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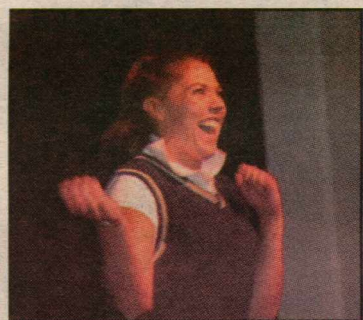


THE Crusader

Northwest Nazarene University

Fire damages Dooley Hall

by AMBER FORD



Fresheree, hosted by the sophomore class council, hit a high note with students and Dr. Hagood Saturday night (pgs. 7 & 8).



NNU wins the first two matches of the C of I intramural challenge and looks to take more next week (pg. 11).

Five Day Trend

Wednesday



Hi: 72°, Low: 40°
Sunny.

Thursday



Hi: 58°, Low: 34°
Partly cloudy.

Friday



Hi: 54°, Low: 32°
Mostly sunny.

Saturday



Hi: 59°, Low: 37°
Mostly sunny.

Sunday



Hi: 60°, Low: 37°
Mostly sunny.

A small fire in the Dooley Hall basement started Tuesday morning at 10:44 a.m. A stove top burner that was believed to be non-operational started up and ignited a microwave that was sitting on it, according to Deputy Fire Marshal Rob Johnson.

Resident Director Candice Blenker evacuated the building with about 40 sophomore girls inside at the time with no injuries. Sophomore Kim Johnson said that she was in the shower, getting ready for her day, when the fire alarms went off. "I didn't take anything with me because I thought it was just a drill" Johnson said.

Once fire crews responded to the scene, they extinguished the fire and began ventilating the area. The blaze was small and was quickly contained to the cabinets and cooking area of the kitchen.

The sprinklers are designed to go off only in the area of the fire, so the rest of the dorm was spared from the water and smoke damaged sustained in the basement. In fact, only the sprinklers above the kitchen area went off, leaving the pool table and computer on the other side of the basement undamaged according to Blenker.

Blenker's apartment and the basement were filled with the most smoke while the wings were well protected because of the fire doors. These doors help to contain a fire to a specific area and minimize the possible smoke damage.

Residents were kept out of



Above: Firefighters take pumps into the building to begin pumping out the standing water from the sprinklers (photo by Aimee Niles).

Below: The damage from the fire is visible while firefighters and investigators surveyed the damage (photo by Carey Cook).

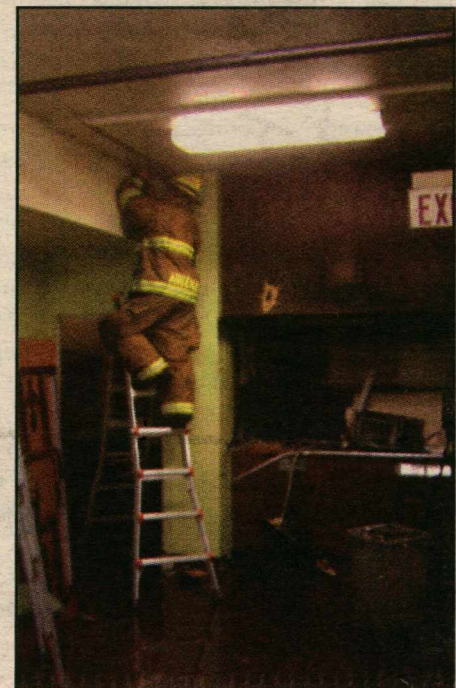
the dorm for about two hours. Some stood by and watched as firefighters and NNU staff came in and out of the building, hoping to get the "all clear" from officials.

Sophomore Daryl Gonzalez was in Dooley reading about the current fires in Calif. when the fire alarm went off. She said the basement fire puts the larger fires in Calif. into perspective. She says that compared to residents of Calif., "we are lucky... it is not our lives or our homes and when people are losing their homes, it puts this into perspective."

This is not the first fire Dooley has endured. During Winter Break of 2001, an electrical fire broke out and caused severe

damage to the lobby. According to Karen Pearson, director of residential life, the fire took out a piano and caused serious smoke damage to the whole building.

Blenker remained calm about the situation and was thankful that no one was hurt; however she was disappointed that the fire "wasn't in the bathrooms." The University has begun assessing the damage but no repair costs will be available for a while. Carey Cook, vice president of student life, said the damage "isn't terrible."





Political Spotlight

part 3 in an 8 part series on presidential candidates

by TREVAN HAUCK

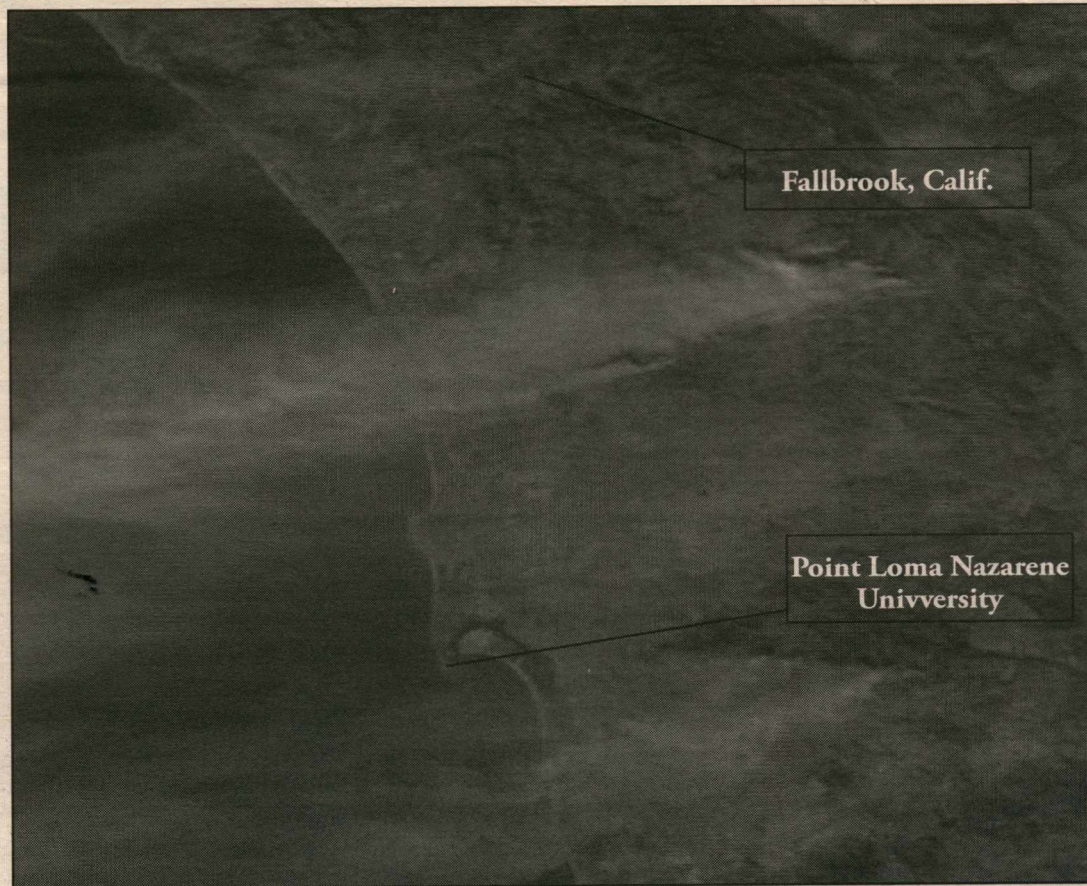
Democrats looking for a presidential candidate who has a firm stance on working towards ending the war in Iraq, fighting poverty, and creating a stronger social welfare system need to look no further than Senator Barack Obama (D-Ill.). The Illinois representative has worked hard at building a strong base within the Democratic Party and around the nation, especially on college campuses.

Besides being the only African-American candidate on either side, Obama also has the shortest amount of US legislative experience — still in his second US senate term. This fact, while pointed out by his competitors, does not seem to bother supporters nor has been reflected in his actions on Capitol Hill.

Earlier this year he sponsored legislation to begin a gradual phase out of our forces in Iraq, and put forth a health-care plan as a part of his campaign that promises it will save the average family over \$2,500 in premiums.

Obama also proposes that we begin to work more vigorously towards ending poverty in the US by raising the federal minimum wage, lowering the income limit on federal tax credits to make it available to more families, expanding the earned income tax credit and working on direct intervention in urban poverty.

Senator Obama has a bit of catching up to do in terms of fundraising compared to Senator Hilary Clinton (D-N.Y.) but he has managed to build a huge online following. Obama's facebook support group has a little over 156,000 members, a 100,000 person lead over the next most supported candidate on the social network website.



Satellite photo of wildfires in southern California.

California blaze displaces hundreds of thousands

by TREVAN HAUCK and AP

Walls of wind-whipped flames consumed hundreds of homes across tinder-dry Southern California on Tuesday, raising the number of people forced to flee the flames into the hundreds of thousands.

Point Loma Nazarene University was shut down Monday and classes have been canceled through Tuesday due to the fires, however students will remain on campus for now.

Lucas Roebuck, journalism professor here at NNU, has several friends and family members in Fallbrook, California. The entire town has recently been evacuated and over three hundred homes have been lost. Roebuck's father and stepmother have also evacuated and are staying with friends. "My dad has been calling his answering machine to see if it is still working, and so far, so good."

Several faculty and administration at NNU have friends and families in the surrounding area

The blazes bedeviled

firefighters as fires roared from mountain passes to the edges of the state's celebrated coastline, spreading so quickly that even hotels serving as temporary shelters for evacuees had to be evacuated.

By day three, the dozen wildfires had burned more than 1,200 homes and businesses, and the destruction may only be the start for the region. With forecasts calling for hotter temperatures and fierce wind gusts, the flames were proving nearly impossible to fight.

At least 346,000 homes were evacuated in San Diego County alone, sheriff's officials said. The total number could be much higher, and state officials were still struggling to estimate how many people had fled.

Since they began Sunday, the fires have burned at least 245,957 acres, or 384 square miles.

