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"A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues."

~Cicero

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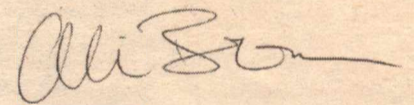
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Lately something has been keeping me from the holiday spirit. As much as I enjoy the celebration of Thanksgiving, something has been missing this year. In fact something has been lacking since I graduated from the 6th grade. Do you remember how exciting the holidays were then? Days before break the scissors and glue would be brought out and the entire class would be devoted to creating some sort of holiday craft. Often times there would be an assembly or even a movie.

I keep hoping that one of my professors will devote a class period to making paper turkeys; you know the kind where you trace your hand on construction paper. Or perhaps Dr. Cantrell will say "Class, today we are going to reenact the Mayflower's arrival at Plymouth Rock, now this half can be the pilgrims and this half can be the Native Americans." Even coloring a picture of a cornucopia would get me in the mood. But alas, these days leading up to Thanksgiving are filled with research papers and tests, nothing for mom to hang on the refrigerator door.

This, like so many other areas of our lives, has been forced into compliance with the adult world. And so I would just like to take a moment to encourage you to take some time for a holiday craft this year. Do not let the joys of childhood so easily fade. You might feel silly at first, but just think of the joy it will bring to your friends and family.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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Events

November 22 – December 3
Nursing Home Gift Drive

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Fall Drama 8:00 pm

November 23
Ministry Group Info Meeting

November 26
Homecoming Banquet 6:30 pm
Fall Drama 8:30 pm

November 27
Thanksgiving Dinner 4:00 pm
Homecoming Concert 7:30 pm

December 3
Ministry Group Applications Due

December 4 and 5
Ministry Group Interviews

December 5
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December 10 -11
Ministry Group tryouts

December 12
Ministry Group Selections

December 13
Procrastination Party/ Concert

December 19
WINTER BREAK BEGINS

letter to the editor

To the Editor and readers:

Last Friday night I had the opportunity to attend my first Boise Philharmonic concert on our campus. I would like to point out several items on proper etiquette at a concert. First, whispering and chattering during the concert is very distracting. I was sitting in front of several rows of NNU students, and the constant whispering by some of the students during the first number was

extremely annoying. Secondly, for long legged persons, please be careful that you don't keep kicking the back of the chair in front of you. I tried to ignore this, but after a few times it became another distraction.

We are so privileged to have the Boise Philharmonic perform on our campus, and we want everyone to have the opportunity to enjoy the concert.

Pat Kissell
Nursing

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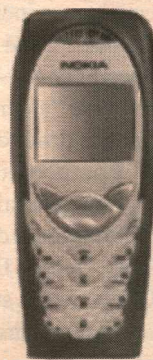
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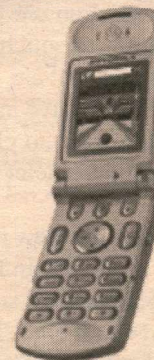
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“traveling light”

By Bethany Kuykendall The fall play opens this weekend to kick off our Homecoming week events. The play itself is different than most scripts performed at NNU. The director, Jonathan Perry, has decided to take a new twist on the play choice this year. “Traveling Light” is a retelling of the gospel of Mark. Originally an ensemble piece for three people, Perry has turned it into a cast of fourteen. The script puts you right in the center of Christ’s ministry, and lets you feel and experience events right along with the disciples, and other intriguing

characters. However, unlike the gospel of Mark, the characters are introduced as people we would recognize today. Doubting Thomas has been transformed into a surfer bum, apostle Peter is from Brooklyn, Judas has a leather jacket and a lot of attitude, and Levi is your typical nerd in suspenders and a bow tie. These are just a few of the intriguing

characters that will be introduced throughout the course of the evening. Plays with Christian messages can be hard to perform in the community, but the goal of this play is to challenge the audience in their faith, to remind them of what being a Christian is all about and to present the gospel to non-Christians in a new and interesting way. The script is full of entertainment and reflection, and the cast is excited to present their message to the campus. Performances are Friday and Saturday of this week, and Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of next week.

clubs sandwich.....\$0.00 photography, art and literature... all that and a bag of chips

By Sharece Bunn “Are you tired, run down, listless? Do you poop out at parties?” (for those of you who do not know, this is from an *I Love Lucy* episode)...If this is you, NNU has exciting things in store for you. Several new clubs have been started...all for your own personal enjoyment. Join one of them soon to rejuvenate your soul before finals. The three new clubs that are starting to burst from the creative minds of your fellow students are the art club, the photography club, and Camelot (the English Club).

