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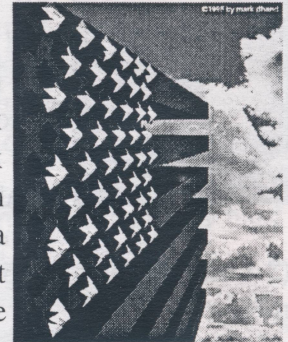
"Vote for me!!" "No, vote for me!!" Ultra-right-wingists. Reformists. Liberalism, conservatism and all the other -isms. Tobacco. Tax cuts. Big Labor. The guy with the big ears. Falling off stages and money from foreigners.

If you were getting as fed up with all the ads and signs that have flooded our lives the past few weeks as I was, you are sharing my sentiment of relief now that it's over for awhile.

Whether you are satisfied with our new government selections or not, the mud-slinging was thick enough to get us all dirty at some point. "Let's talk about the issues . . .," was the theme coming from the first Democratic president to win reelection to a second term since FDR did it sixty years ago. At least 31 states favored the president's theme of "the train to the twenty-first century," thus giving him more than 373 electoral votes (270 were needed to win).

Good ol' American politics. We had everything and then some. Attacks were made by both sides. Instilling fear of what "the other side will do if elected" was the basic premise of the negative issues raised. From Medicare to education to campaign finance and welfare reform, there were a lot of important issues raised as well as a lot of differing opinions concerning how to interpret what was being proposed.

But the people exercised their rights and have made their choices. And their national choice in a nutshell - a Democratic president and a Republican congress. Whether you believe in the idea of a split government and "checks and balances" or not, we can look forward to another two years of sparing between the two bodies of government with neither side getting everything they want.



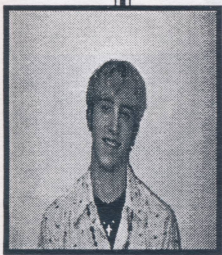
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**Nationals
host four
NC
runners**

Paul Dulaney

As the cross-country season comes to a close, four of Northwest College's top runners, Kim Maher, Sarah Nathan, Jennifer Larson, and Nick Barth, look forward to Nationals on November 9 in Cedarville, OH.



"Racing is all about pain and who can bear the most," states second year runner Maher. She qualified for nationals with a 5K

(3.1 miles) run of 19.45 minutes-20.03 minutes is needed to qualify.

"This year, I've had some good races where I have really pushed," continues Maher, "but I've also had some races that I didn't race. I've had more fun racing this year because I've wanted it (winning) more."



**"Fun, Effort
ignites NC
Soccer"**

Paul Dulaney



The 1996 soccer season, led by team captains Jade East and Dan Taylor, finished 7-10-1. Despite a losing record, the team's heart prevailed.

"You have to love the game of soccer to be a soccer player," midfielder East said. "We had many guys out there giving it their all and that is what is most important to me."

"This year's team was plagued by injuries," commented third year Head Coach Steve Turner. "We were at one point forced to play an entire game with no substitutes. But through it all, the team continued to work hard and fight for the entire 90 minutes. Playing short-handed can be difficult, but I was proud of the

continued effort of my team."

East led the team with 23 total points - 7goals (2 points each goal) and 9 assists, forward Eric Hobson had 22 points - 8/6, midfielder/forward Jeff Blood scored 14 - 6/2, forward Bill LeCompte added 12 - 4/4, and goal keeper Tristan Spitler had 3.0 goals against average.

First year Defender Joash Perera enjoyed his time spent with the team. "The season was good. We had some really tight games. I am glad I played this season because I got to play with the seniors - Jade (East) and Erich (Hobson) and I had

Men's Opening Home Basketball Statistics

Northwest College Eagles - 75
Trinity Western Univ. Spartans - 48
October. 25, 1996



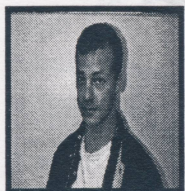
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#	Name	Pos	Pts	Reb	Ast
10	Courtney Chatelain	G	0	2	0
11	Corey Symons	F	8	4	0
12	Rich D'Agostino	G	6	3	9
20	Brett Wille	F	17	8	2
22	Andy D'Agostino	G	32	6	1
32	Lincoln Nugent	G	10	4	6
33	Robert Perez	F	0	0	0
34	Marty Burdick	G	0	0	0
44	Robet Jackson	F	0	0	0
50	Jon Endresen	F	2	0	0

very educational practices, learning a lot from watching them play."

