

News

Trevan Hauck

Journalism

When you read your local paper or campus paper, do you find your self wanting? Do you have complaints and questions as to why certain stories are printed and wonder where their facts are coming from? Do you feel that you have the talent, ideas, and motivation to do better? Answering yes to any of these would indicate that you may have an interest in Journalism. Next year, the NNU English Department will be proud to feature Journalism as a major. Most of the mechanics of the major have been worked out and NNU is currently taking applications for a new professor to better develop the new addition to the school's academic programs. This is good news to those of you who want to build upon your writing skills and learn the fundamentals of Journalism. Dr. Darrin Grinder has been one of the creators of this major and has high goals concerning the field. *"When we look at our local newspapers, news outlets, and national news entities, we see a lack of courageous, intelligent, liberally-educated, research minded journalists . . . NNU's Department of English can provide, with the help of other departments on campus, a challenging, serious, critical-thinking minded journalism program that exceeds the quality of programs at competing schools."* New courses that he has put together to achieve this goal consist of the following:

New Journalism Courses

| <u>Course*</u> | <u>Credits</u> |
|---|----------------|
| Research Techniques for Journalism | 3 |
| News Editing | 3 |
| News Analysis and Opinion Writing | 3 |
| History of Journalism | 3 |
| Junior Internship (must be with the <i>Crusader</i>) | 3 |
| Senior Internship (must be with an outside newspaper) | 3 |
| Senior Seminar in Journalism | 1 |

*Course descriptions will be available in next year's undergraduate catalog

These, along with nine other existing courses, will give journalism a credit load of forty six. However, what makes journalism rather unique is its requirement of one of seven minors. Students pursuing the journalism major can expect to minor in one of the following: Literature (19 credits), History (21 credits), Political Science (21 credits), Economics (24 credits), Environmental Science (24 credits), Philosophy (15 credits), or Spanish (20 credits). So, in actuality, to receive a degree in journalism from NNU, one is looking at a credit load anywhere between 61 and 70. This fact coupled with two separate internships makes this a major that will require devoted individuals who are serious about journalism and who are able to prove their skills in the public forum.

No Music On The Crosswalks, Please...

You Might Hit a Bus

Andrea Hall

We all know that driving with a cell phone glued to one ear is a dangerous distraction. But now iPods and other electronics are dangerous, too; at least according to Carl Kruger, a New York Senator.

Although iPods and their ilk are vastly useful and entertaining, they are also proving dangerous to pedestrians. Those little white earphones can be a big distraction, and result in an inability to hear anything else but the Blue Man Group being pumped into one's ears. Couple this with trying to cross a busy street, packed with drivers attached to their own personal electronics and a war zone emerges. Kruger is trying to combat this, or what he calls "iPod oblivion."

In truth, there has been a rise in pedestrian accidents and fatalities because of personal electronics. Several Brooklyn residents have died on the streets while using iPods. In one case, a man walked into the path of a city bus because he wasn't paying attention. In another, a person wearing earphones could not hear cries to stop, and was killed. Senator Kruger is proposing a ban on metropolitan New York's streets to avoid such disasters, and his proposal may soon sweep the nation. The ban would include using iPods, cell phones, and any other electronic device while walking along and crossing the streets of the city. Fines would be issued for anyone caught violating the ban: \$100 is reported to be the minimum charge, if the ban is put into action. Citizens would be allowed to use the devices in city parks and other safe areas.

For now, the ban seems to have more opposed to it than those supporting it. People all over the nation, even internationally, are railing against Kruger's planned ban, saying it takes away their freedoms. New York also bans smoking indoors and restaurants from selling trans-fatty acids. Many people do not want another activity taken away from them. Similar to the arguments for cell phone use on the roads, people are claiming that iPods and Blackberries do not kill people, reckless drivers do. Other politicians are supporting alternative methods to make New York's streets safer for pedestrians, including extended walking timers on street intersections. In our society of gadget-heads, Kruger is quickly making enemies in the name of safety.

Sources: Top Tech News, Google News

The Madness is Coming...

Tyler Law

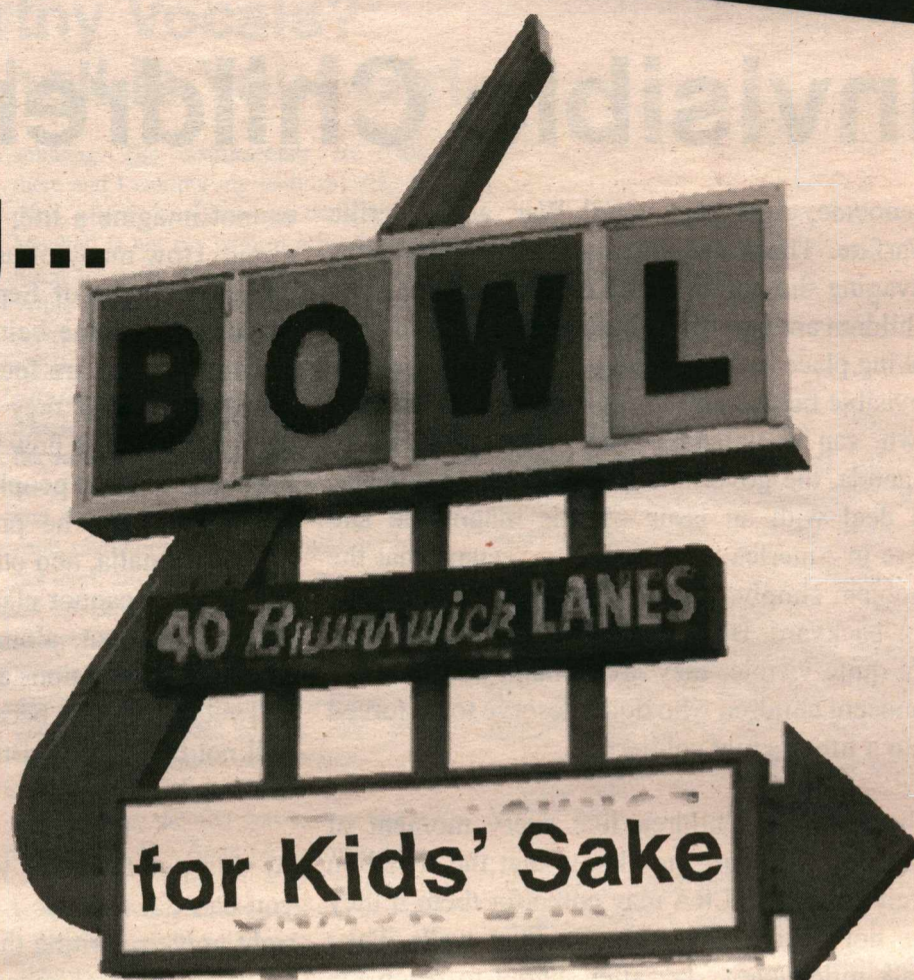
About this time of year, as winter changes to spring, and the sun begins to reign once again, a noticeable change comes over everyone. It affects people across the nation. A certain type of insanity takes over. Everyone begins to act rather crazy. One might say that they have some sort of madness. A March Madness, if you will. It's no surprise; the NCAA Tournament, one of the most action packed tournaments in the world of sports, is just around the corner.