With new professors come new ideas. Our new professor of art, Jonathan Puls has worked with his dedicated art students this past month to start an art club. Their weekly meetings, held at three thirty on Mondays, entail discussions about ways

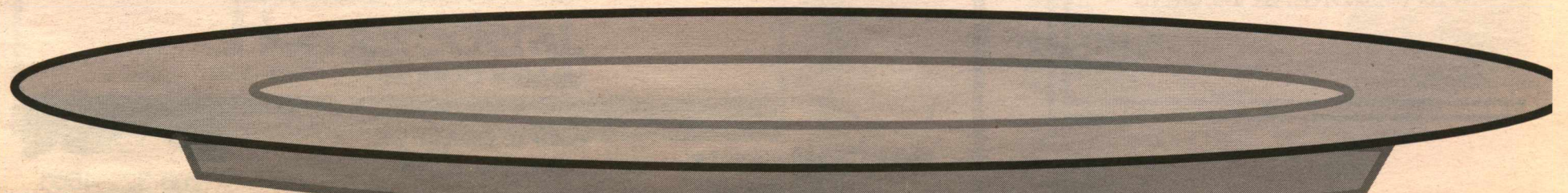
to promote the art department and raise awareness to arts in general as well as Christians in the arts. Scott Foster said, “You don’t have to be able to draw or anything to be a member. You just have to appreciate the arts and want to be a part of artistic culture.” Several events are coming up including a movie night on December 2nd and a trip to first Thursday on December 4th. According to Foster, first Thursday is “a nerdy art thing where we look at art, drink coffee and talk about art stuff.” For more info about these events or the club in general, contact Jonathon Puls at JDPuls@nnu.edu.

Since Debbie Brown has returned to NNU (she was a student not too long ago), photographers’ dreams have sprouted.

Wilson Wanene and Keith Effler decided to head up the new photography club. Some students might be surprised to know that we have a darkroom at this school. The photography club gives students interested in photography the chance to get together to bond about their art. Monthly critiques will occur so that members can work together to try to learn from each other about better techniques or whatnot so that all can improve their art. For more information about the photography club, contact Debbie Brown at DLBrown@nnu.edu, Keith Effler at KCEffler@nnu.edu or Wilson Wanene at WKWanene@nnu.edu.

Camelot started as a small dream. My fellow English major, Bethany Kuykendall,

and myself got together to share our dream. We wanted to have a Dead Poet’s Society Club at our school. Anyone who has visited the English department would know how messy the offices can be and our charter was lost on the desk of one of our glorious professors. We gave the charter to them back in April. (Hmmm) Dr. Bennett fully supports our dream and hopes that many people will choose to join. We are willing to set up writing groups for interested young writers or just hang out to read each other’s work. You do not have to be a writer to join the club. In all honesty, all you have to do is appreciate English and feel the desire to read (your stuff or others’ stuff). If you have ever watched the Dead Poet’s Society and wished that you could be one of those kids, give us a call. There may even be a few readings in a cave somewhere.



all of me for all of you

By Paul and Andy Kerr "So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law." (Galatians 5:16-18)

Conquering a sin cannot be done on our own power. However, I believe God requires a lot on our part before He helps us get rid of sin. He requires that we trust in Him (live by the Spirit) and give Him control. We must want God more than we want to commit the sin. This sounds like an obvious thing to want, but often our heart desires something other than what our will wants. We must realize that God wants the best for us, and therefore wants to protect us from certain things. Every sin has an effect on our spirit (our real self) even though we do not necessarily see it right away. If we realize this, and take steps to *show God* that we want Him more than our sin, it is amazing how He bends our desires toward Him and we no longer want the sin that we once held so dear. By taking steps to show God, I mean doing something active that will help us get rid of a sin, perhaps avoiding the situation that leads us into sinning, or spending more time in the Word instead of being bombarded by the world's view through music and television. God sees us and He knows what we really want. If we show Him a little effort, He will answer. God is still powerful, Jesus is still alive and He still works in humans if we simply let Him.

