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Sales Tax Increases To 6%

Anthony Haskett

Oct. 1 consumers will experience a one cent increase in sales tax due to the property tax reform that the Idaho state legislature passed during a special session called by Governor Jim Risch on Aug. 25. The irregular timing for a sales tax increase, which would usually begin June 1, was set in motion this last spring.

Last May, President Bush nominated then-Idaho governor Dirk Kempthorne to replace the Secretary of the Interior. After Kempthorne's nomination was accepted by the Senate on June 1, Lieutenant Governor Jim Risch held a large inauguration celebration, including tours through the new governor's mansion donated by J.R. Simplot. In his inauguration speech Risch addressed the need to reform property taxes, citing the major increase of property values in the last few years and the budget surplus as a basis. However, because Idaho's congress meets from January to March, Risch had to call a special session of congress.

During the special session, much debate transpired from the Democratic legislators, resulting in a 14 hour session of congress. In the end, the tax reform passed both the house and senate by a large majority. Risch's bill contained five main points: permanently eliminate the 3 mil (a mil equals \$1 of taxes collected per \$1000 of value) education maintenance and operation levy on Idaho real property, reducing the property tax by about 20%; raise the sales tax 20% from 5 cents to 6 cents; place \$100 million into a Public Education Stabilization Fund; appropriate funds from the state's General Fund to accomplish the first three items; and ask voters on the November ballot if they approve of what the Legislature has done.

The passage of this bill relieves property owners of about \$260 million statewide and increases the sales tax collected by \$210 million dollars, thus saving tax payers \$50 million overall. The savings, however, mostly helps those who make more than \$135,000 as Idaho Center of Budget and Tax Policy says these Idahoans will save approximately \$221 to \$1,484. Those who make less than \$135,000, the center estimates, will pay from \$28 to \$144 more in taxes.

The Idahoan voters will have a say in whether or not they agree with the decision in the Nov. elections when they are asked on their ballots, "Should the State of Idaho keep the property tax relief adopted in August 2006, reducing property taxes by approximately \$260 million and protecting funding for public schools by keeping the sales tax at 6%?" The fate of the tax is left up to the voters.

West Nile in Idaho

Tyler Law

This past summer, all the buzz in Idaho has been about mosquitoes; specifically, those carrying the West Nile virus. The Potato State has become a relative hot bed for the virus.

The West Nile virus is transmitted by carrier mosquitoes to birds, horses, other animals, and humans. Birds and mosquitoes are mostly responsible for the rapid spread of the virus. Mosquitoes infect birds, which then migrate to another area. The mosquitoes there pick up the virus from those birds and introduce it into a new ecosystem. This explains the movement of the virus after it was discovered in New York, New York, in 1999. Since that time, it has moved west each year and can currently be found in all of the contiguous 48 states.

Contracting the West Nile virus does not necessarily lead to any symptoms. It is possible to have the virus and not even know it. The most common symptom is a fever, sometimes accompanied by a headache. In serious cases, the virus can be neuroinvasive, meaning it affects the brain. Individuals who have this more serious infection may suffer from sever headaches, high fever, disorientation, and in the worst possible cases, paralysis or death. Healthy individuals have little to fear from the virus.

The concern over the West Nile Virus comes because of the rapid increase in human infections reported in Idaho. According to the Idaho Health and Welfare website, thirteen humans were reportedly infected in 2005. That number rose to 652 this year. Most of the people suffered only minor symptoms, most often a fever; however, 110 individuals had the more serious, neuroinvasive form of the virus. There were also twelve deaths linked to West Nile.

The counties that were hardest hit in Idaho, in terms of human infections, were Ada and Canyon County. Ada County had 147 human cases and Canyon County had 130. The disease has not been reported north of Idaho County or in many areas of southeastern Idaho.

Prevention methods are very simple. First of all, it is important to wear one of the many brands of mosquito repellent available at local retailers. Wearing long-sleeved clothing can also be of help. Also, try to get rid of any areas that could be used as mosquito breeding grounds.

If you want any more information on the West Nile virus, you can visit the Idaho Health and Welfare website at www.healthandwelfare.idaho or you can contact the Southwestern District Health Department.

Source: www.healthandwelfare.idaho

Fulfilling the Promise

Derek DeRooy

"Fulfilling the Promise" was announced at the annual President's Dinner in October 2004 to fulfill scores upon scores of needs on our campus (anyone remember Morrison Hall?). Monty and Anne Ortman, present at the dinner and parents of fellow NNU graduate Stephanie Ortman, announced that same night that they would match all funds raised by NNU dollar for dollar up to \$1 million. These past two years, donors have exceeded the primary goal

of raising \$1 million with a total of \$2,071,000.

Improvements include the destruction of Morrison Hall, air conditioning in Dooley, repaired sidewalks and roads throughout the campus, perimeter fencing on the east side of campus, and a new speaker system for Johnson Sports Center. Other smaller funds have gone towards extending the campus network connection to Olsen, installing a backup system on the campus

computers, purchasing our up-and-coming keycard door lock system. Even Culver got an upgrade; seeing as how the building was no longer up to fire code, new sprinklers were installed.

"Fulfilling the Promise" has been a tremendous success in every sense, and gave some breathing room for the older, dying parts of our campus.



Photo by Robin McConkey

Powderpuff is Coming!... Wait, It's Already Here!

Andrea Hall

It's that time again. No, not time to go Christmas shopping—it's time for that good old NNU tradition, Powderpuff Football. Yes, the time when the young ladies on campus gather on the turf to "toss the pigskin around." Charlie Brown, eat your heart out.

Playing, and watching, Powderpuff Football is a great way to meet new people, learn a new game (or have fun with an old one), and basically have a good time. Both teams and fans alike develop relationships within the powderpuff arena. Junior Marmots tight end Stephanie Ott said, "One of my favorite parts of powderpuff is the great relationships that have been built within the team. We have all come to love each other so much."

