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

## Career Week proves to be beneficial to students

by ALLI SCHISLER

Career week, which ran all last week, provided a variety of opportunity for freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Career week is sponsored by the NNU career center and career center director Dianna Gunderson.

Kicking off career week was the Monday evening etiquette dinner, where students and faculty alike learned proper etiquette for business meals and interviews, and also saw professional clothing modeled.

Tuesday, students were invited to the Reality 101 luncheon in Wordsworth to hear advice from a panel of recent NNU graduates.

Panelists included Carly Peck, NNU Treasure Valley Admissions Counselor; Nikki Bodenstab, NNU Office of Alumni Relations; Ryan Beymer, Unity Media; Michelle Slonaker, Anderson & Wood Construction Co;

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## Sports Center charred



Firefighters douse the remaining flames Sunday as the Johnson Sports Center catches fire (photo by Aimee Niles).

## Investigators have not ruled out any causes as crews work to clean up the mess

by TREVAN HAUCK

Sunday evening, a two-alarm blaze broke out at NNU's Johnson Sports Center. The official emergency call came in at

approximately 5:54 p.m. and fire trucks arrived on the scene shortly thereafter. By that time, many students and community members had gathered to witness the fire. Firefighters

worked for several hours to contain the blaze.

Investigators are still looking into the official cause of the fire, but arson has not been ruled out.

At a press conference

held Monday by university president Richard Hagood and Nampa City Fire Chief Doug Strosnider, Hagood stated that the fire

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## SIFE brings business venture to campus

### Students showcase world trades

by ANDREA HALL

The Students in Free Enterprise club held their first entrepreneurial fair this Saturday in the Brandt Center lobby. Titled "Vitamin E," short for "Vitamin Entrepreneur," this was one of nine projects the club has organized this year.

The entrepreneurial fair brought several local businesses to campus, as well as several NNU students who had creative minds and took the opportunity to show off their various skills. The fair provided a chance for vendors to network with other enterprising individuals, as well as sending financial aid to the Kenyan village of Kirasha.

Sophomore Jenny Odell ran a booth selling decorations and souvenirs from Kenya. Odell recently traveled

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### Quote of the week

"We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."

### Weather

From the National Weather Service

#### THURSDAY

Sunny.

Hi: 52° | Low: 29°

#### FRIDAY

Mostly sunny.

Hi: 55° | Low: 34°

#### SATURDAY

Partly sunny.

Hi: 51° | Low: 34°

#### SUNDAY

20% chance of showers.

Hi: 52° | Low: 34°

#### MONDAY

20% chance of showers.

Hi: 54° | Low: 31°

### NNU News Briefs

#### New NNU president announced Saturday

The Board of Trustees will be in town today through Saturday to select a new president. The selection committee has already interviewed all prospective candidates and will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

The board will then vote on the candidate. The decision should be announced Saturday morning at 11 a.m. at a press conference held by the university.

#### SGA candidates will hold forum Monday

Those running for SGA ex-

ecutive cabinet positions (president, social and executive vice president) will take part in a question and answer forum Monday at 7 p.m. in Wordsworth. It will be open to all students to come and ask the candidates any questions about their campaign plans.

## Nader enters the race

by ANDREA SCHILLING

Third party politics is said to make another appearance in the 2008 presidential election as Ralph Nader announced his entrance into the race February 24 on NBC's "Meet the Press".

This year marks the fourth time the Independent candidate will be running for the presidency. It is said that the road ahead doesn't look smooth for the politician, especially with criticism coming from Democrats.

Clinton recently said to the press that she hopes Americans won't take the campaign too seriously.

In the 2000 election, many marked Nader's run as a "vote for Bush"; costing Gore the election. Democrats fear a similar situation for this year's race against the Republican nominee as well.

However, Nader denies this accusation; claiming his entrance is to "fight corporate influence". Nader defended himself by saying Gore's loss in 2000 was due to the Democratic Party; not his own campaign.

Thursday the candidate announced his running mate selection, Matt Gonzalez. Gonzalez is a former member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

Nader said his selection was based on finding an individual who shares his sense of justice and opposition to corporate state control over society.

Student reaction to Nader's recent campaign announcement comes with no real shock.

"He's been running since 1992, to no avail, and I doubt he'll give up hope anytime soon," said sophomore International Relations major, Alex Corn.

Furthmore, students see Nader's late start as a hurdle he will not easily overcome.

"Because Nader hasn't been a part of the election until just recently, he hasn't participated in any major debates to allow the public to see where he stands on the issues," said Corn. "Any candidate with a sense of logic should realize that the only hopefuls in this election are Obama, McCain, and Clinton."

# Student body gears up for elections

## Five students plan to run for SGA president

Ryan Harter

Hello NNU. My name is Ryan Harter, and I would like to be your next SGA President. I've got what I consider great experience for the job. I have served as a Senator on the Ways and Means Committee, and this year I have served on SGA as the Business Manager. As Business Manager I have learned what it takes to serve on SGA well and



I know how all of the inner workings of each position operate. As President I want to make communication with the students much clearer and often, because you should know what's going on around you in the community and school.

Hannah Beers

My goal as student body president would be to cultivate the NNU student body in opportunities that



foster and encourage everyone to transform ourselves together to apply love, just as Christ did. With several opportunities in front of the student body each year, we have the chance as a community to do something extraordinary this next year. My hope is to be a student leader who not only leads by example but also engages the entire community of NNU to fulfill dreams/ideas they never thought possible. My main goal next year would be to creatively and actively enact change through not only the students but also the campus administration as well. Students are the ones who can create the change here on campus; I wish to be your representative for the T.O.T.A.L. change!

Lacey Smith

My position calls me to lead effectively and

efficiently, working as an encourager to others. I want to bring the leadership positions onto the same track and help bring forward all their potential in order to make this campus great. I think this campus has the ability to literally affect lives, and while we have been doing a great job so far, I feel we can do better. My job is to support, encourage, and be a helping hand when

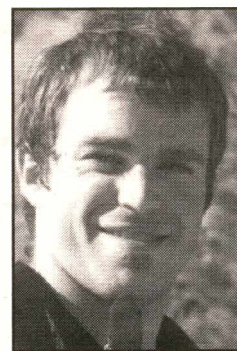


needed, and this is what I plan to do. If I am elected president, I will not only show the student body what great leadership can accomplish, I will show the student leaders what leadership can accomplish.

Dax Wandling

I see the role of President as two-fold: to represent and to encourage. First off, I would like your

permission to represent you to various boards and



committees, like the Board of Trustees and the SGAs of other Nazarene schools, for example. Secondly, the job of the President is to encourage the student body. I say encourage on purpose, because leadership can be taken so many different ways, but encouragement is always positive. I want to see us start to go toward what Josiah Royce, and later Martin Luther King, Jr. called a Beloved Community. I'm out of room, but come talk to me about it, because the idea is fascinating and I'd love to talk with you about how we can make NNU a true community.

Brittan Aebischer

I would love to be your president. I am running not because it looks great

or that I want the attention, but that I want to establish healthy change and leadership. I want to create a unified campus under the authority of Christian leadership. I am approaching the presidency with a spiritual change platform. SGA has so much potential to establish Christian leadership among the NNU community through their expectancy of faith and prayer. In every dorm there needs to be small faith

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BRITTAN AEBISCHER  
SGA PRESIDENT

group meetings establishing accountability and faith building among believers. I want to establish a weekly prayer meeting establishing an open connection with Christ so that we may grow in our faith. I want to create a united community making sure that the cabinet that I hire is accessible, visible, and most of all open minded.

## The Brick House will be boys for a third year in a row

by ALLI SCHISLER

On Wednesday, Feb. 28, interviews were held for 2008-2009 brick house occupants. Five groups applied, two female groups and three male groups.

And for the third consecutive year, brick house residents will be boys. Current sophomores Jerad May, Nate Berrian, Phil Westlund, and Joey Miller were chosen to be the next brick house residents.

The interviewing committee consisted of Karen Pearson, director of residential life, Tim Milburn, director of campus life, SGA representatives Lacey Smith and Tony Napier, and current brick house residents Dax Wandling and Matt Dayton. Interviews were held all day.

Upon completion of interviews, the committee made a recommendation to Senate, who approved the recommendation during the Feb. 28 closed meeting.

May says the interview process made him a little nervous, but he felt the interview went smoothly.

The idea to form a group began with Berrian, who wanted to be in the brick house since he was a freshman. Westlund and Miller joined and finally, May joined because he agrees with the goals and ideas of the other, says Berrian.

When asked about new ideas for the brick house, May discussed the group's vision: "Our goal for next year is to let the Brick House become a vessel for community... we are taking the responsibility of

the Brick House seriously and we've talked and there is nothing we want more than community that's beyond ourselves—that's NNU," May says.

When asked about what new traditions the group would like to start, May said, "Traditions are a beautiful way to establish community. I don't know if we have any traditions we want to change. But I know we have planned to possibly start several other new traditions."

Berrian, Westlund, and Miller add that they would like to keep an element of surprise for next year.

May says, "We're simply not just boys, we're brick house brothers." May, Berrian, Westlund, and Miller look forward to a fun and meaningful year in the brick house.

## Clinton and Obama battle

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Barack Obama sought a knockout against rival Hillary Rodham Clinton as voting began Tuesday in crucial contests in Texas and Ohio, where the former first lady desperately needs a win to salvage her once-powerful candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Both expressed confidence in their chances the previous night, which they spent in the same Texas city. But both teams also acknowledged that split decisions and close votes could prolong the battle for at least another month — or more.

"We know this has been an extraordinary election. It continues to be. We're working hard to do as well as we can," said Obama,

who planned to await Texas returns in San Antonio.

"I'm just getting warmed up," Clinton told reporters, a clear sign that she expects to press the campaign on beyond Tuesday no matter the outcome.

She planned to opening Election Day in Houston and Dallas, but then head back to Ohio for more campaign events. She will await results in Columbus before returning to Washington Tuesday night.

