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NNC heads to nationals

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NNC Fans follow team to Texas

By Brian Reckling
Crusader Executive Editor

After checking into several options, NNC will be taking a busload of fans to Stephenville, Texas, to support the NNC Crusaders in the National NAIA tournament.

Because the tournament may interfere with finals, it is imperative that students make arrangements with professors before committing to go on the trip. Professors are under no obligation to provide final alternatives.

The cost of the trip depends on how long NNC stays in the tournament. The bus is \$50 roundtrip. Lodging at the Nazarene Church in Stephenville is \$2.50 per night, and admission is \$5.00 per game.

If you are interested in going you must bring a \$20 deposit to the Crusader office between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. today only.

There are only 40 seats available, and if there are more than 40 applicants there will be a lottery to determine who will be able to go. The \$20 deposit is non-refundable unless students are not chosen to go.

Crusaders win District 2 crown

By Brian Reckling
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It's been a long time in the waiting. But it's finally happened. The NNC Crusaders are District 2 basketball champions and are on their way to the NAIA national tournament at Tarleton St. University, in Stephenville, Texas.

The tournament is slated for March 12-17, and the team will be flying down Wednesday

morning at 8 a.m.

Coach Ed Weidenbach is confident that NNC can compete in the tournament.

"We're going to take one game a time," Weidenbach commented. "If Kent (Noethe) plays four games like he did against Willamette then we definitely have a chance."

NNC is seeded number seven in the tournament, and their first round opponent is the number ten team, Concordia College

of Nebraska.

"They're a tough, physical team with a motion offense, and they rebound well" Coach Weidenbach said. "They've got a kid named Pultz who is supposed to be pretty good."

NNC earned their trip to nationals with a 95-81 victory over Willamette University on Wednesday, March 5, in front of 3,500 frenzied fans. The trip to the national tournament is the first for NNC since 1956-57, when

NNC lost in the first round.

The game was highlighted by inspired play by Kent Noethe at post and Lane Schumacher at off-guard.

Noethe scored 23 points and pulled down 8 rebounds while Schumacher led the Crusaders with 28 points.

NNC has momentum on its side heading into Texas. The Crusaders have won 14 in a row,

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NNC Coach Ed Weidenbach triumphantly holds up the net from the District 2 championship game. The Crusaders defeated Willamette 95-81 to earn their first trip to nationals in 35 years. (Photo by Brad Nelson)

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Hope House provides vision and inspiration for all involved

My involvement in Providence Ministries takes me to the Hope House, a home for abused or abandoned children, every Wednesday night. The children usually divide into smaller groups by reading ability for a short devotional and of these groups, I lead the one at the lowest level. Because our group is of this ability, often times my lesson turns into more of a craft session with a simple message of Jesus loves you. In writing, I wanted to share how I was ministered to this past week at the Hope House.

I mixed up some clay donated by the art department so that the kids could make something more permanent; usually the art is coloring or cutting and pasting. As an analogy I shared Isaiah 64:8 with the group which says, "Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand." The kids really enjoyed the whole thing and hopefully we did reach a few with the message. The interesting thing about the evening, though, was that the person who was

Around ASNNC

By Suzanne Clark
Junior Class Senator

probably spoken to the most was myself. It's so funny sometimes how God works.

Lately things have seemed pretty tough. I guess you could call it the "Winter Term Blues", but whatever it is, it has seemed lately as though Murphy's Law is proving itself true in my life. In just the past weeks, I've seen everything that could possibly be a problem, do just that. That night, though, when I got back to the dorm and reflected on my day, I began to see things in a different light. I don't think God had been trying to make me miserable. Instead, He has been and is shaping me. As the Potter, He needs to remove the rough edges in order to let the beautiful shine through. In this way, I can better serve Him and show Him to others.

"...Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians 12:9b-10

ASNNC Executive Officer Sign-ups

Sign-ups for 1992-1993 ASNNC officers are now posted on the window of the Executive Vice-President's window. There are currently four positions that

are elected: ASNNC President, Executive Vice-President, Social Vice-President and Secretary. Sign-ups will be taken down Friday, and campaigning

will begin after Spring Break.

