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Students and faculty weigh in on newly implemented policy for The Crusader

by IAN BAUDER

An official policy now limits how The Crusader is allowed to cover student, faculty and staff disciplinary issues.

The official policy reads: "The Northwest Nazarene University student newspaper shall reflect the institution's commitment to extend grace, nurture transformation, foster growth and encourage restoration. Consequently, the student newspaper shall refrain from publishing content dealing with students, faculty and staff who are involved in discipline-related issues, with the exception of matters that have been previously discussed in the media. This policy does not supersede any restrictions imposed by pending litigation, gag orders or other legal issues."

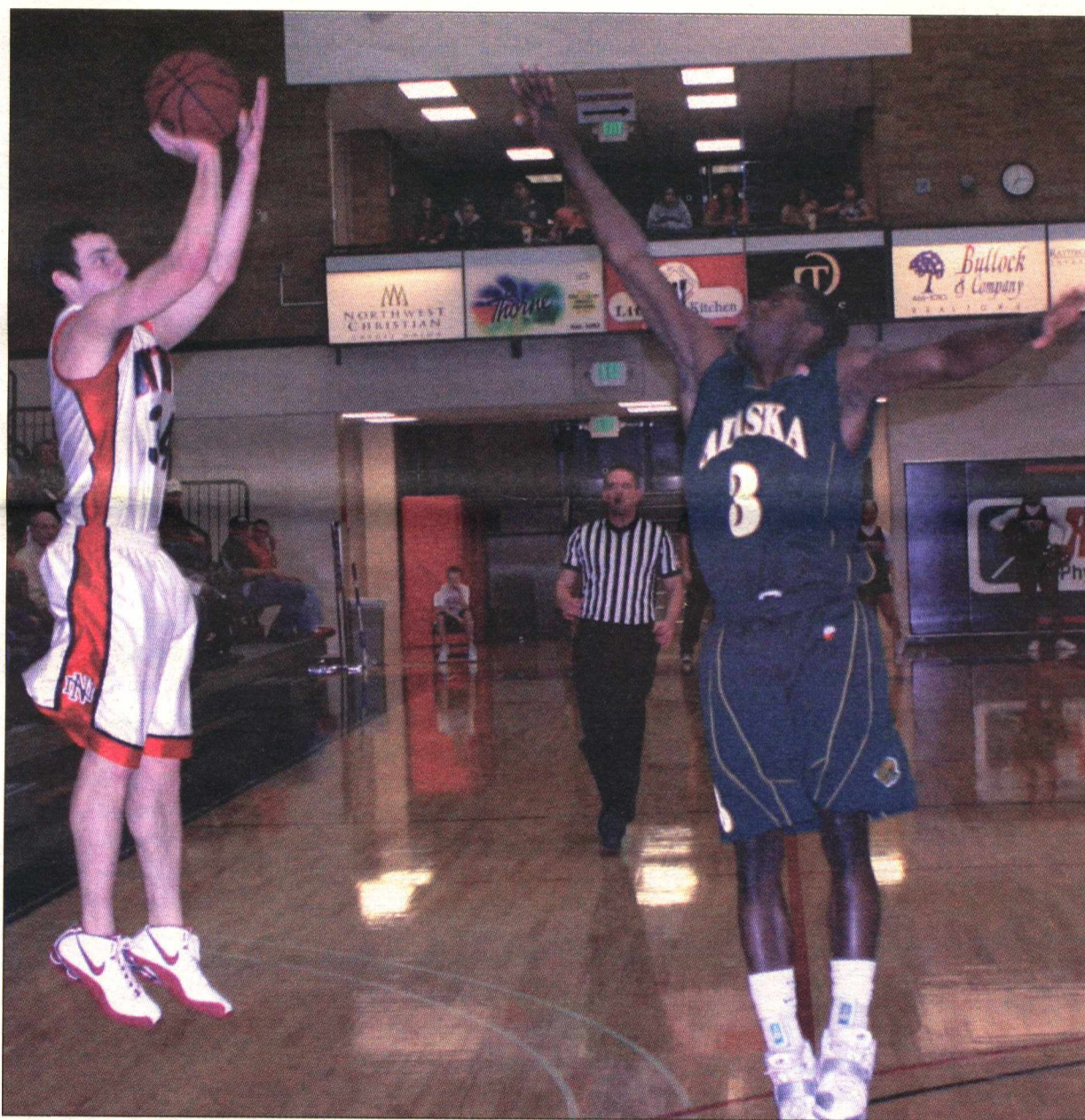
The policy is meant to extend grace, said David Alexander, university president. "Some students bloom later than others, and we want to extend grace so we can find our own niche and our own abilities."

Alexander said he expects the newspaper to report on news that is pertinent to the campus.

Lucas Roebuck, head of the journalism program, said he was disappointed

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Nail-biter ends in Crusader victory



NNU's Louie Beech goes for a 3 pointer over the University of Alaska Anchorage's Lonnie Ridgeway. The Crusader men narrowly pulled out the win over the Sea Wolves 76-71 on Saturday in the Johnson Sports Center in front of 1,741 fans. With 43 seconds to play, Adam Shildemeyer converted two free throws to give the Crusaders the lead and the win. The NNU men lead the nation in free throw shooting, said head coach Tim Hills (photo by Holly Beech).

Vice president for spiritual and leadership development to start in April

by RACHAEL FINCH

NNU has created a new position of vice president for spiritual and leadership development, to be filled in April.

"In effect, we are taking the former position of assistant to the president for church relations and expanding the role and

responsibility of that office and person, creating a President's Cabinet level position," said Alexander.

Fred Fullerton has been chosen for this position. Fullerton has served in youth work, as a senior pastor and as the executive director of Nazarene youth international, and even as the NNU chaplain at one

time, said Alexander.

"It is my hope and intent that this individual will become a champion for what I see as an NNU distinctive, the development of servant leaders, and the spiritual formation of all of us--students, faculty and staff," said Alexander.

The addition of this position is part of a larger

structural change.

"I have been in consultation with members of the NNU administration and members of NNU's governing Board of Trustees, and I have concluded that NNU will benefit from an administrative realignment," said Alexander.

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SGA Elections

Sign-ups are over and the student body has a week to decide on the new SGA President and Vice Presidents.

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Brick House Bands

The Brick House Boys are ending their time in the House by bringing in some bands.

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Weather

THURSDAY
Chance of rain.
Hi: 48° | Low: 30°

FRIDAY
Chance of rain.
Hi: 46° | Low: 29°

SATURDAY
Chance of snow showers.
Hi: 49° | Low: 30°

SUNDAY
Chance of snow showers.
Hi: 49° | Low: 30°

MONDAY
Chance of showers.
Hi: 48° | Low: 28°

TUESDAY
Partly sunny.
Hi: 46° | Low: 25°

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in the policy, but said he feels his objections were heard and genuinely considered. Roebuck said he is confident that, despite the new restrictions, the paper will continue covering stories that affect the campus.

"My hope would be, if the student editors felt compelled that there was a really important story they would be able to make their case to the administration," said Roebuck.

"I hope the students will be able to publish legitimate news stories that will have legitimate impact on campus."

Last year, The Crusader covered the attempted burglary of a Best Buy retail store by five students. Presumably, under the new policy, The Crusader would be allowed to cover this since it was widely covered by the local media.

Senior Lacey Smith,

SGA president, said she believes a measure of grace needs to be extended by the paper.

"I think that the newspaper is an excellent tool to keep students accountable. But I also think, being from a Christian university, that there is a tactful way about doing that," said Smith.

Senior public communications major Dax Wandling said there should be a differentiation made

about what kinds of discipline should be allowed to be covered. Wandling said last year's incident involving five student athletes who broke into a Best Buy store was one instance where the paper crossed a line.

"I don't think those students' decisions affected the student body in any way other than they were students," said Wandling.

Freshman commercial music major Zachary D.

Sherwood said that when the paper is censored, there is a trade-off. He said despite the fact that it may hurt individuals, the paper should have freedom.

Articles that deal with student discipline raise valuable points that need to be addressed, said Sherwood.

"In the end, I think censoring student discipline and even censoring the student voice in general

takes more away from the student body than it gives," said Sherwood.

Andrew Knapp, a junior philosophy major, said that any kind of censorship would be detrimental to the student body.

