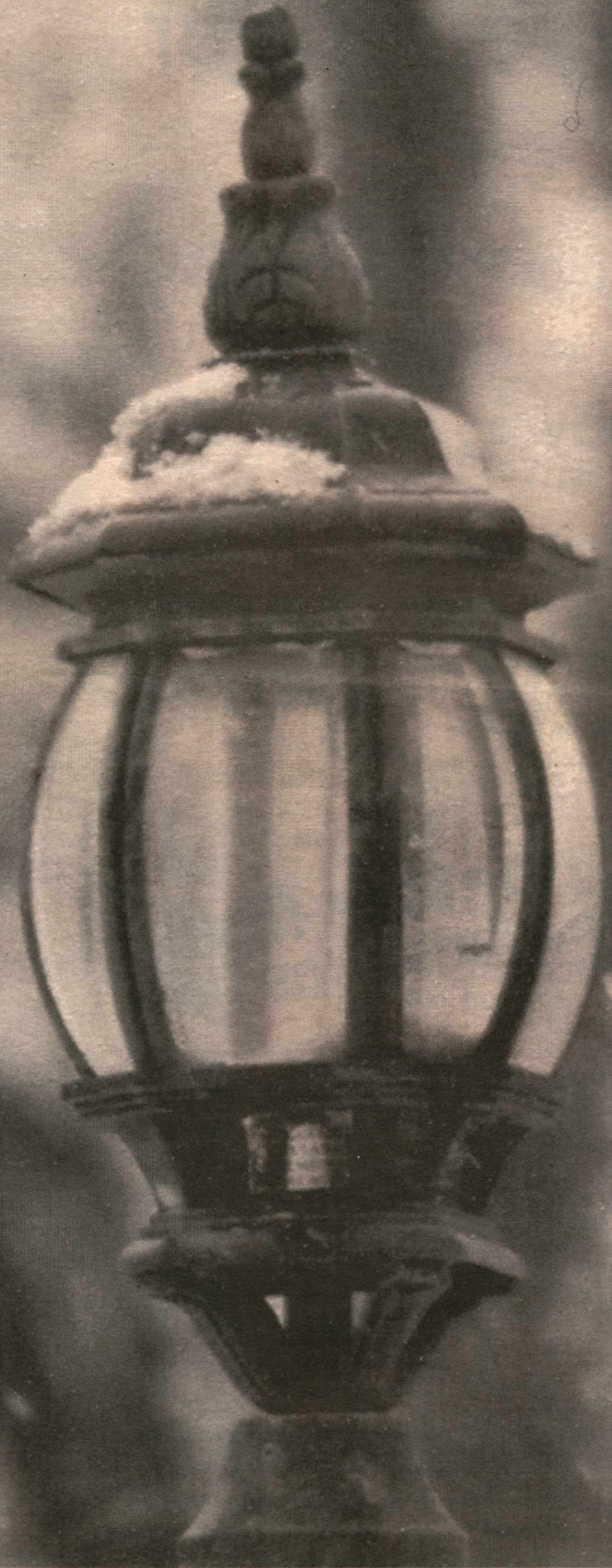


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The *Crusader* has been working hard this semester to bring you what we hope are the best papers possible. We can not tell you how happy we are that the semester is over. Just kidding...well, sort of...it has been a lot of work but we are proud of the issues we have created. As a staff, we would like to thank everyone who has helped contribute to the *Crusader* so far this year and to encourage everyone to participate in making the *Crusader* a paper you want to read.

We would also like to thank all of you who have read this semester. And as Tiana shares in the feature, "have a very Merry Christmas indeed, and may we keep the Christ-Child first in our hearts throughout the holiday season." Have an enjoyable break.

Merry Christmas

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beloved community emphasis

“...all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galations 3:27-28

“The end is reconciliation; the end is redemption; the end is the creation of the beloved community.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

introduction

In his 1957 speech, “Birth of a New Nation,” Dr. Martin Luther King spoke of something called a beloved community, a term that would continue to appear in future speeches and writings. He described this as relative to agape love, “an understanding redeeming goodwill for all and over flowing of love which is purely spontaneous, unmotivated, groundless and creative.” To Dr. King this was not merely idealism, but a vision that could be realized.

