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Senate to vote on \$3,000 bill

by AIMEE NILES

Tonight, the ASNNU senate will vote on a bill that would give \$3,000 to Mark Lowry Productions. The money would go to repair the relationship between the university and Mark Lowry Productions, said Tony Napier, community relations coordinator.

Napier worked to organize a fundraising concert featuring Lowry. However, it was cancelled earlier this semester before contracts were signed, when members of student development decided it was too large a risk with student funds, said Tim Milburn, the director

of campus life.

Upon this decision, I emailed Bob Sauer, a representative of Mark Lowry Productions, informing him that NNU would not be able to host the concert, said Napier.

Sauer contacted me indicating that there was a problem with the process of the booking the concert, and wanted to know if anything could be done, said Carey Cook, vice president of student development.

However, Milburn said Sauer felt he wasn't getting a response from Cook.

Subsequently, according to an email sent from Sauer to Cook, a letter was

also sent to President David Alexander.

"Alexander referred the matter back to me," said Cook.

Apologies were made by both Napier and Cook, said Milburn, but they aren't enough.

Sauer never said exactly what he wanted; he said he wanted us to do the right thing, said Cook.

Milburn said the email trail indicates there were mistakes on both sides.

Even though no contracts were signed, it was clear that enough had been promised that financially something had to be done, said Cook.

"Tim [Milburn] made it

clear to me there are three options," said Napier. "The money could come from my budget, my salary or from senate."

Napier said if the money comes from his salary he'll be forced to quit because he can't work for free, and SGA would have to pay someone else, so it would be pointless.

His budget can't support it either, said Napier.

"Senate is the only option," said Napier.

Freshman senator Heather Pence said she's confused by the decision. She said she'll listen closely to the reasoning before she votes, but said "paying our way

out isn't a good thing."

Senior senator Dax Wandling said it's stealing from students. "Unless Napier or Cook can give very good reasons, I won't be voting for this bill."

The bill is sponsored by junior senator Daryl Gonzalez. She said she doesn't support the bill, but feels it's important to sponsor it anyway. "If there's no bill, then senate won't have a voice. We're elected to represent students and to be responsible with student money."

When contacted, Sauer said neither he nor Mark Lowry Productions had any comment about the current situation.

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The budgets are in. Classes, clubs and SGA officers find out how big their budgets are for the spring semester.

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THURSDAY

Patchy fog.
Hi: 43° | Low: 23°

FRIDAY

Patchy fog.
Hi: 44° | Low: 25°

SATURDAY

Patchy fog.
Hi: 47° | Low: 29°

SUNDAY

Chance of showers.
Hi: 42° | Low: 30°

MONDAY

Chance of showers.
Hi: 47° | Low: 31°

TUESDAY

Chance of showers.
Hi: 47° | Low: 28°

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How to complete finals week and live to tell your family about it

by DREW MCCULLEY

Finals week can be daunting, but the number one rule for surviving finals week is not to cram said Barbara Howard, the director of the Academic Support Center. She encourages everyone with a full finals schedule to use the weekend before, and maybe even Friday night right after classes, to study for exams.

"Setting up a schedule is important," said Howard. "But also plan break time; the mind needs time to simmer."

Howard also encourages students to get plenty of rest and eat well. "The goal is to stay relaxed," she said, "Tension makes us stupid."

Kathy Burns, also of the Academic Support Center, said reciting, or saying the study information out loud, is one of the most effective methods of studying for a test.

"Combining class and text notes, or synthesizing what you underlined in the book with what the professor lectured in class," is also an effective method of studying.

Nick Davidson, a reference assistant at the library, encourages students to come to the library to find a quiet place to study. He said "you should know your finals schedule and if you need a blue book."

Blue books can be purchased in the bookstore for



Senior Dax Wandling works the ring toss at the Harvest Festival sponsored by the Community Relations Board and the senior class. Full story on page seven (photo by Allison Gilmore).

a quarter. It opens at 9:00 a.m.--not in time for 8 a.m. finals.

Burns also recommends that students seek help in

the Academic Support Center, where students can learn to manage their work.

There, students can find a quiet place to study or work

with one of the "outstanding" peer tutors, who can offer help in almost every subject.

U.S. and British citizens were targets in Mumbai attack that killed 174 people



An Indian policeman walks past flowers outside the Taj Mahal Hotel in Mumbai Sunday, laid in memory of victims of the Mumbai attacks. India's top security official offered his resignation Sunday (photo by the Associated Press).

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. and British citizens were the targets of the violent siege in Mumbai last week, although most of those killed in India's financial capital were Indians, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Tuesday. A group partly based in Pakistan apparently carried out the deadly attack, U.S. officials said. Earlier, the U.S. had warned the Indian government that terrorists appeared to be plotting an assault on Mumbai, the officials said.

At the Pentagon Tuesday, Gates said the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, had gone to the region to meet with officials. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice also is to visit India on Wednesday, carrying the U.S. demand that Pakistan cooperate fully in the investigation into the attack.

Among those killed

in Mumbai were six Americans.

Neither Rice nor Gates would confirm that the United States had passed specific information to India ahead of the attacks.

The brutal, prolonged attack had some roots in Pakistan, a senior State Department official said. That's the closest the U.S. has come to placing blame for the coordinated assaults.

The revelation of a U.S. warning to Indian counterparts about a possible attack comes as the Indian government faces widespread accusations of security and intelligence failures concerning the assault.

Washington had advised that a waterborne attack on Mumbai appeared to be in the works, and that Westerners and Israelis may be targeted, said senior administration officials. They spoke on condition of anonymity because of the

sensitive nature of intelligence information. The official would not elaborate on either the timing or details of the U.S. warning.

However, U.S. and foreign government officials said, the warning information was too vague to be actionable.

Indian authorities have claimed a Pakistan connection for days, but the United States has not wanted to "jump to conclusions," as Rice said Monday. The administration fears that any misstep amid the extraordinarily high emotions surrounding the three-day assault, which killed 172 and wounded 239 in the heart of Mumbai, could spark new and possibly deadly tensions between longtime, nuclear-armed rivals India and Pakistan.

"The target of this terrorist act was not just India. It was also Pakistan's fledgling democracy, and the India/Pakistan peace process,"

Pakistan's ambassador to the U.S. Husain Haqqani told The Associated Press. "Extremists have wanted India and Pakistan to be at each others' throats for a long time."

The Indian government is already facing intense public accusations of security and intelligence failures in the wake of the attacks.

The only surviving attacker told police that he and the other nine gunmen had trained for months in camps in Pakistan operated by the banned Pakistani militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba. Mumbai police commissioner Hasan Ghaffoor said ex-Pakistani army officers trained the group—some for up to 18 months.

U.S. and foreign officials also said the attack pointed to Lashkar, a terrorist organization based in the disputed Kashmir region.

The State Department issued at least two terror-related warnings to Americans in India in October, including one specifically covering western India, which includes Mumbai. These warnings are usually issued after threat information is received, but are less specific than what intelligence agencies would pass on to their counterparts. They highlighted the holiday season in India and the potential for large crowds in shopping areas, restaurants and train stations, which are frequently targeted by terrorists.

Psychology students highlight semester work for local high schools

by LAURIE BURGEMEISTER

Introduction to Psychology students displayed their semester projects this morning in the student center for many local high schools including Skyview, Liberty Charter and Marsing.

From 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. this morning, local high school students interacted with psychology professor Glenna Andrews's Introduction to Psychology students as the students showed off their group projects.

Andrews placed her students into groups and allowed the groups to decide what topic they should research and display. These project topics ranged from gender roles to memory.

"In the past we've had students discuss everything from the way color impacts people to motivation to eyewitness testimonies," said Andrews.

The NNU students had to supply information and activities for the high school students to be introduced to the topic and see some specific examples.

Sophomore Rachel Allen was part of a group that focused on gender roles.

"Our group was the only one with all girls and we thought it would be a lot of fun to study different views society has of men and women," said Allen.

One activity Allen's group did was to have students stand two feet away from a wall with their head against

the wall and then try to pick up a chair directly in front of them. Many times, males were not able to lift the chair. "It has to do with their center of gravity," said Allen.

Another observational activity Allen's group tried was to have both males and females drop a stack of books in the middle of the student center and see who helped the same sex and who helped the opposite sex. Allen's group also had high school students participate in a battle of the sexes jeopardy game.

"Students from the high schools have the opportunity to earn concurrent credit, and it's a great way for interaction to take place," said Andrews. The visiting students also take a tour of the campus and spend time talking with professors from the psychology department.

Besides being a final project for students, Andrews uses this psychology fair as part of a social psychology experiment in learning how leaders emerge.

"The students are required to write an essay discussing their group's dynamics and they have to turn in progress reports that show how the group is interacting," said Andrews.

The fair also helps the high school students gain an understanding of what a fair looks like and prepares them for a research forum they must participate in April.

ASNNU Senate Ways and Means Committee releases spring 2009 budget

by RACHAEL FINCH

Some SGA offices, class councils and clubs found they received fewer funds than requested when the spring 2009 budget was released on Nov. 19.

Budgeting organizations requested nearly \$130,000 total, while student fees were only estimated to provide \$81,000 for next semester, said SGA Business Manager Preston O'Malley.

The amount budgeted to organizations totaled \$85,718.67, according to the Senate report by the Ways and Means

Committee for the spring 2009 budget.

"We also plan to use some [money] from what is currently in SGA General," said O'Malley.

The problems the Ways and Means Committee faced this year were not unlike those they have faced in previous years.

"[It is] the same as every year. People want more money than we have. People wanted money for things that didn't seem to be beneficial to the greater good of the student body," said O'Malley.

In order for the student

body to continue doing all the things it does, student fees must be raised; otherwise something substantial must be cut from the budget, said O'Malley.

The financial strain is not the only reason that some organizations did not receive as much money as they requested. Budgeting also depends on the preparation of the organizations that are requesting funds, and what they plan to spend the money on.

"Each budgeting organization filled out the budgeting form. We evaluated this sheet and determined what

would have the greatest effect on the most amount of students," said O'Malley.

The budgeting sheet requires that organizations give basic financial information, such as how much money the organization had at the beginning of the current semester, the amount of income and expenditures for the semester, the ending balance, and their expected income and expenditures for the next semester, and the total amount they are requesting from SGA. "Many organizations came unprepared and didn't really figure what things would

cost. This lack of care from many was disappointing to see, especially when they are asking for money," said O'Malley.

To better prepare, organizations should complete the budgeting process on time, which includes signing up, filling out the budgeting form, and coming to the meeting with researched numbers and information, said O'Malley.

Which organizations receive funding and how much they receive is determined based upon the Budgeting Priority Statement, said senior Dax Wandling,

chair of the Ways and Means Committee.

