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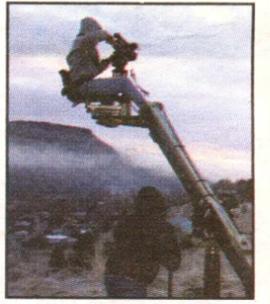
Students travel to New York and Mexico on mission trips with a purpose.

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"Unite the pair so long disjoined, knowledge and vital piety."
-Charles Wesley

Vice President Skaggs honored for his years of service

According to friends, he was 'truly larger than life'

by CALLY BEKKEDAHL

Gary Skaggs, Vice President of University Advancement, died on March 17, 2008 after fighting a battle with brain cancer. Skaggs was diagnosed with brain tumors in early January and spent the last two months undergoing surgery for the tumors. On

campus, the mark he has left will be felt not only in the work he did in University Advancement, but the relationships that he cultivated with others.

Skaggs graduated from NNU in 1972 and held several jobs before moving back to Nampa in 1992

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Spring budgeting process will begin with mandatory meeting

by IAN BAUDER

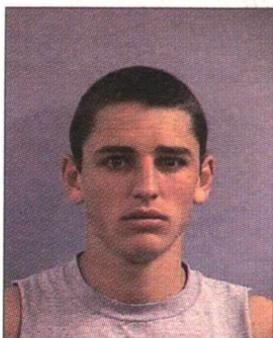
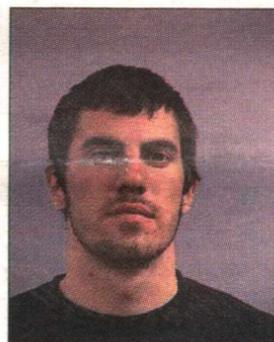
A meeting for all class councils and clubs will be held Monday at 5:00 p.m. to educate the groups on the process of budgeting, said SGA business manager Ryan Harter.

The meeting, which will be run by the chair of the Ways and Means committee, Tony Napier, and other members, is comprised of

one senate member from each class council. The purpose of the meeting is to teach clubs and class councils the way to budget, a process that has been confused over the past few years. The actual budgeting proposals will be presented to Harter and the Ways and Means committee on April 14 and 15.

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The Best Buy five



The five NNU students arrested Thursday night on burglary charges (clockwise from top left): Josh Grewe, Joe Grewe, Leon Vasquez, Kyle Gray, and Dane Manley (center) (photos courtesy of Canyon County Sheriff's office).

Student athletes arrested on felony charges for attempted burglary

by TREVAN HAUCK

Five NNU students were arrested Friday morning at approximately 12:30 a.m. after being caught by Nampa city police while attempting to break into a

Best Buy electronics store. The five students, Dane Manley, Josh Grewe, Kyle Gray (juniors), Joe Grewe, and Leon Vasquez (freshmen) were in custody until their arraignment Friday at 1:30 p.m. Bail was set at

ten thousands dollars each. All five were released Friday at various times as bail was posted.

All five are active athletes at NNU; Josh Grewe

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'Pride and Prejudice' involves community members in production

by RODNEY STRYKER

Saturday night's "Pride and Prejudice" proved to be a huge success among not only students and faculty of NNU, but also the community. "Community Night" a popular new idea brought up by Director Hannah Beers, was an idea she had in late November to get the community more involved with performing arts put on by NNU students.

Saturday's performance involved four different groups of community members including Hope House, Syringa House, Prep House, and the Dex employees. It proved to be a positive outcome with over thirty people attending for free. "I wanted to do a community night for the play because there is a very wide array of people in our community who do not have the ability to

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Quote of the week

"Love is like pi: natural, irrational, and very important."

Weather

From the National Weather Service

THURSDAY

Mostly sunny.
Hi: 56° | Low: 32°

FRIDAY

Mostly sunny.
Hi: 59° | Low: 37°

SATURDAY

Partly sunny.
Hi: 62° | Low: 36°

SUNDAY

Mostly sunny.
Hi: 66° | Low: 41°

MONDAY

Partly sunny.
Hi: 59° | Low: 36°

NNU News Briefs

NNU junior nominated for governor's Brightest Star Youth Award

Junior Amanda McGehee was nominated for the 2008 Governor's Brightest Stars Award. The award was presented to seven individuals on Thurs., March 27. McGehee was nominated for her dedi-

cation to community service.

Amazing sports accomplishments

Ashley Puga earned all-American honors on March 15 as she finished eighth in the women's mile at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track & Field

Championships. Sister Jaclyn Puga finished ninth in the 800m.

NNU men's basketball players Justin Parnell and Kendall Gielow earned GNAC all-conference honors. Women's players Nikki Schutte, Jenn Williams, and Mallory Whipple also earned the same honors.

Budgeting

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Harter said because the ASNNU code, the rules for SGA conduct, have been ignored over the past few years the process of budgeting has slowly changed. This year the SGA has decided to go back to the rules.

"If they don't show up to the meeting, they don't get money," said Harter. He also said that in order for clubs to get money, they must submit the name of their 2008-2009 club president and faculty advisor.

After the required meeting, every club will be given a form to fill out, and a time slot for a one-on-one meeting with the business manager. At the one-on-one meeting, they will present their budget proposal. From that, the business manager

and the Ways and Means committee will decide who gets how much.

The money for the clubs, class councils and SGA come from the SGA general fund. All students pay into the fund. Full time students pay eighty-five dollars and part time students pay forty-five dollars every semester.

At the end of every year the business manager gets an estimation of next year's enrollment, and from that they make an estimation of how much money they will receive. From that the business manager, in conjunction with the Ways and Means committee, budget out money to clubs and class councils, as well as to the other SGA officers.

Tibet accused of planning suicide attacks

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

China on Tuesday accused "Tibet independence forces" of planning to trigger suicide squads — the latest in a string of accusations that have taken aim at supporters of the Dalai Lama.

The prime minister of Tibet's government-in-exile denied the claims, saying Tibetans are committed to a "nonviolent path."

"To our knowledge, the next plan of the Tibetan independence forces is to organize suicide squads to launch violent attacks," Public Security Bureau spokesman Wu Heping said Tuesday.

"They claimed that they fear neither bloodshed nor sacrifice," Wu told a news conference.

Wu offered no firm evidence to support his claims.

Beijing accuses the Dalai

Lama and his supporters of orchestrating anti-government riots in Lhasa last month as part of a campaign to sabotage the August Beijing Olympics and promote Tibetan independence.

The 72-year-old Nobel Peace Prize winner has denied the charge, condemning the violence and urging an independent international investigation into the unrest and its underlying causes.

Prime Minister Samdhong Rinpoche of Tibet's exiled government reiterated that position Tuesday.

"There is no question of suicide attacks," said Rinpoche. "There is absolutely no doubt in our mind that we want to follow the nonviolent path."

Rinpoche said the Tibetan exile community fears the Chinese might "masquerade as Tibetans" and plan attacks to discredit the activists.

Casualties in Iraq reach 4,000 and beyond



Anti-war protesters gather at Harvard University, in Cambridge, Mass., Wednesday, March 19, 2008. A broad-based coalition of students, faculty, staff and community members held a peaceful demonstration against the war in Iraq on the fifth anniversary of the conflict (AP Photo/Bizuayehu Tesfaye).

by ALLI SCHISLER

A roadside bomb killed four soldiers in Baghdad on Sunday March 23, bringing the death count to over 4,004, said the Associated Press.

The war, which began in March 2003, is in its fifth year. Of the deaths reported so far, 18.7% are

the result of non-combat incidents, said the Associated Press.

The majority of the most recent 1,000 soldiers who have died, like the four soldiers in Baghdad on March 23, were killed by an improvised explosive device, said Lizette Alvarez and Andrew Lehren of The New York Times.

The count has spurred increased debate about the war and troop levels, said journalist Ross Colvin of Reuters. "It is artificial in the sense that somehow the 4,000th tragic loss somehow will be different from the first," said U.S. military spokesman Rear Admiral Greg Smith, according to Reuters.

Junior NNU ROTC student J.J. Gregory said, "The 4,000 service members and the several other contractors that have lost their lives are the true heroes of the war, and their families should receive the thanks for the sacrifice, not us."

Freshman ROTC student Jacob Bartlow said, "4,000 dead soldiers is a tragedy no matter what angle you decide to look at it."

Though the count just peaked, more military men and women died in 2007 than in any other since the war began. During April, May and June of 2007, 331 American service members died, making it the deadliest three-month period since the war began, said Alvarez and Lehren.

The rate of U.S. military casualties has decreased by approximately 60 percent since the surge in troops to 158,000 in summer 2007, and troop levels are expected to decrease to 140,000 by this summer, said the Associated Press.

The number of Iraqis who have died is considerably higher than the 4,000 count of United States soldiers. Since the beginning of the war, between 82,349 to 89,867 Iraqi civilians have been killed, said Bushra Juhi of the Associated Press.

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and Manley for soccer, Joe Grewe for basketball, Vasquez for golf, and Gray for cross-country. Gray, Manley, and Josh Grewe are also on NNU's track team, which is currently in season.

Police received a notice that an alarm had been triggered at Best Buy shortly after midnight. Upon investigation police discovered the Grewe brothers hiding on the roof of the building. From further investigation, the other three men were connected to the break-in and arrested as well. The students were booked at the Canyon County Jail in Caldwell.

The Grewe brothers are facing felony charges for attempted burglary and possession of burglary weapons while the other three are being charged with felony aiding and abetting a burglary.

There has been no word yet as to what course of action NNU is taking regarding discipline. According to the student handbook's explanation of the disciplinary process (page 151 of the student planner), the punishment could be anything from community service to fines or even dismissal from the university. Vice President of Student Development Carey Cook

said that he has never had to deal with students committing a crime of this magnitude. Cook was unable to comment on disciplinary actions except to say that most disciplinary problems of a severe nature are dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

The five did not return to their dorms over the weekend; however, several returned to classes this week.

It is uncertain what repercussions — if any — the students will face on the legal side of the issue; their next court date is set for 8:30 a.m. April 10 at the County Court House.

OMC closes

by AMBER FORD

The Nampa coffee shop "One More Cup" closed its doors Monday night for the last time at 8:00 p.m. The shop, which has been experiencing financial difficulties ever since the opening of "The Flying M Coffee Garage" and "Starbucks," has been looking for a buyer since May.

