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Proposed policy in drafting stages will affect The Crusader

by ANDREA SCHILLING

A policy is currently being created defining how The Crusader can cover discipline, as requested by David Alexander, president of NNU.

Following the policy's draft completion, it will amend The Crusader's current guidelines, said Lucas Roebuck, professor of journalism. Roebuck also serves as the adviser for The Crusader.

"The president had concerns on how discipline is covered by the newspaper," said Roebuck. "He then expressed this concern through appropriate channels to me."

Following the president's request, Roebuck said he directed the newspaper editors to withdraw several articles from The Crusader prior to its printing.

Roebuck said that subsequently, Alexander; Sam Dunn, vice president of academic affairs; Vice President of Financial Affairs David Peterson and Ron Ponsford, dean of the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, along with Roebuck, discussed these concerns in a meeting earlier this month.

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NNU's Lindsay Brady (21) dribbles down court as NNU's Beth Johnson (15) trails behind and UAA's Nikki Aden (25) and Ruby Williams (15) try to get the ball (photo by Aimee Niles).

Lady Saders crush the Seawolves

by JESSICA BOBANGO

The women's basketball team beat the University of Alaska Anchorage Seawolves 71-48 Saturday.

Top scorers of the night included Kristin Hein with 21 points and 12 rebounds, as well as Jennifer Williams

with 17 points and Brittney Roggenkamp with 12 points, five assists and three rebounds. Mallory Whipple finished with a total of seven assists and six points.

The win will most likely mean a loss of the number one ranking in the NCAA Division II West Regional

poll for the Seawolves and was the first time in NNU women's basketball history that the team has defeated a nationally top-ranked team.

"We're thrilled to beat a number one team," said Kelli Lindley, head women's basketball coach. "I think we competed and battled

through some adversity tonight and this is one of the best wins of the season."

The huge win occurred after an unfortunate incident during the middle of the first half of the game. NNU's Janee Olds and

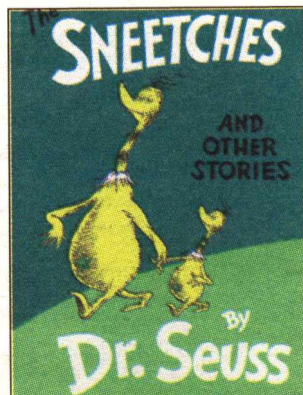
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Dr. Seuss drive collects books for disadvantage kids

by RACHAEL FINCH

The Dr. Seuss book drive is in full swing at NNU and across the country, in an effort to get children reading, said Kelsie Benefield, president of NNU's American Marketing Association. AMA is running the drive.

The book drive, part of



Read Across America, is intended to collect all kinds of children's books. The drive will continue through Friday. During the week of March 2, Dr. Seuss's birthday, students will take the books to local elementary schools and read with the children, said Benefield.

"This is a great way to get

involved with the community as well as help schools and children focus on the importance of reading," said Benefield

Students can sign up to read in the elementary schools. The sign-up sheets will be available at

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Lucas Roebuck, professor of journalism addresses journalism in a Christian environment.

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NNU track storms the regional championships

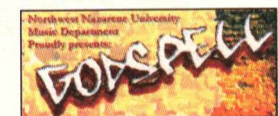
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The 1970s musical telling of the parables of Christ comes to NNU



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Weather

THURSDAY

Chance of rain showers.
Hi: 52° | Low: 30°

FRIDAY

Chance of snow showers.
Hi: 51° | Low: 27°

SATURDAY

Partly sunny.
Hi: 51° | Low: 32°

SUNDAY

Chance of rain showers.
Hi: 50° | Low: 34°

MONDAY

Chance of rain showers
Hi: 53° | Low: 32°

TUESDAY

Chance of rain showers.
Hi: 50° | Low: 33°

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Erica Boehlke raises money for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

by IAN BAUDER

This Valentines Day, Erica Boehlke held a rather sweet fund-raiser to help in the fight against leukemia: she sold fudge. But the \$300 she raised from the sale of the fudge was only the latest part of a fund-raising campaign that began in August, when she decided to run a

marathon for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Boehlke said she heard about the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training Program (TNT) in August, and decided she wanted to commit to the Canyon County team. "When you join TNT, you commit to fund-raising for the Society, and they, in

turn, train you for an event," she said in an interview.

In January, Boehlke ran the Walt Disney World Marathon. She said, "everything about the experience was beautiful, including the pain, sweat and tears...I couldn't run a mile in August, and I finished [the marathon] in five hours and forty-eight minutes."

Boehlke said she began the fund-raising process in honor of a close family friend who has battled with non-Hodgkins lymphoma for over 30 years. "My parents are best friends with him and his wife. That has been such an emotional experience for me."

One of Boehlke's teammates from the marathon

suggested that TNT try and sell something seasonal for another fund-raiser, and they decided on fudge. All together she has raised over \$3,800.

Since the marathon, Boehlke has become one of the team's trainers, and is currently involved with helping the new team bond together.

She said she does not have any immediate plans to do another fund-raiser, but she said she is interested in doing something else with TNT.

If you would like to learn more about how you can join up with the cause, visit www.leukemia-lymphoma.org.

Infant, 5 others shot on Mardi Gras parade route in New Orleans

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

An infant and at least five other people were shot Tuesday along a parade route packed with Mardi Gras revelers, police said. Two suspects were in custody and the victims were recovering.

The shootings happened near the Garden District about 1:40 p.m. after the last major parade of the celebration, Rex, had ended. Hundreds of truck floats

that follow the parade were passing when gunfire broke out.

"It sounded like a string of fireworks, so I knew it was more than one shooter," said Toni Labat, 29, a window company manager. She was with her two children, a 2-year-old boy and a 10-year-old girl.

"Everybody was petrified. They hit the ground, the floats stopped, everybody on the floats ducked," Labat said.

Labat said one man dragged himself on the ground screaming for help after being wounded and another man was gasping for air and bleeding from his mouth.

Police spokesman Bob Young said the victims were taken to local hospitals. The infant was grazed by a bullet and not seriously hurt, Young said.

Dr. Jim Parry, 41, a surgeon who was with a gathering of doctors near the

shooting site, ran over to tend to one man who he said had been shot in the abdomen. "He kept asking me, 'Was I shot? Was I shot?'"

Paramedics arrived and took over for the Air Force reservist.

"I'm off to Afghanistan this summer...this is more dangerous than Afghanistan," Parry said.

Two male suspects, ages 18 and 20, were in custody and three weapons believed

used in the shooting had been recovered, Young said.

The violence along the oak-lined Uptown streetcar line marred what had been a generally peaceful day of revelry in which hundreds of thousands of people partied in the streets on the final day of Carnival. Another shooting was reported on Friday night after an argument, but otherwise, the event was generally problem-free.

Beau Beals, 45, said he

was outside a house party on St. Charles Avenue when the shooting erupted.

He said he and other revelers tossed children over a metal fence to get them to safety, but others kept waiting for beads and other trinkets being tossed from the floats as if nothing had happened.

"They had an ambulance out here picking the guy up off the street and people didn't stop vying for throws," Beals said.

Injured climber rescued from avalanche in Yosemite's Half Dome

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

An experienced South Korean mountain climber was caught in an avalanche on Yosemite National Park's iconic Half Dome and was stranded overnight with a broken leg on the granite monolith before he was rescued Tuesday.

Jun Ho Wang, 38, was swept more than 100 yards down a rocky approach to the granite face and into an icy low-lying gully Monday afternoon.

A fellow climber stayed

with him overnight and on Tuesday morning — about 16 hours later — he was plucked from the northwest face of Half Dome by a helicopter crew and flown to safety.

"Most people in an avalanche don't survive," said Eric Gabriel, an incident commander for the search and rescue team. "This gentleman not only survived a 100-meter slide, but survived through the night in freezing temperatures."

Wang was flown to Doctor's Medical Clinic in

Modesto to be treated for a fracture in his left wrist and multiple breaks in his left leg, Yosemite Medical Clinic manager Sean Pence said. He said the climber was alert and responsive.