The excitement surrounding the tournament really is catching. Where else can you see 64 teams, from different schools all around the country, playing their hearts out? Memorable tournament moments abound. The finishes are often exciting, with classic shots (Laetner's shot for Duke), upsets (Idaho State beating UCLA several years ago), and, of course, incredible amounts of anxiety.

One of the most interesting parts of the tournament is the yearly "Cinderella" team. That is the team that comes out of nowhere, defies the odds, and makes a big statement at the tournament. Recently, the category included Gonzaga, and their incredible run established them as a national power. However, last year's unforgettable "Cinderella" was George Mason, a small university in Virginia, who made it all the way to the Final Four. Who will be the surprise team this year?

Many of the usual contenders are in the running to be national champion. One of the stories to watch for is Florida. They won the tournament last year and also took home the BCS national championship in football. Another win would produce one of the most dominating performances in history. Florida has been at the top of the rankings for much of this season. Also among the best in the nation are UCLA, North Carolina, Duke, and Wisconsin. Many western teams are also enjoying good seasons, especially those in the PAC-10. Oregon, Washington State, the aforementioned UCLA, Arizona, and most of the rest of the conference are having stellar seasons.

So, sit back and enjoy the kind of action that only college basketball can provide. Grab a bracket, fill it out, and participate in your office or school contest. If there isn't one, start your own. Pick a team (it can even be one you've never heard of), wear their colors proudly, and cheer until your roommates tell you to shut up. Just make sure you don't miss any of the action.



Tannis Wasson

Many wouldn't consider bowling a sport and I am right there with you, but now you have a chance to participate in this activity and raise money for a good cause too. Bowl for Kids' Sake, a Big Brothers Big Sisters event is accepting applications for teams right now. All you have to do is find 5 people to sign-up with and call Big Brothers Big Sisters at 377-2552 and let them know you want to participate, or you can go to the website at www.bbbsidaho.org and sign-up. You can print the pledge sheet from home too! From there the process is simple, your team raises \$100 per person and you collect the money. On your assigned bowling day just show up at the appropriate alley with the money and bowl you heart out knowing it is all for Kids' Sake. So come as a swashbuckler and make that ball walk the plank.

Spiritual Life

Invisible Children

Tannis Wasson

Genocide, Apartheid, Civil War, and Guerilla Warfare. These are just some of the problems ravaging the continent of Africa. The Invisible Children are part of the outcome of the atrocities taking place in Africa everyday, and yet they are invisible because no government, not even their own, can or will take care of the problem. In Uganda, the government is too near to collapse to deal with an issue of this magnitude and here in America we are able to pretend that the problem simply doesn't exist because it isn't in our backyard. But to any who would look they are quite visible, they are human, and they are innocent children who don't deserve to be forced into a life of child soldiering.

The Invisible Children live every moment of their lives in fear; they know that the rebellion army called the LRA may come for them if they are not attentive enough. So they walk. They walk miles every day after school to reach the gates of the local hospital where they will fight for any available space because it insures that they will be locked behind the gates and the area will be patrolled by an armed guard. But this still doesn't make these children safe, as can be seen in the documentary. The armed guard is drunk and many of the children are still sleeping outside, and all that separates them from the LRA is the iron gate. Why do these children walk? Because sleeping in their own villages isn't safe. As much as their parents love them, they cannot protect them because they are being massacred in pursuit of the children and when they sleep the LRA comes. If they are captured, they are desensitized immediately by being beaten, killed, or forced to kill their peers. Some of these children are missing arms or other appendages, and for others the mental scars are much deeper than can be imagined. But this isn't the only thing these children are fighting against.

The Invisible Children are living with the LRA, but they are also living with poverty. They go to bed sick or hungry, and if they eat once a day they are thankful. They wear rags and do their homework in the dark. Some of these children are being hunted by name and others ask for death, but through it all there are still so many that are thankful to God for every moment that they live free. Something that we take for granted is what they pray for... safety. As Americans, we

cannot imagine a life, a country, where we are afraid. How many of us are still afraid since the terrorist attacks of September 11? How many of us can imagine being hunted by name, city to city, until we are found and then tortured and killed? But what they can't figure out, what I can't figure out, is how we can knowingly ignore the plight of these people. While most Americans are unaware of the problems in Uganda, the Sudan, Somalia, and other war-torn nations, our government cannot claim that same innocence. The government, along with the governments of many other nations are aware of the problem, and yet stone silent because they either cannot or will not take action. But there is still something that can be done.

At this point I hope you are wondering what you can do, because I am doing what I can do right now. In writing this piece, I am making an effort to increase awareness, and through that awareness, I am hoping for action. With enough people concerned about these children, the Invisible Children, we can make a difference. To help you can attend the IC screening on March 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the Science Lecture Hall or the Benefit Concert on March 12th at 8:00 p.m. in the Brandt Center starring Phil Wickham. Now we are left with just one question: what is a child worth to you?

March Time Out Box

7- Awareness panel
14- Jenn Knight
21- Spring Break
28- TBA

Celebrate the Easter Season with the Boise Master Chorale

Performing "Requiem" by Maurice Duruflé

Dr. Sam Porter, will accompany the Chorale on the beautiful Cathedral pipe organ
Jennifer Ceresa, soprano, will be the featured soloist
Samuel Smith, featured Cellist

When: Saturday, March 31, 2007

Where: The Cathedral of the Rockies (11th & Hayes Streets)

Time: Evening performance, 7:30 pm. \$18 advance, \$20 at door.

Open rehearsal, 10:00 am. \$10

Students (with ID) free

Tickets: BMC, P.O. Box 2244, Boise, ID 83701 or at our

Web site: www.boisemasterchorale.org
also call: 344-4794

Maurice Duruflé



Born in Louviers, France, in 1902, Maurice Duruflé began his musical education as a choirster at Rouen. Moving to Paris in 1919, he showed exceptional talents as an organist, winning several awards for interpretation and improvisation. In 1929, he won the composition prize in a contest organized by the Friends of the Organ for his Prélude, Adagio et Choral varié du Veni Creator. Many of his works show the profound influence Gregorian chant had on him: his Requiem (1947) was based on Gregorian themes from the Requiem Mass.

Press Releases

Revisioning Holiness Conference a success

Wesley Center for Applied Theology would like to extend a warm thanks to everyone involved in this year's Revisioning Holiness Conference. The event was huge success and could not have been done without the time and effort of those involved.

The conference, held Feb. 8-10, featured workshops led by NNU faculty including Dr. Jay Akkerman, Dr. Wendall Bowes, Dr. Diane LeClerc, Dr. George Lyons, Dr. Mark Maddix and Dr. Thomas Jay Oord. Essay contributions were made by Stephen Borger, Randy Bynum, Daryl Johnson, Bob Luhn, April McNeice, Nancy Pitts, Stan Rodes, Libby Tedder, and Prof. Arnie Ytreeide. Other contributors included Randy Craker, President Rich Hagood, Dr. Michael Pitts and Dr. Carol Rotz.

