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Elections are over and the cabinet is chosen

by RACHAEL FINCH

Grant Miller, Trevan Hauck and Katie Thompson are officially the new SGA president, executive vice president and social vice president, respectively.

Miller wants to see a lot of excitement going into the year. He said, "I want everybody to find their niche."

Hauck intends to educate students about senate, get other people involved and work on improving clubs, he said.

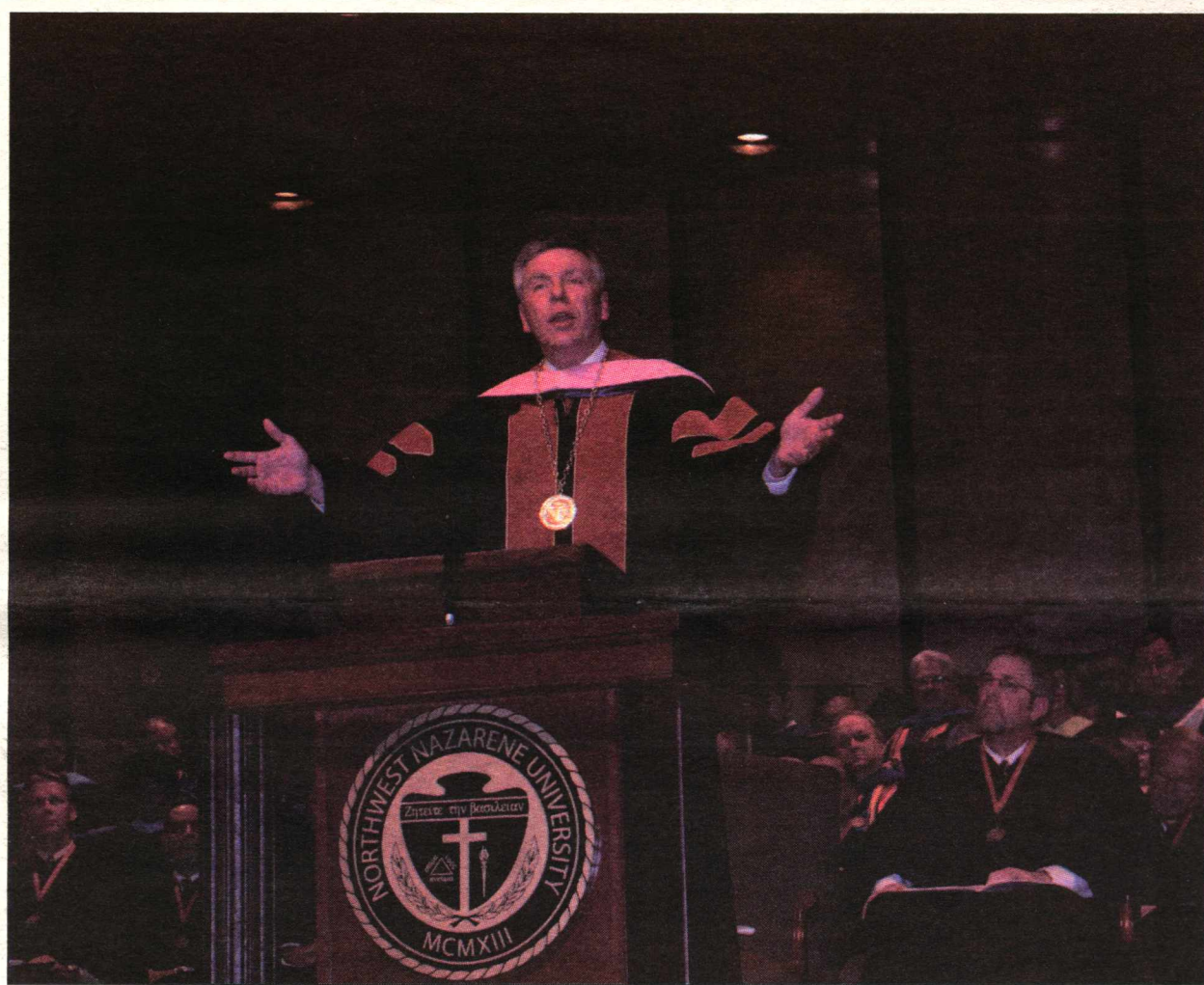
Thompson said she would like to create a friendly, welcoming environment that encourages students to get involved.

"A lot of the classic events I'd like to keep around because the students can depend on them," said Thompson.

The new leadership has finished choosing their cabinet as well.

Sophomore Preston O'Malley (business manager), juniors Nipher Malika (secretary), Aubrey Webb ("Oasis" editor), Phil Westlund (publicity director), Rob Uehlin (community relations director) and senior Lacey Smith (campus ministries coordinator) join Miller, Hauck and Thompson on SGA.

The positions of athletic liaison and student center director have not yet been filled.



President David Alexander addresses the crowd during the inauguration on Thursday (photo by Holly Beech).

NNU celebrates a new president Inauguration focused on 'Renewing the Covenant'

by IAN BAUDER

During his official inauguration last Thursday, President David Alexander announced several new initiatives and programs for NNU.

During the ceremony, the congregation joined in singing several hymns, led by Barry Swanson. The ceremony featured a choir composed of current students and alumni, who sang a few special pieces.

President Alexander gave his inaugural address with an emphasis on "Renewing the Covenant." This culminated in the congregation

joining Alexander in a covenantal pledge promising to uphold NNU's outcomes and ideals and serve the students and staff.

Alexander laid out plans for the new School of Nursing and Health Sciences, as well as a new masters of nursing program, which will be lead by Professor Pat Kissel as the school's new dean. He also announced the creation of a new department in the school's administration, designed to promote spiritual growth on campus.

The Wesley Center for Student Leadership will have three different offices: the Office of Spiritual

Formation, administered by the dean of the chapel; the Office of Congregational Development, that will connect NNU with churches from around the world; and the Office of Kingdom Engagement, which will facilitate students' desire to provide service to the community.

"This center is being established to focus on and foster the NNU distinctive. We are a people of faith who seek to follow Christ's model of servant living, and we believe that we can have the greatest impact on society through service," said Alexander.

The new center will be directed by Rev. Fred Fullerton, who will fill the newly created position of vice president for spiritual and leadership development.

"It will be my joy to work with the university community, pastors and district leadership in the development and implementation of President Alexander's vision," said Fullerton in on-line press materials.

The ceremony was followed by a reception in the Johnson Sports Center, where students, alumni and faculty fellowshipped, and were the given the chance to greet the Alexanders.

The Big Apple
Students prepare for the annual mission trip to New York City



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Ashley Puga comes back from Houston with the coveted title



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"Beautiful Terrible"
Art professor Amanda Hamilton opens art exhibit about Russia's White Lake in BSU's Hemingway Gallery

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Weather

THURSDAY
Mostly Sunny.
Hi: 63° | Low: 40°

FRIDAY
Chance of thunderstorms.
Hi: 65° | Low: 43°

SATURDAY
Chance of showers.
Hi: 57° | Low: 37°

SUNDAY
Chance of showers.
Hi: 50° | Low: 38°

MONDAY
Chance of showers.
Hi: 55° | Low: 36°

TUESDAY
Chance of showers.
Hi: 54° | Low: 36°

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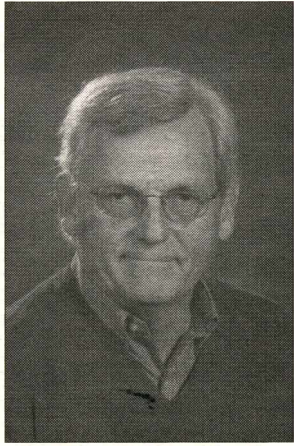
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NNU chaplain Gene Schandorff receives achievement award

by PAIGE McDANIEL

Our very own small-town university chaplain was presented with the Dana Walling Award for Excellence in Campus Ministry last month at the annual conference of the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities.

The award goes to a recipient who shows exceptional service to his or her college/university as well as the overall network of chaplains and campus pastors all over



the country. The amount of time served is a factor and Gene Schandorff is the

perfect candidate, with 17 years of serving with NNU under his belt.

"It feels great!" said Schandorff. "It's an honor because it is recognition of the people who do what I do across the country. To be selected by them is a real honor that feels very special."

Schandorff is a grad from Point Loma University and never pictured himself being a chaplain at a Nazarene university; especially for the length of time that he has.

While at NNU, he has gone through six titles, including director of campus ministries, director of spiritual development, spiritual development director, chaplain, university chaplain and now dean of the chapel and director of the office of spiritual formation.

This new title is a bit of a mouthful, but Schandorff said that it doesn't really matter because it's been the same job all along.

Schandorff began his ministry in southern California

at Humboldt State University. When he discovered that he was finding true fulfillment in working with and helping students, he began to look into working on campus in the ministry department. Even with no prior connections to NNU, he landed the job and hasn't felt tempted to leave ever since.

"I love what I do, I love being here. The ministry and being with students is where I'm at home," Schandorff said.

The award is only given to a recipient once in his or her lifetime and Schandorff feels truly blessed for being able to be selected as an exceptional and active leader in campus ministry.

"It's not like I got a prize for running into a burning building. I got an honor for doing something that I love to do and that is a really good feeling."

New Mexico man pleads guilty to mailing letters containing suspicious powder

by ASSOCIATE PRESS

A New Mexico man pleaded guilty Monday to mailing threatening letters containing suspicious powder to dozens of banks and federal offices across the country, federal prosecutors said.

Richard Leon Goyette, 47, of Albuquerque, accepted a plea agreement with prosecutors and pleaded guilty in federal court in Amarillo to one count of issuing threats and false information and one count of

making threats and hoaxes, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas said in a statement.

He had faced 64 counts of making threats and hoaxes after mailing letters from Amarillo to 52 offices and banks in 11 states and the District of Columbia in October.

No one was injured and the powder was found to be calcium carbonate, a major component of blackboard chalk.

Goyette, who remained in Randall County Jail on

Monday, faces up to 15 years in prison, a \$500,000 fine and other penalties at his May 25 sentencing in U.S. district court.