Sutherland Resident Director Mark Bass started his freshman year at NNU the first year that OMC opened. It was only fitting that, he and his wife Julie were the last ones to buy coffee.



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Military married housing

Wedded soldiers become part of new experiment

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

When American soldiers get off duty in Iraq, the men usually return to their quarters, the women to theirs. But Staff Sgt. Marvin Frazier gets to go back to a small trailer with two pushed-together single beds that he shares with his wife.

In a historic but little-noticed change in policy, the Army is allowing scores of husband-and-wife soldiers to live and sleep together in the war zone — a move aimed at preserving marriages, boosting morale and perhaps bolstering re-enlistment rates at a time when the military is struggling to fill its ranks five years into the fighting.

"It makes a lot of things easier," said Frazier, 33, a helicopter maintenance supervisor in the 3rd Infantry Division. "It really adds a lot of stress, being separated. Now you can sit face-to-face and try to work out things and comfort each other."

Long-standing Army rules barred soldiers of the opposite sex from sharing sleeping quarters in war zones. Even married troops lived only in all-male or all-female quarters and had no private living space.

But in May 2006, Army commanders in Iraq, with little fanfare, decided that it is in the military's interest to promote wedded bliss.

In other words: What God has joined together, let no manual put asunder.

"It's better for the soldiers, which means overall it's better for the Army," said Command Maj. Mark Thornton of the 3rd Infantry.

Military analysts said this is the first war in which the Army even gave the idea any serious consideration — a reflection not only of the large number of couples sent to war this time, but also of the way the fighting has dragged on and strained marriages with repeated 12- and 15-month tours of duty.

While some couples were also sent into the 1991 Gulf War, the fighting was over before their living arrangements became an issue, said Lory Manning, a retired Navy captain who studies how military policies affect women for the nonprofit Women's Research and Education Institute.

More than 10,000 couples are in the Army. Exactly how many are serving in the war zone, and how many of those are living together, are not clear. The Army said it does not keep track.

But Frazier and his wife, Staff Sgt. Keisha Frazier, are among about 40 married Army couples living together on "Couples Row" at Camp Striker, which is on the outskirts of Baghdad and is one of more than 150



Megan Scott and Fiance Jacob Daniell (photo courtesy of Aubrie Scott).

U.S. military camps in Iraq. Similarly, a Couples Row opened in October at nearby Camp Victory, though it has trailers for only seven of the many couples who have requested them.

Husbands and wives are still prohibited from public displays of affection, under the same strict regulations that govern unmarried men and women in uniform. Holding hands and kissing, whether on duty or in the chow hall, are against the rules. "It's rough on marriages when, over the course of years, you don't see each other," Manning said. "It would make sense, certainly from a morale perspective and for the Army, to try to preserve marriages."

The only downside of married soldiers sharing sleeping quarters, she said, would be an increased risk of pregnancies.

John Pike, director of the military think tank Globalsecurity.org., said: "I think they are looking under the sofa cushions for anything they can do to improve retention. They spend a lot of money getting these people trained up."

After spending the first five months of their 15-month deployment on separate bases in tents with up to 15 other soldiers, all of the same sex, the Fraziers prize the small degree of privacy and intimacy they gained after moving in together in October.

AP News Blurbs:

Around the world in four stories

US supports Ukraine's NATO ambitions

KIEV, Ukraine

President Bush said Tuesday he will work "as hard as I can" to help Ukraine join NATO and declared that Russia will not be able to veto former Soviet states joining the transatlantic military alliance.

"Your nation has made a bold decision and the United States strongly supports your request," Bush told Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko after talks at the Presidential Secretariat here.

Bush praised Ukraine's democratic and military reforms, and noted that Ukraine "is the only non-NATO nation supporting every NATO mission." Ukraine has sent troops to Afghanistan, Kosovo and Iraq. He also portrayed the decision as one that is "in the interests of our organization."

Gas Nears \$4 gallons

WASHINGTON

Big Oil is once again being called on the carpet. Senior executives of the five largest U.S. oil companies were to appear before a congressional committee Tuesday where they were likely to find frustrated lawmakers in no mood for small talk.

"These companies are defending billions of federal subsidies ... while reaping over a hundred billion dollars in profits in just the last year alone," complained Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., in previewing the hearing.

The lawmakers were scheduled to hear from top executives of Exxon Mobil Corp., Shell Oil Co., BP America Inc., Chevron Corp. and ConocoPhillips, which together earned about \$123 billion last year because of soaring oil and gasoline prices.

Markey, chairman of the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, said he wants to know why, with such profits, the oil industry is steadfastly fighting to keep \$18 billion in tax breaks, stretched over 10 years.

Israel to build 1,400 homes on West Bank

JERUSALEM

Israel announced plans to build 1,400 new apartments in the West Bank and disputed part of Jerusalem, despite warnings by Palestinians and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice that they could hurt peace efforts between the two sides.

While the announcement Monday could further damage the standing of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak moved on Tuesday to bolster the moderate leader, saying he will consider opening the Gaza Strip's crossings if Palestinian militants there stop bombarding Israel with rockets.

The Israeli announcement came shortly after Rice wrapped up a two-day visit and left for Amman to meet Abbas. In the Jordanian capital, Rice said Israel should stop such construction projects, but to no avail.

Clinton and Obama battle in Penns.

HARRISBURG, Pa

Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton accused rival Sen. Barack Obama and his allies of trying to stop people from voting as some of his backers have called on her to drop out of the presidential race.

The Obama campaign rejected the charge, dismissing Clinton's criticism as "completely laughable."

In a series of television interviews in states holding upcoming contests, Clinton vowed to press on with her campaign and suggested Obama and his supporters wanted to keep those states from playing a role in selecting the party's presidential nominee. "My take on it is a lot of Senator Obama's supporters want to end this race because they don't want people to keep voting," she told CBS affiliate KTVQ in Billings, Mont. "That's just the opposite of what I believe. We want people to vote. I want the people of Montana vote."

Winners announced in Bertha Dooley contest

by ALLI SCHISLER

The Bertha Dooley Writing Contest results are in. Categories for the annual English department contest included poetry, short story, and essay. Though the contest is sponsored and judged by the English department, students from all departments could submit up to three entries in each genre.

Winners were contacted Tuesday, March 25 and will be presented with their prizes at the English Evening to be held April 8 at 7:00 pm.

Poetry winners include first place, Laurie Burge-meister "Wedding Dress";

second place, Seth Clark, "Engine 58-60"; 3rd place tie, Chris Davis, "Untitled," Lindsay Greb, "Afternoon Gossip," and Rachael Finch, "Crimson Hate."

Essays winners include first place, Laurie Burge-meister, "A Visit"; second place, Ashley Egger, "No Place like Home"; third place, Grayson Bellique, "And Nazareth Wept."

Short Story winners include first place, Jennifer Baldwin, "Resurrecting Orpheus"; second place, Lindsay Greb, "Love and Ugly Llamas"; third place tie Kirsten Abel, "June Bugs," Mike Hoyt, "6 Over 3."

Refugee Saturday strikes again



(photo by Eric Knape).

About 40 NNU students came out for Refugee Saturday this past weekend. Through the efforts of Community Relations Coordinator Eric Knape and Social Work Club President Joe Seiders, students

were given the opportunity to minister to refugee families living in Boise. The day was filled with bubbles, sidewalk chalk, soccer, and fun. Above, junior Sarah Pence plays ball with a refugee child.

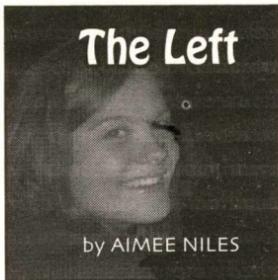
Idaho House bill 654a is a back-door attempt to make abortion illegal

A bill that amends a current state statute and criminalizes coercing or attempting to coerce a woman into having an abortion passed the Idaho House last week. Idaho House bill HS 654a passed with little opposition.

The bill also makes it illegal to threaten physical injury or death to a pregnant woman, conspire to physically injure or kill a pregnant woman and to inflict injury or death upon a pregnant woman. A small section also addresses a woman's right to seek damages in a civil suit.

What this bill does not provide is more protection for pregnant women—all the amendments that pertain to pregnant women are already law.

One does not have to be pro-choice or pro-life or whatever to be concerned about HS 654a. At a certain point, these labels become silly and ineffective.



The Left

by AIMEE NILES

The intention of the bill is to take a step in the direction of making abortion illegal.

Taking a step back from the ethical dilemma of abortion, the problem with this bill comes in the effects on the people and services that offer crisis pregnancy counseling.

In the end, this bill hurts the women it is meant to protect.

The abstract language of this bill-- "coerce"-- will frighten counselors from giving all the options to women coming for advice.

What is coercion exactly? The mere suggestion of an abortion could be construed as coercion. If professionals could face criminal charges for the suggestion of abortion, common sense says they will not offer that as a recommendation.

If a woman, faced with an unplanned pregnancy, knows she will not receive a full overview of her possible options-- why would she go to a counseling center?

Perhaps Idaho code is a little confusing; isn't threatening/ injuring/ killing a person in general criminal?

It is illegal to harm anybody—it's called assault and battery. It is also illegal to kill people—that's called murder. What is the purpose of making the law specific to pregnant women?

This bill and its amendments are unnecessary and are an attempt to illegalize abortion.

It doesn't matter what personal opinions are held about abortion; under federal law it is legal. Until Roe v. Wade is officially overturned, abortion will remain legal.

Back door attempts will only hurt women. By limiting the options and information available to scared and confused people, the Legislature is only encouraging people to not seek help.

Hagood celebrations overshadow other retiring professors

STAFF EDITORIAL

As the year draws to a close, the retirement of university president Dr. Richard Hagood looms. Dr. Hagood has served NNU faithfully for twenty three years—eight as vice president for university advancement and fifteen as president of the university.

Dr. Hagood's retirement is met with celebrations, dinners and tributes. All this is fitting for a man who has so impacted our community for so many years.

However, this year also sees the retirement of beloved professors. Professor Reg Hill, Dr. Chris Kapicka and Dr. Melvin Jolly are all retiring from their full time academic careers. Professor Hill and Dr. Kapicka will have emeritus status, while Dr. Jolly is fully retiring.

