



Homecoming brought students and alumni together

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Saders hunt down the Yotes

by ANDREA SCHILLING

The Idaho Center bled red and black last night when the Crusaders defeated the College of Idaho Coyotes 76-71.

"We haven't won in four years," said sophomore Preston O'Malley. "This is so cool because most of us students haven't been around for the win until now."

The game was close throughout, with the Crusaders and Coyotes always within less than eight points of each other.

The first half ended with NNU trailing 36-39, but the team was able to maintain C of I through three-pointers by Louie Beech and Joel Ryman, eventually tying up the game 53-53.

NNU's defense outlasted the Coyotes through rebounds by Kendall Gielow, Tyler Roberts and Brian Barkdoll.

The game took a turn when Gielow hit a slam-dunk, putting NNU ahead 60-55.

Despite Gielow and Barkdoll fouling out, both within four minutes of the buzzer, the Crusaders were able to hold onto their lead.

With one minute left, NNU led 70-69. Adam Shildmyer's rebound enabled the Crusaders to see a victory in sight.

C of I's defense did no help for the Coyotes, as they committed two fouls in the last minute on Ryman and Scott Helpenstell.

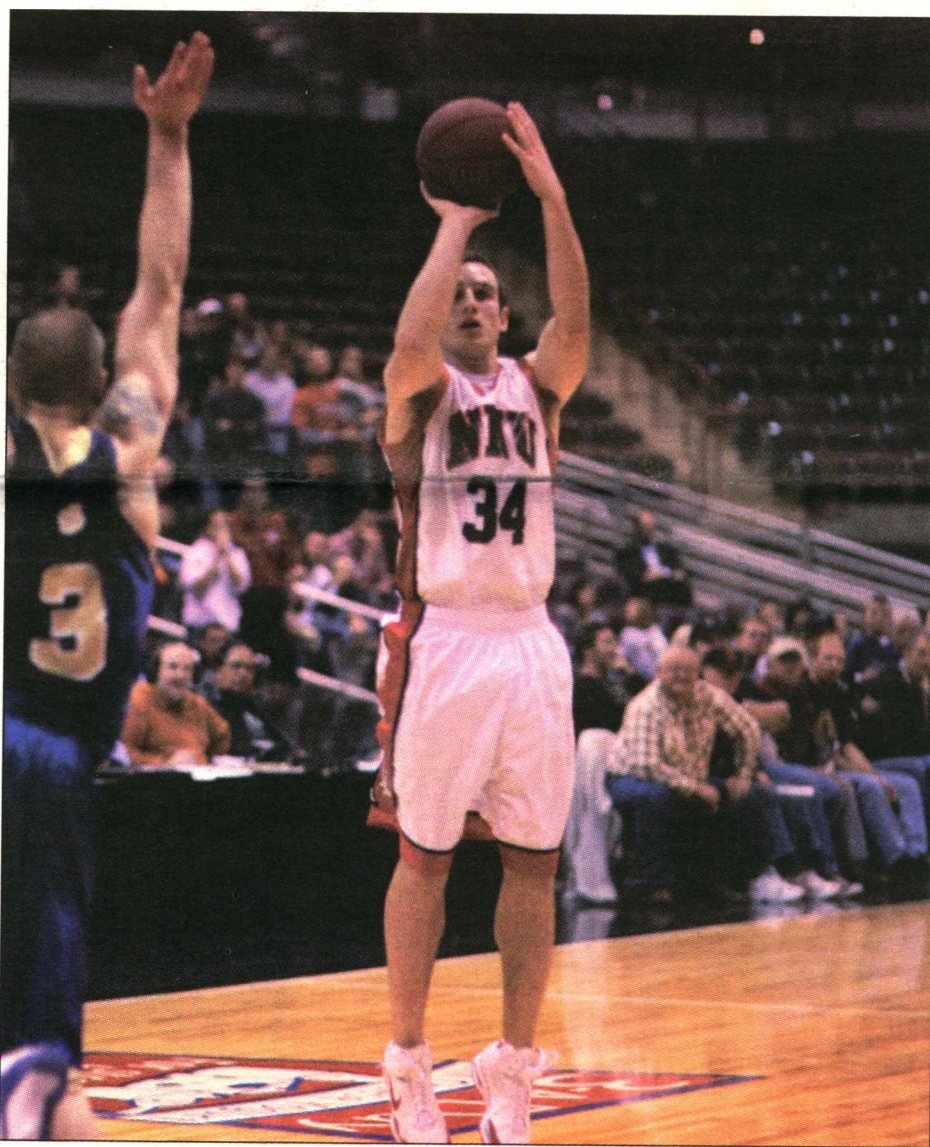
After Ryman and Helpenstell made all their foul shots, NNU's win was sealed and students joined in with the celebrating.

"The end was most exciting," said junior Blake Wenner.

"This was a great cap to senior year," said Robert Poe. "This is the greatest moment in sports history."

Junior Jake Bodenstab said the win made up for the past two years that he has been a student, where NNU had lost the rivalry game.

"We lived the dream, baby," said Bodenstab.



Junior Louie Beech takes a shot in the face of his C of I defender (photo by Jenn Hush).

Constitution Ratification

The updated constitution, code and procedures will be voted on this week by the student body

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Weather

THURSDAY

Chance of showers.

Hi: 57° | Low: 35°

FRIDAY

Partly sunny.

Hi: 52° | Low: 33°

SATURDAY

Mostly sunny.

Hi: 53° | Low: 30°

SUNDAY

Mostly sunny.

Hi: 50° | Low: 29°

MONDAY

Mostly sunny.

Hi: 48° | Low: 28°

TUESDAY

Mostly cloudy.

Hi: 49° | Low: 27°

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Culver men detain wanted car burglar

by ANDREA SCHILLING

A group of Culver residents detained a campus car burglar early last Friday.

Around 1:30 a.m., a group of students was on Culver's second west wing, when freshman Zac Rotz noticed something suspicious out the window.

"[Rotz] noticed a guy trying a whole bunch of car doors in the Ford-Culver parking lot," said freshman Nate Thomas. Thomas said

sophomore Evan Chaney, second west resident assistant, came to the window to see if Rotz's speculations were correct. More Culver residents soon followed.

"One of us yelled 'car thief,' and that's when we took off," said Thomas. The pack of students then ran outside to stop the burglar.

"There had to have been almost fifteen of us. The guy didn't stand a chance," said freshman Tennyson Carlow.

According to Rotz, junior Jake Bodenstab, the resident assistant on-desk that night, came out of the dorm office because he heard the commotion and helped the group out by calling security.

Once the pack reached the alleged burglar, six of the men held the man down in the gravel, said Thomas. Carlow, along with Chaney and freshmen Zack Alexander, Mike Lewis, Matt Davis and Matt Larson all held

the man down while the others awaited help from officials.

Thomas said the man was bald, and of Hispanic origin. He also appeared to be in his early twenties.

Carlow said the man struggled to get up once the six students had tackled him. Carlow also said that while the man resisted, there were no injuries to any present.

"The man was drunk, you could smell the alcohol on

him," said Rotz. Rotz also said the man was yelling at the students with slurred speech.

Carlow said they only had to hold down the man for about five minutes, before campus security reached the parking lot. Lewis said two officers arrived not long after.

Rotz said Nampa police recognized the man. When

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Homecoming brings the Alumni awards announcements

by RACHAEL FINCH

Homecoming means alumni awards for past generations of NNU graduates, and this year two individuals and two couples were recognized for their outstanding actions and lives of service.

Award winners are selected in the spring each year by the Alumni Board

of Directors from nominations made by alumni and friends.

Alumni were recognized in an extended chapel ceremony on Friday, kicking off Homecoming weekend.

Dana Jean Freeborn, class of 1982, is Alumna of the Year. Freeborn, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in mathematics, works at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

"I really feel that NNU was, in fact, a springboard for life," said Freeborn.

Randall A. Peterman, class of 1973, received the Professional Achievement Award. Peterman is a lawyer in the Boise law office of Moffatt, Thomas, Barrett, Rock & Fields.

"His achievements and accomplishments reflect the foundation of education he received while attending

this university," said Rick Waitley, who introduced Peterman during Friday's chapel.

Peterman said that at NNU he gained a sense of calling. "An attorney can even be called," Peterman said.

Ralph and Lynn Neil, class of 1961, received the Distinguished Service Award. Both have taught at NNU and traveled with

work and witness teams all over the world.

"They are citizens of this place [NNU] and citizens of the world," said Jerry Hull, professor emeritus, who introduced them in chapel.

"We are most fortunate for the opportunity we've had to help out here and there," said Lynn Neil.

Brian and Nichole Bohner, class of 2000 and 1996 respectively, received the

Leon Doane Young Alumnus Award. The couple owns PC Maintenance, a sweeping and parking lot maintenance company.

"I'm a product of an incredible support group that all graduated from this university," said Brian Bohner.

A reception was held for the award winners in the Cavan and Jones Suites and the Friesen Galleries following chapel.

Student body to vote on the ASNNU constitution, code and procedures

by AIMEE NILES and ALLI SCHISLER

Beginning tomorrow, students may cast votes in favor or in opposition of changes to the Associated Students of Northwest Nazarene University constitution, code and procedures of senate, said Grant Miller, SGA executive vice president.

During the 2007-2008 school year, changes to the ASNNU constitution were suggested by former SGA Secretary Jackie Miller and former Executive Vice President Hannah Beers, said John Bailer, SGA chief justice. The changes were then approved by the SGA judicial committee, said Bailer.

The senate ratified the proposed modifications; however, all changes to the

constitution must now be ratified by the student body, said Grant Miller.

The student body will have the chance to determine the legitimacy of the changes by voting on Blackboard tomorrow through Nov. 17. Grant Miller said passage of the changes requires a two-thirds vote.

While voting will take place on Blackboard, students can read the revised constitution on the NNU website, said Bailer. Revised documents can be accessed at nnu.edu/student-government.

Students will vote on revisions to the ASNNU code, constitution and procedures of the senate, said Grant Miller. Yes votes are in favor of the proposed changes, said Grant Miller.

Grant Miller said there is not a lot of student interest in the legislative branch of the student government; so voting on the constitutional changes is one way for students to get involved.

While the changes will affect SGA procedures, they will not immediately affect the student body, said Grant Miller. However, the student body has the power to determine whether or not the changes are implemented, said Grant Miller.

Bailer said the changes are "absolutely necessary" and will allow SGA to operate more smoothly than it has in previous years. Bailer also said the revised constitution will "clear out some of the questionable practices that have come into play in SGA."

Journalism and mass comm to produce children's news show

by AIMEE NILES

Starting next semester, the journalism and mass communications departments will be making news shorts that will tentatively play on KTVB, said Lucas Roebuck, assistant professor of journalism.