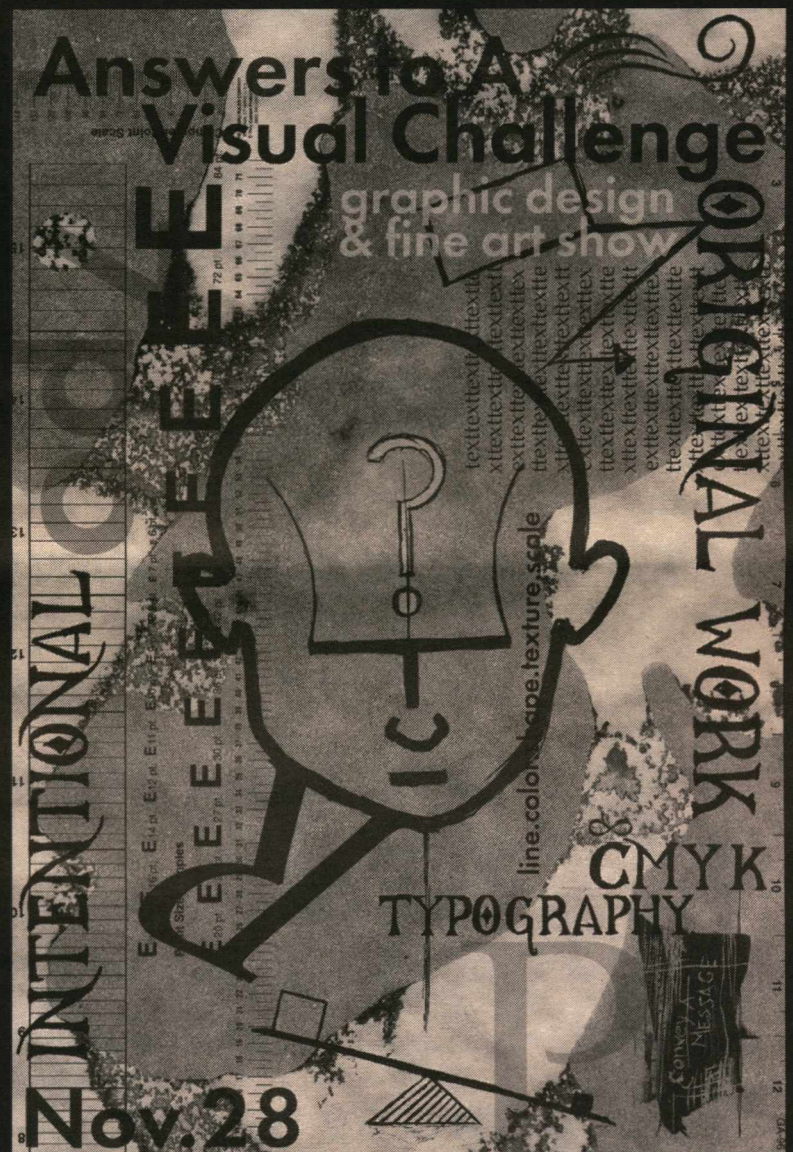
"The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; [which is extreme indulgence of one's appetites] idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions [which is violent quarreling], factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God." (Galatians 5:19-21)

Those who commit these sins can be forgiven, but those who live like this (make it their lifestyle) will not inherit the kingdom of God. God does not care about the individual sin as much as He cares about what our heart desires. He wants us to put Him above all other things, above all our desires to indulge ourselves, above all our other relationships. If we do this, He will rid us of our sin, He will direct our path, and He will give us what we truly desire. "And all these things will be added unto you."

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other." (Galatians 5:22-26)

If we give ourselves to God (our time, thoughts, desires, relationships, future, present, past, sins, and our things) He will not only help rid us of our sin, but He will give us a little bit of something good. That something good is Himself, and He is willing to not only give us a little bit of Himself, but all of Himself. He, for some strange reason, wants to trade all of ourselves, for all of Him. We can trade Him our selfishness, our impurity, our immorality, and our hatred for His love, His joy, His peace, and His Goodness. And what a good trade that is for those who are willing to forget about themselves and live for Him.

Lord, Creator, God, please trade all of me for all of you. Amen.



"Answers to a Visual Challenge" is an art show for the graduating seniors in the Art Department. Work will be shown by Milly Bustos, Amber Dillon, and Andy Kerr. A reception, with the artists present, will be held Friday, November 28, from 6:30-8:00. The show will be up in the Brandt Center from Nov. 28 to Dec. 31.

celebrating our blessings: a crus

Tiana Cutright

Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.
Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.
Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise.
For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.
He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.
By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.
Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.
The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.
The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.
Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.
The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.
From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.
He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.
There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield.