These professors have touched and encouraged students not only academically, but spiritually during their long careers at NNU. Many a student will forever remember their EN 202 class with Professor Hill and his colorful prayers. Who knows how many health professionals owe their starts to Dr. Kapicka's guidance? Surely, Dr. Jolly's leadership in the accounting department will be missed.

These faculty members have also served NNU faithfully for many years, yet they are not receiving lavish parties with alumni and week long celebrations. Perhaps that is fitting; the retirement of a president only rarely occurs, but professors retire all the time. Knowing the character of Dr. Hagood, he undoubtedly has not asked for the celebrations in his name.

Nevertheless, The Crusader wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to all retiring faculty and staff. The Crusader cannot give you the send-off you deserve, but allow us to express our gratitude in this small way. Your sacrifice to Northwest Nazarene University has made the school what it is today. Thank you.

In the immortal words of Reg Hill, Let us all be bouncy balls for the Lord, bouncing higher and higher to God's glory. Amen.

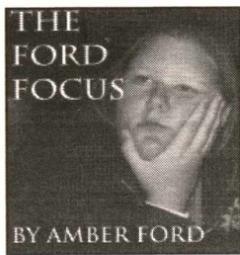
How will this year be remembered?

NNU has been under fire this week for the actions of five students. When members of our community attract media attention, the whole campus is under scrutiny. As unfair as it seems, it is the truth.

This has not been an easy year for the NNU campus in general. From the beginning of the year, we have been searching for a new president to replace Dr. Hagood.

A plane crash in October claimed the lives of two people connected to the student body. Dooley Hall suffered from a kitchen fire. A prank on C of I almost resulted in felony hit and run charges. The

Johnson Sports Center was set on fire and the police are still searching for the arsonist(s). And we have



THE FORD FOCUS

BY AMBER FORD

seen the sudden illness and passing of Vice President Gary Skaggs.

Now, in a year when student leaders are making an effort to bridge the gap between students and student athletes, five NNU athletes are arrested on felony charges. This sums up our academic year thus far.

Despite all of the positive things this year, this is what will be remembered—a turbulent year that was marked by tragedy and disgrace. Is that disappointing to anyone else?

The question that remains is how do we bounce back from these kinds of events? What do we do as a campus community to ensure that the positives at NNU will endure longer than the negatives?

We need to take a careful look at how we are conducting ourselves and not how others are living. As a Christian community, we should not be ostracizing those around us for their shortcomings. We all fall short of the expectations of others, and our job is not

to judge, but to lift up and support.

I, among others, have found myself asking why this happened and how these young men found themselves in this situation. The thing to remember is that they are a part of our community. A community should be lifting up those going through tough times, not tearing them down.

Even though this situation doesn't make sense to us and these boys broke the law, we are not in a place to judge them. Leave that task to the justice system and God. Instead, focus on supporting them and hopefully, we can bounce back from this event stronger than before.



"The first duty of a newspaper is to be accurate. If it be accurate, it follows that it is fair."

--Herbert Bayard Swope

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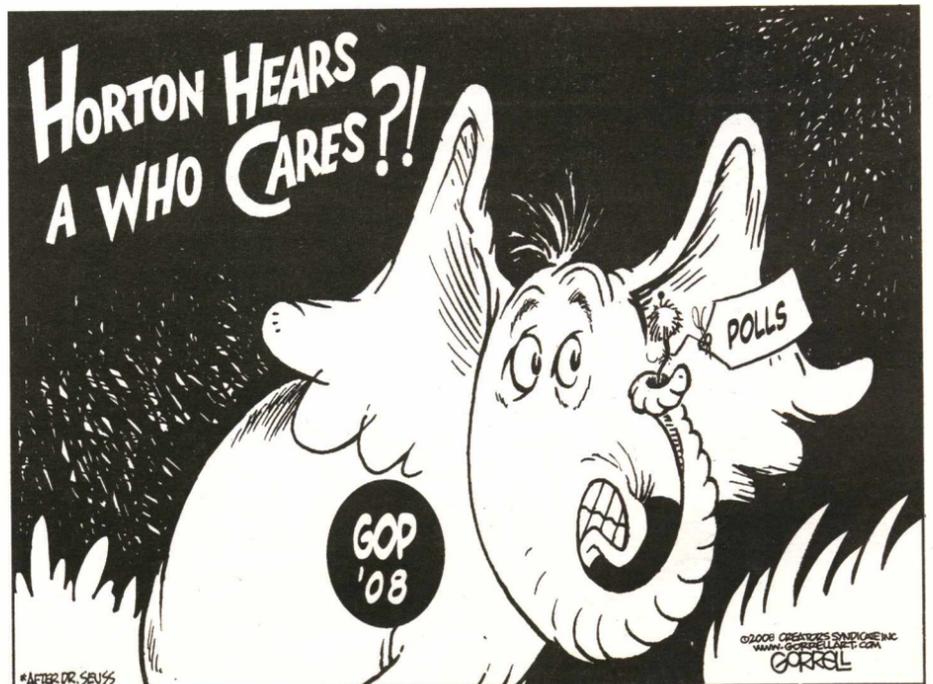
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Christians are called to care for the poor regardless of politics

This column is supposed to defend the perspective on the "Right" of specific issues. However, this week I would like to take a different approach to the "Right" mentality and try to replace it with a less partisan and more "correct" view.

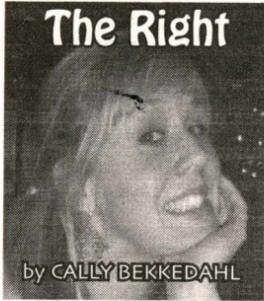
I have just returned from visit to a different world. I spent about ten days living very simply in an environment that was quite a change from home.

Graffiti covered the buildings and trash littered the street. The people at church were much different than the people at my church. Many of them were broken, or had fallen on hard times. I also had the opportunity to visit with many women who have had far too much life experience in too short of a time.

These people were definitely disadvantaged economically and socially, but weren't crying out for welfare checks, more governmental programs, or handouts of any kind.

I could see in their faces they needed something better than that. They wanted to be loved, and to feel that they were worth something.

I hope that in some small way our mission team was able to give these people some of what they sought.



The Right
by CALLY BEKKEDAHL

In that environment, confronted by people and not statistics, the gifts within our hearts and spirits were far more important than our political affiliations or anything we might record on our resumes.

The reality is one million New Yorkers are hungry, and there are millions more like them throughout the rest of the United States. Many are working poor and may have a place to live, but unfortunately, paying for a house in a city like New York doesn't leave a lot of money left over.

When it comes to caring for the broken people of our country, red and blue politics should either get out of the way or be mixed together.

Republicans don't have to fall prey to the mentality that everyone just needs to pull themselves up by their own bootstraps. I think a lot of people have never had a bootstrap, or at least have never had a very strong one. Democrats shouldn't be trapped by their favorite co-dependencies either.

Since so many people are looking for affirmation, encouragement, and hope Christians and churches need to be part of the answer.

We have a message born from poverty and adversity that should apply. Christians, red and blue, should be a loving and encouraging people, seeing others through the eyes of Jesus.

This doesn't take any sort of government policy; it just requires an evaluation of our hearts--regardless of the side of the aisle we prefer.

While politicians debate the finer points of policy, Jesus asks us to be present to the circumstances we confront daily, and to advocate for and love all of His children. And, sometimes He calls us to personally intervene.

To be a Christian community, NNU must not judge each other

I'm bothered by the way the Church handles the issue of sin. I have come to realize the Church, myself included, treat some sins as if they are unmentionable. Those who struggle with those sins are somehow worse than others.

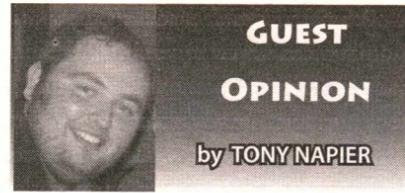
As a result, those we love continue their lonely struggle through life. They're not really able to tap into the community of love which we as Christians should provide one another.

If there was one Christian mandate most can agree on, it's that we are to love one another as Christ loved us.

So why do we have students on our own campus who walk through their time here with these huge "secret sins?" They think no one will either understand or want to help them.

Aren't we supposed to be different? If everyone here truly felt loved would there be this problem?

No, the truth is if we all felt comfortable and loved at NNU, we wouldn't hold back like the rest of the



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world. Instead, we would trust our brothers and sisters.

The Bible says "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will (Romans 12:2).

Instead of being transformed by our faith, the Church has decided to conform to the ways of the world. They treat the sin struggle the same as society does with condemnation and a blind eye.

The Church cannot grow in genuine terms if we continue to ignore the way of life that we were commanded to live.

I am not suggesting a huge institutional change in the Church of the Nazarene or in any other church denomination. I am

suggesting a change in my heart and your heart.

Gene Schandorff asked a good question in community chapel Friday,

"What if, instead of trying to prove that this stuff is true, we just began living like it was true?"

This is the world I want to live in, one free from doubt and fear, one of love and hope for the Kingdom coming within each of our own hearts.

My heart's desire is to be transformed along with my brothers and sisters at NNU as we begin to explore what it truly means to live in a Christian community.

It is interesting to me this realization has dawned on me during SGA CRAK.

With the week's focus on loving each other for no other reason than to just love someone it is appropriate. There are few consequences in life; and I am sure this is not one of them.

Grocery tax credit won't help the neediest Idahoans

The Idaho legislature finally attempted to give a break to Idahoans, and almost succeeded, with the grocery tax credit bill.

Most Idahoans currently get a small tax credit of \$20-\$35 for seniors—each year to make up for the 6% sales tax they spend on groceries.

Starting next year, each member of a family of four that earns less than about \$25,000 will get \$50 while members of families earning more would each get \$30. The rebates for each resident would rise by \$10 each year to a maximum of \$100-\$120, said Simon Shifrin of "The Idaho Statesman."

This will cost Idaho \$22 million immediately and rise to about \$122 million annually by 2015.

Some legislators support this bill. Others support eradication of the grocery tax at the register.

Other legislators op-



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pose the bill and remained steeped in stereotypes about the underprivileged: "If you send those people a check, they're just going to get together with their friends and just spend it," said Rep. Phil Hart, R-Athol.