Teams like the Marmots, Pansies, and the We Wulds have dominated the Powderpuff field in years past. This year, along with the returning teams, we have some great new players to welcome onto the gridiron. Each team consists of girls, of course, and is coached by a few of our esteemed male football fans. "I don't think our coaches get enough credit for what they do; they're so ridiculously dedicated...it's great to have that kind of support," says Lisa Gingrich, another member of the Marmot squad. These coaches really get into their games, but the players get way into it. If you thought boys were mean, wait till you see how these girls play! "We play hard and tough, but most of the time hard feelings are left on the field," says Ott. As for Gingrich, "The overwhelming desire to knock someone on their butt brings everyone closer together."

The competition can get pretty intense during the Powderpuff season, and injuries are not uncommon. Jen Stetz, a junior, dislocated her shoulder last year, and at the time of this publication was recovering from dislocating it again. "When there's blood, you know you've made a friendship that will last forever," says Gingrich. But even during the toughest, roughest games, these girls do not lose their love of God. Junior Chesney Carroll said, "One of the most touching parts is that after practice [the coaches] sit down with us and tell us not to forget about God in every part of our lives, including football."

Powderpuff is not just fun, it's also a taste of college sports. If you want to be a part of athletics here at NNU but are a little wary of joining the "real" teams, intramural sports just might be your cup of tea. Ott stated that she loves the taste of college sports she gets from playing powderpuff football. According to Carroll, there are even MySpace groups dedicated to these teams, and the girls work out together over the summer to be in shape when the Powderpuff season begins once more.

At the end of the "season," roughly mid-October, the playoffs season begins, where the top teams will compete against each other to get into the championship game. When the playoffs are finished, NNU will have a new reigning team of Powderpuff Football Champions! So if you like football, fun, and fellowship, head out to the track field for some Powderpuff action!

Marcus Smith named Crusader softball coach

Craig Stensgaard

NAMPA - Marcus Smith has been named as the new softball coach at Northwest Nazarene University, as announced by NNU athletic director Rich Sanders July 3rd.

"We are excited to have Marcus Smith as our new head softball coach at NNU," Sanders commented. "We feel that he will do a great job leading the program and will build on the success of last season. Marcus comes to us from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, a perennial NCAA Division III powerhouse, where he served as an assistant this past season."

At the University of St. Thomas, Smith assisted head coach John Tschida with a team that went 48-4 and finished as the 2006 national runner-up in NCAA Division III.

"I am excited for the opportunity to build on the foundation set by the previous coaching staff here at NNU," Smith commented. "I look forward to recruiting and preparing for the upcoming season."

Smith holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Marcus spent the 2003 season as an assistant with the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh softball program and has coached prep softball at Wausau East High School in Wausau, Wisconsin.

A northern California native, Smith completed his collegiate football career at Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and was recently inducted into the Yolo County Athletic Hall of Fame in Yolo County, California.

Sports

The Summer According to Covenant

Andrea Hall

Every year, three groups of students head out from the little town of Nampa to sing, act, and work their way across the Northwest states. These groups (Parable, Covenant and Witness) are part of NNU's summer ministry programs. They travel to do the Lord's work and promote the university at the same time. One of these groups, Covenant, is our singing ministry group. They visit churches and camps, leading worship and sharing their stories.

"This summer was probably the best thing I have ever done," said sophomore Brittan Aebischer, the piano/keyboard player in the band. "I think one of the most amazing things was interacting with kids at camp." Covenant spent several weeks in various summer camps in the Northwest, leading chapel times and acting as cabin leaders.

Later in the summer the group went on the road again, playing mini-concerts in local churches. During the concerts, band members also shared their personal testimonies and sang solos of their favorite songs. Sophomore Klarey Collins' favorite part of the summer was the concerts: "I really enjoyed interacting with the people after church concerts. It was great to hear what they had to say and hear what the Lord was doing in their lives. It was even cooler when we were able to share our testimonies and someone would come up to us afterwards and tell us they were touched," she says.

Incredible memories were made this summer, and not all of them were expected. Courtney Bernhardt has her own favorite memory from Bellingham, WA: "We pulled up to a two car garage. It was the address we were given and we had no idea what to think about the entire thing. We weren't sure if we had the wrong address or what. We

quickly found out that this WAS the church...about 20 people met in a small two car garage...[with] no electrical outlets (they had electricity, but no sound system at all). Our initial instinct was to panic, but we decided to do an 'acoustic set' with just our voices, unplugged guitars, fiddle, bass, and one lonely snare drum. The concert was incredible. The Lord really moved in all of us that night. The Holy Spirit was so real in that little two car garage. We played in all sorts of places,...even a church of 2000 (Denver First Church), but I will always remember that little church in Bellingham, WA and how the Lord humbled all 9 of us."

Being in a van for nine weeks can be a harrowing experience, but any problems that showed up were handled with ease among the Covenant members. More important to Covenant was ministering to people who needed it and meeting with potential NNU students. Guitarist Stephen McMahan was deeply impacted by the people he met this summer, even while he was ministering to them. "Our job over the summer is to minister to other people, but it's really the other way around. People from all over the Northwest minister to us," said McMahan, who has traveled with Covenant for two years now. "At every concert, we asked people to pray for us so that we may be able to boldly and fearlessly make known the words of the Gospel. That happened this summer, but it only happened because of the people we were able to worship with and fellowship with."

Timeout gets a Theme for 2006-2007

Andrea Hall

Campus Ministries Coordinator Kylee Vienna has been hard at work. She meets and organizes events with all of our student ministry clubs and plans all the Timeouts for the year. This year she has decided to plan Timeout around a theme.

Her theme focuses on the abundant ministry opportunities life gives believers. It comes out of I Peter 2:8-9: "'A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the message, which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

We all know that ministry is not a job just left to the priests and preachers; it is every believer's job to go out and spread the Gospel. One might ask, "But how?" Really, it takes no special training or a crash course in witnessing. Vienna said, "If we believe in Christ, we'll be able to be used by Him."

She's right. Every believer is a tool, or "priest" like the verse says, to be used by God to spread the news. We just need to let Him shine through all aspects of our lives, be it school, athletics, work, and so on. Vienna hopes to help NNUers become Christ's priests with this year's Timeout theme.