"We felt that was a fair offer and it was in the best interest of justice," said Brooks W. Barfield Jr., Goyette's attorney. "He's certainly regretful and certainly feels bad for any distress or anxiety he may have caused anyone."

Goyette was working for a New Mexico energy provider at the time of his Feb. 2 arrest.

Authorities have said Goyette was apparently upset about losing more than \$60,000 in Washington Mutual Bank stock he held when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation took it over in late September. The next day, the FDIC sold the bank's deposits, branches and loan portfolio to JPMorgan Chase & Co. for a small fraction of their combined value, documents show.

Prosecutors said Goyette sent some of the 64 letters in October to Chase Bank

locations in Colorado, Arizona, Illinois, New Jersey, Oklahoma and Ohio. He sent others to the FDIC's offices in Arlington, Va.; Washington, D.C.; and Dallas; and to thrift supervision offices in Chicago; Daly City, Calif.; Jersey City, N.J.; Washington and Irving, Texas.

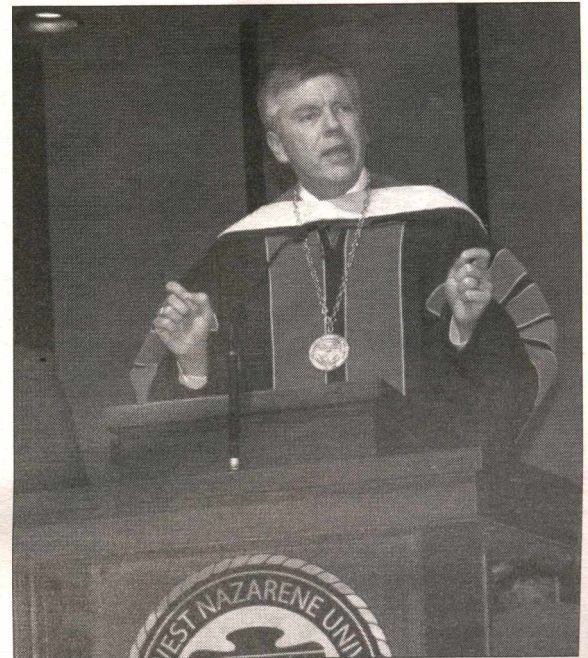
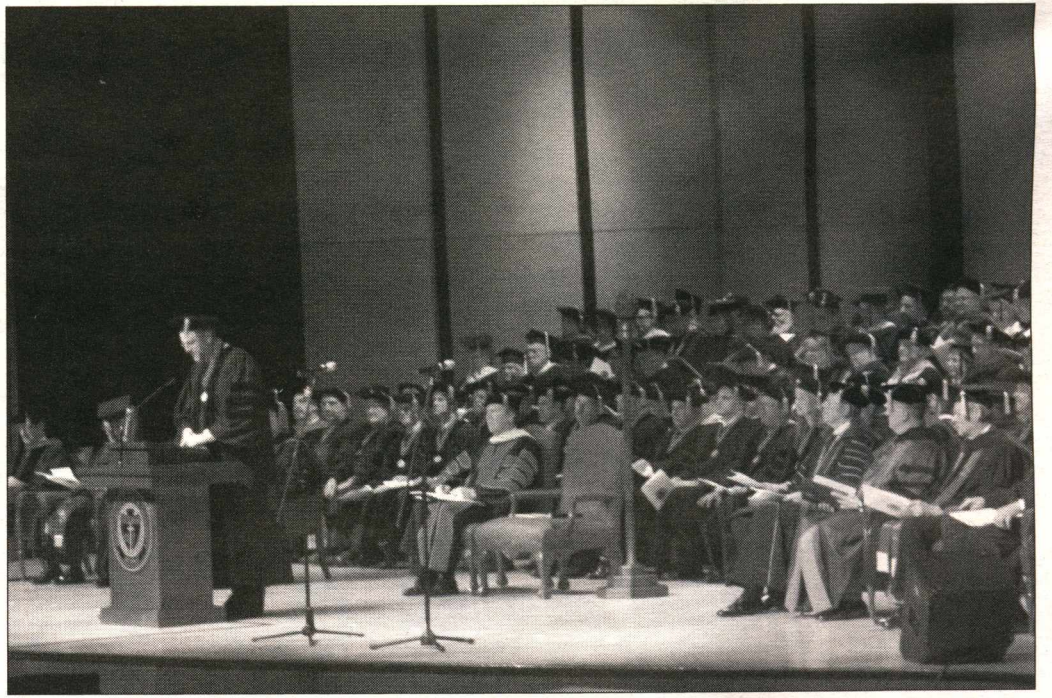
Each letter contained a threat that the person breathing the white powder inside would die within 10 days.

A 65th letter, sent to the headquarters of JPMorgan

Chase in New York City, contained no powder but included a threat of the "McVeighing of your corporate headquarters within six months," prosecutors said.

Timothy McVeigh was the domestic terrorist executed for bombing a federal building and killing 168 people in Oklahoma City in 1995.

Presidential inauguration: highlights from the night



Top left: Faculty walk to the Brandt Center before the beginning of the ceremony (photo by Nikki Shipman). Top right: Rev. Randy Craker addresses the audience. Bottom left: Professors Konya Weber and Mark Gismondi await their entrance in the Brandt Center lobby. Bottom right: President Alexander speaks to students, staff and community members (photo by Holly Beech).

NNU forensics team continues journey to nationals; four to compete

by PAIGE McDANIEL

The term "forensics" is often confused with a criminal science, or something that belongs on "CSI" or "Law and Order." But forensics for NNU is the speech and debate team that has shown great success this year.

Four students will be attending nationals this year,

including sophomore Rachel Allen, junior Jason Montgomery, senior Julia Fitch, sophomore Allison Hawn and senior Blair Evans.

"I love being on the forensics team," said Allen. "It's a wonderful opportunity to perform and grow as a public speaker, but also to get to know a wide variety

of people."

Allen has been on the team since she has been at NNU.

The forensics competition involves many different categories including debate, informative, persuasive and after dinner speaking, which are formatted in prose, drama or poetry. There is also programmed

oral interpretation, communication analysis, impromptu and extemporaneous speaking.

Individuals present each piece to a judge or panel of judges in three rounds and then a final round. Awards are presented in each event and category.

New school established; Kissel to be dean

by RACHAEL FINCH

NNU has established the School of Nursing and Health Sciences and named Pat Kissell the dean of the school, effective July 1, 2009, said a press release by Sam Dunn on Monday.

At this time the School of Nursing and Health

Sciences consists of the nursing and kinesiology departments, and will begin to offer a Master of Science in Nursing in the fall, said the press release.

Kissell came to NNU as the Chair of the nursing department in 2003, said the press release. She attended the Presbyterian University

Hospital School to become a registered nurse, received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Pittsburgh, and received her doctorate in Biophysical Pathology from New York University, according to the press release.



Sudan's president: Foreign aid groups must leave

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sudan's president said Monday he wants all international aid groups out of the country within a year, insisting they can drop off supplies "at airports or seaports" and let Sudanese organizations take care of it.

Government officials later tried to downplay the president's comments, calling his directive a "process" and stressing that U.N. agencies operating in Sudan would not be affected.

President Omar al-Bashir has already expelled 13 large foreign aid agencies, most of them operating in Darfur, accusing them of spying for an international court that issued an arrest warrant against him on March 4 for war crimes in the western Sudanese region.

He also shut down three local aid groups, including one of the largest operating in Darfur. The United Nations said those expulsions would leave millions at risk of a humanitarian crisis.

"We directed the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs to Sudanize voluntary work," al-Bashir told a rally of security forces as thousands shouted their support for the president and waved their guns in the air.

"Within a year, we don't want to see any foreign aid group dealing with a

Sudanese citizen," al-Bashir said. "If they want to bring relief, let them drop it at airports or seaports. Let the national organizations deal with our citizens."

But Sudan's humanitarian minister later played down al-Bashir's remarks. When asked if his comments meant all international aid groups would be expelled from Darfur within a year, he said: "Not necessarily."

State Minister for Humanitarian Affairs Ahmed Haroun told The Associated Press that ministers will draw a plan to work out a transition. But it will not apply to U.N. agencies, said Haroun, who is also wanted by the International Criminal Court for war crimes. Sudan refuses to hand him over.

In Washington, the State Department said it was reviewing the latest threat and repeated its demands for Khartoum to reverse its earlier decision to expel relief organizations from Darfur.

"Any responsibility for the humanitarian suffering that flows out of this decision should fall squarely on the shoulders of the Sudanese," said spokesman Robert Wood.

U.N. humanitarian chief John Holmes said he was seeking urgent clarification of al-Bashir's announcement. He pointed out that

the vast majority of relief workers in Darfur were already Sudanese.

"Of course, we're happy for Sudan to take on a larger role looking after these people, but it needs to be done in a practical way and it's not clear that that would be possible on the basis of what president Bashir has said at the moment," Holmes told reporters in New York.

He said foreign aid organizations would not hand over their goods to the Sudanese government because they would want to monitor how they were distributed.

Joel Charny, vice president of the Washington-based advocacy group Refugees International, said al-Bashir was "playing politics" with the new threat.

"If you really push and expel all agencies a year from now, the consequences will be so catastrophic to the point of making Sudan virtually ungovernable," he said.

The Netherlands-based ICC accuses al-Bashir of orchestrating atrocities against civilians in Darfur, where his Arab-led government has been battling ethnic African rebels since 2003. Up to 300,000 people have been killed and 2.7 million have been driven from their homes.

Sudan denies the charges and says the figures are

exaggerated.

The government had warned that issuing the warrant could lead to spontaneous revenge attacks by enraged Sudanese, though it pledged to defend aid workers and diplomats in the country.

Sudanese officials said three foreign aid workers and a Sudanese man kidnapped for three days in Darfur last week were taken by a group in revenge for the court's decision.

At Monday's rally, al-Bashir again railed against foreign aid groups, which he accuses of providing the court with false testimony against him and his government and of profiting from the Darfur conflict.