The statement is to be used as a guideline for budgeting, and serves as the order in which funds are to be allocated. There are three tiers: Commitment—which includes funds for lecture series and SGA salaries, Responsibilities—including the Oasis and The Crusader budgets, and Discretionary—such as money for the junior/senior retreat and the BRICK House.

The Statement is part of the Procedures of the ASNNU Senate.



Above: Students enjoyed a variety of refreshments while having a quiet place to work at Late Night at the library Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights (photos by Sharon Bull). Below: Students Megan Yergensen and Jenny O'Dell work on an ethics paper in the comforts of the library (photo by Andrea Schilling).

Riley Library attracts students with snacks

by DREW MCCULLEY

The library will be open late two more times this semester. On Dec. 3 and 4, the library will be open late and close at midnight. Until midnight, a librarian will be available to help students with citation, reference and to answer any questions. Refreshments and coffee will be provided at nine.

From 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. tonight, Eric Valenti, a peer tutor from the Academic Support Center, will be available to offer any help he can in calculus, chemistry, mathematics and physics.

Reference Librarian Larita Schandorff said this is an effort to provide "additional study time and encouragement" to the students during finals time.

Schandorff reported that on Monday night 104 students came to the library. She said it can get hectic, but the staff works hard to police the upper floor. "You can always find a quiet corner to study in," she said.

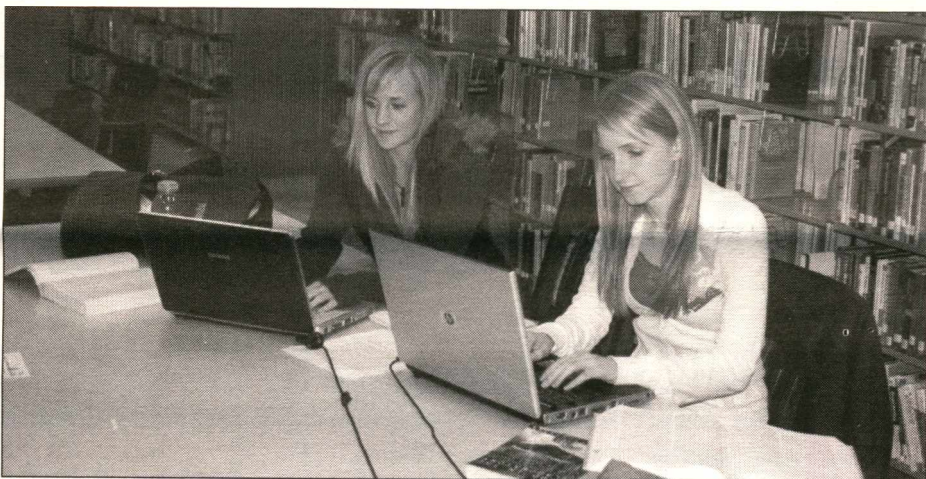
Sophomore Chris Davis, who does not own a personal computer and does most of his homework in the library

said, "It's a great idea, and the library should be open this late every night. It's a great chance for us students to get to do homework in an environment that's designated for it."

Joelle Friesen, a junior, said she will be in the library every night this week. Freisen, a "fan of communal suffering," said "late nights

here are the highlight of finals week."

Friesen also expressed her gratitude for the library staff. "It's nice to be doted on," she said, "It's part of the environment where we can laugh and encourage each other."



University of Toledo vice president fired for newspaper column files lawsuit

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

The firing of a college administrator over her criticism of gay rights has sparked a debate about free speech and whether universities have the right to regulate what employees say outside of their jobs.

Crystal Dixon filed a lawsuit Monday in federal court seeking to be reinstated to her University of Toledo job, which she lost after writing in a newspaper column that gay rights can't be compared to civil rights because homosexuality is a choice.

"I take great umbrage at the notion that those choosing the homosexual lifestyle are 'civil rights victims,'" Dixon wrote in an online edition of the Toledo Free Press on April 18. "Here's why. I cannot wake

up tomorrow and not be a black woman."

She also wrote: "There are consequences for each of our choices, including those who violate God's divine order."

Two weeks later, Dixon was fired as the school's associate vice president for human resources. School officials said her views contradicted university policies, according to the lawsuit.

Though Dixon's attorneys say other school administrators were not punished for expressing their opinions, the public university defends its actions.

"We have asserted from the beginning that Ms. Dixon was in a position of special sensitivity as associate vice president for human resources and this issue is not about freedom of

speech, but about her ability to perform that job given her statements," university spokesman Larry Burns said in a statement.

Dixon did not mention in the column that she worked at the university, but she did defend the school's benefits plans and how they apply to gay employees.

In response to the column, hundreds of people wrote letters calling her views disturbing while others were outraged Dixon was punished for speaking her mind. Conservative talk show hosts and members of her church rallied around Dixon after she was fired.

"It comes down to whether you're speaking as an employee of the university or as a private citizen," said Brian Rooney, a spokesman for Thomas More Law Center

in Ann Arbor, Mich., which is representing Dixon. "If you're speaking as a private citizen, your speech is protected."

The university would have been within its rights to discipline her if she had stated she was a school administrator, Rooney said.

The nonprofit Christian law firm says its mission includes "defending the traditional family and challenging special rights for homosexuals."

"Where is the so-called free expression of ideas and tolerance that universities so adamantly defend?" said Richard Thompson, president of the law center.

Named as defendants in the lawsuit are University of Toledo President Lloyd Jacobs and William Logie, vice president for human

AP News Blurbs

Automakers fight for bailout money

WASHINGTON

Humbled and fighting for survival, Detroit's once-mighty automakers appeal to Congress with a retooled case for a huge bailout, pledging to slash workers, car lines and executive pay in return for a federal lifeline. GM says it won't last 'til New Year's without an immediate \$4 billion and could drag the entire industry down if it fails.

Audit recommends tougher government control over Treasury

WASHINGTON

A government audit says the Treasury Department needs tougher controls to oversee the \$700 billion financial bailout package. The report to Congress says Treasury has no mechanism in place to track how the banking system has used the taxpayer money that had purchased \$150 billion in bank stocks as of Nov. 25.

U.S. soldiers reenlist due to poor economy

FORT RILEY, Kan.

More U.S. soldiers are choosing to re-enlist — and return to combat — rather than take their chances in this adverse job market. "In the Army, you're always guaranteed a steady paycheck and a job," says one GI who is likely to be sent back to Iraq. "Deploying's something that's going to happen. That's a fact of life in the Army — a fact of life in the infantry."

Protesters end occupation of Thailand's airports

BANGKOK, Thailand

Anti-government protesters declare victory after the prime minister is forced from office and say they will end their occupation of Thailand's two main airports — freeing 300,000 stranded travelers. But political divisions have become deeply entrenched, a dangerous rift many fear could lead to more violence.

Former Idaho senator breaks employment laws

BOISE

A former state senator who quit the Idaho Legislature in 2005 as lawmakers pushed for him to be expelled over ethics transgressions now has been ordered to pay \$6,575 for breaking state employment laws. John David "Jack" Noble and his wife, Tracey Lee Noble, lost a civil judgment in the case brought by the Idaho Industrial Commission.

Georgia voters could sway the balance of power in the Senate

ATLANTA

Georgia voters have their hands on the balance of power in Washington as they take to the polls for a runoff in one of two unresolved Senate races that Democrats need to win to get a 60-seat majority. Incumbent Republican Saxby Chambliss faces Democratic challenger Jim Martin following a campaign that drew national political heavyweights from both parties.

Guantanamo Bay shut-down a priority

WASHINGTON

Defense Secretary Robert Gates signals a willingness to forge ahead with two key priorities for the incoming Obama administration: accelerating the U.S. withdrawal from Iraq and shutting down the Guantanamo Bay detention center.

Pirates attempt to plunder cruise liner

NAIROBI, Kenya

Somali pirates set their sights on a luxury cruise liner carrying more than 1,000 people. The vessel outruns the bandits in minutes, but the implications had they succeeded add a new dimension to the scourge of piracy.

Commerce Secretary

WASHINGTON

No one believed Bill Richardson was leaving the national stage just because he abandoned his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination last January. His name was in the hopper as a possible vice president, then as secretary of state. Now President-elect Barack Obama plans to introduce him as his pick for Commerce secretary Wednesday, Democratic officials say.

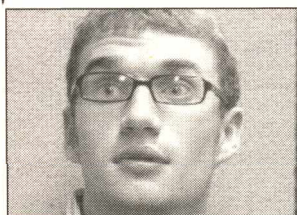
I have concern for where this nation is headed

Is America the best because the majority of our arts are such that both literature and cinema tell the same absurd love story?

Or because the majority's theology is a lurching religion granting, in exchange for almost nothing, peace of mind and a sense of moral superiority?

Or because the majority has an irrational fear of socialism inherited from the Cold War Era, and prefers to hoard our earnings in the form of bigger and better cars and TVs rather than giving help to our bothers and sisters?

Or because the majority votes for a president not out of support, but out of fear of the claims that the other



Sweatervests
by
ANDREW McCULLEY

candidate will convert us to Islam or take away our guns?

Or because the majority's political convictions make us vote occasionally, then we watch the news channels that gratify most of our complaints?

Or because we, as a nation, lash out with our superiority at the smallest threat, engaging in counterterrorism and expecting

civilian casualties?

Or because our great democracy is little better than an anonymous mob lynching the rights of minorities?

I ask not trying to make a sarcastic, anti-American statement, rather with a grave concern for the direction America is headed.

I believe that we have great intentions and wonderful potential. However, I fear we are almost out of credit to pay for the consequences of what we wrought.

On Black Friday last week, outside of a Wal-Mart in New York, shoppers anticipated the 5:00 a.m. opening and the bargain Christmas gifts inside. As the opening approached the crowd began to turn ugly.

The bargain shoppers started to bang and then push on the store's sliding doors just a few minutes before five.

A small handful of employees pushed back on the inward bowing doors as the mob swelled outside. The doors eventually gave in and shoppers got a head start bargain hunting but not before knocking over and trampling a temp employee brought in for the holiday season. The man died an hour later in a hospital.

Other shoppers received minor injuries. Some have begun filing lawsuits against Wal-Mart, faulting the store for lacking adequate security.

We're a mean one, Mr. Grinch, but I'm working on it

My family has a special nickname for me during the holiday season, stolen directly from Dr. Seuss. I wish I could say it was Cindy Lou Who, or Max, but no, I am the Grinch.

I'm grumpy, I'm cynical, I'm rude, I'm a killjoy, and yes, my heart is two sizes too small. Previous Christmases I've felt justified in my attitude. Who wouldn't be cynical about rampant consumerism and a society that will kill for the perfect present?

I don't like the music, I don't like the decorations, I think it's creepy to sit on an old man's lap, and if I hear "Mary Did You Know?" in the Dex one more time, I'm liable to start beating elves.