The shorts, called "Tot News" as the working title, are to be one-minute segments designed to play during commercial breaks of regular programming. During a three month trial, students will produce three segments a week for 7-12 year-olds.

"There is a journalism service component to this project as well; we are helping children learn how to be civically literate and intelligent consumers

of news."

"The mass communication and journalism programs have a lot of students who have a huge interest in broadcast news. We have a great talent pool to produce Tot News," said Roebuck.

Students will have the opportunity to do both on and off camera work. There will be positions for reporters, videographers, news readers, producers, graphic designers, editors and more.

Roebuck and Professor Arnie Ytreeide will be advising students during the production. Roebuck will primarily be involved with editorial content, while Ytreeide will handle production matters.

Both professors have

experience in the broadcast field. Ytreeide has years of experience as a television and film producer and Roebuck has previously worked as an assignment editor for an NBC affiliate.

If there is enough student interest, we will also try to start a production of a web video newscast repurposing the news found in The Crusader newspaper, said Roebuck.

For all interested students, there will be an informational meeting Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. in Wiley 113. Students from all majors are welcome.

"This is a great opportunity for students to get some exposure on a network affiliate," said Roebuck.

Woman slain as she tried to leave KKK rite

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

An Oklahoma woman invited to a rural Louisiana campsite for a Ku Klux Klan initiation ritual was shot and killed after she asked to be taken back to town, the sheriff of a New Orleans suburb said Tuesday.

Eight people were arrested after authorities found the woman's body hidden under some brush, on the side of a road several miles from the remote campsite where the initiation was planned.

Investigators found weapons, several flags and six Klan robes at the campsite, St. Tammany Parish Sheriff Jack Strain said in a news release.

Strain said the woman, whose identity was not released, was recruited over the Internet to participate

in the ritual and then return to her home state to find other members for the white supremacist group.

But Strain said the group's leader, Raymond "Chuck" Foster, 44, shot and killed the woman Sunday after a fight broke out when she tried to leave. Foster was charged with second-degree murder and is being held without bond.

Capt. George Bonnett, a spokesman for the sheriff's department, said he didn't know what the initiation involved.

"We haven't completely sorted out if they finished the initiation," he said. "I assume that they had started it, but I don't know if they were finished."

Bonnett said he doesn't know if Foster has an attorney. He also said that in three years with the

department, this was the first time he had seen a case involving the KKK.

Seven others — five men and two women from 20 to 30 years old — were charged with obstruction of justice and were held on \$500,000 bond at the St. Tammany Parish jail. All eight of the suspects live in neighboring Washington Parish, but Bonnett said he couldn't immediately identify their hometowns.

Authorities said some of the suspects tried to conceal the crime by burning the woman's belongings along with other items at the campsite.

Strain said the woman arrived in the Slidell, La., area last week and was met by two people connected to the Klan group. She was taken over the weekend to the campsite near Sun, La.,

on the banks of the Pearl River. Sun is about 60 miles north of New Orleans.

Authorities said the group's members called themselves the "Dixie Brotherhood."

"The IQ level of this group is not impressive, to be kind," Strain said, adding, "I can't imagine anyone feeling endangered or at risk by any one of these kooks."

Mark Pitcavage, director of investigative research for the Anti-Defamation League, said the Dixie Brotherhood appears to be a small, loosely organized group of people.

"This is not what I would call an established Klan group," he said. "The Klan has a pretty high association with violence. Some of these guys are just crooks, sociopaths."

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the man "Freddie" and made remarks about his newly shaven head. Apparently, said Rotz, the police had been looking for Freddie.

Thomas said Freddie was found with items not belonging to him. "He had a DVD which belonged to Jason Towry," said Thomas.

Towry, freshman, had parked his car in the Johnson Sports Center parking lot because he was at a cross country meet. Towry's car was later found

unlocked, said Thomas.

The event lasted upwards of an hour, said Carlow. The students said Freddie was then taken into custody.

The situation is not completely over. Rotz said that because he saw Freddie actually breaking into vehicles, it's possible he will have to testify if Freddie denies the claims.

NNU security and the Nampa Police Department had no further comments concerning the incident.

Obama tours White House with Bush

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

After a confab about the state of the world, President-elect Obama wanted to scope out his young daughters' future bedrooms in the White House, President Bush said Tuesday, recounting the tour he gave his successor this week.

"One of things President-elect Obama was interested in — after we had our policy discussions — was his little girls. How would they like the White House?" Bush told CNN about Obama's

visit to the Executive Mansion on Monday. "It was interesting to watch him go upstairs, and he wanted to see where his little girls were going to sleep."

Bush also said that before he met with the president-elect, he called former President Clinton to recall a similar meeting the two had after Bush was elected.

"I said 'Bill, I'm getting ready to meet with the new president and I remember how gracious you were to me,'" Bush said. "I hope I can be as gracious to

President-elect Obama as you were to me."

Obama's wife, Michelle, who went on a separate tour Monday with first lady Laura Bush, also wanted to check out the bedrooms that Malia, 10, and Sasha, 7, likely will use during the Obama presidency.

"Clearly, this guy is going to bring a great sense of family to the White House," Bush said. "I hope Laura and I did the same thing, but I believe he will and I know his girls are on his mind and he wants

to make sure that first and foremost he is a good dad. And I think that's going to be an important part of his presidency."

Bush said that after Obama takes the oath of office, he going to go from "100 mph to near zero overnight."

"I'm not sure what to expect," Bush said. "I know I'll miss certain things about the presidency. I also know I'm looking forward to getting home, so I've got mixed emotions."



President-elect Barack Obama greets Illinois crowd in February of last year, shortly after announcing his campaign (photo from wikicommons).

Minnick meets with Associated Press

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

After beating Republican U.S. Rep. Bill Sali last Tuesday, Congressman-elect Walt Minnick is flying to Washington, D.C., later this week to meet with lawmakers from Idaho and elsewhere who may be asked to vote as early as this month on a new economic stimulus package. The Democrat met with The Associated Press on Monday in Boise. Here are some highlights:

ECONOMY: "There's no question the most immediate problem is jobs and the economy. I'm going back there to try to influence the Democratic side of the aisle

and the Democratic administration to make sure that Idaho gets a fair shake — and that whatever money the federal government spends is spent prudently."

BLUE DOG DEMOCRATS: Of a fiscally conservative Democratic faction, Minnick said, "Without the Blue Dog Democrats, Nancy Pelosi doesn't have a majority. That gives Blue Dog Democrats huge influence. We will see that group of Democrats, of which I am a part, playing a disproportionately large role in the legislation that gets enacted that involves federal spending or taxes."

HOMEBASE: "I'm

going to be in Idaho a lot, for two reasons. One is, even though I won in a landslide, the landslide was modest. I need to get in touch with constituents. The other reason is, my kids don't want to go back there at least for this school year. My family is going to be here, at least through June."

BIOFUELS: Minnick said he favors logging programs that thin forests for disease control and fire danger, then using resulting wood fiber that's removed as saw timber, plywood and for biofuels. "It is great feedstock for cellulosic alcohol. There's no reason why some of those plants shouldn't

be in Orofino and Kamiah. That's something I'm going to fight very hard to get some money for."

EARMARKS: "I think the system is a very poor way of deciding how to spend federal tax dollars. One of my first votes is going to be to eliminate the whole earmark process. But if I'm not successful in that — I'm only one vote out of 435 — I'm going to do everything I can to make sure Idaho gets its fair share, for projects that are public-interest projects. I will not support private earmarks."

Korean students get a taste of America

by ALLISON HAWN

Three students, led by Professor Kim, visited NNU from Korea Nazarene University, which is located in Cheonan City, South Korea. Min Young Kim, a senior, Jae Yun Jung and So Ra Jeong, both juniors, stayed on campus from Nov. 1 through Nov. 8.

The students saw the

Idaho Statehouse, the Snake River Birds of Prey center, the Snake River Canyon and the Boise Train Depot. "They took lots of photos," said Rhonda Gray, professor of business.

The students explored McCall, ice-skated and strolled through town. The group was also serenaded at the local Red Robin here in Nampa, which they

enjoyed, said Gray. The students attended business classes on campus.

They also got a chance to see some local gatherings as they attended a meeting of the SMF and the Nampa Economic Forum. Lynette Kingsmore, marketing coordinator and director of the STEP program, said, "We've developed a partnership with Korea Nazarene

University; this continues and solidifies that." Eventually the business department is hoping to send students from NNU to Korea Nazarene University.

In January, 15 to 20 students from KNU will be attending NNU for 10 weeks. Professor Mark Emerson said, "They were delightful, we look forward to more students from KNU."

AP NEWS

Palin

WASHINGTON

Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin puts the "brutal" 2008 campaign behind her and concentrates on her political future, seizing the spotlight with a round of national television interviews and a high-profile appearance at the Republican Governors Association meeting in Florida this week. She says she wouldn't hesitate to run for the presidency in four years if it's God's will.

New pyramid

SAQQARA, Egypt

Archaeologists have discovered a pyramid under the sands of Saqqara, an ancient burial site that has yielded a string of unearthed pyramids in recent years. The 4,300-year-old monument likely belonged to the queen mother of the founder of Egypt's 6th Dynasty, the antiquities chief says.

No room in Washington for inauguration

WASHINGTON

Heading for the capital to be part of history on Jan. 20? Good luck with that. You might be able to ante up \$40,000 for a four-night stay at a fancy hotel or you can crash on someone's couch or floor. Anything in between is just about gone for Barack Obama's inauguration

Mormon gay rights

SALT LAKE CITY

Gay-rights activists see opportunities for their cause in Utah thanks to Mormon church officials, who strongly supported California's proposition denying same-sex couples the right to marry but said they did not object to granting those couples certain other rights. The advocacy group Equality Utah is asking The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to support several bills that will be submitted to the Legislature supporting rights for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

Bale body

TWIN FALLS, Idaho

Investigators say a body found in a bale of waste paper in Twin Falls may be a homeless man from the Boise area. Police have not yet identified the victim,

found Monday inside a 1,500-pound bale of paper destined for recycling at a manufacturing plant in Twin Falls

Pro-Life outlook

NEW YORK

Despite resounding election setbacks on many fronts, anti-abortion leaders sound more defiant than deflated as they brace for a future with fewer friends in high places. Tactics in the Obama era could include a refocus on street protests and grassroots activism.

Oil prices

HOUSTON

Retail gasoline prices dipped for the 17th straight week, falling below \$2 a gallon in a number of states — including a low of about \$1.77 in Des Moines, Iowa. Indications are that consumers, worried about a weak job market and slumping investments, are grateful for the price relief, but not feeling flush with savings

Heart failure

NEW ORLEANS

Exercise can do a lot of good for most people, but apparently it isn't much help to those with heart failure, the most looming public health problem in the United States. The largest study of exercise among these patients — whose hearts don't pump enough blood — disappointed doctors.

