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“Unite the pair so long disjoined, knowledge and vital piety.”
-Charles Wesley

Darfur divestment bill hits campus

Students lobby Idaho state representatives to divest money from Sudan

by AMBER FORD

A group of NNU students, led by junior Political Science major Tony Napier and sophomore International Studies major Joelle Friesen, have begun an open dialogue with Idaho State senator Curt McKenzie on behalf of Senate Bill 1367.

The bill, if passed, would require the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho to divest all of its assets from companies who have been identified to be the most “egregious” offenders in supporting the Sudanese government; who are currently, according to Human Rights Watch, committing genocide in the southern region

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Gary Skaggs in recovery



President Hagood and Vice President Skaggs present Dr. Darrell Marks with an award for Distinguished Service during the Homecoming 2007 chapel (photo courtesy of NNU Marketing).

The Vice President of University Advancement undergoes brain surgery

by ALLI SCHISLER

Gary Skaggs, Vice President for University Advancement, has been diagnosed with glioblastoma, an “aggressive form of brain cancer,” says President Richard Hagood.

The diagnosis occurred after MRIs and subsequent surgery Thursday, February 6 at Saint Joseph’s Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona. Skaggs was diagnosed with tumors and lesions in his brain in early January after complaining of some

memory confusion.

Skaggs was accepted into the Barrow Neurological Institute at Phoenix and was admitted Tuesday, February 5. An MRI determined that there was an

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Men’s basketball keeps the dream alive

Justin Parnell and Joel Ryman lead the way with combined 46 points on Saturday

by DEREK DE ROOY

While one Crusader played the best four minutes many had ever seen, another just didn’t seem to cool down all night.

Justin Parnell scored a season-high 26 points, 13 in each half, and Joel Ryman pitched in with 20, leading the Crusaders to a 90-77 victory against

night.

The Crusaders never pulled out a big lead the first half. Hot 3-point shooting on the part of the visiting Yellowjackets kept the game close, as the score was tied seven times in the first half. The Jackets even managed a 7-point lead at one point during the first half.

But Ryman went off in

Montana State University—Billings on Saturday

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SGA hosts Awareness Week centered around local issues

by AMBER FORD

This week marks the annual SGA Awareness Week, organized by SGA Community Relations Coordinator Eric Knappe. This year, Knappe has narrowed his focus down locally rather than globally.

“I want to bring more awareness to needs locally

rather than globally. Everyone hears about problems in places like Darfur, but I want to bring light to the things around us that we can affect now,” said Knappe.

In order to bring light to these situations, Knappe will be doing a number

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Quote of the week

“Hard work never killed anybody, but why take a chance?”

Weather

From the National Weather Service

THURSDAY

Mostly sunny.

Hi: 43° | Low: 25°

FRIDAY

Mostly sunny.

Hi: 43° | Low: 27°

SATURDAY

Mostly sunny.

Hi: 49° | Low: 27°

SUNDAY

Mostly sunny.

Hi: 48° | Low: 29°

MONDAY

Mostly sunny.

Hi: 48° | Low: 29°

NNU News Briefs

Eight freshmen will join NCAA men’s soccer program next fall

NNU men’s soccer coach Coe Michaelson announced the signing of eight student-athletes to National Letters of Intent to attend NNU and play soccer for the Crusaders’

first NCAA team next fall.

From the staff of ‘The Crusader’

It has been brought to our attention that former SGA Business Manager Mike Blowers was not contacted about the articles titled “Budget issues

hit SGA” and “Missing 10k” in the September 26 edition of “The Crusader.” The staff would like to apologize for not contacting Mr. Blowers, as it would have been best journalistic practice to include his perspective on the matter.

Organization works for love

To Write Love on Her Arms works amazing ministry for teens

by CALLY BEKKEDAHL

To Write Love on Her Arms is an organization dedicated to preventing suicide, depression, and the trend of cutting one's arms and wrists. Students at NNU showed up with t-shirts bearing this organization's name.

The truth is, suicide is a very heartbreaking, lonely decision. It happens everyday. No one ever sees the signs, maybe because we refuse to, or maybe it's because these people feel like they have no one who understands, no one to talk to, and no one who loves them. Many young people who cut themselves just to feel something. It is not something to laugh at, to just label "emo" and move on. Young people all over the nation are hurting and alone. TWLOHA wants everyone to feel loved. They want people to look at their arms and instead of seeing a canvas ready to be destroyed by a razor blade, to see the word "LOVE" and remember God's unconditional love.

This group had a very interesting start. It began with a very troubled 19 year-old girl who struggled with addiction, depression, and self-mutilation. Luckily, a group of people banded together to show this girl God's love by loving her unconditionally. For five days they spent time with her, keeping her off drugs to get her ready for a rehab

clinic. "We become her hospital and the possibility of healing fills our living room with life. It is unspoken and there are only a few of us, but we will be her church, the body of Christ coming alive to meet her needs, to write love on her arms," says Jamie Tworowski on the group's website, www.twloha.com. He continues,

"I might be simple but more and more, I believe God works in love, speaks in love, is revealed in our love. I have seen that this week and honestly, it has been simple: Take a broken girl...Tell her something true when all she's known are lies. Tell her God loves her. Tell her about forgiveness, the possibility of freedom; tell her she was made to dance in white dresses. All these things are true. We are only asked to love, to offer hope to the many hopeless. We don't get to choose all the endings, but we are asked to play the rescuers... We were made to be lovers bold in broken places, pouring ourselves out again and again until we're called home."

This group was able to save the life of a young girl by answering God's call to love his creation. First, it became a Myspace profile. Now this organization goes on tour with an exhausting list of bands, spreading their message of unconditional love. You can check their tour dates out on the website as well.

'Skaggs'

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increase in the size of the brain tumors and a buildup of fluid.

On Tuesday, February 12, doctors implanted a shunt which will facilitate fluid drain in the brain, says President Hagood.

Skaggs will not undergo any other immediate surgeries and will return to his home in Nampa. It is anticipated that Skaggs may be back in Idaho by Friday, but appropriate transportation from Phoenix is still being arranged, says Hagood. He also reports that,

should Skaggs choose radiation therapy, such treatment can be done here in the Treasure Valley.

Skaggs' family, including wife Marilyn, are with him in Phoenix and have continually indicated appreciation for the support and prayers of the campus community.

Skaggs came to Northwest Nazarene University in 1992, filling the role of Director of Planned Giving. In 1998, Skaggs became Vice President for University Advancement.

Construction projects experience delays due to weather and permits

by ANDREA HALL

The two main construction projects on campus have met their share of delays and plan changes. The unusual winter weather has laid several inches of snow on the ground that the new science building is to be built on, and in the Johnson Sports Center, the renovation of the indoor soccer field has only reached 50 percent completion.

The soccer field was hoped to be completed by homecoming weekend last semester, but athletic director Rich Sanders stated that the renovation was held up by the city's permit process. Construction did not start until January because of those delays.

"We are currently about 50 percent complete in phase one of the project," said Sanders. Phase one includes closing off old stairwells, filling the pool with dirt and skirting it with concrete, as well as painting and switching out the light fixtures in the room.

The pool, once filled with dirt, will be covered by field turf. "I would anticipate that the surface would be more forgiving to athletes as they run on it," said Sanders. "Most

outdoor field turf installation is over a compacted dirt base."

The next two phases of the renovation process will involve surrounding the field with hockey rink-style sideboards and plexiglass, installing overhead netting, and building four offices at the north end of the facility, according to Sanders.

Despite the appearance of inactivity, according to

past few weeks have delayed the tractors; workers will have to wait for the snow to melt and the ground to thaw before digging.

The nine tree stumps between Wiley and the library will be pulled up at the same time the foundation is dug. "Sorry," said Nogales, "but they had to go...the building was moved a little to save the pine tree between Emer-

inability to get proper nutrition into their branches.

"The final price has been set and all (or at least most all) the money is in the bank," said Nogales. "We are currently working on fundraising \$1 million for new equipment for nursing and science to go into the building."

"We are still on track for January of '09," stated Nogales. Despite the



The remains of what used to be NNU's indoor pool, now being prepped for conversion to an indoor soccer field (photo by Robin McConkey).

Dr. Dan Nogales, the science building is still completely funded and ready to begin construction. "You should see tractors moving dirt as soon as the weather clears up," he said.

The snowstorms of the

son and the new building." Many of the trees that were removed were not very healthy anyway, according to professor Bill Campton. The older elms were not producing many leaves, which signals their age and

weather and other delays, the construction will soon begin.

It is still uncertain as to when the sculpture garden and fountain in front of the Brandt Center will be completed.

'Divest'

Students will advocate for bill on Friday
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of their country.

"Divestment in the Sudanese government is a matter that we as human beings, and especially as Christians, should and must take offense to. Idahoans can not sit on their hands and allow thousands of people to be killed with their money, we must rise above our fears and say, 'NOT ONE MORE CENT!'" said Napier.

According to the Idaho Taskforce for Divestment, the State Affairs Committee, who will vote to pass or fail the bill on Friday, is deadlocked with four senators in favor of SB 1367 and four against, making McKenzie, the committee chair and representative from Nampa, a very important person. As a graduate

of NNU, McKenzie is currently taking calls and meetings with community members on the issue.

PERSI, however, is strongly against the legislature's involvement in their investments. For PERSI the divestment is much more than a matter of ethics it is a matter of political philosophy.

In a statement made by Alan H. Winkle, Executive Director of PERSI, it was said that "1) PERSI is not invested in the Sudan government or any company domiciled in the Sudan; 2) Divestment is not in the best interests of the beneficiaries of the fund and therefore violates fiduciary duty; 3) Divestment will increase costs, decrease investment returns and

place the legislature in an investment management role; and 4) Divestment will have no impact on the situation in Darfur. PERSI opposes this bill."

Critics of PERSI's stance on the issue point to the federal legislation which urges other governments to follow suit in divestment, a bill which passed unanimously in both the house and senate. President Bush signed it into law on December 31, 2007.

"It is the sense of Congress that the governments of all other countries should adopt measures, similar to those contained in this Act, to publicize the activities of all persons that, through their financial dealings, knowingly or unknowingly enable the Government of

Sudan to continue to oppress and commit genocide against people in the Darfur region and other regions of Sudan, and to authorize divestment from, and the avoidance of further investment in, such persons" stated the United States Senate bill "S. 2271: Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007."

The bill will come before the State Affairs Committee on Friday at 8 a.m. for a vote and there will be an opportunity to attend and speak for or against the bill. A group of NNU students led by Napier and Friesen will be present at the hearing. The committee will meet in the old Ada County courthouse across from the capital building.

How to enjoy your Valentine's Day even without that special someone

by LIZZIE BORGER

Valentine's Day is either a day to love or a day to hate. It is a day known for its pink and red lace, cards, candy, flowers, and wondering if you will be receiving any of it. In elementary school we were almost guaranteed a million cards from all the students; some people specially picked out cards for you and some said something like, "You're my superhero, Valentine!" from someone we did not even

know. But we enjoyed them nonetheless.

Now it is hard to know what to look forward to when cards are not guaranteed entities anymore. If you do not already have a special someone in your life, it is natural to wonder how to enjoy such a holiday where love is in the air, when you are stuck in the snow.

