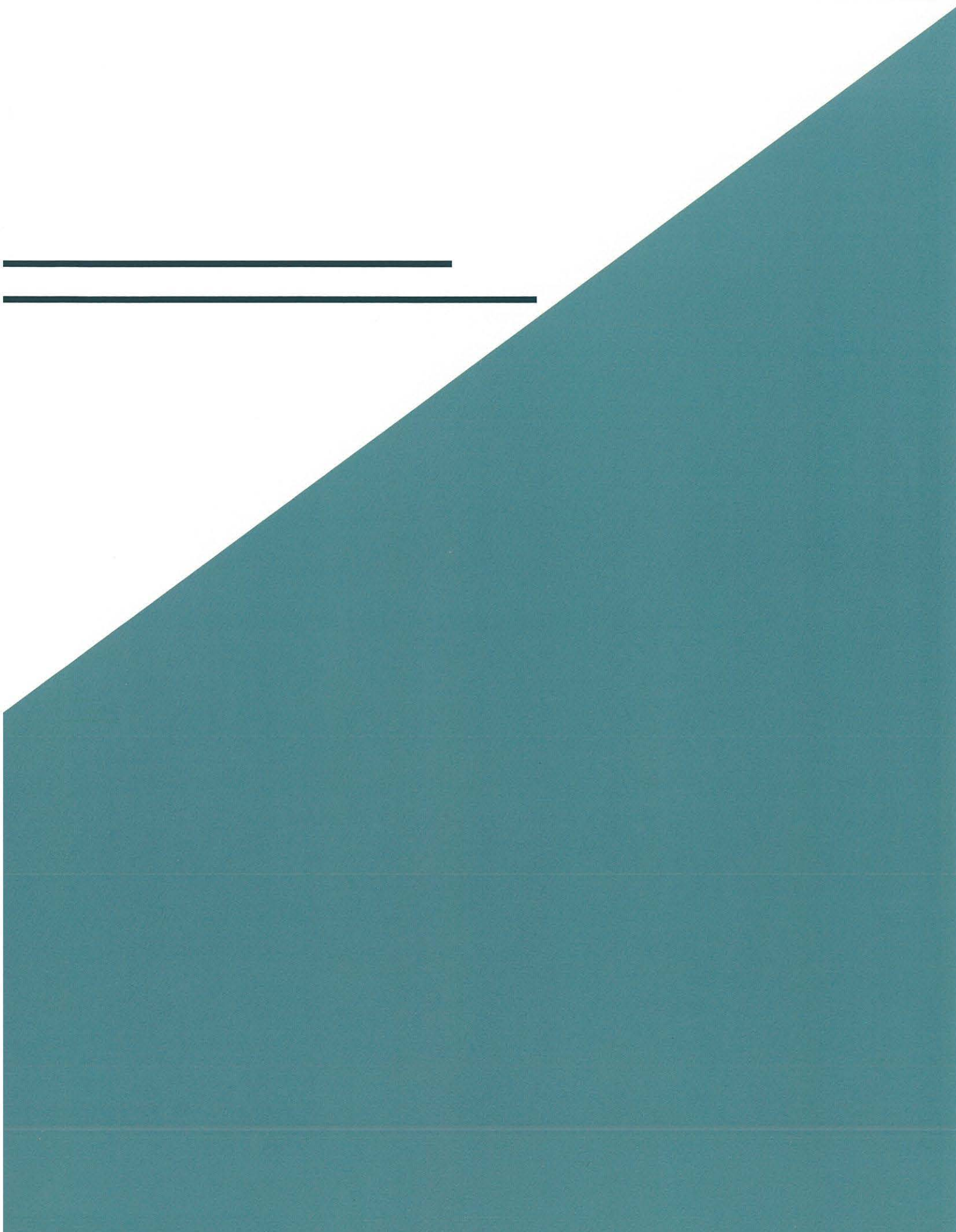


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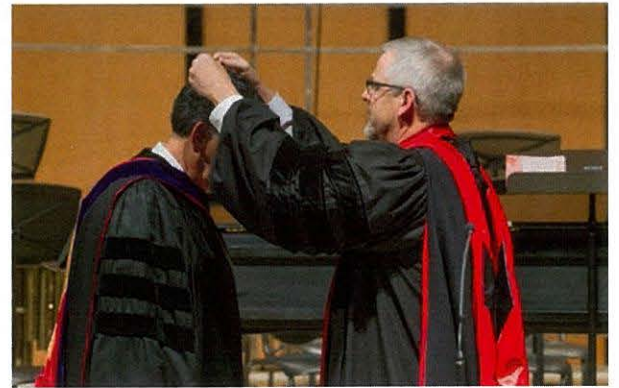
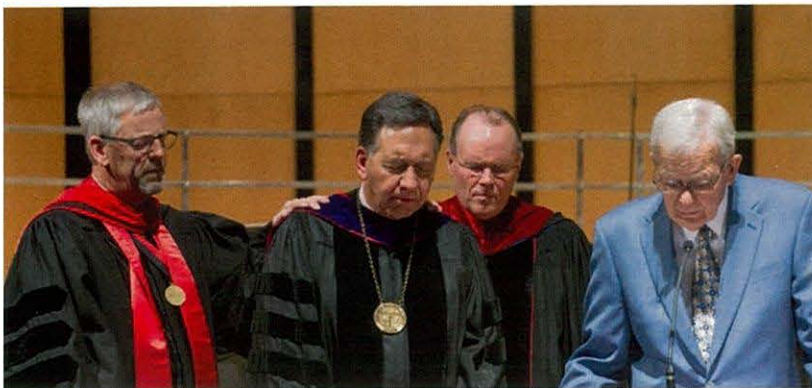
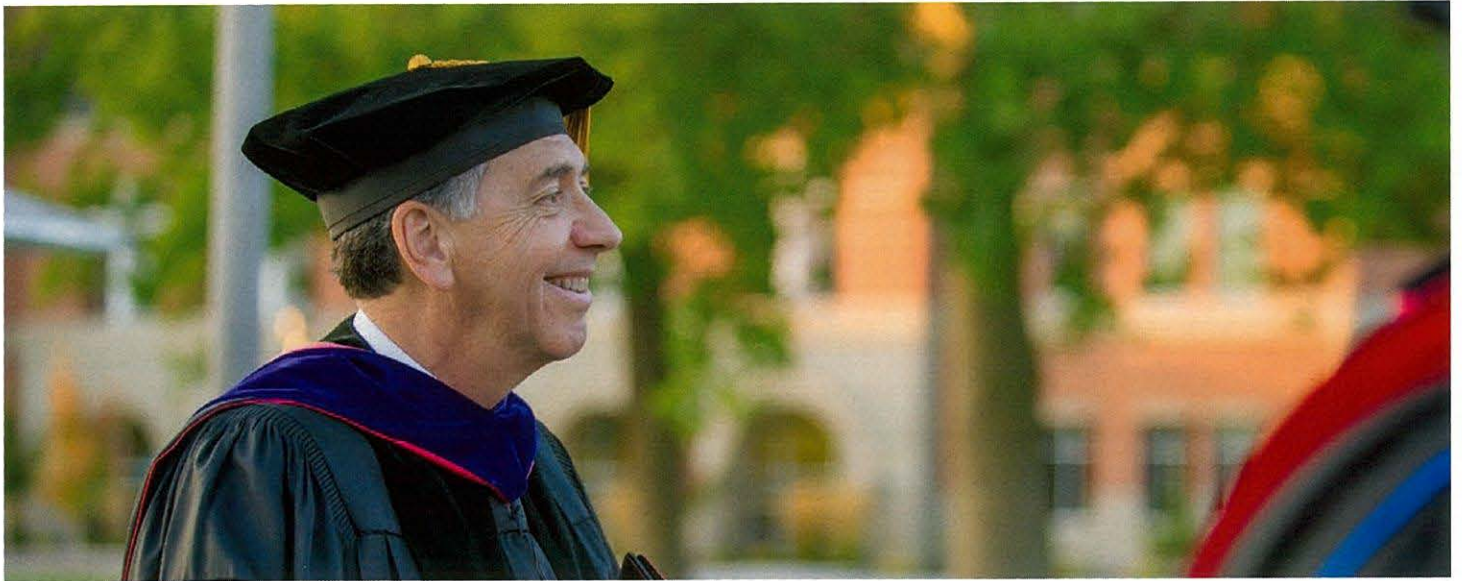
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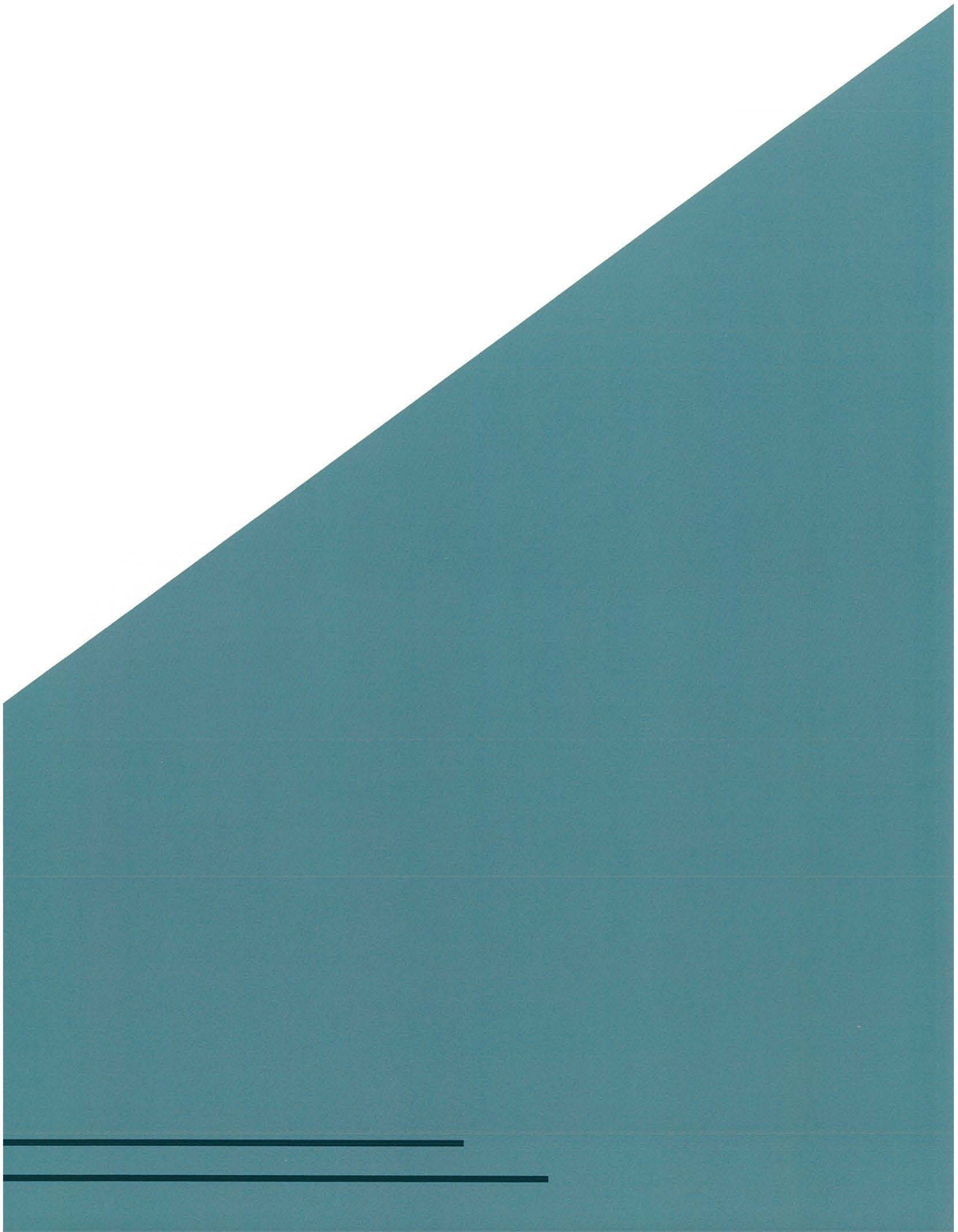


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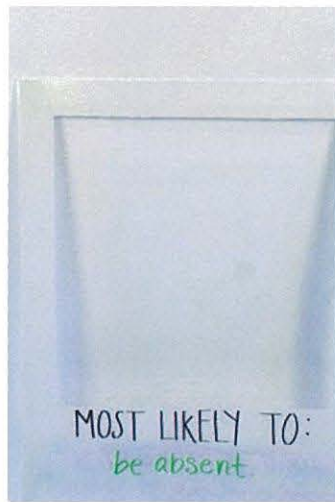
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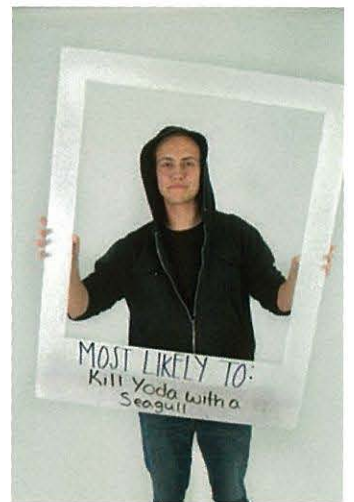
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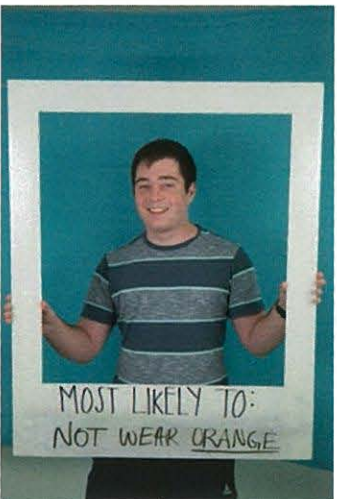
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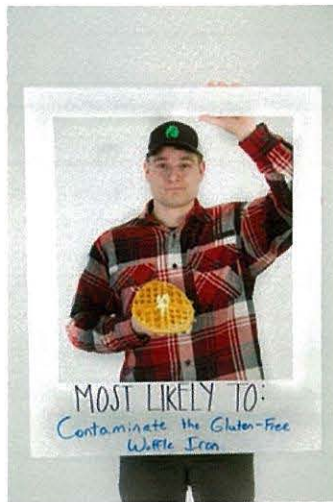
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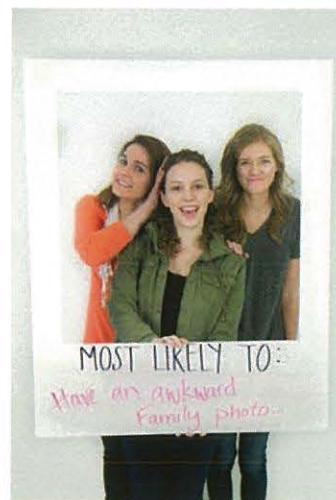
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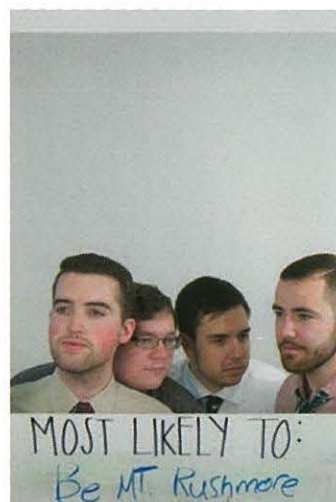
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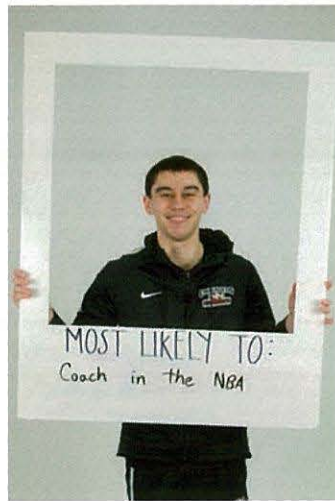
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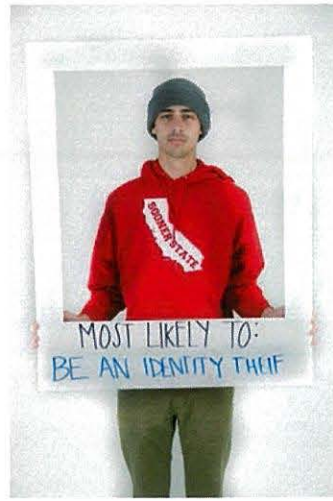
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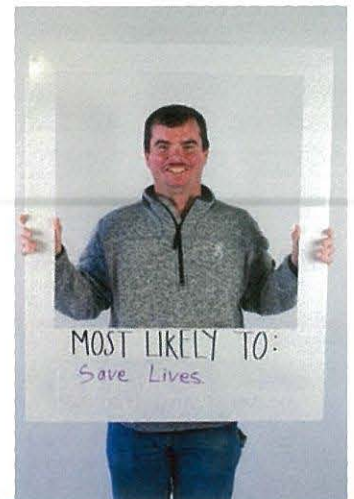
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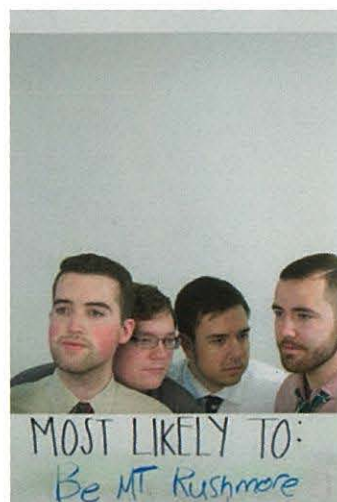
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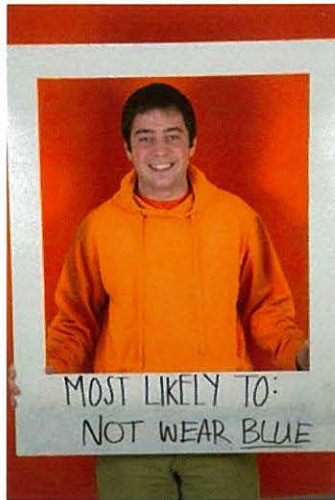
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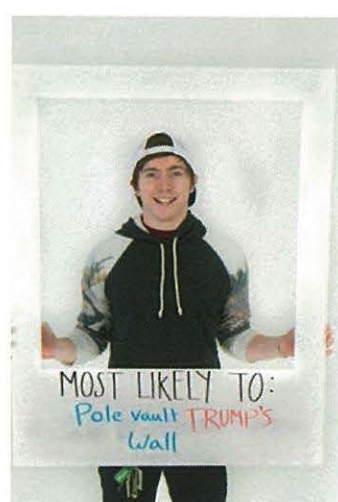
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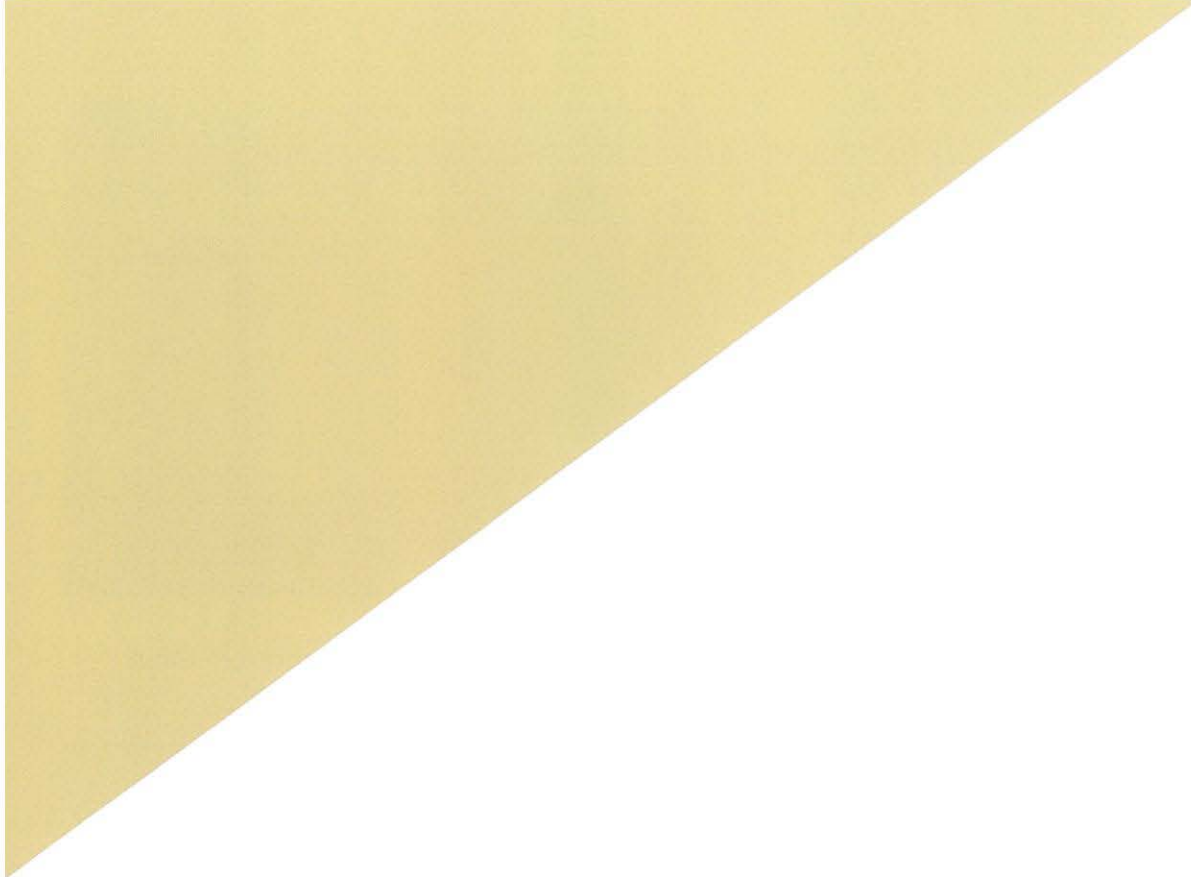