Pakistan

PESHWAR, Pakistan

Dozens of suspected Taliban hijack trucks carrying vehicles and other supplies for U.S.-led troops in Afghanistan, a brazen attack at the entrance to the Khyber Pass that shows militants remain strong in northwest Pakistan despite an ongoing military offensive and a surge in U.S. missile attacks

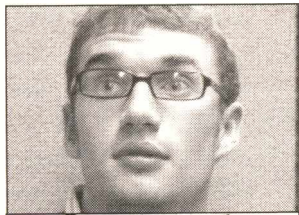
Israeli elections

JERUSALEM

An ultra-Orthodox Jewish politician faces off against a secular businessman in Jerusalem's mayoral race — an election that is again exposing the deep divide between religious and secular Israelis.

The souping truth behind swearing

Writer's note: Whereas I cannot swear gratuitously in my weekly article, even in quotation, and whereas substituting swear words with abbreviations such as "the F-word" greatly disrupts the continuity of my writing, all swear words in this article will be given pretty sounding similes.



Sweatervests
by
ANDREW McCULLEY

Often in conversation to non-NNUers about our school, I find myself defending the policies that our school has. The conversations go something like this:

"Yes, I had a curfew."

"No, I cannot go into the girl's dorm whenever."

"Yes, our mascot is a Crusader."

Recently I was in conversation with a non-NNU friend concerning our prohibitions on swearing; he was not keen on the idea.

"That makes no souping sense," my friend calmly said, "they're just souping words, cake-it."

I explained to him that NNU is simply attempting to eliminate, not just words, but offensive and often violent words, in order to make our campus and community a better and safer place. All of this, I told him, was well within bounds of what a private Christian school could do and probably should do. On top of that, we're not terribly strict about it, comparatively.

"Still, I could get fined for saying 'soup'?" said my friend.

"Well, I don't know about you," I replied, "but I signed a contract saying I'd keep my mouth clean."

"Soup that. *Someone* could get fined for saying 'soup'?"

"Yes."

"Pie. Have you?"

"No. Well look," I began to argue, "you don't swear in front of your grandparents or professors, do you?"

"Maybe I do."

"Maybe if you can't do something in front of your own grandmother, you shouldn't do it all. Also, swearing makes you seem unintelligent and vulgar."

"First of all," said my friend, now with more proper and pedantic posture, "Grandma is a terrible standard; I can't run or wear any shirt untucked in front of her. And secondly, I'll let my grades talk for my intelligence. And speaking of that, how's your GPA,

Drew?"

"Ummm."

"Anyway," my friend graciously continued, "who decided what random syllables are souping offensive? Why is soup offensive, and butterfly souping adorable?"

"Look," he said, "Everybody swears; everybody has some vocabulary they use to color their language, whether or not the cake society has deemed those words offensive."

"I don't follow."

"Language is an effort to convey meaning, right? Therefore, words don't matter, only the intent, the idea behind them. Words like eff and frick are just as cakeable as the word soup itself, just like shoot, darn, jeez and all the other words people use to avoid swearing. And so, every souping body swears."

"Poppycock." I said.

Keep the community spirit alive all year long

STAFF EDITORIAL

Homecoming 2008 was set apart from years past this weekend by its multiple opportunities for student involvement. Never before have students been able to create a float for a parade, and never before have students been able to dress up as a ninja to show their class pride. It's opportunities like these that facilitate community, that wonderful word we heard from current students as curious high school seniors with applications in hand.

It's interesting, as the conversations of the many alumni didn't involve discussion of past GPAs or test scores. Instead, alumni recalled stories about pranks and memories of crazy roommates. We go to college to receive that hard earned degree, but college is more than grades on a piece of paper. Just think of how much we've learned about ourselves aside from how much we've learned in the classroom. This weekend, we were reminded of NNU's community, even back in the day when it was referred to as NNC.

So learn from the alumni. During these final weeks in the semester, live a little. It won't be long until we will again turn our tassels to a new phase in our lives and our wing-mates will no longer be five steps away. Enjoy these four years when you get to learn about what interests you, and build lasting friendships at the same time. After all is said and done, we will look back on our college experience and not think of our papers and embarrassing test grades, but rather the memories we made along the way. Come out of the academic cave every once in a while and be a part of the community that makes NNU a campus unlike any other.

Pro-lifers should be pacifists in order to maintain consistency

Pro-life individuals



GUEST OPINION
by
ALLI SCHISLER

als should be pacifists. Of course, pro-lifers take many stances on the ethics of

war, but in order to maintain consistency in their arguments, they should be committed to nonviolent action.

The first argument many pro-lifers, Christians primarily, make against abortion is that all human life is sacred. If, in fact, *all* human life is sacred, then any killing (especially civilian) during war (or ever) is equally as immoral as abortion.

Similarly, the pro-lifer must argue, all soldiers or military officials—just like

mothers willing to terminate pregnancies or doctors willing to perform abortions—do not value human life. *Slaughter*, a term some pro-lifers deem appropriate for abortion, would also then be an appropriate term for what is currently happening in the Middle East.

The second reason many pro-lifers claim abortion is wrong is because it takes away innocent life. That is, the unborn are not given a choice regarding whether or not they will live—the

choice is made for them.

Civilians killed during war are therefore in the same situation as the unborn. They do not decide to participate in war or offer their lives for their countries. They are given neither a choice nor a voice. Hence, pro-lifers should defend civilian life by protesting the war just as fervently as they protest abortion.

If these arguments seem incongruous, then the pro-lifer is faced with two conclusions. Pro-lifers can either

conclude that the unborn are inherently more valuable than children, teenagers and adults who are casualties of war. Or they must conclude that American life is inherently more valuable than all other life.

The first conclusion seems ridiculous, while the latter seems unbiblical and dangerously ethnocentric.

The last, or third, reason many pro-lifers claim abortion is wrong is because it is murder in the name of convenience. That is, abortion

is the disposal of human life for materialism or instant gratification. This sounds surprisingly similar to war. For what is war except a bloody, expensive expression of American materialism and imperialism?

If the pro-lifer refuses to make either concession—that fetuses are more valuable than adults and that American life is more valuable than other life—then he or she should carry a war protest sign while picketing Planned Parenthood.

Stop Israel's injustice and brutality in Gaza

The Israeli blockade of Gaza is inhumane and illegal. According to the United



EDITOR'S NOTE
by
AIMEE NILES

Nations, food supplies will run out in two days. The Israeli blockade allows a limited amount of fuel through, but food deliveries are currently not allowed, as of last week.

This is just another

chapter in the continuing saga of Israeli brutality and injustice in Gaza.

Israeli officials say the block of food transport is punishment for the rocket fire coming from Gaza into Israel. However, it isn't the militants that are suffering because of the blockade. It is the mothers and fathers struggling to feed their children.

Israel is perpetrating what is called collective punishment—that is, an entire population is being punished for the crimes of a few. Collective punishment is expressly forbidden in the Geneva Convention and is a war crime.

Blind-supporters of Israel

like to point to Gaza and mock the failure of a Palestinian government. Gaza is not free to rule itself. Gaza has no control over its borders. Israeli gunboats frequently fire upon Gazan fishermen that stray outside the sea border.

Foreign donors purchase most of the fuel that flows into Gaza. However, Israel controls the Nahal Oz terminal—through which most of the fuel is delivered. Because of this, Gaza has been without power for nearly a week as Israel continues to block fuel deliveries.

"It is a further illustration of this inhumane blockade," said Christopher

Gunness of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

Why is no one standing up and condemning the actions of Israel? At what point does the situation deteriorate enough for action to be taken?

To those who say the punishment and the blockade are deserved—I dare you to say that while looking into a hungry child's eyes. How is justice being served while the innocent suffer?

The international community needs to turn its head from the miracle of Barack Obama and take a close look at what is happening in Gaza.

THE CRUSADER'S LETTER TO THE EDITOR GUIDELINES

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GUEST OPINION
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the fault of Wall Street; the majority of blame must fall upon the American people.

In a free market system like we have in the United States, the economy is merely a reflection of the will of the people and as such the consequences should mirror this.

Leaders from both sides of the political spectrum are constantly slamming big corporate entities for the severity of the economic crisis when they know well enough that the problem is not dishonesty on Wall Street it is laziness on the part of the American people.

We assume someone else is going to take care of us. We were so sure that we didn't need to read the fine print that we tacitly agreed to be ruled by debt and the financial markets.

According to the Federal

Reserve Board, the average household credit card debt rose to \$8,565 early this year-- that's up 15 percent since 2000! More importantly total household debt including mortgages and credit cards rose to 19 percent of the household's assets, compared to just 13 percent in 1980.

Americans are much too excited about spending money that is not theirs. Americans need to wake up and stop blaming everyone else for their financial problems. That's step number one. Step number two requires the American people to hold Wall Street accountable for its actions.

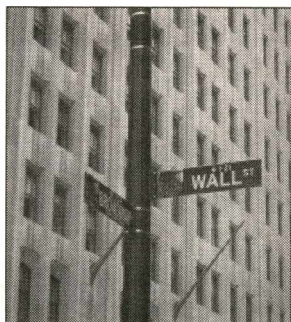


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Why would normal people be expected to balance their budgets when they are ensured a bail-out every time something goes wrong? They are not ensured a bail-out, and neither are the CEOs of multi-billion dollar corporations.

Just this week the Big Three auto companies met with House Speaker Nancy

Pelosi, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to discuss access to the \$700 billion bailout money-- money that was meant to free up the credit market, and not to give Ford, GM and Chrysler a break.

Even more disturbing is that AIG has actually come back to the government asking for better terms for its bail-out loan. It is absolutely absurd that WE, the tax payers are bailing out a company that we could have let tank.

We MUST let these companies fall flat on their faces, and if they do not get back up that is just too bad. It's going to be painful for awhile, but it's a lesson we need to learn and I can guarantee that the next time corporations think they can get away with making risky decisions, they will think twice.

It's time for tough love; it's the only way we are going to make it though this economic crisis with real lessons learned.

This is the hope Americans must cling to, a hope that delivers a future for our grandchildren and our grandchildren's grandchildren. We can no longer turn a blind eye to this problem and slap a band aid on the jugular of our society, we need major surgery and we need it now.

NNU VOICES

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Responses to last week's article 'Why do gay marriage and abortion matter so much to Christians?'

Abortion does matter

I have become increasingly alarmed that Christians are beginning to take abortion more and more lightly, contradicting what this article says.

This is not the first article I have read blaming Christians for taking abortion too seriously, and sadly not even the first from a Christian writer. I talked to many "pro-life, Christian" voters this election year, and so many of them said that the economy takes precedence over abortion in this year's election.