The natural alternative for some people is to bitterly hate this holiday and dress themselves in sweatpants

and hats and avoid eye contact as long as possible. Do not be fooled into thinking that hiding will make the day go away any faster. The best way to fight it is to face it. And what better way to face the frustrations of that sense of lovelessness than with a little selflessness?

This Valentine's Day, what could be better than sharing the love with your own special personalized cards, simple or extravagant; it does not really matter. What matters is that big

smile you put on someone's face on a day that could have felt miserable. You can sluce that miserable feeling and revive someone's day.

Do not be afraid to give a little love to your friends this Valentine's Day. Shine a little sun on someone's would-be cloudy day. All it takes is a little paper, a little writing, and a little love. You really can be someone's superhero.

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Presidential nominees slowly eliminated after Super Tuesday

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Democrat Barack Obama looked to continue his winning streak in three mid-Atlantic presidential primaries Tuesday and brushed aside questions about the coming contests where rival Hillary Rodham Clinton was focusing her attention. Republican John McCain sought to rebound from two weekend losses to Mike Huckabee and reinforce his position as the inevitable GOP nominee.

Early turnout in Virginia was reported high and city officials in the District of Columbia were hoping that a swath of new registered voters would show up at the polls. Maryland election officials were also projecting a strong turnout, particularly in the Democratic race.

Obama surprised customers at a Dunkin' Donuts shop, where he got donuts and coffee for his workers at a polling place across the street.

"It's very early," Obama said during the appearance. "We haven't even gotten through this yet, come on, man," he added, referring to Tuesday's Democratic presidential primaries in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Clinton planned to spend election night at a rally in El Paso, Texas.

Coming off weekend victories in five contests, Obama was favored to win the mid-Atlantic primaries which draw a heavy blend of black and better educated voters, blocs that have aided

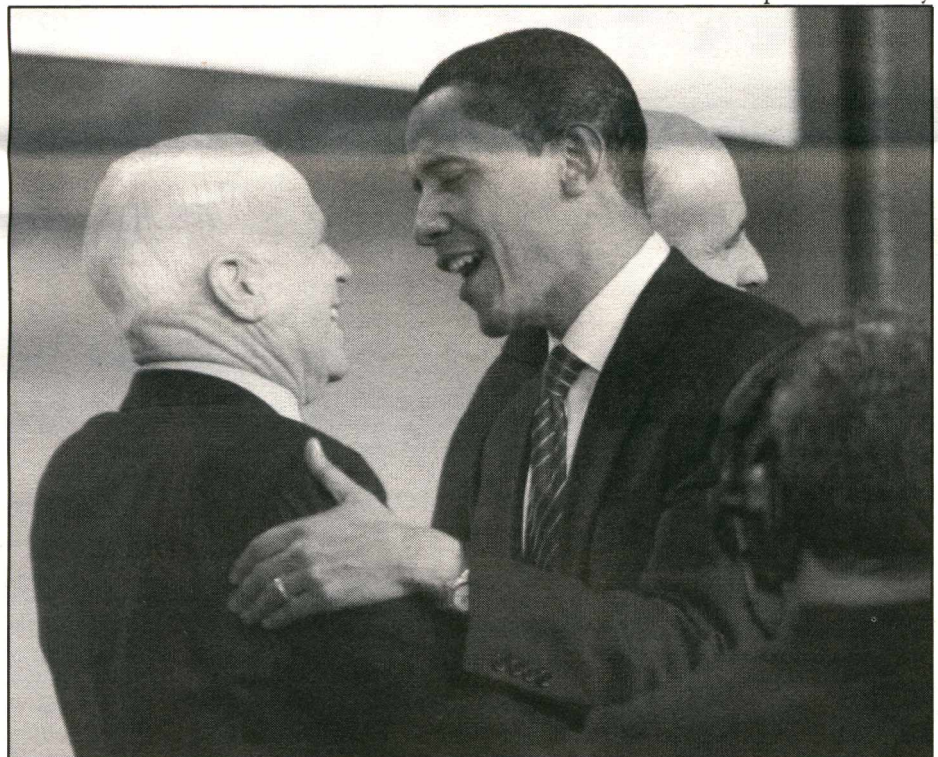
his wins in earlier matchups against Clinton. Likewise, McCain was favored on the GOP side.

McCain received warm

going into Tuesday's contests — 1,147, compared to 1,124 for Obama — in the race for the 2,025 delegates needed to win the Demo-

cratic nomination at this summer's convention.

Democrats picked 168 delegates and Republicans 116 on Tuesday.



Democratic presidential hopeful, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., greets Republican presidential hopeful, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., during a break between the televised Republican presidential debate and the Democratic presidential debate at Saint Anselm College Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008 in Manchester, N.H. (AP Photo/Steven Senne).

greetings on the Senate floor Tuesday from some of his sharpest GOP critics. Sen. Thad Cochran, a Mississippi Republican who recently said the thought of McCain as the party's nominee sent a chill down his spine, gave the Arizonan a big smile and hug.

"Congratulations," called out Sen. David Vitter, R-La., who had endorsed Rudy Giuliani.

An Associated Press tally shows McCain had 729 delegates to Mike Huckabee's 241 delegates. It takes 1,191 delegates to clinch the GOP nomination.

Clinton had a slim lead

as she campaigned near Baltimore. "So I'm going forward — every day, we get to make our case to the American people."

Virginia does not have party registration so voters can participate in either primary. By 9 a.m., voters had to wait as much as 45 minutes in some localities, Board of Elections spokeswoman Susan Pollard said.

"We have had heavy voter turnout in a variety of different localities throughout the state," Pollard said. Richmond voter registrar J. Kirk Showalter said, "It's a good strong turnout."

With the Clinton campaign all but conceding losses Tuesday, as well as in other primaries during the month, the New York senator prepared to fly to Texas, which holds its primary on March 4. She is banking on strong showings there and in Ohio, which votes the same day, to blunt Obama's

momentum. "I wouldn't be doing this if I didn't think I would be the best candidate," Clinton told reporters Monday

AP News Blurbs:

Around the world in five stories

Mel Gibson sued over "Passion of the Christ" LOS ANGELES

A screenwriter has sued Mel Gibson, claiming he was misled by the actor-director into accepting a small payment for writing "The Passion of the Christ," and was refused extra money when the film became a blockbuster.

Benedict Fitzgerald claims that when he was asked to write a script about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, Gibson told him the movie would cost between \$4 million to \$7 million, according to the lawsuit filed Monday in Superior Court. Fitzgerald also alleged Gibson promised he wouldn't receive any money from the film and any profit would be distributed to people who worked on it.

Plot to kill cartoonist who drew Prophet Muhammad COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

Danish police said Tuesday they have arrested several people suspected of plotting to kill one of the 12 cartoonists behind the Prophet Muhammad drawings that sparked an uproar in the Muslim world two years ago.

The arrests were made in pre-dawn raids in Aarhus, western Denmark, "to prevent a terror-related murder," the police intelligence agency said. It did not say how many people were arrested nor did it mention which cartoonist was targeted.

However, according to Jyllands-Posten, the Danish newspaper that first published the drawings on Sept. 30, 2005, the suspects were planning to kill its cartoonist Kurt Westergaard.

East Timor to declare state of emergency DILI, EAST TIMOR

East Timor declared a state of emergency Tuesday after rebel attacks on the country's top leaders left the president in "extremely serious" condition with gunshot wounds.

The assassination attempts Monday against President Jose Ramos Horta and Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao thrust

the desperately poor country into a fresh crisis amid fears of more unrest and political turmoil.

The first of a planned contingent of 120 Australian troops landed in the capital of Dili to strengthen the nation's foreign military peacekeeping mission, according to an Associated Press reporter at the scene. Earlier, about 30 Australian police officers arrived to boost a U.N. force already in the country.

Shops keep children at bay with audio annoyance LONDON

England's commissioner for children and a civil liberties group joined in on a campaign Tuesday to ban high-frequency devices intended to drive misbehaving children away from shops and other areas.

The so-called "Mosquito" device emits high-frequency noise which is audible — and annoying — to young ears, but generally not heard by people over 20.

"This device is a quick fix that does not tackle the root cause of the problem and it is indiscriminate," English Children's Commissioner Al Aynsley-Green said.

Even some with chronic disease can live to 100 CHICAGO

Living to 100 is easier than you might think. Surprising new research suggests that even people who develop heart disease or diabetes late in life have a decent shot at reaching the century mark.

"It has been generally assumed that living to 100 years of age was limited to those who had not developed chronic illness," said Dr. William Hall of the University of Rochester.

Hall has a theory for how these people can live to that age. In an editorial in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine, where the study was done he writes that it might be thanks to doctors who aggressively treat these older folks' health problems, rather than taking an "ageist" approach that assumes they wouldn't benefit.

Guantanamo Bay is torture

The United States needs to hold themselves to the same standards as the rest of the world

This week, the Pentagon announced that they intended to try six men, interred at Guantanamo Bay, for the 9/11 attacks. They are among 275 inmates at the military base in Cuba. According to the BBC, the US government only intends to prosecute 80 of those inmates.

That means that there are 195 inmates in Guantanamo that won't get their day in court, yet are being kept there indefinitely. Is this what America stands for?

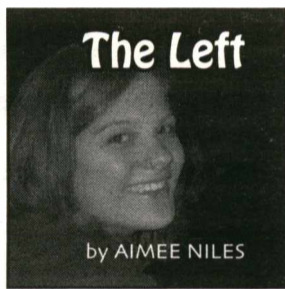
Guantanamo Bay was set up on a naval base in Cuba in 2002 for the United States government to hold terrorist suspects in the War on Terror. Detainees are labeled "enemy combatants" and are not granted the same rights as prisoners of war.

The outcry against Guantanamo comes from human rights groups that are suspicious of whether the detainees will ever get their day in court.

The United Nations and US' allies like Great Britain have asked the camp to be closed multiple times.

So far, the US has refused. Officials cite the magic words of "national security" as the reasoning for keeping Guantanamo open, and detainees imprisoned with no intention of prosecution.

Within the walls of



The Left

by AIMEE NILES

Guantanamo, there have been many allegations of mistreatment and torture. The US acknowledges that there have been "a few" cases of such.

The debate rages in Congress about whether waterboarding is torture, the semantics are a little nauseating. Simulating drowning

is mistreatment and as long as the US even considers this an option—whether it's within Guantanamo Bay itself or not—we are heading down a slippery slope.

If the US fights for "freedom" and "democracy" and the human rights of people everywhere, then how can the military, the CIA and President Bush even consider allowing even one case of mistreatment at Guantanamo?

If school children are taught that America is the land of the free and the home of the brave, shouldn't the United States live up to that motto?

America is the land of the free and the home of the brave. Citizens of our great country have proved that undoubtedly for the last 250 years. Yet with places like Guantanamo Bay and the continued allegations of torture, the people may be brave and free—but the government is not.

Obama and McCain should be the candidates for 2008

STAFF EDITORIAL

It's hard to believe that the 2008 presidential elections are nine months away. Whether you see that as a long time, or short the fact remains that the hallowed tradition will be upon us before we are truly ready for it. As such, "The Crusader" has decided to announce whom the paper will be officially endorsing in both the Democratic and Republican campaigns.

