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Professor overcomes illness

Arnie Ytreeide discusses making movies while battling lupus



Ytreeide works with students on a production for the Mass Comm department (photo from Arnie Ytreeide).

by ANDREA HALL and TONY NAPIER

From the time Professor Arnie Ytreeide, of the Mass Communications department, was a young man he had a deep passion for making movies, producing his first film at the age of 10. Ytreeide had caught the bug. With a bright future ahead of him, Ytreeide embarked on a career in film production with several jobs on the side including 10 years of service to a Seattle area police department. Through those years Ytreeide's life was not without struggle, however little did he know, his biggest

challenge was yet to come.

In April of 2006, after months of testing, Ytreeide was diagnosed with a form of lupus—a debilitating disease which affects its victims in several different ways. For Ytreeide it causes extreme fatigue, constant and sometimes crippling pain, and a loss of blood pressure which can cause disorientation.

Despite his recent diagnosis, Ytreeide is determined to continue his work with his students.

"I decided that the 2006-2007 school year would be a test for me to see if I would be able to continue to teach or not.

Thanks to my colleagues and TAs, who did an outstanding job of supporting me, I decided that I could continue doing what I loved" said Ytreeide.

That's exactly what Ytreeide has done. With the help and support of the NNU community he has risen above his own circumstances and created an environment that is not only conducive to academic excellence but one that impassions the hearts of NNU students. Through Ytreeide's hard work the Mass Communications department has been able to give students opportunities that they may not have been able to receive

without his leadership.

"We wanted to give (the students) an opportunity to work on a Hollywood-style film," said Ytreeide. There are currently two films in the works, *Roosevelt Street* and *Grey Lady*.

Junior Rodney Stryker wrote the screenplay for *Grey Lady*, a film based on a legend about an Oregon lighthouse. According to the legend, a woman's daughter drowned there and haunts the lighthouse. The script started as Stryker's term project in the Advanced Screenwriting class. Ytreeide was interested; "as I saw it develop, I encouraged him to take it seriously because it was a good story, and he was becoming a very good writer."

Grey Lady, which Stryker is co-directing with senior Adam McFarlane, is still in the fundraising and planning stages. Ytreeide stated that they hope to shoot on site in Oregon during the summer of 2009.

The second Hollywood-style film that the Mass Communications department is involved with is *Roosevelt Street*. It was written by Ytreeide, who said he based the story on his own experiences with three family members who suffer from Alzheimer's. The film is about a family trying to deal with the disease's effects on their lives. When asked how

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Donor leaves university over \$6 million for new library

by STEPHANIE ELLIOTT

The late Mrs. Leah J. Peterson, a 1928 graduate of NNU, bequeathed half of her approximately \$14 million estate to the university in her will. The other half she left to Alaska Pacific University, where she spent most of her 42-year teaching career.

Peterson was born in Boise County, Idaho and attended NNU (then NNC) only one year, long enough to receive her teaching certificate. Her first teaching assignment was in Pahsimeroi Valley in the Salmon River country of Idaho. She taught in Idaho for 10 years while taking summer school in Boise and completing her bachelor's degree at the Colorado State College of Education.

After those 10 years, Peterson and her husband, also an educator, moved to Alaska so she could complete her master's degree. In 1939 she and her husband took jobs on Kodiak Island, Alaska, where they taught for two years. After this, they moved to Anchorage to teach in an Anchorage Territorial school. Alaska then became their permanent home.

Peterson's accomplishments in her lifetime were many. Some of her most notable

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Wednesday



Hi: 55°, Low: 31°
Mostly sunny.

Thursday



Hi: 55°, Low: 30°
Partly cloudy.

Friday



Hi: 55°, Low: 31°
Partly cloudy.

Saturday



Hi: 53°, Low: 32°
Mostly sunny.

Sunday



Hi: 53°, Low: 37°
Mostly sunny.



Political Spotlight

Part 4 in an 8 part series on presidential candidates

by TREVAN HAUCK



Rudy Giuliani, former New York City Mayor, has consistently been the forerunner in the Republican presidential nomination, if only by a slight margin. Talk of Giuliani running for the 2008 white house has been going on since the 9/11 crises. He has proven himself as a more than capable leader, being mayor of what has been called the "worlds capital" for 8 years. During his tenor as mayor, Giuliani reduced the overall crime in the city by over 50%.

Giuliani's campaign platform is based on what he has termed his "12 commitments". Several of these commitments address the growing national deficit in the United States. Giuliani wants to practice what he calls "Fiscal Discipline" " All spending is discretionary and it has to be looked at from the point of view of, can we afford it now? Is it appropriate to pass it on to the next generation? This is what I did in New York City. I restored fiscal discipline..." said Giuliani in a speech on his twelve commitments.

While he may be ahead in the polls Giuliani has concerned some of the more conservative branches of his republican base. The former New York mayor says that while abortions need to be restricted, he still supports a women's right to choose.

Giuliani is also a support of civil unions between gay couples that would allow them to receive many of the same benefits that married couples enjoy. Giuliani has also been accused by many on the left of abusing his role in the September 11 attacks in order to further his campaign however he denies these allegations.

Library: millions given by deceased alumnus

achievements were being named in "Who's Who in American Women;" receiving the Teacher of the Year award in 1948; and publishing a social science text and workbook adopted by the State of Alaska. She held presidential positions of various organizations, such as the Anchorage Schools Administrative Association, and served on the Alaska Board of Retirement.

Peterson's first visit to the campus since leaving it in 1928 was in 1998, when she received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters for her celebrated career as an educator as well as for her donations to NNU in the form of annuities. Since 1995, Peterson had donated \$1 million in annuities for general institutional use.

According to Gary Skaggs, the Vice President of University Advancement and co-trustee of Peterson's estate, the total monetary contribution to NNU outlined in her will falls between \$6.5 and \$7.5 million.



President Hagood and the late Leah Peterson

Skaggs says that her reason for this generous contribution to NNU is that she wished to honor her home state of Idaho and the school that marked the beginning of her distinguished career as an educator.

Peterson's donation is still a very recent occurrence, and Skaggs and the other trustees are currently in the exploring stage of possible uses for the money. One possibility that they are looking at is a renovation and expansion of the library into a multi-purpose center. They

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have been authorized to go to a preliminary design program for this multi-purpose center but exactly where the money will go is still a big question.

Part of the contribution has already been put to use in creating the Leah J. Peterson Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to full-time students with a minimum 2.5 GPA, with preference to students from Alaska preparing for a career in education. More information on this donation and will be released soon by NNU's office of University Advancement.

Bill stops telemarketers from calling

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

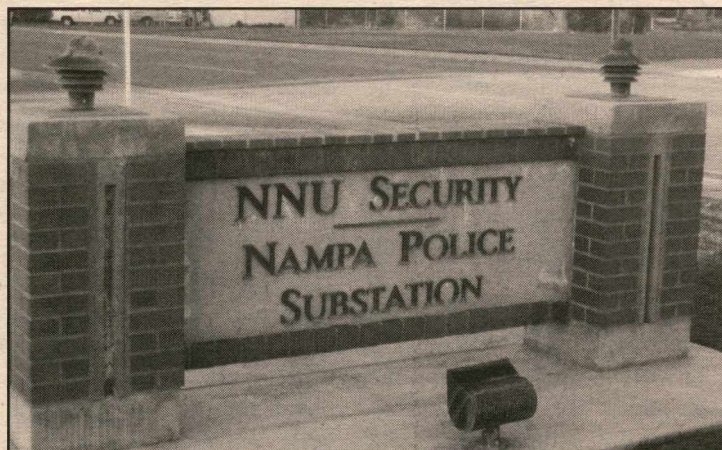
Congress took the first steps Tuesday to ensure that people who registered for the national Do Not Call list won't be inundated next year with telemarketing calls at dinner time.

At separate House and Senate committee sessions, lawmakers passed legislation that makes most of the 145 million phone numbers on the list permanent by eliminating a five-year expiration date established by the Federal Trade Commission, which administers the program.

The Associated Press reported last month that millions of phone numbers on the registry would start dropping off beginning next summer unless people re-registered.

Reversing course, the FTC announced last week that it would not purge expired numbers while Congress considers making the phone listings permanent.

Imposters put security on high alert



Security sign outside NNU security substation. Photo by Derek Derooy

by DEREK DE ROOY

Last Friday, two individuals were found scouting the campus in the Wiley Learning

Center wearing badges and nameplates. An individual who saw them asked their purpose, to which the visitors replied, "we are with a group from the

Admissions Office." The individual called Assistant Director of Admissions Lance Nelson, who certainly understood this attempt at deception. Nelson called the NNU Security Office around 10:30 a.m.

NNU responded in proper fashion, dispatching Security Director Darrel Stewart and Assistant Security Director Brian Lineman to search the campus. During their search, officers Stewart and Lineman received calls from Riley Library and Johnson Sports Center, alerting our security officers of phantom visitors. Wherever the visitors went, they were questioned, prompting them to leave the campus before wearing out their

welcome or being found. According to Stewart, this kind of situation is a common occurrence at many colleges and universities.

NNU security, like the security of every other U.S. college and university, is required by CLERY law to alert the student population in a timely manner. In this situation, NNU sent a campus-wide e-mail. Currently, that is the most popular method of alerting a school's members of the threat. In the future, expect a more pervasive and more far-reaching method of alert. Many schools, including NNU, are adapting to the times by collecting phone numbers to send text message alerts for future situations.

Winter banquet takes new form

by IAN BAUDER

Due to a scheduling error, this year's Winter Banquet will be replaced by a "late night formal dessert," said junior class president Holly Davis on Monday.