Sudan, he said, must be cleared of "spies and agents" who "trade" in the Darfur crisis and warned remaining aid groups to respect Sudan's sovereignty or "pay the price."

Al-Bashir said his government is ready to fill the gap. Late Sunday, he attended a fundraising conference by private businesses and civil groups in Sudan that raised some \$115 million in pledges for Darfur aid.

The price tag for the U.N.'s current activities there, described as the largest aid operation in the world, exceeds \$1 billion.

AP

News Blurbs

Obama-Economy

WASHINGTON
President Barack Obama frees billions of dollars to help the nation's small businesses, hoping to get credit flowing again to Main Street as well as Wall Street and showering praise on the little guys of American industry who have been complaining about being left out of rescue efforts

Animal House Jail

MONTAGUE, Texas
For months, perhaps longer, the Montague County Jail was "Animal House" meets Mayberry. Inmates disabled some of the surveillance cameras and ran wild, having sex with their jailer girlfriends, bringing in reeliners, taking drugs, and chatting on smuggled-in cell phones, according to authorities. The former sheriff and 16 others have been indicted.

AIG-Bailout

NEW YORK
American International Group Inc. used more than \$90 billion in federal rescue funds to pay foreign and domestic banks, some of whom also received federal bailout money. The details come as lawmakers demand names of companies who do business with bailout recipients.

World Markets

HONG KONG
Asian stock markets advance for a second day, with Tokyo's index up nearly 2 percent, on cautious optimism that government pledges to heal the financial system and spur growth will reinvigorate the flagging world economy. European markets open higher.

El Salvador-Elections

SAN SALVADOR
A leftist television journalist wins El Salvador's presidential elections, bringing a party of former guerrillas to power for the first time since a bloody civil war. He is the latest leftist to rise to power in Latin America at a time of uncertainty over how President Barack Obama will approach the region.

Space Shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

Seven astronauts race to the international space station aboard the space shuttle after a successful launch that was delayed five times and caused the mission to be shortened by a day. But mission managers say they'll still get most of their chores done.

Alabama Shootings

GENEVA, Ala.
Mourners say the wife of a local sheriff's deputy struck down last week by a gunman was a force of nature: She had a python for a college roommate, proposed to her husband, and doted on her infant daughter who was also lost in the slayings. She and her daughter were buried together Sunday, two of the 11 victims slain in the 24-mile killing spree by gunman Michael McLendon.

California Prisons

SACRAMENTO, Calif.
When the quality of health care in California's sprawling prison system was first challenged in court, it seemed only a matter of time before major reforms would take hold. Nearly two decades later, the desires of the federal courts and inmate advocates have run into a wall of political inertia

Koreas-Tension

SEOUL, South Korea
Three days after shutting down the border, North Korea partially reopens the crossing to let South Koreans stranded in a northern industrial zone head home.

Pakistan

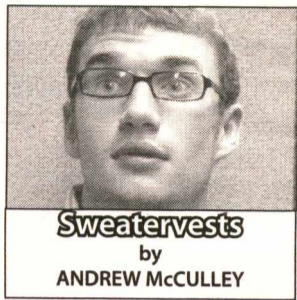
ISLAMABAD
Pakistan's government relents in a confrontation with the opposition, agreeing to reinstate a fired Supreme Court chief justice whose fate had sparked street fights and raised fears of political instability in a country battling rising Islamist violence

Diabetes-Alzheimer's

WASHINGTON
Research is linking diabetes to a higher risk of Alzheimer's — and to even faster worsening of dementia once it strikes. The question is why, and whether improving treatment of diabetes might protect the brain.

Dear President Alexander: a plea from a dedicated newspaper reporter

The newspaper policy imposed by President Alexander will eventually censor information vital to our



Sweatervests
by
ANDREW McCULLEY

student body and student government. Accordingly, I ask President Alexander to amend the policy and allow The Crusader to report on these important subjects.

For those who have not read the policy, it forces The Crusader to “reflect the institution’s commitment to extend grace, nurture transformation, foster growth and encourage restoration” by prohibiting the newspaper from publishing

“content dealing with students, faculty and staff who are involved in discipline-related issues.”

I understand President Alexander’s desire to provide grace – I need copious amounts of the stuff myself. However, The Crusader must be free to report difficult truths – no matter how unfortunate – if they concern the student body and our student government. For example, if an SGA president, let’s call her Prodigal Pam, is removed from office for breaking NNU code, the student body must be informed, and The Crusader is simply the best means of communication.

Because this situation deals with discipline-related issues, the newspaper could not report the hypothetical resignation of SGA President Prodigal Pam

to the student body that elected her. Although the administration should do everything in its power to extend grace, Prodigal Pam cannot simply disappear from office, and the student body cannot responsibly vacate position; governments must be transparent. Moreover, the majority of the student body would have no reliable means of learning it had even lost a president, one-third of its elected voice in SGA.

The new policy instigated by President Alexander mocks our student government by shutting down communication between the constituents and its government. Our student government is real; it makes decisions and appropriates money democratically, largely independent of the administration, with the

students first in its mind.

The new policy assumes The Crusader has a malicious agenda bent on exposing private matters for the sake of telling a marketable story. While bad journalism reveals sins and shortcomings in order to ridicule those culpable, we, the staff of The Crusader, are obligated to stop slander and gossip if it crops up around the misdeed of a student or faculty member. The Crusader will never publish, I will never write and you will never be asked to read ridicule, slander or gossip.

I ask President Alexander this: please trust The Crusader to differentiate between hurtful gossip and edifying news. Allow us to report important issues to the student body.

Are mass e-mails really an effective tool?

STAFF EDITORIAL

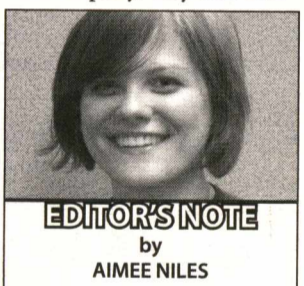
Last week we celebrated the inauguration of President David Alexander. As rare and exciting of an event that it was, for students the lack of awareness concerning the inauguration created a bit of chaos.

We’re busy people. On top of classes, we have extra-curricular activities and jobs. Receiving only one e-mail reminding us of an event happening in over a week isn’t going to do much for being proactive. While “message board” campus-wide e-mails are a quick, easy way to get information out to us, they need to be sent within a better time frame. If we would have read the e-mail about the change of class schedules the day of, instead of ten days prior, students would not have been running around like chickens with their heads cut off. The same goes for the advising meetings yesterday. The e-mail was sent to us a week in advance, and most of us had forgotten by Tuesday.

And, of course, some of us delete message board e-mails before even reading them. This is our fault for hitting the delete button, but it needs to be realized that we aren’t reading these e-mails for a reason. Perhaps mass e-mails aren’t the most effective tools of getting information out to students. In the case of the inauguration, posted schedules around campus along with an e-mail would have been much more efficient. We walk around campus more than we check our campus e-mail, and with such important events such as the inauguration, every means necessary should have been taken to make all students aware.

Forget journalism— I’ll work at AIG

As I’m getting ready to graduate, I’ve finally decided where I should work—AIG. I’ve never been partial to insurance or working in the business sector, but from what I’ve garnered from the recent news about the company, they take care



EDITOR'S NOTE
by
AIMEE NILES

of their employees.

Yesterday, NPR was talking in depth about the bonuses AIG handed out last week. Basically, the U.S. insurance giant was awarded \$170 billion in bailout money to keep the company from going bankrupt. With that money, the company announced that it had given over \$165 million in what they called “retention bonuses” to the financial products division—the division that was responsible for AIG’s money woes in

the first place.

Who wouldn’t want to work for AIG? It is an amazing company to work for; even if you lose so much of the company’s money that AIG has to beg Congress for some crumbs to keep afloat, you still get to keep your job! In fact, it wants to keep you so bad, the company will give you a “retention bonus” that totals more than a million bucks. And then, if you don’t like where the company is headed, you can quit and still keep your retention bonus—an option 11 people have taken advantage of so far, according to The Washington Times.

By this point, I hope the dripping sarcasm is very obvious.

Doling out so much taxpayer money in bonuses is unacceptable. AIG is trying to brush off the criticism by saying it was legally bound to pay the bonuses because of previously negotiated contracts, but is that really a good excuse?

I have no idea what these

contracts stipulated, but wouldn’t common sense say that performance would be an important factor in how much these employees’ bonuses were? New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo said in a letter to House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank that “these payments were all made to individuals in the subsidiary whose performance led to crushing losses and the near failure of AIG.” And they still got bonuses?

What’s even more ridiculous, 11 of the 73 people that received retention bonuses have left the company! Isn’t the point of retention bonuses to, I don’t know, retain people?

Even under such heavy criticism, CBS News reports that AIG is planning on giving out an additional \$450 million in bonuses over the next three years.

Perhaps some may think I’m being harsh; it is a tough economic climate and maybe some of these employees are depending

on these bonuses. But these bonuses are not going to Mort in accounting; they are going to top-level executives who have seven figure salaries already.

President Obama has vowed to ban executive bonuses for bankrupt companies, but is this enough?

Whoever authorized these bonuses must be pursued to the fullest extent of the law. There must be some law being broken and if there isn’t, then a civil suit must be filed. In an economy where the U.S. Department of Labor estimates the national unemployment rate is 8.1 percent and rising, it is a gross injustice that taxpayer money is being spent on this sort of thing.

The U.S. government owns 80 percent of AIG and must take advantage of its majority stockholder position to remedy this situation.

Editor’s Note: The Crusader will not be published again until April 8.

