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The Most Wonderful Time of the Year (not quite)

by Chad Bryan

Having just come out of one of the busiest few weeks in the fall semester, you can almost hear the sigh of relief. Students are now taking the time to enjoy a weekend without having to prepare an elaborate costume, complete a ten-page paper, study for a test or prepare a presentation.

Midterms have become to be the test to see who will make it through the semester and who will slim down the credit load as the "drop-a-class-deadline" approaches. Sophomore Lisa Fezenbek said, "I hate how it seems like everything just piles up in these two weeks! Tests, TWIRP, papers, Fresheree, and projects make it one of the craziest times of the year! At least at finals we don't have a school event planned every weekend that makes it seem worth procrastinating! I really just wish professors tried to spread out the 'Midterming'

process so that it didn't all stack up into such a short period of time." It's true that this is a stressful time of year for students, but Dr. Waller, Chair of the Communications department said, "I believe that midterm grades generally provide the students with an opportunity to see where they are in each course. Yes, it really does serve as a reality check for all of us that the end will soon be here, but especially reminding students to turn in those late assignments and get started on those projects they need to complete before the grade received at midterm becomes the end of semester grade."

So, whether you were discouraged, stressed, prepared, or excited about your midterm grades, keep pressing on as the road may seem long. There's nothing better than having a GPA that's worth the parents still hanging your report card on the refrigerator.

Question of the Day:

What is one of the biggest regrets in your life?

Freshman Sean McCarthy: "Not going to a Fat Camp when I was younger."

Sophomore Claire Griffith: "Turning down an offer to join the Thurston County Country Western Line Dancing Demo Team the summer before I came to NNU."

Junior Jes Snively: "Not having taken the opportunity to streak through the halls of my high school."

Senior Trista Wilson: "Singing Britney Spears for my freshman election speech ... and actually thinking it would be cool."

Rosa Parks, Mother of Civil Rights, Dies

by Katie Powell

On Monday, October 24, Rosa Parks, a 92-year-old woman who changed history and helped establish the United States' Civil Rights, died of natural causes. She was in her home in Detroit and accompanied by close friends, according to her attorney.

She was known as "the mother of the Civil Rights Movement." This name was given to her for her actions done nearly 50 years ago. On December 1, 1955, Parks was returning home from her day job as a seamstress when she entered the public bus and sat in the front seat, knowing that the blacks were always shoved to the back. Within minutes the police were called and Parks was arrested for making a statement that African Americans should be treated equally.

By allowing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, (NAACP), to use her case to bring up the fight against segregation on buses, Parks not only helped the NAACP establish a name, but she gave hope to all the other non-white people who had been arrested under similar circumstances.

Her fights did not stop there. She continued as an activist, and in 1999 President Clinton presented her with a Congressional Gold Medal.

"We must never ever, when this ceremony is over, forget about the power of ordinary people to stand in the fire for the cause of human dignity," Clinton said.

Parks made history and has a story that will be passed on throughout the years. Though she has died, her name will live on.

Bombings Continue to Shake Iraqi Peace

by Gwen Miller

A car bomb killed 25 people and wounded 40 more in the Shi'ite town of Howaider on October 29th. On October 31, another Shi'ite town, Bara, was hit by a roadside bomb, killing 20 civilians and leaving 70 wounded. On November 1 alone, 7 soldiers died in three separate homemade bomb incidents. Attacks come from a variety of groups, including Al-Qaeda. And Sunni militants will most likely step up attacks in preparation for the December 15th parliamentary election.

Makeshift bombs have caused half of American casualties in the war in Iraq. They threaten the lives of both Americans and Iraqi citizens daily. Rebels continue to search for ways to improve their bombing technology, sharing their tips with each other over internet sites. Bombings are such an integral part of the rebel's warfare that American bomb squads charged with diffusing the weapons have prices on the rebels' heads.

Sources: Wired Magazine, Associated Press, Reuters

Democracy moves forward in IRAQ

by Stephen Michael

The power was out as people came to vote on the new constitution in Iraq. Votes were counted by lanterns due to a power outage. In Baqouba, there were men placing "yes" votes in a pile and "no" votes in another. The two majorities of the Iraqi government, the Shiite and the Kurds, approved the charter. This provides them with autonomy in the northern and southern regions where they are concentrated. A day that government leaders feared would be bloody turned out to be the most peaceful in months. The constitution was passed. Iraq is in the beginning of their steps toward becoming more democratic. The majorities of Iraq approve this new constitution and world leaders are happy to come one step closer to peace in the Middle East. This is what some world leaders are saying about the recent approval of the charter:

US PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

"With their courageous vote, the Iraqi people have once again proved their determination to build a democracy united against extremism and violence."

Bird Flu Gives World a scare

by Heather Purdy

If you happen to be a friend of mine, or even a casual acquaintance, you might know that I fixate on things—sometimes big, most times small. My newest obsession: the Bird Flu, or H5N1 (if you're a science nerd like my two roommates), that is sweeping across Southeast Asia, and now spreading to Eastern Europe. You might scoff and wonder why I would care about feverish birds, or you might simply laugh as you try to imagine the other silly things I worry about—however, don't get too giggly, because the Bird Flu is real, and according to the October 2005 issue of the National Geographic, the Bird Flu could possibly develop into a "horrible pandemic." Are you concerned or still trying to figure out what sick birds have to do with you?

Let me explain... Each year millions of people get the regular, old flu. You have a fever, throw up for a few days, and that's the end of it. Well not with H5N1—it kills, with alarming speed, and it affects birds and people. Right now, the Bird Flu has killed just over 60 people in Southeast Asia. The virus does not have a hard time spreading from birds to humans. In fact, all of those who have contracted the virus have had direct contact with an infected bird. Though this is bad, the good news is that the virus has not made the jump from person to person yet. However, if it does, scientists all over the world predict we could see an outbreak that is larger than the 1918 pandemic that killed 50-100 million people. Now do you see why I'm concerned?

Miers withdraws Bush Nominates Conservative

by Jana Moseley

After weeks of criticism, President Bush's nominee Harriet Miers withdrew her nomination for the Supreme Court last week. Miers was under attack from Bush's own party, claiming she had little experience and no record of conservative rulings.

After Miers' withdrawal, Bush turned to judge Samuel Alito, nominating him for the Court on Monday. Alito's conservative views would in turn shift the court's power to the right, causing the Democrats to fire criticisms at Bush.

According to CNN's website, Bush defended his choice by saying Alito "has more prior judicial experience than any Supreme Court nominee in more than 70 years." This claim does not appease Democrats who feel Alito is too radical for the good of the American people, particularly when discussing his conservative views about abortion. It is feared that once confirmed to the Supreme Court, Alito may vote to reverse decisions such as Roe v. Wade. Whereas Miers had never been a judge, Alito has served for 15 years on a federal appeals court in Philadelphia.