Podcasts will soon be available on the Wesley Center website. Conference DVDs may also be purchased by contacting Dr. Mike Kipp at MAKipp(at)nnu.edu.

2007 Athletic Hall of Fame class inducted

On Saturday night, February 17th, the Northwest Nazarene athletic department inducted the 2007 class into the NNU Athletic Hall of Fame. The class included Jerry Isaacson (Baseball), Shelley (Bartlow) Johnson (W.Basketball), Becky (Dix) Wadkamper (Volleyball), and Dr. Francis Sharpton (Meritorious Service).

The class was inducted during a ceremony at halftime of the men's basketball game against Western Oregon University, with a reception following the game in the Hall of Fame area upstairs in the Johnson Sports Center.

This was the 11th class to enter the Hall of Fame and brought the total to 24 individuals and one team.

Jerry Isaacson, Baseball - 1959-62, pitched for the Crusader baseball team during his four-year career and continues to hold four career and 12 season NNU pitching records, including the number three mark in career innings pitched (245.2) and the fourth best ERA in a career at 2.42. Jerry served as a public school teacher and coach from 1962 until his retirement in 2003, but he continues his coaching career.

Shelly (Bartlow) Johnson, Women's Basketball - 1980-83 and 85-86, was awarded the Salisbury Basketball Award in 1982 and is the all-time leading rebounder in NNU women's basketball history with 984

career rebounds. She also holds the NNU single-game record for most rebounds in a game with 25. She holds two single-game records, six season records, and five career records. Shelly is a real estate broker in Corvallis, Oregon.

Becky (Dix) Wadkamper, Volleyball - 1986-89, helped lead the NNU volleyball team to a, then NNU record, 19 wins in her freshman season. She was awarded the Hopkins-Humphrey Female Athlete of the Year award in 1990, and continues to hold three career, three game, and one single-match records. She was an NAIA All-District II First Team selection in 1989, an NAIA All-American Scholar Athlete in 1989, and was a four-year letter winner in both volleyball and basketball.

Since 1991, Dr. Francis Sharpton has volunteered to research, select, and maintain the university diesel bus. This service has included qualifying and arranging for drivers, submitting Idaho Department of Transportation travel reports, arranging for remodels, a complete overhaul and rebuild of the diesel engine, and logging thousands of miles transporting NNU sports teams. A service he continues to provide in his retirement after serving NNU in the Physics department from 1970 to 2001.

NNU students send blankets to Bangladesh

This Jan., a group of 13 students worked together to raise money for those suffering from a cold wave in Bangladesh. Temperatures in Bangladesh had drastically fallen from an average 80 plus degrees to a mere 40. Led by Christian ministries major, Amanda Sugden, the group raised over \$1500 in three days for the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries relief effort. Just over 250 blankets were donated to the people of Bangladesh with the funds received.

Sugden was inspired last Dec. after receiving \$4 from her church to make a difference. Throughout Christmas break, Sugden continually asked family and friends for suggestions. After much prayer, Sugden decided to act on a forwarded email from her father. The Nazarene Compassionate Ministries was asking for prayers and support to send blankets to Bangladesh.

Immediately, Sugden contacted her resident director and asked for help collecting additional donations from her dorm. Sugden then expanded the movement into a campus-wide effort. "This is the first time I have done anything like this. I have taken part in fundraisers but never organized one

myself; I would do it again in a heartbeat!" Sugden commented.

Other students involved included Amy Bloomquist, Klarey Collins, Justin Derting, Haline Freitas, Landon Loeber, Tony Napier, Ben Pearson, Kari Penrod, Joseph Sumi, Lynelle Thompson, Erik Valenti and Laura Webber.

Preparations for annual career week underway

Northwest Nazarene University prepares for its annual Career Week this April. The event, which aids area college students obtain employment, is soliciting local businesses and organizations for sponsorships and involvement.

Career Week gives students and local business leaders the opportunity to interact and discuss summer work, internship possibilities, and full-time employment. NNU's Career Center Director Dianna Gunderson stated, "Last year we had over 150 NNU volunteers and 80 organizations involved in the events." Gunderson also noted that businesses regularly return to the Career Fair because they are impressed with the quality of students and friendly campus environment.

Career Week begins Mon., April 2, and culminates Thurs., April 5, with the Career Fair, held in the Johnson Sports Center. Local businesses are invited to attend the informative activities. Registration information and sponsorships are available by contacting the NNU Career Center at 208-467-8767 or 208-467-8402. For more details, visit www.nnu.edu/career.

Forensics team qualifies for national competition

Northwest Nazarene University forensics students, Brenna Blair, junior, and Jason Montgomery, freshman, qualified to compete in this weekend's National Christian College Forensics Tournament in California and Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament in Michigan.

In January, the NNU forensics teams competed against 24 Western schools including over 300 individual event entrants and

nearly 100 debate teams from University of Oregon, Utah State University, Humboldt State, University of Washington, and Carroll College at the Scheller Forensics Invitational on the campus of Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon.

The team took home seven awards including third place for Hannah Beers' junior drama interpretation, fifth place for Brenna Blair's junior prose interpretation, and ninth place for Julia Fitch's junior prose interpretation. In addition to qualifying for the national tournament, Montgomery placed third in junior impromptu speaking, fourth in junior persuasive speaking, eighth in extemporaneous speaking, and earned "honorable mention" for the Orv Iverson Award Best Novice/Junior Division Competitor. These honors were added to placements from tournaments in Sept. and Nov. to determine who had met the qualification requirements for the national tournaments.

Assist. Director of Forensics, Nicole McMillin stated, "We are extremely proud of our team this year. They have shown tremendous dedication to planning, preparation and personal growth in the competitive events they have entered. While it was a short season for us, this dedication has translated into success with two qualifiers for nationals and several other team members who were very close to qualifying. We have every confidence that Brenna and Jason will represent us well at nationals." Congratulations to the entire NNU Forensics team for a good competitive year: Brenna Blair, Hannah Beers, Heather Begin, Blair Davidson, Julia Fitch, Jason Montgomery, and Lynsey Smith.

Articles by
Ashlee Jerome

Seeing

Chocolate; Good for the Heart

39% of nnu enjoys milk chocolate

High End Chocolate Low End and Everything

The Holidays have passed and Valentine's Day is nothing but a distant memory. Yet the cherished events of the past three months have left an unwanted memento in their stay; extra pounds. Much of this weight is directly related to America's favorite candy: chocolate. For those of you regretting some of your holiday eating habits, pay close attention. There may be a redeeming factor in your chocolate consumption. Recently there has been controversy over the possible health benefits of chocolate. Chocolate lovers everywhere have begun using the newly discovered health implications to defend their favorite treat. But what exactly are these health benefits?

According to researchers at the University of Cornell, the antioxidants found in chocolate may help prevent cancer and heart disease among other illnesses (chocolate.org). Antioxidants may increase high density lipoprotein, or HDL, which is the body's good cholesterol. Researchers point specifically to cocoa and dark chocolate as a positive source of antioxidants over other forms of chocolate. Antioxidants can also be found in green tea and red wine, but in much smaller quantities. In one study, participants consumed a specified amount of dark chocolate and cocoa powder every day. After doing so, their low density lipoprotein, or LDL, was less likely to oxidize, meaning that their arteries were less likely to clog (CNN). So should we forget the Cheerio's and eat chocolate instead?