The event was supposed to have taken place on December 1, but at last week's senate meeting it was brought to light that men's and women's basketball home games were scheduled on the same evening. The contract for the game had been signed in March of 2006, but was

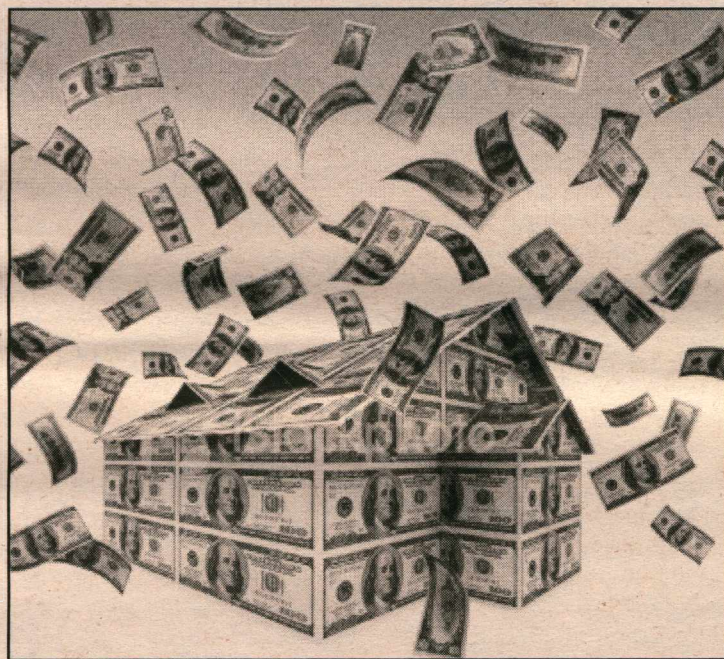
overlooked when planning the banquet. Student Government Association President Landon Loeber said that the oversight was on account of "negligence by the student government [SGA]."

The event is typically a formal banquet, which takes place during homecoming. The reason it was moved is unclear. Davis said she was told the banquet "didn't fit in with the new look of homecoming," explaining that Student Development believed the exclusive student-only nature of the banquet would

take away from homecoming's new mission of bringing family, alumni, and students together.

Director of Student Life Tim Milburn said there was no space in which to place the event. "It just didn't fit in this year" said Milburn. Loeber echoed Milburn's statement saying that "there was no room for a student led activity". Milburn said that this year's homecoming will be evaluated at the end of the year, and at that time Student Development will "relook at incorporating a banquet into homecoming next year."

Despite current troubles, the housing industry will make a rebound... as it has done in the past.



Hope for homebuyers

by TONY NAPIER

For students who come to NNU from other parts of the country where housing prices are considerably higher, the Treasure Valley must seem like a foreign country. Despite the obvious woes of the housing market, this may be the perfect time to buy or maybe even invest, according to experts. Even if the market is still settling and there is the threat of even more depreciation, owners and builders are a much more willing to negotiate terms and price; enabling a buyer to off set their risk.

'For investors willing to invest for the long term, owning

properties "can be a path to financial freedom for many," Dave Ramsey [Author of the Total Money Makeover] said.' in Good Time to Invest- Chicago Times.

The past two years have seen substantial growth in the housing market in the Nampa-Boise area; however, that growth has cooled a bit, in part due to a high inventory and the subprime lender market flop. In 2006 the Nampa market appreciated nearly 20% overall, some homes even doubled in value from 2004-2006 depending on their location. In the first two quarters of 2007, however, the Nampa market has thus far depreciated 2.68 percent

according to bestplaces.net.

The federal government has even stepped in to encourage banks to loan more money to prospective home owners by cutting the bank interest rate by half-a-percent, twice what experts were expecting. The cut has helped banks recover from recent subprime lender flops and adjustable rate mortgage scandals that have swept the nation.

Despite its current troubles the housing industry will make a rebound, according to experts, as it has done in the past and those who have been able to purchase and hold property over the long terms will benefit.

AP News Blurbs: Around the world in five stories

New discovery sheds life on ancient life

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico

U.S. and Puerto Rican archaeologists say they have found the best-preserved pre-Columbian site in the Caribbean, which could shed light on virtually every aspect of Indian life.

The archaeologists believe the site in southern Puerto Rico may have belonged to the Taino or pre-Taino people that inhabited the island before European colonization, although other tribes are a possibility.

The plaza may contain other artifacts dating from 600 A.D. to 1500 A.D., including piles of refuse from daily life, Rivera said.

Seven students die in fire

OCEAN ISLE BEACH, N.C.

Fire ravaged a beach house occupied by more than a dozen college students early Sunday, killing seven and sending several more to a hospital.

Six survivors were released after treatment, including one who jumped from the burning house into a waterway, Mayor Debbie Smith said. Officials had accounted for all of the 13 people believed to be inside the home, Smith said.

"There were three kids sitting on the ground screaming," said newspaper deliverer Tim Burns, who called 911 after seeing a column of smoke rising from the house. "There was one guy hanging out the window, and he jumped in the canal. I know he got out because he was yelling for a girl to follow him."

Yankees announce new management

NEW YORK, New York

Joe Girardi is back in pinstripes, taking over as New York Yankees manager from his mentor. Girardi was hired Tuesday, agreeing to a three-year contract to replace Joe Torre in New York's dugout.

"I think any of us would be somewhat surprised to get the

job because it's such an honor," Girardi said. "I'm extremely excited and thrilled.

"I can't be Joe Torre, because I'm made up different. I'm a different character."

The deal is worth an average salary of at least \$2 million annually, a baseball official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the team has not announced the details.

Storm takes lives

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic

Tropical Storm Noël headed toward the Bahamas on Tuesday after causing flooding and mudslides that killed at least 20 people in the Dominican Republic and left another 20 missing, officials said.

Forecasters said a tropical storm watch, which means that tropical storm conditions are possible within 36 hours, may be issued for southeast Florida later in the day.

The spinning tropical storm had been forecast to hit Haiti hardest but veered toward the Dominican Republic, apparently catching residents off guard Monday.

"We didn't know that it was going to be like this, it took us by surprise," said Guarionex Rosado as he left his home in La Cienaga, a hard hit area.

Pakistan's president avoids assassination

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan

A suicide attacker blew himself up near the office of Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf on Tuesday, killing five people and injuring several more, officials said.

More than 1,000 supporters of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif marched on Pakistan's Supreme Court in Islamabad as it prepared to hear arguments challenging his deportation last month by the Musharraf government.

The blast occurred at a police checkpoint in the central city of Rawalpindi, just a quarter-mile from Army House, the headquarters of the Pakistani army.

Astronauts install power tower on space station

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spacewalking astronauts bolted a solar power tower to the international space station on Tuesday, completing an ambitious three-day moving process that ended with elation when the beam's giant solar panels began to unfurl.

NASA needs to get the tower up and running to prevent malfunctioning station equipment from delaying the addition of a much-anticipated European research lab.

A massive rotary joint is supposed to make sure the solar panel wings on the right side of the space station are facing the sun. But the gear, which was installed in June, has been experiencing electrical current spikes for nearly two months.

The solar panels on the 17½-ton girder that was installed at its new location Tuesday were folded up like an accordion for the move, and the first one slowly was unfurled as the seven-hour spacewalk wrapped up, gleaming like gold in the sun. The panels extend 240 feet from

tip to tip when outstretched, and fortunately run off the properly functioning rotary joint on the left side of the station.

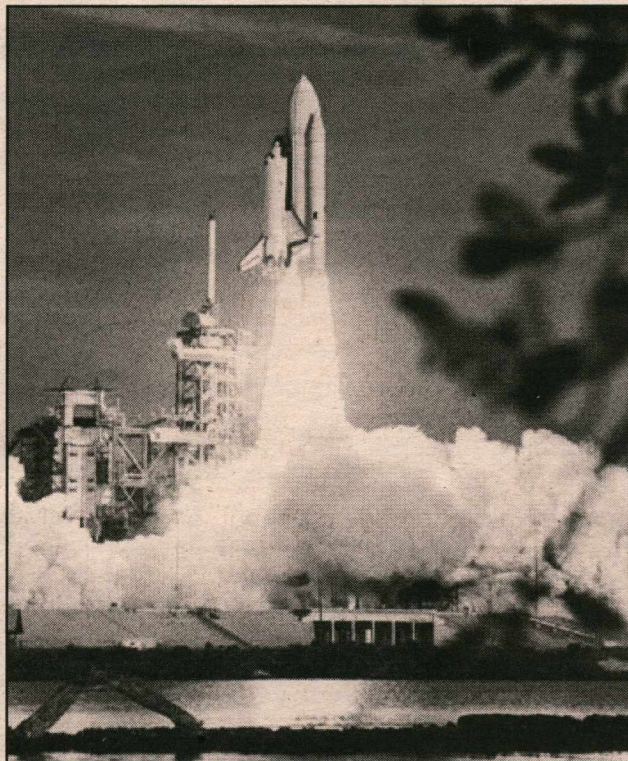
The crew kept spacewalker Scott Parazynski and Douglas Wheelock apprised of the solar wing's unfurling as they floated back inside. Their reaction: "Wow, that's great," and "Awesome!"

"It's a good day's work right there," Parazynski said.

A spacewalking astronaut found black dust resembling metal shavings inside the motorized joint on Sunday.

NASA has limited the joint's motion to prevent the debris from causing permanent damage, but that also limits the system's ability to generate power.

Parazynski spent part of Tuesday inspecting the matching



Shuttle launch (photo courtesy of NASA).

rotary joint that turns the space station's left set of solar wings toward the sun. NASA will examine images he gathered of the perfectly running unit to compare it to the malfunctioning one.

There were no shavings

worked 220 miles above southeast Asia. "Beautiful view."

Given the problems with the right rotary joint, NASA needs the power generated by the newly installed solar panels to proceed with the planned

inside the joint, and Parazynski said everything looked pristine.

"It's right out of the shop, no debris whatsoever," he said.

Parazynski and Wheelock guided astronauts inside the station as they used a robotic arm to hook up the beam to the orbiting outpost's backbone. The spacewalkers then began installing bolts to hold the beam in place and connecting wires to provide power.

"Oh I love this job," Parazynski said as they

December launch of the European Space Agency's science lab, named Columbus.

That lab and a Japanese lab set to be delivered early next year will latch onto the new Harmony module that Discovery delivered last week.

The space agency added a day to Discovery's mission so spacewalking astronauts could conduct a detailed inspection of the troublesome joint. That work is scheduled for Thursday.