"My biggest goal (with this theme) is to enable individuals to be a priest, in all different spectrums...school or life or recreation," says Vienna.

Without further ado, NNU and Kylee Vienna gives you "The Priesthood of All Believers," the theme of Timeout, coming to you every Wednesday night at 9 p.m in the Brandt Center.

Upcoming Timeouts

October 4

Fall Emphasis Week -
Rev. Brent Strawn

October 11

Mike Martinez

October 18

Jenne Smith

October 25

Nathaniel Fairchild

Loss of Patriotism in the face of Pop Culture

Tannis Wasson

Who can tell me how many American soldiers die every day in Iraq? Every hour? How many have died so far? Now, who recently admitted to killing Jon-Benet Ramsey? How many days has it been since baby Suri was born? And finally, how far along is Britney Spears? Why do we care more about movie stars and murder confessions than the people who might be our friends, our neighbors, or brothers and sisters?

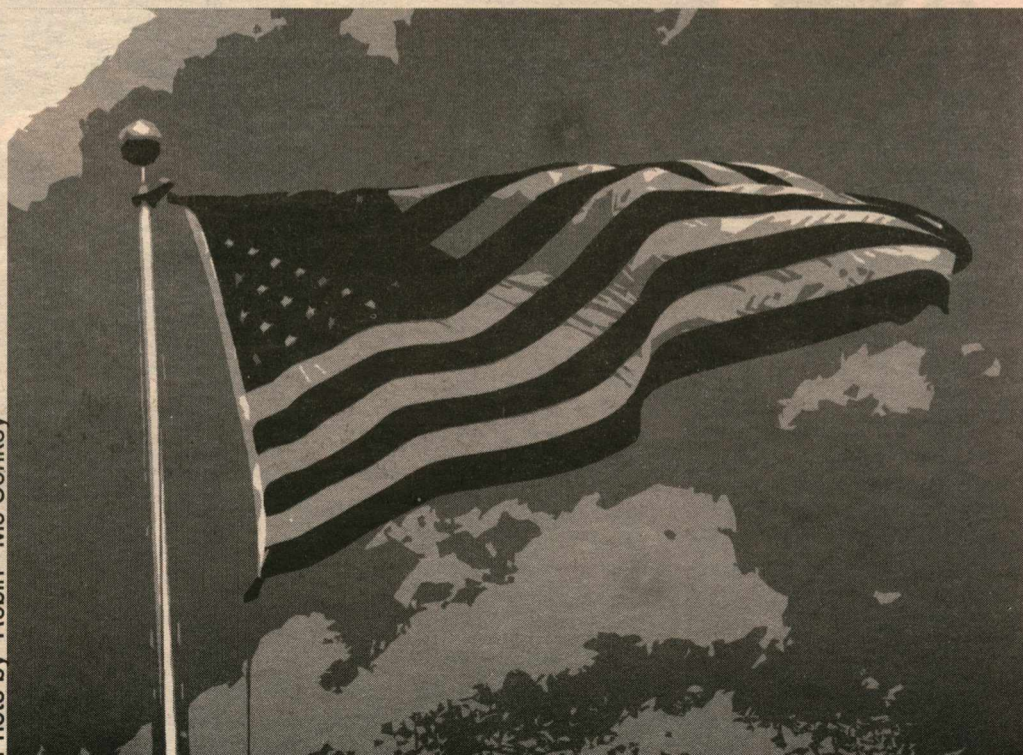
American soldiers have long been seen as the defenders of freedom; they are willing to give their lives for the nation they love, and even more so for the ones they love who live there. There is nothing simple about it, as any family of a soldier will tell you. Soldiers make a decision and are taken away from home and to basic training, where they are systematically stripped of their sense of self and are taught to think and act as a team. This is accomplished by making them all fail if they do not all succeed. Soldiers are also taught to dehumanize the enemy, often shouting, "I wanna kill somebody" because killing is not natural, but it needs to be. They come home for four days and then they leave to receive secondary training, after which they are given a few more days of leave. Then they are soldiers in the military and, more often than not, they will soon be shipped to Iraq. In Iraq they see death, destruction, filth, poverty, hunger, and pain every single day. Unless people come from a family that deals with this, how many of us think about this reality every day?

Now that we have really evaluated a very small piece of what the soldiers and their families go through, without even touching on the emotional, how can we ever think that what goes on in Hollywood is important? The media is one reason in a thousand: they do not show us this war, and for good reason. But they also do not remind us to tie the yellow ribbon around the oak tree until they all come home. Do we even realize that there has not been one day in the past 50 years that the ribbon should not have been tied up? The yellow ribbon is not just for those over in Afghanistan and Iraq, the ribbon is for every soldier everywhere, the prisoners of war, those who went missing in action and those currently serving.

Often Americans lose sight of what is really important; we value things like fashion, money, and above all pop culture, and it is there that we lose our patriotism. Soldiers come home and they look upon what we value with disgust because, having been in Iraq, they have seen that peace and love are the only things worth holding onto in this world. We look upon soldiers with disgust for being soldiers, and we hate the war they are fighting. We choose to turn our faces from the horrors and sufferings of a planet and see the tinsel beauty of a rhinestone Hollywood, so who are we to judge soldiers' lives? While they fight to right the injustice of the world, we continue to worship Hollywood gods. While they try to stay alive, we pray at the altar of People magazine. What are we doing?

I am from a family that has served: my brother is at Camp Pendleton becoming a Marine; my father is a Lieutenant Colonel and was a tank commander for the Army; my Grandfather flew planes in the Air Force. My family has never shunned the chance to live and to die for America; yet, I feel as though I live in a nation that would rather sit on the couch and beg for Saddam to free the people of Iraq than actually get up and do something about it. If our actions tell people who we are, then we need to stop talking and start doing.

Photo by Robin McConkey



Censoring

Dana Luhn

Censoring kills ideas; it limits knowledge; it affects people's perceptions. Books, such as Fahrenheit 451, present a desolate world where censoring has removed all forms of fiction. Libraries across the United States censor books all the time as they have "banned book" lists. Some of these are literary classics, such as Uncle Tom's Cabin, Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, and Of Mice and Men. Of course, censoring is not just found in written forms, but in visual as well. Unfortunately, not many people know the types of censoring taking place on the NNU campus.