I know as a "good Christian" I'm supposed to

remember "Jesus is the reason for the season" and cele-



EDITOR'S NOTE
by
AIMEE NILES

brate the birth of my savior, but my history major in me knows that's not true. Sure, we've made Jesus the reason for the season, but there was a reason that Puritans didn't celebrate Christmas. And I've been to the Holy Land during winter time, and if those shepherds were really in the fields keeping watch over their flocks by night, they were wearing North

Face.

I've always reasoned out that Jesus is the reason for all seasons, not just Christmas. And I'd rather celebrate the birth of my savior all year long. I hate my birthday, so why would I like Jesus? Some of you may think I'm blasphemous for saying so, but I don't think Christ blew out Advent candles.

But this holiday season, I've decided I will find something I like about Christmas. I'm working really hard. I've found a Christmas album I enjoy. I like snow. The whole fire thing in church is neat. But really, I need to work harder.

I need to remember Christians celebrate the birth of Christ for a reason. We appreciate it all year

long, but Christmas gives us a unique time to concentrate on that.

I need to remember that for all the rampant consumerism, there is also an outpouring of giving and generosity.

I need to not make my mother cry on Christmas morning (I don't think I have, but it's always a possibility).

My goal is to be pleasant, loving, kind and jovial from Dec. 3 to Jan. 3 (because I hate New Year's too).

And if there's anybody else who tends to lean toward the beginning-of-the-story Grinch and not the end-of-the-book Grinch, join me in finding at least one thing to enjoy about the holiday season.

Thanks for a great first semester, readers

STAFF EDITORIAL

Well worn notepads and twelve issues later, our staff has finally put the cap onto the first half of the year.

With news from near and from far, stretching from Helstrom to Wiley, we hope we've covered this semester's happenings faithfully.

Thank you, students and faculty for simply picking up our publication week after week. We appreciate each statement of praise, and every less-than-satisfied letter to the editor.

After a semester of hard work, we, like the rest of our peers, look forward to a month of brain vacation. We look forward to starting out fresh in January.

Second semester we hope to raise the bar, by increasing professionalism and becoming a more respected publication practicing good journalistic skills we have learned this fall.

So, Northwest Nazarene University, what do we need from you? Continue to tell us what we're doing right, and what we're doing wrong.

If you would like to see more of something, let us know! We're always looking for new ideas for coverage that reaches all students, and that's where you come in. You've done a great job so far, so continue to send in your feedback when classes start back up again.

As this semester comes to a close, The Crusader would like to wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas, a safe break and a happy new year. May those finals that are upon us not completely rid us of our sanity. We hope the four weeks away from campus bring us all the relaxation we deserve.

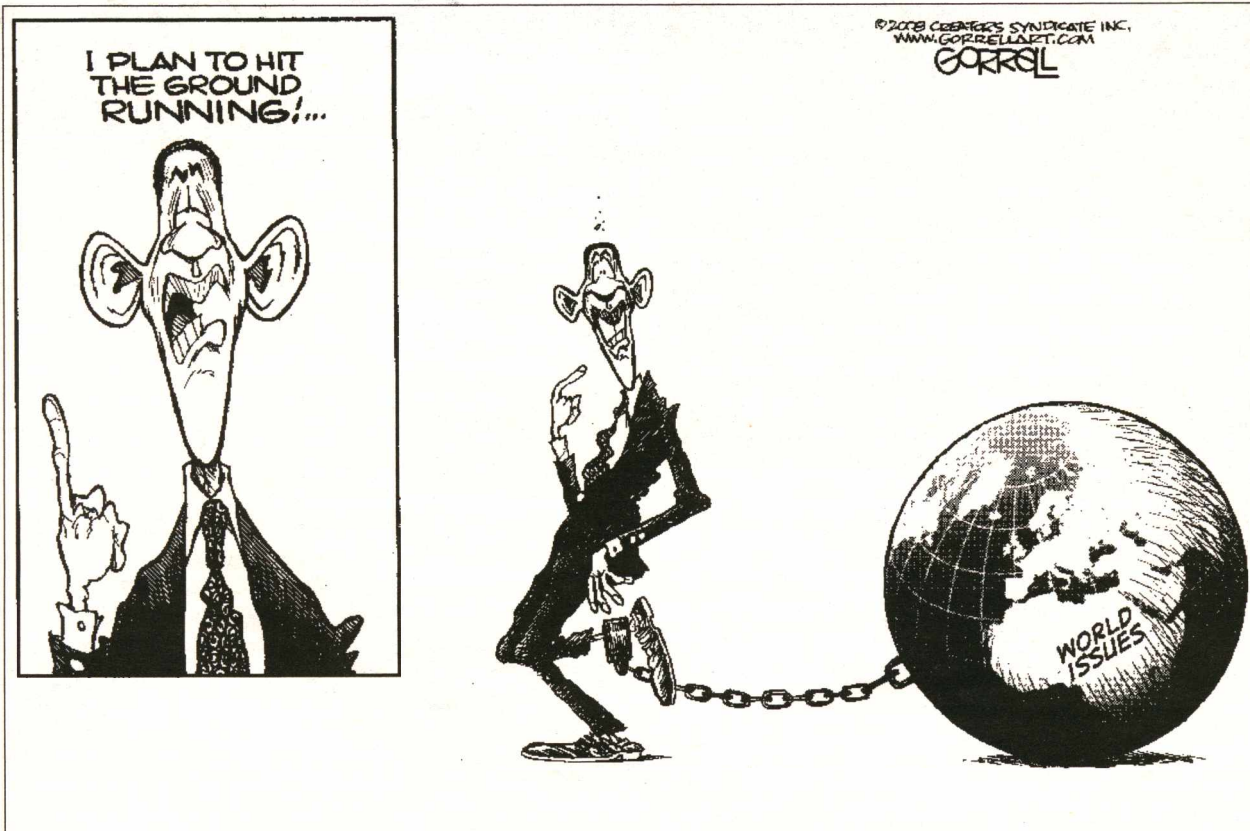
We look forward to a new semester that hopefully won't disappoint. The Crusader will return Jan. 21, ready to keep our peers informed.

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Letters to the editor

Unborn children don't have a voice

The author of "Pro-lifers should be pacifists in order to maintain consistency" said it is hypocrisy for a pro-lifer not to be a pacifist. This argument is ill-founded because the terrorists with whom we are at war have a voice, the unborn child does not.

The author presumes to know much about war saying, "What is war expect a bloody, expensive expression of American imperialism and materialism?" She called the war in the Middle East a "slaughter" because it has resulted in the death of civilians. What would she call what happened on 9-11

when over 2,000 Americans were "slaughtered?" How would the author suggest we Americans protect ourselves from the terrorists who did this?

We could be pacifists as the author suggests. That was originally the Jewish answer to Nazi persecution which resulted in the "slaughter" of 6 million Jews. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, president of Iran, would like to continue the slaughter of the Jews and include the United States too as he stated at the "World without Zionism" conference in Tehran.

Ahmadinejad said, "Israel must be wiped off the map." He also said, "Anyone who recognizes Israel will burn in the fire of the Islamic

nation's fury." He further asked this question, "Is it possible for us to recognize a world without America and without Zionism... you had best know that this slogan and this goal are attainable and surely can be achieved."

While the author's solution of pacifism seems noble, the reality is that we would be "slaughtered" resulting in the very action she is trying to avoid.

I pray for our soldiers and am thankful and humbled by their willingness to risk their lives to protect all Americans: born and unborn.

Hali Cross
junior

God's requirements in romantic relationships

"Ours should not be the love that asks, 'how little?' but 'how much?'; the love that pours out its all and revels in the joy of having anything to pour on the feet of its beloved. The question 'what is the harm?' falls from us and is forgotten when we see Calvary, the Crucified, the risen-again Rabboni of our souls!"
-Amy Carmichael

I am writing in response to Aimee Nile's article "Don't take Christian romance novels too seriously." My heart broke after reading the message of a hopeless love. The statements

about not waiting for a Christian Fabio, along with the challenge of "having standards but being realistic at the same time" gave the message to men and women alike that a pure, holy and fulfilling love is not obtainable. It is my belief that we teach others how to treat us, and if we are giving in to the stale love of almost-fulfillment, we will be constantly disappointed and will miss out on the opportunity of a love and relationship that will not only challenge us but push us to the purity and righteousness which God calls us to.

My suggestion? Not only hope for the one who will meet all the requirements you have for a significant

other, but wait for the one who meets the requirements God asks of us. While you are waiting for them to come along, you can be becoming what God calls you to be.

I refuse to believe that we will ever be asked to "settle" in any area of our lives, even this one. God wants the best for us, now and always, and even if you have to wait forever, I would rather be single and lonely sometimes than be in a relationship which asks the bare minimum out of love.

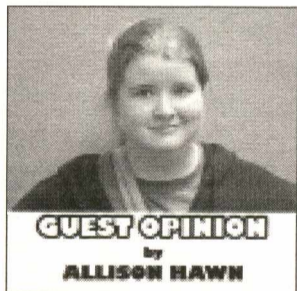
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Feminism isn't unreasonable

When most students on campus hear the word "feminist" when I am describing myself I have noticed that there is a general response of, "Oh my..." as their eyes widen in fear and shock. I would like to state once and for all that feminist does not mean crazy women scream men-hating slogans with a psychopathic gleam in her eye. A feminist, by definition, is not a person who hates all men and thinks that women are superior. Feminists are people (both men and women) who believe that the sexes are equal, and therefore we should be paid, treated and regarded equally.

With all the civil rights movements that our nation has gone through we like to pat ourselves on the back and say, "Good job, everyone is free and equal." Unfortunately this is untrue; many inequalities still exist between genders. For example, according to CNN's Fortune 500 listings only 12 of the 500 top earning companies in the nation have a female CEO. Some disparity in the numbers is



GUEST OPINION
by ALLISON HAWN

expected, but when only 2.4% of the nations top CEO's are women I find that to be very unequal.

When this was brought up in a group of peers, I was shocked to hear a couple of my fellow students voice the opinion that it showed that women aren't as motivated to get those top jobs. Motivation has nothing to do with it. As much as we hate to admit it, the glass ceiling still exists, and the hole that allows some women to fight their way to a higher level is about the size of pop bottle cap.

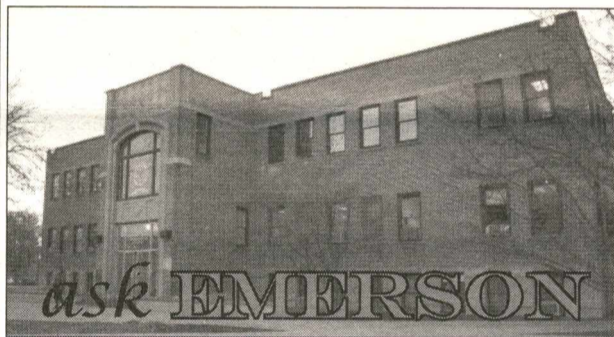
Before change can happen we need to do some serious evaluating of our attitudes as a nation. Let's face it, when a man reaches for the higher levels using shrewd cutthroat techniques he's seen as "upwardly mobile."

