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TALKING MONEY. While students are grumbling at the homework quickly piling up, local businesses are thankful school's back in session.

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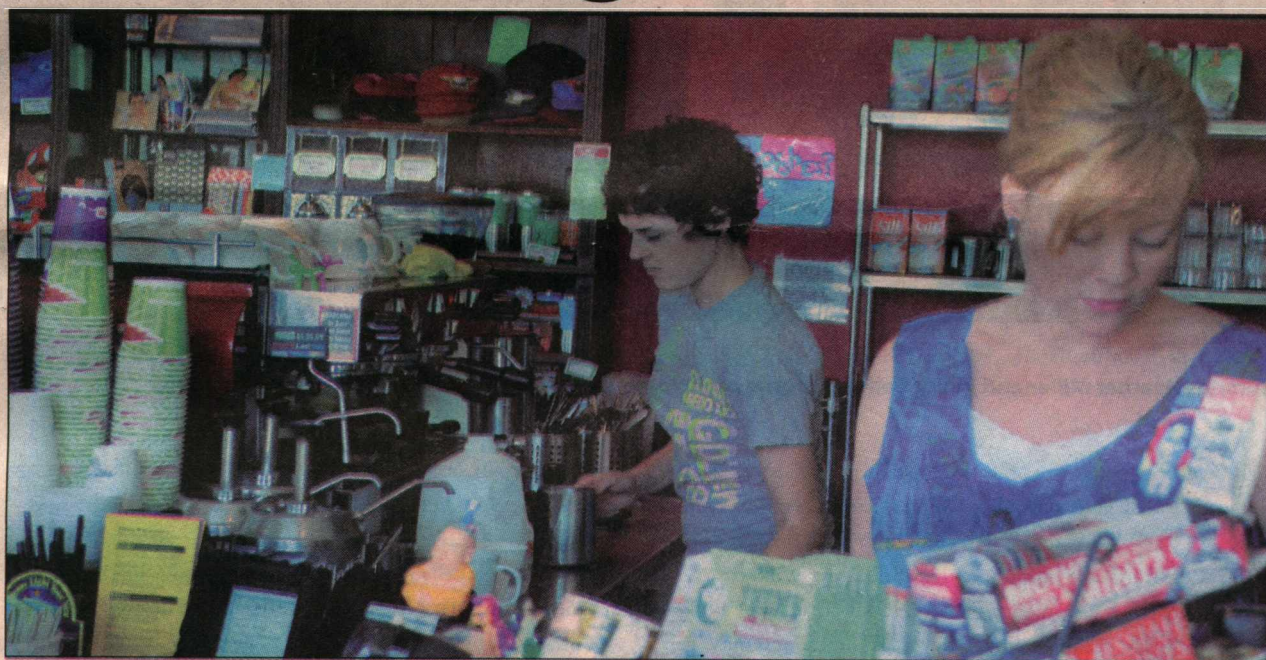
Do NNU students have an impact on local businesses around Nampa? You betcha.

Various owners of downtown businesses said there is a noticeable difference in sales when students are in town for school.

"I would estimate that 20 to 30 percent of sales is from NNU students, maybe even higher in the evenings," said Kevin Myers, who, with his wife Lisa, has owned Flying M Coffee Garage since 2006. The couple also owns the Boise Flying M Coffee House, which opened in 1992.

"A lot of kids use the wireless

Let's go local



Alex Corn | The Crusader

Baristas make orders for customers at the Flying M Coffeegarage, a local coffee shop in Downtown Nampa. Kevin Myers, owner of the Flying M, says NNU students give his business a lot of traffic.

for study purposes. There is a fair amount of study groups that meet here," Myers said. "The

atmosphere is more studious during the school year."

The coffee garage also draws

student attention by hosting a variety of bands and updating their music schedule at

flyingmcoffee.com.

Right down the street from Flying M is The White Pine

Boutique, owned by Joe and Diana Shafer.

"The summer was really slow. Right when [the students] came back was a really good weekend," Diana said. "A lot of college students are pretty poor, but they still come and buy things throughout the year."

The White Pine, according to its Myspace page, offers "affordable eco-friendly clothes" for men, women, and children and supports local artists. The boutique celebrated its one year anniversary earlier this month with free cupcakes and good savings.

Students not only support the local economy through spending money, but by spreading word-of-mouth about businesses, said Elise Zaughn, who two years ago opened The Brass Razoo, a unique clothing and jewelry boutique.

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It was a close call for the annual week aimed toward refocusing NNU community's spiritual life this year, following a change of plans due to an unfortunate event.

This week is Fall Spiritual Emphasis Week and despite some last minute reorganization, Chaplain Schandorff promises the week will still offer students chances to challenge themselves in their walk with Christ.

While Nazarene District Superintendent J.K. Warrick was originally scheduled to speak on Monday, yesterday and today, plans changed when Warrick's father-in-law passed away unexpectedly.

After a number of meetings and many more plans, including talk of canceling the event, the Campus Spiritual Life Committee made the decision to not bring in another speaker and to have Chaplain Schandorff speak at chapel during the week, and for Kenton Lee to speak tonight during Time-Out.

According to Schandorff the theme of the week has been the pursuit of the question "What is God asking you to be or to do?"

In addition to the week's regularly scheduled chapels, Schandorff is also offering opportunities for students to

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one might expect

HOLLY BEECH
The Crusader

Are you an avid actor or actress? Are you so in love with your bike you've given it a special name? Are you passionate about social work, recycling or spending time with hurting kids?

With the variety of clubs on campus, chances are you will be able to find one that caters to one of your interests.

It is still early in the year, but students are showing excitement about joining clubs.

SGA Executive Vice President Trevan Hauck said that every club that participated in last Monday's "Going Clubbing" event increased membership, which was held in the Student Center after chapel until 2 p.m.

Two new clubs, the Drama Club and Midnight Ridazz Idaho, already have around 40 and 50 members each, respectively.

Junior Rachel Allen from the drama club, which will soon decide on an official club name, said, "It is our hope that we will be able to put on some smaller productions throughout the year, maybe even utilize student-written productions, and get people involved who might not audition for the fall or spring plays or the musical."

Since this is the club's first year, nothing is set in stone yet, Allen said, but they plan to host weekend workshops taught by experts on improv, film production and a number of other topics.

"Beyond that, we are just hoping to spread a love of theater to the NNU community," Allen said.

The other new club on

campus, Midnight Ridazz Idaho, got its inspiration from the Midnight Ridazz bicycling group founded in Los Angeles in 2004.

Seniors Evan Chaney and Mike Hoyt and sophomore Matt Larson created and run the club, which organizes bike rides from casual strolls to over 10 mile trips, said the Midnight Ridazz Idaho Facebook page.

"This a great community interested in one thing: cycling. Join in the fun of going on late night rides all over. We are all about riding bicycles, hanging out, acting silly, being whimsical, speaking up and having a good heart," the page said.

The group will also help anyone with bike repairs for free, and only charges students for the cost of any equipment needed for the repair.

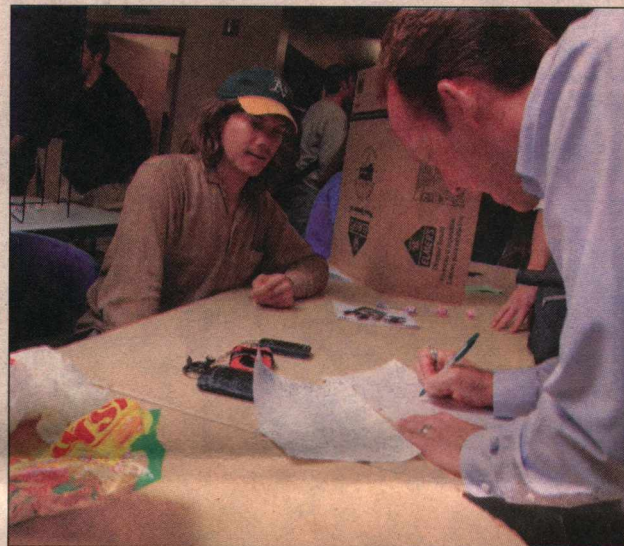
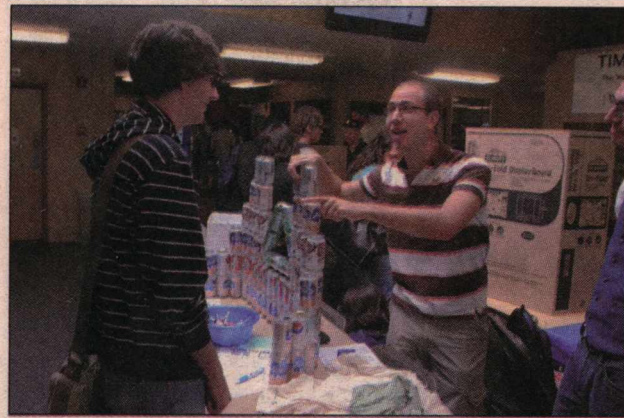
Several remaining clubs have new members and plans for this school year.

Sophomore Lia Hardy, treasurer of the Social Work Club said, "While we are keeping most of the same events we had last year, we are discussing some new ideas. For example, there is talk about donating leftover Dex meals to the Food Bank."

The Psychology Club as well has some new ideas brewing, like a new service project starting this spring.

Co-President Senior Stefie Wilkes said the club is currently focused on the Homecoming Walk/Run coming up on Nov. 7 to raise money for a charity and for student scholarships.

Throughout the year, the club will also continue holding meetings, parties, movie nights



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Top: Senior Jake Bodenstab tries to convince senior James Snyder to join NNU Recycles, a club led by senior Jaimee Haaland to spur friendliness to the environment. Above: Evan Chaney answers questions for Mike Kipp, professor of youth and family ministry, at the Midnight Ridazz Idaho's booth.

and grad nights, a time to discuss the process of applying to graduate school and to interact with those who have gone through the process, Wilkes said.

One of the clubs geared toward children is a ministry group called Hope House, which every Saturday travels to Hope House in Marsing, a place for children who have been in and out of foster homes.

"Our main purpose is to give love to these great kids and to

be consistently involved in their lives," said Treasurer Krysta Jacobson, a junior.

Group members play games with the kids, give Bible lessons and at least once a semester plan a fun event for the kids away from Hope House.

"Probably our biggest goal for this year is to get freshmen and sophomores involved, because

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care plan just yet.

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They've returned home, but how did the girls do on the road last week?

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Homecoming weekend's play has been chosen and practice has begun. What's it all about?

Weather

THURSDAY

Sunny.

Hi: 62° | Low: 37°

FRIDAY

Partly cloudy.

Hi: 65° | Low: 38°

SATURDAY

Showers.

Hi: 65° | Low: 39°

SUNDAY

Showers.

Hi: 62° | Low: 36°

MONDAY

Partly cloudy.

Hi: 63° | Low: 38°

TUESDAY

Partly cloudy.

Hi: 65° | Low: 37°

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Psych club's Walk/Run gets a head start

TAYLOR ALLEN
The Crusader

The Psych Club wants to get the word out early about this year's Walk/Run, happening November 7th as part of Homecoming Week.

All clubs around campus are required to have a service project, and this is Psych Club's for the semester. "We want to leave a legacy at NNU but more importantly the community," says senior Psychology major Stefie Wilkes, who maintains organization for the event. This event will be linked to the Northwest Children's Home, Syringa House.

"What they do for the community is remarkable. I really want to see them continue," says Wilkes. One dollar will be donated to the Syringa House from every entrance fee for the Walk/Run.

Psych Club is focusing on getting Syringa House involved with the process. "I really think this is a growing part for both us and their organization," says Wilkes.

The Walk/Run is for anyone to participate in. Wilkes says, "It's for fun and competition."



Andrea Schilling | The Crusader

Alumnus Heather Miller and junior Bailey Osborne participate in last year's Walk/Run during Homecoming.

There will be prizes for the winners, as well as a possible raffle.

The Walk/Run's sole purpose is not only to raise money, however. Psych Club wants to get NNU involved in the rest of the community. "We are not limited to an isolated,

Christian influenced academia, we are active members of this community, of the nation, of the world," says Wilkes.

NNU's walls may be broken down as the community gets word of the involvement of the campus.

According to Wilkes, the

event is held in order to give back to the community. The money goes to Syringa House as well as back to the students for funds and scholarships.

"This is not, by any means, a fundraiser for psych club," says Wilkes.

Getting the word out early

is important to Wilkes and the rest of the Psych Club. Wilkes says, "We're a club of young adults who want to change the world around us. And this event is a great way to do that on a local level."

Walk/Run has had only a small turnout in the past. "But

that doesn't discourage us," says Wilkes. Since it is held during Homecoming Week, many alumni show up with their families to participate.

The Walk/Run will be at 1:00 on Saturday, November 7th in front of the Johnson's Sports Center.