Did you realize that for most of our—the students—lives there has been either a Bush or a Clinton, or both, on the ballot? When Hillary Clinton speaks of the need for a change of leadership, "The Crusader" couldn't agree more. We are endorsing Barack Obama in his bid for the Democratic nomination.

Obama has a vision for the future of this country that includes a wide variety of citizens. His comprehensive health care plan guarantees health care for everyone who wants it in the first four years of his

administration. Obama's immigration reform plan offers a path to citizenship that does not alienate and criminalize the illegal aliens among us. Obama's view of the future rings of hope.

Though he has limited experience in Washington, this is not a detriment to his campaign. Washington insiders owe lobbyists and interest groups favors and their administrations are riddled by the debts they owe. Obama does not have these debts and will run his administration the way he needs to run it; fairly and without favors.

On the Republican side of things, "The Crusader" is endorsing Senator John McCain. In reaching this decision, we looked to the candidate that is willing to reach across the aisle and work with the Democratic Congress to get things done. McCain's record in Congress indicates a bipartisan attitude that will serve his administration well.

As the Republican candidates have been slowly whittled down to the

remaining three, a trend has arisen among them. In order to court the vastly powerful conservative vote, many of the candidates have polarized themselves to a dangerous point. While this may get them the nomination, it will not get them elected President of the United States. John McCain has not done this; he is a moderate among the Republican Party and is the only viable and electable candidate the Republicans can put on the ticket.

McCain's policies are not radical and are not vastly different from the rest of the Republican candidates. What sets him apart is his willingness to work across the aisle and with other party leaders to get things done.

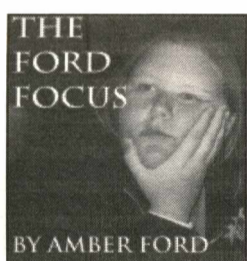
As November draws near, "The Crusader" encourages our readers to research the candidates and get informed. Obama and McCain have our support and we wish them good luck.

Singles Awareness Day doesn't have to be depressing

Tomorrow is the one day of the year every single person dreads—filled with chocolate, flowers, and sappy love cards. That's right; it is Valentine's Day, known as Singles Awareness Day to some. I would guess that there are probably a lot of suicides and marriages on February 14 every year—and why is that?

Valentine's Day has been overtaken in our

consumerism society to become another excuse for spending money on ridicu-



THE FORD FOCUS

BY AMBER FORD

lous amounts of chocolate and lame cards, but it causes pain to those who don't

receive gifts like that. People hate being alone. God created us to be social creatures. Those that don't have someone special on Valentine's Day feel as though they have missed out on something significant.

There is a movement of people who hate Valentine's Day, and they have a tough time getting over the fact that they are single on a day devoted to love. I acknowledge that it truly sucks to be

alone on February 14. But what are we supposed to do about it?

We need to think about what love really is. We have an inflated image of unrealistic love thanks to the media. But love isn't always romantic and happy—sometimes it means pain. However, it is necessary for survival in this world.

The term that best describes true love is the Greek word "agape." This was used in the Bible to describe the unconditional, self-sacrificing nature of God's love for his creation. I see no reason

why this shouldn't be applied to the love we feel for each other, especially as a Christian community. We are called to love each other as God has loved us.

Love is sacrifice. It is giving someone a hug when you know that have had an awful day. It is allowing a friend to cry on your shoulder. Love is letting those around you know that they are not alone, and that we are all in this together.

Love is the one thing this world needs the most—and if we could get a handle on true love, we would be able

to solve more of the problems in this world.

Those (guys and gals) who curse Valentine's Day are secretly waiting for someone to acknowledge them and let them know they are loved and appreciated. It is a longing of the human condition. So my challenge this February 14 for myself and the NNU community is to be real with each other—in the romantic and platonic sense. Let someone know they are appreciated and loved, you never know when that opportunity will be gone.



"The first duty of a newspaper is to be accurate. If it is accurate, it follows that it is fair."

--Herbert Bayard Swope

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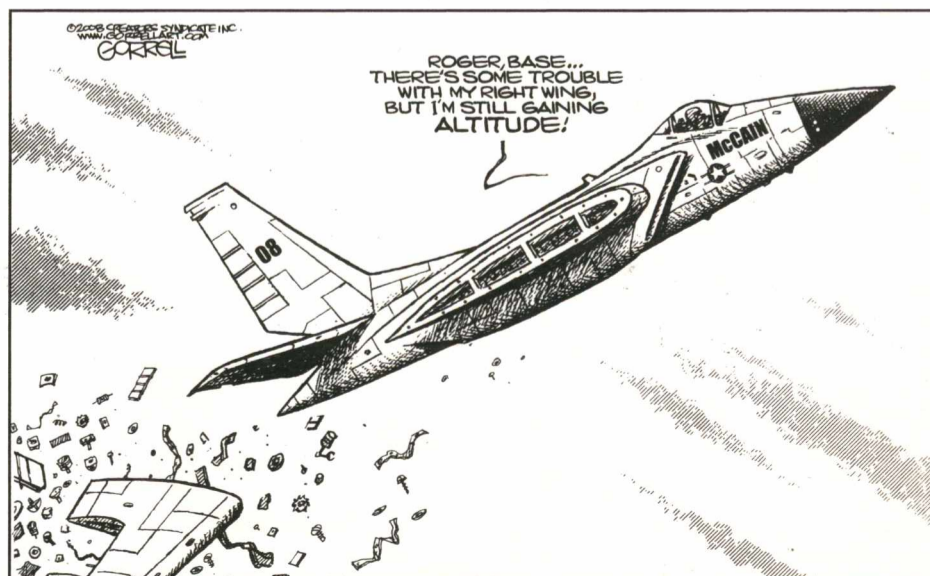
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Suicide bombers are wrong

The treatment the Palestinians receive is horrible, but it is no excuse for killing Israeli civilians

On January 23 a hole was opened up in a wall between the Gaza Strip and Egypt. Over a million Palestinians live in Gaza, where the Israeli government has essentially imprisoned them, completely restricting their access to even the most basic of necessities.

When insurgents knocked out the hole, hundreds of Palestinians streamed into Egypt so that they could acquire soap, flour, medicine, and other staples of household life. But there were two men who had a different agenda.

Somehow they managed to get their hands on some explosives, and through the confusion they were able to make their way fifty-or-so miles away from Gaza to the city of Dimona.

With a population of around 40,000 Dimona is about the size of Nampa. It is home to Israel's nuclear research program, which has made it a prime military target through out the

years. It is likely that this is why the two men chose Dimona for their attack.

However, when they executed their attack, what



GUEST
OPINION
by IAN BAUDER

target did they actually choose? Was it one of the security forces in or around the city or maybe even the nuclear facility itself? No. It was a shopping center six miles away from the facility. They didn't kill any Israeli soldiers or officials; they killed an innocent woman who was doing some early morning grocery shopping.

This event perfectly portrays how the suicide bombings perpetrated by the Palestinians are unjustifiable. What the Israeli government did to these two men was horrible and indefensible in the eyes of justice. These two men had every right to strike

out against their persecutors. But they chose to kill and wound innocents in the name of "making their point heard."

The humanitarian organization B'Tselem, who won the 1989 Carter-Menil award for human rights, says that the most basic principle of humanitarian law is that "civilians are to be protected from the consequences of warfare, and any attack must discriminate between civilians and military targets." This principle is a part of international customary law, which means that it applies to everyone, not just agents of a state.

What the Israeli government does to the Palestinians is terrible. But what suicide bombers do is equally terrible. Saying that suicide bombing is wrong is not picking a side or making a snap judgment from a comfortable American throne, it's realizing that two wrongs don't make a right.

Being real in a fake society

What Christian community should look like

by ROBERT POE

As Christians, I feel as though there are certainly times when we are essentially not allowed to live within the realms of reality. We are told we need to live within this neat little frame created for us, one where everything is euphoric and how could there possibly be anything wrong. We go to church, or are hanging out with friends, or are just passing each other in the hall and you hear the common question asked, "How are you doing?" We usually answer "pretty good" or "not too bad" or a personal favorite of mine "can't complain too much."

Now, there are certainly times when these are completely legitimate answers that will suffice for such short conversation. But what about when we say

those answers but what we really wanted to say was "Today was the hardest day I've had in a while" or "I just hate life" or "Sometimes I just want to give up?"

We have seemingly been trained to just keep answering our usual "good" answers and pretend like nothing is wrong. We are not living within the realm of reality, because we are not being real.

But have you ever had someone who was real with you and said, "Life sucks right now?" What did you do? Did you feed the monster that tells us to hide those things by ignoring it (which can take many forms) or did you meet them in their reality?

Consider this a challenge: be real. Live life in reality. Now I am not

saying you should spill your guts to anyone and everyone, but don't pretend to be what you aren't. And help those who are around you to be real by allowing them to be real with you. Meet them where they are and not where they are supposed to be (whatever that is). When someone is having a bad day, talk to them. At least show them you care. It may take some people time to open up and become real because they don't know how yet, but give them the opportunity.

Maybe when we accomplish this we can truly know what community is all about.

Robert Poe is a junior Christian Ministries major with a minor in Youth Ministry.

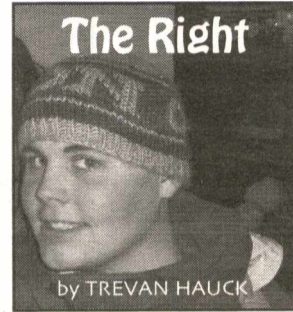
Enough is enough

The United States needs to leave the Iraqi government to the Iraqis

I, like many good Conservative fellows, was fully behind our Commander and Chief in March of 2003 when he decided to commit US troops to fight in Iraq. He did this in order to stop the evil tyranny of Saddam Hussein, free the Iraqi people from oppression and lastly, to keep Iraq from using their "Weapons of Mass Destruction" on us and our allies. I wish that I could say I was a faithful and devout child of Bush but too much has happened over the past five years, and enough is enough. It is time to bring all of our troops home. It is time to stop wasting billions on a country that never invited us to rebuild it.

In President Bush's State of the Union address, he repeatedly stated the successes we have achieved in Iraq and also likened the events of 9/11 to Saddam Hussein. "Imagine those 19 hijackers with other weapons and other plans—this time armed by Saddam Hussein.

It would take one vial, one canister, one crate slipped into this country to bring a day of horror like none we have ever known. We will do everything in our power to make sure that day never comes." Bush said.



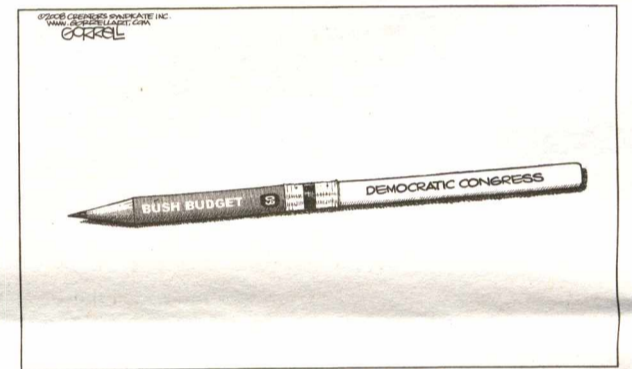
The Right

by TREVAN HAUCK

9/11 was a horrible tragedy, but unfortunately it had nothing to do with the

nation of Iraq or Saddam Hussein. We have spent over three trillion dollars funding our campaign and have lost countless American military lives.

