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Column One

Hi! Hope you enjoy this lovely issue of *The Crusader*. Andy Diehl is taking a break from column one this week, so I (Dave Stillman) am stepping in.

In exchange, Andy will be drawing Poorly Drawn Man, which can be seen in the entertainment section on pages 14-15.

This week's cover is on the Religious Left (yes, it does exist), and contains lots of interesting stuff. Read it.

Elsewhere in the paper are reviews of *Sphere* and the *Titanic Soundtrack*, which contains fifteen different renditions of "My Heart Will Go On" (just kidding).

You can also find out how the 'Sader basketball teams did this weekend, if you are inclined to care about that sort of thing.

Is anyone still reading this? I am going to buy a can of pop for the first person who tells me that they read this column. (Crusader editors and their dependents are ineligible).

In Campus, we have interviews with Dr. Smucker, and some info on the Circle K club. Curious about the NAIA Tournament? We've got an article you'll want to read on page 13.

Have fun reading the paper. Remember, if you like it, I did it. If you hate it, it's probably Andy's fault.

David Stillman
Editor-in-Chief

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The Religious Left

This week's cover is on the Religious Left, and what it believes in. And it's much, much broader than just the abortion issue.

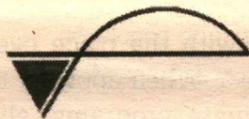
The "Religious Left" isn't simply a group of misguided Christians who are pro-choice and believe in gay rights. Some of them don't believe in either of those issues.

Members of these groups

aren't religious nuts who have never cracked a bible. Their beliefs are, in fact, biblically based.

It would be easy on a campus like ours to blow off the Religious Left as a theological freak show. Keep an open mind, and remember that they're Christians, just like us.

Lutherans Concerned North America



Read about Religious Left. See pg. 8-9



The Interfaith Alliance

INTERFAITH WORKING GROUP

Book Exchange clears out books

David Stillman
Editor-in-Chief

The ASNNC Book Exchange is getting rid of six years worth of accumulated books in the old game room in the Student Center Lobby. If you have entered books in the book exchange that haven't sold, you must pick them up before Wednesday, or you'll never see them again.

Thursday morning will be a free-for-all. Any student will be able to pick up a limited number of old textbooks free of charge. On Friday, the exchange will open up to students and Faculty. If you're looking for some free books, show up early Thursday before all the good ones disappear.

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"Every political reporter has become an amateur psychologist."

~George Stephanopoulos, White House adviser; 1995

New Professor joins NNC staff: Dr. Karen Smucker

Dr. Karen Smucker joins the NNC faculty and community as the Professor for Special Education

by Andrew J. Diehl
Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Karen Smucker, with her energetic personality, has been an asset to NNC since the moment she joined the community. As NNC's new special education professor, she has a vast store of experiences in both the practical applications of her field and in the scholarly applications of her discipline.

Smucker has not always been a teacher. In fact, she considers it to be one of the last things that she would have done when starting out in life.

College did not really suit Dr. Smucker the first time, she spent a few weeks after getting out of high school in college and then began an assortment of odd jobs that run the whole spectrum of things one can do. From working in a poultry factory (which is about the bottom of the list, but made great money), working along side a veterinarian, leading horse rides through Shenandoah National Park, to stitching jeans in a Lee jeans factory, Smucker has done a little of it all.

She grew tired of working for other people and began her own business as a house painter. This was good work in the summer, but leaves something to be desired for the winter.

When she was thirty, she went to the local community college and began looking for courses that might supplement her income in the winter.

After finishing her community college program, Dr. Smucker began to look for a continuing program to further her studies. At the University of Virginia, she began their specialized program on emotional disorders in adolescents.

The program included a masters degree as well as a teaching credential. Through the first year of the program, she wasn't sure about going into teaching. During the second year, she wasn't sure about teaching in public schools. By the end of the program, though, she was hooked on the subject and began applying for jobs in the public schools.

She loved her public school classes and made a real impact in the lives of her students. In a situation that was both good and bad, the size of her class dropped because of

budget cutbacks but it made it easier for her to move on to a position elsewhere. It was at this same time, a friend and colleague was pushing her to finish her studies and get her doctorate.

After looking all around the nation, she finally settled back at the University of Virginia to complete a doctorate in special education.

Upon completing her doctorate, she got married to Mr. Jim Shelley and moved to Indiana.

"My husband and I didn't like Indiana very well. I don't do well in clouds." After teaching at Valparaiso for two years, she came to NNC.

Moving to Idaho was something that Dr. Smucker had wanted to do since her childhood.

"I've always liked Idaho." In middle school, she passed through the area with her family and then

eighteen years ago she went camping with Ruthanne Garber of the business department in the Sawtooth Mountains. "I've been in love with the place ever since." When applying to graduate programs, she tried several in the state but none of the programs offered exactly what she wanted at the right price.

She actually applied to NNC two years ago at the advice of Garber, but for one reason or another, the school didn't get to her before she renewed her contract at Valparaiso. The school did have the foresight though, to ask her to consider a position beginning the next year.

"There are certainly advantages of knowing a year in advance where you are going."

Her time at Valparaiso gave her the feedback she needed from other Special Education teachers before moving to NNC where she is the only Special Education professor.

"I was really excited to come to NNC because all across the Northwest when people talk about education programs, they talk about the great program at NNC. And this is great also because it is one of the flagship programs of NNC."

Raised in a Mennonite home, Smucker was introduced to the Christian faith at a very early age. She stayed in the church even through her rebellious period, but felt that she grew away from God spiritually. She attended the same church as her parents, but more out of habit than anything else. She also liked to

sing the hymns and fellowship with the rest of the church.

Still, she began to move away from God and stayed at arms reach until she returned to college.

It was in a psychology class at her community college that she began to move back toward God.

"It was in that psychology class, at a school that wasn't a Christian

college, and heard things that sounded like they were out of the Bible... so I began to read the Bible and began to read a chapter or so a day." Dr. Smucker knows that, "God was after me. He never once dropped me."

"Finally, one day I realized that I was still hanging on to some of that sin. One day I just had to face myself and submit myself to God or totally reject it and I didn't want to be that kind of person. It was one of the hardest things that I ever did. [But it has] made all the difference in my life."

Dr. Smucker believes that this experience is most helpful to her work because she understands the rebellious nature of people. She was in her thirties before she ended that phase in her own life by giving her life over to God.

Dr. Smucker has now been married to her husband, Jim, for three years. She believes that it was the cultural influence of the 1960s that kept her from getting married until now. She took her husband's last name as her middle name. This causes some interesting situations as people try to decide how to address her and her husband.

She is related to the Smuckers of Smucker's Jams and Jellies. J.R. Smucker was her grandfather's first cousin. She was told stories growing up about J.R. going around the countryside selling his apple butter.

Dr. Smucker has two nieces and two nephews along with her other family in Virginia. She also has two stepsons that are in their thirties.



Dr. Karen Smucker, Special Education

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~Dr. Karen Smucker

It's all a game for Valentine's Day

by **Hattie James**
Staff Writer

Saturday, the 14th of February, marked yet another Valentine's Day in the world, and yet another Valentine's Banquet on the NNC campus. This year's theme was game shows. There were two major game shows represented at the banquet. The doors opened at 7pm, and dinner was promptly served. The game shows started at 7:30. Shrimp and prime rib were the main courses, with rice on the side. There were two desserts. One was white cake with berry topping, and the other a pudding dessert topped with whipped cream. The tables were decorated with Twister and brightly colored napkins. The centerpieces were various game boards, and whoever found the box to the game under their seat got to keep the game.

The first game show to debut was *The Price Is Right*, hosted by Bob Barker (freshman Colin Donahoe), of course, and Rod, the announcer (Jeff Poe), who also helped with the other game show. Bob was a little flustered at first, but he picked himself, and the game, right up. Helping him in his endeavor

to entertain were Rod, with his curt, but appropriate descriptions (the "funny and exciting movie *Dead Poets' Society*"), and the Bob Barker beauties Debbie (Bartlow), Kyla (Edelman) and Lisa (Guy). Prizes included a cherry bookcase, a camping kit and a VCR. The VCR was won by Jesse Rench in the drawing for unclaimed prizes. Bob entertained the audience with the dice game, the put-put game, and the kissing game, in which a very married Drew Hinds had to kiss three women's hands and guess if they had significant others. He went 0-3, but did win a microwave in the bidding portion of the game.

The second game was *Let's Make A Deal*, hosted by Monty Hall (junior Steve Carlson). Monty was assisted by the lovely Roslyn (Pitts) and the charming Colleen (Jensen). For the game, Roslyn drew a table number and Monty asked that table for an item, such as last year's ASB card, high school or NNC. The first person to produce such an item, received an envelope. Then, of course, they could either keep the envelope, or pick one of three boxes, decorated by Dustin Zimmerman. Zimmerman created the Titanic box, the Shaggadelic box (covered in green plastic turf) and the Light Bright box,

"Prizes included one cherry bookcase, one camping kit and a VCR. The VCR was won by Jesse Rench."

also known as the Paradise box, with a palm tree sticking out of its side. The boxes were picked repeatedly, producing such prizes as a gigantic super soaker, won by Leah Boyle, who later revealed that, had she picked the envelope, she would have won the *Dead Poets'* movie. "I al-

ready have that one," she said.