Currently, the Art Department is not allowed to display any nude artwork or to let students to study nudes in class. Valid reasons for this exist. The university does not want the models to cause anyone to lust and sin. I admit there can be a fine line between art and pornography as many different examples of art illustrate this point. Sometimes, however, the artist uses the nudes to grab the onlooker's attention and to make them ask questions. It is true that some artists use nude figures to make an artwork sexual, but many times this is not the case.

Art students here at NNU cannot study nude models for drawing or painting classes. Most of you are asking, "Why would you want to do that in the first place?" The answer is it is possible to learn much more about human forms from a live model than from any book. Some of you might be thinking that looking at a nude figure is vulgar, nasty, or gross. I want to remind you that anyone who has taken an anatomy lab has viewed a dead nude body. I ask, "What is the difference between viewing a naked dead person and a live nude?"

Opinion

Seeing

Steve Irwin A Memorial

Proudly, I was one of those kids that grew up with the television. TGIF was a favorite time in my week. I don't know if other people found themselves crying when shows went off the air, but I sure did. Steve Irwin was one of those TV people that I always remember watching. The best thing about Steve, though, was he was real and it seemed as if he would never have to leave TV. He educated in a fun way that always left you thinking he was crazy and probably going to die. I know we all thought it, and now, sadly it came to an end for him. Though Steve was a great entertainer he also did amazing things for animal rights and preservation. For our generation I would say along with Bill Nye and Mr. Rogers, Steve Irwin has given us a new way to look at education and our environment. Thanks Steve for showing us a world that we would otherwise never really understand!

Kylee Vienna

On September 4, 2006 the world watched the aftermath of Steve Irwin's fatal encounter with a usually gentle stingray. Out filming at the Great Barrier Reef, regular production had been halted, so Steve decided to film a spot for his daughter Bindi's new television show. When he got in the water he didn't know that it would be the last time. There are no words to express the loss of Steve Irwin, "The Croc Hunter". Nothing can be said to bring him back, and so many people do not realize what the world has lost. We lost a good father, a passionate wildlife conservationist, and, above all, a genuinely good man.

There are those who are not fans of Irwin, those who would claim he was stupid or reckless, but he was merely trying to show people with gross misconceptions that, while the particular animals he chose to interact with may have been dangerous, he was not afraid. To those people I would say that everyone could not like the guy; it's impossible. However, I would also say that people need to step back and remove their personal feelings; regardless of what anyone may think, Irwin was a father and a husband, and



no family deserves that loss: not even the family of the man who many would call an idiot.

Throughout his life Irwin was a passionate activist. He grew up with Australia Zoo, loving it and all its inhabitants until he died. Irwin passed this love on to his children Bindi and Bob. His wife Terri is also passionate about animals, tirelessly following Irwin all over the world with their children to save animals and show people the importance of each animal in an ecosystem.

There was one episode in particular that showcased Irwin's love of animals, especially crocodiles. Irwin was somewhere in Asia or Indonesia where a crocodile had been put in a concrete pool not much larger than a bath tub. The crocodile had outgrown the pool, and the people asked to Steve to help them rescue it. Irwin, unwilling to allow the animal to die, immediately responded and took his team from Australia Zoo to rescue the poor creature. Irwin knew if he got into the pool and the crocodile went into a death-roll, he would be crushed between the power of the crocodile and the strength of the cement. He took his chances anyway because he also knew if he did not get in, there was no way to save the croc. Steve jumped in, and after many tense moments he was able to rescue the croc, much to the pleasure of the citizens.

In another episode Irwin is driving down the road when he sees a turtle overturned. He stops to turn it back on its feet because he knows if he did not, it would have been likely hit by a car or eaten by carrion birds. There are countless more episodes with just the same premise; Irwin is just saving animals that needed him. Now who will do that? Who will tirelessly travel the world and work to save the animals?

Our generation grew up with Irwin. We knew him as "The Croc Hunter," and most of us loved him. Among other activists comes Jack Hanna, but he did not hold for us the magic that Irwin did; he held

magic for the generation before ours. When we turned on Animal Planet, nine times out of ten we could see Irwin within the hour. There was nowhere this man had not been and nothing he had not done or saved. To many of us Irwin was invincible; he could never die; he was "The Croc Hunter"; he had faced every dangerous animal and in every showdown he won. So what happened?

Irwin was swimming out on the Great Barrier Reef when his camera man stirred up a giant stingray. The stingray felt threatened, so it used the barb located on the back of its tail to strike. In a freak accident the barb went up through Irwin's rib cage and went right into his heart. There were no visible signs that Irwin had suffered injury, but he had stopped swimming. He pulled the barb out of his chest and his crew came to see why he was not moving. He was pulled back up onto the boat and cardiopulmonary resuscitation was started. His crew rushed for the shore but it was too far away and when the medical crew arrived Irwin was pronounced dead. Nothing could have been done. The whole world cried out for the loss of Irwin and soon flowers covered the gaping crocodile at the entrance of Australia Zoo. Gifts, cards, flowers, donations and condolences poured in from all over the world.

NNU mourns for Irwin. There was a memorial at the Brick House and the men of Culver have set up a shrine in the lobby to commemorate the life and death of a great man. They remember, with the rest of the world, the life, the courage, and the magic of the great Steve Irwin. My life if different than it would have been; I was given a passion for animals that I did not have and I owe Irwin a big thank you. Crikey, mate, we are going to miss the best bloke the animals ever knew.

Tannis Wasson

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Gary O'Malley a part of NNU

Tannis Wasson

Gary O'Malley graduated from NNC in 1983. Flash forward, now he is a member of the Foundation Board of Directors. He received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Business Administration and as he says he "was somehow fortunate enough to not have changed my major throughout the course of my education and graduated in four years!" The dream of every student at NNU.