We need allow Iraqis to stand up and fight for themselves as we did during the American Revolution; how much more will a democracy—if they choose to have that particular brand of governing—mean to them if they have to unite and create their own system of living? It is nearsighted for us to think that we can tell them how to live and breathe, would Americans stand for such a thing if it were happening to us?



Dear Editor:

I am responding to the article by Jana Cranmer titled "President Loeber participates in NSLA committee."

"A lot of people were leaving the Nazarene denomination, the church is making an investment in youth, and the investment is leaving." Jessica Maloney, NSLA secretary and Mount

Vernon Nazarene University ASB President, said." I don't understand why that is a big deal. I believe that just so long as we are all Christian and are going to Heaven, we don't need to be any individual denomination. I do understand from a Nazarene's perspective, there will be no more Nazarene church, but if God is

in control everything will work out the way he wants it right? I don't think they should try to keep people in the Nazarene church, I think they should try to keep people Christian with a relationship with Jesus.

-Rita Fields
Sophomore

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Lent: history and thoughts on a Catholic tradition celebrated on a Protestant campus

by DARBY MONTGOMERY

We're already into the Lent season, but what is Lent? Like chaplain Gene Schandorff, many students grew up in environments that never mentioned Lent. What do the students of NNU think about Lent and are they participating?

According to the encyclopedia, Lent is, in most Christian denominations, a 40 day season of fasting and prayer preceding Easter. The 40 days represent the time Jesus spent in the desert where He endured and resisted temptation by Satan. The purpose of Lent, therefore, is to prepare a believer for the death of Christ through prayer, penitence, almsgiving and self-denial. Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday.

"Through depriving ourselves of something during Lent is our way of suffering with Christ. How can we truly get a sense of the freedom Christ gave us without first losing something?" said senior Zach Carpenter.

Lent comes from the Latin term *quadagesima* coming from the original Greek term *tessarakoste* meaning "fortieth day." In other cultures besides English Lent is known as *vasten*. There are three traditional practices to

be taken up with renewed vigor during lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lent is sometimes viewed as a Catholic tradition; many Protestants consider it to be a choice rather than an obligation. Some NNU students held the same perspective.

Senior Alex Hackett says, "I've been thinking about possibly giving something up, but haven't settled on anything. I may not... I'm not Catholic."

"I think Lent is a Catholic tradition and I am not Catholic, therefore I will not be participating," Sophomore Kim Johnson said.

"Ehh, I didn't even know we still believed in that," said senior Joe Vercelli

Going back to the definition of Lent, it seems that Lent is more than a tradition for Catholics, it is one for *all* believers in Christ. It is a chance to remember and honor what Christ did for us. Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy week (the week preceding Easter). Good Friday is for remembering the crucifixion and burial. The giving up of something is a time to refocus ourselves on Christ but it also trains us to resist temptation. "It's not what we give up that's important," says senior Kyle Mayer, "but rather the

time we spend with God instead."

Junior Jerad Larson said, "Giving up pop or candy is dumb, that won't bring you closer to God. If you're a Grey's Anatomy freak (like myself) take that hour every Thursday night and spend it with God."

Senior Stephanie Ott shares Larson's perspective. "I have found that giving up coffee or sweets don't help me strive to know Christ better. So I usually implement something new into my spiritual life such as an extra time period of devotions and prayer."

As with any tradition it is easy miss the original meaning and point. Lent is a time to remember what Christ did for us and to renew our relationship with him through giving of ourselves and the things we love in order to spend time with Him and serve Him better. It is not a "new years resolution take two" said Larson.

It seems NNU students take three different perspectives: one, that Lent is a Catholic tradition and therefore not relevant. Secondly, that Lent is a time to lose weight and be healthier through giving up sweets, etc; and finally that Lent is a time to give God something that consumes your time

in order to thank Him and grow closer to Him.

Sometimes denominations get in the way of our attitudes. Yes, Lent is practiced more strictly in the Catholic Church, consisting of rules and regulations for each fast, but can we not gain from this tradition? How is giving up something in your life in order to further your relationship with God a Catholic tradition? When Lent began it was practiced by all believers. Now that the Church has broken off into so many denominations it is primarily viewed as a Catholic tradition, but is it?

The words of Christ for those who choose to participate in Lent: "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting; but only to your Father in heaven, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." Matthew 6: 16-18.

SIFE ethics panel gives a look at the 'larger picture' around common dilemmas

by ALLI SCHISLER

Monday Feb. 11, Students in Free Enterprise hosted an ethics panel entitled "Does it change it if...?" in Harter Lecture hall. The panel consisted of NNU professors and students who discussed their responses to three ethical dilemmas.

Dr. Donna Allen mediated the discussion. Professors Mark Gismondi, Joe Bankard, Jennifer Chase, Glenna Andrews, and Ben Earwicker participated. Student panel members included freshman Lance Pounds, sophomore Grant Miller, junior Hannah Beers, and senior Brenna Blair.

"[We] were pleasantly surprised by the great turnout and pleased with the support from the NNU community," said SIFE member Ashley Morman. "The team is considering having another panel discussion

sometime next year."

Allen posed questions to particular participants regarding their responses to three specific situations. Panelists were asked to answer from the perspective of various parties involved in the dilemmas.

Allen presented the first global ethical dilemma, which concerned issues of third world child labor, consumerism, and labor laws.

Professor Earwicker encouraged students to consider the larger picture and examine situations from the perspective of everyone impacted and also to make global ethical issues personal.

The second scenario concerned the ethicality of a failing student requesting a grade adjustment from a professor and the professors' ethical response.

The third scenario, perhaps the situation that

elicited the most response from the audience, concerned the ethicality of both students and professors reporting breaches of the lifestyle agreement. When asked if they would report a NNU student caught drinking at a restaurant, only two students responded positively.

The audience was given a chance to decide which response to each situation was the most ethical. After students responded, Allen tweaked each situation and again asked students to respond. With slight adjustments to the dilemmas, student answers sometimes changed drastically.

SIFE chose the panelists well. All were eloquent and quick at responding, though more diversity in the fields of study of the student panelists would have allowed for different perspectives.

Allen's questions were

thought provoking. She says that as students develop their ethical conscience about local, personal issues now, students will be better equipped to face larger, global ethical issues in future careers, travels, etc.

The event was overcrowded; clearly SIFE has not expected the turnout of students, professors, and NNU staff.

John Bailar, junior, says, "SIFE did a good job organizing the event, despite the fact that there were many more people than expected."

SIFE is an international non-profit business club, networked with over 1,000 universities. The organization is open to all students and teaches business principles, such as ethics, as well as creating economic opportunities within the local community.

Dooley Hall will lose its Resident Director in fall of 2008

Robbyn Lande will replace Candice Blenker in Dooley, Ford will be seeking new RD

by TREVAN HAUCK

Candice Blenker will be leaving her position as Resident Director of Dooley Hall at the end of spring semester due to the fact that she is expecting her second child. Blenker, an NNU alumna, has been the RD of Dooley for the past three years. Current RD of Ford Hall, Robbyn Lande, will be replacing Blenker in Dooley.

"Having one child at home with me while being an RD is great, but the thought of two at home is a little overwhelming. I don't think it is fair to the girls in Dooley, nor is it fair to my kids to be torn between the two," said Blenker. Candice and her husband, Shawn Blenker, Associate Director of Planned Giving for NNU, plan on living in Nampa in a house that they had built several years ago. Shawn's grandmother has been living in the house until the family was ready to move.

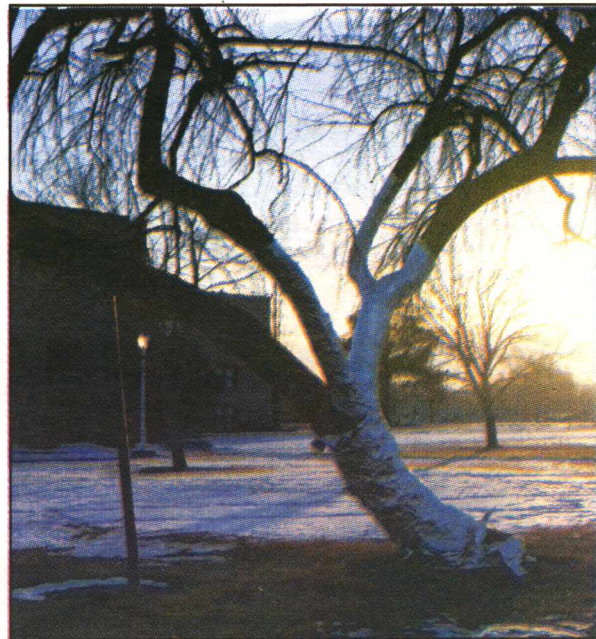
When asked what she was going to miss about being an RD, Blenker had this to say: "We will still be in Nampa, so I'm sure we will still see people around, but we will miss those relationships with students that we have grown to love and appreciate. And of course we will desperately miss the relationships with

the other RDs and their families that we value so much." If given the chance, Blenker says she would return to be an RD but not until much later in life after her kids have grown.

Lande has worked at the university for over twenty years. When asked why she wanted to make the move to Dooley, Lande said "We worked in Dooley when junior girls lived there and we have worked with freshman for the past 10 years and loved every minute of it. But sophomores will be a fun change for us and I really enjoy this class in Ford this year."

Karen Pearson, Director of Residential Life, said that a posting for the Ford position went up on NNU's human resources website last week. According to the posting, the job description calls for "Christian perspective (preferably in the Wesleyan tradition), and must be comfortable with and in agreement with the mission and lifestyle values of NNU and be willing to help advance the spiritual goals of the University."

High turnover for RDs has become increasingly uncommon. Pearson said that many schools have made such jobs more professional, requiring master's degrees from their applicants.



What's with the foil? It's part of senior Laura Bodestab's idea for her Sculptural Installation class. The class will be creating installation and environmental projects throughout the semester, so look out for new happenings around campus (photo by Robin McConkey).