Are you kidding me? The fattening of our wallets and the filling of our stomachs takes precedence over the slaughter of the unborn? In the article, the argument is that the curing of AIDS and the stopping of poverty are more important, and "please understand that I'm not saying that these two issues are trivial, because they are not!"

However, we must understand that our nation and the Christian church send millions of dollars overseas to stop AIDS and poverty, which is a wonderful thing to do, but here at home, millions of silent deaths legally occur every year.

It just baffles me that the Christian church has seemed to put the brakes on the fight against abortion during the most critical election of our time.

Our chance to get pro-life judges in the Supreme Court has slipped right by, but by golly our wallets will be nice and fat.

Nathan Branahl
Sophomore

It matters to Christians because it matters to God

This letter is in response to the guest opinion titled "Why do gay marriage and abortion matter so much to Christians?" They matter so much to Christians because they matter to God. He was very clear from the beginning that 1) marriage was between a man and a woman and 2) thou shalt not murder. Sodom and Gomorrah, two prosperous cities in the ancient world, were destroyed because the men exchanged their natural relations with women and burned with lust for each other. Women also exchanged natural relations with men and turned to each other. For this country's own good, gay marriage should not be legalized. AIDS is a direct result of homosexuality. When people stray from God's plan, things get bad. Because God created all of us, everything around us,

and made laws for our own good that weren't meant to be broken. When they are broken, consequences follow.

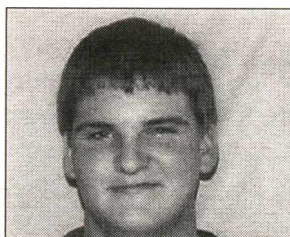
Besides, Christians have their hands in more than just gay marriage and abortion. They are the ones that start the hospitals, schools and churches. These two issues are just in debate right now, so Christians come out of the woodwork to stand up for what's right. I think most people agree that things like poverty, AIDS, and violence are awful. They aren't really in debate, so there's no reason to protest. And the Church is doing more than anyone to help the people subjected to these circumstances.

In conclusion, I would advise some writers: please research more thoroughly before criticizing something. Try to find out why gay marriage and abortion are such important issues before writing an article on them. Read the Bible, find out what Christians really believe (even though half of them don't really even know). You can talk all you want, but when something is written down it automatically holds power. Use that power wisely, no matter how many people read what you write.

Mercy C. McCulloch

Politics is like a car, you have to maintain it carefully for top performance

I remember the thrill of getting my first car; it was an elderly, beat-up 1990 Honda Accord. Despite its imperfections, I loved that car: I did regular oil chang-



GUEST OPINION
by
LOREN POUNDS

es, checked the engine and made sure the tires were in good condition. In return, the car gave me the freedom to go anywhere I wanted.

In the same way, American politics is like our own car, serving as a path to freedom and security for both ourselves and others. It is

an integral, everyday part of our lives; both necessary and empowering. However, this car is absolutely useless if we don't maintain it, as it will either die unnecessarily soon or imperil others.

Currently, three major areas are in desperate need of repair: the tires are wearing thin as we allow millions of our population to be slain, the oil filter is clogging as homosexuality is wholly embraced, and the engine is swiftly failing as the sledging effects of the Democrat's prosperity and greed centered policies are pandered.

It is all too easy to forget to maintain your vehicle's tires. Likewise, it's effortless to forget the intrinsic value of human life. From 1973 to 2004, roughly 48.6 million unborn infants were aborted and killed in the United States, according

to National Right To Life. Compare that to the sum total of 651,030 [sic] deaths from every conflict and war in the United States, from the country's conception, according the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Within the new covenant of Christianity, abortion is absolutely irreconcilable. Abortion is murder. The reason that this mass killing must be stopped and decried stems from the fundamental question, "How can a society legislate morality when the society is fundamentally amoral?" Put simply, allowing this tragedy to occur is not only innately evil, but it undermines the very legitimacy of all of our laws.

As easy as the tires are to forget, the oil filter is the root of many car owner's woes. A neglected filter gradually clogs the flow of

oil until your car experiences something akin to a heart attack, when the flow stops altogether. The embracing of homosexuality has similar effects on nations. After gay marriage was legalized in the Netherlands, marriage rates declined and out of wedlock births increased, according to Stanley Kurtz.

In addition, nations that legalized gay marriage ranked among the highest in sexual promiscuity by frequency, number of partners and sexually transmitted diseases, according to a 2007 Times online report.

Allowing gay marriage erodes a society's health and family conditions. That said, this issue must be approached with love, as God loves all creation. Like one of my previous college's psychology professors was fond of saying, "You have to separate the person from

the behavior."

Last is the car engine, where fluids sludge and congest with even the slightest neglect, bringing about your car's precipitous demise. Similarly, our nation is in jeopardy of achieving a death far before its time, as the Democratic party pushes its socially corrosive and economically misguided principles.

Though Democrats have the best interests of Americans in mind, their actions are nonetheless deeply damaging to the nation's health. At the core of the liberal movement's principles is the greed-ideal that all Americans are entitled to prosperity, however, our nation was NEVER a prosperity-based order, but instead one of accessible opportunity.

The pursuit of prosperity is our right, but fundamentally prosperity cannot be

guaranteed. Furthermore, the early Church does not justify economic Marxism, as is often held. The spirit of giving cannot be confused with the specter of taking; in a government separated from the Church, Uncle Sam displaces Christ's-love-through-charity.

Maintaining the vehicle that is our nation by combating these three issues through the absolute minimum of filling in a small circle and casting your vote is not a "God-less" and ignoble act or a distraction to the faith. It is the necessary work of basic maintenance and preservation, securing a safer and prolonged future of infinite opportunity for all Americans. Now is the time to visit the legislative car shop and give our national-vehicle some love.

Homecoming weekend gave students the chance to get involved



by ANDREW MCCULLEY

Friday through Sunday was Homecoming, and NNU greeted over one thousand alumni to our campus with multiple events and activities throughout the weekend.

Prominent among them was the class play, "Servant of Two Masters," which opened Thursday.

Volleyball and basketball played at NNU for Homecoming. Also, the weekend held the Homecoming concert and the coronation.

In the Brandt Center,

the Homecoming concert featured NNU student music groups, including the concert band, the Northwesterners Jazz Combo, the Crusader Choir and Bella Voce.

Also in the concert were guests Professor Hughes and the Boise Philharmonic brass ensemble.

The coronation took place during the concert. The court included freshmen Ryan Mangum and Heather Pence, sophomores David Reimer and Ariel Glover, juniors Seth Clark and Miriam Reardon, and

seniors Seth Waltemyer, Kari Penrod, Dani Wilson, Robert Poe, King Dax Wandering and Queen Hannah Beers.

As Homecoming no longer falls during the Thanksgiving holiday, this year's Homecoming featured new events in an attempt to cultivate more school spirit and community.

Many of these events are revivals of previous NNU traditions. This year featured a competition between the classes, a parade and a carnival.

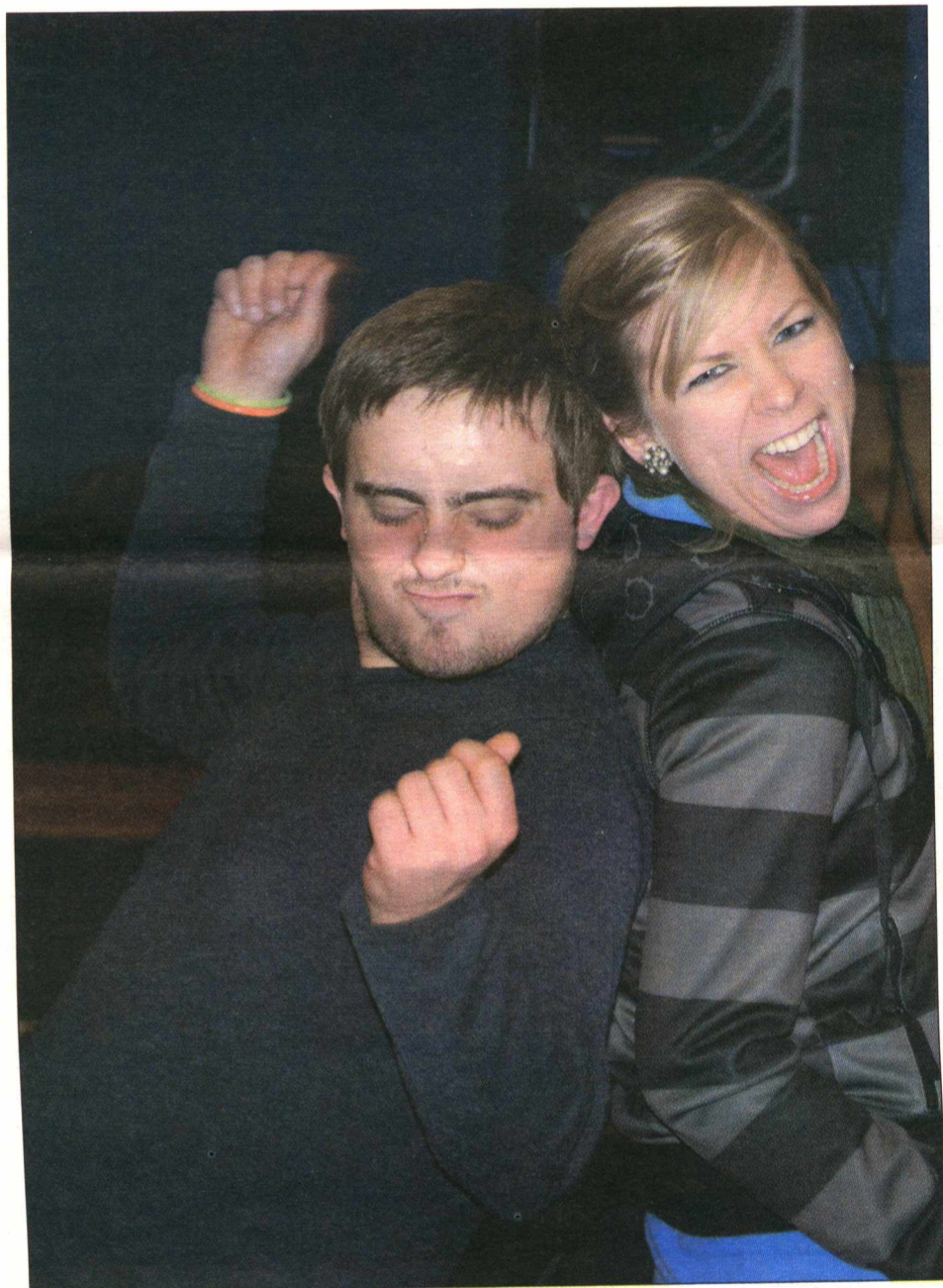
The parade contained

floats made by NNU class councils and clubs. Individuals could also enter floats.