Sign-ups for appointed positions will go up after an ASNNC President is elected for next year.

Sound Off

Last week, NNC Athletic Director Eric Foresth presented students with a proposal to move the basketball team benches and the scorer's table to the front row of the student section. The move would increase space for Crusader Athletic Association seating and eliminate traffic between the team benches and the court. One row of student section seating would be removed to create an aisle between the student section and the team benches and scorer's table. Do you feel the change is appropriate? Why or why not? Send your response to Box C.

Basketball seating switch: Students complain, but haven't proposed alternatives

Dear Editor:

Pete Brumbaugh's letter (March 2) brings a few questions to mind. Is he implying that students will no longer be vocal and demonstrate their school spirit if they can't be on the front row? Are only the students seated on the front row showing their spirit? What about those behind them?

I don't believe that Eric Foresth or anyone from the school was trying to imply that the majority of our fans were causing disruptive behavior. Unfortunately, a few select fans may have voiced some rude and inappropriate comments to visiting players and/or referees. I am all for appropriate cheering and encouragement to our team on the floor. As a coach and fan, I don't appreciate rude and derogatory comments from opposing fans. I feel the concept of "disruptive behavior" has been blown out of proportion and has overridden the real problems, which are lack of Crusader Athletic Association seating and disruption to the coaches and players.

One of the biggest complaints I've heard on this campus since I've been here is the lack of communication from the administration and why certain changes are needed and how they will occur. Now when the athletic department has been willing to step forward and explain what they are proposing and all the reasons why, they are attacked. They wanted to have a forum to give the students a chance to ask questions and/or give some alternative solutions. The students need to realize that without the CAA support, we would not be able to have the first-class basketball program which we currently enjoy cheering on to victory.

I do feel that the athletic department does have the students' best interest in mind as well as what is best for the entire school and program. What more can they do without some other alternative solutions? You tell us.

— Darlene Brasch, Volleyball Coach

Seating switch would create many problems

Dear Editor:

After reading the article about the proposed seating change, I felt the need to air my complaints. I believe that the proposed change is ridiculous. Who ever heard of opposing fans sitting on the same side of the gym?

Money seems to be the issue at hand, but where is the money coming from. Alumni, previous NNC students, and their families who sit in the Crusader Athletic Association seats. Don't today's NNC students deserve the same respect as

alumni?

However, a critical issue must be examined. I think the change would create many problems. As a statistician in high school, I sat behind the scorer's table. Occasionally, I would yell for my team (remember, I am only one fan). Not only did I upset the opposing coach by giving him a headache, but I really annoyed all those in my vicinity who were trying to concentrate. I come to enjoy the games, and I'm not going to be quiet so someone can concentrate. The teams and coaches are serious. They need to be able to concentrate and communicate, but if they're sitting in front of me and hundreds of other fans, they won't be able to hear themselves think.

Furthermore, even though we are a Christian school, isn't it possible that sitting by "the other team's" fans might cause a few misunderstandings and possible outbreaks of violence?

Above all, who are the basketball players performing for? Changing the benches changes the stage. Those who pay the most will have the best seats in the house, and those who really care and support the team with all their spirit will have the pleasure of watching the backs of the bench-sitters and annoying all those "concentrators" sitting in front of them.

— Jerilene A. Maxton

Misuse of God's name in "The Odd Couple" was profane

Dear Editor:

I'm afraid I'm a bit upset. I'm tired of Christians pushing the line of decency and morality in the name of progress. You see, I went to "The Odd Couple" this weekend. It was a great show and was good entertainment. The actors were fantastic and Lane Bottemiller did a superb job in directing. I was deeply offended, however, hearing the name of God used as profanity. I realize that many of the times "God" was used, it was in mock prayer. But I heard more than one the name of my King used in a way that was unnecessary and, in my opinion, profane. Entertainment loses all value when it reduces God to a mere word.

