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Wednesday



Hi: 62°, Low: 43°
Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers.

Thursday



Hi: 66°, Low: 37°
Mostly sunny.

Friday



Hi: 70°, Low: 41°
Mostly cloudy, 20% chance of showers.

Saturday



Hi: 61°, Low: 41°
Mostly sunny, 20% chance of showers.

Sunday



Hi: 63°, Low: 40°
Partly cloudy.

Students lose loved ones in crash

by AMBER FORD

Two NNU students lost loved ones when their plane, carrying ten people, crashed Sunday night near White Pass, just outside of Yakima, Wash. Freshman Julianne Hezlep's boyfriend Andy Knox-Smith, 20, and Michelle Barker, 21, the stepsister of junior Jenn Williams were on board the plane and were returning from a skydiving meet in Idaho this weekend.

Hezlep said Knox-Smith was working as an intern on the Victoria Clipper in Seattle, a ferry that runs from Seattle to Victoria, B.C., with hopes of becoming a marine engineer. He and Hezlep had known each other for about four years and had been dating almost a year. Hezlep describes Knox-Smith as loving people and being "full of life and extremely energetic, just like any other skydiver."

In addition to the skydiving meet, Knox-Smith came to Idaho to visit Hezlep and attend



Yakima County officials, along with 25 volunteers, spent Monday and Tuesday searching the area of the Cascades for the passengers (photo by AP/USA Today).

TWIRP. She said they spent Friday and Saturday night enjoying the festivities with the rest of the student body. Saturday

night after the corn maze, Knox-Smith and Hezlep went out to the airfield and spent the rest of the night with the other skydiv-

ers. On Sunday, Hezlep said the

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NNU librarian takes on city council

by DEREK DEROOY

Lance McGrath, NNU librarian, environmentalist, and Irishman, will be running for Nampa City Council this fall in the November 6 election. A 1992 NNU grad, Lance is a proud Nampa resident along with his wife of 15 years, Marie, and two sons, Danner, 8, and Garrison, 5. Lance has put together a pro-

gressive campaign that he hopes will bring many needed changes to the Nampa community.

The Nampa City Council currently has four seats. Any city can have four, six, or eight seats, whatever their preference. However, common sense dictates that smaller cities would favor four seats, while the larger cities utilize an eight-seat approach. Being the second-largest city in the

state is significant, yet Nampa has less Council seats than Caldwell (six) and as many as Melba.

Current City Council members include Stephen Kren, Martin Thorne, Bob Schmidt, and Pam White. Council members represent the city at official city events, and serve four year terms. Lance is gunning for City Council Seat #2, currently held by three-term incumbent Stephen

Kren. Lance had little to say about the work Kren has done in Kren's twelve years on Council. "Stephen needs to move on to something else...he is very pro-growth, but not pro-responsible-growth."

Lance's campaign for City Council has a multi-faceted

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Fred08

Political Spotlight

by TREVAN HAUCK

Former senator and television star Fred Thompson has been a force to be reckoned with well before he even entered the race for the 2008 republican presidential nomination. Thompson's entry into the race was made official in early September of this year but has been long anticipated by many in the political realm.

A regular second or third in popularity polls as far back as March 2007, Thompson has caused a bit of a stir among his fellow candidates. A quote from Thompson's website reads, "Anyone who has heard me speak knows my firm commitment to what I call 'First Principles.' These grow out of the documents of our Nation's founding and the wisdom of the ages. They are core beliefs that guide my approach to the issues that are crucial to our Nation's future." Two of these "First Principles" are what he calls "Individual Liberties" and "Traditional American Values." Both of these cater to grass-roots republicans who are said to make up the foundation of his campaign.

Several issues that Thompson's campaign has decided to focus on have been: National Security, Healthcare, and Immigration, saying of the latter that his goals include "Securing our borders and enforcing immigration laws. Amnesty is not an option and the toleration of 'sanctuary cities' must end" and that we must be "Uniting Americans by welcoming legal immigrants willing to learn English, assimilate into our communities, and become productive citizens."

Many have hoped that Thompson's campaign would have a Reagan like charge to it, but this has not been the case. Fundraising for the former Senator has been a bit sluggish, pulling under \$13 million overall according to a press release last week. A far cry from the likes of Democratic candidate Hilary Clinton who has raised upside of 200 million.

State democrats prepare for 2008 legislature

by ALLI SCHISLER

The Idaho Democratic Party is gearing up for the 2008 session of the legislature. Senator David Langhorst, the Assistant Minority Leader of the Idaho Senate, outlines what he believes will be the key issues during the legislative session which begins in January.

Health care will be one of the primary issues for the Legislature and especially for the Democratic Party. Langhorst says that recommendations of the Governor's task force on Idaho health care issues will be considered. And, "other ideas" to expand insurance coverage and lower costs will also be discussed.

A key tenet of health care expansion is health care for Idaho's children. In a September 27, 2007 press release, the Idaho Democratic Party Chairman Richard Stallings emphasized the Democratic Party's support of expansion of the Children's Health

Insurance Plan (CHIP). Idaho Democrats are urging national leaders to support the bill which would renew and expand health insurance for Idaho's children. Chairman Stallings said, "About 24,700 Idaho children are enrolled in Idaho's CHIP program this year... Passage of this bill could increase the number of covered children to 42,800."

Apart from health insurance, Senator Langhorst says budget issues will be of concern: "There will be a debate about whether we actually do have a surplus, whether it's temporary, and what to do with any one-time surpluses." Highways and public transit: we have a maintenance backlog for our roads that would take roughly \$200 million per year ongoing to satisfy. "Idaho is one of only three or so states that does not offer local governments the ability to raise taxes for public transit (by public vote)." The legislature will decide if the benefits of an expanded public

transit system outweigh the costs of a tax increase.

Issues of air quality will also be forefront during the coming session, says Senator Langhorst. The bipartisan Energy, Environment and Technology Interim Committee is currently working to develop strategies for energy preservation in Idaho. Senator Langhorst says "public sentiment is increasing in support of the Treasure Valley Air Quality Management Council's recommendation that automobile emission testing be expanded to cover both Ada and Canyon County." The legislature will determine if this, and other actions, is necessary to increase air quality in Idaho.

One unique aspect of the coming legislative session will be the new location. The Capitol building is being renovated, and according to the Legislative Perspective Newsletter of the Legislative Services Office.

"The Capitol Restoration Project is moving quickly and is



Idaho State Democratic Senator David Langhorst

still on schedule to be completed in time for the 2010 legislative session." For now, most legislative offices have been moved to the Capitol Annex at 514 W. Jefferson St. in Boise. Senator Langhorst says, "As always there will be hundreds of issues, these are the ones that come to mind for me." The legislature will convene January 7, 2008.

Far left-wing website angers both parties with anti-war campaign tactics

by T.J. BARR

Moveon.org, a liberal progressive political policy organization, came under fire recently by the United States senate on account of a newspaper ad posted in the New York Times on September 10 of this year. The full page ad, headlined "General Betray Us", attacked the integrity of Iraq war commander General David Petraeus and accused him of cooking the books for the white house.

The ad was condemned by the Republican Party, with President Bush saying the ad was "disgusting" and Texas Senator John Cornyn stating that it was "shameful". On Capitol Hill, the Republicans called for an official condemnation of the ad. This forced the Democrats between a rock and a hard place, as they



**GENERAL PETRAEUS OR
GENERAL BETRAY US?**

Picture from the MoveOn.org add run by the New York Times.
Photo by MoveOn.org

could either condemn the ad and risk angering anti-war voters or risk losing political face by not condemning an attack on one of the nation's most respected military leaders. The Democrats responded by issuing

their own resolution condemning not only the Betray Us ad, but also attacking the ads that brought into question the patriotism of the Democrats, notably 2004 Presidential Nominee John Kerry. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said

"They're all disgraceful ads and we ought to treat them the same way".

While the Democratic resolution failed, the Republican's proposal passed with a 72-25 vote. Democratic presidential hopefuls Hillary Clinton, N.Y., and Christopher Dodd, Conn., were noted as voting against the proposal, while Barack Obama, Ill., and Joseph Biden, Del., did not cast votes.

Despite the resolution, Moveon.org has continued to push its theme of betrayal, expanding its ads to television broadcasts and, while no longer attacking Petraeus, they are targeting Bush and Republican Presidential Candidate Rudy Giuliani. Moveon.org is using the attacks to raise money and will most likely use the money to keep the pressure on the Republican leaders.

Crash



Cessna Caravan 208

weather was perfect for skydiving and Knox-Smith was able to jump three times.

According to Hezlep, Knox-Smith had been skydiving almost a year and was six jumps away from getting his class B license. All nine of the skydivers on board were connected to Skydive Snohomish, a company 20 miles north of Seattle, as employees or licensed divers that considered Snohomish their "home drop zone". Hezlep said they were a very close group and had jumped together many times.

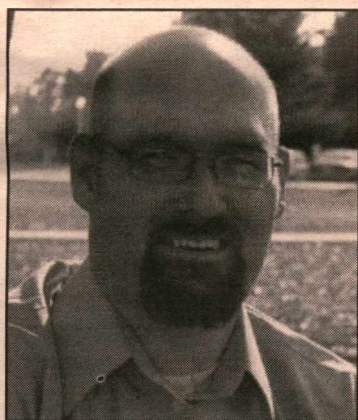
The plane took off Sunday evening and disappeared from radio contact. Search teams began scouring the area on Monday and by Monday evening were able to

locate the crash site by following the scent of fuel. That was when crews located seven of the bodies, and the rest of the victims were found Tuesday, according to Yakima County officials.

The cause of the crash is unknown at this point. Since the

search teams have recovered all the bodies, the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) and the NTSB (National Transportation Safety Board) will begin their investigation into the cause of the crash. Officials speculate that weather may have been a factor.

McGrath



NNU Librarian Lance McGrath.

Nampa Neighborhood Association, 850 homes in the "Old Nampa" district, banded together to bring many community issues before the Nampa Planning and Zoning Commission and the Nampa City Council, as well as local businesses. Lance is also a member of the Nampa Library Foundation and co-founder of the Idaho Arts Charter School.

In the way of Public Safety, Lance would like to repair the city's sidewalks and walkways for all pedestrians, especially schoolchildren. Police headquarters, stationed in downtown Nampa, has been overcrowded for years in an ever-growing city. Lance recognizes their need to expand for their own sakes and for the sake of Nampa's citizens. He would also like to improve communications for the fire department and neighborhood organizations.