At the end of the game, the prizes not won by various contestants were raffled off with the attendants' banquet tickets. After all the prizes were raffled off, everyone finished the evening in their own way.

NNC Notepad

ASNNC sign-ups will begin February 23rd. The sign-ups will be upstairs in the Student Center.

Friday from 7-10pm will be the opening reception at the Fines Arts Building. Work by Christen Quissell and Colleen Ketz will be on display.

On February 21st there will be a coffee house at Clydes. Coffee will be free and espresso drinks only \$.25. It will be after the basketball game.

\$1500.00 will be transferred to Debbie Bartlow from the Gen-

eral Fund as a gift of appreciation for her work this past summer.

Senator Norris moved to read SB9802-02 which would transfer \$1900.00 from the General Account to the Jr. Class Council account to subsidize the Jr./Sr. Retreat. Senator Payne questioned how many people planned to attend, as last years turn out was low. Senator Galloway mentioned that this year the Jr. Class would advertise early and most likely request a deposit upon signing up for the retreat.

place

In the Community:

The junior class of Northwest Nazarene College is proud to present the comedy *Arsenic and Old Lace*, February 19-22. Show times for the play are 7:30 P.M. Thursday and Friday nights, 2:00 P.M. Saturday, and 2:30 P.M. Sunday in NNC's Science Lecture Hall. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children and students. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the NNC Bookstore (8:30-3:30 weekdays) or at the door.

The Institute on Political Journalism will be accepting applications until March 15th. The program allows students to live, learn, and intern in our nation's capital for the summer. Georgetown University, sponsors three institutes that combine internships throughout Washington, courses at Georgetown University, and unique opportunities to meet and talk with national and international leaders at site briefings, lecture and evening dialogues. Students can receive 6 credits for the courses and additional credits for the internship. For further questions or information call 1-800-741-6964 or e-mail Director Steve Hayes at shayes@tfas.org.

The Class of 2001, who they are and what they believe

by Shannon Adams
Campus Editor

Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company did an extensive study on the first graduating class of the new millennium. Students from over 101 colleges were surveyed during an extensive 25 minute telephone interview. The results of the study were very informative.

The class of 2001 is the class of the Clinton's daughter Chelsea, and they head up the first group who will come of age in the new millennium. For freshman in college, these students show a great deal of sense. They view the world with both their hearts and their heads.

They are optimistic and idealistic but realistic at the same time, meaning the goals they set for themselves will more than likely be met.

Because of their idealism, the Class of 2001 is extremely motivated, but at the same time, they are able to recognize the challenges they will have to surmount in order to reach their goals.

As far as contentment stands, the freshman class typically is happy with who they are and how they look. They feel that religion is an important part of their lives, or at

least that it will be someday. Most desire to get married and have children. More importantly their focus is towards others, not themselves. This translates into a great number of students who are active volunteers in their communities. These students realize that America can become a better place if they will only do their part.

Class of 2001s biggest concerns:

1. The education system (68%)
2. Crime and violence (65%)
3. The environment (54%)
4. Disease (53%)
5. The health care system (45%)
6. The political leadership in this country (42%)
7. The economy (36%)
8. Nuclear war (31%)
9. Global overpopulation (28%)
10. A terrorist attack on the U.S. (24%)
11. Global political upheaval (18%)

Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance noted that the Class of 2001 has "a deep respect and admiration for their parents." Northwestern Mutual said the students listed moms as being the person they respected the most with fathers immediately after.

These students also desire to see improved race relations. Many firmly believe that during their generation either a black or a woman will be voted into the White House and they believe they can change the government from within the system. As active participants in the government the Class of 2001 plans to use their vote noting Education as their first priority. Education was chosen for two main reasons. Number one, this class sees learning as a life long experience and number two, many felt unprepared for college because of

the education they had received previously.

When it comes to work and family, the first class of the new millennium puts a priority on family, but at the same time does not have a problem with divorce, premarital sex, living together before marriage, two income households or working over 40 hours a week to meet a financial goal. The statistics were slightly over 70 percent for each category, but the push is on for financial security in the form of houses and retirement accounts.

Their views on life, though more liberal in some ways, more closely reflect the views of their grandparents and previous generations. In fact, the older the generation, the more trust the Class of 2001 puts in them. There own peers then rank lowest as far as trust is concerned.

When it comes to what careers the Class of 2001 would like to pursue: education/teaching, medi-

cine, business, computer-related fields, law and psychology were the top rankers. And with these career choices, 33 percent added that receiving a high salary is important and 26 percent responded that "high job prestige" is very important.

The survey was conducted over the phone between the dates of November 11, 1997, and January 12, 1998, over a national sample of 2,001 college freshman from 101 colleges and universities. The "representative sample [was] stratified on three dimensions: by geographic region, by student enrollment and by school affiliation: public or private. Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company claims that the survey was accurate to 95 percent with a two percent deviation.

Where Generation 2001 spends their time (in hours) in a typical week:

1. Sleeping (44 hours)
2. Socializing (26 hours)
3. Going to class (17 hours)
4. Studying or doing homework (15 hours)
5. Listening to music (15 hours)
6. Using a computer (11 hours)
7. Watching TV (8 hours)
8. Playing sports/exercising (7 hours)
9. Dating (7 hours)
10. Online, Accessing the Internet or using E-mail (6 hours)
11. Reading purely for pleasure (3 hours)

NNCalendar

February-March

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17 8:30a-12:00p COMP Exam 3:30p Faculty Mtg 7:30p MBB- Albertson	18 10:15a Chapel 5:30-7:00p Freshman RA mtg-WDR 9:00p Time Out Mangum Lecture Series-Rev. Steve Doerr	19	20 10:15a Chapel	Weekend 21-22 7:00p WBB-Albertson ASNNC Event-after MBB game
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23 10:15a Chapel Exec Council sign-ups begin	24 8:00p Com- bined Choral Concert-SLH	25 10:15a Chapel 9:00p Time Out 1st Round of Men's Play-offs Finkbeiner Fast (lunch and dinner)	26 6:30p LUV Auction 8:00p Student Recital-ABA	27 10:15a Chapel 1st Round of Women's Play- offs	Weekend 28-1 LUV Auction Date Nite Kid's Activity Day MBB-Semi-finals
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Looking Ahead in February:

February 21:
ASNNC Event after
MBB game

February 23:
Exec Council sign-ups
begin

February 26:
LUV Auction

REVIEWS

Crichton novel translates well to silver screen

In case you didn't see any of the previews or advertisements for this movie, I will start with a bit of an overview. *Sphere* is yet another movie based on a book by Michael Crichton, author of *Jurassic Park*, *The Lost World*, *Congo* and *The Andromeda Strain*. It is rated PG-13, and stars Dustin Hoffman, Sharon Stone and Samuel L. Jackson. As a fan of Crichton's books, I was excited about seeing this movie, but a little bit leery after my disgust at the atrocity Hollywood made from Crichton's book *Congo* (my apologies to those who liked it). My fears were for naught, however, and I found the movie to follow the book fairly well and actually found myself riding the tide of emotional thrills and chills even though I already knew how it was going to end.

The movie is about some scientists who are called in to investigate what we are initially lead to believe is an alien spaceship. The fact that the ship is one thousand feet underwater of course becomes a main part of the suspense. Upon entering the spacecraft, our hapless heroes discover a large golden sphere (surprise!) and later begin communicating with a mysterious entity known as Jerry. The plot thickens and, as usual, people get drowned, burned, squished, etc... Though none of the

violence is very graphic, it is all quite creepy and contributes greatly to the overall suspense of the film.

Sphere had both good points and bad points. If you are the type of person who does not enjoy science fiction and suspense, then you will probably not like this movie. Of course, that means you didn't really like *Star Wars*, so don't complain and go rent *Jerry Maguire*. For those of you who do enjoy a good sci-fi thriller, you may find that the movie seems rather typical at times if you have seen the movies *Leviathan* or *The Abyss*. *Sphere* was a better movie than these, and the acting, directing and special effects were quite good. The main thing that keeps this movie from

being just average is the big mystery of what the sphere actually is. The answer is a bit unlikely, but it is still pretty cool and the conclusion to the movie leads to some interesting discussions while driving home from the theater.

Sphere

**Dustin Hoffman
Sharon Stone
Samuel L. Jackson**

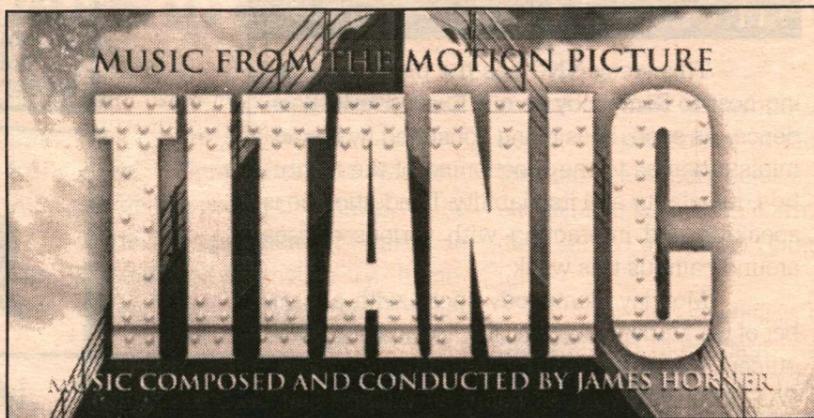
**Reviewed by
Lane Schmelzenbach**

Crusader Rating

✓ ✓ ✓



-Parents are strongly cautioned about permitting children under 13 years old to view this motion picture for its sci-fi action which includes some startling images.