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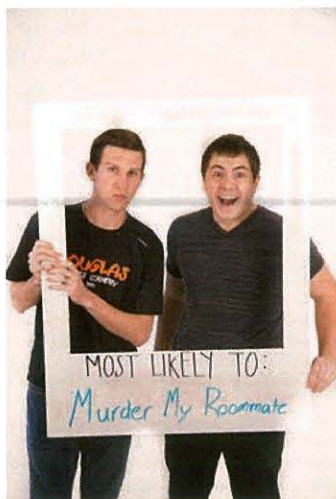
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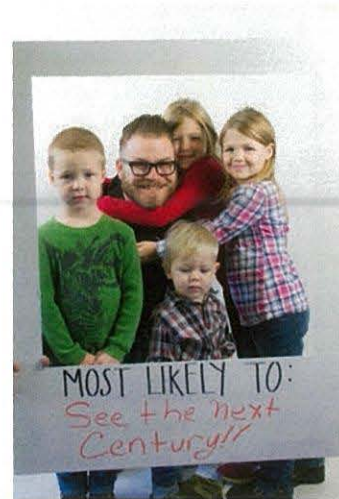
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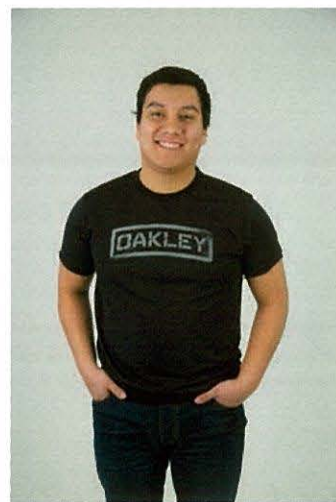
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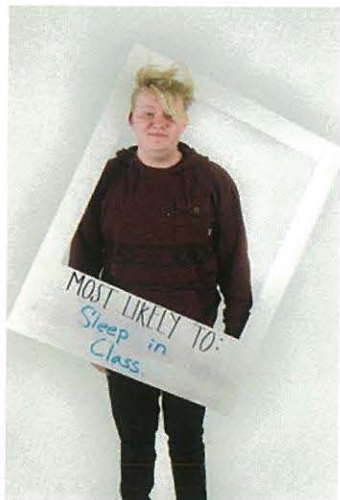
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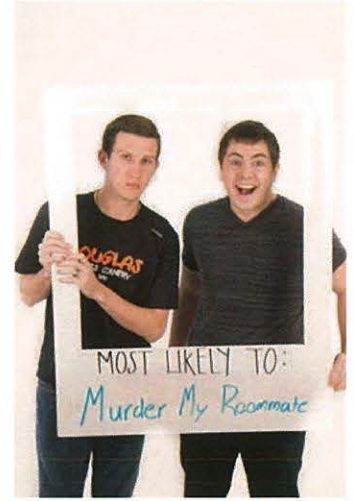
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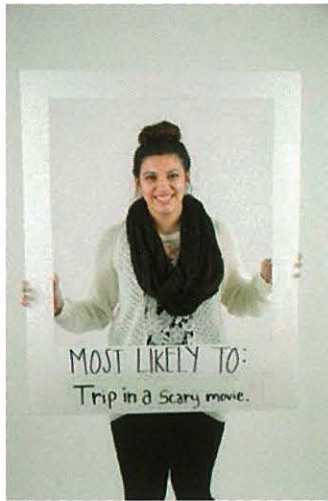
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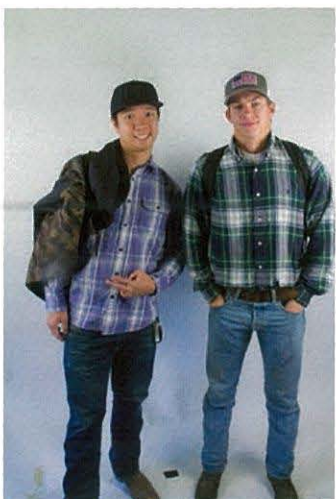
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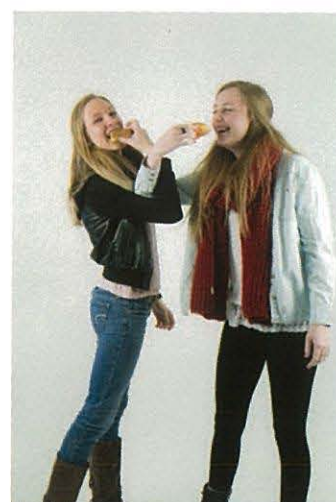
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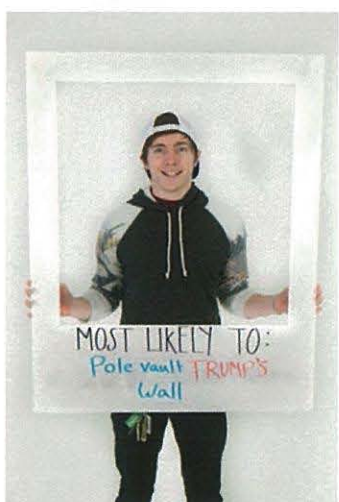
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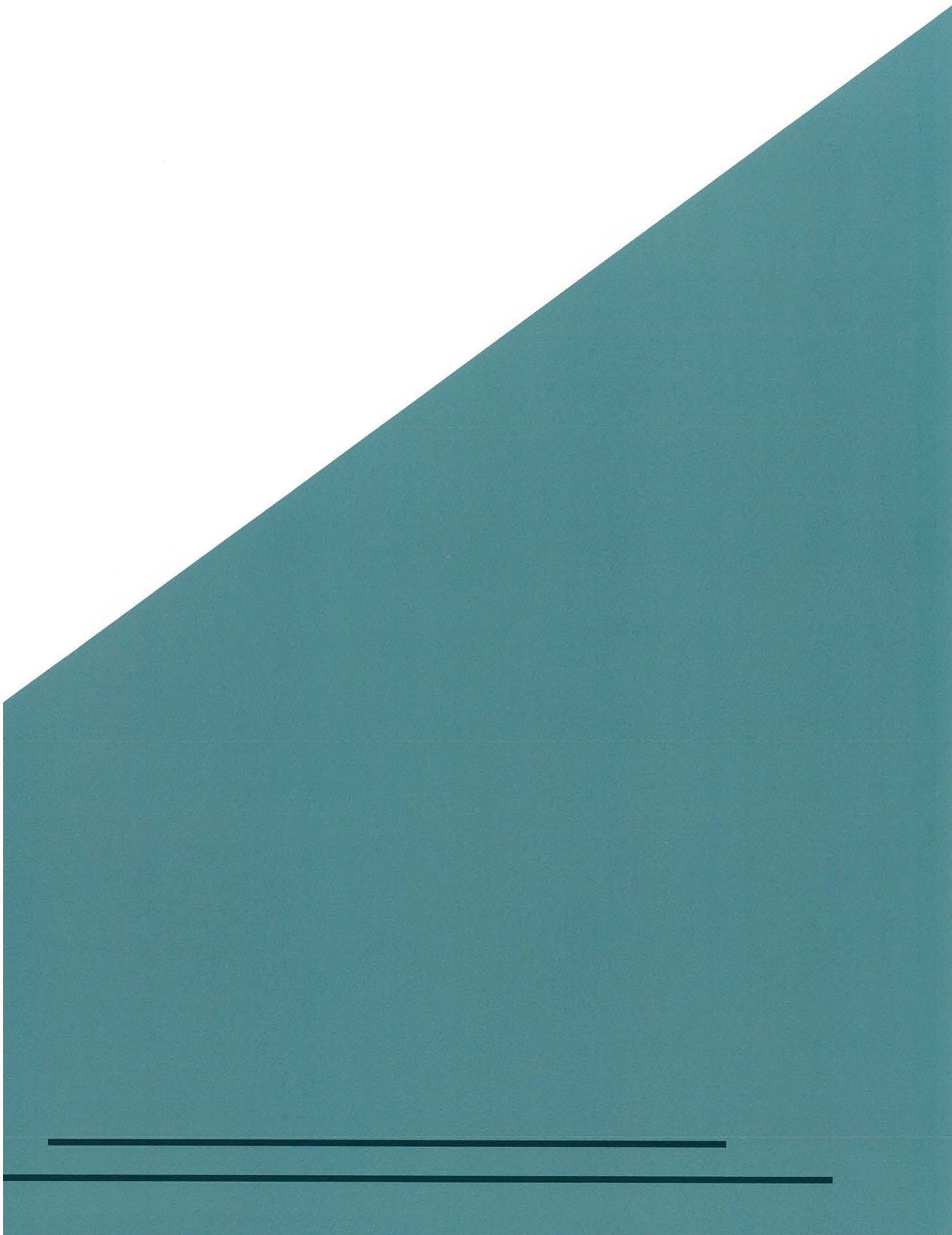