Chocolate is good for the heart in other ways as well. Studies have shown that those who drink cocoa rich in flavonol have increases in nitric oxide activity (immunesupport.com). This activity is good for blood pressure and, therefore, promotes a healthy heart.

Despite the health benefits, it is impossible to deny that chocolate contributes to the ever-growing weight struggle of many Americans. So the question is this: are health benefits worth the risk of the health ramifications? Should people eat chocolate for the sake of their heart despite the weight battle it may create?

These are tricky questions to answer, but

or Bad for the Hips?

Rachael Finch

there is one word that should certainly be considered, and that is moderation. Excessive chocolate consumption will inevitably lead to a weight struggle. Trading one unhealthy situation for another will accomplish nothing, and obesity is not good for the heart, either. Consider also, that drinking cocoa has the health benefits of bar chocolate with less fat content. If the health benefits of chocolate are to be pursued, it should be done with great care.

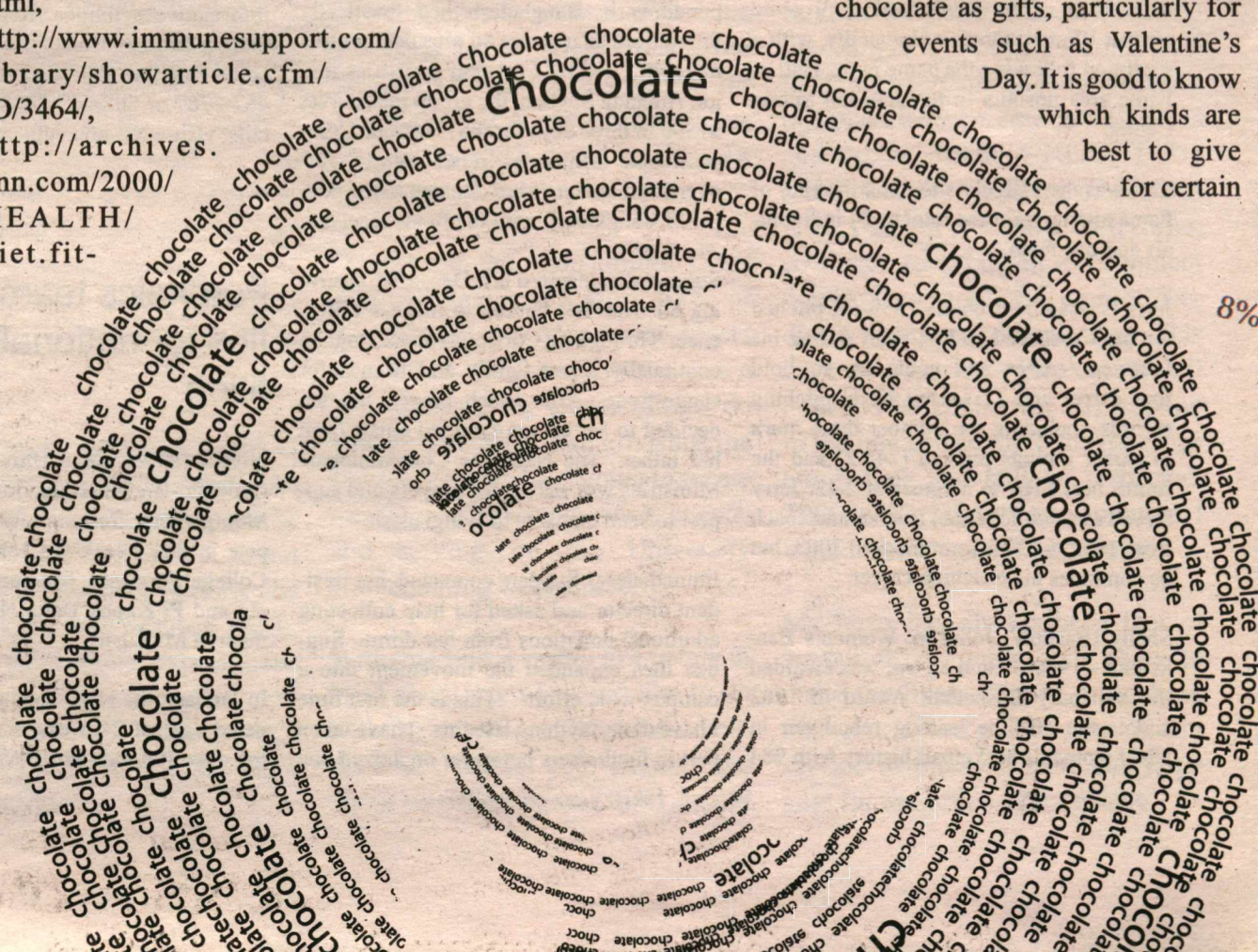
A second issue should also be considered. Researchers are finding that other foods may have the same health benefits. Some fruits, vegetables, and teas may also be good for lowering LDL levels, raising HDL levels, and maintaining low blood pressure. These foods do not contain the fat that chocolate does, and therefore may be more effective. This is not to say that chocolate is a poor option; rather, it means that many other options must be considered equally.

For this and more information on the health benefits of chocolate visit the following websites:
<http://www.chocolate.org/health/antioxidants.html>,
<http://www.immunesupport.com/library/showarticle.cfm/ID/3464/>,
<http://archives.cnn.com/2000/HEALTH/diet.fit->

If there is one thing I have learned in my many years as a chocolate aficionado, it is that there are many different types out there. It can be a daunting task to be faced with a shelf full of different types of chocolate. They all look good, and, by golly, they all taste good . . . right? That depends. Since there are so many different types out there, it is important to know what kinds are good for which situations.

First of all, I know it's crazy, but there are different colors of chocolate. It can come in three different varieties: milk, dark, and white chocolate. Milk chocolate is the most plentiful. It offers a smooth, creamy flavor. Dark chocolate seems to be more sophisticated. It can contain a little bit of bitterness in it, as well. White chocolate is very unique and less common. It has its own flavor and it seems to be more delicate. Be sure to choose the one that reflects your tastes and your mood.

Many people enjoy giving chocolate as gifts, particularly for events such as Valentine's Day. It is good to know which kinds are best to give for certain



Chocolate, Milk Chocolate, and Chocolate, Lying in Between

Tyler Law

49% would rather have dark chocolate

Chocolate Throughout History

Rachael Finch

situations. A Hershey bar or other common bar bought in bulk could suffice for large mailings or gifts given to friends. However, that will not be very impressive if you're trying to woo that special someone. Other chocolates may be more expensive, but they are presented nicely and tend to be rich and delicious. Higher end, gift-appropriate chocolates include: Dove, Ghirardelli, and of course, the classic Whitman's Sampler. For the highest of the high end chocolates, go to Switzerland or one of the many other European countries that do chocolate right. Importing is often necessary if you are a gourmet or if you are searching for the highest quality.