"Perhaps the Best Buy five issue was in poor taste," said Knapp, "but it did cover an important issue...[It is] more likely that good taste will triumph over cruel and nonsensical ideas."

SGA campaigning goes underway; elections are in a week

by AIMEE NILES and
ANDREA SCHILLING

Sign-ups for SGA's three elected positions—president, social vice president and executive vice president—ended Monday evening with five people in the running for the three positions.

Executive vice

president Grant Miller is running unopposed for SGA president.

Juniors Trevan Hauck and Andrew McCulley are running for executive vice president and sophomore Courtney Roberts is running against junior Katie Thompson for social vice president.

According to the ASNNU

Constitution, the executive vice president is responsible for overseeing all ASNNU election processes. However, this election will be run by Amber Ford, SGA secretary, because of Miller's candidacy, Miller said.

"As far as I know, everything with the elections is running very smoothly," said Miller.

Ford said she is currently organizing the sign-ups by being sure the candidates have turned in all paperwork and that procedures are being followed.

On Monday at 9 p.m. in Culver, a candidate panel will be held so students can get information about the various students running. Ford will be mediating the

panel, and said there will be free pizza at the event.

"We want opportunities for students to get involved by allowing them to ask questions," said Ford. "There's always a concern when people aren't voting."

Campaigning began Monday at 5 p.m. and will continue until 10 p.m. Tuesday night, when

all posters must be taken down. Speeches will follow Wednesday at chapel, and then voting on Blackboard will begin, said Ford.

Ford said the application process for all other SGA positions will start tomorrow and will end March 12. Students can find applications in Student Development.

Ferocious storm dumps heavy snow on East Coast

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

A ferocious storm packing freezing rain, heavy snow and furious wind gusts paralyzed most of the East Coast on Monday, sending dozens of cars careening into ditches, grounding hundreds of flights and closing school for millions of kids.

The devastating effects of the storm were seen up and down the coast. A crash caused a 15-mile traffic jam in North Carolina, forcing police and the Red Cross to go car-to-car to check on stranded drivers. The storm was blamed for more than 500 crashes in New Jersey, and a Maryland official counted about 50 cars in the ditch on one stretch of highway.

By Monday, the storm had moved north into New

England, and most areas in the storm's wake expected to see at least 8 to 12 inches of snow. The weather contributed to four deaths on roads in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and on Long Island.

Diane Lugo, of Yonkers, N.Y., got a ride with her husband to avoid walking 10 minutes in the slush to her bus stop. "Getting out of the driveway was pure hell," Lugo said. "He got to work late. I'm obviously late."

The South was especially hard hit, dealing with record snowfalls, thick ice and hundreds of thousands of power outages in a region not accustomed to such vicious weather.

In North Carolina, Raleigh got more than 3 inches of snow; the March snowfall for the city has

exceeded 3 inches only 11 times in the last 122 years. The Weather Service said parts of Tennessee received the biggest snowfall since 1968.

The 15-mile traffic jam in North Carolina caused no serious problems and authorities were able to get traffic moving again.

Travelers were stranded everywhere, with about 950 flights canceled at the three main airports in the New York area and nearly 300 flights canceled in Philadelphia. Boston's Logan International Airport had to shut down for about 40 minutes to clear a runway, and hundreds of flights were canceled there.

Philadelphia declared a Code Blue weather emergency, which gives officials the authority to bring homeless people into

shelters because the weather poses a threat of serious harm or death.

Dozens of schools across North Carolina, South Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Maine gave children a snow day. Schools in Philadelphia, Boston and New York City did the same. It was the first time in more than five years that New York City called off classes for its 1.1 million public school students.

Some New York parents complained that the city waited until 5:40 a.m. to call off classes, saying they didn't have enough notice. Mayor Michael Bloomberg brushed off the criticism and praised the city's storm response, which included dispatching 2,000 workers and 1,400 plows to work around the clock to clean New York's 6,000 miles of

streets.

"It's like plowing from here to Los Angeles and back," Bloomberg said at a news conference, standing in front of an orange snow plow at a garage. Central Park recorded 7 inches of snow, and more than a foot was reported on parts of Long Island, where high winds caused 2-foot drifts on highways in the Hamptons.

The storm offered a hint of irony in a couple of cities. People had to brave the snow and cold to attend the annual Philadelphia Flower Show, an indoor exhibition that provided a fragrant, spring-like glimpse of yellow daffodils, crimson azaleas and white tulips. In the nation's capital, hundreds of protesters gathered on Capitol Hill to protest a power plant and global

warming during one of the worst storms of the year.

At a Lowe's home improvement store in Glen Burnie, Md., snow shovels and bags of salt were sold out before noon, employee Eric Pennington said. But Pennington wasn't too busy—he works in the garden section, where an order of azaleas just arrived.

"Nobody expects 6 to 8 inches of snow outside on March 2," Pennington said. "We know there aren't going to be people here buying soil and mulch and plants and roses."

The snow began to accumulate in New Hampshire and Massachusetts as the storm moved north, but most residents there were taking it in stride.

"This is New England, after all," said Dave Richardson of Salem, Mass.

Madoff seeks to keep Manhattan penthouse and \$62M

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bernard Madoff is seeking to keep a \$7 million Manhattan penthouse and an additional \$62 million in assets, saying they are unrelated to the fraud that authorities say cost victims more than \$50 billion.

In court papers filed

Monday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, Madoff and his lawyer claim the apartment, \$45 million in municipal bonds and \$17 million more in a separate account all belong to Madoff's wife, Ruth.

The bonds in an account held by Ruth Madoff at COHMAID Securities

Corp. and about \$17 million held by her in a Wachovia Bank account "are unrelated to the alleged Madoff fraud and only Ruth Madoff has a beneficial interest in these assets," Bernard Madoff and lawyer Ira Sorkin said, according to the papers.

Sorkin declined to

comment Monday.

A court-appointed trustee overseeing the liquidation of Madoff's assets has said the apartment and other property used to secure bail was off limits for now. But if there's a conviction, those assets and possibly property of Madoff "insiders" could be seized

to help pay claims by alleged victims.

"We are looking at every member of the Madoff family," David Sheen, an attorney representing the trustee, said recently regarding the personal property.

The information was contained in an order of consent asking a judge to

grant the federal government authority to seek forfeiture of assets involved in any fraud. It was filed in a case brought by the SEC against Madoff.

Trustee Irving H. Picard has said that nearly \$950 million in cash and securities has been recovered for investors so far.

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The new vice president will be responsible for four departments including the Office of Church Relations, Campus Spiritual Formation, the Office of Kingdom Engagement, and the Wesley Center, said Gene Schandorff, NNU chaplain.

The Office of Kingdom

Engagement is also new and currently being developed, said Schandorff.

"The objective of that office, as I understand it, is to help NNU students and faculty become involved in service out there in the world, so both in the community around us and nationally

and internationally," said Schandorff.

Schandorff's own position will be changed by this restructuring as well.

"Part of what we're doing, in addition to bringing in the new vice president, is to create a more substantial role and place for Gene Schandorff," said

Alexander.

"He will become Dean of the Chapel and Director of the Office of Spiritual Formation. He will work with the new VP as well as the folks in Student Development so that we can more effectively pursue Christlikeness as a campus community."

SIFE hosts third successful ethics panel

by IAN BAUDER

Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) hosted an ethics panel on Monday night during which several students and faculty, including President David Alexander, discussed a variety of topics ranging from downloading music on the Internet to sexual harassment in the work place.

SIFE president Lisa Bloomquist said in planning events, the group tries its best to analyze the issues of the community, and then meet those needs as best as possible.

"With the economy the way it is now, we thought it would be good to have people who are respected in the campus community to talk about the issue of ethics," said Bloomquist. "It's a fun way to talk about ethics. It's better than just handing out a pamphlet."

Bloomquist said the group has done several other ethics panels over the past two years, including one in Boise last semester. That panel featured several CEOs of local companies, and was attended by over 300 local business people.

Jason Hale, another SIFE

member, said that educating the campus about ethics is one of the "key parts of the club."

Other panelists included students Frank Borbe, Lindsey Peterson and Loren Pounds, as well as faculty members Mark Gismond, Donna Allen and Terry Whilden.