Forensics kicks off the year at CSI

RACHEL BEERS
The Crusader

The NNU Forensics team kicked off their season this last weekend, as it had its first tournament at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

There were 10 to 15 schools participating in the tournament. The coach of the forensics team

Professor Brooke Adamson, said the team competed in six different individual events.

The five members of the team who attended were Rachel Allen, Heather White, Heather Pruet and Dominic Bernamon, the only freshman attending the tournament.

The results of the tournament

were in the favor of the NNU debaters. The team as a whole took second in the tournament despite having one of the smallest teams in attendance.

Allen took first place in Programmed Oral, Interpretation, and in Prose.

White took first in After Dinner Speaking and Haw

took first in Impromptu Speaking.

"It was an amazing first tournament, bringing home four first place trophies, which is nearly half of the individual events that we placed first in. I cannot wait for our next tournament," said Allen.

The two returning star

debaters, Allen and Haw, both took Phi Delta Kappa ranking in last year's tournament.

Phi Delta Kappa is a long-standing tradition for NNU, it has participated at this level for 50 years and is a National Honorary.

The forensics team is aiming high this year, says Adamson.

For anyone who wants to join, Adamson says it is for everyone on campus and it can even offer scholarships or credit for those who participate.

The next tournament the team will attend is held at Linfield College in Oregon, which will take place in November.

Club dissolving has been proved unconstitutional

HOLLY BEECH
The Crusader

At the beginning of the school year, SGA Executive Vice President Trevan Hauck terminated 11 inactive clubs causing all the money from their accounts, totaling \$4,000, to be transferred into the SGA general fund, says the SGA member.

Hauck, a senior, said the clubs had been deemed inactive last year by current President Grant Miller, who at the time was the Executive VP, and by former Chief Justice John Bailar.

Clubs are considered inactive

when they do not budget or report to Senate for an academic school year.

Hauck said some of these clubs had not reported to Senate for up to six years.

According to the ASNNU Code, Section 9, Statute 3, Paragraph One, Senate must vote on the termination of inactive clubs. However, Senate never voted to dissolve these 11 clubs Hauck says.

Hauck said he assumed he could terminate the clubs because at the end of last year, Miller announced at a Senate meeting that if those clubs did

not report to Senate, they would be dissolved. None of the clubs reported to Senate.

"I went off what Grant said. I thought that I was following the procedure. I hadn't fact checked, but I should have," Hauck said.

Hauck said he did not realize that procedure had not been followed until senior Drew McCulley e-mailed him trying to re-establish the College Democrats, one of the clubs which had been dissolved.

Hauck said McCulley could reinstate the club if he wrote a constitution, got a club adviser

and presented it to Senate, who would vote on it within two weeks.

New clubs start out with a 250 dollar budget which, said Hauck, is probably more than the College Democrats had in its account before it was terminated.

Because he saw Hauck's action of dissolving the clubs as unconstitutional, McCulley contacted Chief of Justice Joe Strunk, a senior, and set up a judicial hearing for Sept. 23.

McCulley, Miller and Hauck presented the case before the judicial board, made up of

Strunk, junior Lance Pounds and senior Jaimee Haaland.

According to the ruling, the Judicial Board considered Hauck's termination of the clubs unconstitutional and reinstated them until Senate could vote on it.

The Board also recognized that Hauck's actions were not malicious or in willful disregard for the Code and Constitution, and that he had acted upon an understanding that he was following proper procedure.

At tonight's Senate meeting, Senate will vote on the termination of the clubs.

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challenge themselves in other ways.

SGA Campus Ministries Coordinator Lacey Smith showed "Lars and the Real Girl" for Faith in Films yesterday in the Brick House.

A daily devotional is being presented to students as well as a Facebook group offering an opportunity for questioning and dialogue.

Tomorrow the Brandt Center is open for a prayer time.

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Zaughn said her store's sales do not go down in the summer when students are away, but students have "the trickling effect" that inspires locals to shop there.

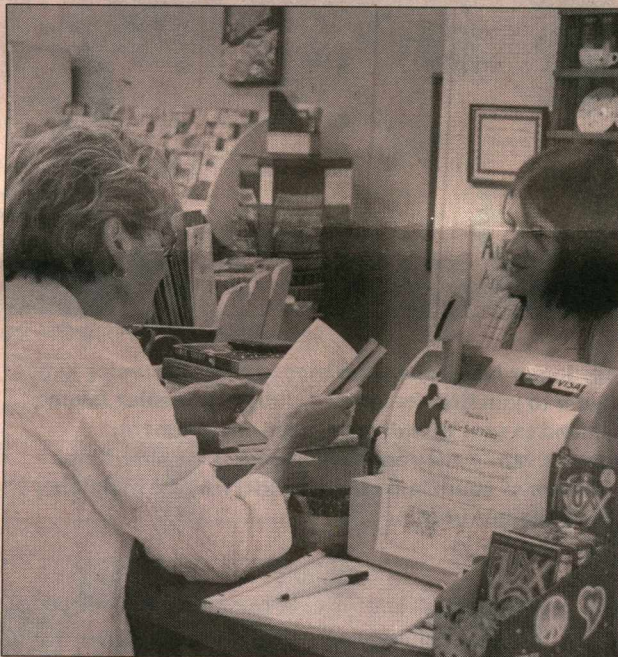
"Even though we don't see a difference in sales when they're away, their effect is phenomenal and we are very grateful," said Zaughn, an Australian native.

Twice Told Tales, a used book store downtown, does not see a big influx in sales in the fall when NNU students return for school, said Janell Pearson, who owns and runs the store with her daughter Tirzah.

Twice Told Tales has been in Nampa for 18 years, but the Pearson family took over just nine months ago.

"We'd like to get the word out to let kids know you can get really good books here at a reduced price," Janell said.

The store also offers free wireless Internet, a study area



Left: Tirzah Pearson, who owns Twice Told Tales with her mother, helps a customer at the register. Right: The Brass Razoo's current set-up at the front of the store features wardrobe welcoming the fall season.



Photos by Alex Corn | The Crusader

upstairs, and new board games for sale.

In some cases, when students shop local they indirectly support NNU and local charities as well.

"We're helping support the college," said Ron LeBaron, owner of Le Baron's Honker

Café.

"The money [students] spend here affects the school as well as the community."

Shafer said, "A big reason to shop locally is the money circulates to local people living in the community."

Shafer said studies show that

local businesses give more to local charities, too.

Aside from the financial benefits of living in a college town, some local store owners strike up friendships with NNU students over time.

"I've built relationships with a lot of them over the last

couple years, and we keep in touch even after they graduate," Zaughn said.

"I love the camaraderie of everyone supporting each other. They support me and I support them. It is more...than just business."

**>>Dare to
localize?**

Get in on the campaign to help the local business economy around the Treasure Valley: <http://thinkboisefirst.org/>

Oklahoma teen claims he was held in closet for years

ASSOCIATED PRESS

OKLAHOMA CITY — A woman was arrested after her 14-year-old son told authorities he escaped from a home where he'd been kept for 4 1/2 years, spending most of his time locked in a bedroom closet, police said Monday.

A security guard at a National Guard facility in Oklahoma City called police on Friday after the teen showed up malnourished and with numerous scars and other signs of abuse, police Sgt. Gary Knight said.

"He was hungry. He was dirty. He had numerous scars on his body," Knight said. "It was very sad."

The boy was taken to a hospital to be examined and then turned over to the custody

of the Department of Human Services, Knight said.

After police interviews, officers on Saturday arrested the boy's mother, 37-year-old LaRhonda Marie McCall, and a friend, 38-year-old Steve Vern Hamilton, on 20 complaints each of child abuse and child neglect.

Formal charges have not been filed, and both were being held on \$400,000 bond, according to jail records.

Jail officials were not sure if either had retained an attorney, and no one answered the phone at McCall's home.

The teen, wearing only a pair of oversized shorts held up by a belt, walked up to a security guard at the Guard facility around 5 p.m. Friday and asked where a police

station was located so he could report being abused, according to a police report.

He told police that scars on his stomach and torso were from where alcohol had been poured on him and set on fire. Other scars were from being tied up, hit with an extension cord and choked, the boy told police.

"He had scars covering most of his body," Knight said. "They were basically from head to foot."

The teen told police he moved to the Oklahoma City area from New Jersey about 4 1/2 years ago after his mother was released from jail. Since arriving in Oklahoma, he said, he had never been to school and spent most of his time locked in a bedroom closet.

He told police the closet door was mostly blocked with a stepladder or a bed and that he managed to push the door open enough to escape and leave the house.

Knight said six other children living at the home were taken into DHS custody, but none showed signs of abuse.

A DHS spokeswoman said she could not discuss specific cases but generally an investigation would be conducted before any of the children are returned to the home or placed with other family members.

"There may be family members, but we do a diligent search, and we're very careful about placing kids in a safe environment," DHS spokeswoman Beth Scott said.

AP News Blurbs

NYC TERROR NEW YORK

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IRAN

TEHRAN, Iran

Iran says it successfully test-fires the longest-range missiles in its arsenal on Monday, weapons capable of carrying a warhead and striking Israel, U.S. military bases in the Middle East and parts of Europe.

SWITZERLAND- POLANSKI

ZURICH

The international tug-of-war over Roman Polanski escalates Monday as France and Poland urge Switzerland to free the 76-year-old director on bail and press U.S. officials all the way up to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on the case.

PAKISTAN

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan

Hundreds of civilians flee al-Qaida and the Taliban's main stronghold in northwest Pakistan after the army and militants ask them to leave, a tribal elder and a witness said Monday, a sign the military could be poised to launch an offensive.

CENSUS LATINOS

LONG BEACH, Calif.

For the first time, the

HONDURAS-COUP

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras

Supporters of ousted President Manuel Zelaya face off with police in what they call a "final offensive" against the coup-installed government, which seems increasingly desperate as it suspends civil liberties and silences dissident broadcasters

CENSUS-INCOME GAP

WASHINGTON

The recession has hit middle-income and poor families hardest, widening the economic gap between the richest Americans and the poorest as rippling job layoffs ravaged household budgets.

GERMANY ELECTION

BERLIN

Chancellor Angela Merkel starts laying the groundwork for her new coalition with the pro-business Free Democrats after German voters returned her to office for a second term that is expected to focus on spurring economic growth through tax cuts and job creation.

FLU-PREGNANT WOMEN

WASHINGTON

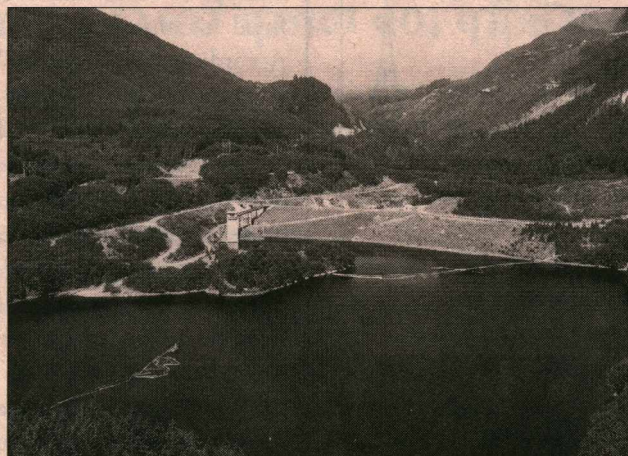
The government insists pregnant women should be the first to get swine flu shots, but only about one in seven got vaccinated in past flu seasons. Many obstetricians don't vaccinate, and pharmacists and other providers are often wary.

Leaky dam causes flood worries in Seattle area

ASSOCIATED PRESS

KENT, Wash. — For nearly 25 years Kathy Gladden has lived about 100 feet from the Green River, a normally placid stream that meanders past the many homes, offices, warehouses and shopping malls that blanket the area.

Now, she and thousands of others face the all-too-real prospect that the river will gush past a leaky upstream dam and swallow up their homes once the rainy season starts in November, devastating a heavily developed area in the Seattle suburbs that is a vital hub of commerce.



courtesy of Wikipedia

The Howard Hanson Dam in Kent, Wash. is feeling the effects of a landslide that occurred 10,000 years ago.

reservoir.

valley has hundreds of offices

said Nathan Sorrell, 30, a truck driver who recently bought flood insurance for his Kent home. "This is people's lives. It's not going to be 'Oh, there's water on my lawn.' We're not going to have water, sewer, power. It's almost like a little Katrina."

Mamie Brouwer, Hanson Dam's program manager, said the problems weren't known until January's high water. She said the corps hopes to have a permanent fix — a concrete wall the length of the abutment and reaching down to bedrock — designed within a year and finished after two years of

The Howard Hanson Dam began showing disturbing signs of vulnerability after a torrential rainstorm in January, and officials have been warning residents to buy flood insurance, stow valuables in safe places and be ready to flee.

King County has declared a state of emergency that allows it to seek federal reimbursement and speed up work to bolster levees, while the Army Corps of Engineers bought 400,000 sandbags and other flood-fighting materials in the round-the-clock fight to save the dam.