For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

Psalm 33

Jesus is the head of the church in our lives is the church's week as we rest from our work be enjoying the Thanksgiving this year, or unable to travel week may hold, let us take the week we praise our Lord for being the celebration of the blessing you, Lord!" as we move into

Thoughts From the NNU Co

I am very thankful for my healing God has performed in my computer business, for cuddling. I credit God with all the. Gratefully,
Tiana Cutright

I am thankful that the Lord handle both the joys and the. I have been blessed with Idaho and by seeing God at Lee Cook

I have been blessed with for their individual lives and. We may not always agree on glorify Him with our actions. April Swonger, Registrar

I am thankful this year for house, and got a job. She is living. We are very grateful. A Happy Mom

This year has been an excellent way to show us that there is heaven and how He does provide. I provided me with an amazing needed. Thank you God. Nicole Heilsberg

I am incredibly thankful for encouraging they are. They are of joy. I am thankful that their Words can't even express how. Kristi Wherry

I am thankful for the miracle Schiermeier, and for saving lives. I not be any more blessed than everyone who has prayed, and. Bethany Engelstad

Crusader thanksgiving

and our praise of Him and for the good He accomplishes
tbeat. May our hearts beat with thanksgiving and love this
emic pursuits during the campus holiday. Some of us will
celebration with family and friends, others may be alone
ome at this time. Whatever our circumstance, whatever the
time to thank God for all the amazing things He does. Let
tactly who He is. This issue of *The Crusader* is dedicated to
this campus community enjoys. We just want to say, "Thank
ne holiday season.

community

new home, for my new experiences here at NNU, for the
my family relationships, for the upswing in my husband's
cats, and a cupboard full of food!
ood in my life. My Lord takes good care of this daughter!

and walks with me daily and gives me strength and courage to
orrows.

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ork in changed lives through Real Life Community Church.

place to work in which people are seeking the will of God
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cause our daughter graduated from NNU last spring, bought a
s what she is doing and where she is working and where she

remely hard year for my family and I. But yet, God still finds
blue skies over the rainbow. I am so thankful for my father in
ide. There is nothing else that can satisfy like He can. He has
family, wonderful friends, and everything else that I ever have
is good.

nd blessed by my family. I am amazed at how supportive and
e there in the thickest times of turmoil and in the greatest times
are five of my best friends: always willing, and always there.
thankful I am for them and all that they do.

cle the Lord has done in the life of my best friend, Becky
r from death after a serious brain injury this summer. I could
o still have our incredible friendship. I'm so thankful for
that God answers us in our desperation!

This year I am thankful for God's grace and mercy to forgive you of anything
you have done and you don't have to be ashamed of your failures. I am also
thankful for the opportunity to opening ask forgiveness from my parents for
shameful acts I have done in the last year and knowing that they would and did
forgive me because God calls us to forgive others and ask forgiveness of others.

I have been so blessed this year with learning to appreciate all God has given
me and all for the beauty of the cross which my Jesus died upon for me! Also
I have been blessed with new relationships with my Jesus and my family and
friends.

Katie Bower

I have been blessed this year with a good family (good kids), good health, and
the opportunity to attend NNU as a pre-nursing student. But, the best blessing of
all is knowing Jesus Christ as my savior.

Rosemary Phelps

This year God has blessed me in giving me the opportunity to be an RA. It's
been exciting to work with all of the amazing freshman girls, as well as the other
RA's, and our RD. Thank you to my wing for being eighteen fun, encouraging,
and loving girls!

Rebecca Clark

I am thankful for all the prayers that God has answered over this past year.
It's so encouraging to look back and see all the things God has done for me.
Thank you God!

Anna Llanes

I am thankful that my children are healthy and safe where I can love and
interact with them.

Kathy Collins

I am thankful for being able to become even better friends with my mom,
because talking on the phone is all we can do since we're 8 hours apart. I'm also
grateful that even though I don't really have a dad to go to I have my grandpa that
has become my support and spiritual guide throughout this year.

Leah Bush

I know this may sound cliché or whatnot, but I truly am thankful for my
parents. When came up for the weekend I did my piano recital, I was
reminded of how much I really love them and enjoy hanging out with them. They
are so stinkin' fun! Even my roommates are jealous. They are two of the biggest
blessings in my life.

Andrea Souza

This year I have been blessed by God in so many ways. The biggest of
these was meeting my future wife. She has been such a blessing to me and our
relationship has changed my life in many ways. I love you Shelley.

Lots and lots, Erik Eilers

life in general

movie review: elf

By Kevin Lambert Since *Miracle on 34th Street* debuted in 1947, a string of Hollywood hits about the famous toy giver who lives in the North Pole and rides a sleigh driven by flying deer have been released. Such movies tried to incorporate the myth of Santa into the true meaning of Christmas and usually fell short. Now we have *Elf*, a great addition to the already humorous topic of Santa Claus.