Blockbuster soundtrack carries Titanic tradition

No, this is not an article about the movie *Titanic*. This is an article about the soundtrack. When I first bought the CD, I was so excited. I'm a huge fan of movie scores and I knew when I watched this film that this score was a good one.

The soundtrack to *Titanic* was written and conducted by James Horner. Horner has written over 100 scores for film and television, including such film hits as *Braveheart*; *Sneakers*; *Willow*; *Searching for Bobby Fischer*; *The Devil's Own*; *Ransom*; *Courage Under Fire*; *Jumanji*; *Apollo 13*; *Casper*; *The Land Before Time* (the first three); *Legends of the Fall*; *The Pelican Brief*; *Patriot Games*; *Clear and Present Danger*; *The Rocketeer*; *Swing Kids*; both *48 Hours*; *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*; *Glory*; *Die Hard*; both *Cocoons*; *Aliens*; *Captain Eo*; *Commando*; *Star Trek 2 and 3*; *An American Tale* and many more. The score to *Titanic* ranks as one of his best.

The soundtrack to *Titanic* is much like the film; sweeping, majestic, romantic, and tragic all at the same time. It starts off with a beautiful (although synthesized) bagpipe solo. This sets the tone for the rest of the soundtrack. One thing that makes for a good soundtrack is if you can listen to it and totally picture the film while you listen. This soundtrack definitely does that. Some of the best songs on the CD are tracks 11-13: "A Promise Kept," "A Life So Changed" and "An Ocean of Memories," respectively. These are the songs played near the end of the film, so, naturally they are sad, but also very beautiful.

The biggest draw of the soundtrack is the love theme of the

movie, "My Heart Will Go On," performed by Canadian diva Celine Dion. Although I would not call myself a big Celine Dion fan, I really like this song, mostly because of the music. The music was written by Horner with lyrics by Will Jennings. The music is the same as track number four, entitled "Rose." The only difference is that there are no lyrics, only a chant-like vocal line by Swedish artist Sissel. Anyone who likes "My Heart Will Go On," will enjoy the instrumental version, "Rose." This, to me, is the best format for a

soundtrack; mostly orchestral music with one, or maybe two, lyrical songs, usually the love theme.

Although this is one of the better soundtracks in my collection, it is not the best. I personally like Horner's score to *Braveheart* bet-

ter, but *Titanic* does beat out *Speed* and *Far and Away*. With such beautiful themes as this album has, sometimes the luster is lost because of the use of synthesizers. James Cameron, the film's director stated that, "James [Horner] has walked the tightrope by using synthesizer, vocals and full orchestra to create a timeless sound which tells us that these people were not so very different from us." Most of the time the sound is wonderful, but there are spots where the synthesized sound is so blatantly obvious, it's distracting.

The *Titanic* soundtrack is definitely a good one, that's why it's up for an academy award for "Best Original Score," an award held by scores such as *Dances With Wolves* and *Star Wars*. I recommend listening to this score to anyone who enjoyed the film or simply enjoys listening to soundtracks.

**Titanic:
Soundtrack**

**James Horner
about \$15**

**Reviewed by
Joey Boerner**

Crusader Rating

✓ ✓ ✓

CRUSADER REVIEWS

Our Rating System

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

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Staff Editorial

This week NNC has the pleasure of being host to Somebody as our Executive-in-Residence. As such, he is being consulted by the administration as to the functioning of the institution, its vitality and its viability. In addition he is speaking and interacting with various classes around campus this week.

Monday, Somebody spoke with a number of the students leaders. Comprised of ASNNC officers, the senate, class council members, RAs, PAs, RDs, PCs, MPs and student development personnel, the group discussed different aspects of NNC. The main focus was on how people could feel welcome at NNC all the time. One of the main points to come out of this was that in order for this ever to happen we must, through Christ, befriend those around us. The one reason that keeps people they know here the most is that there are people here to come back to.

During this whole discussion I kept asking to myself why I was here. Was it the teachers, the academic reputation? Was it the spiritual community? Was it the friends I have acquired? I too came to the conclusion that of all these things the one that kept me here the strongest was the ties I have made with my friends. I know for certain that if I hadn't had them I would have entertained transferring to a different, cheaper or even better school.

If our endeavour is to make people feel welcome here. We must each make an effort to do so now. It cannot be so much an orchestrated "official" cause or value we pursue; it must be the heartfelt goal of the faculty and staff as well as the students. If you agree, do something.
-Shawn Shafer

Staff Infection

I was thinking about telling people I was carrying his love child ... Then what? ... After losing my camera, the signs in the science building being paid no heed I decided to take my chances ... I didn't say whether or not you swore, I was questioning your enjoyment level ... Quit squirming, I'm trying to write here ... Kevin is just too comfortable with his masculinity ... I'm getting quite a muscle here ... Next time I get up I going to have to go feel that ... Dr. Laird, Dr. Ruth, or Richard Simmons ... Why does your bone have to feel soft? ... After a one night stand, God created the earth ... "Treat queens like whores and whores like queens and you'll be just fine" ... What? You can't say that! ... He's pretty ... I like him ... Jock jams keep you goin' all night long ... You know I might actually go to an NNC basketball game for once ... After work, of course ... I found this CD in a garbage can ... Six mixes of Whoomp! there it is...Instrumental, a cappella...

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The questionable existance of Satan

by Chad Cray
Staff Writer

Eons ago something remarkable happened: God created angels. Of these angels, one stood out. Actually, this angel more than just stood out, this was one of the greatest beings ever created. His name was Lucifer.

Unfortunately, Lucifer had a jealous streak. He was not content to be the greatest angel only; he wanted to be equal with God. As a result of his jealousy, Lucifer was cast out of heaven, but not before he could convince a third of the host of heaven to follow him into exile.

Lucifer, now called Satan, was exiled to a wonderful place: Earth. Fortunately for Satan, Earth was already inhabited. Perhaps "inhabited" is too strong a term, for only two people lived there: Adam and Eve. That was enough for Satan and his minions, however, because, as soon as he could, Satan convinced Man to fall into sin by eating from the forbidden tree.

And so it began. From that time on, a dark angel and his followers have terrorized all of humanity in an attempt to spit in God's face.

Ask almost anybody and they will tell you that this is how Satan came to be humanity's nemesis. If you were to ask these same people where they learned this they would most likely give you a simple answer: the Bible. However, if you asked them where in the Bible this story is mentioned, it is guaranteed they will not know.

The reason these people do not know where to find the account of Satan's origin is very simple. It is not mentioned anywhere in the Bible. Actually, the only mention of Lucifer is found in Isaiah 14:12, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art

thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!" (KJV)

It is also interesting to note that very few translations use the actual word "Lucifer." Most translate the Hebrew word "lucifer" as the title it truly represents: the morning star, son of dawn. It is likely that the mention of Lucifer is in reference to a Canaanite myth. In this myth, Phaethon tries to ascend to the heavens, but is cast down, as the dawn star, to Hades. Add to this the fact that Isaiah 14:12 is

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terrorize humanity.

in reference to the king of Babylon, and we start to see the truth behind the myth of Lucifer.

This truth is simple. People alive during the king of Babylon's rule felt that he was trying to take more power than he should. To get their point across, they compared him to something people of that time would understand: the myth of Phaethon.

Unfortunately for us, some mental midget during the middle ages decided that the reference to Lucifer was obviously more than it seemed. This scholar decided that because Babylon can be equated with Satan, Lucifer must be Satan. There is a problem with this logical conclusion.

The first problem is that if somebody were clever enough, they could equate Babylon with peanut butter sandwiches. The reason this is true is because Babylon symbolizes many things throughout the Bible, and most of these symbolic references are highly speculative. Throughout Revelation, for instance, Babylon is a recurring

symbol. Unfortunately nobody is completely sure what these symbols mean. So, why should we believe one person's idea that Babylon is Satan? The answer is: we should not! Pure speculation is hardly something we need to base our beliefs upon.

Now we come to another problem. If Lucifer is nothing more than the imaginings of a deranged monk, then where did Satan come from? Nowhere. He does not exist.

One of the main reasons I believe this is because I do not believe a loving God, such as ours, would create anything evil. Furthermore, even if God did create something as evil as Satan, I do not believe he would set him free on Earth to terrorize humanity. If this was the case, then God would be just as evil, if not more so, than Satan.

Here is a good illustration. Jack decides to start a daycare. Jack then decides he needs somebody to run the daycare so he hires Bob. However, Bob is a convicted pedophile and Jack is aware of this. After couple of months, Bob is taken to court because he has abused several of the children. In this scenario, is Bob the only one responsible for what happened to the children? No. Jack is even more to blame because he placed Bob with the children.