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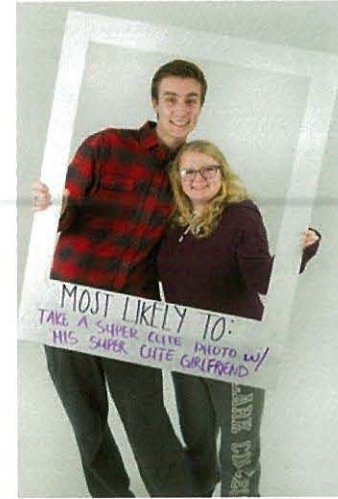
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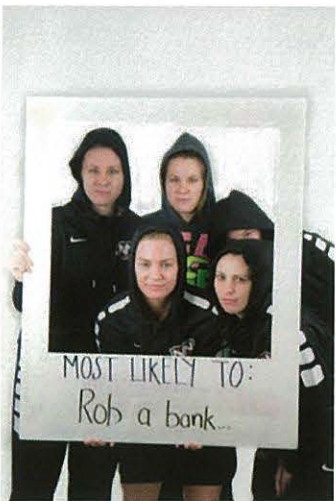
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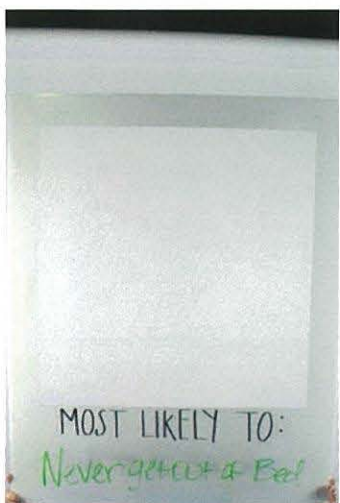
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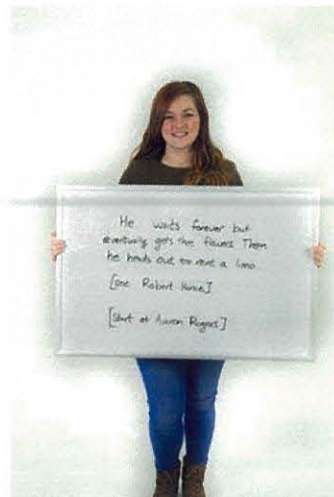
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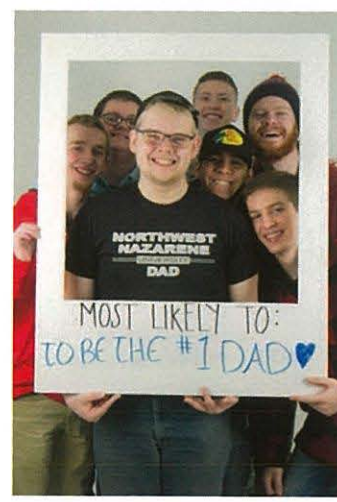
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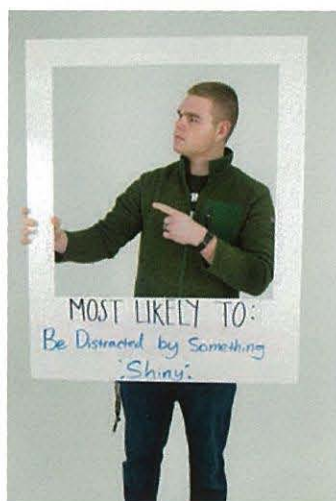
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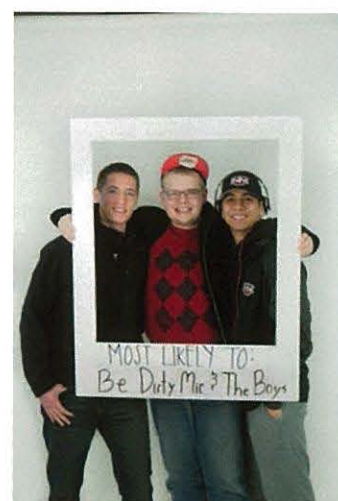
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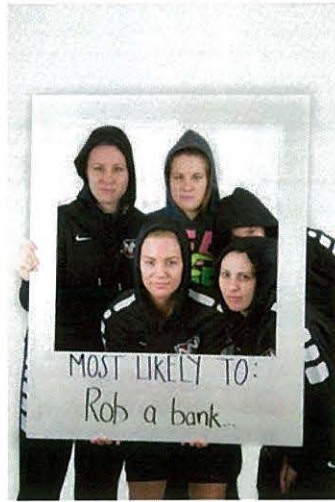
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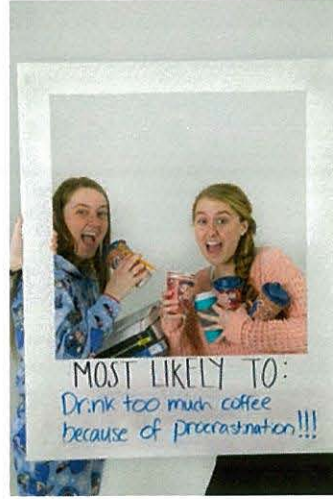
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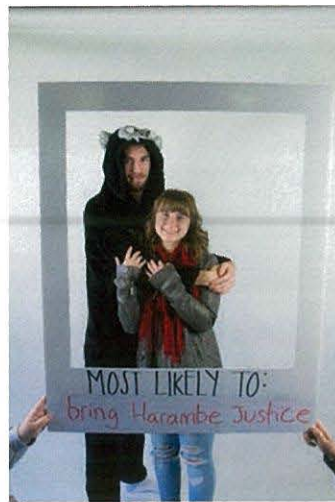
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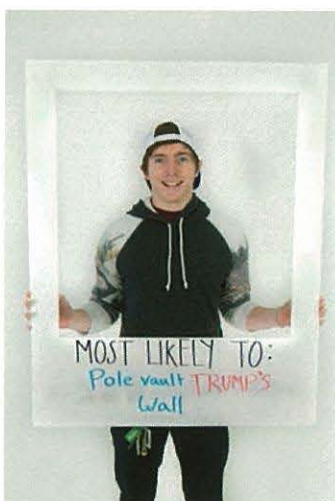
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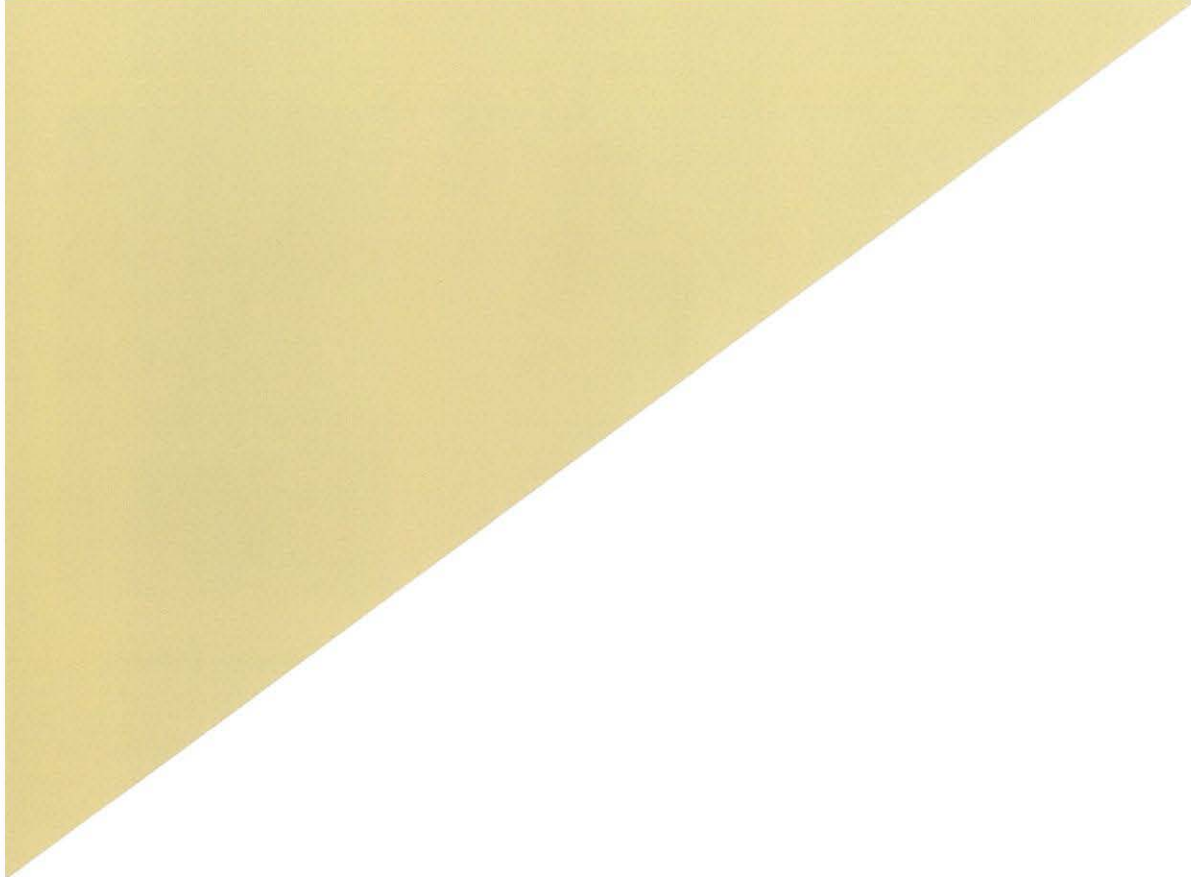
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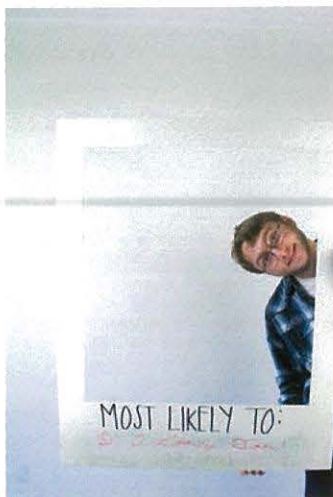
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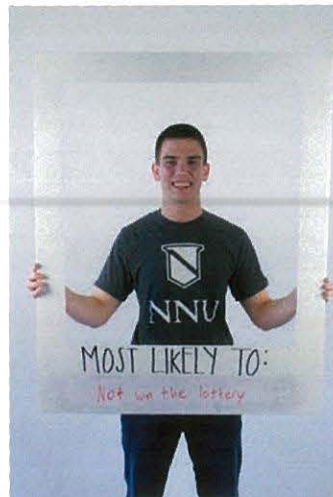
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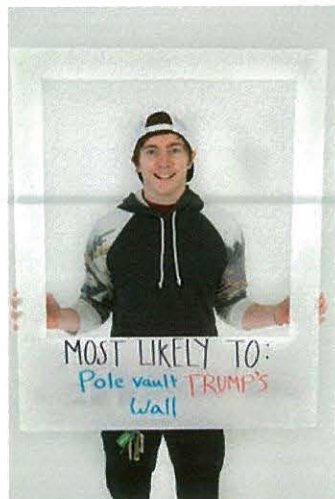
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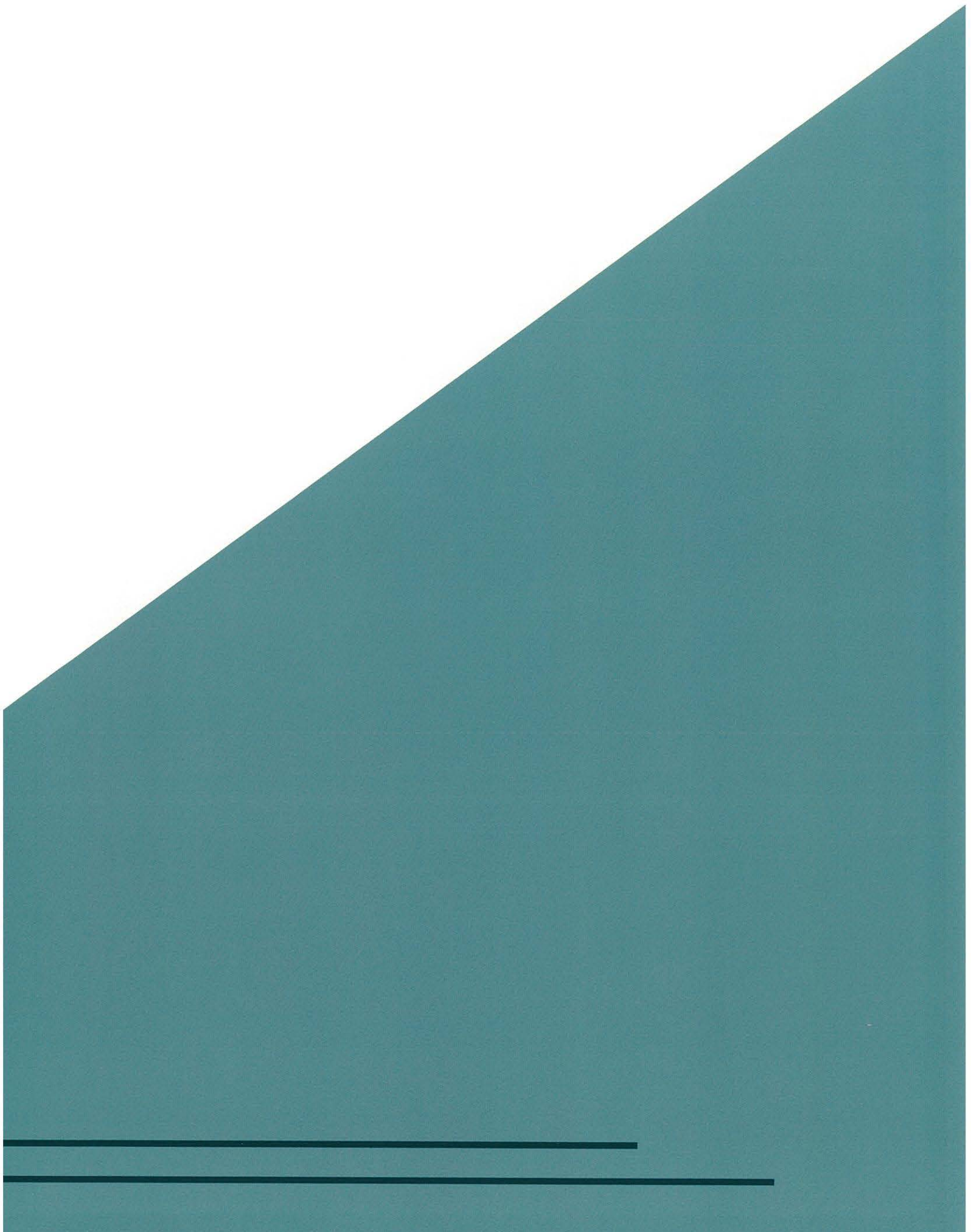
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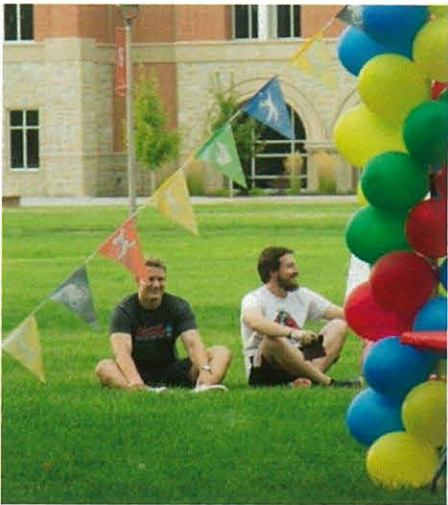
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The 2016-2017 school year was led by an amazing team of students who worked hard to make this school year memorable. Ross Martinson (President), Nathan Emerson (Executive VP), Erin Kollars (Social VP), Sheldon Field (Secretary), Katie Largent (Business Manager), Liberty Fleming (Campus Ministries), Erick Birnel (Community Relations), Korte Zickefoose (Publicity Director), Rachel Bauman (Oasis Editor), Nate Lundberg (Athletic Liaison), Trevor Johnson (Intramural Director), Alexandra Zickefoose (Student Organization Coordinator)





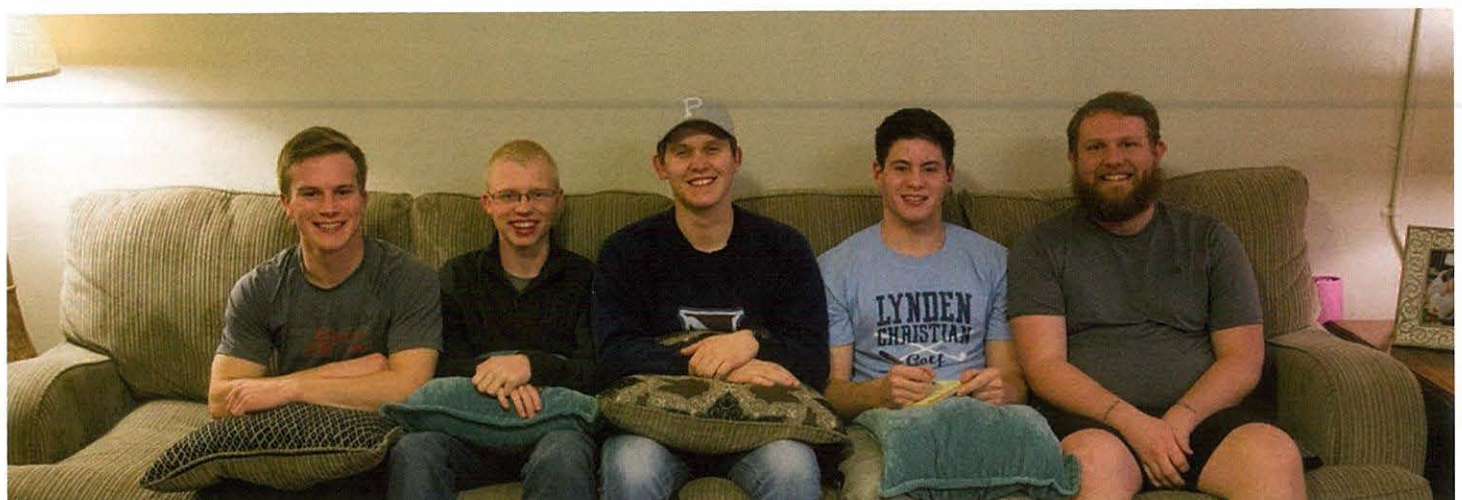
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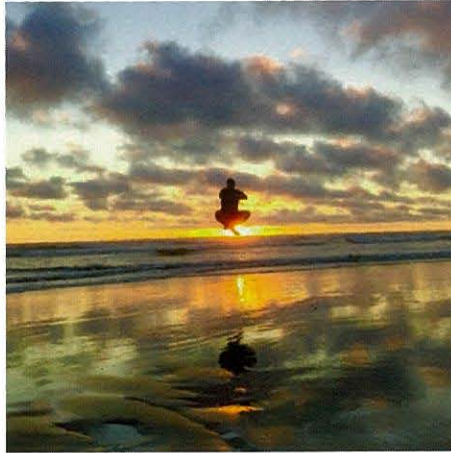


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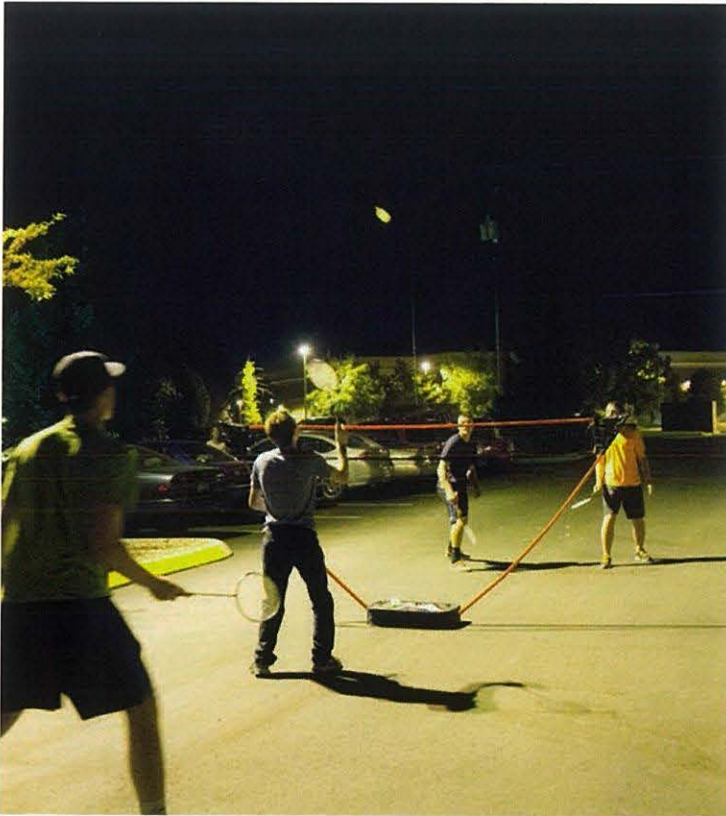


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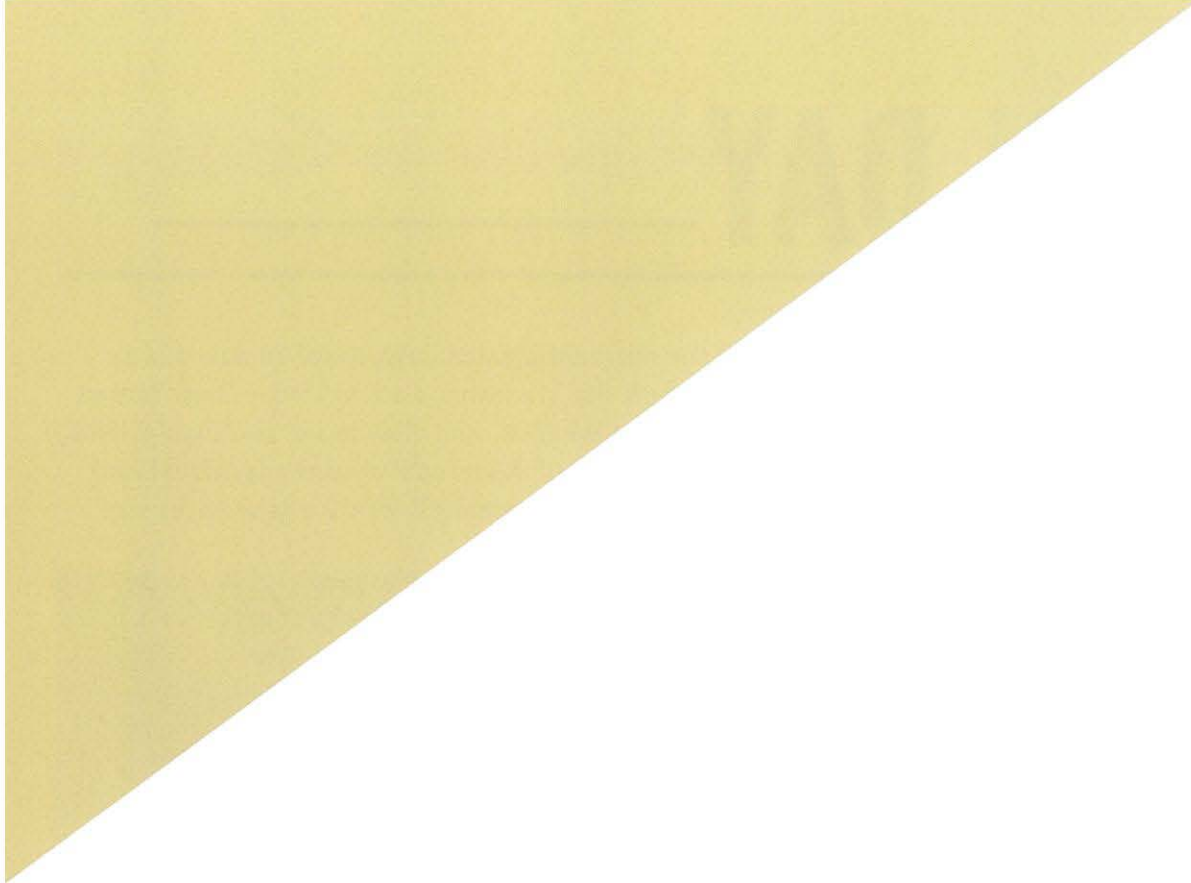


This year the Brickhouse staff was made up of 3 seniors who lived in and planned all the events that took place at the Brickhouse. The year kicked off with Week One where hundreds of students played games, drank the famous Brick drink and socialized. The Brickhouse held other themed events such as a Lua and Halloween party.