Polls show tight races in both Texas and Ohio. The Obama campaign saw Texas as their best opportunity, while the Clinton campaign saw Ohio as theirs. Texas offers 228 delegates, Ohio 164. Your voice can win an election," Obama told a noisy late-night rally in Houston.

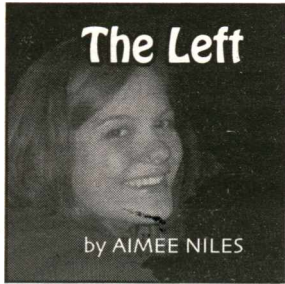
# Dr. Seuss is still my hero

## My childhood wonderment turns to seasoned respect

From my earliest memories I knew that Horton heard a Who, how the Grinch stole Christmas and that it probably wasn't a good idea to name 23 sons Dave. I still remember the glowing pride at declaring, "I do not like green eggs and ham" and knowing I read that myself—although, it is more likely I memorized it. Theodore Geisel, though unbeknownst to me by that name, was my hero.

Growing older, I started to learn more about the man affectionately known as Dr. Seuss. I went from childish wonderment of Sneetches and the Lorax to understanding the significant societal messages behind much of Seuss' work.

Dr. Seuss wrote "Yertle the Turtle" during World



War II. In the story, Yertle is king of the pond. He orders all the other turtles to stack on top of each other to make Yertle a throne from which he can see and rule more land. A turtle on the bottom of the stack—named Mack—doesn't like this plan and complains "I know, up on top you are seeing great sights, but down

here at the bottom we, too, should have rights". Yertle ignores Mack and wishes to stack 5,607 turtles on top of each other in order to be higher than the moon.

Mack, foils Yertle's plan by burping before the stacking gets under way. Yertle ends up in the mud. Seuss ends the story with the line "And the turtles, of course... all the turtles are free, As turtles and, maybe, all creatures should be".

The story follows the rise of Hitler and fascism but as history progresses, Yertle's story can be applied to situations we see today. Yertle, could also be applied as an allegory of the rise of the War on Terror, with jeopardized rights through the

Patriot Act and other anti-terror policies.

Though, Seuss died in 1991—his birthday was on Monday—his messages against consumerism and for equality ("The Sneetches"), stewardship of the environment ("The Lorax") and the importance of literacy ("The Cat in the Hat" and "Green Eggs and Ham") has taught me that the bard of my childhood can be an inspiration for today.

Much as "Oh the Places You'll Go" inspires graduates every spring, Dr. Seuss' use of humor, art and satire to make positive changes in society is also inspiring. As Dr. Seuss turns 104 this week, know that his legacy is more than "Sam, I am".

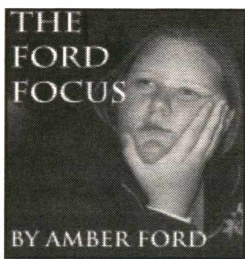
## Please vote, it really does matter

### As SGA campaigning continues, pay attention to the candidates

SGA elections are on the minds of students all over campus. An explosion of propaganda has flooded the residence halls and student center. With five candidates for president and three for each of the vice president positions, it is difficult to decide who will best fit the job.

After being on SGA this year, I can say that the job is important. The people elected in these positions can either make or break the atmosphere of the school. SGA has a lot of influence on campus; it is just a matter of whether or not they use it constructively. If those in the positions are thoughtful and sincere in what they do, there shouldn't be any

reason to fear power. I know that NNU isn't perfect. No person or institution is; so we should constantly be looking for ways to modify the system and improve the school. Those



involved in student government should not be running for the position for any selfish desire of popularity or power—it should come from a desire to change our school for the better.

There are a couple of

things to consider when selecting a candidate. The first is whether or not they exhibit a desire to do the job. Someone who really wants the job will obviously put more effort into it than someone who is running just because they can.

Secondly, you want to consider past experience. I don't want to say that people who have no past experience can't do the job. But previous student leadership experience is usually a good indicator of how they can delegate and lead others.

But most importantly, an SGA cabinet member needs to have the ability to inspire and motivate. If you cannot motivate your team to do their jobs, then SGA will not make an impact on

campus. In order for SGA to work effectively, you need someone at the center providing encouragement.

It is difficult to elect someone when most of the student body doesn't even vote. Some who complain about how things are run at the school are unwilling to step up and try to change things.

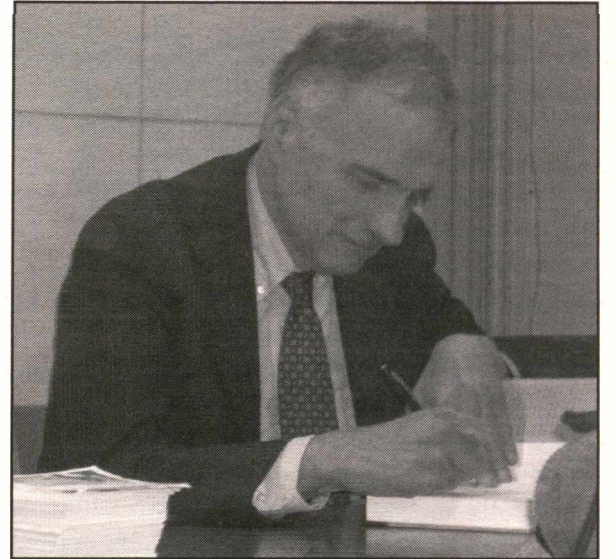
If you care about this school and about change, actually take the two minutes to vote next week. That's all it takes. If you don't bother doing that, don't complain about the state of the campus next year when your candidate doesn't get elected.

## Ralph--seriously?

STAFF EDITORIAL

Does anyone else notice that Ralph Nader looks an awful lot like the Crypt Keeper from "Tales of the Crypt"? More than that, the perennial presidential candidate and Social Security recipient is running for President of the United States for a remarkable third time.

If the idea of "Ralph Nader--Leader of the Free World" isn't ridiculous enough, the fact that his main opponent will either be a black man or a woman should be thrown into the mix.



Ralph Nader is running for President for a third time (photo by wikicommons).

Nader often exalts the underdog and goes for the person who the world is against. Obama and Clinton fulfill both these requirements. The Green Party is creating quite the conundrum for independent voters.

Democrats will remember Nader as the man that threw a monkey wrench into Al Gore's presidential machine in 2000. Nader was like the teacher that cut off that kid's finger in shop class. Nader split the Democratic vote enough in Florida, to give the state to George W.

The unsung hero for the Republicans in 2000, Nader may very well be the shop teacher for them in 2008. The pure rancor many Republicans feel for John McCain may push them to burn their vote on someone like Nader.

Nader's entrance has the potential to shake up American politics worse than the 22nd Amendment.

If, by some miracle from the very gods of the electoral process, Nader was able to garner 10 percent of the national vote, he would change the face of American politics forever. Gone would be the two party system; a third party would gain the respectability they have sought for years.

However, it is more likely NNU will be struck by a meteor bearing extraterrestrial life. As open as the election process should be, at times open candidacy is preposterous. Nader has every right to run for president, and we have every right to question that.

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--Herbert Bayard Swope

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## Illegal immigration needs to stop

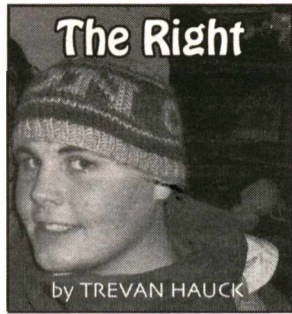
Our national sovereignty allows us to protect ourselves from exterior threats. While the U.S. has engaged in many security ventures in areas outside the U.S., it has not significantly increased its border security in many years.

Historically the United States has allowed illegal immigration to take place because of the lax enforcement on policies dealing with the deportation of illegals and the imposition of sanctions on those who engage in the hiring of such peoples.

While the Center for Immigration Studies and the Bush administration choose to allocate a large sums of money, forces, and support towards outward prevention of illegal entry, they do not put forth any firm actions towards a resolution to eliminate illegals from within our borders.

In fact, plans do the exact opposite by providing easy paths to residency for those currently here. This is a large mistake. According to the studies done by Steven Camarota of CIS and Robert Rector of the Heritage Foundation, we would send ourselves into major long-term social welfare spending. Spending that would most likely continue to rise until the policy was changed.

To avoid such fiscal catastrophes, the U.S. needs to adopt a policy that exercises the search and removal of illegal immigrants who have not had children born



### The Right

by TREVAN HAUCK

in the U.S. Then, on a case by case basis work through those who do have families established in the U.S. and decide based on the criteria of an amnesty committee. Criteria would include: family size, income, legal status of all members, and tax history.

The resources, such as man-power and funding, that would have been used to supplement the border patrol, should be instead put towards a federal task force whose sole purpose would be that of controlling and enforcing sanctions on employers who hire all forms of illegal immigrants – day laborers and otherwise.

Enforcement has failed miserably in the past with IRCA and cannot succeed with out additional support to the organizations already in place.

Finally a major step in eliminating messy deportation situations and the desire to illegal enter the U.S. is to eliminate the naturalization laws currently in place that allow for anyone born in the U.S. to automatically receive citizenship. Such policies will definitely cost money when you show tax payers that illegal immigrants are imposing over a \$10 billion deficit. A tax increase would eventually result in lower taxes over the long haul as illegals would be eliminated as a factor in social welfare spending.

While these measures may seem harsh when looked at from the illegal immigrants point of view, we must remember that by keeping on with the system as it is or putting in place one that is weak on internal enforcement we are inviting illegals to enter the U.S.

We should not be harboring such people but rather encouraging their governments to provide for them by regulating their entry and refusing them admittance without going through the proper process. By taking out the haven that is perceived by illegals, their desire to come to the U.S. will diminish. People need to rely on their own nations to create a workable system where they can survive.

## The Nampa and the NNU of the past are slowly disappearing as the dollar takes precedent

The other day I stood with one of my professors and watched as a large back-ho type machine ripped the stumps in front of Wiley out of the earth. It was almost like attending a funeral of sorts. Our conversation took the form of a lament: how tragic it is that those marvelous old trees had to come to such an end.