"It could have been a lot worse, but he was well prepared," Pence said. "He had great equipment and his equipment probably saved his life." Wang was the only member of his seven-person climbing party caught when the avalanche hit about 4 p.m.

Monday, said David

Pope, a ranger who was on the search and rescue team that found him early Tuesday morning. He said that at the time, Wang was about 2,000 feet above the valley floor preparing lines to ascend the 8,842-foot granite dome.

He rode the falling snow down the steep incline like a wave, landing in an area climbers call the Death Flaps, Pope said.

Two friends in the climbing party who had been below Wang tended to him.

They cut Wang a flat

ledge the size of a twin bed out of the ice topping the rock, where he rested while wrapped in three sleeping bags, Pope said.

One of the climbers stayed with Wang while the other climbed down and radioed for help. The four climbers in the party who were above Wang when the avalanche hit continued on their climb, Pope said.

The rescue team originally set out Monday night to find the injured man, but the rangers were forced to turn back after hearing

more avalanches booming overhead, Pope said.

They set out again at daybreak, and found the injured hiker and a friend hunkered down in the snow.

"Despite the language barrier, they were very appreciative," Pope said. "They just kept saying 'thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you.'"

Freeman says the climbers' high-quality gear helped the mountaineers survive the night, even as temperatures dipped below freezing early Tuesday morning.

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drop boxes are located all around campus; new and used books welcome

Rhonda Gray's front desk in the Helstrom Business Building, said Kayleigh Greene, AMA vice president.

Drop boxes are located in the Helstrom Business building, Wiley Learning Center, Williams Hall, the student center and Riley Library.

"We are looking for all kinds of books. Used and new, Dr. Seuss and any other elementary level reading," said Benefield.

The National Education Association has sponsored Read Across America for 12 years, but this is NNU's first year of involvement.

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new policy has yet to be finalized

"At the meeting the president directed Sam Dunn and myself to draft a policy that would address his concerns," said Roebuck. "We are in the middle of that drafting process."

Roebuck said the policy's goals are to address the president's concerns for students' rights to privacy and student protection, among other things.

Following this future policy, Roebuck said students can predict a few

changes to The Crusader.

"I expect the new policy will restrict most coverage of student discipline issues with some exceptions that are being worked out," said Roebuck.

Roebuck said no policy is in place at this point in time.

Alexander said that while he understands the policy is near completion, he has elected to not respond until the policy has been finalized.

Puffy Mondaes opens up in downtown Nampa

by JESSICA BOBANGO

The coffee is fresh, the couches are comfortable, and the music is soothing. No, it's not the latest homework spot. It's Puffy Mondaes, a downtown shop specializing in fiber arts supplies.

The store—named by the owners' seven-year-old son—was opened by Keren Brown and her husband Aaron in December of 2007 and then relocated to its current location on the corner of 12th and Second in January of this year.

As previous members of the Nampa Arts Council, the couple hoped for a way to provide a space for community members to work on projects together, while also offering help and advice for those new to the fiber arts scene.

Fiber art can be described as being any type of art which uses natural and

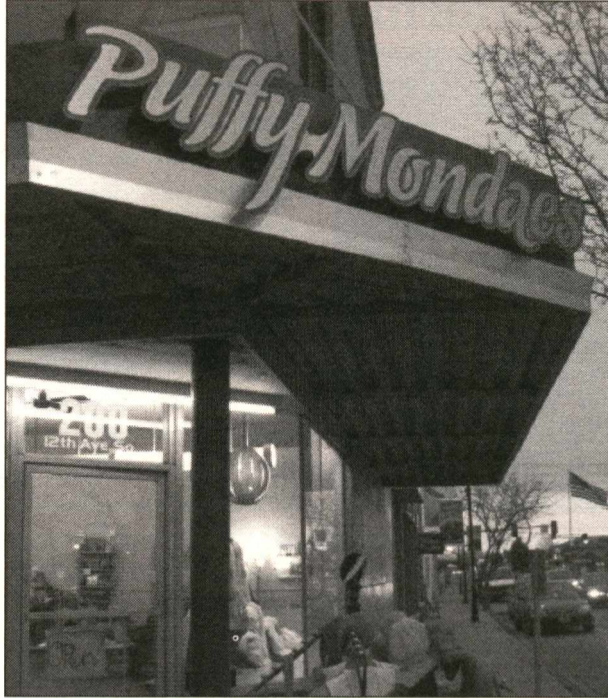
synthetic fibers. It focuses on the materials and labor involved as part of the significance of the pieces made.

The Browns sell only organic and fair trade items and supply everything from paper for origami creations to hand-spun yarn for knitting and crocheting.

"We represent four fair trade projects," said Keren Brown, "and sell products from three U.S. mills—that's quite unique for stores today."

Also unique is the shop's atmosphere. With its lounge seating and hand-sanded and stained wood floor, one almost has to work at remembering that she is in a commercial space, and not visiting the home of her grandmother. In fact the only thing missing is the smell of oatmeal cookies baking in the oven.

"My hope is that students will come in and use



Puffy Mondaes is located in downtown Nampa (photo by Jessica Bobango).

the space and have some tea and coffee," said Keren Brown. "Also, they'll receive a 20 percent discount on art supplies."

Puffy Mondaes offers free classes throughout the month and invites everyone to attend Open Craft Night

every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m.

In celebration of the new location, the store will be having a Grand Opening March 13 and 14.

For more information check out the store's website at puffymondaes.com.



News Blurbs

Hurricane Ike are still waiting to be paid six months after the storm, the result of a \$134 million dispute between the state of Texas and the federal government.

Octuplet Outrage LOS ANGELES

It seems so long ago now, but for just a day or two last month Nadya Suleman was known as Miracle Mom, the amazing woman who gave birth to the longest-surviving set of octuplets. But in short order the public learned that Miracle Mom was also Single Mom, Unemployed Mom and Welfare Mom. And as fast as you could Twitter "I hate Nadya Suleman," scores of Web sites were dedicated to denouncing the so-called Octomom.

Iraq Withdrawal WASHINGTON

The United States will withdraw most of its troops from Iraq by August 2010, 19 months after President Barack Obama's inauguration, according to administration officials who expect Obama to make the announcement this week. The withdrawal plan would fulfill one of Obama's central campaign pledges, albeit more slowly than he promised.

Economy NEW YORK

Despite encouraging words from Washington, the economy seems not just abysmal — it's getting worse. New figures show consumer confidence is in a free fall, regulators are warning of a "severe contraction" and the decline in home prices — which sent the economy reeling in the first place — is accelerating.

Palestinians-Imprisoned Leader

RAMALLAH, West Bank While a possible Israeli-Palestinian prisoner swap focuses on a famous Israeli soldier, the prisoner most likely to affect the direction of Mideast peace is a brash and chubby Palestinian long seen as a potential successor to his people's aging president.

Turkey-Kurds ISTANBUL

A politician stirs debate about minority rights in Turkey when he speaks Kurdish at a parliament hall, violating laws that bar the language in official settings. The prime minister has himself spoken a few words in Kurdish at a campaign rally, but fears of instability prevent any serious effort to strike down the laws.

Hawaiian Lands HONOLULU

The future of land covering nearly a third of the Hawaiian Islands will be at stake when the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday hears oral arguments about state authority over 1.2 million acres once held by the Hawaiian monarchy.

Iraq BAGHDAD

Two Iraqi policemen open fire during a U.S. military inspection visit in northern Iraq, killing one American soldier and an interpreter in an attack that deepens worries of possible infiltration of security forces battling insurgents in their last major base.

Antarctica Mission TROLL RESEARCH STATION, Antarctica

A parka-clad band of environment ministers land in this remote corner of the icy continent to learn more about how a melting Antarctica may endanger the planet.

AP Enterprise: Ike-Waiting for payment AUSTIN, Texas

Hundreds of businesses that provided everything from bottled water to bus transpiration following

Child Prostitution WASHINGTON

The FBI has rescued more than 45 suspected teenage prostitutes, some as young as 13, in a nationwide sweep to remove kids from the illegal sex trade and punish their accused pimps.