East leaves with a few words to the student body: "Thanks for coming to the games and supporting us this season. I enjoyed playing for you all these (past) three years."

BANANAS

Guy Becker



It's 4:50 a.m.
I can't sleep. I've been awake since 2:05. Keith Green songs keep going through my head:

I find it hard to turn away a billion starving people. Go to the hungry ones. (Man, I was so hungry tonight, too. Hunger hurts.)* Jesus commands us to go.* If you love the Lord, you will love His will for you; for we are His workmanship, created for good works in Christ.* You put this love in my heart.* Do you see all the people...don't you care...open up and give yourself away...come away with Me, my love.* Do your best, pray that it's blessed, and He'll take care of the rest.* Make my life a prayer to You.* I pledge my head to heaven for the Gospel.* It's dust to dust, until we learn how to trust.* To obey is better than sacrifice.* Soften your heart.* I don't wanna fall away from You.* Oh Lord, there is so much to be done, so many souls to be won. You said the harvest was great. Here am I, send me. My heart hears the call, and I want to give it all to You.* I want to be more like Jesus.*

Then Keith said, "*I don't know what you think a Christian is, but I don't think it's church attendance, praying to Jesus, or being gifted of the Holy Spirit (or at least looking like it); I think a Christian is someone who's bananas for Jesus — Someone who loves God with all of*

their heart and with all that they are, and also loves everybody else the way they would love themselves." Its 5:33, and my radio alarm just turned on to Twila's beautiful song, *What am I without You?* I really want to know what *you are* thinking right now.

GOING BANANAS??

You probably never have to worry about God's call, do you? I must be the only one that doesn't seem to get it. Jesus said, "Go." I respond with the five "wh's," a "how," and a "huh?" I sense a calling, but I don't know what it looks like. I ask, seek, knock, and wait. Am I stubborn or something?— Sometimes I wish I were a donkey. I know God can use them. They are so smart, flashy, and attractive. Everybody wishes they could be like them. They travel. They have big ears to hear. They speak for God. They're in parades. They've borne the Lord at least twice. They even have famous jawbones. Yeah, I think it would be cool to be a donkey.

"HIS BANANAPLANA"

Oh bother. I don't think that God made me into a donkey. Instead John 15 says that I'm a fruit branch. Well, OK. I like yellow. Maybe He will produce bananas through me. But to bear, in Him I must abide. (That would be bountifully bearing bunches of bananas for the Lord in abundance— by far, better than being bratty, botheringly boring our brothers about bruised bandage.) — And by the way, What do bananas

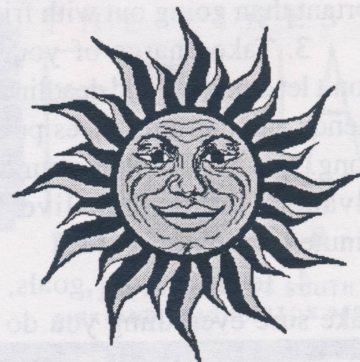
do? They appeal!!!

BANANACTIONS

In a benediction during Missions Emphasis week, Campus Pastor Wisemore encouraged us with words of Grace to "...follow *whatever* it is that God has called us to...whether missions or not," and if I recall correctly, he added, "Dream dreams." (Thanks, Jack.) Professor Jack Rozell challenges us with, "Ministry is not just something you do; ministry is you." And do you remember what the big, happy, bearded, Judo missionary from southeast Asia said? He declared, "God made us all different from each other, each with different likes and abilities, and God likes the diversity. So, God not only loves you, He **LIKES** you." Yes, **GOD LIKES YOU**. Let Him bear His fruit through you, whether it's bananas, grapes, pineapples, huckleberries, kiwis, watermelons, pomegranates....(please, read Galatians 5)!

Look and see the harvest. Go to them in compassion. Feed them and reap.

Above all else, love the Lord. He will send, but first you must abide.



Stressed Out

Mindy Galbreath

Are you staying up past midnight every night to get things done? Are you running from place to place to keep your schedule and gain a few precious moments of time? Are you handing in assignments at the last possible moment? Are you awakened by worrying and then can't get back to sleep?

As college students, we are faced constantly with stress in our lives. Papers to hand in, exams to study for, places to go, people to see, things to do. Stress is a permanent part of life. It will not go away. The best way to deal with it is to learn how to manage it, making it work for you, not against you. As followers of Christ we can get stress down to a manageable level if we will heed these suggestions:

1. Talk it over with God (Philippians 4:6). Take your anxiety to Him. When you pray, give His Spirit an opportunity to bring peace to your heart and to straighten out your thinking.