Unfortunately sights such as these are not unfamiliar to me. I've lived in Nampa virtually my whole life and through the years I have seen many beautiful things torn down and demolished, only to have very useful and very ugly things put up in their place.

I think of the old barns that were a common sight until only a few years ago. Now sub-divisions stand in their place. Fields and pastures that once held horses and alfalfa now hold Wal-Marts and Hollywood Videos.

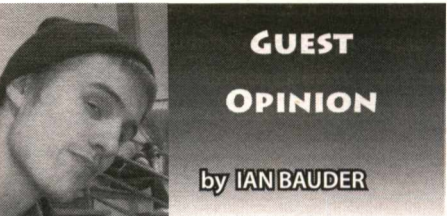
Not that I dislike having cheap groceries within walking distance, but much of the character that once filled my town has been slowly replaced with things

you can find in any town. I used to live in a town that was a close-knit farming community. I used to live in a town that was charm-

only practical thing to do. Those trees were old and dying any way. It would have cost too much to keep them around. It makes our

campus more efficient. It was the only practical thing to do."

I've heard this a million times, and I under-



### GUEST OPINION

by IAN BAUDER

ingly quaint.

Now I live in a town that is not-so-slowly turning into just another suburb, complete with an Olive Garden and a Best Buy. While the vestiges of the place where I grew up still exist (props to local businesses like the Flying M that are trying to *add* to Nampa instead of *change* it), but over all Nampa is becoming pretty vanilla. After watching the trees being torn out of the ground last week, I fear that the same thing may be happening to our campus.

Whenever you bring up the idea that "maybe it isn't such a swell idea to chop down our old trees" a familiar argument will always be raised. It goes something like this: "It was the

stand. We live in a world controlled by the dollar, and sometimes that's what you have to think about. But beauty that exists on our campus isn't something that you can buy or build. It's grown slowly, in the ninety or so years of the schools existence. By callously tossing away the old for the new, we run the risk of losing something that will take ninety more years to get back.

I know that the people who make these kinds of decisions on campus are only trying to do what's best. But maybe we should place a little more emphasis on the character and beauty of our campus, and less on trying to make our dollars go as far as possible.

## Failed House divestment bill encourages socially responsible investing

I've been thinking about social responsibility lately. As many of you know, RS 1367 was killed in committee last week. That bill was supposed to allow the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) to divest their holdings from companies that gave money to the Sudanese government, thus propagating the genocide that's happening there.

PERSI and the majority of the Senate Committee believed that investments do not need to be socially responsible. Their main goal should be providing the best benefit for PERSI members. The only reason that this bill was voted down is because PERSI members were concerned that moving investments around due to genocide would open the doors to all kinds of socially responsible investments.

Crazy tree-hugging environmentalists might want PERSI to only choose eco-friendly investments, and



### GUEST OPINION

by CALLY BEKKEDAHL

then they might have to pull their investments out of Iran and North Korea. I can see how they would be concerned about having to get out of investments like that.

This is not a new philosophy. Businesses have always looked at the bottom line in order to make decisions. This is how companies can outsource their factories to other countries without thinking it's wrong. For most companies, investing responsibly doesn't make

any sense because in their opinion, it's harder to get good returns on those investments. However that isn't true.

Socially responsible investing is a relatively new idea. It started by companies avoiding what was called "sin" investments, i.e. alcohol, tobacco, and gambling. However, socially responsible investing has spread to also be concerned with international issues like poor working conditions, the environment, and even genocide.

Little by little, companies are starting to think about the consequences of their investments. However, PERSI still fails to see this as a necessity. What I still can't seem to understand is what's so wrong about socially responsible investing,

and why it is such a new concept?

PERSI was so distraught by the idea of being accountable to their members. I think that socially responsible investing could change the world. Imagine if investment companies and individuals only invested in companies that cared about the environment, or if they only invested in companies that cared about human rights?

Could divestment of all kinds possibly change the world for the better? Might it cause all companies to be more environmentally and human rights friendly?

There are several organizations that have been created to encourage and educate individuals and corporations to invest responsibly. Its time that more companies followed suit.

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## Students and local businesses venture to SIFE's "Vitamin-E" fair Saturday

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to Kenya on a medical mission trip. Odell was wearing a wraparound skirt made from the factory in Kirasha, and she also took orders for more shawls. "It's a really poverty-stricken place," said Odell as she showed slides from her visits there. When SIFE offered this opportunity to raise money for Kenya, she took it.

Joelle Friesen, sophomore international studies major, was raising money for Society for a Change as well as for the Kirasha project. Manning a booth with fellow sophomore Brandon Haskins, Friesen was making and selling unique beaded hemp necklaces and bracelets. Her booth also sold Society for a Change's "Save Darfur" pins.

"I started (making the jewelry) about four years ago," said Friesen. "It appeals to a certain age group, and they never seem to get tired of it." All of her proceeds go to Kenya, said Friesen. Turning her creativity into money for a good cause makes Friesen feel good: "We care about that kind of thing," she said.

Art student Mary Spears teamed up with two other art students, Laura Bodenstab and Rhonda Chase, to sell their photography. Spears heard about the fair through campus email and professor Jamie Tucker, and

decided to take advantage of the opportunity to network with the community and possibly sell a few of her prints.

"I thought it was a good thing to try...I need to get out there, and I've made some good contacts today," said Spears. All of the work was in plastic sheaths so that customers could easily flip through the stacks of prints without worrying about mussing up the mats

Creative Memories associate, said she heard about the fair through a SIFE member at her church and decided to sign up. "It was sort of word of mouth by word of mouth," she joked. Creative Memories is a scrapbooking company, and Drinnon had a wide variety of products on display, including a professionally printed and bound memory book from the company's new electronic services.

university students, according to Jerome, who said many community members came after reading about the event in local newspapers and church bulletins.

"I think 8 a.m. on a Saturday is too early [to begin]," said Drinnon of the slow pace. Drinnon, as well as all of the other entrepreneurs at the fair, said that they were willing to come to next year's fair.

A portion of the booth fees paid by the entrepreneurs will be sent to Kirasha to purchase a new spinning loom. Jerome stated that several of the businesses involved also elected to donate a portion of their own profits to the cause. The SIFE team heard of Kirasha and its needs through their connections at Eagle Church of the Nazarene. In concordance with SIFE's goals for establishing academic and international networking, the club decided that expanding globally would benefit the entrepreneurs as well as the Kenya mission.

"Enough funds were collected from the event to purchase the spinning loom for the factory in Kirasha, which will increase productivity and potential profit while adding additional jobs for the villagers," said Bloomquist on Monday.

*"I thought [the fair] was a good thing to try...I'm glad to be getting positive feedback."*

*-Mary Spears*

or the photos, and allowed for more interaction, which Spears and Bodenstab hoped would help sell the work.

Although business was slow, Spears said she was glad of the opportunity. "I'm glad to be getting positive feedback," she said.

Several local businesses occupied several booths at the fair, too, offering items like Tupperware, tax services, greeting cards, Cambodian purses, Mary Kay cosmetics and décor from Home America.

April Drinnon, a local

Though there was a wide variety of crafts and services at the fair, attendance seemed sluggish. According to several entrepreneurs, not very many people showed up, perhaps because the fair was held fairly early on a Saturday morning. SIFE Chief Marketing Officer Ashlee Jerome stated that though the rainy weather and early hours "put a damper on early shoppers, there was steady foot traffic all day," and all of the vendors seemed happy with the event. The early hours probably only hindered the

## Recycling is a big issue: NNU Recycles has tips for saving our resources

by JESSICA LEWIS and ALLI SCHISLER

NNU Recycles has recycling bins in the dorms and other buildings around campus. But, if you are interested in doing more, here are interesting facts about recycling and energy conservation.

An aluminum can that is thrown away will still be a can 500 years from now. A used aluminum can is recycled and put back on the grocery shelf as a new can in as few as 60 days.

A 60-watt light bulb can be run for over a day on the amount of energy saved by recycling one pound of steel. In one year in the United States, the recycling of steel saves enough energy to heat and light 18,000,000 homes!

To produce each week's Sunday newspapers, 500,000 trees must be cut down. If all Americans recycled just one-tenth of their newspapers, which would save about 25,000,000 trees a year. The average American uses seven trees a year in paper, wood, and other products made from trees which amounts to about 2,000,000,000 trees per year. Try recycling the "Crusader!"

Concerned about saving the whales? Plastic bags and other plastic waste thrown into the ocean kill as many

as 1,000,000 sea creatures every year. And recycling plastic not only saves animals, but recycling plastic also saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator.

The energy saved from recycling one glass bottle can run a 100-watt light bulb for four hours. It also causes 20 percent less air pollution and 50 percent less water pollution than when a new bottle is made from raw materials.

The U.S. tanks number one in trash-producing country in the world at 1,609 pounds per person per year. This means that 5 percent of the world's people generate 40 percent of the world's waste.

On average, it costs \$30 per ton to recycle trash, \$50 to send it to the landfill, and \$65 to \$75 to incinerate it.

Motor oil never wears out, it just gets dirty. Oil can be recycled, re-refined and used again. It can also reduce the United States' reliance on imported oil.

If these tips interest you, here are resources for more information: "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: An Easy Household Guide" by Nicky Scott or "Recycle!: Make Your Own Eco-Friendly and Creative Designs - 101 Projects for Home & Garden" by Moira Hankinson and Nicholas Hankinson.

## "Smorgasmorgue" gatherings build art community

by ANDREA HALL

As a former hospital building, the Art and Music building on campus has some history behind it. The basement level, which now houses part of the department of Art and Design, used to be a morgue, according to campus legends.

Recently, the art department has begun a weekly meeting/snack/discussion time for students and professors. These gatherings are held in the basement lounge. Last semester, a competition of sorts was held to name this gathering and to design a logo for it. Senior Nate Hanson won with his design for the "Smorgasmorgue."

Due to the Monday-



Above: Senior Nate Hanson's winning Smorgasmorgue logo design (graphic courtesy Nate Hanson).