If a woman is that ambitious she's seen as a "shark" (or worse). We still label females who have multiple sexual partners with derogatory terms, while we call males who do the exact same things "players." I'm not asking us to start spelling the word "human" as "humyn," I'm simply unwilling to accept a society that allows pervasive inequality.

We have come a long way in making equality possible, but we can't stop now. The modern feminist is not looking for something unreasonable; wishing for respect is never unreasonable.

I would also like to point out that not only women can be feminists. Guys, it will not hurt your reputation at all if you work for gender equality. If you ask me if I am a feminist I will say that I am with pride until the day that men and women are seen as equal in this nation.

Curfew for freshmen promotes community and sets boundaries on newfound freedom



Editor's Note: At the request of the President's Office, The Crusader is providing space each week for Ask Emerson, a column for students to get direct answers to their questions from the NNU administration. The column will be written by rotating members of the President's Cabinet. If you have a question that you would like to Ask Emerson, please e-mail it to crusader@nnu.edu.



by CAREY COOK

Q: Why do freshmen have curfew?

A: Northwest Nazarene University has made residential living part of

its educational design. Research reveals that on-campus students earn higher grades, are less likely to drop out and become more involved with extra-curricular activities and campus personnel.

We believe it is necessary for our students to be immersed in community living for significant personal encounters to be possible. In community, students are challenged to develop and demonstrate the four learning outcomes; Christlike Character, Academic Excellence, Creative Engagement and Social Responsiveness.

Students are also shaped by and contribute to campus life and are expected to integrate their classroom learning experience with their life experiences. This philosophy is part of the reason NNU is a residential campus.

As a result, freshmen have curfew. However, curfew is only first semester if students are not on academic probation, social probation

or don't have issues with chapel attendance.

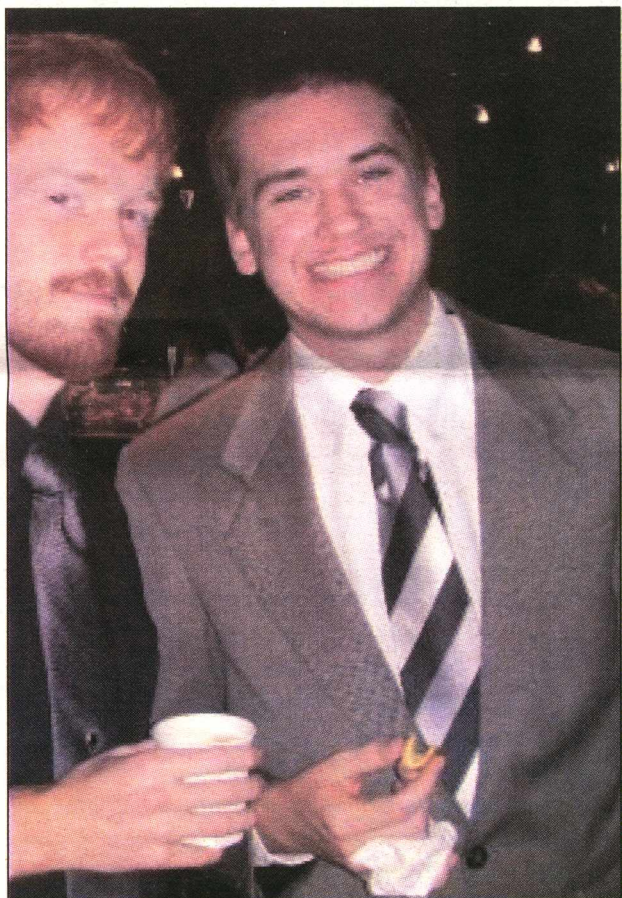
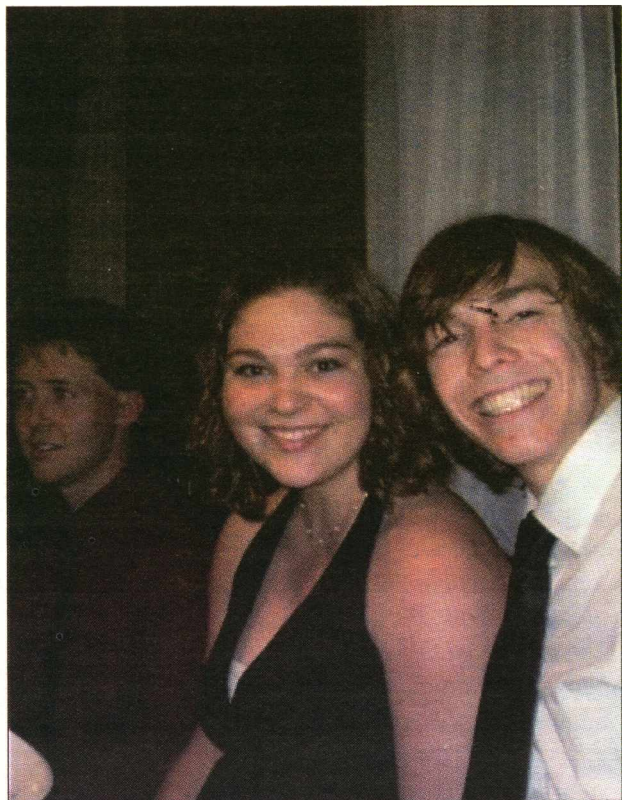
Because of our belief in building community, curfew helps freshmen spend time with the people in their residence hall and more specifically, the people on their wing.

As freshmen, there are many freedoms that students have not experienced once they leave home and go to college. Curfew helps set some boundaries as students are experiencing those freedoms. It also helps mom and dad know that their student has some parameters during this time of transition.

Curfew has existed at NNU for years. There was a time when only women students had curfew. There was also a period of time where all students had curfew. So, curfew for a few short weeks is not that bad. Hopefully, you will not let something that is perceived as negative affect your experience in residential living.

Carey Cook serves as the current vice president of student development. Cook also serves as the assistant women's basketball coach.

Junior class puts on fall banquet at Market Limone



REVIEW

by HANNAH BEERS

Junior class council hosted the Fall Banquet at up-and-coming Market Limone in downtown Nampa. A three story French market and eatery was transformed into a social setting where students enjoyed dinner and dessert.

The doors opened at 7:30 p.m. for students to enjoy a

delicious meal while watching "Casablanca." The elegant dining room upstairs seated 35 couples for a three-course meal, which included pork and the Market's famous creamed corn.

After dinner, couples went downstairs to eat dessert and enjoy several mocktails from the bar. A dance floor was created as students mingled and a play list kept the tunes coming.

And by dance floor, I mean a non-school

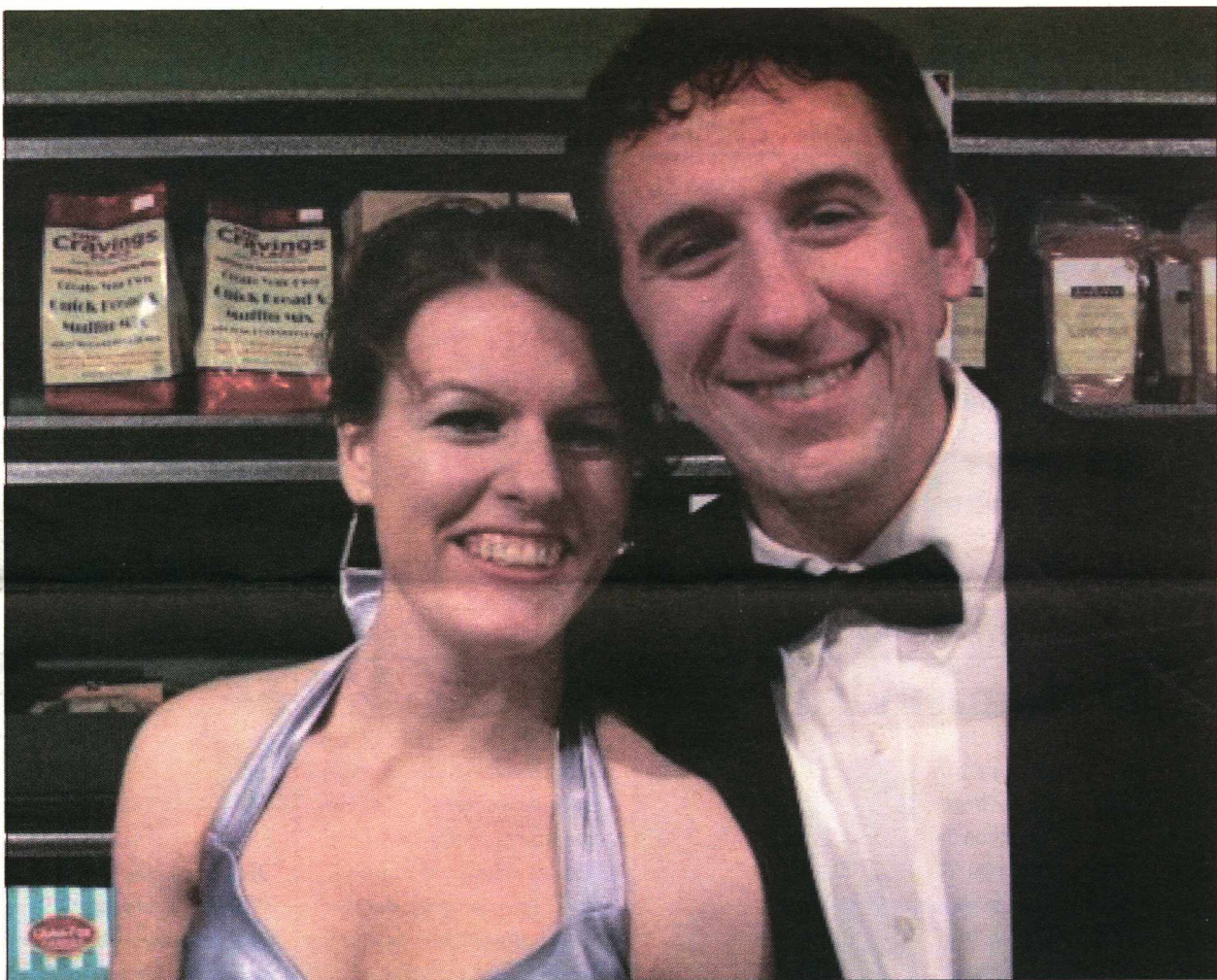
facilitated aerobic workout was taking place. Students enjoyed themselves as the upbeat music lent itself to a fun and inviting atmosphere. If the workout was not to one's liking, there was an area downstairs with comfy couches and chairs, which provided a great chatting area.