If God knowingly placed Satan on Earth, He would be no better than Jack. In fact, God would be worse than Jack because not only would He have known what Satan was, but also He would have created him.

I refuse to believe our loving Father would even consider doing something like this to his beloved children. All the accounts of God in the Bible portray Him as a loving Father, but they never show Him inflicting evil upon people for no reason.

-The continuation of this article will appear in the next issue of *The Crusader*...

My search and its success

Shawn Shafer

In the beginning, God created man. Man grew up and decided he was lonely. God gave him a thing called a woman. This woman, taken from the ribs of this man, was designed to be an integral part of the man in every way. This was so that the whole, perfect being that man was before God gave him woman, would be manifested in these two beings once again.

Today, as Valentine's has just passed and as spring heat looms around the corner, I am reminded of that special role that has been reserved in my life for women. However, in my entire life I have only found friends in these creatures of the opposite sex. Don't get me wrong here, I love my friends, but what I am looking for is something more.

Sex is not what I want. I want commitment. I need someone with whom I can say I will be with for certain events, times and trials; I need someone who can say the same thing to me.

I don't know whether or not I believe that there is some perfect complement to me out there. I don't know that if I don't find that person then I will be messing up, not only our two lives, but two others as well. I do know that there is someone out there I will marry. There is someone out there that I will love with all my heart and being.

Still, what do I do now? I am fully prepared to wait for a good long time (years) before I find this person, though. In the meantime, am I just supposed

Big problem here. I am a nice guy... I have no chance whatsoever.

to be satisfied with the relationships (friends) I have? I hardly think so. **Big problem here.** I am a nice guy; or so everyone tells me. Thus, I have no chance whatsoever. When I go for a job interview, they tell me I am too nice. When I ask someone out for a date, they refuse, thanking me and telling me I am nice.

The biggest effort of my life has been in trying to model myself after Christ. But right now it seems that the nice guy that I am because of this effort is not fit to survive in the world. My dilemma confounds me.

Is there anything I can do, without compromising my standards and faith, to overcome this chasm between what I see as Christ's expectations and the world's demands?

The very voicing of these concerns shows how much I personally need to grow in my Christ-likeness. But, I think it also demonstrates just how much of a problem this is.

What I don't want is to give up. I will find the person I will love and spend the rest of my life with. In the meantime, I don't want to play the game that is a part of getting there. I want to spend my time getting to

know her, not trying to decipher whether or not she likes me, is using me, or is the right person. I know that there will probably always be some part of this in any relationship, that doesn't mean I have to like it though.

Once on seeing someone sporting their trendy WWJD bracelet, I pondered my situation and tried to come to any conclusion as to what Jesus really would do. Were He in my shoes, I don't think He'd be wasting His time worrying about this at all. The matter of a life-long partner is not dismissed at this in my eyes, though. I believe God intended man and woman to be together for more than procreation. What, then, is God's will in my life in regards to fulfilling this need in my life?

Am I to rush headfirst into the fast and furious world of dating? Am I to simply sit back and let life pass me by hoping that I don't miss anything or anyone? I hope not. Rather, I think what I should do is to continue trying to be the best person I can be in the eyes of my Father. Perhaps in the contacts I make in ministry to others someone will take an interest in ministering to me. Whatever the results, I don't think I'll be changing all that much any time soon.

Even though I may be tired of always being the nice guy, I love it too much to give up all that it entails.

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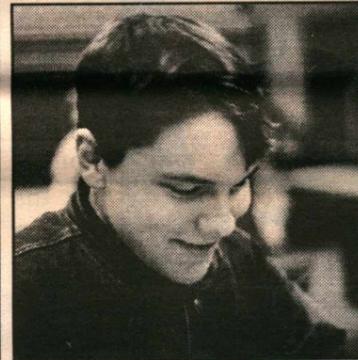
Random answers from random people on random issues

What is included in your definition of 'fun'?



Lori Braden
Sophomore
English
Joseph, Or.

"When you are doing something you like to do when you don't have to."



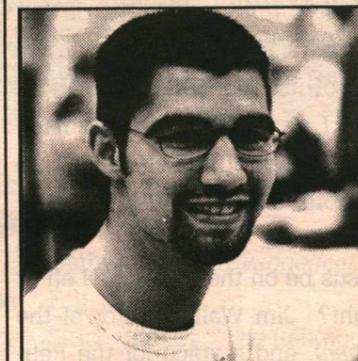
Dan Lucas
Freshman
Engineering Physics
Kooskia, Id.

"Engineering physics majors don't know how to have fun."



Kim Fleischmann
Junior
Accounting
Vancouver, Wa.

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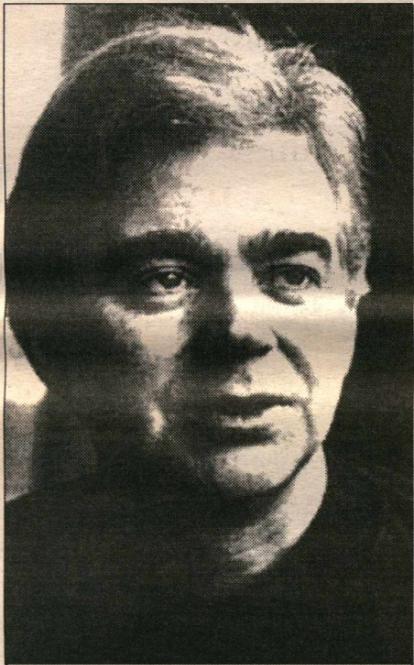
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Who is really right about the

By Shannon Adams
Campus News Editor

Over the past few weeks there has been much discussion on campus concerning the Christian Coalition and its leader Pat Robertson. Snickers erupt from some at the mention of the name, while others are enraged at the dregs the name of the Christian Coalition is being taken through. The problem with the Christian Coalition (and the Religious Right), is that it seems to be the only group where Christians



Jim Wallis, the founding editor of *Sojourners* magazine, is a well recognized member of the Religious Left.

often considered to be the mouthpiece for the Religious Right, even though there are other organizations that are a part of the Religious Right: Focus on the Family, The Family Research Council and the American Family Association to name a few. Yet there exists another side: the Religious Left. But what is known of the Religious Left?

The basic problem of the Left and Right labels is that they often, mentally, come before "Religious." They are the Left or the Right, the Religious part is easily and quickly dropped for convenience when it is time to give the dirt on the "wrong side." Each side desires only to tell you the problems of its opponent. The Right will then call the Left: Marxists, humanists, feminists and homosexuals. The Left can in turn call the Right: bigots, elitists, anti-humanitarian and anti-homosexual.

Would Jesus be on the Religious Left or the Religious Right? Jim Wallis, editor of the magazine *Sojourners* and a voice for the Religious Left, would claim that the answer to the question, or even the question itself, is completely preposterous. Jesus had no need of po-

litical parties. The definitions of Right and Left exist to allow for freedom of choice and individuality. When few people see eye to eye on an issue, there must be parties to represent each viewpoint, or a party that will allow for a spectrum of similar viewpoints. The problem arises

between the two sides when each tries to make the other appear "less-Christian." Which raises the question again, "Which party would Jesus belong to?" The question is not what party would Jesus belong to, but through which side can each Christian best serve and live out their Christian lifestyle and commitment to Christ?

However, there are certain political tendencies that can be used to describe the mind set of the Religious Left. Of utmost importance to the Religious Left is the recognition of the shared dignity of humanity. All people need to be loved with the love of Jesus, no matter what their lifestyle, gender, race or age may be. Such a stance means that the Religious Left, politically speaking, usually believes that the church needs to pick up where the government is no longer able to help, the Left believes in Christian moral responsibility. It is not that the Right does not emphasize the Christian moral responsibility, but that the Left stresses the importance of Christians in all careers to see their position as part of their stewardship, part of their moral responsibility to the earth and their fellow men. "Religion best contributes to pub-

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an active role, even take the initiative at times, in society, and must give help where help is needed. Issues where the Religious Left often sees a need to become involved includes everything from affirmative action to full employment, legal abortion and gay rights. Yet within the movement, there is a vast difference of stances taken on these issues. Abortion is most likely the hottest topic. Many with the Religious Left are pro-choice, but not pro-abortion, while some advocacy groups, such as the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, want to make certain that each woman can choose for herself what is

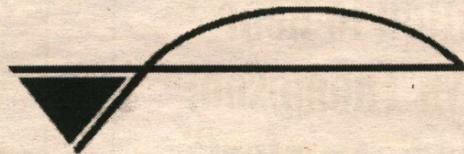
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Interfaith Working Group's mission alerts the public mind to different ways of thinking which are often on unpopular issues such as gay rights, reproductive freedom and the separation of church and state.

best "according to her own conscience and religious beliefs, without government interference" (Sirico 1).