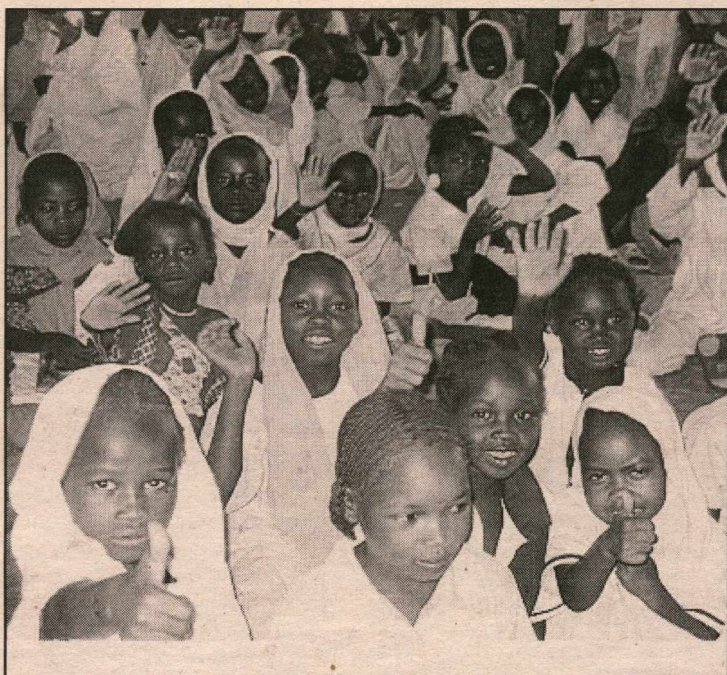
To make room for that inspection, managers canceled a shuttle thermal tile repair demonstration that was scheduled for that spacewalk. The test was added to the mission after a piece of fuel-tank foam gouged Endeavour's belly on the last shuttle flight in August.

Any repairs to the malfunctioning gear would be put off until after Discovery departs.

Discovery is now scheduled to undock from the space station on Monday and return to Earth on Nov. 7.

For more information on this space walk and images log on to <http://spaceflight.nasa.gov>

Six French citizens charged with kidnapping Darfur children



Overcrowded class room in a Darfur refugee camp (by Associated Press).

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Authorities charged six French nationals with kidnapping after a failed attempt to fly

103 children to France who a charity said were orphans from Sudan's war-battered Darfur region, officials said Tuesday.

Interior Minister Ahmat Bachir said if the six were found guilty, they would face up to 20 years in jail with hard labor.

A judge in eastern city of Abeche also agreed late Monday to allow prosecutors' charges of complicity against three French journalists, said Justice Minister Pahimi Padackert Albert.

A seven-person flight crew also would be charged with complicity, he told The Associated Press.

Authorities in Chad detained 17 people after the French charity tried to put the children on a plane last week.

L'Arche de Zoe, or Zoe's Arc, said it had arranged French host families for the children to save them from possible death in Darfur. More than four years of conflict there has left more than 200,000 people dead and 2.5 million displaced.

UNICEF's representative in

Chad, Mariam Coulibaly Ndiaye, said authorities were interviewing the children to learn more about their origins and whether they are truly orphans.

Gilbert Collard, a lawyer for the group, said the charges against his clients were less severe than he had feared, given harsh comments by President Idriss Deby about them.

"Now we are going to work with Chadian lawyers and contest all the elements against them, one by one," he said. "We are entering difficult territory, but one that is now clearly defined."

Deby denounced it as a "straightforward kidnapping" and promised punishment for those involved. French authorities also have condemned the charity's plans.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy called Deby this weekend to discuss the case, which

unfolded as the EU prepares a peacekeeping force in Chad and Central African Republic to help refugees along their borders with Darfur.

France has led the push for the peacekeepers, and the uproar over the charity's actions risked complicating efforts to ensure a smooth start for the force, which Chad initially had resisted.

Chad has assured France that a debacle over a charity's effort to spirit children out of the country will not affect plans to deploy European Union peacekeepers there to protect refugees from neighboring Darfur, a French official said Monday.

"Because this affair has nothing to do with the deployment of the multidimensional force, there are no possible consequences," France's minister for human rights, Rama Yade, told Europe-1 radio.

Homecoming lacks a student focus

STAFF EDITORIAL

This year's Homecoming celebration has a wide array of activities for alumni, family and friends. However, there is a distinct lack of activities designed for students.

When it was announced that Homecoming would be moved from Thanksgiving weekend this year, much of the student body was quite pleased. Musicians, thespians and singers rejoiced at the idea of finally being able to go home and share the holiday with their families. Students who typically went home, finally had the opportunity to go to traditional Homecoming events like the basketball game and the Homecoming Banquet.

The problem is that the Homecoming Banquet was rescheduled for December 1. The rescheduling of the Banquet took away the only purely student activity of the Homecoming festivities.

There are many activities that still may be enjoyed, but some of them—such as the fall play *The Curious Savage*—cost money that many students cannot afford to spend. Others, such as the dodgeball and Rook tournaments are designed for everyone.

There is not anything wrong with this. It is wonderful that NNU has committed to involving alumni and family. However, in the attempt to involve the alumni, students have been overlooked.

Because students are on campus, a new and exciting occasion has been opened to NNU. Given this amazing opportunity to promote community within the current student body, one would think to take full advantage and create an event that caters to students.

The point of Homecoming is to build school spirit and pride. Without events that build these feelings within the current student population, the future of Homecoming is called into question. If students do not form an emotional connection to Homecoming—through events such as the Banquet—why would they want to come back as alumni?

Homecoming appears to have plenty of fun events that give students ample opportunity to enjoy the festivities. However, a student specific event would give a better sense of connection to their class group. This in turn, creates the desire and motivation to return to NNU during Homecoming in the future.

There is no need to fear Halloween

Welcome to another holiday that has been turned into a money-making scheme by corporate America: Halloween. According to the National Retail Federation, Halloween merchandise sales grossed close to 5 billion dollars in 2006. And what was that money used for: orange and black decorations, costumes, Hallmark cards, and candy. It also noted that every American, on average, ate 26 pounds of candy last year alone.

Don't get me wrong here; I enjoy a good Halloween horror flick like *Evil Dead* just as much as the next person and yes, I will admit, candy is pretty good. But at what cost does Halloween go from fun to pointless? Many people enjoy the thrill of being scared, which is what makes the holiday so popular. However, Halloween originally began in many parts of the world as a way to honor the dead through celebration.

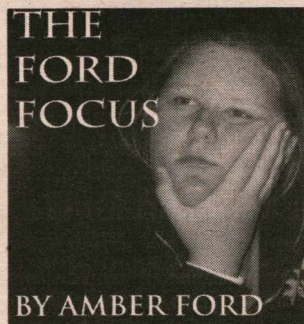
In Mexico, November 1 (All Saint's Day) and November 2 (All Soul's Day) are days set aside for honoring the dead. However, it is approached with a much brighter spirit

because the emphasis is not on mourning the dead, but rather is about celebrating the lives of those who have passed and their continuation in the afterlife.

When I look at the origin of these holidays in other cultures, it makes me wonder how we come up with candy and serial killers for Halloween. They appear to have a real significance behind them, and here in the States all I see it as is another way for companies to make money on getting kids to eat candy and buy costumes. It has become

an excuse for people to dress up and do things such as vandalize cemeteries and terrorize others.

I am not completely against Halloween. I just think it creates an attitude of fear and destruction in people that is unnecessary. And maybe we should spend the day thinking about the dead in a more dignified manner. Don't go playing around in graveyards. Say a prayer for those who have passed away and treat the dead with some respect.



Letters to the Editor

Homecoming was meant to be spent with family and friends... but so was Thanksgiving. That is why I was elated when I found out that homecoming would no longer be during Thanksgiving weekend. I know there are many of us out there who had obligations for homecoming such as choir, band, or the fall play that tied us to campus. And I know that many of those same people have families who aren't NNU alumni and/or who live too far from campus to make the trip. This left us without our families on Thanksgiving, often for the first time, looking for somewhere else to go. The first two Thanksgivings of my college career were not as joyful or thankful as they should have been. Sure, I had the turkey and pumpkin pie, but without those you care about, Thanksgiving is not as it should be.

Moving homecoming weekend gives many students the opportunity to go home, which they didn't have before, or to participate in homecoming for the first time because they chose Thanksgiving at home in previous years. It really is the best of both worlds. I commend the administration for making this progressive move forward, while at the same time preserving some of the important traditions involved with homecoming. Now maybe even more people will get involved, if they know they don't have to pick between family and university traditions.

Johanna Higdon
Junior

When I heard that Homecoming had been moved from the Thanksgiving weekend to earlier in the fall, my reaction was one of disappointment because to me, the NNU Thanksgiving-Homecoming festival has always been incredibly special. I've been to 12 of them over the last 35 years.

I've always felt that this festival was evidence that more than other universities, NNU is a family, and families spend their holidays together. I recognize the reasons—that current students and faculty had become less and less willing to build their own family celebrations around NNU, and that those who were obligated to remain because of plays, concerts, and sports events felt that they had to do more than their share. With several other changes NNU has undergone—such as giving up hosting the NAIA men's basketball tournament and moving to NCAA Division II—I was queasy at first but learned to adjust.

I am sure that in time, this one will be no different. As a class agent, this year's changes have meant no Presidential banquet and no SMNA breakfast for me—but I will be on campus November 1-5 and expect to have a good time with my NNU family!

Reg Finger
1976 Class Agent

Send your letters to the editor to Crusader@nnu.edu. Submissions must include your name and year in school. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted. Submissions under 250 words are likely to be published.

Guest Column

Video game rating systems need to be consistent

by T.J. BARR

The Entertainment Software Rating Board, (ESRB) has managed to stop Rockstar Games from releasing *Manhunt 2* on its original release date. The ESRB gave *Manhunt 2*'s first release a death sentence by branding it with an adults only (AO) rating. This is the equivalent to a movie being rated NC-17 by the Motion picture rating system.

The AO rating would make the game impossible to sell because Sony, Nintendo, and Microsoft all refuse to release AO rated games on their respective systems. This would make *Manhunt 2* a PC only game and most stores refuse to stock AO games for the PC.

The game was rated AO for scenes of intense

violence and gore. This rating shocked gamers as that rating is almost exclusively reserved for games containing pornographic elements, not violence. Rockstar, realizing they couldn't sell their product, revised the game, edited it, and sent it back for review.

While the edited version earned an M, or Mature (equivalent to an R rated movie) rating, the game is still banned in the UK and Australia. This event has excited the gaming community, many of whom point out that the ESRB can kill any game they dub inappropriate just by slapping on an AO rating.