Unlike Miers, Alito is receiving support from conservative activists who helped to oust Miers. These nominations come in the midst of a rocky time for Bush, whose approval rating dropped to 39% last week. Bush called for confirmation by year's end, but Senate leaders said the vote may wait until next year. Democrats in the Senate are sending signals that they may fight Alito's nomination, and there is speculation of a possible filibuster, an extended debate in the Senate which has the effect of preventing a vote. Gaining support from conservatives and criticism from Democrats, Bush prepares for the fight for confirmation.

State of the Campus Address

In the fall of this year, the SGA team got together and worked out a mission statement that described how we felt we were to support the NNU campus. This is what we came up with:

Mission Statement: As SGA this year we will altruistically seek to serve others, creating opportunities to get people involved, working together and with campus resources, all the while exhibiting positive attitudes. Also, knowing that we each have our own job to do, we realize that there is no "I" in team and we will work together to fulfill these tasks.

We plan to serve:

- Students by creating opportunities for community (social activities) as well as to develop their emotional and spiritual well being through small groups.
- Other leaders by sending them encouraging notes, visiting them on desk, supporting their activities.
- The community through our ministry clubs and service projects.
- Each other in SGA by genuinely talking to each other, helping out at each other's events, praying for each other, and by bringing coffee to Jana when she's upstairs editing the paper.

Shannon Bell has recently set up a "Gratitude and Grievance" box in the Student Center on the south wall between the Career Center and the computers. Please let us know via this method how you feel about our mission statement, if it embodies what you feel your student government should be working on, as well as how you think we're accomplishing our mission.

And don't forget ... no shave November is upon us.

Sincerely,
Nicole Anne Bodenstab
SGA President

Dear Kelly

We all know and love Kelly in the Dex. Every lunch, dinner, and late night, she scans our cards and gives students invaluable advice. Kelly has the kind of wisdom that is only gained through age and experience. Now Kelly is coming to the

opinion page of the Crusader. All students have to do is drop their letters to Kelly in box 2577, and each month, a few will be answered. The letters can be anonymous, but they need to have some pronoun to address the writer by, such as Sleepless in Ford. So if you have a problem and would like Kelly to answer it, feel free to drop it in the mail.

Attendance Policies

Pointless
or
Protection?

by Stephen Michael

I arrived late to work one day this summer and I received a lot of grief. Nobody had even started to do anything, so I felt I was okay, but as my colleague Kevin told me "You are straight up summer school man, you've got no class." Now being back at NNU, I am in the same predicament. Some of my classes are really interesting and I want to go, but others are the mold on the cheese, if you will. Until this year, my sophomore year, I had not missed one class. This year is a different story.

I think I could skip a few of my classes and still do just fine. I asked Andrew Stout what he thought about attendance policies and he said, "Professors can do whatever they want." In part I agree because NNU as a whole doesn't have a standard attendance policy. Each professor sets the bar for being in class, and that bar can vary quite a bit. Zach Carpenter told me, "I feel there should be no problem with it as long as you are keeping up with your work." I agree. If your grades are sustaining a certain level, a high level, then there should be no problem. But look at what you (or your parents) are paying for.

Community colleges offer most of the same classes that are offered here at NNU. Depending on where you go, attendance policies vary, but in my experience the attendance policies are more flexible at a community college. NNU provides a great education and has well-qualified professors who love to see their students succeed. If classes are missed then that experience will be lost.

Certainly, if you are capable of missing a majority of your classes and are able to obtain a degree, there is no question as to your intelligence, but you would miss a significant experience.

Something I have learned over the years while growing up through the public school system is that good teachers are everywhere. I had a lot of good teachers growing up, and this is partly why I enjoyed school. But there is a translation between the textbook and the student that only a good teacher can make enjoyable. Especially when it comes down to your major, the requirement of attendance is most important. We as a community are learning from experienced veterans who have been through what we are going through. Our professors know the material they teach inside and out, and they teach because they love to do it.

The small campus we have at NNU is the best learning environment there is to offer. This is why I chose to come here. Every professor knew my name within the first two weeks of classes and some even before that. I don't feel afraid to approach any of them to ask them a question, because they are so willing to help. Being in class is much more valuable than reading a textbook on your own. There are living, walking, breathing textbooks all around campus, and we should take advantage of that.

-If you had to name the one experience which strengthened your character the most thus far, what would it be?

Everyone loves the question game! Here's our challenge to you: Each issue we will print a question, like the one above, in hopes that some of you will write in your answers to the question. We'll print a couple each issue, so if you have something to say, SAY IT!

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Nothing Revealed... It's Just Life

by Katie Powell

I feel like I went for a walk inside my head long ago. And somewhere along the way I must have fallen asleep on the path, because it seems I haven't really been inside my head for a while. I remember a few months ago, things were harder than they had been for a while, but I felt the most alive. All I had, all I could cling to, was God. Now that things are going good, I laid down in the middle of the path and have fallen asleep.

A few days ago, Jamie Dayton told me that I was contagious. Those words have been dancing through my

head ever since. I'm contagious. What did she mean? I know that she was saying my personality is contagious, but that's it. When it comes down to it that is all she was really saying. But what if people would start saying that my faith is contagious, my love is contagious, and my joy for God is contagious?

I've been so wrapped up in myself, what I'm going to do, where am I going to go next. But something that has recently hit me is this: Why plan your future, when God already has? I don't know what I'm going to do after I graduate. I don't know what I want to be. I don't know who I will marry, or if I will

even get married. I don't know about having children. But God does. So why not give it to him and stop planning?

My new motto lately has been: It's just life. I know that sounds silly, but it has really helped me through a lot. Don't worry about the things to come. Don't panic or stress out about homework. The reason we were created, the only reason we were created by God was to serve him and serve others. So that should be our only goal. It's just life. And then it's over. And then we're in heaven. So why not try to focus things on being contagious for God?

I feel like I am reaching the point on my continuous journey where I can pick myself up off the path. Where I can begin to open my eyes from my sleep, and where I can relax about the mid-term, a family member being ill, a heartache from the loss of someone I loved, and say, "It's just life", and I choose to live for God.

Timeout

Mike Kipp- Tuesday 8th

Hanna Bowman- Wednesday 16th

Time Out cancelled- Wednesday 23rd

Scottie Kafka- Wednesday 30th

All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Africa

by Dr. Carol Rotz

When Tannis asked me to write my testimony, I readily accepted because it is always a joy to share my faith. Then she told me it should only be about 500 words—that's not even ten words per year of my life! I had worked out a strategy, and then she asked that I concentrate on my time in Africa. Well, that's just eighteen years, but a jumble of images and memories and impressions flooded my mind:

The evils of Apartheid

The smell of poverty

Making peace with bugs

The beauty of the Indian ocean

The night sky centered on
the Southern cross instead of the big dipper

The British educational system

The pain and joy of
learning languages

Driving on the right
(correct) left side of the road

Worshipping in churches
made of packing crates

Worshipping in beautiful, modern churches

The cruelty of poverty

Getting lost in Soweto
(and many other places—it's a gift)

The tragedy of AIDS

Witnessing the birth pangs
of a university

The shock of seeing dead bodies

Wading through water over
my gum boots during El Niño

Learning about theology
"from the underside"

Living under a thatch roof

The pain and joy of multiple cultures

"Advising" Hutu and

Tutsi refugees after the
genocide in Rwanda

Learning to love a "braai"

Riding matatus

The beauty of the wildlife

The edginess of third world living

Voting in the first democratic
elections in South Africa

The Maasai

Visiting hospitals with
unbelievable conditions

Being one of the privileged few

Umuntu abantu

Enough! Each phrase has a story behind it—stories I'd love to share. They and many more have shaped who I am today. The years in Africa and the two we spent in

Papua New Guinea before coming to NNU were fulfilling, frustrating, and humbling.