Finally, chocolate can often be used to drown one's sorrows. What type of chocolate is best for this? Any kind. Go for whatever makes you happy. If a bunch of dollar store chocolate can bring a smile to your face, shovel it in. If you need to spend the money to get the endorphin high of imported chocolate, go for it. It's not so much about the chocolate; it's about you.

In conclusion, chocolate is very tasty. It comes in many different varieties to satisfy a number of tastes and it can do a great job of easing pain. It can even help you write tough newspaper articles . . . as long as you don't get it all over your keys, like I did.

Chocolate is the way to a woman's heart, the candy of choice for most children, and the guilty pleasure of the general populous. This sweet treat has been around for a long time, but it hasn't always existed as we know it now. How did this revolutionary candy come to be the force it is today, and what forms did it come in before?

There are several dates sighted as the oldest known record of chocolate, but the consensus seems to be that it is between fifteen hundred and two thousand years old. The cacao tree, from which chocolate is created, can be found in Central America and Southern Mexico. The ancient Mayan and Aztec tribes both valued cocoa beans. The Aztec's even used the beans for currency. Both societies, however, made a beverage from the plant, which was used for consumption in ceremony and by the elite. Further, the Aztec's believed that the drink was good for the body. It was unsweetened and sometimes even mixed with chili peppers; a flavor much different than the one we know today.

Chocolate later spread to Spain. It was there that Hernando Cortez added sugar to the chocolate drink. After that it grew in popularity and other spices were added. Vanilla and cinnamon sweetened

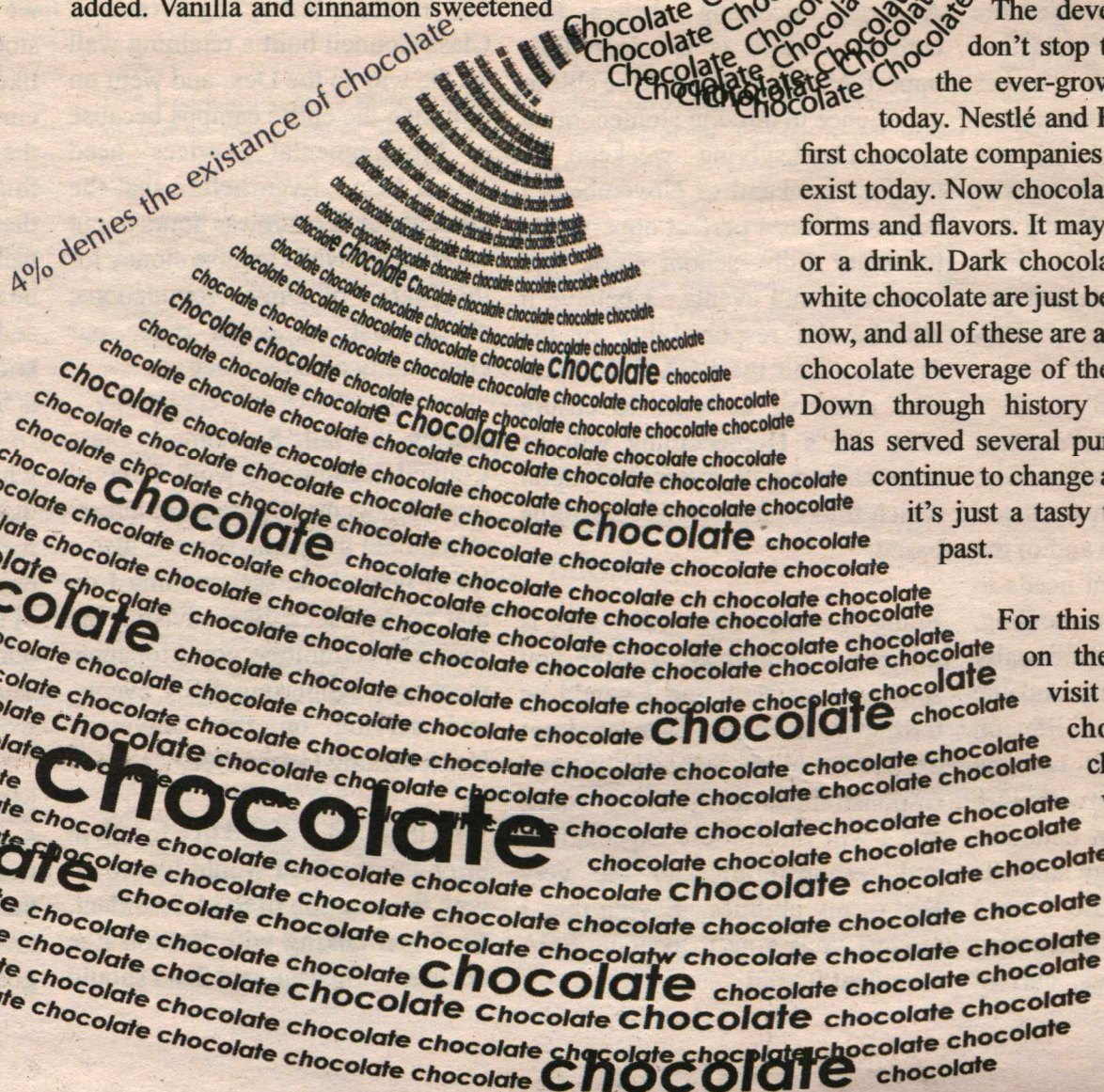
the drink, making it taste more like it does today. It was also in Spain that the drink was first served hot.

The phenomenon didn't stop there. It continued to spread into Europe. In 1850, the first cocoa processing plant opened in Spain, in 1657 the first English Chocolate House was established, and in 1828 the cocoa press was invented. Next came the two forms of chocolate we are most familiar with today: the 1847 development of solid chocolate and Daniel Peter's 1876 development of milk chocolate in Switzerland.

Interestingly enough, in Europe, as with the Aztec civilization, many people used chocolate for medicinal purposes. Is it any wonder that Americans are currently exploring the health benefits of chocolate?

The developments in chocolate don't stop there, as can be seen by the ever-growing chocolate market today. Nestlé and Hershey were two of the first chocolate companies to develop and they still exist today. Now chocolate can be found in many forms and flavors. It may be a solid bar, a truffle, or a drink. Dark chocolate, milk chocolate, and white chocolate are just beginning points for flavor now, and all of these are a far cry from the original chocolate beverage of the Mayas and the Aztecs. Down through history this ancient ingredient has served several purposes, and its role will continue to change and develop. But for now it's just a tasty treat with an interesting past.

For this and more information on the history of chocolate visit http://www.aphrodite-chocolates.co.uk/history_chocolate.htm, <http://www.candyusa.org/Chocolate/history.asp>, or <http://inventors.about.com/library/inventors/blchocolate.htm>.



4% denies the existence of chocolate

poses white chocolate

Feature

Landon Loeber

Hey! For those of you who don't know me, I am Landon Loeber, and I am excited to be running for the position of SGA President for this upcoming year. I am currently a Junior Elementary Education major. I enjoy hiking, biking, being involved in music, traveling, and taking long walks on the beach in the moonlight. I strongly value the personal relationship I have with Jesus Christ. I am a person who enjoys planning and getting things done. I care deeply about all that I do, and believe that being a sincere and helpful person is necessary to being the NNU SGA President.

