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Editorial

Choose Your Influence

We are very susceptible to the influence of people all around us. Have you ever known any charming little five-year-olds who toddled off to school innocent and naive, and in no time at all, they learned more swear words than your average trooper?

We become a part of our immediate environment. None of us are immune to the influences of our own world - our friends, our family, our work mates, the TV., the newspaper, the radio, the books and magazines we read. Let us not kid ourselves that we are untouched by the things and the people in our life. Our thoughts and our feelings, our goals and our actions, are constantly being shaped by what and whom we live with.

Mix with critical people and we learn to criticize. Mix with happy people and we learn about happiness. Mix with messy people and our lives become messy. Mix with enthusiastic people and we become enthusiastic. Adventurous people help us to become adventurous and spiritually sound people help to inspire us to become spiritually sound.

What this means is that I believe we need to decide what we want from life, whether it be a successful business person, a dynamic pastor who leads a congregation in bringing little and lost people to the Lord, or to be in all things the best and most willing servant the Lord has, and then choose your company accordingly.

Let it be no surprise to you that doctors suffer a lot of ill health because they spend their lives around sick people. Psychiatrists have a high incidence of suicide in their profession for related reasons. Traditionally nine out of ten children whose parents smoke, smoke themselves. Poor people seem to have poor friends. Rich people have rich friends. Successful people have successful friends. And so the story goes on.

Catherine Lane

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Letters

Gabby gives serious advice on a serious issue

Dear Gabby,

I have a dilemma in giving advice. My friend has been dating a new girl for a few weeks now. They are both Christians but are presently considering having sex. He says he doesn't believe in premarital sex but is now reconsidering how strongly he believes that. He did not come right out and ask me for my advice but I think his revealing lends itself to an admission of guilt and conviction. I am not sure what to do. I gently reminded him of what God says in scripture but did not press the issue. What should I do now?

Friend of a friend

Dear Friend of a friend,

First lets start with the facts. You know that your friend knows that premarital sex is wrong. Your friend

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knows that you do not believe in sex before marriage. Your friend although he appears to feel guilty, has not out right asked you for your advice. Prob-

ably because he knows what you will say. The key here is to let the Holy Spirit convince him that this is not what he should be doing.

Begin to pray fervently for your friend, for this situation, and for the relationship he has with this girl. Pray specifically that the Holy Spirit would convince that he needs to re-evaluate (possibly much more than just this situation). Then pray that your friend would be listening and be willing to repent when the Holy Spirit speaks to him. Be in prayer too because God may use you to speak into his life at just the right time with words he is ready to hear.

Gabby

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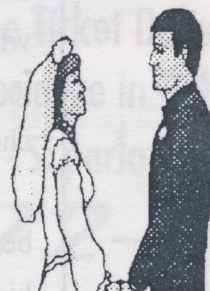
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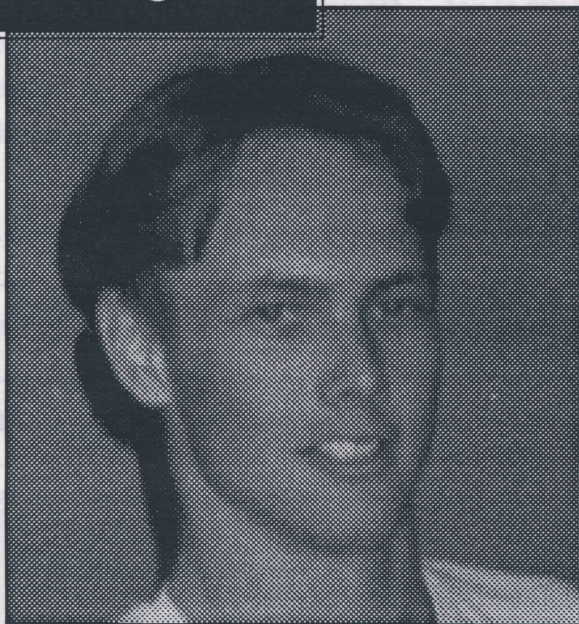
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Interview

**David
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David Andrew Darlington calls Woodburn, Oregon his home. David is the middle child, and only son. His older sister Melissa graduated from NC in 1995. David's younger sister AJ, is currently attending Northwest as a freshman. David is proud of and admits to being protective of his siblings. David's parents also attended our great institution where they met and fell in love. On that subject David has been dating Michelle Parry for 6 months. When asked what her eye color is, with a smile he quickly responded green.