THE CRUSADER’S LETTER TO THE EDITOR GUIDELINES

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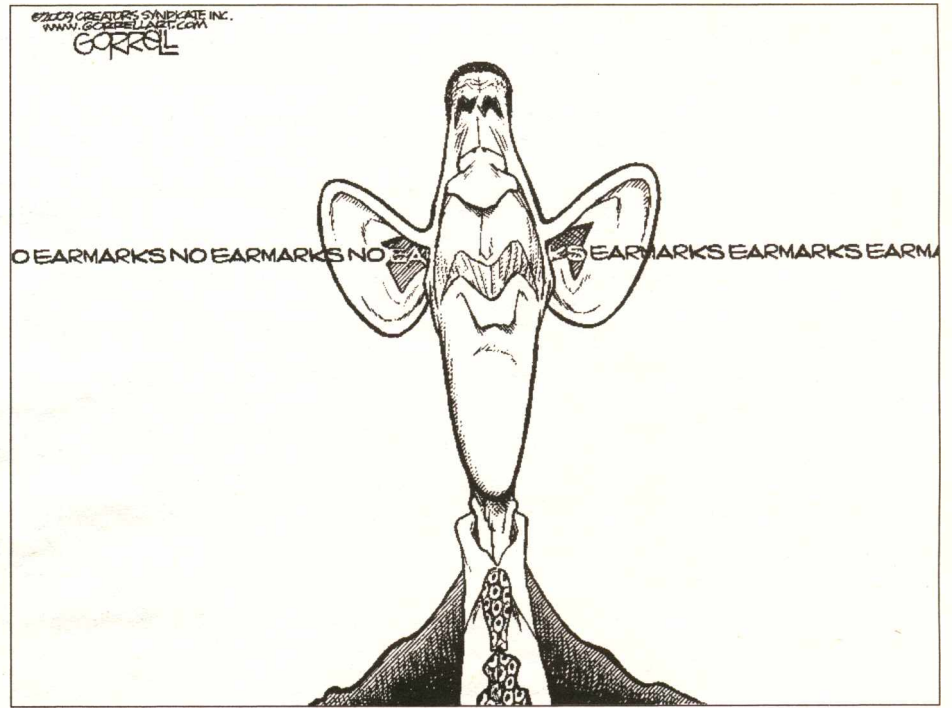
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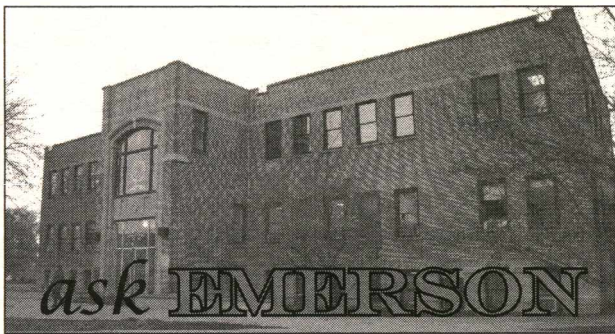
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Q & A regarding NNU's Diversity Task Force



by ERIC FORSETH

University.

Q: Who are the representatives that serve on the DTF?

A: The on-campus members are : Eric Forseth, chair of the task for and vice president of Enrollment Services & Marketing, Karen Blacklock of the Education Department, Sam Dunn, vice president for Academic Affairs, Mamie Oliver of the Social Work Department, Al Sanchez of the Social Work Department, Ben Earwicker of the Spanish and Latin American Studies program, Joanne Rittmueller, director of the Counseling Center, Paula Rogers-Cragwick, director of Multi-Cultural Affairs, Sherry Hartman, director of Human Resources and Joseph Sumi, student representative.

The off-campus members of the task force are: Tony Haws, a Meridian businessman, Mary

Gutierrez of the Nampa School District, Yolanda Martinez of the Women of Color Alliance, Michael Scholl of the Casey Family Foundation, Rogelio Valdez of the Idaho Department of Labor, Carmel Walther of the Nampa School District and Estrella Zamora of the Canyon County Court.

Q: How does the university plan to accomplish bringing in more ethnically diverse students?

A: Achieving this goal is going to take time, resources and concerted efforts, certainly. Currently we are providing scholarships for high school students taking NNU concurrent credit courses.

We are working to offer financial assistance to attract additional diverse students. We're collaborating with local and Treasure Valley organizations (e.g., Casey Family Foundation) to support NNU in this effort, and we are working to locate grant funding to assist recruitment and retention initiatives.

Finally, we're providing more need-based scholarships for current and prospective students.

Q: How many ethnically diverse students are enrolled at NNU now?

A: We are pleased to report that our numbers are increasing. For fall 2008, 17% (98 students) of the new student class represent students of ethnic diversity and international cultures.

For fall 2007 there were 76 diverse students and in the fall of 2006, there were 62.

There is room for improvement but we wanted to update you on the progress especially in the fall 2008 new student class.

Q: What is being done to encourage the retention of ethnically diverse students at NNU? What does the DTF think could be done to enhance retention?

A: That is a very good question. We know that students will be attracted to come to NNU and complete the work to graduate if they feel welcome and understood, and if they have support systems to help them to thrive while at NNU.

Therefore, as a university we are working to build and maintain a welcoming environment to assimilate students of diversity as well as looking for ways

to provide more financial assistance.

Currently, diverse students are encouraged and supported to attend leadership conferences in order to increase their visibility and impact on our campus.

Most recently, the DTF met with the campus retention committee to embark upon top initiatives that would improve retention efforts.

Q: My English is somewhat broken, and my parents' English is very broken, so when we came for a campus visit and applied for admission to NNU, it was difficult to not feel nervous and uncomfortable because our communication wasn't the best.

A: NNU is aware of this type of challenge. The DTF has as one of its short-term goals to have funds allocated to hire a full-time Latino admissions counselor.

We acknowledge that

the multicultural affairs liaison needs to be able to communicate in a variety of languages.

Q: Are there any new plans in the works to improve diversity and also to develop future leaders at the same time?

A: Plans are underway to start a "Bresee Scholars Program" that designates resources for a cohort of students that represent diverse backgrounds (economic, urban, etc.).

Although there is much more work ahead of us as we attempt to improve recruitment and retention of students of diversity, we are grateful for the individuals on the task force that have led in this initiative.

If at any time you have suggestions for helping NNU continue to enhance campus diversity, please feel free to contact a task force member to share your insights.

WE WANT YOU

To submit story ideas for The Crusader
E-mail your ideas to: Crusader@nnu.edu



Bella Voce tours Oregon and Washington over weekend

by ALLISON HAWN

This weekend Bella Voce choir went on its first tour.

The 36 students traveled to perform in Bend Church of the Nazarene in Bend, Ore., the First Presbyterian Church of Walla Walla, Wash. and the Church of the Nazarene in Pasco, Wash., said Judy Marlett, music professor, who directed the tour.

The girls stayed with church members, said freshman pre-medicine major Kimmie Larlee.

"My favorite part was probably the church in Walla Walla, the oldest in the city, that we got to sing in, it was a beautiful church with wonderful acoustics," said Larlee.

"It was an amazing time where the people in the choir were able to get to know each other better. We had fun, food and lots

of singing; it brought the choir closer as whole," said sophomore communications major Arielle Askren.

Bella Voce performed such songs as "Remember," "Weep No More" and "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" in which Rachel Allen and Mandi Dick were soloists and "I'm Goin' Up Yonder" in which Askren and Johanna Higden were soloists, said Marlett. "Touring has many benefits. It is really special to be able to take our music to the churches in our district; to be ambassadors for NNU," said Marlett.

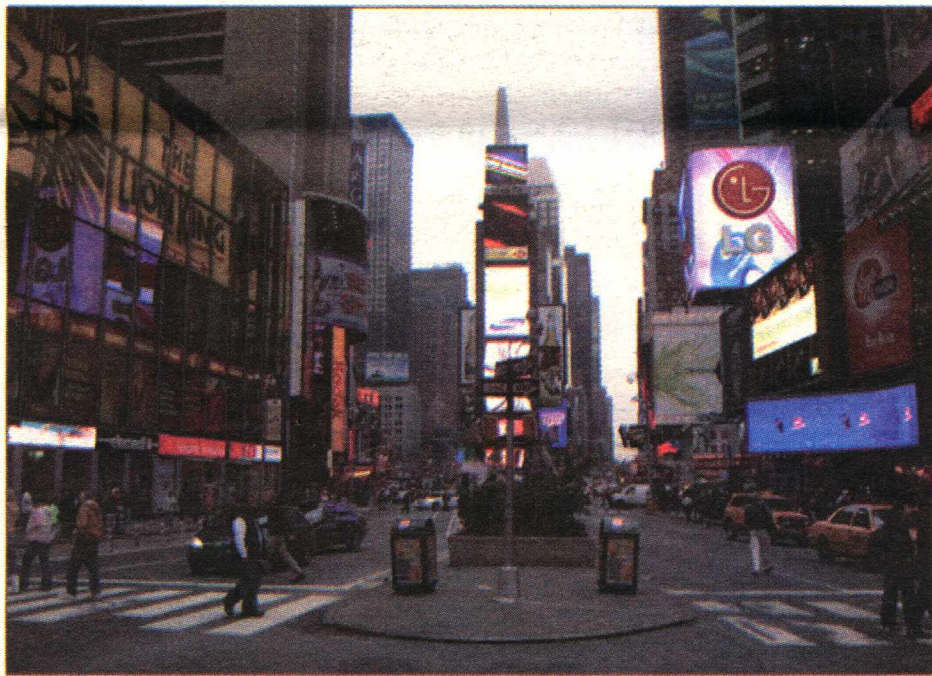
On April 7 the Bella Voce choir will be hosting the Vallivue High School Choir in an evening performance, said Marlett.

Marlett also said that she hopes to take the Bella Voce choir on future tours to other churches.



A few girls of Bella Voce have fun in the bus on the way to their next destination (photo courtesy of Launa Sharpton).

New York City mission team gears up for spring break travels



Timesquare in New York City (photo from wikicommons).

by ALLISON HAWN

The annual New York City mission trip is approaching and 19 Northwest Nazarene University community members are preparing for a week of working with the underprivileged in Brooklyn.

"The point of the trip is to introduce students to inner city ministry through experiences like soup kitchens and homeless shelters," said Michael Spengler, director of NNU missions and who is leading the spring break mission.

The volunteers will be

working with Center for Student Missions during the weeklong adventure, said Spengler. Through this group the students get to work with organizations like World Vision, New York City Relief, Operation Exodus, Father's Heart and Yorkville Common Pantry, said junior youth ministry major Tim Meeks.