SIFE is an international organization of students and business people that are committed to trying to create better leaders on campuses. SIFE clubs develop projects like ethics panels that fit specific criteria, and then compete in an international competition. It is one of four clubs that business students at NNU are required to participate in.



Professors Allen and Gismond serve as members of the ethics panel (photos by Ian Bauder).



Students engage in SIFE ethics panel Monday night (photos by Ian Bauder).

AP News Blurbs

Terror Memos

WASHINGTON

The Obama administration throws open the curtain on years of Bush-era secrets, revealing anti-terror memos that claimed exceptional search-and-seizure powers and divulging that the CIA destroyed nearly 100 videotapes of interrogations and other treatment of terror suspects.

Guinea-Bissau

BISSAU, Guinea-Bissau

The president of this West African nation for nearly a quarter-century is assassinated by renegade soldiers — an attack that comes hours after a bomb kills his longtime rival, the armed forces chief. Analysts fear the violence could further destabilize a nation already struggling with Latin American cocaine cartels who use it as a transit point for drugs to Europe.

The D Word

WASHINGTON

A Depression doesn't have to be Great — bread lines, rampant unemployment, a wipeout in the stock market. The economy can sink into a milder depression, the kind spelled with a lowercase "D." And some economists think that's exactly what's happening.

Gay Marriage

SAN FRANCISCO

A year after the state Supreme Court entertained arguments on extending marriage to gay couples, many of the same lawyers will be back before the same justices later this week arguing why California's voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage should stand or fall.

Koreas-Tension

SEOUL, South Korea

Senior North Korean military officials demand that the U.S. and South Korea call off their annual military drill involving tens of thousands of troops, warning the exercise would exacerbate tensions on the Korean peninsula, according to a news report.

Afghanistan

KABUL

The Red Cross says Afghan civilians will bear the brunt of an escalation in the Afghan war as thousands more U.S. troops deploy, unless more is done by NATO forces and Taliban militants to protect them.

China-Tibet

BEIJING

Tibetan rights advocates say scores of Buddhist monks in southwestern China are likely under police lock-down after marching in protest over a decades-old ban on prayers during the Tibetan New Year.

Clinton-Mideast

EGYPT

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton declares the Obama administration is committed to pushing intensively to find a way for Israelis and Palestinians to exist peacefully in separate states. Clinton promises a U.S. pledge of about \$300 million in humanitarian aid for the war-torn Gaza Strip as she attends an international donors conference.

Jobs-Environment

HELENA, Mont.

The call for economic stimulus is having an unintended side effect in places like Montana, where environmental protections are on the verge of being repealed in the name of jobs.

Iraq-America's Exit

BAGHDAD


The U.S. military map in Iraq in early 2010: Most Marines are gone from the western desert, Army units are in the former British zone in the south and the overall mission is coalescing around big air and logistics hubs. Full details of the plan to end America's combat role haven't been released, but broad contours are taking shape.

Record Bank Heist

IRELAND

A Bank of Ireland employee was able to convince co-workers to let him walk out with four bags containing \$9.5 million in cash because kidnappers who were threatening to kill his family also gave him photographs of his colleagues' faces and homes, police say.

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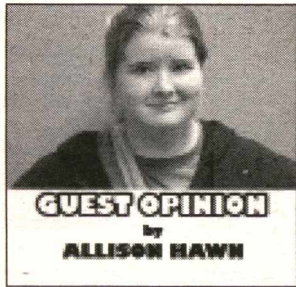
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iPod application encourages cheating

The Apple iPod touch and the iPhone, two of the newest procrastination tools of many college



GUEST OPINION
by
ALLISON HAWTHORN

students and faculty members, have been utilized for many different functions. Recently, according to the Associated Press, these two items have been used for a new and rather dysfunctional purpose: to cheat at blackjack tables in Las Vegas casinos.

While cheating at blackjack tables is not new, it has grown in popularity with its newest little helper. The

Apple Applications Store offers a virtual card counter that helps one keep track of what cards have already been played with the touch of a few simple buttons. The application also features a special option that allows you to hide the card counter, while it is still on, behind a blank screen with the touch of a button making it look like the iPhone or iPod touch is actually off.

While this may seem like something only a few unscrupulous individuals would use, it isn't. Out of nearly 500 applications for iPods in the Apple Applications Store, the card counter ranks in as the 14th highest selling one nationwide; even higher in Nevada, according to the Apple Store. According to

the Associated Press over 20 people were arrested using the new card counter in one day, and the police believe this isn't even a tenth of those actually using it for this purpose.

It concerns me that out of hundreds of application choices, Americans have put one of the most expensive applications in the top twenty because it allows them to cheat at gambling. This is a program that, if used in a casino, could put you in jail and get you banned from casinos in the future, yet it is being bought by literally thousands of people.

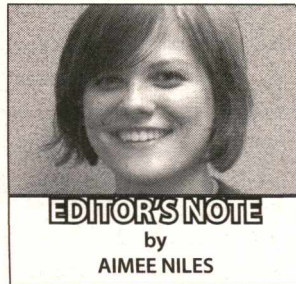
Are we, as Americans, so desperate for money that we would risk jail time for an application, which at the most, might get us a \$1,000 yield? Why are we allowing an application that has the

ability to become immediately covert in order to hide deception to be sold to anyone? Even kids are getting caught using this. The card counter even has a function that teaches one to card-count independently of the program. Fantastic, we now have 13-year-olds who are training themselves for future entrepreneurship at the blackjack tables.

I think this is a sad reflection on our society as a whole. We have a government-regulated company, Apple, that is selling an application for one of its products that is designed specifically with the capability for illegal activity. For \$2.99 a pop anyone can now walk into a casino and try to cheat at blackjack and easily cover up what they are doing with a touch of a button.

Tent city homelessness awareness is not a way to experience homelessness at all

This week is SGA Awareness Week, and the focus on homelessness and poverty is a valuable thing to raise awareness about. However, proclaiming that living in a "tent city" out-



EDITOR'S NOTE
by
AIMEE NILES

side the Dex will help you understand homelessness better is naïve and mocks the seriousness of actual homelessness.

Community Relations Coordinator Tony Napier encouraged students to come with "an open heart ready to experience and understand the way some of God's children live their lives." The text came from a campus wide e-mail circulated last week.

I don't care if you came with such an open heart that it was turned inside

out—that won't help you experience or understand what it's like to be homeless. The PhDs and MSWs coming to speak can tell you numbers, stats and their own experiences working with the homeless, but they can't make it real for you.

In "Under the Overpass," Mike Yankoski and Sam Purvis took a semester off college and lived for five months as homeless men in six cities with the highest homeless population in America: Denver, Washington D.C., Portland, Ore., Phoenix, San Francisco and San Diego.

They tried to live as much like homeless men as possible—they didn't take any money, cell phones, credit cards and only carried "bare essentials." Yet, from the beginning, they realized they wouldn't actually be homeless. Yankoski writes: "We'd only be travelers through the underworld of need—privileged visitors, really, because any time we wished, we could leave the streets and come

home. Most people on the streets have no such option."

These guys were radically affected by their five months on the street, yet they never were actually homeless. They never understood the terror of not knowing that they couldn't get out, and because of that Yankoski and Purvis realized they didn't ever truly understand. They have a pretty decent idea, but not a complete one.

Living on the lawn in a nice tent, with a warm sleeping bag and 19 layers won't teach you about homelessness; at any time you could pick up and go back to your nice warm dorm room and scan your card at the Dex and gorge yourself on food.

However, I think there are some things that can teach people about homelessness that aren't being offered as part of SGA Awareness Week. First, call a rescue mission and see how you can help out. Serving the homeless and just listening to their stories can be an

amazing experience.

Second, go to downtown Boise in a small group (don't go alone) and see who you meet. Perhaps you'll have the opportunity to buy someone a cup of coffee and learn a little more about his or her story.

There's only so much the PhDs and MSWs can tell you, sometimes it's best to hear it from someone who's living it.

There is a lot going on this week that is really valuable. The sock and underwear drive is going to help a lot of people, and introducing the problem is extremely beneficial.

But let's be honest—none of us are going to actually feel what it's like to be homeless this week. We are blessed beyond belief and to pretend otherwise mocks people who are less fortunate.