My husband and I and our two sons left for Africa in 1982. My husband and I were both assigned to teach in a Bible College. I was ready to serve. We in America have so much. I wanted to share with those less fortunate. I found that life, even life in Christ, is both much more complicated and much simpler than that. As Paul said, we are all one in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:28). Serving and teaching in Africa proved to be much more mutual than I had thought possible. My categories of leadership, theology, biblical interpretation, interpersonal relationships, even right and wrong were challenged. I realized how much I had to learn. I took classes at the University of South Africa. Our first furlough, I did a master's degree at Olivet Nazarene University (where Dr. Lyons was even then feared and admired as the toughest professor). Back in Africa, I did another master's and a doctorate at two different universities. As wonderful as all this formal education was, I learned the most from my brothers and sisters in Christ—living, loving, laughing, crying, struggling together.

It's not about the "haves" sharing with the "have nots". It's not about heroic sacrifice to serve in the third world. We are one in ways that those of us raised in the West with our individualism cannot fully comprehend or appreciate. We really are a body (Romans 12:5; 1 Cor 12:12ff). I believe it and I want to live it under the lordship of Christ.

Sons of a different Land

by Matthew Mangeac

Recently I had the opportunity to sit down and chat with Mesut Ademoglu, a senior basketball player here at NNU. Ademoglu comes from Turkey; in fact he was raised in Istanbul, one of the world's largest cities. Turkey is near Romania, where my family comes from, and these two countries share a history together.

Although I was born in the U.S., my parents raised me in the Romanian community. My Mom and Dad came here in 1981 to give their children the opportunity to worship God without being persecuted. Like my family, Ademoglu had similar reasons for coming to America.

I chose to talk to Ademoglu, because we are friends, and our people have a history together. In 1485 B.C., the Ottoman Empire, also once known as Turkey, attempted to invade Europe. For centuries, Turkey tried to be successful in doing this alone, until it found a back door—the country of Romania. Romania held off Turkey's attacks for years, until it finally gave up. But that was centuries ago, and any bad blood has long since been washed away, and our two countries are actually allies.

One of the first questions I asked Ademoglu was what he thought about me. "I have been around Romanians a lot. I don't judge anyone; if you are a good person then you are a good person. I've never really cared about race, although we foreigners seem to stick together."

When you come from a different culture, sometimes the only other people who understand you are other foreigners. We agreed that Americans are nicer than other nationalities, but not as open with their feelings. "Sometimes you don't know where you stand with some people, or who likes you. In our countries people tell you straight up how they feel."

Ademoglu told me that he loved America, "because of the opportunity this country gives you," he continued after a short pause, "you can grow here, it's not like other places where you stay in the situation that you are in for the rest of your life." With that, Ademoglu recapped everything that my parents had told me growing up. "Be grateful for America, you can be what you want here."

To close our conversation I asked Mesut if he had any advice for Americans. "Slow down. Everything in this country is too fast, even your food. We are all trying to get somewhere in life, but we forget that the journey is the best part. Americans need to remember that one day they are going to be dead, all that work and worry for nothing. If you have a chance to talk to a friend do it and don't look at the clock. Enjoy your family, and enjoy the process of life."

"Crash"ing Into Others

By Trish Reedy

"Something else funny?"

"People man ... people."

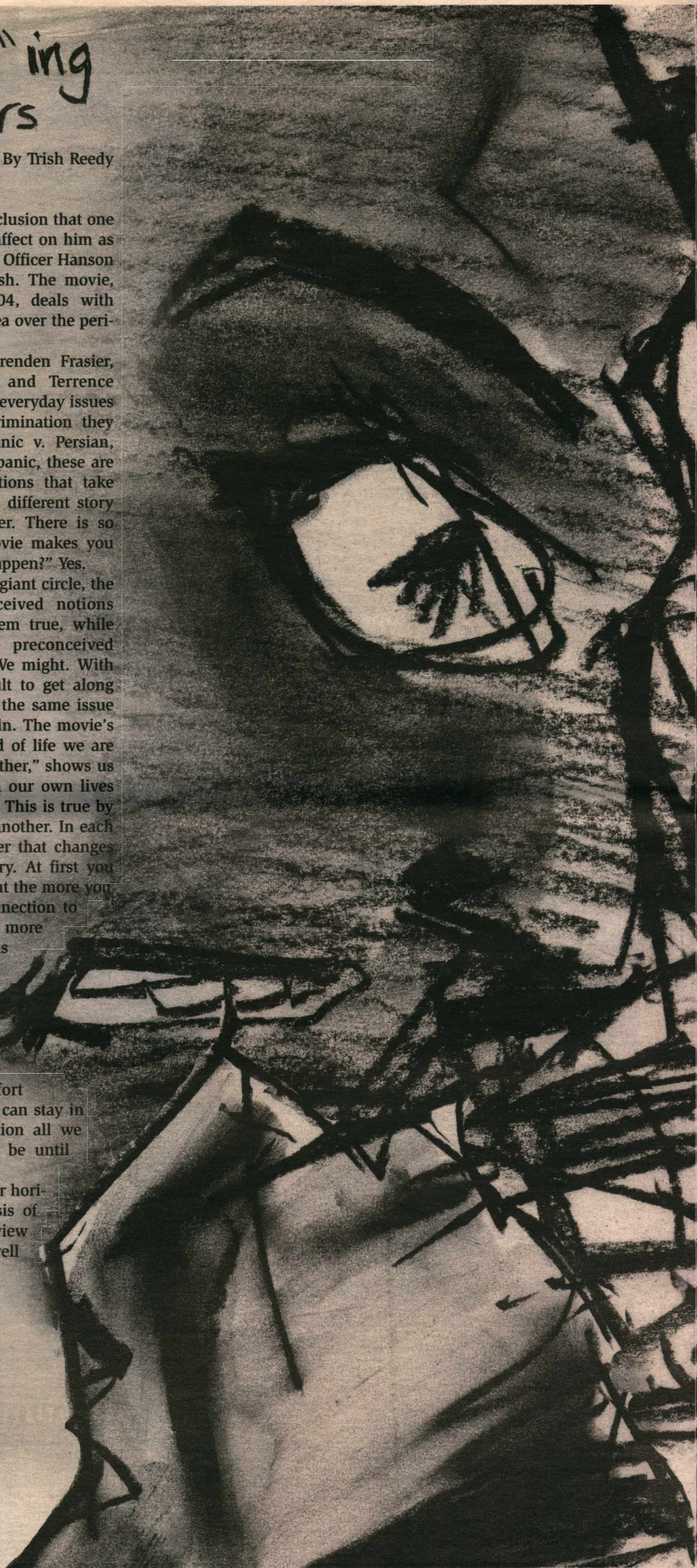
A simple, yet profound conclusion that one character makes has a fatal affect on him as the character of Peter talks to Officer Hanson in the recent release of Crash. The movie, which was released in 2004, deals with racism in the Los Angeles area over the period of 48 hours.