Rep. George Saylor, D-Coeur d'Alene, doesn't like the bill either, but for a simple reason—it doesn't help those who need it most.

The bill excludes people who receive food stamps from the credit. The 2,200 Idahoans that receive

only \$10 a month in food stamps, and pay 6% sales tax, aren't eligible for the grocery credit.

So, to help those who need it most, and even those financially secure, why not replace the grocery tax credit with points/credit at the register?

Idahoans could receive a credit in the amount of the 6% tax they normally pay. The credit could be recorded in a system similar to the electronic debit system used for food stamps. Points could be kept on cards that can work with a debit/credit card system. Patrons can spend their credit at the grocery store where they earned it.

This option ensures four things. First, it aids Idaho's economy, by ensuring the credit and additional money will be spent in the state. And, Idaho grocers benefit because the tax generates more revenue for them.

Secondly, it ensures that the people who buy groceries are the ones benefiting. Under the current legislation, someone can buy all groceries out of state and still receive the tax credit.

Third, legislators and others concerned about the way the grocery tax credit is spent when it is given in the form of a check, can be reassured the money can only be spent at a grocery store. The money earned could be allocated for food items only, rather than toiletries, alcohol, etc.

Fourth, apart from the initial costs of implementing the program, Idahoans would not have to spend millions of dollars each year for the tax credit.

This option really helps those who need it; they receive more money right away for groceries, while they will also benefit from the money pumped back into Idaho's economy.

Letter to the Editor

In this week's issue of the Crusader (March 12), while reading the Ford Focus, I noted the comment that "This is a real newspaper!" Fair enough, I thought to myself, as I kept reading through the paper. Then, on the same page, in the staff editorial discussing Bush's stimulus plan, I read that "The economy sucks right now..." I was struck by the contrast between the claim that this is a real newspaper and the use of the word "suck" in an editorial.

Also, if you would like to make a claim about the poor state of the economy, it might be worth citing some evidence, such as inflation rising and oil at an all-time high. I'll be the first to admit that the economy seems to be in trouble, but it is worth noting that an economist's definition of a recession is two consecutive quarters with a decline in the GDP. Last quarter, the GDP actually went up 0.6%, so, at least with that definition, we are not in a recession.

Nick Davidson
Senior

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Crafts, fellowship, and no need to worry about finding a date

SGA Girl's Event a hit Friday night

by AMBER FORD

Friday night was filled with excitement as 35 NNU females gathered together for the first annual NNU Girls Event, planned by Social Vice President Lacey Smith. For 10 dollars, or free with a SLAP card, girls could participate in an evening of crafts and fellowship.

According to Smith, her favorite part about the whole event was "having no boys there. I feel like a lot of the events I do seem to be centered on who are you going to go with, bring a date. It was nice just going out with your girlfriends, no pressure about boys."

The event began with jewelry making in Wordsworth. Smith brought in The Bead Shoppe, a store

that provides people with the opportunity to make their own jewelry. The store brought along pre-made kits for bracelets, necklaces, and earrings and taught everyone how to make their own jewelry.

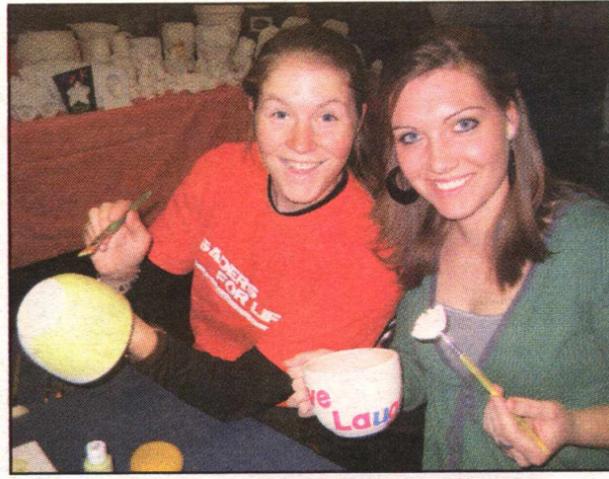
Following that, all the students headed over to the Fire and Ice ceramics studio next to the Reel Theatre. Everyone was given the chance to paint and personalize their own mug. All the mugs will be fired and given back to the participants this week.

To end the evening, everyone was given a free ticket to a movie of their choice to the Reel Theatre and their choice of candy from the concession stand. The choices included "Alvin and the Chipmunks," "National Treasure: The Book of

Secrets," and "The Eye."

"I thought it was well planned and the activities were really fun—it was a great deal for the money. I am excited to see my final mug!" said junior Sarah Pence.

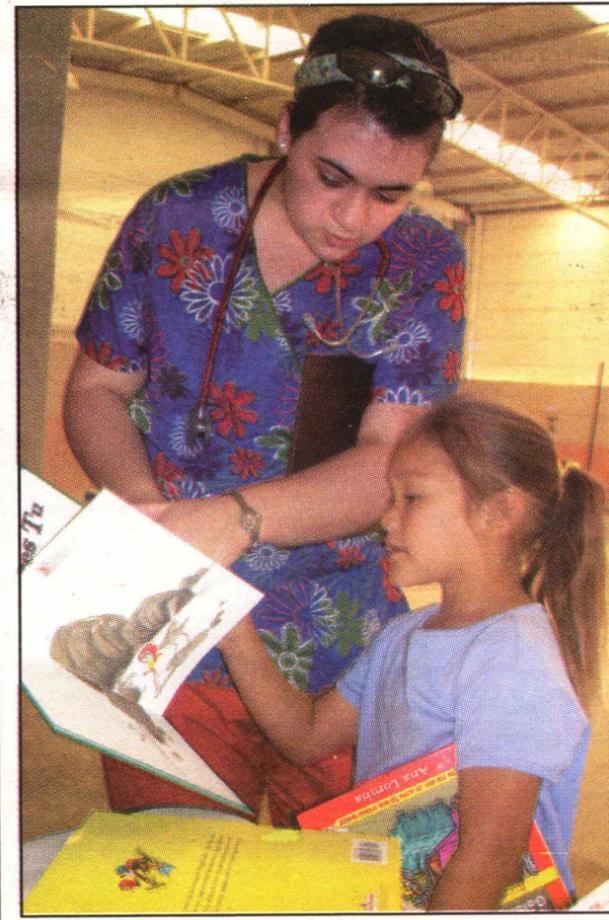
"The only thing that I would change would be not having spring break right before... it made it difficult to advertise. I would also have Peter make correct posters, you know, with the correct day and time," said Smith. Friday night will be the SGA Guys Event at Boondocks. The males who sign up will have a night of free go-carts, batting cages, laser tag, 20 game tokens, and three pieces of pizza. Sign-ups will be this week in front of the Dex.



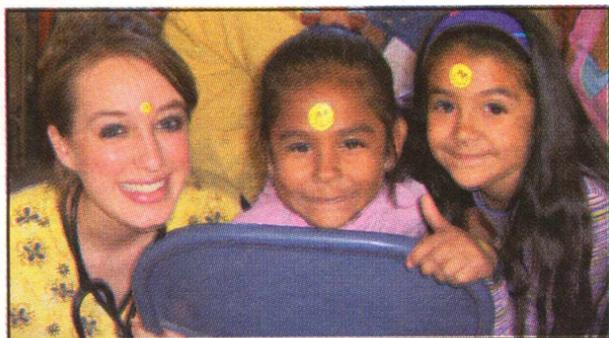
Thirty-five women and lots of fun (clockwise from above): Amy Bloomquist shows off her completed mug; Courtney Little and Chelsea Michaelson pause their painting for a photo at the Fire & Ice studio; and Jackie Miller and Kendra Hughes pose with the custom jewelry they crafted themselves (photos by Amber Ford).



Nursing and medical students return from mission trip to Mexico with touching stories and a renewed sense of service



Above left: Freshman Kendra Schmitt takes a young girl's blood pressure at one of the free clinics provided by the NNU medical team. Above right: Melanie Teague flips through a Spanish storybook with a little patient. Below: Meghan Rubitschun gave out stickers to children waiting at the clinics (photos courtesy Jennifer Piper).



by AIMEE NILES

While other people were hitting the slopes or sunning

themselves on beaches, two groups of students spent their Spring Breaks on mission trips to Mexico and

New York City.

Thirteen nursing students, three pre-med students and four advisors, including Dr. Cris Kapicka, set up free clinics in the border towns of Reynosa and Rio Bravo. The students assessed each patient, took vital signs and logged their chief complaint before sending them onto the doctor.

The team mostly saw

common ailments such as infections, back pain, high blood pressure and fevers, but junior nursing major Jennifer Piper had an interesting diagnosis on her first day in the clinic in Rio Bravo.

"I was assessing a little 9 year old girl, and when I was listening to her heart I only heard respirations (breathing)," said Piper. "I tried listening

to her right side and I heard her heart beat. After talking with the patient and doctor translating we found that the little girl had Dextrocardia with Situs Inverse—her heart was located on her right side. This is a very rare condition. This girl was a little underweight for her age, and had iron deficient anemia, but other than that she was completely healthy."

Another story that touched the hearts of the Mexico team was a little girl diagnosed with Type II diabetes. "It was a hard thing for her to find out," junior nursing major Melanie Teague said, "but it was really cool to see how the people in the church came around the girl and her family."

Miss Dooley pageant light-hearted and fun



The contestants for this year's Miss Dooley pageant, from left to right: Chelsey Jones, Megan Saunders, Becca Deitz, Brittney Roggenkamp, Tiffany Ferch and Bri Price (photo by Alli Schisler).



Megan Saunders, the new Miss Dooley 2008, received her title from the male hosts (photo by Ali Schisler).

by ALLI SCHISLER

The Miss Dooley Pageant was well worth the hour and ten minutes it lasted on Sunday evening. The mock beauty pageant is a tradition of the sophomore girls' dorm. One girl from each wing competed in the

competition.

The six participants were chosen by their wing-mates. Miss Dooley contestants included Chelsey Jones of first west, Megan Saunders of second west, Becca Deitz of first east, Brittney Roggenkamp of second east, Tiffany Ferch of first south, and Bri Price of second south.

The event was well planned and decorated by Candace Blenker, Dooley resident director, and the Dooley resident assistants. Shawn Blenker and Ryan Ketchum hosted the event, providing amusing commentary and the only male presence in the auditorium.