Wednesday-Friday chapels, no classes are scheduled during the hour of 11-noon on any day of the week. The art department planned for Smorgasmorgue to take place during that dead hour every Tuesday. All the professors make an effort to be present, and coffee and donuts or other sugary snacks are usually provided.

Daniel Spears, a graphic

design major, provided some appropriate decoration for the new lounge. He made the Smorgasmorgue logo's letters out of foam and suspended them in mason jars of clear gelatin. Lit from behind, the sign lends a creepy, laboratory-like feel to the gatherings.

Smorgasmorgue also plans to hold monthly games of "Mafia." The game

has been adapted to fit the department and the morgue theme, with professors as undead mafia members, the mortician as the sheriff and students as the innocent villagers. The junior art students designed a website and a deck of "morgue Mafia" cards for the game, as well as promotional toe tags for the very first meeting in January.

Despite the creepy decor and the tagline of "dead food, dead coffee, dead conversation," the event is always well attended. Smorgasmorgue provides an opportunity for art students to take a break every Tuesday, eat a couple donuts and simply chat with their professors and fellow students.

## Education club a positive influence on local students

by DARBY MONTGOMERY

The Education Club, headed by President Dani Wilson, and advised by Professor Terry Cantrell, is working to get the students of NNU and Nampa involved. Coming up on the schedule is an activity for Central Elementary students. Plans are for students to receive free admission to the women's basketball game on Saturday, their last home game of the regular season.

Also on the agenda is Read Across America, scheduled for this morning at Sherman Elementary School. Read Across America was instituted and

celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. Members of the Ed club and faculty will read to 83 second-grade students, while providing a fun atmosphere. A display in NNU's library is attributed to Read Across America.

In April, the Ed club plans to give a tour of the NNU campus to over 75 fourth-graders from Centennial Elementary School. Students will be touring the campus for several hours and enjoying sack lunches.

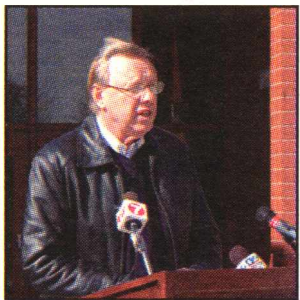
The Ed club members are making a dedicated effort to be a positive influence in our local community.



Flames engulfed the overhang beneath the fitness center Sunday evening, leaving behind significant fire and smoke damage after being extinguished (photo by Aimee Niles)

# Fire devastates Johnson Sports Center

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President Hagood addressed the community in a press conference Monday afternoon (photo by Amber Ford).

factor in the rapid spread of the flames.

The fire itself was contained in a relatively small area at the back of the facility, but severe smoke and water damage permeated virtually the entire facility. The building was fully insured and the administration has no doubts that all repairs will be covered. "We are adapting to the challenge that is before us" said Hagood.

There is extensive damage to the interior of the facility. The entire hallway outside the suites on the second floor has been stripped of its drywall and all of the ceiling panels had to be removed. The staircase beyond the suites sustained damage as well and is labeled as "unstable". The fire entered the building around this area and worked its way

up the stairs, which eventually led to the activation of the sprinkler system.

The sprinkler heads have been credited with keeping the fire contained. However, once water hit the fire, super hot black steam was created, which billowed throughout the building, condensing onto walls, covering them with thick black stains. Over fifty sprinkler heads went off in the building to combat flames.

When cleanup started, there was over an inch of standing water in the fieldhouse and around the front desk. Hagood said that the cleanup crews had to remove some 70,000 gallons of water left over from the sprinklers. An estimate on the cost of the damage has yet to be determined.

The crew working on the restoration is working

around the clock and will not stop until the job is finished, said Hagood. The first goal is to get the classrooms up and running so that classes can resume; classes that were meeting in the JSC are currently using facilities at College Church of the Nazarene.

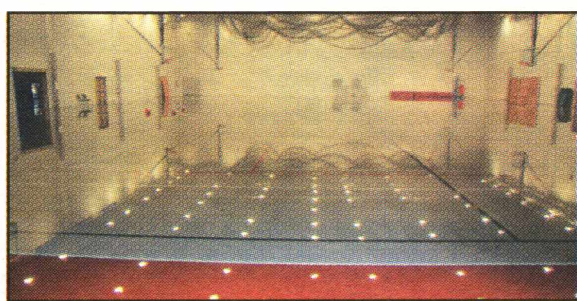
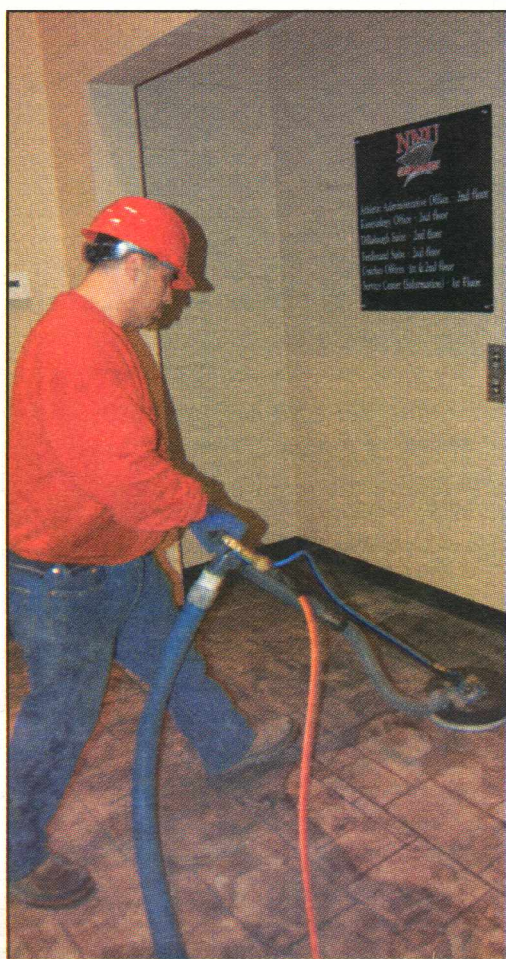
Hagood also said that the community has quickly rushed in to aid NNU during the cleanup of the JSC. Skyview High School has offered their facilities for NNU sports teams to practice and compete; the Ladies Basketball team will host their last two home games at Skyview. The Men's Basketball team will play the last

games of their regular season off-campus this week. Tippy Burke, a point guard for the men's team, said "I am just glad we got to play our last home game on campus".

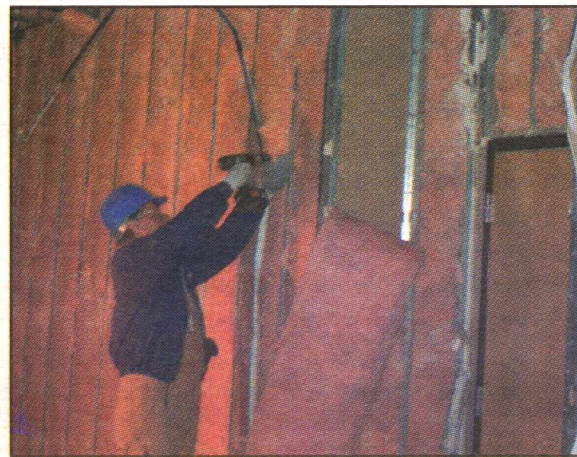
The Nampa Recreation Center has also offered

athletes free passes to work out until the JSC is declared usable.

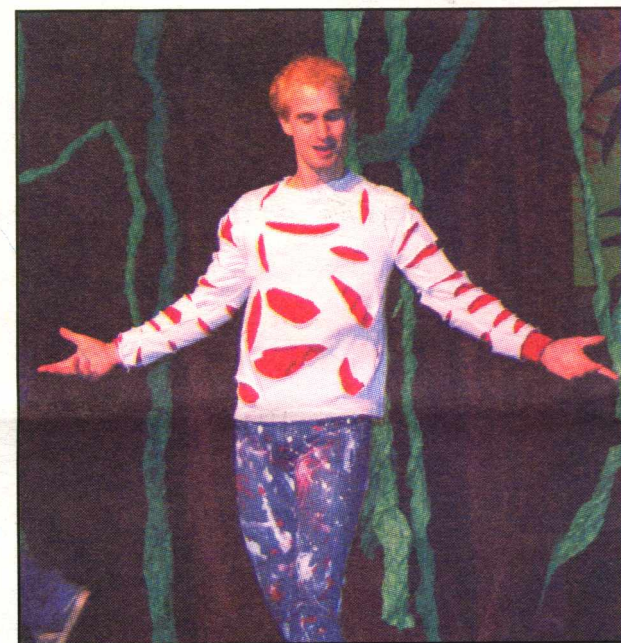
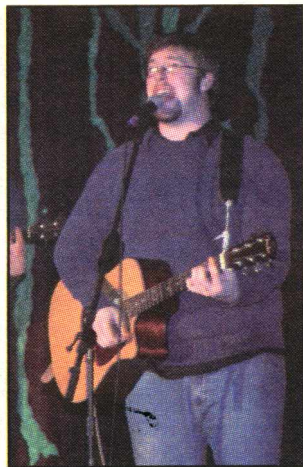
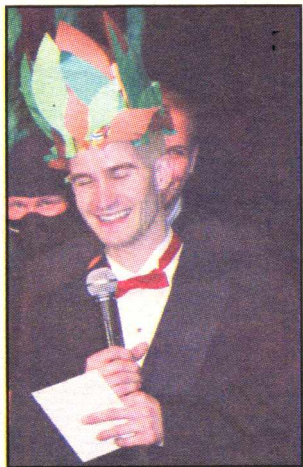
When asked if the current situation was going to slow down any other building projects on campus, Hagood said that a separate contractor was being used for the new Science building and that there will be no conflict with construction.



Clockwise from left: Workers have been laboring around the clock to clean up the damage left by fire and water; The fieldhouse, covered in about an inch of water from the sprinklers; Exterior damage to the fitness center area was extensive; A worker dismantling the walls of the suites upstairs in the gym (photos by Aimee Niles and Chris Vanderschaaf).



# Saturday's Mr. NNU pageant bittersweet for Wheatley



by IAN BAUDER

As the lights went down in the crowded Science Lecture Hall, I wasn't quite sure what to expect from this year's Mr. NNU. The rumors surrounding the production had been mostly negative, so I was curious to see if the show could beat the hype.