STUDENT LIFE



MOVE IN DAY



One of the most anticipated days, move-in day, was an absolute blast! Per Tradition, student leaders from across campus helped the freshman class move into their dorms, Ford and Culver hall. Hundreds of students moved into their new homes and prepared for their new adventure.



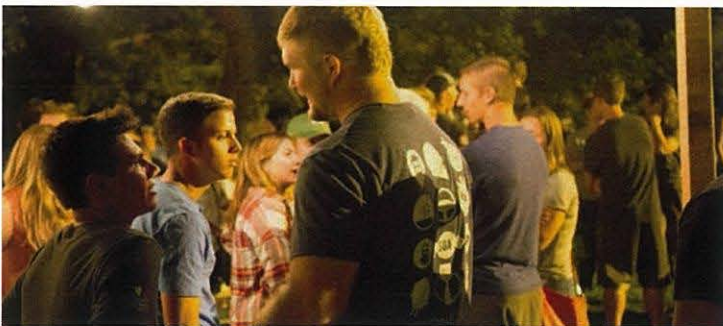
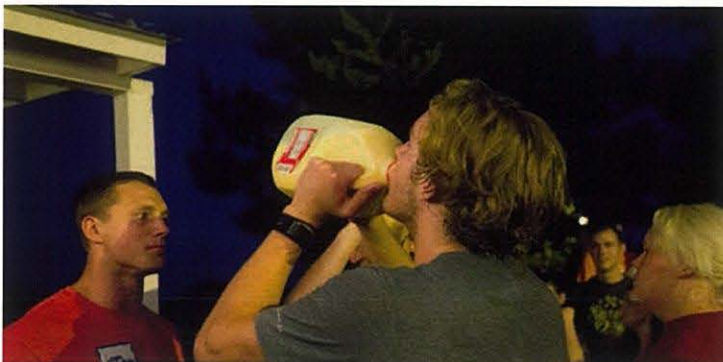


BRICK HOUSE PARTY



This was the first ever Brick House Party. The Brickhouse staff kicked off the new school year with free Bricks and Italian Sodas, music, campfires and the famous milk chugging contest. Hundreds of students participated in the night of activities.



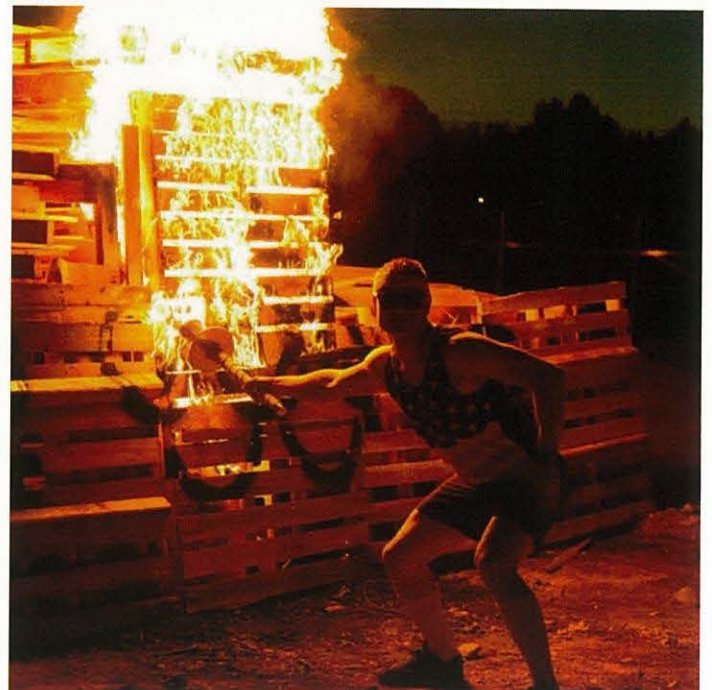
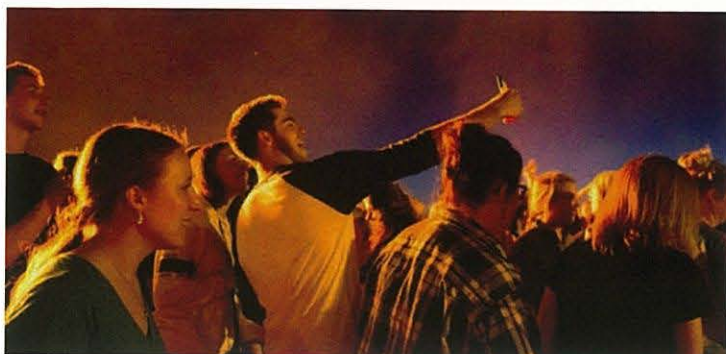
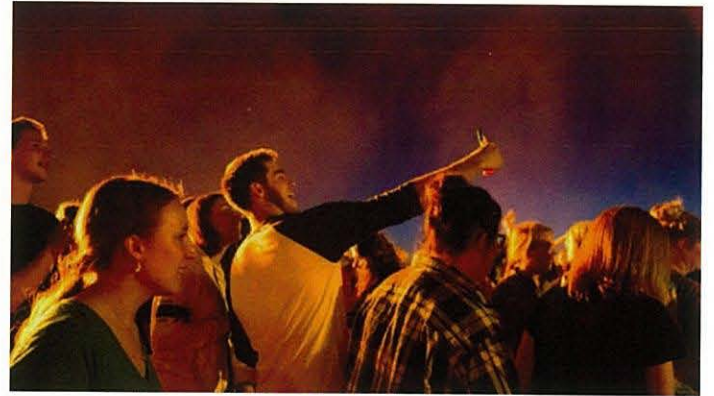


BONFIRE



According to tradition, NNU SGA put on the beginning-of-the-year bonfire. This night is always a great night for old friends to see each other again and to meet the incoming freshman.





ROOTBEER FEST



On the night before the first day of classes, students gathered on the Brandt Lawn for the annual Rootbeer Fest. Complete with a buffet of candy, rootbeer floats, games and a movie.



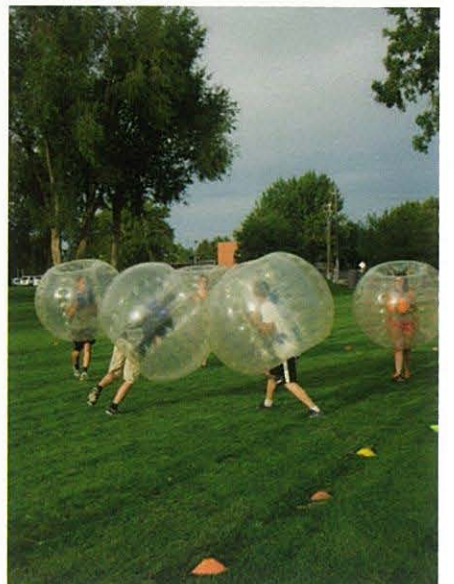


FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS



After completing the first week of classes, students get to unwind a bit by playing some games at Friday Night Lights. There were three activities to choose from on the Corlett Lawn: volleyball, bubble soccer and human foosball. There isn't anything better than a little friendly competition between classmates.



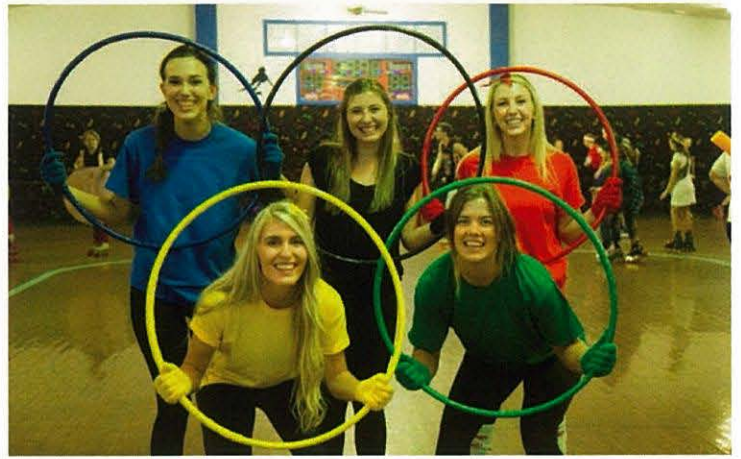


ROLLERSCAMMING



Rollerscamming at the Nampa Rollerdrome lets students show off their creative side. Taking inspiration from the theme of Week One. All the student skate around in their costumes that this year were associated with The Olympics. Winners went to various different groups for different catagories.

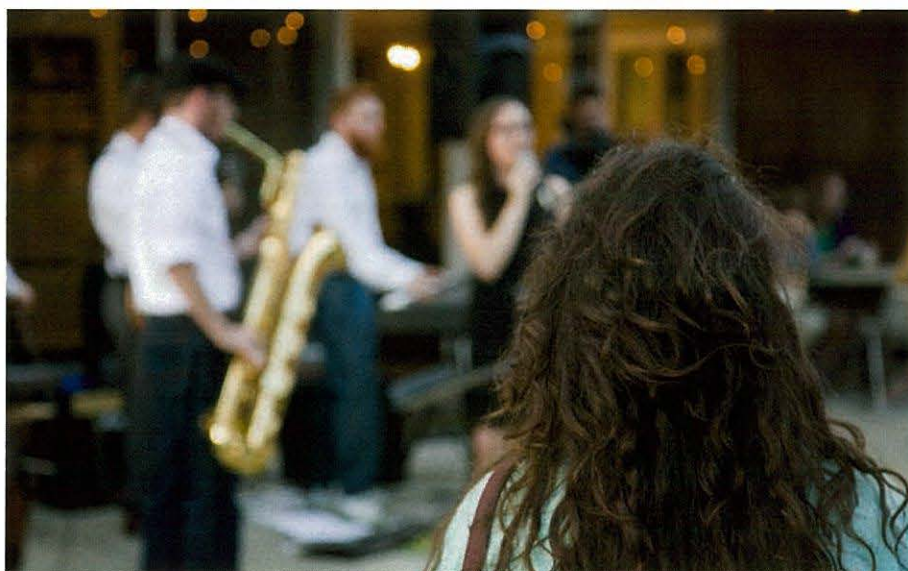


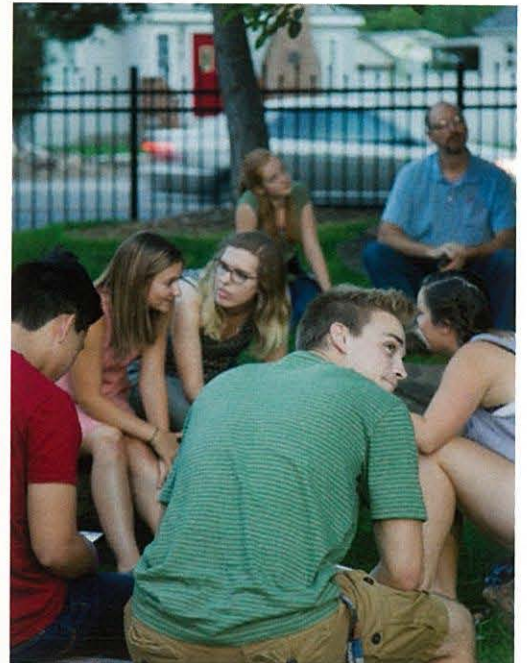


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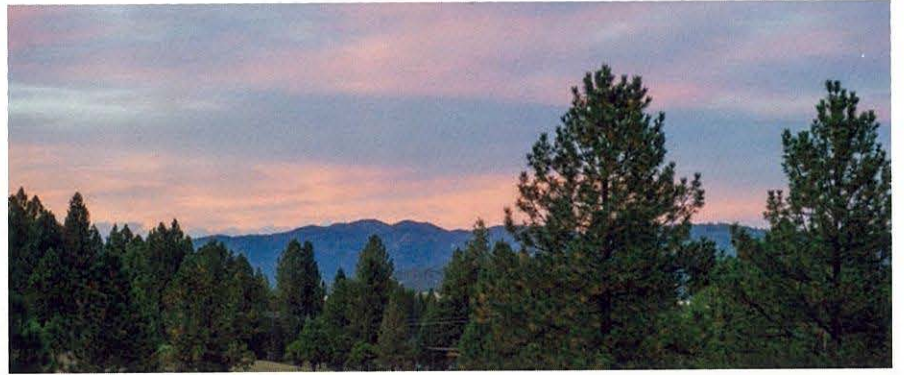
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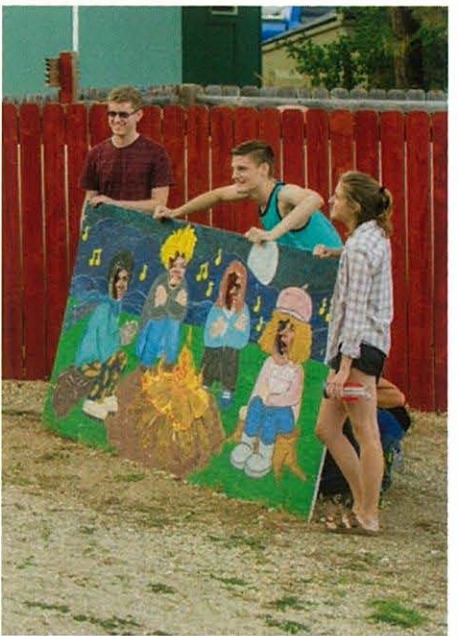
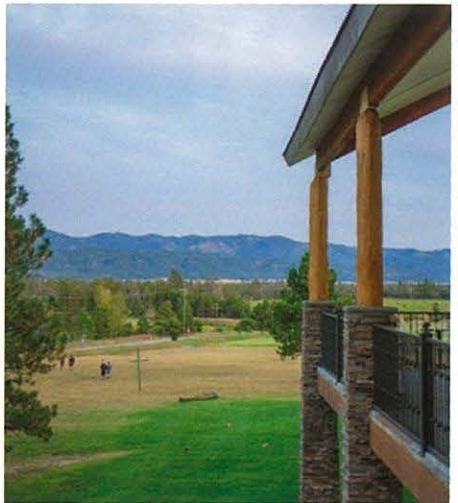
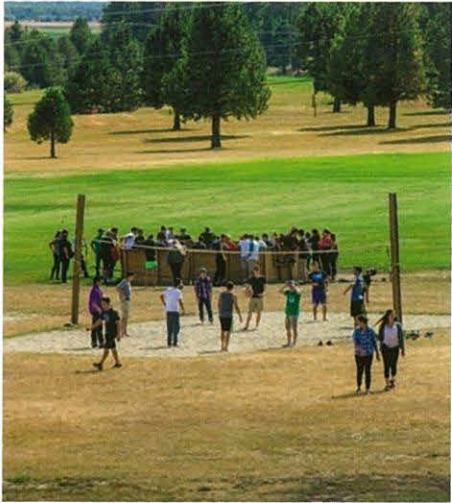




FRESHMAN RETREAT

Freshman gather at Trinity Pines for a weekend of class bonding and fun! Activities included games on the lawn, wing competitions, and input from faculty and staff. Retreat is a good chance to meet those in your class and relax after an overwhelming first week of college.

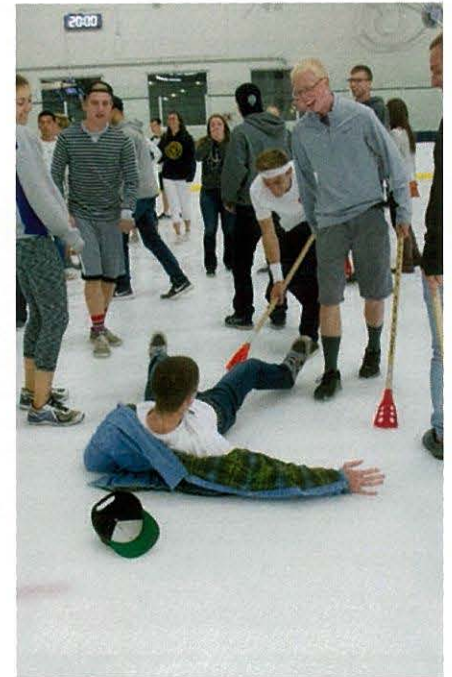


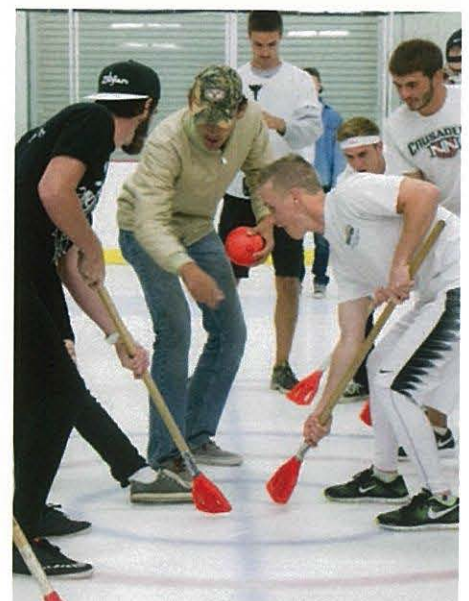
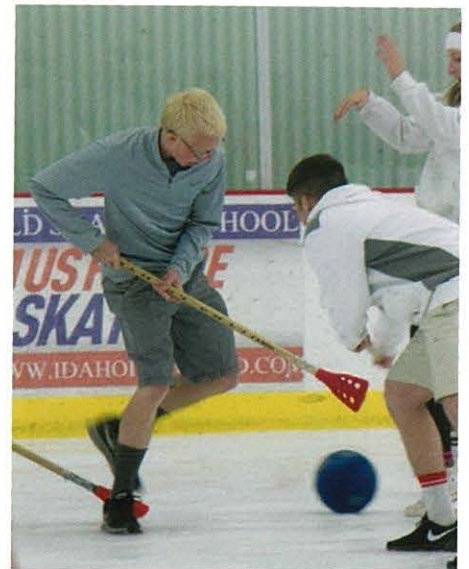


BROOM HOCKEY

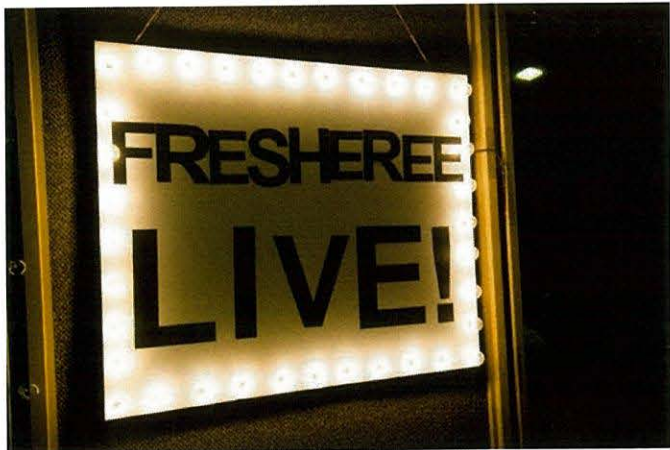


Each class was assigned an NNU color to represent and headed to Idaho IceWorld for a night of games on the ice. It was every class for itself as freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors competed in broom hockey, dodgeball, shaarks and minows, tag and red-light-green-light.