While the ESRB is necessary in helping parents identify what their

kids are playing, at what point do we begin letting them censor entertainment? Shouldn't that be the job of the individual?

If the game is being bought for oneself, it is that individual's choice as to whether or not they want to include that much violence into their gaming experience. If a parent is buying the game (which is necessary for M and AO rated games because they can only be purchased by someone 18 or older), it should be their decision as to whether their child plays it or not. In order for individuals and parents to be able to judge whether a game is appropriate the rating system needs to remain consistent. The M rating would have been

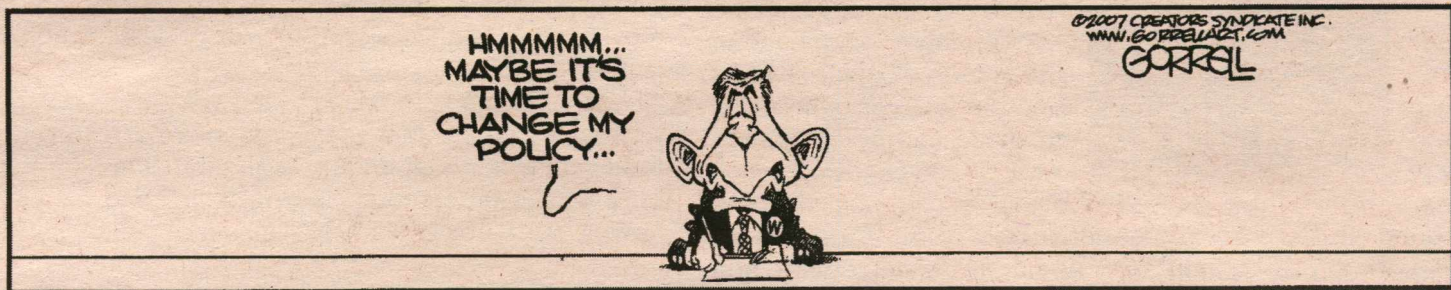
appropriate for *Manhunt 2*, as the game is violent, but not pornographic.

The ratings should be static and the AO rating should only be used if the game contains sexual content. Gamers should not have to wonder if the game they are buying is rated AO because it is more violent than Halo or because it contains the same elements as a dirty magazine. The answer should be readily available by scanning the box and seeing the little square that says ESRB at the bottom.

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Political Cartoon

by BOB GORRELL



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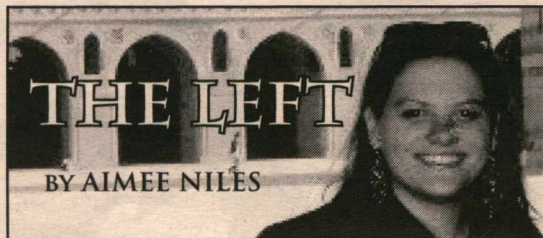
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Views differ on the Israeli/ Palestinian Issue

Palestinians face massive human rights violations daily

There is no problem with the United States having a relationship with Israel. There are huge benefits to both nations from such an alliance. The U.S. sees itself as an older sibling and protector of the Israeli people. However, if the U.S. is choosing to have this relationship



THE LEFT
BY AIMEE NILES

with the Israelis, they need to act like an older sibling. The U.S. turns a blind eye to human rights violations and apartheid perpetrated by the State of Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert often announces his hopes and intentions of allowing the Palestinian people to develop a nation of their own in the West Bank and Gaza. However, the actions of the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) in the Occupied Territories (OT) are a glaring difference to the words of the Israeli government.

The demolition of homes by the IDF remains as one of the most glaring human rights violations in the West Bank. There are justifications—that the homes destroyed are those of suicide bombers or terrorists—but these are hollow as the IDF destroys homes of the innocent as well as those of the “guilty”. Besides the fact that collective punishment is a direct violation of Article 33 of the Geneva Convention—which Israel ratified in 1951—and is a war crime, homes are continuously destroyed.

Apartheid is a strong word for a heinous action. Jimmy Carter titled his 2006 book on the Israeli/ Palestinian conflict *Palestine: Peace not Apartheid*. I was hesitant to term what goes on in the OT “apartheid”—until I saw it with my own eyes in Hebron, West Bank.

Apartheid is defined as “racial segregation” (Merriam Webster’s Dictionary). In Hebron, an Israeli population of about 600 holds a Palestinian population of around

150,000 in an iron grip. The old city of Hebron used to be a bustling city center full of merchants, buyers and Palestinians. But through a concentrated campaign of intimidation, threats and bodily harm, the city center is empty and void of the cosmopolitan feel of the past. Arabs are not allowed to be in the same areas as Jewish settlers—that is apartheid.

The Christian Peacemaking Teams has a team in Hebron that works protecting the Arab population from hostile settlers. They work walking children to school—fending off rocks thrown by grown men at 5 and 6 year old children. They observe when the IDF goes into homes, hoping to stop the destruction of Palestinian possessions.



The deserted city-market in Hebron on a Monday afternoon (photo by Aimee Niles).

I did not think that things such as “Jewish only roads” existed in this world of justice and equality. They do—in Hebron. I watched as a Palestinian man was physically thrown from a “Jewish only” road by an IDF official. My CPT guide said that happened all too often. I myself was threatened with arrest if I did not vacate the “Jewish only” road. Palestinians have made a lot of poor choices in their fight for justice and equality. However, that does not excuse the behavior of the State of Israel.

EDITOR’S NOTE: The column titles “The Left” and “The Right” do not necessarily represent the liberal and conservative viewpoints on this issue

Israel offers positive contributions to America

Israel has been our friend and ally since the formation of their nation in 1947. We have poured immense amounts of money and aid into Israel for over half a century. They have given us new technologies and also helped us in gaining information about neighboring Middle Eastern countries. Through Israel’s turbulent past and present regarding their land dispute with the Palestinian peoples, the United States has been a force that has consistently worked towards peace.

It was unfair to the Palestinians

happy. The Oslo Peace Process, a series of talks between Yassir Arafat and Israel’s then Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that took place in the early 90’s, seemed to be very promising. An agreement between the two leaders was signed in 1993 based on these talks, however attacks like suicide

THE RIGHT

BY TREVAN HAUCK



bombers continued from PLO terrorists and Hamas, on top of this Palestinian authority refuses to extradite such terrorists.

Israel does not strap bombs to their young men and send them into crowded bus stops to blow up innocent civilians. The fact that Palestinians do is the main reason they do not have a country and it is the main reason that the U.S. should support the Israeli government over Palestine. It’s like the kamikaze pilots of Japan in WWII. These suicide attacks do not help to

make a shift in Palestinian power or authority. They are barbaric and cause so much harm to the plight of Palestine that it is hard to understand why they are carried out.

Israel is not innocent in this conflict; they have killed many Palestinians and destroyed their homes with bulldozers. They have also built walls that have divided families and towns in the name of “security.” However they do not engage in terrorist activities and the Israeli government condemns and punishes such activities by their own people. Israel is our biggest ally in the Middle East and must be protected and supported by the United States so that we can maintain them as an ally and as a presence in the Middle East.



A religious celebration at the Western Wall in Jerusalem (photo courtesy of Aimee Niles)

to force them out of their land to create an Israeli nation and deny them a right to their own nation. However, this has already happened and we must work with the situation as it is. Israel is not going anywhere; it is here to stay and the U.S. will continue to support Israel. There are over 5,000 peoples on earth and less than 200 countries. Most of these people are content sharing space and government with others. There are of course several exceptions, the obvious being the Palestinian people.

Israel has been active in seeking out peace agreements and wishes to work with other nations to help broker an arrangement that would make both sides

history

Connecting

Ralph Palmen's goal is "to improve the future for students"

by IAN BAUDER

Some of NNC's cheerleading team from 1954 (left to right: Marilyn Woodbeck, Carol Russell and Thelma Alexander).



families

Ralph Palmen, presented with an honorary Doctor of Laws last year by NNU, was on campus Sep. 28 for the NNU Foundation Board of Directors meeting, and to raise awareness about the Foundation. Despite the fact that he is not an NNU graduate, Palmen has dedicated a lot of time and money to help further the university's mission.

A native of Clarkston, Wash., Palmen only attended NNU for one year. He said "I had a lot of ambition, but I wasn't very channeled." After his brief stint at NNU he moved on to begin working in the employment industry, a job he described as a perfect fit. Palmen then moved into the real estate industry, but continued to pursue his love of working as a recruiter. Eventually he started his own company, Express Personnel Service, which has expanded to include almost 600 franchises.

Currently, Palmen works as a speaker, a vocation he says he felt he was called to. He is also



Ralph Palmen at the Board of Directors meeting in Sept. (photo by Jenn Hush).

a successful author of several self-help books, and president of Pinnacle Forum, an organization that connects Christians who are in places of influence in order to help America to get back in touch with its spiritual values.

The university is very important to Palmen, who sees NNU as a place where students can learn the skills they need to become successful in life, as well as get firm spiritual support in their developing years.

Palmen has been involved with the Foundation Board of

Directors since its inception in 1988, and served a term as its chairman. The NNU Foundation is dedicated to helping NNU grow as an institution. Since student's tuition only pays about 60 percent of the school's total costs, the Foundation serves as an important tool for the university.

The Foundation has many visible accomplishments on campus, including the Johnson Sports Center, the Brandt Center, the Helstrom Business Center, the security fence, the key-card system, the Ford/Culver

parking lot, and many air conditioners in the dorms. The directors are also heavily responsible for the new science building. The Foundation has many less visible contributions to NNU as well; a number of the scholarships available to students are the result of the Foundation and its members whose desire, like Palmen's, is to improve the future for students.

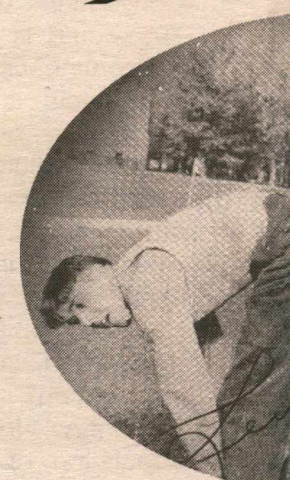
Future NNU president Richard Hagood and his future spouse, Junella Finkbeiner, both class of 1964.



students



Old school newspaper editing: 1954 Crusader staff members Geri Leih and Betty Bradford hard at work.



g the dots

Dr. Walden Hughes to receive Professional Achievement Award in Friday's chapel

by STEPHANIE ELLIOTT

After a careful selection process, Dr. Walden Hughes has been chosen to receive the 2007 Professional Achievement Award for his success as a teacher and composer. He and four other NNU alumni will be presented with awards for their loyalty and service to their alma mater this weekend during the homecoming festivities.