"I can't bear it. It's awful," said Gladden, 72, who hates the idea of having to leave her mobile home park and its tight-knit community. "I never even heard of the Howard Hanson Dam until the trouble started."

The dam, located in the Cascade foothills east of Seattle, has prevented major floods in the Green River valley since it was completed in 1962.

That changed when last winter's heavy rains weakened a hillside next to the dam.

A record 15 inches of rain fell in 12 hours on the Green River's upper watershed in January, sending torrents into the 235-foot-high dam's

The reservoir rapidly filled six feet higher than ever before.

The dam held the water back and remained sound. But at the high water levels, engineers saw worrying signs within the dam's right abutment, a 450-foot-wide pile of rock deposited by a huge landslide 10,000 years ago.

As a temporary fix, the corps is spending \$8.9 million to inject grout into the abutment, forming a shield to lessen the seepage. Without such work, Col. Anthony Wright, the corps' Seattle District commander, said there would be a 1 in 3 chance this winter for flooding in the Green River Valley.

But Wright won't know by how well the fixes will work until tests are performed. Wright said he's "going to do everything possible to prevent flooding downstream, but this structure's ability to do what it's done well for 50 years is hampered and therefore they have a higher risk of that flooding."

The possibility of catastrophic flooding has caused considerable anxiety in the flood-prone area.

Besides homes and apartment complexes, the

— including headquarters for Boeing Commercial Airplanes — sprawling shopping malls, factories and what the corps says is the third-largest warehouse area in the nation.

"There's \$50 billion of economic activity in the valley, and no one takes that for granted," says Kent city spokeswoman Michelle Witham.

About 25,000 people live on the valley floor, which includes parts of the cities of Kent, Auburn, Renton and Tukwila, but hundreds of thousands work, shop or travel there daily. State officials say 22,000 people might have to be evacuated in a flood.

In a flood, county officials estimate Kent's downtown could be under 6 feet of water, swamping businesses, city offices and the county's regional justice center, which includes courtrooms, offices and a jail that can house up to 1,384 inmates.

Already, the county has relocated its election offices from Renton, just south of Seattle, to ensure it can count votes from November's election in the event of flooding.

"I don't understand why they didn't repair it earlier,"

construction — a project that could cost up to \$500 million.

County Executive Kurt Triplett has asked the County Council to approve \$8.4 million to strengthen 40 miles of levees, though he acknowledges there isn't enough time to complete the work before winter.

He also wants the cash-strapped county to borrow more than \$32 million for such things as protecting a critical sewage treatment plant, building a flood-proof wall around the justice center, relocating offices and, if necessary, evacuating jail inmates.

"It is the right thing to do even if the worst-case scenarios don't happen," he said. "Too much is at stake."

Residents are hoping the floodwaters hold off, but preparing for the worst.

Marie Manson has lived in Auburn since 1923 and remembers flooded roads and her father having to constantly pump water from the house before the dam was built.

The 89-year-old has bought flood insurance and moved important documents and valuables to safe spots.

"I'll deal with it when it comes," she said. "I don't know what else to do."

MEDICARE Q&A

WASHINGTON

Medicare looks like a big fat target in President Barack Obama's plan to pay for his health care overhaul. Democrats want to help cover the uninsured by cutting from Medicare. Older Americans worry the cuts will mean lower quality care. Questions and answers on how overhaul would affect Medicare patients.

PHILIPPINES-FLOODING

MANILA, Philippines

Rescuers pull more bodies from swollen rivers as residents start to dig out their homes from under carpets of mud after flooding left 140 people dead in the Philippine capital and surrounding towns.

CHICAGO BEATING

DEATH

CHICAGO

A videotape that shows a 16-year-old being fatally beaten on his way home from school by a group wielding boards is pressuring school officials to address a chronic problem of violence involving city students. More than 30 students were killed in 2008, and Chicago could exceed that toll in 2009

STIMULUS-CRIME

VICTIMS

MINNEAPOLIS

Programs that deal with violence against women are getting \$225 million from the federal stimulus, with another \$100 million reserved for victims of crime. The money is spread among states, territories, American Indian tribes and nonprofit social service providers.

centennial census will be distributed in two languages to 13.5 million households in predominantly Spanish-speaking neighborhoods. Latino advocates hope the forms produce a more accurate count by winning over the trust of immigrants who are often wary of government and may be even more fearful after a surge in immigration raids and deportations.

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MELTDOWN-RELIGION

UNDATED

Churches, synagogues and mosques have been hurt by the recession but also have a renewed purpose in serving the community, from providing job counseling to fighting foreclosures.

THAILAND-UN CLIMATE

TALKS

BANGKOK

Leaders at U.N. climate talks in Bangkok are calling for delegates to break the deadlock over a global warming deal, warning there are only 70 days until world leaders are scheduled to meet in Copenhagen to finalize a pact.

ON THIS DAY...

About 10,000 people were killed in India when an earthquake that measured 6.4 hit the southern part of the country. www.on-this-day.com

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Students praying as a marketing tool?

A couple of weeks ago, I noticed that during the chapel worship, while the students that chose to were coming together in worship, the school photographer was meandering up and down the aisles taking pictures of students worshipping together, presumably for marketing via pamphlets or the school's Web site.

A friend of mine was quite upset by this intrusion into the spiritual lives of these students. Were these students even approached beforehand and asked about this?

This got me thinking of how often I've seen pictures



GUEST OPINION
by
BRANDON HASKINS

of students worshipping distributed via NNU's pamphlets or on the internet. A quick glance at any of NNU's marketing will almost assuredly result in the viewing of a number of pictures of students

exercising their Christian faith.

To me, this begs the question: Has the faith of students become a marketable commodity for the University?

Matthew chapter 6, verses 5-6 says, "When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

Our walk with Christ should be something very personal and private and should remain that way.

Sharing that relationship to those close to you, or in a community of common believers is one thing, but to advertise using those relationships is an entirely different matter.

NNU has plenty of other positive points, is there really a need to exploit the Christianity of students in this way?

There is no need for this sort of invasion, and the practice of using the Spiritual lives of students as a marketing tool should be stopped.

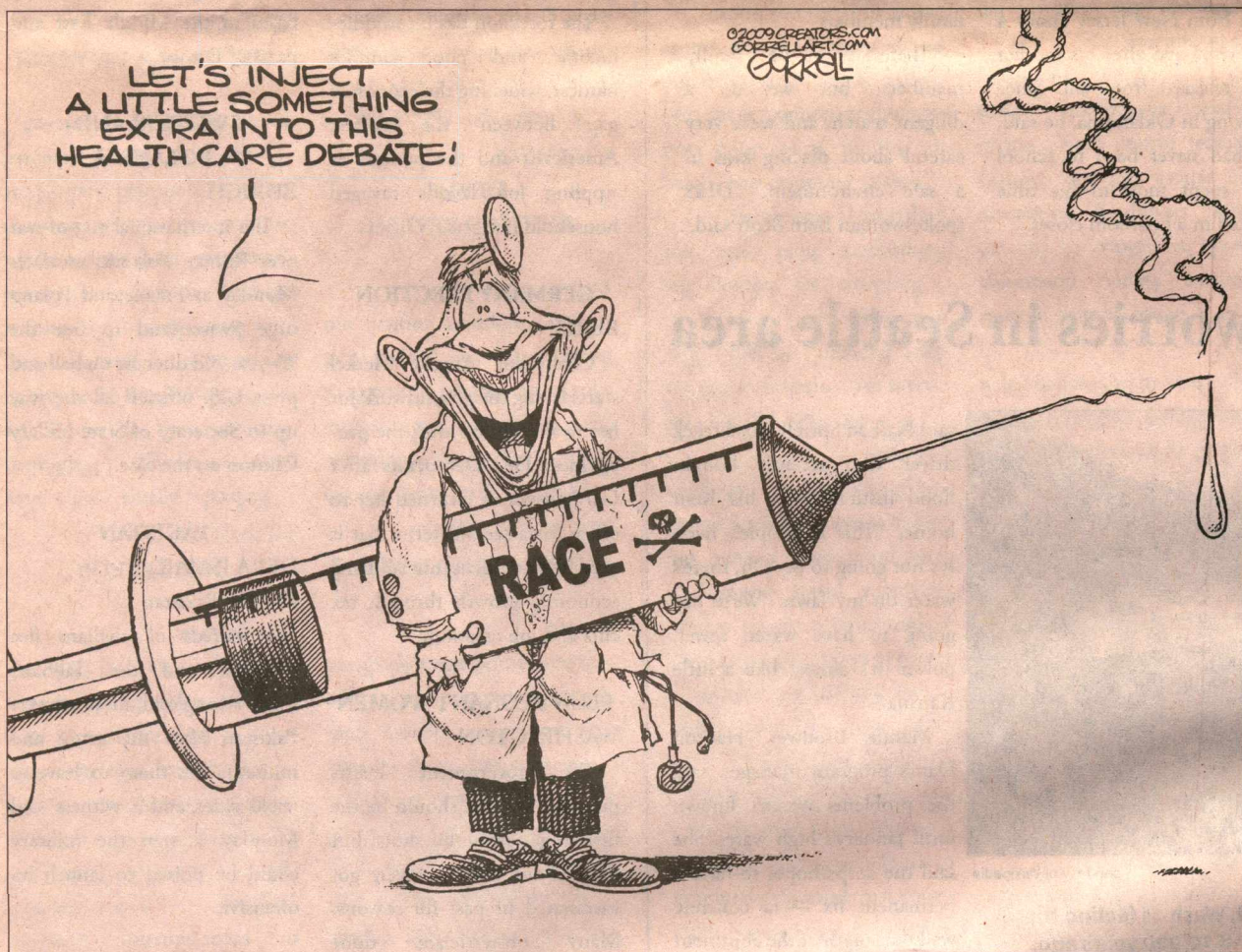
STAFF EDITORIAL >>>

Student government has strained power's muscle

On Wednesday, September 16, the NNU senators were presented with a memorandum written by the ASNNU SGA President, Grant Miller. This memorandum was in response to a bill that had been passed by senate for the Brick House just one week earlier. The bill was to allow the Brick House girls to gain access to a permanent fund in order to pay for the newly installed laminate flooring in the living room. Because that flooring was purchased over the summer, they were not able to take the appropriate steps with senate, and instead proceeded with hopes of gaining senate approval this semester. In Miller's memorandum he states that "as recompense for the infringement on the code made by the Brick House residents, I will use my power of veto to reject any new bills introduced for Brick House funds this remaining semester, regardless of purpose, reasoning or amount." Miller explains that he writes this memo mainly so that an official record is made to note that the way things were done was disapproved of and that Senate could override any such veto, but he will veto nonetheless.

Returning this semester, senior Drew McCulley was asked to take over as president of the College Democrats. Shortly after agreeing to do so, McCulley discovered that this club, as well as a number of others had been erroneously dissolved by the SGA president and executive vice president. Also this semester a number of clubs had been told that they could be fined for any number of activities, and some have. According to Executive VP Hauck in the Senate meeting on Sept. 23, he fined some clubs for not participating in "Going Clubbing."

We've only been in school for roughly a month, and for our SGA to have already exercised their power in so many ways seems unnecessary, and on some grounds questionable. When we elect our SGA officers, we hope we are electing individuals that will fight for us and what we hope to do, so that clubs can be formed with ease and that we as a student body can accomplish something. It feels to some that rather than fighting alongside SGA, students have had to fight against SGA, which seems contrary to the purpose of even having a student government.



Tattoos and piercings shouldn't be for strictly aesthetic purposes



IF I WERE KING

by
TREVAN HAUCK

I have never been one for facial piercings or tattoos. These things just aren't for me and I don't see them helping me to "express" myself in any sort of

meaningful way. I have never given much thought about other people's "expressions" except when I see an extreme case and think "wow, I wouldn't want to be behind that dude at an airport security metal detector."

Recently, however, I have been given the opportunity to reflect on the not so "in your face" stuff but rather just piercings and tattoos in general.

It is hard to decide what exactly the Bible suggests on this issue, though ask any old lady at my church and they'll

give you an ear full.

It is hard to decide how far to take "Your body is a temple" (1 Corinthians 6:19) but today many seem to mock this by saying, "I'm decorating my temple".

I don't know about you but I don't view things today the way I viewed things five years ago, nor do I believe in some of the same things or even like the same things.

How can you be so sure that you will like something in 10 years that you feel comfortable with making it a permanent

part of your body?

Though we are not under Old Testament law, we cannot throw out the Torah or completely ignore what it says.

In this instance, "Do not cut your bodies for the dead or put tattoo marks on yourselves. I am the LORD" (Leviticus 19:28). We also must remember 2 Corinthians 10:31, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." Now I know I may have opened a can of worms and I know that there are possibly thousands of ways

to violate some of these verses, but for my purposes right now I am concerned with only one.