— Rob Jorgensen

NNC business students aren't getting their money's worth

Dear Editor:

NNC, it seems, is an internally politically motivated organization. All that goes on behind the scenes is not known. However, what is known is that business students are being cheated out of a higher quality education for the price of over \$6900.

Sunday, December 8, 1991, The Idaho Statesman ran

an article "Comparing Schools of Business in Idaho." 30 to 1 was the student-to-faculty ratio given, which is currently in error. Even with the error, this ratio is the highest in the state, which is asinine for being a private college with enrollment under 1200 students. One of the professors was released because of their efforts to improve the department's educational base. The professor stated, "I could not perform the job to the best of my ability due to an unbearable working environment." This is not the first time nor will it be the last time this occurs unless changes are made.

The full-time professors are of the highest quality and their professional biographies cannot be disputed, but all is not sublime in the oasis. The administration has for the past for years promised the students six full-time business professors. Are these promises evidenced in the faculty to student ratios? The majority of the part-time professors are also of the highest quality. However, when the administration throws the baby out with the bathwater and hires a business students finishing a Bachelor of Arts degree to teach a class, could there be a possible violation of collegiate accreditation standards? Why do students have to have their peer as a professor?

For the last three years, one professor per year has been released and not replaced (granted, there has been one single attempt at a replacement). In these three years, the business curriculum has also undergone changes. These changes include new emphases in both the accounting and business administration programs. Is this possible? Vacancies were not filled although new positions were much in need before the emphases were even adopted. These emphases started in 1989 are virtually unattainable due to the lack of staff in those emphasized areas. Some of these emphases, and also the business-education program, are being dropped from the future curriculum.

In closing, NNC's recruitment policies for business students fall short of recruitment statistics given. I am angry. Business students are being sold a defective product that has no warranty. Aren't students "the bread and butter?" In order for the problem to be resolved, a system of checks and balances need to be implemented. Student opinions and concerns need to be taken to heart, not discounted, and viably involved in the system. *Woe to the world because of its stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come: But woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes* (Matthew 18:7).

— Marc DeVries

Letters:

The Crusader encourages its readers to write letters to the editor. Due to limited space, letters over 250 words may be condensed. The Crusader reserves the right to edit letters for libelous or irrelevant material. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification.

Swanson finds calling and returns to NNC

By Wendy White
Crusader Staff Writer

"Music is my calling in life; it's a joy for me." This is evident from the piano in his office.

Meet Barry Swanson, music man extraordinaire. Swanson is new to NNC this year, filling the position vacated by Dr. David Alexander's move to Southern Nazarene University. He teaches the infamous "Music and Art" class, instructs all church music curriculum, and coordinates music for chapel services.

"I always felt that part of my ministry would be college teaching," he said.

Swanson comes to NNC after serving as music minister at



Professor Barry Swanson is providing golden harmonies in the most unlikely place, "Music and Art." (Photo by Brad Nelson)

Bethany, Oklahoma, First Church of the Nazarene, yet he is not a stranger to the NNC community. For seven years, from 1979-1986, he worked as the music minister at Nampa College Church of the

Nazarene, during which time he also served as an adjunct professor in the music department.

He completed his bachelor's degree in music education at Bethany Nazarene College and obtained his master's degree in music education at Boise State University while working at College Church.

Swanson is also in the process of completing his doctorate in church music from Southern Baptist University in Louisville, Kentucky, and plans on continuing his studies this summer.

Besides teaching music classes, Swanson is also the director of the Northwesterners.

"I always look forward to going to rehearsal," said Hollie

Tiegs, a sophomore member of the Northwesterners. "He's a great conductor. He's got a lot of big hopes for us."

This summer, Swanson plans to take the Northwesterners on tour to England, Scotland, and Wales.

Not only does Swanson love music, he also loves NNC. "I have a special place in my heart for NNC," he said. "I love the campus and the people."

In his spare time, Swanson and his family enjoy spending time in great outdoor Idaho.

"We like camping and hiking which is why we prefer Idaho to Oklahoma," he said. "Most of my life is spent with music, family, and the outdoors."