The Professional Achievement Award will be given to Dr. Hughes in recognition of his 30 year career as a piano teacher here at NNU. One of his former students was recently named Music Educator of the Year. Hughes himself received the Master Teacher Certificate from the Music Teachers National Association in 1995, an honor given annually to about three musicians in the United States for "outstanding contribution to the music teaching profession," according to the Piano Technicians Guild website.

This award also serves as recognition of Dr. Hughes' accomplishments as a composer. His 88 piano ensemble compositions and arrangements have been performed in 51 different countries to date. He has been contracted to write musical pieces for performing arts

schools and has published 30 articles and various book and CD reviews in a number of professional music journals, including *Clavier*, *Piano Quarterly* and *American Music Teacher*.



Walden Hughes in his senior photo from 1977.

"I am certainly humbled and was very surprised when I received the letter indicating the award was coming my way," Dr. Hughes says. "There are many deserving alumni of NNU and somehow they must narrow the award down to a single recipient each year. I will accept the award and proudly display the evidence of it in my office, but I know there are many other deserving alums."

The other recipients of alumni awards are Hugh and Evelyn

Friberg, Darrell Marks, and Joseph Lanham.

Hugh and Evelyn Friberg received the Alumnus of the Year award in recognition of their 19 years of teaching at the Bible College in Sitkei, Swaziland. Friberg acted as the registrar and dean for the college and his wife performed as the librarian during their time in Swaziland.

Darrell Marks received the Distinguished Service Award for his 35 years of service in the physics department of NNU. Dr. Marks retired in 1998 with emeriti status but has continued to serve NNU part-time in University Advancement. He has worked with scholarships since his retirement and has initiated or improved 50 scholarships that total out to over \$1 million in worth.

Joseph (Jody) Lanham received the Leon Doane Young Alumnus award. The Leon Doane is given to a person who has graduated from NNU in the last 15 years who has demonstrated leadership in community and career. Lanham was chosen by the Alaska Journal of Commerce as one of the top 40 business people under age 40, and he is involved in outreach organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Safari Wish program.

future



Hugh Friberg (class of 1964) was his senior class chaplain.

friends



Darrell Marks as a senior in 1958.

faculty

alumni



Bygone pranks: part of the festivities of a 1942 'Frosh Week...'



The NNC men's football team, circa 1954.

'Shave it' fund wins by a landslide

Students will go bald to benefit non-profit organization World Vision

by ALLI SCHISLER

Should sophomores Ian Bauder, Vanessa Evans and Rob Uhelin save their hair or shave it? The student body apparently thinks they will look better without!

Students Bauder, Evans and Uhelin came up with the idea for the save it or shave it fund by putting money in the specified container. Money could be donated in the library or underclassman dorm lobbies.

At the end of the period, whichever fund had more

money—either the save it fund or shave it fund—would determine whether or not the three students would shave their heads.

All the money raised would support World Vision. Evans, Bauder, and Uhelin volunteered to enter the contest in hopes of raising awareness and money for the non-profit organization said Bauder.

As of Thursday Oct. 25, when the contest was coming to a close, save it appeared to be winning with \$148.64 in its fund, while shave it was close with \$135.83. However, by 11 pm, when the contest concluded, shave it won. Combined, students and others raised more than \$450 for World Vision by

"...the people that are going to be helped needed the money far more than I needed my hair."

contributing to the funds.

Bauder, Evans and Uhelin will shave their heads on Thursday Nov. 1 at the tailgate party. They encourage the student body to attend.

When asked how he feels about shaving his head, Bauder said, "I kind of like my head the

way it is. But at the same time, it's just hair. Besides, the people that are going to be helped needed the money far more than I needed my hair."

Campus club Society For a Change sponsored the event because, according to sophomore Trevan Hauck, leader of the club, students must go through a campus club when raising money.

Society for a change donated \$50 to the shave it fund. The club is committed to raising awareness of local and global issues of social justice. Upcoming events for the club include a Darfur awareness day Nov. 30, and an overall focus next semester on the global issue of the sex slave trade.

The proceeds from save it or shave it go to World Vision, a non-profit organization especially committed to providing food and other necessities for children in underdeveloped countries.

Hauck is "very excited about the results." He said, "Anybody wanting to do a fundraiser or event related to bettering our society is welcome to approach society for a change for sponsorship."

The save it or shave it contest will be completed Thursday when Bauder, Evans, and Uhelin actually shave it. Hopefully, this creative event will encourage student participation in future fundraisers.

From page 1: Ytreeide provides opportunities to mass comm students

this movie relates to his life with lupus Ytreeide had this to say:

"Producing a film with lupus is not without its challenges. I will rely heavily on the pre-productions process so I do not have to make a thousand decisions every single day. I will also rely on an assistant who carry out my vision in my absence" said Ytreeide.

Also slated for a summer shooting, *Roosevelt Street* has a ways to go. Ytreeide is still trying to raise funds for the film, which he says will exceed \$700,000.

The ability to keep several projects up in the air at

once seems to be an integral characteristic of a producer. In addition to working on these two movies with his students, Ytreeide is producing a Christmas show for KTVB as well as performing his regular duties as an NNU faculty member. Sometimes it can be stressful: "Being a producer is somewhat like being a baseball player," said Ytreeide. "You fail most of the time."

Hopefully, *Grey Lady* and *Roosevelt Street* will not become two of those failures. Since they are independent films, they will start by being shown in festivals, like the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. Buyers at the festivals watch all the independent filmmakers' work, and if they like what they see, they make the producers an offer. Ytreeide said he is hoping to get both of these films bought and released in theaters.

"In this department we set standards very high for students," he said. Such standards result in network and national level experience for television and

filmmaking, and give NNU Mass Communications graduates impressive resumes as they leave the university.

Ytreeide, who is also an accomplished children's writer, wants people to understand that a diagnosis is not death sentence. "I want my involvement in this film [*Roosevelt Street*] to be a statement of hope for people with a serious disease; that life isn't over. We are under limitations but by knowing what those limitations are we can overcome them and do the amazing amount of work God has called us to do."

To give a glimpse of the hard work that Ytreeide and his Mass Communications students are up to, the department is holding an open house during Homecoming weekend. Visitors can see the cameras, cranes and other equipment, tour the TV studio and hear music from several local musicians who will also be featured in the Idaho Family Christmas for KTVB. The open house is on Friday, November 2, from 2-6 p.m.

Walk/Run raises money for scholarships

by STEPHANIE ELLIOTT

This year the Psychology department is putting on their annual Homecoming Walk/Run, an event designed to raise money for a particular cause. The money raised by the Walk/Run goes to existing departmental scholarships, such as a newly founded \$10,000 scholarship for textbooks for the Psych department.

There are two races open to participants: the 1-mile Fun Walk/Run and the competitive 5k Race. The top two winners of the competitive Walk/Run will receive prizes along with the three students who raise the most money in staff, faculty, and alumni/friends

categories. Elite runners will compete first in the 5k, followed by others who signed up for the competitive Walk/Run. The Fun Walk/Run will take place after the competitive racing is over.

"The alumni come from everywhere, so a Walk/Run for scholarships will bring the whole community together, both former and current students," says Glenna Andrews Psych department chair.

The Walk/Run begins at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, November 3. Participants are encouraged to come to the race early to check in and, for those who registered before October 12, receive their free T-shirts.

Student Life Events

Wednesday, October 31

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

9:00 p.m.: Time Out with Curran Otis

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Men's basketball hits the court Saturday

by IAN BAUDER

A winning season is expected for this year's NNU men's basketball team said Head Coach Tim Hills. With the addition of new players, the team and the coaches are hoping that this year will be an improvement on last year's 10-17 season.

Hills said this year has brought a team that "works harder" and "gets along great together." He said the reason he is excited for this year's season is the "attitude and quality of the players."

"We've got some strong kids spiritually," said Hills. "They are no maintenance. They get good grades, they do what they are told; they are fun kids to be around."

The team is also taking some new tactics to improve their season. "We are trying to play harder with better defense" said Assistant Coach Brandon Rinta. "We've got some strong

guys who can score inside this year."

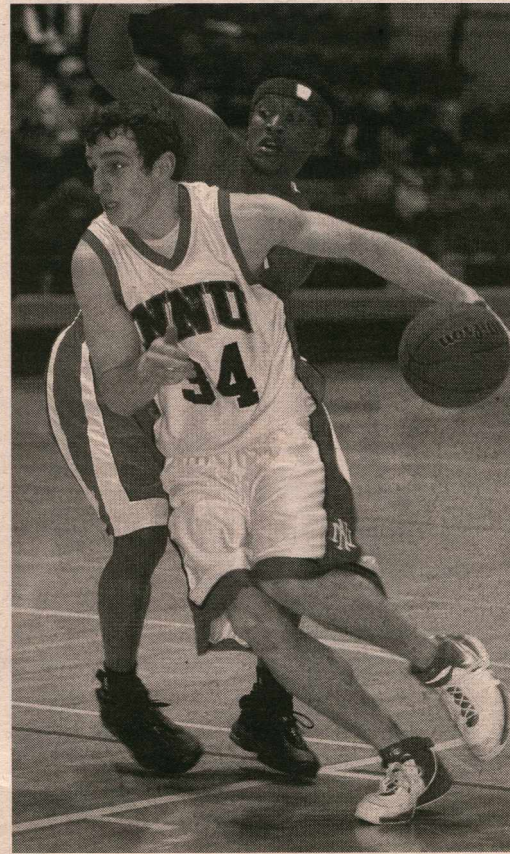
Those five guys are freshman Brian Barkdoll, sophomore Kendall Gielow, and juniors Matt Mgebhoff, Jason Simmons, and Scott Helpenstell. Rinta said that one of the main strategies of the season will be getting the ball inside to those five.

The player that Hills is most excited about is sophomore Gielow. Hills said that Gielow has improved a lot since last year, and that he has been working extra hard during practices. Gielow said that he is excited for the season to begin, and he is hoping that the team will make it to the top of their conference. He said he is working on "giving 100% from the beginning of the season."