As the fires spread, most out of control, smaller blazes were merging into larger, more fearsome ones. Evacuations were being announced in one community after another as firefighters found themselves overwhelmed by gale-force Santa

Ana winds, some gusting to 70 mph.

President Bush declared a federal emergency for seven counties, a move that will speed disaster-relief efforts. He also sent federal disaster officials to California. He did not plan to visit the area himself, fearing his visit would detract from firefighting efforts.

"All of us across this nation are concerned for the families who have lost their homes and the many families who have been evacuated from their homes," Bush said Tuesday. "We send the help of the federal government."

Fire crews and fleeing residents described desperate conditions that were sure to get worse. Temperatures across Southern California were about 10 degrees above average and were expected to approach 100 degrees Tuesday in Orange and San Diego counties.

Deputies arrested two men for looting in the community of Ramona, and there were a handful of other looting cases reported, said San Diego Sheriff's Lt. Mike McClain.

The fires were exploding and

"We have more houses burning than we have people and engine companies to fight them."

shooting embers in all directions, preventing crews from forming traditional fire lines and severely limiting aerial bombardment, officials said.

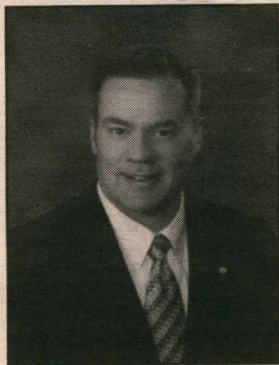
"Lifesaving is our priority. Getting people out from in front of the fire — those have been our priorities," said Capt. Don Camp, a spokesman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Thousands of residents sought shelter at fairgrounds, schools and community centers. The largest gathering was at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, where up to 10,000 evacuees anxiously watched the stadium's television sets, hoping for a glimpse of their neighborhood on the local news. San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders pleaded for donations of blankets, cots, pillows and food for the people staying there, and officials said more people were expected to arrive Tuesday.

Forty-two people were injured, 16 of them firefighters.

In San Diego County, public schools were closed, as were campuses at the University of California, San Diego and San Diego State University.

Idaho republicans gear up for the new session



State senator Russell Fulcher

by ALLI SCHISLER

Leaders of the Idaho Republican Party are getting ready for the 2008 legislative session which convenes in January.

Senator Russell Fulcher, of district 21, discusses what he believes the key issues for the Idaho Republican Party will be in the coming session. Many of the projected issues are similar to those anticipated by leaders of the Idaho Democratic Party.

Senator Fulcher says transportation will be an important issue for Idaho Republicans. Associated funding will also be discussed; funding for public transportation may come from "local tax options." Idaho is one of only a few states that does not give the state government the right to raise taxes for purposes of public transit.

Senator Fulcher says of transportation, "this issue turned into the most debated issue of the (2007) session." It may be

Students compete in film festival

by TONY NAPIER

Two groups of NNU students last week entered the Apple Insomnia Film Festival, a nationwide 3-minute film competition held by the computer maker.

If either team places within the top 25 in the nation (rank is determined by the number of votes received by the public) their films will be judged by several industry leaders and the top filmmakers will receive a free MacBook Pro and a substantial software package to use in their future endeavors as filmmakers.

Lynelle Thompson, whose

controversial again during the 2008 session. In the 2007 legislature, \$250 million targeted at six major Idaho roadway projects was approved. One project includes the section of I-84 between Meridian and Caldwell. Senator Fulcher is in favor of such appropriations for Idaho highways. He says "Our transportation system is a primary portion of the infrastructure that drives the economic viability of our state. As such, it deserves considerable investment."

Another primary issue concerns Idaho prisons. More specifically, says Senator Fulcher, "Corrections over-crowding" must be addressed. Idaho began sending prisoners outside state lines in 2005 and has continued the practice. The legislature will address the need for new state prisons. The major issue will be funding for new facilities, programs, etc.

Senator Fulcher also expects "extended activity and debate" regarding certain recurring issues.

Senator Fulcher and Representative Cliff Bayer were the primary sponsors of the grocery tax credit bill during the 2007 legislative session. The bill would have given income tax credits or refunds to low-income Idaho citizens and families. It passed both the Senate and the House of Representatives, but was ultimately vetoed by Governor

Butch Otter. Senator Fulcher says grocery tax credit may be readdressed this session, though "the circumstances now in place could prevent relief on food tax for some time in the future."

Republicans will also focus on changes in personal property tax code. Senator Fulcher says property tax is mostly an issue of spending or how property tax revenue is used. Issues surrounding redistribution of tax revenue may be addressed by the 2008 legislature.

They also hope to address election date consolidation, Senator Fulcher says. During the 2007 session, legislation was introduced which would have limited the number of elections conducted in a calendar year and also better specified the dates elections could be held. The bill—house bill 196—made it to the Senate just before the 2007 session ended. Such legislation may be readdressed by the 2008 legislature.

Senator Fulcher says these are simply some of the issues that will be addressed during the upcoming legislative session. Senator Fulcher is Vice Chair of the Education Committee. He is also on the Change in Employee Compensation Committee, Finance Committee, and Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee. Senator Fulcher has served in the Idaho legislature since 2005.

Jeff Shaw, had this to say about the process:

"We started with an idea for a political commentary on the Larry Craig Issue because we thought it was the only Idaho national news, but then we decided to do a stop motion film called 'Smashed'."

If you would like to vote in the Insomnia Film Festival visit edcommunity.appl.com/insomnia_fall07 by November 15 and cast your vote. Due to technical difficulties "Smashed" by Eric Knape's team is not currently available on the website but should be soon.

AP News Blurbs: Around the world in five stories

Possible safety concerns for air travel

MOFFETT FIELD, Calif. —

Anxious to avoid upsetting air travelers, NASA is withholding results from an unprecedented national survey of pilots that found safety problems like near collisions and runway interference occur far more frequently than the government previously recognized.

NASA gathered the information under an \$8.5 million safety project, through telephone interviews with roughly 24,000 commercial and general aviation pilots over nearly four years. Since ending the interviews at the beginning of 2005 and shutting down the project completely more than one year ago, the space agency has refused to divulge the results publicly.

Tensions rise In GOP debate

ORLANDO, Fla. —

Republican front-runners Rudy Giuliani and Mitt Romney defended their conservative credentials in the face of pointed attacks from campaign rivals Sunday night in the most aggressive debate to date of the race for the White House.

"You've just spent the last year trying to fool people about your record. I don't want you to start fooling them about mine," Arizona Sen. John McCain bluntly told Romney, the former governor of Massachusetts.

Former Sen. Fred Thompson made Giuliani his target, saying the former New York mayor supported federal funding for abortion, gun control and havens for illegal immigrants.

Navy Seal receives highest honors

WASHINGTON —

The first Medal of Honor awarded for combat in Afghanistan will be presented Monday to the family of a Navy SEAL from Long Island, N.Y., who gave his life to make a radio call for help for his team.

President Bush is to present

the nation's highest military honor for valor to the family of Lt. Michael Murphy of Patchogue, N.Y.

Murphy, and three other SEALs were searching for a terrorist in the Afghan mountains on June 28, 2005, when their mission was compromised after they were spotted by locals, who presumably alerted the Taliban to their presence.

An intense gun battle ensued, with more than 50 anti-coalition fighters swarming around the outnumbered SEALs.

Polish elections may cause change in US relations

WARSAW, Poland —

A pro-business opposition party that wants Poland's troops out of Iraq ousted Prime Minister Jaroslaw Kaczynski's government in parliamentary elections Sunday, as Poles opted for leadership offering a more cooperative approach to the European Union.

Donald Tusk's Civic Platform party led with 41.2 percent of the vote after nearly three-fourths of the ballots were counted early Monday, which would give the party 205 seats in the 460-seat Sejm lower house.

Hamas verses Fatah

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip —

Four months after the Hamas takeover of Gaza, the usually hidden arguments between the group's rival camps were unexpectedly laid bare, when a well-known pragmatist said seizing control by force was a mistake and had caused great hardship.

In a five-page letter posted Sunday on a Web site affiliated with Hamas' rival, Fatah, former Hamas government spokesman Ghazi Hamad wrote that the takeover was a "serious strategic mistake that burdened the movement more than it can bear."

Hamad wrote that Gaza "became isolated, besieged, in a narrow strip" and that "people's suffering increased."

Trustees attend annual meeting and discuss presidential qualities

by IAN BAUDER

Last week the Board of Trustees met and discussed what qualifications are desired for the new president.

The trustees, who meet once in the spring and once in the fall, discussed what qualities are desired in a new president and looked at what the different constituencies want. Input from the alumni, faculty, students and churches were considered by the Board. Tim Bunn, a representative of the Intermountain District, said that the central quality everyone is looking for in a president is a Christ-like character. "It is enormously important for God's insight," said Bunn.

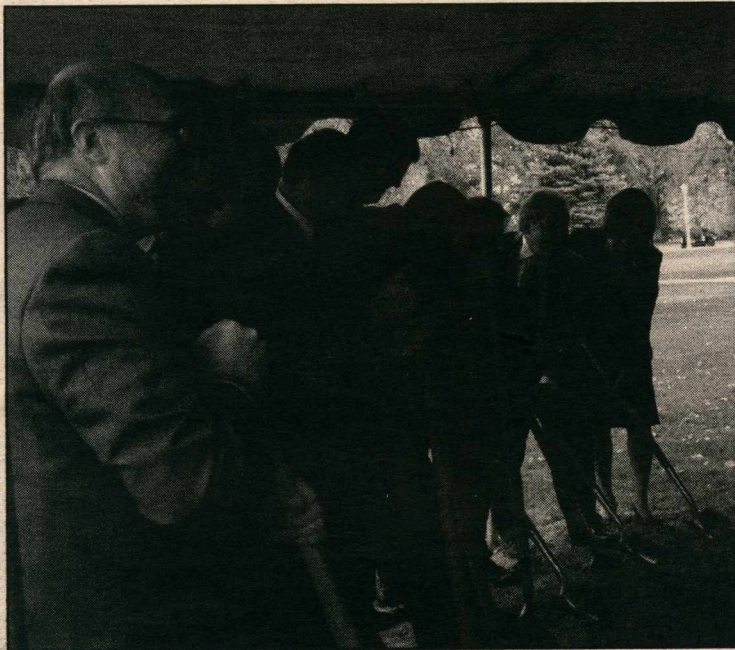
The end result of the meeting was the writing of a leadership

statement. The leadership statement lists some of the qualities that the Board is looking for in a new president. Some of the qualities include someone who is a spiritual leader and has a foundation in Wesleyan-Armenian theology, someone who has experience with higher education, is relational and can build teamwork and consensus and someone who is willing to "build bridges" with the various constituencies that make up the campus.