Lance is very environmentally aware, but he has figured out a way to be both environmentally and financially friendly, fulfilling his goal of "Fiscal Responsibility". Nampa currently has no fuel efficiency standards for the city. Lance would like to remedy this, and also get new efficiency and energy standards for our city's

buildings, saving water, electricity, and fuel.

He would like to stay visible as he's doing all this. Recognizing the formality and anxiety that City Hall can create, he's already got a tentative plan to schedule out hours at local coffee shops and schools for visiting with our citizens and upholding his plan for Accessible Government. He plans on having town hall meetings around the city, and he will be streaming all Nampa government meetings over the internet for the people to listen to.

Consistent Support for Urban Redevelopment is a worthy goal for many of Nampa's longtime residents. Despite its size, Nampa has long been seen only as a city to drive in, through, or around. Old downtown has been struggling for more prestigious businesses for years, and while having large-scale commercial development both north and east of downtown is nice, a large demographic of Nampa is being ignored.

Lance is traveling door-to-door to garner support for his campaign. If you talk to him, he would surely love your help in spreading the news of our community's servant and leader.

AP News Blurbs: Around the world in five stories

Facebook to be sued for misrepresentation

ALBANY, New York —

The social networking Web site Facebook has been warned that it could face a consumer fraud charge for failing to live up to claims that youngsters there are safer from sexual predators than at most sites and that it promptly responds to concerns, a spokesman for New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo said Sunday.

An official in Cuomo's office said he and others are scheduled to meet with Facebook representatives this week.

An official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because court filings haven't yet been made. "What we told them is, 'Correct the language describing the site ... parents have a misimpression. You can't mislead people.'"

Off-duty officer murders six in shooting rampage

CRANDON, Wis. —

The off-duty sheriff's deputy who shot six people at a pizza party told a friend he had gone to his ex-girlfriend's house hoping to patch up their relationship.

Tyler Peterson, 20, lost control when they got into an argument and her friends began calling him a "worthless pig," Mike Kegley told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Police declined to provide details of the argument that preceded the shooting but said Peterson had stormed out of the party, retrieved an AR-15 rifle from his vehicle and burst back into the house firing 30 shots.

North Korea to disarm reactors

SEOUL, South Korea —

The South Korean president said Monday the global standoff over North Korea's nuclear weapons

programs will soon be resolved, as U.S. experts prepared to travel to Pyongyang to form a plan for disabling the country's reactors.

"I'm confident the North Korean nuclear issue will rapidly arrive at a complete resolution," South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun said, citing a detailed multilateral agreement aimed at the North's denuclearization that was approved by the leaders of the two Koreas.

Americans take home Nobel prize in medicine

STOCKHOLM, Sweden —

Americans Mario R. Capecchi, Oliver Smithies and Briton Martin J. Evans won the 2007 Nobel Prize in medicine on Monday for developing a technology for manipulating genes in mice.

The process, known as gene targeting, has been used to help study such diseases as cystic fibrosis, heart disease, diabetes and cancer.

In its citation, the award committee said that the use of gene targeting has shed light on embryonic development, aging and disease.

Crash kills several in Pakistan presidents escort

MUJHOI, Pakistan —

One of three helicopters escorting President Gen. Pervez Musharraf crashed in Pakistan's portion of Kashmir on Monday, killing four soldiers on board.

Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Waheed Arshad blamed a "technical fault" for the crash of the military helicopter Musharraf had already reached his destination when the accident occurred.

Musharraf traveled to Kashmir on Monday to commemorate the second anniversary of Oct. 8, 2005, earthquake that killed nearly 80,000 people. The helicopter crashed in Mujhoi, south of Pakistan's portion of the Himalayan territory.

Power company to pay billions in effort to cut emissions

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

A big power company accused of spreading smog and acid rain across a dozen states agreed Tuesday to pay at least \$4.6 billion to cut chemical emissions in what the government called the nation's largest environmental settlement.

The agreement with American Electric Power Co. ends an eight-year legal battle over reducing smokestack pollution that drifted across Northeast and mid-Atlantic states, chewing away at mountain ranges, bays and national landmarks.

AEP, based on Columbus, Ohio, maintains it never violated Clean Air Act rules to curb emissions, and had already spent or planned to pay \$5.1 billion on scrubbers and other equipment to reduce its pollution.

"Plans change," said acting Assistant Attorney General Ron Tepas, announcing the settlement filed in U.S. District Court in Columbus, where a trial against AEP originally was scheduled to begin Tuesday. "And obviously there is a big difference between a company saying it has plans to do something in the future and a company being bound by an order of the court to take those steps."

Failure to comply with the settlement could result in daily penalties of hundreds of thousands of dollars, government attorneys said. Additionally, AEP must pay a \$15 million civil fine and \$60 million in cleanup and mitigation costs to help heal polluted land in the Shenandoah National Park and waterways including the

Chesapeake Bay.

The costs and civil fines will far exceed any company payout in an environmental case, the attorneys said. The 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, by contrast, yielded \$1 billion in restoration and restitution costs, although Exxon Mobil Corp. estimates it has so far spent \$3.5 billion and faces an additional \$2.5 billion in criminal penalties.

The case against AEP began in 1999 when eight states and about a dozen environmental groups joined the Environmental Protection Agency's crackdown on energy companies accused of rebuilding coal-fired power plants without installing pollution controls as required. In states like New York, officials complained

have also said that we would be willing to consider ways to reasonably resolve these issues," he said.

AEP will clean up 46 coal-fired operations in 16 of the plants in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia. Morris also noted the risk of AEP paying a far greater fine if the company had fought the case in court and lost.

"While we would have preferred that the agreement not include a civil penalty — a position we argued vigorously during our discussions with the plaintiffs — this settlement is an excellent outcome for our shareholders," he said.

AEP said it has paid nearly \$2.6 billion since 2004 on equipment to cut emission in coal-fired plants in Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia and will be spending an additional \$1.6 billion for environmental controls in two more plants. Both costs are part of the company's \$5.1 billion plan reduce the emissions of its eastern region by 2010.

The states involved in the lawsuit were: Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal called the settlement "huge and historic."

"Clean air enforcement is alive and well despite Bush administration efforts to gut the Clean Air Act," said Blumenthal, a Democrat.

Thirteen environmental groups joined the lawsuit as well. They included the Sierra Club, whose executive director on Tuesday accused AEP of evading the law.



One of the smokestacks from the Ohio plant (by the Associated Press).

that acid rain linked to sulfates and nitrates from coal-fired plants were eating away at landmarks, including the Statue of Liberty. AEP has more than 5 million customers in 11 states. It has countered that the work in at least some of its plants was routine maintenance that didn't fall under federal requirements for pollution controls.

In a statement Tuesday, chief executive officer Michael G. Morris said the company still believes that, noting that the settlement did not find AEP guilty of violating the Clean Air Act. "But we

Auto union back to negotiations

DETROIT (AP) — The United Auto Workers put Chrysler LLC on notice that a strike is possible if contract talks stall, a person briefed on the talks said, but a labor expert said the union's action could be a bargaining tactic.

The union on Sunday gave Chrysler a 72-hour notice of a potential strike, the person said, but it was unclear exactly whether the notice would end on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Bargainers working in committees made progress during the weekend but still have much work to do on difficult issues, said the person, who asked not to be identified because the talks are private.

Negotiators bargained Saturday and into Sunday evening, then recessed for the night with plans to resume talks Monday.

"We remain optimistic," Chrysler spokeswoman Michele Tinson said Sunday afternoon.

UAW spokesman Roger Kerson declined to comment on the talks.

A strike notice could be a tactic by the union to put pressure on the company as the talks intensify, said Harley Shaiken, a professor at the University of California at Berkeley who specializes in labor issues.

"The union wants the deadline to encourage a settlement sooner rather than later," Shaiken said.

The UAW went on strike for nearly two days last month before coming to a tentative agreement with General Motors Corp. The union normally settles with one U.S. automaker and then uses that deal as a pattern for an agreement the other two. This year, both Chrysler and Ford Motor Co. have said they have different needs than GM and may need different contract terms.

Shaiken said the notice doesn't necessarily mean there will be a strike because the UAW could extend its contract hour-by-hour

when the deadline passes. A second strike in one set of negotiations would be rare, he said.

"I think the union may feel things are going well, but they want the discipline of a deadline," Shaiken said.

A short strike might not hurt Chrysler much. It has five U.S. plants scheduled to be shut down for a week or two starting Monday due to lower market demand for their products.

Five U.S. Plants scheduled to be shut down

GM workers are now voting on the tentative agreement reached with the company, with totals expected to be done on Wednesday.

The union has not formally picked the second company it will negotiate with, but talks with Chrysler have intensified in recent days.

The UAW's contracts with Chrysler, Ford and GM were originally set to expire Sept. 14. The UAW chose GM as the lead company and strike target and reached a tentative agreement Sept. 26.

The UAW represents about 49,000 hourly workers at Chrysler, making it the smallest of the domestic automakers. The company also has about 78,000 retirees and surviving spouses represented by the UAW.

Chrysler has become a private company, which could be a factor in the talks. Private equity firm Cerberus Capital Management LP bought a majority share of Chrysler in August from DaimlerChrysler AG. As a private company, Chrysler no longer has shares and isn't required to file earnings reports.

Chrysler pays its workers an average of \$75.86 per hour in wages, pension and health care costs, the highest among the Detroit automakers.

How we deal with tragedy

The Crusader staff addresses ethical issues in journalism

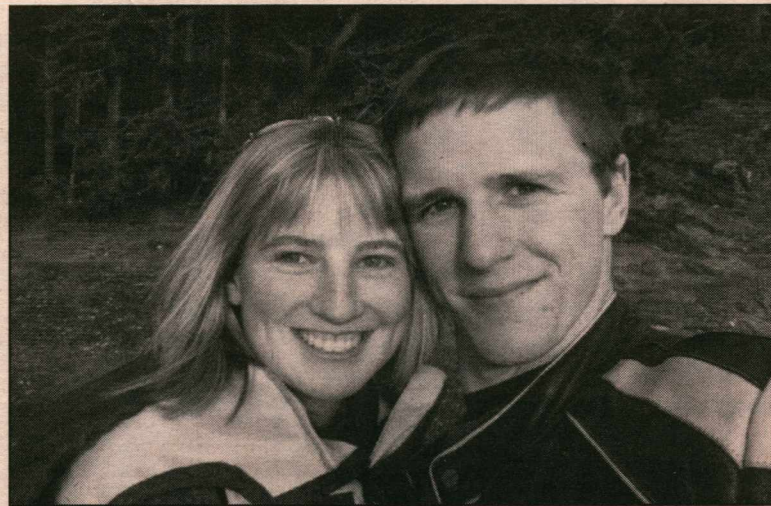
STAFF EDITORIAL

A question that plagues journalists is how to handle tragedy. Do you dig and report with little care for the victims, to get the story no matter what? Or do we completely avoid those who are touched most? There are reporters and editors who deal with heartbreak in both extremes.