Rinta said that the biggest opponent of the year will be Alaska Anchorage. He said that they are "very talented" and are the "team to beat." The first

game of year will be the homecoming game played on Nov. 3 against Northwest Christian. When asked if he thinks that they will win, Gielow said, "we'd better."

Following the game on Saturday, the Crusaders will head to Utah and play an exhibition game against the University of Utah. After that they will return home and face off against their cross-town rivals, The College of Idaho, in an exhibition game at the Idaho Center Arena.



Sophomore Louie Beech drives to the bucket (photo by Jenn Hush).

2007-2008 NBA preview

by DEREK DE ROOY

*To save time, it has been agreed that only true contenders will be discussed in this article.

-Sports Editor

Western Conference:

San Antonio: Every year, fans wonder if they've gotten too old and tired. They wonder if younger and faster teams have finally caught up to them. Every year, the Spurs start out slow, persuading us that it has happened. But after the All-Star break, without fail, the Spurs start winning. Then they win some more. On odd-numbered calendar years, they sometimes even win championships.

Tim Duncan is 31 now, but is healthy and ready as ever. Tony Parker, 2007 Finals MVP, showed what a fine shooter he is and will be counted on this season. Role players like Robert Horry, Brent Barry, Michael Finley and Bruce Bowen, all old men, have to make contributions. Manu Ginobili is the one player we may notice a significant change in. A year older, it must be getting harder for him to attack the rim as he ages.

Phoenix: A fan favorite for their up-tempo offense, Phoenix has stumbled on those last couple of playoff hurdles. In 2006, they were on the cusp of a Finals berth before losing to Dallas in 6 games. In 2007, they were hanging tough with the Spurs before the suspension of Amare Stoudamire and Boris Diaw in Games 4 and 5.

The Suns have used very few players these past few seasons, drawing questions about their longevity. The window may be closing on

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Homecoming weekend loaded with athletics

by AMBER FORD

Crusader sports are preparing for a busy homecoming weekend full of fun and excitement between NCAA athletics and intramurals.

On Thursday, NNU will be facing College of Idaho in the last installment of the NNU v. C of I Challenge in Ultimate Frisbee. The Crusaders have won the previous three matches in volleyball, powderpuff, and flag football, resulting in NNU winning the tournament. The trophy will be presented at halftime of the NNU v. C of I basketball game at the Idaho Center on Nov. 13.

Following the Frisbee match there will be a tailgate party to kick off Crusader volleyball. At 7:00, volleyball will square off against Central Washington. NNU volleyball was ranked fourth last

week in the NCAA Division II Pacific Region poll with a 16-6 record and is coming off six straight wins, the last two coming from Alaska Anchorage and Alaska Fairbanks last weekend. When the Crusaders traveled to Central Washington earlier this season, they won 3-2.

On Friday afternoon, the men's club soccer team will play an alumni game at 4 p.m. This should prove to be an exciting end to the soccer team's return this season and anticipated integration into NCAA Division II next year.

Saturday, things will really heat up as all of the NCAA teams will be participating in an event. The morning will start with the Cross Country teams heading to the NCAA West Regionals at Eagle

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Cross country runners earn all-conference honors

by DEREK DE ROOY

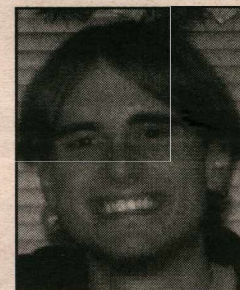
Junior Ashley Puga and senior Kevin Lambert placed third and fifth at the GNAC Cross-Country Championships two weekends ago. Puga ran the females' 6K in 21:48, leading the lady Crusaders to third place in the GNAC. This is the highest NNU has ever finished. Lambert ran the mens' 8K course in 25:26, pacing the men to seventh in the conference.

Lambert, close to finishing his education at NNU, had this to say about Men's Cross Country: "Most of the members on our team are young and hard

working, so it will be exciting to see how well they improve in years to come. I am very excited to see a team full of guys who are dedicated to working together to achieve great things."

Puga added, "It's an honor to place so high in the conference as an individual, and it's really exciting to place third as a team. It's been a huge blessing to be apart of the team and see how we've improved ourselves and each other."

On Saturday, November 3, NNU will be the hosting the NCAA West Regional Championships. They will be held at Boise's Eagle Island State Park at 10:00 a.m.



Lambert



Puga

SPORTS

BOX

Women's Soccer (7-9-2, 4-8-1 GNAC)

Scores:

10/25:

at MSU Billings, L 3-0

10/27:

at Seattle Univ., L 2-1

Upcoming Game:

11/3:

vs. SPU, 12:00 PM

Men's Soccer (3-3-1)

Scores:

10/26:

at EOU, W 3-0

Upcoming Games:

11/2: vs. Alumni, 4:00 PM

Women's Volleyball (16-6, 10-4 GNAC)

Scores:

10/25:

at UA Anchorage, W 3-1

10/27:

at UA Fairbanks, W 3-1

Upcoming Games:

11/1: vs. CWU, 7:00 PM

11/3: vs. WWU, 7:30 PM

Cross Country

Scores:

10/20 GNAC Conference:

Women- 3rd

Men- 7th

Upcoming Meets:

11/3: NCAA West Regionals,

Eagle Island State Park, Boise,

10:00 AM

NNU-C of I Challenge (3-0)

Scores:

10/30 (Flag Football):

at C of I, W 19-13

Upcoming Games:

11/1, 5:30 PM, Ultimate

Frisbee at NNU

Homecoming

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Island State Park in Boise at 10:00 a.m. On Oct. 20, Ashley Puga and Kevin Lambert finished third and fifth at the GNAC championships with the women's team finishing third overall and the men's finishing seventh.

Women's soccer will go against Seattle Pacific at 12:00 p.m. The ladies' road trip last weekend resulted in two more losses as they fell to MSU Billings and Seattle University. Following these games, the ladies' record sits at 7-9-2 and 4-8-1 in the conference. In their last game of the season, the Crusaders will look to end their season with a strong win against Seattle Pacific.

Both basketball teams are kicking off their seasons this weekend, as well. The ladies will play their alumni exhibition game at 2:30 p.m. The men will look to their first game of the season against Northwest Christian at 5:00 p.m. This season, the men will clean up their 10-17 record from last season with six freshman recruits.

The evening will end with the volleyball team facing Western Washington at 7:30 p.m. The ladies will attempt to redeem themselves for their last match against WWU, when they were shut out 3-0 at Western.

NBA Preview

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Steve Nash, a two-time regular season MVP. Shawn Marion, the Suns' hustle-player, has expressed his displeasure with playing second fiddle to Amare Stoudamire, and has asked for a large contract extension or a trade. While the Suns will be fun to watch, this might be their last lap together.

Dallas: Owner Mark Cuban still says he has a team that can win. But after two disastrous postseasons, including a loss to the #8 seed Golden State Warriors last season, he must be wondering if that's true. The Mavericks need to dictate the pace of the game and keep their composure in the playoffs to win.

Guards Jason Terry and Jerry Stackhouse are starting to show some age, and more of the work needs to be done by Devin Harris and Josh Howard. Dirk Nowitzki remains an MVP candidate for his shooting and rebounding abilities, but if this isn't the team Dallas needs, Cuban may end up needing to take that job at Dairy Queen after all.

Houston: Tracy McGrady and Yao Ming have played together for three years. With no playoff series wins in two

postseason trips, they are due for success. The team even has a motto for this season: "It's time."

Houston has a lot of role players to throw around. The Rockets let Jeff Van Gundy go, and hired Rick Adelman, which should put a bit more emphasis on the offense. Rookie Luis Scola, who spent the last several seasons in Europe, will be getting minutes at the forward position. Bonzi Wells should be making significant contributions. Juwan Howard will be missed for his rebounding this season, but between Yao, Dikembe Mutombo, and Scola, things shouldn't be bad.

Eastern Conference:

Chicago: Chicago didn't live up to their fans' expectations last season. Being topped in the early rounds of the playoffs is not what MJ fans expect, and frankly, they shouldn't have to with this roster. The team feels the squeeze to win this season.

Byn losing out on the Kevin Garnett Sweepstakes and the Pau Gasol Lottery, Chicago's roster didn't change much. The loss of P.J. Brown was significant to Chicago's inside presence, but the addition of gritty Joe Smith and athletic Joakim

Noah covers it. Point guard Kirk Heinrich will have plenty of targets this year, with blossoming stars in Luol Deng, Andres Nocioni, and Ben Gordon. Inside, Ben Wallace is still around, swatting shots and hustling for boards.

Cleveland: For years, fans have understood that it takes depth to win in the playoffs. Somehow, the LeBron Cavaliers got all the way to the big show, only to be swept by the Spurs. And while everyone scratches their head in bewilderment at how that happened, they will be taking another shot.

Besides "King James," analysts hail Cleveland's frontcourt, with four big men (Zydrunas Ilgauskas, Drew Gooden, Donyell Marshall, and Anderson Varejao) playing different parts. Larry Hughes remains a shadow of his former self, a sloppy and oft-injured shooting guard. Daniel Gibson, who had such a stellar series against the Spurs, will try to prove his worth.

Detroit: Following their 2004 championship, Detroit has had a little trouble in the playoffs. Losing Ben Wallace, a four-time Defensive Player of the Year, didn't help either. Be that as it may, the Pistons got to the Finals in 2005 and the

conference finals in 2006 and 2007.

Without Ben Wallace, the Pistons aren't the same. Chauncey Billups will continue to run the point. Richard Hamilton still moves without the ball better than anyone since Reggie Miller. Antonio McDyess and Rasheed Wallace will have to fill the middle again, and Tayshaun Prince still plays great defense.

Boston: The Celtics will have their best shot in 21 years to hang banner #17 from the roof. Two blockbuster trades brought Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen to Bean Town, at the expense of their future. With 20 All-Star appearances between Garnett, Allen, and Boston stand-by Paul Pierce, other teams will be green with envy.

With all three stars over 30, they've realized that they have a real shot this year. They each have their own role, and should work well together. Garnett should be able to hold his own against any post player in the East, Pierce will have his way against smaller forwards from anywhere on the court, and Ray Allen is arguably the finest shooter in the NBA. All three know how to pass, so we might be seeing basketball played the "right way" again.