FRESHEREE



The Sophomore Class Council put on this years Fresheree talent show. Students performed various talents, skits and lip syncing duets in front of a packed audience.



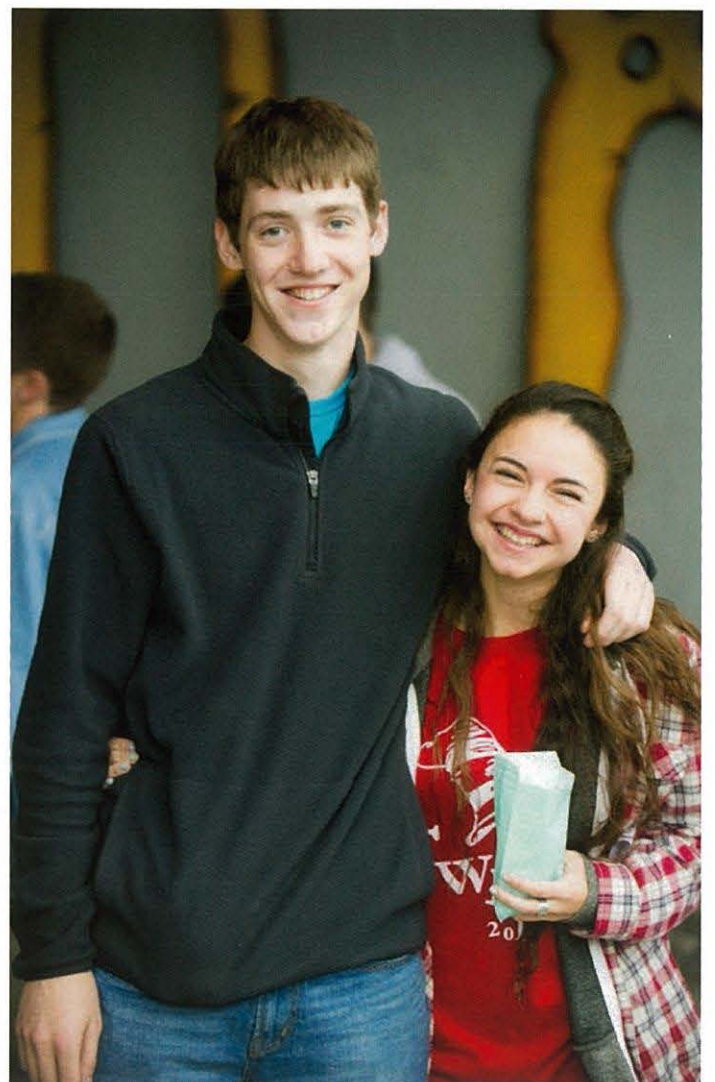


TWIRP



This years TWIRP (The Woman is Required to Pay) was Dr. Seuss theme. The first night was a game filled night at Loyds Lumber where student enjoyed games and food. The second night the students were sent around downtown Boise on a scavenger hunt where they ended the night at Jump Time in downtown Boise.



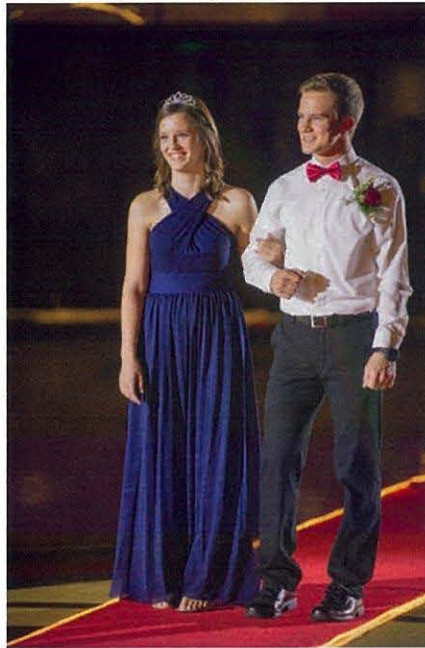






HOMECOMING

Every year the school welcomes back alumni and family to celebrate the friendships and relationships built here at NNU. Students and alumni enjoyed this years festivities with the traditional homecoming game, class reunions and other various returning events.





WEEK OF CHEER

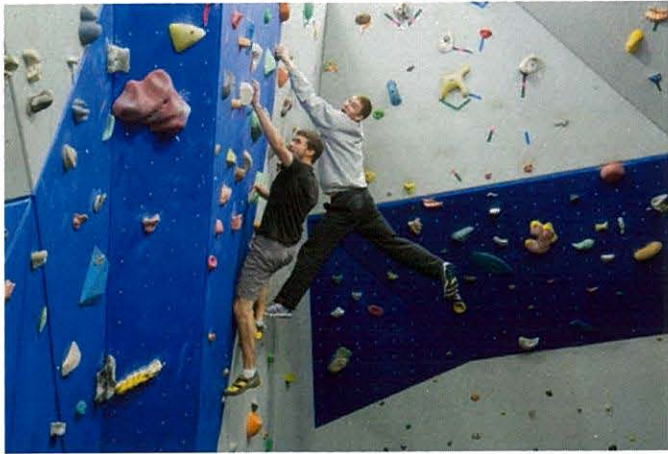


Week of Cheer takes place the week before finals Fall Semester. This week is filled with activities to do each day including the famous Procrastination Party. Students build gingerbread houses, decorate ornaments and light the campus Christmas tree. Other activities that week include timeout and a movie night.

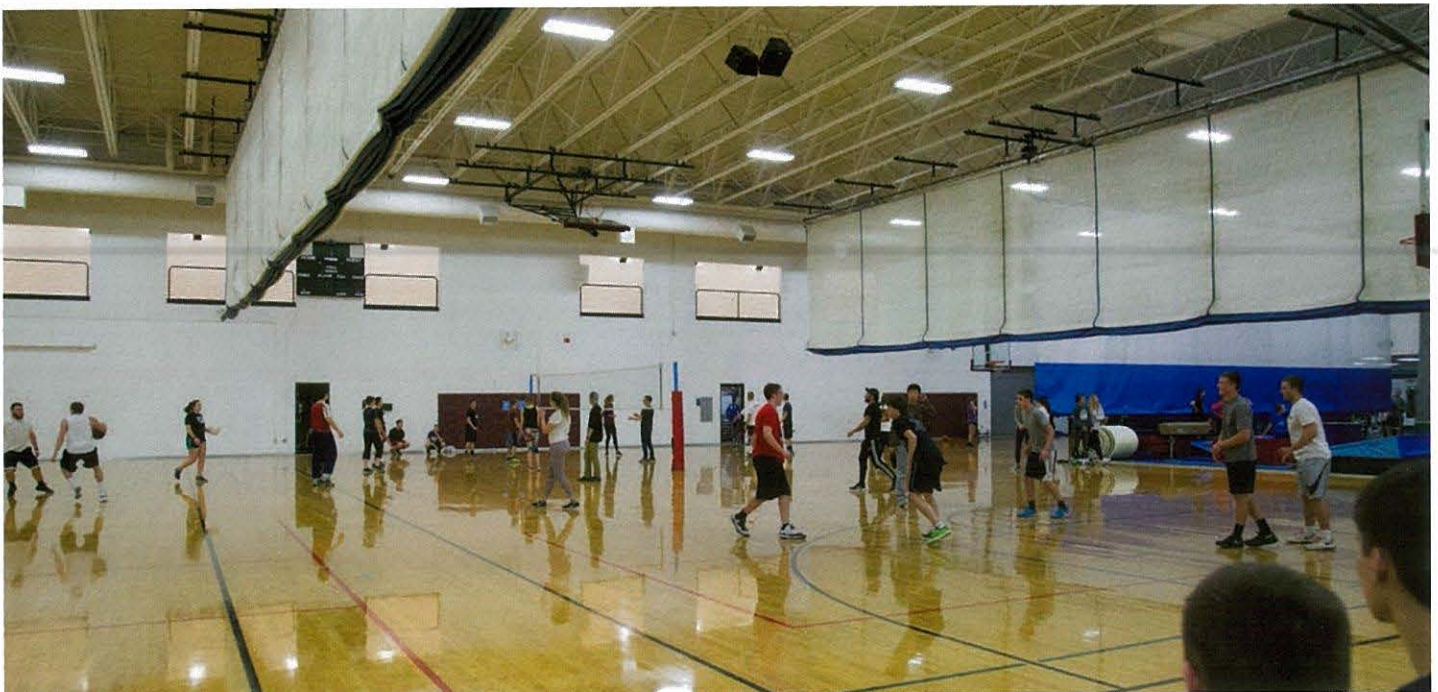


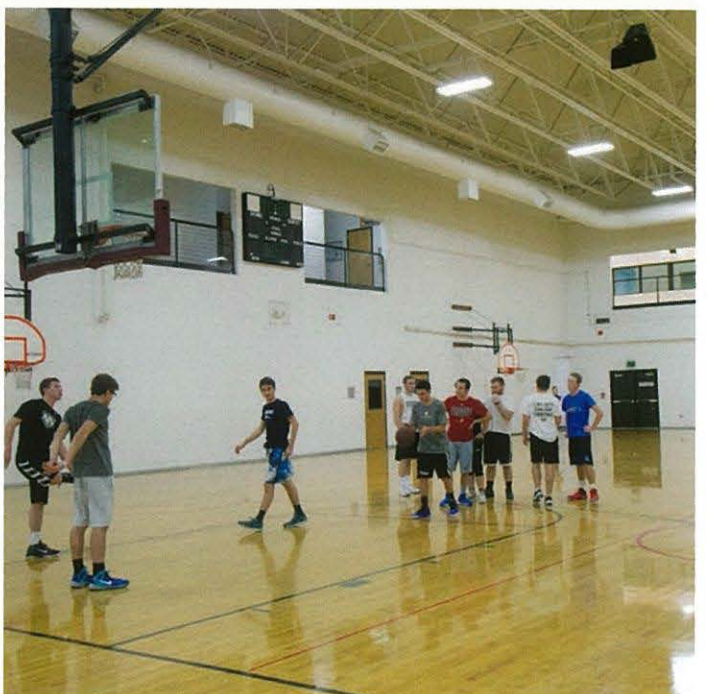
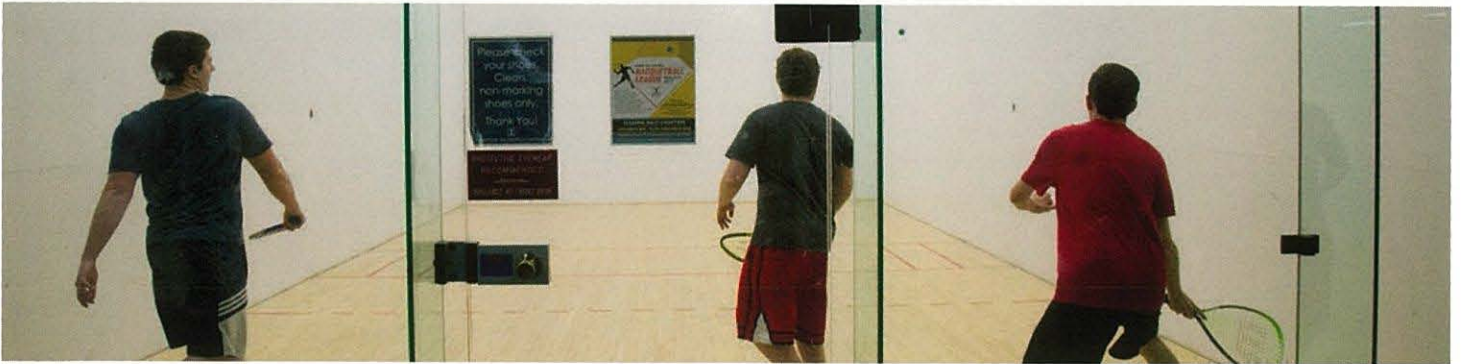


WEEK BACK



Week back takes place during the first week of the Spring Semester. Students were allowed into the Nampa Recreation Center after regular hours to play games such as; basketball, volleyball, raquet ball, rock climbing and swimming.

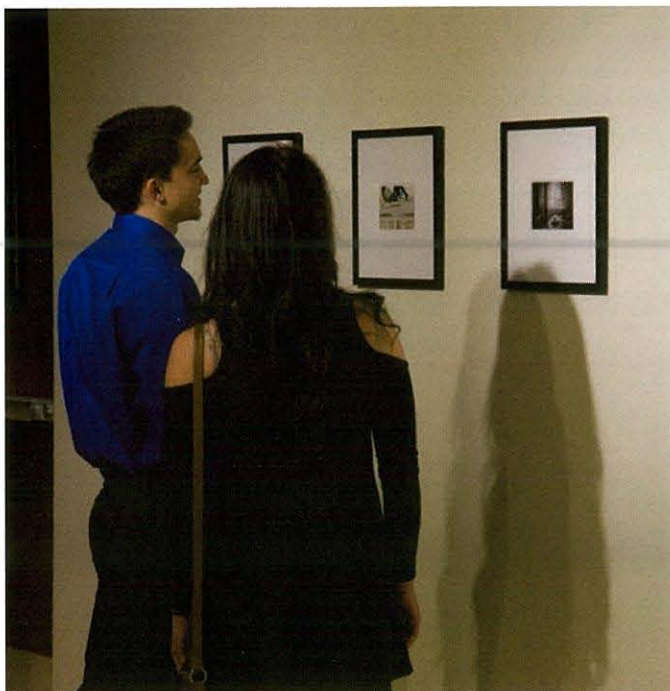


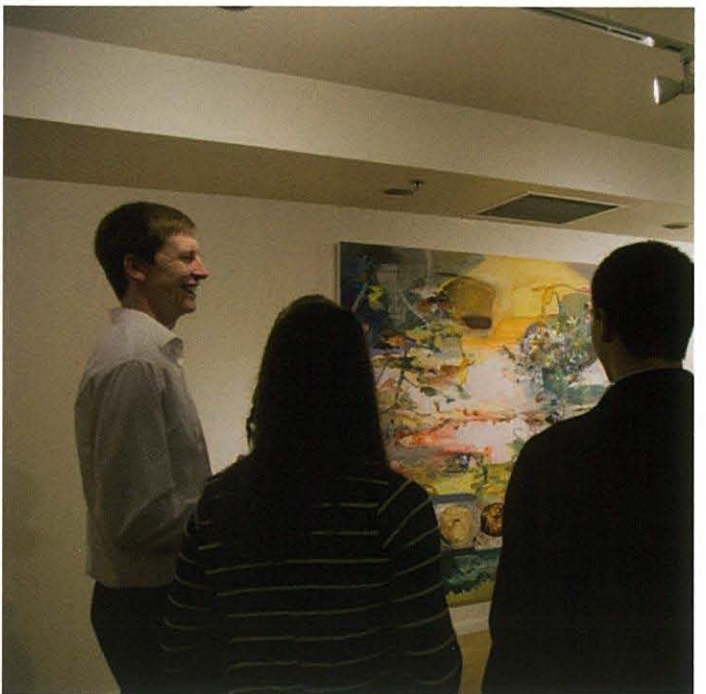


NIGHT OF THE ARTS _____



This year SGA teamed up with Night of the Arts to make Black Tie a weekend event. There were performances by Jazz Revival and The Slow. Student art was presented in the art galleries and prizes were given out.