However, take this week to dive deeper into understanding homelessness and poverty. It affects more people than you would guess.

On-campus requirement for SGA is too extreme

STAFF EDITORIAL

Amid SGA election sign-ups, one could've found the following written and highlighted below the sign-up sheet: "all SGA positions require the student to live on campus." It is speculated that all leadership positions will be required to do the same down the road. The policy comes with good intentions—but the thumbs-up stop there.

While the requirement allows for more accessibility for students to the SGA members, the policy is simply too extreme when there are so many other objectives to consider. For instance, SGA members are required to have office hours, as this enables the student body to reach their peers in leadership positions quite easily. The idea of the off-campus student doesn't necessarily imply that they are out of touch with the NNU community.

What if a student cannot afford to live on-campus? Does that mean they can't run for an SGA position? Even more so, some students who wanted to live on campus in Olsen apartments this year couldn't because there was simply not enough room. Essentially, we do not have enough on-campus housing to make a policy like this. Until more residence halls are built, on-campus requirements regarding leadership positions need to have their reigns pulled. Let's not count our chickens before they hatch.

This policy hinders student involvement, something highly promoted on our campus. From campus-wide e-mails to chapel announcements, we're encouraged to get engaged on how we can make a difference in how this school is run. Following this new rule, leadership positions are being put in a box, giving some students an unfair advantage. What if a local student lives with his or her parents to save money? If students like these wanted to run for an SGA position, they couldn't.

If we want our student leaders to not be ghosts on campus, we need to look at other alternatives which are more feasible. For example, requiring SGA members to have a meal plan would allow them to make their mark on campus day after day, while still having their choice of where to live.

If keeping our leaders as available as possible is this important, we must consider the repercussions—including the overall fairness of the issue, the resources toward making the policy possible or the hindrance of students in general.

THE CRUSADER'S LETTER TO THE EDITOR GUIDELINES

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President Alexander discusses reasons for newspaper policy

I just got home after being on the Ethics Panel hosted by SIFE. It's one



Guest Opinion by DAVID ALEXANDER

of those fun forums where you're presented with hypothetical scenarios and you have to choose the best action or most ethical

alternative in your personal or professional life. No one gets hurt or offended. It's pretend. It's practice for real life.

That is not the case with this column. This isn't a pretend scenario. It's real. How does a Christian university have a student newspaper, committed to truth-telling and information seeking deal with difficult issues?

This newspaper will on occasion be dealing with matters that some may wish to make public, while others desire for the same matters to remain private. What is news? What is not

for the public record?

This is the conundrum that members of The Crusader staff find themselves in as they have been informed that an administrative decision has been made that may sometimes affect what they are at liberty to report. This is real. I know, because I have made that decision.

At my request, members of the administration and the faculty have crafted a policy to create necessary and proper guidelines for The Crusader in matters dealing with members of the campus community. The policy reads as follows:

"The Northwest Nazarene University student newspaper shall reflect the institution's commitment to extend grace, nurture transformation, foster growth and encourage restoration. Consequently, the student newspaper shall refrain from publishing content dealing with students, faculty and staff who are involved in discipline-related issues, with the exception of matters that have been previously discussed in the media. This policy does not supersede any restrictions imposed by pending litigation, gag orders or other legal issues."

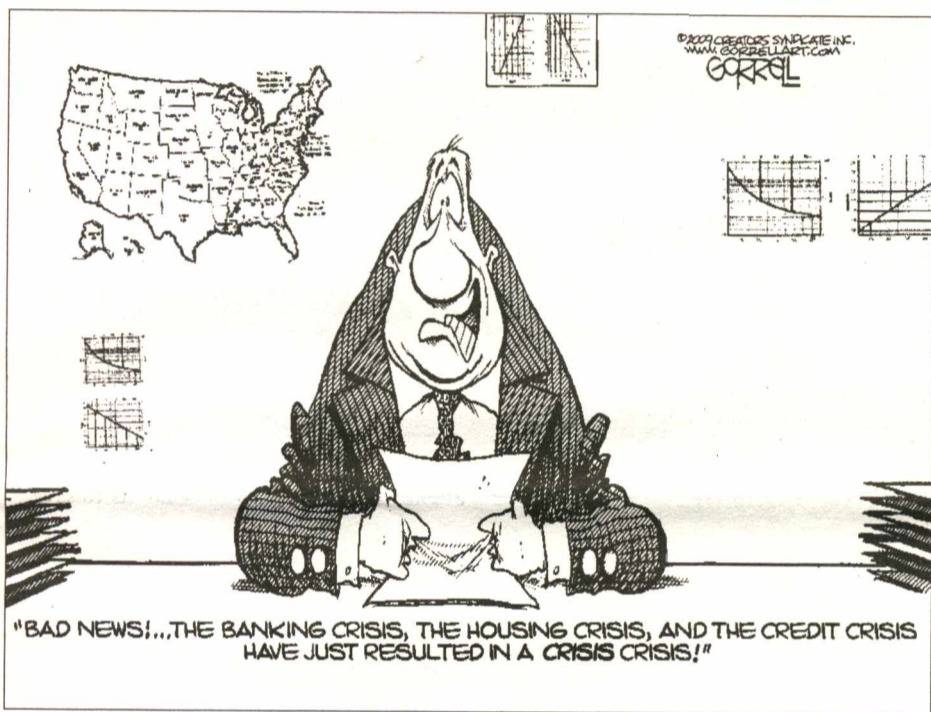
This is now our policy and it illustrates the tension between two "hallmarks of an NNU education," first, "an NNU education shapes students through in-depth knowledge, understanding and training in a chosen field." Second, "an NNU education will seek to establish the Kingdom of God in this world while anticipating the next."

Two priorities are here: a) learning and doing journalism; b) being citizens in the Kingdom of God. When these two concepts are in tension or conflict, which one prevails?

In approving this policy

I have chosen to direct us toward restraint in telling stories about our faults, sins and shortcomings. I have not chosen to be broadly restrictive; I want us to explore a variety of topics, news and interests. We have focused on disciplinary matters.

I expect that the aspiring journalists on The Crusader staff will cite their right to freedom of the press, and rightly so. However, I believe that each and every newspaper in America reflects the nature, opinions and leanings of its owner/publisher. NNU is no exception.



What is the public interest and how do journalists react?

In my last dispatch, I discussed how journalism, when governed by best practices, can be a legitimate enterprise for Christians. Unfortunately, our evangelical Christian culture often believes that



On Journalism by LUCAS ROEBUCK

when journalism best practices require newspapers to cover negative behavior, the outcome is un-Christian.

Many Christians believe discussing the misfortune or misbehavior of another in a public forum is inappropriate. I agree that gossiping about others is wrong, sensationalizing is wrong, exploiting the misfortune of others is wrong. Telling the world about a person's

misdeeds to satiate prurient curiosity or rubber-necking tendencies is wrong. Reporting on someone's iniquities to score political points or for entertainment purposes—a cheap, depreciating laugh—is wrong. All of these things are un-Christian. *But none of these is good journalism.*

Instead, when newspapers report on misdeeds of specific individuals, they must have a compelling, journalistic reason. The common defense for bringing ill deeds into the spotlight is the "public's interest." For the student newspaper, the specific public is NNU students, but some consideration is given to the NNU community at large.

But who decides what is in the best interest of the public? And what sort of rubric do they use? In the case of The Crusader, the student editors make the decision, with cursory oversight by my office. Why are

editors qualified to make these decisions? Because they are trained to make hard ethical decisions, and the students appointed to be editors are those who show exceptional maturity.

In Introduction to Journalism, we examine real-world case studies and consider the decisions made, and the rightness and wrongness of those decisions. In Advanced Reporting, we look at journalism best practices—rules a newspaper imposes on itself to be fair and put community over the publication's self-interest. Students take Media Law and Ethics, and a general ethics course as well. In News Editing, we learn as newsroom managers how to bridge the theory of journalism ethics into pragmatic applications. Of course, the rest of the general NNU education also provides a base of Christian thought to serve as a foundation for decision-making.

In the process of their education, student editors finally take their training into practice in the student newspaper—a real media outlet where they make the editorial decisions, with the only "training wheels" being the advise and oversight of the faculty adviser.