The floats were judged by members of the Alumni House and the best floats were awarded prizes.

The NNU Recycling Club took first place, the Middle Eastern Affairs Club second and Sophomore Class council took third.

Also, Homecoming included a bonfire and a fireworks display on Saturday night. This was an event added to NNU tradition last year.



Top Left: Senior Haline Freitas decorates the Multicultural Affairs float. Left: Juniors Brandon Haskins and Toni Bestul enjoy the Harvest Party Friday night in the fieldhouse. Above: Junior Frank Borbe and sophomore Kendra Loeber participate in the parade representing the Recycling Club Saturday afternoon (photos by Andrea Schilling).

Students reflect on their time at The Call Conference as high schoolers

by LAURIE BURGEMEISTER

Starting tomorrow, NNU's theology department will be hosting a group of high school students at the annual The Call Conference.

The Call Conference is a four-day seminar that NNU has hosted each year the past three years and is intended for junior and senior high school students who are exploring a position in ministry.

Each year, the students

meet with faculty from the theology department to learn how the Apostle's Creed is the key to an understanding of God and how the Creed relates to modern life, especially in the areas of ministry.

Joelle Friesen, junior, was among the first to attend the conference. Friesen attended the in Fall of 2005.

"I went because it was a novelty and I wanted to get a jumpstart on understanding what it means to be in ministry,

especially in the Nazarene church," said Friesen.

That year, students were required to read "The Upward Call" before arriving so that discussion could take place.

Each year, family groups are formed for such discussions to take place.

Friesen said that one of her favorite parts was attending the art gallery in Meridian and being able to participate in worship where everyone was able to express their faith in different ways

through art.

She also enjoyed the 'Christ in Film' series in which the students analyzed movies like "Saved" starring Mandy Moore and "Mystic River" starring Sean Penn.

"It was the beginning of exposing myself to things on the outside of the 'church world,'" said Friesen. "I think it was hard for a lot of conservative Christian kids to take such critical accusations from pop culture."

High school students who are interested must

apply to their NYI District Presidents including with the application three essays discussing their call to the ministry, today's church and a personal mentor who has influenced their lives.

Friesen said it was disappointing that there was not a lot of interaction taking place between the members of the conference and NNU students. Friesen said she thinks it would mean a lot if this year NNU students made the effort to reach out to the prospective ministry

majors.

"I was really insecure and intimidated when I came," said Friesen. "Just say something to them. It shows the general spirit of the campus and that there aren't just castes of people here."

The conference starts tomorrow at 6:00 P.M. and ends Sunday at noon.

Participating students will be staying on campus in dorm lobbies.

College credits are also available for completing the conference.

Knapp travels the across the Middle East on his study abroad experience

by ANDREA SCHILLING

Junior philosophy and political science major Andrew Knapp has taken on the opportunity to study in the Middle East this semester.

"I decided to study abroad to get away from my old ways of thinking and ... to see the world," Knapp said.

Knapp spent the first part of the semester in Cairo, Egypt and will spend the remainder of the semester traveling.

"Cairo is easily the dirtiest city on the planet," said Knapp.

Knapp said he lived in a neighborhood named Agouza while in Cairo.

"If you look on Google earth, you will see an island named Zamalek, and on the west side between the two bridges that connect Zamalek to the rest of Cairo is Agouza, near the Mohandesseen district."

Knapp said for the first two months he studied colloquial Egyptian Arabic, which he said was much different from standard Arabic in its syntax and

pronunciation.

Knapp also studied a variety of cultural subjects in relation to the Middle East.

"We study, as a whole, Islam, Arabic, Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East, and current political and historical currents in the area; focusing on the Arab-Israeli conflict," said Knapp.

Knapp was just in Turkey, which he said is one of the most beautiful places he has ever seen.

"Imagine Russia, Oregon and western Germany having a baby--green everywhere, and the people are very nice," he said.

For the remainder of the semester, Knapp will be traveling to Syria, Jordan, Israel and Palestine.

Knapp's experience in the Middle East thus far has been a learning experience that spans beyond the textbooks.

"We lived with poor families for a week and I gained a new appreciation for what poverty is like," said Knapp.

Knapp said this new appreciation developed as a result of his stay with the

host family.

"My family spent half of its income feeding me, and moved the household's only fluorescent light bulb around from socket to socket so that I could do my homework at night."

Much like other students studying abroad this semester, Knapp recommends that all students take on the opportunity to step outside NNU's borders.

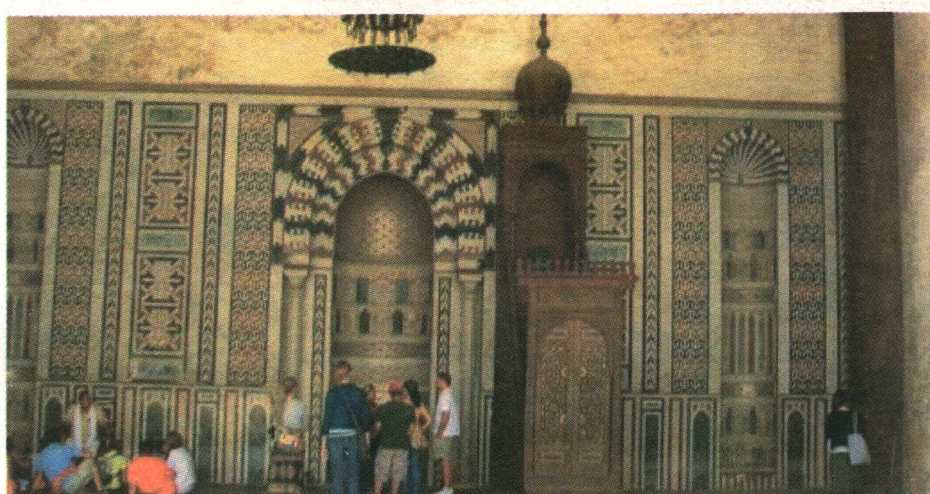
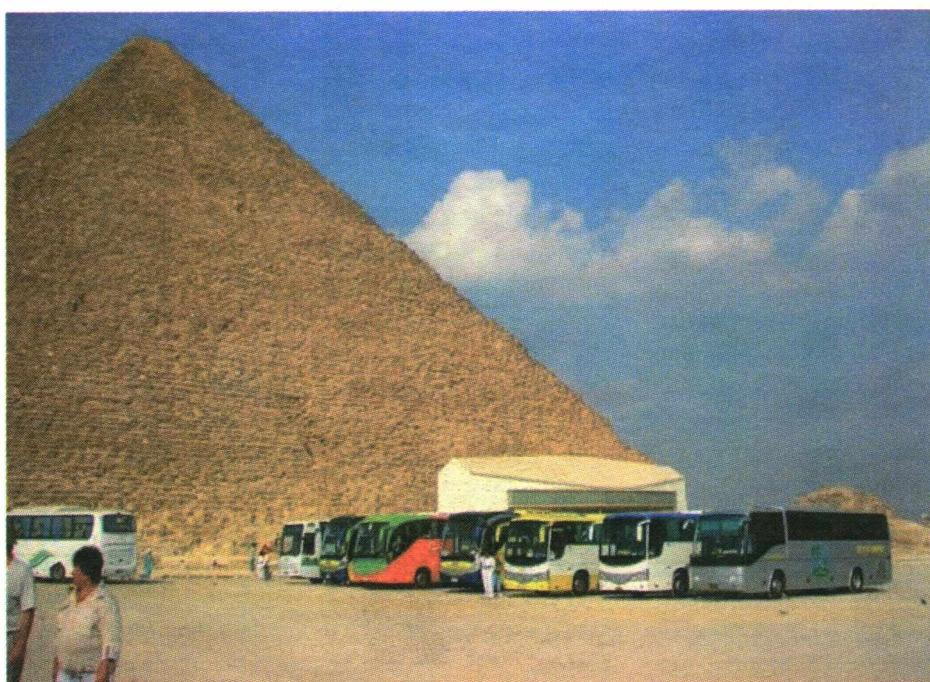
"I am very happy that I chose to study abroad. As of now, I would almost chastise someone for choosing not to," he said.

Knapp said his semester abroad in the Middle East has been a highlight to his college experience.

"In my opinion it is the most important facet of a college experience, and if you haven't, you don't know what you are missing."

The program Knapp was involved with is a part of the Best Semester study abroad series.

For information on the Middle East Studies Program, and others like it, can be found at bestsemester.com.



Some of the sights Knapp has been able to see have included the Pyramids of Egypt (top) and the Citadel in Cairo, seen above (photos from Andrew Knapp).

Social Work majors use internships for hands-on career experience

by ANDREW MCCULLEY

Social work majors at NNU complete internships as part of their major's requirements.

The students complete their internships junior and senior year.

Junior social work major, Miriam Reardon, who will start her internship next semester, describes the internship as a good opportunity.

She is looking forward

to seeing how the process works, with the paperwork and dealing with clients.

WORLD RELIEF



Reardon hopes to work at Harrison's Hospice to complete her internship.

Although she does not necessarily want to work in

geriatrics, Reardon hopes to use this experience to figure out what she wants for the

bigger picture.

She hopes to learn from the patients' perspective.

"You value life differently when you see the end of

your life," Reardon said.

Chelsea Michelson is also doing her junior internship

this semester.

She is completing a practicum internship with World Relief, which involves a great deal of observation.

World Relief is an organization which works primarily with refugees.

Junior Kristin Plyler is also working at World Relief, and is using her time there to fulfill her internship as well. Michaelson and Plyler commute to the Boise area World Relief headquarters each week.

Michelson loves watching the correlations between her internship experience and the classroom.

"The experience is really cool," Michelson said. "Seeing case work being done, working and engaging with clients. Being there helps me understand how involved social work is. It deepens my cultural understanding."

"Social work and compassion go hand in hand," Michelson said. "This is compassion into action; and that's where my heart is."



World Relief is aimed toward helping people who have fallen victim to disaster situations around the globe (photos from worldrelief.org).

Student Life Events

Wednesday, November 12
 8:00 p.m.: Senate (Wordsworth)
 9:00 p.m.: Timeout with C of I (Brandt)

Thursday, November 13
 The Call Conference begins
 9:00 p.m.: Brickhouse

Friday, November 14
 Last day to withdraw from a Quad 2 class with a "W"
 8:00 p.m.: Boise Philharmonic (Brandt)

Saturday, November 15
 4:00 p.m.: MBball vs. Multnomah

Volleyball falls after seven game winning streak

by LAURIE BURGEMEISTER

Lady Crusaders volleyball team racked up its winning streak to seven last Thursday, but it ended on Saturday when the team was defeated by Seattle Pacific University.