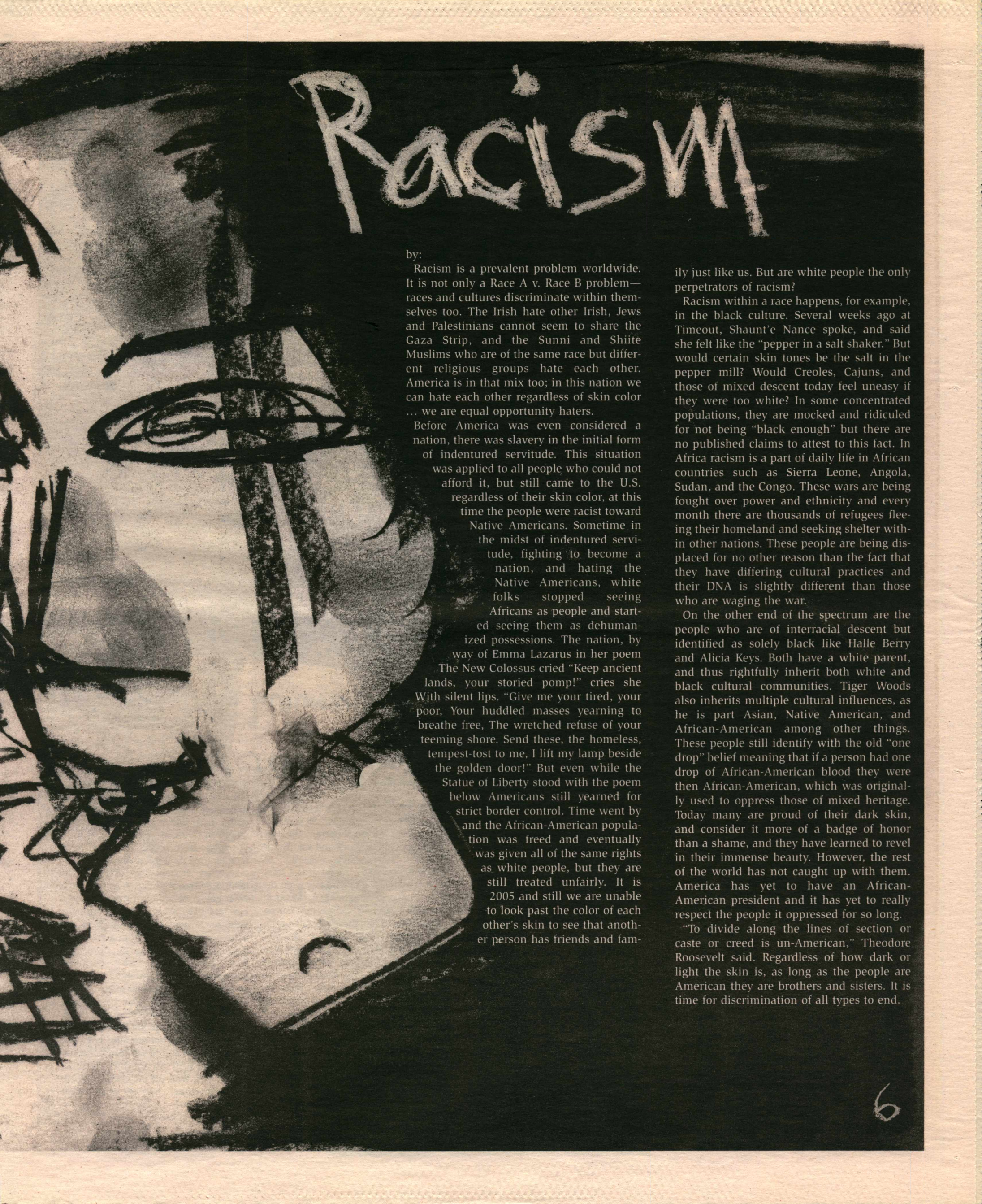
Actors like Don Cheadle, Brenden Frasier, Ludacris, Sandra Bullock, and Terrence Howard deal with seemingly everyday issues in their world by the discrimination they face. Black v. White, Hispanic v. Persian, Black v. Asian, White v. Hispanic, these are just some of the confrontations that take place throughout the several different story lines that are mixed together. There is so much going on that the movie makes you wonder, "Could this really happen?" Yes.

A giant chain reaction and a giant circle, the movie focuses on preconceived notions about other races. Some seem true, while others false. Do we have preconceived notions about other races? We might. With busy lives we find it difficult to get along with others who do not see the same issue we do in the light we see it in. The movie's theme: "Moving at the speed of life we are bound to collide with each other," shows us that when we are busy with our own lives we fail to understand others. This is true by how each story connects to another. In each story line there is a character that changes the outcome on another story. At first you just recognize that person, but the more you watch the more there is connection to other stories, and also the more you feel drawn into what is taking place.

Perhaps the greatest point the movie makes is that with all political correctness aside, it is about getting out of one's comfort zone to examine racism. We can stay in our little bubbles of protection all we want, but how long will it be until those bubbles pop?

It is important to expand our horizons. This movie is the basis of how to expand the way we view people in our own race as well as those of other races.





RACISM

by:

Racism is a prevalent problem worldwide. It is not only a Race A v. Race B problem—races and cultures discriminate within themselves too. The Irish hate other Irish, Jews and Palestinians cannot seem to share the Gaza Strip, and the Sunni and Shiite Muslims who are of the same race but different religious groups hate each other. America is in that mix too; in this nation we can hate each other regardless of skin color ... we are equal opportunity haters.

Before America was even considered a nation, there was slavery in the initial form of indentured servitude. This situation was applied to all people who could not afford it, but still came to the U.S.

regardless of their skin color, at this time the people were racist toward Native Americans. Sometime in the midst of indentured servitude, fighting to become a nation, and hating the Native Americans, white folks stopped seeing Africans as people and started seeing them as dehumanized possessions. The nation, by way of Emma Lazarus in her poem *The New Colossus* cried "Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" But even while the Statue of Liberty stood with the poem below Americans still yearned for strict border control. Time went by and the African-American population was freed and eventually was given all of the same rights as white people, but they are still treated unfairly. It is 2005 and still we are unable to look past the color of each other's skin to see that another person has friends and fam-

ily just like us. But are white people the only perpetrators of racism?

ily just like us. But are white people the only perpetrators of racism?