Participants competed in three categories—interview and evening wear, talent, and domestic skills. Deitz

revealed an especially funny talent in her mock-basketball skit and Ferch provided the audience with a ton of laughs during her Napoleon Dynamite dance.

During the domestic skills portion of the event, girls balancing taking a call from a mother-in-law, while getting herself ready for the day and changing a newborn. Ketchum and Blenker entertainingly portrayed the mother-in-laws.

Judges included Robbyn Lande, Julie Baas, Angie Ketchum, Kathy Burns, and Karen Pearson. Danna Hammer, Corlett resident director, who has judged this event for several years said, "It was close this year...I love it, I love watching it!" Last year's Miss Dooley Kendra Hughes gave a witty

version of Sheryl Crow's "All I Wanna Do," reminiscent of her 2007 rap skit.

Megan Saunders was crowned Miss Dooley 2008. She earned the title with especially silly performances, including identifying cuts of meat, wearing a gaudy red dress during her interview, and effectively changing and clothing a baby doll while carrying on an up-beat and humorous conversation with her "mother-in-law" about her baby's rash.

Summing up the general success of the evening, "It is such a fantastic tradition have all the ladies come together" said sophomore Kristin Plyler at the end of the show.

Who's who in the 2008-2009 SGA

New members encouraged to improve what they liked from their predecessors

by IAN BAUDER

All the SGA positions have now been filled after a process that lasted several weeks. Lacey Smith was elected President, Grant Miller was elected Executive Vice President and Brandon Haskins was elected Social Vice President.

After Spring Break the new members of the executive council, in conjunction with Tim Milburn, interviewed applicants for the other executive SGA positions. Those hired are Tony Napier as the Community Relations Coordinator, Rylee Curtis as the Campus Ministries Coordinator, Preston O'Malley as the Business Manager, Amber Ford as the Secretary, Nate Blowers as the Publicity Director and Brittan Aebischer as the Oasis Editor.

The position of Crusader Editor is no longer an SGA position, and is now under the control of the new journalism department. Aimee Editor and assistant editor will be heading the Crusader next year.



Lacey Smith will head the new SGA as the Associated Student Body President in the fall.

Members of the executive council said that they applied for the positions because they find the job rewarding. They also said that, while it was difficult to run against friends, every one was a good sport about the elections.

When asked how she plans to make next year better for NNU than this one, Smith said that she is encouraging everyone in the SGA to find what they like in the person who preceded him or her, and improve it.

The new members of SGA will travel to Point Loma Nazarene University this week, attending the Nazarene Student Leadership Conference (NSLC).

NNU lost a true 'Christian gentlemen' in Gary Skaggs

One student remembers the man that loved students and staff as friends

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and working in University Advancement. He started out as the director of planned giving and then became vice president in 1998. During his 16 year career, he was instrumental in the fundraising for the new health and science center and the university's scholarship endowment.

"In the finest and truest meaning of the phrase, Gary Skaggs was a Christian gentleman, which he clearly (but humbly) demonstrated in his treatment of colleagues, students, and others here on campus," says friend Dr. Steve Shaw. Skaggs was described as thoughtful, kind, and always available. Many faculty members like Shaw knew him very closely, and all tell similar stories about

his character. He spoke as a friend, as someone who genuinely wanted to know when he asked how you were doing.

Dr. Tim Anstine spoke in chapel on Friday and gave a few words about the impact Skaggs had in his life. Anstine credits Skaggs for treating him like family after his own father died. Anstine says that Gary "truly was larger than life." When Skaggs signed his emails or ended conversations with, "blessings on your day" it was not a generic, thoughtless comment, because Skaggs was not generic, or thoughtless. He was genuine to the core.

According to friends, Skaggs will also be remembered for his honesty and humility. He never pretended to

have it all figured out. To him, life is a journey that no one can walk alone. He made sure that all those who entered his life; even if only briefly, could walk part of life's journey with someone. Skaggs' personality and mannerisms allowed people to immediately feel comfortable around him.

The many encounters that people have had with Skaggs portray his conduct as reminiscent of Jesus'. Dr. Shaw remembers Skaggs taking him to coffee, not letting Dr. Shaw pay, and just talking to him about politics, his family, and whatever else he needed to talk about, probably just as Jesus would do.

Even though Skaggs will be remembered first and foremost for his

irreplaceable friendships, he will also be missed for his grasp of the business side of education. His expertise in business made him a crucial part of raising funds for NNU. President Richard Hagood described him as being ambidextrous, having both a hand for business and a hand for a relationships, which he could use interchangeably. He was compassionate, and also knew how to do his job successfully.

The family has indicated interest in establishing a scholarship in honor and memory of Skaggs at NNU, a program which he worked tirelessly to improve during his career of service.

Student Life Events

Wednesday, April 2
 6-9:00 p.m.: Art reception, Friesen Gallery (Laura Bodenstab's "Naturally")
 9:00 p.m.: Time Out with Alex VanOveren (in the Brandt Center)
 10:00 pm: Wednesday Nite Live featuring the Matt Gilroy Collective

Thursday, April 3
 Last day to withdraw from a Quad 2 class with a "W"

Friday, April 4
 6:00 p.m.: SGA Guy's event

Tuesday, April 8
 11:00 a.m.: Housing information meeting
 Housing applications available upstairs in Student Development

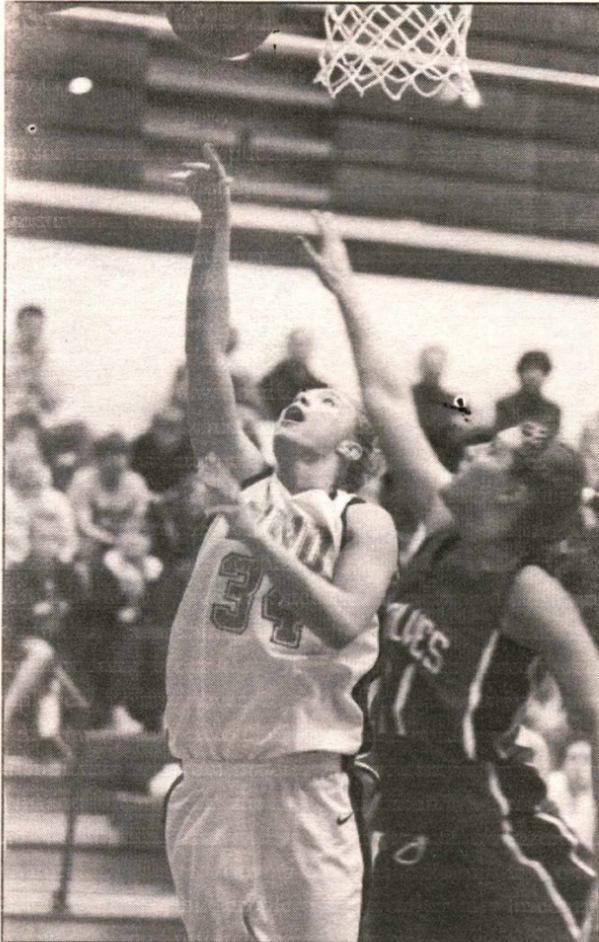
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Spring Break sports update



by DEREK DE ROOY

NNU women's basketball qualified for the NCAA Division II tournament before the break, seeded seventh and pitted against no. 2 Chico State University. The ladies barely lost, by a final score of 65-56, ending their season. Chico State suffered from long scoring droughts in both the first and the second halves, with NNU capitalizing on the opportunity to keep the game alive.

Jennifer Williams and Lindsay Brady led the Crusaders with 12 points apiece, and Nicole Schutte led the team with 9 rebounds.

NNU's Baseball team, meanwhile, took 3 of 4 from the #11 Cal State-Stanislaus Warriors and added another victory over Simpson University on the weekend of March 20-22. Behind the strong hitting of Zack Aakhus and Jimmy Van Beek, NNU scored a cumulative 27 runs in the five games.

Crusader starters Andy Pottenger, Chris Mahelona, and Alex Van Oeveren were credited with wins. Reliever Nate Slonaker was also given a W, with Ty Grant being given the sole loss of the weekend's games.

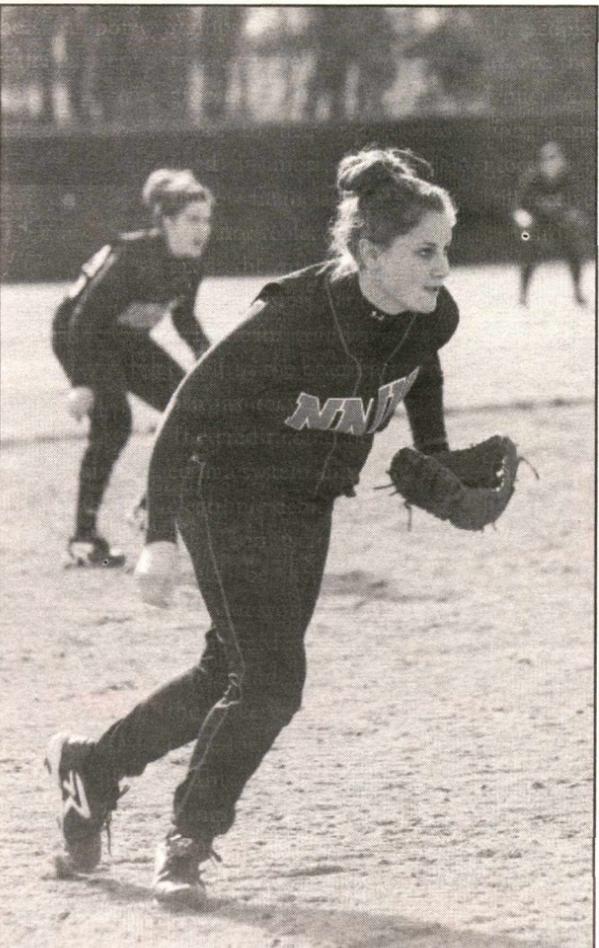
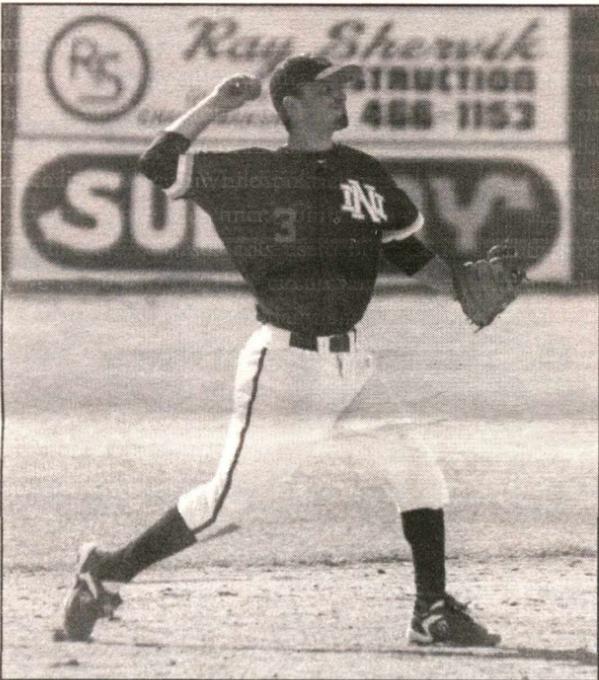
At the end of Spring Break, the Crusaders were 2-6 in GNAC play, and currently sit at 4-8, good enough for fourth place in the conference.