Most movements of the past: abolition

Lutherans Concerned North America



Lutherans Concerned North America is a Christian ministry. They place high emphasis on acceptance of all people and affirming God's love for gay and lesbian people.

lic life when it works for reconciliation" (Sirico 1). Most often this translates into programs aimed at picking up the broken pieces of society. Moreover, because of the separation of church and state, a necessary separation the Left would say, the church is called to fill in the gaps. This means that the church must take

of slavery, women's suffrage and civil rights were motivated, either in whole or part, by religion. Religion and politics went hand in hand. In fact, most of the inspiration behind each movement came from the faith of those who were involved in these movements. Participants in the civil rights demonstrations with Martin

religious left and why it matters

Luther King, Jr., were asked to sign a form requiring them to act in such a way that would reflect the teachings of Christ. Why have our actions changed? Is it fair for the Right or the

than the Religious Right. The biggest misconception people have about the Religious Left is that it simply exists as the antithesis to the Religious Right, specifically to the "fundamentalist" teachings espoused by most of the Religious Right groups.

The two sides do not, however, need to be mutually exclusive. The church is a unified body despite whatever political views may be espoused by various sects within the larger church body.

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Unitarian Universalism is a liberal religion with its historical roots in the Jewish and Christian traditions. They believe that personal experiences should be the final authority in religion.

Left to blame one another? The Right would say that the Left and their humanistic views were destroying society: ideas of pluralism and post-modernism. They would also point to the feminist movement which many say is inextricably tied to the homosexual movement, as having torn apart the family. It is too simple to

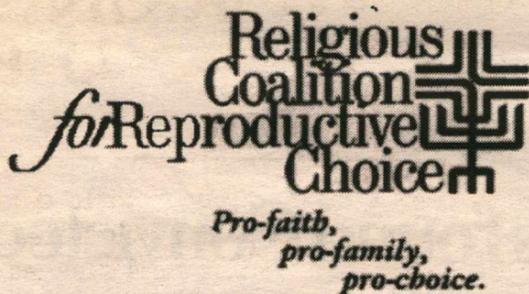
does not qualify as Right? Such a loose definition leaves much to be desired. The term "Left" seems to get in the way of defining what the Religious Left really is.

Jim Wallis is as much a spokesperson for the Religious Left as Pat Robertson with the Christian Coalition is for the Religious Right.

In the December 31st *Sojourners* issue from 1996, Jim Wallis wrote that "people are deeply disillusioned with both political parties and political choices in general, that the old solutions—liberal and conservative, Left and Right—no longer supply adequate answers to our problems, and that more and more people are eagerly searching for alternatives" (7). Wallis further discussed the rationale behind either side, Left or Right, to claim victory based on political race turn outs. Such a rationale is more than fallible, it is dangerous.

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in terms of divisions for fighting political and cultural wars. That is an excellent question, and the answer is that we have reached the sorry state when such discussion is inescapable" (Neuhaus 10). How terrible that Christians must choose sides in a political war against one another. America is a democracy and because it is a democracy it is important that there are differing political parties, but for Christians, political parties are not where the highest alle-



The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice believes women should make reproductive decisions according to their religious beliefs, not the governments.

point fingers at the Religious Left. Both sides have their share of short comings. Jim Wallis, editor of the publications *Sojourners*, believes that perhaps the bickering between the two sides, instead of each side using its means toward a helpful end, might be the largest part of the problem. Who wants to be a Christian when the Christians cannot decide who they want to be?

The existence of a Religious Left began in earnest in the 1960s. Before the Christian Coalition was formed, there was Martin Luther King, Jr. and his crusade for equal rights for people of color. More recently Jesse Jackson, and the various black churches that support him, have been prominent members of the Religious Left. For Jackson, an issue the church needs to meet is that of race relations.

But for all this involvement with issues that are well known to most, the Religious Left seems to partake in politics on a smaller scale

It places importance not on where each side can serve in politics but on which side can conquer or "one-up" the other. A movement should be judged by the concrete changes that take place, not by who can get more candidates into office. Having elected officials run for office on their Christianity or having constituents told that voting a certain way is "Christian," places God in a box and does not allow Christianity to define itself. Both sides are equally to guilty of such practices but neither side seems willing to discontinue.

The Religious Left is not about turning a blind eye to the moral failures of the American society. Nor is it about promoting an immoral lifestyle. Rather, the Religious Left is a political option for those who feel excluded by



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War criminals surrender in Bosnia

by Andy Diehl,
Editor-in-Chief

BOSANSKI SAMAC, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA — Two Bosnian Serbs that have been charged with leading an ethnic cleansing, surrendered Saturday to the U.N. war crimes tribunal. They are the first Serbs to turn themselves at this point in time and their surrender could become a turning point toward cooperation from Bosnian Serbs and the court.

Milan Simic and Miroslav Tadic left Saturday for Tuzla where they will meet up with NATO troops that will accompany them on to the Hague in the Netherlands.

"I hope that this is the beginning of the end of the demonizing of the Serb people," Tadic told reporters at his home on the Sava River, 38 miles from Tuzla.

The surrender follows the election of a pro-Western government for the republic. The

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new prime minister, Milorad Dodik, stated that the country would abide by the 1995 Dayton peace agreement and that the government would cooperate with the tribunal. Dodik is also setting up an office for the tribunal in the capitol.

While Simic and Tadic have denied all charges against them, they believe that the trial will be fair. An unbiased trial "is the only thing that we demand or expect," said Simic.

Simic and Tadic are two of six men that were indicted in a ten-page document on the war crimes that were committed in the town of Bosanski Samac. Simic was an assemblyman at the time and is charged with being part of the mob that beat Muslim Muhamed Bivic with iron bars and chair legs in June 1992. Tadic is a former teacher who was placed as the chairman of the local "Exchange Commission." The Commission was the arm of the government in charge of deporting non-Serbs to prison camps. Along with the movement the Commissions is believed to have performed many executions.

Simo Zaric is another of the six men charged. Local papers have reported that he will turn himself in to the tribunal as "soon as



he is ready."

"I have not given up my intention to surrender to the Hague tribunal, but I have postponed this act for a certain period," Zaric is quoted in local papers as saying. "I will turn myself in to the Tribunal as soon as I am ready and once a few legal matters are cleared up." He refused to elaborate any further.

Chief Prosecutor Louise Arbour hailed Simic and Tadic for their voluntary surrender and wished to persuade the rest of the fifty-two publicly indicted people to surrender also.

"The voluntary and unconditional surrender of Simic and Tadic is significant because it represents the first surrender of the accused from the Serbian Republic," Arbour stated. "I assure the remaining fifty-two publicly indicted accused that they are not going to avoid the tribunal's jurisdiction forever and I invite them once again to surrender themselves..."

Gas incineration to begin

Nerve gas stored near Hermiston, Oregon

by David Stillman
Editor in Chief

UMATILLA, OR -- For those of you who might be surprised to discover that large quantities of nerve gas are stored near Hermiston, Oregon, never fear. Federal authorities are planning on installing 22,000 tone alert radios in area homes that will warn area residents of a gas leak should one occur when the Umatilla Chemical Depot begins incinerating its chemical stockpile next year.

About 12 percent of the nations chemical weapons are stored at the Depot.

Fears that local emergency crews would be unable to respond to such a leak will hopefully be alleviated by a government promise of \$25 million to beef up emergency response equipment.

In addition to the radios, the Chemical Stockpile Emergence Preparedness Program (CSEPP) is planning to install new portable radios in every police car in Umatilla, and a new negative air flow system for

the Umatilla Police Department that would keep gas out of the building.

Other improvements include protective gear for firefighters (to be delivered this fall) and stockpiles of supplies at area schools.

A number of local authorities are wondering where the money which supposedly was spent on preparation actually went. *60 Minutes* filmed a short piece on the subject last month. "The federal officials were flabbergasted that these things hadn't taken place smoother than they had," said Mayor Don Eppenbach of Irrigon, Oregon after a meeting with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in Washington D.C.

David de Courey, FEMA regional director in the Northwest, emphasized at the meeting the government's desire to protect Umatilla citizens. "I think public officials at all levels have an obligation to these communities. This meeting was an effort to carry out these obligations in a collaborative effort."

Texan is found Convicted

Former midshipmen given life in prison

by Andrew J. Diehl
Editor-in-Chief

FORT WORTH, TX -- A Texas jury found Tuesday that former Naval Academy midshipmen Diane Zamora was guilty of murdering a 16-year-old romantic rival. Former Air Force cadet David Graham will be tried later this month for the same crime.

The charges against the two stem from an incident in 1995 when the formerly engaged couple's relationship was on the rocks. Graham had told Zamora of a one time sexual encounter with 16-year-old Adrienne Jones of Mansfield, Texas. The two then conspired to kill her.

Prosecutors have blamed Zamora for acting as judge, jury and executioner. "Adrienne Jones is dead because that woman... demanded that it be done," stated the

Assistant Prosecutor Michelle Hartmann.

Zamora is said to have hid in the back seat of her parents car while Graham drove Jones to a secluded lake. Zamora proceeded to hit Jones in the back of the head with a dumbbell. When Jones fled, Graham shot her.

Texas District Judge Joe

Drago refused to allow the jury to consider a non-capital punishment charge in this case. Non-capital punishment carries a sentence of five to 99 years in prison and

the defendant is eligible for parole in 30 years. Capital punishment charge carries a life sentence or the death penalty. Zamora will automatically receive a life sentence because the prosecution did not seek the death penalty. She will be eligible for parole in 40 years. Zamora and Graham are both 20.