Born September 20, 1974 makes David 21 years old. This non-graduating senior is a Business major. An en-

trepreneur with his own yard service, Davis works hard. Quality work is David's key in making his name known. In this field of business, David understands the importance of owning the equipment rather than renting. David does own such things as a lawn-mower.

Aside from work, David plays the drums in a band named "Red Shoed Star." Having been in Choralons with David our first two years at NC, I know he is an excellent drummer. David also plays drums at his church, Kent Christian Center.

What does David do in his leisure time? Golf, billiards, white water rafting, shortstop and pitching on NC's baseball team...to name a few of his activities. David's favorite musical group is Jars of Clay, which I'm sure which you will hear coming from his cool red truck as he drives on campus.

David went on a two week missions trip to Europe this Christmas. What is cool about his experience is that he used basketball as a means of reaching out to the lost. (I thought that was way neato) If you do not yet know David, you should!

News

Business Principles and Your Pastor

Should pastors have a basic understanding of business principles? As a pastor's son, I firmly believe that pastors need this knowledge to effectively manage their churches. To this end, the Business Administration Department at NC is facilitating a three day seminar called **Net Effect** to aid pastors in the basic principles of business and management. We've called upon experts like Randy Barton, Dick Rose, Les Welk, Dale Sorenson, along with corporate officers from U.S. Bank and Microsoft to instruct clergy members on dealing wisely with their resources. Session topics include: personal finances, church finances, building projects, office management, church software, time management, motivational gifts, community relations, legal issues and advertising.

I can't think of a pastor I've met who wouldn't benefit from attending **Net Effect**. Whether he has an office staff to manage, needs help choosing bible or bookkeeping software, is planning a building project, wants to learn more about impacting his community, feels as if he doesn't have enough time to do everything, wants to motivate volunteers, or needs help with his personal finances and retirement planning, he will return from this conference with the information needed to combat these dragons of church management.

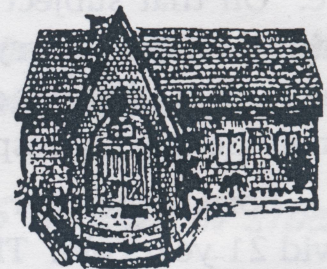
The **Net Effect** enrollment fee is only \$99 for the first minister, with a reduction in price to \$59 for additional pastors or staff from the same church. The seminar takes place from May 6-8 on the NC campus and the price includes **Net Effect** Seminar Materials, 5 Meals and recreational activities. If the pastor needs housing, guest rooms will be provided by NC for \$10 per night. Pastors can register by calling (206) 889-5331 or faxing (206) 889-5321.

Considering that I've seen similar conferences advertised at \$1,000 for three days, this an opportunity that no pastor can afford to pass up. If your pastor doesn't know about the conference or hasn't made plans to attend yet, encourage him to attend, and increase your church's **Net Effect** on your community.

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The Hand-off

a parting word from John McMillin

A version of the foot-race fields a team of trained and disciplined members running a course, handing a baton off to another member as each completes a portion of the race. When the winning team celebrates, the contribution of each member, no matter how mundane, does not earn the medal. The whole team earns the prize. Northwest College's department of business shares the analogy. We win honors as a team while the department serves the college as a member of that larger team, the College itself. On the less

cosmic scale, this graduation season gives me the honor of passing the baton to my teammate, Professor David Stoops. Like all finely tuned teams, we each contributed our various strengths. Prof. Stoop's contribution to the business focuses upon his administration experience and financial discipline. He had shown remarkable resilience working with me for too often I'm the-bull-in-the-china-shop, standing remorsefully in a pile of shattered glass. He brings a wealth of experience with a refreshing touch of

kindness and intensity. As I hand off the baton of this department to him and run on my own race to retirement, I know NC's course is clear and the race is underway. With you as students, Prof. Stoops has a powerful team. Stay in the race, bring the victor's crown home! I love you all and shall never forget you!