Racism within a race happens, for example, in the black culture. Several weeks ago at *Timeout*, Shaunt'e Nance spoke, and said she felt like the "pepper in a salt shaker." But would certain skin tones be the salt in the pepper mill? Would Creoles, Cajuns, and those of mixed descent today feel uneasy if they were too white? In some concentrated populations, they are mocked and ridiculed for not being "black enough" but there are no published claims to attest to this fact. In Africa racism is a part of daily life in African countries such as Sierra Leone, Angola, Sudan, and the Congo. These wars are being fought over power and ethnicity and every month there are thousands of refugees fleeing their homeland and seeking shelter within other nations. These people are being displaced for no other reason than the fact that they have differing cultural practices and their DNA is slightly different than those who are waging the war.

On the other end of the spectrum are the people who are of interracial descent but identified as solely black like Halle Berry and Alicia Keys. Both have a white parent, and thus rightfully inherit both white and black cultural communities. Tiger Woods also inherits multiple cultural influences, as he is part Asian, Native American, and African-American among other things. These people still identify with the old "one drop" belief meaning that if a person had one drop of African-American blood they were then African-American, which was originally used to oppress those of mixed heritage. Today many are proud of their dark skin, and consider it more of a badge of honor than a shame, and they have learned to revel in their immense beauty. However, the rest of the world has not caught up with them. America has yet to have an African-American president and it has yet to really respect the people it oppressed for so long.

"To divide along the lines of section or caste or creed is un-American," Theodore Roosevelt said. Regardless of how dark or light the skin is, as long as the people are American they are brothers and sisters. It is time for discrimination of all types to end.

Your Coffee Becomes Your Identity

by Katie Powell

You are what you eat- or in this case drink. Many times a person can figure out exactly what another person is like just by what they order at a coffee shop. A cappuccino is not so simple anymore.

There are so many selections for people to choose from when entering a coffee shop. They change a simple person into a picky person with a complicated order.

"When I order at a coffee shop, I usually get a tall, double shot, caramel, soy latte with extra foam," said Jeff Greene, senior. He went on to say his opinion on size options, "Now I usually have to get a tall or even an eight ounce, because it is just so much coffee for me to drink."

Because this is usually what Jeff orders as a regular at a coffee shop, his new name to the Barista may in fact be exactly what he ordered.

"There is the one guy that always comes in," says Ryan Goldsmith, senior Baristo at One More Cup, "we call him Mocha Jim. Every time he comes in, that is exactly what he orders. So whenever he comes in, he is associated with Mocha."

As the names of customers change, so do the perceptions the employees have of the customer, according to Goldsmith.

"One guy came in and ordering the most

PODCASTING: Is NNU Ready?

by Jeff Shaw

How many times have you been listening to the radio and thought "I could do so much better?" Either the music is not up to par, or the topics discussed don't meet your needs. With the iPod becoming the new personal radio, and the prices of personal recording gear dropping, Podcasting has become the new radio. According to Wikipedia, "Podcasting is a means of distributing audio and video programs via the Internet that lets users subscribe to a number of files, also known as "feeds", and then hear or view the material at the time that they choose." This has quickly allowed everyday people, like you and me, create their own stations that feature whatever they want. Creativity is everything as people host their own talk shows and create their own jams. Once a Podcast is online people can then subscribe to it and receive updates whenever a new Podcast is posted. An internet search on "Podcast" will bring thousands of options for personal listening pleasure.

With the options available, the question becomes "Would the NNU campus benefit from it's own

Podcast?" Think of a two easy reasons for it, Podcasting is cheap compared to radio and requires far less involvement. Where can you find a way to communicate with the public for practically free? Are there issues and topics on campus that deserve to be discussed in a public way? An idea has sprung up out of some of these questions and is now in the developmental process.

A team of people has been established and is currently working on posting a weekly podcast in connection with the Crusader. The idea being that this podcast will provide a platform for relevant issues to be discussed as well as a source in which NNU's campus and community can be informed about events. This will be run by and for the students of NNU. The goal is to provide a medium where discussion can take place in a public fashion, the hope is that there will be an interest sparked and it will be an enjoyable experience. Be watching for more information on the campus' new information source.

Dreaming of Summer

by Gwen Miller

In the cold of November, we could all use a little dose of summer. Coming this month, veteran fall play director Jonathan Perry and his troupe present Shakespeare's classic A Midsummer Night's Dream. It is a story of fairies wreaking playful havoc on the lives of unsuspecting humans. As Puck, the most mischievous of the fairies, quips, "What fools these mortals be!"

"It's definitely a physical comedy," says Megan Hill, a junior who plays star crossed lover, Hermia. Where else can you go on the NNU campus to see kissing, cross-dressing, dancing, and catfights in a school-condoned activity? "This is a way to see your classmates in very awkward situations," agrees Lessa Swallings-Bailey, a junior who plays tailor Robin Starveling. Small Hill chortles, "I get to beat guys up. It's awesome." It is rumored that she accomplished this feat with enough force to leave handprints. "One of the

great things is that it's in old English, but the physical comedy makes it understandable by all," points out junior Trish Reedy who plays comedic relief Peter Quince.

The play features 22 actors in roles ranging from donkeys to fairies. Numerous other students are involved in behind the scenes roles. Practices have been going well. Nate Paine and Tyler Law did have a brief mishap during a fight scene when they slipped on the baby powder left over from a Freshere skit.

Five performances are scheduled between November 18 and 26. Admission is \$6 for the general public, \$5 for students, and \$3 for those ages 12 and under. Several performances will occur before the Thanksgiving break. On the evening of the Homecoming banquet, the play starts at 8:30 pm. Attending the banquet at 6:30 pm and then finishing the evening with the play could change your November into A Midsummer Night's Dream.

insane drink. He wanted me to add so many different flavors in it. I just thought the drink had to be disgusting, and now when ever I see him around school, I think about his drink."

A latte is no longer a latte, but a tall, skinny, non-fat, sugar free vanilla latte with no whip and extra foam. And so goes, a good looking customer is no longer a good looking customer, but the one who orders this specific latte in order to watch their weight. When asked what drink he prefers, Goldsmith quickly said a Grande, Vanilla White Mocha. "Oh, and iced. It has to be iced."

Dr. Richard Hagood—"I don't drink coffee. My favorite drink is Dr. Pepper."

Dr. Mark Pitts—"Double-tall skinny dry latte"

Karen Pearson—"Tall cappuccino with a shot of vanilla or cinnamon, depending on how sweet I'm feeling."

Dr. Mark Maddix—"I don't drink coffee-I haven't grown-up yet. I usually order a

banana and strawberry smoothie."

Gene Schandorff—"Coffee. Black. Hot. The way God meant coffee to be. When human-kind sinned in the garden they began the long decline into a life of complexity from which there is no easy return. It began with the alienation of family from the simple loving relationships of home. It continued through the confusion of languages and the cultural disintegration of the tower of Babel. It's final and perhaps most terrible consequence has been the complete loss of the ability to walk into a coffee shop and order a simple cup of coffee. Oh, and all that junk makes it cost way too much too."

Kenton Lee—"12 ounce Iced Chai with whole milk."

Shannon Bell—"Grande Toasted Marshmallow Americano (because I'm lactose intolerant) with a packet of the pink sugar."

Dani Wilson—"Usually it's just a 16 oz. Vanilla Mocha with whipped cream."