While in Brooklyn, the group will be serving the homeless in soup kitchens, tutoring underprivileged children and setting up a vacation Bible school for local kids, said sophomore elementary education major

Ashley Rendahl.

The group will also be able to go see the Broadway musical "Wicked." "I'm so excited," said Rendahl. "I think this will be a fun and rewarding trip," said sophomore elementary education major Aubrey Braun.

"I have wanted to attend the previous two years, but did not go through with it. But this year I felt God's leading, and everything fell into place," said Meeks. Meeks said he is excited to see how God will work in his life over the trip, as well as in the lives of the others who are going.

Sigma Tau Delta heads to international convention in Minneapolis for spring break

by ANDREA SCHILLING

While most of us may travel to Minnesota for the infamous Mall of America, NNU English majors will be traveling to the same destination to talk the language of literature.

Over spring break, the NNU chapter of Sigma Tau Delta is set to travel to Minneapolis for the society's international convention.

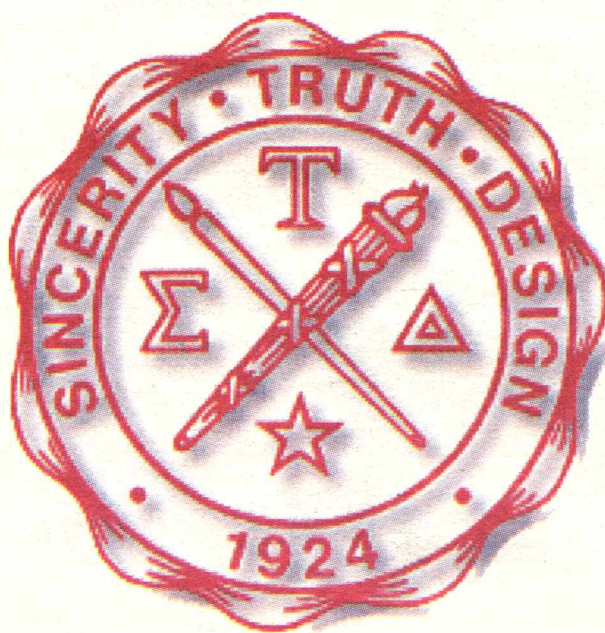
Sophomore Lindsey Bramson, member of the club, said Sigma Tau Delta is an international English honor society, which was established in 1924.

Bramson said the international convention includes four speakers, as well as student presentations.

"We will be giving a panel presentation over how authors such as Michael Perry, O.E. Rolvaag, Garrison Keillor and Sinclair Lewis present the church and our reactions to them," said Bramson. "Our panel presentation will be called 'The Church on Main Street.'"

Perry is one of the featured speakers at the event, Bramson said.

Bramson said Sigma Tau Delta members on the



(image from wikipedia)

panel are in charge of reading Perry's book, "Population 485." Each member has also been assigned another book, written by the other authors featured in NNU's presentation.

"This way, we'll each have something to say about our specific author, as well as tying it together with what Perry says," said Bramson.

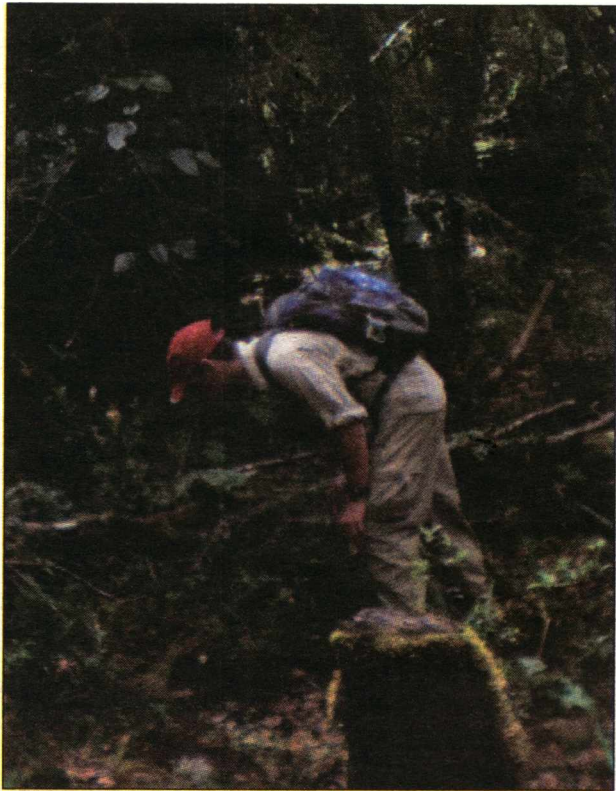
Students attending the event are Sigma Tau Delta Members including Bramson, Laurie Burgemeister, Alli Schisler, Hali Cross, Jessica Bobango, Cathy Becker, Joanne Eckert and professors of English Ben

Fischer and Ralph Speer.

With departure within days, Bramson said the NNU branch of Sigma Tau Delta, Alpha Omicron Omicron has prepared for its presentation through meetings and a practice panel run-through.

"I'm actually kind of excited to get out of my comfort zone a little and present in front of an audience," said Bramson. "It will definitely be an experience."

NNU sends first student to research at Costa Rica program



by ANDREA SCHILLING

Who knew you could use your breaks in between classes to explore nearby waterfalls? For sophomore biology major Kyle Luthman, Howard the Elk and the fountain outside Brandt hold no candle to his adventures this semester.

Luthman is currently studying at San Gerardo De Dota in Costa Rica. The research laboratory is run by NNU sister school Southern Nazarene University, said Luthman. Luthman said he is the first NNU student to participate in the program.

"I wanted to get out of Nampa for a while and I

had the unique opportunity," said Luthman. "And, who wouldn't want to study literally in the middle of the Cloud Rainforest?"

Luthman said he has been able to truly get hands-on experience with his major.

"I am studying mainly tropical ecology which is helpful since my major is biology with an emphasis in environmental science," he said. "It is so much easier to learn about rain forest ecology when you can actually be looking through leaf litter for frogs or wading up a stream for a stream survey."

The curriculum for Luthman has been very different from that which he is familiar with.

"Very seldom do we have an actual lecture here in the field station," he said. "It is hard to compare since there is no other class at NNU that is structured in the same way."

Luthman said he has enjoyed spending time with the locals since beginning his research.

"Most people have no problem opening their house to you or helping with any questions you have," he said. Luthman also said for fun he often plays soccer with the locals.

However, Luthman said that balancing research work and exploring Costa Rica's surroundings and culture have been the biggest

challenge.

"We go swimming in the river or [we] explore the many local waterfalls," said Luthman. "Aside from the bug bites, time management has been the hardest. It is hard to sit down and read when I can look out any window and see rain forest."

Luthman said his study abroad experience comes without regret.

"If you have an opportunity to study abroad anywhere do not pass it up. If you really want to go, trust in God that everything will work out. I had to jump through a lot of hoops to get here and everything has exceeded expectations."



Top: Kyle Luthman goes exploring during a hike through Cerro de Muerta Left: Luthman swings on a tree vine Above: Luthman is humored by signs on a hike (photos from Kyle Luthman).

Faculty enjoyed presidential inauguration

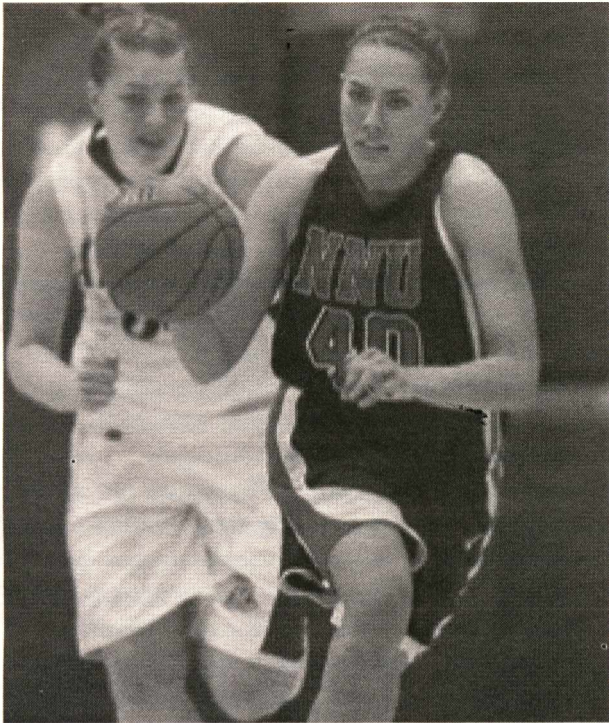


Faculty members gather and visit with each other in the art building prior to President David Alexander's inaugural ceremony last Thursday evening (photo by Paige McDaniel).

Student Life Events

- Wednesday, March 18**
8p.m.-Senate
9p.m.-Time-Out
- Thursday, March 19**
9-11p.m.- Brickhouse
- Friday, March 20**
Board of Trustees meeting
- Saturday, March 21**
12:00 p.m.-Residence Halls close
- Sunday, March 29**
1:00p.m.-Residence Halls open
- Monday, March 30**
Student Preaching Mission chapel series begins
Class council sign-ups begin

'Saders lose in first round of NCAA national tournament



Kristin Hein carries the ball down the court against University of Alaska-Anchorage (photo from NNU Sports Information).

by IAN BAUDER

The NNU Women's Basketball team was defeated on Friday, 64-54, in the first round of the NCAA D.II national tournament by University of Alaska Anchorage.

UAA, ranked 2nd-nationally and seeded 2nd in the West Region, held the Crusaders to 20 second half points, while scoring 30 themselves and going 27-for-35 from the free throw line in the contest.

The Crusaders were led by Brittney Roggenkamp's 13 points and Kristin Hein's 11 rebounds. Roggenkamp was the only Crusader to reach double

figures as NNU shot just 31.5-percent (17-54) from the floor and were held to eight of 29 shooting in the second half.

"I'm very proud of our effort today," commented NNU head coach Kelli Lindley. "We battled hard but just couldn't knock down enough second-half shots."

Rebecca Kielpinski led UAA with 16 points and 13 rebounds and was joined in double-digits by Kiki Taylor with 12.