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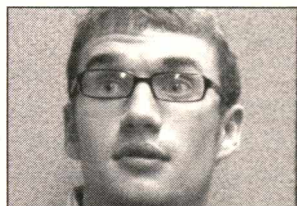
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Converse—a symbol of nonconformity, or just another way to conform?

I had an epiphany while attending recent Flogging Molly concert. Just before



Sweatervests
by
ANDREW McCULLEY

the show started, when the house lights still lit the crowd, I happened to look down and note the footwear of my fellow rockers. Of the shoes visible to me through the forest of non-conforming tattered jeans, I saw that roughly four out of five pairs of shoes were some variant of Chuck Taylor, All-star Converse—all

different colors and types, of course, but all of them still the same basic shoe, the same shoe that I wore. Noting this, I came to this conclusion. I wear ironic footwear: Converse, the shoe everyone wears to be unique.

Although the concentration of this type of shoe would be higher at a rock concert than, oh say, a typical classroom (turns out a Flogging Molly show isn't for everyone), it makes me wonder if when I put on my red high-tops, am I a non-conformist or just the opposite?

To confuse the issue, it seems that in our culture both conformity and non-conformity can have pejorative meanings. To conform is to be weak; those

who cannot assert themselves follow the masses. However, to not conform is to seek attention and thus an attempt to become a part of the masses.

Now I won't be so presumptuous to say that I have some conclusion about this matter (like some sort of footwear prophet). However, it may be of some help to suggest that this subject should not be discussed in such binary terms: labeling someone as either a conformer or a non-conformist will never be perfectly correct.

No one can be purely a non-conformist; everyone breathes after all. Neither can someone only conform; even the conformers can have the unique identity of clinginess to those

around them.

That is to say, maybe the issue boils down to intent of the potential conformer or non-conformer. It seems wrong, for example, to wear Converse intending to proclaim a particular identity or as a response to social pressure. Following the masses "just because" is sort of the same as rebelling from the masses "just because."

Shoes are only shoes after all. And if you choose to wear Converse, I hope you find them comfortable. And if you choose to conform, I hope you'll at the least be conforming as a non-conformist.

(And for the record, I wore Converse as a kid, long before you did).

NNU's academic excellence is being threatened

When students arrive on NNU's campus for their first semester, one class they all have to take is Cornerstone. My fellow seniors and I called it University



EDITOR'S NOTE
by
AIMEE NILES

Seminar, but the mission of the class was the same. This class is meant to educate us about what the university stands for.

We learn the four outcomes: Christ-like character, creative engagement, social responsiveness and academic excellence. One perusal of published literature and the Web site is enough to realize the outcomes are an integral part of the mission of NNU.

Recently, I have begun to question how committed our institution is to all of the outcomes—especially our commitment to academic excellence.

NNU has demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence. The nursing department, for example, has an established reputation of excellence. The description of the department for prospective students says: "our nursing graduates are sought by local employers who recognize the superior

quality of education these professionals receive."

Earlier this semester, however, a new policy was introduced that undermines NNU's commitment to academic excellence for journalism majors by creating a limited and constricted learning environment.

This proposed policy says that The Crusader is not allowed to report on any student or faculty discipline by the university, no matter how newsworthy.

The policy is not finalized, but David Alexander, university president, has communicated the de facto policy to the newspaper's editors through our advisor. The intention is noble, to protect students, but the implications of this policy threaten two freedoms: freedom of the press and academic freedom.

My fellow journalism majors and I are in a major and career path that holds the freedom of the press as sacred. In a free and open society, the press must have the ability to print any news story. In the classroom, we are rigorously taught the best practices and ethics of journalism. We apply that in The Crusader each week, as a learning lab for our work.

We are taught to be academically excellent.

However, when a blanket policy like this makes an entire area of news off

limits, it demands that we be less than excellent. We are asked to sacrifice our understanding of what it means to be good journalists. We are asked to betray the practices of our craft.

We cannot follow journalism best practices when a policy dictates what we can and cannot report; it violates the foundations of freedom of the press.

Freedom of the press does not mean we can print whatever we want. It means we have the opportunity to choose what we publish. With freedom comes responsibility, and we take that responsibility seriously.

Journalists and editors struggle every single day with decisions of what and what not to publish. By taking away editorial privilege, the administration is limiting our learning experience.

In an atmosphere of academic freedom, students must be given the opportunity to make tough decisions. We have a newspaper advisor that is supposedly entrusted with the task of helping us make those decisions. However, it has become a compromised learning environment because of risk and fear.

It isn't just student journalists that are affected. When the press is censored—even for noble reasons—it affects the whole

culture.

For journalism students, a policy that creates arbitrary restrictions on the freedom of the press undermines academic excellence.

The administration is well within its rights to implement this policy. We are a private institution and because of that we have limited first amendment rights.

However, the administration cannot have it both ways. It cannot claim academic excellence and have a policy that fundamentally usurps excellence.

That can change. It must change if this school wants to turn its students into journalists who can radically impact the world by handling the truth skillfully.

But we must be allowed the freedom to practice our skills to the highest level. Yes, it may be uncomfortable at times. It may be downright scary. But it is necessary and vital to the quality of journalistic education of the students of this institution.

If the new president and administration of NNU cannot endorse the fundamental values of the field of journalism, then perhaps it would be best if NNU did not have a journalism program at all.

Proposed policy raises the question of our legitimacy as a news source

STAFF EDITORIAL

Like any national or local newspaper whose publisher decides what gets run and what doesn't, the Crusader does as well. Unlike other papers, however, our publisher resides in the Emerson Administration Building.

It is very understandable for the administration to keep a close eye on our publication, especially with alumni and prospective students and their families floating around campus. It is also justified to take into account the protection of students. However, this proposed policy is paternalistic in nature, and not journalistically sound. Though we are a private university, meaning technically the current censorship is completely legal, our job as a legitimate newspaper begs the question—shouldn't we be treated as such?

We sell ads, have circulation and distribution plans, and even run corrections. Our staff is paid, and we have a staff hierarchy including a variety of positions. We uphold a code of ethics, and we take heat for our mistakes. Some of us will even use our job on the Crusader on a resume in the future. All these elements of our publication are the same as any newspaper in the local and national market.

Last spring when the Johnson Sports Center caught on fire, both photography and writing by Crusader staff members were used across a spectrum of media outlets. Had they not been journalistically sound, any other news source could have easily done the job instead. Essentially, people that some of us hope to become after graduation take our work seriously, and we would hope that our readers do too.

What we're being asked to withhold from our publication indicates we are less than a legitimate newspaper. These stories we can't write are easily published in any other media outlet daily. Are we not as much of a newspaper as any other? For some students, The Crusader is the only source of news they receive each week. News isn't always about ministry clubs and community service, not even on this campus.

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Can one be a Christian and a journalist?

Reconciling grace and truth becomes a fundamental challenge for journalists of faith

Every journalist who is not too stupid or full of himself to notice what is going on knows that what he does is morally indefensible. He is a kind of confidence man, preying on people's vanity, ignorance, or loneliness, gaining their trust and betraying them without remorse.

—Janet Malcolm



On Journalism
by
LUCAS ROEBUCK

In heaven, there will be no journalists. Celestial reporters will find an absence of bad news, and according to the prophet Isaiah, the government will be on the shoulders of Christ — extinguishing the need for a watchdog for corruption. This is welcome news for Mother Teresa, who opined that “Dealing with media is more difficult than bathing a leper.”

Fortunately for journalists — but perhaps unfortunately for everyone else — heaven is not a place on Earth. (Don't tell Belinda Carlisle.) Bad news perpetually materializes from thin air, and our government is far from Christlike. But perhaps anticipating the glorious afterlife, many evangelical Christians have a poor opinion of journalists?

Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings may have told us that mommas don't let their babies grow up to be cowboys, but where I was growing up, Christians didn't want their babies growing up to be actors, gamblers or journalists. Perhaps the 11th commandment, “If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all” and other similar sentiments often fosters this animosity.