When student editors consider printing a story that will present any person or organization in a negative light, the burden is high for students to show why that article should be run. The most significant measures of newsworthiness are: impact, timeliness, uniqueness, human interest, prominence and conflict. When considering public interest, the most relevant of these is *impact*, or rather, how will this story affect the student body and NNU at large? The less effect, the less newsworthy the story—the more effect, the more newsworthy.

Let's put this in a hypothetical. Say an NNU

professor is caught drinking, and, as a result, she's denied promotion. Is that newsworthy? Is it in the public interest to write a story about our lush professor, even though it will cause her significant embarrassment and pain. Nope. What if this person is a popular faculty member who holds key positions on faculty committees? Probably not—the actual impact is still minimal. What if this person was convicted of DUI, was the head of a MADD chapter, and the school fired her in the middle of the semester? Suddenly, the story has much more real impact. Students would be getting a new professor in the middle of the year, the professor's academic program could be in disarray, the efforts of a social program like MADD to raise money could be undermined, etc.

Our business isn't to violate privacy, air dirty laundry, or take advantage of

people's misfortune or misdeeds. Our business is to shine light in the darkness, to let the readers know through solid reporting of goings-on that impact them. Our business is to provide truth as an antidote to the hearsay and slander that permeates gossip lines and untamed tongues.

If Christians, in seeking the Kingdom of God, should bring God's love, should we not also bring his light? John writes in his gospel, "Light has come into the world but men loved darkness instead of the light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed."

Does journalism have a Christ-like mission in bringing truth and light? Next week, I'll make my case for how the practice of journalism can be a catalyst for redemption.

What can we learn from Mr. NNU 2009?

REVIEW

by RACHAEL FINCH

Junior Greg DeSimone was crowned Mr. NNU 2009 Saturday night in a male pageant of ribbon dancing, music and lots of leg; sounds shockingly similar to a Miss America pageant, does it not?

But rather than judging these men for objectifying themselves on stage, let us look at the lessons they have taught us:

1. Nine out of ten males at NNU play guitar.

2. Grant Miller should never, under any

circumstances, wear short shorts.

3. You can, in fact, inflict physical harm while ribbon dancing.

4. Michael Wheatley can still dance.

5. If you rub a lamp, Gene Schandorff will pop out and grant your wishes.

6. Squeaky toy equals Katie Zook.

7. "Wake Me Up Before You Go Go" can and will get stuck in your head forever.

8. Miller can snort a goldfish up his nose and justify it as a sermon illustration. Perhaps he should be a religion major.

9. DeSimone's mother is

awesome.

10. According to Elias Kamplain, there is trouble in Disney's happy ending paradise.

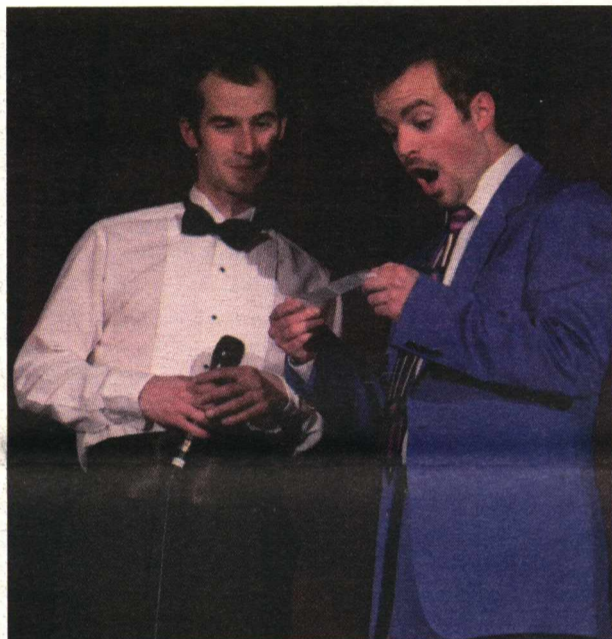
Kudos to the freshman class council for getting a theme, "A Night in Agrabah," was creative and fun. The music and costumes made the evening. What is funnier than seven guys dressed up as Aladdin, Wheatley as a magic carpet and Eddie Wheeler as Abu?

The evening was five parts hilarious and five parts not-so-hilarious, as several of the open category skits left much of the audience thinking "what?" Except,

of course, for DeSimone's "Why I don't have a girlfriend" video, which was fabulous, and Dax Wandling's "Call a Dex employee" video, which was disturbing.

The tradition of throwing snacks and drinks into the audience was not quite the same, as they didn't actually throw them, but it was less hazardous than having water bottles and Squeeze-Its flying at your head.

The night was a funny reminder that social life at NNU is, in many ways, one big inside joke, with each new event relying on the ones before it.



Far left: Chris Davis performs his talent skit with the help from some friends. Left: Dax Wandling receives his question from host, Mike Wheatley. Above: Grant Miller escorts Greg DeSimone's mother during the formal part of the competition (photos by Chris Vanderschaaf).

Community Board starts up Resolve project giving attention to non profits

by ALLISON HAWN

What would inspire a college student to jump rope, watch "High School Musical 3" and play catch on a Friday night?

Perhaps spending time with children from the Nampa community at the Salvation Army's Youth Center, as part of the community board's initiative called Resolve.

The name for the project

came from the idea that students will "resolve" to do more work in the community, said senior Tony Napier, SGA community relations coordinator.

Presently, the community board is focusing on two non-profits including Love, INC and the Salvation Army's Youth Center, but more will be added in the future, said junior Jessica Bobango.

One community board

member is assigned to one charity to garner support and spend time there when they can, said Bobango.

Bobango, who is leading the initiative to go to the Salvation Army's Youth Center, goes every third Monday and Friday of the month from 3 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Brooke Thomas, who is in charge of the Love, INC initiative, will be going every second week of the



Love, INC works through churches and denominations to help those in need of various necessities such as clothing and food. (image from loveinc.org).

month.

"We went for the first time last week and I have to say it was kind of refreshing. The kids were so excited to just have us there, it was quite different from my typical Friday evening, but definitely in a good way," said Bobango.

Journalism major Holly Beech, who volunteered at the Salvation Army's Youth Center, said, "I'm really glad I decided to go instead

of getting my hair cut because it was awesome to see the kids."

The Resolve campaign will be continuing on through April and the community board would like to get as many students involved as possible.

If you want to get involved you can contact either Thomas or Bobango via e-mail, said Bobango.

Witness welcomes five new members

by JESSICA BOBANGO

This year's Witness traveling group welcomes five entirely new members. Kendra Hughes, Toni Bestul, Brad Yuly, Ariel Glover and Tim Streight will begin touring in June.

Kendra Hughes is an elementary education major and music minor with an emphasis in music teaching. The senior is from Nampa and said she will miss "living out of a room—rather than a suitcase."

Toni Bestul is a junior applied studies major with a double emphasis in social work and Christian education from Battle Ground, Wash. Bestul said she will make sure to take her camera and all four seasons of *The Office* with her while traveling and wishes Gene could go along with the group "because he's got a ton of wisdom."

Ariel Glover is a communications major with a double minor in graphic design and psychology. The

sophomore is from Star, Idaho and said she will make sure she does not leave without her moccasins. "They are that comfy," Glover said.

Brad Yuly is a junior engineering and physics major from Ferndale, Wash. Yuly said that he will miss "just being with family" but said he is really excited to have this opportunity to have fun and hopefully influence some people.

Tim Streight is a freshman ministry major.

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Future brick house girls have big plans for 2009-2010 school year

by LAURIE BURGEMEISTER

The Brick House girls are back!

Joelle Friesen, Miriam Reardon, Vanessa Evans and Daryl Gonzalez were selected to live in and operate the Brick House for the 2009-2010 school year.

This is the first time in three years that the Brick House will be occupied by girls.

All of the girls will be seniors next year; Friesen is an international studies major, Gonzalez is studying political science, Evans is majoring in Christian ministries and Reardon is a social work major.

"Once we found out we were accepted, we decided to pray over our plans," said



Vanessa Evans, Daryl Gonzalez, Joelle Friesen and Miriam Reardon have been selected as next year's Brick House residents (photo by Andrea Schilling).

Friesen.

"It's not an application anymore and we have to play it out. We're really excited for what God has

planned for the house."

One of the girls' plans is multi-movie Monday, where students can come and enjoy movies and snacks while

doing their homework.