Jordan Yankovich—"Grande Irish Cream Latte."

Jesse Kadel—"Caramel Mocha."



Pathways to Abandon

Saw II is the highly anticipated sequel to one of the scarier movies of our day. If you are not a fan of horror films, take heart! Saw II, written/directed by Darren Lynn Bousman, is more of a thriller/suspense film than it is horror. However, if you aren't a fan of blood, I don't suggest seeing this movie anytime soon. In the sequel, Jigsaw, a cunning serial killer, is back in action. To the luck of Detective Matthews (Donnie Wahlberg), clues from a crime scene help the police locate Jigsaw easily. After capturing him, the police think that they are in control, but even they become a part of Jigsaw's next big plan. Matthews must locate his son and seven other people who are stuck in a house filled with death-traps. If he can't find him within two hours, his son and all the others will die from the nerve gas slowly filling their lungs...

MATT: I respected what the writer was trying to do with this sequel. But in the end, it was just that, a sequel. I feel like this film was made just because the first one made a lot of money.

CHRIS: Yeah, I could see that too. The first wasn't highly publicized; it was an independent film with a low budget. Saw II however, has received a lot of publicity, and is actually on the top of the box office right now. Even though this movie road on the coat tails of the first movie, there will most likely be a third installment in the Saw franchise.

MATT: Well, if it makes money, it's a given. That's the way the Hollywood machine runs. The cinematography in this film is another attempt at the move Se7en (Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman). Ever since that movie, all of the psychological thrillers have been trying to pull off the grimy green look. Let's try something new.

CHRIS: I would appreciate that. The fact that everything looked so gross in this film, mixed with the skin-crawling situations and gallons of blood, made me sick to my stomach half way through the movie. I definitely think the director tried to play the gore card when he couldn't fill space with good dialogue.

MATT: I would not take a date to this movie, unless she's gothic. I give this film 2 buckets of popcorn out of 5, because it did surprise me, even though I fell asleep twice. Maybe that's why it surprised me.

CHRIS: I don't know exactly what I think about this movie, except that it didn't hold my interest as long as the first. But I would say to anyone that loved the first one; go see the second. I will also give it 2 buckets of popcorn.

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Nathan Schnackenberg grew up in Japan as a missionary kid. Though he learned Japanese at a very young age and knew all their customs he never really fit in. Upon moving back to the States, Schnackenberg was thrown into a culture he thought might be more familiar. He looked just like every other kid in school, but his mannerisms and actions were that of the Japanese. To gain favoritism Schnackenberg soon turned to violence, drugs, and sex to improve his popularity. After graduating from high school Schnackenberg was headed for the University of Nevada Las Vegas. While living in Vegas he quickly adapted to the fast paced life style and sunk into the sea in the city of sin.

After hitting rock bottom Schnackenberg cried out for God.

This book is directed straight toward college age kids. It was an easy read but made you think at the same time. Schnackenberg's style is pretty much tell it as it is, and honesty can be brutal. Honestly, I had no idea which direction this book was going to go the whole time, and when I got to the last part...ahh I still am not sure what to think. But it made me think a lot. Life is so much bigger than all our minuscule problems.

I found this book online at relevantmagazine.com along with other books such as Walk On the spiritual journey of U2, and the Coffee House Gospel. Check it out!

By: Stephen Michael



Petra's Last Hurrah in Idaho

by Trish Reedy

Now I have seen everything. I have seen the tradition-rich NNU host one of the loudest and hardest rocking shows in Christian music. I saw 45-year-old men moshing to music that was before my time, but even better, I saw an eerie likeness of Dr. Waller on stage jamming out on an electric guitar.

After working in Christian music and breaking the mold for 33 years, the band Petra is planning on retiring, but not until after a last tour that takes them all over the country and all over the world including places like Denmark, Brazil, and England. Last week, as part of their farewell tour, the band, arguably known as the beginning of Christian rock, brought their show to the NNU Brandt Center for one last party in Idaho. Nostalgia was intact for many of the concert goers as lines started forming two hours before the doors opened.

"The lines were already long and it was still over an hour until the doors even opened. People

were excited," junior Megan Hill said about her arriving to work that evening.

There was something for everyone as younger, newer bands like Farewell June and Bread of Stone regaled younger audience members with more modern sounding songs.

From there on out it was an "I remember that song!" night as Petra took the stage and provided one of the loudest concerts in the Northwest. From tossing drum sticks to singing worship music, there was never a dull moment. Even the song "I am a C" was sung that took even me back to my childhood Sunday school days.

"It was awesome!" an amazed Kristjan Johnson said exiting the auditorium. "It was just ... Oh man!"

Whether you are 5 or 50, Petra provided sights and sounds that all can, and will, remember.



Board of Trustees

On October 19th through the 21st you may have seen a group of approximately 40 men and women waltzing around campus in suits and ties as if they owned the place. Well they do. Just kidding, but not really. Those were members of the Board of Trustees. For those of you new kids, Trustees meet here on campus twice a year in order to research, discuss, and vote upon all pertinent campus issues regarding policy. Members of Nazarene churches in the NNU Educational Zone elect laypeople or ministers, who are members of the church of the Nazarene, to represent their district on the Board. Basically it is an unpaid governing body to represent the greater Nazarene community. They meet on campus for three days and listen to the President and each of the University VP's give a policy related report concerning what has occurred in the past six months, and what they hope will happen in the next six. The following is a brief summary of some of the things students may find pertinent to their lives:

Summaries of the Reports given to the Board of Trustees
October, 2005

President:

According to the report of President Hagood, the official NNU enrollment for Fall 2005 is 1627 students, an all time record. Broken down that includes 460 graduate students, 1072 undergraduate students, and 95 enrolled in the STEP program. He also mentioned that the needs of the science and health program facilities, including the nursing program are being addressed. Motion has been set toward improving, renovating, and possibility adding buildings. Another need that has been noticed by the Cabinet is the necessity of an expansion or re-creation of the Student Center.

Academic Affairs:

VP Mark Pitts wrote specifically about the academic program prioritization process that occurred over the last year. Some of the outcomes from that event are that the school year shortened by one week each semester, beginning 05/06; there is a standard range adopted for the number of credits required to complete an undergraduate major; and a three-credit standard was adopted for most undergraduate courses.

He also reported on the General Education Program Revision that is to be implemented in the fall of 2006. Some of the revisions are that required General Education courses will include a three credit introductory course designed to prepare students for their undergraduate experience, as well as a one credit senior course to review student progress and

encourage application of knowledge to personal, professional, or world problems. The program would also require cross-cultural or international experience as well as a required service experience.

Enrollment and Marketing:

Dr. Forseth reported that 77 transfer students enrolled this fall, as well as 269 new freshmen enrolled this fall (33% male, 67% female). It has been noticed across the nation that female enrollment in higher education has risen dramatically, lowering the percentage of males in many institutions. Because of the declining percentage of male student applications here, the Board of Trustees will further review and pursue curricular and co-curricular gender recruitment opportunities including the possibility of male focused athletics and majors.