Obscure cultural references aside, as a journalist who makes a career helping young Christians find a calling in journalism, I have often asked myself if the honest practice of journalism is congruent with our desire

to follow Christ?

What it means to be a Christian has been defined ad nauseam. If the Holy Scriptures don't cover it for you, libraries of books, and decades of audio and video recordings on the topic are available. But what is the real job of the journalist? What is the true function of journalism in a pluralistic, democratic society (which is so unlike the Kingdom of God)?

Journalism serves to report what is newsworthy, to hold to account powers that would otherwise be unaccountable to their constituents, and to inform and entertain in providing useful information to the public. In practice, journalism should serve the public (readers, listeners and viewers) interests over all.

Two points arise from this. First, different journalism outlets have different publics (The New York Times and The Crusader have a decidedly different audience). Second, what is deemed “newsworthy” and in the “public interest” can be subject to interpretation. (I will discuss both of these points in future columns.)

Fortunately, professional and academic journalists over the past century have developed a cannon of journalistic best practices to help us address these and other points.

Journalism's wealth of literature helps define what it means to be a journalist and what ethical rules govern our discipline.

Newspapers have ethics codes and mission statements. Think tanks like the Freedom Forum and the Poynter Institute and trade associations like the Society of Professional Journalists have developed more formal documents. I use one of these in class: “Best Practices for Newspaper Journalists” from the Free Press/Fair Press project.

This “handbook” discusses when newspapers are unfair: When they get the facts wrong, refuse to admit errors, won't name names, have ignorant or incompetent reporters, prey on the weak, concentrate on bad news, lack diversity, allow

editorial bias in news stories, and can't admit that sometimes there is no story.

What the rules of journalism lack, however, is a foundation of grace. By definition, rules are graceless things. Rules guide our actions on newsworthiness, fairness, objectivity and even on the fundamental value of journalism: Truth. Our integrity is built on following these rules consistently.

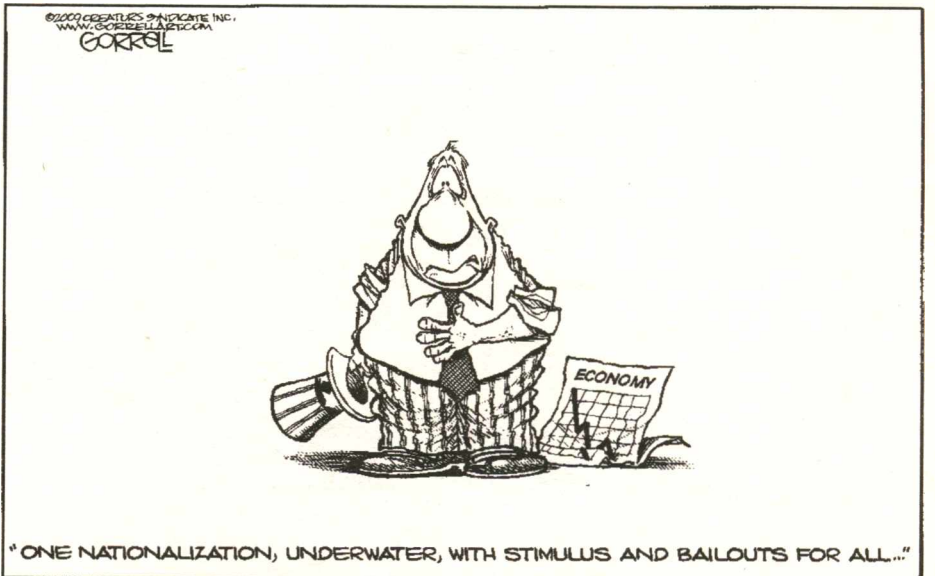
So how does the Christian journalist reconcile grace and truth? Certainly not by hiding truth. Christ had no problem bringing things hidden in the darkness into the light in a public fashion — consider his chastisement of the Pharisees.

Bad things happen to good people. Good people do bad things. Sometimes, it's newsworthy. Is covering up news that is ugly, yet a legitimate public interest, an act of grace? If you believe so, then you believe that Christians should have no part in the modern secular journalism enterprise.

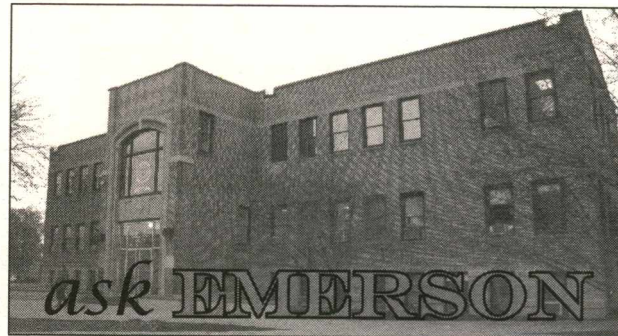
I disagree. We live in a fallen world, and even our capitalistic, pluralistic democratic system — as awesome as it is — is broken. Journalism is a necessary function of our tainted sphere, and bringing truth to our world is, in some measure, an act of redemptive grace. There is pain in that process, because from the first sin, our world was broken. Journalism has an important role, perhaps even a Christ-like role, in bringing truth to a broken world.

But when Christ restores his Kingdom, we journalists can put our pens away, silence our typewriters, and turn off our computers. Then our trade will be obsolete.

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Q & A Regarding the new health and science building



Editor's Note: At the request of the President's Office, The Crusader is providing space each week for Ask Emerson, a column for students to get direct answers to their questions from the NNU administration. The column will be written by rotating members of the President's Cabinet. If you have a question that you would like to Ask Emerson, please e-mail it to crusader@nnu.edu.



by JOEL PEARSALL

Q: When will the new building be completed?

A: We are anticipating that the new building will be substantially completed and that we will receive an occupancy permit in early-April 2009.

Q: Will the new building be used this school year?

A: It is our hope that we will be able to move some classes from the existing science building to the new building during the last part of this semester. Some faculty members are planning

to move their offices to the new building soon after it is available for occupancy. However, none of the labs will be ready for use until fall 2009 due to the need to move a large amount of equipment from the old building to the new building (this move will occur over the summer). Thus, the new building will not be in full operation until fall semester 2009.

Q: What departments will be moving into the new building?

A: The new building will house five of the seven departments in the School of Health & Science: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics & Computer Science, Nursing and Physics. The Kinesiology Department and the Military Science Department will remain in the Johnson Sports Center.

Q: How big is the new building?

A: The new building is just under 50,000 square feet in size. As a comparison, the new building will provide about twice as much usable space as the existing science building.

Q: What new things will the new building offer that the existing building does not offer (other than twice as many square feet)?

A: The new building will

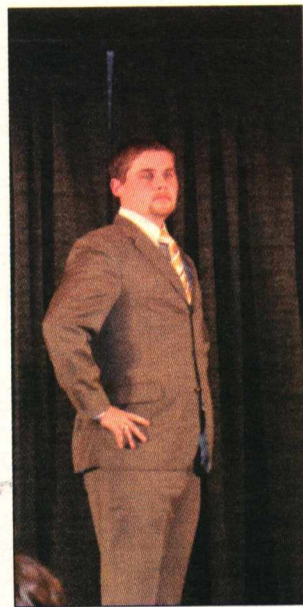
contain a lecture hall that will seat 105 students, which is a more manageable size for teaching than the current science lecture hall. In addition, the new building will contain a total of 27 fume hoods (which are used for conducting experiments in a lab setting) as compared to 7 fume hoods in the existing science building — this will allow for much more efficient and effective labs for students in science courses. And, the new building contains several research labs that will allow for collaborative research by faculty and students both during the summer and school year, as well as central air conditioning and student break-out rooms.

Q: How much will the new building cost?