"We want to have a place where students can do homework in community," said Gonzalez.

The girls also plan on having free tea Tuesdays with various kinds of tea available around the house.

"We're open to suggestions, because it's their [the students] house," said Reardon.

Another goal the ladies have is hosting team dinners for athletes before home games.

"We also have a lot of ideas for repairs. We want to make things work for people and know what's good for them," said Evans.

The ladies said they want to be sure that everyone feels welcome in the house.

"We want guys to still feel comfortable to come in the house. We're going to do our best to keep our personal lives our own," said

Friesen.

"Everyone is passionate about a different part of the house and it's a great combination," added Reardon.

As part of the job, the girls will receive free room and board, laundry and \$30 per month for maintaining the Brick House.

"We want to be servants and meet needs however we can," said Evans.

Friesen added, "Be sure to go to the house while it's still the guys'. We're excited to go as guests because it's our last chance."

The girls want all students to feel free to give suggestions and anyone who wants to help is free to volunteer.

Students take to the Nampa Rollerdom in style



Left: Students line up at rollerscamming Friday night dressed up in their best "out of the toybox" attire. Right: Greg DeSimone participates in the limbo competition as Chelsea Michelson awaits her turn (photos by James Snyder).

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Student Life Events

Wednesday, March 4
Senate-8pm Wordsworth
Time Out- SGA Awareness- 9pm Science Lecture Hall
Wednesday Night Live-The Collective & friends-10pm-The Perk

Thursday, March 5
"Godspell"-7:30pm-Brandt
Women's Basketball vs. Central Washington-7pm-JSC
Brick House- 9pm

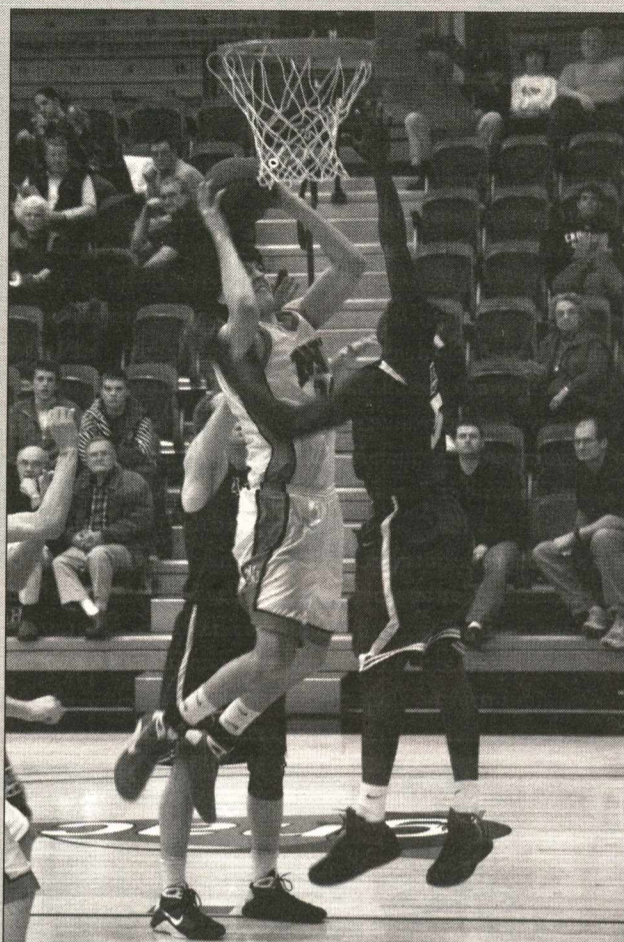
Friday, March 6
"Godspell"-7:30pm-Brandt
RA Applications due

Saturday, March 7
Women's Basketball vs. Seattle Pacific-5:15pm-JSC
Men's Basketball vs. MSU Billings-7:30pm-JSC
"Godspell"-7:30pm-Brandt

Monday, March 9
Quad 2 begins

Wednesday, March 11
SGA speeches/elections

Men and women's teams have winning weekend



Left: Lindsay Brady drives the ball to the hoop against St. Martin's. Brady scored her career-high of 28 points this past weekend against the Saints. The ladies are ranked seventh in the region following a five-game winning streak, including their 84-77 victory over Saint Martin's. The win has enabled the team a post-season playoff spot (information and photo from NNU Sports Information). Right: Brian Barkdoll fights for points in the paint against University of Alaska-Anchorage. NNU Sports Information attributes the team's free throw shooting and assist-to-turnover ratio of 17 to 8, a season best for the team, for the victory against UAA (photo by James Snyder).

PLAYER PROFILE

Sarah Elwell



Sport: Cheer

Class: Senior

Hometown:
Woodburn, Oregon

Major:
Youth ministries

What are your plans after graduation?:
"I want to take a year off and then see where God leads me!"

Favorite class you've taken:
"Advanced Youth Ministry. I love it so much because it is an amazing class! It has a great professor, and a great group of peers. It has opened my eyes to things that I never realized before."

Describe yourself in three words:
Energetic, friendly, funny

Favorite college memory:
"It's hard to pinpoint one favorite memory, there were so many! Probably the best were with my best friends."

What do you love about cheer?:
"I love the fact that we get to cheer on our teams and have fun while doing it. I love the team aspect we have within the squad, and how well we all work together to get things done."

Favorite quote:
"When life gets too hard to stand....kneel."

Hidden fact about yourself:
"I hit a parked car when I was three, and got a scar from it."

An ode to tee-ball and its inventor for teaching us how to swing

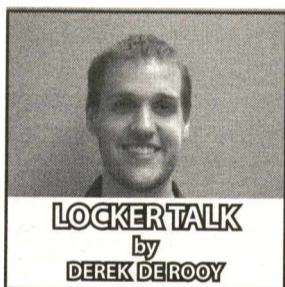
When I was little, it was so scary to watch that ball come at you. Sure, it's supposed to be over the plate, but everyone knows it doesn't always work out that way.

So you stand, and you cringe, and maybe you swing at the ball, and maybe you don't. After all, you're only two or three!

Thanks to one man, or maybe two, or three, it was a lot easier for so many of us. Jerry Sacharski, 93, a possible inventor of Tee Ball, died yesterday.

There is no clear inventor of Tee Ball, though it would appear as if it is Sacharski. Voit was the first company to produce the tees, while Rev. Dayton Hobbs owns the "Tee Ball" trademark.

Claude Lewis started



LOCKERTALK
by
DEREK DEEROO

organizing teams in 1958, while Starkville, Mississippi, claims they were the first, in 1961. And John Zareas, who authored the first copyrighted rule book, did so in 1965.

Sacharski himself grew up in West Allis, Wisc., and served as a lieutenant in WWII. In 1951, Sacharski took a job as a teacher in Albion, Mich., where he would work and coach until 1980.

Not long after beginning his teaching career,

Sacharski took a job organizing the town's summer baseball league, soon recognizing how underdeveloped some children were.

By using a tee instead of pitching, young baseball players were able to focus on hand-eye

coordination, and learn to hit a ball more consistently. This made the game more fun, and allowed players to concentrate on defense.

The popularity of tee ball took off across the country, with youngsters everywhere wanting the opportunity to

play a game still considered the national pastime.

The "dumbed-down" version of the game served well as a stepping stone, with experienced tee ball players only having to develop their batting to the point that they could hit moving targets (hopefully not their mothers).

Surely, without Tee Ball, we would get along well enough. But the benefits of the game reached far beyond the simple development of coordination and competition.

The game has helped so many find another community of friends and families, and given us the chance to emulate, somewhat inaccurately, the heroes of our youth.

Thank you, Jerry. We're not afraid to swing now.



(photo from wikimedia commons).