The movie details an orphan who wanders into Santa's bag one Christmas Eve and is unknowingly transported to the North Pole. When Santa discovers the child, he gives the child the name Buddy and hands him over to an aging elf to raise. Thirty years go by as Buddy grows up with other elf children. He is trained to make toys, somewhat unsuccessfully. Then, after a discouraging work day, Buddy overhears his coworkers talking about his true origins. Buddy asks his adopted father about the remark and finds out that not only is he human, but his mother is dead and his father is on the naughty list! So Buddy sets out for New York City, where he is told his father works in the Empire State Building. Hilarity ensues as Buddy discovers revolving doors, taxi cabs that will not stop, and a female employee at a toy store.

Starring Will Ferrell, *Elf* was expected to be crude, obnoxious, and profane. In fact, it was the exact opposite. Buddy is kind, heart-warming, and loving. There is not a cruel bone in his body and the movie was still hilarious despite that. It almost restored my faith in Hollywood's sense of humor in that it demonstrated that something can be humorous without referring to sex, drugs, violence, or crude language. All of the humor in *Elf* was genuine and real. Buddy's complete naïveté towards the American way of life and other people's reactions to him are the funny elements of the film.

Perhaps more important than the wholesome comedy, is the message that is given about family. Buddy's goodness is closely foiled by Buddy's real father, who is on the naughty list because he cares only for his occupation, not spending any time with his real son, Buddy's half brother. The child is lonely and depressed, but the father is too occupied to realize it until Buddy comes along and points it out in so many ways. The resulting change in the father's heart and attitude are encouraging to all who watch the movie.

The only area that *Elf* lacks in is its treatment of the sacred holiday, Christmas. Being a Christmas movie, one might expect the true meaning of Christmas to be a theme in *Elf*. But the words, "true meaning of Christmas" were actually never uttered in the movie. The writer of *Elf* simply chose to avoid the issue all together. I actually view this to be a wise decision because whenever Hollywood tries to answer the true meaning of Christmas question, the answer usually falls short. However, Christians who celebrate Christmas for Christ's birth may find it disappointing that the only real spiritual content in this Christmas movie is the Catholic orphanage that Buddy is placed in as a baby before he discovers Santa Claus. No other mention of Christ is found in *Elf*.

In conclusion, expectations are everything about a movie. I expected *Elf* to be a crude, profane, Hollywood attempt to answer the question, "What is the true meaning of Christmas?" Therefore I was overjoyed when I found that *Elf* was simply a humorous sketch about an Elvin orphan in the big city.

Elf is rated PG for some mild rude humor and language.

Love Actually Review

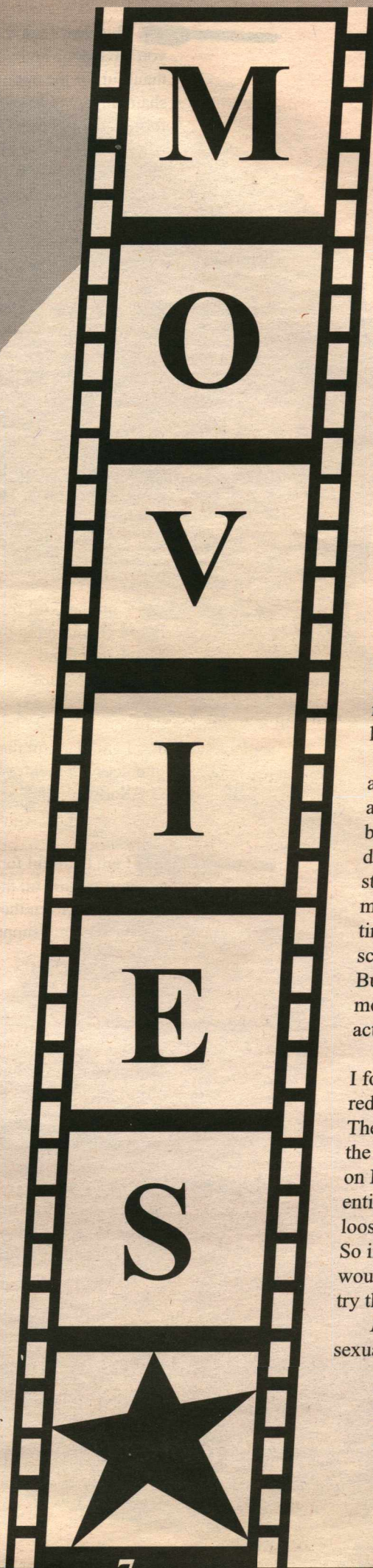
By Ali Brown I, like every good English major, have a tendency to enjoy all things British. For instance tea and scones, Austen and James, and of course Grant and Firth. That is Hugh Grant and Colin Firth, two of Britain's most charming actors. So naturally upon hearing that they were both starring in *Love Actually*, I had to see it. However, they are not the only box office draw in the film; it is swarming with some of Britain's best: everyone from Liam Neisson to Emma Thompson, Mr. Bean even makes a cameo.