In O'Malley's time at NNU he did many of the same things that we do now and there were many memorable events during his time at NNU. O'Malley says "my freshman year experience at Chapman Hall (that no longer exists while only the memories exist) to releasing mice during chapel time. To actually graduate was definitely memorable." But just as many students today are used to being asked, O'Malley was asked why he chose NNU. In response to the question he said "I chose NNU as a result of a long Nazarene denomination of family history coupled with the local church enthusiasm of higher Christian education."

At NNU O'Malley did more than merely have a good time. He also was involved in classes and there were many important learning experiences during his time here. He learned so much that he had a hard time narrowing it down to just one, but he says that he learned he was the person that was responsible for his future and if he was going to succeed he was going to have to make the choice, both in education and in the future. However, O'Malley would like to see some things change. He says if he could change one thing he would "restructure the governance of the University." But O'Malley's favorite thing about NNU is the size, the smallness and the closeness of the students, facility and staff. This provides a unique opportunity to learn academically and about life.

Since graduation even though some things stayed the same there were other things that changed. "The biggest changes that I have observed since being away from NNU have been the physical expansion of the campus



with new buildings, the expansion of programs and degrees and the continued competitiveness of the university." said O'Malley when questioned on what has changed since he graduated. There are also many things that have stayed the same. O'Malley said "The consistencies

and heritage of NNU from 25 years ago are the basic principals of a higher Christian education and the significant commitment and sacrifices of the professors and administration that it takes to continue to run and develop the programs of the University in an ever competitive market environment."

So over all O'Malley said "I believe the formal education I received from NNU along with the personal growth I experienced enriched my opportunities in my career and prepared me for the future." This is something each student can take away. Whether they graduate and never return or if they are on the Foundation Board of Directors the education and the experiences of NNU are the most important thing we can take away.

Board of Directors Who are they? What do they do?

Assisting the university with strategic funding needs since 1988, the NNU Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors are men and women with a passion for Christian education, who volunteer their time, efforts and resources to benefit students at Northwest Nazarene University. The leadership, generosity and vision of the Directors have been instrumental in nearly every campus building constructed since 1996, as well as many other campus improvements.

Our Mission

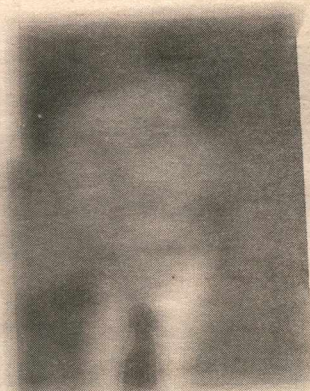
- Cultivate, secure and manage gifts to NNU
- Foster a culture linking philanthropic desires with university priorities

Our Vision

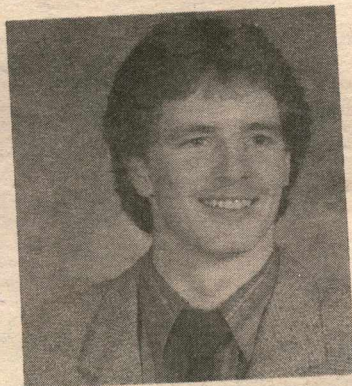
- Further develop NNU as one of the region's leading master's-level universities, specializing in character development and academic excellence

Our Values

- Faith
- Development
- Innovation
- Stewardship
- Partnership



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Gary O'Malley
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Thank Goodness for Football

Tyler Law

It is that time of year again. Finally, I can say TGIF: thank goodness it's football . . . uh, season. Yes, now is the time when ungifted and wimpy athletes such as I can live our dreams of glory vicariously through our beloved teams without leaving the safety of our homes or refrigerators. It truly is the most wonderful time of the year.

Now, my weekends are all planned out. No more twiddling my fingers, no more jaunts to the movie theater. On Fridays there are the Friday night lights. Then, of course, there are Saturdays—those glorious Saturdays. The gladiators of college sports tear up the gridiron. All of the rivalries, upsets, and defeats provide more excitement than a teen drama . . . but I wouldn't know anything about that; after all, I'm a manly football fan. Fortunately, all is not done. We are merely building up to Sundays, where the big boys take over. Yes, the NFL is the greatest show on turf. So, my schedule's all booked up.

Of course, this does create a problem. What about homework? It is hard to focus on reading the tragedy of *Othello* when your team's down by 3. I believe it went something like this: "One who loved not wisely, but . . . TOUCHDOWN!" I also found that there are only so many ways you can work football into reports and speeches, and even those were kind of a stretch. My psychology paper "Classical Conditioning: A Quarterback's Nightmare" and my literary analysis "Football Themes Related to the Works of Faulkner" both come to mind.

Of course, if you are not a football fan, there is plenty for you to do too. Like . . . well, uh . . . huh. Well, I'm sure you can find something to do. Just don't hog the TV.

It's a great time to be alive. It's a great time to be a sports fan. It's an even better time to be a living sports fan. So, kick back, put on that comically over sized foam finger, and enjoy a game or two. After all, football comes but once a year . . . and then it stays for five months.

Mentors and Tutors for Youth

We are looking for positive, motivational individuals who would like to provide encouragement and inspiration to the youth we assist through the STARS (Speakers, Tutors, Retention, Success) program. The program invites volunteer community members to join in the effort of helping young people succeed - by sharing your time and expertise.

We are currently seeking tutors, mentors, and professionals to spend 2 to 3 hours a week, twice a month, providing guidance to students who are enrolled at Centennial Job Corps Center in Nampa, Idaho. Fun, planned activities will be provided for mentors and students on a regular basis.

Job Corps is a program that helps young people ages 16-24 establish themselves in the workforce by providing free academic and professional training. The youth in the

A Glance at... Snakes on a Plane

Kenton Lee

I only have two fears in life: snakes and divorce. Since *Divorce on a Plane* is not coming out until next spring, I found myself freaked out of my mind in a theater recently watching the non-critically acclaimed movie *Snakes on a Plane*. This movie proved itself to be quite the rollercoaster ride for my emotions.