Zamora will automatically receive a life sentence.

Weather causes China Airlines to crash into a rural area

by Joshua M. Dooley
World News Editor

TAIPEI, TAIWAN -- Police closed off a semi-rural area Monday in order to pull bodies from the homes that were destroyed when a China Airlines jet tried making a foggy landing, but crashed, killing all 196 people aboard.

Among the passengers killed were the governor of Taiwan's Central Bank and other key financial officials, as well as Taiwanese families that were returning from their vacations in Bali and four Americans.

According to witnesses, the airliner crashed hundreds of yards short from the runway of Chiang Kai-shek International Airport, 25 miles west of Taipei. The jet tore its way through second floors of homes while stringing itself out along the highway just before skidding into a rice paddy and exploding.

Not only did firefighters have to respond to the fire from the jet itself, but to the houses of the blackened neighborhood as well.

Firefighters had their hands full with this crash, filling body bags from wreckage and rural areas, as well as having to spray the area with flame-retardant detergent.

"I heard a blast, and was scared to death. Parts of the house started to fall down," said Chen Ah-mei, who happened to survive as she crawled her way out from her ruined home. She and her husband were being treated at a hospital near by.

Heavy fog was reported around the airport throughout that afternoon and into the evening, also a light rain was falling at the time of the crash.

Airline officials said that the plane was experiencing some difficulties with its approach to the air-

port. "Visibility was extremely bad," said airline spokesman Liu Kuo-chien. "The pilot said he was having trouble seeing the runway as he made his approach and asked to come around for another try. Immediately after, the pilot lost contact

with the tower."

Tsai Tuei, the director of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, apparently resigned immediately to take moral responsibility for the crash, which was said to be the worst in the

airport's history.

The tail of the demolished jet was the only piece of the plane that was recognizable.

Not only was this the worst crash in the airport's history, but it

seemed equally as painful as families of the passengers at the hospitals and the airport burst into tears and fell into each other's arms when they learned the extent of the disaster.

The airport officials claimed that the two flight data recorders were recovered and were being analyzed to help figure out the cause of the crash.

Reports from Airbus Industrie, based in Toulouse, France, released a statement giving specs on the jet. The plane was delivered to China Airlines in December 1990. By the end of January 1998, it had accumulated up to an estimated 20,070 flight-hours in 8,800 flights.

Since 1986, China Airlines has had five other crashes recorded. After the crash of another Airbus A-300 in Nagoya, Japan in 1994, a safety campaign began that would include pilot retraining. The crash in Japan was blamed on the inexperienced co-pilot who apparently aborted his landing.

...very briefly...

SALT LAKE CITY, UT -- Four residents of Utah

People news

have filed a lawsuit accusing major cigarette manufacturers of selling a defective product and then conspiring to conceal the addictive power of the nicotine in it.

The plaintiffs claimed to have taken up smoking back when they were teen-agers, and have now smoked for decades and suffer from smoke related illnesses.

A law suit filed against the tobacco companies claims that they elevated the level of nicotine in cigarettes, and proposes a \$368.5 billion tobacco settlement.

VACAVILLE, CA-- Ken and Judy Reed had

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hoped to spend their \$175 tax refund on a weekend getaway, but instead received a bill from the I.R.S. totalling \$300 million.

This letter came to them last week, and was applied to the couple's 1992 balance of \$300,000,082.17. Ken Reed says he owns a small antique and furniture store, but that he earned less than \$30,000 that year.

IRS spokesman Larry Wright says that mistakes are possible with the 200 million tax returns that are filed, but declined to discuss the Reeds' case.

You may have been warned by dentists that

Flossing News

flossing will help prevent gum disease, but what about heart attacks. Through rabbits, Dr. Raul Garcia made a discovery that plaque on the gumlines can get into the blood stream with its bacteria and wreak havoc enough to trigger a heart attack. Sore and bleeding gums when flossing could be the very sign for a heart attack.

This Week in History

Historical facts that may or may not deal directly with you

Dating February 15 - February 21

February 15, 1933 -- Franklin Roosevelt escapes an assassination attempt by Giuseppe Zangara in Miami, FL

February 16, 1838 -- A law is passed in Kentucky permitting women to attend school under certain conditions.

1946 -- The first helicopter is commercially designed in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

February 17, 1897 -- The *National Organization of Mothers*, later to be called the *Parent Teacher Association* (PTA), is formed.

February 18, 1752 -- The *Pennsylvania Gazette* publishes an advertisement proposing to insure Philadelphia homes against fire.

1793 -- The U.S. Supreme Court rules that a citizen of one state may sue a citizen of another state in Federal Court.

February 19, 1848 -- Thomas Edison patents his new invention, the phonograph.

1881 -- Kansas is the first state to prohibit the sale of liquor.

February 20, 1839 -- Dueling is forbidden in the District of Columbia.

February 21, 1878 -- The first telephone directory in the world is issued by the New Haven, Connecticut Telephone Company.

1885 -- The Washington Monument is dedicated.

-- Compiled by Joshua Dooley

Around the world in eighty words

Compiled by Joshua M. Dooley
World News Editor

An open fire to begin on rioters

JAKARTA, INDONESIA -- Indonesian Police gave warning that they would shoot any rioters on sight Monday.

Rioters are said to pose a danger to others through their looting, and Indonesian Police won't tolerate it anymore.

So far five people have died in the recent food riots triggered by the rising prices of basic commodities.

Libya wants Pope to visit them

VATICAN CITY -- Libya made its first envoy to the Vatican and invited Pope John Paul II to visit the Arab nation that the U.S. and other countries have tried to isolate.

Husein-Fuad Mustafa Kabazi said he was hoping that "one day Your Holiness will deign to visit [Libya]."

Last March, the U.S. went as far as to criticize the Vatican for establishing diplomatic relations with Libya. Despite criticism, the Vatican went along as planned and may visit Libya soon.

Guerrilla attacks won't be tolerated

JERUSALEM -- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, floated by an accusation that cleared him of any blame in an Amman assassination bid, promised on Monday to continue striking at guerrillas wherever necessary. "I believe that an understanding has been reached between us and Jordan on how to combat terrorism in a way that this incident won't recur. But our policy is that we will strike at terrorism wherever necessary," he told reporters.

Roadtrip is rough on Crusaders

Men win a sloppy game on the road over Oregon Tech, after dropping one to OIT

by Jon DeRoos
Staff Writer

The NNC men's basketball team loaded up the bus and took to the road last weekend to find themselves in the unwelcoming area of Southern Oregon. The Crusaders first headed to Klamath Falls to take on Oregon Tech and then traveled onward to Ashland to play host to Southern Oregon.

Against OIT on Friday night, NNC was looking to tighten the clamps on their lead over the rest of the Cascade Conference. Instead, the Crusaders fell apart. Rather than firming up their lead in league play, the men's team took a big step back into the ranks as they quickly fell behind to the

Owls. OIT would score first and maintain the lead throughout the game; they led 45-30 going into the intermission.

The Owls would pour it on in the beginning minutes of the second half gaining as much as a twenty five point lead; a margin that would never be challenged by the Crusaders allowing OIT to cruise to an unfortunate victory.

Leading scorers for NNC were Jawanza Hadley with 13 and Kai Knell with 10. The Crusaders were looking to regroup on Saturday night's game against

Southern Oregon.

"We just have trouble winning on the road," said head coach Rich Sanders. "Winning on the road is something that good teams must do in order to win championships. We may not be mentally tough

enough to accomplish what it is that we want to do. We'll see how we respond tomorrow night."

The next night Coach Sanders would once again state the phrase that is becoming a cliché in Crusader dialogue: "We hate the road."

After getting routed at Oregon Tech, the Crusaders barely held on in overtime against Southern Oregon University. The tired 'Saders pulled out a close win, 95-94.

After jumping out to an early 17-4 lead, the Raiders chipped away at NNC and made a close game out of one that had blowout potential.

Said Kai Knell, "I don't know what it is, but we're just having a bundle of trouble finishing teams on the road. Give Southern credit, but that game should have been over after the first few minutes of the second half."

"I think we did better tonight," NNC coach Rich Sanders said. "We came out with some energy and some life, but we really need to pick each other up on the road."

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The Raiders managed to tie the game in the final minute as Raider guard Tom Chipps converted a three point play. After a Southern shot hit the basket long, the game was sent into overtime.

Leading scorers for the Crusaders were Jon DeRoos with 35 points and Jawanza Hadley with 22. Kai Knell chipped in 11 points and led all rebounders with 10. Next, NNC hosts Albertson College of Idaho in a key match-up for control of the Cascade Conference title. Both teams hold an 11-3 record coming into the game on Tuesday Feb. 17, at 7:30.

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~Rich Sanders

"We hate the road."
~Crusaders Men's Basketball team

Always together, just playing ball

Bob Lowe and Chad Mitchell bring some magical teamwork to the Crusaders

by Hattie James
Staff Writer

It's been 11 years since they began playing basketball together. By now, Bob Lowe and Chad Mitchell are so in sync on the court, they sometimes scare the fans, and possibly themselves. They know each others' moves so well either one can anticipate what the other is going to do.