In a community like NNU the question becomes even more important. When grief hits us, it is not some faceless stranger that is affected; it is our friends, roommates, professors and peers.

In deciding how to approach the plane crash news story, our staff was faced with this very question. There were people on both sides of the argument. We decided to talk to Julianne Hezlep, who lost her boyfriend, Andy Knox-Smith, in the crash.

We know that our actions may be interpreted as exploiting the situation, but we would like to share why we



Hezlep and Knox-Smith together. Knox-Smith was among those on the crashed plane. Photo courtesy of Julianne Hezlep

have done this.

Newspapers have become notorious for being uncaring and tactless when dealing with disaster. Reporters shoving microphones into the faces of grieving war widows, or shooting photos of a seriously

injured child all give credence to the idea that newspapers use anguish to sell themselves.

This is not always the case. We want to give the opportunity for the real story to be told—to dispel wild rumors that may be flying. For people

to be able to tell everyone about how incredible their loved ones were. We want to offer ourselves as a possible outlet for those who may be grieving over loss and tragedy.

We are giving the NNU community the opportunity to know the real story, and become a support system for anyone who may need it. We want everyone to be able to know who they can pray for and how they can try and help the situation.

This is not about selling papers. It is not sensationalist journalism. It is the honest desire to help our mourning brothers and sisters in Christ. That is why we wrote the story and talked to the people we talked to—to try and show our commitment to being a student's resource.

We at *The Crusader* would like to extend our deepest condolences to those who lost a loved one in the plane crash. You are in our hearts and our prayers.

Own up to your opinion

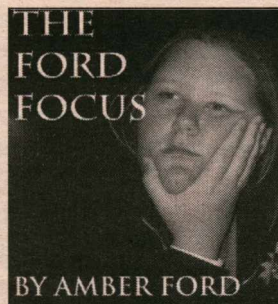
Recently, a document was shoved under my office door that caught my attention. Not because of the content contained within it, but because it was anonymously submitted.

This particular document, which I found out appeared all around campus, was a page and a half letter criticizing chapel at NNU. This individual states "chapel at NNU is the biggest sham that I have ever seen" and believes required chapel is "a thing of the Pharisees."

Personally, I would like to know if this person has ever challenged the chapel process formally to our chaplain, or actually approached someone in student development about this issue. Has this person ever put themselves out there and stood up against chapel?

I believe in the wonderful first amendment right of free speech and that, as a

citizen of this country, we have the right to speak our minds. We are protected by a document—the Bill of Rights—that grants us a luxury many people do not have in this world.



I do not have a problem with someone drafting a document that expresses how they feel. In fact, I welcome people expressing their opinions. I have an issue with people who will not attribute themselves to a cause they believe in. If they really believed in what they said, they would not be afraid of accepting the consequences of their statements.

In the book *Blue Like Jazz*, author Donald Miller discusses the difference between living and dying for something. He says that dying for something is easy because you get recognition

and become a martyr, but "living for something extends beyond fashion, glory, and recognition. We live for what we believe."

You live for something by standing up, in front of others, and declaring what you believe. You live your life everyday by doing the things you preach. It is easy to put something out there and hide behind an anonymous persona. I could easily print an article in *The Crusader* ranting about something I believe in and print it anonymously so as to protect myself from the criticism of my peers. But my writers and I choose to put ourselves on the chopping block and state what we believe for everyone to read.

If you truly believe in something, don't hide it. Be real. If you want someone to take you seriously, stand up for what you believe and be prepared to accept the consequences of what you say.

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Guest Columns

Why a Democrat should not be President

by TONY NAPIER

Empirically speaking there is little reason why a Democrat should not win the White House, and maintain control of the House and the Senate in 2008. According to a Ballot Access News poll, roughly 42% of Americans, who claimed party affiliation, identified themselves as a Democrat compared to 33% who claimed to be Republican. So, why does the Democrat controlled Senate have an even lower approval rating than the Republican President? The answer is that Democrats are fighting a political war not only with Republicans but with also within their own party.

I will use Michael Moore to represent the "far left"

of the Democratic Party. I understand that not all "far left liberals" totally agree with Moore's stance on many issues, however, the vast majority do. It's for this reason that I have named the far left "Michael's Camp". The more moderate Democrats I will simply call the "Left Center".

It is almost like two parties trying to exist under one name. The only reason "Michael's Camp" and the "Left Center" stay together is a mutual fear of losing power. They do not stay together because of a common platform, or a similar set of goals. They can't even manage to compromise within their own party much less across party lines. How could a president expect to change policies or govern their country if there is a strong possibility that they

may not even receive the support of their own party?

The other "front" that Democrats must contend with is the "right". Most of you understand that when I say the "right" I am speaking about conservatives, most of who identify with the Republican Party. In an age of 10 second sound bites and flashy internet pop-up ads we have been reduced to a generation of virtual garbage compactors.

We take in half truths and devour outrageous claims as total undeniable logic, compacting them deep into our ways of thinking. It is no wonder that conservative's perception of the liberal agenda is so negative when you consider all of the trash that is thrown at them from "Michael's Camp" and organizations like moveon.

org.

The "right" has made considerable headway in moving toward the center of the political spectrum, where most American's identify themselves. They have done so with very little dissention within party lines, making their party an effective governing organization.

We are at a pivotal point in our nation's history. We can not afford a President who can not govern with the support of their party. The next President of the United States of America will either lead our country into greater peril or deliver us from the hands of those who wish us harm. I certainly do not put my faith in the Democratic Party's ability to produce such a leader.

Tony Napier is a junior political science major.

Women who I'd vote for president

by LUCAS ROEBUCK

Having grown up a product of the politically correct public school system (and been subjected to a half-dozen sexual harassment seminars by various employers seeking to shield themselves from lawsuits), I always feel a slight trepidation when writing about gender issues.

One logical fallacy often falls upon the male who dares venture opinion on women's roles in society: Because a man cannot (except by perverse medical means) experience "womanhood," he is disqualified from any legitimate view. This, of course, is bunk.

I have been particularly emboldened by Elizabeth Edwards' prominence in the campaign (particularly her critiques of Sen. Hillary

Clinton) to speak my mind on women's issues, specifically on which women I would like to see in the White House.

When it comes to politics, I try to be gender blind. I wouldn't vote against someone because she was a woman, but I wouldn't vote for someone because she was woman either. Honestly, do you not know plenty of male idiots and female idiots? Gender isn't a factor because gender is no guarantee of any leadership ability or ability to understand.

So, here is a list of people who I wouldn't mind seeing in the White House — who just happen to be women.

1. Secretary Condoleezza Rice: There is no questioning this woman has the smarts to run this country. While we all know Rice's foreign policy credentials, people don't give the secretary of state props for her domestic skills. When she

was provost at Stanford, she was responsible for managing the school's budget, which was running a \$ 20 million deficit. When she became provost, she said she'd balance the budget in two years. She did better: In two years, the school had a \$ 14.5 surplus.

2. Sen. Libby Dole: I wish Libby Dole had gotten more traction as a candidate in 2000. She has been an able senator. She also served as a deputy assistant to President Nixon, served a seven-year term on the Federal Trade Commission, as secretary of transportation under President Reagan, secretary of labor under President George H. W. Bush and was president of the America Red Cross. Her resume is much more impressive than the one-term and half-term Senate vitsas of Barack Obama and Edwards.

3. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison:

A lawyer and former state treasurer, Hutchison is a no-nonsense straight shooter from Texas who has served in the U. S. Senate since 1993. She is the fourth highest ranking Republican senator. Her legislative resume is broad with major accomplishments in education reform, transportation, homeland security, tax reform and science investment.

4. eBay CEO Meg Whitman: When she started as CEO of eBay, the company had 29 employees. Today, eBay employs 11, 000 people. Hey if she can run the largest worldwide garage sale efficiently, maybe she can run the country more efficiently, too.

Lucas Roebuck is professor of Journalism. This column originally appeared in the Northwest Arkansas Times.

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American Military Intervention in Darfur?

More soldiers equals more death

Decisive action is necessary

The solution to mass murder and genocide is not further killing. By insisting on American military intervention in the Darfur region of Sudan, we sentence even more innocent people to death.

In the Rwandan genocide of the 1990's, the United States stood by and let thousands and thousands of people be slaughtered. We have vowed not to let this happen again; yet here we are again faced with another brutal situation.



BY AIMEE NILES

However, military air strikes against the Sudanese government are not the solution. As the United States has learned in the past, air strikes and other military actions are not the answers. It seems like a good thing; press a button, stop the bad guys. Yet, how often do we really get the bad guys with the bombs?

The media constantly reminds us of the inaccuracies of air strikes. Innocent children tore to bits, mothers wailing in the streets, ripping at their clothes, bloody body parts lying in the road. This is what awaits the innocents of Sudan.

I am not suggesting that the United States stand by and do nothing—that is the worst possible thing to do. However, there are other means by which to help end the suffering. The most viable solution seems to be a combination of economic “divestment” from companies operating in Darfur and a support of the African Union peacekeeping troops. Peacekeeping troops do not undertake military operations and are there to protect not attack.

On September 28, representatives announced that the Idaho State Retirement Fund would be divested (investment money removed) from companies that operate in cooperation with the perpetrators of the genocide. So far, 20 states have passed similar legislation and actions like this send a clear message—we are not going to stand for this.

The United States should also begin supporting the African Union peacekeeping troops financially. Western nations like the U.S. and the European Union have resisted financially supporting the African Union's troops because of leftover imperialistic attitudes. The African troops are not inept nor are they incapable of handling this situation if given the proper tools. However, the West—while not necessarily consciously—views Africans as primitive and not as well developed as the “modern” West.

The situation in Darfur is dire. We need to take immediate actions to halt those responsible for these reprehensible crimes. However, air and military strikes would just hurt those people we are claiming to be helping. Technology has not yet come up with a bomb that will only hurt the bad guys. Until that happens, the risk is too great to attempt.

Unless you have been under a rock for the last few years you are aware of the dire situation in central Africa that stems from the Darfur region of Sudan. There is no need to go into deep explanation over this crisis. Explaining the problem seems to be all that anyone is really doing.

What the United States government and its allies need to do now is act. Verbally, we have denounced the Sudanese government for its support of the Janjaweed; we have been advocating divestment; and most

notably we have recognized the killings and scorched earth policies as genocide. However, there is only so much you can do with words.