UAA out-rebounded NNU 47-34 and forced 24 Crusader turnovers. Needing 11 points to claim the all-time GNAC scoring title, Kielpinski hit the mark

and now has 1,701 career points.

Lindsay Brady scored nine for the Crusaders and senior point guard Mallory Whipple played her final game as a Crusader, scoring six points, grabbing one rebound and handing out one assist.

"Mallory has been a tremendous player for us and we will miss her," Lindley added. "She had a great season and I'm glad she was able to play hard today." Whipple missed all but 10 minutes of last Saturday's home game against Seattle Pacific due to a knee injury.

Statistics from NNU Sports Information.

PLAYER PROFILE

Josh Merioles



Sport:
Cross Country/
Track & Field

Class:
Freshman

Major:
Liberal Studies

Occupational goal:
"I want to become a physical therapist sometime down the road and to be coaching X-C running and wrestling."

Hometown:
Valdez, Alaska

First memory as a child:
"Learning how to run."

If you could eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?
Peanut butter and jelly

Favorite TV show:
"Family Guy" or "24"

What is one song you are embarrassed you know all the words to?
"I Want You Back" by N*SYNC

Favorite team memory:
Team camp at Cascade Lake. "Squirtal."

Favorite kind of joke:
"That's what she said" jokes

Embarassing moment:
2008 men's cross country midnight run.

Favorite pizza topping:
Pepperoni

If an NNU professor could be your roommate, who would it be and why?
"Dr. Fischer, because he's the man and he would help me on writing papers."

BSU hosts March Madness; Vandals qualify for post-season

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boise State University is playing host to the NCAA tournament.

The selection committee scheduled trips to Boise for Missouri, a No. 3 seed in the West Region, and Xavier, a No. 4 seed as the bracket's top teams. Missouri earned the high seed after winning the Big 12

Tournament last week, while Xavier is the champion of the Atlantic 10.

The other six teams in the Boise bracket include Florida State, Wisconsin, Portland State, Marquette, Cornell and Utah State, winner of the Western Athletic Conference title.

The first round of games begin Friday at the Taco Bell Arena, with the

winners advancing to the second round Sunday.

At the other end of the state, The University of Idaho is finally back in a postseason tournament.

The Vandals didn't qualify for the NCAA Tournament. But they snapped a 19-year absence from the postseason Sunday by accepting an invitation to the first-ever CollegeInsider.

com tournament.

The Vandals (16-15) will host a first-round game Wednesday against Drake (17-15) from the Missouri Valley Conference.

First-year coach Tom Verlin says playing in the 16-team tournament is an excellent opportunity for the team and school. He says the invitation validates everything the team has

done in his first season in Moscow.

Idaho has agreed to pay \$28,000 for the right to host the first-round game.

Athletic Director Rob Spear says half that cost was covered by private fundraising and the other half by the president's office.

'96 Bulls topple Dynasty to become men's intramural champs



Intramural Report
by JASON MONTGOMERY

NNU men's intramural basketball season came to a close on March 3, with the '96 Bulls winning the

championship game over Dynasty, 53-50.

'96 Bulls and Dynasty seemed to be the teams to beat going into the post-season, making up the top two seeds coming out of "Bracket 2" from the regular season. The final showdown between these two teams lived up to the hype, with the '96 Bulls holding onto a three-point victory at the end.

Part of Dynasty's difficulties came from the simple issue of manpower: Dynasty

only had five players the entire game, so all of the team's starters were forced to remain on the court for all 40 minutes of the very physical game. Dynasty officially has 10 members on its roster, with shooting ace Ryan McCarthy being the most notable absence from the championship game.

'96 Bulls, on the other hand, rotated between nine players throughout the game, with seven players scoring by the end of the game. A solid effort

from the free-throw line helped the '96 Bulls keep the game out of reach at the end – the team made 7 of 8 free throw attempts. Tyler McCarty of Dynasty led all scorers, with four 3-point shots, a perfect 6-6 from the line and 22 total points.

Perhaps the most interesting moment of the game came with 4:18 left in the first half, when Zach Schulz of the '96 Bulls argued a foul call with referee Derek Miller. When Schulz rushed

over to Miller to vigorously contest the call, Schulz was greeted with heckling from the audience in the Johnson Sports Center. Many in the audience felt that a technical foul was in order, but Miller showed saintly restraint in refraining from the technical.

It's now time to put your basketball shoes away and dust off your catching mitt – intramural softball coverage will be coming your way soon.



Sports Box

GNAC Final Standings as of March 14



SOFTBALL

- (W-L)
1. MSU Billings 20-8-0
2. Central Washington 8-5-0
3. Western Washington 6-4-0

4. Western Oregon 8-6-0
5. Northwest Nazarene 4-14
6. Saint Martin's 2-15

BASEBALL

(W-L)

1. MSU Billings 13-11-0
2. Saint Martin's 8-9-1
3. Western Oregon 7-6-1
4. Western Washington 6-14-0
5. Northwest Nazarene 6-9-0

GOLF

- NNU
Team score: 299
Aaron VanDeHey 71
Jeff McDonald 73
Zach Grunig 75

- Rowdy Hope 80
Leon Vasquez 87

- College of Idaho
Team score: 313

Ashley Puga takes national title glory in 800-meter

by ANDREA SCHILLING

On Saturday Ashley Puga was able to scratch off earning a national title from her to-do list.

At the division II national championships at the University of Houston, Puga competed in the 800-meter, where she placed first with a time of 2:07.63.

"We really came into the meet with two goals...to earn All-American with the relay team and to set herself up with a chance to win the 800," assistant coach Ben Gall said to NNU Sports Information. "[Ashley] really stuck to it and it worked perfectly."

Puga was seeded second entering Friday's



Left: Ashley Puga competes in regionals earlier this month. Right: Puga celebrates two All-American honors at the NCAA Outdoor Track championships last May (photos from NNU Sports Information).



preliminary round, but beat her competition by almost three seconds.

Following the win, Puga is now a five-time All-American.

She is also the first NCAA Division II national

champion for the Crusaders in any sport.

"It hasn't quite sunk in yet, but I'm very thankful and excited," Puga said. "My senior year and I'm not sure you could finish it any better for me. It's

definitely been something that's been up in the dream area and been a goal of mine for awhile now, so it was an awesome experience and one I'll remember for the rest of my life. It's pretty cool to have such a great

race at nationals and against such great competition."

Statistics from NNU Sports Information.

Crusaders come out on top in Crusader Coyote Cup

by ANDREW MCCULLEY

The NNU golf team beat College of Idaho last Wednesday 299-311 in the season opener. The two part Crusader Coyote Cup will be completed this afternoon at Riverbend Gold Course as NNU competes against C of I in Match Play format.

NNU Junior Aaron VanDeHey lead both teams, scoring a one-under-par 71. VanDeHey was the only

player to shoot under par. NNU's Jeff McDonald shot 73, Zach Grunig 75, Rowdy Hope shot 80 and Leon Vasquez finished with 91.

Cris Tietsort led the College of Idaho by scoring 74. He was followed by Tyler Thurston with 77, Ben Coate 79, Jacob Reyes 83 and Jeff Davies with 87.

VanDeHey felt confident moving into today's match. "The team can win," he said, "and the match should

warm us up for our tournament in Vancouver on the 23."

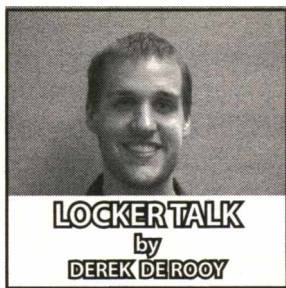
VanDeHey has even higher hopes for the following season. The team will be much stronger than it is now, he said, because no one is graduating from the team.

The Crusaders play again on March 23 and 24 at the Concordia Cavalier Classic in Vancouver, Wash.



Aaron VanDeHey tees off at a tournament in September. VanDeHey led the Crusaders at the Crusader Coyote Cup (photo from NNU Sports Information).

Cutler is the perfect target for many teams in the NFL



LOCKERTALK
by
DEREK DEROOY

Trade talk in the NFL is hot right now. At least in one cold city.

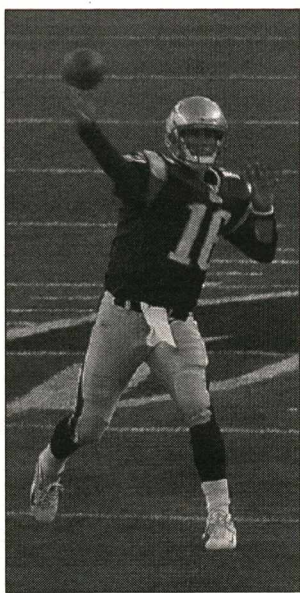
Cities all over the U.S. are expressing interest in one Jay Cutler, a 25-year-old diabetic gunslinger from Santa Claus, Ind. (that's right...Santa Claus). A talented quarterback who inspires memories of a young Brett Favre, Cutler has been hung out to dry. In a city like Denver, where every citizen hopes to find the next John Elway, how could that be?

It started when Mike Shanahan retired. After struggling for the third straight season to compete,

Shanahan decided to take time out, perhaps permanently. But the Broncos organization, well respected at the time, was sure to draw immediate interest. It did.

The Broncos settled on Josh McDaniels, the former offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the New England Patriots. McDaniels, heralded as a genius for his work with Tom Brady, his success with Matt Cassel in Brady's absence last year, and for his play-calling during the Patriots' impressive offensive season of 2007, was expected to bring Denver back to glory. Another young, strong-armed quarterback like Cutler would surely blossom under McDaniels' tutelage and emphasis on the passing game—as a gunslinger, Cutler was both exciting and inconsistent.

That is, until Cutler learned of a failed attempt



Matt Cassel was Tom Brady's backup in New England last year (photo from wikimedia commons).

to bring Cassel to Denver in a three-team trade. McDaniels apparently wanted a quarterback he had worked with before, instead of the one he'd applied to work with.

Cutler was crushed,

obviously. The Broncos, meanwhile, would not confirm or deny initiating the trade talks. They also publicly stated that Cutler would not be traded. It was assumed by me and many others that McDaniels would do his best to repair the suddenly soured relationship between coach and quarterback. I was wrong.