'Medieval Renaissance' banquet a hit with the NNU crowd

Masonic Events Center transformed into a medieval lodge

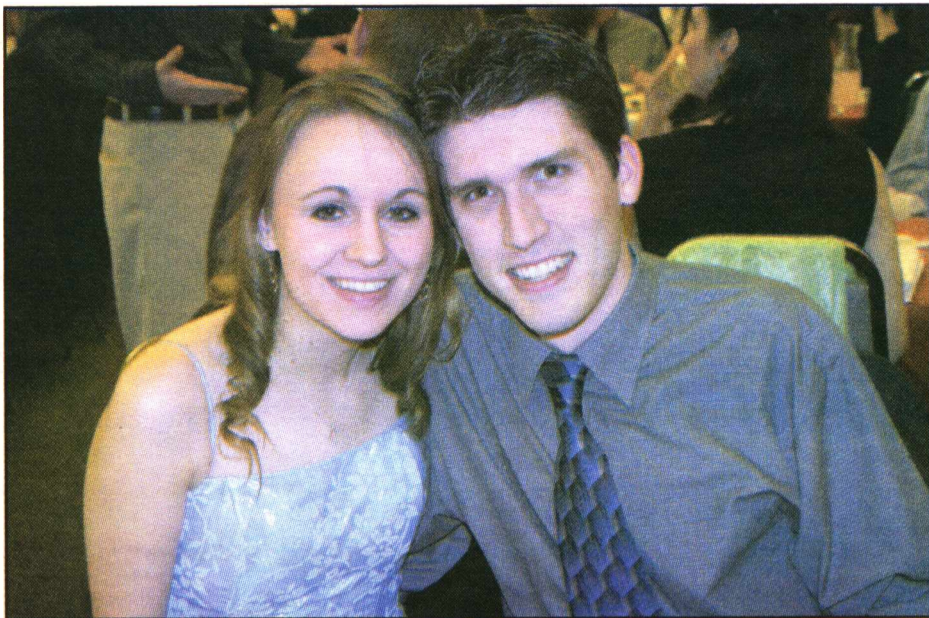
by AMBER FORD

Friday night nearly 200 NNU students piled into the Masonic Events Center for the annual Valentine's Banquet, hosted by SGA. For \$25 (\$15 with a SLAP card) a couple, students could experience the best in dining from the Brick 29 Bistro and entertainment in the company of friends.

The banquet was set up in the main event room at the lodge, with a string quartet playing from the balcony. The tables were adorned with rose petals and pillar candles. Upstairs, SGA had set up a place for dates to have their pictures taken together throughout the night. All the while, an illusionist walked around the room performing magic tricks to groups of eager college students.

However, the best part of the night was the food. Before the main course, small sandwiches were available to assemble with meat and cheese platters and fresh fruit. The main course consisted of rosemary garlic pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, Caesar salad, and bread pudding for dessert.

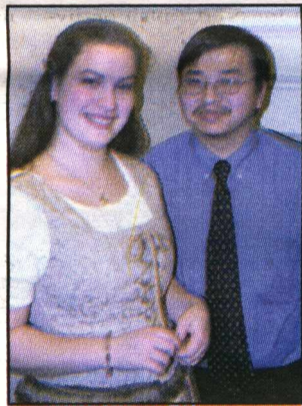
The night was topped off by a 20 minute finale by the illusionist, where he showcased some card tricks,



Clockwise from top: Seniors Karen Chase and Erik Smith at dinner; the illusionist performing a card trick for partygoers; Sterling Fitch and his fiancée (photos by Robin McConkey).

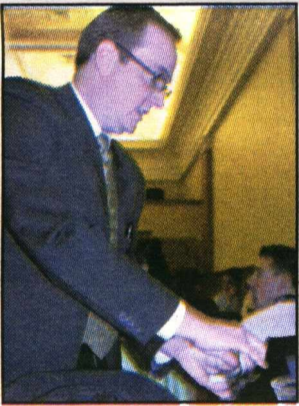
magically making newspapers come back together, hiding a dollar bill inside a lemon, and the all-famous magically interlocking steel rings.

SGA Social Vice President Lacey Smith and her eight member social board had been planning the event for quite time. According to



Smith, it is the biggest social event SGA plans for second semester. Last year, the event cost nearly \$8,000 to host. This year, Smith was able to cut down the cost to \$6,800.

Smith believed the event was a huge success. "I think everything went well. All the planning made the night go



smoothly—the ambience was great, and the magician was really cool. It was also nice to have something other than Dex catering."

The only part that disappointed some was waiting in long lines for the buffet. Also, other students felt frustrated by the fact that people were leaving in the middle of the illusionist's finale, with only 10 minutes to spare. "I got really annoyed watching people walk in front of him to leave—I thought it was very rude" commented senior Tyler McCarty.

"Overall the night went really well. I personally had fun," Smith commented.

New graduate degree in nursing education Increase in faculty will benefit undergrads as well

by ALLI SCHISLER

NNU will offer a masters degree in nursing education starting in fall 2009, says Dr. Pat Kissell, chairperson of the Department of Nursing.

The graduate nursing program will be the first advanced program in the School of Health and Science, says Kissell. The first cohort of master's level nursing students will be in the nursing education track.

After the first students complete the program, it will expand to include a Clinical Nurse Leader degree and, hopefully, other tracks as well.

The 18-month program will be completely online and is open to student with a Bachelor's of Science in

Nursing or those with an Associate's degree. Students with an associate's degree must take several bridge courses through the NNU STEP program starting in spring 2009 to prepare for the masters program.

The program will have full-time working student in mind. Kissell also encourages NNU BSN students to consider the program.

Currently, NNU has more than seven graduate degrees.

Dr. Mark Maddix, director of graduate studies and chair of the graduate and continuing studies council, says NNU graduate and non-traditional students make up a significant percentage of NNU's enrollment.

NNU currently has over

600 graduate students. Maddix says, "There has been a move toward these non-traditional programs."

Maddix says a graduate program benefits those receiving undergraduate degrees, as well as students at the master's level. Not only does an increase in faculty benefit all students, but exposes undergraduate students to broader scope and expertise.

When asked what challenges she anticipates as the new program is launched, Kissell says she fears the strength of NNU's online resources and infrastructure, as the program is completely online.

She also wants to make sure the graduate program will not "eat up resources" of the undergraduate

nursing program. Kissell says, "We don't want our undergraduate program to suffer at all."

She says anyone hired to teach at the master's level must have a PhD, and an increase in staff will benefit all nursing students.

The decision to begin a graduate program begins at the department level, then must be approved by the school. The graduate and continuing studies council must approve all programs.

The advanced nursing degree has been approved by the council, and is now waiting on accreditation by the Northwestern Association of Schools and Colleges, as well as the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

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of things. First, instead of a speaker at Timeout this week, Knappe will be showing a documentary called "Homeless in America." The documentary follows those who are homeless in America and the organizations that help them, cou-

of thousands of Sudanese people. It is something we can do locally to affect a global issue."

Tuesday night and Thursday nights will be spent with small groups of students serving meals at the Lighthouse Rescue

"I want to bring light to the things around us that we can affect now."

-Eric Knappe, community relations

pled with interviews with those who are directly involved in the homeless situation in our country.

Representatives from Society for a Change will also be giving

a presentation during Timeout. They are outlining a bill currently going through the Idaho state legislature that would divest 70 million dollars from companies that do business with the Sudanese government, which inadvertently funds the genocide in Darfur.

Tony Napier, who is leading the lobbying efforts of NNU students, says that "this bill can save the lives

Mission in Nampa. Knappe noted that many community organizations are not doing much right now, since it is after the holiday season rush. However, students should be

listening up for ways to get involved in Awareness Week.

As of right now, Community Outreach Day is planned for February 23. Knappe is still working out the details, but he wants to plan an activity for students to take part in and include a large letter writing campaign to legislators. Details are still to come on the specifics of the event.

Student Life Events

Wednesday, February 13
 5-8:00 p.m.: Roger Feldman reception in Friesen Galleries
 6:30 p.m.: SGA Awareness: serving dinner at Nampa Lighthouse Rescue Mission (meet in Perk to carpool)
 9:00 p.m.: Time Out: Homeless in America documentary (Science Lecture Hall)
 10:00 p.m.: Wednesday Nite Live with Upon Beauty Rests and No Bragging Rights

Thursday, February 14
 Happy Valentine's Day!

Friday, February 15
 4-11:00 p.m.: Junior High activity night (JSC)

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NNU sets provisional marks at track meet

BY CALLY BEKKEDAHL

This was another weekend of personal records for the NNU Track and Field team at the Bronco Indoor Invitational this past weekend.

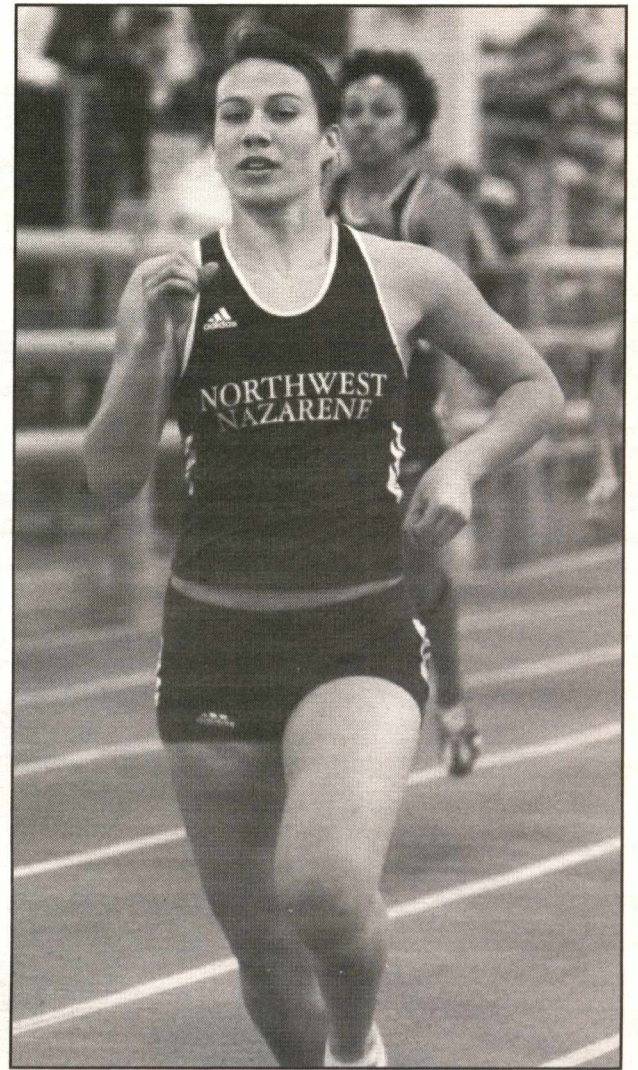
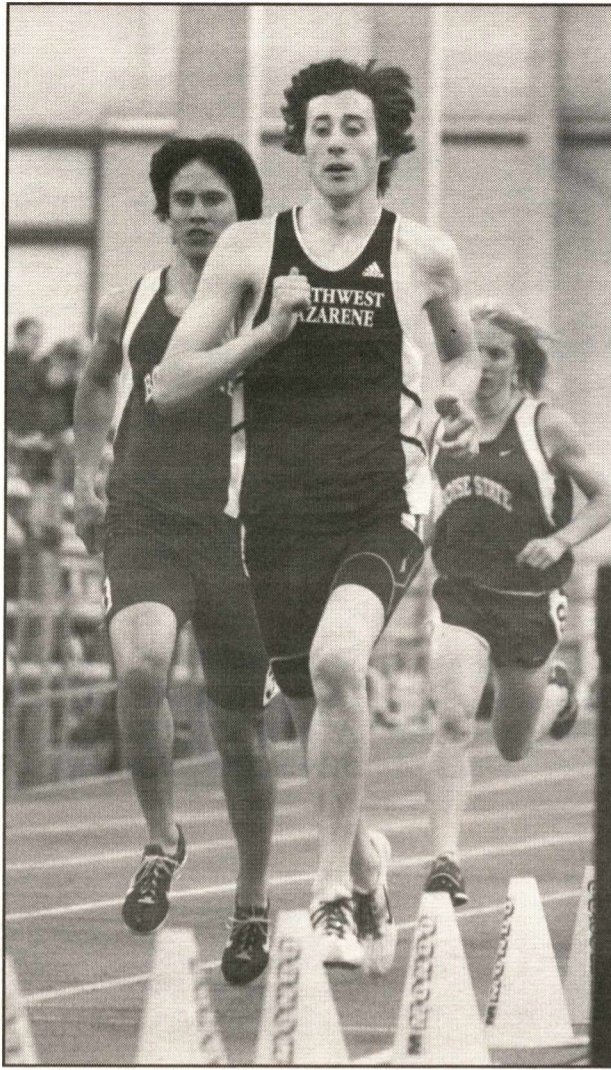
The women's distance medley relay team, including Jaclyn Puga, Jamie Beatty, Elisa Decker and Ashley Puga, beat the school record and placed eighth in the nation, qualifying for the national tournament. Jackie Puga also set a personal record in the 800 meter run, at 2:15.25, another provisional mark for nationals.