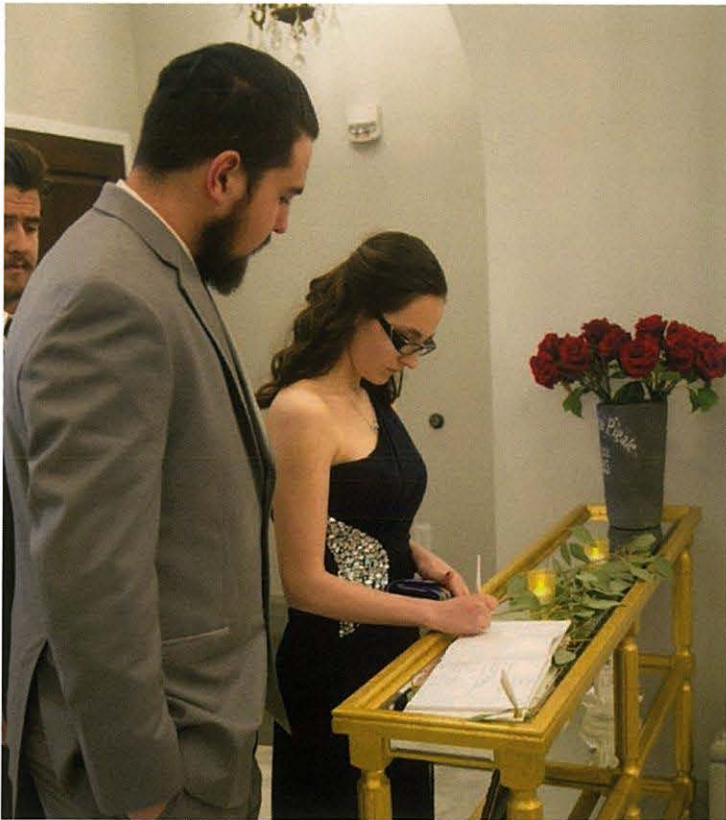


BLACK TIE

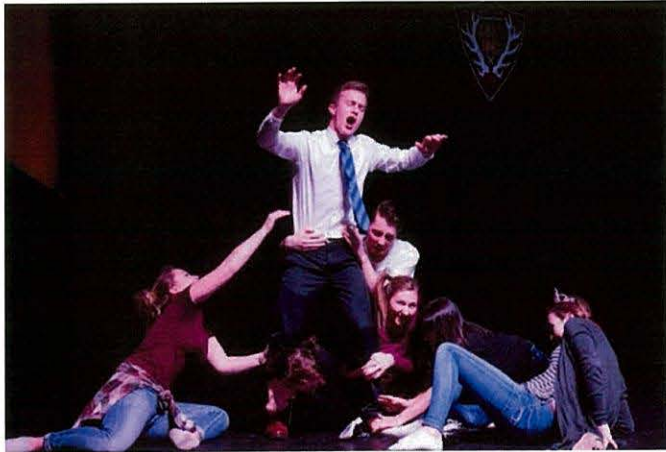


This year at Black Tie was at Chateau de Fleurs for une soirée enchantée (an enchanted evening). Students enjoyed an elegant evening of dinner, silent auction, ball-room dancing, and various photo opportunities.



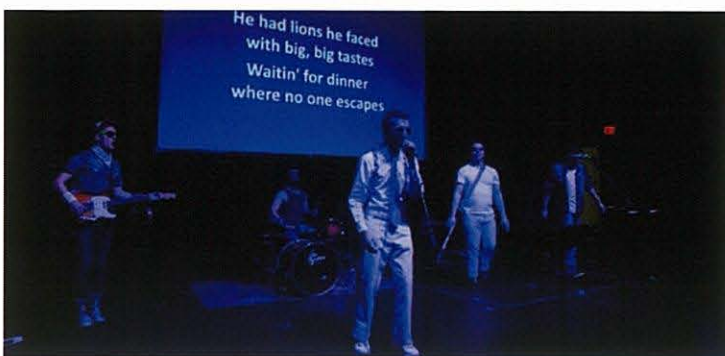
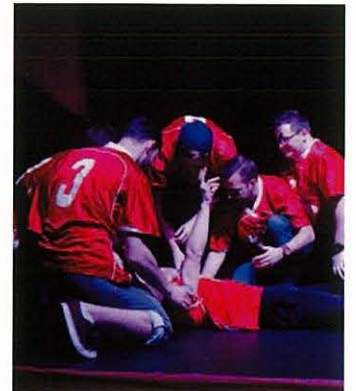
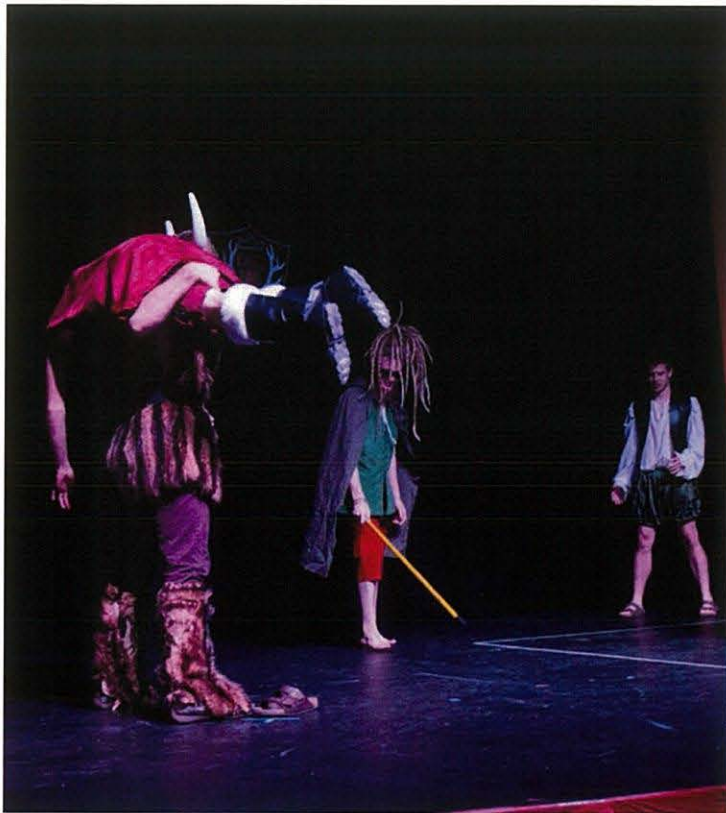


MR. NNU



Our Freshman class council organized and put on the annual Mr. NNU show. This years show took place in medieval times and consisted of a variety of skits. The audience enjoyed Mr. NNU hosts Luke and Kramer and witnessed the crowning of the new Mr. NNU,



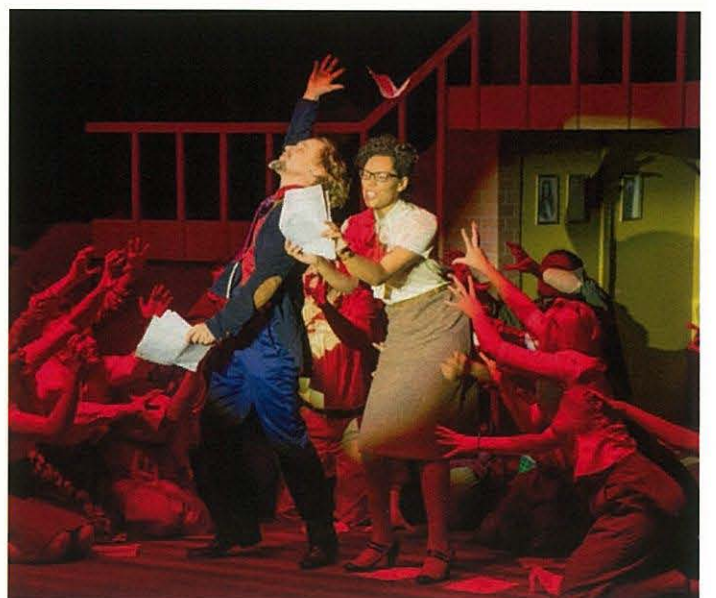


THE MRS DEGREE



This fall, NNU's talented acting community put on an amazing production called The MRS Degree! Hours of rehearsing and hard work really paid off for these actors and actresses!





CAMPUS GROUPS



NNU has a variety of groups around campus. There are numerous clubs ranging from Swing Dance Club to Journeys to FCA. Other groups work as a part of SGA such as Senate and Class Councils. Other groups work with student through the dorms such as Peer Mentors.

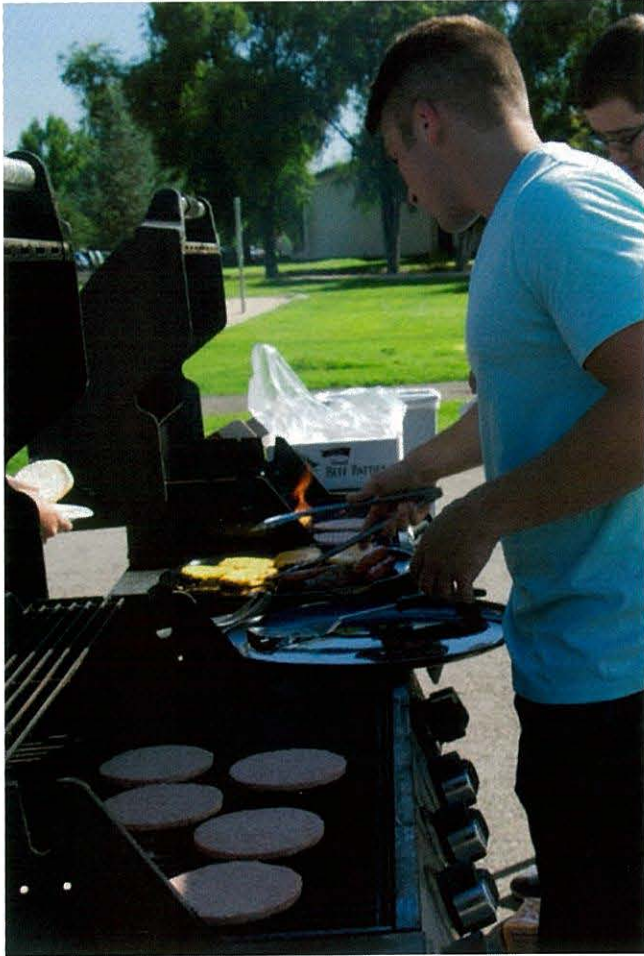


Top: Senate
Left: Stand Club
Bottom: Swing Dance Club
Right (top-bottom): Sophomore Class Council, Junior Class Council, Peer Mentors

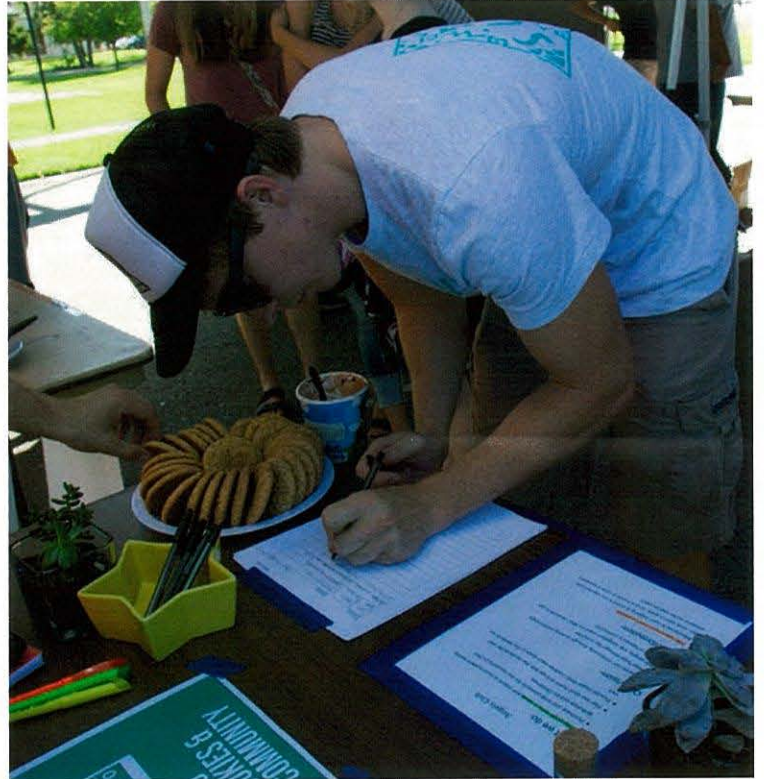




CLUB FAIR



This year our clubs got together during a Saturday afternoon soccer game for the annual club fair. There was BBQ for lunch and clubs offered various treats. Club fair was a great opportunity for students to get involved with clubs.





CONCERT BAND | CRUSADER CHOIR & ORCHESTRA | JAZZ REVIVAL | BELLA VOICE | NORTHWESTERNERS

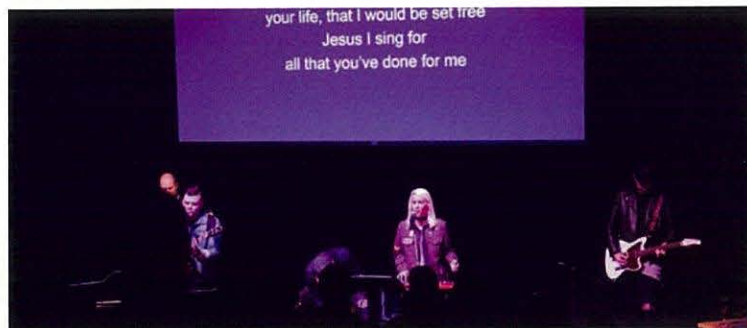


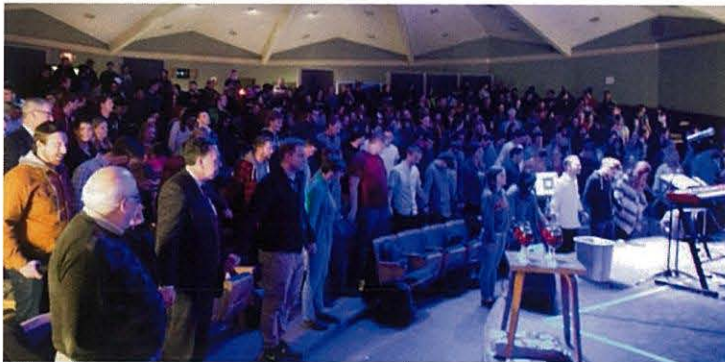


TIMEOUT



Timeout is NNU's Wednesday evening student-led worship service. This year's leader, Liberty Flemming, has done an amazing job of coordinating and arranging all the details that make Timeout so impactful and meaningful for students. This was the first year that Timeout was turned into a retreat. Students left for the weekend to enjoy a weekend of worship and fellowship in the outdoors.





INTRAMURALS




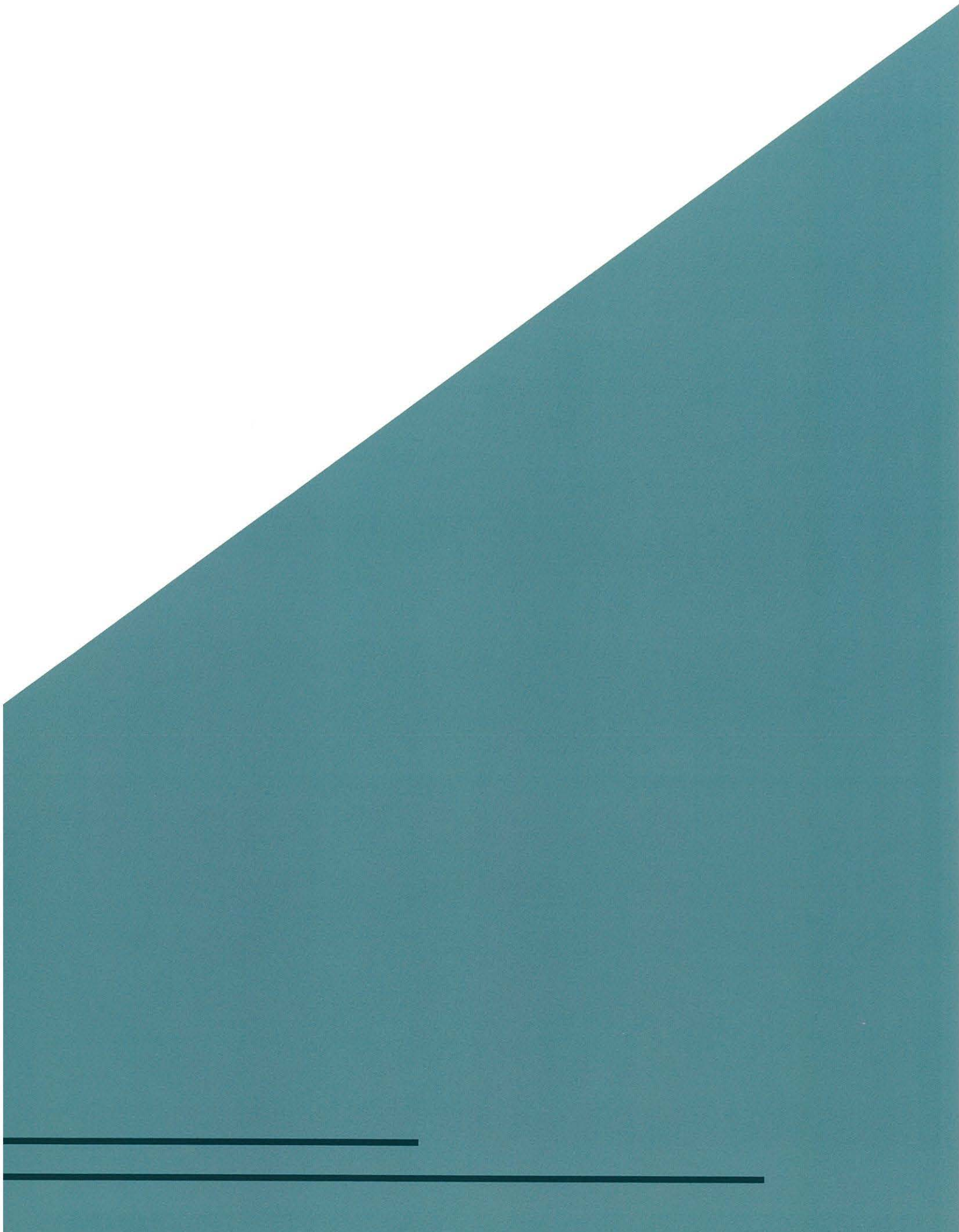
Campus League is an intramural program designed to allow the students of NNU to participate in the competitive thrill of sports without needing to join an official team. Lead by Intramural Overlord, Trevor Johnson, events included soccer, football, dodgeball, basketball, volleyball and softball.





SPORTS





MEN'S SOCCER_____



The men's soccer team, under first year coach Joel DeLass, finished the season 9-5-4, with an impressive 7-2-2 home record. Micahel Mollay, Logan Wood, and Fernando Alvarez lead the team with 5 goals each, Mollay also lead with 8 assists. Goalkeeper Ryan Foo had 104 saves on the year. NNU's record was good for a third place conference finish behind Western Washington, and GNAC champion Simon Frazier.



WOMEN'S SOCCER

NNU went 4-13-0 in the 2016 fall season. Leading scorer was Madi Taylor with 4 goals. Sarah Jenkins lead in assits with 3. NNU finished 8th in the GNAC standings.