In softball, the girls finally broke out of their slump, toppling Seattle University on March 15 and the University of Great Falls on March 21. Rachel Bare was credited for the first win of the season, with a six-run rally in the fourth inning to seal the game.

To date, Haley Hevern leads in batting at .329, the only Crusader hitting over .300. She posts a team-high 7 doubles and team-high 9 RBI's through 28 games.

Bare is the only Crusader pitcher to post a win, currently holding her ERA below 6. Bare leads the team with 104.2 innings pitched, and a .351 BAA.

Crusader softball heads to Ellensburg, Wash. to face off against Central Washington University.



Top: Nikki Schutte, F; Middle: Severo Rodriguez, SS; Bottom: Shawna Juarez, 3B (photos by Jehn Hush).

Mariners open season with win Bedard fitting in just fine

by CHRIS DAVIS

As another baseball season begins, and fans begin dusting off their caps and foam fingers, one can only speculate about their team. "Another season, another dream," as the advertisement goes.

Mariners fans, however, will hopefully have little to speculate about, particularly if their manager, John McLaren, has anything to say about it.

In an interview with Sports Illustrated, McLaren went on record saying "Anything short of making the playoffs will be a major disappointment."

They may be well on their way.

Coming in second in the AL West and missing the playoffs by just a handful of games last season, the Mariners hope to better their record by raising the bar across the entire team. McLaren speculated that

star athlete and 34-year-old Ichiro Suzuki has 80 stolen bases in him this season, as compared to his 56 career high in 2001 and the 37 from last year. McLaren also speculated that begrudged first baseman Richie Sexson would belt 40 home runs out of the park - nearly double what he was able to hit last year - and take the AL Comeback Player of the Year Award.

McLaren's expectations might have been the trick to the Mariner's win over the Texas Rangers in their opener, but Mariner's fans won't be too critical after the win.

The fairly uneventful game, ending 5-2, was started by Michael Young in the top of the first with a 3-1 pitch belted over the right field wall.

No one would score for four more innings, until the game was broken open by the Mariners in the 6th and 7th innings.

In the sixth, Raul Ibanez

batted in Ichiro Suzuki with a small blooper to right field. Adrian Beltre would slap a fastball up the third base line, which Ranger Hank Blalock attempted to turn into a 5-4-3 double play. However, Beltre beat the throw out, giving Jose Lopez the go-ahead run.

In the seventh, the Mariners would score three runs off Texas reliever Kazuo Fukumori, a 31-year-old from Japan making his major-league debut. A walk, a single and two wild pitches accounted for one run, and finally, after an intentional walk to Ichiro, Lopez hit a hard shot just inside the line at third base that scored two more put the Mariners ahead 5-1. Ranger David Murphy's RBI in the bottom of the eight did nothing to change the outcome of the game.

The Mariners will conclude their three-game series against the Rangers tonight at 7:10.



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Golf back in full swing

by DEREK DE ROOY

Golf season opened up this week, with an NNU trio participating in the Grand Canyon Thunderbird Invitational, at Palm Valley Gold Club, in Goodyear, Ariz.

Senior Dale Raybould and sophomore Rowdy Hope ended the first day, tied after 36 holes, at 148. Hope shot more consistently, with a 75-73 split, and Raybould posted a 76-72 day.

Sophomore Aaron VanDehey rounds out the NNU participants. VanDehey shot an 81 in the morning, and bounced back with a 75 in the afternoon.

Central Oklahoma leads the competition, heading into the final 18 holes.

Final Four projection--UNC takes it all

by DEREK DE ROOY

All four No. 1 seeds made it to the Final Four this March for the first time. Great. The first year I actually picked some upsets in my bracket.

But who will win it all? I have no idea. I picked KU last year, and they lost to eventual Final Four contender UCLA. This year, they're pitted against UNC, who features AP National Player of the Year, Tyler Hansbrough. So I can't pick Kansas, can I?

Kansas does have a good roster and a rich history like all four of these teams. Brandon Rush will be in the NBA along with Mario Chalmers, and Russell

Robinson. Bill Self is a good coach, worthy of this Final Four berth.

But the Jayhawks are bringing in a winning streak of only 11 games--UNC has won 15 straight (UCLA has won 14 in a row, and Memphis 11). Kansas will have to beat UNC, whose coach, Roy Williams, spent



16 years coaching the Jayhawks. Ty Lawson, UNC's point guard, seemingly injured himself so that his teammates could develop, and then returned in time

to pick Louisville's defense apart. Did I mention that Tyler Hansbrough plays for the Tar Heels?

UCLA, in the other Saturday night game, will be taking on Memphis. This is UCLA's third straight Final Four. They found a big and heavy gem in freshman Kevin Love, and have All-American Second-Team member Darren Collison bringing the ball up the floor. It could be UCLA's last opportunity for a while, with Love, Collison, Russell Westbrook and Luc Richard Mbah a Moute all showing NBA talent.

Meanwhile, Memphis is making it's first trip to the Final Four since 1973. While everyone talked up point guard Derrick Rose

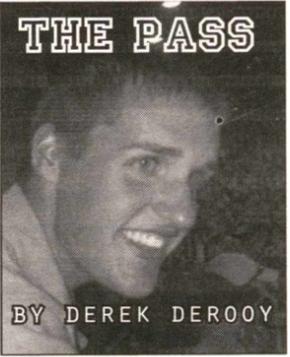
(projected as a top-two pick in the upcoming NBA draft), winger Chris Douglas-Roberts led the team in scoring and in the clutch. Joey Dorsey's no slouch, either, and could pose prob-

lem for Love in the post. But that '73 tournament? They finished as runner-up to...UCLA.

It's hard to say who will win a Final Four filled with four No. 1 seeds, but frankly, I don't see Kansas toppling Tyler Hansbrough. He's too good, and Coach Williams has too much experience and knowledge to lose.

Memphis, while sweeping through C-USA (big shock), doesn't have enough inside firepower to beat UCLA. Love will still have a heyday, with Collison and Rose duking it out for Point Guard of the Game honors.

Yes, I see UCLA and UNC battling for the championship, with two of the best white post players in recent memory as the focus? Who wins? Who knows? As for me, I'll take UNC (much as I hate them), 72-63.



Crusader hitters split 4-game series with MSU-Billings

by CHRIS DAVIS

Despite the cold weather last weekend a good number of students attended the men's baseball 4-game series against Montana State-Billings. However, the fourth GNAC series at home ended, with both teams taking two games from the series.

Says coach Onofrei of the series, "We're at home; we expect to do more than just split if we're going to be the team we think we can be. Now we have to take care of business on the road."

On Friday, the Crusaders lost the opener 15-9, despite a late-inning rally. The Crusaders would come back to win the next game, 6-5, with two innings of relief coming from pitcher Nate Slonaker. Aiding Slonaker were lead home run hitters Zach Aakhus, with two batted out, and Severo Rodriguez with one.

MSU-Billings won the first game on Saturday, as well. The Crusaders recorded 3 errors in the first game. Coach Onofrei noted that defensive miscues were responsible for the loss, and noted that pitcher Chris Mahelona pitched a strong game and gave up no earned runs, despite being credited with the loss.

The next game, however, more accurately demonstrated the ability of the team. Pitcher Alex VanOeveren took the win, allowing 2 runs in a complete game. The Crusaders scored a run in the each of the first two innings, with Ryan Phillips scoring on a botched pitch with two outs, and Cory Warburton batting in Ryan Bailey with a double.

The Crusaders then blew the 2-0 lead wide open in the sixth inning, adding 6 more runs, capped by a Jimmy Van Beek grand slam.



Crusader pitcher Ty Grant looyes a baserunner, as 1B Jimmy Van Beek awaits the throw (photo by Jenn Hush).



NBA Standings 3/11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Utah (4)	42	22	.656	-	W5	7-3
Denver	37	26	.587	4.5	L2	4-6
Portland	33	31	.516	9	L1	4-6
Seattle	16	47	.254	25.5	L4	2-8
Minnesota	14	48	.226	27	W2	3-7
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
LA Lakers (2)	44	19	.698	-	L1	8-2
Phoenix (6)	41	22	.651	3	W1	4-6
Golden State (8)	39	23	.629	4.5	W2	7-3
Sacramento	27	35	.444	16	W1	3-7
LA Clippers	21	41	.339	22.5	W1	2-8
Midwest	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
San Antonio (1)	44	19	.698	-	W1	8-2
Houston (3)	43	20	.683	1	W19	10-0
New Orleans (5)	42	20	.677	1.5	L1	5-5
Dallas (7)	41	23	.641	3.5	W2	6-4
Memphis	15	47	.242	28.5	L1	1-9

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Boston (1)	50	12	.806	-	W9	9-1
Toronto (5)	34	28	.548	16	W1	5-5
Philadelphia (7)	30	34	.469	21	L1	7-3
New Jersey	26	38	.406	25	L6	2-8
New York	18	46	.281	33	L7	2-8
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Detroit (2)	46	17	.730	-	W2	7-3
Cleveland (4)	37	27	.578	9.5	W2	7-3
Chicago	25	38	.397	21	L2	4-6
Indiana	24	39	.381	22	L3	3-7
Milwaukee	23	40	.365	23	L2	4-6
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Orlando (3)	41	24	.631	-	W1	7-3
Washington (6)	30	32	.484	9.5	L1	5-5
Atlanta (8)	26	37	.413	14	L1	3-7
Charlotte	24	39	.381	16	W5	5-5
Miami	11	51	.177	28.5	L5	2-8

'Pride & Prejudice' had audiences grinning

by RACHAEL FINCH

Last weekend, audiences roared with laughter as NNU's production of "Pride and Prejudice," directed by Hannah Beers, presented the humor, as well as the deeper themes, of Jane Austen's romantic tale.