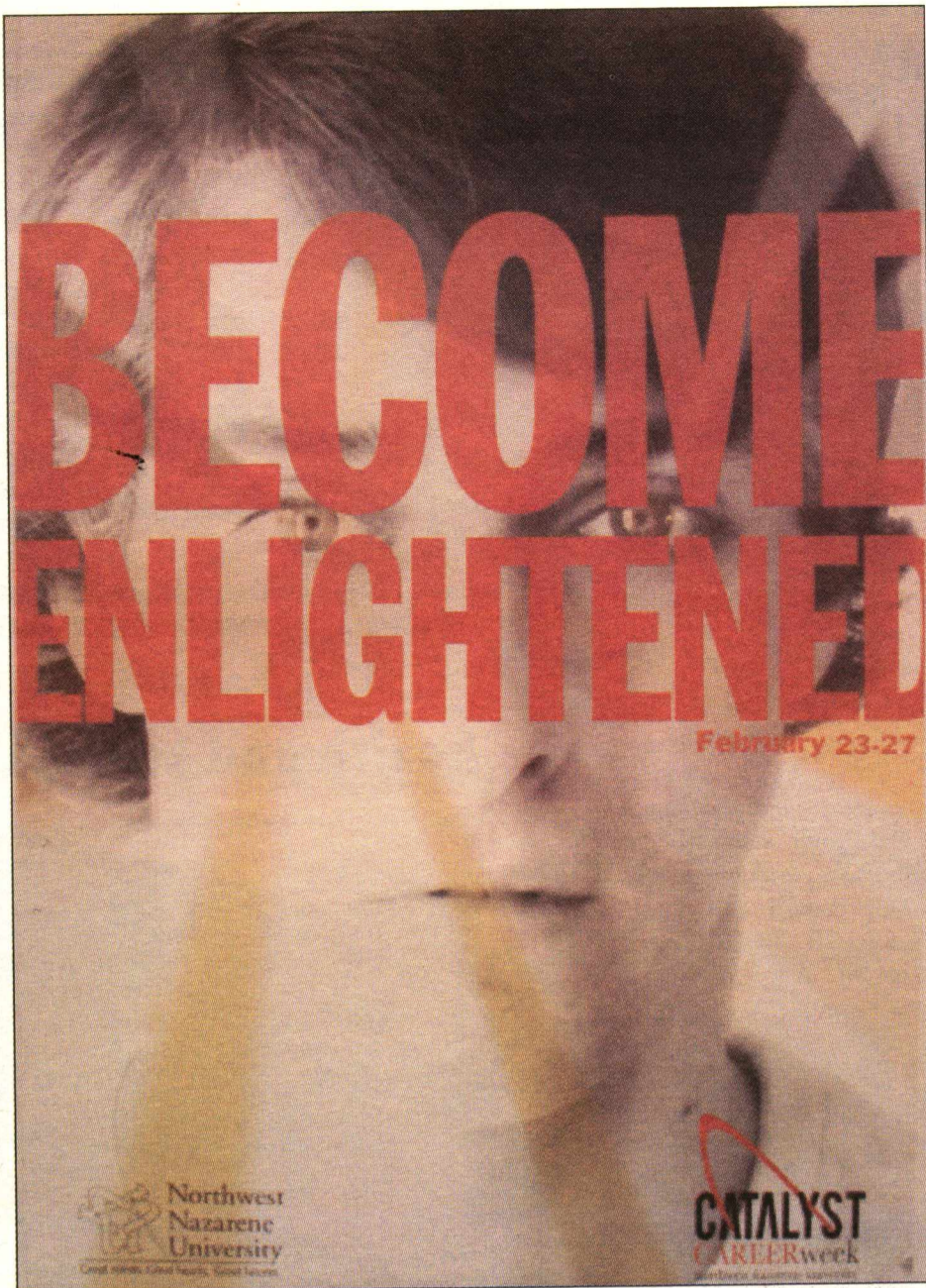
A: The approximate cost of the new building will be \$9,000,000. The total amount of this cost is being covered by fund-raised dollars from individuals and foundations that believe in what NNU is doing. No tuition dollars or student fees were used to cover the costs of the new building.

Q: What is the name of the new building?

A: The new building will be named the Thomas Family Health & Science Center. This name honors the Thomas family who made a very large gift to fund a large portion of the cost of the new building. In addition, several of the rooms within the building will bear the names of other key donors to this project.



Lisa Mata and Trevan Hauck model business attire during the show (photos by Ian Bauder).



(poster by Brittan Aebischer)



Top: Kathy Burns emcee's the etiquette dinner and gives presentation on interview etiquette. Above: NNU students help serve those in attendance (photos by Cassie Carlson).

Career week is off to a great start, with more events to come

by IAN BAUDER

This week the NNU Career Center is putting on the 2009 Career Week. Over half the events have already taken place, but there are still a few opportunities to get involved.

Today there will be a free lunch in Wordsworth

during a panel discussion called Reality 101: Backpack to Briefcase. Four alumni will be discussing what they wish they had known before graduation. Panelists are alumni who have kept in contact with the university and the career center, and include recent graduates Tannis Wasson

and Mike Wheatley. The event is drop-in, and will be from 12 – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday the career fair will take place in the Johnson Sports Center from 10:30 – 2:00 p.m., wrapping up the week's activities. Sixty-eight different companies and organizations will be bringing booths. Amanda Marble,

Career Center director said the fair is more than an opportunity to just look for a job.

"A lot of students are looking for the perfect fit," said Marble. "The fair lets you find that skill set you need for that. It's important to be ready when the right job comes up."

The week's events kicked off with the etiquette dinner on Monday night, where professor Kathy Burns instructed attendees on how to conduct a formal dinner interview. With the dinner came a fashion show featuring students and faculty, including President Alexander, modeling work-

appropriate styles. Tuesday evening students were able to hold mock interviews, get career coaching and have their resumes looked at during the career fair "sneak peak."



Business men and women from throughout the Treasure Valley serve as interview hosts for each table during the dinner (photo by Cassie Carlson).

Monday, February 23

step out in style
Etiquette Dinner & Dress for Success Style Show
6:00pm Brandt Center

Tuesday, February 24

get ready...net...go
Career Fair Sneak Peek & Personal Career Counseling
5:00-7:30pm Student Center

Wednesday, February 25

alumni arrival
Reality 101 Luncheon
12:00 - 1:30pm Wordsworth Meeting Room

Thursday, February 26

explore possibilities
Career Fair
10:00am-2:30pm Johnson Sports Center

Friday, February 27

destinations success
Interviews with prospective employers

* for more information go to www.nnu.edu/career or visit the career center in the student center

Sophomores fellowship in McCall on the sophomore class retreat

by ALLISON HAWN

Last weekend NNU sophomores took a weekend off and went to McCall for the sophomore class retreat.

The retreat, which was free for all sophomore students, was held at Quaker Hill Lodge where 21 students stayed Friday and Saturday night, arriving back Sunday evening.

"It was really nice to get away from everything, the place where we went was really nice and cozy and comfortable," said sophomore political science and communications double major John Crabill.

While there the students got to walk around and explore McCall looking at shops and ice sculptures. "McCall was so beautiful; there was so much snow on the ground," said sophomore Ashley Egger.

The students also got



Top: Sophomores David Reimer and Jeffery Nicols entertain their classmates. Below: Sophomores traverse across the frozen Lake Payette (photos courtesy of Rachel Allen).

to walk across the frozen expanse of Payette Lake. However, according to Crabill once they heard some cracking on the surface of the lake they spread out so that no one went for a very cold swim.

Donna Allen, communications professor and Jennifer Chase, chemistry professor, both spoke three different times throughout the weekend as the retreat's main speakers, said Allen.

"It was nice to hang out with my fellow sophomores," said Crabill.

The students also played games like Four on a Couch, Mafia and several board games throughout the weekend, said Egger.

"The retreat was exactly what I needed," said Egger.

SGA Awareness Week will highlight homelessness

by ANDREW McCULLEY

If you have ever wondered what being homeless is like, the first week of March is your lucky chance. March 2 is the beginning of SGA Awareness Week, and this year's theme will focus on homelessness and poverty in our nation's current financial crisis. Our SGA President, Lacey Smith, would encourage everyone to take part in this year's activities, saying, "Experience always seems to be the key factor in learning."