In Darfur we need real action to take place. Let's look back to the Clinton administration, 1994, Rwanda. Here we have what has been called the greatest moral failure of our parents' generation. Over 800,000 people dead in 100 days.

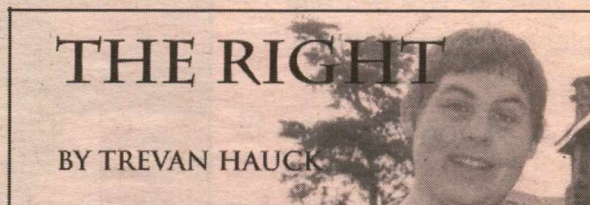
We did nothing. We did not acknowledge the genocide taking place nor did the U.N. give peacekeeping troops any authority to act militarily. Clinton knew what was going on and did nothing.

Right now the same atrocities that still plague the memories of those in Rwanda are happening again. The U.S. has a duty to intervene in Darfur, to save a generation from being annihilated. The United Nations is failing to act and everyday that passes is one more filled with death in Sudan. The United States and its allies have a duty to send troops into Darfur to put an end to the massacre.

Divestment and international sanctions are a good way to put pressure on the

Sudanese government, but do you really think the killing will stop immediately? Every human life lost is a failure on our part. The only way to ensure an immediate end to the genocide of civilians is a strong ground force coalition led by the United States to wipe out the Janjaweed and help rebuild Darfur and the surrounding regions.

Time is running out for many and this is no longer an isolated incident. Internally displaced persons and refugees from this conflict are now in Chad and the Central African Republic. African Union forces cannot control the situation adequately and are facing casualties themselves. Last week an A.U. base was overrun and ten A.U. soldiers were killed. To me, it seems as though we are letting history repeat itself in the worst way only a decade later. This is already becoming the great moral failure of our generation.



BY TREVAN HAUCK



The village of Um Zeifa was burned after the Janjaweed looted and attacked (photo by savedarfur.org).

Reflections on TWIRP

"I think it went well, it ran smoothly. I had a lot of great help...the weekend wouldn't have gone as well without people's willingness to chip in."

Lacey Smith, Social VP

"It was a fun time and gave me somewhat of a glimpse of what my date was like. The most fun I had was shopping for costumes with my date."

Dawson Finger, so.

"Thank you for adding some new *crazzzzy* twists, while keeping those loved traditions! Brittan got off of his crutches for the event, Chip made Chris cry (at the pillow fight), and we tasted the rainbow a few times."

Kylee Pearson, sr.

"TWIRP was a blast. I really enjoyed the weekend."

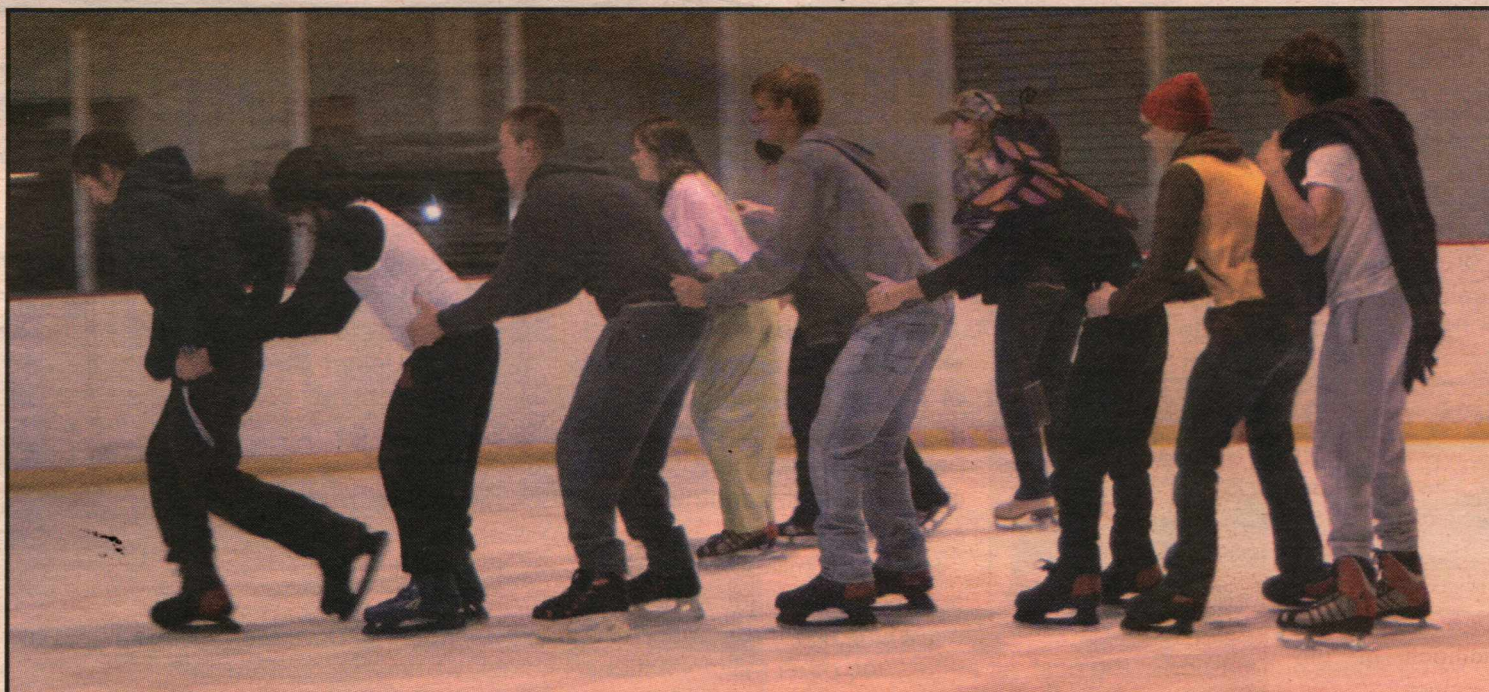
Kyle Winebrenner, so.

"I liked causing a ruckus at the corn maze."

Phil Westlund, so.

"Noah couldn't have done better himself."

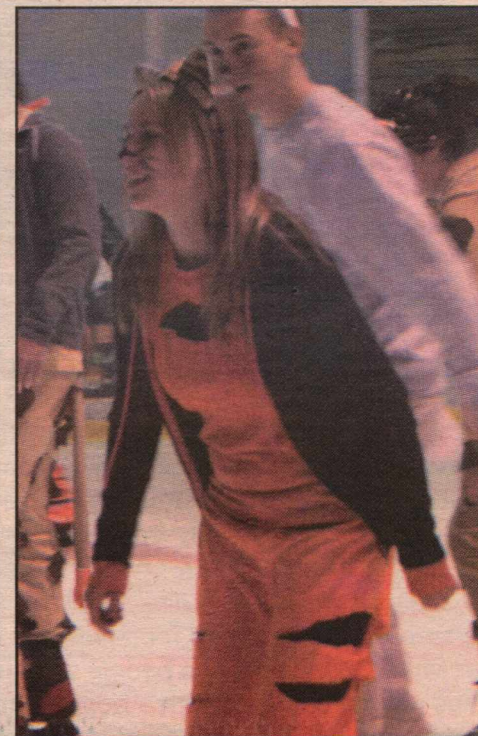
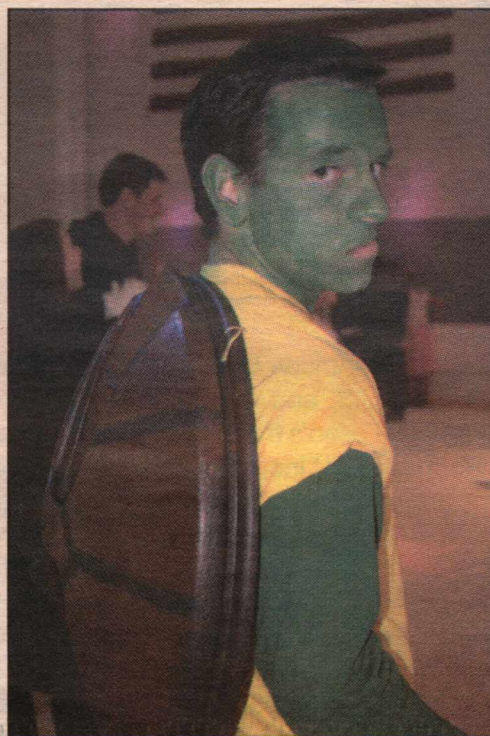
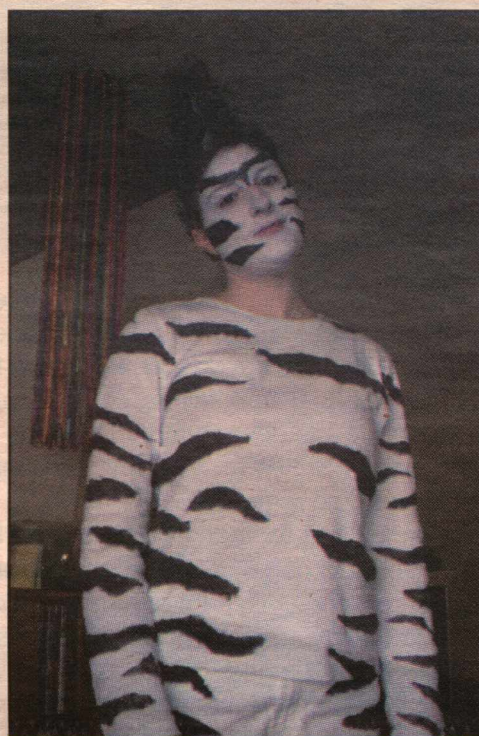
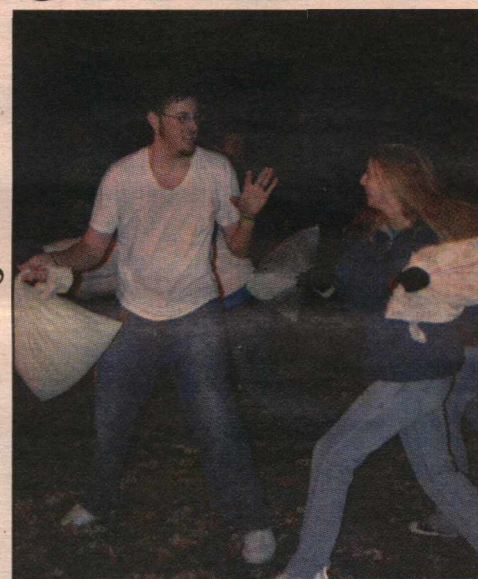
Tony Napier, jr.