These past few years at NNU have been absolutely amazing, and I have had so many unforgettable experiences. Being an RA in Corlett, serving as a Class Senator and as an NNU Admission Ambassador, working on the Student Alumni Council, and being involved in three music ensembles has provided me with a solid and diverse foundation of student involvement. It has been an honor to be associated with prospective students, current students, and alumni as a member of these various activities. Having this experience and a desire to continue serving NNU has compelled me to run for the position of SGA President.

In my opinion, the SGA President should be a representative who upholds and reflects the values and ideas of the student body and of the university. The President needs to be approachable, understanding, and a strong leader; continually working to promote unity and the advancement of student life on campus. The President has the special opportunity to meet with other university leaders, sit on councils, and continue to encourage students to attend NNU. Because I have had the opportunity of interacting with prospective students, current

students, and alumni through a variety of activities, I welcome the President's task of acting as the representative of NNU with great anticipation.

Knowing the President does not work alone, I believe teamwork is an essential component of SGA and leadership in general. Through participation in intramurals, band, choir, drama, and being an RA, I believe I have learned and developed my skills as a leader who is able to not only take initiative and get things done, but also to do so in a manner that includes and uplifts others. I firmly believe that moving together as a team, and not just as a sole leader, is the effective way to lead.

In dealing with the changes that inevitably exist on a campus due to classes, events, and ideas, I feel, as President, I will be able to step up and see that the requests of the students and faculty are being met. A large upcoming change that comes to mind is the incredible opportunity that NNU will be able to experience in moving Homecoming from Thanksgiving weekend to the first weekend of November. I believe this is a perfect opportunity to create unity, school spirit, and a week of fun events. I believe it will be the responsibility of the President and the SGA Cabinet to take initiative in order to ensure next year's Homecoming will be remembered and a template upon which future Homecomings will be based.

Being a senior next year, this is my only opportunity to serve you as SGA President, and I would be thrilled to have this chance. I am excited for all the expectations and responsibilities this position holds, and I will fulfill these expectations and responsibilities to the very best of my abilities. Saying this, I request your vote to become SGA President 07-08!

Thoughts of the Candidates

Tony Napier

My name is Tony Napier and I am running for the office of Student Government Association President this year. First, and foremost, I am a disciple of Christ. I try, in everything that I do to show His amazing love that He first showed me. Second, I am a servant of the Lord to the people. Third, I am a student, here at Northwest Nazarene University to receive an education, so that I may better use the abilities that God has given me to affect the world in which we live.

I am focused on both academics and making all of our lives better. For instance, last spring Freshman Class Council built a retaining wall on the way to the Dex, and went on to mulch the entire campus because of Environmental Services' need of our help. Even before that the council put in countless hours to put together Mr.NNU to raise money for the March of Dimes foundations; all so that we could make our community a better place.

During the fall, Sophomore Class Council organized a work force of over 20 student and parent volunteers to remodel the park. There is also a lot of behind the scenes thing I do that no one sees, like advising the Judiciary committee, going to senate meetings, supporting SGA events, and serving on the University Homecoming Committee.

With that said, I would like to talk in brief about what I would like to do with the position of SGA President. As I was talking with Kenton Lee about his office, he said that I should

pick one thing that was of utmost importance to my administration, and do my best to affect that thing. So I pondered on it for some time and came to the conclusion that I would work to affect student involvement. One way we can increase student involvement is by heightening student morale at sporting events. I want more people at basketball, soccer, and baseball/softball games. These teams are representing who we are to the rest of the world and we should be a part of that representation.

Not only do I want to increase student involvement on campus, but off as well. We need to take some time to analyze who we are and who we represent. What has our campus stood up for lately? I applaud the likes of Stephanie Rooks and the current SGA for getting involved in the child soldering issue and Amanda Sugden for doing something about the Bangladesh people during their harsh winter. College is supposed to be a place where we try out new ideas and debate different issues. I also know that the majority of campus is very bright and has a lot to offer, so I want to create an environment where those people feel comfortable discussing controversial issues. This isn't your parent's church. We all need to realize that we can step out of the line and shout to the roof tops our beliefs and still be respected. That is the kind of environment I would like to see NNU become.

My heart has always been that of a servant, my main goal being to make the lives of those around me that much better because of my service to them. I have the same goal for the office of President.



Are you looking for a great club that lets you exercise your natural creativity and make some great memories all at once? The NNU Photography Club can provide all this and more.

Photo Club is getting started up again, thanks to some renewed student interest and funds from the Senate! Professor Jamie Hubble, the newest addition to the NNU art department, is very excited about this opportunity to meet students who share a passion of hers: photography. She is looking forward to expanding the photography department, and is looking to add a minor or major in the subject to the school's catalog. "We have a model for a photo minor," Hubble states, "and all it needs is approval."

The club is going to be primarily student-run, and Hubble will be the club's sponsor and help run activities.

Hubble encourages anyone who is interested to look out for the emails and posters that will be announcing the club's first meetings. Officer elections will be held at the meetings as well, and anyone interested in the President position or any other office are welcome to run. Being an officer is "not just another responsibility" for students, says Hubble, but "a chance to benefit students in a tangible way."

Besides meetings, the club will focus on exploring different techniques in photography, and organizing trips or get-togethers where students can get off campus, even out of the Valley, to take their own photos. A show exhibiting students' work can be organized and the club also wants to get involved with the art club and team up for a retreat to McCall next fall. There will also be on-campus sessions, focusing on methods and materials, and of course, they are fueled by the college student's staple: pizza! If time and funds allow, Hubble has expressed the possibility of the club's being able to learn how to use the department's darkroom to develop their own film and make prints.

This club is going to hit the ground running and the fun should begin shortly. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone remotely interested in photography. Do you have a camera (or access to a friend's)? Come to photo club! There are no requirements—digital or film cameras are great. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for posters and campus emails about upcoming meetings, and take those photo opportunities to the next level!

Tannis Wasson Looking For Earthy Vocals? Anais Mitchell is Your Girl

Anais Mitchell hails from Righteous Babe Records and brings plenty of heartfelt vocals and beautiful instrumentals to the table. There is more to this musician than meets the eye, but it certainly is not her lyrics or her vocals. While probably being marketed wholly to chicks, and hippy granola chicks at that, she has potential to be something more.

With many women paving her way, such as Alanis, Ani DiFranco, and any other Lillith Fair performer Mitchell has the opportunity to have standard vocals and still succeed. How many people remember Alanis in her earlier days? I loved her but that harmonica probably drove every girl up the wall, and her lyrics only appealed to some. Mitchell is in this category, there are going to be people who will love the lyrics and the sound of her voice, and these people will latch on and buy all of her records. But I expect that there will be those who would agree with me that the tone her voice seems to carry is distinctly childish and her lyrics are not great, not enough to stand alone. So why is Mitchell worth listening to?