Financial Affairs:

Joel Pearsall reported that the Investment Committee for the first full year has a portion of the NNU investments completely in the hands of NNU students as a part of a fund-managing course in the business department. Also included in his report was that over the summer Environmental Services completed many maintenance projects/improvements to the campus including: painting Wiley, Dooley, and the Admissions building, resurfaced the tennis courts, Demolished Morrison Hall, and renovated the downstairs of the Fine Arts building to include a photography dark room. Another item of great importance to the student body is that the student discount rate, which is currently at 26% will raise to a target of 30% in the next four years with a special focus on students with financial need. This means that while tuition rises as average, the amount of discount will rise even further. That's less that some students have to pay!

Student Development:

Dr. Cook reported that there are four new RD's this year, a staggering number of new residents, but also that they are doing a wonderful job. He also mentioned that NNU students and faculty raised near \$4,000 and sent 350 Crisis Care Kits to support Nazarene Disaster Relief's effort to victims of Hurricane Katrina. In his written report, Campus Life Director, Tim Milburn, reported that

"Both Student Development and SGA are preparing to host the annual Nazarene Student Leadership Conference here at NNU in April, 2006. This conference brings together all of the newly elected student leadership teams from each of our sister Nazarene institutions. We are excited to highlight all of the things that make NNU such a special place." This means that in the spring we will have over 100 student leaders here from other Nazarene schools that we get to show off Nampa to.

University Advancement:

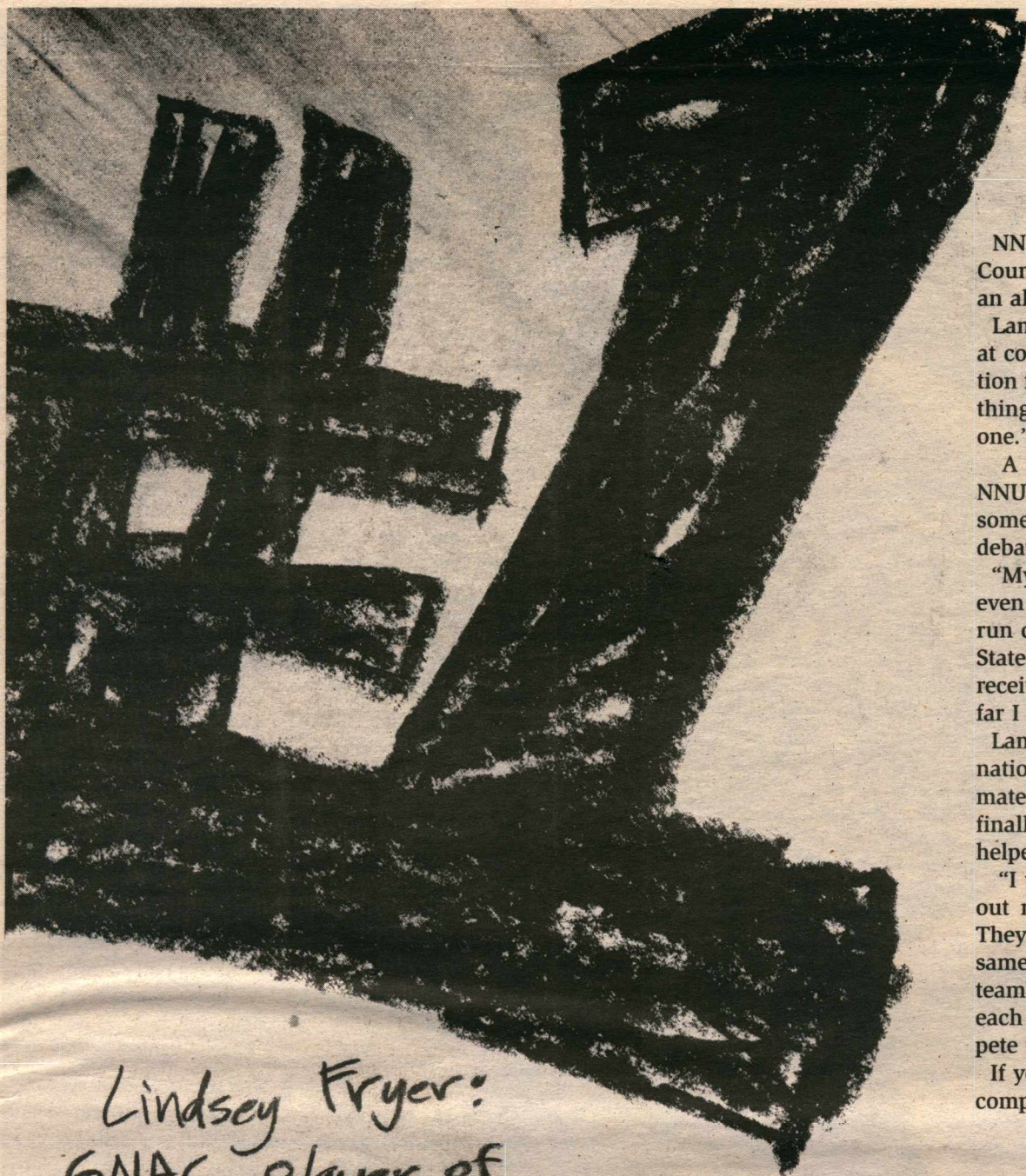
Gary Skaggs mentioned in his report that that the second phase of the perimeter fence should be completed by the summer of 2006. He also mentioned the recent acquisition of Amity Villa Trailer Park, across from Olsen and the track. The purpose for that land is still undecided. He proposed additions to the Kirkeide apartments and mentioned the recent updates to the Holly 1000 apartments: phone lines within the NNU system and wireless internet access.

Other areas of interest mentioned in the meetings....

The usage of the term "Crusader"

A Task Force of eight people closely affiliated with NNU met last spring and summer to "consider the appropriateness of the continued use of the term "Crusader(s)" in its many forms as representative of our University." Chair Randy Craker wrote a summary of the report that was presented to the Trustees. The Board voted to table voting on the recommendation of the Task Force until this report had been distributed to concerned parties such as current students and alumni of NNU for informational purposes. The full report of that task force will most likely be printed in a future issue of the Crusader newspaper.

Please respond to such issues in a discussion through the Crusader newspaper. If there are issues that students take a deeper interest in, please communicate with the SGA by using the "Gratitudes and Grievances" box near the kiosk in the Student Center. We are open to finding more information or even to holding forums with NNU administration.



Kevin Lambert Receives GNAC honors

by Trish Reedy

NNU is in the habit of producing great athletes and the Men's Cross Country team is no exception. Last month, junior Kevin Lambert received an all-GNAC honor for placing 8th in a recent conference meet.

Lambert said, "(This) is a big improvement from my 47th place finish at conference last year. Early in the season, I was given honorable mention for Conference athlete of the week which was an even more exciting thing. That is kind of when I knew that this season would be a great one."

A children's ministries major minoring in biblical languages here at NNU knew that after working hard for years it would have to pay off some time. In high schools there was even a scare in which Lambert debated on running competitively after graduation.