NOAH'S ARK, NNU STYLE



TWIRP may not mean commitment, but it does mean fun.



On TWIRP: the Ark has landed

by IAN BAUDER and ANDREA HALL

TWIRP (The Woman Is Required to Pay) is the social highpoint of the year. This year's TWIRP seemed to have been less enthusiastically received than in previous years. SGA went against tradition this year, with the inclusion of several new and unproven events; a risky maneuver that had mixed results.

Night One

The addition of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey's circus was an excellent idea on the part of Lacey Smith, the SGA Social Vice President. Going out on such a limb could have proven disastrous; however, a vast majority of students enjoyed the "Greatest Show on Earth."

"The circus was a nice addition this year," says sophomore Mark Hanson. Favorite acts included the elephant, the "Upside Down World" couple, and the incredibly ripped



The greatest show on earth: Circus performer Sylvia Zerbins performs with one of her magnificent and well-trained Andalusian horses Friday night at the Idaho Center. (Photo: Robin McConkey)

trapeze artists. Possibly the worst act circus goers observed was the ring-side antics of clown Tom Dougherty, who stretched his trousers to epic proportions and relied heavily on gross anatomical humor to get laughs.

The show that came to Nampa is the smallest show that the Ringling/Barnum and Bailey organization tours, operating with only one ring and smaller animal acts. Perhaps if Nampa was a more desirable show location,

the circus experience could have been more nostalgic and exciting.

Night Two

The more relaxed night of the weekend, night two, was a success, but perhaps not to the degree of night one. Many couples

skipped the pillow fight and random acts of kindness altogether, in favor of seeing what downtown Boise had to offer. Dinner on Saturday, catered by Panda Express, was a special treat. The extra money spent for "real" food was a nice change from the Dex. The Haunted World, a traditional destination of TWIRP in years past, was looked over in favor of a cheaper option, the Idaho MAiZE. There was some disagreement as to whether this was an improvement or detriment to the evening, but many seemed to enjoy the interactive experience.

All together, it was a successful weekend. Some would say that the theme was limiting to the imagination. Some would argue that pillow fights and random acts of kindness are not worth forty dollars. But in the end, none could say that they didn't enjoy themselves.

Costume Critiques

Craftiest Costume:
Pot of Gold leprechaun

Crappiest (literally):
Piles of excrement

Most popular:
Drowning people or the heathens left behind

Most sighted mythical animal:
Unicorn

Most unique animal:
Tie between the Okapis and the Star-nosed

Best South Park reference:
Man-Bear-Pig

Most over-used idea:
The Rainbow

Chilliest costume:
Shirtless water boys

Best recycled costume from last year's Disney theme:
Flik and Atta ant

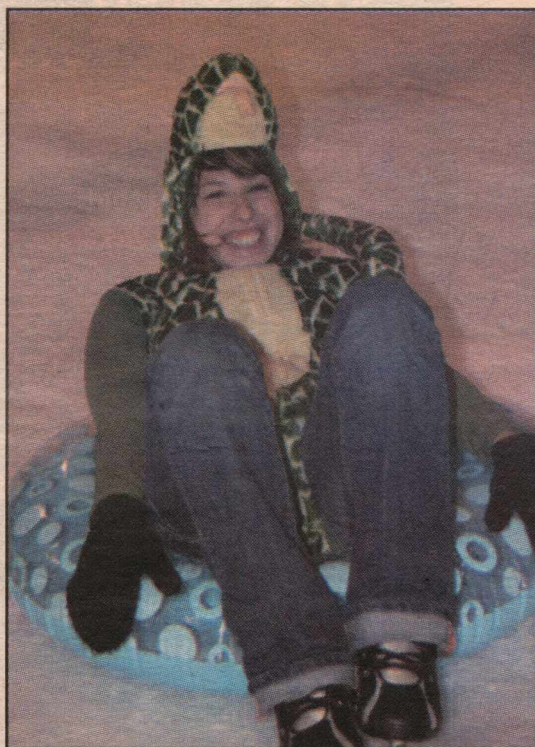
Best use of Elmers Glue:
Sculpting hair into zebra manes and parrot "feathers"

Cutest couple costume:
Dinosaur and Unicorn

Facing page, clockwise from top:

A conga line forms as hundreds of students hit the ice Friday night; Collin Borger and Sabrina Smith duel during the pillow fight in Julia Davis Park on Saturday; A homemade tiger costume; Erik Valenti looking very green indeed; Caitlin Bean and her date dressed in homemade zebra costumes, complete with extreme hairstyling; Dawson Finger in "native" garb enjoying some ice skating. (Photos by Robin McConkey and Andrea Hall)

This page:
Far right: Jaimee Haaland and Jake Bodenstab as the orange segment of the rainbow. Right: Sophomore Abby Rock relaxes on the ice Friday night. (Photos: Robin McConkey)



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Amy Bloomquist and Cassie Carlson play with a young girl during Refugee Saturday. Through seemingly small activities like soccer and basketball, NNU students interacted with these children and offered their parents some well-needed free time. Other students spent time with the families, helping them with various household chores.

Community Outreach Day NNU students help refugees in Boise establish relationships in a new country

by STEPHANIE ELLIOTT

33 students from NNU traveled to Boise on Saturday, September 29 to the Woodbridge Apartments, where about half of the residents are refugees from countries like Sudan, the Congo, Burma, Thailand, Turkey and Afghanistan.

The group was headed up by juniors Joe Seiders, the president of the Social Work club, and SGA Vice President Lacey Smith. They were joined by the Five Mile Nazarene youth group led by senior Chris May. As a whole, the group entertained the refugees' kids with sports, games and coloring books while the parents watched and observed.

Refugee Saturday started last year and is quickly becoming a tradition. It is a great opportunity to get involved in ministering to people from other countries living in the Treasure Valley. These refugees come to the United States for

all kinds of reasons, but one of the major reasons is to escape civil wars in their home countries.

It was an opportunity to establish relationships with the refugees and their kids and be a light for Christ. Though most of the refugees spoke little or no English, they could communicate with visitors through pictures, numbers and hand gestures. Several African countries declare French as their official language, so at the event students like sophomore Brandon Haskins were able to make conversation with some of the refugees in their own tongue.

In addition to Refugee Saturday, the Social Work club also sends out small groups of students to individual homes to help refugees with simple need-to-know skills for getting along in America. Some students help the refugees with their English, some help them with household chores and grocery shopping.

NNU volunteer: Getting things done

by IAN BAUDER

Amanda McGehee, a junior at NNU, was recently awarded the bronze and silver Idaho congressional medals, for contributing outstanding community service. McGehee said that she was inspired to begin the process, which involves hundreds of hours of community service, because she noticed how many things that "needed to be done."

McGehee volunteered 902 hours, serving at a pregnancy crisis center, teaching free fishing clinics that emphasized the importance of ethics in wildlife, and planting trees. She also memorized chemical formulas and spent time in Portland learning about city life and culture. McGehee said that the experience opened her eyes to all the little things that people overlook.

The Congressional Awards Program was started in 1979. It is open to all youth ages 14-23 re-

gardless of grades or physical ability. It requires that you set and achieve goals in the areas of volunteer work, personal improvement, physical fitness, and expedi-

tion/exploration. McGehee will be awarded the gold medal in June by the Speaker of the House in Washington D.C.

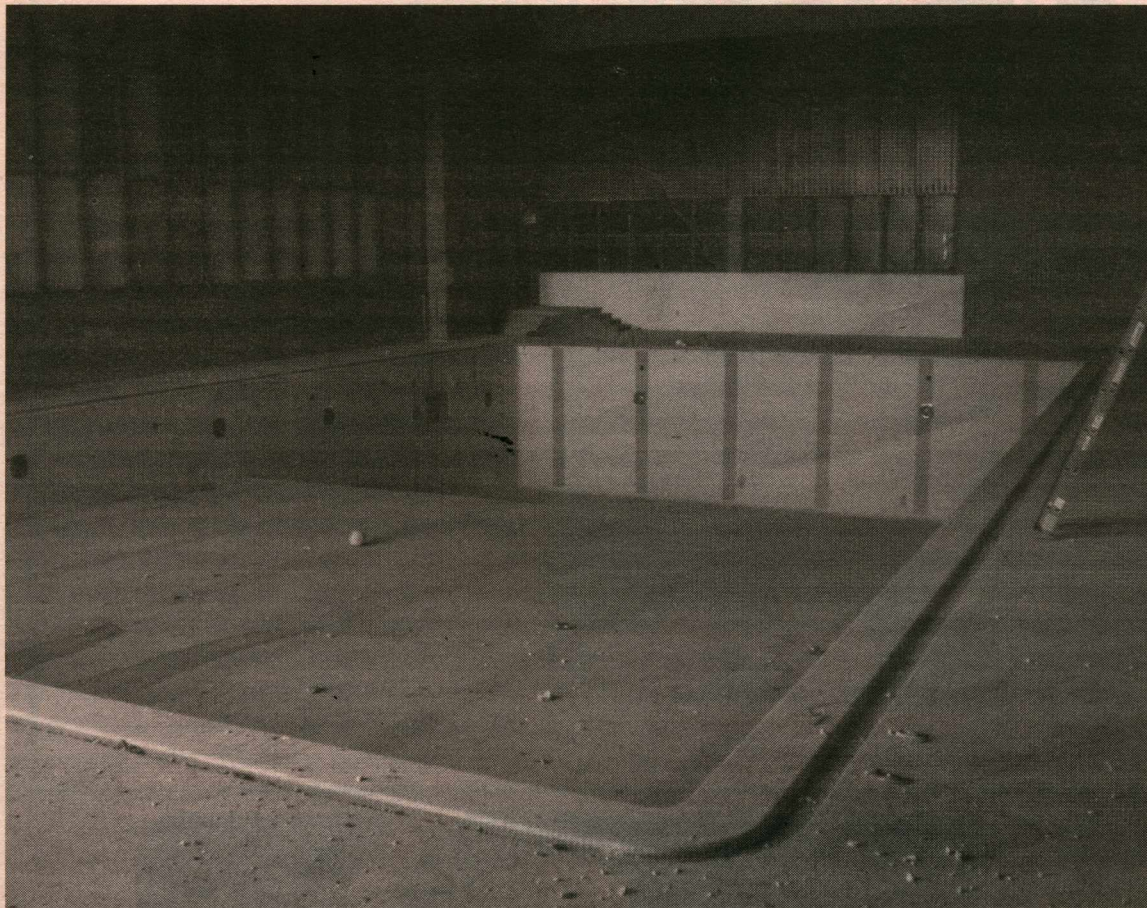


Volunteer Amanda McGehee (photo by Robin McConkey).