John McMillin
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News

Circle K invites participation

Are you interested in serving the local community? If so then an on-campus club called Circle K offers you many opportunities. Circle K is a group of local business leaders who, along with students, engage in community service projects. This past year Circle K has raised money by selling Christmas trees and organizing the Sweet and Sour contest during homecoming week. The money was donated to charitable causes such as the Kirkland food bank.

Another project that Circle K is involved in is a ministry to the homeless in downtown Seattle called Operation Nightwatch. This program provides a free meal for those without a place to stay as well as placement in one of the several shelters in the area.

I recently took part in Operation Nightwatch and found it to be a rewarding experience. A local minister founded Operation Nightwatch and now businesses like Microsoft and groups such as Circle K assist him. They are

serving an important purpose by making sure the homeless don't have to sleep on the streets.

On the night that I participated, my job was to take down the names of those who came in and find out where they wanted to stay. Others from the Circle K group served food and visited with the homeless.

It was eye-opening to see the diversity of the homeless. Young and old from many backgrounds were there and many made clear how much they appreciated the service that Operation Nightwatch provided. It felt good to have been involved in something which was having a positive impact on so many lives.

If you are at all interested in participating in any of the projects which Circle K has planned contact Professor Stoops to find out how to get involved.

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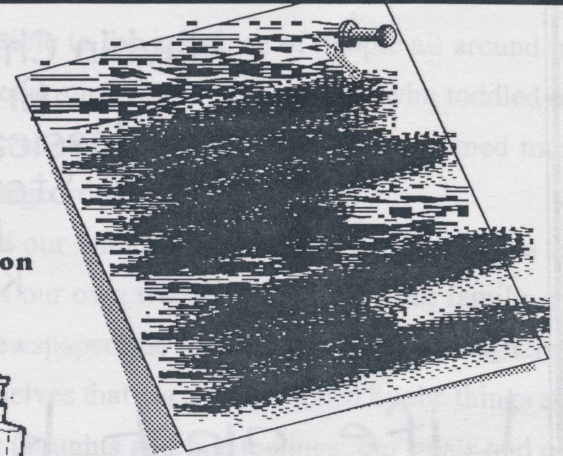
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Get Your Facts Straight

Some of life's myths have reasonable answers. Here are two that may surprise you.

Myth: The poor countries' high birth rates are virtually the only reason for their tremendous population growth.

Reality: The introduction of modern medicine, along with better hygiene and sanitation, also contributes significantly to population growth by sharply reducing death rates.

Myth: The world's population has become very large today because it has taken many thousands of years to grow.

Reality: Most of the world's population growth has occurred only in recent years. Before the modern era began in 1600, the global population had taken more than +/- 3,000 years to reach only about half a million. But since then it has taken less than 400 years to skyrocket to more than 5.06 billion today.



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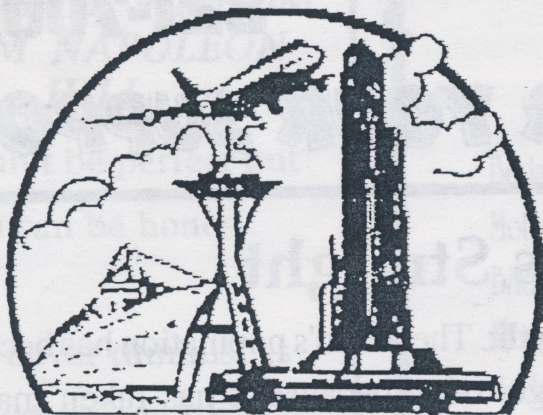
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