Sports Box

GNAC Standings as of March 3

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (W-L Conference)

1. Alaska Anchorage 13-2
2. Seattle Pacific 12-2
3. Northwest Nazarene 10-4
4. Western Washington 9-5
5. Saint Martin's 7-7
6. MSU-Billings 7-7

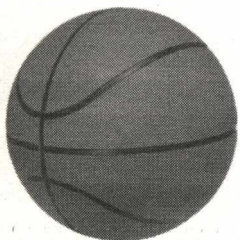
7. Western Oregon 3-11
8. Central Washington 3-11
9. Alaska Fairbanks 0-15

MEN'S BASKETBALL (W-L Conference)

1. Western Washington 11-3
2. Central Washington 11-3
3. Seattle Pacific 11-4
4. Saint Martin's 9-5



5. Alaska Anchorage 7-7
6. Northwest Nazarene 5-10
7. MSU Billings 4-10
8. Western Oregon 3-11
9. Alaska Fairbanks 3-11



Softball goes 1-1 in weekend double-header

by ANDREW MCCULLEY

The NNU softball team split a double-header on Saturday against 28th nationally ranked Western Oregon at NNU's Halle Field.

The Crusaders dropped the afternoon game 14-8, but came back to win the evening game 6-5.

In the seventh and final inning of the second game, with the two teams tied at five runs, Brooke Hesselgesser started an NNU rally with a double.

NNU head coach Julie Coert had Elizabeth Beaty pinch-run for Hesselgesser.

Beaty advanced to third on a wild pitch, and then a second wild pitch allowed

her to walk home to score the winning run.

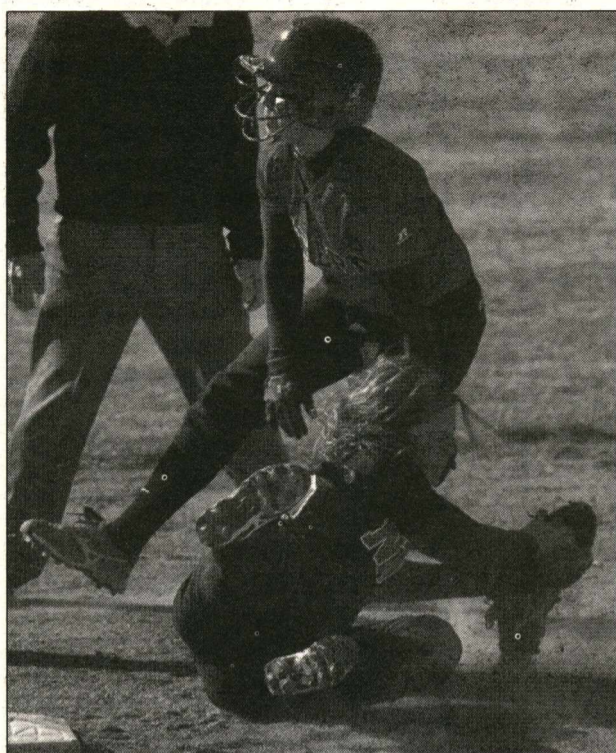
Freshman Arielle Chao leads the Crusaders with a .435 batting average and a .739 slugging percentage.

In the opener she went three for four hitting four RBIs, and hit her first homerun of her college career in the sixth.

Chelsey Anderson also pitched her first collegiate win, stranding a Western Oregon runner at third in the seventh inning.

Jael Henthorn thought that the team simply hit and pitched better during the second game.

"It's exciting to see the team come together to play as a team," Henthorn said, "Hopefully our win on



Haley Hevern tags out her opponent at second base (photo by Mike Vogt of the Idaho Press Tribune; courtesy of NNU Sports Information).

Saturday will reflect the rest of the season."

Vanessa Shaw had the same hope, saying, "With every game we play the team gets better and better. The team is really coming around."

The winning pitcher of the evening game, Chelsey Anderson, said, "We worked really hard, didn't give up, and had an exciting win."

The Crusaders play this Friday at Boise State University.

Statistics from NNU Sports Information.

AP

Sports Blurbs

NFL MISSING BOATERS TAMPA, Fla.

A missing boater found clinging to an overturned boat is rescued off the Gulf Coast, but the search continues for two NFL players and another man who didn't return from a weekend fishing trip. Survivor Nick Schuyler, a former South Florida football player, says the boat flipped in rough seas.

NASCAR-IN THE PITS LAS VEGAS

Few would have blamed Kurt Busch if he skipped Victory Lane on Sunday. But with a heartfelt smile, he stopped by to congratulate his kid brother. It couldn't have been easy.

RODRIGUEZ

JUPITER, Fla. Alex Rodriguez joins the Dominican Republic team for the World Baseball Classic, posing with his kids for photographers a day after his "cooperative" session with major league officials interviewing him about his steroid use.

Track looks forward to outdoor season following indoor showing

by ALLISON HAWN

As the weather warms up it is time to let our indoor track athletes stretch their legs and run free outdoors.

The first outdoor track meet is coming up on March 12-14, said sophomore Annie Larlee.

Larlee will be competing in the 100 meter intermediate and 400 meter low hurdles at this meet.

Larlee said the meet will have standard and mixed events.

"The track team commented on the support we received at indoor

conference and we would like to see that again," said Larlee.

The events at the meet will include events like 100m, 200m and 800m steeplechase, 400m hurdles, heptathlon, decathlon, shot put, javelin, hammer throw, discus, long jump 4x100m

relay, 4x400m relay and the pole vault, said sophomore Caleb Reynolds, who will be competing in the 800m steeplechase this next month.

"I'm excited, I think we have a really good team with a lot of potential. We've already had a terrific indoor

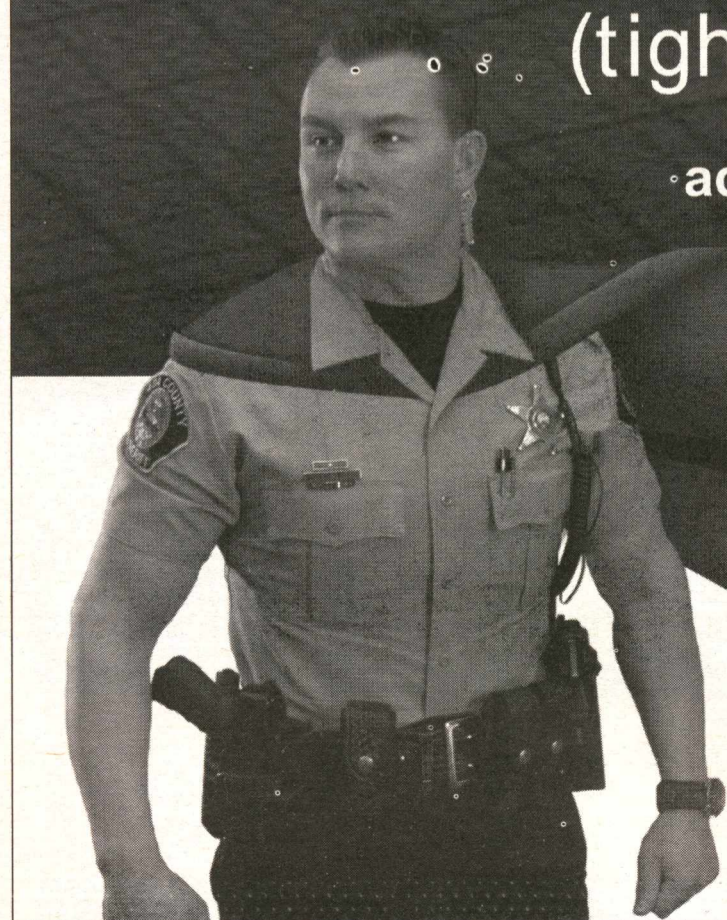
season, and I expect that to transfer into the outdoor season," said Reynolds.

"My entire track team and I would encourage all the students to cheer on our team as we compete," said Larlee.