This third pair of synchronized players

has opted to play ball on Orrin E. Hills Center Court, and it's a good thing, too, since Knell and Darnell will soon finish up their college basketball careers. NNC will soon look to juniors Lowe and Mitchell, along with McBride and Johnson, for support. With the addition of Lowe and Mitchell to the second team roster, the NNC Crusaders have added yet more depth and personality to the team. Of

course, Lowe and Mitchell are almost the same person: they finish each other's sentences and agree with every point the other makes.

They made the decision to come to NNC from Lower Columbia Junior College in Washington because of the academics and, as many of the other players have pointed out, the tremendous support of the NNC fans and community. The team itself was a big draw for this pair. "It's like a tight family," said Lowe. Mitchell nodded in agreement. Lowe added that no matter how di-

verse the personalities get, "everybody gets along."

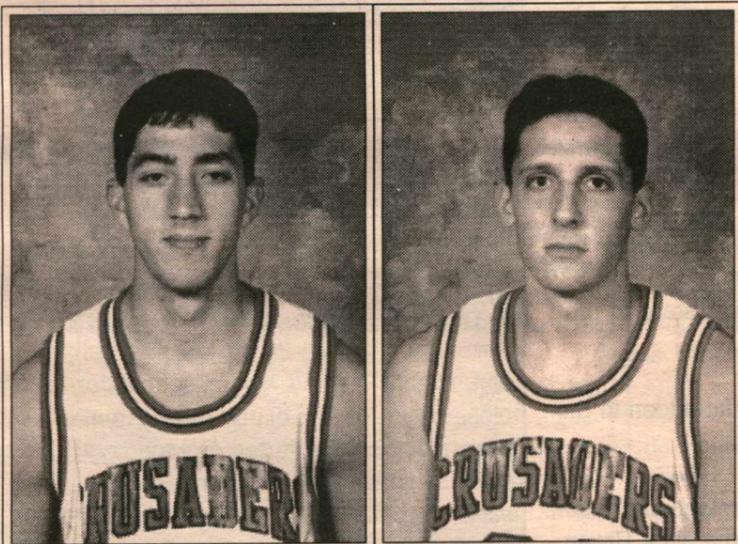
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Idaho to have a lot less rain, and harder competition. For Mitchell, a kinesiology major, the competition is getting even harder. After a tough game in California, starting guard senior Jon DeRoos was out for almost a month and a half.

That meant a handful of starts for Mitchell, and a lot of hard work. For Lowe, a business major, and walk-on, the competition of practicing against one of the best starting five in the Cascade Collegiate Conference means improving on an already strong game. "I can't help but get better," he said.

Coach Rich Sanders believe they are fitting in well with the program and looks forward to even better play from the two of them next year when they have assimilated completely to the 'Saders program. For now, he is happy with both their performances. "They make the players around them better," Sanders said. "Chad did a great job starting (in DeRoos's place)," he continued, "and Bob has a great attitude and pushes all around him to be better."



Juniors Chad Mitchell and Bob Lowe, originally from Castle Rock, WA, transferred from Lower Columbia Junior College to NNC.

Women split weekend

Crusaders lose to Southern Oregon; top Eastern Oregon

by **Melissa Tennyson**
Staff Writer

Last week, the NNC Lady Crusaders took a road trip to Oregon, playing Southern Oregon on Thursday and Eastern Oregon on Saturday.

Thursday's game against Southern Oregon was a 27 point loss for NNC, with a final score of 53-80. Team leaders in the game were juniors Staci Wilson, with 17 points and Lisa Sorenson with 11 points and 5 assists. Junior Diana Smith also contributed 10 points.

Coach Schmidt felt that the loss was due to our inconsistent playing. He commented, "we were only down by three points (22-25) and then Southern Oregon went on a 20 point run, and leaped ahead after

half-time. We called too many time-outs and we dug ourselves a hole."

NNC won Saturday's game against Eastern Oregon, 71-65. Coach Schmidt felt that "Staci Wilson and Staci Kirk did a decent job for us on Saturday." Wilson led the team with 21 points and 12 rebounds. Kirk sunk four three-pointers, adding up 19 points and 2 assists.

The split win/loss this weekend leaves NNC still tied for third in conference. Coach Schmidt commented, "we're playing about average right now. Our consistency is still suspect. This late in the season, you'd like to see less consistency problems than we're having, but it's something we're still work-

**"We called too many time-outs and we dug ourselves a hole."
~Coach Roger Schmidt**

ing on."

The girls will play their last home game on Saturday, against Albertson College.

The New & Improved? NAIA

by **Robin Day**
Sports Editor

The NAIA tournament is coming to town once again, but this year will be significantly different from last year. For starters, there is the ever-obvious change in locations. This year, the NAIA tournament will not be held on campus, but at the new Idaho Center. The NAIA planning crew here at NNC is excited about using the new facility. "There's more room to expand, the seats are nicer, it's a nice building, and the [opposing] coaches like the neutral site," said athletic secretary Jewel McKinney. "They felt that having the tournament on campus gave us [NNC] too much of an advantage."

One advantage that NNC will be losing is the constant flow of students in and out of the gym. NNC clubs will not be selling concessions and there will be fewer volunteers from the student body, due to the distance from campus and final exams. This will cut down on the psychological support that the Crusaders have enjoyed throughout the tournament. Students can still volunteer, however. People are needed to help at the stat table, with tickets sales, pro-

gram sales, clean up crews and ushering. Anyone interested should talk to McKinney.

The cost of games this year for a tournament pass is \$50 for general admission and \$80 for reserved seating. The cost per session is \$7 general admission and \$8 reserved seating. Tickets will not be available until the week of the tournament.

There will be 11 sessions, with four games per session on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the tournament. Games start Wednesday, March 11, at 8:30 a.m. and the final game starts at 9:45 p.m. On March 12 and 13, games go from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. Saturday will have only one session, beginning at 1:00 pm and Monday will have only two games. The championship game will be played on Tuesday, March 17.

McKinney also commented on how the NNC community was reacting to the move of the tournament. "We're pleased with the way that students have come around. It's still our tournament and I think that once everyone sees how nice the facility at the Idaho Center is, they'll understand why we're so excited to be able to use the building."

Intramurals ended this past week, with Thursday's, February 12, games. A schedule of the playoff games has not been released yet, but should be posted by Wednesday. Playoff games will begin on Thursday, February 19, and will run over the course of the next week.

There will also be a King and Queen of the Court tournament Friday, February 20, starting with the women at 7 p.m. The men will begin playing around 8.

Tennis

Tennis season is here, with the team's first tournament on Friday, February 20. The match will be here in Nampa at the River City Raquetball Club. It is scheduled to begin at 5:00. Coaching the team this year will be Cary Cook. Returning players include sophomores Sara Hamilton and Stephanie Ridlen.

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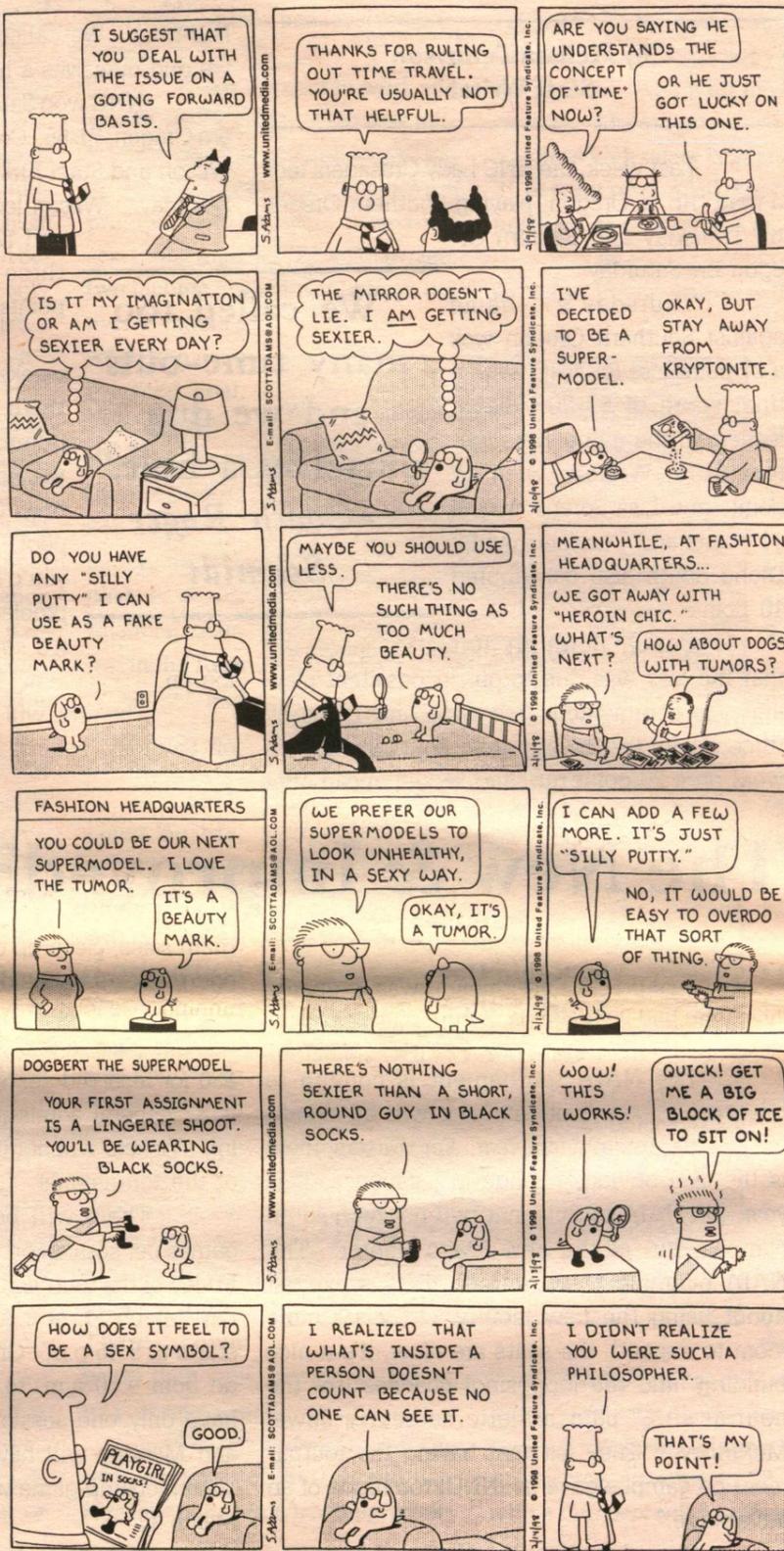
At least, the chances are pretty high that Tim will be speaking to us. He's a really nice guy, an excellent swing dancer and will probably have a good message. Go and listen. If it's not him, we apologize. Thank you