"Pride and Prejudice" has become an icon of the battles of class, gender, and social conventions in British literature. So when a production based on Austen's novel hits the stage, cast and crew face a great challenge in bringing the masterpiece to life for a contemporary audience.

This production did a fabulous job at bringing the often neglected humor of the story to life. "Pride and Prejudice" is commonly pigeonholed as a romance by younger audiences, while the humor and social commentary are overlooked.

However, the humor of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett's relationship (played by Chris Spicer and Laurie

Burgemiester respectively) could not be missed in this production. Burgemiester's vivacious prattle, complemented by Spicer's unmistakable sarcasm, brought the couple's opposing nature to life.

Ryan Harter made a hilarious Mr. Bingley, grinning foolishly from ear to ear throughout the play, while Dax Wandling's flamboyant portrayal of Mr. Collins was nothing short of brilliant.

The role of Elizabeth Bennett is vital to the success of this play, and it could not have been better cast. Toni Bestul bantered with the strong-will and spirit that her iconic character requires.

Equally important as the role of Elizabeth, is the character of Mr. Darcy, played by Tommy Derbesy. Derbesy was the ideal embodiment of Austen's Darcy, from his stiff stature and his condescending tone, to his faithful and redeeming sincerity.

Despite the picture perfect casting of Bestul and



Mr. Darcy, played by Tommy Derbesy, embraces Elizabeth Bennett, played by Toni Bestul, in the final scene of the play (photo by Chris Vanderschaaf).

Derbesy, the pair seemed to lack one vital element; chemistry. While they were marvelous in their separate roles, the passion felt in the original story did not translate to the stage. This

was due, in large part, to script itself, rather than the actors. The script leaves out so much of the story, that Darcy and Elizabeth have very little interaction on stage, in comparison

to the novel. The development of their relationship is more complex than that of Jane (played by Rachel Allen) and Bingley. Therefore, when the story is condensed, the passion of their

relationship is lessened.

Overall, NNU's lively presentation of "Pride and Prejudice" made this classic story relevant and entertaining to a contemporary audience.

'Stop Loss' falls short

by AIMEE NILES

In the burgeoning genre of Iraq war films, "Stop-Loss" stands as the best attempt so far—yet it falls short of being remarkable. While far better than the 2006 flop "Home of the Brave," "Stop-Loss" is an unexceptional plot manned by mediocre acting.

Returning home following a tragic tour in Iraq, Staff Sgt. Brandon King (Ryan Phillippe) and Sgt. Steve Shriver (Channing Tatum) anticipate the end of their enlistment.

In their hometown they are met with parades and celebration for the returning heroes. As the alcohol flows, the psychological strain of war becomes evident in the troops. Tommy (Joseph Gordon-Levitt)—a private who's best friend was killed in an ambush—has an especially difficult time.

When King sits down to receive his discharge papers, he discovers that he has been stop-lossed on the order of the president. He is to be sent back to Iraq. King is angered by this and after approaching his commanding officer, he is thrown into the stockade.

He never makes it to the stockade. King runs and begins a journey to Washington D.C. to speak to a senator—AWOL. He is accompanied by Steve's fiancée, Michelle (Abbie Cornish).

On the way, King gets into a fight where he obviously thinks he's in Iraq, visits one of his fallen men's family and a wounded comrade. Throughout, he is encouraged by Shriver to go back to the base.

In the end, King is faced with the decision to leave America and lead the life of a fugitive; or to return to the Army and go back to Iraq.

Director Kimberly Peirce—"Boys Don't Cry"—delivers an emotional film that accurately and heart-wrenchingly depicts the struggles of returning Iraq veterans. However, the convoluted plot leaves the viewer confused and struggling to piece together the story instead of concentrating on the emotion of the situation.

Veteran actor Phillippe gives a lukewarm performance as the stop-lossed sergeant. Instead of portraying King as a justifiably angry soldier that was screwed by

the government, Phillippe makes King look like a coward running from war.

The real jewel in this film is Tatum. Proving he has more talent than just dancing, Tatum gives a moving and real performance as Sgt. Steve Shriver. Playing the soldier trying to do his duty, but conflicted by the actions of his best friend, the raw emotion Tatum brings to the role brings far more sympathy from the audience than is encouraged for the film's protagonist, King.

While this film is laced with course language—the "f-word" is used as every part of speech—it is understandable given the military culture "Stop-Loss" takes place in. The film is a disappointment to those who expected a moving story of the 81,000 soldiers forced to return to the unpopular war after their enlistment is up.

The initial passion and emotion evoked by the characters make "Stop-Loss" an interesting view on first take. However, going deeper, "Stop-Loss" doesn't have the clout to make a lasting impression.

Senior exhibitions begin this week

Ceramic artist Laura Bodenstab will host opening reception tonight

by ANDREA HALL

The ceramics building's kilns have been firing non-stop this week, tended anxiously by Laura Bodenstab. The senior art major is preparing for a very important part of her education, and she is not alone. Every spring, the seniors of NNU's art department begin preparations for graduation and the culminating event of their college career, the senior show.

Bodenstab's show, titled "Naturally," opened Monday in the south room of the Brandt Center's Friesen Galleries. The exhibition consists of a combination of ceramic sculptures and photographs by Bodenstab.

In the last year, Bodenstab's body of work has become more focused, and her title of "Naturally" seems to say it all. Reflecting the show's title, all of Bodenstab's pieces are influenced and inspired by

nature, especially trees of all shapes and sizes.

"I have a fascination with trees because of the similarities that each tree has to one another, but this does not deduct the dramatic differences that each natural object has," said Bodenstab of her show's theme. The three-dimensional work in the gallery is large and intricately textured, bringing to mind the mass and texture of tree trunks, sturdy and yet graceful.

"Using clay as a medium continuously develops my sense of touch," said Bodenstab. Combining the texture pounded into the clay with artful stains and glazes, Bodenstab works to emphasize the importance of natural textures in our lives.

The photographs hanging on the wall continue Bodenstab's natural and textural theme. Using alternative processes to treat her negatives and paper,

the artist conveys images of stately and sometimes ghostly branches, knots and twigs. Though photography is a flat medium, Bodenstab's textures still take the main stage.

Bodenstab's show is the first of this year's senior exhibitions. Two more individual shows will be featured in the gallery, followed by a group show featuring work from all the graphic design majors' portfolios.

Bodenstab will be hosting an artist's reception tonight, before Time Out, from 6-9 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be provided, and the artist will be answering any questions that people have about her work. The show will be up in the Friesen Galleries until Friday afternoon. Coming up next week: Kylee Pearson's exhibition exploring the concept of "home."

'Community'

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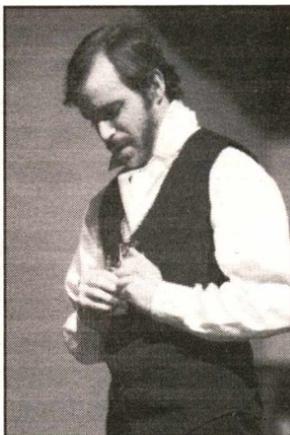
come to such events because they cannot afford it, and I wanted to find an affordable way to allow people to come to a show," said Beers in regards to community night.

Following the performance the community had a chance to meet and greet the performers while remaining in character. There were complimentary snacks offered to the audience and cast afterwards.

Beers would like to see more community nights for performances at NNU in

the future and commented that, "there is an un-tapped potential of community involvement associated with NNU, all the students need to do is get involved more."

The performance ran four nights toward the end of last week and throughout the weekend with a great turnout on every night. Community night was a huge hit and people are hoping it becomes an event they can enjoy in future NNU productions to come.



Mr. Collins, played by Dax Wandling (photo by Chris Vanderschaaf).



Seniors Joe Heinz and Adam McFarlane overlook the John Day valley on the 'Coercive Conduct' film shoot, directed by Jeremy Wiese (photo by Chris Vanderschaaf).

Senior films show off talent in Mass Comm department

by IAN BAUDER

A scared young man sits alone in a grimy cell. His only companion is a small timer sitting on the table in front of him. He turns, and sees a menacing figure enter the room. The figure issues a challenge "sign a confession for the murder of a young girl, or die." This is "Ticker," one of the senior projects currently being worked on in the Mass Communications department.

The senior Mass Comm students are given the opportunity to stretch their skills, imaginations and resources in order to make their senior projects. The projects range from dramas like "Ticker" to a documentary about New York City to a drunk driving public service announcement. Each student has to pay for the production of the project, which when it is finished, is submitted to Professor Arnie Ytreeide for grading.

Alex Hackett, whose

senior project is a dramatic re-telling of the Pandora's Box myth, said that the senior project is a chance for the seniors to implement all the skills that they have learned over the past four years. Writing, directing, editing and even legal procedures have come into play with Hackett's project.

Eric Knappe is making a documentary for his senior project. Filmed on a spring break mission trip to New York City, Knappe is trying to "tell the story of New York, with out focusing on the trip."

One of the more ambitious projects is Adam MacFarlane's "Ticker." "I've had the idea for about three years," said MacFarlane. "This is a perfect opportunity to do this." MacFarlane built a set in the studio that inhabits the basement of the Wiley Learning Center. The film took a day and a half to film and is now in the editing process.

The students are all excited

to do more with their films then just get a grade. Hackett said that he got excited at this year's Sundance Film Festival when he screened several short films that were, as he said, terrible. "My long shot goal," said Hackett, "if it turns out well, is to turn it into Sundance or some other festival."

For anyone on campus hoping to see the films, Ytreeide has promised the students that if he received three good films, then he would set up a screening on campus for the rest of the student body. That would happen sometime in late April.