Market Limone is a beautiful store with the shop on the bottom level, which contains different delicacies from around the world,

such as imported cheeses and seeds.

Adam Lyon, junior class president, was pleased by the turn out and was even more surprised as several large groups arrived after the basketball game. The party lasted until almost midnight when students dispersed to go to movies or cosmic bowling.

Overall, the fall banquet was a success and students enjoyed themselves.



Left: Seth Clark and Jason Montgomery socialize at the banquet (photo from Miriam Reardon). Top: Ben Pearson, Katie Keeney and Greg DeSimone during the dinner portion of the evening (photo from Vanessa Evans). Above: Lynelle Thompson and Jeremy Wiese pose for a picture (photo from Jaimee Haaland).

Community Relations Board holds harvest festival

by HANNAH BEERS

Children's laughter was heard all throughout Ferdinand Hall as local families participated in the harvest festival held by the Community Relations Board and the Senior Class Council.

The fun kicked off at 2 p.m. on Nov. 22, but families began showing up at 1:30 p.m.

Seniors Allison Gilmore and Ann-Jean Pillars were in charge of the event. The idea started when Community Relations Coordinator Tony Napier asked the girls to make the holidays a special time for local families.

During the event, 86

Nampa families were given Thanksgiving food boxes.

Student volunteers helped box the food. Each family received a turkey, stuffing, a box of potatoes, gravy mix, cranberry sauce, three cans of vegetables, a large can of sweet potatoes, a bag of marshmallows and a box of brownie mix.

Along with food, the families also received a \$20 gift certificate for gas and a \$5 gift card to Paul's.

Over half a ton of turkey was given away to families from Central Elementary in Nampa and the Head Start program in Caldwell. Counselor Michelle Drinkwine and Napier were in

contact with both of these areas to best meet the needs of the families.

There was also a carnival set up for the children, including a blow-up bouncy house, bowling, ring toss and hacky sac. Children colored goodie bags to take home all of their prizes.

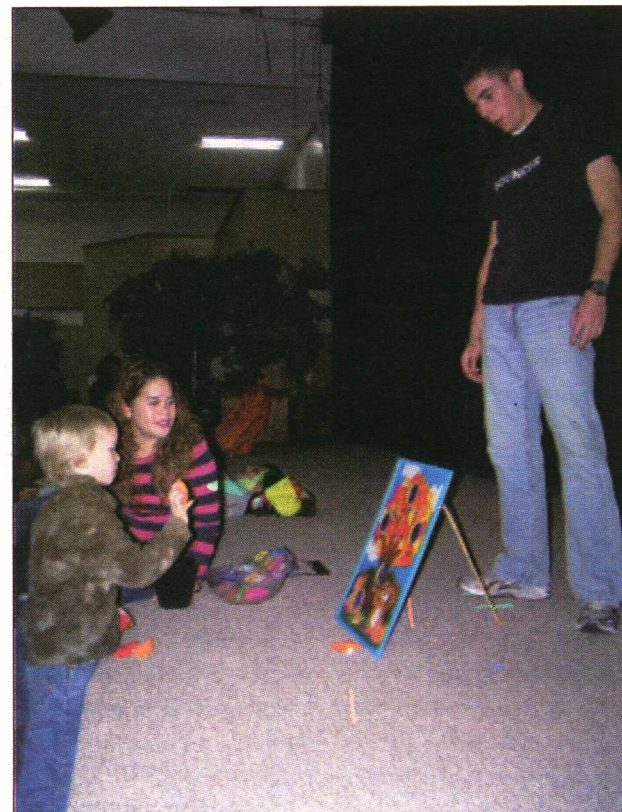
Student volunteers were at each station helping to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all of the families.

Gilmore said, "At one point a gentleman walked up to me and asked if I was the one in charge. I said yes and he shook my hand and thanked me for everything. He thanked me for the food

and the good time his children had."

Other students had similar stories throughout the day; Pillars said a woman cried after she received the basket full of food and vouchers.

The day was not without its mishaps. Gilmore came to the rescue when the inflatable game began to deflate after some had tripped over the cord. Children were still inside and Gilmore had to hold up a side, while another student volunteer plugged the play place in again.



Uehlin said Best Semester's Oxford University study abroad program comes with academic challenge

by ANDREA SCHILLING

Junior mass communications major Rob Uehlin is taking his studies across the globe.

Uehlin has spent his semester at Oxford University in England, as part of Best Semester's study abroad opportunities.

"I chose Oxford because, for me, it was the full-meal-deal: rich history, beautiful architecture and challenging academics, all within a culture that wouldn't require too much adaptation," said Uehlin.

Most of all, Uehlin chose Oxford for a chance to really

expand the academic part of his college experience.

"I knew it would be really difficult academically and I wanted to see where my limits were," said Uehlin. "This program is grad school 'boot camp.' Makes for kind of an intimidating first couple of weeks if you're not in that mindset."

Uehlin said he and his wife Christina, newlyweds, didn't see other Best Semester options such as Russia as ideal alternatives. Since Uehlin felt he would regret not being a student in another country for a semester, Oxford sounded like the best route for he and his wife.

Uehlin said the education system at Oxford has been the most different aspect for him this semester. Oxford uses a tutorial system—a system only used by Oxford and Cambridge, said Uehlin.

"Basically, every week, I meet for one hour with a tutor for my primary tutorial, one is on Jesus and the Gospels. I have an essay prepared, I read the essay aloud to my tutor, and then we talk about it," said Uehlin. Uehlin he also has a secondary tutorial on C.S. Lewis in context, which is the same process.

On top of the tutorials,

Uehlin said he has also been attending four lectures every week including Philosophy of Religion, Introduction to Christian Doctrine, Introduction to English Literature and the Gospel of Mark.

Uehlin also said he is currently writing a 'long essay' on the topic of his choice. "I have chosen to write about Jesus' humanity in relation to the Chalcedonian Creed," he said. Aside from academics, the Uehlins have experienced some cultural changes.

"I didn't anticipate how much I would miss Wal-Mart," said Uehlin. "My

wife and I learned very quickly how difficult it is to shop when stores are 25 minutes away and the food is labeled something completely different."

Uehlin said in his free time he enjoys rowing. Uehlin is rowing for Queens College, Oxford University this semester.

Uehlin said his advice for any curious students interested in studying abroad at Oxford should strongly consider the academics side of the program.

"If you at all see yourself being a full-time academic in the future, Oxford is the perfect place to explore all

that being an academic entails. If you just like to read, write, and think a lot and want to do all those things where people have been doing them for 800 years, you should come to Oxford," said Uehlin.

As Uehlin and his wife get ready to head back to the states, England will be missed but they are looking forward to familiar territory.

"I will definitely miss jolly ol' England and her rich history. But, honestly, we're both really excited to return to the ease of U.S. life again. We miss Nampa!"



Left: Bodleian Library at Oxford University (photo from wikicommons). Above: The Lake District (photo from Rob Uehlin).

Business major interns with popular corporation

by ALLISON HAWN

Most Wal-Mart experiences starts with the elderly greeter at the door and ends with a plastic bag in hand. Senior Kate Cochran has a more intimate experience with the company.

Cochran has interned at the Wal-Mart headquarters, located in Arkansas, for the last two summers. "It has given me knowledge that I wouldn't have gotten otherwise," said Cochran.

Business and accounting

majors at NNU must complete 126 hours of internship after their sophomore year.

In addition to that requirement, business and accounting majors also have the option to complete at least one field experience, which is another 30 hours.

According to Professor Brenda Johnson, field experiences are mainly observational; students shadow professionals to see how different kinds of businesses work. Internships, on the other hand, are more

hands-on—the students are actually part of the business that they are interning at, said Johnson.

Internships are an excellent way for students to work alongside professionals and apply what they have learned in the classroom.

"It's not just grunt work," said Johnson. Each student is required to set goals and objectives that are agreed upon by a supervisor. At the end of their internship period, they are evaluated by their supervisor.

This past semester and

summer, NNU students have gotten internships at companies like Campbell's Soup Co., Intuit, Ripley Doorn & Co. CPAs, Unilever, Nichols Accounting Group, Walgreens and Wal-Mart.

Cochran received a job offer from her internship. "I got to know the company," said Cochran.

This is a good chance for at least a starting job out of college, Johnson said, "Many companies recruit our interns."

Student Life Events

Wednesday, December 3
 8:00 p.m.: Senate (Wordsworth)
 9:00 p.m.: Time-Out
 10:00 p.m.: Wednesday Night Live with On the Last Day

Thursday, December 4
 9:00 p.m.: Brickhouse

Friday, December 5
 Last Day of Undergraduate Classes
 7:30 p.m.: MBBall vs Colorado School of Mines

Saturday, December 6
 6:00 p.m.: MBBall vs Colorado Springs University

Sunday, December 7
 2:00 p.m.: Christmas Concert
 7:00 p.m.: The Greenery, No Bragging Rights (Perk)

Friday, December 12
 12:00 p.m.: Dorms close for break

Lady Crusaders win the Hampton Inn & Suites Thanksgiving Classic Tournament

by Jael Henthorn

The women's basketball team hosted the Hampton Inn & Suites Thanksgiving Classic on Friday and Saturday. Northwest Nazarene University and Western Oregon University represented the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. Regis University came in from Colorado, and Humboldt State University arrived from California.

In the opening game of the tournament, Humboldt State cruised past Western Oregon University with a game score of 97-66. This advanced Humboldt to the

championship game. Western Oregon, whose assistant coach is NNU alumna Nikki Schutte, was sent to the consolation game.

Friday's second game matched up NNU vs. Regis University. The first half of the game was a tight match, each team matching their opponent basket for basket. The Crusaders led at half by one point 46-45.

After the half, NNU took control of the game. The aggressive high-speed play of the Crusaders capitalized on 12 Regis University turn-overs. The 'Saders out rebounded their opponents. Brittany Roggenkamp and

Briaunna King each came down with seven rebounds.

Five Crusaders posted double digits scores. Brittany Roggenkamp led the team with 19 points. Janee Olds posted 17. Jennifer Williams, Falissa Smith and Lindsay Brady put up 14 each. These efforts put another tally in the win column of the Crusaders who won easily scoring 98 to their opponents 78.

This win set up a rematch of last year's Thanksgiving Classic championship game between Humboldt and NNU, but first WOU and Regis University met each other in the

consolation game on Saturday morning.

Western Oregon came from a 15-point deficit to beat Regis University by 3 (83-80). Greg Bruce, Western Oregon coach, was quoted, "We were able to get our back-door lay-ups and driving shots to fall in the second half. We played much better tonight as we bounced back from yesterday and were able to shoot our best percentage from the field this season in the second half."