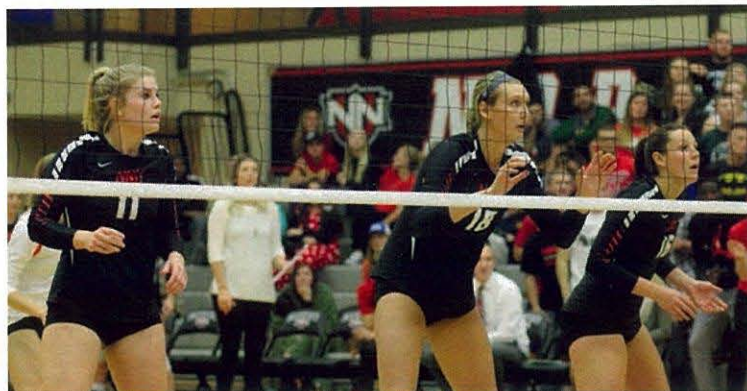
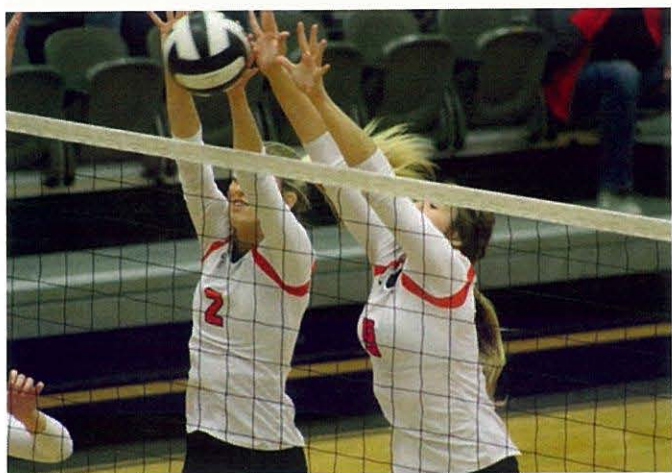


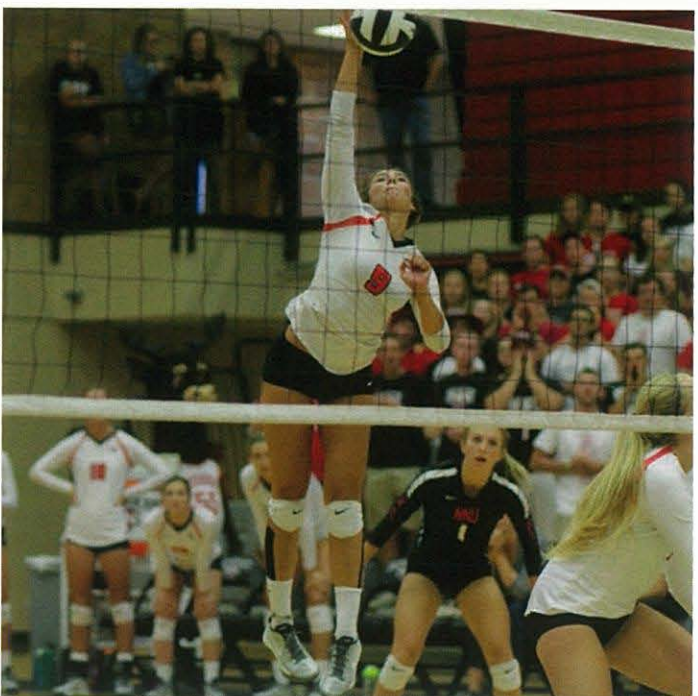


VOLLEYBALL



This year's NNU Volleyball did an outstanding job throughout the season. They ended with a overall 21-8 record and made history by advancing past the first round of playoffs in Anchorage Alaska. This team didn't have any seniors but was filled with enormous talent.





WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

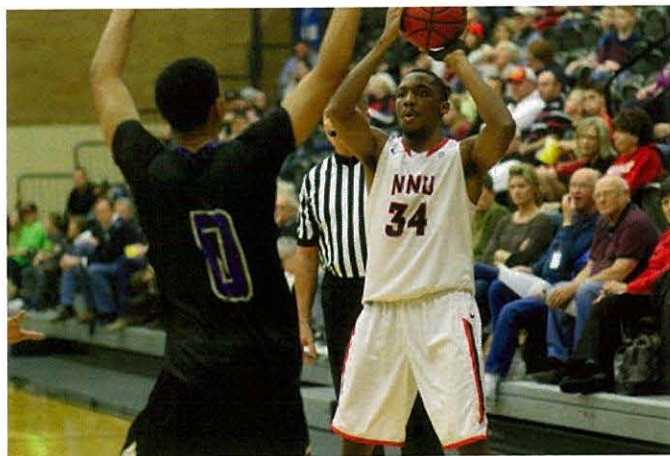


This years Women's Basketball team welcomed in new head coach Steve Steele who helped the girls get a 12-15 overall record. Off the court Colette Gall, Katie Merritt, Kate Cryderman and Ellie Logan were each named to GNAC All-Academic women's basketball team.



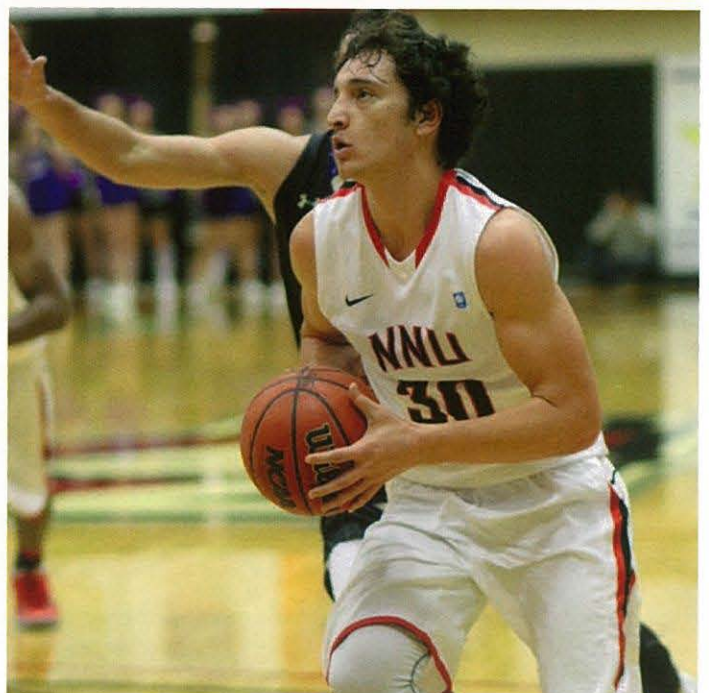


MEN'S BASKETBALL



The NNU Basketball team has worked hard for a great year! The boys ended their season with a 12-14 overall record and various All-Academic Team awards. Awards went to Pol Olivier, Nikola Prvulj, Marko Lepovic and Dylan Brink.



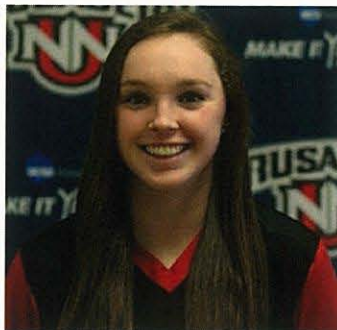


SOFTBALL



Lead by head coach Rich Wagner, the NNU softball team has had an outstanding season. Special recognition goes to graduating seniors Vicki Kreger, Brooke Bonsen and Abigail Watkins whose hard work and dedication have contributed to the success of the team.



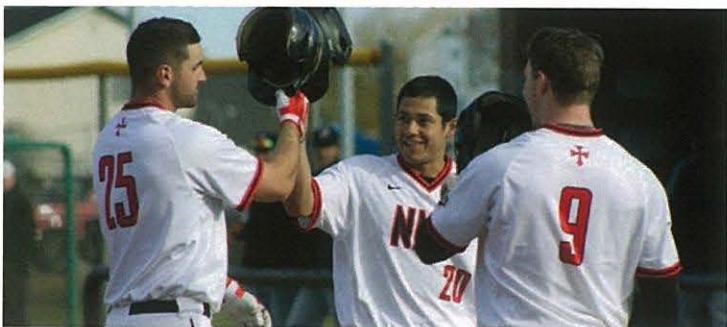


BASEBALL



This year has been a wonderful success for the NNU men's baseball team. Special recognition goes to the graduating seniors Colton McCluskey, Spencer Pollock, Andrew Helmstadter, Blake Atkins, Joseph Siegal, Jarod Gonzales and Billy King.





CROSS COUNTRY

Both the Women's and Men's Cross Country teams gave it their all in their races this year. The teams brought in strong standings at competitions. Both the Northwest Nazarene men's and women's cross country teams were named National All-Academic Teams by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association while a trio of individual Crusader runners also earned National All-Academic honors. Graduating seniors include Emily Merioles, Halie Wilsey and Chase Cunningham.



GOLF

The NNU Women's and Men's Golf teams have worked very hard this year for an outstanding season. Special recognition goes to graduating seniors Samantha Miller, Brittney Paterson, Shelby Schafer, Ian Briske, Taylor Judy and Jack Strickland.

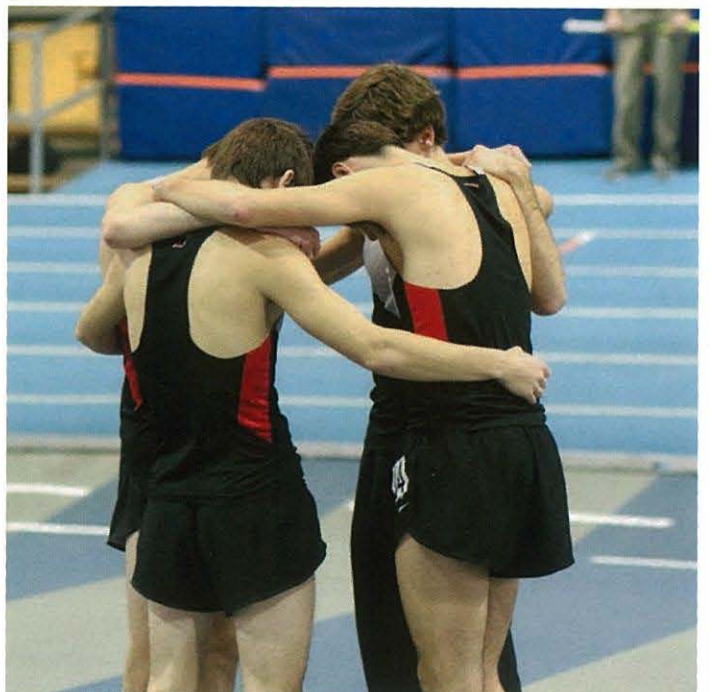


TRACK & FIELD

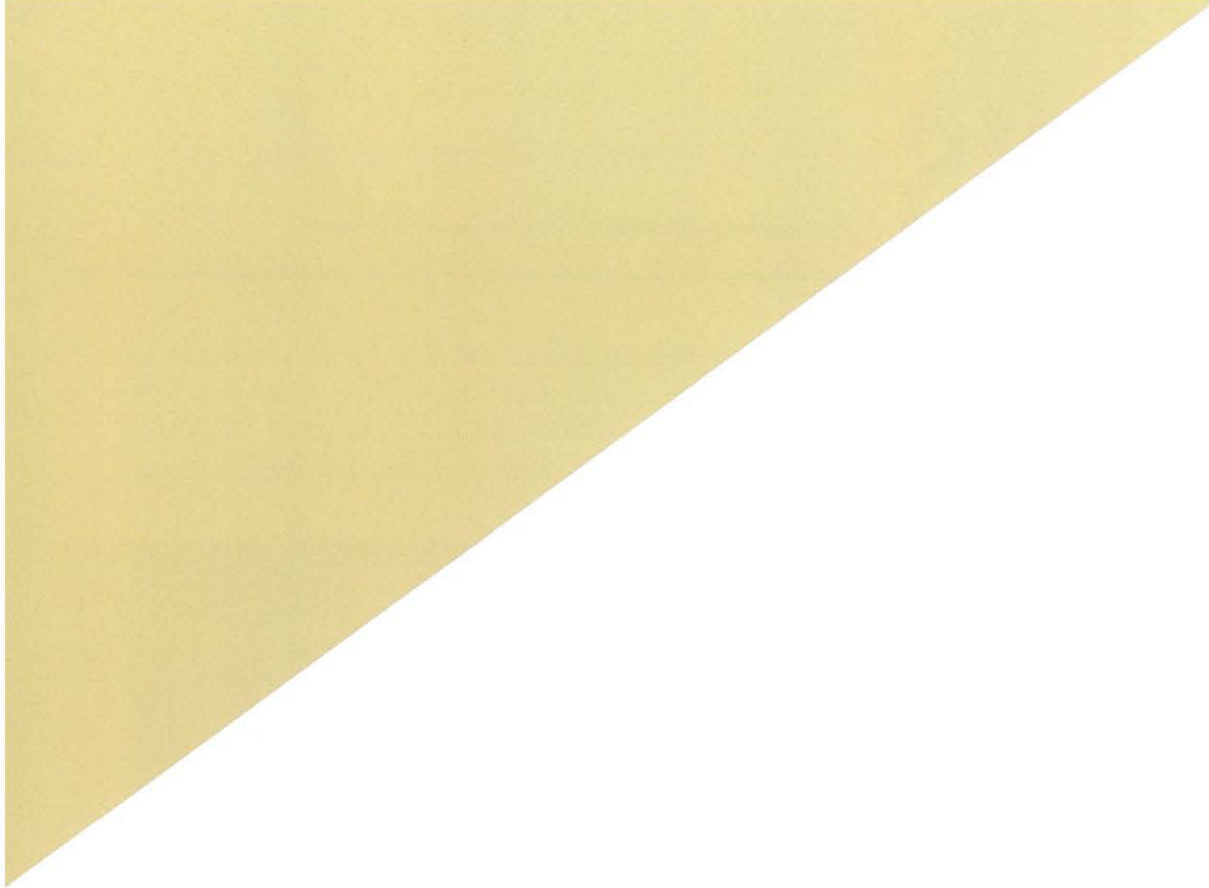


During both the indoor and outdoor season, the NNU Track team excelled with multiple records being made at home and away meets. Special Congratulations to Payton Lewis who finished third overall in the men's pole vault next to his teammate Cole Hoberg who finished 10th in men's high jump at the National Championship for Indoor Track.





NEWS



MISSIONS



Last summer, students from NNU were sent out in five teams to foreign countries in an effort to make a difference and exemplify what it means to serve. Groups of students traveled to Haiti, Colombia, Poland, Liberia, and Kenya.





CRUSADER



CRUSADES & CRUSADERS: A CONTINUED CONVERSATION

By: Eric Ostyn and Joshua Walters

The name “Crusader” has spurned much controversy in the last couple of years. Does the name reflect the current values and statutes of the university? Does the name’s historical connotations tarnish the reputation and purposes of NNU? Can we justifiably continue to keep the Crusader as our school mascot and moniker? Writers Joshua Walters and Eric Ostyn debate the issue further in an effort to bring their thoughts and opinions to the matter.

Eric: I don’t think we should change the name because, if nothing else, it holds a special place in all of the alumni’s minds. Everyone that has graduated from NNU knows that our mascot is the Crusader. Beyond the controversy surrounding the history of the subject matter, the Crusader name has become known first as the mascot of the school and secondly as a possibly offensive historical reference.

Josh: That may be so, but does it follow that every NNU alumnus really looks back on our mascot positively? It’s more likely that some alumni would be happy to see it changed, as would many people still on campus. Besides, it’s the possibility of offense that makes our name so controversial. It carries many connotations that are predominantly negative.

Even though not all of the original crusaders fought for “wrong” reasons, the fact remains that some who claimed to fight for God acted in ways that were anything but Christ-like. If we want to present ourselves positively to the world as an institution of Christian love, the Crusader mascot seems like the wrong way to go about it.

Eric: Either way, here we are in 2016 as the Northwest Nazarene Crusaders. Who can say what the original intent was back when the mascot was introduced, but it has endured with the school for all these years. The meaning has evolved over time to the point where the focus is off of the historical context and now on our proven athletic department and other off-campus events that showcase

the talented students that attend our school.

Josh: But context is exactly the point here. Our mascot may be old (for any number of reasons), but our context is consistently and relevantly new. A name that was once okay is not necessarily okay now. As a society we've changed, and many phrases and terms that were perfectly acceptable 50 or even 10 years ago are now recognized as inappropriate and inconsiderate.

Even if "Crusader" has a certain meaning on campus, that meaning shouldn't be expected to carry to all other contexts. How does "Crusader" impact people who know us by name only and not our actions? I respect tradition, but it's not enough to justify keeping a name that could make it harder for us to reach others.

Eric: But how many people are educated about the implication of the name? The issue might be a hot-button problem within our own close-knit community, but is it that much of a problem to the rest of Nampa? Or Idaho? The Nazarene community at large? Maybe the name isn't doing as much harm as we think it is and it doesn't require as much attention as we're giving it.

Josh: Even if people off-campus are less concerned than we are, it doesn't follow that there's no importance attached to the question. Not only does the name create tension on campus, but there's still the possibility that it will or does reflect on us negatively to the world at large.

Part of effective ministry is keeping the doors of relationship and communication open. It's not worth risking closing a door just so we can keep a name. Now I don't mean to imply that we can never offend anyone, because the Gospel itself will offend people at times, but something like a sports mascot ought not to be a way that we risk hurting other people and harming our reputation.

Eric: It seems to me like the majority of the problem is mostly in our own minds. It has the capacity to offend, but the issue needs to set a fire of action within those that care enough to cause a

shift. Maybe someone should gather the necessary data to gauge how interested alumni and current students are in changing the name. Until an organized movement supported by the majority of the community presents a compelling case to change the name, things are likely to carry on as they have since the Crusader name was established.

Josh: Perhaps the issue does begin at home. I'd say that makes it even more important. I believe there have actually been efforts of some kind in the past to change, but we've never actually done so. However, I agree that until people start really pushing for change, this question will continue to cause little more than debate and conversation. Here's hoping that whatever happens, we can be a community that treats each other with respect, regardless of stance.