The Bible aside, what do people think they are "expressing" by putting metal and holes in their face or ink in their skin? Is it to be trendy or in some cases stand out? Some claim it is for aesthetic reasons; that such things are to increase beauty. Maybe I don't know the right people but I have never seen a tattoo or a piercing make a person more attractive than they were before they got it.

What happened to natural

beauty? What happened to accepting yourself for who you are? I am just as guilty as the next person when it comes to trying things to fit in -- I even got a piercing once, though I'll never do it again. I'm not claiming to know whether such things are a sin nor am I attempting to condemn anybody. I am simply raising the question "why."

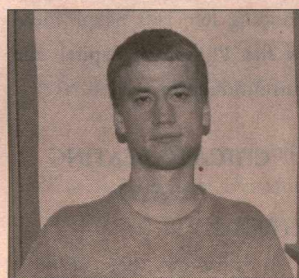
Ask yourself, "why?" the next time you decide to make a decision with your body, be it piercing, tattoo or other. It also doesn't hurt to revert back to 2 Corinthians 10:31.

Obama's health care plan is too lofty of a goal with too much governmental control

This summer the legislature decided to delay the vote on a 1000-something page bill which promised to fix the health care system. Consider for a moment an alternate reality in which said bill had been passed.

Would we be experiencing the assured improvements now? Next year? Surely by 2012? Wrong, the bill's "positive" effects would not be felt until 2013.

What about the urgent needs of tens of millions of uninsured Americans? A large, far reaching and costly bill was almost rushed through the legislative



GUEST OPINION

by
DALE BROWN

process only to be set aside for four years.

The effects would not be felt until after the next presidential election. One would think that

Obama would want to point to the improvements to help get him reelected, but instead they are hidden away until after the race is already decided.

To me this presents two likely motives. Either the Left really thinks that the world's most innovative health care system can be improved by making it more like the postal service, or the Liberals are doing what they do best: increasing government power at the cost of individual freedom.

Why else would they want to pass a bill that had been written just days before, then delay the

likely negative effects for four years?

Many Republicans, on the other hand, are for sustainable improvements to health care -- most notably tort reform.

Currently when a doctor messes up and gets sued, the majority of the settlement goes not to the patient who was injured, but to the lawyer. Speak of a wasteful system -- honest doctors making unfortunate mistakes must charge everyone higher rates for health care just to pay the salaries of tort lawyers.

Health care would be more

affordable if doctors didn't feel the need to order unnecessary tests to avoid lawsuits or pay for expensive malpractice insurance.

Although such reform is in the best interest of Americans in every income bracket, it is not in the best interest of the tort lawyers, one of the largest financial contributors to the Democratic Party. Maybe if insurance companies contributed more they would not currently be in the cross hairs.

Republicans are constantly being accused of resisting

"change," but when change means massively expanding government power, I applaud the legislators on the Right for holding us back from the abyss.

Until the Left can present a bill that will produce a legitimate improvement, such as tort reform, without expanding government power, the Right and all freedom loving Americans should continue resisting.

I doubt this will happen, as the expansion of government power is much higher on the Liberal to do list than the improvement of health care.

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People Poll

If you could go to Disneyland with any faculty/staff member, who would it be?



Megan Ehlen
sophomore

“Dr. Fischer because he’s funny and reminds me of Willy Wonka.”



Lyndsey Peterson
junior

“Who is the richest one?”



Art Flores

“Wes Maggard because he hooks me up with scholarships.”

Dear e-mail forward fanatic: think twice

The world changes rapidly; with each passing year we find new ways to solve problems, help those with diseases, communicate and, yes, annoy each other. One of the ways we’ve discovered to plague each other is the act of mindless e-mail forwarding.

Do not take this the wrong way, we all love getting emails, but some forwarded messages should just not be passed on. It is perfectly alright to forward something onto someone that, judging by their personality and/or past experiences, would actually get something out of the e-mail. It is not as alright to highlight your entire address book and send everyone that



WANDERING IN WONDERLAND
by
ALLISON HAWN

cute slide show of puppies that somehow manages to fill a quarter of everyone’s mailbox.

It is frankly not polite to forward something on that will offend the receiving party. If the recipient is a staunch supporter of one political party

or another, do not forward jokes about how dumb their positions are. Forwarding an e-mail filled with Bible verses to someone who does not share the same religious views will no more endear them to the Christian religion than it will to the person who continues to fill their inbox with verses from a book they don’t believe in. Take into account how the person receiving this message will take it, there is no use offending someone over the simple act of clicking the forward button.

Another thing to think about before forwarding is, “How true is this message?” I cannot count how many times I, or someone I know, has

been informed via forwarded e-mail that the prophet (insert incomprehensible name) says that the world is going to end in some disastrous way exactly one week from when I received the e-mail. Out of all of these messages of doom and destruction I would say that, by my count, exactly none have actually come true. If the veracity of content comes into question there are Web sites, such as snopes.com, where you can check to see if what was passed on is real or not.

Not all forwards are bad, but use some discernment and think about what you’re spreading around before you hit that “fw:” button.

Haven’t you heard? I’m going into the ministry



FROM THE LESS CYNICAL JOURNALIST
by
ANDREA SCHILLING

I dedicate this column to all the non-Christian ministry/missions majors on this campus. This one is for all of us who take 10 minutes to find the book of the Bible the pastor is talking about during a Sunday service.

(Side note: I will say I appreciate religion majors for their perseverance of the never-ending exegesis assignments and the Wesleyan Quadrilateral,

three years here at NNU I’ve learned something really cool about God, that being of how He uses our skills to create a passion in us that allows us to endure a minimum of four years to complete our degree. And now I think of how blessed I am that God has granted me the particular skill and passion of journalism, and I now ask myself how can I use this skill to glorify Him.

We don’t need to be Christian ministry/missions majors to minister to people. In fact, every single major on this campus leaves open an opportunity for us to be “pastors,” for lack of better words, in each of our fields.

I’m one of the few journalism majors here, and I couldn’t be more excited to see what God has planned for me in a field that really needs Him. And

for their actions is part of our natural habitat. We’re constantly on the prowl of meeting the goal toward keeping the community aware and educated. You may even spot some of us journalists being activists, as we’re big on bringing light to issues many people don’t know about. I consider myself a part of this particular specie of journalist.

Sometimes the truth is wonderful, but other times it isn’t exactly unicorns and buttercups. “I don’t read the news because it’s so depressing.” I’ve heard this phrase way too many times.

Sometimes the world is an ugly place. Sometimes people do stupid things. This doesn’t mean we forget these things happen, or that these people don’t exist. And when unfortunate things happen, emotions stir in us, and this is

go into the ministry, just not in the assumed way you think about that statement when it is said on this campus. Perhaps a lofty goal, but the thought that my words could possibly fix a little hurt in this world would be worth the tiny paycheck the average journalist earns. We’ve all been called to be peacemakers (see Matthew 5:9), and this is the chance I’m taking.

And it’s not just journalism, either. You, too, can use the skills and passions you have been blessed with to glorify God. (Maybe you actually failed Bib lit, but that’s still perfectly fine.) Every single profession needs more God. You don’t need to spend 90% of your classes in the God building to do God’s work.

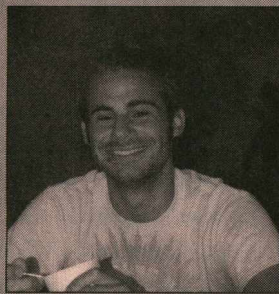
Whether you know the books of the Bible in correct order or not, this is where you come in.

senior



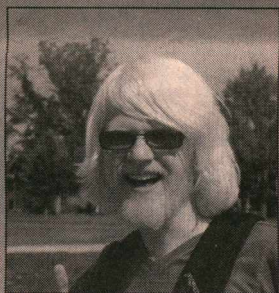
Lauren Hartford
sophomore

“Cheryle from
The Dex because
she’s full of fun
and calls me
‘hunny.’”-



Joshua Mast
freshman

“Kenton Lee
because he would
love every ride,
especially the tea
cups.”



Nate Dupper
junior

“Anyone from
the science
department. If I
had any nerdy
questions, they
could help me.”



Joey Miller & Nate Berrian
seniors

“Britton Hall
because he
knows how to
keep it so fresh
and so clean.”

admire the calling to come up
with sermons that don't induce
comatose on a weekly basis.
This is only my third column
and I'm already struggling.)

I believe each of us can be
in the ministry despite the
fact we barely passed Bib lit
freshman year. During my past

the media has a liberal slant.
Conservatives need Jesus just as
much as Liberals do.

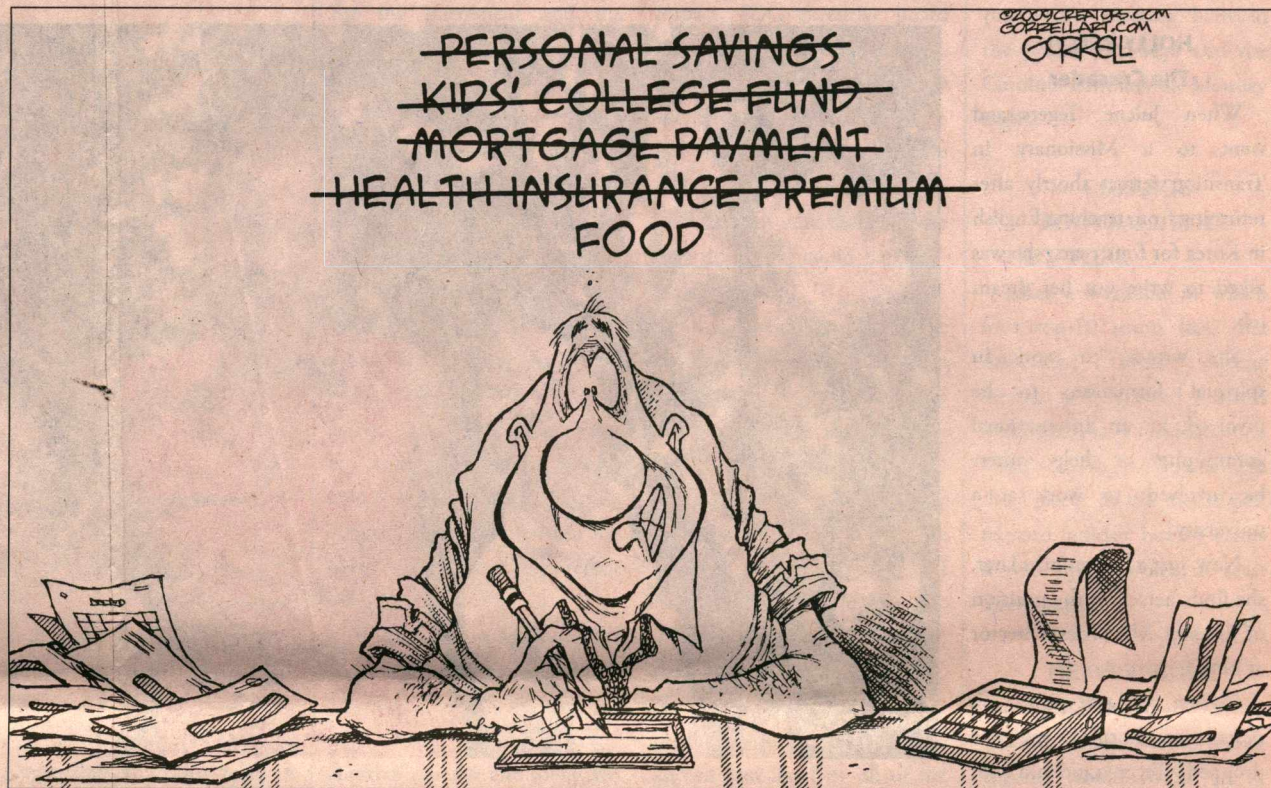
Shockingly enough,
Christianity and journalism
hold a particular virtue rather
highly: truth. I've noticed this
trend in fellow journalists, too.
Holding people accountable

Think about it: Do we protest
in front of capital buildings
because we're happy? No, we
do it because we're so gosh darn
ticked off.

I have a passion for journalism
because of my relationship with
Christ only. I think it would be
safe to say that I, too, hope to

correctly without cracking open
the good book, anyway?

Just think of it: You'll be a
double threat of sorts with your
amazing skills you've developed
over the course of four (or five...
or seven) years. God didn't give
you skills and passions for no
good reason.



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Several close margins cap off election results

CAMDEN BLOWERS

The Crusader

New faces of leadership will be seen this year as freshmen held complete council elections, and sophomore and junior presidents were made official as of late last week.

Derek Sepe was elected as sophomore class president, and Lyndsey Peterson as junior class president.

Newly-elected freshmen officials include President Trevor Douty, Vice President Justin Webb, social board members Carly Brog and Brandon Humble, treasurer Greg Miller, publicity coordinator Richard Martinez, secretary Carly Brog and chaplain Joshua Mast.

Senators for the freshman class are Julian Aguilera, Bruno Bennett and Justin Simpson.