“Gambling’s not so bad” - NBA referees

by DEREK DE ROOY



Every referee in the NBA has gambled in one way or another. Half of the league’s 56 referees have even gambled in casinos. This isn’t an accusation; it’s not even a rumor.

This is from the lips of the referees themselves- they admitted to it. Commissioner David Stern, long presented as an iron-fisted dictator, responded exactly as we thought he would.

Well, maybe not.

During the NBA’s Board of Governors meeting last Thursday, Stern caved on his own principles. Instead of responding in his usual manner, with fines, suspensions, or terminations, Stern said, “Our ban on gambling is absolute, and in my view it is too absolute, too harsh and was not particularly well-enforced over the years. We’re going to come up with a new set of rules that make sense.”

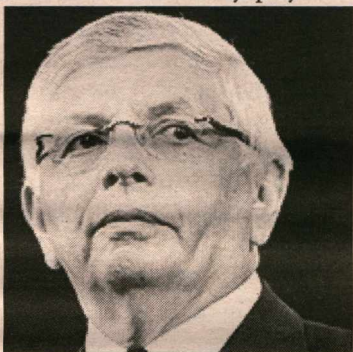
“It’s too easy to issue rules that are on their faith violated by \$5 Nassau, sitting at a poker table, buying a lottery ticket and then we can move along,” Stern said. “And by the time I got through and I determined going into a casino isn’t a capital offense ... I’m the CEO of the NBA and I’ll take responsibility.”

Three years ago, a fight erupted between the players and the fans in Detroit. It was a fiasco, an embarrassment so great that Stern suspended half a dozen players, some for the majority of the season. It was more of a headliner than NFL defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth stomping on another players face with his cleat. Sadly, it’s more notorious than the deaths and career-ending injuries of countless NHL players that even I don’t know the names of. Truly, it ranks right up there with MLB’s steroids situation (Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, etc).

Following the Brawl at Auburn Hills, there have been

shootings, strip-club crimes, and combinations of the two. There have been on-court fights left and right. Stern has been on top of each issue, doling out punishment, trying to legitimize his league. Every time a player (Ron Artest, Steven Jackson, or whoever) or referee (Joe Crawford or Tim Donaghy) has made a mistake, Stern has reacted in a stiff-necked and uncompromising way.

During Game 3 of the Spurs-Suns semi-finals, Spurs forward Robert Horry bumped Suns guard Steve Nash out of bounds in a less-than-kind manner. Looking back, it looked a little deliberate. While Horry explained that it was an accident, that he had only meant to block Nash, spectators felt lied to. You would think that any player in



David Stern, Commissioner of the NBA.

the NBA would know whether they were going to get in the way or bump someone out of the way. Suns forwards Amaré Stoudamire and Boris Diaw, both on the bench at the time, jumped up and stepped onto the court. Stepping on the court when you’re not listed to play is against NBA rules, though there is no written punishment. So Diaw and Stoudamire broke the rules. They knew the rules, and they broke them. Regardless of their reason for stepping onto the court (an instinctive reaction to come to their teammate’s aid) and regardless of how ludicrous Horry’s hip-shot was (he knew what he was doing), it was wrong, and they were suspended. Case closed.

During this tumultuous summer, NBA referee Tim Donaghy was charged with gambling on games that he had refereed.

He was also charged with having connections with the mob, raising suspicions that Donaghy had been rigging games to benefit other gambling parties.

According to Commissioner Stern, there has been no proof that Donaghy impacted the outcome of games that he refereed. Now let me ask you: how could you referee a game without the idea of tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars rattling around in your head? Knowing that so much money depends on your whistle, what calls do you make? How could you say that your connection with the mob had absolutely no effect on what you did (or didn’t do) during a game?

Any player has a simple definition for their job: win. They do it however they can. If they can cheat and get away with it, we the spectators can’t argue that they didn’t do their job. There is constant cheating in motorsports like NASCAR and Formula One. Now we understand, thanks to coaches like Bill Belichick, that there is perpetual signal-stealing in the NFL.

Referees, though, have their own rule: use integrity. Donaghy violated that rule when he refereed games that he knew he and others were gambling on. All the other referees violated the NBA’s rules in a casino, at a basketball game, at their church on bingo night.

Stern got it wrong. He’s had no mercy on any one of the NBA’s players over these past few seasons. He even instituted a “zero-tolerance policy” that will eject players for complaining about fouls and other bad calls. Meanwhile, he has pardoned officiating crews of the entire league. Officials are unofficially untouchable.

Referees gambling on slot machines and at poker tables don’t bother me, but knowing how slippery that slope can be bothers me quite a bit. Did I feel confident about referee gambling before this past summer? I hadn’t really thought about it. Do I feel confident about it now? No.

I won’t ever again.

NFL Standings Week 8



AFC

| East | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|-------------|---|---|---|-------|-----|-----|
| New England | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 279 | 120 |
| Buffalo | 3 | 4 | 0 | .333 | 85 | 132 |
| N.Y. Jets | 1 | 7 | 0 | .143 | 136 | 192 |
| Miami | 0 | 8 | 0 | .000 | 156 | 131 |

| South | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|--------------|---|---|---|-------|-----|-----|
| Indianapolis | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 193 | 95 |
| Jacksonville | 5 | 2 | 0 | .667 | 107 | 87 |
| Tennessee | 5 | 2 | 0 | .667 | 132 | 108 |
| Houston | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 169 | 174 |

| North | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|------------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| Pittsburgh | 5 | 2 | 0 | .667 | 160 | 78 |
| Baltimore | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 | 124 | 119 |
| Cleveland | 4 | 3 | 0 | .500 | 167 | 183 |
| Cincinnati | 2 | 5 | 0 | .333 | 164 | 187 |

| West | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|-------------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| Kansas City | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 | 102 | 113 |
| San Diego | 4 | 3 | 0 | .500 | 137 | 119 |
| Denver | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 106 | 164 |
| Oakland | 2 | 5 | 0 | .333 | 139 | 159 |

NFC

| East | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|--------------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| Dallas | 6 | 1 | 0 | .857 | 227 | 158 |
| N.Y. Giants | 6 | 2 | 0 | .750 | 200 | 159 |
| Washington | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 | 129 | 140 |
| Philadelphia | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 139 | 117 |

| South | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|-------------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| Carolina | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 | 130 | 141 |
| Tampa Bay | 4 | 4 | 0 | .500 | 147 | 134 |
| New Orleans | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 132 | 162 |
| Atlanta | 1 | 6 | 0 | .143 | 95 | 153 |

| North | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|-----------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| Green Bay | 6 | 1 | 0 | .857 | 161 | 120 |
| Detroit | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 140 | 178 |
| Chicago | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 137 | 181 |
| Minnesota | 2 | 5 | 0 | .286 | 115 | 137 |

| West | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---------------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| Seattle | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 | 137 | 108 |
| Arizona | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 147 | 157 |
| San Francisco | 2 | 5 | 0 | .286 | 88 | 166 |
| St. Louis | 0 | 8 | 0 | .000 | 99 | 219 |



From Left: Junior Aimee Niles as Mrs. Wilhelmina, senior Amy Hansen as Dr. Emmett, and sophomore Grant Miller as Titus Savage, perfect their acting technique at rehearsal for "The Curious Savage". Actors had three weeks fewer to rehearse for the production this year (photo by Robin McConkey).

'Curious Savage' appears Homecoming weekend

by ALLI SCHISLER

This Thursday, the fall play *Curious Savage* opens under the direction of Jonathon Perry.

The comedy, written by John Patrick, tells the story of Ethel P. Savage, a slightly eccentric woman whose husband dies leaving her 10 million dollars. Mrs. Savage decides to use the money generously, establishing a fund to help others realize their dreams, while her stepchildren hope to use the money selfishly.

The stepchildren check Mrs. Savage into a sanatorium in hopes of bringing her to her senses. It is at the sanatorium that Mrs. Savage meets a variety of social misfits who help her lead her stepchildren on a merry, and sometimes hilarious, chase.

The plot seems both promising and uplifting. The Theatre on a Shoestring, who has also produced the play, said, "The dominant mood is comedy with plots, plans, and hi-jinx,

however the philosophy is far from laughable. The audience is left with a feeling that the neglected virtues of kindness and affection have not been entirely lost in a world that seems motivated at times only by greed and dishonesty."

This year's cast is as follows: Toni Bestul as Mrs. Savage, Lindsay Greb as Lily Belle Savage, Joshua Cormier as Samuel Savage, and Grant Miller as Titus Savage. The guests are played by Ashley Wilson as Florence, Rachel Allen as Fairy May, Tyler Law as Jeffrey, Timothy Hastings as Hannibal, and Hannah Beers as Mrs. Paddy. The staff includes Aimee Niles as Mrs. Wilhelmina and Amy Hansen as Dr. Emmett.

It has been more difficult than usual to prepare for the play this year since it is earlier than previous years. Niles, who appeared in the fall play both last year and the year before, said, "It has been kind of a struggle because it is three weeks earlier than normal." Allen said, "We are spending long hours at the

Science Lecture Hall trying to get everything perfect, building sets, running the show, (and) getting props/costumes ready."

The cast remains excited and positive. Bestul, who has appeared in musicals such as *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Into the Woods* said, "There's some really great lines and dialogues in *Curious Savage* and I'm really excited to hear the audience's reactions during the performances."

Law, who is in his fourth fall play, hopes not only to provide comedy, but also poignancy and relevance. He said, "I think it's a great opportunity to learn about the human condition and I believe audiences will come away with a lot of deep questions and maybe a new appreciation for some of the simpler things in life."

Curious Savage runs Thursday Nov. 1 through Monday Nov. 5 in the Science Lecture Hall. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$6 for the general public. Bestul encourages, "Bring a buddy, your date, or even your mom, and come enjoy the show!"

Homecoming concert shows diversity

by RACHAEL FINCH

One of NNU's time honored traditions, the homecoming concert, continues this year on Friday, November second, at seven-thirty in the Brandt Center Auditorium. The entire music department has come together to present students, alumni, and community members with a variety of musical performances.