What I experienced on Saturday night turned out to be an un-even mix of dull, self-gratifying, weird and occasionally funny skits that didn't mesh well together; a show that made me glad I got in courtesy of this lovely publication and not at the expense of my wallet.

Let me start off by saying this: Michael Wheatley didn't deserve to win. He didn't deserve to place. Maybe it's just me, but I'm not impressed by boring, uninspired dance routines

and a rip-off of Kenton Lee's (better) hair cutting stunt. But I guess I must be in the minority, because not only has he made it into four Mr. NNU's in a row, but he also managed to clinch a victory this time. Mike: I love ya and I'll miss ya when you leave, but I'm not going to miss the dancing.

The real winner should have been Trevan Hauck. His manic and nonsensical sketches were hilarious (he easily captured the biggest laugh of the night with the appearance of a half naked Tony Napier clutching a cheeseburger) all the while keeping his signature sense of style.

The rest of the skits included the familiar (Matt Dayton delivering his love 'em or hate 'em one liners), the awkward (Brittan Aebischer's Joel Ryman bash-fest) and the puzzling (senior Anthony Haskett's

innuendo-laden 'fencing' sketch).

Possibly the most brilliant moment was brought by Tim Palmer, whose sketch about the difficulty in telling Asian people apart pushed the envelope in all the right ways. The jokes regarding the confusion in trying to remember Korean names hit close to home, and that's exactly what they were supposed to do.

While not as brilliant, but equally funny, was Sophomore Brian Flanders's spot-on impression of Dr. Mark Gismondi. It was charming and humorous without being insulting. It will be a while before I can see Gismondi with out immediately thinking about Flanders's character in my head.

This year's hosts (and last year's winners) were Ty Law and Erik Valenti. Their tired jokes and relentless mugging at the crowd proved

once again that hats and accents can't make you funny. With that said, their getting-chased-by-girls-and-gangsters video provided a great (and funny) capstone to the end of the night.

Overall it was, as I said, a mixed bag. The freshmen who produced the show could have shown a little more restraint (especially with ticket prices) but they did a serviceable job in trying to wrangle the mess of personalities that makes Mr. NNU what it is.

**Clockwise from top left: Senior Mike Wheatley was crowned "King of the Jungle;" Freshman Chris Davis adapted a Beatles song for his brother; Junior Brittan Aebischer as a nervous piano maestro; All of the contestants in their introductory dance number, choreographed by Anna Lyerly; and Wheatley performing a dance medley from all of his past Mr. NNU performances (photos by Robin McConkey).**

## Career Week helped students plan their futures with networking opportunities and advice sessions

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and Nick Vanassche, Century 21 Realty.

Panelists provided advice and answered students' questions about interviews, budgeting, investments, and graduate school.

Tuesday evening students were invited to ask questions of a career fair recruiter, Breanna Sparks of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. Sparks gave students examples of career fair and interview dos and do-nots.

Students also participated in mock interviews. Students could present their resumes for criticisms and pointers.

During Wednesday's alumni chapel, NNU assistant athletic director Barb Robertson spoke, telling students about her the



The career fair was the culminating event for Career Week, giving students the opportunity to check out local employers (photo by Robin McConkey).

unexpected twists and turns her life has taken.

Following Wednesday's alumni chapel, alumni participated in a fair in the student center. Alumni spoke to students majoring in their field and gave career advice.

Thursday saw the week's largest event, the career fair in the Johnson Sports Center, which ran from 10:00 am until 2:30 pm. With over ninety booths at the career fair, students had opportunity to find out about various job and internship

opportunities. Some students were also able to set up interviews.

Senior Stephanie Hall says she feels more confident about her ability to find a job after graduation, "I made some great connections at the career fair and secured a few interviews."

At the beginning of the week, all students were able to pick up a passport to record points for each event they attended. The passport included information about career week events including time and location.

Throughout the four day event, students were able to accrue frequent flier miles. Students who earned enough miles were entered into a drawing for prizes including a Southwest round-trip ticket!

### Student Life Events

**Wednesday, March 5**  
 9:00 p.m.: Time Out- Open Mic Night  
 10:00 p.m.: Wednesday Nite Live

**Thursday, March 6**  
 7:00 p.m.: Sheryl Garret personal finance workshop in Feltar Lecture Hall (sponsored by SIFE)  
 7:30 p.m.: "South Pacific" performance in Swayne Auditorium

**Friday, March 7-Saturday, March 8**  
 7:30 p.m.: "South Pacific" performance in Swayne Auditorium

**Sunday, March 9**  
 2:00 p.m.: Scott King recital (Swayne Auditorium)

**Monday, March 10**  
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## Crusader sluggers take four of six from Sea Warriors

by DARBY MONTGOMERY

The Crusader baseball team traveled to Waipahu, Hawaii last week to engage Hawaii Pacific University in a six-game set. The Crusaders managed to win four of the six non-conference games over the three day series.

Thursday's double-header was split, with the Crusaders winning the first game, 12-7. Crusader Kyle Rodriguez was credited with the win, having allowed 8 hits over five and two thirds innings. NNU secured the win behind Mitch Kochis's 2-RBI triple in the fourth inning and a three-inning sixth inning rally.

Hawaii Pacific bounced back in the evening, with Sea Warrior pitcher Kaimi Mead throwing a no-hitter. The Crusaders managed only three walks in the game, as Hawaii Pacific piled up the runs, ending the night on a high, 7-0.

NNU won both Friday games, by scores of 4-3 and 4-1. The Crusaders only recorded 5 hits in each game to Hawaii Pacific's 17-hit day, but a combined 6 errors hurt the Sea Warriors' chances. NNU recorded only one error on the day, helped by the pitching of Alex Van Oeveren and Andy Pottinger. Senior Jimmy Van Beek did his part, recording a triple in the morning game and a solo home run in the evening.

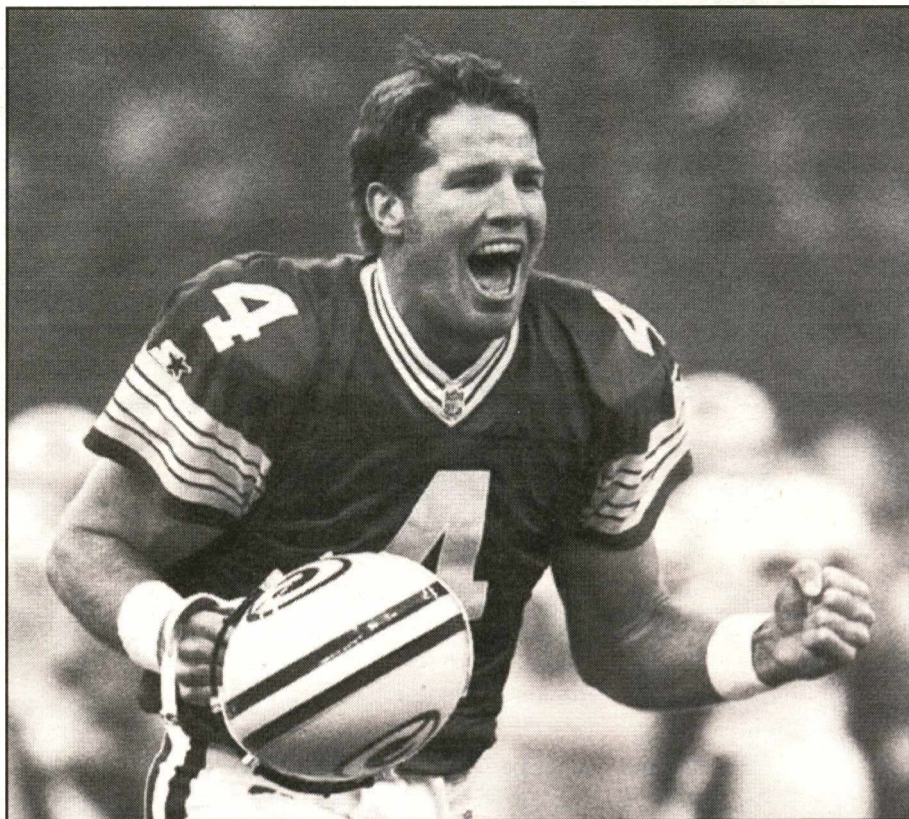
NNU continued their winning ways with a 7-5 victory on Saturday morning, with designated hitter Ryne Phillips, shortstop Severo Rodriguez, and catcher Aakhus all piling on the hits. The Crusaders only struck out three times in the game, and recorded 3 runs in the fifth inning. Relief pitcher Joel Oliver also recorded his first win of the season. NNU dropped the last of the six games by a score of 4-5,

but end the series with a 10-3 record.

Third baseman Van Beek, now batting .390 on the year, was awarded NNU Athlete of the Week for his 9 hits in the series, including 3 doubles, a triple and a home run. Van Beek also knocked in 5 RBI and scored the winning run in the final game of the series. Reflecting on the games, Van Beek said, "Our team showed a lot of heart not giving up when we got down in the games. We feel that this week helped us gel before our conference games begin. These next couple weeks are going to be important for us, and we feel we have a shot at turning some heads. Watch out—we are bringing the noise!"

The Crusaders head out again this weekend for Lacey, Wash., where they will play Saint Martin's University.

## Brett Favre retires and leaves Packer fans confused



Brett Favre, who played for Green Bay from 1992 through 2007, brought the Super Bowl back to Lambeau in 1996. With his career over, he owns every major record for quarterbacks (photo by Wiki Commons).

(AP)—Brett Favre has decided to retire from the NFL after 17 seasons.

The news was a surprise to at least one of Favre's teammates. Most players expected Favre to return after a successful 2007 season.

"I just saw it come across the TV," Packers wide receiver Koren Robinson said, when reached on his cell phone by The Associated Press.

The 38-year-old Favre, a three-time NFL MVP and one of the NFL's grittiest players, has made his annual flirtation with retirement a winter tradition in Wisconsin. He has taken weeks and even months to make his decision after recent seasons, with Cheeseheads hanging on his every word.