"The freshman presidential race was extremely close," said Executive Vice President Trevan Hauck, results for such position requiring a run-off.

SGA Adviser Kenton Lee said the results of the run-off were 52 to 48 percent.

"In the end, even if it's close, the people wanted who they got," Bennett said.

In addition to the uncertain results, the freshmen campaign speeches Sept. 23 were heckled by a sophomore.

A freshman candidate's speech was interrupted when sophomore Daniel Gibbs took the microphone and



Alex Corn | The Crusader

Bruno Bennett addresses his fellow freshmen at the election chapel last week. Bennett ran for a place on Senate, which he achieved.

optimism concerning the new government, though not the process of campaigning in general.

"Everyone I have talked to

Douty's previous experience in high school administration included freshman class president, sophomore class president, ASB vice president

Formerly elected sophomore president Vanessa Van Boven is now no longer a student.

The election for the sophomore presidential position

originally from Everett, Wash.

Sepe participated two years in high school senate, voting on constitutional amendments, among other activities.

and long-jump. Sepe said of class policy, "Nothing more than let's have fun."

A major project on the hands of Sepe and his class council

ministries major Kaitlin they know. But some have great Mansuetti expressed her hearts and personalities.”

and NSD president. His activities range from large banquets to swimming parties.

was won by Sepe, after a run-off between him and Anna Daly. Sepe is an education major

for NNU with events in sprint football and runs track & field

is Freshlec, a variety show tradition that hits campus every fall.

World traveler Julene Tegerstrand finds her new place as part of NNU's faculty

HOLLY BEECH The Crusader

When Julene Tegerstrand went to a Missionary in Transition retreat shortly after returning from teaching English in Korea for four years, she was asked to write out her dream job.

She wrote: “to work in spiritual formation; to be involved in an international community or help others be involved; to work at a university.”

Now, just a few months later, she finds herself in the position of Student Ministries Director at NNU.

“When I saw the job description I think my jaw dropped,” Tegerstrand said with a smile.

Her friend from Nazarene Theological Seminary had seen the job opening and told Tegerstrand it looked like a close fit to her dream job.

As Tegerstrand prepared for and went through the application process, she said she felt a deeper sense that NNU was where she was supposed to be.

“I really appreciated the spirit of community that exists here. In just a short time I really felt that,” she said. “I felt like [Chaplain] Gene [Schandorff] was someone I could learn from and really enjoy working with.”

The position of Student Ministries Director opened up because Michael Spengler,

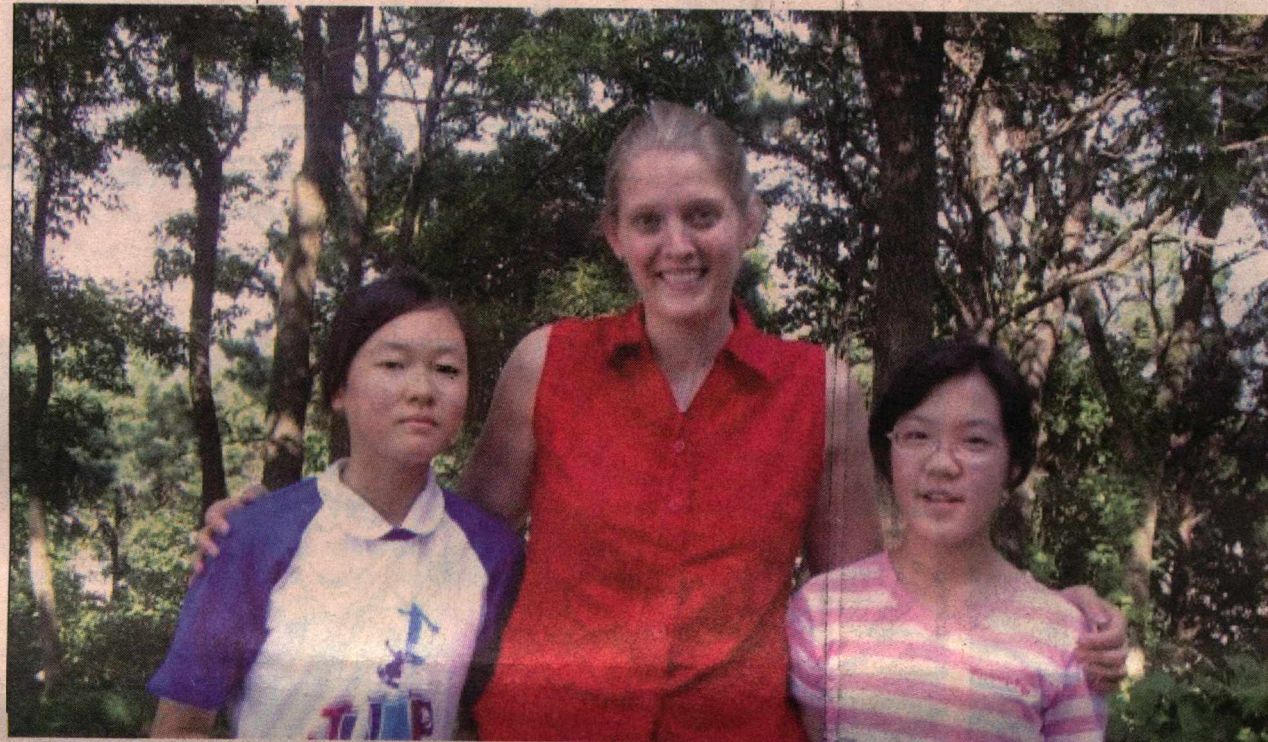


Photo courtesy of Julene Tegerstrand

Julene Tegerstrand with children in Korea in August 2008. Tegerstrand taught english in Korea for four years.

(commonly known as “Michael T.”) resigned last year.

That position has now moved out of student development and into the office of spiritual formation, said Schandorff.

Part of Tegerstrand’s job is to help students get involved with missions on and off campus.

She said helping students connect with ministry opportunities is her passion because of her own experiences.

“As I have been involved in ministry and outreach opportunities, I have learned to see Christ in people,” Tegerstrand said.

“It has been one of the most formative ways of understanding

God, by serving and...finding God in the unknown person and unknown experience.”

Tegerstrand, born in 1977, grew up in a Christian home with younger brother Justin in Redding, Calif.

She received her bachelor’s in religion from Point Loma Nazarene University.

She was inspired to become a theology major by a professor whose class she got “stuck” in but ended up becoming close friends with.

After graduation in 1999, she attended Nazarene Theological Seminary and worked at the Salvation Army as a youth worker to urban middle school

and high school students.

Tegerstrand said if she could relive one year of her life, she would choose 2007, when she embarked on a “solo-pilgrimage” through Europe and visited the Taizé community in France, Auschwitz in Poland and Assisi and Rome.

“Later that year I went to a conference in Uganda where I learned about post-colonialism and traveled with some Rwandans to Rwanda to learn about the 1994 genocide,” she said.

“That summer I took a 10 week intensive Korean language course. I lived a lifetime in one year! I’d love to revisit some of

those formative experiences!”

In 2004, when Tegerstrand moved to Korea to teach English for Korea Nazarene University, she said the biggest culture shock was the inability to communicate.

“You begin to ignore the neon signs, the people speaking loudly on the street corner and any other thing or person in Korean. So my inner world was very loud, almost like I lived in a world of my own.”

She said it was frustrating being an educated person but feeling stupid because she could not communicate what was on her mind.

However, through her

experience in Korea, and being the foreigner for the first time, she said she began to see the living Christ inside of her.

The silence caused by the language barrier provided opportunities of quietness and reflection.

“For me there was nothing as holy as sitting in community and listening for God’s voice together,” Tegerstrand said.

On Tegerstrand’s off time, she enjoys hanging out with her friends, watching movies and working out.

Her favorite things about Nampa are the “Flying M and [how] people are incredibly friendly in the market place,” she said.

Her least favorite thing about Nampa is the lack of ethnic diversity.

“I’m still not used to being in the ‘majority.’ I’ve become very comfortable as the ‘minority’ person,” she said.

Tegerstrand said her dream vacation would be “visiting a culture and people that is different from my own” and learning about people by living where they live.

The thing that most excites her about her new job here at NNU is “helping connect students with opportunities of mission in our community, country and around the world,” she said.

To top it all off, she said, “I can speak to students in English and they understand me.”

English major gets published

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The Crusader

On the cold February night of Friday the 13, 2008, junior English major Lindsey Bramson surfed the Web in her Dooley dorm room, checking her Facebook updates.

A pop-up for Xlibris Publishing entered her computer screen.

She contacted the on-dem and publishing company and ordered a publishing package for the book she had written



Photo courtesy of NNU Marketing

Lindsey Bramson and her first published work, "Guardian Solider."

called "Guardian Soldier."

The novel was published April 28 of this year.

"Guardian Soldier" was

written originally for Bramson's senior project at Kiona-Benton High-School in May 2007.

The novel expresses Christian motifs, namely faithfulness, generosity of strangers and overcoming apathy toward the world.

The novel takes place in Russia during World War II.

"I've always been fascinated by World War II because the history affects people today," said Bramson.

Bramson receives 20 percent

of the profits and earned her first paycheck this summer.

Bramson said she has sold 35 copies. The novel is sold online for 20 dollars.

Bramson comes from a Nazarene background in Benton City, Wash. She says her father is very proud.

"He is my greatest salesman," she said. "He tells everyone he meets about the book."

Bramson's roommate, junior Carissa Harding, said, "I highly recommend 'Guardian Soldier'

to everyone. It's a great book full of surprises and it builds in intensity and excitement."

Since she was a freshman, Bramson has worked as the teacher's assistant to Ralph Speer, professor of English.

She is very reliable and understands my sometimes quirky methods of instruction, Speer said.

Bramson is active in two groups advised by Speer, Sigma Tau Delta and the Creative Writing Club.

Bramson is working on a new book, "The Vacation," about experiences with her family.

>>Get your copy

Lindsey's book is sold on Xlibris's website at www.xlibris.com or by calling 1-888-795-4274

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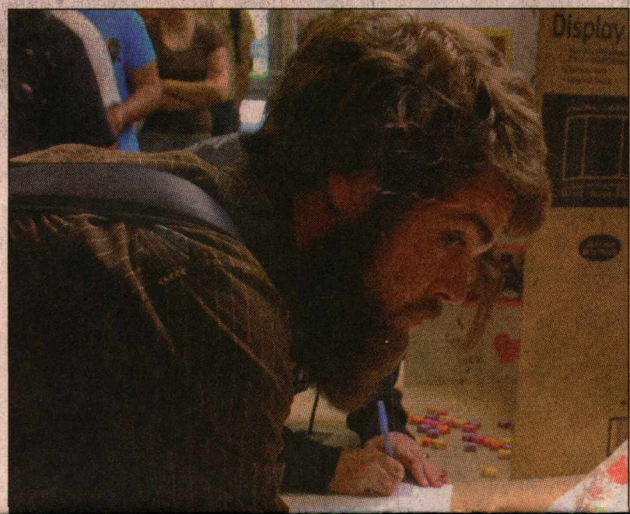
now the club is currently composed of only upperclassmen," Jacobson said. "However, we need only committed individuals.

Because these kids have already dealt with so many people in and out of their lives, we want them to feel secure in knowing we will consistently for them."

Also, keep an eye open for events sponsored by The NNU Recycles Club.

"This year we are working with the 'creation care council' which is a group of individuals from around campus that are seeking to implement sustainability and 'green' initiatives around campus," said President Jaimee Lee Haaland, a senior.

The group is giving away their own designed and printed recycling boxes and starting



campus, Haaland said.

Several other clubs are alive and kicking on campus.