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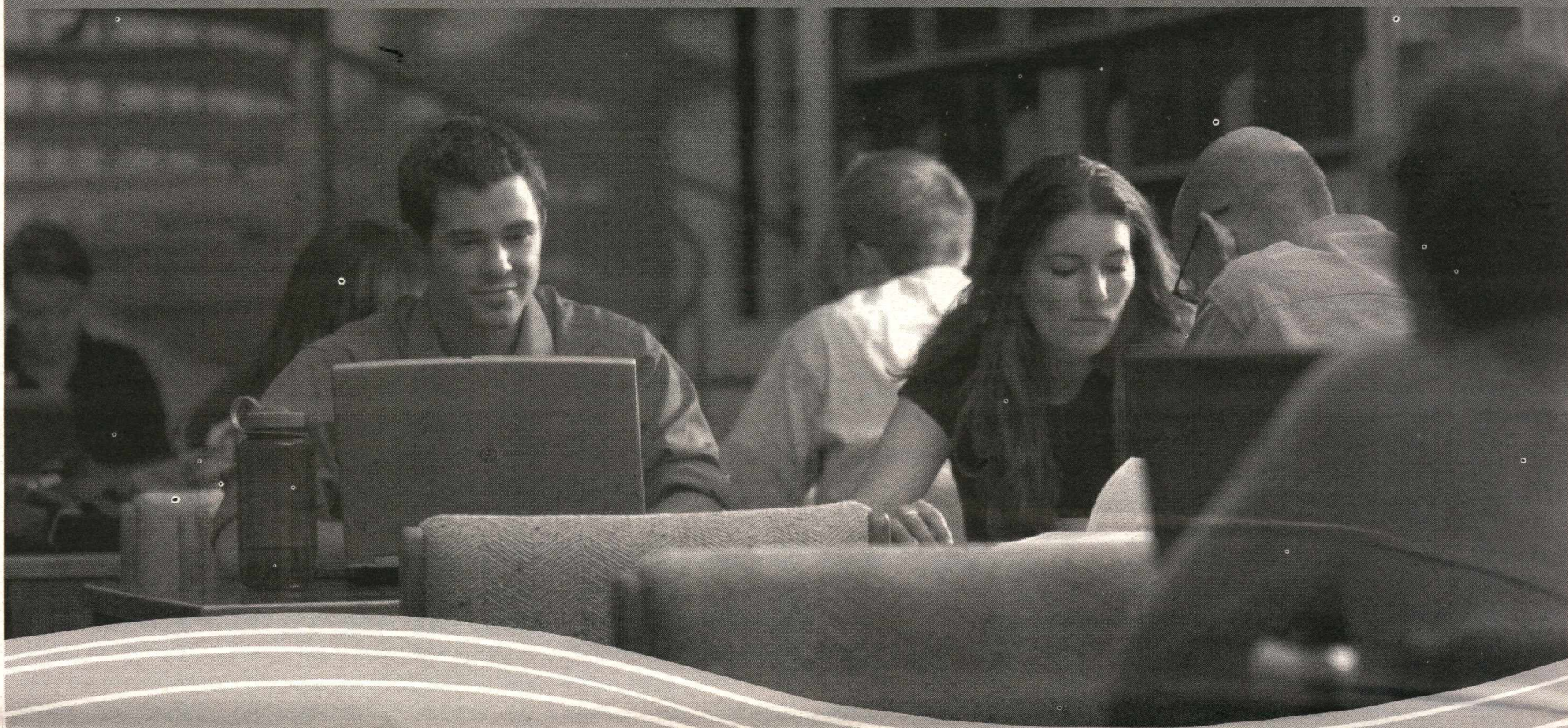
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Programs subject to change.

Brickhouse boys make their home a venue for musicians

The guys say the schedule includes David Bazan, who will play later this spring

by PAIGE MCDANIEL

Bring a couple quarters for an Italian soda and some listening ears—the Brickhouse boys Joey Miller, Nate Berrian, Phil Westlund and Jerad May have opened up their home for musical artists from both on and off campus.

Last week the basement played host to band Sleep for Sleepers and will soon be hosting an exclusive show for David Bazan in April (sorry kids, the tickets for the show were sold out in 20 minutes) in their pool table-made-stage.



Left: Chris Davis serenades the crowd at last month's Open Mic Night. Right: David Bazan performs for a Washington audience (photos by Phil Westlund).

The guys have made it a point to use their passion for music as a way to bring

students together, said Berrian. "We want to connect NNU to the Nampa

community," he said.

Berrian said he and the guys have been happy to

be in cooperation with the Flying M's music schedule, even providing the artists

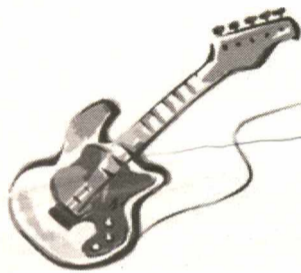
with a place to stay.

Upcoming events at the house include James Oor, a soloist specializing in guitar and percussion on March 19, as well as DJ Will from the Flying M and Boise's In the Shadow of the Mountain, said Westlund.

Berrian said In the Shadow of the Mountain could be compared to the band Explosions in the Sky.

May said that at upcoming Brickhouse nights, which are Thursdays at 9 p.m., will feature a poetry slam and another open stage event.

Instrumental genre's ATTN holds ties to NNU



REVIEW

by PAIGE MCDANIEL

Lyrics ask for memorization, and memorization asks for both the time and commitment to be able to overpower the voices on stage with mad skills of knowledge.

Lyrics can sometimes ruin the music, so local Boise band ATTN vetoes the poetry and instead focuses

on a sound that really just has one word to describe it: epic... along with Latin song names no one can translate.

However, ignorance is bliss and I can pretend the song means something much deeper than I can comprehend and therefore I am lost in its ability to make me feel like the heroine of my own movie.

So what works for ATTN? Well, it helps that Trevor Kamplain, older brother of freshman Eli Kamplain, leads the band in the instrumental adventure. There's your NNU credit.

But besides the convenient connection, ATTN steps out of the mold that young bands often find

themselves trapped in.

With an ensemble of keyboard/piano, cello, violin, synthesizer, guitar and bass, plus the proposed addition of even more, ATTN takes you into a world where thinking isn't quite needed and you can do what only the college kids dream of—simply relaxing and indulging in sound.

But ATTN will also strike another chord with the mesmerizing tale that it seems to trap you in.

With songs echoing relaxation and the sudden impulse for you to lapse into Zen mode, ATTN steps out into almost a techno rave and you may just want to break a glow stick and spin in circles.

So what do you do with ATTN? Well, so far it has been the supplier to my stressful Sundays of crammed homework, but it has also accompanied me to yoga workouts, three mile jogs full of frustration and many late-night Slurpee runs.

For devoted lyric fans, I beg you to step outside of your comfort bubble and simply listen to the transitions between piano and guitar, from chimes to cellos, and let your mind take a breather from the daily hyperventilating hour.

The lack of lyrics leave you free from slit wrists such as your underground emo might suggest, and it doesn't leave a bitter taste of



ATTN performs at the Boise Venue. The band's next show is Friday in Garden City (photo from Myspace.com).

anger and violence in your mouth.

It doesn't worship anything nor does it complain and degrade. ATTN simply is, and that could be a change of pace to your usual

dose of influence.

ATTN will leave you satisfied and a bit clearer in the head, which is sometimes just the thing that you might be asking for.

'Man on Wire' is a film of new heights



REVIEW

by IAN BAUDER

By being filled to the brim with the kind of magic that could only happen in real life, it is no wonder "Man on Wire" won for Best Documentary at the Oscars this year.

Sitting in a dentist's office in Paris, a young Frenchman named Phillippe Petit sees a magazine story about the construction of two gigantic buildings in New

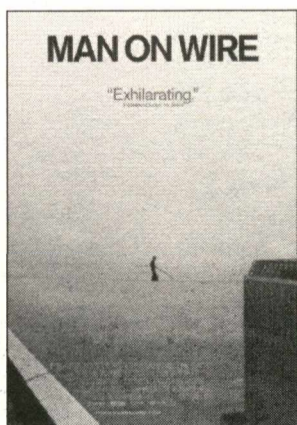
York City called the World Trade Center.

He decides then and there that his only purpose in life will be to string a line between the towers and walk the wire.

Years later, in 1974, he finally realizes his dream.

Petit spent months in New York and Paris planning his daring feat of walking a high wire over a quarter of a mile in the sky. Using a combination of archived footage and recent interviews, this film sucks you in.

Petit himself is an excellent storyteller, and we sit on the edge of our seats as he relates bumping into a guard on the top floor of the tower, only to realize that



(photo from Wikimedia).

the guard is sleeping with his eyes open.

Equally as delightful as the man himself is his ragtag band of followers, which works tirelessly to help Petit realize his dream. I found myself so swept up by Petit that I started to wish I were a member of his troupe.

CONCERT BOX

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BRIGHT LIGHTS FEVER	3.11.09	@ FLYING M
THE ACADEMY IS...	3.21.09	@ BOISE VENUE
DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE	4.25.09	@ MORRISON CENTER

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