Dr. Glenna Andrews, the faculty representative on the presidential search committee said that she feels good about the document, however she said that she "wouldn't word it that way." Andrews also said "your not going to find someone who fulfills them all."

When asked for comment, Dr. Steve Shaw said that he felt as though the Board was looking for "a combination of Jesus, Gandhi, Santa Claus...and Daddy Warbucks." Shaw also said that besides the religious requirement, he thinks that the most important quality for the president to have is "intellectual curiosity" and "strong relational skills." Shaw added that he is "very curious to see what happens."

Applications for presidency are available at www.nnu.edu/presidentialsearch. The search will go through the winter, and the election of the new president will take place during the spring meeting. The Board is also encouraging everyone to join in prayer and fasting on the twelfth day of every month.



The NNU Board of Trustees, faculty, and administration gather for the official ground breaking ceremony for the new science building (photo by Jessie Monroe).

Instability on the Iraq - Turkish border

by AIMEE NILES

On Sunday the PKK ambushed an envoy of Turkish soldiers near the village of Dalgica in Southeast Turkey just over the border from Iraq. According to officials, the ensuing clash claimed 12 Turkish and 32 PKK lives. The news agency Reuters reported that the PKK claimed to kill at least 16 Turks and capture 20 more. The Turkish military maintains that none of their soldiers were taken hostage.

The ambush follows an Oct. 17 decision by the Turkish Parliament approving military incursions into the mountains of Northern Iraq in pursuit of member of the terrorist group the PKK.

The U.S. urged Turkey—a key ally—to reconsider the vote. The U.S. fears any incursion into Northern Iraq by the Turks could disrupt the

Violent tactics of the PKK has resulted in 34,000 deaths all over Turkey

fragile stability gained in that region. According to the British Broadcasting

Company [Aubrie, check this out with AP whether you have to spell it out] Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said that no military action is eminent despite the decision.

The Turkish government has assured the U.S. and Iraqi

governments that they will not act rashly. They vow to exhaust all diplomatic channels before resorting to military actions into Iraq. In many cities across Turkey, people are taking to the streets in protest of the PKK violence. Jalal Talabani—the Iraqi President and a Kurd—has called upon the PKK to lay down their arms.

The PKK is the Kurdistan Workers Party and has been working militantly since 1984 for more autonomy for Kurds in Turkey. Working in mostly the southeast part of the country, the violent tactics of the PKK has resulted 34,000 deaths all over Turkey.

Turkey and most western countries classify the PKK as a terrorist organization. The Turkish government believes that there are a number of PKK members based in the Candil mountains in Northern Iraq (BBC).



Wanted: A student's president

STAFF EDITORIAL

When the Board of Trustees was on campus last week, a major focus of their attention was the selection process for the new president of Northwest Nazarene University. With President Richard Hagood counting down his days and the application process opening, it is time for students to speak out about what kind of president NNU needs. The September 28 presidential search forum was a good starting place, but this is another opportunity for us to let the members of the board to know what we want in a new president.

NNU's future is bright and exciting. With projects like the science building already

underway and others in the planning stages, we need an energetic leader that can carry these plans forward. The president needs to be community focused—not just on the NNU community but the Nampa community as well. It seems as though the Nampa community forgets we are here, or that we are a nuisance—the next president needs to build relationships so that Nampa is proud to have us in their midst.

We need a students' president, a relational person that makes a point to talk to students from every walk of life. Personality is important as well; they need to be able to fit in with NNU's unique community. It would be advantageous

to find a young person, who can commit to NNU for the long haul.

Gender is not an issue; the next president needs to be chosen on merit and personality. On the other hand, we need ensure that a person is not discounted because of their gender as well. The process should be blind as to whether the applicant is a man or a woman. Either are capable of leading this school into the future.

In July 2008, Dr. Richard Hagood will step down as president of Northwest Nazarene University. We hope the person who takes his place will be well equipped to lead NNU through our centennial (2013), and beyond.

Defend what is ours

A Christian conservationist's viewpoint on our world

I am a conservationist and a Christian. Growing up, I didn't think that they had to be mutually exclusive. However, when some hear that I believe in both of these ideals, they can't understand how it is possible.

I believe it is totally possible. When I use the term conservationist, I am not talking about someone who chains themselves to a tree for 40 days in order to save a forest. I believe that a conservationist cares about the world around them and simply wants to protect what is left of it. They understand how important the earth is and that preserving it is imperative.

In Genesis, God gave man the authority to rule over all of the creatures on the earth. Made famous by the movie Spiderman, the phrase "with great power comes great responsibility" comes to my mind. This isn't a question of whether we have the power; it is a question of how we are using that power.

We should be using this power to protect rather than to take. God has entrusted the

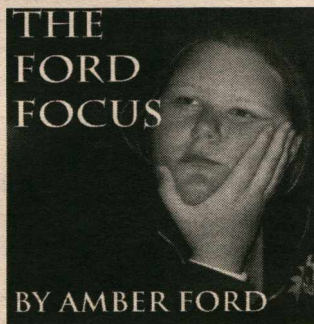
entire earth and all the creatures in it to humans! I personally want to be sure that I am taking care of every little detail that God so carefully crafted into our world so that my children will be able to see the things I have.

When I traveled to Kenya this summer, this belief was reinforced. I cannot look at the African savannah and believe that it was created on accident. God created the world for a reason, and we should be helping to preserve everything about it.

I spend my summers working at a zoo as a day camp counselor, teaching kids about conservation and the importance of wildlife. I do that because of this conviction that God has placed on me—to help people understand how important the world we live in

really is. It is because I am a Christian that I care, because God has called me to be a good steward of what I have been blessed with.

Let's face it: we are only temporary tenants on this earth. We need to take care of it while we are still able to. The longer we wait, the more we lose of God's creation.



Letters to the Editor

I recently picked up a copy of the Oct. 10 Crusader, and just a quick skim proved that it's already leap years beyond what it had been.

Sure, some of the writing could be better (e.g., the Lance McGrath piece sounded a bit too much like his own press release), but simply having photos is a vast improvement. The fact that the paper included some news beyond NNU and a variety of features was terrific. The icing on the cake? Localization of a major news story, just a few days after it happened.

I'm a graduate of the journalism program at Point Loma Nazarene in San Diego, which has built up quite a reputation as one of the premier Christian universities to attend for that major. As a newspaper editor, I served on several panels to judge high school and college newspapers in journalism competitions. I've seen some great university papers and lots of poor ones. The old Crusader would have been near the bottom.

But if the first few editions of the new Crusader are any indication, NNU is going to give Point Loma a run for its money.

Crystal Nielsen
NNU Instructional Technologist for E-Learning

Usually when I go to the DEX there is very loud music playing. I walk through the doors to the DEX my ears are assaulted by loud obnoxious music. Now I'm not saying that I'm completely against music in the DEX, but it irks me six ways to Sunday when I have to yell for my friend to hear me when she's two feet away.

I can fix the problem though all I have to do is ask the ladies, Kelley, Ruth, or Danielle, who work up front to turn the music down and they are really good about meeting the needs of the students. But what bugs me and these ladies the most is when we hear about the students complain and gripe about how crappy the music is, or how loud it is, or why the DEX can't play better music.

Hello! Take the initiative and ask Kelley or Danielle to turn the music down, or change it! Do you know that if you bring in your CD, as long as it's appropriate, they will play it for you?

It's not just the DEX music that we have to listen to! I'm tired of listening to people gripe and complain about the music in the DEX, stop complaining! If it's that annoying then do something about it, otherwise be quiet!

Melissa Horton
Sophomore

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

Guest Columns

Give us this day our daily...propaganda

by GRANT MILLER

Our culture is constantly bombarded by a barrage of urgent news updates, evolving crises overseas, and some new controversial statement made by a potential candidate. With hardly any effort on our part, we are informed of the "news" by our internet homepages, our favorite TV news station, or (on rare occasions) the newspaper. It seems that being flooded with the opinions of others is the only option.

Now, please do not confuse me for a news-hating isolationist. I firmly believe that Christians have a responsibility to be mindful and concerned for the welfare of the world that they live in, and to do whatever they can to positively influence that

world. However, it seems that the Church (in recent history) has misinterpreted this duty. The definition of social responsiveness seems to have become backing a specific political party, constantly spewing and backing a very (politically speaking) conservative agenda.

In realizing such an error, many individuals—especially in our age group—have for some reason decided that the solution to the problem must be whole-heartedly supporting the opposing political force. To make such a choice is, in my opinion, unimaginative and erroneous at its core, and does more to damage the character of the Church than to improve it.

Today, more than ever,

our world needs a group of faith-filled people to strive to cause a paradigm shift with regard to the Church's influence on politics. It does not need someone with "religion." It does not need a Catholic, Mormon, Pentecostal, Southern Baptist, or Nazarene voice. It needs the voices of sincere Christ-followers to boldly declare that the Church is above any and every political party and/or ideal. It is above the GOP, the Democrats, the Greens, Fascism, Communism, Capitalism, the "right" and the "left." Supremely, it is above hidden motives. It is above loathsome party rhetoric and above the sinful, mindless mouths that uselessly repeat it.

With election season getting into full swing, I

challenge every person who calls him or herself a "Christian" to really consider this: What would Christ say about the issues? What would Christ say about healthcare reform for children? What would Christ say about taxes? What would Christ say about abortion? What would Christ say about war in the Middle-East? What would Christ say? If we willingly choose to ignore this question, we assuredly are not only guilty of failing our fellow man, but also of failing Christ, and of grieving the heart of God. Ephesians 4:14-15.