This annual event, led by SGA's Campus Community Coordinator Tony Napier, attempts to bring local and national crises to the attention of our NNU campus. Napier said, "It is pretty clear that people understand the factual information behind homelessness and poverty, but I think there is a disconnect between the mind and the hear." He hopes this year to bridge that gap with the "experimental exercises" he has planned for the week.

Those exercises will be occurring every day during Awareness Week. Events include periodic fasting and volunteering, a sock and underwear drive on Monday in front of the Dex, a speaker from BSU on Thursday, and an SGA chapel on Friday to sum up the week. Thursday's speaker will be William Rainford, PhD, MSW,

who has a Doctorate of Philosophy in Social Welfare and teaches, among other things, social welfare at Boise State University.

The week's central event will be the construction of a tent city, which will attempt to give students who participate a feeling for what it is to be homeless. The tent city will be divided by gender. Signups to camp will begin Monday, and on Wednesday the lawn between the Administration Building and the Student Center will be transformed into the camping area. Students will be encouraged to bring, according to Napier, a tent or even just a cardboard box to sleep with on the lawn Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night. Each night there will be a time of prayer and worship. Wednesday night's Time Out will be dedicated to the event and will show a documentary highlighting the week's theme.

A soup kitchen will provide dinner for the tent city, and students will be encouraged to bring their clothes for the week (changing stations will be provided) and not shower. Napier said he wants the students who participate to "push the limits as far as they can...past the comfort level. It sounds gross, but that's what it's like to be homeless."

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Student Life Events

Wednesday Feb. 25
 Chapel- 10:20am Swayne Auditorium
 Finkbeiner Fast
 Senate- 8pm Wordsworth
 Time Out - 9pm Science Lecture Hall

Thursday Feb. 26
 Career Fair- 10am-2:30pm JSC
 Men's Basketball vs. UA Fairbanks- 7pm JSC
 Brick House Underground 9-11 pm Brick House

Friday Feb. 27
 Chapel- 10:20am Swayne Auditorium
 Premarital Seminar- 5-9pm

Saturday Feb. 7
 Premarital Seminar- 9am-4pm
 Men's Basketball vs UA Anchorage- 7pm Tip Off
 Mr. NNU- 9:30pm Science Lecture Hall

Monday Feb. 9
 Chapel- 10:20am Swayne Auditorium
 SGA Executive Cabinet Campaigning Begins

FORTUNE 100 BEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR 2008

Men's team breaks eight-game losing streak against WOU

by RACHAEL FINCH

NNU men's basketball, led by Brian Barkdoll with his fifth double-double of the year, made a comeback from an eight-game losing streak in a 79-76 win against Western Oregon University in Monmouth.

The Crusaders and the Wolves are now matched at 3-10 in conference games. That places the Crusaders tied for seventh in the conference, said Tim Hills, the NNU's head coach.

"As a team we could have folded because we were down 13 at half, but we decided to take it upon

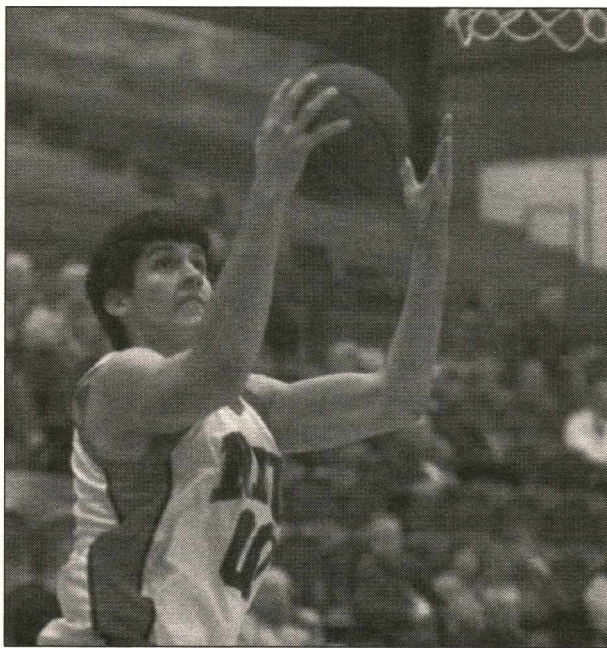
ourselves to play with heart, to come out and dominate the second half, and we did," said Barkdoll.

Barkdoll made a game high of 22 points and 12 rebounds.

Adam Shildmyer was NNU's second highest scorer, with 15 points, followed by Joel Ryman with 11 points.

Tippy Burke energized Crusader defense late in the second half and Barkdoll and Shildmyer made big plays in the second half, said Hills.

"We also played great team defense in the last five minutes of the game, and



Brian Barkdoll drives to the hoop against Western Oregon last Saturday (photo from NNU Sports Information).

that is what got us the win," said Barkdoll.

The Wolves had five players score in the double digits.

Travis Kuhns led with 18 points, followed by Stanley Ratcliff with 15, Matt Schmidt and Blair Wheadon with 12 and Sam Kelly with 11.

The Crusaders have two home games this week: one tomorrow night against the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and one Saturday against the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Statistics courtesy of NNU Sports Information Center.

PLAYER PROFILE

Christa Brediger



Class:
Junior

Hometown:
Shoreline, Wash.

Sport:
Track

Events:
Short sprints 60, 100, and 200 meters

Major:
Elementary education

Favorite Movie:
"She's the Man"

Favorite class you are currently taking:
"Art in the Elementary Classroom, Dr. Camp-ton is pretty much incredible!"

Any pre-competition rituals?
"Toya and I do the same high-five routine before each race."

Favorite thing about your team?
The incredibly hilarious road trips we have!

Porcupine is to sunflower as lamp shade is to _____:
Bamboo

What do you usually order at Starbucks?
Chai Tea with extra vanilla

Any phobias?
"I really hate swimming in water with little fishes... it's terrifying!"

Describe the perfect vacation:
"Somewhere authentic and relaxing!"

Random Fact:
"This one time I flew in a hot air balloon."

continued from page 1: collision after rebound sends NNU and UAA players to the hospital; both have been released



Above: Nampa paramedics give medical aid to Jane Olds following her collision with a UAA player, Nicci Miller. Olds suffered a concussion, two small facial cuts and a hair-line fracture to her right cheekbone, according to a press release. Right: Kristin Hein calls for a time-out amidst defensive pressure from her opponent. Hein is currently named GNAC player of the week, sharing the title with Brian Barkdoll and Ashley Puga (photos by Aimee Niles).



UAA's Nicci Miller collided while going in for a rebound.

After being tended to by the NNU athletic training staff for 30 minutes, the players were taken off the floor on stretchers and sent to Mercy Medical Center via ambulance.

According to a campus-wide e-mail issued Monday by Sports Information Director Craig Stensgaard, Olds was released Sunday morning with a concussion, facial cuts and a hair-line fracture of the right cheekbone.

Stensgaard said Miller was also released Sunday morning suffering from a concussion, facial cut and a broken nose.

Miller traveled back to Alaska with the UAA team.

The team has four games remaining in the regular season.

The Lady Crusaders play at Western Oregon Thursday and Saint Martin's Saturday.

They return home for their final two games next week.

Statistics courtesy of NNU Sports Information.



Sports Box

GNAC Standings as of February 24

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (W-L Conference)

1. Alaska Anchorage 11-2
2. Seattle Pacific 11-2
3. Western Washington 8-4
4. Northwest Nazarene 8-4
5. Saint Martin's 7-5
6. MSU-Billings 6-7
7. Western Oregon 3-9

8. Central Washington 2-10
9. Alaska Fairbanks 0-13

MEN'S BASKETBALL (W-L Conference)

1. Seattle Pacific 10-3
2. Western Washington 9-3
3. Central Washington 9-3
4. Saint Martin's 8-5



5. Alaska Anchorage 7-5
6. MSU-Billings 4-8
7. Alaska Fairbanks 3-9
8. Northwest Nazarene 3-10
9. Western Oregon 3-10



Crusaders collect record amount of titles at championships

by LAURIE BURGEMEISTER

The indoor track team achieved a team-best seven titles last weekend at the GNAC Indoor Championships.