Following this nail biter, the Crusader team got in a tussle of its own. NNU defeated Humboldt 84-

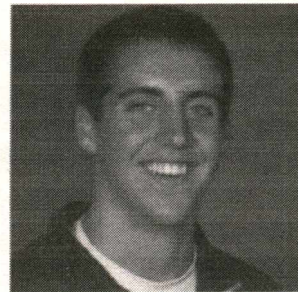
82. Many of the Crusaders had great individual performances. Beth Johnson came out on fire in the second half. She scored 12 points in the second half, sinking an impressive game winning 3 pointer with 64 seconds left in the game. She ensured the victory with an offensive rebound off of a missed free throw by Brady.

Brady and Olds had 17 points. Williams had 13 points and King added 9.

Olds was named tournament MVP. Brady was also named to the all tournament team.

PLAYER PROFILE

Josh Heidegger



Name: Josh Heidegger
Sport: Track & Field
Major: Recently changed to secondary education
Year: Sophomore

What is your best sports moment?

Winning conference last year (as a freshman) in the javelin, on my last throw of the competition!

What are you involved in outside of your sport?

I'm an avid power walker, I suck at dance dance revolution and love to read the good book (the Bible)!

Who inspires you and why?

My dad, because he exemplifies everything about being a real man that I one day wish to acquire. Oh, and Dane Manley of course!

What is your most embarrassing moment?

In first grade we were on an over-night field trip and a pair of my Power Ranger underwear fell out of my bag. Then the hottest girl in the class proceeded to pick them up and wave them around asking whose they were. Not a big deal, considering that I was never going to admit that they actually belonged to me, but then from behind me, my dad said, "Oh, those are Josh's, he must have dropped them!"

What super power do you wish you had?

Maybe the ability of Sonic Scream! I mean how cool would that be to have at an NNU volleyball game?

Give a shout out to your teammates, coach or friends:

What rhymes with orange? Zach and Grant, you're classy, so stay that way.

Duke beats Purdue to remain undefeated in the ACC Challenge

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kyle Singler had 20 points and 12 rebounds, and No. 4 Duke beat No. 9 Purdue 76-60 on Tuesday night to remain unbeaten in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

Jon Scheyer scored 20 points and Nolan Smith added 12 for the Blue Devils (8-0).

Robbie Hummel had 15 points and eight rebounds and JaJuan Johnson added 12 points for the Boilermakers (5-2). E'Twaun Moore, Purdue's leading scorer, went scoreless in the first half and finished with 10 points.



Duke outrebounded Purdue 49-29 and held the Boilermakers to 37 percent shooting. Purdue was just 2-of-13 on 3-pointers.

Duke improved to 10-0 all-time in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. It was the Blue Devils' first test against a ranked team this season.

Duke led 36-28 at half-time and opened the second half with a putback by Brian Zoubek and a

3-pointer by Scheyer to push its lead to 41-28.

Johnson converted a three-point play, then made another basket to trim Duke's lead to 47-36, but the Blue Devils responded with an 8-0 run.

Moore finally scored on a fadeaway jumper with 10:46 to play, but Duke still led 55-38. Singler hit a deep 3-pointer at the other end and ran back down-court shaking his head and exuding confidence.

Purdue started to chip away at Duke's lead in the closing minutes. Moore scored two more baskets, and Hummel scored on a three-point play and a



bank shot to cut Duke's lead to 62-49. A steal and layup by Moore made it 64-53 with just over three minutes left.

Purdue had a chance to cut Duke's lead to single digits, but Chris Kramer missed a 3-pointer with just over two minutes to play, and Singler dunked on Duke's next possession to end Purdue's threat.

Men's basketball wins two games in Colorado over the break

by Jael Henthorn

The NNU men's basketball team spent the weekend in Golden, Colorado at the Mines Thanksgiving Classic. They played two games and added two wins to their record.

On Nov. 28 the Crusaders faced Colorado School of Mines. NNU won 62-

60 when Anthony Golden drained a dramatic jump shot with less than a second remaining in the game.

The Crusaders clawed from behind to come back and win the game. The Crusaders gained the lead on a Kendal Gielow three with less than a minute left to play. Colorado tied it up which allowed freshman

standout Golden to get his moment of fame.

Gielow had 15 points on the day. Golden added 13 points. Brian Barkdoll and Louie Beech rounded it out with 10 points each. NNU out rebounded its opponents 41-30.

On Saturday, the men matched up against Regis University. It was not

nearly the dramatic ending from the night before as the Crusaders win 83-73.

Barkdoll posted a double-double, scoring 15 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Gielow once again led the Crusaders scoring efforts with 16 points. Scott Helpenstell netted 15. Louie Beech added 14.

The Crusaders shot 81.8 percent from the free-throw line.

The Crusaders record improves to 4 and 1 overall. The team will return for home action this weekend. NNU will be hosting the Shiloh Inn & Suites Classic.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

(W-L Non-conference)

1. Seattle Pacific 3-0
2. Alaska Anchorage 7-1
3. Western Washington 5-1
4. Saint Martin's 4-1

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GNAC Standings as of Dec. 2.

5. Northwest Nazarene 4-2
6. Montana State Billings 3-2
7. Western Oregon 3-3
8. Alaska Fairbanks 3-4
9. Central Washington 1-6

THIS WEEK: Thursday - Pacific Lutheran at Saint

Martin's. Friday - Regis Classic (Northwest Nazarene vs. Regis, 6 p.m.). Saturday - Metro State at MSU Billings, 2 p.m.; Regis Classic (Northwest Nazarene vs. Colorado Christian, 2 p.m.).

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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6. Western Oregon 2-2
7. Montana State Billings 2-3
8. Alaska Fairbanks 3-4
9. Central Washington 1-6

THIS WEEK: Saturday - NNU Shilo Inn Classic (Colorado

Mines vs. Central Washington, 3:30 p.m.; Northwest Nazarene vs. UC-Colorado Springs, 6 p.m.); Colorado Christian at MSU Billings, 4 p.m.; Puget Sound at Saint Martin's; Colorado State Pueblo Invitational (Seattle Pacific vs. Colorado State Pueblo, 8 p.m.); Alaska Fairbanks at Hawaii Hilo, 7:30 p.m.

There are inexpensive options for winter sports lovers

by HANNAH BEERS

Skiing and snowboarding season is almost here. There is talk of it being a good season for snowboarders and skiers alike.

Where do you find the best deals for lift tickets and where is the best place to release all of that pent-up energy from sitting in classes?

Tamarack, Bogus Basin and Brundage are all local area ski/snowboard resorts, which are all easily accessible to students. Which is easier on a college budget?

Bogus basin is the closest resort to campus, only about an hour away. Season passes are \$429, for Dec. 1 to the end of the season. Other passes are available. Many students take advantage of night skiing at Bogus.

Bogus has a fully lit mountain and students can purchase night passes for \$20. Night skiing is from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Sunday. Most can purchase \$10 lift tickets and \$10 rentals from Chevron gas stations. To receive a voucher for the package deal, see participating Chevron stations.

Snowboard (boots and bindings) rentals are \$29 for a full day (9 a.m. to 10 p.m.), \$27 for a half-



A view of the backside of the Bogus Basin mountain (photo from wikimedia commons).

day/night (12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.), and \$25 night only (4 p.m. to 10 p.m.). Ski (skis, boots and poles) rentals are \$25 for full day/night (9 a.m. to 10 p.m.), \$23 for half-day/night (12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.), and \$21 for night only (4 p.m. to 10 p.m.). Other prices vary depending on the need for equipment.

If you want a more extreme trip to the mountain, check out Brundage or Tamarack. Brundage offers season passes for \$289, and daily lift tickets for a full day are \$52 (9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) and a late arrival pass for \$43 (1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Rental prices range from \$29 for snowboards/boots to \$39 for skis/boots/

poles for a full day. Individual items are available; check out brundage.com for more information.

Tamarack is the final mountain offering the thrill of a winter adventure. The resort is located in McCall, which makes a perfect weekend get-away with friends. It is about hours from campus.

Season passes are available for \$549, which starts after the opening day and concludes at the end of May.

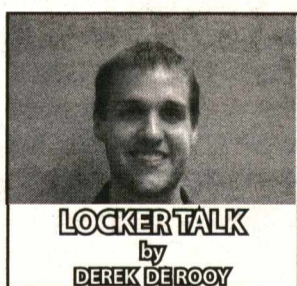
Combination packages for Brundage/Tamarack are available for \$649 and Bogus can be added for \$299. Rentals range from \$40 to \$50, for both a ski or snowboard package.

NCAA should adopt these basic rules to increase happiness

Thanks to Gregg Easterbrook for writing 2008's first BCS defense. He's absolutely right—while the BCS is so painfully vague, there are countless problems with a playoff-system.

As of now, there are 34 "Bowl" games, from the BCS National Championship on down to the Chick-fil-A Bowl. What we are hearing so often is that an eight-team playoff could work (of seven games), even if it totally replaced the BCS. The NCAA will certainly not agree to this, because 34 games make a lot more money than 7. Others have suggested placing the BCS before the playoffs or after the playoffs (causing travel chaos and making successful football players continue the season far into January).

Every year, we hear the complaints. We look up the history of unclear champions. Frankly, though, the BCS does a better job of



LOCKERTALK
by
DEREK DEROOY

declaring a champion than the previous system (or lack of one) did. The BCS may not be perfect, but it is not "broken."

As college football is winding down, I decided to take stock of a few teams. Here are some guidelines for running an NCAA program:

1. The exclusive no-huddle offense is a bad idea at the college level. Especially in the case of Washington State University, who hasn't recruited well since Mike Price was coach. You can't exhaust another team with sluggish athletes.

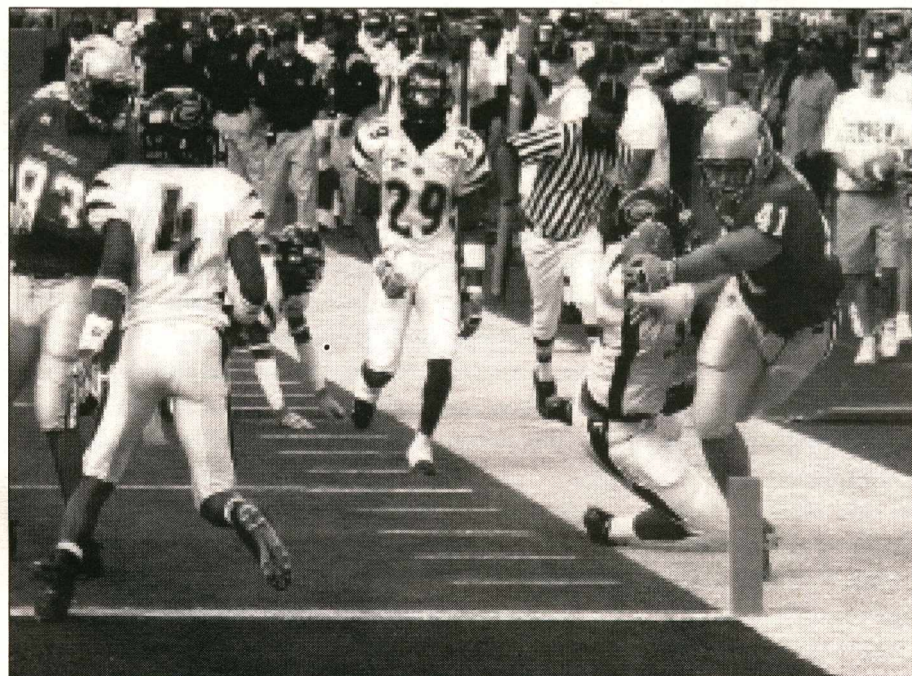
2. Do not berate your fans. Rich Rodriguez's hiring at the University

of Michigan (even with the accompanying salary) means a lot more to the local fans than he might believe. Telling them that they need to get a life is not a good way to reward those who pay your salary and make college football such a lucrative industry.