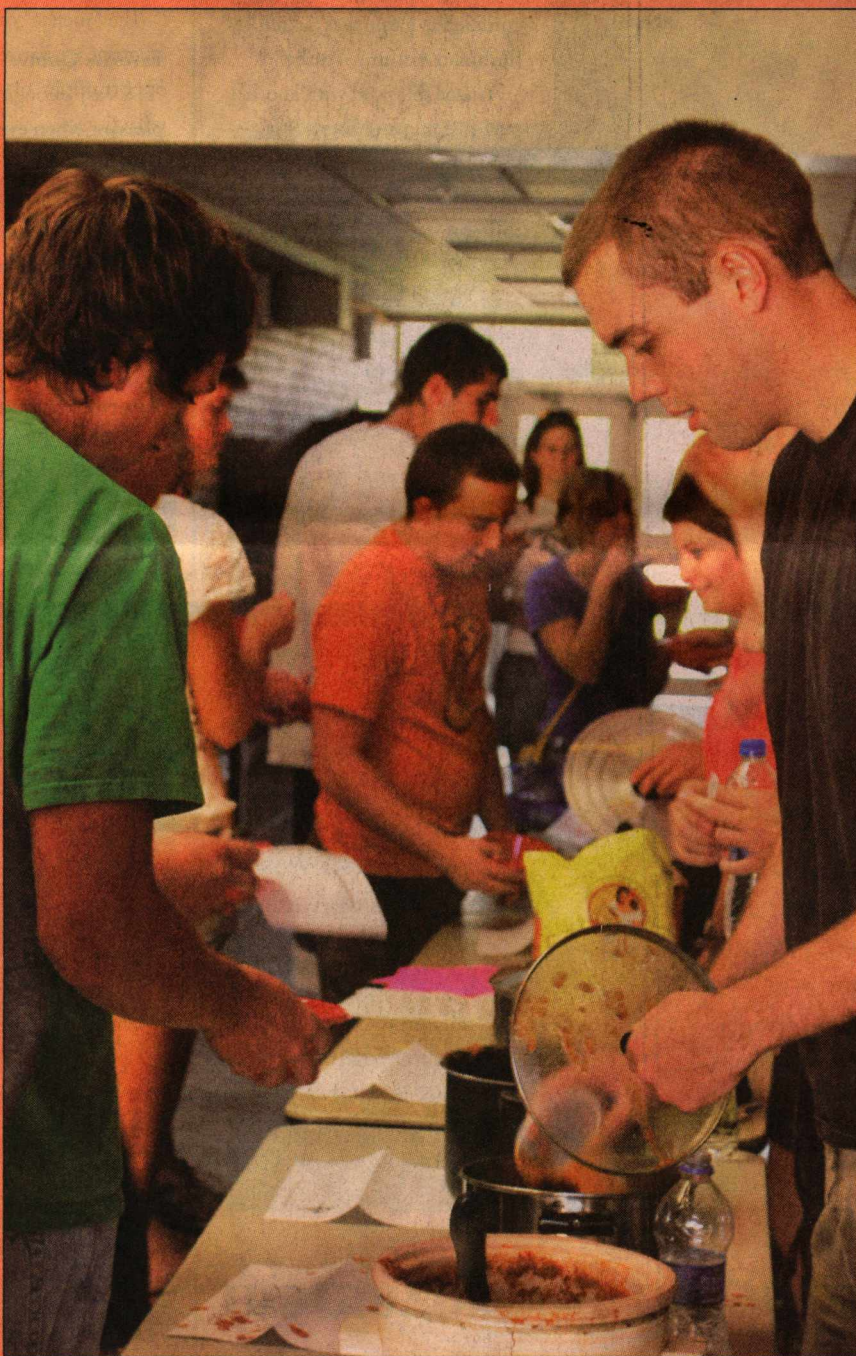
If you're interested about learning more or getting involved, talk to your very own SGA Executive VP Trevan Hauck.



Photos by Alex Corn | The Crusader

Left: Junior Kyle Blaser signs up for Midnight Ridazz Idaho, a club aimed toward bicycling fanatics and bicycle repair, led by junior Evan Chaney . **Top Right:** Students visit the various booths during the 'going clubbing' event last week outside The Dex. **Above:** Junior Rachel Allen, senior Brandon Haskins and sophomore Stacey Wolkomir take pictures in hats from past NNU plays at the Drama Club's booth.

Calling all taste-testers



On Saturday, hungry bellies could be entertained in Culver Hall's lobby as Kenton Lee presented the first annual Chili Cook-Off Extravaganza. The cook-off had nine participants. Students were able to enjoy chili and the BSU game on T.V. The winners of the cook-off were Rob and Christina Uehlin with their tace chili.

Right: Senior, and cook-off contestant, Frank Borbe offers sophomore Neil Easter his participating chili recipe.

Allison Dietz | The Oasis

STUDENT LIFE

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 30

WSOC v. WWU - 4pm

Senate - 8pm @ Wordsworth

Time Out - 9pm @ SLH

THURSDAY, Oct. 1

Volleyball v. MSU Billings - 7pm @ JSC

Brick House - 9-11pm

FRIDAY, Oct. 2

Volleyball v. SPU - 7pm @ JSC

Brick House - 9-11pm

MONDAY, Oct. 5

Community Chapel - 10:20am @ Brandt

MSOC v. University of Mary - Noon

Golf's kicks off its fall season; looking for improvement

TAYLOR ALLEN
The Crusader

The NNU golf team is off to a good start this fall season.

They had their first competition on September 21 against College of Idaho.

This competition was a match-play that the NNU team won with a score of 321.

"A match-play is just our team against their team," says senior Brian Flanders.

This means that everyone gets to participate in 18 holes directly against the other team. The match-play against College of Idaho was the only home game this season.

Many of the rest of the games will be tournaments, which involves more teams and a lot more holes to play.

One of the tournaments was the Saint Martin's Invitational, where NNU scored 17th.

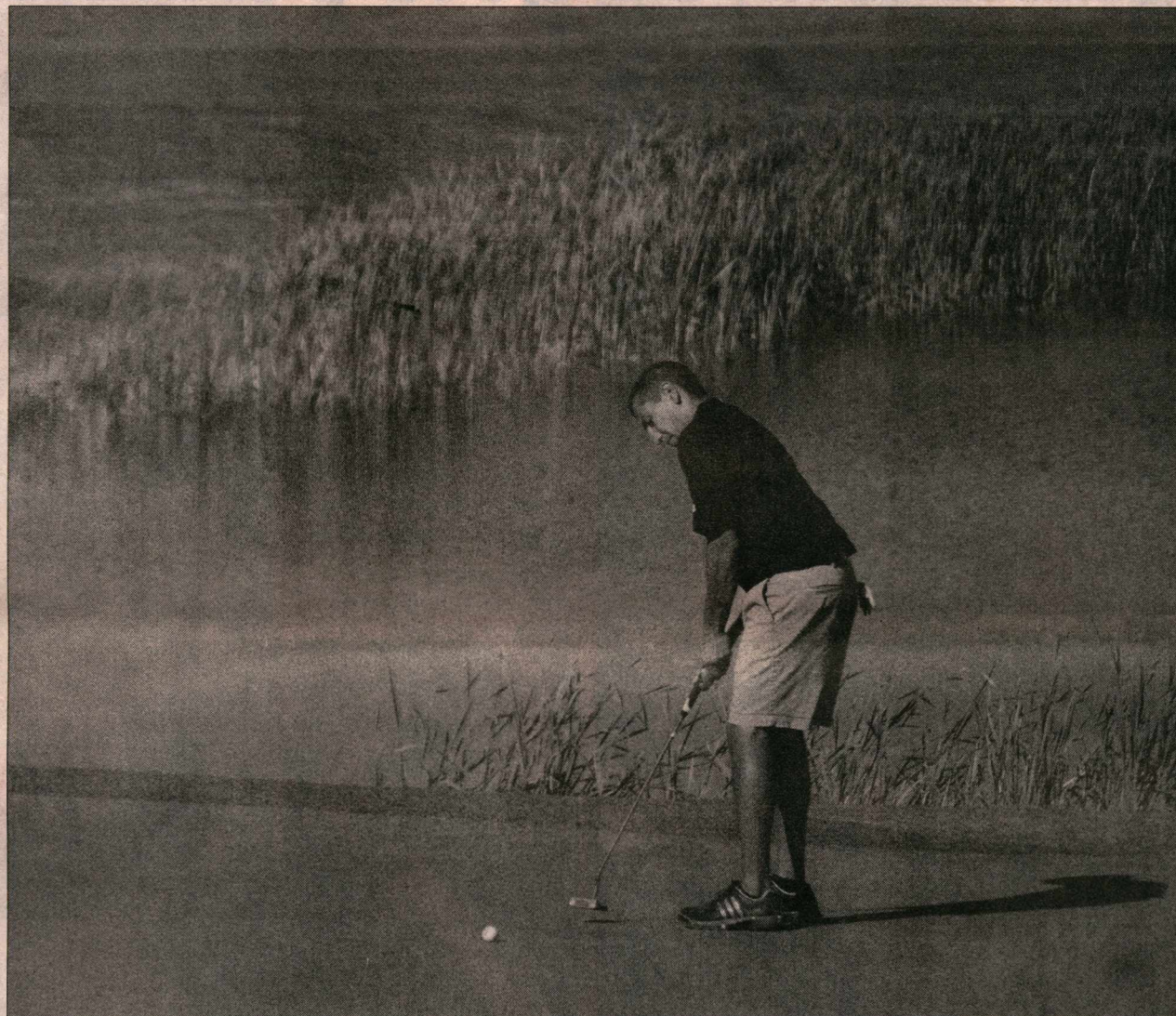
The score of 321 against College of Idaho, who scored 332, is a mark of victory for the NNU team, but not quite up to NNU's standards.

The team was also shooting between 321 and 312 at the Saint Martin's Invitational.

"We should be shooting under 300 as a team," says Flanders.

Six out of the 11 players on the team will get to travel. Qualification to travel requires the lowest scores during practice.

The lowest scoring players are



Cassie Carlson | The Crusader

Junior Leon Vasquez at last weekend's competition against College of Idaho.

sent to travel. The whole team does not travel in order to keep costs down.

Golf is both a team sport and an individual sport at the same time.

"It's a very individual score. You are always competing

against your teammate," says Flanders.

Each player is hoping for and aiming toward the lowest score on the course.

But "when it comes down to it, you hope that everyone else on your team does well," he

says.

Flanders says this is the case because the top scores are compiled for a total team score.

The golf team is working hard, practicing for three hours at a time, five days a week at Hunter's Point Golf Club.

"The course is extremely long," says Flanders, who ends up walking about six miles every day.

The next match is against Treasure Valley Community College on October 7 in Payette.

PLAYER PROFILE

Molly Tipton



Major:

Kinesiology and Secondary Education

Hometown:

Middleton, Idaho

Classification:

Senior

Sport:

Soccer

Position:

Forward/midfield

Favorite Musical Artist:

Flyleaf

Favorite Summer 2009

Memory:

Going on a mission trip to Guatemala with the soccer team.

Women's soccer making progress from 2008 season

CAMDEN BLOWERS



and they're reaping the benefits

September 26 in Monmouth, Ore., NNU went into double overtime and came out behind by one point against Western Oregon University's four goals. During the first half, NNU (3-4-3, 1-2-0) lead 3-2.

Marie Smith scored a free kick from 20 yards out. Kendra Courcy scored a high looping shot from 18 yards.

The second goal was delivered by Erika Kristensen, assisted by Kim Bowen. Zickefoose finished with three saves over WOU's one save in her 102-minutes on the field.

September 24 in Lacey, Wash., St. Mary won 2-1 with two goals in 60 seconds. Kendra Courcy scored high and wide from 25 yards out.

Zickefoose topped the opposing Saints' two saves with seven saves.

NNU women's soccer defeated University of Montana Billings 4-3. The lead surpassed the team's scoring total of last year's conference games.



Courtesy of NNU Sports Information

Junior Marie Smith keeps the ball in Crusader possession in a match against Montana State Billings earlier this month.

At the beginning of the first half, the Sadlers began with an ominous two point trail.

But ten minutes before half-time, Autumn Yturbe tied the

game up with two sequential goals.

The game remained tied after the second half.

The final goal was delivered

in overtime by McKenzie Bailey, assisted by Erika Kristensen.

"Our women's soccer team is much more of an offensive threat this season

or that," said Craig Stensgaard, NNU Sports Information Director.

September 22 engineering major Autumn Yturbe was named GNAC's Athlete of the Week.

Yturbe modestly acknowledged the help she received from fellow teammates.

Beginning the conference games at 3-2-3, the Lady Sader began anew with the win.

NNU's first goal during a conference game was scored by freshman Autumn Yturbe.

Yturbe followed with another goal five minutes later.

Yturbe had 166 preseasonal goals before attending NNU this year.

"I was just in the right place at the right time, Kim Bowen and Marie Smith set me up perfectly," she said.

Yturbe, Bowen and Smith accounted for the two assists.

Statistics provided by NNU Sports Information.

Favorite hobbies:

"Singing/listening to music and hanging out with friends."

If you could road trip with any professor who would it be?

"Rodger Schmidt because he's got jokes and millions of stories."

Celebrity Crush:

Paul Walker

Favorite Quote:

"It is easy enough to be pleasant when everything flows by like a song, but the man worthwhile is the man who can smile when everything goes dead wrong."

-Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Favorite TV Show:

That 70's Show and One Tree Hill

SPORTS BOX

MEN'S SOCCER

1. Montana State Billings
2. Saint Martin's
3. Western Washington
4. Seattle Pacific
5. Northwest Nazarene

WOMEN'S SOCCER

1. Seattle Pacific
2. Montana State Billings
3. Western Washington
4. Northwest Nazarene
5. Saint Martin's
6. Western Oregon
7. Central Washington

VOLLEYBALL

1. Seattle Pacific
2. Western Washington
3. Alaska Anchorage
4. Northwest Nazarene
5. Montana State Billings
6. Western Oregon
7. Alaska Fairbanks
8. Central Washington
9. Saint Martin's



*Updated Sept. 28

Volleyball serves up a 3-1 GNAC record

RACHEL BEERS
The Crusader

After a week on the road, the lady Crusaders come back home with a record of 10-5, 3-1 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

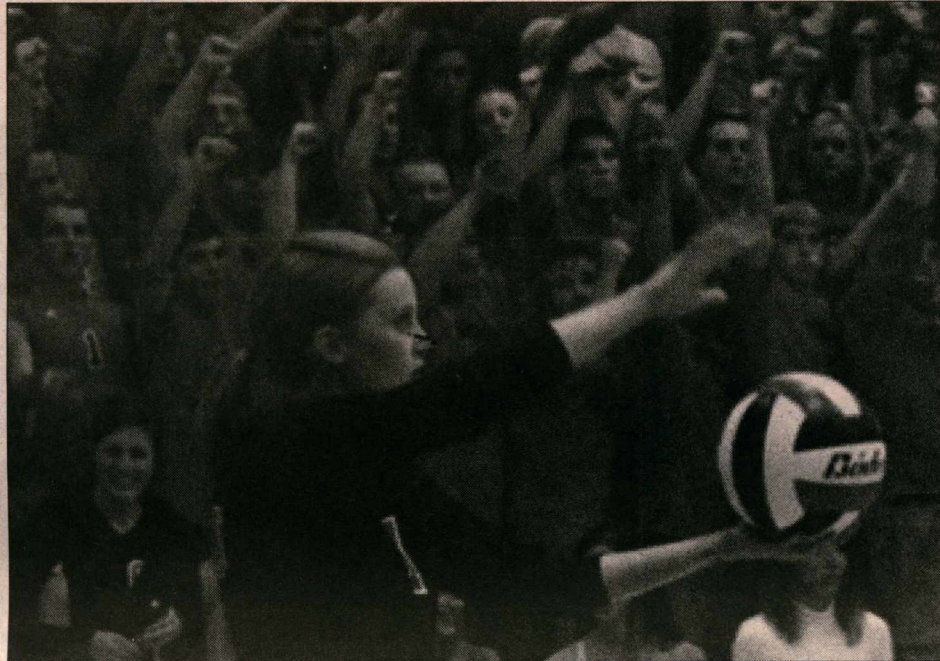
After a close loss to Seattle Pacific earlier this month, the women came back with a vengeance to defeat Central Washington, Dickenson State and Northern State in the Billings Invitational.

Kylee Bellamy, freshman setter for the team said, "The chemistry of the team is good and the coaching staff is strong."

The team does devotions together and they have prayer partners and secret sisters among the players.

Bellamy said it was for building stronger team unity.

The team has had a good



Courtesy of NNU Sports Information

NNU setter Amy Higginson, senior, prepares to serve the ball in front of a captivated NNU student section.

season up to this point, their record being 10-6 and 3-2.

The leading players are

Lindsay Grant and Cammy Dranginis, who have lead

the Crusaders from game to

game keeping spirits high, said Bellamy.

Last weekend the team

traveled to a Great Northwest Athletic Conference match in Monmouth, Ore.

NNU lost to Western Oregon in four sets.

The volleyball team does not lack the enthusiasm of its fans.

Kristin Refsland, a softball player and fellow athlete, said, "I think that our fan section is really wild and crazy and everyone is just so excited to be there. We all really are pulling for the girls and the enthusiasm remains constant throughout the game. It's intense!"

Last night the women battled College of Idaho. Scores were unavailable at press time.

On Thursday the girls will take on Montana State University Billings at home.

Statistics provided by NNU Sports Information.

AP Sports Blurbs

CHIEFS-EAGLES

PHILADELPHIA

Michael Vick returns to the NFL, but the Philadelphia Eagles have more important matters: They need a win over the 0-2 Kansas City Chiefs. The Eagles' defense and special teams were a mess a week ago, and the Eagles are still without Donovan Mc Nabb, out with a broken rib.

FEDEX CUP

ATLANTA

The star of the FedEx Cup was Tiger Woods because he played the best golf and won the trophy. The PGA Tour's postseason boondoggle had quite the supporting cast, however, from Heath Slocum and Marc Leishman to Steve Stricker and Phil Mickelson. All played a role in making the FedEx Cup interesting, which is all it should ever aspire to be.

NASCAR-IN THE PITS

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Yawn, another Jimmie Johnson runaway. But instead of complaining about the monotony of his march toward a record fourth consecutive NASCAR championship, why not pause to recognize Johnson's incredible domination?

LEBRON AND SHAQ

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio

Teammates at last, larger-than-life superstars LeBron James and Shaquille O'Neal

Men's soccer team has ups and downs

ALLISON HAWN
The Crusader

This past Thursday the NNU Men's soccer team played against the Saint Martin's University Saints, losing 2-1.

The game was held at the City of Lacey Regional Athletic Complex in Lacey, Wash.

NNU scored the first point when Crusader Alonso Avila, assisted by Alex Mangeac, scored against the Saints. The game, which went into double-overtime, ended when the Saints' Austin Kelley scored the game-winning point, said the



Courtesy of NNU Sports Information

Ben Mangeac, forward, keeps the ball from an opponent.

Obama strives to bring 2016 Olympics to Chicago

ASSOCIATED PRESS

COPENHAGEN - President Barack Obama is hitting the campaign trail again.

Obama is going to Copenhagen after all, joining first lady Michelle Obama to support Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympics. Obama plans to leave Washington on Thursday, senior adviser Valerie Jarrett told The Associated Press on Monday, getting to Denmark in time to be part of his adopted hometown's final presentation to the International Olympic



Courtesy of Wikimedia

meeting individual members, and senior adviser Valerie Jarrett

On September 16 the Crusader boys beat the College of Idaho Coyotes 1-0 at Syringa Middle School.

New junior communications major transfer Renatto Brito scored the game point against College of Idaho's Aaron Reynolds.

"The soccer season has been interesting. We have had some ups and downs but are working

hard to find our best team chemistry," said Brito.

NNU goalkeeper Alexander Engemann blocked a couple of shot attempts made by the Coyotes players throughout the game, said the NNU Sports Web page.

Brito said, "The more students supporting us, the better we play. We need it. It's also a good time to enjoy the

sun, watch a sport and have a good social time."

On October 3 the Crusader Men's Soccer Team will be headed to Montana State University, Billings.

Statistics provided by NNU Sports Information.

"His physical presence just magnifies all of what he's been saying," Chicago 2016 chairman Pat Ryan said, a big smile on his face. "It just puts a huge exclamation point on the support of the bid and the support of the Olympic movement and the respect for the movement and the respect for the IOC members themselves."

The question remains whether his presence will give Chicago the edge over Madrid, Tokyo and slight favorite Rio de Janeiro in Friday's vote.

The contest is tight, with the decision expected to come down to a few votes. While IOC president Jacques Rogge has taken great pains to say government leaders aren't expected to make an appearance, their presence has been instrumental in recent votes.

When London was vying for the 2012 Olympics, then-Prime Minister Tony Blair and his wife, Cherie, went to Singapore ahead of the vote and spent two days lobbying IOC members. This was no cruise-through-the-lobby, shake-a-few-hands type of thing. He invited IOC members to his hotel suite for one-on-one meetings, and his sincerity made a huge impression on voters.

Two years later, Vladimir Putin did much the same thing as Russian president in support of Sochi's bid for the 2014 Olympics. He also broke with his usual practice of speaking Russian, delivering his portion of the final presentation in English.

Obama will have little, if any, time to meet personally with IOC members — but his wife will. She plans to spend Wednesday and Thursday

advice on how best to navigate the process.

"One conversation or one example or illustration that connects could make the difference," Michelle Obama said.

Obama's power and personality will make an impact, IOC executive board member Gerhard Heiberg said. But members have already spent much time studying each bid and reading the evaluation committee's report.

"I am not sure that it is the best thing that could happen," Heiberg said.

Of course, it's not as if the other three cities — Rio, in particular — are scrimping on the A-listers. Madrid has King Juan Carlos and former IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch. Japan's new prime minister, Yukio Hatoyama, said Monday he'll be there, too.

Not only will Rio have Pele, the IOC's athlete of the century, but bid committee president Carlos Arthur Nuzman is known and liked by all of his fellow IOC members. And then there's Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. He's already charmed many an IOC member — and he never misses a chance to remind them how badly Brazil wants the games.

"I think Brazil will win because we have the best proposal," Silva said Monday. "We have the commitment from the city, the state and the federal government."

The games have never been held in South America, and the idea of making history resonates with some IOC members. During its June presentation to the IOC, Rio brought out a huge map showing where all of the Olympics have been held, with dots blanketing Europe,

begin their quest for an NBA title as the Cleveland Cavaliers hold their media day.

PANTHERS-COWBOYS ARLINGTON, Texas

Tony Romo is coming off a bad game and Jake Delhomme is coming off two of them, quite a backdrop for the prime-time meeting between the Dallas Cowboys and the Carolina Panthers on Monday night.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL POLL

NEW YORK

After a weekend in which four top-10 teams lost, The Associated Press college football poll received a major makeover. No. 1 Florida, No. 2 Texas and No. 3 Alabama held their places in the media poll released Sunday, but 15 teams moved up or down at least three spots.

HEAVYWEIGHT

LOS ANGELES

Vitali Klitschko is everything anyone would want in a heavyweight champion, but seems to be the heavyweight champion no one wants. His win over Cris Arreola did little to change that unfortunate fact.

DOMINICAN LEAGUE-DRUGS

SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS, Dominican Republic Children in San Pedro de Macoris grow up playing ball behind tin shanties, and Bernardino Jimenez was one of those kids. He became a victim of his own dream. Like a large number of Dominican players desperate to escape poverty, Jimenez was busted for taking performance-enhancing drugs.

Washington's win over USC is just the beginning

For those of you who know me, you knew this article was coming. I am a rabid Husky fan and my beloved Washington Huskies were ranked in the top 25 (according to the AP) for the first time in six years.



BEYOND THE BLEACHERS

by
DEREK SEPE

I have waited for this day since Rick Neuheisel -- now head coach at UCLA -- was fired.

I can remember my first UW football game, the Oregon ducks came into our stadium thinking they would win and dance on our "W," but we handed them a whooping (sorry Phil Meyer), thanks to a clutch play by wide receiver Reggie Williams (now playing for the Jacksonville

Jaguars).

I have waited for six years for the Huskies to return to the dominance they once displayed and I can now see that a corner has been turned.

Let's examine a few aspects of the Huskies this season including the upset against USC.

Their season opener was at home against the LSU Tigers and surprising to some, the score didn't reflect the game.

The Huskies drove to the LSU red zone four times and had opportunities to score on each. If you take away those miscues and the times the Dawg's shot themselves in the foot, the Huskies possibly go up by two scores at least.

So the Dawg's are here and they have proven they can again play with some of the best.

Looking back at the upset over USC it is confirmed, the Dawg's are coming back.

I am not saying the Huskies can now beat Florida or Texas, but they have reemerged and are on their way to being a force in the Pac-10 again.

Which is a big statement in



Courtesy of Wikipedia

itself since the Pac-10 is very competitive and continually disregarded. I firmly believe that any team in the Pac-10 could go play against any other team in any of the major conferences and compete.

Just last week Stanford at home beat Washington 34-14 and Washington State only lost to USC 27-6 as compared to the 69-0 shutout the previous year.

Taking this all into consideration, the Pac-10 is extremely competitive and the Dawg's are on the verge of returning to their dominance. "By no means, we are not there yet. We've got a lot of work to do, and we've got a lot of room for improvement," said Sakisian to the Everett Herald.

Information provided courtesy of the Everett Herald and ESPN.com.

Poetry slam exceeds expectations; features big-time alumni talent

BRANDON HASKINS

The Crusader

Last Wednesday Night Live presented students with the opportunity to display their poetic abilities to the campus community.

The Poetry Slam, hosted by seniors Andrew Knapp and Mike Hoyt showcased the talents of over a dozen student poets, as well as the poetic stylings of NNU alumni, the Boise representative at the Individual World Poetry Slam, Peter Johnson.

Student Center Director Adam Lyon said the event turned out much better than anticipated.

"You never know what is going to open with an open mic," said Lyon. "We had a lot more students participate than we expected and had an amazing turn-out to the event.

The event, which was the brain child of Knapp and Hoyt, had been rolling around in their heads for some time now.

"We'd both written poems, and had thought it would be a good idea, so we took the idea to Adam," said Hoyt.

Knapp said that it was a better initial outcome than he



Alex Corn | The Crusader

Senior Mike Hoyt take his turn at the mic last Wednesday.

had expected.

"The addition of Peter Johnson was a great addition to the night," said Lyon. "To

have someone of that talent level especially, and as an NNU alumni, just really made it unique."

Johnson, who graduated in 2008, will be heading to the Individual World Poetry Slam in Berkeley, Calif. in October.