When I asked the question above I wondered where I was going with this. The answer is that Mitchell's band is

amazing. The instrumentals are really there and I can put my feelings aside for them. Much like my opinion on DiFranco, Mitchell is not the kind of artist I would listen to every day... or even regularly. While track 10 Hades and Persephone is pretty good Mitchell is mood specific and while I cannot pinpoint that mood I am sure there is a mood for her. What else does Mitchell have going for her? The cover to her latest LP, the brightness (yes, it is all lower case), is beautiful. She is unique and her record company employs grass roots marketing. While you will not hear her latest single on the radio, and you will not see her making media waves, you will probably see many college reviews inside many college papers. This is obviously her intended market, and it seems to be one that appreciates eclectic taste, good instrumentals, and an earthy voice.

Bottom line, the CD was not as bad as some stuff, Die Ärzte (A German Punk-Rock Band), but it also is not as good as so much of the main stream stuff. So while I probably would not pay for it I did not mind spending 45 minutes with it. So if you are looking for more earthy tracks that embody many of the same qualities as Ani DiFranco then I would say this is the CD for you, otherwise borrow it when you are in the mood and give it back to the person that paid for it when you are done.

"The Stepping Up and Going Under Method" is a short video as well, and presents a choice that must be made: to step up onto a sturdy platform, or to pass into the unknown. This video also raises questions and observations about life, and the choices one must make to get anywhere. Watch the video, and ask yourself where you would go.

Displayed with the videos in the gallery spaces are 25-foot wall collages of the documentation the McMillans took of their work as it progressed. Video stills and photos documenting each step of the production are accompanied by posts from the artists' blog (www.meganandmurraymcmillan.com)

Andrea Hall Contemporary Artists Now Showing in Friesen Galleries

The Brandt Center galleries have the unique opportunity to play host to two contemporary artists this month. Hailing from St. Louis, Megan and Murray McMillan are a husband and wife team who work with audio and video to make their art.

Two video works are currently on display in the Friesen Galleries of the Brandt: "Sea Shovel" and "The Stepping Up and Going Under Method." The videos, according to the artists' statement, attempt to capture an environment that "hints at psychological relationships that are sometimes universal, but are often more personal."

"Sea Shovel" consists of a man pulling a "ship" before the camera, loaded down with sleeping people and "workers," who throw trash overboard. Military sweepers follow this ship, cleaning up after the workers. The video is short but it presents many questions about society and burdens.

and also handwritten notes, which give insights into the trials and successes they experienced throughout the production, as well as present interesting details about why certain elements were included

or removed. It gives the viewer a peek at what goes on in an artist's head, and is a work of art in its own right. This collage is a completely new process for the artists, and they seem very happy with the results it has shown. At the opening of this show, on February 5th, people kept going back and forth between the video space and the collages, looking for details and finding them in the footage. Because of the success of the collage in generating interest and dialogue between the works, the McMillans are considering using it in future shows, as well.

NNU has never hosted such contemporaries as Megan and Murray McMillan. Their multimedia work is unique and something different for students, faculty, and the community to experience. The show closes on March 9th.

Capt. Obvious

Ty and Anthony's Point/Counter-Point

A forum dedicated to exploring both sides of an issue that concerns the common NNU student.

Topic: Ring by Spring vs. Bachelor Life

Anthony: Ty, I noticed that the groundhog didn't see his shadow this year. You know what that means, right?

Ty: Uh, I'm not sure. I think it has something to do with spring, but I'm not sure how that applies to this forum.

Anthony: Well, Ty, it means spring comes early. With it comes the flurry of proposals from NNU men wanting their women to become their life-long balls and chains.

Ty: I think you just made my first point for me. Why would you want to start that as soon as possible? It's much better to enjoy the life of a swinging bachelor.

Anthony: Ty, when a man loves a woman, he wants to express his love and affection through the gift of a diamond ring. He also wants to make the statement, "Don't mess with my woman."

Ty: Man, that money could be well spent dating many other girls, not to mention buying two semesters' worth of textbooks. Dating also allows you to get to know different people and find out what you really want. Why not wait until you have a much better job with a high salary to take that big step?

Anthony: Ty, I'm going into education. There is no money there. That's why it's much better to propose now. My fiancé will bring in the big bucks to pay for the lifestyle I want. By putting a little money into a ring now, I will receive a much bigger payoff later.

Ty: Interesting plan. I'm not sure it's right to give her all the responsibility. Love is supposed to be about partnership. Besides, I can have a business partner and still receive all of the financial benefits without the issues of marriage. As a bachelor, I can live alone, without pesky roommates, and I can do what I want when I want.

Anthony: That's a really good point, Ty. In a marriage, however, you have a built-in-life partner to plan preposterous deeds to do to

others, such as watering the neighbor's house or stealing roses off their bushes. If you get caught, at least you have someone to either bail you out of jail or be in jail with you. It's a win-win situation.

Ty: What kind of a marriage are you planning? Stealing roses? Going to jail? Bachelors spend their time doing more important things, like wooing the ladies. Now, Anthony, the free life also cuts down on frustrating date ideas. As a bachelor, I can use the same spectacular plans several times in different situations, instead of having to come up with a new plan each time to top the old ones.

Anthony: But variety is the spice of life, Ty. By having a fiancé, I never fall into a dating "rut" as every new date woos her all the more. The other upside to having a fiancé is she's pretty much stuck with me, even when I'm doing something embarrassing, like singing "I Need a Hero" while walking to chapel.

Ty: Yeah, I actually heard you doing that the other day. I'm free to be as wild and crazy as I want, without worrying about bringing anyone else down with me. Oh, and Anthony, I forgot to mention one of the best perks of bachelorhood: no IN-LAWS!

Anthony: But, Ty, if you have in-laws, you get more presents for the holidays. Who doesn't want more presents? Dana sure did when I surprised her with an extra present on Valentine's Day!

Ty: Oh, yeah, I heard about that. How'd that go?

Anthony: Well, she said YES!

Ty (grumbling): Aaargh, I wish I was that lucky. You know, I may have been arguing for the bachelor side, but I'm actually quite eligible and available. If you are at all interested, please call 1-800-DATE-LAW. Thank you.

Congratulations to all the couples, including Anthony and Dana, who got engaged this February!

Official Point/Counterpoint Tally

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Would You Rather Tannis Wasson

In this episode of Would You Rather, we will be examining the question of would you rather live entirely in a dream world, basing your life entirely on fiction and be extremely long lived but lonely, or live in reality for a very short time? Like last episode, there are upsides and downsides to both choices, but one presents a much more fulfilling life than the other.

Right off the bat I know some people are choosing the long, lonely life in a fictional story. You are drawing parallels between yourself and Cinderella, or yourself and Superman. You are thinking that this life sounds really good and you already have a Prince Charming or Lois Lane in mind. You can look around the campus and see him or her, and while you probably don't know him or her you have this preconceived notion that allows him or her to be perfect and you imagine your life just as the story has been written. This sounds really good, right? There are a great many days that this seems wonderful to me. If you take out the evil stepmother and stepsisters, the farm, the servitude, dead father, talking mice and most of the background story, then I could be Cinderella. I want Prince Charming to ride in on his white horse and sweep me off my feet. But then someone reaches over and pops my daydream bubble and I realize that I am not going to be swept off my feet, and even if I get married, most marriages end in divorce. I would be lucky just to have a successful marriage. What am I thinking?