Handicapped swimming creates overcomers

By Amy Lancaster
Crusader Staff Writer

Children are splashing. Their mothers are sitting on the side of the pool, watching and chatting among themselves. Each child is working with an adult in an orange bathing suit. The helpers in orange are very patiently trying to teach strokes to the children, children who want to throw the ball and laugh and just have a good time.

To most, this would appear to be a normal session of swimming lessons. It is much more than that.

According to NNC pool coordinator Jean Horwood, the summer after the pool opened, the college received a Kennedy Foundation Grant which enabled them to lead a summer day-camp. This program worked with several agencies such as Multiple Sclerosis, Health and Welfare, the State School, and Child/Adult Development Center. It was a time for handicapped people to be able to swim and receive assistance in learning.

Some of these agencies

have lost their funding since then, said Horwood. That is why NNC still provides a place for them to swim.

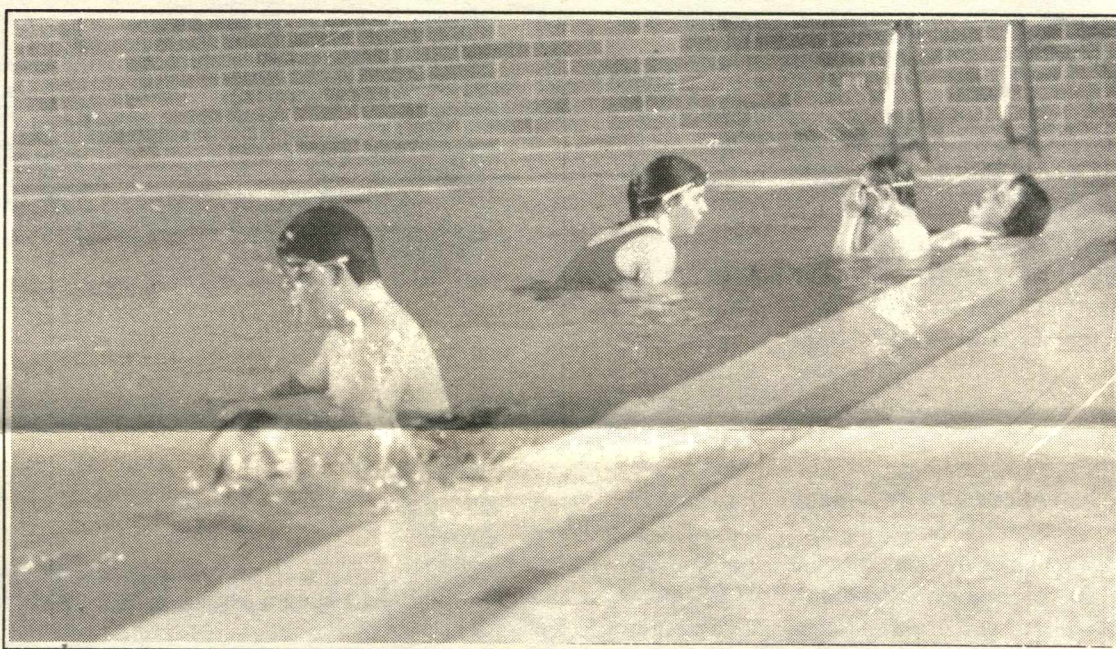
With a doctor's prescription and a dollar, handicapped children can come and swim on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Adults can swim for two dollars during the same time.

A volunteer from the college often works one-on-one with the swimmers. The attendance is mostly children ranging from the ages of six to sixteen, according to Horwood. These children are fighting battles with Autism, Down's Syndrome, learning disabilities, and physical disabilities. All of them are fighting to win.

"This is like a special deal," said volunteer Heather Gentry, a freshman at NNC. "They really feel like they've accomplished something. This is where they can shine."

It is not just a time of learning for the handicapped. The volunteers learn just as much.

"I learned that they're just regular people," said lifeguard Stephanie Zinn. "All the kids that



Handicapped swimmers have been a splashing success at NNC. (Photo by Brad Nelson)

I work with have so much personality."