Monday, January 19 (Martin Luther King Holiday)

University Holiday

Community Events:

Noon-- Martin Luther King, Jr. Idaho Human Rights Day luncheon. Nampa Civic Center. 468-5500. **Public.**

5:00PM-- Martin Luther King Jr. Candlelight Vigil in Caldwell. Serenity Park at 12th and Dearborn. Bring a candle or a flashlight. 467-8768 or 454-8632. **Public.**

7:00PM-- “The Church of 80% Sincerity” an award-winning one-person presentation by David Roche. Nampa Civic Center. 468-5500. **Public.**

Wednesday, January 21

10:00-- Beloved Community Chapel with Rev. Sonny Thomas and special music by Stephanie Huntley (Swayne)

9:00PM-- Student Movie Night: “Memphis to Montgomery” and Pizza
Community Event:

Thursday, January 22 - “Respectful Communities, Respectful People” an exhibit featuring the art work of children and adults depicting the theme of respect will be held in Middleton. 331-4724. **Public.**

Friday, January 23

***6:30-8:30PM** Art Exhibit “Beloved Community: Perceptions” (Friesen Galleries)
Public.

8:00PM-- Boise Symphony “Beloved Community” Reception (Jones Suite)

Monday, January 26

10:00AM-- “Beloved Community” Chapel with Rev. Gene Schandorff and student reader theater.

6:15PM-- Faculty Reception for Dr. Randall Kennedy (Caven Suites in Brandt Center) **Public.**

7:00-8:30PM-- Dr. Randall Kennedy Public Address (Swayne Auditorium) **Public.**

8:30PM-- Book signing sponsored by NNU Bookstore.
Public.

Tuesday, January 27

10:30-noon-- Student interaction with Dr. Randall Kennedy

7:00PM-- Tuesday, January 27 - Film “Montgomery to Memphis” a chronicle of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be shown at 7:00 p.m. in the Amity Perk coffee house on the NNU campus. Free film and refreshments. Seattle’s Best Coffee drinks \$1.30 - \$3.35. Contact Paula Rogers, NNU Office of MultiCultural Affairs at 467-8768. Co-sponsored by the Idaho Black History Museum, Boise. **Public.**

Thursday, January 29

3:00-5PM-- Community Meeting with Dr. Ron Benefiel, President of Nazarene Theological Seminary. **Public.**

Friday, January 30

10:00AM-- Beloved Community Chapel with Dr. Ron Benefiel

Related Event:

Library Special Exhibit
Special Speakers available for classes
(Professor Al Sanchez, contact person)

Information about the film From Memphis

to Mobile: A documentary on the life and work of slain Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King from the early days in Montgomery, Alabama to his assassination in Memphis, Tennessee. A stirring tribute done in the wake of his assassination. Many of Hollywood’s top stars of the era participated in the film -- Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward, James Earl Jones, Charlton Heston and many others.

Randall Kennedy Bio: Randall Kennedy is a professor at Harvard Law School where he teaches courses on contracts, freedom of expression, and the regulation of race relations. Mr. Kennedy was born in Columbia, South Carolina. For his education he attended St. Albans School, Princeton University, Oxford University, and Yale Law School. He served as a law clerk for Judge J. Skelly Wright of the United States Court of Appeals and for Justice Thurgood Marshall of the United States Supreme Court. He is a member of the bar of the District of Columbia and the Supreme Court of the United States. Awarded the 1998 Robert F. Kennedy Book Award for *Race, Crime, and the Law*, Mr. Kennedy writes for a wide range of scholarly and general interest publications, and sits on the editorial boards of *The Nation*, *Dissent*, and *The American Prospect*. A member of the American Law Institute, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Philosophical Association, Mr. Kennedy was awarded an honorary degree by Haverford College and is a former trustee of Princeton University.

frazzled by finals?

By Sharece Bunn Our world is in shambles. The immune system is out of order. Our friendships have gone downhill. Finals are finally here. For some reason, the main thing I have learned this semester is how crazy life can get. I go for what seems like weeks with little to no homework (my writing homework is fun so it does not bother me much) and then "BAM!" the professors pile on the homework. Some professors are kind enough to assign the loads of homework at the beginning, giving us a break later on. While this seems tragic at the time, most of us are thankful for it later during the week from Hades.

Sometimes it seems like this week will ruin our lives forever. However, there are ways to brighten up this week and head on into Christmas break with a "star attitude." (I know- the cheese is running thick right now.)

There are many ways to spice up your life during finals week. The first and probably cheapest thing to do is to attend the SGA Procrastination Party. This awesome party is happening Saturday night. Believe me when I say, you do not want to miss it. A wise man once said, "Procrastination pays off now." This quote has helped me justify many nights when I decide to go to bed early, instead of finishing a paper, leaving the dirty work for the morning.