Student Life Events

- October 10**
9:00 p.m: Time Out
Teddy Dickerson & Chad Bryan
- October 12**
8:00p.m: Rec Center Lock-in
- October 13**
11:00 p.m: Midnight Madness
- October 17**
9:00 p.m: Time Out
Cassie Lara
- October 20**
10:00 a.m: SGA CHAOS
9:30 p.m: Freshere in Science Lecture Hall

Goal in sight: indoor field slated for completion by Homecoming



The NNU swimming pool, currently under construction (photo by Andrea Hall).

by ANDREA HALL

After five years of neglect, NNU's old swimming pool is getting revamped. Closed since 2002 due to competition with the Nampa Recreational Center, the large and very empty swimming pool by the weight room will soon undergo dramatic changes and reopen as an indoor soccer field and extended office space for the Athletic Department.

Approved early in June, shortly after the men's soccer team was brought back, plans for the field are moving right along.

"We hope to get the permit any day now," says men's soccer coach Coe Michaelson. "We have recently completed the demolition, and the floors and offices will be put in over the coming weeks."

When completed, the field will be 60' x 110', complete with turf and hockey-style boards, laid over the pit that once held thousands

of gallons of water. There will be netting over the top of the field to keep the ball in play. Offices will also be built into the end of the space facing Dewey St. Michaelson will be one of those offices' new occupants, something he can look forward to. At the moment, he is working from the basketball office's reception desk.

The new soccer field will be used by both the men's and women's soccer teams for practices or games when the weather is uncooperative. Michaelson also hopes to get leagues started with other schools in the area, bringing people to the school who might not otherwise visit, and getting the student body more involved with sports.

The field is slated for completion by Homecoming weekend. Once finished, the Athletic Department plans to hold an opening ceremony for the space, and once more, the swimming pool will have found a purpose.

Women's soccer hits rough patch; prepares for St. Martin's

by STEPHANIE ELLIOTT

After playing six GNAC Conference games, NNU's women's soccer team has had three wins and three losses. Senior captain Hilary Hughes and Senior forward Katy McNutt remark on the high quality of the team and the spike in school spirit this year. Both qualities have made the team what it is this year.

"We have a pretty tight-knit team," McNutt says. Hughes adds that they get along like a family. "There's no confrontation," she says. "Or if there is, it's small, typical things that any team deals with." Overall, the team gets along really well.

This year the team is heavy on seniors and freshmen. Hughes says that the team has a lot of outstanding talent, but she worries about how the team dynamics will be affected by this year's graduating seniors. "Next year we will only have four seniors," she said. "But



Katie McNutt, forward, looks for a gap in the corner (photo by Robin Mc Conkey).

it's great that we have so many freshmen." Hopefully next year the talent of the freshmen on the team will really come through.

The school spirit shown at the games this year is also encouraging to the players. "School spirit makes the game for a lot of us," McNutt

says. "It's awesome to hear them rooting for us. We absolutely, positively love the fans. Fans of NNU, we heart you!"

Hughes commented on school spirit as well: "Having a men's soccer team has been great. They come to all our games and we

go to theirs. We really appreciate how they come and support us. The student body has been really good too."

The team's next home game will be Wednesday October 10 at 4 p.m. against St. Martin's College.

NNU-ACI Challenge

by T.J. BARR

SGA President Landon Loeber has arranged an intramural challenge against the students of Albertsons College. Four All-Star teams of NNU intramural athletes will be put together by the Athletic Directors in order to compete against teams created by ACI.

The overall winner will be presented with a traveling trophy to take back to their campus. They will own bragging rights, of course, until the trophy can be won back. Transportation will be provided, and in the case of a 2-2 tie at the end of the games, the winner will be decided by the victor of the NNU-ACI men's Basketball game on November 13th at the Idaho Center.

for schedules, see pg. 12

SPORTS BOX

Women's Soccer (6-5-1, 3-4 GNAC)

Scores:
9/26, vs. Seattle Univ., L, 0-1
9/29, vs. MSU Billings, L, 1-3
10/5 at Seattle Pacific, L, 0-3

Upcoming Games:
10/10, 4:00 PM, vs. St. Martin's
10/13, 12:00 PM, vs. Western Oregon
10/18, 3:00 PM, at Central Washington
10/20, 12:00 PM, at Western Washington

Men's Soccer (2-1)

Scores:
10/4, vs. Boise Club, L, 3-4

Upcoming Games:
10/12, at Lewis & Clark College Club
10/13, 12:00 PM, at Cascade College
10/18, 7:00 PM, at Walla Walla College
10/19, 12:00 PM, at Whitman Club

Women's Volleyball

Scores:
9/27, vs. Alaska Fairbanks, L, 2-3
9.29, vs. Alaska Anchorage, W, 3-0
10/4, at Western Washington, L, 0-3
10/6, at Central Washington, W, 3-2

Upcoming Games:
10/13, 7:00 PM, vs. Seattle Pacific
10/18, 7:00 PM, vs. Western Oregon
10/20, 7:00, vs. St. Martin's

Cross Country

9/29, Charles Bowles Invitational, Willamette

Women: 10th Place
Men: 15th Place

NNU-ACI Challenge: (from pg. 11)

Oct. 16: Co-Ed Volleyball @ ACI
Oct. 18: Powderpuff f-ball @ NNU
Oct. 30: Ultimate Frisbee @ ACI
Nov. 1: Flag Football @ NNU

Jones returns Olympic medals

(AP) _ Marion Jones gave back the five medals she won at the Sydney Olympics and agreed to forfeit all other results dating back to Sept. 1, 2000, further punishment for her admission that she was a drug cheat.

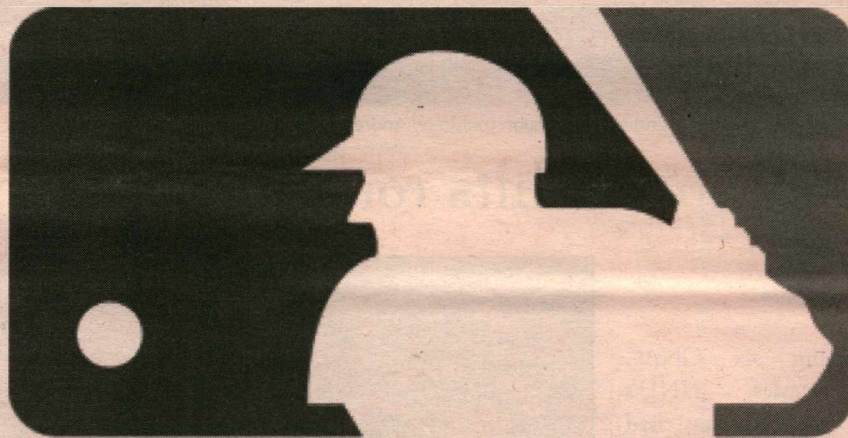
The three gold medals and two bronzes were turned over by her attorneys in Austin, Texas. They are en route to U.S. Olympic Committee headquarters in Colorado Springs, and the USOC will return them to the International Olympic Committee.

After long denying she ever had used performance-enhancing drugs, Jones admitted Friday that she'd taken the designer steroid "the clear" from September 2000 to July 2001. "The clear" has been linked to BALCO, the lab at the center of the steroids scandal in professional sports.

It will be up to the IOC to decide what to do with Jones' medals. She won golds in the 100 meters, 200 meters and the 1,600 relay, and bronzes in the 400 relay and long jump.



Marion Jones with her five medals from the 2000 Sydney Olympics (photo by CBS News).



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MLB Pennant Race

10/11
Colorado (Francis, 17-9) at Arizona (Webb, 18-10), 8:37 p.m.
10/12
Cleveland (Sabathia, 19-7) at Boston (Beckett, 20-7), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Jimenez, 4-4) at Arizona (Davis, 13-12), 10:18 p.m.
10/13
Cleveland (Carmona, 19-8) at Boston (Schilling, 9-8), 8:21 p.m.
10/14
Arizona (Hernandez, 11-11) at Colorado (Morales, 3-2), 8:37 p.m.
10/15
Boston (Matsuzaka, 15-12) at Cleveland (Westbrook, 6-9), 7:10 p.m.

Arizona at Colorado, 10:18 p.m.
10/16
Boston at Cleveland, 8:21 p.m.
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** if necessary



NFL Standings

AFC

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	0	0	1.000	182	65
Buffalo	1	4	0	.200	651	118
N.Y. Jets	1	4	0	.200	96	138
Miami	0	5	0	.000	97	141
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	5	0	0	1.000	164	88
Jacksonville	3	1	0	.750	63	41
Tennessee	3	1	0	.750	84	59
Houston	3	2	0	.600	116	99
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	4	1	0	.800	132	47
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	88	97
Cleveland	2	3	0	.400	126	152
Cincinnati	1	3	0	.250	106	129
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	2	2	0	.500	102	100
Denver	2	3	0	.400	75	136
Kansas City	2	3	0	.400	63	83
San Diego	2	3	0	.400	109	105

NFC

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	5	0	0	1.000	176	96
Washington	3	1	0	.750	87	52
N.Y. Giants	3	2	0	.600	123	124
Philadelphia	1	3	0	.250	84	73
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	3	2	0	.600	98	100
Tampa Bay	3	2	0	.600	95	77
Atlanta	1	4	0	.200	69	100
New Orleans	0	4	0	.000	51	119
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	4	1	0	.800	125	93
Detroit	3	2	0	.600	117	155
Chicago	2	3	0	.400	87	115
Minnesota	1	3	0	.250	67	59
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	3	2	0	.600	118	111
Seattle	3	2	0	.600	87	74
San Francisco	2	3	0	.400	63	102
St. Louis	0	5	0	.000	70	137

Chicago Marathon runners, organizer at odds over race preparation

by Don Babwin and Ashley M. Heher

(AP) -- Chicago Marathon organizers defended their preparation for a brutally hot marathon as runners told stories of fainting or vomiting by the roadside and of angry participants detouring into convenience stores in search of the hydration they say they couldn't find along the course.

Chad Schieber, 35, of Michigan, had a heart disorder and died. Scores of others went to hospitals during the 26.2-mile race, which organizers halted about 3½ hours after the start because of fears of heat exhaustion.

"I ran six days a week for 10 months so they could not provide water?" said Brian Mabee, 43, of Shelby Township, Mich., who waded into a public fountain to cool off. "I thought if I could prepare, they should be able to do it, too."