A simple theme (that love is actually all around), becomes complicated when played out through eight different stories. While this technique may appear to be choppy at times, it holds your attention by using only the height of each plot. It is like taking that warm feeling that comes from watching any good romance and placing it throughout the movie, instead of at the end. Really, it is two hours of such emotion.

Personally, I have mixed emotions about the film. There were more than a few scenes which I feel could have been left out. During those parts, I slid down in my seat, thanking my lucky stars that I had not come to see it with my mother. Perhaps if one was able to time their blinking so as to miss these scenes, it would be a much better film. But then there is also language, and more nudity, which while disturbing, is actually quite British.

Although I did not enjoy parts, I found that there was enough redemption in some of the other plots. The great thing about the structure of the movie is that it would be possible on DVD to skip the offensive parts entirely, since they are in scenes only loosely related to the rest of the film. So if you are prone to be offended, I would recommend that you wait and try the self edited technique.

Love Actually is rated R for sexuality, nudity, and language.



Reasons Homecoming is Great

10 no school seeing the skits from fresheree again 8 intimate dancing at the homecoming banquet 7 getting tight with NNU alums 6 hallelujah chorus of the Mes-siah 5 all you can eat turkey at the rot (dex) 4 perfect time to meet students' hot younger siblings 3 having the parents pay for everything 2 long awaited revealing of alumni of the year 1 see what the person you're dating (or not dating) will look like in 30 years. Submitted by Lincoln Hagood, Kailee Fjeld & Molly Bales

FOR

basque in boise culture

By Anna Salisbury I was wandering the streets of downtown Boise one afternoon when I noticed something unusual. I came upon a tent in the street with people celebrating, singing, and dancing in unfamiliar costumes and speaking unfamiliar words. "I thought I was in Boise, Idaho," I mused, "not exactly a cosmopolitan metropolis." I was overlooking a thriving and unique ethnic group, the Basques. Boise boasts a large Basque community. The Basque block, located on Grove Street in downtown Boise, contains a concentration of Basque historical sites and gathering places. Among them is an interesting museum that I visited recently.

The Basque people originally come from Spain. Their homeland, called Euskadi (loose translation: land of the Basque-speaking people), is located on the border between France and Spain but is not its own country. The Basques are a very old people with disputed origins. One theory claims they descended from the lost city of Atlantis. The Basque language Euskera is unrelated to any other language. I figured this out immediately on my visit to the museum. Like many people, I figured the Basques were basically Spanish. I could not have been more wrong. For one, despite my experience with the Spanish language, I could not decipher a pronunciation of any Basque word. The Basques are apparently often lumped with Spaniards. Miguel Indurain, a five time winner of the Tour de France, is Basque but most people think of him as Spanish.

In their homeland, Basques were farmers and ranchers primarily on their Baserri (family farms). They were also expert seamen; Basque shipbuilders built Christopher Columbus' ships. Around 1849, many Basque people began to immigrate to America in hopes of joining the California gold rush. A majority of the Basques found sheep herding to be more profitable than gold mining. More and more Basques continued to immigrate joining friends and relatives in the West. Basques settled in the high desert of Idaho, Utah, and Oregon.

The high desert was much harsher than the lush Spanish valleys the Basques had come from, but they adapted and formed a close-knit community in which their traditions were preserved. Boarding houses were important gathering places for the lonely shepherders. In Basque boarding houses, shepherders could get the tastes and sounds of their far off homeland. The Basque community in Boise has carefully preserved its traditional dancing, language, games, and music to this day.

On the Basque block, I visited not only the museum, but also a Basque market, and a pub called Gernika. The Basque Center and Fronton Building (an original boarding house) are also on this street. I ate lunch at Gernika and felt like I had taken a trip to Europe. Staples of Basque cuisine include chorizos, cheeses, and wines. When visiting Gernika, be sure to order the croquetas; these fried dumplings of chicken and onion are delicious.

Tyson Burkhart, a junior at NNU, comes from Basque decent. His great great grandparents ran a Basque boarding house in Emmett, Idaho. "They...would have four to eight Basque shepherders from Spain living with them. My muma (great grandmother) did all the cooking. They ate a lot of lamb and we still do," Tyson shared about his heritage. Tyson's great great grandmother, Dolores Agguire, wanted to immigrate to America so badly that she agreed to marry her brother-in-law's brother whom she had never met because his family offered to pay for her passage to Idaho. His great aunt who is active in the Boise Basque community describes the Basques as "proud hardworking people who love food and alcohol." This pride is demonstrated by the lasting traditions that the Basques have preserved in the Boise area.