2. Put first things first. Be brutally honest about what should come first. A big paper is more important than going out with friends.

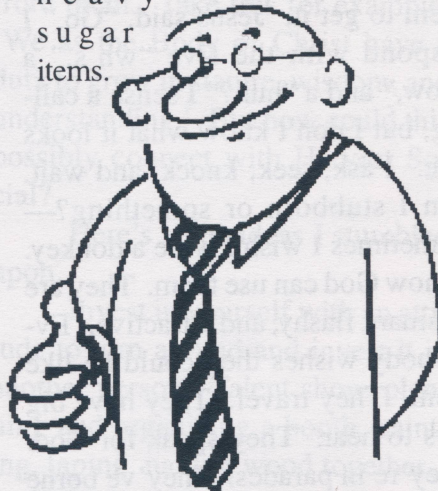
3. Take charge of your life. Don't let demands and deadlines and friends and circumstances pull you along. Say "NO!" Plan your day in advance, rather than live from minute to minute.

4. Identify your goals, then make sure everything you do con-

tributes to those goals. Eliminate things that have no value to you.

5. Relax. Everyone needs some time alone, some recreation time, or just some "down" time. Plan a certain time during the day for relaxing. Go for coffee with a friend, sit quietly and read a book or listen to music.

6. Finally, eat right, exercise, and get enough sleep. Avoid caffeine and heavy sugar items.



You can manage a busy, demanding, full life. It starts with acknowledging God and includes making wise choices and maintaining perspective. To get your life in order, put God first.



Consider the Rainbow

Sheila Hollimon

It was the worst of times. It was the playground. There were leering faces, menacing voices, and wounded hearts. Hearts already hidden beneath insecurity, fear, doubt, and the inability to read the future. There were the questions: Am I valuable? Am I ugly? Will I ever change? Who really loves me?

The worst of times. The first confrontation with reality. The time when children notice differences between themselves and others. The moments in which they choose to mock inferior attributes.

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RAINBOW -

Perhaps the kid with the busy, blond hair was in your class. The boy with the perpetual cowlick. Poor kid. Every time his classmates saw him they would roar with laughter. Sometimes the mates would crack themselves up with statements like, "Hey Bobby, did you use the light socket to wake up this morning?"

Rolonda was in that class too. The girl everyone called "Teeth" for what they thought was a good reason. Don't forget George. He was the most fun. He could not see without his glasses. Remember roaring with laughter during the infamous game of "keep-away" while George vainly groped about trying to recover his glasses.

Children hurt each other without regard. So, are they taught to hate, or do they need to be taught how to love?

Fortunately, each of the youngsters grew up. Bobby's hair became more manageable, Rolonda wore braces, George invested in contacts, and they all blended into normalcy.

Ah, we have forgotten some of the classmates. Amanda Chow, her skin was golden and a little different than everyone else's. Often the other children would pull tight the skin around their eyes and holler, "Hey, Amanda, now I look

like you!" The kids thought it was great to warn Lee Roy to stay away from dark places, because he might get lost. Lee Roy's skin was very smooth and very dark.

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look like Amanda. Lee Roy and Amanda were different, and that had to be proclaimed. Though the method of proclamation was demeaning, ridiculous, and mindless, the question remains: Are children taught to hate, or do they need to be taught how to love?

Fortunately, each of the youngsters grew up. Lee Roy accepted the color of his skin, and Amanda grew thankful for her eyesight, but they never blended in.

"God only makes originals," said Wayne Perryman, an expert in the field of ethnicity from a biblical perspective. When Mr. Perryman speaks of race issues, he invites his listeners to consider the rainbow. This symbolic promise is a reminder that God loves humanity and He will never again destroy them by flood. Interestingly, the rainbow constitutes every imaginable color, and God similarly created humanity with unlike shades. Therefore, God must appreciate diversity.

God's call does not depend upon how one looks on the outside. "God is concerned with content not color."

Perryman states that to deny diversity is to deny the genius of God. The colors we see are the colors that reflect God. Every race is a design representative of the unique signature of God. Each person is precious to God and He is not ashamed of His creation.

Children hurt each other without regard. Children become adults that have held on to that hurt, and fail to take responsibility for attitudes and anger that dictate prejudice. "When a person carries anger for another person simply because of the color of skin, that anger is not directed at another human, but at God. For it is God alone who created their being. It was his choice and not their's."

