The article pointed out that my column, in focusing on radioactive insects, ignored many of the positive things happening in the "Tri-Cities" area, such as (these are direct quotes) "the winning Tri City Americans hockey team" and "the booming construction going on behind Columbia Center mall."

The Tri City Herald article

prompted yet ANOTHER article, this one in The Seattle Times (motto: "We Cover the Tri City Herald"). The Times article quoted a "communications specialist" with the Hanford cleanup company who objected to my statement that the dump site "glows like a Budweiser sign." The communications specialist states: "That's a little bit more than inaccurate."

The Times story also notes that: Authorities prefer to call the insects "contaminated," rather than "radioactive."

According to the president of The Tri-City Visitors and Convention Bureau (this is another direct quote): "The reality is that the real story, so to speak, is that the community has many positive attributes, like a great quality of life."

The Hanford site also produces (I swear I am not making this up) contaminated tumbleweeds "on a regular basis."

So anyway, I feel terrible. The first rule of journalistic balance is: "Before you report that an area has radioactive ants, ALWAYS check to see if it also has a winning minor-league hockey team." And I violated that rule. So I hereby apologize to the "Tri Cities." I'm

Dave Barry

Syndicated humor columnist



sure it's a wonderful area that everybody should visit immediately. To help promote tourism there, I've come up with some slogans:

"The 'Tri Cities' Area ... Contaminated NOT Radioactive!" "Relax! That Booming Sound You Hear Is Nothing More Than Construction Behind the Columbia Center Mall!"

There! I hope that patches things up between me and the "Tri Cities." If there is anything else that I, personally, can do from 3,000 miles away, please let me know!

Now let's turn to celebrity-attacking birds. I broach this topic in light of an alarming recent incident involving Fabio, the megahunk male supermodel with long, flowing hair and a certain special way of looking at a woman that says to her: "My chest is the size of a UPS truck."

On March 30, Fabio was at the Busch Gardens theme park in Williamsburg, Va., to help inaugu-

rate a new roller-coaster ride, "Apollo's Chariot," named for Apollo, the ancient Roman god of motion sickness. With the press on hand to witness this historic event, Fabio climbed into a seat in the front row of the coaster, and off he went.

At some fateful point during the two-minute ride, Fabio collided with - you guessed it - a contaminated tumbleweed. No, seriously, he collided with a bird. He was not seriously hurt, but in the Associated Press photo I saw, he had blood on his nose and the stunned look of a man who has gone beak-to-beak with Terror.

Busch Gardens officials attempted to downplay the incident, calling it "relatively minor." They told the press that nearly a million people have ridden roller coasters there, and Fabio was the first one ever to collide with a bird. We do not have to be trained statisticians to understand what this means: It means THE BIRD DID IT ON PURPOSE. The bird community has probably been waiting for YEARS to get Fabio up in a roller coaster and take a whack at him.

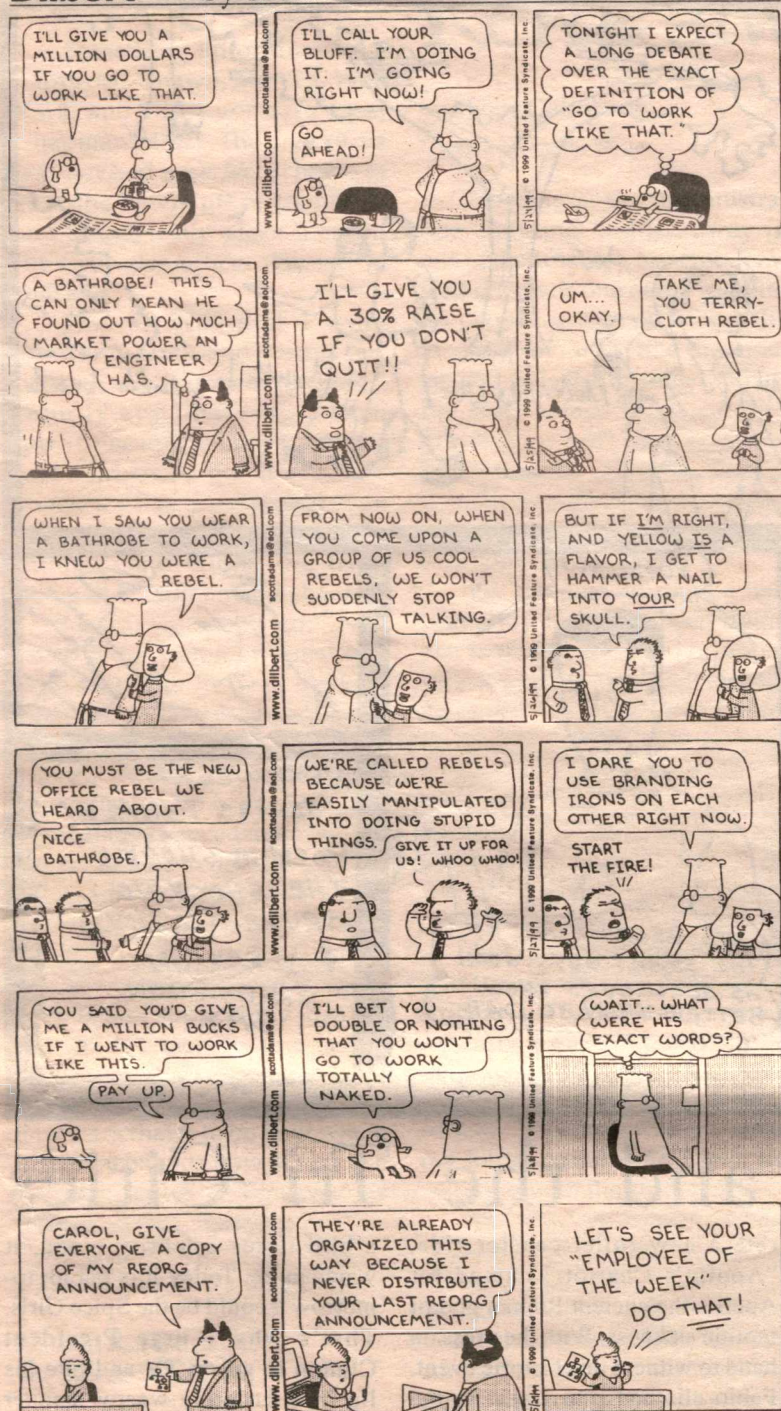
And this will not be the end of it. As any bird scientist (or "orthodontist") will tell you: Once

a bird tastes celebrity blood, it wants more. Today it is Fabio; tomorrow it could be the Spice Girls. That's why I urge President Clinton to go on TV and bite his lip in a sincerely weepy manner until Congress approves a program wherein we lash expendable volunteer celebrities such as Dennis Rodman, The McLaughlin Group and actress Fran Drescher to roller coasters and send them up around the clock until they are attacked by birds, at which point F-16 fighter escorts open fire (on the birds).

Let's do this NOW. Let's not wait until celebrity roller-coaster attack birds - which, like "Contaminated Tumbleweeds," would be an excellent name for a rock band - puncture a truly irreplaceable national treasure such as, God forbid, Adam Sandler. Let's keep our nation free from terror, from sea to glowing sea.

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