To learn more about the Basque culture in Boise, visit the Basque Museum and Cultural Center. Try Gernika Basque Pub and Eatery as well to sample some traditional Basque food and atmosphere. Whether you are from Idaho originally or not, why not take some time to explore the surprisingly rich ethnic cultural it has to offer?

Basque Museum: 611 Grove Street, Boise, ID, 343-2671
Gernika Pub and Eatery: 202 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID, 344-2175

what to do?

By Erik Eilers

- ▶ **Praire Dog Productions "Idaho's Family Theatre"**
Presnets: Larry Potter in It's a Wonderful Santa's Stone
Adult Admission: \$10
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- ▶ **Charlie Brown & Friends - A Smooth Jazzy Musical Adventure**
Dec. 5 at 8:00 PM
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The Pavilion
- ▶ **Music Theatre of Idaho Presents: A Christmas Carol**
December 4 - 6 and 11 - 13
Thurs, Fri, Sat at 8:00 PM
with a Sat Matinee at 2:00 PM
- ▶ **BSU Music Department Annual Holiday Concert**
Dec. 7 at 7:30 PM
General Tickets: \$6
Student Tickets: \$1
Morrison Center
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Morrison Center
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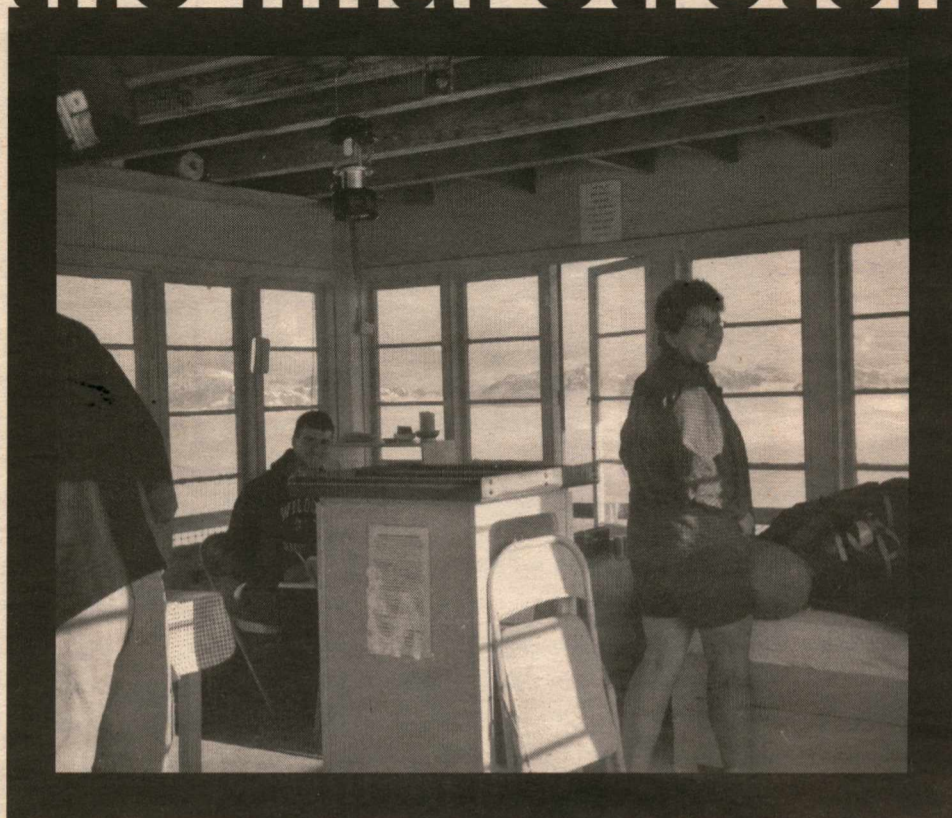
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the final stretch

By Stephanie Hunter The lookout was only a half a mile above me, but I had no idea how I was going to get there. My back ached from the weight of my pack, my legs were burning, and the high altitude was making breathing difficult. I knew the sun was beginning to sink low on the horizon, but I could not see it; there was a mountain in my way. My goal was in sight, but the last stretch was a killer. As I trudged on, aiming for one switchback and then another, I had to wonder why I did this to myself.

The answer, of course, was my mother. "Lookout Peak!" she had gushed. "The trailbooks say it is a bun-buster but absolutely phenomenal. We have to do it before you go back to NNU!" One thing I have learned about my mom: if she says a trail is difficult, she is not joking, and if she says a trail is moderate, it is going to hurt. But I figured with an elevation gain of 4500 feet the trail would be steep, but it was only 4.7 miles. That is not very long for just one afternoon. How hard could it be?