Directed by David R. Ellis, the movie features mega celebrity Samuel L. Jackson (*Betsy's Wedding*) and Julianna Margulies (*Scrubs*). Some of the key supporting characters were Flex Alexander (*Out Cold*), David Koechner (*Champ from Anchorman*), and Kenan Thompson (*Kenan and Kel*). These characters and many others embark on a journey that is made obvious by the name of the movie. Basically, a young surfer named Sean Jones witnesses a murder by a Japanese mob boss. As with most good mob bosses, this one then tries to kill Sean. In comes Nelville Flynn (Samuel L. Jackson), the FBI agent sent to bring Sean safely from Hawaii over to Los Angeles to testify against the mob boss. Like most good FBI agents, things go horribly wrong when it is discovered (in a very awkward scene in an airport lavatory) that there are snakes on the plane. The remainder of the story and the ending revolves around how Agent Flynn can elude and kill the snakes to get Sean Jones and the other passengers safely to Los Angeles. I do not know who came up with this story, but it was definitely well worth the afternoon they put into it.

For me, parts of this movie were frightening. The snakes sliver and slide all over the plane, by people's feet, and up in the compartments. They are everywhere. While the movie for the most part was a joke, the snakes were actually very scary. If you do not like snakes, then do not watch this movie. Also, if you are a fan of good movies and using your money wisely, then do not watch this movie. But, if you aren't scared of snakes, enjoy watching bad movies, and have no sense of what a dollar is worth - by all means go watch *Snakes on a Plane*. I don't know who the marketing geniuses are who came up with that target market, but I really want to shake their hands. And then put them on that same plane.

program would like to complete their education and vocational training successfully, and utilize the additional skills they gain from their mentors and tutors to build a bright and successful future.

Mentoring and tutoring options include working one-on-one with a student, or working with a small group of students. Mentors have the additional option of being partnered with another mentor and sharing mentoring responsibilities from a team approach.

If you have been involved with mentoring programs in the past, you are aware how powerful and positive the support of a mentor can be. Tutors also make a very positive impact on students who are struggling academically. Volunteers in the program will receive training to prepare them to be effective and successful Mentors and Tutors for at-risk youth. Tutors need to be proficient in English, Mathematics or ESL subject areas.

Qualifications:

- Tutors must be at least 18 years old/ Mentors must be at least 21 years old
- Sincere desire to be personally involved with another person to help him or her achieve personal and career goals
- Ability to communicate with teens and adults openly and be nonjudgmental
- Practical problem-solving skills and ability to suggest options and alternatives
- Sensitivity to persons of different educational, economic, cultural, or racial backgrounds
- Positive role model

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A&E

Faux Hawk

Tim Milburn

I'm usually not one to comment on public hairstyles. I mean, wear your hair however you want to. Feel free to put whatever you need to in it – gel, super gel, crazy glue, 10w-40, titanium-laced epoxy, whatever. Hairstyles come and go. Growing up, guys worked hard to develop their bowl cut, the brush cut, the induction cut, the horseshoe flattop, the businessman's cut, the butch, the buzzcut, the Caesar cut (Clooney cut), the Ivy League cut (college cut, Princeton), the crewcut, the fade, the flattop, the Mowhawk, the mullet, the French crop, the high and tight, the high and tight recon, the low and tight, the pompadour, the regulation haircut, the short back and sides, the teddy boy cut, the ducktail, the wedge cut, the under cut. You name it...guys have worn it.

But there's a new kid in town. It started out being worn only by bad boys. Then, it became popular if you were in a band. Now, most everyone is willing to give it a try. It's known as...the faux hawk.

It's not that I don't like it. I just don't understand it.

First of all, faux means fake. Translated with the word hawk and you have a fake Mohawk. Not the real thing, just an incredible simulation that lacks the commitment of the true Mohawk. What these guys have basically done is take hair from both sides of their head and brought them together in a swoosh that attempts to defy gravity.

Some of you will quickly cite my age as a factor in questioning the very validity of putting the words "faux hawk" and "style" in the same sentence. I understand that; I keep asking myself the same question. But I don't think that's it. In no way am I trying to be disrespectful to those who work so hard to make *that* happen (do you have to hang upside down to get it centered?). I just need clarification. I'm just looking for a good explanation.

I realize that it's just a fad – a passing stage of creative "hair" engagement that tries to bring together two style elements that had been at odds for so long. But not everything is a match made in heaven. Take for example the Reese's Peanut Butter Cup: a wonderful, mouth-watering combination of chocolate and peanut butter. But then the Hershey corporation begins to mess with it – adding white chocolate, peanuts, rice crispies, more chocolate than peanut butter, or vice versa. I say, "LEAVE IT ALONE!" But I digress...

So faux hawk fans, you seem to be strong in numbers and taller by an inch. I ask you to make your voice known and offer up the quintessential explanation for the rise of such a hair-raising experiment. Answer this simple question: "why?" I have not yet taken sides on this issue. I just want to comb through the arguments. In the end, I hope to display my open-mindedness and join the "Friends of the Faux Hawk," standing up together as we meet somewhere in the middle.

Amity Perk Gets A Makeover

Anthony Haskett

As I walked into the student center, I noticed a drastic change. The Perk's coffee cart vanished! Now in its stead stood a coffee counter with a foreign name scrawled on an overhanging sign—Jazzman's Cafe. My first reaction was, "Who takes away Seattle's Best and puts in that name? I'd think the best coffee from the coffee capital would entice more customers than a cool name with a musical ring." Whatever the case may be, I decided to venture into this new "jazzy" world of espresso.

Upon my entering, I first observed that the smoothie prices dropped; however, I realized that the espresso prices increased from last year too. When I questioned the barista about the lowering of smoothie prices, she assured me it wasn't because of a lowering of quality; instead, the Perk has found a cost effective way of improving this healthy product. Smoothies not consist of blended frozen fruit chunks and juice anymore; instead the customers will have a choice mixing fruit concentrates with yogurt or ice cream to make a musically-blended, smooth treat. In addition to the sweet sound of improvement comes the jingle of variety as more types of fruit flavors are available to choose from.

Once again the Perk will have many options to choose from for those who have missed any meal. Bagels, muffins, cinnamon rolls, fruit cups, and newly a added product—cups of yogurt—round out the breakfast menu. Salads, sandwiches, and an assortment of desserts will pack your stomach during lunch and dinner. So when a fermata holds out your hunger pains, be the director and cut it off by filling up on the delicious food at the Perk.