3. Consistent success

deserves respect. Philip Fulmer, with a national championship and numerous other honors, is not a bad coach, not washed up. To fire him is not only foolish, but also disrespectful of his commitment to the University of Tennessee. Let him resign on his own watch.

4. Don't fire coaches and expect/allow them to keep working with the team (see: UW). Continuing to employ the coach who is statistically the worst in school history does nothing to change the mentality of a losing team. And when said coach blames previous coaches, you know it's time



A Washington State player dives for the touchdown (photo from wikimedia commons).

AP

Sports Blurbs

GIANTS-BURRESS SHOT

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

Plaxico Burress arrives at Giants Stadium, one day after he is charged with illegal gun possession. The case has jeopardized his career with the Super Bowl champions, angered the mayor of New York and raised the strong possibility the star receiver might land in jail.

JAGUARS-TEXANS

HOUSTON

The disappointing Jacksonville Jaguars (4-7) take on the disappointing Houston Texans (4-7) in a Monday night matchup of teams tied for last place in the AFC South. Starts 8:30 p.m.

ARMSTRONG-TOUR DE FRANCE

AUSTIN, Texas

Lance Armstrong will ride in the 2009 Tour de France, marking the first time he will compete in that race and the Giro d'Italia in the same year

BCS STANDINGS

NEW YORK

Texas or Oklahoma? In a new twist for the Bowl Championship Series, the BCS standings will break a three-way tie atop the Big 12 South standings and determine which team plays in the league title game and gets the inside track to playing for the national championship.

TEENAGE GOLFER

About an hour east from where Michelle Wie prepared for the final stage of LPGA qualifying in Daytona Beach, Fla., another teenager whom some regard as the next great American player was taking it easy. Vicky Hurst doesn't need Q-school. She wrapped up her LPGA Tour card this summer by winning five times on the Duramed Futures Tour.

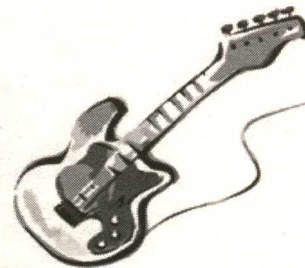
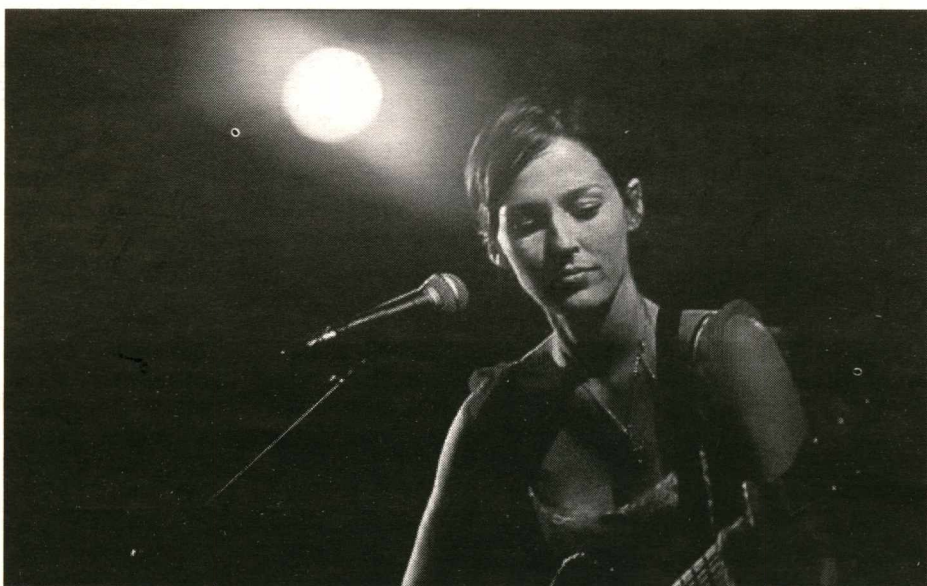
TENNESSEE-KIFFIN

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.

Lane Kiffin was introduced as the new coach at Tennessee on Monday, succeeding the fired Phillip Fulmer and becoming just the third Volunteers coach in the past 32 years.

Meiko: Fresh folk-indie brilliance

Meiko calls Los Angeles home. She is currently touring her home state and will appear in Arizona this weekend. Six of Meiko's songs from her latest album are available on her Myspace page (photo from Myspace.com)



REVIEW

by RACHAEL FINCH

This isn't the folk you could easily lay alongside grandma's country collection; Meiko is fabulous sweet folk for the masses.

Meiko's universal appeal should not dissuade music elitists (we prefer this term to the slightly more derogative "music snobs") from giving her a shot. This girl is no bubble gum radio pop star, but there is still a decent chance that you and your 13-year-old sister could listen to this together.

Meiko, a native of Georgia who currently lives in L.A., had an impressive amount of independent success, self-releasing her debut self-titled album roughly a year before she was picked up by Myspace Records/DCG, who re-released the album.

A few of Meiko's songs have been featured on "Grey's Anatomy" as well as "One Tree Hill" and "Kyle

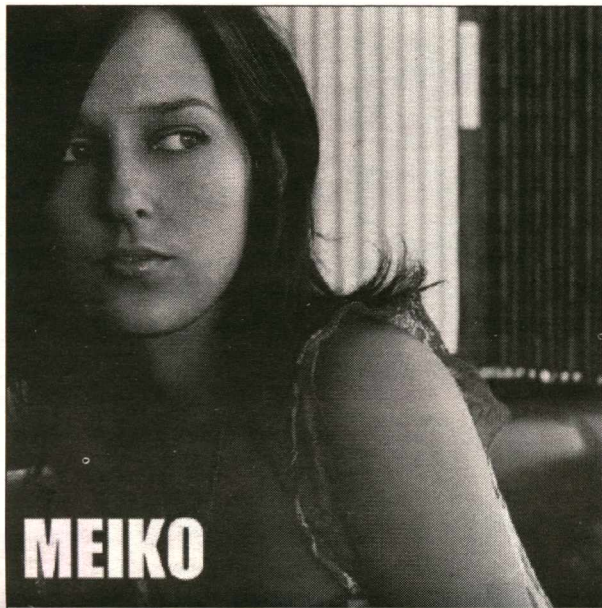
XY." "Under My Bed" is a dry bones, honest song about a rocky relationship and the more pop radio "Boys With Girlfriends" is, just like it sounds, about falling for a guy who has a girlfriend.

The topics are hardly earth shattering, but that is what is so beautiful about it: this music can be a focal point, but it does not have to be. It can just be part of the moment; something everyone can relate to.

Fans of Eisley will appreciate Meiko's tone quality, while fans of The Weepies will recognize a similar feeling of everyday storytelling. Meiko's music is a vibrant mixture of folk, indie and pop, so fans of multiple genres can enjoy it.

Meiko lists several artists as influences on her Myspace page including Patty Griffin, The Cranberries, Fiona Apple, Carol King and Portishead.

Unfortunately for concertgoers, Meiko's current tour already hit up Boise last month, so she probably will not be back any time soon. However, with the success of her first album and her tour coming to a close, prospects for a new album look good.



REVIEW

by AIMEE NILES

Baz Luhrmann's sweeping epic, "Australia," is a brilliant example of masterful storytelling.

Taking place in the early years of Australia's involvement in WWII, "Australia" weaves together the stories of a struggling cattle ranch, an independent cowboy, an English lady and a half white Aboriginal boy.

Lady Sarah Ashley (Nicole Kidman) travels to Australia to encourage her husband to sell their cattle ranch. She is met by a scruffy cowboy known only as "The Drover" (Hugh Jackman), who escorts her to her husband's property, Faraway Downs.

Upon their arrival, Ashley discovers her husband has been murdered, her cattle are being stolen by a rival cattle baron and her property is hiding place to

Luhrmann and Kidman win again

Nullah (Brandon Walters), a half white Aboriginal boy. She is shocked to learn that if the Australian authorities caught him, he would be taken and sent to Mission Island for service training.

After firing her foreman, Neil Fletcher (David Wenham), Ashley decides to

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The movie ends with the evacuation of Darwin, and the promise of return to Faraway Downs.

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I know-- and they return to Faraway Downs.

The next several years are filled with happiness, success and love, as Drover and Ashley turn Faraway Downs into a successful ranch and take Nullah into their home.

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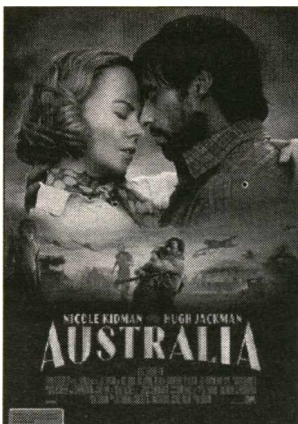
centers around Australia's Stolen Generations-- the mixed race children taken from their families-- and the injustice of those actions.

The acting was superb. Brandon Walters is absolutely adorable, and his performance draws you into the movie with the power and grace of a much older actor.

Hugh Jackman as the Drover was HOT. However, his character seemed as though it was taken directly from a bad romance novel. He was hot, but his performance lacked the passion he displayed in interviews about the Stolen Generations.

The look of the movie is almost cartoon, but is consistent with Luhrmann's style. "Australia" is far less of an acid trip than either "Romeo and Juliet" or "Moulin Rouge."

"Australia" has the ability to be whatever you want the film to be. If you want it to be a romance, it is; action, it is; social commentary, it is. All the styles work together in enjoyable harmony.



(photo from wikimedia commons).