"My senior year of high school I placed 22nd at State, which does not even get my name in the paper. At that moment I thought I would never run competitively again. And I could not help but think of that horrible State race when I crossed the finish line at Conference and when I received the All Conference Plaque. It was exciting to think about how far I have come and exciting to think about how far I still get to go."

Lambert chose to not focus on this though and felt he had the determination to continue on and improve. Through the encouragement of teammates, coaches, and everyone that believed in him he continued on and finally gained an honor he feels like he can share with everyone that helped him.

"I would like to mention that I never would have gotten this far without my amazing coaches, Ben Gall, Aaron Matthias, and John Spatz. They have all believed in me when I did not believe in myself. At the same time, the team I run with is one of the most amazing Cross Country teams in the GNAC. Every individual has a heart for God and a heart for each other and I think that our hearts are what give us the drive to compete together. And it is always an honor to run with them."

If you happen to see Kevin give him a high-five. In a conference that is competitive, gaining this honor is one that should be congratulated.

Lindsey Fryer: GNAC player of the week

by Matt Mangeac

Lindsey Fryer, GNAC player of the week, has been playing volleyball for thirteen seasons, which is about seven years. When asked how she became interested in the sport, Fryer answered, "I saw my older sister play in high school when I was a little girl. My cousin was also involved in the sport, so we're pretty much a volleyball family. Well volleyball and basketball." Teammate Chelsea Lewis had this to say about Fryer: "She is very competitive and doesn't settle. Her intensity gives her the ability to hit hard. But she is also a funny girl who loves to have a good time."

Fryer is thankful that she made the decision to play for Northwest Nazarene. "I love playing for NNU. It's been fun. I love my teammates and I love my coach. He backs up all of his views with something solid. And you can talk to him about anything, not just volleyball." Coach Jared Sliger is been pleased with her performance on the court. "She did a nice job of taking over for Chelsea Lewis; in fact she's exceeded our expectations. Lindsey has had great games even with the constant attacks on the middle."

Fryer now leads her team in kills making 262 this season, and also in blocks having 62. At this point, she is third overall in defense, with 209 digs, making her a crucial asset to the team. Fryer and the other volleyball girls are working hard to have a great season. Come out and watch the girls play, because predictions say this year will be awesome.



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Top Ten Reasons Not to go to Sleep Tonight
By Grant Bruner

No morning breath

How many times is SportsCenter on?

TNT new movie classics (and commercials)

If you don't go to bed, you don't have to take a shower in the morning

It's dark outside

I slept last night

Stars are so romantic

Scambook

Matt Bruce

Catch up on missed chapel sermons on the internet

by Kenton Lee

One main difference between high school and college has to do with the seating arrangements in the classrooms. In high school, there were usually seat assignments handed down from the teacher. But in college, we are allowed to roam free. We can sit wherever we please ... except when that kid messes everything up. That kid who sits in different seats throughout the classroom is another nuance of Northwest Nazarene University.

The whole campus knows the drill. When classes start, everyone sits down in a seat the first couple days of class - then that is your seat for the rest of the semester. The professors do not force it, but it is an unspoken rule of all the students. Every person knows this unspoken

rule; and everybody knows where people sit. That is, everyone knows except for that kid.

That kid is the one who sits wherever he or she pleases - a different seat every class. I don't understand it. Nobody does. All I know is that there is nothing to say to that kid. The seats are not assigned - so you cannot tell that kid that he or she is in your seat. Bribery is effective but not moral - so that is out of the question. And you cannot tell professors - they will look at you like you just told them they are not real doctors unless they practice medicine.

There are a couple of terrible things that happen when that kid takes your seat. One is the domino effect that happens after your seat is gone. Once that kid takes your seat, you still need to sit down. So you have to hesitantly take someone else's seat. Then when he or she comes in and looks at you, all you can do is point at that kid. His or her frustrated face turns into a face of gentle understanding, as he or she has to steal someone else's seat. It is a vicious circle.

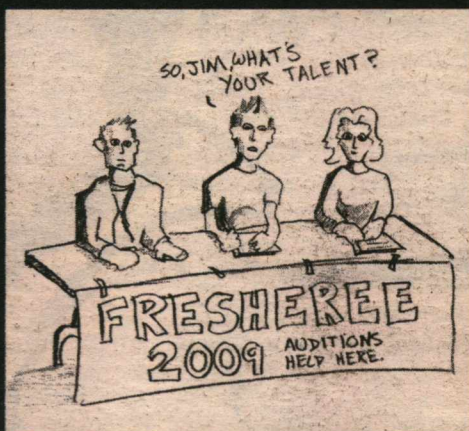
Another terrible occurrence is that that kid always gets to class early. So, when you come in to class and head toward your normal seat, you are stopped in your tracks. You stand dumbfounded for six minutes - simply staring at that kid. The whole time you are wondering, "Is this some kind of joke? Should I just leave? Do I actually have to pay attention today?" But that kid has a strange talent for not feeling awkward or repentant.

Another inconvenience is what to do about your friends. When that kid comes in and sits down in your seat next to your friends, they freeze. This is actually my favorite part. Because then when you come in and see that kid in your seat, you automatically look to your friends. As they sheepishly turn to look at you, they have this what-could-I-do-that-kid-just-sat-down face. They could have said something to that kid, but inside they are just happy they still have their seat.

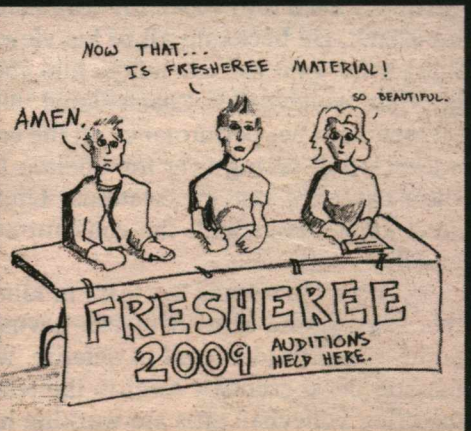
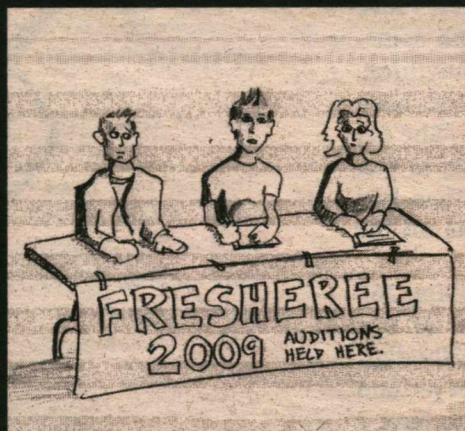
Can anything be done about that kid? I have tried using candy. I have tried putting a reserved sign on the seat the night before. I have tried asking him or her politely to move, but then I get too nervous. Is there anything that can be done? I submit that there is not. This is just one nuance of NNU that will forever remain - there will always be that kid who does not understand that people have their own seats in class.

All you can really do is make sure you do not ask too many questions during class - you do not want to be one of those kids.

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