If you want to check out the new looks and great food at the Perk, the operating hours are Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m.-11 p.m. On Fridays, the Perk closes early at 4 p.m.

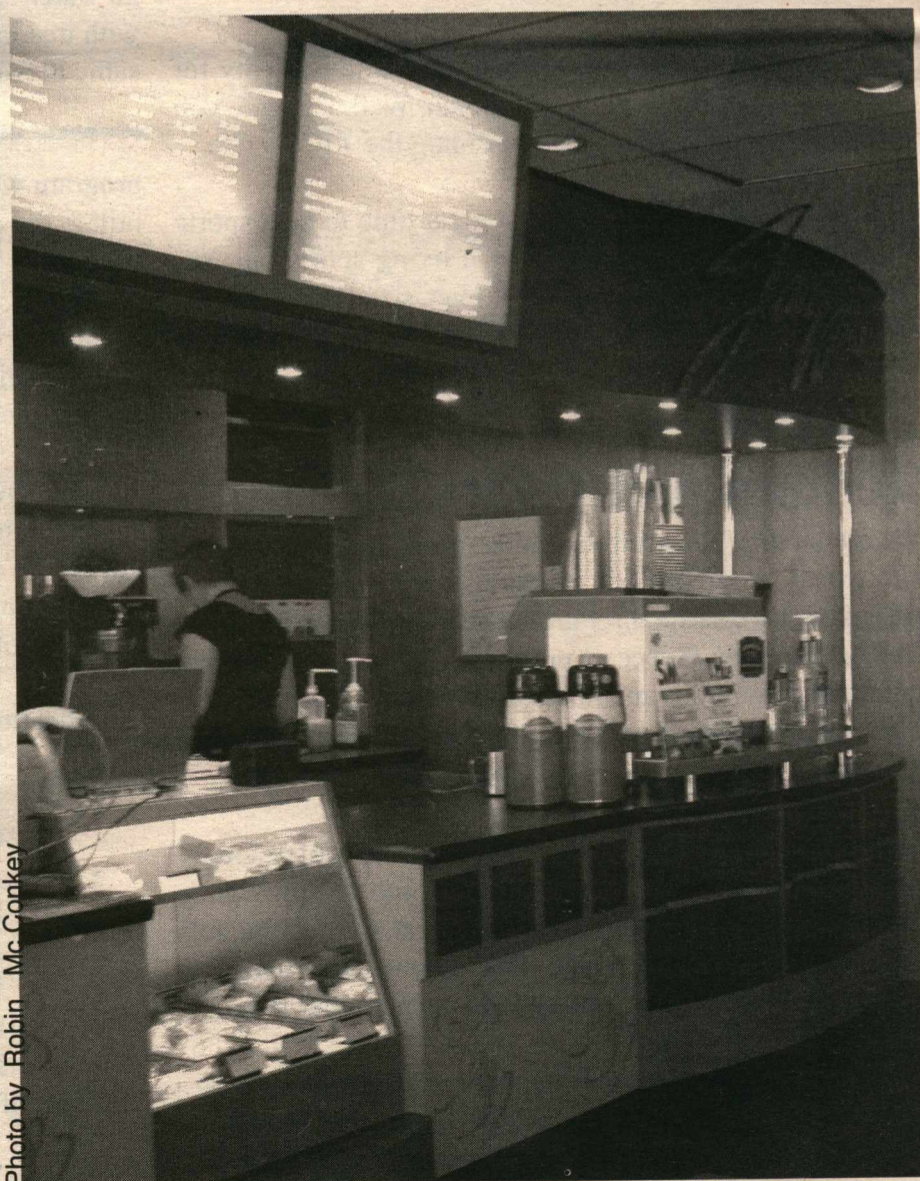


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Social VP

Hi! I'm Rachel Jacobsen, and I'm your Social Vice President! I am a senior and majoring in Industrial Psychology. I grew up in Eastern Washington and lived in a town where it was normal to pass tractors on the way to school. Consequently, I love the smell of dairy farms (only because it reminds me of home). I have a really big family, so I love to be around people! Because of the big family, and rare silences, to this day I feel awkward when people are quiet. I am so blessed to be attending N.N.U. and even more blessed and humbled to be in this position. I am so excited for this year and eager to see what plans God has for me and everyone here at N.N.U.



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Blood Drive

Tyler Law

Have you ever thought about giving blood but never followed through with it? Maybe you were scared. Maybe you did not like think about losing so much blood. Maybe you did not think that you were the right kind of person. Well, put all of those worries aside. When it comes to giving blood you are definitely the right type.

There is a dire need for every type of blood. If you happen to have a common blood type, there are plenty of people out there who need it. If you have one of the less common blood types, there are fewer donors out there. Anyone who donates their blood can make a big difference by saving three lives with each pint given.

Of course, there are some requirements to be met if you want to donate blood. You have to be at least 17 years old, healthy, and weigh at least 110 pounds. Also, if you have given blood in the last 56 days, it is recommended that you wait awhile before giving blood again. In addition, there is a twelve month deferral if you have gotten a tattoo, but there is no deferral for piercings if they have been done in a sterile environment. If you are on antibiotics, you can donate after the last dose if you are feeling well, and you must be aware of all medications that you are currently taking. All donors are required to show proper identification, as well. Finally, iodine is used in the process, so if you are allergic to iodine, make sure the Red Cross Staff knows.

The Red Cross also gives tips for having a good blood donation experience. It is important to drink water 48 hours in advance and to get plenty of sleep (at least eight hours) the night before. A high protein, well-balanced meal is recommended two hours before donating.

There are many reasons why donating blood is a great thing to do. First of all, you get free juice and cookies. The process is quick, easy, and convenient. We can give blood without having any problems and it makes you feel good afterwards, knowing that you have helped someone out. You might even be someone's hero.

So, do not be afraid of the needle. Go out there and give some blood. Wear that bandage like a badge of honor and strut around with pride.

If you are interested in donating blood, NNU is having a blood drive October 5 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Sign-ups will be available soon.