Perryman acknowledges that most often the Bible is read through Anglo-, or European shaded glasses; thus, the truth of its ethnic diversity is never revealed. Consider the rainbow. It is more than a promise, it is a reminder that God loves. He loves unconditionally.

Children will be taught love when those who teach them learn about God's love as it is depicted in the Bible, and simply accept diversity as beauty.

1996 Election Results

President:

Bill Clinton (D)	49%
Bob Dole (R)	41%
Ross Perot (Reform Party)	8%

Governor:

Ellen Craswell (R)	40%
Gary Locke (D)	60%

CONGRESS

District 1:

Jeff Coopersmith (D)	48%
Rick White (R)	52%

District 2:

Jack Metcalf (R)	48%
Kevin Quigley	49%

District 3:

Brian Baird (D)	51%
Linda Smith (R)	49%

District 4:

Doc Hastings (R)	53%
Rick Locke (D)	47%

District 5:

George Nethercutt (R)	55%
Judy Olson (D)	45%

District 6:

Norm Dicks (D)	66%
Bill Tinsley (R)	30%

District 7:

Frank Kleschen (R)	18%
Jim McDermott (D)	82%

District 8:

Jennifer Dunn (R)	63%
Dave Little (D)	37%

District 9:

Adam Smith (D)	52%
Randy Tate (R)	45%

Supt. Public Schools:

Teresa Bergeson	64%
Ron Taber	36%

BALLOT ISSUES

Initiative 173 - School Vouchers

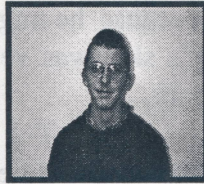
Yes	35%
No	65%

Initiative 177 - Charter Schools

Yes	35%
No	65%

Editor's Note:

Jon Haarstad



Before I go any further, I want to publicly congratulate the candidates who claimed victory. Regardless of any differences of opinion, they will be our leaders for at least the next two years and therefore deserve our respect and prayers.

I also encourage all of you to do the same, not only to the candidates, but also towards those around you in the church and outside of it who may differ from you politically. I firmly believe that a good portion of what is debated in politics is not a matter of spiritual significance. Regardless of how some may feel, you can and have every right to be a Christian and a Democrat or vice versa.

Christ never declared a political affiliation and we were never granted the right to check the box labeled "R" or "D" next to His name. There is nothing wrong with civilized debate amongst ourselves as long as we remember to treat each other with respect. We all must grasp the fact that there are many different ways to view social problems and solutions and beyond the issues that have clear and distinctive spiritual ramifications, there are many issues which we must solve using the minds that God has so graciously given us.

With that in mind, I won't hide the fact that I am a Republican and

proud of it. If you're reading this and you associate yourself as more in line with the Democratic Party, then "more power to you."

Above all, the one thing that angered me most throughout this entire race and I fear that it is a growing trend, is the general apathy by many on both sides of the political spectrum. There were a lot of accusations being made, and some were quite serious (i.e. Medicare "cuts" and "starving children"). I saw these ads. I watched TV as the AFL-CIO sponsored attacks that sought to dehumanize the Republican candidates as a whole. Responses? Replies? These were harsh attacks and the question posed to Republicans was whether to respond to such negativity and misrepresentation of the facts. But what amazes me more than anything is that . . . well . . . many people bought it!

My challenge to all the readers is this: "How much do you really know?" Don't just accept ideas and repeat the slogans simply because they came from your particular party. Know the facts and, more importantly, know why you believe what you believe. This pertains to the political as well as the spiritual realm. Our forefathers gave us the ability to think for ourselves. Are we going to take advantage of this privilege or are we going to let others do the thinking for us?

Dear Abby

"IF I KNEW THAT..."

Passing notes in class does not end in high school. Recently, I wrote a (girl) friend and asked for some expert advice: G—"What do you think girls want from guys, and vice-versa?"

Abby—"In a nutshell?

G—"No, in relationships."

Abby—"Different girls want/need different things. The basics are all the same - the iffy-stuff is by personality. It also goes with your love language. I like someone to go out of their way to for me, I guess in a way prove themselves sincere. I am a gift girl, but not expensive, just creative things/events that show they care. The basics would be the needs a girl has. A lot of girls need security. I don't need that so much, but girls need to know, hear or see that guys care. They need to feel special and important (but that's shown in different ways). How am I doing? Am I answering what you wanted or am I just babbling?"

G—"No, you're not babbling. It's a great help to me to understand better. Thank you. You are answering my question. — If anything what do you view as a basic need of males?"