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Take responsibility for your future

Make sure you know your degree audit and graduate on time

by AUBRIE SCOTT

The college experience is made up of full speed, in-your-face fun, excitement, sleepless nights, procrastination, and midday naps. Not to mention the duty of homework, lectures, and projects galore! During this chaotic rapid affair, courses finish before you know it, grades are posted, and you are starting yet another semester. But the knowledge that you will be finished in the four-year limit keeps you going; after all, you can sleep when you're dead, right?

That may not be the case, and for several NNU students in the past few years, the joy of graduation was shattered by six gut-wrenching words; "you need another class to

graduate". How does this happen exactly? When this occurrence blind-sides students, they are generally under the impression that all is well. When this happens they are not informed in enough time to squeeze another class in, and they have to come back another semester, or for summer school. So what can you as a student do to make sure this doesn't happen to you?

It is extremely important to be actively engaged in your education; it is crucial to not only get good grades, but also to make sure you are taking the right classes, and that you are fulfilling your department's course requirements, as well the school's graduation requirements.

First of all, keep a copy of your department's course requirement list, and keep track of the classes you take. Second, talk to your advisor, and make them your friend, invest yourself in their life so they will be more willing to invest in your life and education. Thirdly, talk to the registrar about graduation course and credit requirements. Each year you should go to the registrar and get a printout of your degree audit. (The people in the office are extremely friendly and love to help students.) Go over your audit, and make sure all the courses you have taken are accounted for, and that they are being put toward the correct requirements. (Many classes can be used to fulfill multiple types of

requirements.) Finally, and most importantly, compare the course requirements from your department to the requirements of the registrar; they are NOT the same in all cases. You don't want to miss any credits or classes. It could prevent your graduation. If you are consistently engaged in all aspects of your education, you should have no trouble graduating. I hope these suggestions help you have a fulfilled and positive college experience without regret.

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Invasion is not the answer

The United States is not using their diplomatic clout

Despite Iran's continued nuclear proliferation, a U.S. backed preemptive military strike is not the solution. Historically, anticipatory strikes have not worked, and the U.S. is bogged down in Iraq and going into Iran would overstretch troops. A military incursion in Iran, on the basis of nuclear weapons, would confirm suspected American hypocrisy in the Middle East.

In 1981 the Israeli military bombed the Osirak nuclear reactor just outside of Baghdad. The Israelis operated under the assumption that the reactor was

capable of, and was planning to create, nuclear weapons. However, Imad Khadduri—in his memoirs *Iraq's Nuclear Mirage*—said that prior to 1981; Iraq's nuclear program was completely peaceful. They began to develop weapons in anger and retaliation to the Israeli aggressions.



BY AIMEE NILES

Using this example, the U.S. must carefully consider the repercussions of attacking Iran based on their nuclear program. If it is, as Iran insists, a peaceful program, then repeating Israel's actions of 1981 could lead to an actual nuclear threat.

There are around 160,000 American troops currently stationed in Iraq. It is doubtful the U.S. could sustain another ground war in Iran in addition to Iraq. If the U.S. were to use air strikes against the Iranians, they would not just take it. The logical course of action for Iran would be to put ground troops in Iraq to fight the American forces already there. This would put the U.S. in a severe situation. The military is stretched as far as the American public will allow and more troops and more enemies will not be tolerated.

In the Middle East, America is often viewed as hypocritical when dealing with nuclear weapons—especially when the U.S. pushes for a nuclear free zone in the Middle East. The reasoning behind this goes to America's support of Israel. While the U.S. may view Iran or Syria as the major threats to peace, Middle Eastern governments unanimously see first Israel, with the United States a close second, as the major threats to stability.

The hypocrisy is that the United States does not dissuade Israel from pursuing the latest in military technology—including nuclear (though unofficially).

We can throw out all the justifications/propaganda we want—Israel is the only free democracy in the Middle East, the Arabs are just waiting for the chance to drive Israel into the sea, they need to protect themselves—but the fact remains that Israel is the country with the greatest capabilities. Despite what Americans want to think, Israel is the most likely to use excessive military force in the name of “security”.

When the president of the United States issues the statement “if you're interested in avoiding World War III, it seems like you ought to be interested in preventing [Iran] from having the knowledge necessary to make a nuclear weapon”, the nation should be worried. This kind of ultimatum reveals an attitude of distrust of the diplomatic solution. I fear this presidency leans towards military action and does not trust cooler heads to prevail in either the American or Iranian governments.

The Iranian government is the aggressor

The Islamic Republic of Iran has always been a bit of a thorn in our America's side. In 1953, the United States helped put Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi into leadership. Eventually, the people of Iran united together under the formally exiled religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini. The US embassy was stormed and hostages were taken and held for over a year. Shah Pahlavi fled the country and shortly after Iraq invaded Iran, thinking it to be vulnerable in light of the political instability, something that the United States approved of.

Since this war relations have been very hostile between Iran and the United States.

Currently Iran is perusing nuclear capabilities. This has a lot of

the Middle East, especially Israel, very nervous and wanting to take action. The current president of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has made many extreme statements regarding Western power and influence. He has even said he wishes Israel to be “wiped off the map.”

With our history and current standings in the Middle East, we as a nation need to do what is within our best interests. Carpet bombing and strategic strikes in Iran would be very dangerous and would only increase internal support for Western destruction.

However, we cannot invade with ground troops in Iran for several reasons. First, we are bogged down in Iraq and we need to secure its government. This has to be our main focus because we started it. Second, we cannot go into Iran without the support of the American people.

With both of these options on the table, we must turn to diplomacy and negotiations in order to subdue conflict. Several prominent US officials

have already suggested that we talk to Iran and try to work with them towards peace, rather than look for a way to take them out. This stance has been a platform for US representative and presidential candidate Ron Paul (R-Texas).

Iran is a dangerous country and has been made even more powerful by the invasion of Iraq. They are now the Hegemonic power in the Middle East and pose a threat to our national security and foreign interests. However, we cannot afford another major military commitment in conjunction with Iraq. We also must remember that Israel has nukes and will not let Iran attack them unanswered. A similar, though more silent standoff of nukes has been going on between Pakistan and India for many years and has yet to escalate.

THE RIGHT

BY TREVAN HAUCK



This mural in Tehran is a prime example of anti-American sentiments (photo by Bertil Videt).



Nerds just want to have fun: seniors Zach Beech, Erik Valenti and Mike Wheatley really got into their performance of "White and Nerdy" with their fellow science majors (photo by Robin McConkey).

Fresheree one of the best performances put on by sophomore class

by RACHAEL FINCH and ANDREA HALL

The sophomore class continued a grand NNU tradition this past Saturday with a rollicking Fresheree show. Eleven acts by students, and two acts performed by the hosts, hit the Science Lecture Hall stage, performing a wide variety of skits, songs and poetry. The event, planned and carried out by the sophomore class council, was hosted by juniors Matt Dayton, Joe Seiders and Dax Wandling.

Fresheree is traditionally given a theme, which is integrated into the skit content,

decorations and audience costumes. This year's theme was "The Life and Times of Richard Hagood," in honor of our university president, who will be retiring at the close of the 2007-2008 year.

Decorations for Fresheree included a time portal at the entrance, and audience members were greeted by sophomore council members in costume. The Science Lecture Hall was decked with humorous cardboard paintings of President Hagood in various roles, including the farmer in "American Gothic," Gollum, a soldier at Iwo Jima and a Jedi Knight.

According to Brandon Haskins, Hagood's favorite pieces were him on the Conan O'Brien show and him as the Pope.

"I felt honored and blessed," said Hagood, remarking on the choice of the theme. "It is an expression of affection." Hagood and his wife Junella were able to enjoy the show from the front row.

"I would look over to the Hagoods to make sure that they had smiles on their faces; they always did," said Seiders.

The theme somewhat limited costume choices, and the traditional intermission costume contest attested to this fact.

Only three groups of costumed students participated, and Hagood himself came up on stage for a brief moment during the contest. Brittan Aebischer won the costume contest, dressed in a collared sweater outfit that, oddly enough, echoed Hagood's own apparel. He had just finished a skit in which he impersonated Hagood.

Aebischer wasn't the only one to mimic a faculty member that evening: Wandling and Seiders impersonated our own Gene Schandorff and Lance Nelson, respectively, during a "Celebrity Jeopardy" skit inspired by Saturday Night Live. Dayton

appeared as the put-upon host of the game. The skit acted as a roast of these faculty members, but Hagood was the only roastee in attendance.

"It was so fun to do the skit... and pretty much making a fool out of myself," said Dayton, who also sang a song as part of the hosts' first skit.

A slew of math and science majors took the stage for a musical number, dancing along to Weird Al Yankovic's "White and Nerdy." Senior John Watson lip-synced the lyrics in a black puffy coat, a "Vote for Pedro" shirt and a large shiny pi symbol necklace. The number was

an audience favorite, and cheers erupted as the crew, dressed in atypical "nerd" garb (complete with taped glasses), acted like gangsters.

The entire women's basketball team danced and lip-synced to a medley of tunes, ranging from rap to country to teeny-bop music. Each player was costumed according to her solo piece and the group also danced in unison after the solo acts were finished. This was a Fresheree first, as the school has never seen a sports team unite to perform on the stage, and the basketball team set a precedent for any future team acts.

Sophomore Ian Bauder provided an enthusiastic performance of a Taylor Mali poem, satirizing modern culture and urging younger generations to speak with confidence and authority. The poem was a unique addition to a night filled with otherwise comedic acts.

Audience participation is a must at any NNU event, and this year's Fresheree reached a

new level with the "Peaches and Cream" act. Peaches and Cream, aka sophomore Daryl Gonzalez and senior Jennifer Stetz, pulled unknowing audience members on stage and proceeded to give them some unique and unexpected makeovers. Junior Joey Sumi was one such victim.

"It was fun...I always wanted to be part of Fresheree," said Sumi, who was subjected to a mustard manicure and peanut butter hair gel topped off with sprinkles, among other things. Sumi had no idea that he was going to be part of the show until he was actually on his way to the stage, he said.