Gentry feels like she has become selfish with her time at college. "When you take that time to help someone else, you feel renewed," she said.

This is more than just regular swimming lessons. "You have to have more patience," said Zinn. "You have to demonstrate

everything, then repeat it. Then I have them repeat it back to me. Sometimes we do this over and over again."

The children are getting out of the pool. One of them playfully slaps his helper. She points at the eager twelve-year-old, pretending to scold. A smile lights up his tiny face and his eyes shine. Down's Syndrome may

have altered his body, but in his soul he is an overcomer. After handicapped swim, this particular child will work out with the Nampa Swim Team. Swimming is his area to excel.

To most, this would appear to be a normal session of swimming lessons. To the handicapped, it is proof that they can overcome.

Invisible Man: A see through comedy

Early in "Memoirs of an Invisible Man," a man takes out a piece of gum and starts to chew.

What would have been an unremarkable event is, in this case, astonishing. The gum is visible, being scrunched, rescrunched and blown into a bubble. The man isn't.

Special effects like this one are among the most entertaining parts of "Memoirs." They're not spectacular, large-scale eye-fests of the "Star Wars" era. These smaller effects (created by George Lucas' Industrial Light and Magic team) are more like magician's tricks -- clever and sometimes even witty.

In one scene, as the invisible man puffs on a cigarette, we see the smoke filling his transparent lungs. In another (a dream

sequence), he is visible except for his crotch, and in yet another, he tries to eat Chinese food but becomes ill when he sees the food being digested through his body.

San Francisco stock analyst Nick Halloway (Chevy Chase) wasn't always so easy to see through. As the movie opens, he's fully visible.

But when his molecules are zapped by mysterious rays during a lab accident, he fades out. An unscrupulous government agent -- who sees in the invisible man a valuable spying resource -- spends most of the movie trying to capture him. Nick stays one step ahead him, aided by a beautiful documentary producer named Alice Monroe (Daryl Hannah), whom he met just before vanishing.

In the 1933 classic, "The Invisible Man" (based on H.G. Wells' story), the title character (played by Claude Rains) is never visible until the final few dramatic seconds -- when his form is lying lifeless. In the new film (based on the novel of the same name by H.F. Saint), Nick is visible to everyone at the start, and even after he becomes invisible, he is sometimes seen by the audience (although not by the people on the screen.)

Director John Carpenter ("Starman," "Halloween") occasionally allows us to witness Chevy Chase coping with the problems of invisibility -- tripping over his own feet and so on. The premise of Chase's slapstick has always been that he's largely unaware of his own body,

so this role is a terrific opportunity for him: He's hilarious, for example when he tries to eat that Chinese food with chopsticks, despite the fact that he can't see his hands.

Chase's slapstick brilliance and the movie's special effects are certainly entertaining, but they're really not enough to keep "Memoirs of an Invisible Man" consistently involving.

The Claude Rains movie has a theme to hold it together: The protagonist's invisibility was worked out as a metaphor for his insanity. In "Memoirs," Nick's invisibility seems to have been intended as a metaphor for his alienation (as it was for Ralph Ellison's novel, "Invisible Man," but without the racial overtones), but this point isn't developed.

Midway through the new film, there's a brief reference to Nick -- an aloof man with few friends or relatives -- as having been, in some way, invisible all along. It's an intriguing idea, but the script (by Robert Collector, Dana Olsen and William Goldman) doesn't go anywhere. Even the irony that Nick becomes emotionally visible to another person only after he becomes physically invisible is so underplayed that it barely registers.

"Memoirs of an Invisible Man" had all the right elements to become Chevy Chase's equivalent of Steve Martin's wonderful "Roxanne" (including the winsome Daryl Hannah), which was also about a form of alienation. But Chase's movie ends up being merely pleasant.



Heather McKay sets up the offense. (Photo by Brad Nelson)

Lady Crusaders end year on a positive note

By Paul Register
Operations Manager

This year's women's basketball team went into Christmas break with only one thing to ask Santa for on their Christmas list, a 180 degree turnaround in their season.