Abby—"If I knew that... J/K. A lot of men (like women) like feeling needed. It kinda goes with that protector syndrome. I think sometimes it's something that makes them feel validated; men find who

they are in what they can do - their successes/achievements. They also want to be loved - sometimes they just have a funny way of showing it."

At this time, class was over. I thought that she had expressed herself very well. Then she added, "Your need for security determines how much/who you date greatly."

I thanked her, and asked her if I could submit this for the school paper because it was interesting. She smiled and consented. And no, I did not run out and buy her something— at least not before lunch.

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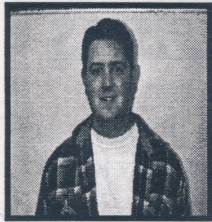
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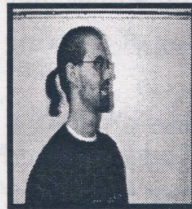
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Thoughts on Harvest Social

by Drew Dorsett

In adding to the extensive list of experiences while attending at N.C., tag this idea on from an old Senior and see how it works: You get from experiences what you choose to learn from them. Take this for example: 'We as the Body of Christ have a duty to grow in stature, wisdom, and understanding.' But how could this possibly connect with Harvest Social?

Here's some ideas I stumbled upon.

Invest in yourself with an attitude to turn around and invest it in another person. Talent show, planning and organizing a booth, painting, taping, nailing wood together... it all comes together to become an event that everyone can enjoy. In this idea, give to others. If you maintain an attitude of learning about life in God's service, no limit exists to the possible lives you could touch.

For those who poured their time and energy into this year's Harvest Social, we owe a debt of thanks.

If you can learn from any situation, then think for a second

about this: If a talent show participant who indirectly benefited from their experience by developing self-confidence also touches others, then those of us who did little or nothing can repay the gift by an earnest "thank-you" to the ASB and everyone else for enriching our lives. A kind comment, opening a door, a small token or something meaningful. If you didn't attend this year, you missed out. If you went and got nothing out of it, it's probably because you didn't choose to.

....Growing in stature, wisdom and understanding??

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The Value of a Budget

Jerry Casper

The biggest complaint that I hear from students at NC is that they're broke, don't have enough money, or can't afford to make their payments on time. Although I've said the same things, I can honestly say that my life changed when I wrote out a budget and **followed** it. Disciplining yourself to follow a budget may be a foreign thing to many students, so let me first describe the value of controlling your actions.

A principle that occurs throughout the Bible is sacrifice today so that you will reap rewards tomorrow. This has spiritual application in that we will receive rewards in heaven for our efforts on



earth. But it also has practical application in our daily and financial living.

In our satisfaction-driven society of credit cards and consumer

purchases, it is very easy to fall into the trap of needing something. When it comes right down to it, there

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When you run out of money, then you're done spending for the month. It is a simple principle that if you consistently spend less than you earn, you will not suffer financial problems.

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are very few things that we truly need in life, and the rest fall under the category of impulse purchases or wants generated by the society we live in. However — as Professor Stoops beats into his students on a regular basis — not making a purchase today, especially a credit card purchase, increases your purchasing power tomorrow. This means that if you hold off on buying that CD, T-shirt, thrift store purchase, T.G.I. Friday's dinner, or movie, and only purchase the things that you actually need, then, quite often, you will not run out of money or pay exorbitant rates for credit card purchases.

Throughout history, it has been proven time and again that making disciplined purchasing decisions pays off. However, very few people show that they know how to make wise purchasing decisions.

To explain how this is possible, let's look at the concept of a budget. To organize a budget, you simply total up all of the definite cash outflows that you have each month,

and then total up all of the income you receive each month. After doing this, simply start allocating income to cover outflow. When you run out of money, then you're done spending for the month. It is a simple principle that if you consistently spend less than you earn, you will not suffer financial problems. The United States federal government hasn't figured this out yet, but we are obligated by God to be good stewards of the funds given to us, so we are required to learn good spending habits.

For help with creating and sticking to a budget, there are many tools available to use. Larry Burkett has written an easy-to-understand book on creating and sticking to a budget. There are also computer programs like Quicken and MS Money which are helpful for writing a budget or balancing a checkbook.

If you're having a really hard time sticking to a budget, have a friend you trust keep you accountable for your expenditures.

Remember, your actions breed consequences both good and bad. Good spending habits breed good results. Bad habits...well, don't go there. My advice is to learn to manage your money instead of letting it manage you.

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