The grand finale was nothing short of...well, grand. It had humble beginnings with sophomores Adam Lyon and Grant Miller performing "500 Miles," originally by the Scottish band, The Proclaimers. The act quickly grew, adding a drum set, piano and bass, and then continued to expand, with audience and faculty members coming onstage with a variety of

instruments. Culver RD Ryan Ketchum actually blew a ram's horn and was carrying an accordion, and Bauder leapt on stage with a cowbell. Through the general cacophony, the audience sang along with Miller and Lyon, bringing the evening to a close.

Hagood was indeed honored at Fresheree. The hosts graciously presented the president and his wife with a bouquet of flowers and three cases of Dr. Pepper, Hagood's favorite beverage. The hosts thanked Hagood for his years of service, and the audience gave him a standing ovation as he escorted his wife back to their seats.

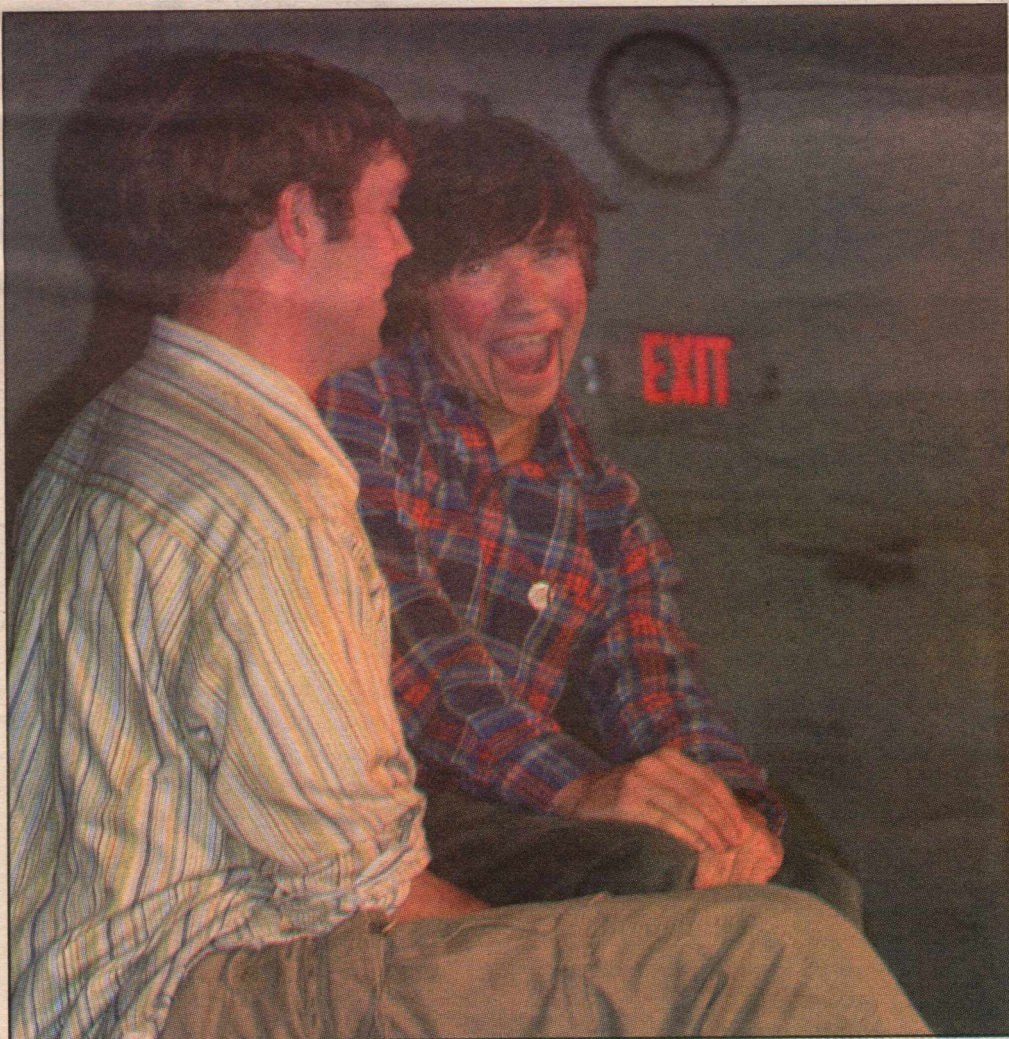
"The talent this year I found to be superior to that of years past," said Seiders of the acts selected for the show.

"In conversations with Tim Milburn before the show, he said that this could go down as the best Fresheree that he's ever seen," said Wandling. "I don't know if we made it that far, but it was a great time."



Top: Freshman basketball player Beth Johnson performed as part of the "Baller-ettes."

Bottom: President Hagood after being presented with Dr. Pepper by the hosts (photos by Robin McConkey).



Really no dummy: sophomores Frank Borbe and Nate Berrian performed in a ventriloquist act with an unusual twist (photo by Robin McConkey).



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Student achieves greatness in academics and military

by STEPHANIE ELLIOTT

Of the many things Lance Corporal Dallas Beaty, a junior History major, has accomplished in his two years of service in the Marine Corps, perhaps the most distinctive are the two Commandant Awards conferred upon him for his leadership abilities.

Beaty received the Commandant's Awards based on his academic, physical, and mental leadership performance. The first one he earned when he graduated first in his class of 632 in 2006. The second award he earned this past summer upon graduating first in his

class of 330 at the Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Va.

To win the awards, Beaty competed against his classmates in combat courses, running, and obstacle courses. He was also assessed on attitude, composure under stress, and overall best performance. "The award is given to the Marine who best exemplifies the qualities that the Marines promote," Beaty says. "They look at your bearing and ability to think on your feet." Peer evaluation of leadership skills also factors into the cumulative score.

When he isn't training for the Marines, Beaty keeps himself busy going to school, working

full time, running track and taking care of his wife, Jamie. "I've always kept a busy schedule," Beaty says. "I don't like having nothing to do."

Beaty hopes to become a commissioned officer in the Marines. Because a college degree is necessary for advancing, he pursues a history degree at NNU. He says that after his service in the Marines he may look for a career with his history degree, but what he really wants to do right now is to stay in the service, "for another 10-12 years at least."

NNU pep band tuning up

by STEPHANIE ELLIOTT

In keeping with a long-standing tradition, Dr. Casey Christopher is once again starting up NNU's pep band to help encourage the players and energize the crowd in the 2007 basketball season. Christopher has run the pep band since 1998, but he mentioned that it was already a well-established tradition when he came. He said that it had been around at least since the 70s. Christopher had a lot to say about the pep band itself and what follows is a portion of his thoughts.

Q. How has getting the pep band started gone so far?

A. We've had good responses. We have every reason to expect a strong and enthusiastic pep band this year.

Q. How many pep band members do you think we will have this year?

A. We'll probably have about 8 paid members, and about 10-12 unpaid members.

Q. So there are paid and unpaid positions?

A. Yes. The music department agreed to provide a pep band at every game, so there will be a core group of paid members to carry each game. Only the paid members must be at every game and every rehearsal. The unpaid members can come and go.

Q. You play just at the basketball games, right?

A. We play at basketball games and at some volleyball games. The season goes from early November and ends in early March. Our first performance will be at the Homecoming game November 3. We play at about a dozen games total.

Q. Sounds like it's not a whole lot of time commitment.

A. No, it isn't like a class. But the members do need to expect about 4 hours of time commitment for each of the games. We have to set up before the game, play, and then take down everything.

Q. Is there a lot of difficulty in getting people to join pep

band?

A. Not for pep band. Pep band is probably the most popular ensemble on campus, because it's rock 'n' roll and basketball. And the members are either paid, or not totally committed.

Q. What does pep band bring to NNU?

A. Live music. Live music is so much better than canned music. It has so much more energy. And there is genuine dynamic between the game and the music. We have lighthearted tunes for halftime and hard-driving, energy pieces to get the players and the crowd pumped up. We play about 15 songs total.

Q. Is there anything else you would like to add or say about pep band?

A. I encourage students to participate even if they don't think they want to play in a music department ensemble. Otherwise all musical skills from previous band experience will just go away. Pep band is a good way to stay active and engaged.

Student Life Events

October 24

9:00 p.m.: Time Out

Brittan Aebischer

10:00 p.m.: Wednesday Night Live

(Last day to drop a Quad 2 class)

October 25

6:00 p.m.: Men's BBall Spaghetti

Feed

(Last day to withdraw from a semester class with a "W")

Downtown used bookstore a rare find

by T.J. BARR

The Yesteryear Shoppe, a local used book store, is one of the best places to find written works in Nampa. Having over 100,000 titles available in store, the shelves could be browsed for hours and still have more to offer on a return visit.

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Crusader intramurals prepare for playoffs

by AMBER FORD

As the regular season for intramural and powderpuff football came to a close last Saturday, the teams began gearing up for playoff season. The playoffs will culminate on Nov. 10 when the boys' and girls' championship games will take place at Nampa High School.

Presently, the boys have six teams that will continue on to the playoffs this Saturday: BLT (7-1), Vick's Pitbulls (6-2), Dynasty (5-3), The Simpsons (5-3), As Good as We're Gonna Get (4-4), and Fourth and Long (4-4). BLT is set to face off against Fourth and Long, Vicks Pitbulls will play As Good as We're Gonna Get, and Dynasty will be battling it out with The Simpsons.

The highest ranked team that survives the first round of playoffs will get an automatic bye into the championship game. The two remaining boys' teams will play each other to determine who will earn the second championship spot. The first round will take place this Saturday, with the second round playoff game for the boys to be played the following Saturday.

The girls' powderpuff teams are getting fired up for the playoffs as well. Currently, the undefeated team Bloodbath (6-0) has earned an automatic ticket to the championship game and a two week bye. With the Seagals (0-6) dropping out partway through the season due to extensive injuries, the defending champion Marmots (4-2) and the freshmen team the Bruisers

(2-4) are set to face off for the last championship spot this Saturday.