Going into Christmas break the women's team laid claim to a dismal 1-8 record. Santa checked his list twice must have found out that the NNC women's basketball team had been good last year and a reversal of fortune came about. After Christmas break the women's team came out blazin' and ended up with a 13-12 record.

According to Coach Roger Schmidt the reason the start was so tough on the team was due to lack of experience. "We didn't know how to win", said Schmidt. "We'd go late into games with a two or three points ahead or two or three points down and end up losing them close. It's not like we were being blown out. We had a lot of inexperienced kids. New

personnel made it tough on us."

A lot of the reason for the big turn around wasn't Santa but the girls playing bigger than their size showed. "We were the smallest team in the district and only got outrebounded three games.", said Schmidt, "We knew we had to play together as a team. I was just real pleased. We made ourselves better by practicing harder."

Coach Schmidt pointed out splitting the season series between Southern and Western Oregon and the women's trip to Oklahoma as the highlights of their season.

As for next year, the women's team has a lot to look forward to. "We're only losing one starter and that's Suzanne Hansen. That will be a tough spot to fill but we're working really hard recruiting to find some good, solid high school players and some junior college players." said Coach Schmidt.

A district title could very well be on the women's Christmas list next year.

NNC makes trip to nationals

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and were 16-1 at home this year. Schumacher also has momentum on his side, the All-District 2 team member, has made 25 of 40 shots from the field during the playoffs and has made 15 of 20 three point attempts.

A potential matchup exists if NNC can get past Concordia. The Crusaders second round opponent would be MidAmerica Nazarene College, the number 2 team in the tournament. Last year at homecoming the Pioneers from MANC beat NNC 143-131 in triple overtime. Only one starter, senior Rick Solvason, returns from that NNC team.

The bracket that includes NNC and MidAmerica is a good one for NNC. The bracket does not include number one seeded Grace, Ind., and it also does not include District 2 foe, George Fox.

Both the NNC team and fans are looking forward to the tournament.

"It's what we've been working for all year long," Weidenbach commented. We want to represent our district and our school well."

Weidenbach went on to



Rick Solvason penetrates to the basket as Kent Noethe screens his man in the District 2 championship game. (Photo by Brad Nelson)

say, "Our guys are really excited. We're one of only 20 teams out of 130 remaining."

NNC is sending a busload of students to Texas to support the team (See story). There is room for 40 students, but many more are expected to apply even though the tournament may interfere with scheduled finals.

Weidenbach really appreciated the support of the fans.

"It's really neat to have that support. The fans have really carried us through."

NNC has two workouts scheduled for this week and then

it is off to Texas for a practice on Wednesday, and a final run-through on Thursday.

"We're kind of banged up right now," the coach said, "So we've kind of taken it easy this week."

The Crusaders are 26-8 and looking to be 30-8 and national champions. If successful, the team will return from Texas on Wednesday, March 18.

Watch the Daily Crusader for NAIA National tournament updates from Stephenville, Texas.

Lady Crusader Kim Hazelbaker selected to All-America Team

Kim Hazelbaker, a 5-11 junior center for the Lady Crusaders, was selected to the GTE Academic All-America Team for CoSIDA District VIII. The College Sports Information Directors of America from District VIII (California, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Hawaii, and Alaska) selected Hazelbaker to the five member

team for her prowess on the court and in the classroom.

Hazelbaker, from Grangeville, Idaho, has a 3.68 cumulative grade point average, majoring in pre-physical therapy. She is averaging 13.1 points per game, 17th in District 2, and is averaging 9.4 rebounds per game, 2nd in District 2. Hazelbaker was a first team all-district selection

last season in NAIA District 2.

Hazelbaker's selection to the District VIII team qualifies her as a candidate to the All-America Team which will be selected later in the season.

The NNC women are currently 7-3 in the Cascade Conference and have clinched a play-off berth. The Lady Crusaders have won 9 of their last 11.

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