Meanwhile, senior Kevin Lambert set personal records in both the 5K run and the mile run, setting a new school record and finishing third in the 5K with a time of 15:26. Sophomore Seth Clark finished at 15:54, good enough for fourth place. LaToya Tidwell beat

her own school record and placed second in the conference in the 200m run, clocking in at 26.30 seconds. Zach Barclay shattered his own school record of 50'3.5" in the men's weight throw with a monster throw of 54'3", placing him second in the conference. Eric Zwiefelhofer tied for fifth place in the pole vault with a personal record vault of 14'2.5". Lastly, Matt Stark set a new personal record in the men's 800m run, at 1:59.83.

The Crusaders next attend the BSU Team Invite on Friday and Saturday, a warm-up for the GNAC Championships, held on February 18.

Matt Stark (left) and Jaclyn Puga (right) run to new personal records in the 800 meter run, at this past weekend's Bronco Indoor Invitational (Photos by Jennifer Hush).



Lady Sadlers beaten by Seawolves; postseason hopes dwindling

BY DARBY MONTGOMERY

The Northwest Nazarene Women's basketball team lost its Saturday night game against the University of Alaska-Anchorage Seawolves, 68-55, dampening hopes for a playoff spot.

The Seawolves are ranked eighth in the nation and fourth in the NCAA West

Region. The Crusaders, ranked sixth in the region, proved themselves worthy opponents throughout the first half, taking a 38-35 half-time lead. But the Seawolves, sparked by a Ruby Williams' 9-0 run to start the second half, kept the momentum up to end the game with a convincing final score.

The Seawolves put serious

effort into their second half defense, holding the Crusaders to 21 percent shooting in the second period, and only allowing 17 points over the final 20 minutes.

Alaska-Anchorage was led by Rebecca Kielpinski, who scored 19 points and pulled down 9 rebounds. Ruby Williams had the game's other double-double,

netting 16 points and 10 rebounds.

NNU's Nichole Schutte did have a fine game scoring 13 points and grabbing a game and career-high 15 rebounds. Janee Olds was the only other Crusader to score in double figures, with 11 points. Schutte's effort, along with the rest of the team, managed to

outrebound Anchorage by a margin of 45-33.

But the shooting touch was gone, as the Crusaders only 31 percent of their field goal attempts, including 2 of 13 three-point attempts. NNU also sported an embarrassing 21 turnovers in the game.

NNU is now 14-6 overall, and 7-4 in the GNAC. They are tied with St. Martin's

for third in the conference. Alaska-Anchorage, meanwhile, puts more distance between us, sitting second in the conference at 9-2.

The women will be home this week, hosting the Western Washington University Vikings on Thursday and the Central Washington University Wildcats on Saturday night.

Baseball team sweeps Bethany in openers

BY CHRIS DAVIS

Our NNU Crusaders have been chomping at the bit to get outside and prove themselves a team to be dealt with. They just got their first chance.

NNU defeated the Bethany University Bruins 13-10 and 3-2 in a pair of non-conference, extra-inning games this past weekend, the first step in what will hopefully be a great season.

Early in the first game, catcher Zach Aakhus gave our Crusaders a comfortable lead, belting out a grand-slam and solo home run, a crucial five RBI's in only two at-bats. NNU pitcher Cory Warburton kept the Bruins scoreless in the last two innings and

driving in three runs with a double of his own in the top of the tenth.

In the second game, Joel Oliver went 3-for-5, knocking in the first two runs. Pitcher Chris Mahelona threw a good seven innings, striking out four. Ty Grant notched up his first win with three scoreless innings of pitching, relieving Mahelona. In extra innings, Mitch Kochis broke the 2-2 tie in the tenth inning with a home run, leading the Crusaders to a 3-2 victory.

Despite numerous indoor practices, and a predicted fourth in the five-team GNAC, the men's baseball team has been ready to get out and show other teams who they are. Says coach

Tim Onofrei, "They're anxious. That's the positive side. You can practice (indoors) this time of year and guys are excited to go." The Crusaders, 21-26 and second in the conference last season, used their anticipation and their experience to sweep the Bruins, who were 29-20 last year.

About the transition from indoor to outdoor ball, Grant noted "It was a little bit of an adjustment ... finally being outside, but once we settled in we were able to score runs and work for the wins."

The baseball team is scheduled to play their first home games of the season on February 16, hosting the Oregon University of Technology.

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Recent Scores:

Men's Basketball, vs Seattle University, 2/7, L 72-83

Women's Basketball, at University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2/7, W 73-68

Men's Basketball, vs Montana State University-Billings, 2/9, W 90-77

Women's Basketball, vs. University of Alaska-Anchorage, 2/9, L 55-68

Baseball, at Bethany University, 2/11, W 13-10, 3-2

Upcoming Schedule:

Men's Basketball, vs Seattle University, 2/7, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball, at University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2/7, 7 p.m.

Track & Field, at Bronco Indoor Invitational, 2/8, 9 a.m.

Baseball, at Oregon Institute of Technology, 2/9, TBD

Track & Field, at Bronco Indoor Invitational, 2/9, 9 a.m.

Panthers' Zednik stable after carotid artery cut

(AP)--Richard Zednik was critically injured Sunday night in the third period of the Panthers' game at Buffalo. Teammate Olli Jokinen was upended and his razor-sharp skate blade pierced Zednik's neck, opening a deep gash that stopped just shy of the 32-year-old's jugular vein.

A significant amount of blood immediately began pouring from the 1½-inch wound, leaving a wide, ghastly red trail on the ice as Zednik skated to the Panthers' bench, desperate for help. His carotid artery -- which pumps blood to the brain -- was cut, and emergency surgery that night at Buffalo General Hospital probably saved his life.

"The care he got initially by the staff at the arena, I think, saved his life," said Robert McCormack, the hospital's clinical chief of emergency medicine.

Zednik never lost consciousness. By the time he reached the hospital, Zednik needed five units (roughly five pints) of blood, a figure that suggests one-third of the blood in his body gushed from the wound before bleeding could be controlled.

And by all accounts, his recovery was going as well as could be expected.

Shortly after Dr. Sonya Noor checked in on Zednik one day after stitching him back together, the Panthers' forward already had a question.

"He actually asked me when he could go back to training?" the vascular surgeon said with a smile. "And I said, 'Next season.'"

Zednik could be discharged from the hospital by this weekend.

Toyota prepared to win with Waltrip, others

BY DEREK DE ROOY

Among all the exciting sports news I read this past week, one thing stood out above all. It turns out that Punter Jeff Feagles will return for a twenty-first season of NFL football. Thank goodness.

Actually, I was paying attention (ashamedly) to NASCAR. Daytona qualifying was held this past weekend, and while the starting orders are sure to be very different after the pair of Gatorade Duels, we can already see what teams have made major improvements. Namely the teams fielding Toyotas.

Last season's Daytona, an event preceded by a month of activity, much like the

Indy 500 or the Super Bowl, was a bit farcical. It seemed that everyone was being caught for cheating, but one cheat stood out above all. Michael Waltrip, a long time driver and fan favorite, but at the time a new Sprint Cup owner, was noticed with a still-undiscovered substance in his intake manifold. With NASCAR's strict rules on fluids, weights, and substances, Waltrip was fined, had his primary car taken from him, his qualifying time disallowed. His crew chief was fined and suspended indefinitely from the sport.

Waltrip, also one of the first owners to make the switch to the new Toyota model (a very controversial

issue, considering NASCAR's strictly American past), had little money and little track data to work with. The year went horribly for all Toyota drivers, but especially for Waltrip, who would not even make every race of the season.

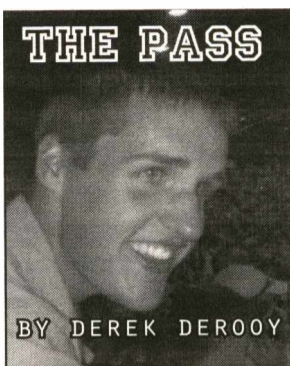
This year, things are different. The Toyota chassis has a season of experience under its belt, and the teams have realized the capabilities of the car. Most of the 10 Toyotas qualified well, with 6 of them in the top 13. Toyota has well outpaced the Dodge teams, as well as many of the more distinguished Ford and Chevy teams. And Waltrip? He's guaranteed the second spot, the outside pole.

Teammate David Reutimann qualified fourth, Dave Blaney sixth, and Red Bull Racing teammates Brian Vickers and AJ Allemendinger qualified eleventh and thirteenth. All

manager of Toyota Racing Development Lee White had one word to say: "disappointed."

You see, Toyota doesn't like to lose. They've been victorious in the Indy Racing League, and didn't take long to get there. They have won championships in the World Rally Championship, Champ Car, the Indy Racing League, and have been a manufacturer for the Sprint Cup's little sister, the Craftsman Truck Series, since 2004. They even started a Formula One team in 2002, and have the largest budget in the sport (over \$900 million/year).

Now, Toyota has a chance to win their first Sprint Cup race on the biggest motor-sport stage in America.



Toyotas, all looking good.

Even so, when asked how he felt about Toyota's qualifying results, vice president and general

'Basketball'

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the last five minutes of the first half, scoring 17 of his 20 points. Ryman made 5 three-point attempts and a lay-in to give the Crusaders a 56-52 lead at the break.

The Yellowjackets would not get within four points for the rest of the night. While the visitors held NNU to only 34 second-half points, they managed only 25 for themselves, making only 9 of 29 field goal attempts in the second half.