Thursday night Cammy Dranginis took a season best 19 kills in the GNAC game against Central Washington University. Dranginis is part of a group of four volleyball students selected for the GNAC Academic All-Star team.

The CWU Wildcats broke NNU's streak of 16 consecutive winning sets. The 'Saders have not gone five sets in a game since their

last meeting with CWU on Oct. 16.

Coach Jared Sliger said that five sets was not ideal, but the players made up for it by making big plays when it was needed.

Along with her 19 kills, Dranginis had 7 blocks and 44 swings without an error. Lindsay Forseth added 12 kills and 16 digs while Eki Punimata had 43 assists on the offense.

The Crusaders ended the game 25-19, 29-27, 23-25, 23-25, 15-11.

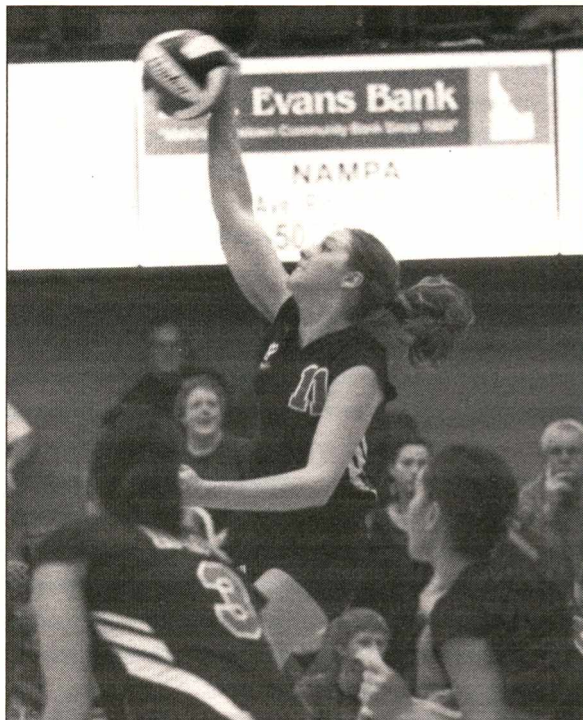
On Saturday night the ladies were defeated by Seattle Pacific University in five sets 25-14, 23-25, 25-20, 22-15, 9-15.

Amanda Boschma ended

the game with 16 kills and 14 digs and Dranginis had 14 kills and 2 blocks.

The Lady Crusaders are now 15-8 overall and 9-5 in GNAC play. They will finish the season this Thursday facing Western Oregon University and Saturday against Saint Martin's University, both away games.

Amy Higginson, Dranginis, Haley Hevern and Erika Schaub have all been named to the 2008 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Academic All-Conference volleyball team. Athletes are eligible for the team if their grade point average is 3.2 or higher and if they are in their second year of university competition.



Amanda Boschma spikes the ball during the Crusaders' 3-2 loss on Saturday (photo by Jenn Hush).



Volleyball players Eki Punimata and Lindsay Forseth prepare for the next set at their game on Thursday against Central Washington University (photo by Andrea Schilling).

Crusader intramural teams grab two home victories in C of I challenge

by JAELE HENTHORN

NNU shows athletic superiority over cross-town rival College of Idaho. The NNU vs. C of I challenges have become a tradition leading up to the grand finale, which is the men's basketball game at the Idaho Center.

In this year's challenges NNU won powder-puff football, flag football and volleyball. The Crusaders only lost in the ultimate

Frisbee match-up and were forced to forfeit in the frisbee golf match-up.

This year's flag football game was played on NNU home turf on Nov. 6. The Crusaders won 20-0. Jared May, Grant Miller and Tyler McCarty scored touchdowns. Extra points were scored by Dan Bechtold and McCarty. The team was lead by quarterback Brandon Johnson. Jordan Freiburghaus sported his pink bandana while

playing stellar defense. Other key players included Dane Manley, Stephan Welch, Jay Younger, Brian Loeber, Michael Hoyt and Brandon Vaughn.

Jay Younger was sidelined due to a shoulder injury suffered in the NNU intramural championship game. Brandon Vaughn fought through a knee injury that occurred near the end of the game.

SGA provided hot dogs to both 'Yotes and 'Sader

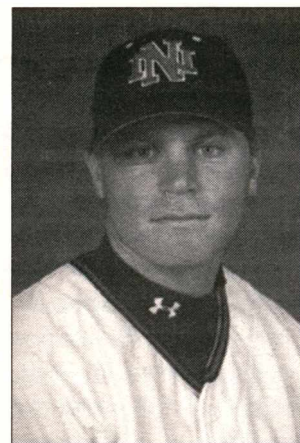
fans alike. Community Relations Coordinator Tony Napier ran the barbeque. President Lacey Smith was seen supporting the Crusaders at both of these games. She is responsible for setting up the competitions. President Smith was reported to have an awesome performance against C of I in the powder-puff game that took place a week earlier.

Earlier in the day the NNU intramural volleyball

team beat the 'Yotes. Team members included Colby McCarty, Adam Lyon, Craig Wolfe, Macey Mendez-Vigo, Chelsea Michelson, Bailey Osborne, Alicia Stuart and Tim Straight. The match score was 2-0. NNU won the first game 25-17 and the second game 25-21. Straight said the Crusaders "played like a team. Colby had some big hits, and Craig and I were big on the outside."

PLAYER PROFILE

RYAN VAN BEEK



Name: Ryan Van Beek
Sport: Baseball
Major: Business Administration
Year: Sophomore

What is your best career moment?

Hitting a game-tying home run in the last inning of the Little League All-Star semifinal. We ended up winning, no big deal.

What is your claim to fame?

Being the little brother of Jimmy and Katie Van Beek...and only having 4 knuckles on one hand.

What is your favorite quote?

"Those who work the hardest are the last to surrender."

Who inspires you?

My father, of course, he's invincible.

What is your most embarrassing moment?

Completely losing my pants in a high school soccer game... and having it caught on tape.

What was the best Kangaroo Court fine?

The team fined the coaches for all going and getting matching haircuts.

What cartoon character would you be? Why?

I would be the roadrunner, because it takes me way too long to get to first base.

Who is your favorite professor? Why?

Dr. Anstine--because he made Cornerstone awesome.

Give a shout out:

To the Bombers and Dirt Bags: Let's all be friends again. P.S. Morse, I still have a bruise...



Sports Box

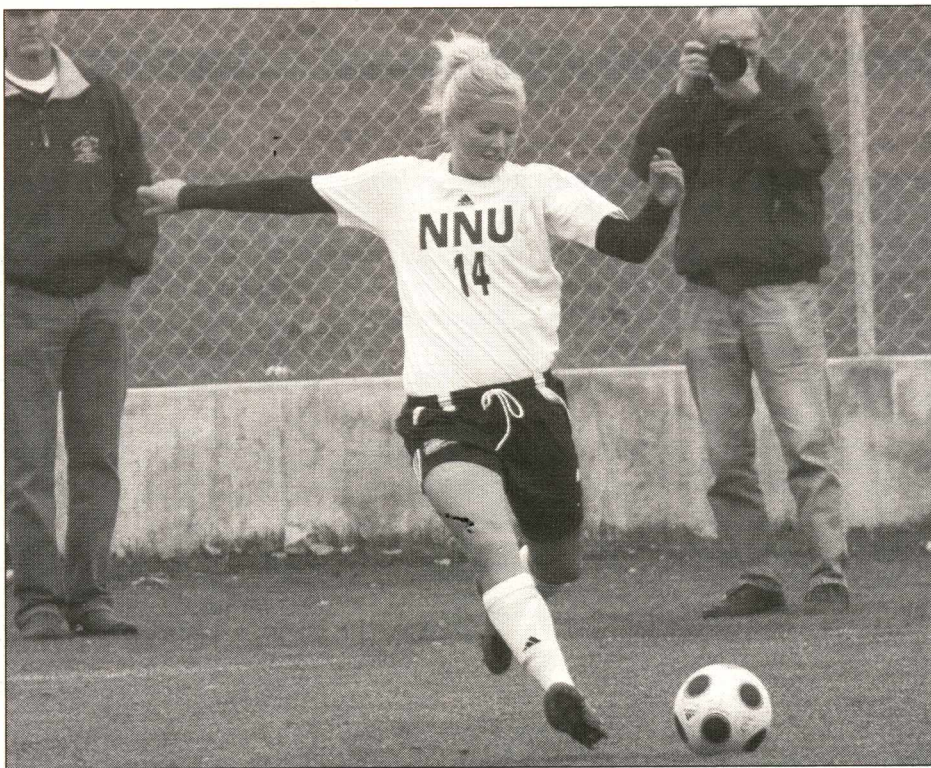
Women's soccer: 1-18-1

Men's soccer: 10-8-2

Volleyball: 15-8

Men's basketball: 1-0

Women's basketball: 1-0



Above: Freshman Kylie Marshall gives CWU a big kick during the Crusaders' last game of the season Saturday (photo by Jenn Hush). Right: Senior Hannah Mohs dribbles the ball up the field (photo by Andrea Schilling).



AP Sports Blurbs

NEW YORK — Tim Lincecum wins the National League Cy Young Award in his second major league season. He went 18-5 with a 2.62 ERA and is only the second San Francisco Giants pitcher to earn the honor.

UNDATED — Pro football is America's No. 1 sport in part because the NFL has always known how to legitimize and glorify its violence in "greatest hits" videos and highlight segments. But hard hits are being viewed much differently by the league these days — resulting in a stream of fines and objections from players.

LOS ANGELES — Nobody around Southern California has forgotten the Stanford debacle of last year, when the 41-point underdog Cardinal handed the Trojans their only loss at Los Angeles Coliseum in the past 43 games. No. 6 USC, a 23-point favorite, gets a shot at revenge this weekend in Palo Alto.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — Davis Love III remembers what a big deal it was when Lanny Wadkins won for the 20th time on the PGA Tour, mainly because it separated him from everyone else and came with a lifetime exemption. These days, 20 tour wins might be the equivalent to a 300-game winner in baseball.

NEW YORK — Rays third baseman Evan Longoria and Cubs catcher Geovany Soto are the AL and NL Rookies of the Year. Longoria, the first Tampa Bay player to win the award, is a unanimous choice. Soto, who helped Chicago win the NL Central, collects all but one vote.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — As Jimmie Johnson closed in on a record-tying third NASCAR championship, ABC inexplicably dumped its coverage with 34 laps to go. The decision didn't have the same consequences of football's infamous "Heidi" game, but it certainly didn't do much for NASCAR, either.

Women's soccer ends the season with an overtime defeat

by JAELE HENTHORN

The women's soccer team ended its season with a heart-breaking loss against Central Washington University. The team played Nov. 8 as part of the Homecoming festivities.