Creative Corner

by Daryl Gonzalez

Shadows

Cast by the light of day
Organized, planned, expected.
Tidy circles drawn as shadows grow and shrink.
Cast by the gleam of night
Disorganized, frightening, haunting.
Falling here and there as long creepy figures storm through the night.
It is easy to live through the shadows of the day.
It is the night shadows that frighten me,
The ones that attack in shifty patterns at the most vulnerable of moments.

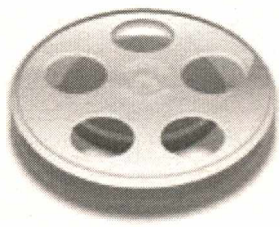
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'Twilight' is a typical book-turned-movie



REVIEW

by ALLI SCHISLER

It's the regular story. Girl moves to small town. Girl meets off-limits, gorgeous boy. They hate each other at first. Then boy thirsts for girl's blood. Viewers shed tears because the movie isn't as good as the book.

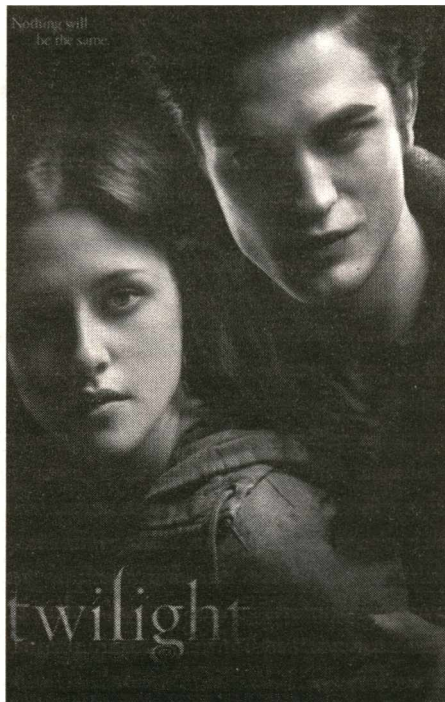
Let's face it—what movie can compare with the book (Beowulf, anyone?). "Twilight" is no exception; but for those who haven't read the book, the movie is

embarrassingly appealing.

"Twilight," based on the novel by Stephanie Meyer, is the story of high school junior Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) who moves to the perpetually rainy town of Forks, Washington to live with her father, Police Chief Swan (Billy Burke).

At school, Bella socializes with small-minded friends, until she meets the gorgeous, but secretive Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson), who is part of the aloof Cullen clan.

Soon, Bella figures out Edward's secret, which actually is as plain as day—or at least as plain as his ice-cold skin, amazing strength and speed and unfortunate tendency to shine like diamonds in the sun. Edward's a vampire.



(photo from wikimedia commons).

But Edward is not your typical bloodsucker; he's a vegetarian who only drinks

the blood of animals.

Bella's blood holds a special fascination for him; Bella's kind of like Edward's favorite desert who also looks hot. So, Edward and Bella fall in love.

As the Cullen family plays a game of high-speed baseball, a coven of non-vegetarian vampires comes across them in a

clearing. James, one of the bad vampires, smells Bella and it turns out Edward

isn't the only one who wants her.

The Cullens help Bella escape, as James is a tracker—he'll track Bella all over the world to kill her. The movie culminates in Edward saving Bella's life and her begging to become a vampire.

The film is set against a backdrop of strong anti-feminist overtones—why wouldn't Bella give up her identity, family and mortality for a moody 90-year-old bloodsucker?

The character development is pretty basic—vampire or human. And the characters are static. But it doesn't matter, because the movie isn't about in-depth characters, its about Edward's possessive love and Bella's passivity, portrayed well by Pattinson and

Stewart.

The dialogue is trite, but it will strike a chord with its primary audience of 12-year-old girls. It's also clean—Edward and Bella can't have sex, or he'd suck her blood (which, as it turns out, is a great abstinence device).

"Twilight" isn't really disappointing. At least not as disappointing as the adult-filled audience expecting something genius from a story about high school vampires. But even as I surveyed the audience—and passed some judgment—I couldn't help it. I know vampires are so 1998, but for a second, with Edward's smoldering gaze still fresh in my mind, I wanted to stay in my seat and watch the next showing.

Relying on Santa isn't the only way to save money this holiday season

by LAURIE BURGERMEISTER

Holiday gifts can get expensive, especially when you're in college and not necessarily making a ton of money. You want to show your family and friends you care—so here are a few tips.

First, estimate how much money you have to work with and set an amount for each person. Also, knowing what you are looking for ahead of time is better than wandering the aisles in search of something—you will most likely spend more

money that way.

Ebay is always a great place to look for used DVDs and handbags and sports items. On Ebay, you can view the product, ask questions and see ratings of the people you buy from.

Another way to save this holiday is to hit up the thrift stores. It may take some digging, but there's good stuff hiding away. Classic antique jewelry, old video games, books and funky lamps—perhaps even a Nalgene water bottle for .75 cents. It has happened.

Gift baskets are an excellent holiday gift and one



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that you can be as extravagant or as frugal with as you like. Some popcorn, a \$5 DVD and candy make for a great movie night basket. Visit the travel-size aisle at Target or Wal-Mart and

create a mini-spa package for your sister or grandma.

Let's not underestimate the power that food can have upon one's friends and family. Cookies, fudge, Chex mix, muddy buddies,

pies...the possibilities are endless. The ingredients are inexpensive and free recipes can be found at various cooking websites. In fact, if you know someone who really enjoys baking, create a cookbook of unique recipes found online.

As for wrapping your gifts, try the dollar stores for ribbons, bows, labels and tissue paper. Dollar stores are great places for cards and knick-knacks, and in the past few years, the quality of items at these locations has increased.

Photographs are another easy gift that your family

will enjoy. Make a collage of your family decorating the Christmas tree or frame one for your friends. Or you can buy an inexpensive frame and decorate it.

Finally, hit the after Christmas sales. How is that going to help with frugality? Well, let's say you see half-price decorations and wrapping paper. Moms always love new ornaments for their tree and Christmas picture frames are always on sale after the holiday. Voila! You're already set for next year.

Professor's Advent books are re-released this year

by ANDREA SCHILLING

As the Advent season has begun, a special children's story on the event has been re-released, authored by one of NNU's very own.

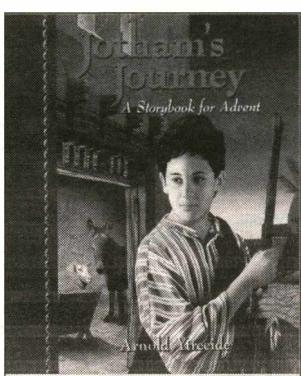
Professor of mass communications, Arnie Ytreide has written a trilogy of these Advent-centered children's books.

According to its home website jothamsjourney.com, "Jotham's Journey" is being re-released this Christmas season.

"Jotham's Journey" begins the series, followed by "Bartholomew's Passage" and "Tabitha's Travels," both to

be re-issued in the next two years.

The three books inter-



(photo from amazon.com)

twine so readers get a different view of the same story from the various characters.

Ytreide said the stories were written this way so families can begin with any one of the books.

The books, with an adventuresome appeal, are written to serve as a family devotional during the four weeks leading up to Christmas.

According to the website, Ytreide said the books are designed to be read each night.

Jotham's Journey can be purchased from Amazon.com and Kregel.com.

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LORD OF THE DANCE	12.18.08	THE MORRISON CENTER
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Fun Things to do with Wal-Mart Greeters

by Nick Raffill

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10. Avoid being greeted by hiding behind other customers entering Wal-Mart.
9. Have an undeclared staring contest with the Wal-Mart greeter.
8. Enter in one side of Wal-Mart and exit the other, circling around to see how many times you can be consecutively greeted by the same greeter.
7. Give a chair from the furniture department to the greeter.
6. Walk into Wal-Mart with a blue vest on, make eye contact with the greeter and look really confused.
5. Pretend to tickle yourself in front of a Wal-Mart greeter until security and/or medical service are called.
4. Give a Wal-Mart greeter a frowny face sticker.
3. Fake interest in entering Wal-Mart to see if the greeter preemptively greets.
2. Buy anti-aging wrinkle cream and give it to the greeter.
1. Race the Wal-Mart greeter to be the first to greet customers.

SUDOKU

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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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Rating: BRONZE

Solution to 11/22/08

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Newsday Crossword

BOTHERSOME by Gail Grabowski
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- ACROSS**
- 1 News summary
 - 6 Dance move
 - 10 Canoe or kayak
 - 14 Overdo it on stage
 - 15 Folk story
 - 16 Curved part of the foot
 - 17 Christmas-tree remnant
 - 19 Weak, as an excuse
 - 20 City roads: Abbr.
 - 21 Region
 - 22 Hay-fever cause
 - 24 Applaud
 - 25 War honoree
 - 26 Mechanical men
 - 29 Docking places for ships
 - 32 Hostile opponent
 - 33 Uses a sofa
 - 34 Clutter-free
 - 36 Pronto, in memos
 - 37 Day before a holiday
 - 38 Regulation
 - 39 Diner handout
 - 40 Peach pit, e.g.
 - 41 Clenched hands
 - 42 Women's shoe styles
 - 44 Not boastful
 - 45 Long periods of time
 - 46 Use a vegetable peeler on
 - 47 Like a wedding cake
 - 50 Upper limbs
 - 51 Hostile opponent
 - 54 Ticket remnant
 - 55 Fanatic follower of the news
 - 58 Lima's country
 - 59 Matured
 - 60 Part of a pound
 - 61 Air pollution
 - 62 One's sniffer
 - 63 Make broader
- DOWN**
- 1 Salespeople, for short
 - 2 Give off
 - 3 Pros and ___
 - 4 Had lunch
 - 5 Punishment in football
 - 6 Hard to climb
 - 7 Cry of accomplishment
 - 8 Kay follower
 - 9 Eyes, slangily
 - 10 Trip in a hot-air vehicle
 - 11 Nonwritten exam
 - 12 High point
 - 13 Every now and ___
 - 18 Historical times
 - 23 Sphere
 - 24 Software flaw
 - 25 Despised
 - 26 Package of paper
 - 27 Beginning stage
 - 28 Coffee-grinder input
 - 29 Honeybees' homes
 - 30 Get extra value from
 - 31 Seasons French fries, maybe
 - 33 Leaks slowly
 - 35 Exam
 - 40 Sleep guy, supposedly
 - 41 To impress others
 - 43 Fish eggs
 - 44 Doll's cry
 - 46 ___ and joy
 - 47 Sugar amounts: Abbr.
 - 48 List entry
 - 49 Money in Spain
 - 50 Citrus drinks
 - 51 Provide money for
 - 52 "___ upon a time ..."
 - 53 Biblical paradise
 - 56 Sense of self
 - 57 Yes, in Paris

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The age-old question at long last put to rest



"You kids and your fancy technology. Why, when I was your age, we got our news the old-fashioned way. ... We fetched it!"