If for some reason, you find that you cannot pull yourself away from your textbook, I suggest listening to a little Christmas music. If your social life is going to suffer, at least brighten your spirit with the joy of Christmas. Speaking of Christmas: how do you think professors feel about having finals so close to Christmas? I am sure my professors think

I am a

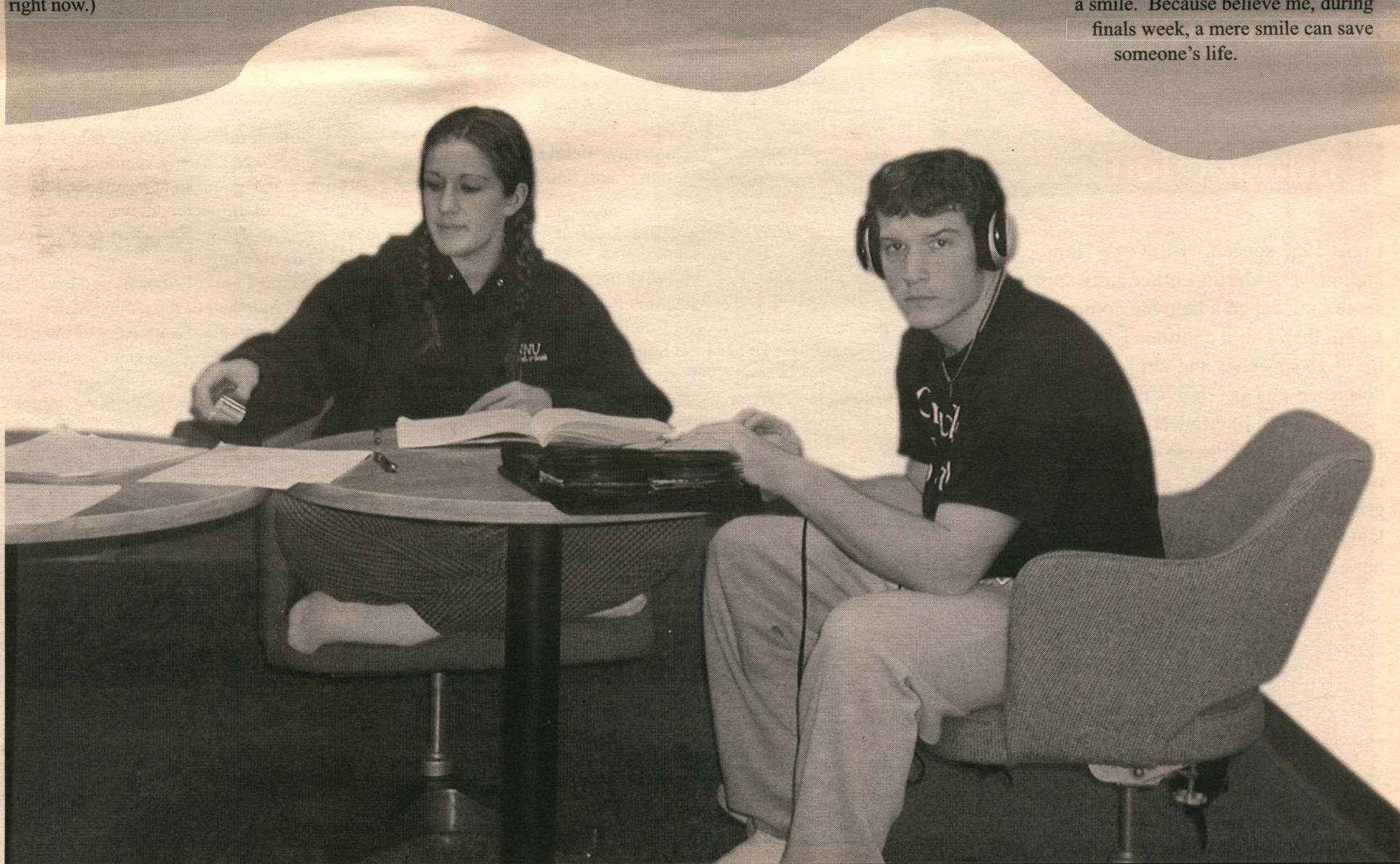
Christmas geek. Every story or project in the past two months has been related to Christmas or snow (which Nampa has had a severe lack of in the past few months). By finals time, I bet most professors just fill in the grades, before the actual test, so they will not have to spend the last few days before Christmas grading papers in their offices. (Could you imagine if this were actually true? That would be torture, they could give you a lower grade and you would not even know why!)