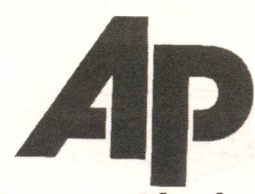
Instead of trying to make amends, McDaniels admitted responsibility for the attempted trade. Finally, Cutler has asked to be traded, feeling a lack of commitment and trust from McDaniels and the Broncos organization.

Meanwhile, my beloved Kansas City Chiefs were able to acquire Cassel and veteran linebacker Mike Vrabel for the thirty-fifth overall pick in April's draft. Despite a competent showing from last year's starter, Tyler Thigpen, the Chiefs

felt the need to bring in someone who has shown the ability to carry an offense and can be the face of the franchise for the next five to eight years.

Personally, I'm not drinking the Cassel Kool-Aid. If his breakout season proved anything, it was the Patriots' system. The Pats have for years been employing and implementing old players (Junior Seau), head cases (Randy Moss), and mediocre players (Kevin Faulk) with surprising success. Cassel is only one more testament to the system.

If McDaniels wants Cassel so badly, why don't the Chiefs offer a trade? Cassel for Cutler, and perhaps a third or fourth-round pick. The Chiefs save money (in the economy's state, teams aren't flaunting cash in the same way), get a better player and take a star away from a division rival.



Sports Blurbs

TIGER & PHIL

MIAMI

The only thing better for the PGA Tour than the return of Tiger Woods is the revival of Phil Mickelson, giving golf its best rivalry at just the right time.

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNNEY

UNDATED

One day after the men's brackets are filled, the women get their turn when their teams are selected for the NCAA tournament. Unbeaten Connecticut (33-0) will be the No. 1 overall seed.

PUERTO RICO

MIAMI

The atmosphere is certain to be charged when Puerto Rico plays Venezuela in a winner's bracket game at the World Baseball Classic. Count on Puerto Rican fans to be pounding on drums and Venezuelan fans to taunting Hugo Chavez supporter Magglio Odonez.

NCAA MEN'S TOURNNEY

UNDATED

There was a revolving door at the top of college basketball this season, which means there are no sure things when the brackets come out for the NCAA tournament Sunday.

North Carolina, Connecticut, Pittsburgh, Louisville, Memphis and Duke are among those that can make a compelling argument for a top seed.

NFL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WALEA, Hawaii

Player representatives from each of the 31 NFL teams will vote to select among four candidates vying to succeed the late Gene Upshaw as executive of director of the NFL Players Association. Voting expected to begin at 8:30 p.m.

NCAA & ECONOMY

INDIANAPOLIS

Mindful of the troubled economy, the NCAA selection committee said it would do its best to keep teams—and their fans—close to home. Developing following selection of field.

Art professor's work shown at BSU Visual Arts Center



REVIEW

by IAN BAUDER

When most people read the story of White Lake, a Russian lake that literally disappeared overnight, they were simply puzzled.

But NNU professor Amanda Hamilton was inspired. Her latest piece, titled "Beautiful Terrible" is the result of that inspiration.

"It resonated because of the striking images described in the story- as well as some vague metaphors that seemed present in the occurrence and which felt intuitively important to me personally," said Hamilton. "When I read the story it nagged at me-- I wanted to

see the lake disappear and the only way for that to happen was for me to make it disappear."

On display at Boise State University until Friday, Hamilton's piece is a 17-minute video that documents a recreation of the event.

The artist built a miniature model, and then recreated the events of the disappearance on film.

Hamilton said she chose the model because it was the easiest way to manipulate the events: "It also allows an interesting sort of distancing from reality which invites confusion, fictionalization (of an already hard-to-believe event) and makes us re-investigate because of its strangeness."

Hamilton said the entire process took about ten months to complete, three for building the model, and the rest for the filming/editing.

She used supplies from hardware stores and hobby

shops to create the life-like model. Students Matt Henry, Nate Berrian and NNU alumna Kylee Pearson all helped film the project.

The project, which has also been exhibited at Seattle Pacific University, has been given positive reviews.

A reviewer from Astmatic Kitty (Sufjan Steven's record label) said the piece made her "inexplicably comforted by the directive to surrender to the sublimely frightening and invigorating wildness of the world as it is."

Hamilton said the work was supported by a "generous grant from the Idaho Commission on the Arts and The National Endowment for the Arts."

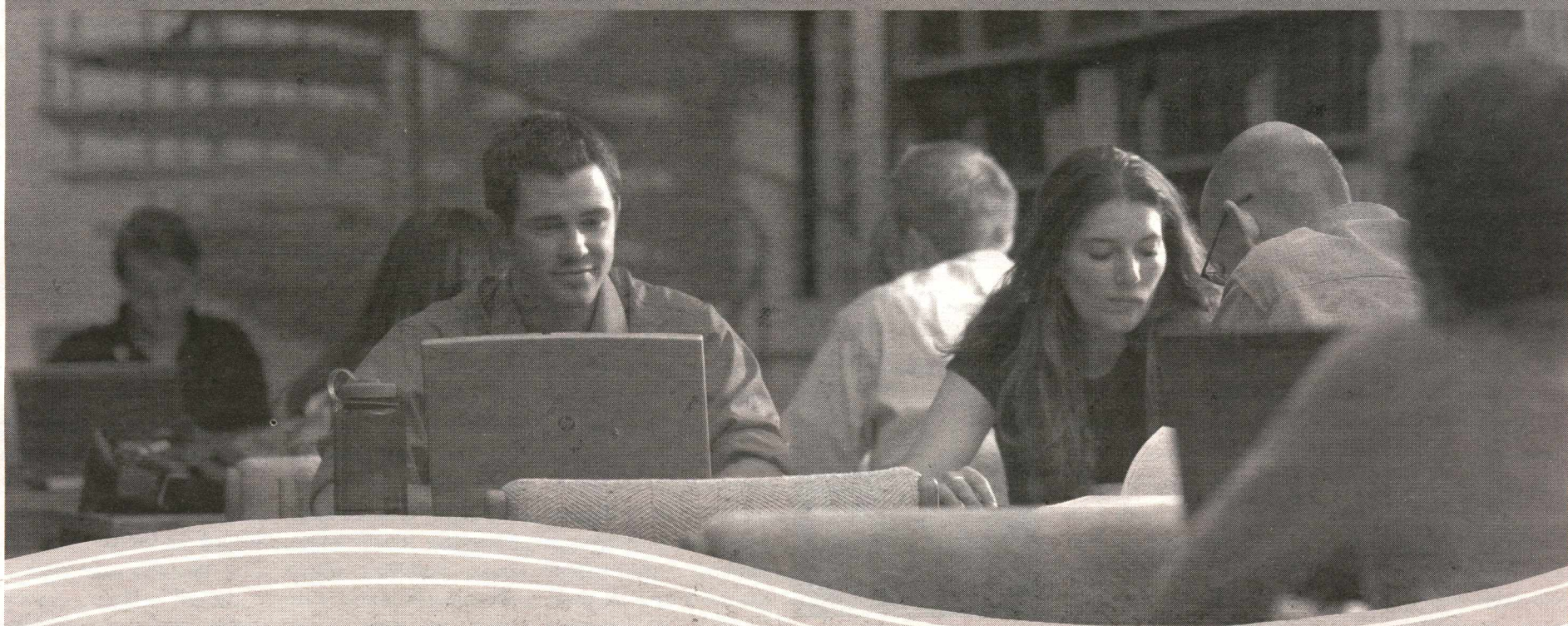
If you would like to see Beautiful Terrible for yourself, it is currently being shown at BSU's Visual Arts Center in the Hemingway Gallery.



Above: two parts of the recreation of "The White Lake" (images courtesy of Amanda Hamilton).

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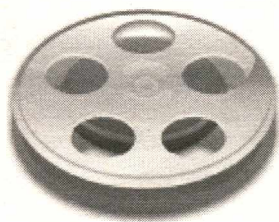
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'Bolt' is entertaining for the young, and young at heart



REVIEW

by AIMEE NILES

Since I'm not a prepubescent girl or a creepy older man, I never thought I would like a film starring "Hannah Montana's" Miley Cyrus. However, that was before I saw Disney's newest animated movie "Bolt."

The animated action film is coming to DVD on March 22, and it couldn't be a better film to wile away two glorious spring break hours with.

Bolt (voiced by John Travolta) is a superhero dog—or at least he thinks he is.

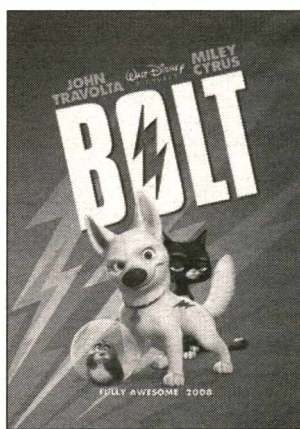
Really, he and his person, Penny (Miley Cyrus) are the stars of the hit TV show "Bolt." Living his entire life on the set of the show, Bolt has come to believe his TV superpowers are real.

After a cliff-hanger ending to an episode, Bolt believes Penny has been kidnapped. He tries to save

her, and through a turn of events emerges in the outside world for the first time. He ends up being shipped across the country.

After imprisoning a street-smart cat—Mittens (Susie Essman) and picking up a star-struck hamster named Rhino (Mark Walton), Bolt makes a trip from New York to L.A. to save Penny.

The formula is a classic (or cliché, take your pick) one—think any of the "Homeward Bound" movies—but the dialogue and characterization is what makes this movie unique and absolutely fabulous.



(image from wikipedia)

The dialogue is quick, witty and perfect to make kids and adults laugh.

Basically, there are some lines that I cannot wait to

insert into an everyday conversation. Someday, there's going to be the perfect set-up for me to say: "Just the knowledge that every minute spent in your company becomes the new greatest minute of my life," and that will be a good day.