The women's track team placed third overall and the men's team placed fourth.

Ashley Puga was named female athlete of the week by setting a school and meet record in the mile with 4:47 seconds. She also set a meet record in the 800 coming in at 2:09.

Jackie Puga, Elisa Decker and Jamie Beaty joined

Puga to win the 4x400 relay. Decker also finished third in the 400.

Laura VonArx had to rely on her first jump of the day to take the title in the triple jump with Molly Reid following in third.

VonArx also came in seventh with the long jump.

Mitch Ward and Maurus Hope also had a great meet.

Hope finished first in the 400 at 49.75, with Ward right behind him at 49.99. Hope finished second in the 200 as well, at 22.21

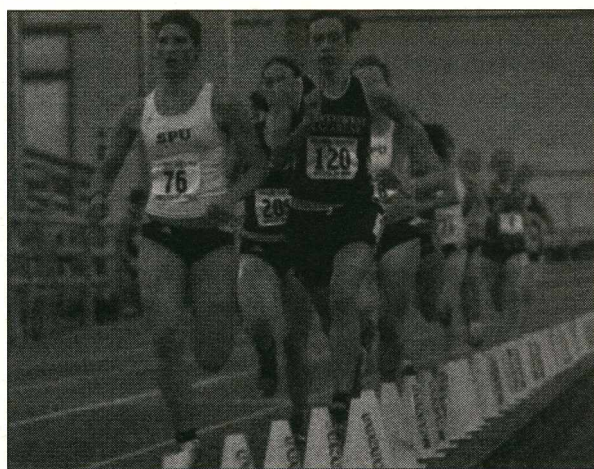
Dallas Beaty and Dan

Hill joined both Ward and Hope to win the 4x400 relay in a meet record time of 3:20. Beaty also finished first in the 60 hurdles.

Zach Barclay finished third in the weight throw and fourth in the shot put.

Joy Warington placed second in the women's shot put and Courtney Little and Erika McCarthy finished third and fourth respectively in the weight throw.

Statistics courtesy of NNU Sports Information Center.



Senior Ashley Puga races at the GNAC Indoor Championships this weekend. Puga set a school and meet record for the mile with a time of 4:47. She also set a record in the 800 with a time of 2:09 (photo from NNU Sports Information).

Female athletes deserve the same spotlight as their male counterparts

In 1997, the WNBA played its inaugural season.

At the time, I was thrilled, if only because there was now professional basketball being played year-round.

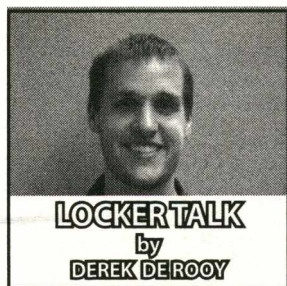
And frankly, that first season was a lot of fun to watch—who knew that women could play so well?

In the fall of that year, however, the men began playing again.

And within a week of the '97-98 NBA season starting, I had come to a concrete conclusion about women's athletics: simply because female athletes aren't as physically capable as male athletes on the same level, women were hardly worth watching.

That's not to say that women aren't athletic (see: Ashley Puga), or that they aren't far and away better athletes than I am. They are.

And in the case of volleyball, where there is no relative quality of the competition for us to observe, I



LOCKERTALK
by
DEREK DEROOY

have gone dozens of times and always had a ball.

But as the years passed, I found more and more reasons to not care about women's athletics, basketball in particular.

They can't dunk unless their name is Lisa Leslie or Candace Parker, they aren't as fast or as coordinated, they don't shoot or pass as well, they don't make as much money, and don't have even comparable fan bases or garner as much media attention, etc., etc.

As recently as a month ago, I was having trouble explaining to my best friend (not an NNUer) why our women's basketball team was making national television.

"You don't know how great they've been the last couple years." "Yeah?" "Um, they're better than the guys." "And?" "Well, our games against SPU are consistently close."

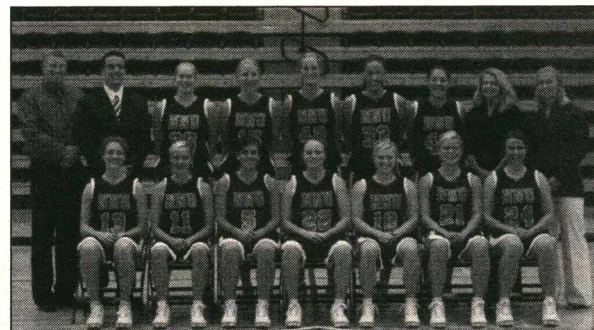
Though I had supported the women, even I wasn't convinced that a Division II women's basketball team should be getting such a big spotlight.

On Saturday night, as our girls upset the #1 Division II school in the country—and not just upset, but definitively shellacked—I was clearly reminded just how good they are.

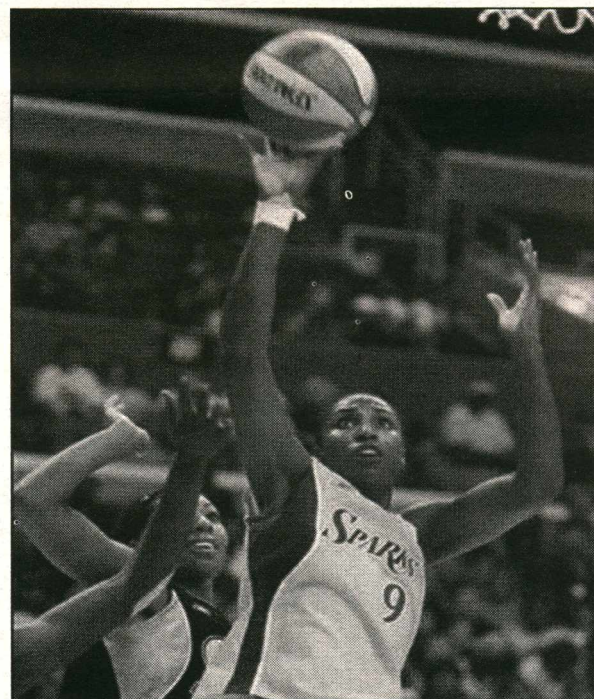
For a small group of girls at a school our size to embarrass them like that deserves more recognition and respect than I had given them credit for.

Perhaps I won't be paying attention to the WNBA this season. But I won't flip the channel so soon, either.

I'll remember to focus on the game, not the players.



Top: The 2008-2009 NNU women's basketball team (photo from NNU Sports Information) Above: Lisa Leslie of the Los Angeles Sparks (photo from Wikipedia).



Championships loom over women's intramural basketball

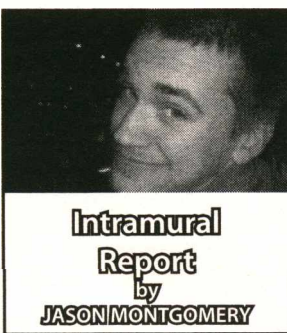
WNBA and Scadoosh are two of the teams advancing

Since there are only four women's teams in intramural basketball, their schedule sometimes seems a bit strange.

Take this past week, for example: on Tuesday, the matchups were "Team McCarthy v. Celtics" and "Scadoosh v. WNBA."

Two days later, the schedule read "Team McCarthy v. Celtics" and "Scadoosh v. WNBA."

Not only were the same teams playing each other,



Intramural
Report
by
JASON MONTGOMERY

they were playing in the same order, with the same teams listed as home team—déjà vu, anyone?

WNBA defeated Scadoosh on Tuesday with a final score of 35-30.

Offensively, WNBA had a hot hand in Megan Swenson, who scored 15 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and tallied 3 blocks.

Swenson made her first five shots, giving a fast start for the WNBA that Scadoosh was never able to overcome.

WNBA led going into halftime, with a score of

18-13.

Scadoosh was competitive throughout the game, and played excellently in the key on both sides of the court—Holly Beech, Bailey Osborne and Lacey Bruner had a combined 24 rebounds in the game.

Scadoosh was unable to convert on many of their second-chance opportunities, however, and a low field-goal percentage plagued the team for much of the game.