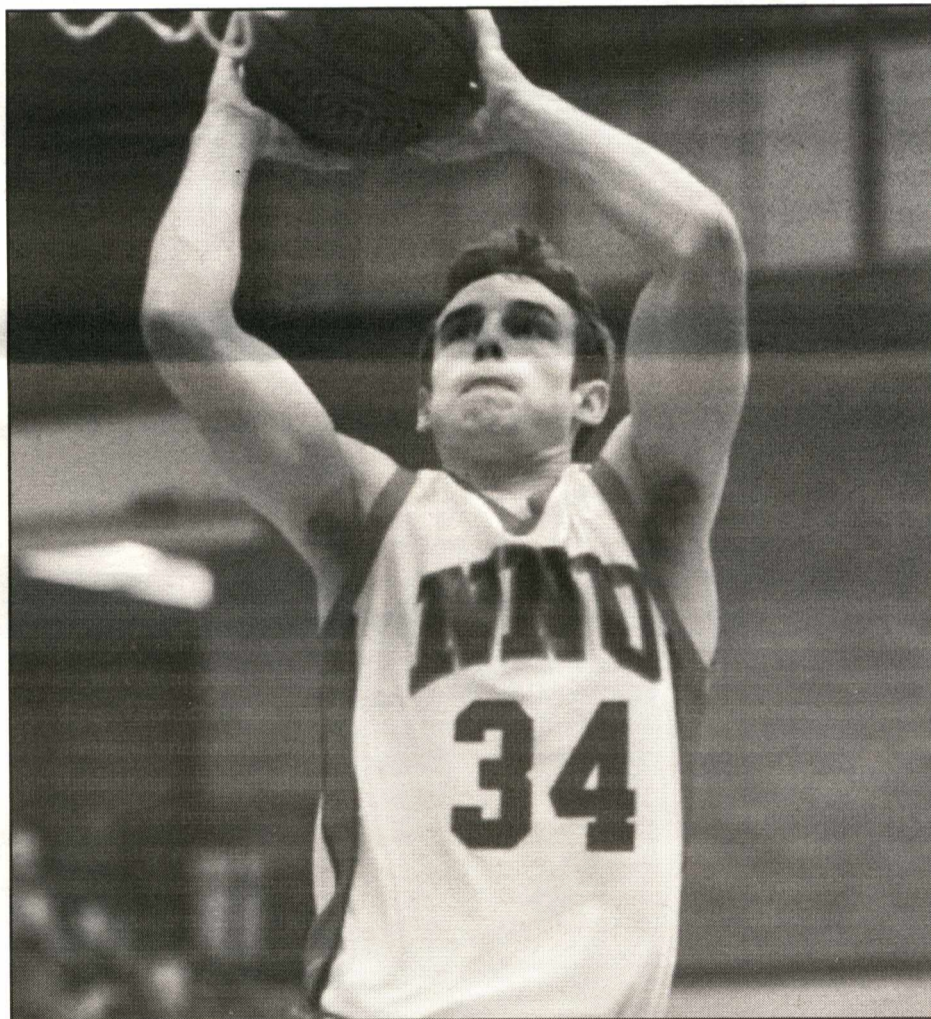
Besides Parnell and Ryman, Jason Simmons netted a career-high 17 points to go along with his game-high 9 rebounds, and Louie Beech added 11 points. It was a poor shooting night for team scoring leader Kendall Gielow, who managed only 4 points, all on free throws. Tyler Roberts

led the Crusaders with a game-high 6 assists.

Kyle Palmer led the Yellowjackets with 20 points, while John Brooks added 18, Brett Taylor 11, and both Tyler Hentzen and Cameron Khoury had 10 apiece.

NNU's recent success at the charity stripe continued, as the Crusaders made all 18 of their free throw attempts. Along with the last nine attempts from last Thursday's game against Seattle University, NNU tied the school record for most consecutive free throws made. The record, at 27, was set by the 1992-1993 team.

NNU sits tied for third place in GNAC, at 7-4, with Seattle Pacific University who will host NNU on Thursday night.



Louie Beech goes in for a dunk on Saturday night's game against Montana State University Billings. NNU won the game 90-77 (photo courtesy of Jennifer Hush).



NBA

Standings

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Utah	33	19	.635	-	W1	9-1
Denver	31	19	.620	1	W2	7-3
Portland	28	23	.549	4.5	L3	3-7
Seattle	13	37	.260	19	L1	4-6
Minnesota	10	39	.204	21.5	L3	5-5
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Phoenix	36	15	.706	-	W2	7-3
LA Lakers	34	17	.667	2	W3	7-3
Golden State	31	20	.608	5	W2	7-3
Sacramento	23	26	.469	12	L1	6-4
LA Clippers	17	32	.347	18	W1	4-6
Midwest	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
New Orleans	34	15	.694	-	W2	7-3
Dallas	34	17	.667	1	L2	6-4
San Antonio	33	17	.660	1.5	W1	6-4
Houston	31	20	.608	4	W7	9-1
Memphis	13	37	.260	21.5	L6	2-8

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Boston	39	9	.813	-	W3	7-3
Toronto	27	23	.540	13	L1	5-5
New Jersey	22	29	.431	18.5	W2	4-6
Philadelphia	22	30	.423	19	W4	6-4
New York	15	36	.294	25.5	W1	2-8
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Detroit	37	13	.740	-	W8	8-2
Cleveland	29	22	.569	8.5	W1	6-4
Indiana	21	30	.412	16.5	W2	3-7
Chicago	20	30	.400	17	L1	4-6
Milwaukee	19	33	.365	19	L3	3-7
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Orlando	32	21	.604	-	L2	6-4
Washington	24	27	.471	7	L8	1-9
Atlanta	21	26	.447	8	L2	4-6
Charlotte	18	34	.346	13.5	L7	2-8
Miami	9	40	.184	21	L7	1-9

The Oscars may look different this year

by CHRIS DAVIS

The 2008 Oscars are quickly approaching, and, as with the past few years, nothing is sure. There is an increased level of uncertainty this year, however, with writer's strike now in its third month.

Writer and director Tony Gilroy - who received nominations for Best Director and Best Original Screenplay for his movie, "Michael Clayton" - hoped "maybe the talks will be so far along, [the Writers Guild] will grant a waiver. Maybe the strike will be over. Maybe there'll be some other accommodation. But in the end, as much as you'd like to go make a speech, there are so many people that this strike is so crucial for. You try to keep it in perspective."

His thoughts were echoed by fellow screenwriter and first-time nominee Nancy Oliver ("Lars and the Real Girl"). "So many people are hurting, and I'm more concerned about that than a party, to tell you the truth. It would be a glamorous

Hollywood moment, but I'd rather have a fair deal." Fortunately, the Writers Guild will meet in New York to consider a proposed contract this Saturday, possibly ending the drawn-out strike.

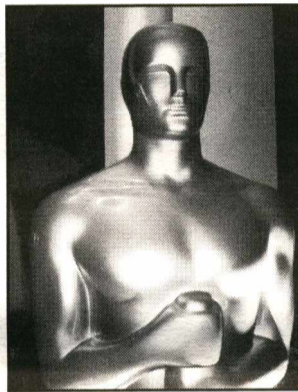
The contention for Best Picture of the Year is not so lucky to receive such finality.

The movies, ranging from the cinematic poetry of "Atonement" to the raw power of the Cohen Brother's "No Country for Old Men", are as hard to predict as Juno MacGuff is to dissuade. This year's ballot is packed with powerhouse performances from Ellen Page as a brazenly individual pregnant high-schooler in "Juno", Daniel Day-Lewis as a driven oil prospector in "There Will Be Blood", and George Clooney as an isolated problem-solver in "Michael Clayton". Javier Bardem's nominated supporting role in "No Country for Old Men" creates the exact touch the film was looking for, and similarly, Keira Knightley builds the enigmatic performance that

sets off "Atonement" as one of the beautiful films to look for.

Despite all the speculation, many people expect that "No Country" will do well. In an ongoing user poll, IMDB.com users (Internet Movie Database) voted the movie to win four of the eight nominated categories, including Best Picture, Best Supporting Actor, Best Director, and Best Adapted Screenplay. "There Will Be Blood", also nominated for eight Academy Awards, voted Daniel Day-Lewis as Best Actor in the same poll.

The Academy Awards are scheduled to play February 24 on ABC.



The Oscars may differ due to the writer's strike (photo from commons.wikimedia.org.)

'Brigadoon' charms audiences at the Nampa Civic Center

by RACHAEL FINCH

The Music Theatre of Idaho (MTI) presents Brigadoon at the Nampa Civic Center. The musical is in its second and final week. It will be performed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

MTI's production begins before the actors even hit the stage. Upon entering the Civic Center, audience members are greeted by cast members in full costume, complete with Scottish accents, as well as live bagpipe music, setting a lively tone for the evening ahead.

Brigadoon is an old-fashioned village, tucked away in a mist-covered glen in the Highlands of Scotland. New York travelers Tommy Albright (Jeff Young) and Jeff Douglas (Erick Pew) get lost and stumble upon Brigadoon. These gents are in for quite a surprise because this is not the average town.

The strange villagers are decked out in 18th century garb, preparing for the wedding of Jeannie MacLaren,

(Taylor Vickers), and Charlie Dalrymple, (Tristan Fishman). However, it becomes clear from the start that this village has some mystical secret, which they refer to as "the miracle".

Over the course of one day in Brigadoon, Tommy falls in love with Jeannie's older sister Fiona (Carrie Goldsmith), and Jeff is begrudgingly caught up with local lass, Meg Brockie (Susannah Metzger). All the while, the pair wonders in awe at the odd and charming atmosphere of the town.

In the end Tommy is forced to choose between staying with Fiona, or returning to everything he knows and is dissatisfied with, including his fiancée.

Brigadoon is filled with charming music (complete with bagpipes), captivating dance sequences, a classic love story, and of course, some good old comedy.

Throughout the play the theater was alive with movement, not an inch of stage ill-used. Fans of classic musicals will be happy

to find that group dance sequences are frequent and elaborate.

Major songs include Fiona's sentimental "Waitin' for My Dearie", Meg's hilarious "The Love of My Life", and Fiona and Tommy's romantic duet, "Almost Like Being in Love".

Goldsmith's energy and vocals are powerful and captivating. She commands the stage with grace and spunk.

Fishman also has a strong voice, and a sparkling character to boot. He adds flavor as a humorous supporting actor.

The dynamic of the entire cast is livening, but the true comedic relief comes from the character of Meg. Metzger presents a brilliantly saucy young woman in search of love anywhere and everywhere. Her attempted relationship with Jeff provides an ongoing laugh throughout the play.

Fans of musicals, or those simply looking for a laugh should give Brigadoon a chance this weekend. Tickets are available at mtionline.org or at the door.



Try these romantic reads for Valentines Day



By ALLI SCHISLER

With Valentine's Day coming up, it seems appropriate to pay my respects to some of the literature I adore.

And since some of the best classical literature is also the most romantic, here are some romantic works of fiction which I both love and recommend.



Kate Winslet played Marianne in a movie version of "Sense and Sensibility" (photo from commons.wikimedia.org).

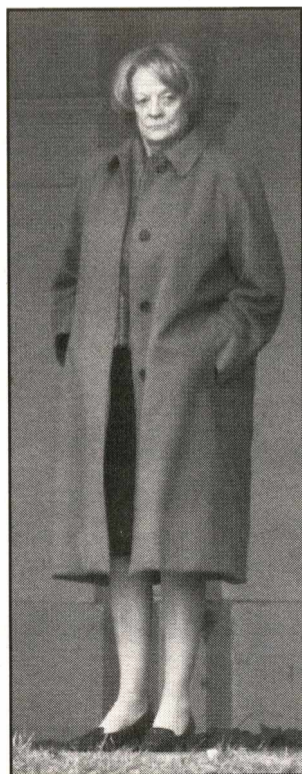
"Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Bronte is one of the most romantic (Victorian) novels written. Bronte's brilliance transforms Mr. Rochester

from a gruff, selfish man to a humbled, sacrificing lover. If you can stick out the first 150 dry pages, the novel is one of the most satisfying stories of companionate love.