Fine Arts Building to get New Mac Lab

Andrea Hall

There will be some major changes happening on and around the NNU campus this year. The fence is finished for now, but like any institution or home, improvements can always be made. Something can always be fixed, realigned, rebuilt, trimmed or remodeled. While the campus will be seeing all kinds of new things in the near future, one of those improvements is the remodeling of the Fine Arts building (FAB).

The music and art people on campus will be making room for several new arrivals: Macintosh computers. The FAB already has one Mac lab, but it is mainly used for classes and study by the graphic design majors. The administration noticed the need for more Macs and decided to make some room for a new Mac lab.

The new computer lab is slated to be put on the main floor of the FAB, extending from Lollie Richardson's and Dr. Barry Swanson's offices to the west end of the building. It will consist of three rooms: the main room will contain 20 machines and will be used for classes; two "satellite" rooms, each with about 5 computers, will be primarily reserved for design majors and music majors to use anytime. Every Mac will be equipped with midi-keyboards, for composing songs, and the

main programs for graphic design: Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator.

This news is generating quite a hubbub among the FAB residents. The art majors are excited about more workspace, and the music majors are ready to have their own computer area. With the integration of the new computers, there will be specific areas for classes in the main basement Mac lab and more space for students to do their homework or jobs.

According to art professor Jonathan Bouw, this new development has even bigger ramifications. Plans are in mind to use this facility as a regional Macintosh training center. Currently, the nearest center is in Salt Lake City, Utah.

"It's still kind of up in the air right now," said Bouw. But if all goes well, NNU will become an official training center where students and community members can learn to use many functions and applications on

Campus Life

State of the Campus

Northwest Nazarene University. For obvious reasons, these three words are usually used to describe our school. But let me give you three more words that I feel describe our school and the state of the campus so far this year.

Community. In the first few months of campus there has already been an excellent sense of community around campus. Whether it be impromptu ultimate Frisbee games, swing dancing at the gazebo, or having a sip at Jazzman's – people have been hanging out with people on campus. Also, the new benches have added a venue to the people around campus who enjoy experiencing community while seated. And, of course, it is always tradition for boys and girls to share in community out in front of Ford before curfew chases them to their rooms. Campus has been alive and well with people activity.

Harmony. As there are many new faces at school this year, it is often tough to find harmony with one another and the host of activities offered by NNU. But the state of our campus has been very much unified in this first month of school. Cheering at volleyball and soccer games has been active. Intramurals are in full-swing. Sports teams are practicing. Music groups are meeting and organizing. Clubs are forming. Student Government activities and events have had awesome attendance too. There just seems to be a great harmony among the many different activities here on campus. And it has been great to see all of these people, activities, and events find their unity under the common banner of NNU.

Strategy. College is one of the most creative and exciting times of life. One aspect of campus this first month is something that often gets overlooked. So far in school people have been making friends, gaining knowledge, and making plans. These things can be summed up in a word coined by "President Bush" as "strategy". This first month is almost a planning session for what will come about the rest of the semester. Road trips, sonic runs, midnight movies, weekend plans, dorm games, and so many more things need to find their beginnings somewhere. Without this strategy to plan these things with friends, they would never happen. Campus has been alive and well with strategy so far, and I



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cannot wait to see what happens the rest of the semester.

All in all, I would say that the state of the campus is strong to quite strong. It's been a lot of fun so far. So if anyone asks you how school has been so far, just tell them this: Northwest Nazarene University – Great Community, Great Harmony, Great Strategy. Love you guys. - Kenton Lee

Get Involved Join a Club

SIFE, Students in Free Enterprise, uses business concepts and competencies to help those in need – on campus, in the community, nation, and world. Projects are developed with five core objectives in mind-- global economics, business ethics, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and personal success skills. While the club is operated out of the business department, non-business students are encouraged to come and add their expertise in each endeavor.

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We are the Student Alumni Council (SAC) and are involved in this campus in many different aspects. We are very closely tied to the Alumni House, which is across the

street from Wiley and next to College Church. We help communicate with Alumni, Faculty, Staff, Students, and the Community. Every year we help with delivering birthday cakes, Care Packages during finals week, Homecoming events, and any sort of Alumni event that occurs. To learn more about us, or to relax for a while, just stop by the Alumni House and grab yourself a free drink and some cookies.

Jeremy Chatelain

Hope House Ministries:

Do you absolutely love kids? Come to Hope House! Our ministry group goes once a week to the Hope House in Marsing. There we play and have a Bible lesson with kids who have come from broken pasts. Please come and help bring joy and love to their lives! We leave from the Perk at 10:00 AM on Saturdays. For more info contact Erik Valenti at esvalenti@nnu.edu.

I, Stephanie Bartlow, am president of the Psychology Club here on campus. Contrary to popular belief, you do not have to be a psych major or minor to be involved. We have several parties, fundraisers, and conferences throughout the year that everyone is invited to attend. One of our biggest goals is simply to promote psychological knowledge to our peers. This year, we revamped the club, adding Monday night activities in the basement of Wiley, room 8. Our open house is on September 20th, and our first movie night is on September 25th. Both events start at 6:30pm. Come on down for coffee, tea, popcorn, and a good time.

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NNU Outdoor Rec Club

We are a group of people who enjoy playing in the great outdoors. We are currently working on a couple of big trips for this winter and right now have a camping trip planned for Sept 29-30th. To join the mailing list and be informed of trips, meetings, and the likes, just send an email to NNUORec@gmail.com. The NNU English club is a group of people who enjoy reading and writing and being around other people who do. We will be meeting once every two weeks this semester starting after Fall Fest to play games, to read and critique each others writing, to talk about things we've read on the side and what we think of them, and to plan a Poetry Slam for sometime in November. Email Rebekah Bergstrom to find out more information if you're interested--we'd love to have you join us!

Photography Club is coming out of the darkroom! Like photos? Digital? Film? It doesn't matter. Want to explore your hobby WITHOUT the homework or expensive tuition!? Join us for an informal, brainstorming meeting, which is coming soon in November! Interested in more information about our club? Email Leah Hagemeyer @ lchagemeyer@nnu.edu