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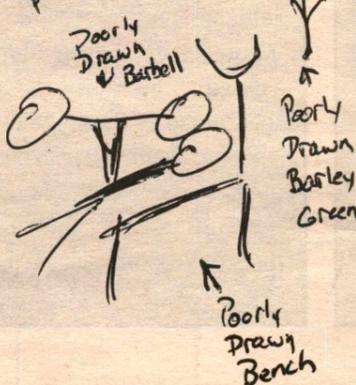
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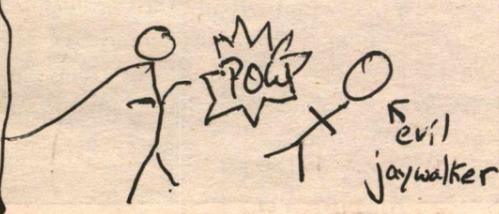
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B-ball with Elvis can be dangerous

by David Stillman
Managing Editor

A lot of people don't know that I played varsity basketball in high school. At the height of my career, I averaged almost 48 minutes a game. Bench minutes, that is. Converted into minutes on the actual court (not counting time outs when they kicked me off the bench to make room for the starters) this adds up to about 23 seconds a game, but hey, who's counting?

The fact that I was 12th man at a high school with a male population of 25, makes this feat even more impressive. Even though I didn't play much in games, in practice I was Nezperce High School's offensive juggernaut. Of course, when I wore deoderant, I wasn't nearly so offensive, but those moments were few and far between. (The true secret to good defense, I have found, is to offend.)

My usual practice assignment was to guard Elvis, who had 200 pounds of pure muscle to his credit. Since the weight of my muscle could be measured in single digits, I usually felt like a mallard duck trying to guard a Sherman Tank.

"Stop," I would quack, and Elvis would plow over me, laying the ball into the hoop for an easy two, never realizing that I had the right of way.

After carefully stepping over my crumpled body, he would run to the other end of the court to play defense, leaving me to ponder how I had become basketball's equivalent of roadkill. Coach would then shout "Let's play some defense, Stillman," and tell me to stop playing like a philanthropist (Coach liked big words, but had trouble remembering what they meant).

By planting my feet and shoving Elvis as hard as my puny arms could push, I could occasionally make him acknowledge my existence by sticking out his arm and shoving me out past the three-point line. Most of the time, my feet would slowly start to slide, and if I didn't stop shoving, I'd fall on my rear. I often compared guarding Elvis to getting hit in the face with a brick. (With the guys we had at the three-point line, this happened more often than you might think.)

When we weren't scrimmaging, we were running. Coach always gave his drills innocent sounding names to hide the fact that they were developed during the Spanish Inquisition. One of these he called "Indian Trails." The basic idea

was for us to run laps through the guts of the gym, stopping only to fiddle with the knobs in the boiler room (If we could get the basement to fill up with steam, we wouldn't have to run anymore).

For a grand finale, we had to run five blocks down Main Street, tap the door of Jacklin Seed, and run

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back to the gym, and if we didn't make it back in a minute, we had to do push ups. It was about this time that I decided that Coach Higgins was Satan incarnate, but with less facial hair.

The remainder of our practice time was spent learning plays (we also spent a lot of time talking about women, but that's beyond the scope of this article). One of our favorites was "Michigan," in which we dribbled the ball down the court and passed the ball to a member of the opposing team. We also mystified our opponents with "Ne-Pe," in which the post got the ball and dribbled it off his foot and out of bounds.

We had other plays that didn't specifically call for turnovers, but we usually found ways to work them in. In all, we had about ten plays that didn't work. This was probably because, at any given time, three of our guys had no clue what play we were running. I remember one game in particular when coach kept changing the plays on us, and then yelling at us running the wrong ones. We later learned that the opposing coach was also a career vantriliquist, but by then, it was too late.

Many of you might wonder how a weakling such as myself could survive four years of high school basketball. The secret, in addition to having bones that knit quickly, is the appearance of strength. No, I didn't use silicon bicep implants. My way is better than that: water wings, specially painted to look like skin.

People looked at me in a whole new way the minute I stepped on the court. "Hey, I bet that guy can bench press a Yugo" someone whispered. Sadly, I never got to test them in a game. Coach made me take them off. They must have given me too great a psychological advantage.

Maybe I'll bring them out for intermurals.

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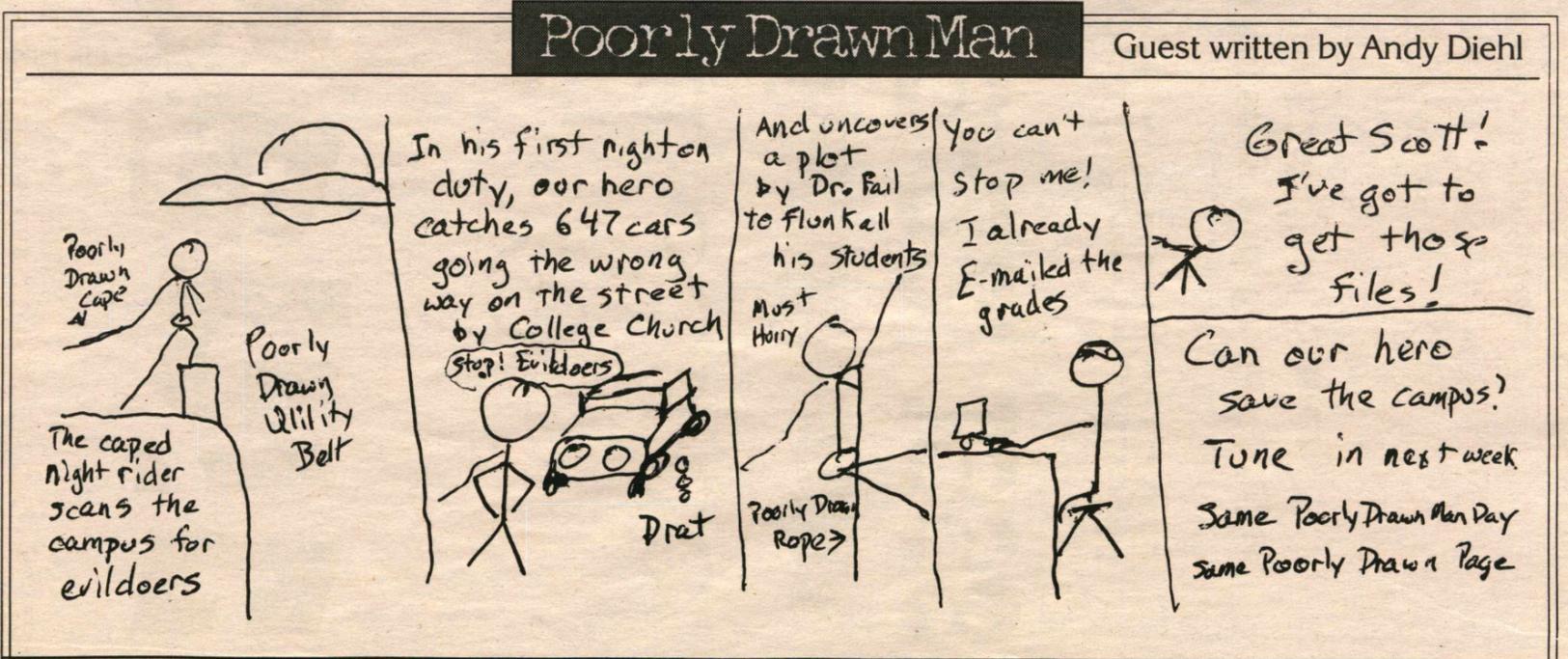
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