But unlike the final game of the 2006 season — when Favre provided a cliffhanger by getting choked up in a television interview as he walked off the field in Chicago, only to return once again — nearly everyone assumed he would be back this time. They were wrong.

Only two years removed from perhaps his worst season, Favre had a resurgence in 2007. He broke several career records. Among them was Dan Marino's career mark for career touchdown passes. He powered the Packers to an NFC North title and a 13-3 regular-season record and earned his ninth Pro Bowl spot.

Surrounded by an under-rated group of wide receivers who proved hard to tackle

after the catch, Favre had a career-high completion percentage of 66.5. He threw for 4,155 yards, 28 touchdowns and only 15 interceptions.

Given Favre's career resurgence, it was widely assumed that he was leaning toward returning for the 2008 season.

He even said as much just before the Packers' Jan. 12 divisional playoff game against Seattle, telling his hometown newspaper that he wasn't approaching the game as if it would be his last and was more optimistic than in years past about returning.

"For the first time in three years, I haven't thought this could be my last game," Favre told the Biloxi (Miss.) Sun Herald. "I would like to continue longer."

Those comments sent premature shock waves across the state — all the way up to the governor's office, where the political version of a false start was committed.

It was another example of the state's fascination with the future of its favorite quarterback.

Favre then finished the season on a sour note, suddenly showing his age in the Packers' 23-20 overtime loss to the New York Giants in the NFC Championship game.

Favre struggled in subzero temperatures, throwing an interception on the Packers' second play from scrimmage in overtime to set up the Giants' game-winning field goal.

After that game, Favre was noncommittal on his future.

McCarthy said he wanted Favre to take a step back from the season before making a decision. But it was widely assumed he would be back.

"I think he's going to come back," Packers receiver Donald Driver said in early January. "I wouldn't be surprised if he comes back. He's having a great year, so it'd be great to see him come back if he decides to."

Retiring Packers chairman Bob Harlan figured Favre would be back, too.

"Yeah, I think he'll be back," Harlan said, on his final official day as the Packers' top executive. "And I felt that way the last couple years, when we've had these long debates about it. I just think he's such a competitor that as long as he feels he can compete, he's going to keep coming back."

Still, in the week leading to the playoff game against Seattle, Favre said his injuries were starting to linger.

"I'm not getting any younger," Favre said. "I wake up some days and think I can't even touch my toes. I think about that. I think, well, next year is not going to be like some refreshing, awakening season where all of a sudden you're going to feel great. That's not going to happen."

"I carry some of these things with me that maybe you wouldn't see. I tend to dwell on them, at least internally, more than I used to. I don't write them off as quickly as I used to."



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## Is NASCAR a sport?

by TREVAN HAUCK

Americans have always loved professional sports. Watching a game with family and friends is a favorite pastime. But what constitutes a sport? Does the mere presence of competition make something a sport? Or perhaps it has to do with the athletes themselves?

Professional athletes train year round to be conditioned, to hone their skills, whether the sport is baseball, football, soccer or golf. But one competition that has come under attack repeatedly is the National Association of Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR). Mike Durkum of the Minnesota Daily writes, "Unfortunately, racing fans, your beloved NASCAR is not a sport. NASCAR, without a doubt, is competitive but requires more of a mental than physical exertion. Drivers only need to be in good enough physical condition to fit in a car and not have a heart attack behind the wheel."

Is this true? Is NASCAR's biggest requirement driver weight? Why aren't there millions of NASCAR enthusiasts lining up to join the race? NASCAR requires great physical and mental skill.

NASCAR is most definitely a sport—drivers must drive for hours at high speeds with no halftime. The racetrack is a high-stress setting that draws on an individual's mental abilities to cope with their surroundings. Drivers must fight fatigue and frustration while being able to skillfully maneuver a 3,400 lb. piece of metal around other cars.

NASCAR is as taxing a sport as any other, and qualifies for "sport" status because of its physical and mental requirements.

# Sonics, Cubs owners set new lows in respect

by DEREK DE ROOY

Fellow Sonic fan Craig Codlin wrote that there were five phases to a fan's feelings considering the loss of a professional sports franchise: 1. Denial 2. Anger 3. Bargaining 4. Depression 5. Acceptance. Well, sure as the sun comes up, I experienced the first four. But acceptance is hard.

The Seattle SuperSonics' pending move to Oklahoma City has been affirmed by three statements:

"We started to look around, and at that time, the Sonics were going through some ownership challenges in Seattle. So Clay, very artfully and skillfully, put himself in the middle of those discussions, and to the great amazement and surprise to everyone in Seattle, some rednecks from Oklahoma, which we've been called, made off with the team. ... We didn't buy the team to keep it in Seattle; we hoped to come here," said

co-owner Aubrey McClen-don last August.

"We have no option but to commence the NBA relocation process," said owner Clay Bennett in November.

"It's apparent to all who are watching that the Sonics are heading out of Seattle, I accept that inevitability at this point. There is no miracle here." —NBA Commissioner David Stern

Even the Commish has accepted it!

But I won't. If the owners are stupid enough to announce the date of the move, I'll be on my way to Seattle to stop it.

Does Mr. Bennett have any idea what it means to be a fan? Has he been to a Sonics game? Was he in the Key Arena, a venue proclaimed "not viable for an NBA team" in 1996? Is he familiar with The Glove, Big Smooth, The Reign Man, and Jim McIlvaine?

Owners have been taking advantage of citizens

for decades. They purchase a team, and because of the never-ending media boom, team value bursts forth. Owners always make a profit on their team. But they are like so many other business owners, reaping "bad profits".

"Bad profits" are profits that come at a customer's expense. They often occur when businesses don't listen to their customers. GM is suffering this problem, as is the music industry and Airbus. Microsoft is getting their punishment right now. Blockbuster can't compete with Netflix.

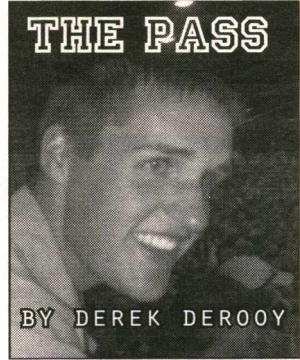
Cubs owner Sam Zell is currently willing to sell the naming rights to Wrigley Field.

"Excuse me for being sarcastic," says Zell, "but the idea of a debate occurring over what I should do with my asset leaves me somewhat questioning the integrity of the debate."

Reports say there are about a half dozen groups who could be potential

purchasers of the team.

"There's a lot of people who would like to buy the Cubs and would like to buy the Cubs under their terms and conditions and, unfortunately, have to deal with



me," Zell said.

Cubs executive Crane Kenney adds, "I remember when lights were introduced and a number of people who said, 'Nothing will be the same, the park will be ruined and the atmosphere is going to change.' And it hasn't".

Sure, Wrigley wasn't the original name of the stadium, it's been that way since 1926. Fenway Park has

stated that it will not sell its naming rights. Yankee executives and Packers owners (the citizens of Green Bay, by the way) recognize that selling their names is giving into corporatism. The name is special. The name has meaning, more meaning than, say, the Devil Rays' Tropicana Field or the San Francisco 49ers' Monster Park.

Just as Cubs fans will fight and hate their owner, Sonics fans will not give up. The Sonics have one more championship than the Seahawks and Mariners combined. The only other pro sports championships in Seattle are the Seattle Storm's 2004 championship and the now-defunct Seattle Metropolitan's 1917 Stanley Cup. For goodness' sake, the DeRooy's weren't even in America yet!

To rob Seattle of their team, after 41 seasons, is outrageous. To rob Wrigley Field of its name, after 82 years, is outrageous.

But I'm not bitter.

## Men's basketball splits homestand against Alaskan schools

by CALLY BEKKEDAH

The Crusaders played their final home games of the season this past weekend, hosting both Alaskan Great Northwest Athletic Conference universities.

On Thursday night, the Crusaders lost to University of Alaska-Anchorage, currently ranked ninth nationally and leading the GNAC, 77-59.

UAA point guard Luke Cooper scored a game-high 31 points and dished out 10 assists. He was joined in double figures

by McCade Olsen (12 points), Kevin White (11), and Chris Bryant (10).

The Crusaders were led by Justin Parnell and Kendall Gielow, who each scored 12. Parnell also grabbed a team-high 6 rebounds and led the team with 4 assists.

The weakness for both teams was a lack of free throws. Only 26 fouls were called between the teams, and resulted in only 21 free throw attempts on the evening. Worse still, NNU made only 3-of-9 attempts, a far cry from

their average .795 free throw percentage.

Things went better on Saturday as the Crusaders defeated the University of Alaska-Fairbanks 77-60 in a GNAC matchup. Joel Ryman went off again, leading the Crusaders with 19 points. Parnell had 18 points, Gielow chipped in with 13, and Scott Helpenstell recorded the game's only double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Guard Tyler Roberts finished with a game-high eight assists and scored seven points, as the

Crusaders improve to 17-8 overall and 9-7 in conference play.

With the win, NNU tied the school record for wins in a season since the Crusaders made the change from the NAIA to NCAA Division II. With 17 wins, they tie the 2004-2005 squad, who finished 17-10.

The Nanooks (5-20, 2-14 GNAC) were led by Colin Matteson's 19 points. Travis Pew joined Matteson in double-figures with 11 and added 3 steals.

NNU out-rebounded UAF 32-18 and shot 51.1-

percent (24-47) from the floor, including 55.6-percent (10-18) from beyond the three-point line.

The Crusaders made their free throws again, finishing 19-for-23 from the line, while UAF finished a poor 9-of-13.

The men will finish the regular season on the road this coming weekend, traveling to Central Washington on Thursday and Western Washington on Saturday. Both games will tip-off at 8 p.m. MST and can be heard live on AM 950 in the Treasure Valley.