So we collected my brother, Jason; my friend, Patrick; and one of our dogs, Otis, and headed to the North Cascades. The trailhead was ominous; it started steep and never let up. We switchbacked through an evergreen forest for two miles. At each turn I could see the valley floor growing



smaller and smaller. Right before we broke out into sub-alpine meadow we ran into a trail crew (which explained the well brushed trail). Otis announced our presence by sprinting toward a blueberry cheesecake they had cooling in a nearby creek. Disaster was narrowly diverted, when Jason made a last minute dive that sent Otis snout first into the creek. We were happy to learn from the crew that the view on

top was indeed well worth the trip. The bad news was that they had stopped maintaining the trail from that point on.

The next two and a half miles were a blur of sweat, beating sun, and blisters. The trail was full of washed out switchbacks, fallen trees, and leg attacking weeds. The views were spectacular, but I was usually too busy swatting mosquitoes, and slipping over snowfields to notice.

Jason and Patrick tried to act macho by outpacing us women, but I was not fooled. Even Otis seemed to be feeling the strain. Around eight o'clock I started to wonder if we would make it before dark.

We made it just at sunset. The summit was glorious. Mountain peak upon mountain peak piled all the way to the ocean. There was no water source, only a snowfield, and the pit toilet had crumbled long ago, but the lookout was unlocked and had two real beds inside! Of course, getting up four flights of rickety steps proved a challenge, especially when pushing a seventy-five pound, chicken-livered dog, who suddenly developed a fear of heights. Hot Kool-Aid and a deck of cards was all that was needed to make the place feel like home.

That night I curled up a log book from the lookout and watched the stars outside the window. Judging from previous entries in the book, not many backpacking parties made it up here. It was solitary and peaceful; simple, outside the frantic pace of school and work. The next day would be full of melting snow to drink, taking snowbaths, chasing marmots (Otis), and watching the clouds move below us. My feet ached, my back hurt, and a mouse was scuttling around the lookout. It was heaven.

And it only took six hours to get there.



what are you doing for thanksgiving break?

By Sharece Bunn What are you doing for Thanksgiving break? Some lucky students get to go home for the break (like most people at normal colleges- who get the ENTIRE week off). Others of us are not so lucky. Some live too far from home, others do not want to spend the money and still others get too involved in the Homecoming plans to be able to go home...

For those of us who are "stuck" here at NNU for Thanksgiving, we are privileged to be a part of the Homecoming festivities.

Here are some of the things we would suggest for you to do... (as a part of Homecoming week)

***Experience the essence of India** at 6:30 for the Banquet...

***Music in my ears...** concert begins on Thursday night (after the turkey is resting in your belly) at 7:30 PM.

***Go to the basketball games...** on Friday and Saturday...the Homecoming Court makes an appearance at one of the games... see them all dressed up...

***Be entertained...** at the coronation and variety show where you can see all kinds of exciting acts and stuff...the show starts at 8 PM...

***Go to the play...** it costs \$3 to get in but believe me...it's well worth it...spend your Friday or Saturday afternoon in the Science Lecture Hall...

Or...if the NNU Homecoming Activities are not exciting enough for you...take part in the Thanksgiving tradition throughout the United States by watching

football OR the (?BON?)MACY'S Thanksgiving Day Parade...

But... if those traditional ideas are too "Old School" for you...here are some things unrelated to NNU or Homecoming but would be fun to do for Thanksgiving anyway...

***Hold your own Thanksgiving Day parade...** maybe your antennae does not work...or you are just tired of watching the Macy's Day Parade on TV...do not be left out...make your own...have your stuffed animals or live friends take part in the celebration...have someone dress up like Charlie Brown to make it authentic

***Start a Turkey Derby...** this is in true Thanksgiving Spirit...they used to have these races back in the day in Caldwell... grab a turkey and a leash and run with your turkey...chase the others down...if you win, you know that your turkey is the best fit and then you can be confident in a healthy Thanksgiving meal.

***Turkey bowling...** knock it out...spare it from the trauma of getting its head chopped off...

***Spend the entire break in your dorm room making up Top Ten lists...** eating Goldfish and watching sappy love movies...

***Walk around Nampa with a big crowd of foreigners** (as in- they did not grow up in Nampa) and sing Christmas carols...by now it's legitimate...it's after Thanksgiving...

***Decorate all of NNU...** hang up Christmas lights...decorate the trees with outdoor-friendly ornaments...

***Last but not least...** you could just

sleep...