The Marmots and Bloodbath have had a long-standing rivalry since last year. Since the Marmots are made up primarily of seniors, they seem to be even more determined to bring home a second straight championship. These two teams are expected to be the match-up for the championship, but the Bruisers shouldn't be ruled out completely. Bloodbath's defense has

held every team scoreless this season until last Saturday, when the Bruisers were able to pull off two touchdowns against them.

The championship games will take place in two weeks on Saturday Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. under the lights at Nampa High School. The girls will be playing first, followed by the boys at 8



Bloodbath's Aimee Niles and Joelle Friesen try to pull the flags of Bruisers' ball carrier Jessica Elsner (photo by Robin McConkey).



Defensive lineman Marshall Schultz pursues quarterback Alex Biederman (photo by Robin McConkey).

Crusaders beat Coyotes in first two intramural matches

by T.J. BARR

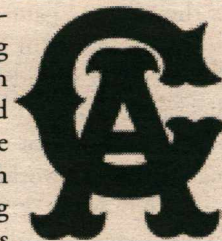
In recent competition against the C of I's Coyotes intramural volleyball and powder-puff football teams, NNU went with more than a good time in mind. Our powder-puff team tore through C of I, winning 21-0 at home. Our volleyball team did just as well, shutting out the C of I team three games to none.

These two victories lead our program closer to the trophy; one more win leads to glory and bragging rights. Even if both of our next two games end in a loss, it still comes down to a tiebreaker. Such a tiebreaker rests on the shoulders of our very capable men's basketball team.

Even so, it is hard to believe there will be the need for a tiebreaker. The last two games are ultimate Frisbee and men's football. Anyone who has watched the football games this year knows that we have some talented teams.

On top of the games, the Sophomores will be hosting a tailgate party to start off our Homecoming week. With Frisbee and food, there isn't much missing from this party, so come out and watch our intramural teams trounce the Coyotes.

***There has been a slight change in the schedule. The mens' football game will now be held at C of I, and the Frisbee game will take place at NNU. The games will take place on the same days, with flag football being on the October 30 and ultimate Frisbee taking place on November 1.



Steelheads stumble to start season

by DEREK DEROOY

The Idaho Steelheads kicked off their 2007-2008 campaign last Friday night, losing to the Victoria Salmon Kings in overtime, 2-1. Wes Goldie of Victoria scored 37 seconds into the game. Idaho's Blake Forsyth got an easy goal to tie things up later in the First Period. Both teams had many power-play opportunities and good looks at the goal throughout the second and third periods, but neither team was able to score again

in regulation. Victoria's Patrick Coulombe put the Steelheads away only 62 seconds into overtime.

The evening began in



celebration of the Steelheads' 2006-2007 Kelly Cup Championship. Rings were given to last season's team members, and a new banner now hangs under the scoreboard to memorialize last season's victory.

This season's team was also introduced. 10 of our 23 roster positions are filled by rookies this year. Returning are the Steelhead's most popular players, including captain Marty Flichel, and Lance Galbraith, our high-scoring bad-boy. Travis Wight, who led all ECHL

rookies last year with a 27+/- rating, is coming back for a second season, and goalie Steve Silverthorn, the 2007 Kelly Cup Playoff MVP, is still around.

Since joining the ECHL in 2003-2004, the Idaho Steelheads have won two of the four Kelly Cup Championships. Considering the size of the ECHL (25 teams), that's quite the accomplishment. The Steelies have made the ECHL playoffs each of the four seasons, and things aren't likely to change this season.

SPORTS BOX

Women's Soccer (7-7-2, 4-6-1 GNAC)

Scores:
 10/10, vs. St. Martin's, W, 3-0
 10/13, vs. WOU, L, 0-1
 10/18, at CWU, T, 2-2
 10/20, at WWU, L, 0-4

Upcoming Games:
 10/25, 2:00, at MSU Billings
 10/27, 12:00, at SPU

Men's Soccer (3-3-1)

Scores:
 10/12, at Lewis & Clark, T, 1-1
 10/13, at Cascade College, L, 3-1
 10/18, at Walla Walla, L, 2-1
 10/19, at Whitman, W, 6-2

Upcoming Games:
 10/26, 4:00, vs. TVCC

Women's Volleyball (14-6, 8-4 GNAC)

Scores:
 10/13, vs. SPU, W, 3-1
 10/18, vs. WOU, W, 3-0
 10/20, vs. St. Martin's, W, 3-0

Upcoming Games:
 10/25, 7:00 PM, at UA Anchorage
 10/27, 7:00 PM, at UA Fairbanks

Cross Country

Scores:
 10/20, GNAC X-Country Championships

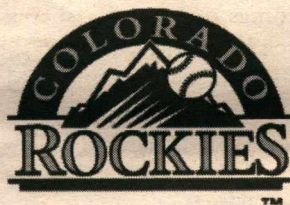
Women: 3rd Place
 Men: 7th Place

NNU-ACI Challenge

Scores:
 Oct. 16: Co-Ed Volleyball @ C of I, W, 3-0
 Oct. 18: Powderpuff f-ball @ NNU, W, 21-0

Upcoming Games:
 10/30, 5:30 PM. Flag Football at ACI
 11/1, 5:30 PM, Ultimate Frisbee at NNU

Sox and Rockies will battle it out for the World Series



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National League

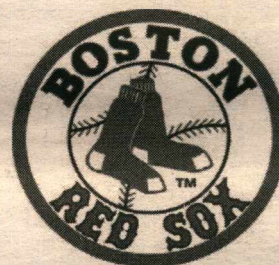
The Colorado Rockies have gotten a good eight days rest now, and may be a bit rusty for Game 1. But their momentum has carried them through this past month. In addition to winning 21 of their last 22 games, they are also only the second team in NL history to sweep the first two rounds of the playoffs. All the same, I found myself in the same boat with many of my friends, wondering who in the world these guys were.

With only the 25th largest salary in the Major Leagues, Colorado does not field the baseball icons like the Red Sox do. They've managed to outwit opponents most of the season (1st in NL in BA and OBP, 2nd in R). No surprise there—the Rockies play home games at Coors Field. Pitching, meanwhile, has been mediocre. Rockies pitchers have a collective ERA of 4.32 and BAA of .266, both good enough for only 8th best in the 16-team NL.

Led by Matt Holliday (.340, 36 HR, 137 RBI), a serious contender for NL MVP four Rockies have over 20 home runs, and five Rockies have over 30

doubles. Young players like Troy Tulowitzki, Garrett Atkins, and Brad Hawpe make major contributions for less than \$1 million/year.

But pitching on the team is a bit of a mystery. Only Jeff Francis put together more than 10 wins. Aaron Cook and Josh Fogg are the other two Rockies to get considerable time at the plate over the course of this season, and they will be counted on to deliver good outings once or twice more this season.



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American League

These days, the Red Sox resemble, a

little too closely, the New York Yankees. Spending at will has brought a new team to the city of Boston in the past two seasons, but they've put things together already.

Last fall, the U.S. media was filled with news of a Japanese player. So Daisuke Matsuzaka was pursued vehemently, and Boston paid \$51 million to Matsuzaka's former team, the Seibu Lions, to negotiate with him (to put that in perspective, Tampa Bay's payroll is under \$25 million, and Florida's is just over \$30 million). Matsuzaka ended up with a \$52 million contract to play in Boston.

Other notable additions to the BoSox include Josh Beckett, Mike Lowell, Julio Lugo, Kevin Youkilis, J.D. Drew, Coco Crisp, and Dustin Pedroia. Pedroia is another Boston nominee for AL Rookie of the Year.

All these players, with the "old guard" of Manny Ramirez, David Ortiz, Jason Varitek, Tim Wakefield, and Curt Schilling, make Boston look pretty good.

Beckett went 20-7 over the season, and has been shutting down batters all through the playoffs. David Ortiz, despite knee trouble, turned in a .332 season with 35 home runs and 117 RBI, as well as 52 doubles. Six other Red Sox have at least 30 doubles. Tim Wakefield won 17 games, impressive for a 41-year old.

While the Rockies have an amazing streak going (one loss since Sept. 16), the Red Sox have made their own little comeback. Anyone remember 2004?

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Rick Reilly to join ESPN crew

by DEREK DE ROOY

Rick Reilly, longtime columnist for Sports Illustrated, has switched sides. After 22 years of service to SI, will be moving to ESPN, effective June 1, 2008.

More specifically, Reilly will be writing a last-page column for ESPN the Magazine, much like "The Life of Reilly" that has appeared in Sports Illustrated for years. He will be writing columns for ESPN.com, and will be covering many golfing events on TV, including the U.S. Open, British Open,

Ryder Cup, and The Masters. Reilly will also be writing essays for ESPN's SportsCenter.

"This is an itch I've wanted to scratch for a long time. For a guy who loves sports, ESPN is the ultimate. I feel like a mouse locked in a cheese store. I don't know where to start first. I'm thrilled with the opportunity to speak to a whole new audience in a whole new way."

Reilly, 11-time National Sports Writer of the Year, will be joining the most prestigious sports reporting organization in the world. He will also be

joining ESPN's Bill Simmons, "The Sports Guy", the most popular online sports columnist in the nation. The two should be able to feed off one another at ESPN, garnering even more loyal readers.

Reilly decided not to extend his contract that ends November 30, 2007. News of Reilly's departure came a day after it was revealed that Dan Patrick, longtime ESPN SportsCenter anchor and radio host, would be leaving ESPN to write for Sports Illustrated.

Lady Crusaders looking for tournament invitation this season

by RACHAEL FINCH

Following last year's strong season, the NNU women's basketball team has made a national tournament bid one of its primary goals for this season, said coach Kelli Lindley. Lindley is in her eighth year of coaching at NNU. Team captains Paige Knudson and Nichole Schutte echo this goal.

Knudson stated that one of the team's goals is to be in the top two of the conference. Last year the team ranked ninth in its conference, one spot shy of

competing in the national tournament. Finishing just outside of the national tournament is a strong motivator for the team this year, said Lindley.

"This is a good conference, one of the best in the country," said Lindley. She stated that Seattle Pacific University, Alaska Anchorage, and Seattle University will be vying for the top spot along with NNU. These teams will pose a challenge for the Crusaders. "We have to win home games and at least split on the road," said Lindley.