During my freshman year, my roommate, Doni, and I watched more movies in one week than we did the entire rest of the semester. We just did not know how to handle the in-between time. In that spare time, we even planned a wing movie night party in our dorm room, the night before we got kicked out.

Unfortunately, only one of our friends showed up. We were stuck with a bag of Oreos and carton of milk. I wonder how we solved that one? If this small story inspired you at all, be a gem and plan a great night with friends. If nothing else, spend one measly hour away from the books. Believe me, it will pay off in the end.

If in all honesty, nothing will help you get away from the raunchy finals week, hang out in the dex. I have a lot of experience in this arena. Hanging out in the dex can usually brighten your day (if you are willing to be inspired).

I spend at least an hour in the dex every day at lunchtime. The people are great. I have so much fun just hanging out, talking to people. I would not suggest this daily ritual for everyone. (some people might get bored with this) Whatever you end up doing, do it with a smile. Because believe me, during finals week, a mere smile can save someone's life.



we just want to be ourselves

By Andy Kerr Humans constantly seem to be trying to find themselves. We want to be independant and be recognized as an individual. We search to find ourselves in the clothes we wear or our "personal style." We search for ourselves in the relationships we have with others. We search for a particular sense of humor or personality trait that will set us apart from the rest. We want to be unique, and if we are one of a kind then we will be needed and loved by others. We want to find our real self and obtain a unique personality. We just want to be "ourselves."

Being a Christian (at first glance) seems to be opposite of this search for ourselves. We are to give up the self and be like Christ. However, all real Christians are not exactly the same, even when they are all like Christ.

"The more we get what we now call 'ourselves' out of the way and let Him take us over, the more truly ourselves we become. There is so much of Him that millions and millions of 'little Christs,' [Christians] all different, will still be too few to express Him fully. He made them all. He invented--as an author invents characters in a novel--all the different men [women] that you and I were intended to be. In that sense our real selves are all waiting for us in Him. It is no good trying to 'be myself' without Him. The more I resist Him and try to live on my own, the more I become dominated by my own heredity and upbringing and surroundings and natural desires. In fact what I so proudly call 'Myself' becomes merely the meeting place for trains of events which I never started and which I cannot stop. What I call "My wishes" become merely the desires thrown up by my physical organism or pumped into me by other men's thoughts or even suggested to me by devils...It is when I turn to Christ, when I give myself up to His personality, that I first begin to have a real personality of my own."

-C.S.Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

I would go as far to say that there are no real personalities outside of God. We must give up this longing to find ourselves for a longing to be like Christ and we will find ourselves becoming more real to ourselves and to all those around us. We will find the person that God created and intended us to be. God did not create us to be lost and fake with no personality other than what this world gives us. Why would He? We must reject this innate notion that mankind was created by God a long time ago, but that He did not create me individually. God did create you and me individually, and we can only find ourselves in Him.

"But there must be a real giving up of the self. Christ will indeed give you a real personality: but you must not go to Him for the sake of that. As long as your own personality is what you are bothering about you are not going to Him at all. Your real, new self will not come

as long as you are looking for it. It will come when you are looking for Him. Does that sound strange? The same principle holds, you know, for everyday matters. Even in social life, you will never make a good impression on other people until you stop thinking about what sort of impression you are making. The same principle runs through all life from top to bottom. Give up yourself, and you will find your real self. Lose your life and you will save it. Submit to death, death of your ambitions and favourite wishes every day and death of your whole body in the end: submit with every fibre of your being, and you will find eternal life. Keep back nothing. Nothing that you have not given away will ever be really yours. Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead. Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in."

-C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Another notion that we must reject is that God and heaven are in the future, that we will pursue Christ later, change later, or be with God in heaven later. Heaven is not a place and God is not a time period. We must stop thinking of what God did in the past or what God will do in the future, and start thinking (and doing something) about God in the here and now. We can learn from the past and we can have hope for the future, but all that is pointless if we are not living for God and becoming like Christ right now in the present.

"Do not worry, saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the unbelievers run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." -Jesus, Matthew 6

Dear heavenly Father, why am I clay to this world, yet steel to you? Break me down, if that is what I need. I want to be clay to you and steel to this world. Why have I conformed to society's wish when all I want is something good? You are good; you are true; you are love; you are everything I want to be. Mold me into you.