Last week marked the final week of regular season games for the women's league—but six words at the end of the women's intramural schedule are of great importance to all of these teams—"All women's teams go to playoffs."

The pressure is now on for all of these teams, who only need two more victories to claim the title of NNU Women's Intramural Basketball Champions.



Sports Blurbs

STEROIDS-FEHR

JUPITER, Fla. Baseball union head Donald Fehr rejects the suggestion many players are under suspicion because 104 of them tested positive for drug use in 2003, including Alex Rodriguez. Fehr is beginning his annual tour of spring training camps.

MATCH PLAY

MARANA, Ariz. Television trucks filled the parking lot, the media center was expanded and a World Golf Championship took on greater proportions when Tiger Woods decided to play for the first time in eight months. In the middle of all this is Brendan Jones, an Australian who couldn't keep his card the one year he played on the PGA Tour.

RENNY FIRED

NEW YORK Tom Renney is fired as coach of the New York Rangers. The team led the Atlantic Division for much of the first half of the season, but has won only twice in its last 12 games and is in danger of missing the playoffs.

WADA-BASEBALL

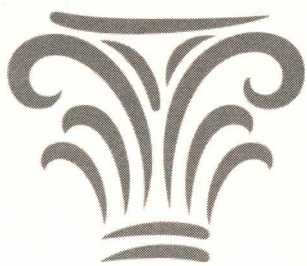
LAUSANNE, Switzerland The head of the World Anti-Doping Agency urges Major League Baseball to be as open as possible about steroids. John Fahey says the controversy over players who tested positive in 2003 is "surely a reminder to the MLB that something is not right."

IN THE PITS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. Rick Hendrick began his 25th season in NASCAR full of predictions for his storied organization. After a winless 2008 season, the car owner predicted Jeff Gordon will win multiple races this year. So far, Gordon's 0-for-2 but appears headed back to his winning ways.

TOUR OF CALIFORNIA

ESCONDIDO, Calif. Levi Leipheimer takes a 36-second lead over David Zabriskie into final stage of the Tour of Calif., which includes a 5,123-foot climb up Palomar Mountain. Lance Armstrong is sixth overall.



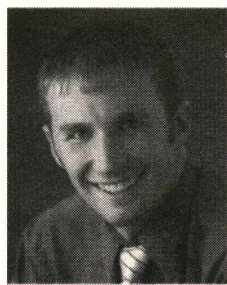
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Oscar night goes out in style for the 81st time



REVIEW

by LAURIE BURGEMEISTER

"Slumdog Millionaire" dominated "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" at the Oscars Sunday night, winning eight Academy Awards.

"Benjamin Button" had a whopping 13 nominations, but only received three, whereas "Slumdog Millionaire" won eight of its ten nominations.

What was most surprising to me was that "The Dark Knight" was not even in the running for best picture. I felt that it was a valid candidate, especially since "Benjamin Button" was a nominee.

But don't be too sad. "The Dark Knight" did receive an award for sound editing and Heath Ledger, who played the joker, received best actor

in a supporting role, which his mother, father and sister accepted on his behalf.

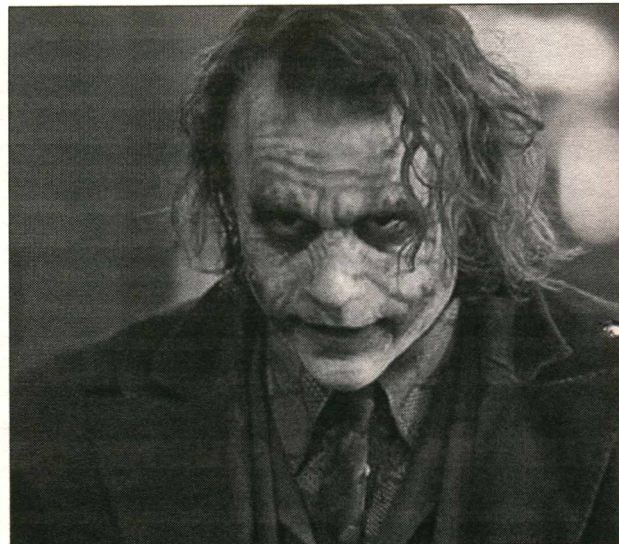
Sean Penn won the award for actor in a leading role for his character Harvey Milk in the movie "Milk," and Kate Winslet won for actress in a leading role for her character Hanna Schmitz in "The Reader."

The 81st Academy Awards were entertaining, but it was hard to be interested unless you had seen all the movies that were up for nomination. If nothing else, it gives you a start on your "to-see" movie list.

Hugh Jackman was this year's host and did a great job of combining his talents as a musical Tony winner and a gifted actor to bring us a classy show—even if it did include him shaking his hips at us a little.

My favorite, of course, were the beautiful dresses. Anne Hathaway and Penelope Cruz both looked stunning and the men in their tuxes looked very fashionable.

Replays of the red carpet and awards can be found at oscar.com.



The late Heath Ledger won Best Supporting Actor for his role as the Joker in "The Dark Knight" last Sunday at the 81st Academy Awards (photo from wikipedia).

Bella Voce puts on fund-raiser

by ANDREA SCHILLING

If you're looking for a relaxing Friday evening to appreciate music and some delectable pasta, go see a Bella Voce member.

The all-womens choir led by Professor Judy Marlett of the music department, is currently preparing a dinner theatre for students and the Nampa community, to be held this weekend.

Belle Voce member freshman Whitney Brown said tickets for the dinner help with various funding for the choir in the future.

The entertainment for the evening will include students from fall semester's

opera class performing "The Impresario," said senior Alison Cavanaugh.

Cavanaugh said the students performing are herself as Miss Silverpeel, Krista Landaas as Madam Goldentril, Scott King as Mr. Angel, Erik Valenti as Mr. Scruples and Derek Cole playing Mr. Bluff.

"It's a comedy with music in one act," said Cavanaugh.

"There is very funny dialogue," added Cole. Cole also said the production runs about 30 minutes in length.

While Belle Voce will not be the night's performing act, it is playing a vital role

in the evening's success.

"We get to serve the food," said sophomore Arielle Askren, also a member of the all-womens choir. Askren said Italian cuisine will be on the evening's menu.

The opera dinner will be held in the College Church of the Nazarene atrium this Friday. Askren said the event is set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Brown said tickets can be purchased through all Belle Voce members.

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Production of spring musical 'Godspell' is currently underway

by ALLISON HAWN

The spring musical is coming to Northwest Nazarene University with a particularly righteous feel.

"Godspell," a musical by Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelak, is currently in production.

"It's not like any other play that I've done before. What I mean by that is that it's the story of Christ... we are pretending to be different characters but at the same time telling the greatest true story ever told," said freshman Elias Kamplain who is in the musical playing Jesus.

"Godspell" is a modernized look at the story of Christ through a series of stories that arch over Jesus' life. "Godspell," which tells a series of parables,

most of which are taken from the Biblical text of Matthew, is set amid modern music and flamboyant costumes, according to the "Godspell" official fan club website.

"It is going to be a blast," said cast member sophomore Hilary Johnson, who is playing Joanne.

The musical is set in the 1980's and features songs like "Beautiful City," "All Good Gifts" and "Day by Day" according to the "Godspell" official fan club website.

"Godspell" will be featured in the Brandt Center's Swayne Auditorium March 5 through the 7 at 7:30 p.m., with a cast made up entirely of NNU students, according to Brandt Center employee and business major Yelena Muravlyova.

Among the cast members are Elias Kamplain as Jesus, Hilary Johnson as Joanne, Matt Davis as Jeffery, Jarrod Seckler as John the Baptist/Judas, Matt Miller as Lamar, Toni Bestul as Robin, Karissa Ellinson as Peggy, Whitney Brown as Sonia and Joelle Friesen as Gilmer.

Tickets can be bought from the Brandt Center, the NNU Bookstore, the NNU Music Department and Living Water Coffee and Books.

Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$8 for students and faculty according to Muravlyova.

As Johnson said, "It will be so good, you will want to come every night."

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