The concert will include NNU's concert band, piano ensembles, Crusader Choir, Northwesterners, and Belle Voce (previously known as University Women's Choir), said Barry Swanson, head of the music department and director of Crusader Choir. Following tradition, the concert will open with a piece performed by combined choirs, after which, each musical group will perform one to three pieces separately. The night will then close with another combined piece.

There will, however, be some changes in the program this year. The homecoming coronation will be a part of the concert. The coronation, which will include music from the concert band and Northwesterners, will take place

about two-thirds of the way through the concert, said Swanson. "I think its going to be a fun thing," Swanson commented.

The music department has incorporated this year's homecoming theme, "connecting the dots", into the concert. "We hope the concert will help people connect the dots of our many different roles", said Swanson, referring to the multifaceted ministries and activities of the music department. He also hopes to reveal the multiple styles and genres found within the department. The concert will include a variety of musical genres for the audience, including folk, jazz, pop, spirituals, and gospel, said Swanson.

The date of Homecoming has been moved this year, as it used to occur Thanksgiving weekend. This schedule change may have an effect on concert attendance. "We expect more students to attend this year, because more of them will be here", says Swanson.

It is terribly important that alumni, specifically those who were in the music department, are proud, and see that the traditions are still going, said Swanson.

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KOTOR to be rereleased soon

by T.J. BARR

Nothing excites nerds more than a game with the words Star Wars in the title, so when *Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic II: The Sith Lords* was released in late 2004, geeks and gamers rejoiced. That is, they rejoiced until they played the game. Considered in all ways inferior to its predecessor, *The Sith Lords* was a disappointment.

Due to not wanting to hurt sales with a late release, LucasArts, the company responsible for all games related to Star Wars, released a game that was playable, but entirely unfinished. The final product lacked several key factors that would help bring the story to a close; the most notable of these is a good ending. But there is now hope on the horizon.

Since the almost release of the game, several independent

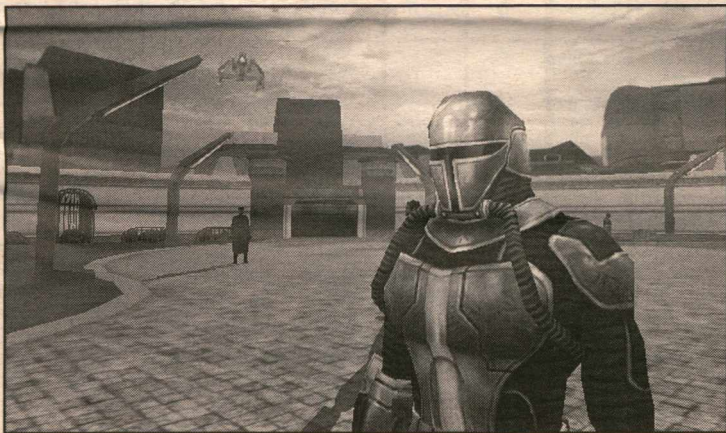


KOTOR was not well received upon its 2004 release (photo by gamefly.com).

developers have been working on the *KOTOR* Restoration project. This patch, which will probably only be available to gamers who play the game on their PC (sorry Xbox fans), will restore several key aspects of the game and fix many of the bugs that plagued the game's original release. These changes include but are not

limited to: The HK droid factory making an appearance as a playable level, a whole new group of enemies, and not just one good ending, but multiple actual endings, the kind that bring closure to the game. Some major bugs, glitches, and text misspellings have also been fixed. This patch, when released, will restore several hours of gameplay and make the story tighter and more solid. This patch has the potential to make a decent game great.

While the *KOTOR* project is still not finished, it is finally looking like it may get done soon. Of the 865 problems and missing features the project is seeking to restore, only 23 remain unsolved. This puts the release date tentatively in the next few months. Nerds rejoice! *KOTOR II* is about to be everything it should have been.



The patch is intended to improve upon the original (photo by gamefly.com).

Feel the fear: the top fifteen horror stories of all time for the Halloween season

by RACHAEL FINCH

Halloween has arrived, and as such, it is time to pay homage to the top ten spooky stories of all time. The notable books of the genre are too numerous to mention, but these ten are a good place to start. These stories are not all traditional horror stories; some are psychologically frightening. So get freaked out with these eerie tales.

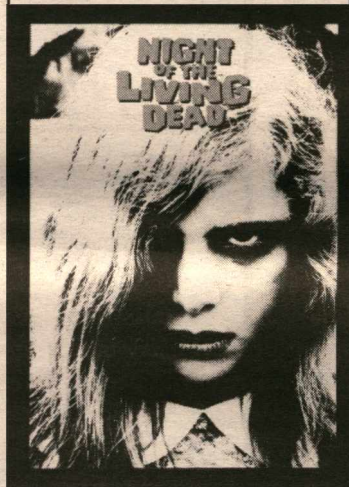
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| 1. <i>Bernice</i> Edgar Allen Poe | 9. <i>Novel of the White Powder</i> Arthur Machen |
| 2. <i>The Call of Cthulhu</i> H.P. Lovecraft | 10. <i>Psycho</i> Robert Bloch |
| 3. <i>Dracula</i> Bram Stoker | 11. <i>The Road</i> Cormac McCarthy |
| 4. <i>Frankenstein</i> Mary Shelley | 12. <i>Salem's Lot</i> Stephen King |
| 5. <i>Interview with a Vampire</i> Anne Rice | 13. <i>Song of Solomon</i> Toni Morrison |
| 6. <i>It</i> Stephen King | 14. <i>Tales of the Gothic</i> Joyce Carol Oates |
| 7. <i>Jaws</i> Peter Benchley | 15. <i>Wieland</i> Charles Brockden Brown |
| 8. <i>The Masque of the Red Death</i> | |

Top ten horror movies of all time

by T.J. BARR

It's the season to be scary. Around Halloween everyone is looking for a good scare, so here's a list of cult classic horror movies that have terrified the masses for years.

1. *Psycho*
2. *Halloween*
3. *Night of the Living Dead*
4. *Friday the 13th*
5. *Nightmare on Elm Street*
6. *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*
7. *The Exorcist*
8. *Evil Dead*
9. *Child's Play*
10. *The Shining*



"Night of the Living Dead" is a classic horror flick (www.art.com).

Band Profile

by RACHAEL FINCH

Band/Artist:

Aqualung

Genre:

Pop

Members:

Matt Hales

Hometown:

London and the U.K.

Year Formed:

2002

Available recordings:

Aqualung, Still Life, Strange and Beautiful, Memory Man.

Record Label:

Columbia Records

Influences:

Cornelius, The Beatles, Stevie Wonder, The Beach Boys, and Howard Jones.

For fans of:

Augustana, Radiohead, The Shins, Coldplay, and Ben Kweller.

For more information visit:

www.aqualung.net

www.myspace.com/aqualung



Matt Hales is a one-man band (photo from www.myspace.com/aqualung).

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| Nov. 7 | Nampa Civic Center | Franc D'Ambrosio's BRODWAY |
| Nov. 9 | Big Easy | The Vincent Black Shadow |
| Nov. 10 | Big Easy | Leroy Bell |
| Nov. 11 | Big Easy | Alter Bridge |
| Nov. 12 | Big Easy | Rob Zombie |
| Nov. 13 | Big Easy | Gov't Mule |
| Nov. 14 | Morrison Center | Chris Botti |
| Nov. 16 | Big Easy | Stakt |
| Nov. 16-17 | Nampa Civic Center | Grease (musical) |

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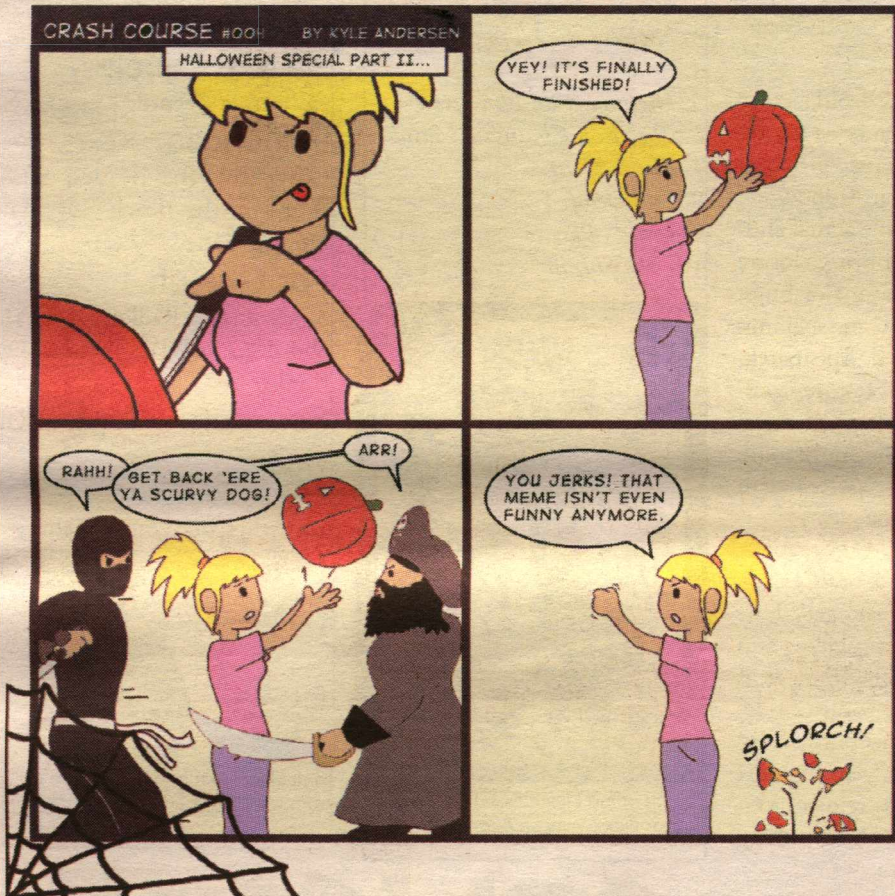
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Top 10 Worst Possible Halloween Handouts

- 10) Spinach flavored rice cakes
- 9) Teeth removing Taffy
- 8) Metamucil in a straw
- 7) Ex-Lax brownies
- 6) Caramel covered Zucchini
- 5) Colored Crisco on a stick
- 4) Hot steaming bowl of pumpkin guts
- 3) Chocolate covered prunes
- 2) Sippy cup of vinegar
- 1) Anything that ticks!



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