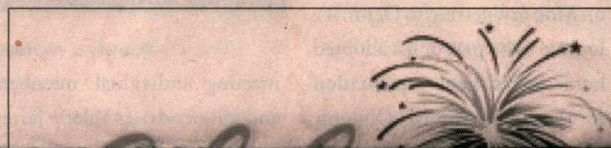
Hoyt and Lyon plan on having more events like this both later this semester and possibly at another WNL.

Senior Daryl Gonzalez says she hopes to have a similar event planned for the Brick House this year as well.

Homecoming weekend's 'Cinderstein' to be a trip to chaos and back

Allison Hawn
The Crusader

Over Homecoming weekend the play "Cinderstein" will be presented in the party



over 30 cast members.

Karissa Ellingson, a 2009 NNU graduate, will be assistant directing as well, said

The first lady dishes on her iPod favorites

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Hey Michelle Obama, what's on your iPod?

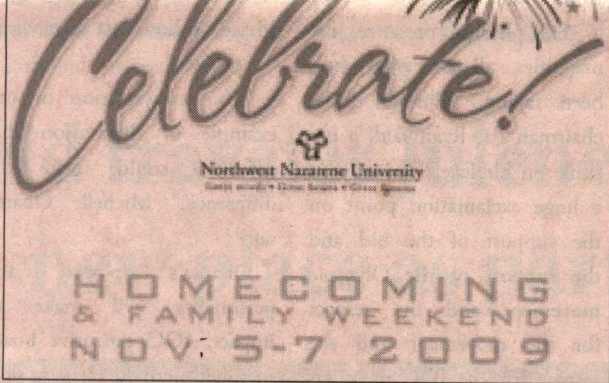


remodeled Science Lecture Hall.

The comedy revolves around the inner workings of a play; it is literally a play within a play.

The work centers on a director who watches as his production, a mix between "Cinderella" and Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein," collapses into madness as everyone from his lead performers to the extras do everything in their power to create havoc, said Brooklyn Publishers.

"The script itself is hysterical, I felt sick after we read it the first time because



Courtesy of NNU.edu

"Cinderstein" will be one of the various events occurring during this November's homecoming.

I was laughing so hard," said senior Christian ministries major Ryan Donley, who will be playing Dr. Frankenstein.

The play, which is being directed by veteran director Rick Strader, will feature a variety of characters as it has

"It is a very large cast, but there are a lot of talented people. I think Rick Strader has done an excellent job casting the perfect person for each role," said sophomore communications major Rachel Allen who will be performing as Cinderella.

"Some roles have more lines than others, but there are no 'lead' roles in 'Cinderstein.'

We find that each character is necessary for the show to be as brilliant as it is; every role has its own character, own personality and own hilarity," said Donley.

Baroness, among other things.

If the singer-songwriter didn't know already, she — and plenty of other people, too — now know that the first lady is one of her biggest fans.

"I love her," Mrs. Obama gushed Friday, giving a shout-out to Bareilles for the performance she was giving at a concert the first lady organized for students at the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School.

"She is on my iPod. She has gotten me through many a day," Mrs. Obama said, ticking off the names of two of Bareilles' songs,



Courtesy of Wikicommons

"Gravity" and "Love Song." Bareilles performed the latter selection during the show.

Mrs. Obama could hardly contain her excitement as she said country crooner Trisha Yearwood, "another of my favorites," and cellist Yo-Yo Ma would be performing.

"You know, what more is there to say?" she said after uttering the world famous cellist's name. "I'm just (as) excited as you all."

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“The only thing to do with good advice is to pass it on. It is never any use to oneself.”

-Oscar Wilde

Two-person play headed to the NNU stage next week

BRANDON HASKINS

The Crusader

What would it be like to be the first man and first woman on the planet? This idea is explored in the fall one-act production "The Diaries of Adam and Eve."

This play, directed by Rick Strader, explores the thoughts of Adam and Eve, through glances at their personal diary entries.

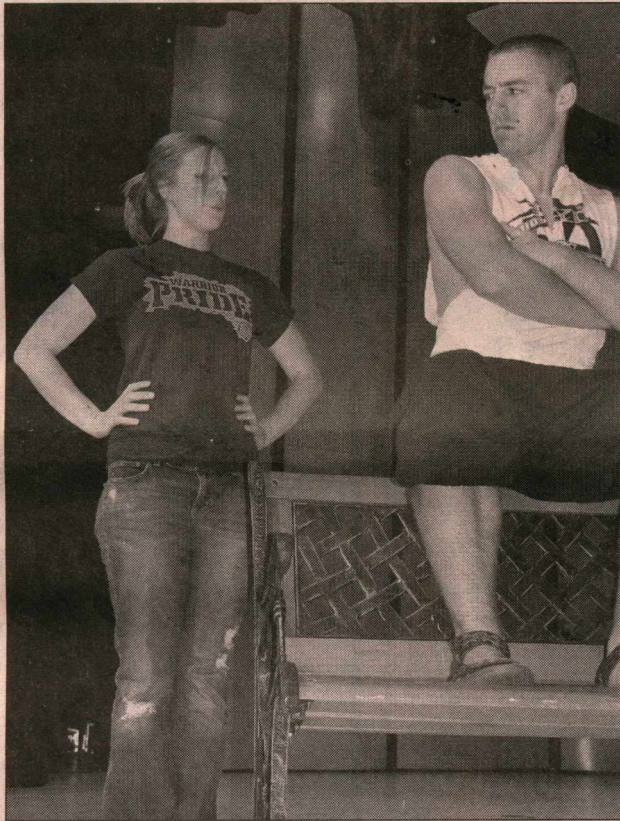
Logan Lepage, who plays Adam, said that he feels incredibly blessed to be cast in such a role.

Being a freshman, he was surprised when he was cast, he said, but is excited for the opportunity.

Stephanie Kuykendall, who plays Eve, echoed Lepage's remarks, saying she is "a little intimidated by the role, especially being a freshman.

College theater is different than high school theater, but I feel incredibly blessed by this chance."

According to Kuykendall and Lepage the story is very unique, as there is minimal interaction



Courtesy of Karissa Ellingson

Stephanie Kuykendall and Logan Lepage run through "The Diaries of Adam and Eve" at their Saturday practice.

between the two characters.

The majority of the story is in monologue with each character reading excerpts from their diaries, talking about creation and trying to find their place

in it, particularly in regard to one another and what that relationship should look like.

Strader says that he has wanted to do this production for a while now.

Having seen it in 1986, and being part of its production in 1993, he fell in love with it and thought it would be great for the NNU community.

With the recent remodeling of the Science Lecture Hall, Strader finally believed that it would be ideal for a small venue performance hall, he said.

He has wanted new lighting in the Science Lecture Hall for some time, he said, and recently Professor Arnie Ytreeide, chair of the communications department, came up with the funds to add dimmer packs to the lighting, enabling the space to have more lighting possibilities.

Revenue from this show will be going to offset the cost of the SLH lighting.

The production, which is being produced in only 3 1/2 weeks, will be presented on Oct. 8, 9 and 10 in the Science Lecture Hall.

Cost to students is four dollars. Ytreeide will open each show with a short Mark Twain biography.

Conan O'Brien OK after hitting head in show stunt

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Conan O'Brien was expected to be back on the job Monday after hitting his head during a "Tonight Show" stunt.

"Conan is resting comfortably at home.

He is expected to return to work on Monday," NBC said in a statement Saturday.

The accident Friday halted production of "Tonight," NBC said. The network did not say what the stunt entailed.

O'Brien was examined at a hospital Friday and was released, although the network didn't say when.

A "Tonight" rerun with guest Jeremy Piven aired Friday. According to NBC's Web site, the scheduled show was supposed to include actress Teri Hatcher and Seth McFarlane. Actress Drew Barrymore and jockey Joe Talamo were the scheduled guests for Monday.

O'Brien, 46, issued a statement through NBC that indicated he was treating the incident lightly.

"Last thing I remember I



Photo courtesy of Wikicommons

was enjoying the play with Mrs. Lincoln, and the next thing I knew I was in bed being served cookies and juice," O'Brien said in the statement.

The accident brought back memories of a rare absence by his predecessor.

O'Brien took over the "Tonight" host's job from Jay Leno in June.

Leno's absence came toward the end of his 17 years with the show, when a high fever and unspecified illness caused him to check himself into a hospital for a day.

NBC canceled two episodes of "Tonight" when that occurred in May.

Flogging Molly gives listeners some Celtic energy

member band -- every member of which plays at least two violin, tin-whistle, concertina and Uilleann Pipes along with

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Movies in Theaters

"Invention of Lying"
"A Serious Man"
"Zombieland"

DVDs

"Grey's Anatomy: Complete Fifth Season"
"The Office: Season Five"



REVIEW

ALLISON HAWN

The Crusader

For those looking for something to go driving with, your music blasting and the wind ripping through your hair, Flogging Molly is perfect to help you soak up the final warm days of the year.

Flogging Molly is traditional Celtic music meets modern punk rock in a wild twist of two seemingly incompatible worlds colliding with the force of a semitruck hitting a bus.

Flogging Molly is a six-

instruments comprised of leader Dave King, Dennis Casey, Matthew Hensley, Nathen Maxwell, Bridget Regan and Robert Schwindt.

The band was formed in 1997 by Dave King in Los Angeles, where he and his band played in the local pub Molly Malone's.

King adopted the name Flogging Molly in honor of the pub that hosted them through the first year the band was together.

Since then the band has released seven albums: "Alive Behind the Green Door," "Salty Dog," "Swagger," "Drunken Lullabies," "Within a Mile of Home," "Whiskey on Sunday" and their most recent album "Float," said their official website.

The band uses a variety of instruments in their music, including things like the mandolin, accordion, fiddle-

electric guitars, electric bass and a full punk drum set, said Flogging Molly's official Web site.

Energetic songs like "Cruel Mistress" give one an image of what it would be like to see pirates do punk-rock while other more rebellious songs like "What's Left of the Flag," are reminiscent of historical themes.

"Flogging Molly's passionate bark adds up to one of the best escapes from the ordinary in music today," said Sputnik Music.

Those looking for a band with a truly exceptional and eclectic sound should look up Flogging Molly.

This perfect blend of punk-rock and traditional Celtic music is the perfect companion to a fantastic weekend out with friends or to blast in your home over a decent set of speakers.



Courtesy of myspace.com

Flogging Molly is currently touring the U.S. and Canada with Hepcat.

"Couples Retreat"

Books

"Soulless"

by Gail Carriger

"Odd and the Frost Giants"

by Neil Gaiman

"The Time of My Life"

by Patrick Swayze

"All That You Are"

by Stef Ann Holm

Movie information from MSN.com.

Book and DVD information from borders.com.

"X-Men Origins: Wolverine"

"Ghosts of Girlfriends Past"

Music

"Dear Agony"

by Breaking Benjamin

"Celebration"

by Madonna

"Crash Love"

by AFI

"WOW Hits 2010"

by various artists

"American Ride"

by Toby Keith

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MAE	10.19.09	BOISE VENUE
DARIUS RUCKER	10.26.09	IDAHO CENTER
MIRAH	10.22.09	VISUAL ARTS COLLECTIVE
DEF LEPPARD	10.24.09	IDAHO CENTER
MAT KEARNEY	10.29.09	KNITTING FACTORY
JOSHUA RADIN	11.03.09	KNITTING FACTORY

10 people I secretly want to throw firecrackers at.

by nick ratliff

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10. Fat people who wear sweatpants and waddle/walk very slowly in front of me at Wal-Mart.
9. The punk freshman in the front of class who keeps raising his hand to answer rhetorical questions.
8. The person who still thinks it's clever to write "wash me" through the dirt on my car.
7. The studious jerk who does homework on a Friday night (and it's not anywhere near finals week).
6. People at coffee shops who complain about being tired.
5. Kinesiology majors who brag about not having homework.
4. The locals who drive around in Honda Civics with exhausts that sound like weed-whackers.
3. People who watch the Travel Channel and say, "I've been there!"
2. Sally Struthers.
1. Drivers who can't figure out how a four-way stop works.

GOOD WITH NUMBERS? SUDOKU ME.

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Dear Nana Bobango...



Dear Nana Bobango,

My girlfriend and I just started dating and we have decided that in the interest of keeping things low-key, we would like the relationship to remain under wraps.

There are so many pressures for couples on campus -- especially for minstry majors like us -- and we really want to make sure that the decisions we make together are done on our own time and not by everyone else's schedule.

On such a close-knit campus, how do we hide?

--Hiding Heart

Dear Hiding,

The rules for quiet dating are pretty basic.

First, tell only those people who must absolutely know. Parents? Yes. Gene Schandorff? Probably not.

Unless they themselves are involved in a secret exchange, roommates will most likely figure out eventually so you may as well tell them. Make sure they understand the seriousness of the situation, though. In this case, contracts are advised. Once an outsider finds out, it's over.

Second, keep away from student hot spots like *The Flying M* or the dollar theater.

Depending on how serious you are