Christmas in the little



By Tiana Cutright A friend recently told me that "Christmas is in the little things." This actually took me by surprise. I had to sit a while and think about it. Yes, Christmas is found in doing good for our neighbors, loving people, helping those who need some help, and especially just remembering Jesus. Christmas is in the little things.

This realization got me to thinking about how I had been looking at Christmas lately. I doubt I am alone in my muddled perceptions this year. I had been looking at all the wrong things. Christmas: the shopping spree season, the obligatory gift season, or the break that comes after fall semester (a.k.a. the light at the end of the tunnel). Christmas: a frenzied time for parties, family gatherings (for some of us, a scary undertaking), or deep loneliness. Christmas: the inconvenient interruption of one's normal, everyday life.

I had lost sight of the fact that Christmas today is not nearly as inconvenient as the very first Christmas

was. I had forgotten that Christmas is indeed found in the little things, and most especially in a little baby born a long time ago. Christmas is in the tender embrace of a young woman as she held her newborn son, a child who was probably the biggest surprise of that woman's life. Christmas is in the courage and love of a young man for the woman who bore a son that was not *his* son. Christmas is in the faith of this young couple, their faith in their God, their acceptance of His will.

Christmas is in the appearance of this amazing baby in the midst of sweat and tears and troubled hearts. It is in the identity of this child, "God with edges," as a beloved pastor I know has declared. It is in the realization that the original Christmas night was the beginning of a whole new ministry to the residents of planet earth. It is in remembering that the new Minister's first bed was a feeding trough.

This is the Minister who would grow up into a Man who did astounding things. He insisted on love as the true law of life. Love of God and love of other people. He healed when the authorities said He shouldn't, fraternized with local despots and social undesirables, preached words of hope to the hopeless, brought dead loved ones back to life, honored all people, and affirmed their worth before God. He taught His followers to share His good news with the whole world, to get practical about caring for the "littlest" people in the ey

things



of human society, to pray, to think hard about things. He kicked people out of the temple courts for exploiting God's holy practices. He demanded wholehearted devotion and promised peace.

This is the Man who embodied God's reclamation of Creation. He was the final frontal assault on Satan's dominion. He was the declaration of God's sovereignty in the midst of both human empires and spiritual oppression. He showed up to light the way to God so that confused, hurt, angry, depressed, lonely, tired, hungry people could come to the King and enjoy His banquet in heaven.

He died a very bloody, dishonorable death to accomplish His mission. Then He was raised from the dead and left earth to set the table for those whom He had invited to God's party. In His earthly place, He sent His Spirit to guard and guide and grow His people. And His ministry continues today. Even during Christmas.

The littlest thing of all, the Bethlehem Baby, is showing me during this Christmas season what ministry is all about. This Child's ministry is a ministry of helplessness and humility. He shows us that we don't go out and change the world with big Christmas miracles. Nor do we need to succumb to what our culture makes of this holiday, hailing the advent of the "Christmas spirit" as a time to be a little nicer to each other. We go beyond "nice" and take up the radical, practical love that

surrounded and sustained the Christ-Child Himself. We extend the Child's ministry through dropping some coins in a Salvation Army bell ringer's little red pail, through taking a gift-request tag off a "giving tree" and delivering a little token of love to someone we have never met, or through just being there for someone in need. We bake cookies for teachers and sing in Christmas concerts. We go out and deliver packages of clothing and food to people who need them. We remember the special birthday that Christmas celebrates in the first place.

I am grateful for the timely re-visioning of Christmas I received this week. It is a readjustment of priorities that will hopefully spill over into the new year beyond this Christmas season to influence the relationships I have with my Lord Jesus and the people I encounter each day. Thus, it is in the true Spirit of Christmas, that I offer a heartfelt "Merry Christmas!" to the NNU campus community. Have a very merry Christmas indeed, and may we keep the Christ-Child first in our hearts throughout the holiday season.