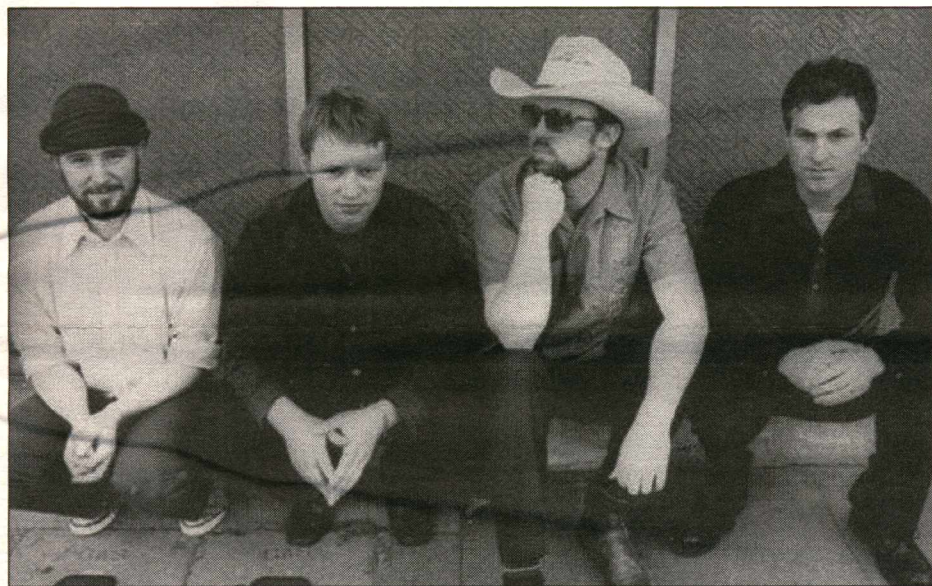
Rhino, the TV-obsessed and slightly obese hamster is—in the hamster's own words—awesome. It never occurred to me that a rodent would make a good Robin-esque character, but Rhino—complete with his clear plastic rolling ball—is the perfect side-kick to Bolt the "superdog." Whether he

needs to rescue Bolt from the dog-catcher or provide the hysterical commentary in an ordinary situation, Rhino is perfect.

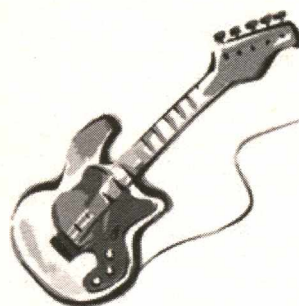
Mittens is a great antidote to Rhino's hero-worship. Without her suspicion of Bolt's mental state, there would be an over-saturation of Bolt adoration and that would be nauseating.

"Bolt" is one of those films that pretty much everyone will enjoy—and you won't have to worry about content if you happen to pop in the DVD with your 5 year-old cousin and grandma.

Cake: alternative sound and obscurely written love songs



Cake includes band members John McCrea, Vincent DiFore, Xan McCurdy, Gabriel Nelson and Paulo Baldi. The band calls Sacramento, Calif. home (photo from myspace.com).



REVIEW

by ALLISON HAWN

If you are looking for something to simply sit, listen and groove to, then alternative rock group Cake may be what you are looking for.

Cake is an eclectic mix of alternative and indie rock stirred in with ska, country, reggae, funk, waltz, jazz and bluegrass riffs and beats. The song that is probably most recognizable from the

group is their sarcastic look at what men look for in women, "Short Skirt/Long Jacket" from the album "Comfort Eagle."

Other songs by Cake that have received much attention include "Never There," from the album "Prolonging the Magic," and "The Distance," from the album "Fashion Nugget."

Cake's lyrics normally can be divided up into two categories—oddly worded love songs and lyrical critiques on society. For instance, the song "Comfort Eagle" is a half-rapped song behind alternative guitar and bass riffs that mocks the rapper/gangster mentality of mindless consumerism and conformist consumption.

Throughout the band's songs you will hear comments on war, the corporate economy and U.S. foreign policy, accompanied by some of the most

entertaining mixes of guitar, bass, trumpet, drums and keyboards. Cake's love songs have a "I have felt this before" tone to them; most of them are focused on the fears involved with relationships. These are men who are not afraid to admit that women emotionally intimidate them.

Cake, which was formed in 1991, is made up of John McCrea, Vince DiFiore, Xan McCurdy, Gabe Nelson and Andrew Griffin and based out of southern California, said the band's official website.

The group, which released a new album late last year called "B-Sides and Rarities" has recently moved into a completely solar powered recording studio and promise that the next album, which they are in the process of recording, will be completely solar powered.

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Movies opening 3/20

- "Knowing"
- "I Love You, Man"
- "Duplicity"
- "Invention of Lying"

Books:

- "The Kindly Ones" by Jonathan Littel
- "Handle With Care" by Jodi Picoult
- "Paths of Glory" by Jeffrey Archer
- "Corsair" by Clive Cussler
- "True Detectives" by Jonathan Kellerman
- "Long Lost" by Harlan Coben

Music:

- "The Annie Lennox Collection (Deluxe Edition)" – Annie Lennox
- "Of Fungi and Foe" – Les Claypool
- "Cult of Static" – Static-X
- "The Script" – The Script
- "Naked Willie" – Willie Nelson

DVDs:

- "Twilight"
- "Punisher: War Zone"
- "Ben X"
- "A Secret"

Movie information from MSN.com

Book and DVD information from borders.com

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CONCERT BOX

VERITAS + BUKKIT	3.20.09	@ FLYING M
THE ACADEMY IS...	3.21.09	@ BOISE VENUE
RATATAT	3.28.09	@ KNITTING FACTORY
NEW FOUND GLORY + BAYSIDE	4.2.09	@ KNITTING FACTORY
TAYLOR SWIFT	4.17.09	@ IDAHO CENTER
DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE	4.25.09	@ MORRISON CENTER



How to make the most of your spring break

By Crusader Staff

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10. Get out of Nampa-- best spring ever already.
9. "Accidentally" leave your homework in your dorm.
8. Try something new...like that weird all-orange diet that guy down the hallway tried last semester.
7. Continue with your participation of Mustache March-- it's not cool until it interferes with eating. (It's also not too late to start.)
6. Have a lemonade stand and give your earnings to your failing business of choice-- we recommend AIG or any American car company.
5. Make a YouTube video that your mom would actually be proud of.
4. Film a critically-acclaimed documentary of that rat-beaver-wombat creature that lives in the Elijah Drain.
3. Go for a hike and fake a Bigfoot sighting.
2. Find more of that shrimp they had at the inauguration.
1. Break the world record of how many rattlesnakes to sit in a bathtub with (the current record is only 87).

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Goatee's location
 - 5 Taps the brakes
 - 10 "Knock it off!"
 - 14 Not respectful
 - 15 Eiffel Tower locale
 - 16 Opera highlight
 - 17 Moisturizer ingredient
 - 18 Wipe the blackboard
 - 19 Road curve
 - 20 America's national symbol
 - 22 Woodpeckers' noses
 - 23 Entices
 - 24 20 Across, for example
 - 25 Storm drains
 - 28 Is caught in a downpour
 - 31 "Am not!" reply
 - 32 Beach-umbrella offering
 - 34 Pub beverage
 - 35 401(k) alternative: Abbr.
 - 36 Castle protectors
 - 37 Paving material
 - 38 Neither's partner
 - 39 Untrue
 - 40 Borscht vegetables
 - 42 Swinglike circus device
 - 44 Formal order
 - 45 Feeling angry
 - 46 Sword metal
 - 48 Yellow citrus fruit
 - 50 Nonglossy wall finish

- 54 Eager
 - 55 Much the same
 - 56 Inventive thought
 - 57 Prison room
 - 58 Stays out of sight
 - 59 Wander
 - 60 Leg joint
 - 61 Paid out
 - 62 Retired planes: Abbr.
- DOWN**
- 1 Lobster relative
 - 2 Luau dance
 - 3 Adored celebrity
 - 4 Sewing-kit items
 - 5 Asparagus units
 - 6 Huge

TIRE TALK by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- 7 Face-to-face tests
- 8 All-knowing
- 9 U-turn from NNW
- 10 Cavalry weapons
- 11 Remain upright, in the pool
- 12 Sow's squeal
- 13 Writing tablets
- 21 Money in Italy
- 22 Small taste
- 24 Cribs and cots
- 25 Canonized one
- 26 Proofreader's find
- 27 Be visibly happy
- 28 Fence opening
- 29 Fill with joy
- 30 Not wordy
- 32 Boot bottom
- 33 Is the owner of
- 36 Lab rat's challenge
- 39 Plant with fronds
- 40 Answering-machine sound
- 41 Custard-filled desserts
- 43 Curly-haired dog
- 44 Really dislike
- 46 Playground fixture
- 47 Spoken for
- 48 Don't have
- 49 Smooth out
- 50 Turn, as pancakes
- 51 Altar vows
- 52 Clutter-free
- 53 Scottish caps
- 55 Sighs of relief

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Dear Nana Bobango...



I'm a freshman who has never had a girlfriend. I admit, I'm a bit dorky. I'm a computer nerd, plus I'm short (5'5") and skinny (110 lbs.) and not too good-looking. However, I'm a gentleman, caring, kind, a hard worker and intelligent. I'm sure I sound like an even bigger loser now, but is there anything I can do to get girls to notice or maybe even like me?

--Waiting Gamer

Dear Waiting,

You, my friend, need to find some confidence. Take it from me, more often than not self-assurance will you get somewhere. If a girl intrigues you, ask her out.

Like you said, you're a caring, kind gentleman—she'd be crazy not to comply. Spare the cheesy, overly thought-out pickup lines and start out with a simple hello. Ask her how her day is going. In the interest of not coming off as a total creep, work up to the actual asking-out by striking up a casual conversation before class. Ask her what she thought of the reading or if she had as much trouble with the accounting homework as you.

After a week or so you should be able to feel comfortable enough to keep your composure—and if not, then you should at least be able to fake it.

In love,
Nana

Nana Bobango wants to hear from you! Email your questions to crusader@nnu.edu. Put 'Dear Nana Bobango' in the subject line.



"It's a letter from Vinnie. He got out six months early for good behavior. ... Man, what a loser!"

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