What do you think? Do you have more to add to the conversation? Send your thoughts to crusader@nnu.edu!

THE TRANSFER OF POWER

By: Kristofer Stinson

This past Tuesday marked the 58th presidential election since George Washington first became president in 1789. Lacking the overall unanimity that permeated Washington's election, however, the most recent witnessed the victory of President-elect Donald Trump with 279 electoral votes to Hillary Clinton's 228, with Clinton ahead in the popular vote .2% according to New York Times.

Tuesday's election proved to be a more fierce competition than many journalists and analysts were anticipating. Given Clinton's strong lead in the polls on Tuesday morning, many were stunned when several key states remained too close to call for several hours. The night took another unexpected turn as many of these states, such as Florida and Ohio, then went for Trump.

In addition to winning the presidency, the GOP also won the majorities in both houses of Congress, although their majority in the Senate was far from overwhelming.

With the swell of passions that has accompanied this election season at every point, it makes sense that the aftermath of Election Day would be no less so. Many individuals continue to feel disillusioned towards the political process as a whole, and many more are dismayed by the prospects of such a radical realignment on the national level. No doubt sensing such powerful sentiments at play, Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton, and President Obama transcended their differences in an attempt to reassure individuals that a peaceful and respectful transition of power will indeed take place.

Upon conceding the election, Clinton reminded her supporters and Americans in general that “our constitutional democracy enshrines the peaceful transfer of power. And we don’t just respect that, we cherish it.”

After receiving word of his victory, Trump paid homage to Clinton’s service to her country before stating that it is time “for America to bind the wounds of division...to all Republicans and Democrats and independents across this nation, I say it is time for us to come together as one united people.”

He summarized his campaign as a “movement comprised of Americans from all races, religions, backgrounds and beliefs who want and expect our government to serve the people, and serve the people it will.”

On Wednesday morning, President Obama weighed in to these sentiments of union by stating “We have to remember that we’re actually all on one team...We’re not Democrats first, we’re not Republicans first, we are Americans first. We’re patriots first. We all want what’s best for this country.”

“So I have instructed my team to follow the example that President Bush’s team set eight years ago, and work as hard as we can to make sure that this is a successful transition for the President-elect -- because we are now all rooting for his success in uniting and leading the country. The peaceful transition of power is one of the hallmarks of our democracy. And over the next few months, we are

going to show that to the world.”

THE SYRIAN CIVIL WAR

By: Caitlin Hunt

As many of you may know, there has been a civil war taking place in Syria since 2011 and has progressively become more violent. It began with protests against President Assad of Syria, and has escalated to involving regional and world powers. This war of four and a half years and counting has already killed over 250,000 people, half of whom are believed to have been innocent civilians.

All parties involved originally were those for or against President Assad, but now there is a Jihadist, Sunni, and Shia Alawite sect group, all of which are reportedly guilty of committing war crimes – murder, rape, torture, and enforced disappearances. As this violent war has progressed, so have the weapons being used and homemade chemical weapons have become increasingly more prevalent..

Due to this crisis, there have been billions of Syrians battling to flee the country and find safety. Since the start of the war, over 4.8 billion people have fled the country, making Syrians the world’s largest refugee population under the United Nation’s authority today. They are fleeing to the neighboring countries of Lebanon, Jordan, and Turkey, but struggle to even make a living there because there are just so many people. Those who are still residing in Syria are in desperate need of assistance.

According to the UN, it would require \$3.2 billion to help the 13.5 million people inside Syria who will need some form of humanitarian assistance. Six million of those people are children who don’t have a choice in their living conditions. Approximately 70% of the Syrian population does not have access to good drinking water and one in three are not able to meet their basic dietary needs. Four out of every five people there are living in poverty. Today the situation is worse than the Rwandan genocide 20 years ago, according to death statistics. peace efforts have been ineffective and there is no

end in sight to this horrific war. Russia and the United States have led efforts to find peace and discuss options, but so far none have been found.

Efforts are being made around the world and by organizations such as Mercy Corps to provide humanitarian aid to those in Syria and to support refugees, but with the increasing number of people being displaced and in poverty, every bit of help is needed in this time of crisis.

There may not be anything that we know to do that could stop this devastating situation, but we can take actions to help, such as donating to or fundraising for organizations that are helping refugees. Or we can help by simply making known the situation at hand and spreading the word so that others will take action as well.

GAUGING THE NEW STUDENT CENTER

By: Eric Ostyn

If everything goes according to plan, NNU will officially open a new student center in the fall of 2018 and with it comes a host of exciting new additions to campus life.

The design of the new building is being handled by a company called Credo. Recently, two of the designers came and gave a brief overview of the new features they are planning to include in the student center. Their presentation showed features that are only in the early stages of development, but they were still eager to show students their mockup sketches. They have been in talks with the school for a while now, but were encouraged to bring their plans before the student body to see what kinds of requests students have for the future of their campus. The current plan is to present the final blueprints by this upcoming fall.

The new student center will be two stories tall with plenty to do on each floor. The exact activities have yet to be finalized, but rest assured that they will be fun for everyone looking for an escape from the stress of college life. The central design philosophy of this project is openness; they want everyone to feel like they can enjoy the space, which is reflected in how open each floor plan is.

This new building is poised to be the centerpiece of all events. Events that were previously held in the Johnson Sports Center will now be held here. The President's Luncheon was one such event that would be switching venues. There will also be a cafe / grill where students will be able to use their flex money to purchase sandwiches and drinks.

Elmore Hall will-unfortunately-have to be demolished to make way for this new building and is scheduled to be taken down this summer. The current student center will be converted into the dedicated school of engineering. The road that runs through campus from the Ford parking lot to the Johnson Sports Center will face demolition, as well. The new student center will stretch across what is now the road all the way to the edge of the adjacent outdoor soccer field.

But what do students think of the changes on the horizon? Most are generally positive about what's coming. Engineering students in particular are excited to have their own space. The grill and cafe will provide a nice bit of variety for students to spend flex money. The overall design, facilities, and atmosphere are enough to make make students eager to experience the new building.

The biggest draw of the new building is that it will be an all-inclusive hangout spot. The library is a good place for studying, but students have wanted a place to play games, be loud, and just generally have a good time hanging out with their friends. They really appreciated that the design team came out to ask for their feedback. Juniors were disappointed that they won't get to enjoy the facility, but we're happy for the underclassmen that would get the chance.

RED, BLACK, AND GREEN: KEEPING NNU'S COST AND ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY

By: Joshua Walters

If anything ever reminded you of the need for toilet paper, it was probably running out of it in a restroom one day. Hopefully you were lucky enough to be in a private restroom when this happened, but the experience probably left some imprint on your mind either way, as asking for additional TP

is not a pleasant experience.

Thanks to Campus Facilities, however, this is a rare occurrence. Keeping restrooms stocked is a big job, understandably. According to Facilities Director Jade Anderson, NNU's community goes through about 1,030,000 linear feet of the stuff in just one month! That's approximately 516 ft per person.

This fact came out of a conversation seeking to find out how NNU evaluates its environmental impact, and also what we're doing to try and improve our practices. You may or not be aware of this, but NNU became Idaho's first Tree Campus back in 2015. This came with a certificate recognizing NNU's dedication to positive environmental change. As it turns out, our Facilities Director led the charge for bringing this effort to fruition, and is still actively working on it with other folks on campus such as Chaplains Dustin and Olivia Metcalf.

Tracking NNU's use of utilities such as water, gas, and electricity started in 2014, and every quarter the results are brought in a report between facilities and other campus officials, with the assistance of an energy consultant. These entities seek to evaluate not only how we could improve our impact, but also how we could reduce NNU's overhead by taking steps to cut waste.

One practical example of this is in our sprinkler systems. You may have noticed that sometimes campus sprinklers either flood the lawn, or miss it entirely by instead watering our sidewalks. Tracking this sort of thing in Idaho, which has comparatively pretty lax regulations for water usage, serves to help bring about solutions for making the campus beautiful while saving money, thus helping reduce the cost to students.

As we seek to install new buildings on campus, Facilities has looked for ways not only to make our new structures more eco-friendly and inexpensive to operate, but also for ways to retrofit those which we already have on campus. Retrofitting allows newer more efficient technology to be applied to structures made years ago, thus bypassing the need for a total overhaul while simultaneous-

ly reaping the benefits of being up to date. For example, retrofitting would allow for the orange-lit lamps on campus to use the brighter LED technology that our lamps along the path to the Learning Commons now sport.

As it turns out, some of these efforts have already paid off. NNU has received over \$120,000 in rebates from Idaho Power just for our retrofitting and energy saving measures. Additionally, the roof of the Learning Commons features solar panels that are used to power some of its equipment, and the new, upcoming Student Center may do the same.

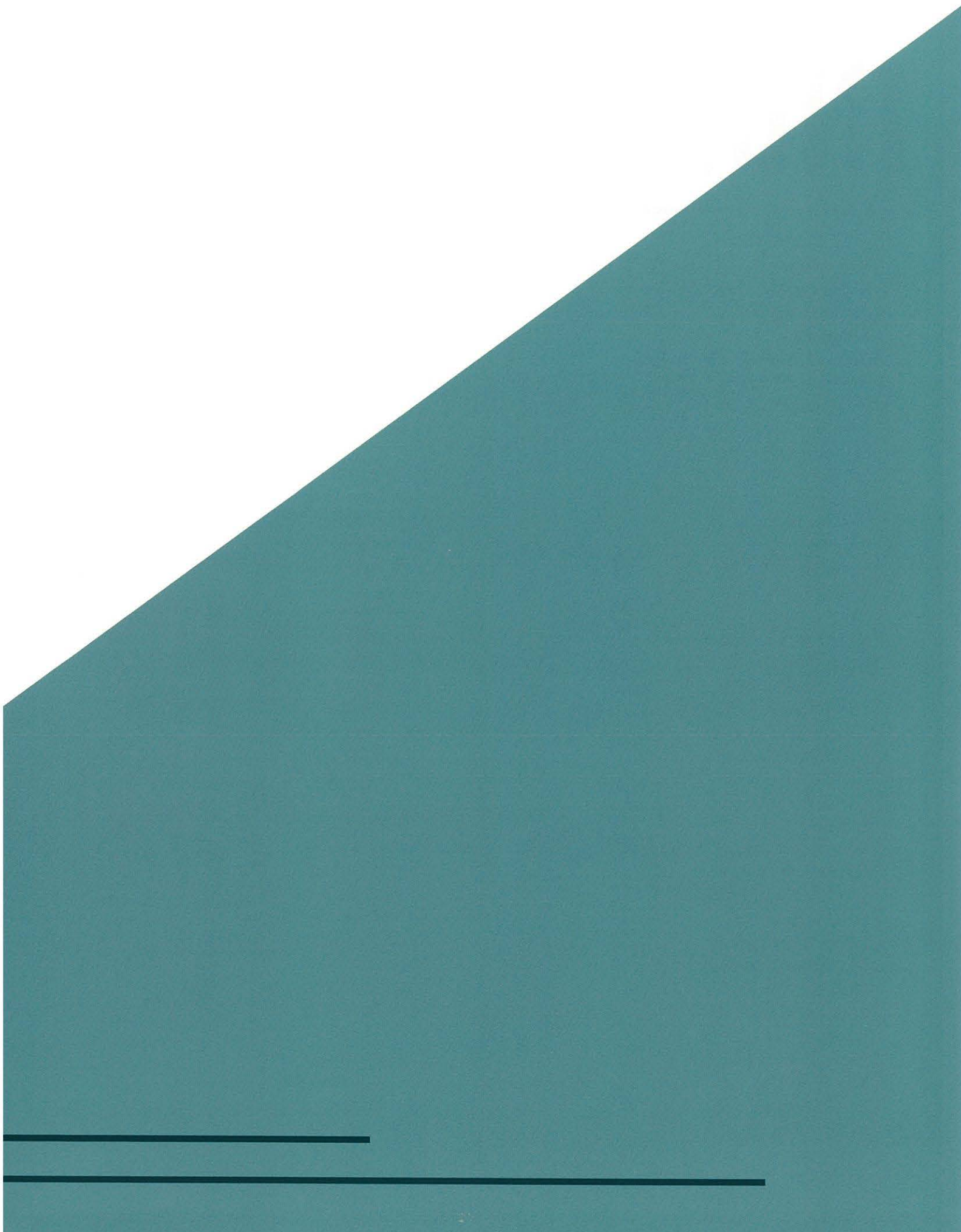
Facilities is prioritizing making our campus run cleaner and cheaper; so as students, how can we help? Well, the easiest step is not to litter. The time Facilities spends picking up after us is time spent away not only from basic maintenance, but also from retrofitting and other improvements, such as adjusting the sprinkler systems to avoid swamping our school.

As it turns out, there's also a committee for NNU's Tree Campus initiative that students can join, and there are other ways in which Facilities has opened an invitation to work directly with students. In fact, if you have a plan for improving NNU's environmental impact, you may be able to gain both staff and financial support from working with Facilities.

Environmental responsibility is a key aspect of living our lives with other people in mind. If you want to know how you can help with either the Tree Campus initiative or with other on-campus improvements, contact Jade Anderson at jadeanderson@nnu.edu!

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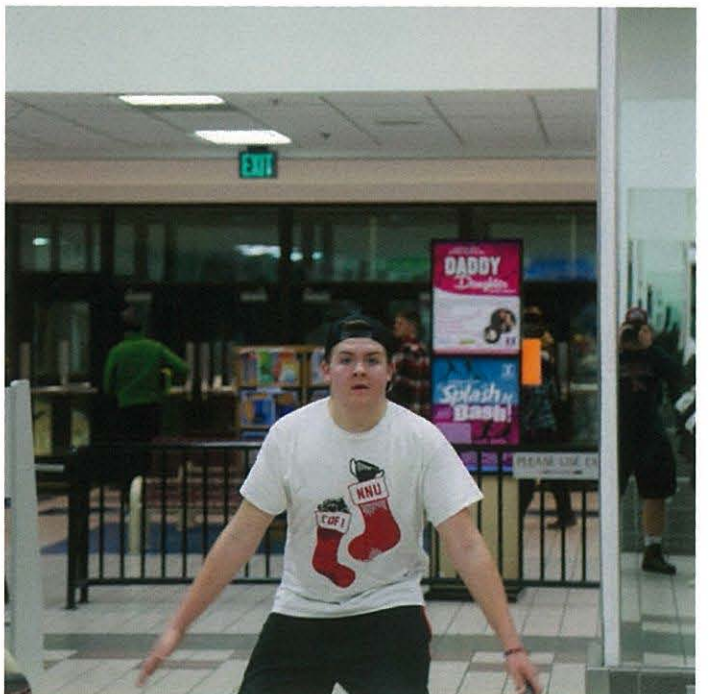
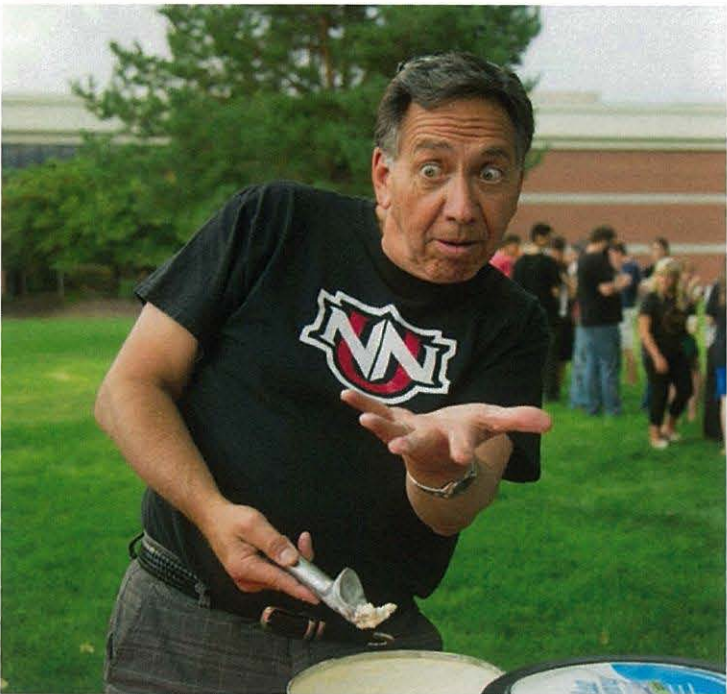
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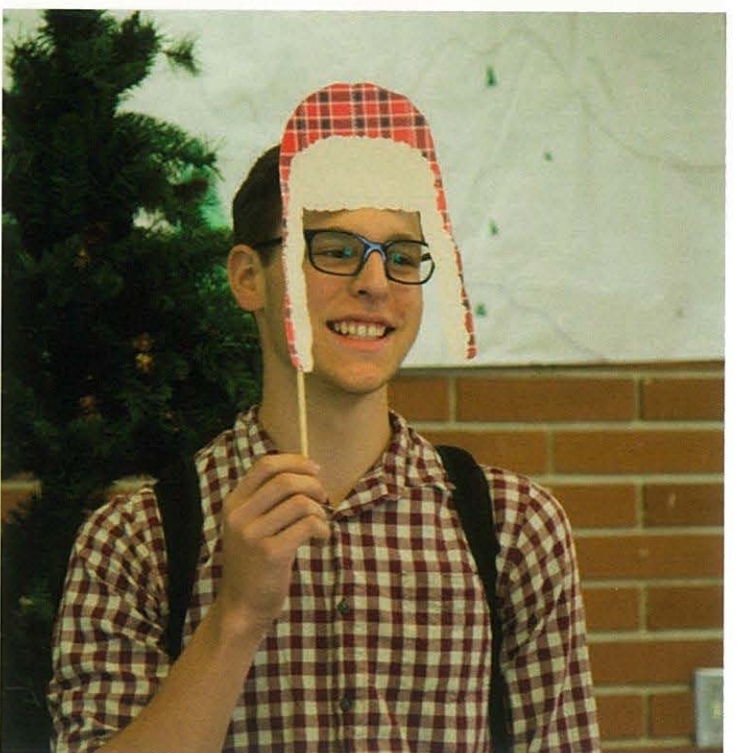
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