Merry Christmas

Top Ten

Reasons why it's called the Brick House **10**/It's made of brick. **9**/It's the former home of the 3rd little pig. **8**/ Because its named after the drink obviously **7**/So nobody would figure out how flammable it really is. **6**/Administration refused to call it "Dickey's House of Lovin'". **5**/It was a typo on the form, they wanted to call it The Taj Majal. **4**/"House of the Rising Sun" was already taken. **3**/Tax purposes. **2**/It's mighty mighty, just lettin' it all hang out. **1**/Mike Larsen is built. Composed by Aaron Montgomery

By **Christin Runkle**

If you're looking for a low-key Christmas activity, head out to the Idaho Botanical Gardens at the Old Penitentiary. From December 12 through January 3, the Garden has a light display they call "Winter Garden aGlow." Hours are 6 to 9 PM, and the cost of admission is \$5.

Garden aglow

The entire Garden (which is gorgeous in spring and summer) is decked out with multi-colored strings of lights. Bonfires are stationed throughout the Garden, and a tent is set up with refreshments—hot apple cider is available for \$1 and hot chocolate and cookies for an optional donation. Garden aGlow will also feature a different musical act each night from high school choirs to jazz ensembles.

Garden aGlow is not meant to be exciting. It is a place to go to get away from the hectic pace of the Christmas season. (If it is excitement you are looking for, you could always go to Garden aGlow and then try to break into the Old Penitentiary. I am not recommending this, but it is an option.) When I went to Garden aGlow, it was not busy at all; perhaps the Treasure Valley has yet to discover this lovely little Christmas activity. If you are in the mood for a relaxing, Christmas-y evening, bundle up and go check out Garden aGlow.

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off Warm Springs Ave. in
Boise

The Great TACO SHOWDOWN

By **Amy Carner and Anna Salisbury** As college students, we are all looking for a good deal. We want the most for our sadly short supply of money. Fast food makes up at least half of the average college student's diet (at least that's how much fast food we eat). You may remember our Burger Showdown, in which we taste-tested the dollar burgers at four restaurants. Well, we're back, this time we are putting tacos to the test. We tested a regular hard shell taco from Taco Bell, Taco Time, Jack in the Box, and Taco John's. The ballot is in, and here's the result of our scientific experiment.

Our unbiased judgment was based on a number of factors including the following: crispiness, toppings, price, freshness, and overall flavor and value. Taco John's crispy taco had meat, lettuce, cheese, and sauce. It cost ninety-nine cents but on Tuesday (as most of you are well aware) you can get two for ninety-nine cents. Who cares what it tastes like for that price? The shell lacked a bit of crispiness (not necessarily the end of the world) but the meat had excellent flavor and the taco was not dry. We also both enjoyed the melted cheese that was unique to this taco. Taco Bell had the basic taco...meat, cheese, lettuce, shell... well, mostly shell. While we appreciate the crispness, we did not appreciate how much shell we had to crunch through to get to the meat of the matter. This taco was also a steep eighty-nine cents, which seemed especially high considering the skimpy contents. Amy enjoys Taco Bell most of the time but decided to stick to chalupas after this disappointing display. Anna has never cared for Taco Bell and their over-priced fare (youth pastors have led us to believe that Taco Bell is the only thing they can afford on those long road trips...lies all of it... but that's another story). Jack in the Box, although not a specialty taco joint, boasts two tacos for ninety-nine cents (again, cheaper than dirt and much tastier). Like Taco

John's, the tacos here had a less crispy shell but more flavor. These tacos had the same toppings but tasted deep-fried. They didn't look so good (very greasy, like they were pressed in a taco shaped stamp) but tasted pretty yummy especially for those of us who have Exxon-Valdez tastebuds. Freshness was lacking for sure at Jack in the Box, probably due to the stamp thing. Finally, Taco Time offered a taco comparable to Taco Bell but much much better. The shell was crisp but full of meat, cheese, lettuce, and even tomatoes. The ingredients were by far the freshest, but it was a little dry and lacked some flavor. This taco was ninety-eight cents.

And the winner is (drum roll please)...excuse us for a minute (smack...pow... bang...zowee)...it seems we disagree. Anna appreciates Taco John's more flavorful taco. Amy believes with a little hot sauce the freshness of the Taco Time's taco takes the flan (pun intended). We do agree that Jack in the Box was surprisingly worthwhile with the cheapest price and convenient all-night hours. Taco Bell made us want to run for the border...in hopes of finding a real taco. We've had more meat in a veggie burger. The difference of opinion in our top two is really a matter of taste. If you need crispy head for Taco Time if you crave flavor hit Taco John's. One point to remember, Taco Time does not have a drive thru. We highly recommend both of these worthy establishments next time you are thinking outside the bun. Stay tuned for the next installment...the Great Fry Showdown.