Organizers insisted Monday that they adjusted their plans for the heat and boosted the number of drink servings at the race's 15 aid stations to 1.8 million from 1.6 million, as well as adding misting areas, extra ice and water-soaked sponges for the 35,000 runners.

"We did feel we had more than adequate water supplies out there," said Shawn Platt, senior vice president of LaSalle Bank, the marathon's sponsor.

Platt said planners did not anticipate runners would use drinking water to cool themselves when misting stations and sponges weren't available. He acknowledged many stations were set up toward the end of the route instead of early on when runners first started showing signs of fatigue.

"Probably we should have been a little more proactive about that," executive race director Carey Pinkowski said.

Signs of trouble came early.

"By the first or second water station, they were out, and they were apologizing, saying, 'Just run a mile or two and there'll be more water,'" said Merrie Ann Nall, 59, of DeKalb.

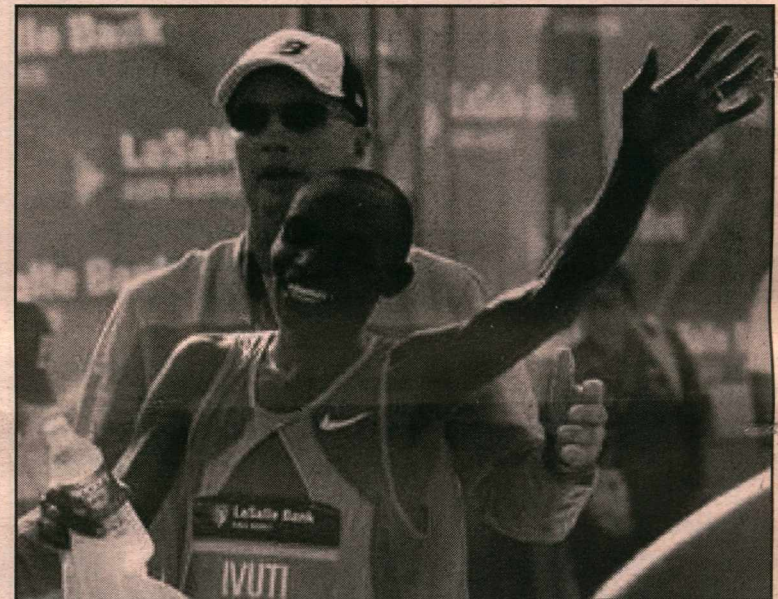
There was speculation the death of 35-year-old Chad Schieber, a Midland, Mich., police officer, was due to temperatures that reached a race-record 88 degrees within two hours of the 8 a.m. start.

But Schieber, whose wife also ran Sunday, had a condition known as mitral valve prolapse and did not die from the heat, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

"It sounds like he lost his pulse very fast and died on the race course," George Chiampas, the race's medical director, said Sunday.

Organizers of Chicago's Olympics bid said the problems should not hurt the city's attempt to host the 2016 Summer Games.

"The very unusual circumstances around the Chicago Marathon were unique and unfortunate," Chicago 2016 spokesman Patrick Sandusky said Monday. "It is important to note that the Olympic Games' marathon, with fewer than 200 elite athletes, is a very different event than yesterday's race of nearly 40,000 runners." Five people remained at Northwestern Memorial Hospital on Monday evening, all in good condition, a hospital spokeswoman said.



Patrick Ivuti, of Kenya, men's winner of the 2007 Chicago Marathon. He is the fifth straight Kenyan to win the event (photo by The Virginian-Pilot).

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Casting Crowns delivers at BSU

by ALLI SCHISLER

Casting Crowns appeared October 8 at the Taco Bell Arena in Boise on its third tour, The Altar and the Door Tour.

Opening for the band was Leeland and John Waller. Leeland, described as a "progressive rock band," had an upbeat opening act. Waller, performing from his solo album "The Blessing", followed and provided a softer sound.

Casting Crowns performed songs primarily from The Altar and the Door album, but also Lifesong, the band's second album. Band members Mark Hall, Andy Williams, Chris Huffman, Hector Cervantes, Juan DeVevo, Megan Garret, and Melodee DeVevo perform on stage with the same passion evident in their albums. The concert had few special effects, instead showcasing talent. And the band members had fun both in their interactions with one another on stage, as well as with the audience.

Hall, the lead vocalist, provided a charismatic presence. His ability to connect with the crowd—primarily youth—was evident. When he shared stories from his own experiences, Hall appeared as if he was conversing with those present in the arena, rather than

preaching. Hall's sincerity shone through both his performance and his stories.

While Hall is clearly talented, neither Melodee DeVevo nor Megan Garrett receives the attention they deserve. Both gifted vocalists, Garret is also a pianist, while DeVevo plays the violin. There are only two female members of Casting Crowns, and it is clear both women's talent rivals that of the male vocalists of the band.

This concert was not only an opportunity to present vocal and musical ability, but also audience involvement. Lyrics were projected for all but two songs, encouraging the audience to sing along. The attendees looking for a worship service were rewarded; however, those looking for a more concert-like experience were disappointed. "Songs Voice of Truth" and "Who am I", both from the original Casting Crowns album, were audience favorites.

Casting Crowns provided poignant lyrics, great musicianship, and an enjoyable performance. The concert-goer uncomfortable with contemporary Christian lingo or a worship service in place of a concert, however, would have found the evening less than satisfactory.

Hollywood brings their own kingdom

by AIMEE NILES

The Kingdom is another Hollywood attempt to accurately portray part of the Middle East conflict. The film opens with a five minute run-down on the history of the Saudi Arabian/ American relationship from the founding of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the 1930's until the present.

As the opening credits end, the audience is greeted with a pleasant picnic scene; hot dogs cooking, a friendly softball game and kids running around happily. This all comes to an abrupt and brutal halt as an extremist Saudi group begin a series of attacks on the American compound.

Back in Washington D.C., an elite group of FBI agents are denied entry into Saudi Arabia to investigate. However, through a thoroughly unbelievable blackmail scheme, Agents Ronald Fleury (Jamie Foxx), Grant Sykes (Chris Cooper), Janet Mayes (Jennifer Garner) and Adam Leavitt (Jason Bateman) are granted five days inside the Kingdom to investigate. During their stay they are guided by Colonel Faris Al Ghazi (Ashraf Barhom), a Saudi policeman, whose detective work takes a backseat when the Americans arrive.

The Saudis discover that the attack was the work of Abu Hamza, an elusive leader of a militant anti-Western group. Frustrated by the orders that allowed the Americans observation only rights, the team appeals to a Saudi prince to allow them full access to the crime scene. Ultimately, through many drawn out and unnecessary gun battles—in which everyone seems to have a rocket launcher in their back pocket—the team

does what the Saudi authorities have been unable to do through years of investigation, and takes down Abu Hamza. All this in the five days granted by the Kingdom

would definitely not be allowed to walk around in ultra-conservative Saudi neighborhoods in a t-shirt). Though specific customs were observed—how infidels cannot touch dead Muslims—the general lack was irresponsible.

The political motives in this film are quite glaring as well—exemplified by the final scene of the movie. Both Agent Fleury and Abu Hamza make the same promise—"don't worry. We'll kill them all."

Surrounded by Hollywood big shots, the best performance was undoubtedly delivered by Barhom. Playing the sympathetic Saudi officer with sincere perfection, he stands out among Academy Award winning actors like Foxx and Cooper. He makes the few emotional and poignant scenes in the film memorable.

Overall, if you're not into politics or action films, skip this one. For those who have a knowledge of American/ Saudi relations and can overlook some inaccuracies, you'll enjoy it.

The Kingdom

Starring: Jamie Foxx, Chris Cooper, Jennifer Garner, Ashraf Barhom

Rated: R for violence and language



of Saudi Arabia.

There were few bright spots in this latest "the Middle East sucks" genre. The ignorance of basic cultural norms by the filmmakers in both unbelievable and extremely frustrating (despite how attractive Jennifer Garner may be, she

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Oct. 27	Finger Army	The Big Easy

Even Nazarenes like to boogie

by ALLI SCHISLER

While no official campus events include dancing, many students on campus enjoy the activity. Salsa, Swing, and Ballroom—NNU students bring a variety of experience to the dance floor.

Junior Joey Sumi says he enjoys swing and salsa dancing mostly, while Senior Erik Valenti enjoys swing and ballroom. Senior Ryan Levinger prefers Latin style dancing, such as Cha Cha, Salsa, Tango, and Samba.

Sumi has been dancing on and off since his freshmen year of high school, and was part of a swing club in high school. Levinger says, "I mostly dance for fun but in high school I placed at several competitions, including 2nd place in Cha Cha competition. I also helped start my school's competitive ballroom dance team."

Valenti learned basic dance steps before college, but he has really learned to enjoy dancing since he has been at NNU. He says, "Actually what got me interested was all

of the dance moves that we had to learn for NNU's musical 'You're a Good Man Charlie Brown' my freshman year. After that, I was hooked."

One of the most popular places frequented by students who enjoy dancing is Café Bellissima located at 219 N 10th Street in Boise. Café Bellissima provides beginner Salsa lessons every Friday and Saturday evenings at 9:00 pm and is open until 2:00 am. The cover charge is \$5.00 and the atmosphere is family-friendly. Friday nights include Salsa, Meringue, and Bachatta dancing, while Saturday nights include Raggeton as well, and every other Thursday night, Café Bellissima provides Argentine Tango lessons from 8:00-8:30. Levinger and Sumi both recommend Café Bellissima as a great place for beginners to get started because it is inexpensive and laid-back.

Another popular dance spot is the High Desert Swing Dance Club, which holds monthly dances, usually on the third Saturdays of each month, at the Square

Dance Center, located at 6534 W Diamond, Boise. There are beginner lessons from 7:30-8:30, and the club is open until 11 pm. Music includes West Coast Swing, East Coast Swing, Hustle, Night Club 2-Step, and the Cha Cha.

Café Bellissima and High Desert Swing Dance Club are not the only places to dance however. Valenti says, "Most people like to go to the salsa dancing workshops on weekend nights...I would rather just dance wherever I can get a group of people together with music." Sumi says the gazebo, Dooley basement, and outside of Ford Hall are all great places to dance on campus.

When asked what advice he would give to students who would like to get involved in dancing, but are not sure where to begin, Valenti says the student should decide what type of dancing he or she wants to do, and then find an instructor or a friend who knows some steps. Sumi's advice: "Find someone else who is dancing and give it a try."