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Standings

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### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
<i>Northwest</i>						
Utah (4)	39	22	.639	-	W1	9-1
Denver	35	24	.593	3	W2	7-3
Portland	31	29	.517	7.5	L3	3-7
Seattle	16	43	.271	22	L1	4-6
Minnesota	12	46	.207	25.5	L3	5-5
<i>Pacific</i>						
LA Lakers (2)	42	18	.700	-	W2	7-3
Phoenix (6)	39	20	.661	2.5	W3	7-3
Golden State (8)	36	22	.621	5	W2	7-3
Sacramento	27	32	.458	14.5	L1	6-4
LA Clippers	19	39	.328	22	W1	4-6
<i>Midwest</i>						
San Antonio (1)	41	17	.707	-	W2	7-3
New Orleans (3)	40	19	.678	1.5	L2	6-4
Houston (5)	39	20	.661	2.5	W1	6-4
Dallas (7)	39	22	.639	3.5	W7	9-1
Memphis	14	45	.237	27.5	L6	2-8

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
<i>Atlantic</i>						
Boston (1)	46	12	.793	-	W5	7-3
Toronto (5)	32	26	.552	14	L2	5-5
Philadelphia (7)	28	33	.459	19.5	W2	4-6
New Jersey (8)	26	33	.441	20.5	L2	6-4
New York	18	42	.300	29	L3	2-8
<i>Central</i>						
Detroit (2)	43	16	.729	-	W1	8-2
Cleveland (4)	34	26	.569	9.5	W2	6-4
Indiana	24	36	.400	19.5	W2	3-7
Chicago	23	36	.390	20	L2	4-6
Milwaukee	22	38	.367	21.5	L3	3-7
<i>Southeast</i>						
Orlando (3)	38	21	.623	-	W1	6-4
Washington (6)	29	30	.492	8	W2	1-9
Atlanta	24	33	.421	12	L1	4-6
Charlotte	20	39	.339	17	W1	2-8
Miami	11	46	.193	25	L1	1-9

# All aboard for 'South Pacific'

The classic musical, starring NNU students and staff, will be performed this weekend for students and community members

by RACHAEL FINCH

Looking for something to do this weekend? Come

see the NNU production of South Pacific, showing Thursday through Saturday in Swayne Auditorium

at 7:30 p.m. The musical takes place in the Solomon Islands in 1943. The Island is home

to a US Naval base, where troops are preparing for invasion of New Guinea and the Central Pacific.

Romance is brewing on the island, as French planter Emile deBeque (Matt Johnson) falls in love with Navy nurse, Nellie Forbush (Kendra Hughes). The Navy offers Emile the dangerous mission of spying on the Japanese ship movements on another island. Deeply affected by his love for Nellie, he refuses to go on the mission. However, Nellie rejects him, and he decides to accept the mission.

Meanwhile, back on the island, Luther Billis (Erik Valenti) and his crew of sailors spend their days



Karissa Ellingson and Erik Valenti accompany the lead characters (photo courtesy of Dr. Swanson).

mocking Bloody Mary (Karrisa Ellingson), a Tonkinese souvenir seller. This provides a little humor to the romance driven plotline.

"The show is going to

be a fun one," said director Dr. Barry Swanson, encouraging students to come out to the show. "Escape the winter blah's and come to the South Pacific", said Swanson.



Matt Johnson and Kendra Hughes play the two main characters in South Pacific (photo Courtesy of Dr. Swanson).

## 'The Market' enhances downtown Nampa

by DARBY MONTGOMERY

The Market is a new, local, specialty food store, open just three months, but already making an impression on Nampa's downtown area. The building, having been vacant for 30 years, was the perfect building for this new store. Owner Laurel MacKinnon got the idea for The Market from a specialist who said one of the things downtown needed for revitalization was a co-op type store. MacKinnon also owns "Urban Shed", a furniture consignment store, and several other buildings downtown.

This new addition to downtown is simply delightful, the perfect place for an afternoon luncheon. The ground floor hosts a delicious deli with restaurant quality food and a European style café and juicer. Organic fruits, cheeses, and olives are displayed in baskets and jars. Upstairs displays cookware by Maury Batale, along

with stylish high tables for dining. Downstairs contains an assortment of specialty food items, from salsa, candy, and pasta to sausages and wines. Freshly baked breads and pastries are delivered daily from Café de Paris in Boise.

Besides being the ideal place to purchase unique food items and delicate truffles, The Market holds weekly cooking classes, wine tasting and food demonstrations. Local artists' work decorates the walls of this classy store. Prices are on the high end but not for a specialty, organic food market.

In the summer all the front windows slide open, opening up the entire front of the store to the summer breezes and outside dining.

The Market would be the wonderful place to purchase a unique hostess gift. The truffle counter is beautiful with its many fancy chocolates. Guys, this is a great place to buy a quick surprise for that special

someone. Truffles start off at less than \$2 each. The Market also carries the Savanna Bee Company lip products which were formally carried by Bath and Body Works.

MacKinnon is really transforming downtown Nampa with the Market. It caters to the "natural" crowd of people with its organic foods and European accents but is a fun place for any type. No longer do people have to travel all the way to the Boise Co-Op, the Market is here and ready for business. The Market: lovely atmosphere, tasty food, specialty chocolates and two phenomenal wooden staircases.

The Market is located on 13 Avenue in downtown Nampa. It's open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday and Saturday hours extend to 10 p.m. to accommodate wine tasting and live music; usually consists of jazz or blues. Sunday hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Feature musician: Richard Buckner

by RACHAEL FINCH

Quality folk music is sometimes hard to find. For all those who have been searching, Richard Buckner is a soothing remedy for what ails you. His folk/country sound is classic and simple, without being contrived.

Buckner has a quality somewhat akin to the vocals of Dwight Yoakum, but with a much richer tone. While his country influences are undeniable; the twang of his voice and guitar attest to it; he is predominantly a folk artist. His lyrics, which do not fit the stereotypical country ideal, are personal and painful poetry, the meaning of which is often too obscure to pin down.

Buckner's unique conglomeration of styles may be one reason his music hasn't hit mainstream radio or TV. He's not likely to be seen on CMT any time soon because his fan base is among folk, indie, and alternative rock fans, yet he is too country to be played on alternative rock stations.

No newbie to the industry, Buckner has released eight full length albums on multiple record labels.

"Bloom" (1994) was on Dejadic, while the following two albums, "Devotion + Doubt" (1997) and "Since" (1998) were

newest album, includes a band composed of several seasoned artists, including, Doug Gillard (Guided by Voices), Kevin



Folk artist Richard Buckner (photo from www.myspace.com).

on MCA. The 2000 releases of "The Hill" and "Richard Buckner", as well as "Impasse" (2002) were on Overcoat. The two most recent releases, "Dents and Shells" (2004) and "Meadow" (2006) were on Merge records.

Inspiration comes in many places for Buckner. "The Hill" is an interpretation of Edgar Lee Masters' "Spoon River Anthology", a fictional collection of epitaphs from the residence of a small town.

"Meadow", Buckner's

March (GBV), JD Foster, and Steven Goulding (Mekons, Gram Parker, Waco Brothers). Gillard's guitar work has a particularly large effect on the album's overall sound. It has far less of the country influence, and more indie/alternative rock. Whether this is a permanent change, or simply a detour, only future recordings can tell.

Information from music.aol.com and www.merge-records.com.

## 'The Other Boleyn Girl' charms audiences

Movie focuses on relationship between the two sisters

by CALLY BEKKEDAHL



Based on the best selling novel

by Philippa Gregory, "The Other Boleyn Girl" is an enthralling story of two sisters' tumultuous journey of love and determination as they both become objects of King Henry VIII's (Eric Bana) affection.

Anne Boleyn (Natalie Portman) the eldest sister is coerced by her ambitious father and uncle to advance the family's wealth and status by winning the affections of the King of England, Henry VIII. At first, it seems simple, as the younger sister, Mary (Scarlett Johansson), has already been married to someone else. However, Mary catches the King's eye instead of Anne and is forced to leave her husband and become the King's mistress. Anne is outraged and believes her sister has done this on purpose. Soon, Mary falls in love with the King, but Anne will stop at nothing until she not only gets the King, but also all the power that comes with it.

The sisters are soon trapped in a competition, one driven by ambition,

the other by love, which sends Mary to the country with the King's illegitimate child. Anne, who is more conniving and manipulative, devises a plan to get rid of the Queen as well. To do this, she persuades the King to break from the Vatican and to become the head of a new church, the Church of England, in order to divorce his wife and make Anne the new queen.

Despite all of this, the sisters are still able to find strength and loyalty in each other as Anne struggles to produce a male heir and to keep the King faithful to her. Mary even tries desperately to save her sister when she is convicted of adultery. The result is a completely changed England. The story ends foreshadowing the next ruler of England, Henry and Anne's daughter, Elizabeth I.

Directed by Justin Chadwick, this is an incredible portrayal of history. Though there are a few historically inaccurate moments, this movie focuses on the relationship between two sisters who have been forced into relationships with King Henry VIII. The cinematography was done very safely, nothing artsy, which allows the viewer to focus on the story. Overall, this was a great film.

## Writing contest offers money and magazine publication

by RACHAEL FINCH

Poets, essayists, and all kinds of writers, now is the time to shine. The Bertha Dooley Writing Contest is here. It offers all NNU students the chance to get published in the "The Gallery", and win up to 100 dollars.

The writing contest, named in honor of former NNU English professor Bertha Dooley, has been a standing tradition at NNU. It took a hiatus last year, but has been brought back this year.

The categories for submission are short stories, essays, and poetry. Short stories can be no longer than 1200 words, and all manuscripts should be double-spaced. Essays can be no longer than 900 words, and should also be double spaced. Poems should be no more than 30 lines. Students may make a total of three entries.

Submissions can be made in the contest box located in English Department lobby, room 202 in the Wiley Learning Center. All entries must be typed and

submitted with an attached cover page indicating the contestant's name, e-mail address, and phone number. The contestant's name is to be included only on the cover page, not on the entry itself.

For each category, first prize is \$100, second prize is \$50, and third prize is \$25. The top three winners in each category will be published in the "The Gallery" and receive a free copy of the magazine.

For more information contact Dr. Ralph Speer.