movie review: the last samurai

By Kevin Lambert Captain Nathan Algren is a washed up Civil War hero who has been hunting renegade Indian tribes for thirty years. Having successfully squashed all rebellion in not so nice ways, he now sells guns on the road. He is depressed and drowns his sorrows in alcohol regularly. What is more, images of an Indian village that he helped slaughter fill his dreams. Then Nathan's commanding General approaches him and requests that Nathan move to Japan and teach the Japanese army how to successfully use weapons of modern warfare, such as cannons, rifles and howitzers. Nathan accepts the position, but only because of the substantial money offered to him for the position and sets out for Japan. He spends a few weeks training the army and then is suddenly thrown into battle with the unprepared army against a rebel Samurai group led by an activist who believes that Japan should not sell out to the western world. While in battle, Nathan is captured and taken to the Samurai's village where he spends a year as their willing captive. He learns their ways and studies their lives, becoming fascinated by it. He comes to live in harmony with himself as he slowly becomes one of the Samurais numbers. But his peaceful life is interrupted when the Japanese army shows up on the doorstep with American weapons and insists that the Samurais abandon their way of life or die for it. Of course, Nathan and the Samurais choose to fight leading to an epic battle.

At first impression, *The Last Samurai* is admirable, promoting honor defined as courage, selflessness, forgiveness and service. I found Nathan's recovering from alcoholism to be especially inspiring. However, also on the surface are a few mild profanities and gruesome bloody warfare. One particular picture of a woman getting shot in battle is shown several times as part of Nathan's flashbacks. Men have their heads cut off, their chests shot open, and their limbs severed. It must also be noted, though, that the violence here does not come anywhere near other popular films in the epic genre such as *Saving Private Ryan*, *Braveheart*, and *Black Hawk Down*.

If one looks deeper than the surface values this movie presents, other problems might arise. The *National Geographic* reports that the samurai warriors were an "elitist and idle class that spent more time drinking and gambling than cutting down enemies on the battlefield." A very different picture is portrayed in this movie, glorifying samurais as the last good Japanese people. Also under the surface are the religious beliefs directly contrary to Christianity. Nathan is told by the Samurais that to fight well he must free his mind, a Hindu concept. The Samurais speak of destiny, fate, and Karma and Nathan comes to describe God and religion as abstract. Suicide is glorified as well.

In conclusion, *The Last Samurai* can best be described as *Braveheart* in Japan. Captain Nathan Algren is a soldier fighting for an army without honor and finds honor in a small village on the other side of the world. This honor may not be incredibly wholesome, but the character transformation is genuine. If one can tolerate the eastern religion sub themes and violence this movie will be appreciated.

The Last Samurai is rated R for strong violence and battle sequences.

others alley

By Ali Brown This Saturday Nampa's own "Others Alley" celebrates the release of their first, self-titled CD. The group consists of Trevor Lubiens (lead vocals), Koby Padilla (drums), Seth Cook (electric guitar), and Kyle Yake (bass guitar).

Each member comes from a different musical background and each has brought their experiences to the creative table. The resulting sound is a beautiful blend that can best be described as "eclectic." The boys describe themselves as a mixture of genres. Their influences are an unlikely fusion of rock, jazz, r & b, and disco, all of which mix into smooth sounding musical synthesis.

In March, the band is scheduled to play four gigs in Nashville (for obvious reasons). The group members are open to whatever happens. Mostly they just want to play, but obviously getting paid would be a perk. Other plans include the possible addition of Matt Chitwood on the keyboard, a prospect which Lubiens is certain about.

Lubiens, who grew up in Seattle, based the group's name on some of his memories, "When I was younger, I spent a lot of time downtown trying to get into jazz clubs, but since you had to be 18 to get in most of them, I ended up spending more time in the alleys behind them. I met a lot of interesting people there – and learned a lot about music."

This first CD is evidence of their alternate road in the industry. Although you would never know by listening, the album was recorded by at College Church (a.k.a. Orange Carpet Records); the quality is remarkable. It features six of their original songs. Check them out this Saturday at their CD release concert (The Upper Room, College Church at 8:00 pm). *Others Alley* has such an interesting blend of sounds, no matter what genre of music you prefer, they are sure to be up your alley.