The girls battled in the last game of their war-torn season, sending the game into overtime. They lost in minute 97 when the Wildcats scored their second goal of the game.

Sophomore Stacy Beckman found the net for the Crusaders. She received the ball from fellow sophomore, Kim Bowen. Sophomore goalkeeper Pip Herman fought for 8 saves.

The Crusaders finish 1-18-1 on the season. Their victory came on Sept. 17. They beat cross-town rivals, College of Idaho. They shut them out 2-0.

Beckman had 4 goals on the season. She led the team in goals scored.

Herman had 103 saves on the season.

The women's season was one with a lot of struggles. However, they showed a lot of heart. As a young team, there is plenty of hope for future seasons. This one will be looked upon as a rebuilding year or a character building season. The girls are competitors and will never be satisfied with losing. They put in a lot of work.

The men's baseball team

honored the soccer team by serving it a formal dinner. According to sophomore baseball player Ryan Van Beek, the men cooked spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and brownies. The ladies showed up in dresses while the men were seen wearing slacks and button-up shirts accented with ties.

In other news, seniors Angie Duryea, Jenna Johnson and Hannah Mohs set an academic example. They were among 8 Crusaders

to make the GNAC All-Academic Soccer Team this year. In order to make the GNAC All-Academic team one must maintain a 3.2 GPA and have played for two seasons or more. All three girls have made the All-Academic team three years in a row. Also recognized were Kim Bowen, Kendra Courcy, Marie Smith, Liz Gross, and Pip Herman.

The lady Crusaders take down NCU and alumni Brady leads the team with 22 points Saturday

by JAELE HENTHORN

NNU hosted Northwest Christian University in their season opener on Nov. 7. The Lady Crusaders put a tally in the win column with a final score of 78-66.

The Crusaders kept NCU Beacons on their heels, scoring 20 points before the Beacons could crack their goose egg. By half time, the Crusaders had a sizable lead with a score of 41-24.

Junior guard Lindsay Brady was on fire. She led the team, scoring 22 points in the game. NNU's consistent forward Brittany Roggenkamp scored 14 points during the night.

The Crusaders out-shot and out-rebounded the Beacons to guarantee a win. Freshman Brianna King had a good first appearance

with 9 points and 13 rebounds. Fellow freshman Julianne Bazzi also received significant playing time.

According to head coach Kelli Lindley, the team's goal this season is to go undefeated in the Johnson Sports Center.

On Nov. 8 the current Crusaders played against the alumni. The Crusaders won the game 94-65.

Senior Janee Olds had 21 points in the game. Lindsay Brady, Jenn Williams, Julianne Bazzi and Brittany Roggenkamp scored double-digit figures.

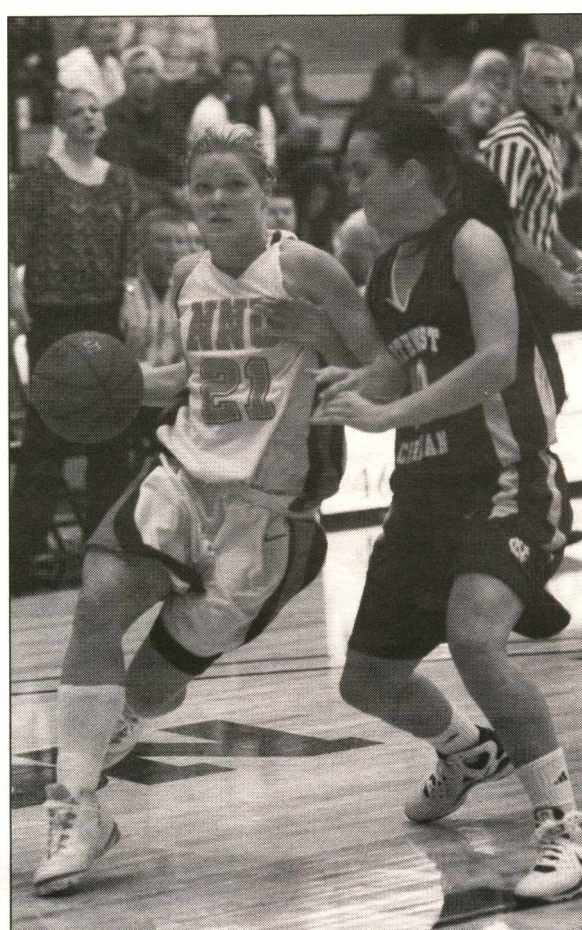
The Crusaders' own conditioning coach, Jessi Mets, played for the alumni, putting up 16 points. Jenny McCarthy, the wife of coach McCarthy, added another 15 for the alumni.

The alumni game is a

part of the Homecoming festivities. The alumni were coached by NNU Hall of Famer Roger Schmidt.

The ladies will tip off for their first regular season game on the road Nov. 15 against Cal State Dominguez Hill at the Eva Schicke Memorial Classic in Stanislaus, Cali. Their first home game of the regular season will be Nov. 21 against Cascade College.

Junior Lindsay Brady, the leading scorer for the game, drives to the hoop against Northwest Christian College Saturday in their 78-66 victory (photo by Jenn Hush).



'The Servant of Two Masters' is charmingly confounding



REVIEW

by ALLISON HAWN

Last Thursday marked the opening of the fall play "The Servant of Two Masters" by Carlo Goldoni.

The cast, under the direction of Jonathan Perry, did a fantastic job.

The play—actually a play within a play—is a more twisted, more complex version of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

It's a tale of misguided lovers and hopelessly idiotic confounders. What ensues is arguably more entertaining than Shakespeare's tale of confusion.

The cast did a splendid job of engaging the audience; there wasn't a scene that went uninterrupted by audience laughter. And the cast involved the audience in several instances by actually asking for answers to questions.

The cast was very well selected for their roles—especially those that were forced to cross-dress to fulfill them.

Grant Miller stooped to

nearly half his height to fill the role of the hunchback Brighella.

Charissa Dufour brought out her feminine rage as the candy chucking Smeraldina.

Aimee Niles and Matthew Davis dramatically brought to life the paths of two very confused lovers, Beatrice and Florindo.

Rachel Allen and Nate Paine pulled off the on-stage lovers/off-stage bitter enemies with convincing clarity.

Lacey Smith and Hannah Beers pulled off the aging characters of Dr. Lombardi and Pantalone spectacularly.

Eli Kamplain made a perfect, Kramer-like Truffaldino. Jarrod Zinn and Amanda Konzal, playing multiple parts throughout the play, made wonderful additions to the cast.

Keats the cat—courtesy of Professor Jennifer Chase—also made appearances as both a pet and a possible dinner dish throughout the play.

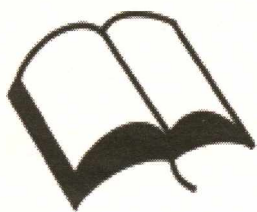
Overall "The Servant of Two Masters" was splendidly produced and acted.

The humor and wit were well balanced with the dramatization brought to it by the actresses and actors on stage; congratulations to those who were involved with its production.



Above: Dr. Lombardi and Silvo in Act I, played by Lacey Smith and Nate Paine. Left: Florindo (Matt Davis) and Elias Kamplain (Truffaldino) interact during the cast's first dress rehearsal (photos by Andrea Schilling).

'Body Piercing Saved My Life' explores Christian music genre



REVIEW

by RACHAEL FINCH

Add the Billboard Top 40 and Christian musicians and you get guys with guitars wearing yellow and black spandex emulating popular hair bands; or at least that is what it meant in the 80's.

From the sometimes questionable lyrics of Pedro the Lion to the scandal of Amy Grant sun bathing nude, "Body Piercing Saved My Life" is no ordinary

journey through the music world; it's all about the quirks, both good and bad, of the Christian music industry and the Christian community.

Christian rock music has always been an elusive category. There are "Christian bands," Christians-in-a-band and bands with the ever-elusive "positive message."

What's more, there is an entirely separate network of record labels and marketing schemes for Christian music; it is a universe in itself.

"Body Piercing Saved My Life" is an attempt by Andrew Beaujon to understand the growing phenomenon of Christian rock, both its styles and its guidelines, and to understand the Christian

community by extension. Beaujon, who has written for Spin and the Washington Post, among other

publications, writes about his experiences with various Christian music events over the course of a year, during which time he interviewed several industry people.

He writes with stylistic brilliance, using pop culture references galore to make the journey entertaining as well as enlightening.

While Beaujon is often blunt about the odd and unpleasant characteristics of the Christian music business, he is also sympathetic to the industry and to Christians.

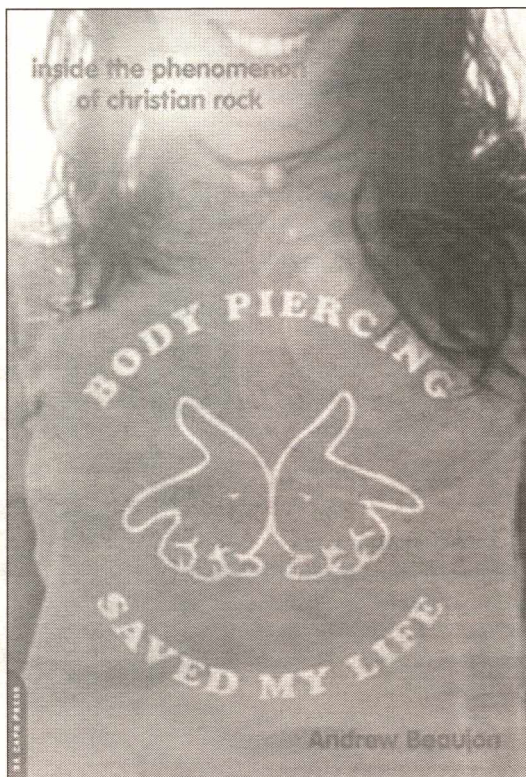
He notes that, while the Christian industry often settles for mediocrity, he has discovered Christian bands that are musical gems, and that most of the Christians encountered in his research

were motivated by a sincere concern for others.

This book is Beaujon's honest and personal exploration of a subculture that is often at odds with his own professional field of journalism.

It would be a valuable read for all Christians, but it would be particularly beneficial for teenagers and young adults. These audiences are most likely to appreciate Beaujon's style and pop culture references.

For young and old, Christian and non-Christian; this book is an in-depth look at a modern, relevant cultural divide.



David Bazan creates music about religious struggle



REVIEW

by RACHAEL FINCH

If ever a musician wore his heart on his sleeve, it would have to be David Bazan—in a strictly non-emo sense.

Pedro the Lion, Headphones, David Bazan: choose whichever band/soloist you will, they are all Bazan with different stylistic nuances.

Bazan, like Ben Gibbard and Conor Oberst, has been responsible for multiple bands that consist mainly of himself, with the support of some other musicians.