A close second to Bronte's "Jane Eyre" is Jane Austen's "Sense and Sensibility". Though "Pride and Prejudice" is often considered the archetype of the British romantic novel, this is a story of second chances and changes of heart.

Colonel Brandon's patient admiration for Marianne and Eleanor's generous love for Edward provide for sweet examples of selfless affection. And, like Austen's other novels, this is not simply a romantic narrative, but a humorous and often satirical look at love and marriage in Victorian England.

The only male author to make the list, E. M. Forster, penned the 1908 compelling work, "A Room with a



Maggie Smith plays Lucy's Chaparone, Charlotte Bartlett in "A Room With a View" (photo from commons.wikimedia.org).

View". The novel is the engaging story of Lucy Honeychurch's ultimate realization of love and her disregard for



Scarlett O'Hara was played by Vivien Leigh in the movie version of "Gone With the Wind" (photo from commons.wikimedia.com).

societal mores. Marrying beneath her, Lucy chooses love over the unfair expectations of her family.

For an American love story, try Margaret Mitchell's frustrating love story, "Gone with the Wind". The Pulitzer-Prize winning novel is an ultimately sad story of selfish individuals attempting to love one another. Beginning in the antebellum south and ending

during the reconstruction period, Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler, like many, sadly fail to appreciate what they have until they no longer have it.

Mitchell's only published full-length novel, "Gone with the Wind" can hardly be called sweet, but it does deal accurately with familial love, passion, and infatuation. And Mitchell pens one of the most selfless

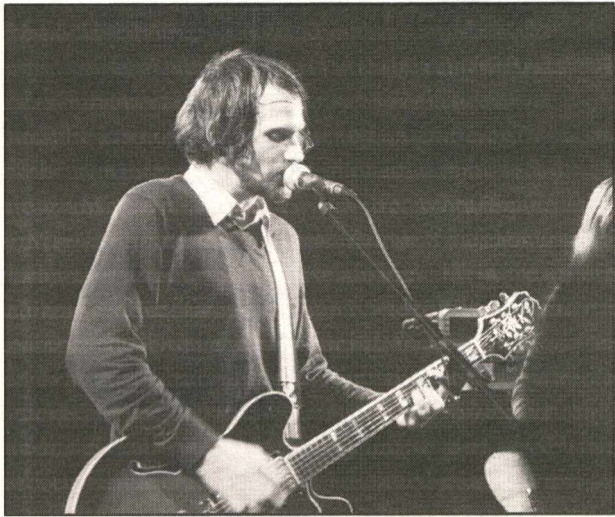
characters in Melanie Wilkes whose friendship and love for Scarlett far surpasses any romantic love in the novel.

Another civil war romance novel, but set in the north, is "Little Women". For a story about sisterly love, friendship, and passion, Louisa May Alcott's work is a must-read. The novel contains realistically complex and lovable characters, many based on Alcott's own family members. The unexpected romantic matches provide for an intelligent and emotional read.



Joan Bennett is the youngest sister, Amy, in one movie version of "Little Women" (photo from commons.wikimedia.org).

Feature Band: Siltersun Pickups



Aubert said he learned to be a front man while the band did club shows (photo from commons.wikimedia.org.)

by RACHAEL FINCH

L.A. indie/alternative band, Siltersun Pickups, is a breath of fresh air for music listeners. They are reminiscent of the early 90's shoegaze sound, combining distortion and guitar crunch with evenly mixed, melodic vocals.

Fans of The Pixies and Sonic Youth will enjoy Siltersun's raw quality, while fans of Morella's Forest and Starflyer 59, will appreciate the tranquil sound.

The band's passion is carefully channeled to create energetic, yet soothing music.

Siltersun, consisting of guitarist-singer Brian Aubert, bass player Nikki Monninger, drummer Christopher Guanlao and keyboardist Joseph

Lester, had its humble beginnings in small club gigs. Playing with whomever and for whomever, the group began to forge their musical identity, experimenting with different sounds on the way. During this time they accumulated a growing and strong fan base beginning in the L.A. area.

Club gigs must have worked, because Dangerbird records signed Siltersun, and they released their first EP, "Pikul", in 2005.

From there the group went on to a more strenuous tour, playing with an array of musicians, including Brendan Benson, Black Rebel Motorcycle Club, Dead Meadow and Two Gallants.

In 2006 Siltersun released their first full length

album, "Carnavas". The album was worked on by an experienced team; produced by Dave Cooley (J Dilla, Rolling Blackouts), engineered by Tom Biller (Sean Lennon, Jon Brion) and mixed by Tony Hoffer (Beck, The Kooks, Belle and Sebastian).

"Carnavas" has a signature sound, unlike anything in mainstream music. Mild distortion is present throughout the album creating the musical equivalent of a mist or fog.

The vocal harmonies add a sweet, soothing effect on some tracks, like "Little Lover's So Polite", but creates a tension on other tracks, like "Future Foe Scenarios".

While Siltersun hasn't released anything since 2006, they haven't stopped yet. They have begun to pick up media attention, receiving video play on music stations such as Fuse and IME.

According to the bands' web site, Aubert and the band plan to begin writing for a new album as soon as they find a new practice space.

Information from siltersunpickups.com.

Roger Feldman to display work in the Friesen Galleries starting today

by IAN BAUDER

Award winning artist Roger Feldman will be opening up an installation in the Friesen Gallery on Wednesday.

The piece is based around the concept of the golden section and the golden rectangle. The piece is also site-specific, which means that it was designed for the gallery in which it is displayed.

Feldman has recently been inspired by the concepts of the golden ratios. He said that these concepts are "harmonious proportions elaborated on by the ancients," citing mathematicians like Euclid and Pythagoras as having uncovered the idea of the golden section. The golden section is the division of a line so

that the whole is to the greater part as that part is to the smaller part. Feldman says that it is a concept of "ideal proportions."

The piece will incorporate spirals and rectangles, all based around this overarching principle of the golden proportions. "What's cool is that it is a ratio you can find in your own body," said Feldman, pointing out the proportions between one's forearm and one's finger. "It's an interchange between what's in nature and in mathematics. These sequences, these proportions, are confirming man's best thinking. Where does that come from?"

Feldman said that his work, while influenced by his faith, doesn't make strong statements about

faith. "If I came from a more blatant Christian worldview I won't be taken seriously," said Feldman. "I try and find resonance in things that are already in the Christian worldview."

Feldman did his undergraduate work at the University of Washington in art, and then did a brief stint in seminary, where he decided that it was "okay to be a Christian and an artist."

He was introduced to site-specific installations while attending graduate school at Claremont Graduate University. He said that his interest in site-specific works came from a combination of his building back ground and his experience in working with public art.

'The Diving Bell and the Butterfly' is genuinely inspiring

by IAN BAUDER

A lot of movies toss around the word "inspirational." Mostly sports movies that star Denzel Washington, they try to tell you that any kid who overcomes adversity to win a spelling bee or place first in a track meet is inspiring.

"The Diving Bell and The Butterfly" (now playing at The Flicks in Boise) is not such a film. It is a genuinely inspirational story of how a man found a way to make something good out of a tragic situation.

"Diving Bell" begins in the first person view of Jean-Dominique Bauby, played by Mathieu Amalric, who finds himself paralyzed in a hospital. Jean-Do (as his friends call

him) was the senior editor at Elle magazine, but a stroke has left him in a rare condition known as "locked-in" syndrome, in which he can think and feel, but his entire body is paralyzed. All he is left with is the ability to blink with his right eye.

Through this narrow (sometimes uncomfortably so) first person view we get a brief glimpse of what it must feel like to lose our ability to move. We feel Jean-Do's pain as he wallows in self-pity just the same as we feel his triumph when he decides to move beyond pity and into a feeling of purpose.

Jean-Do frees himself in his memories and imagination, re-living his better days, and having all the adventures he could never do in real life. He also begins

writing a book, through the torturously slow method his speech therapist devises. The therapist lists all the letters of the alphabet, and when Jean-Do hears the letter that he wants he blinks. With this primitive technique he manages to write an entire novel over the length of a summer.

I really liked "Diving Bell." The unconventional first-person view wasn't contrived or gimmicky but the only way to truly tell the story. The acting was good and so was the dialogue (French has a kind of soothing effect on me). The plot was as it should be, true to the real life story of Jean-Dominique Bauby. It was a movie that made me feel glad to be a human being, and sometimes that's exactly what I am looking for.

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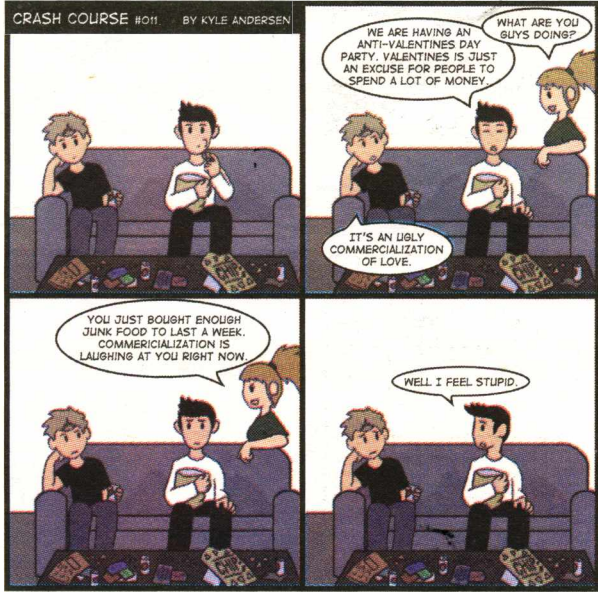
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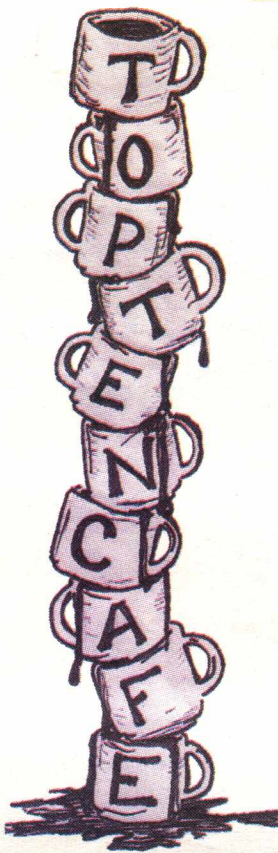


Archie



Top 10 things to give a Valentine

10. A kidney.
9. Half drunk soda pop.
8. Aimee Niles.
7. A heart....still beating.
6. Money.
5. Lucky wishbone.
4. Laundry.
3. Jello mold of a Nascar driver.
2. An anti-headache.
1. Your time....unless your annoying.



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Stuffed Pockets

Solutions for Feb. 6

A small boy stunned his parents after church one Sunday when he began to empty his pockets of nickels, dimes and quarters.

Finally his mother asked the obvious question, "Where did you get all that money?"

"At Sunday school," the boy replied nonchalantly.

"They have bowls of it."

Solution

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