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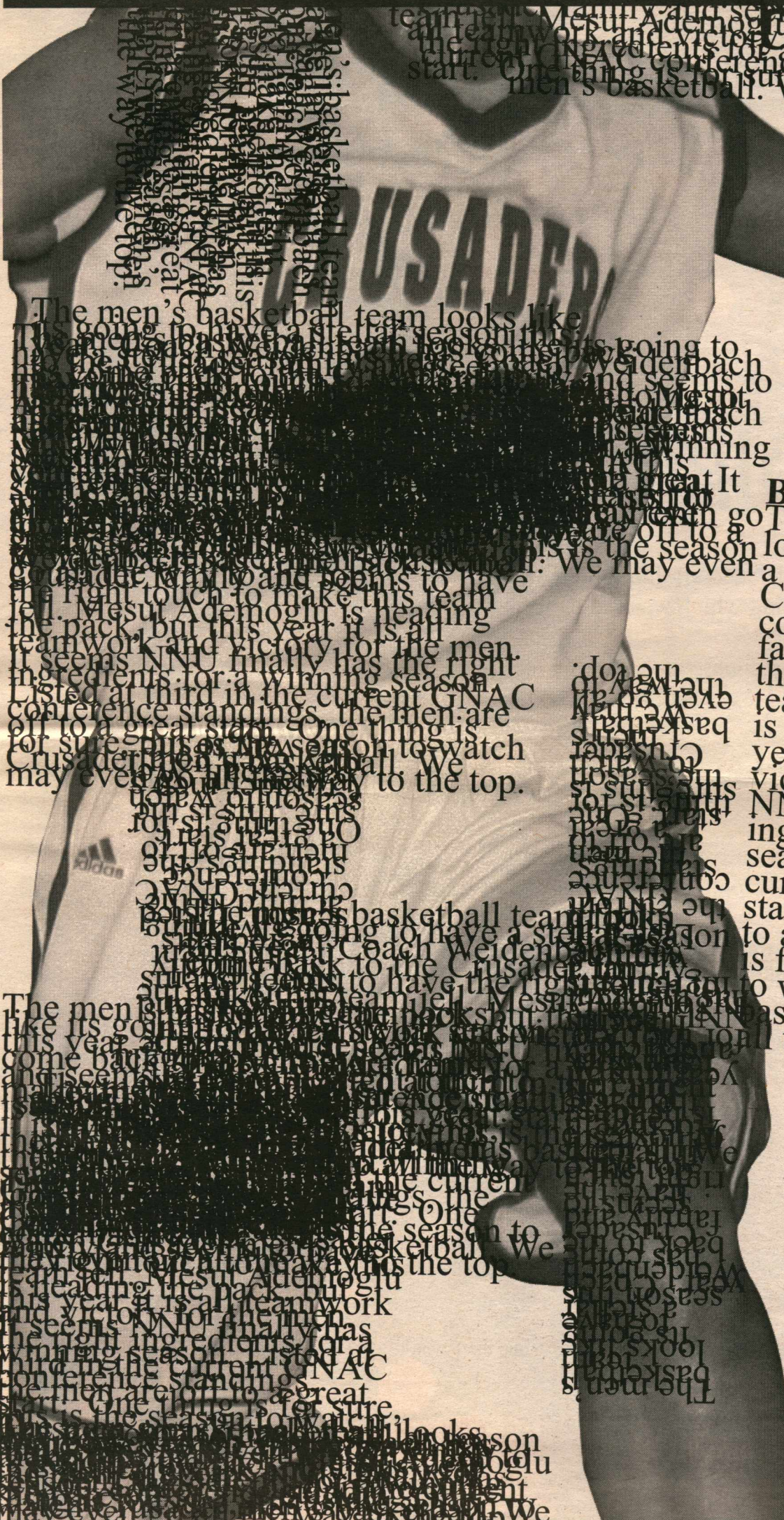
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kickin' off the season with a bang

By Shelli Bunn-Petterson

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the students were studying which wasn't the norm.

The beds and the floors were all covered with books,
as students crammed test facts into brain nooks.

The laundry was dirty, the garbage was full,
there's no time for chores with all-nighters to pull!

When out in lobby there arose such a clatter,
they sprang from their computers to see what was the matter.

When what to their screen-strained eyes should appear,
but a Social VP with eight kegs of rootbeer.

And then they remembered that all was not bleak:
a procrastination party was planned
for this week.

Fun was had by one and by all
and then to sleep they soon would fall.

They said all their prayers and climbed into bed,
as visions of A's danced in their heads.

* The SGA Procrastination party is actually Saturday night, and there won't
be rootbeer, but lots of cookies and coffee.