To see more information about the senior projects currently underway visit, "Coercive Conduct": www.coerciveconduct.blogspot.com "Ticker": www.tickerthemovie.blogspot.com "New York" (working title): www.esknape.blogspot.com

Featured Musician: Yael Naim

by RACHAEL FINCH

Upcoming artist Yael Naim's single "New Soul" reached the ears of the American public through the premier Mac Air Book commercial. Though the single sounds cheerful and light hearted, Naim's repertoire is far more diverse than bubble-gum pop.

Naim, who is a singer, songwriter, and pianist, collaborated with musician and percussionist David Donatien to create her self-titled sophomore album. The album was released in France in October and in the U.S. in March. It is a mix of folk, pop, and classical sounds, with tones ranging from hopeful to melancholy. It even includes a surprising cover of Britney Spears' "Toxic"; making an otherwise mediocre song, a hypnotizing melody.

Naim, who was born in Paris, was raised in a small town near Tel Aviv, Israeli.

Thus she brings a variety of languages and sounds to the album, singing about half of the album in Hebrew, half in English, and even a few lines of French in the opening track "Paris". The mix of Hebrew and English lyrics is smooth, and creates a beautiful vocal variety, as the sounds of the two languages are so different.

Naim's early inspirations included Mozart, The Beatles, Aretha Franklin, and Joni Mitchell, according to yaelweb.com. Naim attended a music conservatory and later performed with a group called "The Anti Collision".

It wasn't until 2000 that Naim was picked up by producers at a charity concert in Paris. She was signed by EMI and, shortly thereafter, was asked to play Miriam in "The Ten Commandments", and do the original soundtrack for "Harrison's Flowers".

"In A Man's Womb",

Naim's debut release, came out in 2001. But Naim hailed it a failure, and began loosing confidence in herself, according to yaelweb.com.

In 2004, after a slew of odd jobs and new projects, Naim met Donatien. Donatien, who has an equally, if not greater, eclectic musical background, encouraged Naim to sing in Hebrew and helped arrange her songs, according to yaelweb.com. Also joining them on the album is Xavier Tribolet (drums), Laurent David (bass), Voed Nir (cello), and Julien Felten (electric guitar). The album was mixed by S.Husky Huskolds (Tom Waits and Fiona Apple).

Naim and Donatien have created a gorgeous collaboration of sounds. They stand out as a truly original group, in an industry largely dominated by trends and cookie cutter products.

Yael Naim takes early inspiration and combines it with her own modern style, creating a modern pop/folk genre, making for a very original and captivating sound. (photo courtesy of wikicommons.org).

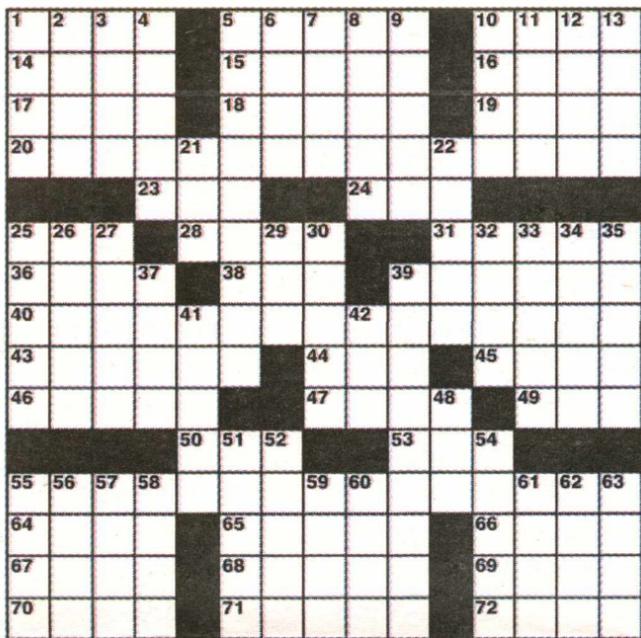


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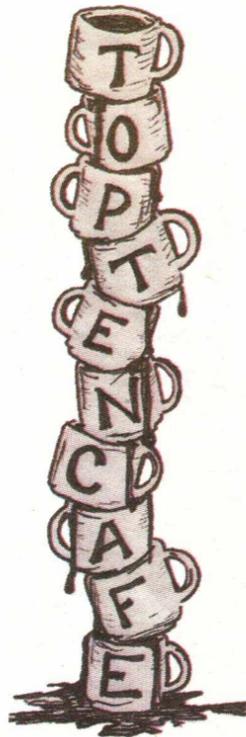
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April 3	Idaho Center	PBR - Professional Bull Riders
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April 10	Morrison Center	3 Doors Down

Newsday Crossword THROUGH THE RANKS by Shirley Soloway
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- ACROSS**
- 1 British fellow
 - 5 Taco-chip dip
 - 10 Halt
 - 14 High-rated
 - 15 Woodwind instruments
 - 16 Dad
 - 17 Sound-cutting TV remote button
 - 18 Parade attraction
 - 19 Beasts of burden
 - 20 Neighborhood doctor's office
 - 23 Recede
 - 24 Spanish Mrs. Abbr.
 - 25 Big T-shirt size: Abbr.
 - 28 Home for chickens
 - 31 Impetuous
 - 36 Quaint hotels
 - 38 Employees' photo cards: Abbr.
 - 39 Buy dresses for
 - 40 Red Sox or Dodgers
 - 43 Odors
 - 44 Construction site
 - 45 Confident
 - 46 More shrewd
 - 47 Burrowing mammal
 - 49 Pigsty
 - 50 Santa's helper
 - 53 Donkey
 - 55 Unit of the UN
 - 64 Opera solo
 - 65 Gives a darn
 - 66 Neighborhood
 - 67 Major misdoings
- DOWN**
- 1 Sleep in a tent
 - 2 Part of a day
 - 3 Prefix meaning "against"
 - 4 Annoy
 - 5 Cooks eggs, in a way
 - 6 Competent
 - 7 Shape of a noose
 - 8 Burns the surface of
 - 9 "When You Wish Upon ___"
 - 10 Catch sight of
 - 11 Cab
 - 12 Oil cartel
 - 13 Glass sheet
 - 21 Alphabet starter
 - 22 Strong rope
 - 25 Succotash beans
 - 26 Twist out of shape
 - 27 Take pleasure in
 - 29 Type of poem
 - 30 Biblical song
 - 32 Goes bad
 - 33 Devoured
 - 34 Piece of the action
 - 35 Macho guys
 - 37 ___ of the time (now and then)
 - 39 Pirate knives
 - 41 Less often found
 - 42 Sticky stuff
 - 48 Language suffix
 - 51 Tied, as shoes
 - 52 Bit of fire
 - 54 Pulverize
 - 55 Deep cut
 - 56 A Great Lake
 - 57 Ship of 1492
 - 58 Toward the dawn
 - 59 Curved lines
 - 60 Try to find
 - 61 Edge of a hat
 - 62 Late-night TV host
 - 63 Talks too much



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Top 10 reasons NOT to skinny dip
 By Lacey Smith

10. What if you didn't shave your legs...females... or males?
9. Your lake might be infested with pirhanas.
8. You may have to chunky dunk.
7. Sand in nasty orifices.
6. If your old your skin might get caught in seaweed.
5. You're more likely to get sunburned.
4. Where would you put your wallet? Or your snorkel gear?
3. What if you die and someone finds you naked?
2. You don't want to be the first person at NNU to have a fish removed from your _____. (fill in the blank)
1. Because if you do it you might start a trend... and who don't you want to see skinny dipping?



On this day...

1792 - The U.S. Congress authorized the first U.S. mint. Which mint was first? The one in Philadelphia, PA.

1872 - G.B. Brayton of Boston, MA received a patent for the gas-powered street car.

1889 - Charles Hall patented aluminum on this day.

1896 - Madison Square Garden in New York City hosted the season premiere of the Barnum and Bailey Circus. The circus featured a Duryea horseless carriage.

1902 - The first motion picture theatre opened in Los Angeles. The Electric Theatre charged a dime to see an hour's entertainment, including the films, "The Capture of the Biddle Brothers" and "New York in a Blizzard". Now that's entertainment!

1942 - Glenn Miller and his orchestra recorded "American Patrol" for Victor Records. The jitterbug tune became one of Miller's most requested hits.

1947 - "The Big Story" was first heard on NBC radio. It stayed on the air for eight years.

1954 - Carl 'Bobo' Olson defeated Kid Gavilan to retain the world middleweight boxing title. Go Bobo!

1956 - Two very successful daytime dramas premiered. "The Edge of Night" and "As the World Turns" were seen for the first time on CBS-TV.

The Deal:
 KP Cheats!

Here's the deal: recently I have discovered the addicting world of online scrabble, specifically the facebook version. Now, the game is not timed and you can play with any of your friends you want...up to three at a time. I have discovered that some of the best people on campus are not students... although a few are very good. No, the best players on campus just so happen to be Resident Life staff, namely Danna Hammer and Karen Pearson.

So, every other hour I log in to play my turn of Scrabulous and recently have had a very difficult time finding words mostly because I always get a rack full of vowels...lame right? So, I thought that since the mighty scrabble gods had dealt me this unjust hand in life that I would make the best of it and use whatever resources were available to me.

Little did I know at the time but there is a whole underground world of scrabble cheaters just

waiting to be Googled. So, every time I needed a word, I would go online, type in my letters, and like magic my impressive word would materialize out of nowhere. I was pretty content with this arrangement but then people began to catch on.

There were questions that I could not answer like, "What exactly does mola mean?" Unable to answer these questions I quickly evaded the situation.

I would also like to insert at this point that I love Karen Pearson with all of my heart and think that she is a great person. However, she is a rat! If you want to keep something private... like cheating on scrabble... don't tell her.

I'm just sitting there playing my game, minding

my own business and here comes Karen Person, shouting on the rooftops that I was looking up words! She stirs the whole Crusader office up and then just runs away to her little office and proceeds to beat me in Scrabble, which I am certain she cheats at too. There's no way she can't... Come on Karen...seriously. Even know you've been up playing at midnight I still don't think you are THAT good. So, let me take this opportunity to say KAREN PEARSON IS A CHEATER TOO...I'm almost certain.

I would also like to throw out that I'm watching you Danna Hammer...I've had my suspicions about you for a while now...



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