## Readers theater celebrates Black History Month at Wednesday Night Live

by IAN BAUDER

In celebration of Black History Month, Professor Brooke Adamson and the communications department put on a special readers theatre at last week's "Wednesday Night Live."

Senior Brenna Blair, sophomores Bri Price and LaMonica Richard, and freshman Rachel Allen gave a dramatic reading that tackled issues ranging from the civil rights movement to women's suffrage. The performance incorporated material from a variety of sources including Langston Hughes, Nikki Giovanni and Susan B. Anthony. There was even a slide show set to the haunting sound of Billie Holiday's "Strange Fruit." The performance ending with a chorus of "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," also known as the black national anthem.



Brenna Blair, Bri Price, Rachel Allen, and LaMonica Richard participated in Reader's Theatre last Wednesday (photo by Robin McConkey).

Richard, while having an interest in drama as a high schooler, is a newcomer to reader's theatre. She said that she was wanting to do something for Black History Month, and when she heard about the reader's theatre from a communications major, she decided to check it out.

Richard said one of the things that interested her in this particular performance was that it was about civil rights in general, not just

black rights. She said that because of the nature of NNU she liked how the performance covered women's rights and the rights of other discriminated minorities, including handicapped individuals. "Obviously the school isn't extremely diverse," said Richards.

The Black History Month reader's theatre will be performed again in April, as well as being performed by Blair and Allen in a Forensics competition.

Black History Month, officially established in 1976, was an extension of "Negro History Week," a celebration of black culture created by Carter G. Woodson, who was the director of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Since then, it has served as a time when we remember achievements by Americans such as Jackie Robinson, W.E.B. Debois and George Washington Carter.

## DVDs on release this week

by CHRIS DAVIS

### The Darjeeling Limited

Three American brothers who haven't spoken to each other in a year set off on a train voyage across India with a plan to find themselves and re-forge their old childhood bonds. The DVD features the short prologue to the movie, "Hotel Chevalier."

WHY WE'RE LOOKING FOR IT: Director Wes Anderson's fifth piece promises to

reveal even further the young director's startling maturity.

RATING: 4 stars out of 5

### The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford

Robert Ford, who has idolized Jesse James since childhood, tries hard to join the reforming gang of the Missouri outlaw, but gradually becomes resentful of the bandit leader.

WHY WE'RE

LOOKING FOR IT: The two Academy Award Nominations for cinematography and best supporting actor were spot on with this beautifully done period piece.

RATING: 4 1/2 stars out of 5

### The Last Emperor

The true story of emperor Pu Yi, who took the throne at age 3 in 1908. "The Last Emperor" is an intimate recreation of the last days of the Qing-dynasty and

the man in charge, and a beautiful character study of one man reconciling reconciling personal responsibility and political legacy.

WHY WE'RE LOOKING FOR IT: "The Last Emperor" won all 9 categories it was in at the Academy Awards, a surprising feat for its all foreign cast and crew (an Italian director and International cast.)

RATING: 5 stars out of 5

# CONCERT BOX

March 7	Civic Center	Boise Baroque Orchestra
	The Venue	Portugal. The Man
March 8	The Venue	Down to Nothing
		Earth Crisis
		Sworn Enemy
March 12-22	Civic Center	Menopause: The Musical
March 16	Big Easy	Les Claypool
March 25-26	Morrison Center	Cirque Dreams

**THE DEAL**

by TONY NAPIER

Here's the deal: I went to the Dex today, hoping to retrieve, for myself, a nice tasty glass of chocolate milk. To my chagrin, as I delicately lifted the milk handle a tiny drop of brown chocolaty goodness trickled down into my brown glass. A single, pristine drop.

I soon realized that the skinny brown cow was out of milk! As my heart sank, my spirit lifted hopefully as I turned once more to the faithful juice machine. I grabbed my tray and shuffled over. Again, my lips went unquenched as my blood sugar plummeted.

As I was approaching the diabetic coma that was sure to follow, I could not help but imagine gallons of apple juice and chocolate milk flowing over Andy like a waterfall while I was left to thirst to death! I know what you do in the back...I know, Andy...I know!

So, in conclusion, I was left high and dry in the Dex with nothing to drink but white milk, six selections of soda, and red juice. What a sad day.

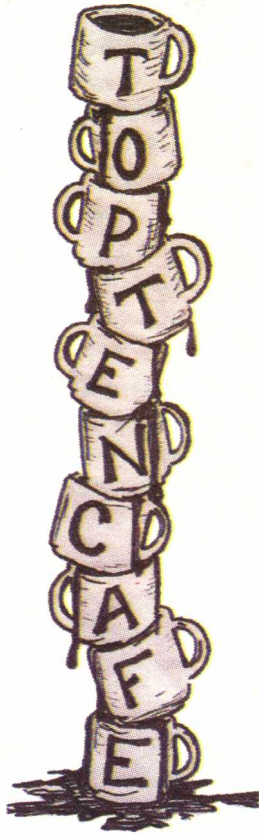
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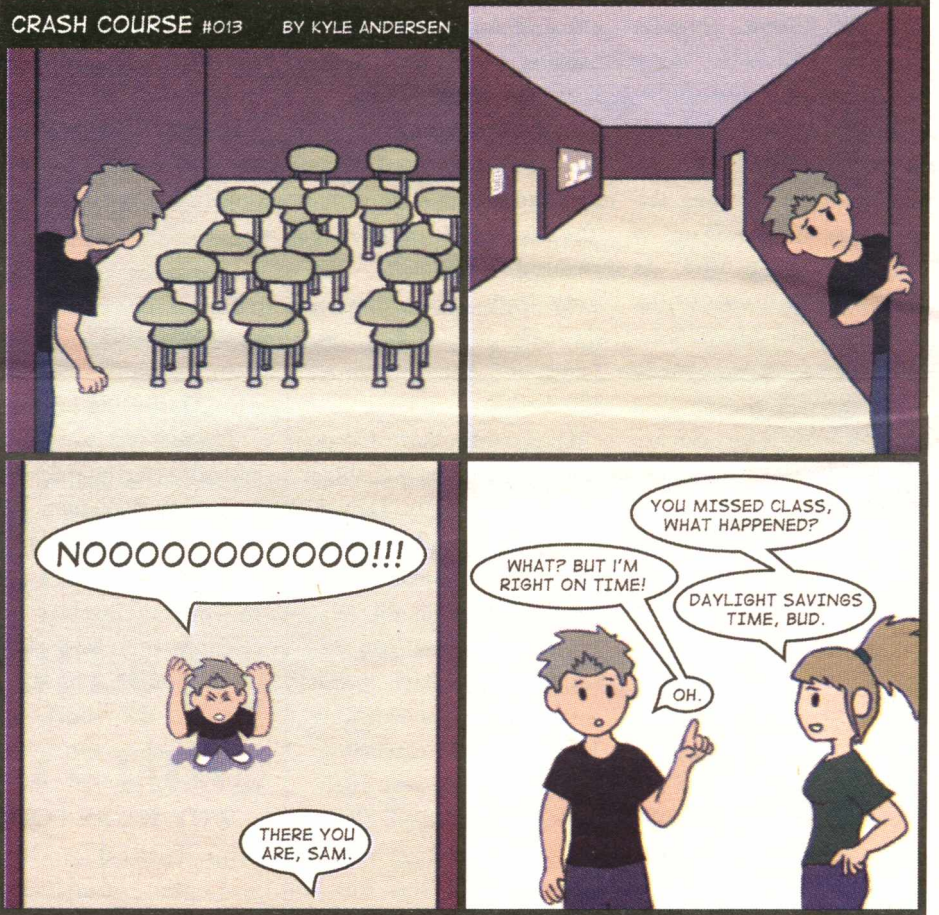
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**Sader Top 10**

"Oxymorons"



10. Government Worker
9. Act naturally
8. Airline Food
7. Government organization
6. Sanitary landfill
5. Soft rock
4. Peace force
3. Pretty ugly
2. Microsoft Works
1. Political science



**Newsday Crossword**

ON THE MARCH by Sally R. Stein  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
www.stanxwords.com

**ACROSS**

- 1 Soft throw
- 5 Steer clear of
- 9 Assemble a shirt
- 12 Clean spills from the floor
- 13 Simplify
- 14 Infamous Roman emperor
- 16 Serious play
- 17 "Of \_\_\_ I sing"
- 18 Operatic solo
- 19 Marching-band flag escorts
- 21 Peril
- 22 Maple-syrup ingredient
- 23 Canary sounds
- 25 Young ladies
- 29 Wide-ranging
- 31 Best-selling cookie
- 32 Not guilty, for one
- 34 Golf hazards
- 38 Boyfriends
- 40 Portion of corn
- 41 Dutch flower
- 42 Mexican chip dip
- 43 Notion
- 45 \_\_\_ Lisa
- 46 Accumulate
- 48 Funny person
- 50 Treat like a baby
- 53 Buddy
- 54 Wyoming neighbor
- 55 Marching-band baton twirlers
- 62 Prefix meaning "one"
- 63 Bullfight cheers

**DOWN**

- 1 Bullfight beast
- 2 Whitish gem
- 3 Japanese wrestling
- 4 Thinly populated
- 5 Establish
- 6 "Very funny!"
- 7 Computer owner
- 8 Must
- 9 Marching-band instruments
- 10 Spooky
- 11 Arm joint
- 12 1600, in old Rome
- 15 Sturdy trees
- 20 Sound frightened
- 24 Generator unit
- 25 Soft throws
- 26 Region
- 27 Shut tightly
- 28 Marching-band instrument
- 29 Parts of some necklaces
- 30 Hard to find
- 33 Hawaiian necklaces
- 35 Frequently
- 36 Tree with cones
- 37 Practice for a bout
- 39 Identical
- 44 Not quite shut
- 47 Knights' suits
- 49 Hour before noon
- 50 Mountain lion
- 51 Make amends
- 52 Country estate
- 53 Outlaw-chasing group
- 56 Soprano's colleague
- 57 Catcall
- 58 Large book
- 59 Blockhead
- 60 Electrified swimmers
- 61 Cunning

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