The team faces some

challenges from within as well. Staying healthy is one of Lindley's concerns for the team. Junior post Jennifer Williams is returning from a back injury last season and junior guard Janee Olds is still recovering from a knee injury two years ago. Williams red-shirted last season and Olds red-shirted the 2005-2006 season.

In order to make it to the national tournament, the team will need to commit itself fully to the game. Knudson said one of their goals is "buying into the program and selling out." They need to "play up to their potential, and build on their preseason conditioning," said Lindley. She also said that they will continue to play an up-tempo style of basketball. "We want to make other teams uncomfortable," said Lindley.

The NNU community can help the team achieve their goals by attending the games and showing support. "As a player, it's so exciting to play in front of a big crowd. The fans motivate us to put on a good show and win," said Knudson. The bigger the crowds are and the more encouragement the team receives, the greater their sense of pride and the greater their drive to win, said Lindley. Schutte also wants to see involved fans in the stands. "I want teams to hate playing here," said Schutte.

NFL Standings Week 7



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East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	0	0	1.000	279	120
Buffalo	2	4	0	.333	85	132
N.Y. Jets	1	6	0	.143	136	192
Miami	0	7	0	.000	156	1231

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	6	0	0	1.000	193	95
Jacksonville	4	2	0	.667	107	87
Tennessee	4	2	0	.667	132	108
Houston	3	4	0	.429	169	174

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

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	4	3	0	.571	102	113
San Diego	3	3	0	.500	137	119
Denver	3	3	0	.500	106	164
Oakland	2	4	0	.333	126	140

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East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	6	1	0	.857	227	158
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	187	149
Washington	4	2	0	.667	122	88
Philadelphia	2	4	0	.333	116	101

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	4	2	0	.667	123	110
Tampa Bay	4	3	0	.571	124	110
New Orleans	2	4	0	.333	101	152
Atlanta	1	6	0	.143	95	153

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	5	1	0	.833	142	107
Detroit	4	2	0	.667	140	171
Chicago	3	4	0	.429	137	165
Minnesota	2	4	0	.333	115	114

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	4	3	0	.571	137	108
Arizona	3	4	0	.429	147	157
San Francisco	2	4	0	.333	78	135
St. Louis	0	7	0	.000	79	192

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Movie puts sixties clichés to music

by IAN BAUDER

It sounds like a winning formula. Jude, played by Jim Sturgess, is a rough and tumble sailor from Liverpool. Lucy, played by Evan Rachel Wood, is a wholesome schoolgirl from a prosperous U.S. family. Both get swept away in a whirlwind romance fueled by sex, drugs, and revolution, all set to the Beatles signature tunes. How can you go wrong?

This is Julie Taymor's *Across the Universe*, an enjoyable but cliché psychedelic musical now playing in theatres. The plot revolves around the aforementioned Jude and Lucy; Jude comes to the U.S. to meet his estranged father, and ends up going to New York with Max, an Ivy League dropout and the brother of the beautiful Lucy. The three of them live in a bohemian neighborhood with their sexy landlord Sadie and guitar-playing buddy JoJo, (thinly veiled references to Janis Joplin and Jimi Hendrix) played by Dana Fuchs and Martin Luther.

This film gets a lot right. Most of the songs are done so

well, that you are constantly anticipating the next song, just to see how it is portrayed. Some are quite moving, especially "Let It Be" which is sung by a gospel choir at the funeral of a little boy who was killed in a civil rights march. But while the film gives most of the songs a gorgeous treatment, a handful feel tacked on and contrived, especially the songs revolving around the character of Prudence, portrayed by T.V. Caprio, who seems like an excuse to break away from the narrative so that the director could throw in a few more tunes, including a rather bizarre version of "I Want To Hold Your Hand".

Another complaint was the plot. It is, in reality, a collection of Beatles references and sixties clichés. We are told that war is bad and love is good, and not a whole lot more. If only they had found a more interesting or creative theme to set The Beatles music in. It would have significantly improved the film. Ultimately *Across The Universe* is disappointing but just interesting enough to warrant a trip to the theatre.



This screen shot is from Portal, one of the games featured in the Orange Box release. Travel is possible by way of the Portal Gun, which creates blue and orange portals through which to travel (photo by xbox360.ign.com).

Orange Box rocks the Xbox

by T.J. BARR

Alright gamers, it's time to dust off your crowbars because Gordon Freeman is back and he brought some friends. Valve, the creators of the Half-life series, have released the second of three proposed expansions for their 2004 hit *Half-life 2*. But they have done more than just release a long awaited expansion, they have offered gamers one of the best gaming deals in history: The Orange Box. The box, which contains: *Half-life 2*, *Half-life 2: Episode one*, *Half-life 2: Episode Two*, *Portal*, and *Team Fortress 2*, retails for the same price as any one game.

Even the older releases in the box (*Half-life 2*, *Half-life 2: Episode 1*) have been overhauled and updated to take advantage of the Xbox 360's hardware. The deal is incredible and revolutionary in the gaming industry. By this time, most Half-life fans have probably played the second game and possibly even episode one, so let's focus on the new games.

Episode Two, which takes place immediately after *Episode One*, continues Gordon Freeman's journey to the Resistance base known as White Forest. As he fights his way through seven levels of alien mobs and Combine soldiers, Gordon attempts

to free earth from its extraterrestrial oppressors through the use of a variety of firearms. While *Episode Two* doesn't introduce anything new to the series or the First Person Shooter genre, it does draw the story of our crowbar wielding antagonist one step closer to the end. Fans of the Half-life series will not be disappointed.

Team Fortress 2 has no story, no single player mode, and cannot be played without an Xbox live account. This doesn't stop the game from being incredibly fun. Only consisting of an online multiplayer mode, *Team Fortress 2* is a pure deathmatch monster. The game has six maps, nine characters, dozens of weapons, more mayhem than any multiplayer game should have. Overall, an insanely fun game that could give the multiplayer mode of *Halo* a run for its money.

Last, but definitely not least is *Portal*, a puzzle game set in the Half-life universe. The game revolves around a mysterious character named Chell as she first tries to complete certain lab tests for GLaDOS, the labs artificial intelligence, and then tries to escape from the facility when she discovers GLaDOS is a psychotic killer. GLaDOS lies to the player often, promising cake at the end of the test.

While the promise of cake is tempting, Chell pushes on and tries to vacate the lab post haste. While it seems like the odds are against the player, they are given one item to even things up: the Portal Gun. This gun fires a blue portal and an orange portal, going into an orange portal causes the player to come out of a blue one and vice-versa. This allows for rapid travel and a very interesting gameplay mechanic. This is one of the most entertaining and innovative puzzle games I have ever played. While short, (a skilled player can beat it in under 2 hours) *Portal* was incredibly fun and addictive.

Overall, The Orange Box is well worth the money paid and a definite purchase for shooter fans. For those who don't like demolishing alien hordes I would still recommend borrowing the game from a friend just to play *Portal*.



Ratings

Gameplay:	8/10
Fun:	8/10
Multiplayer:	9/10
Innovation (excludes Portal):	7/10
Graphics:	8/10
Value:	9.5/10
Portal:	10/10

CONCERT BOX

Oct.28	Big Easy	October tree/ Kryterium
Oct.30	The Venue The Idaho Center	Rise of the Fallen James Taylor
Oct. 30- Nov. 3	Morrison Center	"Spamalot" (musical)
Nov.1	Nampa Civic Center	"She Loves Me" (play)
Nov. 2	The Venue Big Easy	The Franklin Cover up CD release Too \$hort
Nov. 3	Big Easy	Monsters of Mock

Boise State human rights exhibit highly recommended

by ALLI SCHISLER

In an effort to emphasize October as Human Rights Month, Boise State University is currently housing the exhibit *Courageous Voices: International Posters on Racism, Sexism & Human Rights*.

The Center for the Study of Political Graphics is the sponsor of the traveling poster exhibit. It features artistic expressions of social change and movement and depicts a range of human rights issues, both current and past, domestic and international.

Most of the posters address current issues such as gay rights, abortion, continued anti-Semitism and genocide in the Darfur region of the Sudan. Other works look back on previous atrocities such as the Nazi extermination of the Jews, American government crimes against Native Americans, and forced relocation of Japanese Americans into internment camps during World War II.

The posters are divided into categories of human rights topics including economic injustice and immigration issues. Also, the exhibit features an individual wall for each group affected by injustice and discriminations including the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) population, women, children, people with disabilities, Native Americans, Asian Americans, immigrants, and those affected by government crimes.

Carol A. Wells of the Center for the Study of Political Graphics says, "Racism and sexism are emphasized because they are too often overshadowed as central human rights issues by the more dramatic images of torture, mass arrests and political assassinations that are reported daily in the press."

The exhibit begins with a large poster bearing the words "Censorship is UnAmerican," a disclaimer for the controversial issues addressed throughout the exhibit. Though the

posters contain no unnecessary violence—all is poignant—the viewer sensitive to violence will want to avoid certain pieces in the section concerning government crime.

One especially moving piece portrays Darfur as an acronym, with the letters spelling Dachau, Auschwitz, Radagosz, Flossen-burg, Ulven, and Ravensbruck, all Nazi concentration camps. The piece clearly compares the genocide occurring in the Sudan as similar to the Holocaust of World War II.

Another thought-provoking section of the exhibit addresses issues of immigration and discrimination against immigrants. A poster by Yolanda M. Lopez asks, "Who's the illegal alien, Pilgrim?" Another poster by Octavio Gomez bears a quote by Elie Wiesel, "No human being is illegal" and features a moving picture of a Salvadoran refugee and his son separating.

Many of the pieces portray raw emotion. They are

powerfully moving and humiliating. The viewer should be prepared less for an art exhibit and more for an experience of indignation at crimes against humanity.

The viewer is confronted with controversial moral issues and the Christian viewer is forced to address issues of social responsibility in the context of altruistic love. The exhibit clearly appeals to the pathos of the viewer, but the emotion evoked causes the viewer to logically evaluate issues of discrimination, human rights, and government crime.