NNU student photography appears at Flying M Coffee Garage

by ANDREA HALL

In collaboration with the Nampa Flying M coffee garage, Professor Jamie Tucker has organized a small show featuring the work of several photography students. This summer, these students from NNU's art department jetted off to New York City for a week of art history and lots of photo opportunities. The trip counted as an Art History or Photography credit for students, as well as a fun addition to the summer break. Photographs from this trip will be available for viewing till the end of the month.

A wide variety of content can be seen, encompassing all sides of the city and the personalities of the photographers. Each contributor's style is unique, making looking at each photo "like seeing through different people's eyes," says ex-

hibitor Rhonda Chase, a studio art major.

Chase contributed several photographs to the Flying M show. New York made quite an impact on her. "I have never been to a place with more life and at such a constant rate," she says. The photos she contributed were selected to give the viewer a peek into that energetic, flowing organism that is New York City.

Gretchen Moore's work from the trip digresses from the typical tourist shots of famous landmarks. "I tended to shoot the grungier side of New York," she says. "My photos display the opposite of what I expected from the city." Moore believes that the opportunity to share even a small portion of her work with the public will be a rewarding experience.

Many of the pieces on display will be marked for sale to interest-

ed buyers, but selling work is not what matters to Moore: "Whether it sells or not, I am proud of the photos that I shot." Each contributor to the show has chosen several photographs, pieces which represent the best images out of hundreds taken while traveling.

"I dream of going into someone's house, someone I don't know, and seeing my work," says Chase. The photographers have worked to present their pictures attractively and keep the prices reasonable so that their goals of selling them might be achieved. "God willing, I'm not the one taking them home," jokes Chase.

Coffee and art are great partners, and this show promises to please. So if you're headed through downtown Nampa, stop by the Flying M and sip some espresso while perusing the work of talented NNU photographers.

Halo 3: The journey continues

by T.J. BARR

Master Chief is back. At 12:01 A.M. on September 25, Halo 3 released to a very eager crowd of gamers. The game begins slightly after the events of Halo 2 and, as always, has the Chief fighting to keep the Covenant from destroying all life in the universe.

While not taking place directly after the previous game, Bungie released a four part comic series that fills in the gap between the two. The story is fairly straight forward, as in the rest of the series, but has enough twists to keep players entertained. While being a standard shooter game, Halo 3 didn't fail to deliver the innovations that the genre needed. Bungie introduced a long awaited four player cooperative mode, an incredible A.I. upgrade for opponents and allies, and more weapons than you can shake a stick at.

The game also introduces an aspect new to multiplayer, The Forge. The Forge allows players to switch into an editor mode at any time and adjust weapon and vehicle placement, ammo counts, respawn rates, and other such variables within the game world. While in this mode the player looks like one of the Forerunner monitors, a small sphere shaped robot, and is still vulnerable to attack and death. The Forge institutes a certain amount of unpredictability to multiplayer games, making play a lot more chaotic and random, as any player can become game editor at any time.

Halo 3 also allows players to record video of multiplayer sessions, letting them replay and re-

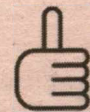


Master Chief thrills fans again in Halo 3. (communities.canada.com).

view their games to see where they can improve or to show off their skills to friends. These can also be shown to other players using Bungie File Share Client.

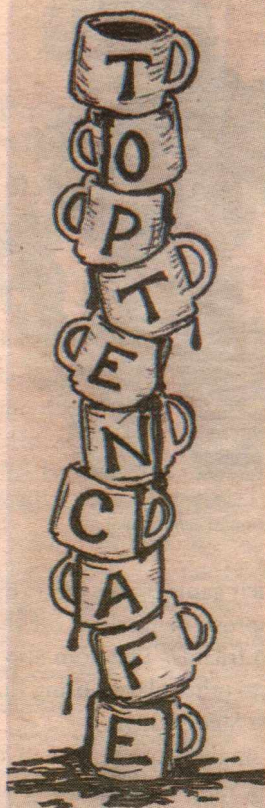
The single player aspect of the game is nine missions long and marks the end of the storyline started in the first game. While Bungie states that this is the end of this story, they are tight lipped about whether this is the end of the Halo franchise.

The game is a must play for fans of the first two games and most gamers in general. Those that are not shooter fans won't find much in this game to their liking as it is entirely combat based. The multiplayer mode makes the game a definite party favorite and makes it a worthy purchase on that right alone. For those who do play and beat the game, remember to stay and watch after the credits have rolled, because the ending prior to the credits is incomplete. Overall it is a great game.



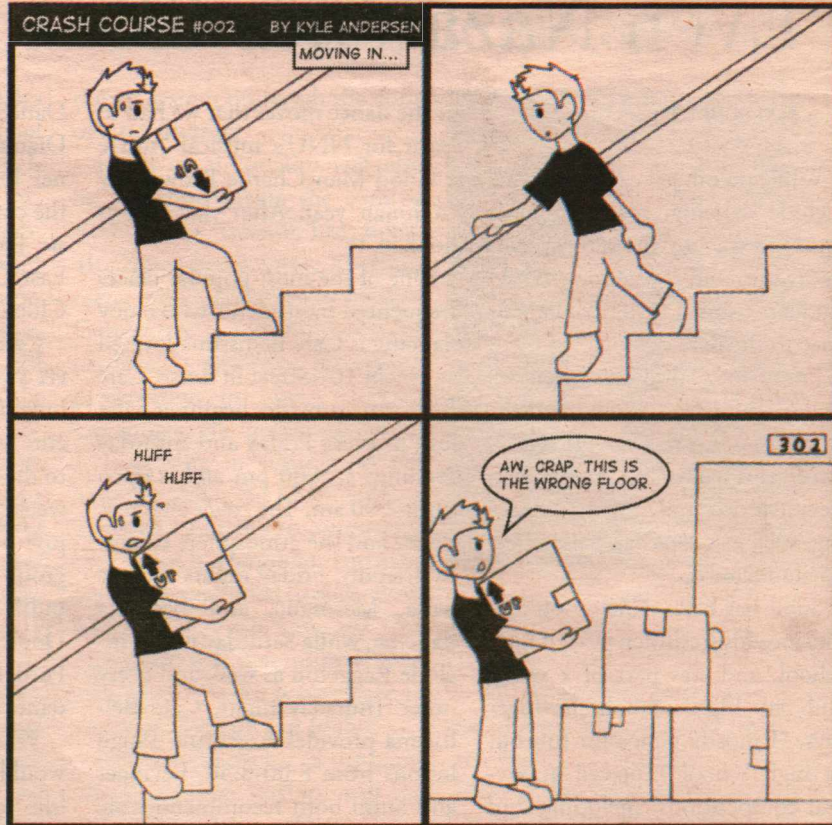
Ratings

Controls:	9/10
Graphics:	9/10
Story:	8/10
Multiplayer:	9/10
Originality/ innovations:	8/10
Overall:	9/10



Top 10 things **NOT** to buy at an estate sale.

10. Streaked Tightly-Whities
9. Butter Milk
8. Toe Nail Clippers
7. Rosie O'Donnel's Loofa
6. A "Decorative" Urn
5. The Key to a Storage Unit
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3. Lunch Meat
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1. Video's Marked "Private"

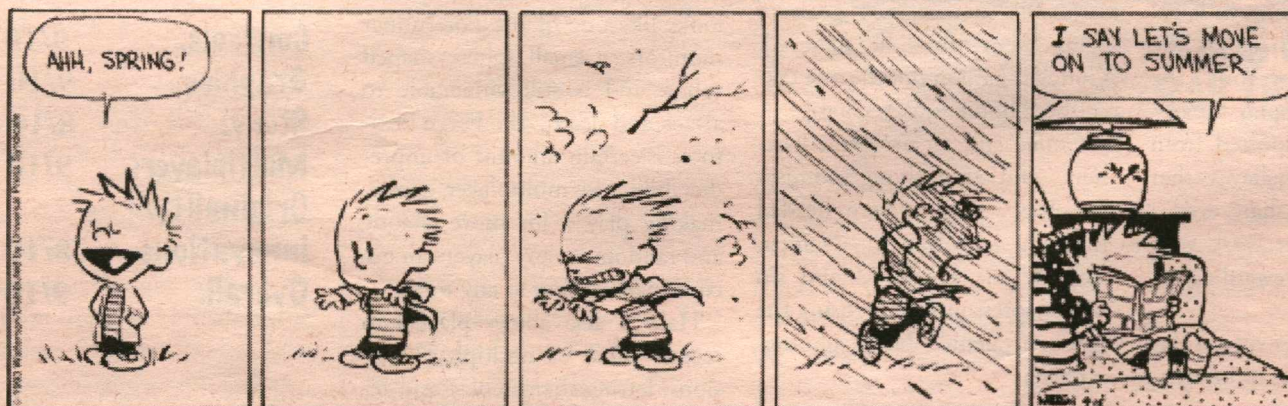


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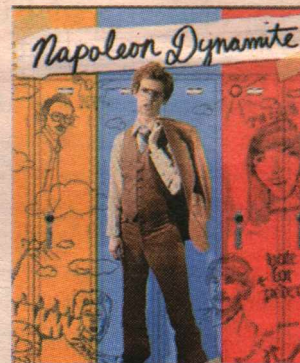
by Aimee Niles

I'm sure many of my fellow NNUers are like me, a transplant to Idaho. In this spirit I would like to share a recent discovery of mine that should make the hearts of native Idahoans burst with pride and us newbies hold our heads high as we say, yes, I go to school in Idaho.

On April 6, 2005 the Idaho State Legislature heard and passed a resolution praising Jared and Jerusha Hess for their cinematic talents by which they have increased the nation's awareness of Idaho. What film earned such praise for its creators? The independent hit Napoleon Dynamite.

The Legislature also extended their appreciation to the town of Preston, Ida. and Preston High School.

A few of the reasons stated in the resolution (which passed 69-0) are: "tater tots" figure prominently in this film thus pro-



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moting Idaho's most famous export, "Uncle Rico's football skills" are a testament to Idaho athletics,

"Kip and LaFawnduh's wedding" shows Idaho's commitment to healthy marriages, "Tina the llama", the chickens with large talons, the 4-H milk cows, and the Honeymoon Stallion showcase "Idaho's animal husbandry" and any members of the of the House of Representatives, or the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Idaho who choose to vote "Nay" on this concurrent resolution are 'FREAKIN' IDIOTS!' and run the risk of having the "Worst Day of Their Lives!" (the full version of this resolution may be viewed on the State of Idaho's website)

House Concurrent Resolution No. 29 stands as a proud moment for the Gem State and in a small way, for NNU.

Have A Nice Day!

If you have a Top 10 you would see in the paper please submit it to Crusader@nnu.edu with the subject line "Top Ten".