This leaves me with option number two, a short, yet somehow fulfilling life in reality. Why? Because my mental health would be better, and because there is no Superman, to whom I can play Lois Lane, no Prince Charming, and I am NOT Cinderella. Nothing about me screams princess. I don't even like to wear a dress and behaving ladylike and helpless seems altogether unappealing to me. While facing reality may be more painful, were I to choose a fictional life, I might wake up one day and realize that not only do I lack Prince Charming, but that I have no friends or family either. To take a word from Tim McGraw, living in reality would allow me to "go skydiving, rocky mountain climbing, and go 2.7 seconds on a bull named Foo Man Shue." Living in reality, I could find love, and isn't loving and losing better than never having loved at all? Living in reality would also allow me to be surrounded by those I love at the untimely early arrival of my death, because reality is what would have allowed me to know them.

Sometimes life is stranger than fiction, but at least it is reality. Living in a dream world, pretending to be Superman or Cinderella creates a barrier. It hinders the dreamer from knowing those around him or her and prevents them from finding love, even for a short time, because none of us can ever be Lois Lane or Prince Charming and we shouldn't have to. As much as it may seem perfect, wake up, look around, and see how wonderful life can be regardless of duration. You might just be surprised to find that Superman or Lois Lane is sitting right next to you. Carpe Diem.

N.N.U. Cost Breakdown

Treva Hauck

Money; it is often a topic that is at the top of many students minds here at N.N.U. Often we complain about our current and future debts along with other costs of living on a college campus. When I say money and college in the same sentence the first thought that comes to our minds is that horrifying word: tuition. According to Campus Life Director Tim Milburn, it takes a single student's tuition to run NNU for three hours out of the year. For those of you who wonder exactly where all of our tuition and fees go and what they are for; here is the breakdown...

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Cost Per Year</u> |
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| Tuition Tuition money is put into a single account called the General Ledger which all departments across campus budget for and receive funds from. Tuition money's main purpose is to compensate professors and support staff at NNU. Assuming that there are approximately 1200 full time students on campus, this would mean that the General Ledger's sum would be equal about \$22,116,000. | \$18,430 |
| Health Clinic and Accident Insurance Every full time enrolled undergraduate has a 5000 dollar accident policy that is a second insurance in addition to a student's already existing medical coverage. This fee is in case of an unforeseen accident on campus and does not cover regular doctor's visits or prescriptions. | \$40 |
| Student Government Association Fee This money is the basis for the entire budget of SGA and is applied toward many campus activities, including, but not limited too: Malibu Days, TWIRP, Winter Awakening, SGA salaries, Wednesday Night Live, Yearbooks, etc. | \$170 |
| Technology Fee This covers TRC (Technical Response Center), High Speed Internet/ Wireless, phone service, and upgrades/ maintenance of all of the above. | \$70 |
| Athletic Facilities Fee This particular fee is just what you would suspect; it allows for upkeep of the Johnson Sports Center and related facilities and allows for all full-time NNU students to use the gyms and equipment when they please. | \$50 |
| Registration Fee This is a paperwork processing fee | \$10 |

This information does not include room costs or meal plans and most of it is available in your Undergraduate Student handbook. For those of you who would like to find out an even more detailed description of where your money goes please email me at TJHauck@nnu.edu and I will

Twirp With a Twist!

Rachael Finch

Ladies, have you been watching your Friday and Saturday nights pass you by? Have you thought to yourself, "if only I had a date," but no one has asked you out? Have no fear, Twirp comes twice a year! That's right, you have a second opportunity to take control of destiny; girls ask the guys. So put your thinking caps on and come up with a creative way to ask that special guy!

TWIRP Remix will be a one night only offer on Friday, March 2nd. But don't for a second think that because it's only one night long there will be less to do; there will be something for everyone. It will be held at Bogus Basin, so a plethora of activities will be on the agenda including skiing, tubing, and snowboarding for those who like to hit the slopes. For those who prefer the warm indoors, there will be the lodge. Oh, and did I mention food? Of course there will be food! It will be a great opportunity to get off campus and hang out with friends.

Alas, there is always the frightening question of price. We poor college students can only afford so much. Luckily our SGA officers are well aware of that, so they've made this event super cheap! Beginning Monday tickets will be available in the student center. The cost is thirty dollars per couple with a naz pass and forty-five without. Rentals and lift tickets are included in the price, so if you don't want to ski or snowboard you can purchase a ten dollar ticket for food and tubing.

Social Vice President Rachel Jacobsen says, "It will be a ton of fun...the tickets are real cheap, and it's a great time to hang out before spring break!" She's excited and you should be, too. So what are you waiting for? Grab your date and go get your TWIRP Remix tickets!

State of the Campus

Kenton Lee

The feel of spring is in the air, and it is time for another state of the campus address. Just as the calendar has transformed from January to February and now almost to March, the campus is experiencing some transformations of its own – some big and some small. Yet there is a common denominator that affects all of these second semester transformations. And it's a beauty of not only our campus - but life, as well. So the current state of our campus is also the upcoming season: springtime.

Ah, springtime. It is such a great time. And yet it is so different for so many different classes. Seniors are experiencing senioritis. Juniors are reaching the peak of their college existence. Sophomores are really busy with lots of stuff. And the frosh have never had a college springtime before, so they are in an interesting spot, too. So springtime means a lot of different things for a lot of different people. But one thing is for certain: NNU is beautiful in the springtime.

Soon the soccer field will be full of frisbee and softball. The Brandt Center lawn will be dotted with sun-soaking studiers. Trees will be climbed. Walks will be taken. Squirrels will be caught. Springtime at NNU is a wonderful thing.

So this might be a little bit of a different state of the campus. It is more of an expectant state. Basically, since the weather has been turning around (except for that snow the other day), I have had a craving for spring. So this article is simply my early hopes for what the state of our campus will look like in a couple of weeks.

And there are a couple of things that I can't wait to see our campus start doing with spring. First, I am thrilled that when I go to my 7:30 class, it won't be pitch black. Also, with spring approaching, it means NNU baseball and softball games. Also, the spring musical will be coming right around the corner. And, before you know it, people will get the urge to go hiking,

camping, fishing, and plain old enjoying the outdoors.

Also, springtime means that students will begin to look forward to next year. As seniors begin to plan what they will do with their lives (you don't know how difficult it was to write that sentence), juniors and sophomores and freshman get to plan for the upcoming school year. Leadership positions in student government or class council or being an RA or a BSL or PM, playing on a sports team, studying abroad, or anything like that – we are right in the middle of all of these decisions.

In all, springtime at NNU means a lot of fun and a lot of decisions for the upcoming year. But if there is one thing that can be said about springtime at NNU, it would be this: man, is it beautiful here. So even though the current state of our campus is not springtime quite yet, I can't wait till we get there – even if that does mean that I have to figure out what I want to do with my life.

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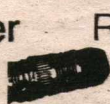
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