From his first release with

Pedro the Lion on Tooth & Nail records in 1997, Bazan's tranquil voice has carried messages of religious struggle that are juxtaposed with the peaceful tone of his music.

Bazan created quite a stir in the Christian music scene as he began to deviate from the strict evangelical ideals expected by his upbringing and his existence in the Christian industry. After "Whole," Bazan left Tooth & Nail and entered the general market.

Through Pedro's three albums and two four-track albums, Headphones' one album, and Bazan's one solo album, Bazan has continued to convey his religious, emotional and intellectual journey through his music with utmost honesty.

Pedro the Lion makes Death Cab for Cutie sound upbeat. But do not let the mellow sound be misleading; the lyrical content is

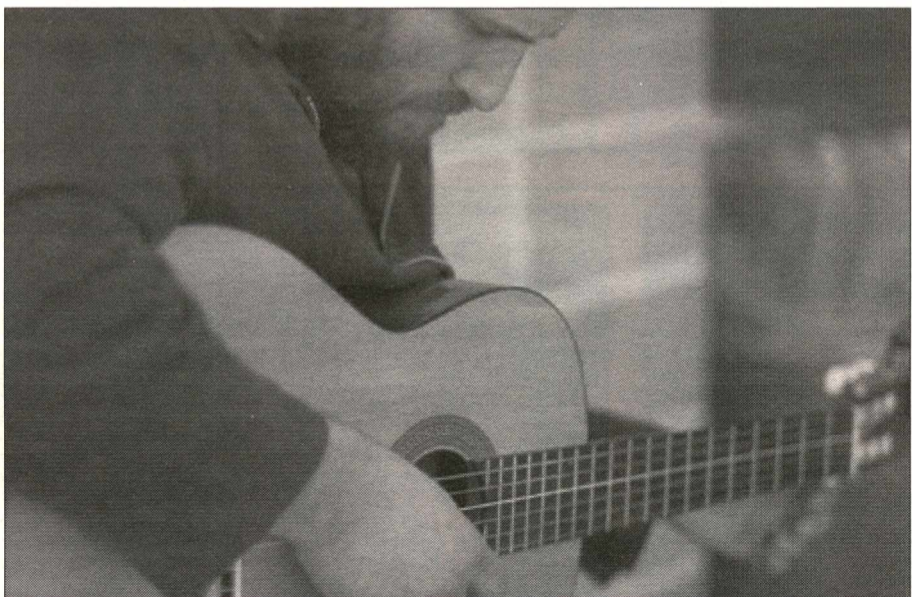
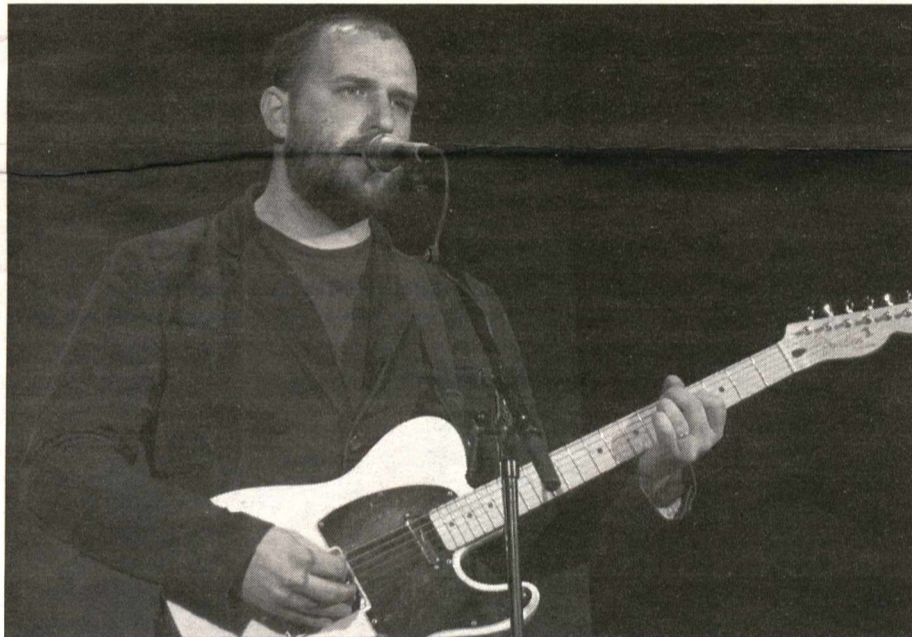
heavy.

The song "Options," off of "Control," is a sad glimpse at a couple that is not in love, but remains married out of convenience. Bazan sings "I could never divorce you without a good reason, and though I may never have to, it's good to have options."

Headphones is Bazan's most experimental project, relying heavily on synthesizers. The band is more reminiscent of The Postal Service than of any of Bazan's other work.

Bazan's most recent solo effort, "Fewer Moving Parts," is a middle ground between Pedro the Lion and Headphones. It's more upbeat than Pedro, with more synthesizer, but not nearly as much synthesizer as Headphones.

Fans of Death Cab for Cutie, Band of Horses and The Decemberists will probably like Bazan.



David Bazan, turned solo artist, calls Edmonds, Wash. home (photos from wikicommons).

Meatless options for the vegetarians among family and friends

by ALLISON HAWN

There are alternatives to turkey on Thanksgiving day.

Tradition in most homes during the Thanksgiving holiday is to carve up a large turkey; however, some people do not wish to partake in this particular tradition. Vegetarians and vegans need to eat too. Luckily there are some alternatives for those who do not wish to feast on fowl.

A great replacement for meat at any holiday food-fest is cooked tofu. According to the Foundation of Integrated Medicine, tofu is a great source of protein and

calcium and can help lower cholesterol and can even improve bone density.

If you still want to stay somewhat traditional there are several brands of faux-turkey that one can buy that are soy and tofu based products. Some popular brands that can be found locally are Tofurky, Veggie Turkey Breast and Field Roast.

If you are looking for a strictly vegetarian meat alternative, you might try some more traditional egg-based dishes. Deviled eggs on the top have been a tradition in my family for several years now.

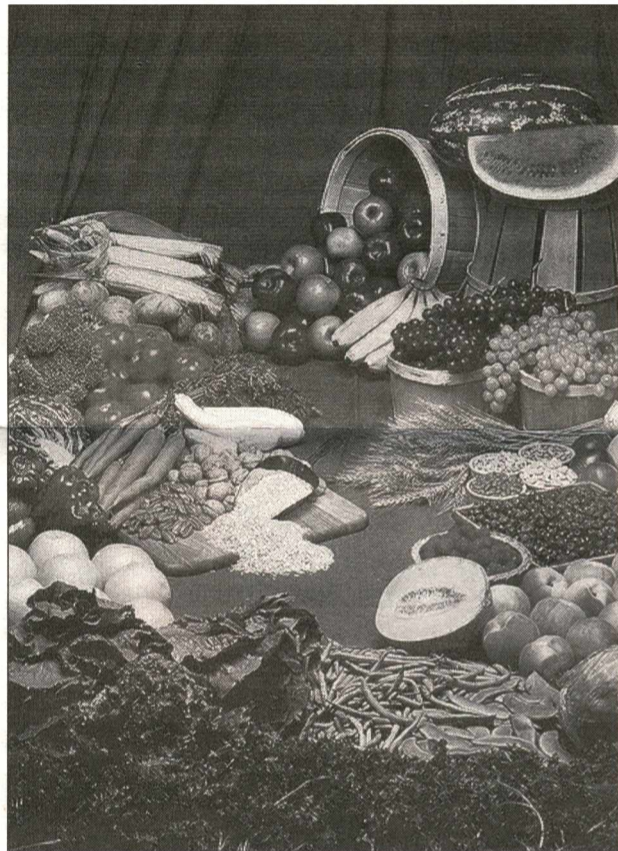
Side dishes that are

vegetarian or vegan friendly are also relatively easy to find. Any number of combinations of steamed vegetables can be used to supplement the meal.

If the meal is still lacking in protein, a number of soups can be made with black beans, various vegetables and soy-based vinaigrettes.

Of course these are just some basic ideas, but there are many more creative ways to make sure that vegetarians and vegans are included in the holiday feast.

Simply going online and typing in "vegan vegetarian Thanksgiving" will net you a ton of results.



Vegetarians are able to survive this holiday season by using meat alternatives with fruits and vegetable to complement the November feast (photo from wikicommons).

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Rating: SILVER

Solution to 11/10/08

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Rating: SILVER

Solution to 11/6/08

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11/7/08

Newsday Crossword

STATION BREAK by David W. Cromer
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Faux pas
 - 5 Hoodlums
 - 10 California wine region
 - 14 Zilch
 - 15 Airline seating request
 - 16 City near Provo
 - 17 Completely
 - 18 Infield position
 - 20 Ultimatum
 - 22 Letter holder
 - 23 House support
 - 26 Nail site
 - 27 Costner's JFK role
 - 32 Tot's dinner wear
 - 35 Zones
 - 36 Romanov ruler
 - 37 Solitary
 - 38 Australian port
 - 39 Actress Wray
 - 40 "___ Fly Now" (Rocky theme)
 - 41 Price for a hand
 - 42 Slangy address
 - 43 Tears down
 - 44 Pince-glasses
 - 45 Take charge temporarily
 - 47 Bovine bellow
 - 48 It's often around a foot
 - 49 Rises slowly
 - 53 Quick and clever
 - 58 One way to send a package
 - 61 Aloe ___
 - 62 Relief effort, for short
- DOWN**
- 1 Small fly
 - 2 Court affirmation
 - 3 Olfactory offense
 - 4 Disconcert
 - 5 Vintner's aide
 - 6 Get a move on
 - 7 Trojans' sch.
 - 8 Steal, slangily
 - 9 State legislator
 - 10 High-born
 - 11 Part of UAE
 - 12 Cancun cash
 - 13 NYSE rival
 - 19 Titanic theme singer
 - 21 Disconcert
 - 24 Like a memorable Dodger
 - 25 Gets the total wrong
 - 27 Shogun's home
 - 28 Peace goddess
 - 29 *I Love Lucy* landlord
 - 30 Where a horse race starts
 - 31 Biblical verb
 - 32 Reagan's chimp costar
 - 33 Deeply felt
 - 34 Brute
 - 37 Do no work
 - 40 Untested
 - 42 Draws aimlessly
 - 45 Sharpen
 - 46 Low-cost quarters
 - 47 Pilgrim's destination
 - 49 Dian Fossey subjects
 - 50 Except for
 - 51 Projecting rock
 - 52 Disgorge
 - 54 Raring to go
 - 55 Chile neighbor
 - 56 Cons' opposers
 - 57 Sharp pull
 - 59 Aluminum source
 - 60 Part of RSVP

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Rating: GOLD

Solution to 11/7/08

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