Wells says, "From women's rights to immigrant rights, these posters reveal the power of art to challenge the status quo." Indeed, this is art at its best, illuminating injustice and human suffering and spurring the viewer to action.

The exhibit is in the Boise State Student Union Center through October 31 and is free to the public.

Band Profile

by RACHAEL FINCH

Band:

The Invasion

Genre:

Indie/alternative

Members:

Aaron Brown- vocals, guitars, keys

Nate Hanson- guitars, vocals

Shawn McKinley- drums

Nathan Walker- bass, vocals

Hometown:

Nampa, Idaho

Year Formed:

2003

Available recordings:

"The Invasion"

Influences:

Rossini, Johnny Cash, The Innocence Mission, Wings, The Beatles, The Small Faces, Tom Petty, Tchaikovsky, Chopin, Gershwin, Björk, Radiohead, Stevie Wonder, Ramsey Lewis, Count Basie, Tito Puente, Duke Ellington, Antonio Carlos Jobim, U2, Danny Elfman, Weezer, David Bowie, Paul McCartney, John Lennon

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<http://www.myspace.com/theinvasionspace>
www.the-invasion.com

Nampa's "Haunted World" adds a new element of scare

by T.J. BARR

It's once again witch season and that means one thing, corn mazes. The Haunted World opened its gates to the public and has only one intention; to scare the pants off of paying customers. While occasionally causing jumps and screams, this haunted corn maze left many feeling bored instead of scared.

Relying on monsters and ghouls jumping out of coffins and windows is a great way to scare someone, but it isn't quite as frightening if it's seen ahead of time because each group is too close to the group in front of them. Unfortunately, slowing down or stopping isn't an option because the

group behind is just as close. The timing of letting groups into the maze was off and, as such, made things that may have caused a jump and scream fail to get anything more than a dissatisfied grunt.

The cold also caused some interesting problems, such as one chainsaw wielding maniac's chainsaw failing to start and a man shivering so bad he looked like he was about ready to fall off the fake torture rack he was strapped to. The recent weather didn't help things much, as the dirt walkways consisted of mostly mud.

The corn maze, half of the Haunted World experience, was also disappointing as a small child with a bad sense of

direction could escape in less than 20 minutes. The newest attraction, Transkullvania, is only open on weekends and, while said to be the truly scary aspect of the Haunted World, was unavailable for review. Now if the timing issues have been fixed and Transkullvania is open, the Haunted World could make for a pretty fun night out, especially if accompanied by jumpy friends. To get the full experience costs a pretty penny though, 18 dollars for the full trip. Cut out Transkullvania and it still hurts the bank account at 13 dollars a shot.

Overall the Haunted World was fun despite the problems and, if things get fixed, it could be a great time.

Books deserving of student attention

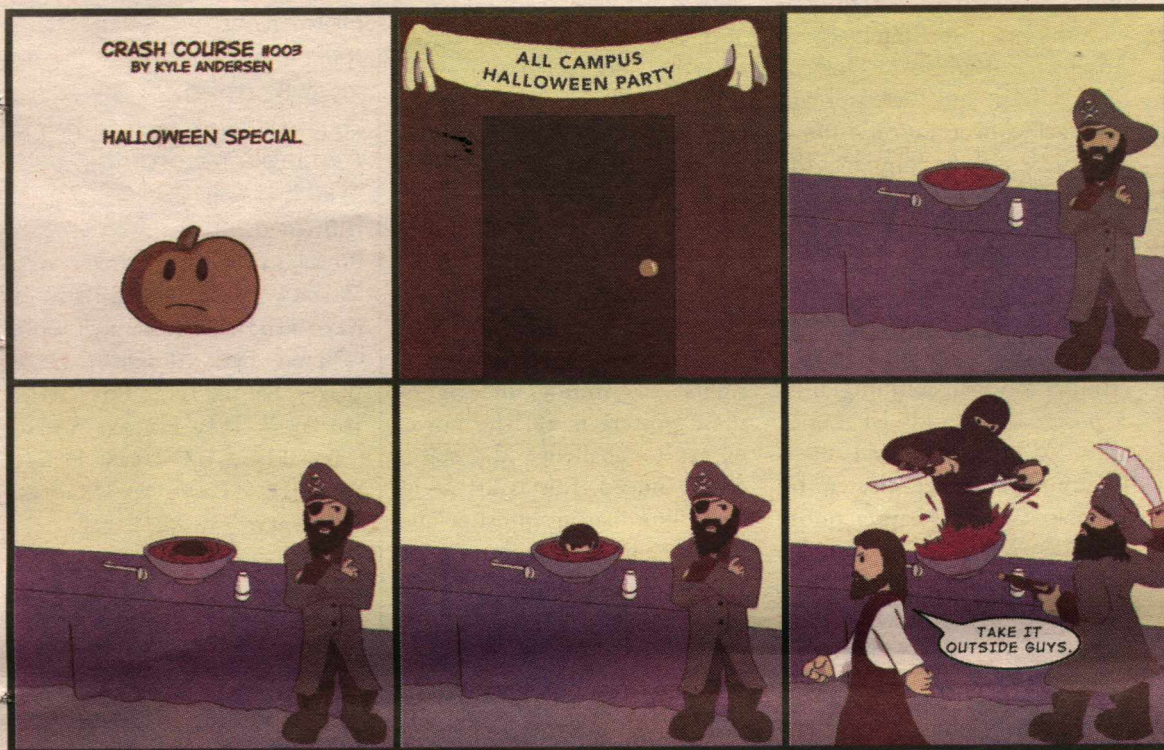
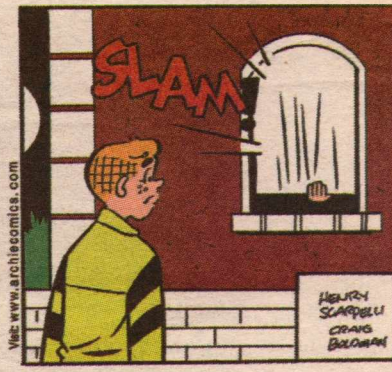
by RACHAEL FINCH

Students read so many required books for classes that it can be hard to decide what to read on their own time. With so little time and so much to read, the question always looms in the air; what is most worth reading? Three professors graciously provided lists of books they think every student ought to read. They included books that have universal meaning and importance, or books they simply thought would be enjoyable. The following list is adapted from the contributions of those professors. These works are a good starting point for outside reading.

1. *Anna Karenina*
Leo Tolstoy
2. *Autobiography of Malcolm X*
3. *Divine Comedy*
Dante
4. *Jane Eyre*
Charlotte Brontë
5. *King Lear*
William Shakespeare
6. *Pride and Prejudice*
Jane Austen
7. *The Brothers Karamazov*
Fyoder Dostoevski
8. *The Odyssey*
Homer
9. *The Plague*
Albert Camus
10. *The Republic*
Plato

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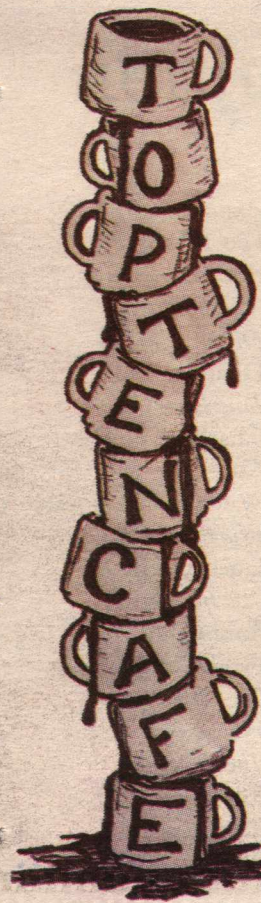


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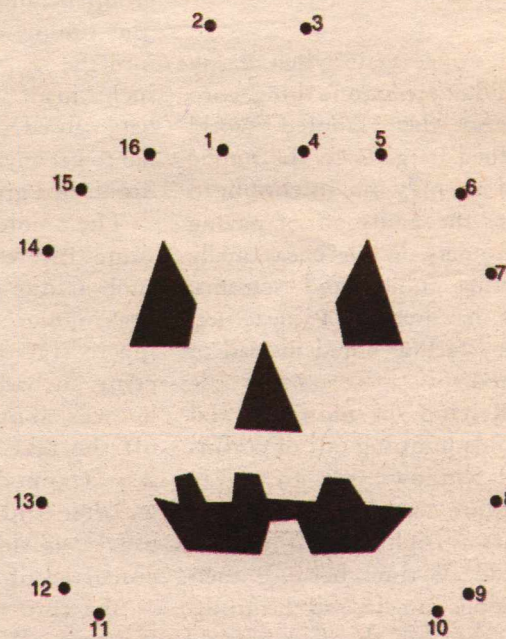
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Top 10 ways to ANNOY your roommate.



- 10) Insist that your roommate recite the "Pledge of Allegiance" with you every morning.
- 9) Leave a mattress on the ground for your imaginary friend and complain every time they try to take it away.
- 8) Every time you enter the room, sit in a chair, lean back too far, and fall over backwards. Laugh hysterically for about ten minutes. Then, one day, repeat the falling-over exercise, but instead of laughing, get up, look at the chair sternly, and say, "It's not funny anymore".
- 7) While your roommate is out, glue your shoes to the ceiling. When your roommate walks in, sit on the floor, hold your head, and moan.
- 6) Sign your roommate up for every campus event such as Fresheree and NNU Idol.
- 5) Get a surfboard, put it on your bed, stand on it, and pretend to surf for about fifteen minutes. Then, pretend to "wipe out" and fall off the bed onto the floor. Pretend you are drowning until your roommate comes over to "rescue" you.
- 4) Put up traffic signs around the room. If your roommate doesn't obey them, give him/her tickets. Confiscate something your roommate owns until he/she pays the tickets.
- 3) Replace your roommates toothpaste with Vagisil.
- 2) Fill every available storage space you have with a steady supply of canned foods, just in case of a nuclear war.
- 1) Make brown-bag lunches for your roommate every morning. Give them to him/her before he/she goes to class.

I'm orange and light up.
What am I?



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